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Campus empties as students depart on break

Vacation plans vary from home to abroad

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

As the stress of midterms subsides, suitcases are replacing books and students are focused on fall break activities from football games to trips abroad.

Some, like Pasquerilla West sophomore Aly McKillen, aren't terribly concerned about following set plans.

"I'm going to Long Island to stay with a friend from ND and we're going to the city and whatever else. It really is not that planned of a trip. We might go to the boy's soccer game at St. John's," McKillen said.

Among the swirl of plans to catch some surf and sun, a group of Notre Dame students have planned a trip down South for the week.

"We are going to road trip down to Mobile [Ala.] where I am from. Then spend some time in New Orleans and Nashville before coming back to ND," Dillon junior Zach



Dillon sophomores Jason Ryan and Zack Fitter do some last-minute packing before they leave for the weeklong fall break. Break officially begins Saturday, and extends until Oct. 24.

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South Bend, PAC host shows during week off

By MARIA SMITH
News Writer

While students head back home or out on vacation for fall break, the entertainment around South Bend continues.

Several big-name acts will come through town before classes start up again on Oct. 25.

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Tonight the blues-rock group the Fabulous Thunderbirds will play a benefit concert for the Center for the Homeless at Heartland.

The concert, organized by Notre Dame graduate and former owner of Vegetable Buddies Nightclub Andy Panelli, is one of several performed over the years to raise money for the Center.

Tickets cost \$22 and are on sale at Heartland — 222 South Michigan St. — by calling 574-234-5200 or Ticketmaster at 574-272-

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Rising number of applicants fill break seminars with students willing to serve

By TRICIA de GROOT
News Writer

While most of students are just relieved to be done with all of their midterms and are looking forward to a week of family and sleep at home, a number of their peers made the decision months ago to commit themselves to serve the underprivileged by means of a fall break seminar.

There are seven different one-credit seminars offered this year, with locations extending from the Seattle

area to Appalachia where, according to the Center for Social Concerns Web site, students will "examine social issues from multiple perspectives, read relevant texts, study the Catholic social tradition and take an active role in building a learning community."

The fall break seminars, staffed by members from the Center for Social Concerns, faculty and staff from other academic departments, student leaders and community partners, are one of three annual sets of academic break

seminars sponsored by the University.

Angela Miller McGraw, Appalachia seminar director, said that the CSC has seen a steady increase in applications for the seminars in recent years.

"The number of applicants was particularly high this fall, which we attribute to changing from a paper to an online application," Miller McGraw said.

She said there were over 350 applicants for slots this fall, and that the CSC plans to move up the application peri-

od for the spring seminars to coincide with the regular University registration period.

"This means that students will have to plan ahead, but it will significantly lighten administrative work for the Registrar's Office," Miller McGraw said.

Though financial, administrative and space constraints restrict the CSC's ability to expand the seminar programs, Miller McGraw said they will "continue to think creatively about how to increase opportunities for participation."

Junior Jenna Leary, who will be helping flood victims and reinforcing creek banks in Dry Creek, W.Va. said, "What's going on in West Virginia is a real environmental issue, and I really feel like I am going to be making a difference."

With the desire for service comes the draw of doing something outside the comfort zone for Notre Dame students.

"I'm really excited, but I'm kind of nervous too because I'm not really sure what to expect," junior Claire

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O'Hare travellers hope new regulations decrease delays

By PETER LEAHY
News Writer

As students pour into airports to hop a flight back home for fall break, they will inevitably face the dreaded delay. Unfortunately for those who take advantage of Chicago's air travel options, O'Hare International Airport has been recognized as one of the worst airports in the nation.

In an effort to reduce the system-wide congestion caused by the problems at O'Hare, the

Federal Aviation Administration made an agreement with airlines in August to cut 37 peak-hour arrivals at the hub airport.

The reduction of flight traffic is expected to reduce delays at O'Hare by about 20 percent and across the rest of the national air network by 5 percent, airport officials said. Before the FAA stepped in, records indicate that only 67 percent of flights were arriving there on-time.

"After meetings [last August] with the FAA the airlines voluntarily came to an agreement

to cut flights," Annette Martinez, spokeswoman for the City of Chicago Department of Aviation, said. "We were at the bottom of the top ranking U.S. airports in the U.S. in May. Now we are 26th."

Martinez was referring to Bureau of Transportation statistics that rank the major national airports based on the number of delays, with the slower airports lower on the list.

Martinez said that the rise is probably due to improved

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Travellers experiencing delays nap in an airport terminal. New FAA restrictions are aimed at reducing such problems at O'Hare.

INSIDE COLUMN

Ready for a break

I'm not sure I can even describe how happy I am that it is finally fall break. During the past eight weeks I have put in countless hours at The Observer office, written a file folder's worth of papers, read novels, plays and poems, put together lesson plans for the seniors I teach at Washington High School — I'll stop the list there. You get the point.



Angela Saoud

Saint Mary's Editor

And as thrilled as I am to have the next 10 days away from campus, I can't ignore the little nagging feeling inside, reminding me that the school year is a quarter over, and I'm that much closer to graduation.

I'm not sure I can even count how many people have asked me the infamous question, "So, what are you doing after graduation?"

The truthful answer is, I just don't know.

Over the past few weeks, many of my friends have started interviewing for jobs. Some already have offers. But for people like myself who aren't sure where they will be living or what they will be doing after graduation, thinking about the future makes my throat constrict.

From the time I was little, I always thought I would be a teacher. Throughout middle school and high school, I watched my mother, a middle school teacher, touch lives and forever change her students. And I want to do that.

But during my sophomore year at Saint Mary's, I found journalism, and things have been confusing ever since. Ideally, I'd like to do both: Teach high school English and freelance write on the side. But it would be nice to have a social life too.

During my junior year, I thought I had all the time in the world. Over the summer, I was carefree, mostly unconcerned with what my future held. But coming back to Saint Mary's, the topic is ever-present, and I need to make some decisions — fast.

I don't know what the future holds. While that's exciting, more than that, it's scary. I remember thinking college was daunting, but the real world is downright petrifying.

I won't have the things I've come to rely on at Saint Mary's — friends around every corner, tunnels to avoid walking outside to class in the rain and (although I sometimes complain about it.) a dining hall ready to serve me at meal times.

The real world is looming, and that's a fact that has to be faced. Over break, along with relaxing, I need to update my resume, get my writing portfolio in order and if I feel up to it, perhaps start looking at geographic locations I could move to.

I thought college would last forever. Four years seemed like an eternity the first time I stepped onto campus. And now, everyday I wake up knowing that I have one less day as a college student.

So, while I will certainly be enjoying my time off, I can't help but think that this is my last fall break — I just don't think I'll be getting one when I enter the job force. For now, I'll just pack, and ponder what the future holds.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Angela Saoud at saou0303@saintmarys.edu

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



Aaron Roberts
junior
Alumni

"I am going to eat a lot of corn."



Simon Joseph
freshman
Dillon

"The same thing we do every fall break, Pinky, try to take over the world."



Peter DeMoss
sophomore
Carroll

"I am going home."



Katle Hesmond
senior
Walsh

"I am going on the Gullah Seminar."



Natalie Grasso
freshman
Le Mans

"I'm going home to see my family."



Tom O'Grady
sophomore
Dillon

"Trip to the sunny beaches of Appalachia."



MIKE KELLEY/The Observer

A defensive-looking squirrel perches on a branch outside the dining hall. Like most Notre Dame fauna, this squirrel is lying in wait for an unsuspecting student to drop a morsel from their recent meal.

IN BRIEF

Fall break will run from Saturday through Oct. 24.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will face off against Boston College on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

On Saturday, the Notre Dame women's tennis team will play in the Eck Pavilion at Saint Mary's. The event will combine African and Asian dance, music and marital arts. Those interested in purchasing tickets should contact the Saint Mary's box office at 284-4626.

A dance event, "Passage of Oracles" with Peggy Choy will take place on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre or Moreau Center at Saint Mary's. The event will combine African and Asian dance, music and marital arts. Those interested in purchasing tickets should contact the Saint Mary's box office at 284-4626.

Today is the last day to sign up for the NDE retreat held from Nov. 19-21. Interested students should go to the Campus Ministry office in 114 Coleman-Morse.

South Dining Hall will close after lunch today and reopen for brunch on Saturday, Oct. 23.

North Dining Hall will close after dinner today and reopen for dinner on Sunday, Oct. 24.

The Irish football team will play against Boston College on Saturday, Oct. 23 at 1:30 p.m. local time.

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

OFFBEAT

British prefer death to spiders

LONDON — Spiders are more scary than terrorists — at least according to a survey of a thousand Britons.

Household creepy crawlies frighten Britons more than terrorist attacks, or even death, the survey found.

Terrorism came second on the list of respondents' top 10 fears, according to the survey conducted by RSGB Omnibus for Universal Pictures UK Ltd. The survey was based on telephone interviews of 1,000 aged 16 to 55 across Britain.

Another crawling phobia — snakes — was ranked

third, followed by a fear of heights. Death came in a surprising fifth place as the nation's greatest fear.

Blind couple tries to sail around world

SAN FRANCISCO — Scott Duncan and Pamela Habek have embarked on an attempt to sail alone around the world, a journey made even more treacherous by the fact that both are legally blind.

Duncan, 38, and Habek, 42, set out Monday in a 32-foot cutter for what they hope is a two-year voyage that takes them down the coast to Panama, across the

Pacific and Indian oceans, around the tip of South Africa, through the Panama Canal and back home.

"We can't drive a car at 60 mph, but we can drive a boat at six knots," Duncan said.

With the help of modern technology that includes a talking Global Positioning System and a 10-power video magnifier they can use for reading charts, the couple are confident they have what they need to avoid sailing into harm's way even without perfect vision.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
HIGH	49	45	48	54	60	64
LOW	40	40	35	38	43	55

CORRECTIONS

The front page headline for the Oct. 13 issue of The Observer should have read "Church and State: Keeping them separate".

Students campaign during break

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

Unlike many of their peers, many politically-minded Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students are using next week's hiatus as an opportunity to actively campaign for the upcoming presidential election.

Some members of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College Republicans and College Democrats will be spending their break canvassing door to door in their own neighborhood, rallying support for their preferred candidate.

Saint Mary's College Republicans co-president Mary Allen said that while the club itself does not have any activities planned over break, many of its members will participate in these door-to-door campaign efforts of their own volition.

"There are individual girls who are planning on going around their hometowns, their neighborhoods, and getting involved in local chapters," Allen said.

"Some of the girls have gotten geared up and gotten paraphernalia like stickers and buttons to take back home with them, and they will be bringing paraphernalia back to hand out to South Bend residents as well."

Notre Dame College Democrats co-president Colin Taylor said that many of his organization's members will

also be spreading the political word.

"A lot of people are going to get involved and volunteer as much of their time as they can while they are at home," Taylor said.

Taylor will be participating in the campaign efforts during the break.

"I live in Ohio, and I'm going home to work all week for the Kerry campaign in Ohio," he said. "It's so close in Ohio right now ... it's virtually a dead heat, and I just want to help out as much as I can. And I enjoy doing it."

Also from Ohio is Sarah Staley, president of the Saint Mary's College Democrats, who said she is excited to see John Kerry speak in her home state on the first Saturday of the break.

"It's a great opportunity. Once you're involved with the Democratic Party, it really opens your eyes to how a presidential campaign really is a national effort — people all over America are doing the same things like going door-to-door and phone banking," Staley said.

Staley said by contributing to the campaign efforts in their own hometowns, club members are "taking a step in the right direction."

Allen agreed, emphasizing the importance of making information available for all.

"It's important to get the vote out," she said. "Some people

really don't know who is running or what the candidates believe. It's important that everybody gets out there and expresses their opinion."

Notre Dame College Republicans co-presidents Tom Rippinger and Ian Ronderos have already planned club activities for when school resumes.

"We have contacted the Michigan Republicans," Rippinger said. "As soon as we get back, we want to do some swing state work in Michigan. Especially in the 72 hours before the vote, it's important to kick it up."

Ronderos agreed that the few days before the election will be crucial for all candidates.

"We're going to skip classes on Election Day to work for the Mitch Daniels campaign," he said.

Democrats from both colleges will also be participating in additional events as the election draws nearer. Together, the clubs will attend a Kerry rally in Battle Creek the last Sunday of fall break and canvas neighborhoods, including a trip to the Toledo area the weekend before the election.

"We're going to be going door to door, making sure people can get out to vote," Staley said. "The day of the election, a few of us are going up to Michigan to be runners, doing things like checking off lists of people who need to vote and helping the elderly to get rides. It will get students and residents pumped up for the election."

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Graduate school dean named AAAS fellow

Special to The Observer

Jeffrey Kantor, vice president for graduate studies and research and dean of the Graduate School, has been named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

Kantor is the 10th AAAS fellow in the history of the University and the only engineer to be so honored. The others are: Subhash Basu, Harvey Bender, Frank Collins, Thomas Fehlner, Richard Fessenden, W. Robert Scheidt, Phillip Sloan, Anthony Trozzolo and Paul Weinstein.

Founded in 1848, AAAS serves some 262 affiliated societies and academies of science and 10 million individuals. It is an international non-profit organization dedicated to advancing science around the world by serving as an educator, leader, advocate and professional association. Fellows are recognized for commendable efforts to advance science or its applications.

Kantor also has been reappointed to the board of the Indiana 21st Century Research and Technology Fund. The fund was created in 1999 by the General Assembly to stimulate the process of diversifying the state's economy by developing and commercializing advanced technologies in Indiana. The enabling act created a board,

representing most of the academic and commercial sectors of the state, which establishes fund awards, reviews policies and approves awards. Kantor, who had previously been appointed to the 21st Century Fund board in July 2001, will serve through September 2006.

Kantor was elected vice president for graduate studies and research in 2001. He is responsible for both the development and state of all postbaccalaureate work in the University and for the development and administration of all research conducted by its faculty.

Prior to assuming his current position, Kantor served for five years as vice president and associate provost of the University. In that role, he established the University's Web administration office, created and filled the position of chief information officer, and was instrumental in academic budget and space planning. He also chaired the Provost's Task Force on Strategic Directions in Science and Engineering.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1981, Kantor is a professor of chemical engineering and specializes in chemical process dynamics and control theory. His research has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy and several industrial sponsors.

Former ND tailback returns to work at OIT

Special to The Observer

Former Notre Dame tailback Reggie Brooks is full of surprises.

In 1992, he surprised coach Lou Holtz by making a seemingly impossible catch of a two-point conversion pass in the back of the end zone, securing an Irish win over Penn State with only 20 seconds left in the game.

That same season, he surprised Irish fans when he rushed for 1,343 yards, knocking one of the famed Four Horsemen from the record book and coming within inches of breaking the yards-per-carry record set by George Gipp in 1920.

As a running back for the Washington Redskins in 1993, Brooks became the first rookie to lead the team in rushing in 18 years. This may have shocked Washington fans, but the Irish faithful had learned to expect the unexpected.

Today, Brooks — and his current "team" position — might surprise the Notre Dame community once again.

Eleven years after leaving Notre Dame to play professional ball, first for the Redskins and then for Tampa Bay, Reggie Brooks has returned to Notre Dame to pursue another love: computers.

Last February, Brooks, his wife, Christina, and four children relocated to South Bend when he was offered a full-time position with the Office of Information Technologies (OIT) as an administrator of production systems. A management information systems major as an undergraduate, Brooks is a configuration

management specialist.

"It was a funny thing how it worked out," Brooks says. "I had applied for a position here several months before, and then didn't really think much of it. Then, a few weeks prior to getting a call about the position, my wife and I were discussing possible places to raise a family." Three weeks later, Brooks heard from OIT, and the move just seemed to make sense.

Both he and his wife are nostalgic for Notre Dame, having met here as students. They were both optimistic about the opportunity to raise their family in a community with such strong traditions.

Brooks is immersed in the Renovare Project, the campuswide replacement of the University's information systems. A few of his responsibilities include verifying changes and defining processes that allow OIT to track changes to the system more efficiently — all to ensure that the University is able to make a seamless transition to the new system.

Surprise, again: His office has only a football calendar to suggest Brooks' past. There is not a piece of college or pro memorabilia to be seen. A slot in the U93 radio post-home-game show is where Brooks reconnects with his past.

If his pro career ended prematurely, Brooks' observations indicate it was getting time for him to move on. "Football is a business," Brooks says. "Even college ball is becoming a business. You lose a lot of joy in playing because of it. It has hurt the game in my mind."

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Students sticking around will also have the chance to see Second City, one of the nation's top comedy groups, at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The troupe is the former home of many of the nation's top comedians, including Bill Murray, Eugene Levy, Mike Meyers, Chris Farley and Tina Fey.

The show will be performed at 8 p.m. on Oct. 22. Tickets are \$15 for students, \$25 for faculty and staff and \$31.25 for the general public. Tickets are available from the box office at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts and can be ordered over the phone at 631-2800, online at

<http://performingarts.nd.edu> or at the box office Monday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m.

On Oct. 24 Notre Dame will welcome Regis Philbin back to campus for another benefit concert for the Center for the Homeless. Regis will perform numbers from his recently released CD "When You're Smiling," which includes songs such as "You Make Me Feel So Young," "It Had To Be You" and "You're Nobody 'Til Somebody Loves You."

Tickets for the benefit cost \$30 for regular and \$100 for preferred seatings. Tickets are on sale now at the ticket office in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, or can be purchased by calling 631-2800.

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Madonia said.

Other students have planned to spend the week during service projects.

"I am going on an Appalachian trip to New River Gorge Park. We will be learning about the region and helping to maintain trails in the park area," Tim Feldman said.

Lewis junior Lauren Mullins, who spent this past summer at school, is excited to head home.

"I haven't been home since June and I think New Orleans is ready to see me again," Mullins said.

Some international students are capitalizing on the week and going back home.

Pasquerilla West sophomore Stephanie Frank said, "I'm going to Houston for four days then home to Guatemala City. I am super excited to see my family and party with my friends, South American style!"

A trip to the Meadowlands to support the Irish football team is on the agenda for some Domers.

"I am going to New Jersey with a bunch of friends to watch ND dominate Navy, to sleep and to go out in New York City," senior Helen Kearney said.

"For fall break I am going back to New Jersey to go see the Navy game, root on the Irish and tailgate with my family and friends from school. For the rest of the week I'm just laying low and playing some golf," Keenan sophomore Greg Stewart said.

The Notre Dame student section at Navy game might be less than a sea of green, however, as director of student activities Brian Coghlin said that a number of students did claim their Navy tickets they won in this week's Student Union Board ticket lottery.

At least 40 pairs of tickets currently untaken, and they are available for purchase by any student.

Whether it is time spent here, at home or aboard, the break will be welcomed after a long, weary week of midterms.

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Conference examines economic growth

Special to The Observer

Understanding the conditions necessary for economic growth in developing countries will be the focus of a conference on Oct. 15 and 16 at the University of Notre Dame.

Organized by Notre Dame's Department of Economics and Econometrics, "The Seng Conference on Money, Banking and Economic Development" will bring together economists from around the world to examine factors for economic growth in countries that enjoy high standards of living, and barriers to development in countries that do not.

"The most important drivers of development are technological advancement, international trade, financial

intermediation, and investment in physical and human capital," said Christopher J. Waller, Gilbert Schaefer Chair of Economics and primary organizer of the conference. "Data show that high standards of living are observed in those countries that engage in these activities, whereas there are no examples of countries enjoying high standards of living that do not engage in these activities. We need to understand why some countries do not adopt them."

Presenters at the conference will explore governmental policies that enhance trade, strengthen payment systems and encourage investment, as well as those monetary policies that destroy banking systems and credit markets.

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weather in the time from May until to now.

"On time performance has improved mainly because of better weather," Martinez said. "It could have been the flight cuts but we won't know that until we have more time to assess the impact of the flight cuts."

Whether it's the weather or the cuts, students routed out of O'Hare are crossing their fingers for a smooth trip.

One of the unlucky ones, Zahm freshman Creston Brown said he was once delayed 20 hours on a flight going to China.

"Our flight was scheduled for 7 a.m. and we left after midnight," he said.

Over break, Brown is flying from the South Bend Airport to O'Hare to his home in Columbia, S.C. He has an already scheduled three-hour layover at O'Hare, but Brown said he can handle it.

"After 20 hours three hours doesn't seem like much," Brown said.

There are a few main reasons why flights to and from O'Hare are so susceptible to delays.

"O'Hare tends to get backed up because of weather problems," Mary Kowalski, manager of Anthony Travel, said.

In other cases there are too many flights booked for O'Hare to handle, Kowalski said.

Brown had some suggestions of his own for improving the situation.

"They need to slow down flights but the more they slow down flights the more they slow down the economy," Brown said.

Cavanaugh freshman Meg O'Farrell said she hopes that delays will not affect her as she departs from O'Hare on a flight to Tulsa, Okla.

"My flight arrives in Oklahoma at 10:30 p.m., so if it gets delayed I'm looking at a middle of the night arrival," she said.

While delays due to the weather are unavoidable, Kowalski said there are ways to improve the travel experience.

"Call and reconfirm your flight make sure you don't have schedule changes and get to the airport early if the weather looks bad" Kowalski said.

Another way to make travel-

ing easier, at least during fall break, is to travel out of the smaller South Bend Regional Airport. Administrative and finance director of South Bend Airport Mike Guljas replied that fall break is a busy but not overwhelming time for the airport.

"We have plenty of capacity," Guljas said. "We wish it was always this full. The airlines do not increase the number of flights it is just that they are more full."

No changes are made in the airport's procedures beyond security measures.

"Our safety officers would be more on the look out for traffic congestions," Guljas said.

Congestion at O'Hare remains a problem even after the cuts in the numbers of flights. To remedy the situation, Kowalski recommended that South Bend take on more business.

"It'd be nice if we could see more air service out of South Bend," Kowalski said.

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"O'Hare tends to get backed up because of weather problems."

Mary Kowalski
Anthony Travel manager

Seminars

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Chiappetta, who will be working on the Appalachia seminar, said.

Seminar students are not only donating their time and services to aid others, but are also addressing various cultural and social issues.

The Washington D.C. semi-

nar, for example, requires that students examine pressing social issues, such as abortion and stem cell research, with regard to the upcoming presidential election. As a result, these one-credit seminars also require article summaries, papers and group discussions, which vary for each seminar.

"I've heard a lot of great things about it from people that have done it in the past,

and from the classes we have been going to about Appalachia, it seems like there is so much that we can learn from their culture," junior Christy Tacit, going to Appalachia, said. "It should be a major eye-opener for a lot of us, but I think it is a great way to spend our time. Clearly, they need our help."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

New crew surges into orbit

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan — A new Russian-U.S. crew headed to the international space station Thursday, surging into orbit aboard a Soyuz spacecraft none of the three astronauts has piloted before.

The Soyuz have been the only manned vehicles able to reach the orbiting research lab since the U.S. space shuttle fleet was grounded 20 months ago after the Columbia burned up on re-entry.

Russians Salizhan Sharipov and Yuri Shargin and American Leroy Chiao were flying their first mission in a Soyuz spacecraft — a rare rupture with a tradition of having at least one crewman with previous experience in piloting the capsule.

Chiao and Sharipov both have flown U.S. space shuttles, while Shargin is a space rookie.

Over one million register to vote

RAMALLAH, West Bank — More than one million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza have registered to vote in upcoming municipal and general elections, officials said Thursday, completing the first phase in an often delayed election process.

The voter registration drive launched by the Palestinian Authority last month officially ended Thursday, although officials at the Central Election Commission said 16 of its offices will remain open.

In the first days of the drive, few of the 1.8 million eligible voters turned out to register, citing frustration with official corruption and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's inability to bring an end to the conflict with Israel.

The commission embarked on a wide advertising campaign, and the Islamic Hamas called on its supporters to register in large numbers.

NATIONAL NEWS

Judge rejects Jackson request

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — A judge Thursday rejected a defense request to throw out the indictment against Michael Jackson, saying prosecutors had presented enough evidence of child molestation and an attempt to silence the alleged victim's family for the case to go forward.

Judge Rodney S. Melville rejected arguments that the indictment should be thrown out because of prosecutorial misconduct, improper legal instruction and insufficient evidence.

The decision came after perhaps the most unusual of a string of media restrictions in the secrecy-shrouded case against the pop star: Reporters and other members of the public were prohibited from talking in court, even before the proceedings.

Student convicted of manslaughter

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A Harvard graduate student was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to six to eight years in prison Thursday for stabbing a young man to death in a fight that heightened the generations-old tension between the Ivy Leaguers and working-class Cambridge.

Prosecutors had charged 26-year-old Alexander Pring-Wilson with murder in the slaying last year of Michael Colono, arguing that Pring-Wilson attacked the 18-year-old Colono for ridiculing him as he stumbled home drunk.

LOCAL NEWS

Cheney stops in South Bend

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The presidential campaign made its way into Indiana for the first time in three months, although it turned out to be little more than a rest stop on the way to the battleground state of Michigan.

Vice President Dick Cheney flew into South Bend on Thursday evening and planned to overnight there before making a bus tour through southwest Michigan on Friday. He did not have any public events in South Bend.

IRAQ

U.S. forces shell insurgents

Marines launch attacks on Fallujah after city delegation suspends peace talks

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — U.S. Marines launched air and ground attacks Thursday on the insurgent bastion Fallujah after city representatives suspended peace talks with the government over Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's demand to hand over terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Late Thursday, residents of the city, 40 miles west of Baghdad, reported shuddering American bombardments using planes and armored vehicles in what they said was the most intensive shelling since U.S. forces began weeks of "precision strikes" aimed at al-Zarqawi's network.

In Washington, however, a senior military official, speaking on operational matters on condition of anonymity, described the latest fighting as strikes against specific targets and of the same scope as previous attacks into Fallujah.

Warplanes and artillery pounded the city as two U.S. Marine battalions attacked rebel positions to "restore security and stability," 1st Lt. Lyle Gilbert, a spokesman for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, told CNN.

"It is going to be a long night," he said.

Maj. Francis Piccoli, spokesman for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, told The Associated Press that two Marine battalions were engaged in the fight backed up by aircraft.

He would not say the attack was the start of a major campaign to recapture the city, saying he did not want to jeopardize any future operations.

Piccoli said the goal of the operation was to "disrupt the capabilities of the anti-Iraqi forces."

"Ultimately, the intent is to help the Iraqi government bring in democracy," he added. "As you bring in sustained security and stability, the Iraqi government can



Iraqis search for survivors following a third U.S. military air strike on the northern part of Fallujah, outside Baghdad. At least five people were killed and 16 wounded.

build on as they go into elections" in January.

U.S. officials believe al-Zarqawi's terrorist group, Tawhid and Jihad, is headquartered in Fallujah. The group purportedly claimed responsibility for two suicide bombings inside the heavily guarded Green Zone in Baghdad on Thursday, according to a statement posted on a Web site known for its Islamic content. The unprecedented attack killed 10 people, including four Americans, and wounded 20.

The U.S. military said its targets were linked to al-Zarqawi's terrorist network, including a building being used to store weapons, two safehouses used to plan

attacks, several illegal checkpoints and a weapons cache.

At least five people were killed and 16 wounded, according to Fallujah General Hospital.

Fallujah residents said the Americans were attacking several areas with rockets, artillery and tanks. One resident said U.S. forces were using loudspeakers in the west of the city to urge Fallujah fighters to lay down their arms "because we are going to push into Fallujah."

Residents reached by telephone from Baghdad also said there were sharp clashes in the northern part of the city, which was a major battlefield during last April's Marine siege of Fallujah.

Allawi warned Wednesday that Fallujah must surrender al-Zarqawi and other foreign fighters or face military attack.

Abu Asaad, spokesman for the religious council of Fallujah, said that "handing over al-Zarqawi" was an "impossible condition" since even the Americans were unable to catch him.

"Since we exhausted all peaceful solutions, the city is now ready to bear arms and defend its religion and honor and it's not afraid of Allawi's statements," Asaad said in a live interview with Al-Jazeera television.

However, he used the Arabic word for "suspend," implying that the talks could resume later.

Advisers say safeguards sufficient

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal health advisers unanimously agreed Thursday that current safeguards on blood donations in the United States are sufficient despite the disclosure that a second British resident most likely acquired mad cow disease through a tainted transfusion.

"The United States is not Great Britain," said Dr. Stephen DeArmond, a University of California-San Francisco pathology professor. DeArmond pointed to the lack of evidence that so-far symptomless mad cow infections suspected in thousands

of British residents are an issue in this country.

The Food and Drug Administration advisory committee agreed that donor restrictions are still warranted. But it stopped short of asking for additional safeguards in the United States to further prevent the risk of transmission of mad cow disease through blood.

The agency already bars blood donations from people who lived more than three months in Great Britain or who received transfusions there after 1979.

In both confirmed British infections, recipients got blood from donors who were young and apparently healthy at the time of donation. The chances

that two confirmed infections among people who received blood was caused instead by eating mad-cow tainted beef were remote — 1 in 80,000 to 1 in 1 billion, the panel was told.

Getting the human form of mad cow disease, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, through tainted blood "is a reality. And we've got to treat it like that," said Steven Anderson, an FDA risk assessment expert.

The new case involves a woman in her 80s who died from an unrelated medical condition early this year, according to Dr. Robert Will, a neurologist who founded the British mad cow surveillance team.

"The West Wing" eyes Republican successor for Bartlet

President's second term to end soon; change could rejuvenate ratings

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The prospect of a change in the White House tends to draw a strong reaction, pro or con.

Not from "The West Wing" executive producer John Wells, though. He seems unfazed by the coming end of Democratic President Josiah "Jeb" Bartlet's tenure — and maybe even a Republican successor.

"We were a year and a half into the administration when we started the show," Wells said of the NBC drama entering its sixth season. "We have term limits in this country and so, on our electoral schedule, Bartlet's second term would end a year from this coming January."

That fact foreshadows a hybrid season when "The West Wing" returns Wednesday (Oct. 20, 9 p.m. EDT). Bartlet (Martin Sheen) grapples with his legacy while others fight for the chance to replace him.

Among them are contenders played by two familiar actors: Jimmy Smits ("NYPD Blue"), who's a potential Democratic candidate, and Alan Alda ("M-A-S-H") vying for the GOP nomination.

Also in the running is Vice President Russell (Gary Cole), with talented staff member Will Bailey (Josh Malina) at his side.

Could Wells envision "The West Wing," if re-elected by NBC to a seventh season, with a Republican president?

"I really could," he told The Associated Press. "What we've tried to put forward in the Bartlet administration is a Democratic presidency that was a bit of wish-fulfillment of what you'd really want your Democratic president to be."

"I don't think there's any reason you wouldn't want to see that show with a Republican."

Is he concerned that the show, called "The Left Wing" by those who find Bartlet's politics grating, might be seen as making the move to pander to conservatives?

"I think it depends on who the Republican candidate is and how you feel about the candidate by the time he or she is elected," he said.

Series creator Aaron Sorkin cast Bartlet in the same liberal mold as the leader in his 1995 film "The American President." Sorkin, who left the series in 2003, could not be reached for comment, a spokeswoman said Wednesday.

Change could reinvigorate the series' ratings, which dropped from a season-high average of 17.2 million viewers in 2001-02 to 11.8 million viewers last season.

But Wells, whose relationship with NBC is bolstered by the other shows he provides, including longtime linchpin drama "ER," said "The West Wing" ensures an affluent viewership for sponsors and that he's confident of renewal.

A new commander-in-chief, from either party, would mean

wholesale changes in the White House staff and the cast. But Wells told a phone news conference Wednesday that he hopes current stars would be able to remain — although that's less likely with a Republican administration.

He's also hoping that Sheen, whose contract is up this year, decides to come back for another season and maybe for post-presidency appearances.

Before the NBC show wades into the heat of primary contests and before Bartlet gives up power, there are lingering issues to resolve.

At the end of last season, growing violence in the Middle East led to the death of prominent U.S. officials and left an angry Bartlet weighing military action — and now trying to revive the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

The Gaza Strip attack also critically injured White House staff member Donna Moss (Janel Moloney), who was part of the American contingent.

Whether Donna survives (and whether she and her boss, deputy chief of staff Josh Lyman, finally become an item) are obvious cliffhangers. Wells promises other i m m e d i a t e upheaval in "The West Wing."

"There are substantial changes in the White House at the beginning of the season, within the first two episodes," Wells said.

Involving the White House staff that viewers know and love? "In the staff that we know and love, things are happening," Wells says, with

vague discretion that would make a bureaucrat proud.

After the dust settles, the latter part of the season will focus on the campaign trail with Smits' and Alda's characters and on how Bartlet delivers his swan — or lame-duck — song.

"How does the Bartlet administration deal with the remaining time they have in trying to be effective?" Wells said. "What does he really want to accomplish in his remaining year in office?"

Writers for the series, which makes a point of drawing on real-world Washington expertise, asked former Reagan and Clinton administration figures to reminisce about their second-term experiences.

Politicos returning as advisers for the season include former Clinton press secretary Dee Dee Myers and Laurence O'Donnell, who worked for the late Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Two newcomers are former Clinton economic adviser Gene Sperling and Reagan chief of staff Ken Duberstein.

They're all crucial to the series, Wells said.

"The most important thing about writing the show, as far as political issues go, is having arguments. We have to have people in the room to argue both points — and they do," he said. "It's a load of fun. It's actually my favorite part [of creating the show]: You get to

sit there and listen to these people harangue each other."

Will the series be affected by the outcome of November's President Bush-Sen. Kerry election?

"I think we have a number of viewers who showed up after [the 2000] election because they felt that who they wanted in office wasn't there, so they came to see what Bartlet did."

John Wells
producer

"I would say a lot of that depends on how the election itself goes," Wells said. "If it's as close or contested as the last election, that may have an impact."

For some viewers, he speculated, the desired goal is fantasy rather than reality.

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[the 2000] election because they felt that who they wanted in office wasn't there, so they came to see what Bartlet did."

This is the first season "The West Wing" has returned without a best-drama Emmy in hand. After four consecutive wins, the award went to HBO's "The Sopranos."

Wells said he was pleased with the outcome. The mob drama was overdue for a win, he said, and "The West Wing" can proceed without the question of whether it or any show is worthy of so many laurels.

Some critics argue the political drama fell short of the dramatic heights reached when Sorkin was on board, through the end of the 2002-03 season.

Wells largely disagrees but acknowledges the challenge of shifting from a show written by the prolific Sorkin to one relying on a new staff of writers.

Wal-Mart's expansion plans hit road block

Associated Press

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — The City Council has at least temporarily blocked zoning approval for a new Wal-Mart store, the latest stumble for the retail giant's expansion plans in Indiana.

Discussion of the planned store on Terre Haute's north side drew a crowd Tuesday night that packed a City Hall meeting room, with many applauding those who spoke against the project.

The council voted 4-3 against a zoning change for the store. Two council members, however, were absent, and one councilman who at first voted to approve the store changed his vote, meaning he could ask for it to be reconsidered as soon as next month.

Councilman Jim Chalos said he made the maneuver because he wanted the other two council members to have a chance to vote on the store.

Several residents complained that Wal-Mart was the wrong company to boost

growth in the area.

"Wal-Mart, which is the company that is coming in here, does not pay the majority of its employees a living wage" said Ed Ping, a representative of the Wabash Valley Central Labor Council. "We want growth there, but this is not the right kind of growth."

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A message seeking comment was left Wednesday for a Wal-Mart spokesman, but the company has previously rejected such criticisms regarding other projects, saying its stores benefit consumers and attract other businesses.

Steve Reedy, the owner of American Beverage Centers, told the council that the site sought by Wal-Mart might not be able to support the additional traffic a new large retail store might bring.

"We need other things in the north end," he said.

Wal-Mart has run into similar opposition for other new stores it has proposed building elsewhere across the state.

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NYSE	6,556.53	-53.18
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IN BRIEF

Low-profile drive worries retailers

COSTA MESA, Calif. — Few people took notice when Sony Electronics Inc. opened a tiny storefront last year here at South Coast Plaza, a swanky mall south of Los Angeles.

As it turns out, the small store would represent a big change in how Sony sells its televisions, DVD players and other gear.

Since opening its first store last year, Sony has quietly opened stores in seven other cities. The Japanese giant will open in its 11th and 12th U.S. stores this month, in Denver and Las Vegas, and expects to have about 30 Sony Style stores in the United States by April 2006.

Some retailers that sell Sony products worry they will lose sales. They also worry that if the stores are successful, other manufacturers will open stores, too.

"We're going to watch very closely what they do with these stores," said Tom Campbell, vice president of Ken Cranes Home Electronics Inc., a chain of eight stores in Southern California. "The manufacturer is becoming a potential competitor."

Company wants 30,000 stores

SEATTLE — Java junkies often must journey more than two blocks to find a Starbucks, which the company sees as a problem, its chief executive said Thursday.

As a fix, Starbucks plans to more than triple the number of its worldwide outlets to 30,000, with half of those in the United States.

"Despite what you hear now that we must be nearing saturation in North America, that is not true," Chief Executive Orin Smith told analysts, saying convenience mattered both to frequent and infrequent Starbucks customers.

"Americans don't walk, so if you have to go more than two blocks, they don't go," he said.

Starbucks will focus its growth in American suburbs and small towns, with many of the new coffee shops being drive-throughs. It currently has about 8,500 stores, including 6,100 in the United States.

One reason for Starbucks' rapid expansion is demographic. Smith said the company is seeing younger, less affluent, less educated and more ethnically diverse customers.

U.S. trade deficit skyrockets

Imports swamp exports as Americans buy Chinese cell phones, toys, TVs

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The trade deficit jumped to the second-highest level in history as surging demand for foreign oil swamped a small gain in U.S. exports, the government reported Thursday. America's trade gap with China hit an all-time high as retailers stocked up on cell phones, toys and televisions in preparation for Christmas sales.

The worse-than-expected trade performance in August — a deficit of \$54 billion — represented a 6.9 percent widening from July's trade gap of \$50.5 billion. The record monthly deficit was set in June at \$55 billion.

Exports, helped by a rise in shipments of commercial aircraft and record foreign sales of American cars and auto parts, rose by a slight 0.1 percent to \$96 billion in August.

However, this improvement was overwhelmed by a 2.5 percent surge in imports to a record \$150.1 billion as America's foreign oil bill climbed to the highest level in history. The average price for crude oil jumped to a 23-year high of \$36.37 per barrel.

Analysts said the bad news on trade will only get worse in coming months given that oil prices have continued to soar, with crude oil hitting a new record of \$54.76 per barrel Thursday.

"The skyrocketing oil prices are sucking the wind out of the economy," said Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors. "And the worst is yet to come."

In a second economic report, the Labor Department said the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits rose by 15,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted level of 352,000. The four-week moving average of claims, which smoothes out weekly



Containers loaded with imported goods at the Port of Long Beach, Calif. wait to be shipped from the docks by truck Wednesday. The U.S. trade deficit surged to \$54 billion.

changes, rose by 4,000 to a seven-month high of 352,000.

The jobless claims report reflects a labor market that is continuing to disappoint economists' expectations. The country added a lower-than-expected 96,000 jobs in September as the unemployment rate held steady at 5.4 percent.

The economy raced ahead at a 4.5 percent growth rate in the first three months this year before slowing to a 3.3 percent growth rate in the April-June quarter as surging oil prices sent the trade deficit soaring and took a big bite out of consumer spending.

For the year, America's trade deficit is running at

an annual rate of \$590 billion, 19 percent higher than the previous record, last year's \$496.5 billion imbalance.

Democrats contend President Bush's failed economic policies have pushed the country back into a period of twin deficit troubles with the economy buffeted by runaway federal budget deficits which increase domestic demand and send the trade deficit soaring.

The administration announced Thursday that the federal deficit hit a record \$413 billion for the 2004 budget year, which ended Sept. 30. That is up 9.5 percent from last year's record of \$377 billion.

Democratic presidential

challenger John Kerry has pointed to the string of record trade deficits run up since Bush took office as evidence that the administration has failed to protect American workers from unfair trade practices engaged in by low wage countries such as China.

In Wednesday night's final debate, Kerry criticized Bush for failing to pursue an unfair trade practice complaint that would accuse China of rigging its currency system to keep the yuan undervalued by as much as 40 percent against the U.S. dollar, giving Chinese products a huge competitive advantage against American goods.

Google program scours hard drives

Associated Press

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — Google Inc. on Thursday became the first tech heavyweight to tackle the daunting task of uncluttering computers, introducing a program that quickly scours hard drives for documents, e-mails, instant messages and past Web searches.

With the free desktop program, Google hopes to build upon the popularity of its Internet-leading search engine and become even more indispensable to the millions of people who entrust the Mountain View-based company to find virtually anything online.

The new product, available at <http://desktop.google.com>, ups the ante

in Google's intensifying battle with software giant Microsoft Corp. and Yahoo Inc., which owns the world's second most popular search engine.

Google's desktop invasion heralds a momentous step into a crucial realm — the challenge of managing the infoglut that has accumulated during the past decade as society becomes more tethered to increasingly powerful computers.

"We think of this (program) as the photographic memory of your computer," said Marissa Mayer, Google's director of consumer Web products. "It's pretty comprehensive. If there's anything you once saw on your computer screen, we think you should be able to find it again quickly."

Although its desktop program can be used exclusively offline to probe hard drives, Google designed it to run in a browser so it will meld with its online search engine. Google.com visitors who have the new program installed on their computer will see a "desktop" tab above the search engine toolbar and all their search results will include a section devoted to the hard drive in addition to the Web.

The desktop search program could be the bridge to a day when Google begins offering consumers the option of storing some files directly on the company's own computer servers, said Danny Sullivan, editor of Search Engine Watch. "It would be the next logical step if this is a success," he said.

CAMBODIA

Sihamoni named next Cambodian monarch

King Sihanouk abdicates throne to his son, former ballet dancer and U.N. ambassador

Associated Press

PHNOM PENH — Retiring King Norodom Sihanouk's son, a former ballet dancer and U.N. cultural ambassador, was officially confirmed Thursday to succeed his father on the throne, assuring the continuation of the ancient monarchy.

Prince Norodom Sihamoni, who has spent much of his life abroad, was unanimously approved by a nine-member Throne Council, said a statement signed by the panel's chairman, Chea Sim, who is also the country's acting head of state.

The meeting was triggered by the 81-year-old Sihanouk's surprise abdication last week for health reasons. His ailments over the past decade have included colon cancer, diabetes, hypertension and two strokes.

Sihanouk and Prime Minister Hun Sen had both warned that failure to choose a new king by Thursday could have threatened the continued existence of the monarchy and might destabilize this poor country of 13 million people.

Sihamoni, 51, is with Sihanouk in Beijing, where the monarch has been receiving medical treatment. They are expected to return to Cambodia next Wednesday, and a coronation ceremony is planned for Oct. 29, said Sihamoni's half-brother Ranariddh, who is head of the National Assembly.

Sihanouk once said Sihamoni "would probably decline that royal job which he finds frightening." But after abdicating, the king made clear that it was his son's royal duty to accept the crown if offered.

No one expects Sihamoni to dominate the country like his father, whose reign was marked by deep falls from grace and astonishing comebacks, most notably his ill-fated alliance with the communist Khmer Rouge, responsible for the deaths of 1.7 million Cambodians.

But having Sihamoni appointed to the throne helps Sihanouk ensure the survival of a monarchy that stretches back to the 13th-century splendor of the Angkor empire and whose future had been questionable in the face of a government dominated by former communists.

"With Sihamoni in place ... the monarchy is preserved, but only as a shadow of what it once was in the 1950s and 60s," said Milton Osborne, one of Sihanouk's biographers.

Sihamoni, who never mar-

ried, has long been considered the choice of his mother, Queen Monineath.

The other possibility had been Prince Ranariddh, who served as his father's political proxy for more than two decades, as head of the royalist party and a former prime minister. But Ranariddh had said repeatedly he was not interested in being king.

Born in 1953, Sihamoni went to school in Prague, Czechoslovakia, at age 9, graduating in 1975 from the Academy of Musical Art. Later, he studied film-making in North Korea, according to his official biography.

From early 1976 until January 1978, he was a prisoner of the Khmer Rouge.

Sihanouk had been ousted as Cambodia's supreme political leader in 1970, and then allied himself with the Khmer Rouge against his usurpers.

After the Khmer Rouge won a civil war in 1975, Sihanouk and royal family members fled home, only to be detained at the royal palace.

"During that time, we saw no one," Sihamoni said in a rare interview in 1995 with the Phnom Penh Post. "For food, we grew vegetables and fruit in the garden of the palace. Twice a week, Khmer Rouge guards came to the back door and gave us rice and fish. We cooked everything ourselves ... We wore black clothes given to us by the Khmer Rouge. We washed everything ourselves."

"This period was a very unhappy one, especially for our morale. My father's morale was low," Sihamoni said. "I got on with things. I am very physical, being a dancer, so I worked in the gardens. I cleaned out the throne hall."

After a Vietnamese invasion drove the Khmer Rouge from power in early 1979, Sihamoni spent the next two years as secretary to his father in Beijing.

As Sihanouk rallied a coalition of guerrilla groups to oust the Vietnamese-installed government, Sihamoni went to Paris, where many Cambodian refugees had settled. He taught and performed ballet and classical Khmer dance.

In 1992, he briefly served as Cambodia's envoy at the United Nations after Sihanouk's guerrillas reached a peace agreement with the government in Phnom Penh. The accord led to elections and Sihanouk's restoration as king in 1993.

From then until this year, Sihamoni served as ambassador to UNESCO, promoting Cambodian culture while working on the issue of stolen artifacts.

ENGLAND

Malaria vaccine tests well early

Associated Press

LONDON — Scientists have made important progress in the quest for a malaria vaccine, showing for the first time that childhood shots can prevent nearly one-third of cases and slash the risk of severe, life-threatening attacks by almost two-thirds.

Experts say the findings, outlined this week in The Lancet medical journal, provide robust evidence that the dream of developing a vaccine that will get babies through the most vulnerable period of infancy could become a reality by the end of the decade.

Researchers have been working on a malaria vaccine for more than 20 years, but until now none of the candidates showed promise. If this research bears fruit, it would be the first human vaccine against a parasite.

Specialists agree that, at least for the foreseeable future, there is no prospect of a vaccine that would wipe out malaria like the smallpox vaccine did for smallpox, or even provide lifelong immunity.

However, a vaccine that would turn the disease into a mostly mild infection would make a huge dent in the effort to control malaria, which kills a child every 30 seconds and poses a threat to half of all people on the planet. About 500 million episodes of malaria occur every year, mostly in the developing world. It is the leading killer of children under 5 in sub-Saharan Africa.

"We think a vaccine is important because as quick as you can make new drugs, there's resistance and [delivery of] bed nets has not been as simple as one would have hoped," said Melinda Moree, director of the Malaria Vaccine Initiative, which backed the latest study. "We've been trying to apply our existing technologies and the

number of malaria deaths is rising. We need some new tools."

The vaccine, which GlaxoSmithKline Bio has been developing for 20 years, was tested in 2,022 children aged 1 to 4 in Mozambique, where the mosquito-borne disease is endemic.

After the children were treated with malaria drugs to get rid of any traces of the parasite, half got three shots of the malaria vaccine in three consecutive months, while the other half got other childhood vaccines.

The children were followed up for about six months and blood was taken every few weeks to check for malaria. Any new cases were immediately treated.

The researchers, led by Dr. Pedro Alonso at the University of Barcelona, found infection in 30 percent fewer children in the vaccine group than in the comparison group. The vaccine also reduced the risk of getting sick by 30 percent, the risk of getting repeated attacks by 30 percent, and cut by 58 percent the chance of developing severe malaria.

Within the comparison group, four children died of severe malaria, while none of the children who got the vaccine died of malaria.

The vaccine was most impressive in children under 2, in whom the disease is most dangerous. The vaccine reduced the number of severe malaria episodes in that age group by 77 percent.

Malaria is caused by the parasite Plasmodium falciparum, which is carried by mosquitoes. When the parasite is injected into the human body it is in a form that can only infect the liver, where it transforms and multiplies. After about a week, 10,000 daughter parasites leave the liver, now in a form that can infect red blood cells.

When one parasite invades a red blood cell, 10 pop out and in

doing so, rip open the cell, killing it.

The vaccine, which targets the parasite before it invades red blood cells, is made using an antigen, a piece of a protein that sits on the surface of the parasite and can be recognized by the immune system. When the vaccine is injected, the immune system kicks into attack mode and makes antibodies.

When a mosquito later injects the parasite, the immune system recognizes it.

The antibodies stick to the surface of the parasite, hoping to stop it getting into the liver. If that doesn't work, the immune cells find the parasite in the liver and kill it there. And if that fails, scientists believe the immune cells reduce the multiplication of the parasite and block some of the more virulent daughters from getting out.

"Fewer parasites coming out of the liver and a possible filtering effect of preventing the virulent parasites from exiting, is one possible explanation for why we see less severe disease," said the vaccine's co-creator, Ripley Ballou of GSK Bio.

Further studies still have to be done to see that the vaccine works in children elsewhere in Africa and to verify that it will not interfere with other immunizations.

"It's quite obvious that there is going to be no single way of protecting against malaria. You won't do it just with drugs, you won't do it just with a vaccine or just with bed nets. You've really got to put these together," said Geoff Targett, a malaria researcher at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine who was not involved with the study.

"We may have to think about living with the parasite, but in a way where death and severe disease are very rare events. That's probably the way we'll end up," he said.



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CAMPAIGN NEWS

Cheneys object to Kerry's remarks on lesbian daughter Mary

WASHINGTON — Dick Cheney and his wife say they are angry at John Kerry for invoking their lesbian daughter during the final presidential debate. Kerry says he was just trying to say something nice about how the Cheneys have dealt with the issue and meant no offense.

Temperatures have risen sharply since the vice presidential debate, just last week, when Democrat Sen. John Edwards mentioned Mary Cheney and the Republican vice president thanked him for his "kind words."

This time, a back-and-forth ensued that had the vice president's wife, Lynne Cheney, accusing Sen. Kerry of a "cheap and tawdry political trick" and Elizabeth Edwards, wife of Kerry's running mate, suggesting Mrs. Cheney was ashamed of her daughter.

Debating President Bush Wednesday night, Kerry referred to Mary Cheney when asked whether homosexuality is a choice.

"We're all God's children," he said. "And I think if you were to talk to Dick Cheney's daughter, who is a lesbian, she would tell you that she's being who she was. She's being who she was born as. I think if you talk to anybody, it's not a choice."

Bush said he didn't know if it was a choice or not. But no one was talking about that on Thursday.

Kerry's defenders said he was well within bounds, particularly given that Cheney has also talked about his daughter when discussing gay issues.

Judge rules Ohio voters can cast ballots at wrong polling place

TOLEDO, Ohio — In a victory for the Democrats, a federal judge ruled Thursday that Ohio voters who show up at the wrong polling place on Election Day can still cast ballots as long as they are in the county where they are registered.

U.S. District Judge James Carr blocked a directive from Ohio Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell, a Republican, who recently announced that poll workers must send voters to their correct precinct.

The judge said voters who show up at the wrong polling place after moving without notifying the elections board, and those whose names cannot be found on the registration rolls, should be able to cast provisional ballots there.

Denying any voter the right to a provisional vote will erode confidence in the election and lessen the incentive to vote, the judge said.

FCC will allow anti-Kerry film

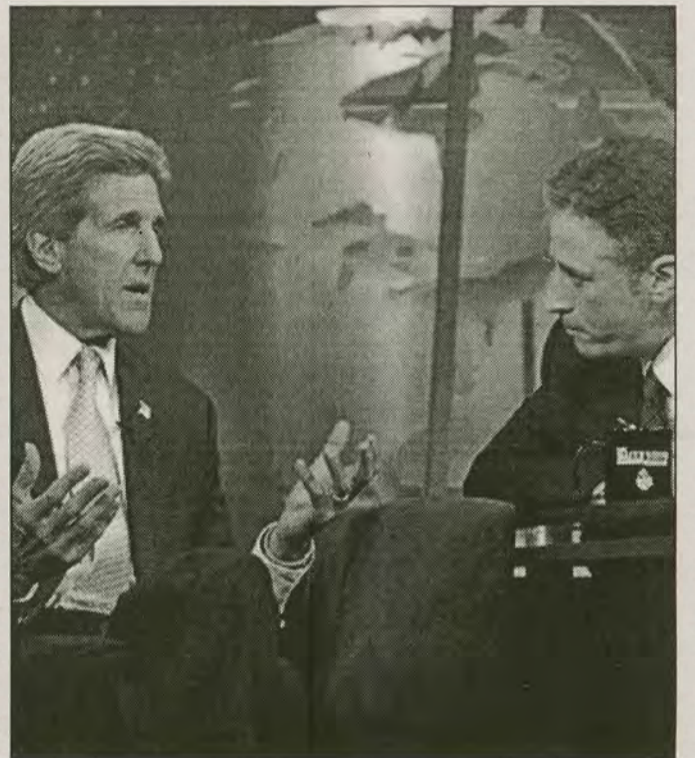
WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission won't intervene to stop a broadcast company's plans to air a critical documentary about John Kerry's anti-Vietnam War activities on dozens of TV stations, the agency's chairman said Thursday.

"Don't look to us to block the airing of a program," Michael Powell told reporters. "I don't know of any precedent in which the commission could do that."

Eighteen senators, all Democrats, wrote to Powell this week and asked him to investigate Sinclair Broadcast Group's plan to run the program, "Stolen Honor: Wounds That Never Heal," two weeks before the Nov. 2 election.

Candidates enter final weeks

Bush assails Kerry's liberal record; Kerry says Bush fights only for elite



Left, President Bush greets supporters at a rally in Reno, Nev. Democratic challenger Sen. John Kerry appears on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart."

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — President Bush criticized Sen. John Kerry as a liberal trying to hide from his own record Thursday as the two men entered the last, post-debate lap of a close race for the White House. The Democratic challenger said his rival "fights, literally, for the privileged few."

"I believe we need a president who will fight for the great middle class and for those who are struggling to join it," Kerry added.

The ubiquitous polls made the race a statistical tie as Bush and his Democratic rival plunged into the final 18 days of campaigning. That marked an improvement in Kerry's national standing over the course of three presidential debates — even though Democratic officials confirmed West Virginia and its five electoral votes have been written off as lost.

And there were veiled hints of concern within the Bush high command as the campaign entered what the president called a "sprint to the finish." Marc Racicot, campaign chairman, told reporters the Democratic challenger had helped himself during the face-to-face

encounters. "I think it was temporary," Racicot said.

Democrats and their allies tried to deflect criticism over Kerry's debate-night reference to Vice President Dick Cheney's gay daughter, Mary. "A cheap and tawdry political trick," Mary's mother, Lynne Cheney, said of the remark.

Kerry and Bush both campaigned in Nevada during the day, a state with five electoral votes and one of roughly a dozen still competitive in the final days of the race.

The four-term Massachusetts senator unleashed an attack on the Medicare legislation that Bush signed into law last year, saying it was "full of empty promises and special interest giveaways."

Kerry also faulted the prescription drug card benefit that took effect this year, a transition to a full overhaul of the Medicare program that he said does little to lower the cost of drugs.

"The truth is that after doing nothing to really lower the cost of prescription drugs for you, the president is now telling you that he solved the problem. Right. And those weapons of mass destruction are going to be found any day now," he said with sarcasm.

Bush's after-debate message was simple — Kerry is a liberal who will raise taxes, increase government spending, stick with the status quo on Social Security, and give other countries too much say in the use of U.S. troops overseas.

"My opponent wants to move in the direction of government-run health care," the president added. "I believe health decisions ought to be made by doctors and patients, not officials in Washington, D.C."

Attempting to pin the liberal label on Kerry, he added, "Now he dismisses that as a label. Must have seen it differently when he said to a newspaper, 'I'm a liberal and proud of it.'"

Apart from the public rhetoric, the two sides readied their campaign endgame strategies.

For Bush, according to White House officials, that will mean stepping up his effort to portray Kerry as a flip-flopper, a liberal with few accomplishments in the Senate. At the same time, officials said the president will play to one of his campaign strengths — his wartime leadership. He intends to travel to New Jersey next week to deliver what aides call a major

address on terrorism.

The state hasn't voted for a Republican since the presidential election in 1988, but New Jersey is just across the river from New York City and it suffered a significant loss of life when terrorists struck the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

Kerry, having performed well in the debates, hopes to use the final 2 1/2 weeks of the campaign to persuade voters that he is a safe replacement for Bush in an era of terrorism. The effort will include a series of speeches designed to cast the senator as the champion of the middle class — as he said during the day — and depict Bush as the defender of the elite.

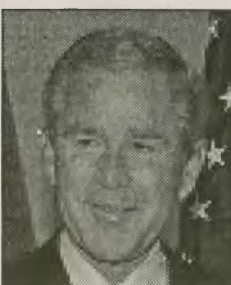
Final figures showed that 51 million Americans watched at least part of the final presidential debate.

While the candidates were ready to move on, one controversy simmered. Both Cheney and his wife criticized Kerry for having referred to Mary Cheney's sexuality during the debate.

"You saw a man who will do and say anything to get elected," the vice president said in Fort Myers, Fla. "And I am not just speaking as a father here, although I am a pretty angry father."

SOUND BITE: STEM-CELL RESEARCH

What should the federal role be in financing stem-cell research?



Bush

"I have strongly supported medical research to find new treatments and cures for diseases, and I support pursuing stem-cell research without crossing a fundamental moral line. I decided to provide federal funding, for the first time, to research using human embryonic stem cells. I determined, however, federal funds should not encourage the further destruction of human embryos ... My administration has provided \$35.5 million for research. But there is also a great deal of stem-cell research that does not require the destruction of a living human embryo. Last year, the NIH funded \$190 million in 'adult' stem-cell research."



Kerry

"I agree with Nancy Reagan and John McCain that right now, some of the most pioneering treatments could be right at our fingertips — but because of George Bush's decision to refuse federal funding for research on stem-cell lines created after August 9, 2001, they remain beyond our reach. Stem cell research holds immense promise for millions of Americans suffering from diseases like diabetes, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, heart disease, cancer and spinal cord injuries. As president, I will lift the ideologically driven restrictions on stem cell research. And I will fund this research, with at least \$100 million a year, while ensuring strict ethical oversight of the research..."

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Display should be respected

There are very few issues that can polarize any conversation anywhere in the country as quickly as abortion. The topic falls in with politics, religion and comparing salaries as one that is often not considered polite or productive to talk about. Considering how controversial the issue is, the vandalism of a display of 1,200 crosses staked out on South Quad in protest of abortion is perhaps not surprising. The Cemetery of the Innocents illustrates something that cannot be as powerfully conveyed in words as in imagery — that widespread abortion may be a form of mass murder.

If abortion is in fact murder that is not promoted but certainly not prohibited by United States law, it is difficult to say that a three-day display on a field at a university is too strong a response. The display may be unsettling, but it is also hard to argue that a few days of discomfort are too much to ask in considering the kind of problem that is being addressed.

If the purpose of a protest is to force people to think, the Cemetery of the Innocents has certainly achieved its goal. In a society where abortion is contested but still legal, and often relegated to the realm of issues which are left untouched, the display at least succeeds in disturbing the complacency of those who have given up on considering the issue.

People may object to the display for many reasons. Students may not believe abortion is wrong, not think the government can legislate on the issue, think the display is

disrespectful, doubt the intentions of the people behind it or simply not think it is the most effective way to protest abortion.

Whatever reasons people may have for objecting to the display, vandalizing it is not the answer. Not only is this illegal, it is an ineffective way of countering any argument espoused by Right to Life. The people who destroyed the display may have had valid reasons to dislike it, but those reasons are no clearer now than if the crosses had remained standing.

Students would do better to examine why the display evokes such strong emotions that people feel the need to destroy it. The issues surrounding abortion are numerous and they are serious, and they will not be solved by anything that can be displayed or destroyed in a small part of a small campus. Many people who support the Cemetery of the Innocents may not be considering all the pertinent social problems that surround abortion, but the fact that Right to Life is creating a peaceful protest against a potentially serious problem should be respected. Furthermore, students should respect the fact that strong feelings reflect a strong need for dialogue. Neither complacency nor conflict will solve any of the problems surrounding abortion. The crosses are a call for every student, whether they support abortion or not, to consider issues of poverty, equality, life and liberty that surround abortion and what the best way to approach these issues might be.

The Observer Editorial

Watching Kerry's rise of support

The image of this year's presidential election played out directly before me while I crawled through rush hour traffic on the Fourteenth Street Bridge next to the Jefferson Memorial. In the left lane, a Caucasian drove an old, battered Dodge van with a "Veterans for Kerry" bumper sticker. The van inched by an African-American driving a shiny Jaguar on the right with a "Veterans for Bush" sticker. The Sen. John Kerry supporter looked over at the Bush supporter and saluted. The President George W. Bush supporter wiggled his fingers as though to say, "Hello." The contrast epitomized the reversed universe of this year's electorate.

Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

This column will be the last published before the election between Bush and Kerry. As Americans decide the outcome of the final debate, my crystal ball has sharpened its electoral images. Voters are processing how to reconcile a slump on the home front with a strong defense while equating how Iraq figures into their voting equations.

Voter registrations have soared throughout the nation which highlights the importance Americans are placing on the election and the future direction our next president will take us. Some constituencies are splitting from routine election patterns based on war, election spin or religious views. Yet one trend that is pointing to the outcome of November's results is the slow, steady rise of John Kerry in the polls while the president stagnates in the mid to upper 40 percent ranges.

John Kerry is viewed as having performed better in each of the three presidential debates. Americans contrasted the unfiltered remarks of both candidates during the three debates. After the first debate, Kerry was viewed as having won by 16 percent immediately after the debate. Within a week, voters viewed Kerry the winner by 38 percent. While the

second debate was a slight win for Kerry, the Senator won the third debate by 13 percent immediately after the event.

The debates this year served as a springboard for Kerry like the one and only debate in 1980 catapulted Ronald Reagan past then-President Jimmy Carter. A mere week before the election of 1980, Carter led Reagan by three percentage points until they met in the debate. Reagan swept past Carter in dramatic fashion.

This year will be similar with the challenger winning the election unless a dramatic attack on U.S. soil tips public sentiment. John Kerry has erased deficits in recent polls in most battleground states. Just two weeks ago, before any of this year's debates, the president led in the most contested states. As of the third debate, Gallop polls show that Kerry has pulled ahead in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, New Hampshire, Oregon, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Campaign staffs usually choose which polling data they prefer to acknowledge for public consumption. I have chosen the Gallop data because Democrats complain that the Gallop organization reports polls of all registered voters and generally favors Republicans with its results. The instant "flash" polls after each debate, conducted by Gallop, showed Kerry with substantial wins. The battleground polls cited above are also Gallop findings.

The data within all of the polls has shown a constant ceiling that the president cannot break. His support numbers hover around 46 percent, varying a point

or two in either direction. The president cannot win back those who have abandoned him for whatever reasons they cite: war, economy, health care, stubbornness, terror or ideology. Kerry has slowly convinced these voters, a few at a time, that he is an acceptable alternative. The momentum, small and slow as it is, nonetheless has been with Kerry since the first debate. His goal is to ride that momentum to election day.

This columnist has been on record since early summer forecasting that the election will not be as close as the 2000 election, or close at all. This columnist has forecasted that Kerry will defeat the president based on the internal data showing the president's ceiling of support.

Barring any dramatic event that tips public sentiment prior to election day, this race was decided in April when Iraq erupted with insurgency.

Crystal balls aside, the Bush supporter riding in the Jaguar with the "Veterans for Bush" sticker has foretold the president's fate with his farewell wave to the Kerry veteran. That day, the battle of the bumper stickers garnered mutual respect. If only the process could be as clear-cut.

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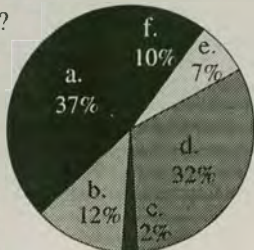
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OBSERVER POLL

What are you doing for Fall Break?

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| a. Going home | 37% |
| b. Staying at school | 12% |
| c. Service Trip | 2% |
| d. Notre Dame vs. Navy Game | 32% |
| e. Fun vacation | 7% |
| f. Two or more of the above | 10% |



*Poll appears courtesy of www.ndsmcobserver.com and is based on 304 responses.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All citizens should have their weapon of choice ... [but] only I should have the ammunition. Because frankly, I wouldn't trust the rest of the goobers with anything more dangerous than string."

Scott Adams
cartoonist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Do unto others

In response to Andrew Yi's "Abortion is a Human Right" letter, I wish to open my article with a quote from Ayn Rand:

"If I ask people whether they believe in life, they never understand what I mean. It's a bad question. It can mean so much that it really means nothing. So I ask them if they believe in God. And if they say they do, then I know they don't believe in life. Why? Because, you see, God — whatever anyone chooses to call God — is one's highest conception of the highest possible. And whoever places his highest conception above his own possibility thinks very little of himself and his life. It's a rare gift, you know, to feel reverence for your own life and to want the best, the greatest, the highest possible, here, now, for your very own."

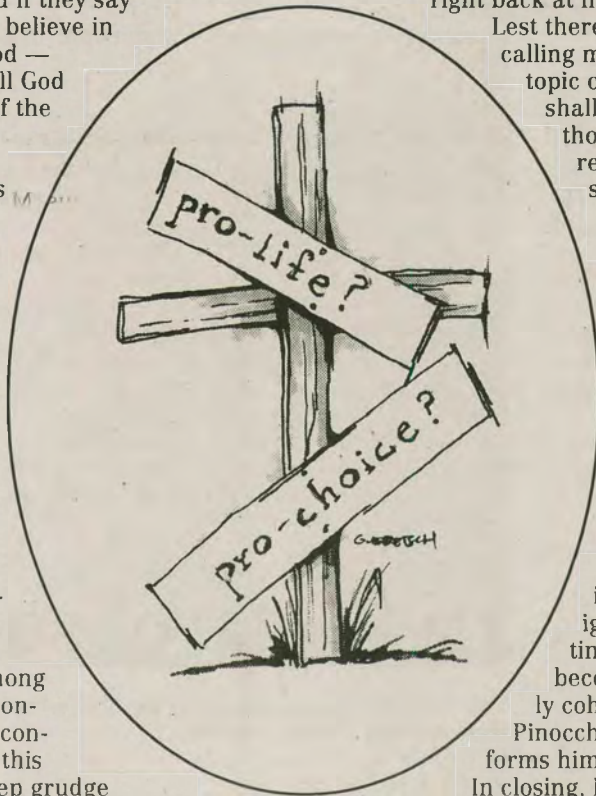
I do not question Yi's claim that, as a pro-choice Catholic, his integrity and character have been repeatedly attacked. It certainly isn't a compliment to describe the Catholic Church as having a pervasive undercurrent of anti-intellectualism. Ending one's article with a quote from Ayn Rand, whose claim to fame, among other things, is her vehement condemnation of religion as being contrary to reason only reinforces this impression that Yi carries a deep grudge against the Catholic Church. In fact, the downright hostile rhetoric of his article seems profoundly anti-religion in nature; I am not surprised that his integrity and his faith in Catholicism would be questioned by others.

Is this to say that there is something wrong about not being Catholic? Certainly not. But the language Yi uses when he describes anti-abortionists as a sexist, misogynic bunch of bigots is harsh. Why then should he expect the inevitable response to be calm and reserved? When

a person is called a bigot, a misogynist, a sexist (pig), it is an all-too-human reaction to respond with ad homonym of one's own. Perhaps that is why Yi's integrity and character have been repeatedly attacked. After all, he who casts the first stone has no right and no moral superiority when those he attacks fling his insults right back at him.

Lest there be the inevitable responses calling me a fool for missing the main topic of Yi's article — abortion — I shall examine it in some detail, even though I feel that it would be repeating the same, tired old spiel to an audience that is not listening. Yi's argument seems to indicate that he believes that the right of a woman to control her own body takes precedence over the life of the fetus. Very well. When then does the fetus gain the same rights of a human being as the mother? At birth? But such a claim is nonsensical — one minute before birth, one hour before birth, one day before birth — how much difference is there in between? To arbitrarily designate time x as that point in time when a fetus magically becomes a baby is about as logically coherent as believing that Pinocchio's Fairy Godmother transforms him from a puppet into a little boy.

In closing, I suggest Yi consult a dictionary before he bandies big words about. I am not a bigot. I do not hate women. I do not consider women somehow inferior to men. I am none of these things, but I do condemn abortion.



Defining 'lifestyle'

I want to congratulate Cody Groeber (Letter to the Editor on Oct. 14) on identifying the key misconception in the debate concerning acceptance of gay and lesbian students on this campus. Indeed, we need to make a distinction between "the person and the act" and accept that one's "identity is bound up in much more than [one's] sexuality." However, I am afraid that Groeber ascribes this misconception to a wrong party in the discussion.

It is not the "gay activists" who tend to equal human beings and sexual activity over and over again. It is the people who claim that we cannot fight discriminatory atmosphere because it is hard to distinguish between a person and his or her "homosexual lifestyle."

What is a "homosexual lifestyle?" Are we talking about the passion of gay men for hamburgers, or about the inclination of lesbian couples to enjoy road trips during their vacation? No, the "homosexual lifestyle" is a reference to sexual intercourse between two people of same sex. Isn't this an attempt to equal a person with his or her sexuality? Would it not be more appropriate to accept gays and lesbians as human beings needing "to love and be loved" (a desire that everyone seems to agree on) and leave their private decisions about their sex life out of the arena of public scrutiny?

Do we discriminate against unmarried heterosexual couples because it is possible that in their private lives, they are breaking the rules of Catholic teachings? That would be absurd, wouldn't it? So why is it normal to do the same thing when it comes to gay men and lesbians?

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Muslim vote not considered

During Friday's debate, the issue of judicial appointees was discussed among the candidates. Jonathan Michaelson asked President George W. Bush how he would fill anticipated vacancies in the Supreme Court if re-elected. In his rebuttal to the president's answer, Sen. John Kerry said he would apply the late Justice Potter Stewart's standard: one who reads the opinion of a judge fit for the Supreme Court should not know whether or not the judge is "a Muslim, a Jew or a Christian."

To understand the significance of Kerry's use of the dreaded "M" word, one need only look to the Muslim vote and its role in this election. No one thinks, anytime soon, a Muslim will be nominated to the Supreme Court, but this marks the first public consideration either of the candidates has given to Muslim voters.

American Muslims deserve special consideration because they find themselves in a unique position in the United States. Two fears have been joined upon the American Muslim.

One of those fears is the very real fear of a terrorist strike. The fact that one of the airplanes on Sept. 11 was downed in Shanksville, Pa. — a short distance away from a school — shows us just how real, unpredictable and inescapable a terrorist attack is.

However, there is a fear that has

been visited on American Muslims in addition to the fear of being victims of terrorism — being labeled the prime suspects. Evidence of the air of suspicion Muslims face is the demand placed on them by non-Muslims to condemn terrorism. Naturally, it is assumed if they don't condemn it, which is unlikely, they support it. At the same time, if they don't rush to publicly condemn terror on the airwaves, they feel they will be placed under the same suspicion.

This fear is only exacerbated by abuse of the terror alert level on the part of the Bush administration. Certainly, if law enforcement needs to be on guard, then it does them good to know there is additional chatter that intelligence agencies are picking up on. But, the prevailing logic holds that alerts fall on deaf ears when they are too frequently relayed to the public. Law enforcement officials are trained to take every alert seriously and to be ever vigilant. The layperson, on the other hand, is not. But there is an alternate, unintended

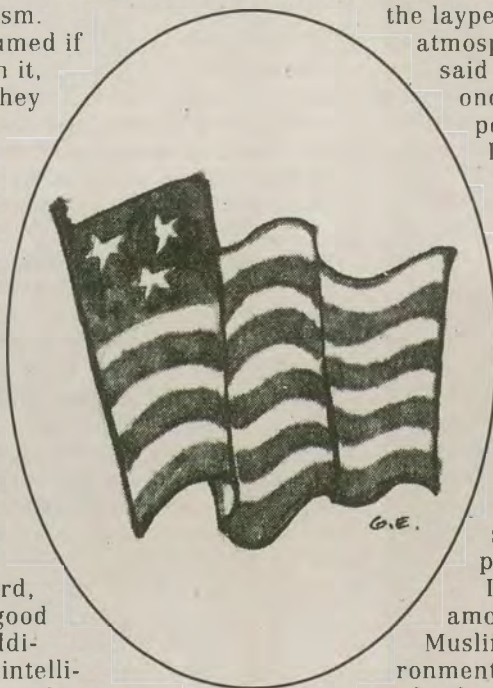
consequence to the abuse of alerts — creation of an atmosphere of fear. Law enforcement officials, in this situation, are supposed to be and are expected to be properly trained to

handle all threats. Once again, the layperson is not. In an atmosphere of fear, to said layperson, everyone becomes a suspect. Considering Islam is the common thread among the more popular terrorists, the inevitable consequence is the singling-out of Muslims.

Excluding the more ignorant racial and ethnic profilers, law enforcement is usually keen to the science of criminal profiling.

It's been understood among American Muslims that, in an environment of fear, they must watch what they say. The Constitution guarantees free speech, but common sense guarantees, in a time of fear, hysteria prevails over the law.

With Tariq Ramadan and Yusuf Islam, widely considered moderates, being denied entry into the United States, the prevailing logic was that



tered.

While there certainly might be people who — either out of a genuine effort to understand Muslims or out of a concern for political correctness — won't vocalize hatred or suspicion of Muslims, their survival instinct might not have set in yet. If impulse is left to rule, as sometimes it will, who is to say that impulse will not cause suspicion of Muslims, who have long been understood in American culture as the new enemies? When backed into a wall, wouldn't impulse force desperate action?

In light of this, the candidate who wins the Muslim vote will be the one who does the most to quell the atmosphere of fear. In this regard, the choice will probably be overwhelmingly for Kerry, considering Bush created the atmosphere of fear and third-party candidates are considered unlikely to win.

There's still a segment of Muslims, however, who support Bush. In fact, if Bush makes a sincere effort to reach out to Muslims who — like all humans in a state of fear — might act against common sense, ignore the past years of fear and vote overwhelmingly to reelect Bush.

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PAC PREVIEW

The nation's top comedy

Second City brings humor improv to the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts

By MEEG CONROY
Scene Writer

What do Bill Murray, Eugene Levy, Mike Meyers, Chris Farley, and Tina Fey have in common? A bond holds all of these actors together, and it's not just Saturday Night Live. Although each showcased their talents at one point or another on the well-known comedy show, their first comedic debut was with Second City.

For almost 50 years Second City has been producing some of the funniest actors in the world. Through a series of improvisational sketches, actors are able to test their comedic potential. Results have been amazing. Since the company's beginnings in 1959, Second City has grown to include five theatres, television and film series, and national tours.

Next week, Notre Dame students and faculty will have the privilege to become part of this comedic legacy. Six of the nineteen members of Chicago's touring company, as well as a professional museum, will perform at the Decio Mainstage Theatre.

The cast will present two 40-minute segments of non-stop, hilarious comedy. Amidst some pre-written sketches, peppered

with one-liners and five-second "blips," the heart of the show is Second City's calling card: improv acts. These totally unrehearsed acts have made Second City and its comedians famous. Inspiration is usually taken from the audience. Cast members ask for suggestions such as an opening line, historical era, emotion or object. From there the actors run with their imaginations, creating wacky, surprising and, most importantly, humorous scenarios. Every skit is unique and sure to keep the audience engaged.

Although the "inspiration" may appear random, especially for improvisational acts, Second City's cast is sure to offer poignant social commentary. Politics, religion, corporate America, current events and even the area they're currently touring in are usually reflected in the show's skits. Students might expect a little "Notre Dame commentary." Actors will attack with these issues with the most powerful weapon: humor. Although skits may touch on some darker themes, they allow the audience to acknowledge current issues in the light of comedy. This creates an environment of comfort and openness. Second City will leave audience members not only with aching sides, but also a few

thoughts to consider.

Second City's stop in South Bend is only one of many that they have made this year. The company has an extensive schedule, covering schools, theatres, community centers and private engagements across the country. Their acclaim is spreading and in turn increasing performance demand. Yet, neither a strenuous schedule nor high expectations are slowing down this group's talent. Already this year reviews are raving about Second City's talent, spunk and hilarity.

Associate producer of the Chicago company, Beth Kligerman encapsulates the essence of Second City when she says that it is, "a creation unlike other art forms." The group tests the human comedic potential through improvisation, creating humor that touches the audience's core with real and current issues. Second City shows the comedy of humanity.

With Second City's prestige preceding their arrival, demand for tickets is sure to be high.



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The Second City comedy troupe tours the country with top-notch skits and comedy improv stylings.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience Second City, and take part in the continuation of one of the most famous comedic legacies.

The show will be performed at 8 p.m. on Oct. 22. Tickets are \$15 for students, \$25 for faculty and staff and \$31.25 for the general public. Tickets are available from the box office at the

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PAC REVIEW

Music with international appeal

Mariza's emotional and dramatic performance crosses language barriers



TIM LUEBBERT/The Observer

Mariza gave a talented and theatrical performance of fado, a highly emotional genre of urban music from Portugal.

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

It is perhaps a curse of opera singers and international musicians alike to be singing constantly for people who do not understand a word they are saying. Much of the meaning of a performance is obviously lost when the words are incomprehensible.

On the other hand, a language barrier can be a blessing for some performers. Attention taken away from lyrics is refocused on stage presence and on the details of the actual music.

At Wednesday night's performance Mariza and her musicians gave the audience plenty to focus on besides words. Fado is a beautiful style of music, and whatever was lost with the words, plenty was left in the Portuguese singer's voice and interpretation.

A good performer has to be able to convey emotion to an audience, and this becomes especially important for a musician performing in a language their audience does not understand. Mariza portrayed an emotion in her music that might even have been lost had the particulars of what caused it been known.

At one point Mariza sang a fado set with a text by Portuguese poet Fernando Pessoa who lived from 1888 to 1935. This was beautifully set, but probably lost the most for non-Portuguese speaking audience members.

Mariza is rightly famous for her voice, but her presence on stage was vital. The contrast between her short peroxidized hair and colorful-

ly feminine dresses seemed appropriate for a kind of music in which personal interpretation is so important. When the singer reflected on stage about the feeling of singing fado and the way her own life had changed since she began making a living through music, it was hard not to wonder what the life on and off the stage was actually like.

Mariza performed in the Decio Mainstage Theater instead of the Leighton Concert Hall, which is usually used for musical performances. The venue allowed for dramatic lighting as well as a more decorative stage setup that suited the music well.

The performance by guitarist Antonio Neto, Portuguese guitarist Luis Gerreiro and bassist Laurindo de Sousa was beautiful in its own right. The three worked well with each other and with the singer to bring the haunting and highly rhythmic melodies together.

At times during the performance Mariza narrated scenes of beaches and Lisbon cafes. Microphones do not always suit guitars as well as fully acoustic performances, and it was easy to imagine that the music, like many forms of urban music, might sound better in a more natural setting than a concert hall.

Still, the concert gave a sense of a style of music that is wonderful and not often heard in the United States. People with an adventurous taste in music might try picking up a CD and getting their own sense for what the national music of Portugal is all about.

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PAC PREVIEW

Talk show host turns crooner

Regis Philbin exhibits new-found musical talent on campus to benefit the homeless

By **MOLLY GRIFFIN**
Scene Writer

Regis Philbin is perhaps one of the most well-known Notre Dame graduate, and he is returning to the campus this fall to help out a worthy cause. On Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. Philbin will perform a benefit at the new DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. All of the proceeds from the show will go to support the Center for the Homeless in South Bend. In conjunction with his performance at the PAC, Regis will be taping an episode of his popular morning show, "Live with Regis and Kelly," at the PAC the next morning.

"Regis has had a relationship

with the Center for the Homeless for over 10 years, particularly with Lou Nanni, the current Vice President for University relations who used to be the executive director for the center," said current director Steve Camilleri. "He has committed all that he can to help us."

Regis recently released a musical CD entitled, "When You're Smiling", which includes covers of such songs as "You Make Me Feel So Young," "It Had To Be You," "You're Nobody 'Til Somebody Loves You" and a duet with his wife Joy on "They Can't Take That Away From Me." He has turned the music from the CD into a club act that he has performed in both Las Vegas and

New York. At Notre Dame, he will be featured with a 22-piece orchestra composed of students as well as professional musicians from the greater South Bend area.

Philbin is well-known for his successful morning television show, "Live with Regis and Kelly," and his celebrity status increased with the incredible success of the original version of the game show, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" He has won several Emmy awards, including one each for "Live" and "Millionaire," and he was awarded TV Guide's Television Personality of the Year for 2001. He has also written three books and released his own clothing line based on his attire on "Millionaire."

The benefit is meant not only to raise money for the Center for the Homeless, but also to raise awareness about its role in the South Bend community. Each night, the Center, located at 813 S. Michigan Street, hosts about 200 guests, and they always encourage students to volunteer their time.

"The benefit is the result of a combination of great things," said Camilleri, "Regis' love of Notre Dame, the Center for the Homeless and South Bend."

Seats for the benefit cost \$30, and there is no price break for anyone, because the net proceeds of the show go directly to the Center for the Homeless. Preferred seating can be purchased for \$100. Preferred seating tickets come

with guaranteed seats for the Oct. 25 broadcast of "Live with Regis and Kelly," which will be recorded at 7:30 a.m. Tickets for the television broadcast were distributed free of charge with tickets to the concerts by Mariza and the Academy of St. Martins in the Fields Wednesday and Thursday night. Extra seats may be available for students who wait outside the show on the morning of Oct. 25.

Tickets for the benefit are on sale now at the ticket office in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, or can be purchased by calling 631-2800.

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PAC REVIEW

No conductor necessary

Academy of Saint Martin in the Fields and O'Riley give a fine performance

By **BRANDON HOLLIHAN**
Scene Writer

The orchestra hailed from England. The pianist was a true-blooded American. Together, they held a terrific evening of chamber music.

The Academy of Saint Martin in the Fields, along with guest pianist Christopher O'Riley, performed a series of works at the Leighton Concert Hall last night to an enthusiastic reception from the Notre Dame community. Works included Shostakovich's "Chamber Symphony for Strings, Op. 100a," Mozart's "Concerto No. 12 in A Major for Piano and Orchestra," Liszt's "Malediction for Piano & Strings" and Tchaikovsky's "Serenade for Strings in C Major."

The most intriguing aspect of the evening's performance was the lack of a conductor to lead the orchestra through both very rhythmically and melodically difficult passages. Rather, it was Kenneth Sillito, the Academy's artistic director and principal violinist, who controlled the tempo and overall flow of the orchestra with his physical presence. As the orchestra played on, the musicians constantly looked over their shoulder at the concertmaster, while he vigorously rocked back and forth to relay the necessary emotion of each phrase to the players.

This is not to say the entire orchestra was lacking in emotion during the evening. When the allegro molto movement of the Shostakovich began, the Academy rushed into action,

with every member playing furiously into their music stands. The combined effort was shocking to watch; it seemed as if the orchestra acted with a uniform mind, and Mr. Sillito acted as its master control. This was especially important for the final piece of the evening: the Tchaikovsky "Serenade," which contained several beautiful melodies, including the Russian anthem, which required the orchestra's complete concentration.

Mr. O'Riley's addition to the evening was wonderful. The audience saw two sides of his performance in each of the works he performed. He first came off as relaxed and controlled in the Mozart concerto. Much of the piece confined the piano to its upper-to-middle register, with effortless passages to which the orchestra would respond, sometimes in unison. This "back and forth" effect actually felt like one of the concert's more hollow points, as if the fusion of a string-only ensemble with a Mozart piano concerto had resulted in something missing.

Before performing the "Malediction" after intermission, Mr. O'Riley made a sly anecdote to the audience about how, in French, malediction meant "curse."

"But not in the way a rap artist or the Vice President of the United States might use it," O'Reilly said, getting a hearty roar from the audience.

When he sat at the piano, however, Mr. O'Riley's genial presence turned to commanding, as he delved into an

implausibly difficult piece. It was easily the most dramatic work of the evening, and Mr. O'Riley's wrists, thundering away at the keys and covering all registers of the piano, evoked memories of similarly complicated passages from Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 3."

Perhaps it would have been

better to place the Liszt at the end of the program and leave the audience with that thrilling feeling it had received by the work's end, while the warmth of the Tchaikovsky opened the second half of the concert. It matters little, though, compared to the fact that the audience witnessed world class performers bringing their gifts to a universi-

ty that simply cannot receive enough of this musical exposure-and to think, the university is still waiting for the arrival of the New York Philharmonic.

Hang on, everyone. The music has made its way to the Dome.

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer
Christopher O'Reilly and the Academy of Saint Martin in the Fields played an uncondacted concert with impressive dynamics and unity.

They've still got the blues

Legendary blues rockers the Fabulous Thunderbirds will play at Heartland in a benefit for the Center for the Homeless

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Scene Writer

On Friday night the Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and South Bend communities will have the opportunity to make a positive difference in hundreds of lives—simply by listening to blues rock at Heartland.

Award-winning band the Fabulous Thunderbirds will be playing a benefit concert for the Center for the Homeless, along with up and coming blues star Nick Curran and opening act Eddy "the Chief" Clearwater. All profits from the show will go to the Center, which successfully transitions homeless people into jobs and home ownership every year.

The band has been playing quintessential American music for the past 25 years, and the band's sound has evolved from its beginnings as straight blues into a blend that now includes more genres and has more energy.

Frontman and founder, Grammy-nominated Kim Wilson, is the only remaining member from the original lineup. The band achieved Billboard success in the 80s with hits like "Tuff Enough," "Wrap it Up" and "Stand Back." Wilson and the band have also

been nominated for several WC Handy Awards, and Wilson won in 2004 for best blues song of the year.

The Vegetable Buddies Nightclub, a legendary club that used to bring musical acts to South Bend, had the Fabulous Thunderbirds perform three times in the 70s and 80s. Shortly after, the band opened for a Rolling Stones tour.

Andy Panelli, a Notre Dame graduate who now promotes shows that contribute to worthy causes, is confident that the show will be worth attending.

"Members that will be playing are recognized as some of the world's great blues musicians in this rock band," Panelli said. "It's going to

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Andy Panelli
concert organizer



Blues rockers, the Fabulous Thunderbirds, will play at a benefit for the Center for the Homeless on Friday night. The group is famous for hits such as "Tuff Enough" and "Wrap It Up."



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be a tremendous night of blues and rock music over there. I would encourage everybody to come out and have a great time and do something good for a very worthy cause at the same time—it's going to be a great evening."

Adding to the talented lineup will be Nick Curran, who won the 2004 WC Handy Award for Best New Artist Debut. The young guitarist and vocalist incorporates R&B into his rock and blues music, interpreting classic songs as well as crafting his own. His albums "Doctor Velvet" and "Player!" have earned him national and international critical acclaim.

The musicians will be playing for more than the audience, in a way, as all proceeds will benefit the Center for the Homeless. The Center has had strong ties to the Notre Dame community since its inception. Founders Dave Link, former dean of the law school, and D'Arcy Chisholm approached University President Father Edward Malloy for help when they needed more funds to refurbish an abandoned men's department store.

Malloy went to the Board of Trustees and asked for a \$1 million to purchase and rehabilitate the building to begin the center—a brave move, since he was early in his tenure as president at the time.

"It has a full continuum of services for individuals and families to help break the cycle of homelessness, of addiction, of dependency," Lou Nanni, vice president for University Relations and former executive director of the center, said.

An example of services for children is the occupational therapy program that works with newborns. The center has the only full time Montessori program in a homeless center, and works with children ages 3 to 5 before kindergarten. It also works with the South Bend school system to help children once they begin school, attending to details like making sure they are picked up on the bus first and dropped off last so it is not obvious that they are homeless.

"For adults, there are emergency assistance, crisis management, life skills, job training and home ownership programs, and all services are located at the center," Nanni said.

Nanni stresses that the center is not only the best model in the country for helping individuals and families break the cycle of homelessness, but it also draws strength from its relationships with the university and the community. The concert Friday is one more chance for the center to benefit from these relationships, and

in turn continue its important work in South Bend.

The benefit concert will be Friday, Oct. 15 at Heartland, 222 South Michigan St. Tickets cost \$22 and are on sale at Heartland by calling 574-234-5200 or Ticketmaster at 574-272-7979. Tickets can also be purchased at the Web site, www.ticketmaster.com. The Vegetable Buddies production is only open to those 21 and older.

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NFL

Giants and Jets remain surprises in NFL this season

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Lost in the excitement of the latest renewal of the Yankees-Red Sox rivalry and the exploits of A-Rod, Jeter and Mariano is the other story quietly gaining momentum in the New York area.

It's the unexpected rise of the Jets and Giants, who together are providing two of the NFL's biggest surprises this season.

Also-rans a year ago with a combined 10 wins, the teams are off to great starts.

The Giants (4-1) are riding a four-game winning streak heading into a bye week under new, no-nonsense coach Tom Coughlin. Their only loss was to Philadelphia (4-0).

If Herm Edwards' Jets (4-0) beat San Francisco on Sunday at Giants Stadium, it will be a franchise-record best start.

"The thing you find out in this league is that one year doesn't determine what is going to happen the next year," said Giants quarterback Kurt Warner, the two-time MVP who has added another surprise with a career-reviving season.

While no one on either team is seriously considering an All-New York Super Bowl just yet, Giants running back Tiki Barber, who leads the NFL in rushing, let his mind wander for a split second.

"They'll have to move it here," Barber said of airlifting the title game from Jacksonville, Fla., to the Meadowlands in New Jersey.

"Most people in Florida are from New York and New Jersey anyway," Giants center Shaun O'Hara quipped.

Jokes aside, the early success of the Jets and Giants has common threads.

Both made significant player and coaching changes in the offseason. They also have stayed relatively healthy in a year where many contenders have been hurt by injuries. Somewhat easy schedules haven't hurt, either. The New York teams have won against opponents with a combined 10-27 record.

Coughlin has to get credit for the Giants' success. He restored order to a team that went 4-12 in 2003 by instituting a detail-oriented doctrine that demands accountability on and off the field. Mess up and your wallet is lighter.

Although that approach alienated many veterans, including Pro Bowl defensive end Michael Strahan, the positives are obvious. Mistakes are down and the players are showing a hunger again.

Tim Lewis' defense, which is confusing opposing offenses by mixing 4-3 and 3-4 formations, leads the league with a plus-11 turnover differential. Warner and the offense are showing flashes of the explosiveness that made the Giants a threat late in the 2002 season.

"We had 13 starters missing last season," Giants receiver Amani Toomer said. "You look at every team in the league, if everything goes right and



New York Jets cornerback Terrell Buckley comes down with an interception between Buffalo wide receivers Bobby Shaw, right, and Eric Moulds to end the game last Sunday.

everyone plays well, you're going to win games."

Even in games in which they haven't played well, the Giants have found a way to win, or gotten lucky, such as when Brett Favre missed most of the second half with a concussion in a 14-7 win at Green Bay.

The injuries also haven't hurt as much this year. When veteran safety Shaun Williams was lost with a knee injury, rookie Gibril Wilson stepped in and played well.

"This is a great start," safety Brent Alexander said. "It doesn't determine where you finish, but it's a step in the right direction to get to where we want to go."

At this time last year, the Jets were off to an 0-4 start, and they finished 6-10.

The Giants had something to do with that. The Jets lost Chad Pennington for the first six games of the season when the quarterback broke a wrist in a preseason game against them.

During the offseason, the Jets upgraded their linebackers, signed another quality receiver in Justin McCareins and hired an aggressive new defensive coordinator in Donnie Henderson. All have contributed to 4-0, along with a healthy Pennington and reenergized Curtis Martin, who is off to the best start of his 10-year career with 502 yards and

four touchdowns.

Now with another win, the Jets would accomplish something that even Joe Namath failed to provide in the glory days.

"Yeah it would be great, but it doesn't put a ring on our finger," said receiver Wayne Chrebet, who was with the Jets' the only other time they started 4-0, in 2000. "To me, it is not all that exciting. Double digits and 0_ then I will be excited."

But players are happy for fans in New York, who get to watch two winning teams after sitting through the misery of last season. Defensive end John Abraham is not surprised both teams are doing so well.

NBA

Crawford scored 19 points in Knicks 92-84 win over Nets

Associated Press

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — Jamal Crawford had 19 points, and the New York Knicks scored the first 21 of the fourth quarter to defeat the New Jersey Nets 92-84 Thursday night in the exhibition opener for both.

Making his Knicks debut after being acquired from the Chicago Bulls in an offseason trade, Crawford hit two 3-pointers in

the game's opening moments and another in the fourth quarter as New York turned a 74-63 deficit after three periods into a 85-74 lead with 3:11 left.

Vin Baker and Michael Sweetney keyed the run for the Knicks. Baker scored seven points, including a layup with 7:30 left that gave the Knicks a 76-74 lead. Sweetney made five of six free throws and found an open Baker to assist on the go-

ahead basket.

The Nets didn't score a fourth-quarter point until rookie guard Alex Scales hit a free throw with 3:11 left, and New Jersey didn't make a basket until rookie forward Darius Rice hit an 18-foot jump shot with 1:28 to go.

Led by nine points from Richard Jefferson, the Nets took control in the third quarter, taking a 74-63 lead after the game was tied 47 at halftime.

Jefferson, who led the Nets with 18 points, turned in two high-light-reel plays during the quarter.

First, he finished off an alley-oop pass from Zoran Planinic with a reverse dunk to put the Nets up 57-51 with 8:35 left. Later, he took a no-look pass from Jacques Vaughn, made a layup while being fouled and hit the ensuing free throw to put the Nets up 67-57 with 3:53 to

go.

Forward Brian Scalabrine added 10 points for the Nets.

Kurt Thomas had 14 points for the Knicks.

Rookie guard Trevor Ariza added 12 points, including eight in the fourth quarter.

Knicks forward Tim Thomas and Nets center Jason Collins were in the starting lineup, but the discord between them showed no signs of flaring up.

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NFL

Raiders must stop the run against AFC rival Broncos

Oakland has allowed a league-worst 156.9 yards per game

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Raiders realize another bad day by their run defense won't cut it against the Denver Broncos.

One of Oakland's top priorities in the offseason was to upgrade a unit that allowed a league-worst 156.9 yards per game on the ground.

So far, it's been a work-in-progress mastering defensive coordinator Rob Ryan's new 3-4 scheme.

The next test will come Sunday, when the Raiders host their AFC West rivals in Oakland's first game against a divisional opponent.

"There's no question, in our division we're going to have to stop the run to play," coach Norv Turner said. "We know the things we have to handle with Denver. We have to stop the run. Certainly they're very mobile at quarterback and do a lot of things with misdirection, bootlegs, reverses, fake reverses, those types of things. We're going to have to have a plan to handle that."

It will be tough, because the Broncos always seem to get a big performance from one of their backs.

Denver coach Mike Shanahan doesn't have a simple answer as to how he's been able to get so much out of his running backs year after year.

Reuben Droughns went off for 193 yards — the ninth-highest one-game total in Denver's regular-season history — in a 20-17 win over Carolina last Sunday. This week, it could be someone else to emerge.

"It's a combination of everybody," Shanahan said. "To get close to a couple hundred yards, you've got to have everybody play good."

The Raiders gave up 312 yards rushing over the last two weeks, including a career-high 105 yards by Houston's Jonathan Wells, then 136 to Edgerrin James in a 35-14 loss to the Colts last week for Oakland's 12th straight road defeat.

Denver (4-1) has already run for 656 yards, and the Broncos also have Tatum Bell and Garrison Hearst healthy and ready as options this week.

"It doesn't matter [who]. They just do what they do best," Raiders defensive end Bobby Hamilton said. "We know up front we've got to play ball this week."

They've got to be smart, too.

The Raiders (2-3) have already been penalized 48 times for 335 yards, and they aren't taking care of the ball well, either. Oakland has lost five of its 10 fumbles and thrown nine interceptions, seven by Kerry Collins in the past 2 1/2 games.

In two games against the Broncos last season, Oakland committed 13 penalties for 98 yards.

The Raiders were flagged 11 times for 89 yards in a 22-8 loss to Denver at home last Nov. 30, prompting former coach Bill Callahan to call the Raiders "the dumbest team in America."

"We just have to be sound in the things we're doing," Turner said.

The Broncos acquired Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey in an offseason trade with Washington, signing him to a seven-year, \$63 million contract to be their shutdown cornerback.

That should make for a challenging day for the Raiders' young receiving corps, which seems to feature a new face in the primary role every week.

Turner coached Bailey for

two seasons with the Redskins. The coach said both Bailey and four-time Pro Bowler Charles Woodson of the Raiders are great athletes, but with different styles.

They both like their money, though.

Woodson, the Raiders' franchise player in his seventh pro season, has said he wants to be the highest-paid cornerback in the league.

He held out for four months hoping for a long-term contract, but finally signed the

team's one-year tender of \$8.782 million Aug. 31.

"I mean, why wouldn't he think that?" Bailey said. "He's had a great career so far. He's got every right to think that. Of course, I think that about myself. And if you want to get that top-paid corner spot, you definitely have to feel like it, or promote yourself like you are, and play like it. I feel like I'm worth what I'm making, and that's good enough for me."

Turner is sticking with Collins at quarterback despite his

struggles. The coach faced questions this week about giving backup Marques Tuiasosopo an opportunity.

"Each week I feel more and more comfortable with what we're doing," Collins said. "I've just got to make some better decisions, and I will. Like I said, each week that I'm out here I'm really concentrating hard in practice and getting to the point where I feel comfortable going into games. I know it's going to get better for all us."

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LPGA

Park holds a two-stroke lead in Samsung Championship

Her score was the lowest in tourney's 24-year history

Associated Press

PALM DESERT, Calif. — Grace Park capped an almost flawless round by rolling in a 25-foot birdie putt for a 10-under 62 Thursday that gave her a two-stroke lead after the first round of the Samsung World Championship.

Park, looking frustrated moments earlier when her wedge shot missed the 18th green, beamed and waved to acknowledge the applause after her snaking, perfectly paced putt from the fringe dropped into the cup.

Scores were low on the opening day of the tournament, with Park's the best in the tournament's 24-year history. The event is being played for the first time at Bighorn Golf

Club, the 13th course used for the tournament.

Sixteen of the 20 players in the field broke par.

Catriona Matthew had a 64, while three-time champion Annika Sorenstam was tied at 66 with defending champion Sophie Gustafson, Lorena Ochoa and Cristie Kerr.

Amateur Michelle Wie, who turned 15 on Monday, played with Sorenstam and shot a 74. She had a triple-bogey 8 on No. 12 when she hit into the desert shrubs along the fairway.

Park was still beaming 20 minutes after she finished her round, which included one bogey, an eagle and nine birdies.

"I'm extremely thrilled. It's my first time shooting 10 under, so I'm happy. Today was just an unbelievable day," said Park, who had a 61 earlier this year on a par-70 course in the tournament in Tucson, Ariz.

Park won her first major title, the Kraft Nabisco, earlier

this year in nearby Rancho Mirage.

"I'm a desert kind of girl, I guess," she said, laughing.

She made an 18-foot birdie putt on No. 2, made two more birdies with a 15-footer on 4 and a 10-footer on 5 before three-putting the par-3 6th for the bogey.

She had six more birdies and made a 2-foot eagle putt on No. 12.

Then she finished the round off in style.

"I had a horrible second shot [to the fringe on 18] and I was thinking I could two-putt. I would have been happy to finish 9 under," Park said. "But I got a big bonus there."

Wie lamented her bad drive on 12.

"One swing. I was hitting the ball fine until that one shot," she said.

Wie said she was trying to stay focused on her game, but that she also was watching Sorenstam.



Grace Park waves to the crowd after sinking a 25-foot putt on the 18th green during the Samsung World Championship.

NFL

Colts spend bye week trying to diversify offense



Indianapolis wide receiver Brandon Stokley runs past Oakland defensive back Phillip Buchanon last Sunday.

Indy leads the AFC in yards and the NFL in points scored

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — By almost any measure the Indianapolis Colts have the AFC's most dangerous offense.

They lead the conference in yards and the NFL in points. They have the AFC's top-rated quarterback, the conference's No. 2 runner and three receivers ranked among the top 11 in receptions.

Peyton Manning still believes they're improving.

"We'd love to have no turnovers, but we want to kind of build on what we've started," said Manning, last year's co-MVP.

Indianapolis (4-1) has spent the bye week refining some of the few kinks Manning has diagnosed before Jacksonville (3-2) visits next week in a game that could give the Colts a substantial edge in the AFC South race. The Colts already hold a one-game lead on Jacksonville and have

beaten Tennessee and the Jaguars on the road.

Five games into the season, the question is how much better can the offense can be?

Edgerrin James has looked less like a man coming back from a torn anterior cruciate ligament and more like the runner who captured NFL rushing titles in 1999 and 2000.

Brandon Stokley and Reggie Wayne have become two of Manning's top targets, and although Marvin Harrison hasn't been getting as many balls thrown in his direction, he's still catching enough to top 90 receptions at this pace.

Stokley's 25 catches already are a career high and all three receivers are on pace to top 1,000 yards.

Around the locker room, nobody is complaining.

"As a whole, I think we're doing extremely well," Harrison said. "I'm happy to be in the situation we're in."

On the field, the Colts might be tougher than advertised.

When opponents double-team Harrison, Manning has routinely hooked up with Wayne and

Stokley for big plays. When defenses play man-to-man coverage, Manning has been content handing off to James.

The result is the Colts have scored no fewer than 24 points in a game, have topped the 30-point mark twice and 40 once.

For coach Tony Dungy, who came to Indianapolis three years ago with a reputation for creating stout defenses, this is the offense he's always envisioned.

"We've been able to play all types of games and we're playing with patience," he said. "Even though we're playing with more patience, we're scoring more points. This is probably the best we've played [on offense] since I've been here."

But there are a few areas Manning, a perfectionist, believes could use work.

He entered the season with a goal of completing 70 percent of his passes. He's at 66.2 percent. The Colts have scored 15 touchdowns and two field goals on 20 trips inside the red zone, and Manning thinks they can become more proficient.

The Colts have converted a conference-high 49.0 percent of third-down conversions, a number Manning hopes to increase.

And although nine of 16 AFC teams have committed more turnovers than the Colts (six), Manning and the offense believe reducing that number will increase their overall output.

"The key is not to say how many points or yards you have, the most important thing is how many times you turn the ball over," Harrison said. "I think that's the league's mind-set and that's Tony's philosophy."

The warning for opponents is that the Colts are only getting started.

Tight end Marcus Pollard has been slowed by a bruised left knee and tight end Dallas Clark has just two catches. Running back Dominic Rhodes has just started to emerge as another dangerous runner, and wide receiver Troy Walters hasn't played since breaking his right arm in the second preseason game.

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AROUND THE NATION

NCAA Football AP Top 25

	team	record	points
1	USC (41)	5-0	1,601
2	Oklahoma (23)	5-0	1,582
3	Miami	4-0	1,464
4	Auburn	6-0	1,450
5	Purdue	5-0	1,241
6	Virginia	5-0	1,219
7	Florida State	4-1	1,188
8	California	3-1	1,094
9	Texas	4-1	1,010
10	Wisconsin	6-0	993
11	Utah	5-0	979
12	Georgia	4-1	963
13	Tennessee	4-1	947
14	Michigan	5-1	813
15	Arizona State	5-0	631
16	Oklahoma State	5-0	590
17	West Virginia	4-1	574
18	Louisville	4-0	546
19	Minnesota	5-1	482
20	LSU	4-2	450
21	Boise State	5-0	413
22	Florida	3-2	342
23	Texas A&M	4-1	106
24	Southern Miss	4-0	97
25	Ohio State	3-2	90

NCAA Football Coaches Poll

	team	record	points
1	USC (45)	5-0	1,509
2	Oklahoma (15)	5-0	1,476
3	Miami (1)	4-0	1,398
4	Auburn	6-0	1,341
5	Purdue	5-0	1,160
6	Virginia	5-0	1,142
7	Florida State	4-1	1,135
8	Georgia	4-1	978
9	California	3-1	942
10	Utah	5-0	931
11	Texas	4-1	911
12	Wisconsin	6-0	881
13	Michigan	5-1	862
14	Tennessee	4-1	732
15	Oklahoma State	5-0	570
16	West Virginia	4-1	530
17	Louisville	4-0	512
18	Boise State	5-0	498
19	Arizona State	5-0	486
20	Minnesota	5-1	423
21	LSU	4-2	405
22	Florida	3-2	299
23	Ohio State	3-2	157
24	Missouri	4-1	99
25	Southern Miss	4-0	88

Women's Volleyball Top 15

	team	record	points
1	Washington (63)	13-0	1,623
2	Minnesota	16-2	1,496
3	Hawaii (2)	14-0	1,475
4	Nebraska	13-1	1,411
5	Penn State	14-1	1,324
6	USC	9-3	1,288
7	Colorado State	13-1	1,219
8	Ohio State	16-0	1,208
9	Texas	15-0	1,111
10	Florida	14-2	1,102
11	UCLA	11-4	923
12	Stanford	11-4	870
13	California	8-6	761
14	St. Mary's (Calif.)	15-1	661
15	Santa Clara	11-3	634

MLB



Cardinals' Albert Pujols points to the dugout after breaking a 4-4 tie in the eighth inning of Game 2 last night. With the win, the Cardinals took a 2-0 series lead. AP

Cardinals rain on Astros' early hit parade

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Rain or shine, the St. Louis Cardinals' big bats always seem to come through in the end.

Albert Pujols led off the eighth inning with a tiebreaking home run, Scott Rolen followed with his second homer of the game and the Cardinals stormed back to beat Houston 6-4 on a miserable Thursday night for a 2-0 lead in the NL championship series.

The weather was awful all evening, with drizzle delaying the start for almost a half-hour and the rain lasting through the final pitch. By the time it

was over, with temperatures falling into the mid-40s, no one in the sellout crowd at Busch Stadium was complaining.

Pujols and Rolen connected for the first consecutive home runs in the Cardinals' long, proud postseason history. Larry Walker also homered, enough to offset yet another shot by Carlos Beltran and a homer by Morgan Ensberg for the Astros.

Now, the series shifts to Minute Maid Park for Game 3 on Saturday, with Roger Clemens set to start for Houston against Jeff Suppan. If the Rocket can pull the Astros close, then 20-game winner Roy Oswalt will have a chance

to even it in Game 4.

Still, the Cardinals hold a commanding edge.

Of 61 clubs that have fallen behind 0-2 in a best-of-seven postseason baseball series, only 12 have come back to win.

Julian Tavarez got the victory in relief. Jason Istringhausen worked around two walks in the ninth, getting Ensberg on a long fly out to finish for his second save of the NLCS.

Dan Miceli took the loss as the Astros' bullpen continued to falter. He took over to begin the eighth and gave up home runs to the first two batters he faced.

Rolen, nursing a strained left calf, was 0-for-14 in the

postseason before hitting an RBI single in Game 1.

He showed no ill effects in Game 2, as he, Rolen and Walker hit two-run homers that put St. Louis ahead 4-3 in the fifth. Rolen was the first batter Chad Harville faced after he relieved journeyman starter Pete Munro.

Beltran's sixth homer of the postseason helped the Astros to a 3-0 lead off Matt Morris.

Houston later made it 4-all in the seventh when Lance Berkman doubled, stole third and scored when Ensberg grounded a single past the drawn-in infield. The tying hit off Kiko Calero came against an especially odd backdrop.

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IN BRIEF

Woods' yacht detained by Coast Guard in Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Tiger Woods and his bride were briefly detained Thursday by U.S. Coast Guard officers on their yacht Privacy, then were turned away from San Juan's port because they had failed to notify authorities of their arrival.

Since July 1, new security regulations require many boats to submit an arrival notice at least four days before entering a U.S. port, Coast Guard spokesman Lt. Eric Willis said.

The 28-year-old golfer and Swedish model Elin Nordegren, 24, were married Oct. 5 at a luxury resort in Barbados and later set out on the Privacy, along with a crew.

The yacht entered San Juan's port at about noon Thursday and a Coast Guard boat stopped it, Willis said. Five Coast Guard officers boarded the yacht and escorted it to port, he said.

"They were not supposed to be here because they didn't notify us,"

Willis said.

The captain said he decided to stop in San Juan only to refuel, Willis said. The Privacy was allowed to refuel as immigration authorities spoke with those aboard, including the newlyweds.

Davenport regains top world ranking

MOSCOW — American Lindsay Davenport regained the No. 1 ranking for the first time since early 2002 by defeating Dinara Safina of Russia 6-4, 6-2 in the second round of the Kremlin Cup on Thursday.

Davenport officially will overtake France's Amelie Mauresmo next week to move atop the WTA rankings for the fifth time. She trailed Mauresmo by just 15 points, 4,395 to 4,380, after winning the Porsche Grand Prix in Filderstadt, Germany, on Sunday.

"I'm amazed that I was able to get back to No. 1 after a tough couple of years," said Davenport, who has

struggled with assorted injuries since last being at the top on Jan. 13, 2002. She also had brief stays at No. 1 in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

PGA rookie Dufner leads after one round at Chrysler

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Jason Dufner pointed to last week as evidence anything can happen on the PGA Tour. He hopes to prove it again.

Mired in an awful rookie season, Dufner shot a 7-under 65 Thursday to match his best round of the year and take a one-shot lead after the first round of the Chrysler Classic of Greensboro. He has missed the cut in 15 of 26 tournaments, and with only two events left, he's 186th on the money list.

Only the top 125 are guaranteed a spot for 2005.

"It's been a tough year," he said. "I haven't played that bad for the year, but it's just not working out. I really need top fives or better to secure my card for next year."

SMC SOCCER

Belles hope to extend their home win streak

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

Like most of the students heading out for fall break, the Belles couldn't be happier to be returning home.

After an excruciating loss to Kalamazoo on Wednesday off a last-second penalty kick, the Belles will look to rebound Saturday when they take on Alma at home, where Saint Mary's holds a 5-0 record this year.

"Alma is a strong team, so we'll be looking to bring our best game against them," senior captain Jen Herdman said. "We're going to come out strong, and focus on playing as a team. It should be quite a game."

The Belles tied Alma 1-1 in their first meeting this year, but will need to finish their opportunities against Kalamazoo if they wish to bring home a victory this time. "The loss to Kalamazoo was tough, and hard on the team; we're a very close team, thought, so we bounce back strong," Herdman said. "We're not going to let it get us down. We're just going to take it one game at a time; we've put it behind us, and we're looking forward to the games we have left to play."

Although the Belles were close the entire game, the Kalamazoo game still represents an opportunity missed.

"The loss to Kalamazoo was unfortunate," sophomore Ashley Hinton said. "We had our opportunities to put the ball in the back of the net, and

we just weren't able to capitalize on them."

Wednesday's adds another chapter to the story of the Belles' woes on the road this year.

"It was a tough game, and everyone played well, but the ball just didn't fall our way," Herdman said. "Don't get me wrong, Kalamazoo is a good team, but they got a great break to get a penalty kick in the final 30 seconds. We played strong defense, and it was a 50-50 battle throughout the game, but luck just wasn't with us in the end."

The Belles will look for a big advantage from the return to their home field. "We seem to be playing better on our home field, so we're really excited to play at home," Hinton said. "We still need to get our act together on the road as well, though."

Despite the loss to Kalamazoo, which dropped the Belles down to third in the conference standings, Saint Mary's remains optimistic in its hopes for a MIAA title.

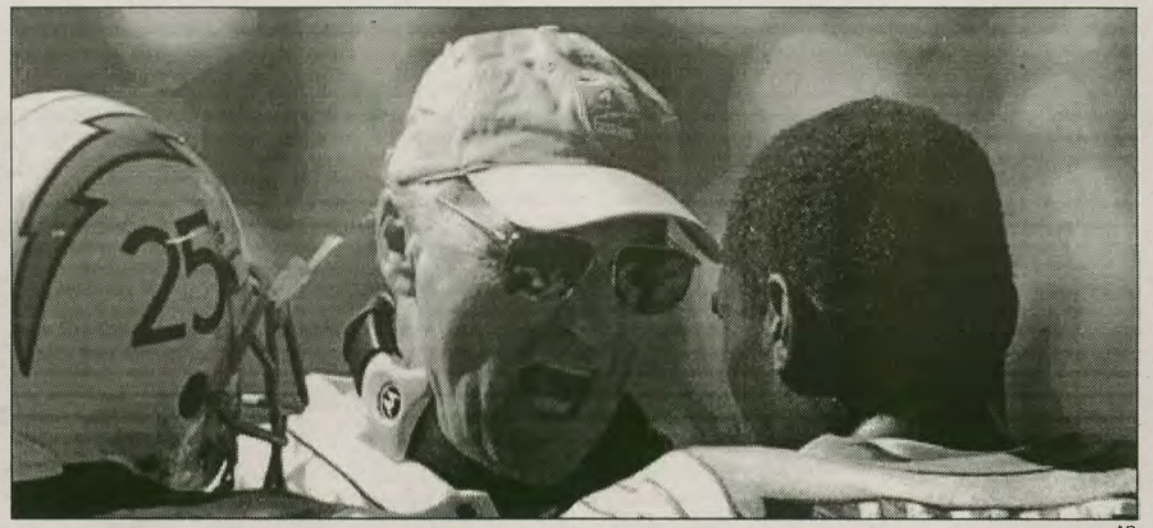
"This conference isn't a typical conference; no team dominates, and anything can happen," Herdman said. "The great thing about soccer is, on any given day, any team can beat anyone. If we play the game we're capable of, we can definitely have a shot at conference."

With the season winding down, the Belles will have to play their best soccer to win their conference.

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NFL

'The Trade' leaves teams optimistic



Chargers coach Marty Schottenheimer gets his message across to defensive backs Quentin Jammer, right, and Jamar Fletcher last Sunday. The Chargers defeated the Jaguars 34-21.

Chargers remain only one game off the lead in the AFC West

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Three years after The Trade, neither team has any complaints.

The Atlanta Falcons got Michael Vick, who quickly led them to the playoffs and became an icon for the NFL with his dazzling skills.

The San Diego Chargers wound up with LaDainian Tomlinson and Drew Brees, along with Reche Caldwell and Tim Dwight. Not too shabby, either.

"Let bygones be bygones," Vick said. "It worked out for both teams. They have a great running back and a good quarterback in Drew Brees, who's playing real well right now. And I think the Falcons got what they wanted."

On Sunday, the teams meet

for the first time since their blockbuster trade. The Falcons (4-1) are trying to bounce back from their first loss of the season, while San Diego (3-2) is just one game off the lead in the AFC West.

Rest assured, someone involved in that 2001 deal will play a key role.

"I'd say both teams prospered quite well from the trade," Chargers coach Marty Schottenheimer said.

Atlanta set its sights on Vick after he put in two spectacular seasons at Virginia Tech, then entered the NFL draft.

The Falcons were set to pick fifth, too far down to get one of the best college players to come along in years. So they called up the Chargers, who had the first overall selection, but were bogged down trying to agree on a contract with Vick's agent.

When the Falcons offered an attractive package of three picks and receiver-return spe-

cialist Dwight, the Chargers accepted on the eve of the draft.

The rest, as they say, is history.

Vick spent one season as a backup, then took over the starting job in 2002. He guided the Falcons to the playoffs, was voted to the Pro Bowl and set an NFL record for quarterbacks by rushing for 173 yards in a game.

With the picks acquired from the Falcons, the Chargers got Tomlinson, Caldwell and cornerback Tay Cody. After passing up Vick, they also used one of their own picks to take Brees, forever linking him to the trade.

Cody started 11 games before he was cut last year. Everyone else acquired by the Chargers is still contributing, no one more than Tomlinson.

He rushed for more than 1,200 yards as a rookie, then topped 1,600 yards each of the last two seasons.

NBA

Ming leads Rockets over Kings in 88-86 win in China

Center had 14 points and seven rebounds

Associated Press

SHANGHAI, China — Yao Ming was the star in the NBA's first China game, scoring 14 points and grabbing seven rebounds to lead the Houston Rockets past the Sacramento Kings 88-86 Thursday.

There was a capacity crowd on hand at Shanghai's city gymnasium to cheer the 7-foot-6 center, whose return has dominated headlines in his hometown. The crowd chanted Yao's name repeatedly — even when he wasn't on the court.

However, he missed his first two shots and was shaky defensively at the start.

"I didn't play a great game. I was really nervous in the first half. It was almost like the feeling I had playing in my first NBA game," Yao said. "I felt suffocated and I just wanted to find an exit, but I just tried to focus on technical details and then things settled down."

His first points came on a dunk 7 minutes into the game, and he brought the fans to their feet when he scored on an alley-oop pass from Tracy McGrady in the second quarter.

Brad Miller led the Kings with 19 points, but the game was clearly a showcase for Yao.

He was even tough on Liu Wei, his teammate on the Chinese Olympic team who was invited to Kings camp in July.

Liu made his Sacramento debut early in the second quar-

ter, making a jumper moments after. But Yao fouled Liu with about two minutes left in the half, sending his former teammate to the floor. When Liu looked for some help in getting up, Yao stood still, his hands on his hips.

Still, he was gracious to Liu after the game.

"He played very well and his performance was really up to his usual high standards," Yao said.

Chris Webber scored 14 points for Sacramento, including a half-court buzzer beater that gave the Kings a 72-67 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

McGrady had 12 points, seven rebounds and three assists for Houston. Still, Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy is looking for more out of both McGrady and Yao.

"I don't think either one played as well as they could have tonight," Van Gundy said. "But I think they'll have very good seasons, both individually and together."


Sacramento led by as many as nine points in the final quarter before the Rockets came back. With the crowd chanting "Yao Ming! Yao Ming!" Houston clinched the win with two free throws by Tyrone Lue.



Yao Ming of the Houston Rockets, greets fans before the NBA pre-season game between Houston and Sacramento on Thursday.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish set to compete in invite

After a two-week respite, golfers take the road for Lady Razorback invite

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

The Irish return to action Sunday after a two week break, playing in the Lady Razorback Invitational in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

This event, hosted by the University of Arkansas, will run between Sunday and Tuesday. The Irish are hoping this break will not affect the momentum they have accumulated in recent weeks. The team is coming off of two straight wins against strong competition, dominating at both the Shootout at Legends and the Jeannine McHaney Invitational/Central Regional Preview.

Despite the potential drawbacks that come with a break from competition, head coach Debby King welcomed the break.

"I think it's good in one respect, because it gives [the team] a chance to take a little breather and catch up on some school work,"

she said. "It keeps you from getting burned out and keeps you hungry."

The team will have to rely on that hunger for competition and good play to continue their streak, as they face another challenging field. The Irish will face three teams ranked ahead of them in the 18-team field — Michigan, Missouri and host Arkansas.

However, because of recent success, the team's mindset going into events like this is beginning to change.

"I'm getting a different perspective as a coach," King said. "Normally, I would be happy with a top-5 finish, but then you look at the teams ranked ahead of us and we've beaten them already. We think we can go in and win again."

Leading the effort for a third straight victory will be junior co-captain Katie Brophy. Brophy has been a leader both on and off the course this year, and has performed exceptionally well in the last two weeks. After winning the Central Regional Preview, she fin-

ished the Shootout at Legends in an 8th place tie.

Joining her will be sophomore Noriko Nakazaki and senior Karen Lotta. Nakazaki has been a staple in the Irish lineup, and Lotta has performed well for the Irish when she has competed.

Rounding out the contingent will be junior Sarah Bassett and freshman Jane Lee. Lee has already made a considerable impact on the team in her rookie year, and Bassett is competing in her first event after a strong week of qualifying.

Over the break, the Irish spent lots of time on qualifying, in part to simulate competitive play. They have also worked extensively on the mental aspects of the game as a kind of insurance for the upcoming competition.

"We've been practicing with every club, and trying to get everyone to practice like the way they play," King said.

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Irish coach

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles face Adrian in season-defining game

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Belles upcoming match this Sunday can either make or break their season.

The Belles will travel to Michigan to take on conference rival Adrian College who is currently 5-6 in the league. The Bulldogs are currently in fourth place in the MIAA, while the Belles stand in seventh with a 5-7 record.

However, only one game separates fourth to seventh place in the division and with the season coming to an end, the Belles are hoping to take advantage.

The Bulldogs defeated the Belles in their match-up earlier this season. Saint Mary's defeated Adrian in the first game, only to lose the following three consecutive games. During the contest, Elise Rupright had one of her best games this year as she registered 14 kills on offense. Michelle

Gary and Amanda David gave the Bulldog's offense headaches as both collected 17 digs apiece in the match.

Rupright has consistently contributed to Saint Mary's this season. The senior captain has totaled 101 kills on offense and is among the team leaders in attack percentage. She has also played a valuable role on defense with 40 blocks.

One positive factor for the Belles is Adrian's recent slump. Over the course of their last 10 games, the Bulldogs have only won three games and are 1-5 against conference opponents. Fortunately for Saint Mary's, the Belles have improved since the first meeting by going 4-2 against MIAA teams.

This game will be the fourth away game in a row for the Belles in the past two weeks. They have gone 1-2 in the first three games, but have played consistently against strong opponents in the losses.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Thompsons live their dreams at ITA Championships

Twins became the first Irish team ever to reach the finals of a grand slam event

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Make no mistake — sophomores Catrina and Christian Thompson are doers, not dreamers.

While doubles teams across the country aspire to compete in the championship tournaments, the No. 7 Thompsons are living their dreams.

The twins recently enjoyed their share of success at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Women's All-American Championships last weekend. The duo was the first Irish team ever to reach the doubles final of a grand slam event.

En route to the finals, the Thompsons upset the No. 6, No. 1 and No. 11 teams. Although they fell just short of a grand slam championship title, the twins secured a place in the National Intercollegiate Indoor Doubles Championships Nov. 4 and 5.

"It was really disappointing losing," Catrina Thompson said. "It bugged me all week. But we know we'll have another opportunity to win and prove ourselves."

In the days leading up to the finals, the pair proved that with a little confidence, there isn't anyone they can't beat—including the country's top ranked team.

University of Alabama's No. 6 Ashley Bentley and Robin Stephenson — who are ranked Nos. 49 and 16 in singles, respectively — were the first challenge for the Thompsons. After the

twins trailed 4-3, Christian Thompson spearheaded the team's comeback, not missing a first serve in six attempts to even the score and jumpstart a scoring run. Bentley and Stephenson, who were undefeated this season, fell 8-4 to the twins.

The next day, the Thompsons overpowered University of Arizona's No. 1 Dianne Hollands and Maja Mlakar in a tight 8-6 victory. After trailing 5-3, Hollands and Mlakar refused to surrender a set, tying the score at 6-6. However, their efforts proved to be futile as the Irish rallied and secured the victory as they broke Arizona's serve.

Coach Jay Louderback attributes the twins' complimentary playing style for their upset against Arizona.

"Catrina has really improved her serve and hits the ball with a

lot of speed and pace. She's becoming a weapon for the team," Louderback said. "And Christian has been a really consistent player. She's getting better at finishing off the point instead of keeping the ball in volley."

Showcasing their strengths against University of New Mexico's No. 11 Maja Kovacek and Iva Gersic, the Thompsons collected their third win of the tournament 9-8 (7-5) in a closely contested match.

"Every point was a great point," Louderback said. It was fun to see them play some of the top players in the country. They look forward to playing the best players they can."

University of Florida's Whitney Benik and Lolita Frangulyan handed the Thompsons their only loss of the tournament in the finals 8-3. Christian Thompson

said that the prestige of the title match — and the pressure that came with it — ultimately proved to be the twins' Achilles heel.

"When you get nervous, you don't move your feet as well," Christian Thompson said. "A win would've been sweeter at the tournament, but that match helped us realize what we need to improve on."

Catrina Thompson agreed. "It was just mentally frustrating because we had opportunities to get back into it, but we didn't capitalize," Catrina Thompson said. "It was hard not winning because

they had all of the trophies out before the match. We really wanted a gold one instead of silver."

Despite the loss, Louderback praised the twins' performance, describing the tournament as a starting point for the season.

"They will probably be ranked very high this season because of their play in the All-American tournament," Louderback said. "They will have to keep that high level of play because everyone will be out to beat them."

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish compete in pre-NCAA championships

Runners look to see how they compare to their competitors

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame's nationally ranked men's and women's cross country teams will travel to the campus of Indiana State University to take part in the pre-NCAA championships this Saturday, Oct. 16. Several of the nation's top teams are looking to see where they stack up against each other at the site of the 2004 NCAA championship to be held Monday, Nov. 22. The sixth-ranked Irish women take to the course at 11:35 a.m., while the No. 9 men hit the path at 12:50 p.m. This meet provides a great opportunity for runners to earn at-large points, which are critical for qualifying for the NCAAs if they do not place as an automatic qualifier.

The Teams

On the women's side, 23 of the teams are ranked in the top-30 of the latest FinishLynx.com poll, including eight in the top-10. Joining Notre Dame in the top-10 are the No. 1 ranked Stanford Cardinal, Michigan (3), Colorado (4), Arizona State (7), North Carolina (8), Tennessee (9), and Missouri (10). Fellow BIG EAST members, Villanova (12) and Georgetown (28), will also take to the course alongside the Irish.

The men's field features 24

of the top-30 in the latest MONDO poll and as was the case with the women, eight of the top-10 will be on hand. Stanford (2), Iona (4), Michigan (5), Colorado (6), Georgetown (7), North Carolina State (8), and Butler (10) join the ninth-ranked Fighting Irish in what ought to be a highly competitive race. Villanova also cracked the ranks in the men's poll at 12th.

The Lineups

The Notre Dame women will be running at full-strength for the first time all season. Junior Molly Huddle (Elmira, N.Y./Notre Dame) headlines a group of runners that includes senior Lauren King (Toronto, Ontario/Lawrence Park Coll. Inst.), who is running her first race of the 2004 campaign. Huddle placed 10th at the 2003 pre-nationals and King collected a top-20 finish, as she placed 19th. Senior Kerry Meagher (Allentown, Pa./Allentown Central Catholic) looks to repeat her success of a season ago when she finished 12th overall for the Irish, who placed third out of 32 teams. Stephanie Madia (Wexford, Pa./North Allegheny), a winner earlier this year at the National Catholic Invitational, freshman Sunni Olding (Minster, Ohio/Minster), junior Jean Marinangeli (Arlington Heights, Ill./Buffalo Grove), and junior Elizabeth Webster (Dearborn, Mich./Divine Child) round out the runners for Notre Dame.



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Notre Dame leads the pack of runners at a cross country meet earlier this season.



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"RecSports told us that if we tied O'Neill, we'd get the fourth playoff spot," Griffin captain Vin Monaco said.

Instead, the Griffins were informed after the game that their season is finished and the Morrissey Manorites will be playing the Knights after fall break.

As for the game itself, O'Neill opened the scoring with a 50-yard interception return for a touchdown, first points of any kind scored on Stanford since their first game of the season.

The resulting two-point conversion was controversial, however.

"None of the refs signaled that they got it in," Monaco said. "Until halfway through the third quarter we thought it was 8-6 us. Then they told us it had counted."

Stanford then mounted a long drive behind its suddenly powerful running game, which accounted for 101 yards on the night.

Part of the improvement in the running game was credited to fullback Eddie Medick, who started the season on the defensive line but was placed on the offensive side of the ball last week against Morrissey.

The march was halted, however, by an interception at the Angry Mob six-yard line.

The next play, O'Neill tried to run a reverse pass, but the play broke down and resulted in a safety.

Stanford then proceeded to push the ball 50-yards in 10 plays to tie the game.

Once O'Neill regained possession of the ball, their next drive moved quickly, aided by an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against Stanford fan Trinidad Arredando. He threw a football onto the field and hit O'Neill quarterback Matt Hughie in the back. However, the Mob's hopes were dashed by another interception.

After the half, both teams played conservatively, especially Stanford, since the Griffins thought a tie was all they needed. A last ditch pass by O'Neill was completed but came up well short of the goal line.

Dillon 6, Alumni 6

After a bitter, hard-fought contest, bragging rights have yet to be assigned in one of the biggest rivalries on campus.

Meeting in the last regular season game of the year, Dillon (2-0-2) met Alumni (2-1-1) Thursday night in a nail-biter, which ended in a 6-6 tie.

"In this kind of game, the winning team is usually the one who wants it more. In this

Rank	Team	Record	Previous Rank
1.	Cavanaugh	5-0-1	2
2.	Welsh Family	4-0-2	1
3.	Walsh	4-0-2	3
4.	Pangborn	4-1-1	6
5.	Pasquerilla West	3-1-2	8
6.	Lyons	3-1-1	7
7.	Breen-Phillips	3-2-1	5
8.	Badin	3-3	4
9.	Lewis	2-2-2	10
10.	McGlinn	2-4	9
11.	Howard	1-4-1	12
12.	Farley	1-5	11
13.	Off-Campus	0-6	14
14.	Pasquerilla East	0-6	13

Rank	Team	Record	Previous Rank
1.	Keenan	4-0	2
2.	Dillon	2-0-2	5
3.	Fisher	3-1	1
4.	Siegfried	3-1	8
5.	Carroll	3-1	4
6.	Alumni	2-1-1	3
7.	Stanford	1-0-3	6
8.	Zahn	2-2	7
9.	Knott	2-2	9
10.	Morrissey	1-2-1	10
11.	Sorin	1-3	12
12.	O'Neill	1-2-1	11
13.	Keough	0-4	13
14.	St. Edwards	0-4	14



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A Dillon player finds a gap in between two Alumni defenders in Thursday night's game, which resulted in a 6-6 tie.

case, we both wanted it really badly. Both teams gave 110 percent," Alumni captain A.J. Remen said.

The Dawgs drew first blood in the game when Brent Locey connected with Ryan "King" McGettigan on a 57-yard bomb in the first quarter, putting up the first points

"Dillon has a really tough defense, there is no denying that."

A.J. Remen
Alumni captain

on a Dillon defense that has been perfect thus far this season.

"Brent threw a perfect pass, and Ryan just got behind their secondary," Remen said. "Dillon has a really tough defense, there is no denying that. We just ran a good play and beat them on that one."

After a failed two-point conversion attempt and a scoreless second quarter, the first half ended with The Dawgs leading, 6-0.

The Big Red wouldn't wait

long to strike back, however. After recovering a fumbled Alumni snap, Dillon moved the ball deep into the red zone, eventually scoring on a 4-yard pass from Michael Johnson to Kenny Cushing. "The offensive line did a great job and Johnson had a lot of time to throw. Kenny found a hole in the Cover-2 that

they were playing, and got open, and Johnson made a good throw," Dillon captain Mike Roaldi said.

The Big Red couldn't connect on the two-point conversion, leaving the game in a stalemate.

Both teams have big hopes for the postseason, and look to make the necessary adjustments to be successful.

"I think our defense is really strong, but we're looking to work a few things out with our offense. We know we'll be playing some tough teams in the playoffs, and we want to make sure we're ready," Remen said.

Roaldi also felt that his team has a few things to work on, but feels good about its performance tonight.

"We've got to tighten up a little, and get really fired up for the playoffs," he said. "We showed a lot of heart and resiliency coming from behind tonight, and overall, I liked what I saw from the team tonight."

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Junior forward Tony Megna dribbles the ball down the field in a game against Pittsburgh last week.

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to look only at the next game on the schedule, the Irish fall break road trip is a tradition in the program.

"This is typical fall break procedure for us," Sawyer said. "We know coming up to fall break we're going to be on a week-long road trip, playing three games, that's how it is every single year."

However, a week away from

campus isn't the chore that some might think.

"They schedule it like that so we don't have to miss classes when we don't need to," Sawyer said. "But I think all the guys like being on the road together. If we're going to be off for fall break, we may as well be together on the road."

The attitude of teamwork should help the Irish as they face the tough stretch of scheduling.

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East tournament" coach Randy Waldrum said. "They are a very athletic team and are going to match up to us very well."

Despite the similarities between the teams, the Irish have something that no other Big East team has earned — a freshman player receiving offensive or defensive honors for the Big East players of the week.

Amanda Cinialli achieved this honor this week for the Irish.

"Cinialli has been playing really well. She has gotten some great goals the past two games," Schefter said. "She has played so well for a freshman and stepped up and been rewarded with great goals and the league has noticed that and given her an honor that she deserves."

Waldrum said Cinialli has played great soccer since she joined the team this season.

"I've been really happy with her since day one. She has looked and played like a veteran since she's been here," Waldrum said.

Last Sunday, Cinialli scored a clutch goal for the team to tie the score 1-1 against Georgetown last in the first half before going on to



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A Providence goalie struggles to make a save after forward Molly Iarocci attempted a goal.

win the contest 2-1.

During the fall break, the Irish also face challenges against two other conference rivals. Waldrum is slightly disappointed that the games are scheduled during the break.

"They are going to be huge for us. I wish they fell on weeks our students were back on campus because they are big games for us," Waldrum said.

On Oct. 22, the Irish will be competing against Rutgers, currently 9-7.

"This game be key for us," Waldrum said. "It is going to be huge."

The players are just as aware

of the importance of this contest.

"They've had great players in the past and we are definitely going to be ready for them," Schefter said.

The Irish will close out the break on Oct. 24 against Seton Hall (6-5-2). Although its record is barley over .500, the team is not looking past any Big East rival.

"Seton Hall [is] going to throw everything they can at us. We played a close game last year," Schefter said. "If we aren't on top of our game, each team will play their best."

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schedule that put us where we wanted to go last year," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "Obviously you'd like to ease into it a little bit, since we'll be playing our first five games against ranked teams."

"It's also a great gauge, and last week I thought we showed something against Duluth. Obviously we've got a lot we still have to work on, but we've been practicing a lot and we'll be better this weekend."

Notre Dame was 0-2 at the Goggin Ice Arena in Oxford, Ohio, last year — losing its two games by scores of 5-2 and 2-0. The Irish stunned a capacity crowd in Chestnut Hill, Mass., defeating the then-No. 1 Golden Eagles in their home opener by a score of 1-0 after freshman goalie David Brown pitched a shutout.

But memories of last season are erased from Notre Dame's mind, now.

One factor that has loomed large so far for the Irish this season is the lack of production on the power play. That could prove to be a problem heading to Miami, where the RedHawks are 2-0 on the young season.

More notably, they have also yet to allow a power play goal by an opponent.

"I look at our power play in the fact that we lost five tremendous seniors who all played a great deal of time on the power play last season," Poulin said. "We have to figure out what components fit where."

"We worked on it three days this week at practice, and I've never spent that much time on special teams since I've been a coach."

The RedHawks were one of the surprise teams in the CCHA last season, picked to

finish sixth in the 2003-04 preseason poll and ending the season in second place overall just behind conference regular season champion Michigan.

A big part of that success was the play of three seniors — Derek Edwardson, Mike Kompon and Greg Hogeboom.

All three ranked in the top five in the CCHA in scoring, with Edwardson winning the CCHA Player of the Year award as a result of his league-leading 48 points.

All three seniors are gone from this year's RedHawks team, but they don't appear to have missed a beat. Miami won the Lefty McFadden Invitational Tournament in Dayton, Ohio, knocking off Boston University 5-1 Friday and then defeating Northeastern 6-2 Saturday.

The RedHawks and Irish are two of the youngest teams in the CCHA this season — Miami and Notre Dame each have just three seniors on its roster.

"They're a team that's very similar to ours," Poulin said. "They lost five very very good seniors so they're a team that really has to just get out there and skate. I'm hoping that both teams can just skate through the penalty situations this weekend and we can have a great series."

Yet for the Irish so far the top player has been one of those three seniors. Goalie Morgan Cey started Notre Dame's 2-2 tie against Minnesota-Duluth Friday, making 38 saves on the way to be naming the Perani No. 1 Star of the Game. He is expected to start the first game against the RedHawks, as well.

The senior has a 4-4-0 career average against Miami, with two shutouts.

"[Cey] may have had as good a week [at practice] as any goalie I've ever coached here had," Poulin said. "He's been tremendous this week. He's stronger physically, really sharp mentally and just looks to be in tremendous control."

After dealing with the RedHawks, the Irish return home to the Joyce Center to face Boston College in a one-game series for the John A. "Snooks" Kelly-Charles "Lefty" Smith Trophy. Notre Dame currently is the owner of that trophy, after their 1-0 win last season, and they'd certainly like to continue owning it.

Notes:

Irish senior forward Brad Wanchaluk will no longer play for the Irish, Poulin said Thursday.

"Brad is no longer with the team," he said. "It was my decision."

Poulin declined further comment.

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Junior left wing Mike Walsh evades a Minnesota-Duluth defender during a game last week.

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Notre Dame's defense must contain Navy's option attack run by Aaron Polanco, Kyle Eckel and Eric Roberts

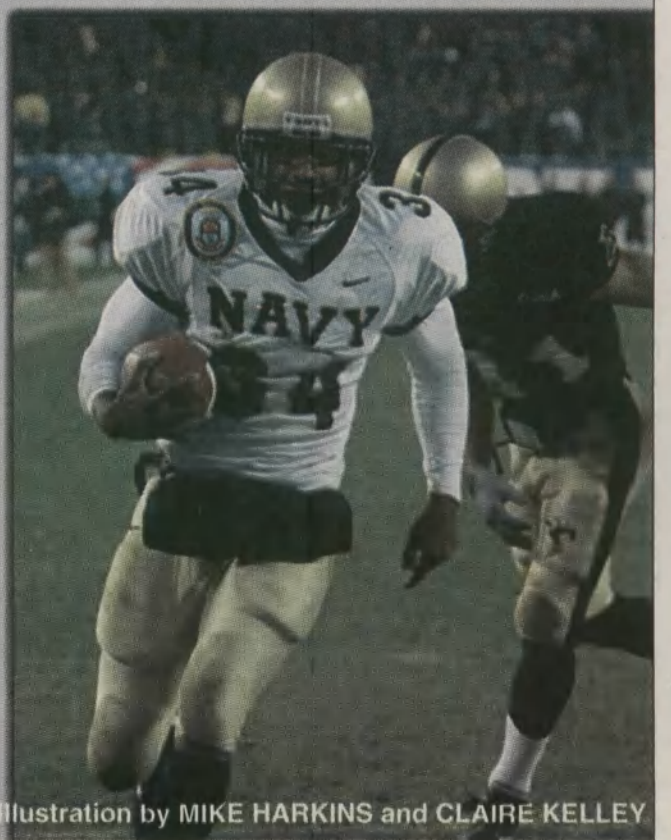


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Notre Dame needs to dominate

Players and coaches can earn a victory and still only hear "good, you should have."

Notre Dame is in the dead center of a three-game stint against Stanford, Navy and Boston College, and Irish fans expect their team not only to win all three contests, but to win convincingly.



Pat Leonard
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame came out flat Saturday against the Cardinal at home but won the game anyway. A win is a win, as they say. But even Stanford's near-upset of No. 1 Southern Cal does not give the Irish an excuse to be losing 6-3 at halftime.

And now Notre Dame travels to face Navy, and a win is not just a win against Navy. A win is expected, and it should be expected. A win is the 41st straight victory over a team with less talent that plays lesser teams on the rest of its schedule.

"Games [we are expected to win] don't have anything to do with this game," coach Tyrone Willingham said. "We're going to play a Navy team that is a very good football team. It's an undefeated football team. They've earned the right to be

where they are."

Navy has earned the right to be undefeated at 5-0, but the Midshipmen have earned that right against Duke, Northeastern, Tulsa, Vanderbilt and Air Force.

The bottom line is Notre Dame should beat Navy. It should expect to beat Navy. And unlike last season, the Irish should not be in a position where fans are rejoicing at beating Navy.

"They're supposed to win," Navy coach Paul Johnson said. "I don't know if we have anybody on our team that Notre Dame sent a letter to."

As odd as it may seem, this is the game Notre Dame can regain some swagger and deliver its own message: that Willingham's team will not let Navy even sniff victory. Notre Dame can prove last season's 27-24 nail biter — ended with a game-winning field goal by D.J. Fitzpatrick — and the unimpressive 30-23 victory in 2002, were not the best the Irish could do.

Think back two seasons.

Air Force was undefeated at 6-0, averaging 339 yards rushing per game behind quarterback Chance Harridge. Analysts, particularly on ESPN, ranted during the pre-game about the Falcons' run-

ning attack, how Air Force was an unstoppable force on the ground.

The Notre Dame defense received less recognition, though the Irish were also an undefeated 6-0.

And did those ESPN studios get quiet quickly.

The seventh-ranked Notre Dame run defense held Air Force to 104 yards rushing, 235 yards below its average, in a 21-14 victory. The Irish ran for 335 yards of their own on 56 carries. The game was not a blowout, but Notre Dame proved to itself and to the country — as it had the past six games — that Air Force was on a lower playing field.

Notre Dame established superiority. And that is exactly the opportunity the Irish have Saturday at the Meadowlands.

And they cannot do it by crediting their opponent week after week and making close games sound justified.

"I look at it as another challenge, another outstanding football team we have to play," Willingham said. "If we don't play our best, we won't win."

The Irish have to remember who they are, whom they are playing, and ultimately, what they want out of this season.

"Our ultimate goal isn't

about keeping the 40-year streak alive," offensive lineman Dan Stevenson said.

"We're setting out to beat Navy and to focus on our task at hand, which is to go to a great bowl game."

Major bowl games go to the best teams. With a dominant, possibly blowout win in New Jersey, Notre Dame can inch closer to proving it is not just another 4-2 — and then 5-2 — team.

Navy's option offense is sixth in the country averaging 267.4 rush yards per game. Notre Dame's run defense is eighth in the nation, giving up 86.8 yards per game. One of those averages has to budge come Saturday.

Johnson said last season Notre Dame has parade All-Americans, Navy has guys that march in parades. The Irish must take their parade All-Americans, take their pride, take a swagger into stopping the run and trounce Navy until the message is delivered.

That way, in the fourth quarter, Fitzpatrick will not even need to put his pads on. Because if Notre Dame plays like it should, Notre Dame won't need a hero.

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game hype



Tyrone Willingham
Irish head coach

"There can be no missing this one. It really demands that our coaches do a great job this week."

"I hate playing Navy... Their style of play is going to make it a defensive game."



Justin Tuck
Irish defensive end

"When we had won... we realized there was no excuse... [and] we were lucky to come away with the win [against Stanford]."



Kyle Budinscak
Irish defensive end

"We will have some fans. We've had good support. Notre Dame will be the home team. They usually are."



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Irish must stop Navy's running game to have success against the Midshipmen

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Irish defensive end Justin Tuck hates playing Navy, and he'll tell you himself.

"I hate playing Navy, not because of the fact that they don't throw the ball," the senior said. "It's just the fact that their style of play is going to make it a defensive game. After this football game there is going to be a lot of people banged up and bruised and things like that.

"Whenever you play an option team and they cut [block] as much as they do, you're going to come out of that game worn out."

College coaches across the country continually harp about avoiding being a one-dimensional attack, but that's exactly what Navy is with its option-based offense.

And they are 5-0 using it this season.

"They are pretty one-dimensional," Irish defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "You have to be solid on the back end and defend the run, that's no secret. Just make sure you don't give up a big play in the back row."

A different kind of running game

One big reason for Notre Dame's success so far this year has been its ability to stop the run. The Irish are currently 12th in the nation in rushing defense, allowing just 86.8 yards per game.

But Irish coaches aren't getting overly confident that their previous track record will stop the Navy running game in its tracks Saturday.

"It's not the same," Baer said. "It's so different. It's hard to explain. They are so good at

what they do."

Last year, when the Irish snuck by with a 27-24 win at Notre Dame Stadium, Baer's defense knew exactly what the Midshipmen were going to do — run and run often.

Navy rushed 53 times in that game while throwing just five passes. The Midshipmen are an option team in every sense of the word, and they run their offense well.

So far this season, the Midshipmen are ranked sixth in the country in rushing offense with an average of 267.4 yards per game. They average 56.2 rushes per game and only 9.4 passes per game — the fewest in NCAA Division I.

Yet those 9.4 passes per game have been enough this year to keep opposing defenses honest, and Navy has a good enough quarterback to make over-aggressive defenses pay.

"If you understand that offense, they pass the ball off the option look," Baer said. "They get somebody running free, and that's where the efficiency comes up. This quarterback is a pretty good thrower. A lot of times you see option teams not throw the ball very well because they don't have a quarterback throw it well.

"The same guy [senior Aaron Polanco] played against us two years ago, the starter got hurt and he came in to play, and he was pretty good throwing the football. They are much improved in that area."

Staying disciplined

One characteristic of Notre Dame's defense this season has been its opportunistic play while making a few gambles to create turnovers — 15 takeaways through six games. But for the Irish defense Saturday, a bad gamble could result in

six points for the Midshipmen.

"They have to have all their responsibilities covered," Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said. "That is very difficult for modern-day defenses simply because modern-day defenses like to gamble.

"That's where you have to be careful. You have to build into your system the ability to gamble and be correct in your gamble. But yet at the same time not give our guys so much that they're thinking and can't move and can't get lined up and can't figure things out. That is very difficult."

The Irish have at least one advantage against the Navy run. Notre Dame's starters at linebacker — Derek Curry, Brandon Hoyte and Mike Goolsby — all are seniors who have seen Navy's option before and understand the importance in being sound against the run.

"Discipline is the first key and the biggest key in this game, and the whole outcome of this game is determined on how disciplined you are especially from a defensive standpoint," Curry said. "Everything they do, all the misdirection they do you have to stay disciplined and you have to stay focused on what you have to do.

"It's really funny because as much as football is a team game this is the most individualized game that we are going to play in that every person may be doing a different thing, but in order to execute the defense properly and to win, everybody is going to have to do their own thing."

And if the linebackers fail, Notre Dame's secondary will have to be there to make the touchdown-saving tackles.

"It's really important to be disciplined in any game," Irish safety Tom Zbikowski said. "But against this kind of offense you've especially got to be disciplined and make the tackle.

"We've got to go out there and play hard. It's Navy, a service academy, and you know that they're going to be



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The Irish must contain Navy's quarterback Aaron Polanco in the manner Kyle Budinscak demonstrates with a tackle on Stanford's Trent Edwards.

out there playing hard so we've got to match that intensity."

Stopping the big play

That discipline will be key for the Irish Saturday at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. The Midshipmen are certainly capable of throwing the ball, having scored two passing touchdowns of 40 yards or more already this season.

But Navy is known for its running game. Being poised and under control will be a big factor in preventing the Midshipmen from getting free for big runs.

So far in 2004, Navy has scored three rushing touchdowns of 20 yards or more — and a big play in the close Navy-Notre Dame game last year was a 65-yard touchdown

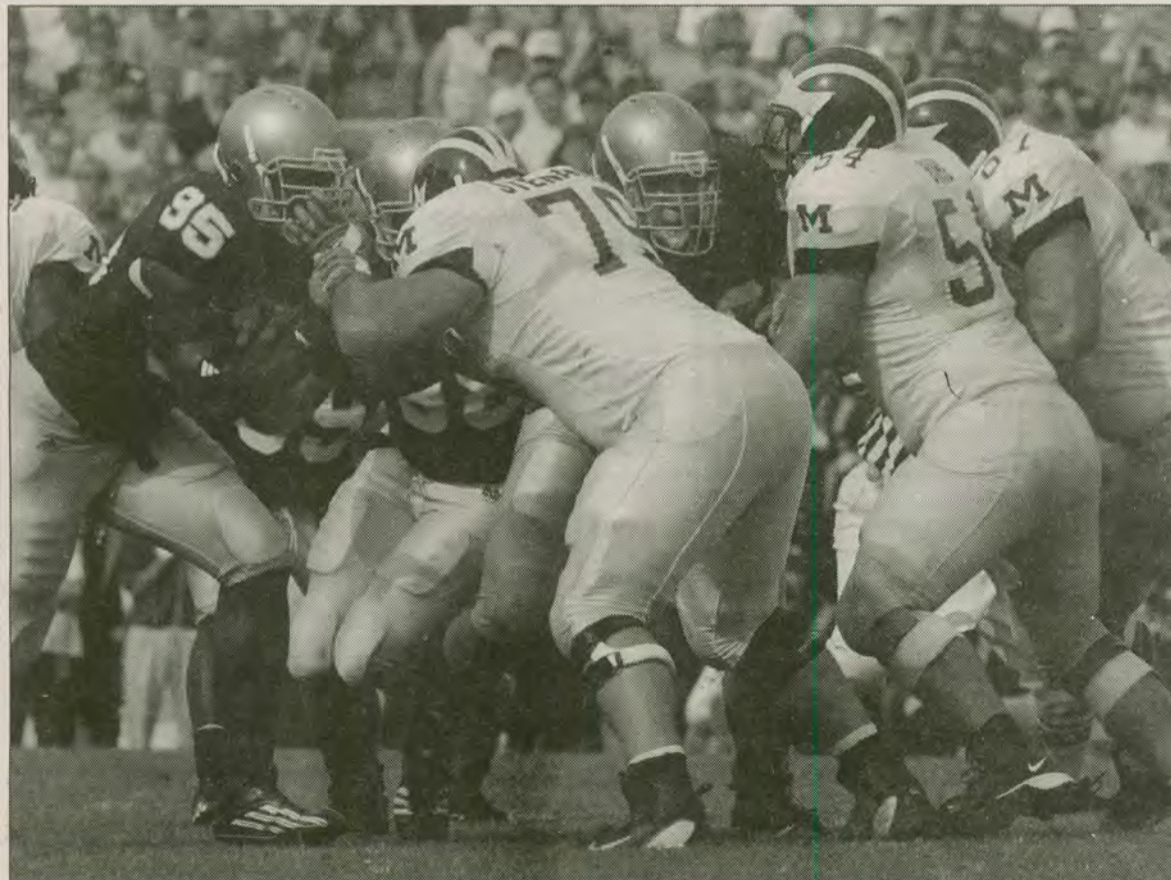
run by Navy's Eric Rolfe after an Irish breakdown on defense.

Early in the 2004 season, the Irish showed a susceptibility to giving up big plays. They will have to prevent those plays Saturday if they want a chance to win.

"I just think you have to be sharper in what you do," Tuck said. "It takes away more of the risk that you'll take than against other teams. But in this game we know that we have to play our assignments.

"We know that if you miss an assignment on any given play they can bust you for a long run. So we just have to be focused and geared in to playing them."

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Victor Abiamiri and the Notre Dame defensive line get a push against the Michigan offensive line earlier this season. The Irish held the Wolverines to 56 yards rushing on 30 carries.

by the numbers

Number of consecutive Notre Dame wins against Navy, a streak that stands as the longest winning streak of one team over another in NCAA history

40

.714 Cumulative winning percentage of teams on Notre Dame's 2004 schedule, the highest opponent winning percentage in the nation

Number of Notre Dame wins in 11 all-time games played at the Meadowlands, including six matchups with Navy at the NFL venue

11

193 Number of Brady Quinn's pass attempts in six games

Number of pass attempts of Navy's leading passer, quarterback Aaron Polanco

47

268.6 Number of rushing yards Navy averages per game

Number of yards the Notre Dame defense gives up per game

86.8

0 Number of ranked teams Navy has played to begin its season with a perfect 5-0 start. The Midshipmen have beaten Duke, Northeastern, Tulsa, Vanderbilt and Air Force

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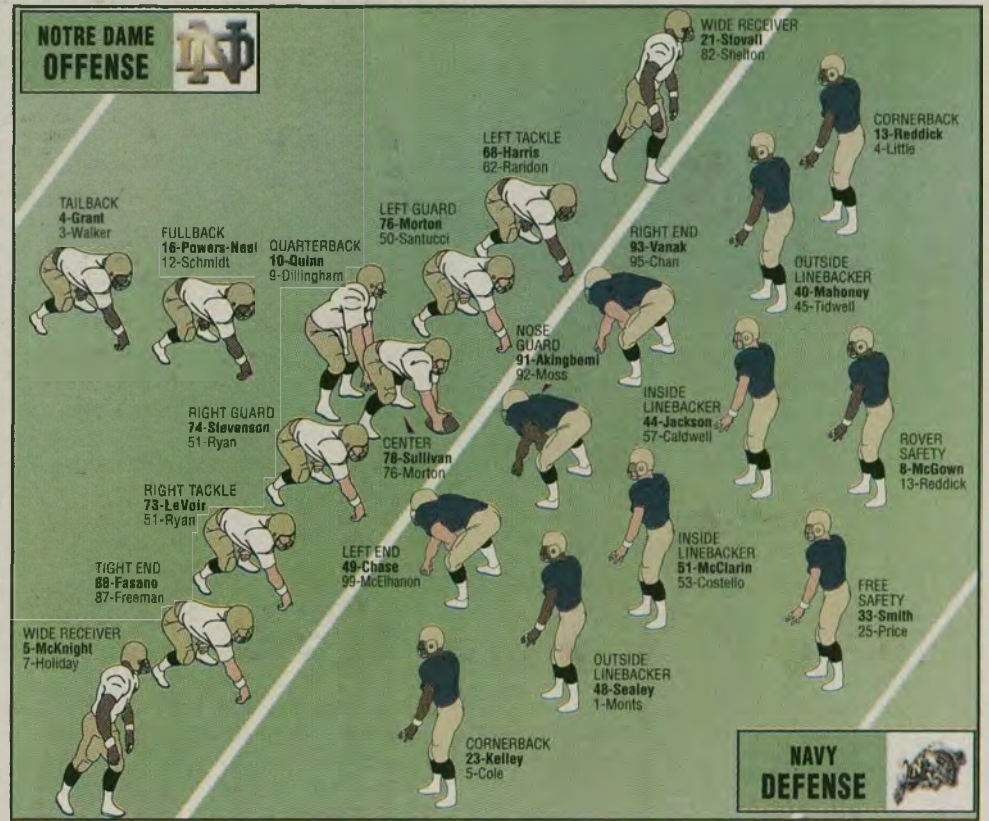
Tyrone Willingham
head coach

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Jared Clark	TE	6-4	250	SR
2	Freddie Parrish	DB	6-1	202	SO
3	Darius Walker	RB	5-11	200	FR
4	Ryan Grant	RB	6-1	218	SR
5	Rhema McKnight	WR	6-1	215	JR
6	Carlos Campbell	CB	5-11	195	SR
7	Carlyle Holiday	WR/QB	6-3	215	SR
8	Marly Mooney	QB	6-2	210	JR
8	Quentin Burrell	FS	6-0	195	SR
9	Tom Zbikowski	DB	5-11	203	SO
9	Pat Dillingham	QB	6-2	205	SR
10	Brady Quinn	QB	6-4	224	SO
11	Marcus Wilson	RB	5-11	232	SR
12	Josh Schmidt	FB	6-1	232	SR
13	David Wolke	QB	6-4	205	FR
15	Preston Jackson	CB	5-9	180	SR
16	Rashon Powers-Neal	FB	6-2	243	SR
16	Stan Revell	QB	5-11	195	SR
17	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	190	SR
17	J.J. Warren	QB	6-1	184	SO
18	Darren Bragg	QB	6-2	185	FR
18	Chinedum Ndukwe	DB	6-2	223	SO
19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	K/T	6-1	200	SR
21	Maurice Stovall	WR	6-5	227	JR
22	Ambrose Wooden	CB	5-11	186	SO
23	Chase Anastasio	WR	6-1	202	SO
24	Dwight Ellick	CB	5-10	185	SR
25	Nate Schiccatano	FB	6-2	242	JR
26	Wade Iams	DB	5-8	170	FR
26	Travis Thomas	RB	6-0	212	SO
27	Lionel Bolen	DB	6-0	210	SR
27	John Lyons	RB	6-1	192	SO
28	Tregg Duerson	DB	5-10	170	FR
28	Cole Laux	FB	5-10	240	SR
30	Mike Richardson	DB	5-11	190	JR
31	Jake Carney	FS	6-0	192	JR
31	A.J. Cedeno	DB	6-0	191	SO
32	Jeff Jennings	RB	6-0	216	JR
33	Justin Hoskins	RB	6-0	195	FR
34	Terrail Lambert	DB	5-10	190	FR
37	Junior Jabbie	DB	5-11	190	FR
37	Matt Mitchell	CB	5-9	190	JR
38	Leo Ferrine	DB	6-0	180	FR
39	Brandon Hoyte	LB	5-11	231	SR
40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	LB	6-1	215	FR
41	Mike Coombs	LB	6-4	242	SR
42	Anthony Vernaglia	LB	6-4	220	FR
43	Anthony Salvador	LB	6-2	232	JR
44	Justin Tuck	DE	6-5	261	SR
45	Carl Gioia	K/P	5-10	185	SO
45	Rich Whitney	DB	6-3	205	JR
46	Corey Mays	LB	6-1	243	SR
47	Mitchell Thomas	LB	6-3	230	SO
48	Jerome Collins	TE	6-4	258	SR
49	Derek Curry	LB	6-3	235	SR
50	Dan Santucci	OL	6-4	292	JR
51	Jamie Ryan	OL	6-5	310	JR
52	Joe Brockington	LB	6-1	225	SO
53	Dan Hickey	OL	6-3	224	JR
53	Joseph Boland	LB	6-3	224	JR
54	David Fitzgerald	OL	6-4	285	JR
55	Zachary Giles	C	6-3	281	SR
56	Nick Borsetti	LB	6-4	238	FR
58	Abdel Banda	LB	6-2	215	SO
59	James Bent	OL	6-1	271	JR
59	Dan Chervanick	DT/NG	6-2	265	JR
60	Casey Cullen	LB	6-2	212	SO
61	J.J. Jensen	LS	6-3	215	FR
62	Scott Raridon	OT	6-6	310	JR
64	Casey Dunn	OL	6-4	256	SR
65	Tim Gritzman	DE	6-3	210	FR
66	Derek Landri	NG	6-2	278	JR
67	John Kadous	OL	6-7	310	FR
68	Ryan Harris	OL	6-5	289	SO
69	Darin Mitchell	OG	6-3	290	SR
70	Chauncey Incarnato	OL	6-6	280	FR
71	James Bonelli	OL	6-4	290	JR
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90	Brian Boudatsch	DE	6-2	295	SR
91	Craig Cardillo	K	6-0	169	JR
92	Kyle Budinscak	DE	6-4	275	FR
93	Brandon Nicolas	DL	6-5	275	FR
94	Justin Brown	DL	6-4	225	FR
95	Victor Abiamiri	DE	6-5	269	SO
96	Bobby Renkes	K/P	6-0	190	SO
97	Travis Leitko	DE	6-6	275	JR
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-0	285	SO
99	Ronald Talley	DL	6-4	245	FR

NOTRE DAME 2004 Schedule

Sept. 4	at BYU - L
Sept. 11	MICHIGAN - W
Sept. 18	at Michigan St. - W
Sept. 25	WASHINGTON - W
Oct. 2	PURDUE - L
Oct. 9	STANFORD - W
Oct. 16	at NAVY
Oct. 23	BOSTON COLLEGE
Nov. 6	at Tennessee
Nov. 13	PITTSBURGH
Nov. 27	at USC



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NOTRE DAME

Willingham and the Irish coaches seemed to have the team ready for Purdue, but the players did not execute. Against Stanford, Notre Dame looked flat in the first half. The option is a difficult offense to prepare for, but Willingham, Baer and the defense have done it before.

Quinn had an average game last week. He did not see a ton of open receivers. But Quinn did not throw any interceptions, and he made the plays necessary for Notre Dame to win. Quinn has thrown just five interceptions all season, making fewer mental mistakes.

Notre Dame ran the ball 51 times last weekend against Stanford for 149 yards. The return of Grant and the consistent play of Walker have helped, but the Irish only average 115 yards on the ground per game. The struggling line has struggled here.

Notre Dame's receivers got open against Stanford, even when Quinn did not see them. Depth at the receiver position with the return of Stovall from an injured foot has obvious effects on opposing secondaries. The Irish tight ends have become a huge part of the offense.

NAVY

Paul Johnson has a great deal of respect for Notre Dame but also a great deal of pride in the Navy program. He had the Midshipmen ready to play both times he faced Willingham in 2002 and 2003. Johnson's team is 5-0 and anxious to make it six in a row Saturday.

Polanco leads Navy in rushing with 464 yards. Teammates elected Polanco the captain at the beginning of the season without any interference or coaxing from coaches. In the option offense, the quarterback shoulders the brunt of the responsibility.

Navy has given up an average of 143 rushing yards per game to mediocre, unranked teams. The Midshipmen do not have a strong run defense, giving up a season-high 182 yards to Air Force two weeks ago. Duke averaged 4.5 yards per carry earlier in the season against Navy.

The Midshipmen allow 179 passing yards per game. The highest output in the air against Navy's defense was 233 yards by Air Force. Opponents have scored five total passing touchdowns in five games against the Midshipmen, though none of the teams were ranked.

ANALYSIS

Willingham has beaten Navy the only two times he's faced them in his career, but Navy got close in both games the past two seasons. The Irish coach said himself that the responsibility of winning this game rests on the coaches first. He and his staff must answer the call.

Quinn has thrown for 1,529 yards in six games. Polanco has thrown for 563 yards in five games. The quarterbacks play in completely different offenses, but both are key to their team's respective success. Quinn has played against thusfar.

Notre Dame is 4-0 this season when it runs for over 100 yards. If the Irish win the battle of stopping the opponents' run and succeeding in their own running game, a win is almost guaranteed. This half of the battle will be won, or lost, by the offensive line.

If all goes well for Notre Dame, it will not have to throw the ball too often Saturday. But the option of the tight end has opened the field for the Irish, who average 259.5 yards passing per game and will look to go up early with big pass plays.

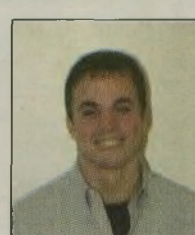
Irish experts



Matt Lozar
Editor in Chief

Navy will come out too jacked up for this game after 15 days of rest. The Midshipmen's cupcake schedule catches up with them. Willingham gets a convincing win over Navy in his third attempt, and the streak reaches 41 years.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31, Navy 13



Joe Hettler
AME

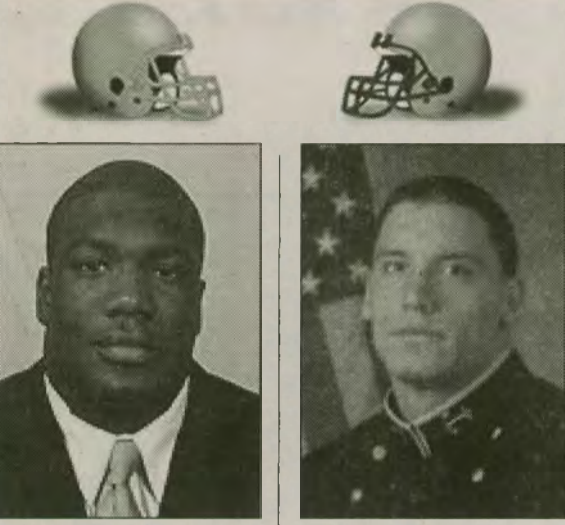
True, Navy is 5-0. They've also played a schedule that rivals an interhall football team in terms of difficulty. The Midshipmen will definitely bring their best game, but Notre Dame is too good and too big and too everything to lose this game. The Irish keep the streak alive for another year with a comfortable win.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 35, Navy 17

Sizing up the Irish and Midshipmen

AVERAGE PER GAME	NOTRE DAME'S OFFENSE VS NAVY'S DEFENSE	NAVY'S OFFENSE VS NOTRE DAME'S DEFENSE
total yards gained	374.5	380
total yards allowed	322.6	350.5
rushing yards gained	115	267.4
rushing yards allowed	143.6	86.8
passing yards gained	259.5	112.6
passing yards allowed	179	263.7
kick return yards gained	50.2	64.4
kick return yards allowed	45.8	100.2
punt return yards gained	31	13.4
punt return yards allowed	18	17.3
yards per punt	41	35.3
punts blocked	0	1
turnovers lost	11	9
turnovers recovered	10	16
total points scored	25.5	27.4
total points allowed	16.6	20.5
Notre Dame yards penalized	50	
Navy yards penalized		41

KEY MATCHUP



**NOTRE DAME
RUN DEFENSE**

The linebackers, line and secondary all have the task of stopping the complicated option attack Navy runs to perfection. Notre Dame's defense ranks No. 12 in the nation at stopping the run, giving up just 86.8 yards per game. And the Irish are also tied at No. 8 in opponent yards per carry with Iowa State, at 2.8.

The linebacker corps of Brandon Hoyte [29 tackles], above, Derek Curry [33] and tackle-leader Mike Goolsby [51] is the lynchpin of the Irish defense.

Sure tackling and adherence to assignments will be key.

**NAVY
RUNNING GAME**

Navy ranks No. 6 in the nation in rushing yards per game with a 267.4 yard average.

Quarterback and captain Aaron Polanco, above, leads Navy in rushing with 464 yards. Fullback Kyle Eckel is second on the team with 387 yards on the ground.

Navy runs the wing-T offense and runs the ball 56 times per game. The rush offense is essential to the team's overall success.

Stopping the run equals stopping Navy, but that has been no easy task for opponents this season, as the Midshipmen have thrown just 47 times.

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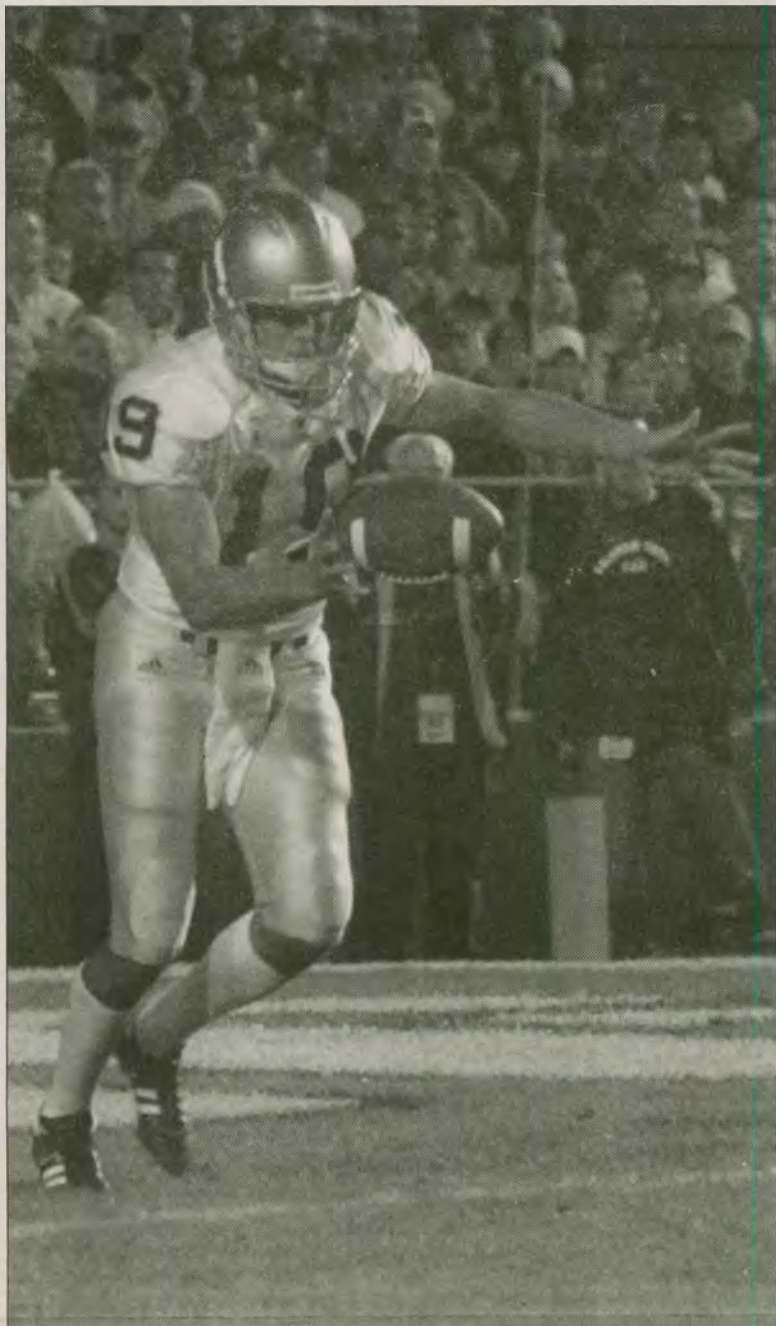
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Fitzpatrick becomes 'star' of special teams



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

D.J. Fitzpatrick punts at Brigham Young from his own end zone in the first game of the season.

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

Last year at this time, he had just made a name for himself. D.J. Fitzpatrick helped Notre Dame beat Navy for the 40th consecutive time with his game-winning 40-yard field goal as time expired.

Fitzpatrick was playing in place of Nicholas Setta, a senior who was a fourth-year starter until he got hurt earlier in the season.

But this year is different for Fitzpatrick, a senior with one year of eligibility remaining. He started the season as the starter at both kicker and punter, and he has been solid at both positions for the Irish.

"When we started the season, I thought one of our areas of weakness would probably be our kicking game, that we needed to see it improve," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "We had questions as to who would be our punter. We felt pretty good with D.J. as our kicker, but we were also going to look and see there if we couldn't improve."

Fitzpatrick competed with sophomore Geoffrey Price for the starting spot at punter and he emerged as the starter for the first game.

"That just comes from all the hard work I put in this summer and also Geoff putting pressure on me," Fitzpatrick said. "Him and I have been battling, and he's made me a better punter and I've made him a better punter. Right now I just feel comfortable going out there and trying to be consistent week in and week out and trying to help

out the team in that respect."

Fitzpatrick is averaging 42.7 yards per punt, booting 15 punts inside the 20-yard line. This is a vast improvement from last year's 36.8 yard average and only seven kicks inside the 20-yard line in six more attempts.

"What D.J. has done has really just took the lead and put himself in a position where we feel comfortable with him doing both of our field goal and extra points and also doing our punting," Willingham said. "He has continued each week to improve and get better, whereas I think he's almost an 8-yard improvement over how he finished last year in his punting."

Special teams coach Buzz Preston called Fitzpatrick the "shining star" of the special teams unit. But Fitzpatrick is as humble as ever, attributing his improvements to hard work and dedication this summer.

"I think it's all technique," Fitzpatrick said. "I am the same size this year, it's just a matter of hitting the ball cleanly, like a golf shot. If you hit the ball square, it's going to go a lot further. Now that I can manipulate the ball away from the returner, that will protect against big returns."

Fitzpatrick's improvements in punting have helped the Irish significantly. They can count on him for a consistent punt each time he goes out on the field, helping Notre Dame win the battle for field position.

"[Good punting] is critical because that is an area that you can exchange fairly huge chunks of yardage," Willingham said. "If you have that as a plus for you, that means that's one more first down that the oppo-

nent has to gain, and in his case he's done a great job of punting the ball inside the 20-yard line, inside the 10-yard line. So you are really gaining there when you can back them up in that manner."

Preston is also impressed with Fitzpatrick, who has hit 5-of-7 field goal attempts this season, with a long of 45 yards.

"He's made great strides," Preston said. "He's been the most consistent aspect [of special teams]."

Fitzpatrick also kicked off in the second half against Stanford, but that might not happen against Navy, as the Irish do not want to overuse his right leg.

"We just have to keep him going, not over-kick him, use him wisely during practice," Preston said. "And if that can happen, we know he can have a heck of a year."

Fitzpatrick also said although he doesn't want to do too much, he loves being able to do both the kicking and punting for Notre Dame.

"I'm going to try to do as much as my leg will let me," Fitzpatrick said. "A kicker's leg is kind of like a baseball pitcher. You just can't push it too far, or you're going to be hurt the rest of the season. I'm just trying to be careful with it and when I do feel good and when coach thinks it's appropriate I'll be kicking off."

"I wouldn't have it any other way. I'm always getting ready for something. No time to get cold or get out of the game mentality. It's fun. It's a lot more fun that way and I love it."

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Undefeated Navy seeks to end win streak

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Of the five teams Navy has beaten this season, one has a winning record — and that team is in Division 1-AA.

The Midshipmen haven't exactly been world beaters en route to their 5-0 start, knocking off Duke (1-4), Northeastern (3-2 in Div. 1-AA), Tulsa (1-4), Vanderbilt (1-4) and the Air Force Academy (3-3). But they enter Saturday's game against Notre Dame undefeated and eager to end a 40-year losing streak that dates back to 1963.

That season, the Midshipmen were led by a quarterback named Roger Staubach. Navy won the game 35-14, and Staubach went on to win the Heisman Trophy.

Since then, there have been many close calls in the series, including 1997, 1999, 2002 and 2003. But each game, Notre Dame found a way to snatch victory from Navy's hands.

During Monday's press conference, Navy coach Paul Johnson blatantly downplayed Navy's chances of beating Notre Dame this season.

"People talk about the last 40 years, but the all-time series record is 67-9-1 so it's not like [Navy was] killing [Notre Dame] before the 40," said Johnson, who has compiled a

15-15 record during his two and half years at Navy. "There's a reason. We don't have anybody on our team that Notre Dame recruited."

But Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham isn't buying Johnson's statement.

"I look at it as another challenge, another outstanding football team we have to play," Willingham said. "If we don't play our best, we won't win."

The Midshipmen are off to a quick start thanks to an outstanding running game. They have run for over 200 yards in four of their first five games and are ranked sixth in the country in rushing, averaging 267 yards a game.

To beat Navy, Notre Dame must stop the wing-T offense, which is based on a variety of misdirection runs and the option. Quarterback Aaron Polanco leads the team with 464 rushing yards, followed by fullback Kyle Eckel's 387 yards on the ground.

Navy rarely throws a pass, as indicated by Polanco's numbers through the air this season — 30-for-47 for 563 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions.

Notre Dame will counter that explosive Navy rushing attack with the nation's 12th best run defense, allowing just 86.8 yards per game.

The Midshipmen have been involved in a variety of kinds of games this season, playing in

three close games and two blowouts.

Navy opened the year with a comfortable 27-12 win against Duke and followed that by slipping past Northeastern 28-24 on Sept. 11.

They cruised past Tulsa the following week 29-0 and then squeaked past Vanderbilt 29-26 before facing their biggest game up to that point in the season — Air Force on Sept. 30. ESPN was in Colorado for the Thursday night matchup broadcast nationwide. The Midshipmen used a last-minute field goal to escape with their second consecutive win against Air Force.

With the win, the Midshipmen picked up more confidence heading into their bye week and Saturday's game. Navy fans in the stands held up signs during the Air Force game saying, "We want Notre Dame."

Johnson is trying to keep expectations under control. But even he hinted that Navy has a chance to pull off one of the biggest upsets in their football history.

"We aren't ever going to be on the same talent level as Notre Dame, but sometimes the best players don't win, the best team does," Johnson said. "We have to try and get a plan and go try and be the best team."

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Notre Dame linebacker Mike Goolsby tackles Navy fullback Kyle Eckel in 2002.



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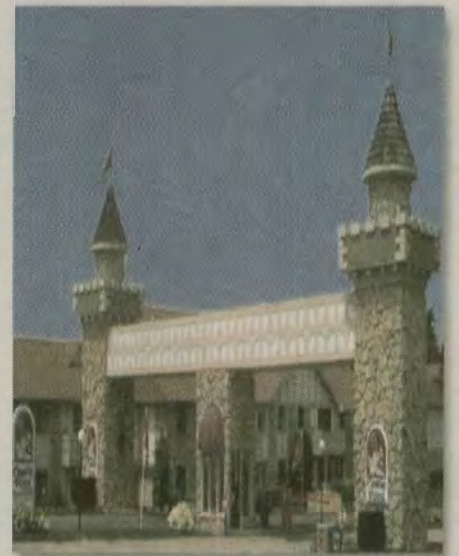


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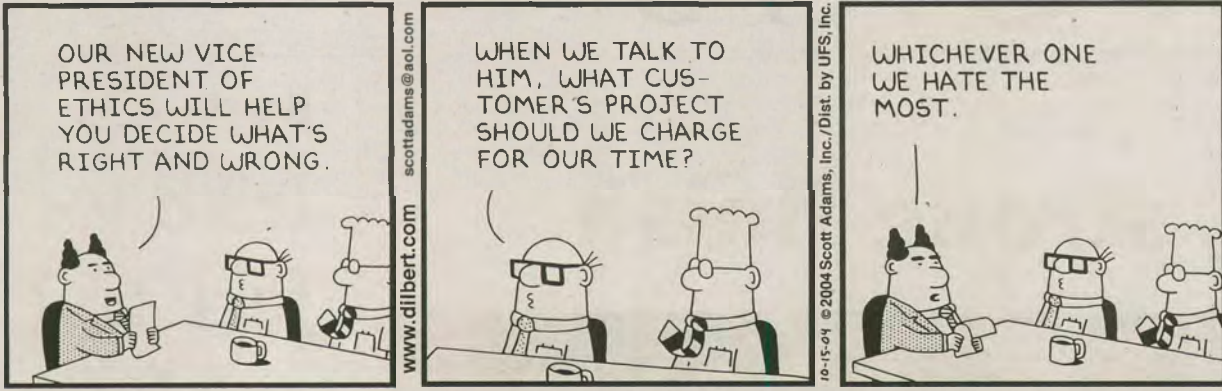
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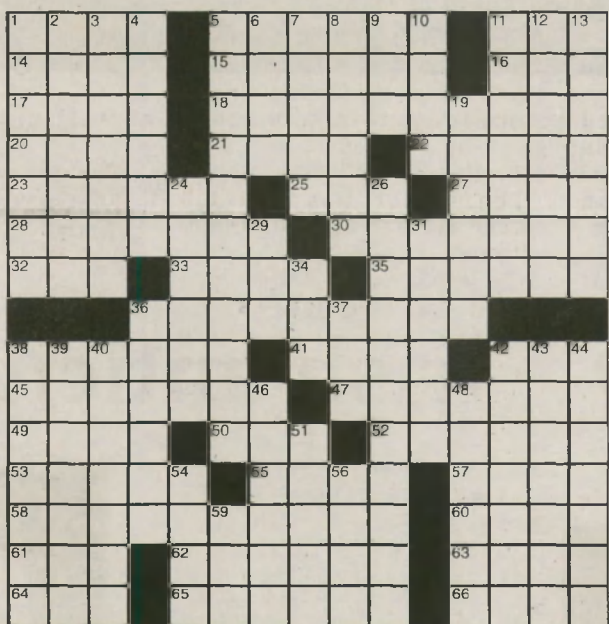
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 - 5 One up
 - 11 Mountain pass
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 - 16 Ex of Mickey
 - 17 Ready to get drunk, perhaps
 - 18 Sports film that was a 2003 Best Picture nominee
 - 20 Like a smoker
 - 21 Pollute, say
 - 22 Winner of nine golf majors
 - 23 Tough
 - 25 Fox's relative
 - 27 Remote choice
 - 28 Like retirees
 - 30 Nottingham nursery needs
 - 32 Article written by Kant
 - 33 Running things in a bar
 - 35 In things
 - 36 Oddball
 - 38 Ward of the screen
 - 41 Like many hearths
 - 42 Court people, for short
 - 45 Is faithful (to)
 - 47 Life saver
 - 49 Twin
 - 50 Code word
 - 52 Shake, to some
 - 53 It's divided into 24 books
 - 55 Mend
 - 57 Berth place

- DOWN**
- 1 Rolled up
 - 2 Old bar material
 - 3 One working on the spot?
 - 4 Person who won't commit
 - 5 Like a fox
 - 6 Country statistic
 - 7 Bygone leaders
 - 8 Abolitionist Harriet
 - 9 Certain Ivy Leaguer
 - 10 Dermal development
 - 11 "la Orana Maria" painter
 - 12 Kept one's nose in the air?
 - 13 Glib quality
 - 19 Drive
 - 58 Novel featuring the madam Dora Flood
 - 60 A famous Amos
 - 61 Took the cake, say
 - 62 Richard's "On Your Toes" collaborator
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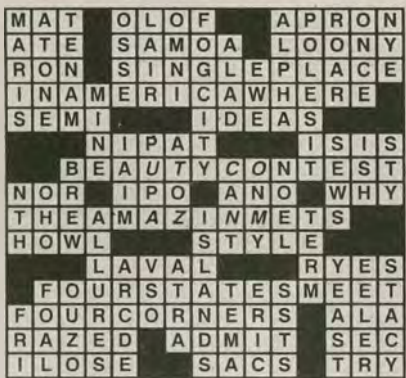


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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Strong start, strong finish

Team strives to play solid in all 90 minutes

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

This Saturday, the No. 1 Irish will face conference-rival Boston College at Alumni Field with one goal in mind — to complete the game with a consistent high level of intensity.

Boston College is ranked No. 20 with an overall record 9-4-0.

This could be a challenge for the Irish, who have struggled offensively the past several games. The team has relied upon late game-winning goals, but is looking to come out and play strong throughout the contest.

"Boston College is a quality team that beat us last year in the Big East Tournament," junior Annie Scheffer said. "Our biggest challenge will be to play a full 90 minutes."

This goal may prove to be challenging for the Irish who are aware of the strong and physical style of play of the Eagles.

"They like to get out and attack. They beat us last year in the Big

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HILLARY THORNTON/The Observer

Sophomore forward Molly Iarocci sprints to regain control of the ball in a game against Providence earlier this season.

HOCKEY

Irish to face test at Miami

After last week's disappointing games, team looks for success in Ohio

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Just because midterms are out of the way, doesn't mean the tests are over for the Irish.

A week after tying and losing to No. 4 Minnesota-Duluth at home, Notre Dame now travels across the border to take on No. 9 Miami (Ohio) in a two game series Friday and Saturday to open CCHA play for both teams.

The Irish then return home Oct. 22 to take on No. 1 Boston College at the Joyce Center.

"This is the same type of

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MEN'S INTERHALL GOLD LEAGUE

Controversial game ends in stalemate



RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

Players from Stanford and O'Neill line up during Thursday night's game.

Strange Stanford, O'Neill matchup results in 8-8 tie

By CHRIS KHOREY and
BRAD WALLACE
Sports Writers

Stanford and O'Neill slogged their way to an 8-8 tie Thursday night in one of the most bizarre games of the

2004 interhall season.

The game featured four interceptions, including one returned for O'Neill's only touchdown, a safety, confusion over the score, a fan ejection and lots of mud.

Even stranger, Stanford played the entire game under the impression that a tie would give them a spot in the playoffs, most likely playing Keenan.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish anticipate challenges

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

They're on the road again.

While students depart for various fall break destinations, the men's soccer team will be en route to some of its toughest conference tests this season.

On Saturday, the team faces St. John's in a rematch of last year's Big East tournament championship game. On Wednesday, they are scheduled to take on Seton Hall and finish the break on Oct. 23 against Rutgers.

"This road trip is probably going to decide who wins the Big East regular season," senior co-captain Chris Sawyer said. "We definitely are very much looking forward to St. John's on Saturday. We played them two tough games last year and we know they're going to be a very, very tough team, so we're just looking forward to it and trying to get ready."

All three teams have been ranked at some point this season, with St. John's most recent-



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Freshman Alex Youshinaga battles for control of the ball in a game against Pittsburgh last week.

ly at No. 22 last week. The Irish are on top of the Big East standings, however, with a 5-1-0 record posted in conference play.

"We've set ourselves up to be in a really good position to take the league over the road trip," midfielder Greg Dalby said. "We can clinch the Big East if we do

well, take care of business."

The Irish ride a six-game shutout streak into the road trip, most recently posting a 3-0 win over Michigan on Wednesday night.

Although it is a team principle

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish travel to Indiana State University

Saturday's meet will allow the runners one final test before the NCAA Championships.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Thompsons enjoy success at ITA Championships

Twins became first Irish team ever to reach the finals of the grand slam event.

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Notre Dame takes the road for invite

The Irish hope to thrive on the momentum they gained after two straight wins.

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SMC SOCCER

Belles look to extend home winning streak

The team is set to meet Alma on Saturday.

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MLB

Boston tries to rebound at home

Although the Yankees lead the series 2-0, the Red Sox remain hopeful.

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The Irish take on Navy this weekend. For more information, see inside.