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## Students clear out of Bend for break

*Domers participate in service trips for credit*

By ROHAN ANAND  
News Writer

Over fall break, a record 472 Notre Dame students will travel to sites all over America to engage in a variety of service-oriented activities, using their time off for a work far different than studying.

Most participants will be involved in one of the five one-credit seminars offered during fall, winter, and spring breaks by the Center for Social Concerns. These groups are primarily led by undergraduate and graduate students, according to Angela Miller-McGraw, director of seminars and educational immersions at the CSC.

"The goals of the seminars are to foster a diverse and community-based learning experience," she said. "Our student coordinators lead great reflections to help

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Students use a local bus service to get to and from airports in Chicago during break in this 2005 file photo.

*SMC students use time off to volunteer*

By KATIE KOHLER  
News Writer

For many Saint Mary's students, fall break offers a week of relaxation and escape from college life. For others, break is a time to give back to the community through service.

This year, over 40 women are volunteering on various service trips through the Office for Civic and Social Engagement, according to OCSE Director Carrie Call.

Saint Mary's is sponsoring three service trips this year: the Catalyst Trip to Cincinnati, the Habitat for Humanity Trip to St. Tammany Parish in Louisiana, and the Pilgrimage to Mexico.

Students are responsible for paying for their own food, but the majority of the costs are covered by grant supports from the Center for

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## Religion to be required at Harvard

*Theology already part of ND core curriculum*

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL  
News Writer

While Notre Dame students are no strangers to required classes in religion, Harvard students will face a similar requirement for the first time in quite a while — a move which brings to light the growing importance of religious studies in American universities.

On Oct. 4, CNN reported that a faculty committee recommendation at Harvard University proposed requirements for undergraduates be expanded to include a course in "reason and faith." The "surprisingly bold recommendation," as CNN reported, aims to broaden Harvard's core curriculum, whose narrow academic focus has been criticized in recent years.

Notre Dame has traditionally emphasized the importance of religious inquiry in undergraduate formation, most noted in the two theology requirements undergraduates must fulfill before graduation.

Taking into account the inclusion of religion in the core curricula of other Ivy League schools like Columbia and Dartmouth, Harvard's reintroduction of religious material seems part of a possible trend amongst secular schools.

But while Harvard's new classes include material on religion, its focus seems slightly different from that of a reli-

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## Weeklong vacation a welcome respite after mid-term exams

By LAURA WILCZEK  
News Writer

For students at Notre Dame, midterms week is a race to reach the semester's halfway point, with fall break as their finish line. After cramming for the various political science, biology, organic chemistry and engineering exams, students are eager for the week of vacation to arrive. Not all college students across the nation

have a fall break, which makes the time even more precious for students.

Laura Yamartino plans on spending her fall break at Boston College to make it all the sweeter.

"[I'm going to Boston College] so I can make all my friends there absolutely jealous," she said.

For many students, like sophomore Monique Rangel, fall break is the perfect opportunity to relax.

"I plan on sleeping in and

spending time with my family," Rangel said.

Travel, both international and domestic, is also a popular break activity.

Hundreds of students on campus will participate in the fall break Center for Social Concerns Seminars. The seminars allow students to travel to places like Appalachia and Washington D.C. while engaging in service projects.

Several students hope to use the time over fall break

to experience other cultures around the world. For junior Jessica Jimenez, the vacation is a chance to leave the scenery of South Bend and travel to Italy.

"I will be in Rome over fall break, and believe me, the only work I will be doing is working to find a hostel," Jimenez said.

Not all students are lucky enough to escape South Bend or even the rigors of school

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## Chazan discusses women, peace

*Professor says women crucial to peace process*

By SONIA RAO  
News Writer

Women's involvement and failure in peace movements took center stage in a lecture by professor Naomi Chazan entitled "A Comparative Look at the Role of Women in Conflict Resolution Today" Thursday at the Hesburgh Center.

"Women are involved in every contemporary peace process I know of," said Chazan, the Provost's Distinguished Woman Lecturer. "They are active peace workers, they have promoted conflict resolution ...

and they are absolutely essential for peace building after the peace process has been concluded."

Chazan described the salient characteristics specific to women's peace movements with several "P's," — political, pioneering, persevering, patient, passionate and pragmatic. The political nature of peace movements, Chazan argued, is essential for success.

"If you bring antagonistic parties together and you avoid politics you are deluding yourself," she said. "These are political problems."

Paradoxically, Chazan argued that although women are ubiquitous in peace processes, their influence has been "infinitesimal, if at all." In fact, in the major peace negotiations of the

past 30 years, there have been no women present at all. After "spend[ing] hours, mostly nights trying to figure out [why peacemaking efforts aren't working]," Chazan identified five confounding factors to peace movements in general, referring to them as "five F's," including the inability to confront failure, fear, frustration, fatigue and friction within the movements.

Chazan also presented reasons as to why women specifically have been unsuccessful in implementing peace, including the onset of violence, which "is primarily, not exclusively, the domain of men," as well as the general perspective that women are irrelevant and inef-

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QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

Professor Naomi Chazan spoke about female involvement in the peace movement Thursday at the Hesburgh Center.

INSIDE COLUMN

# Baseball's irrelevance

Cory Lidle, a pitcher for the New York Yankees and nine-year veteran of Major League Baseball, died Wednesday when his Cirrus SR-20 crashed into a skyscraper in Manhattan. He was a human being.

For the first two hours of nonstop broadcast coverage of the tragedy, the news media focused on the fear of terrorism and the possibility of deaths in the building — along with the obvious question of how such a tragedy could have occurred.



Ken Fowler

Sports Editor

The Associated Press had a 900-word, 27-paragraph story running on its news wire at 4:50 p.m. — 2 hours after the accident — when word broke that Lidle was aboard the doomed flight.

"A small plane crashed into a 50-story condominium tower Wednesday on Manhattan's Upper East Side, raining flaming debris onto the sidewalks below and rattling New Yorkers' nerves five years after the Sept. 11 attack," the story read at 4:47 p.m. "Police said at least two people were killed."

But after 10 versions of the crash story, the AP scrapped the entire article and began anew with the information about Lidle.

Here's the entire story as of 4:57 p.m. Wednesday: "A small plane with New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle aboard crashed into a 50-story condominium tower Wednesday on Manhattan's Upper East Side, killing at least four people, authorities said."

That was it.

Even though the casualty numbers were the same, the fears had still been flamed and debris still lay on the sidewalk near 72nd and York, the story now revolved around who and not what.

That Cory Lidle, a sports figure, was dead was more important than anything else. And it wasn't just the AP who had that thought. Reuters, CNN and even The New York Times all changed the focus on the tragedy and fear to one of the two persons killed. Here at The Observer, I fell right into that sad trap. I was trying to convince the editorial board that the story should run in the sports section instead of the news section because it involved Lidle. As I thought about it today, I realized how wrong I was.

Whether it was Lidle and a flight instructor, a 31-year-old stock broker and his son or two sight-seeing buddies, the story should have remained the same. Two people tragically lost their lives when their plane hit an apartment building — and luckily no one inside the building was killed.

But what would have been a much more dramatic story — about two people surviving the plane's impact into their apartment — was lost in the focus on Lidle.

Buried deep in today's articles is a tale about a doctor and his wife who ran from their apartment as the plane hit their window. Dr. Parviz Benhuri and his wife survived.

The unnecessary shift of focus might all be part of the human condition, sad as it may be. Next time, hopefully, I'll at least catch my mistake earlier.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

## CORRECTIONS

Due to a production error in the Oct. 12 edition of The Observer, the story "Professors question recruitment approach" did not end. The final quote should have read "I'm participating in something which is central to my religion being in the world." The Observer regrets the error.

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR FALL BREAK?



Cristina Romano  
freshman  
Walsh

"I'm going to brave the rapids of West Virginia and go whitewater rafting."



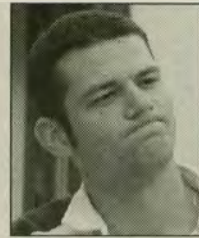
Tricia Daly  
freshman  
BP

"I'm going to take a long, hot, shoeless shower."



Kristen Ploetze  
freshman  
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"I'm writing a research paper."



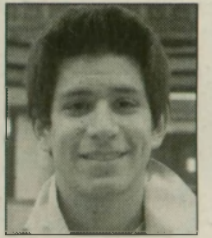
Tom Stablein  
senior  
Knott

"Reading a decent newspaper for once."



Francisco Fernandez del Castillo  
freshman  
Fisher

"Going back home to see my new little brother."



Victor Saenz  
sophomore  
Knott

"I'm going to New York to do a small service project."



QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

The United States Air Force Band of Flight performs last night in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Consisting of eight unique performing ensembles, the Band performs a broad variety of musical genres from classical and jazz, to country and rock.

## IN BRIEF

Fall break begins Saturday, and classes will resume Oct. 23.

The film "Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price" will be shown at 7 tonight in Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The film "Unknown White Male" is playing tonight at 7 and 10 in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$6 for the general public, \$5 for faculty and staff, \$4 for senior citizens and \$3 for students.

The Irish volleyball team takes on DePaul tonight at 7 in the Joyce Center. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth or seniors.

The film "Mon Oncle" will be presented Saturday afternoon at 3 in the Browning Cinema. Tickets are \$6 for the general public, \$5 for faculty and staff, \$4 for senior citizens and \$3 for students.

The film "The Bridesmaid" is playing Saturday at 7 p.m. and 10 in the Browning Cinema. Tickets are \$6 for the general public, \$5 for faculty and staff, \$4 for senior citizens and \$3 for students.

Irish men's soccer will battle Providence Saturday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth or seniors.

The Irish football team will face the UCLA Bruins Oct. 21 at 2:30 p.m.

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

## OFFBEAT

### Baker makes wife cream puff wedding dress

UZZHOROD, Ukraine — Valentyn Shtefano's pastries were known for attracting stares and giggles as well as lip-smacking murmurs. But even his fiancée was surprised when Shtefano told her he was making her wedding dress — out of flour, eggs, sugar and caramel.

The dress — made of 1,500 cream puffs and weighing 20 pounds — took the 28-year-old baker two months to make, and by the end of the wedding reception, bride Viktoriya said she didn't want to take it off.

Shtefano is a rising star in

the field of baking as visual art, earning him a following in this city near the border with Slovakia. His creations have generated a buzz in a place where cake is often layers of heavy cream, wafers and nuts or poppy seeds — more something to eat than to look at.

### Bra littering causes car accident on highway

TOLEDO, Ohio — A teenager who put her bra on a car antenna before it flew off and led to a highway accident will be charged with littering, a prosecutor said. Emily Davis, 17, of Bowling Green, told investigators she took her

bra off while her friend was driving on Interstate 75.

James Campbell, who was driving behind the girls, said he swerved to avoid the bra and his car flipped several times. Campbell, 37, broke a vertebra in his neck during the Sept. 26 accident. His passenger, Jeff Long, 40, broke several ribs.

A State Highway Patrol crash report, obtained by The Blade, said that the girls told investigators that before the accident the men were motioning to them to lift up their shirts.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 45 LOW 30	HIGH 35 LOW 20	HIGH 52 LOW 35	HIGH 60 LOW 40	HIGH 57 LOW 45	HIGH 65 LOW 42

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# College of Science revises pre-med advising center

*Initiative will prepare students for careers*

Special to The Observer

Since 1943, Notre Dame has given special attention to students whose postgraduate plans included medical or dental school. Part of this assistance involved the development of preprofessional programs that pair a strong but general core of science courses with classes in the social sciences and humanities. Another part has involved advising and assistance with applications.

As new as the Jordan Hall of Science itself is a revised approach to preparing those students, and a new director: Rev. James Foster, C.S.C., who also is a physician. In addition to leading the preprofessional program for the College of Science, he is director of the newly named Center for Health Sciences Advising.

This consolidated service responds to several developments in the health care field. First, says Father Foster, a service that advises only medical and dental school applicants is a bit narrow in scope. What about students who want to be optometrists or physical therapists?

Also, the process of building an application for the health services professions is becoming more competitive and complex. Students now are encouraged to have a summer service background or an undergraduate research experience.

Future dentists are encouraged to have shadowed a practicing professional, Father Foster says.

Now, under one roof on the second floor of Jordan, Father Foster shares office space with fellow advisors Kathleen Kolberg, Jennifer Nemecek and the undergraduate research coordinator, Michelle Whaley. Kolberg, an assistant dean of the College of Science, works with science majors who plan to attend one of the professional schools but who are forgoing the preprofessional program for traditional majors such as biology. Nemecek advises Arts and Letters majors. Whaley helps coordinate undergraduate research projects for College of Science majors.

"It's like a home," Kolberg says. "It belongs to everyone who wants to go into medicine and the health professions."

With their strong interest in service and their clear intellectual capacity, Notre Dame students are attractive prospects to health care professional programs. Some 80 percent of Notre Dame students who apply to medical school are accepted, compared to the approximate 45 percent nationally, Father Foster says.

The task of helping students become attractive candidates over a four-year period — candidates who combine strong academics, service and research — draws on Father Foster's skills both as a priest and a former practicing physician.

# CSC receives service award

*Catholic group praises center's mission work*

By RYAN SYDLIK  
News Writer

Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns (CSC) received a distinguished award from the United States Catholic Mission Association Oct. 2 at a banquet concluding the USCMA's annual conference held at Notre Dame.

A network of Catholic organizations, religious communities and laity based in Washington, D.C., the USCMA's stated purpose is to bring together people across the globe serving Christ through the Church.

The award was presented to Father William Lies, executive director of the Center, and Father Don McNeill, who founded the center in 1983 for "23 years of cross-cultural global mission in service to the Church and the world."

Since its inception, the CSC has provided educational experiences through social service inspired by Catholic teaching. It also assists students, faculty, staff and alumni in reflecting on social issues and responsibilities.

Throughout its 23 years, the CSC has expanded greatly in its abilities and mission.

"The Center has grown from an organization that originally coordinated local and national volunteer and experiential learning efforts for Notre Dame students to a nationally-recognized center deeply rooted in community-based learning, research and service informed by Catholic social tradition," Lies said.

Lies said students are very involved in service both to the

CSC and to other organizations.

"Eighty-five percent of all Notre Dame students are involved in service at least once a year, which is well above the national collegiate average, and also of that, nearly 40 percent engage in at least one to two hours of service weekly," he said.

In addition, Lies said that 10 percent of graduates take part in a year or more of service after graduation.

The CSC has had a number of memorable moments over the years.

The Center was given the former WNDU building in 1983 to house its programs. Though many other campus groups were competing for the space, University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh gave the building to the CSC because he wanted mission and service to have a formal base on campus.

The CSC promptly created the Summer Service Learning program, in which students go to sites across the United States to perform service for people in need. The program now sends students to about 200 sites every summer. The CSC expanded the program's role in 1996 to include the International Summer Service Learning Program, which extends service to across the world. It has grown

from five placements in three countries to 36 placements in 14 countries today.

The CSC has also engaged in community-based research to enhance the learning opportunities for students and faculty.

One of the CSC's most recent efforts has been to coordinate the University's response to the devastation of the Gulf Coast region after Hurricane Katrina, particularly focusing on long-term recovery efforts.

Lies said the Center is seeking to add more one-credit seminar placements as many of them have a very large surplus of applicants.

The Center also hopes to hold more small, issue-focused seminars such as the "Lives in the Balance" seminar, which would examine violence in schools, and to increase the number of international opportunities to students. Whatever new features the CSC adds, it will remain grounded in its original mission, Lies said.

"The CSC will always seek to be a leader in the field of community-based research and service-learning, while challenging Notre Dame undergraduates to develop a life-long commitment to social justice," he said.

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# Theology

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giously affiliated institution like Notre Dame, said theology department chair John Cavadini.

While Harvard's faculty recommendation calls for courses such as Religion and Democracy, Darwinism, or "Why Americans Love God and Europeans Don't," Notre Dame's required courses focus instead on "faith seeking understanding," he said.

"Instead of studying religion as if it were an object, we try to rearticulate it, to understand the parts of faith — articulating a tradition based in faith," Cavadini said.

As far as the approach to religion is concerned, secular schools and Catholic institutes like Notre Dame seem to

regard religion differently.

If secular institutions regard religion as a cultural artifact to examine and rationalize, questions of personal faith may not be appropriate for their classrooms, Cavadini said.

At Notre Dame, "the theology class subject is God," he said. "Questions about students' own faith are legitimate, they help students have a sophisticated understanding about what faith teaches."

In a telephone interview with CNN, Harvard philosophy professor Alison Simmons said "as academics in a university we

don't have to confront religion if we're not religious, but in the world they [students] will have to."

Cavadini explained the difference between the secular and religious approach in response to Simmons' quote.

"The way the sentence is set up implies religion is an uncomfortable reality we have to confront, to make sense

of the irrational," he said. "We don't use the language of 'confronting' religion here. We talk about a dialect between faith and reason. You don't have to

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**John Cavadini**  
chair  
theology department

skills that can be translated to other disciplines.

The second required course examines a major theme in the Christian theological tradition and explores its implications through an inquiry of Christian history.

A spring 2005 survey of students in the midst of the second theology requirement found the majority of students to be highly satisfied or satisfied with the foundations of theology course. The department, however, is always trying to improve the requirement classes, and often works off student feedback, Cavadini said.

As for the importance of religious study to the University, "Catholic intellectual life is inconceivable without theology," Cavadini said.

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fective by definition.

Chazan argued that women will not succeed if they have not been a part of the peace action at the official level. As a solution, she argued that both men and women have to be a part of the peace process.

"You want peace? Mainstream," she said. "No

women, no table."

In addition, Chazan argued that peace will not be achieved without the means of political power. A woman interested in promoting peace "[has] to go into politics even if it is hard."

*"Women are involved in every contemporary peace process I know of."*

**Naomi Chazan  
professor**

And it is hard. "No man is going to incorporate a woman into a negotiation process," she said. "It's not going to happen. You have to insist on it."

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# Break

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work this break. For sophomore Perry Shoemaker, fall break will be filled with work.

"Basically I am going to work for the [Notre Dame] Sports Information Department and work on some papers, all in the comfort of [South Bend]."

The University will have a few activities for those students like Shoemaker who will stay on campus for the week.

The Snite Museum will host the exhibit "Caras Vemos Corazones No Sabemos" a

free exhibit that addresses "the human landscape of Mexican migration." The exhibit is free and open to the public.

On Oct. 20, the Notre Dame volleyball team will compete against Connecticut in the Joyce Center at 4 p.m. Later that evening, the comedy troupe "The Capitol Steps" will perform at 8:30 pm at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Last, but not least, the Notre Dame football team faces UCLA at home on Oct. 21 at 2:30 p.m. — probably drawing many students back for an early end to break.

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# Gallaudet students protest hire

## Demonstrators want new presidential pick

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Gallaudet University students blocked access to campus for a second day Thursday, escalating their protest against an incoming president they say lacks the skills to lead the nation's only liberal arts university for the deaf and hearing impaired.

"We're in the middle of a crisis here," said LaToya Plummer, 25, a junior from Suitland, Md., who was among the protesters.

Students eased their blockade of campus entrances Thursday night after meeting with District of Columbia police and university officials for three hours. Protest leaders agreed to open one side entrance to avoid being arrested.

Other gates, including the main entrance, remained blocked. Students also decided to fill the campus parking garage with their own cars to prevent other vehicles from parking there.

"We see the police lined up. They are ready to take us, and they can," said Ryan Commerson, a graduate student who took part in the talks.

The protesters have said they wouldn't let school resume unless the presidential search process is reopened.

The blockade began around 3 a.m. Wednesday and forced the university to cancel classes for a second day Thursday as about 200 students protested at the front gate. Some linked arms and formed a human chain to block the main entrance to campus while about 10 police officers looked on from across the street.

The protests began last spring when then-Provost Jane K. Fernandes was appointed to replace president I. King Jordan, beginning in January, by the school's board of trustees.

Students intensified their protests on Oct. 5, when they took over Gallaudet's main classroom building — an occupation that was marred by complaints about rough actions by campus police. Since then, the demonstrations have escalated, with students blocking campus gates, forcing school officials to move or cancel classes.

Plummer, who signed through an interpreter, and other students and some faculty said they felt shut out of the selection process for the next president. Some also felt the field of candidates was not ethnically diverse.

"They have no idea who we are," Plummer said of the board of trustees.

Fernandes has said some people do not consider her "deaf enough" to be president. She was born deaf but grew up speaking and did not learn American Sign Language until she was 23. Those who are against her presidency say she is an unsuitable choice for other reasons.

"I feel that this institution cannot move forward under Dr. Fernandes' leadership because there are too many disagreements about her as a leader," said Mark Weinberger, a professor of foreign languages at Gallaudet and also chair of the faculty's Senate.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### British presence in Iraq criticized

LONDON — Britain's new army commander said British troops in Iraq are making the situation worse and must leave the country soon and he called Prime Minister Tony Blair's policies "naive," according to an interview published Thursday.

Gen. Richard Dannatt said the British military should "get ourselves out sometime soon because our presence exacerbates the security problems," according to the interview with the Daily Mail released on the tabloid's Web site.

"Whatever consent we may have had in the first place" from the Iraqi people "has largely turned to intolerance," he said, according to the report.

The Defense Ministry and Blair's office said they could not immediately comment.

Dannatt's comments are certain to infuriate Blair, who is President Bush's key ally in the Iraq war.

### New mouse discovered in Cyprus

LONDON — Using DNA testing, scientists have discovered what is believed to be the first terrestrial mammal found in Europe in decades: a mouse with a big head, ears, eyes and teeth that lives in a mountainous area of Cyprus.

The mouse was native to the eastern Mediterranean island, survived the arrival of man on Cyprus and could be considered a "living fossil," experts said.

"New mammal species are mainly discovered in hot spots of biodiversity like Southeast Asia, and it was generally believed that every species of mammal in Europe had been identified," said Thomas Cucchi, a research fellow at Durham University in northeast England.

"This is why the discovery of a new species of mouse on Cyprus was so unexpected and exciting," he said in an interview Thursday.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Man arrested in school shooting

JOPLIN, Mo. — The father of a 13-year-old who fired a shot inside his school in a bloodless shooting was arrested Thursday and charged with being a felon in possession of a gun, authorities said.

Gregory Lynn White, 44, appeared before a federal magistrate in Springfield after being arrested without incident outside his Joplin home, federal agents said.

White did not enter a plea and was released on \$5,000 bond. If convicted, he could face up to 10 years in prison or fines up to \$250,000.

### Amish shooting site demolished

NICKEL MINES, Pa. — Ten days after the Amish schoolhouse shootings, a demolition crew using heavy equipment tore down the bloodstained building Thursday and obliterated nearly all traces of the place where five girls were killed.

Only a bare patch of earth was left behind, and it was planted with grass seed, so that eventually even the footprint of the one-room schoolhouse will be gone, too.

Any kind of plaque or memorial is unlikely. Members of the plain-living Amish community said it would be too showy and would attract too many visitors.

"They do not want to make it a tourist attraction," said the 27-year-old brother of two of the 15 boys sent out of the schoolhouse by the gunman before the shooting.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Exploratory drilling inconclusive

MONTGOMERY, Ind. — The state Department of Natural Resources told residents that results of recent exploratory drilling for coal in a southern Indiana wildlife preserve were inconclusive.

"We do not have any concept of what may or may not be there," DNR Director Kyle Hupfer said Wednesday during the first of a series of public hearings on the project.

The Evansville-based Black Beauty Coal Co. was given approval by the Department of Natural Resources last month to drill up to three dozen holes at depths from 130 feet to 180 feet at the Glendale Fish and Wildlife area in Daviess County, northeast of Evansville.

## AFGHANISTAN

# 17 Guantanamo prisoners freed

16 Afghans, 1 Iranian released from long captivity at U.S. prison in Cuba

Associated Press

KABUL — Sixteen Afghans and one Iranian released from years in captivity at the U.S. prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, arrived in Afghanistan on Thursday, an Afghan official said.

The 16 Afghans appeared at a news conference alongside Sibghatullah Mujaddedi, head of Afghanistan's reconciliation commission, which assists with the release of detainees from Guantanamo and the U.S. prison at the Bagram military base north of Kabul.

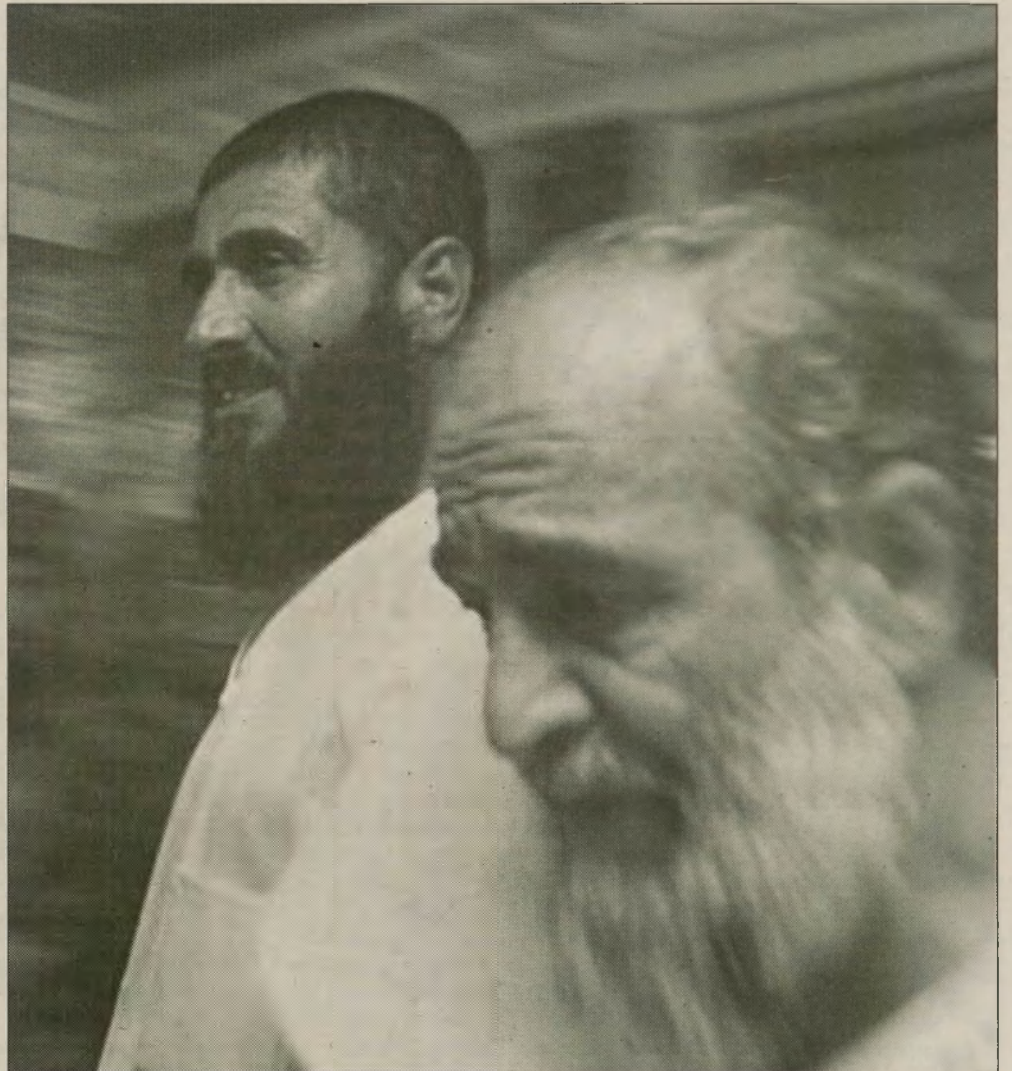
Mujaddedi said many of the detainees, who are now free, had served up to four years in Guantanamo. He said "most" of the prisoners were innocent and had been turned in to the U.S. military by other Afghans because of personal disputes.

The released Iranian prisoner, who also arrived in Afghanistan on Thursday, was handed over to the International Committee of the Red Cross, he said.

A U.S. military spokesman in Kabul confirmed that 16 Afghans had been released from Guantanamo and turned over to the Afghan government. Lt. Marcelo Calero said he had no information about the Iranian prisoner.

One of the released prisoners, Sayed Mohammed Ali Shah, said he had been a delegate at the country's first loya jirga, a council of leaders that helped establish the interim government in 2002 after the U.S.-led invasion to oust the Taliban in 2001.

"For four years they put me in jail in Cuba for nothing," said Shah, a



17 prisoners — 16 Afghans and 1 Iranian — released from Guantanamo Bay arrived in Afghanistan Thursday to collect their belongings.

doctor from the eastern province of Paktia whose hands shook from nervousness when he spoke.

"All these people (the other prisoners) and all those Afghans still in Cuba, they are innocent," he told reporters. "All were arrested because of false reports, and the Americans, without investigating, they arrested innocent people and put them in jail for a long time."

Another former prisoner, Habib Rahman, 20, said he was arrested because he had a wea-

pon in his home.

"They told me, 'You are against us, you are anti-American and anti-government and you are fighting with us,'" said Rahman, from Paktia. "At that time in our area everyone had weapons. I was innocent and I hadn't participated in any fighting."

Rahman said that he was treated harshly at Guantanamo, and that one time he was kept awake for 38 hours while being questioned about ties to terrorists.

"The last time they tor-

tured me like that was four months ago," he said. "They were kicking us all the time, beating us with their hands."

Sayed Sharif Yousufy, a spokesman for the Afghan reconciliation commission, last month said that between 90 and 110 Afghans were still at Guantanamo, meaning that between about 74 and 94 would still be there.

One of the released prisoners, Sadir, who only goes by one name, said 74 Afghans remain in Guantanamo.

# Lidle crash alarms NY politicians

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A day after the fiery plane crash that killed Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle, politicians expressed alarm that, five years after Sept. 11, small aircraft are still allowed to fly right up next to the New York skyline.

"I think everyone is scratching their head, wondering how it is possible that an aircraft can be buzzing around Manhattan," said Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., who has been lobbying for rule changes since 2004. "It's virtually the Wild West. There is no regulation at all, other than 'Don't run into anything.'"

The single-engine plane that carried Lidle to his death was flying over the

East River, which separates Manhattan from Brooklyn and Queens and is lined on the Manhattan side by the United Nations and scores of other skyscrapers.

It is one of the city's busiest and most popular routes for sightseeing pilots, traffic helicopters and executives hopping from one business deal to the next, and it is largely unmonitored, as long as the aircraft stay below 1,100 feet.

Lawmakers have tried for years to close the corridor for reasons of safety and security.

Gov. George Pataki said Thursday that the Federal Aviation Administration "needs to take a much tougher line" about private, or general

aviation, flights over the city."

However, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a recreational pilot with decades of experience, said he believes the skies are safe under the current rules.

"We have very few accidents for an awful lot of traffic," he said. "Every time you have an automobile accident, you're not going to go and close the streets or prohibit people from driving."

Aviation officials have downplayed the potential threat posed by light aircraft, but FAA spokeswoman Laura J. Brown said in a written statement Thursday that the agency would review its guidelines for general aviation and flight restrictions as a result of the Lidle crash.

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Women's InterCultural Leadership (CWIL).

The Catalyst Trip has been an annual event over the past several years, whereas the Pilgrimage to Mexico and Habitat are relatively new to the college.

"If there is sufficient interest among students, staff and faculty, then I would love to see these [Habitat and Pilgrimage] become annual trips; although in the future, the exact destination might be different depending on the needs," Call said.

A weeklong intensive program addressing social issues such as racism, the Catalyst Trip takes 25 to 30 students, faculty and staff members to engage in workshops, lectures, art, ritual and dialogue to explore leadership capabilities.

Among the participants' destinations in and around Cincinnati are the Grailville Retreat Center, the Peaslee Neighborhood Center and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

"Our Cincinnati experience is guided by Dr. Judith Blackburn, a retired women's studies professor and member of the Grail and by Bonnie Neumeier, a founder of the Peaslee Neighborhood Center, writer and community activist," said Bonnie Bazata, associate director of CWIL.

The main focus of the trip will be workshops on race and privilege, with the aim of teaching the women involved how to encourage tolerance in an increasingly diverse society.

"We believe racism is a complex, enduring social ill that continues to be a cornerstone in the structure of inequality

in this country," she said. "We empower women to be leaders in the undoing of racism through workshops led by two exceptional diversity trainers."

Those diversity trainers are Dorothy Friesen and Rosemarie Harris. Friesen facilitates anti-racism workshops for various churches and social agencies. Harris is a criminal justice administrator and formerly served as Saint Mary's Director of Security.

Nicole Garcia, who graduated from Saint Mary's in 2004, was quick to emphasize the power of the Catalyst Trip.

*"It is impossible to walk away from the trip without being transformed by the experience."*

**Nicole Garcia**  
Saint Mary's graduate

"It is impossible to walk away from the trip without being transformed by the experience," she said.

Junior Razia Stanikzai, who went on the trip last fall, agreed with Garcia's assessment.

"The Catalyst Trip is a journey of transformation and critical awareness. It is an invitation to become a member of a community who cares about social justice," she said.

### Service on the Gulf Coast

Saint Mary's students also have the opportunity to work in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity over break. Victims of Hurricane Katrina are still in need of aid and rebuilding, which is why Saint Mary's is offering "The Gulf Coast Rebuilding Project."

Associate Professor of Psychology Karen Chambers and Associate Professor of Sociology Susan Alexander are taking 13 students to Slidell in East Tammany Parish, La. Brandy Ellison, an adjunct in the Sociology department, and Brett Alexander will also be supervising the trip.

Students will be working with the East St. Tammany Habitat for Humanity Parish. This branch of Habitat has set a goal of building 100 houses

each year for the next three years for Katrina victims.

"This is amazing given the fact that pre-Katrina they [Habitat] had only built 27 houses since the chapter had been established in 1992," Chambers said.

Slidell was hit hard by Katrina, sustaining winds of 176 mph and up to 190 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Chambers has a personal connection with Hurricane

Katrina because she was caught in New Orleans for much of last year's disaster, missing the first couple weeks of school.

"I feel that I need to do something for the people of the New Orleans area.

So many kind people helped me when their homes were gone and they didn't know where their families were," she said. "I was deeply touched by how compassionate people were for one another during the storm, that people took care of one another even when they needed to help themselves."

Junior Katie Cosimano is also heading down to Louisiana for a personal reason.

"My grandparents live in New Orleans and are currently rebuilding houses due to the damage done by Hurricane Katrina," she said. "I just thought it would be a great way to give back to the community and show how such a horrible disaster affects everyone."

Senior Raquel DeLuna said she was looking forward to taking action and finally having a hand in the clean-up.

"When I first saw the mass devastation in New Orleans, I felt useless and wished I could do something to help," she said. "This trip is giving me that opportunity to do just

that."

For Chambers, Alexander and their husbands, this will be their second service trip to the Gulf Coast. Last spring, they worked on a site where three houses were being built.

"It was such hard work, but at the end of the week, I felt peaceful," Chambers said.

The group is leaving Oct. 14 and returning Oct. 21. They will be traveling in two vans and staying at the First Baptist Church in Slidell.

Chambers and Alexander have also organized a swamp tour to see how animal life was affected by the storms.

"I am so proud of the students who have chosen to spend a

week working hard for others — it says a great deal about the hearts of our students at Saint Mary's," Chambers said.

### Personal reflection in Mexico

This year, six students are also going on a trip entitled Pilgrimage to Mexico. Assistant Director of Multicultural Affairs Larisa Olin Ortiz, originally from Monterrey, and Judy Fean, Director of Campus Ministry, will accompany the students. Home Depot has also donated tools for the volunteers.

The trip is organized by Sister Michelle Toepf, who has been in charge of the Sisters of the Holy Cross Mission in Monterrey for the past 11 years. Fean called the trip, which is sponsored by CWIL, OCSE and Campus Ministry, "a collaborative pilgrimage."

This is the first time a group of Saint Mary's students are going to Monterrey.

"We are going because it is a wonderful opportunity for them to learn about the Sisters of the Holy Cross mission and the different services that they provide to the com-

munity," Ortiz said.

Pastoral visits to the elderly and youth education programs are among the variety of ministry programs implemented by the mission.

The group will be visiting different parishes in the area, but will take residence in the Hospitality House of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

"We will be working with the youth groups that the sisters have in Monterrey, visiting parishes, having lunch with the elderly, celebrating worship together, learning about immigration, learning more about Mexican culture [and] having structured reflection sessions on how these experiences challenge and shape our faith lives and learning about the Sisters' work in Mexico," Ortiz said.

The trip will focus on personal reflection, in order to discover the individual's greater impact on the world.

"Each day will end with theological reflection about the daily experiences and how that impacts one's understanding of a global world, as well as 'What does Catholic Social Teaching have to offer about the situation of the residents?' and 'Are we being called to action?'" Fean added.

Senior Beth Sands is a Spanish major and hopes this trip will be a learning experience for her.

"I am hoping to practice speaking Spanish in a setting where I am also learning about my faith through interacting with another culture," she said.

This trip begins on Monday, Oct. 16 and students return on Sunday, Oct. 22.

As these students give back over the break, they may find themselves with a greater understanding of Saint Mary's.

"I think it's important that all the trips reflect the mission and concerns of the College in real, tangible ways," Call said. "All three of these [trips] do exactly that."

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## Seminar

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other students find their academic interests and their vocation. Overall, they help students find their own voice."

However, a group of 120 students will take an alternate path by heading south to help rebuild New Orleans, operating independently of the CSC for no credit.

Junior Caitly Schneeman, chair of the Gulf Coast Task Force that's in charge of the excursion, has led several recovery trips to New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina in August 2005. The group she's taking this week will be her largest yet, Schneeman said.

"It's ridiculous how there are still hundreds of homes that need to be gutted, so our goal is to remove furniture, take down walls, and repair them for rebuilding," she said. "It's a really effective way of doing service."

The students will work with Catholic Charities and Operation Helping Hands — affiliates of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Funding and student recruitment has been so successful that Schneeman

is "pleased and excited" about the upcoming trip.

"I really think we're going to do a lot of amazing things down in New Orleans," she said, "and I never imagined we'd get so many people to come. We might be able to gut as many as twenty to thirty houses, and it's really effective and rewarding."

Those students opting for the CSC route will participate in either the Appalachia Seminar in the Appalachian Valley, the Cultural Diversity Seminar in Chicago, the Washington, D.C. Seminar, the Lives in the Balance

— Youth, Violence and Society Seminar in Cincinnati and the Gospel of Life Seminar in Washington, D.C.

The Appalachia seminar is by far the largest in the CSC, with around 230 students traveling to 20 sites throughout Appalachia to build homes and get a "hands-on

experience about the social and economic problems of the region," said student assistant junior Claire Murphy.

"The CSC as a whole is focusing on economic justice for all as the focal point for this larger seminar," Murphy said. "Students will be looking at the problems and issues of the Appalachia area through that lens."

Students signed up for the seminar have already attended three classes and listened to guest speakers in order to become more familiar with the history, culture and challenges of the area. Students also had to do a series of readings to understand "how we're helping the situation," said freshman participant Courtney Klosterman.

"I've never been to the Appalachia region, and I expect to do a lot of work," she said. "But I'm really look-

ing forward to closer social ties with my group and discovering the positive things about the area."

The Cultural Diversity Seminar, though less service-oriented, will immerse 10 students in Chicago's ethnic neighborhoods where they will initiate dialogue with various community leaders. They will be studying the demographics and frustrations of diversity in Chicago through coordination with the Urban Life Center.

"Our goal is to ensure that every single person can identify with multi-ethnic backgrounds," said Ashley Williams, sophomore student coordinator. "We want to make it personal for everybody."

A group of 11 students will head east to participate in the Washington, D.C. Seminar to study foreign relations and international affairs.

"We'll be meeting with a wide range of think tanks, advocacy groups and governmental organizations that span the ideological spectrum to try to get a balanced picture of foreign relations today," said senior student coordinator Christian Hoefel.

The Lives in the Balance — Youth, Violence and Society

Seminar will examine how the world of youth is impacted by violence. Students will study areas in South Bend and Over-the-Rhine, an inner-city neighborhood in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Gospel of Life seminar will examine the death penalty, euthanasia, abortion, cloning, stem cell research and related life issues, and how they affect election results. Students will travel to Washington, D.C. and meet with Church leaders, elected officials and representatives of agencies that focus on these issues.

The common thread uniting each of these issues is students' call to action and faith. Through their involvement in these programs, they will learn to question and gain a basic understanding of social justice issues as American citizens.

"This will be an education for them," Miller-McGraw said. "When one has the experience to offer himself to another, they are in turn educating themselves. Through the act of serving and giving back you learn much about yourself and the community."

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**MARKET RECAP**

Stocks			
<b>Dow Jones</b>	<b>11,947.70</b>	<b>+95.57</b>	
Up:	2,586	Same:	127
Down:	686	Composite Volume:	2,533,257,270
<b>AMEX</b>	<b>1,879.92</b>	<b>+15.11</b>	
<b>NASDAQ</b>	<b>2,346.18</b>	<b>+37.91</b>	
<b>NYSE</b>	<b>8,626.86</b>	<b>+86.22</b>	
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	<b>1,362.83</b>	<b>+12.88</b>	
<b>NIKKEI(Tokyo)</b>	<b>16,530.90</b>	<b>+161.77</b>	
<b>FTSE 100(London)</b>	<b>6,121.30</b>	<b>+47.80</b>	
Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.13	-0.006	4.778
13-WEEK BILL	+0.72	+0.035	4.920
30-YEAR BOND	-0.04	-0.002	4.911
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.15	-0.007	4.742
Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+0.27		57.86
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+3.80		580.30
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+1.18		90.20
Exchange Rates			
YEN			119.1850
EURO			0.7952
POUND			0.5368
CANADIAN \$			1.1329

**IN BRIEF**

**Stores lower prices on generic drugs**

TRENTON, N.J. — Consumers are suddenly getting a break on the cost of generic drugs as discount retailers and some prescription benefit managers start programs that provide a host of popular medications at very low costs.

In the last month, Wal-Mart stores Inc. and Target Corp. have begun programs at pharmacies in their Florida stores, including Wal-Mart's Sam's Club, offering dozens of generic drugs for \$4. Last May, Kmart Holding Corp.'s 1,100 stores began offering generics for \$15 for a 90-day supply.

On Thursday, Medco Health Solutions, one of the largest U.S. prescription benefit managers, announced a plan targeting consumers indirectly through small- and medium-sized businesses struggling to offer employees prescription coverage.

Medco, based in Franklin Lakes, will offer its "Generics First" plan through partner health insurers for which it manages prescription claims and shipments from its mail order pharmacies. The plan kicks off this week through the first insurer to sign up, Nationwide Life Insurance Co., said John Driscoll, Medco's group president for new business development.

**Filmmaker leaves Wal-Mart group**

A filmmaker whose work praised Wal-Mart has quit a national advocacy group funded by the retailer, saying pay caps adopted recently by the nation's largest employer were unfair to its long-time workers.

Ron Galloway said Wednesday he left the national steering committee of Working Families for Wal-Mart about a week ago over the pay caps adopted in August. Galloway said the caps, which Wal-Mart has defended as a standard industry practice, would hurt the company by encouraging experienced employees to leave.

Working Families spokesman Kevin Sheridan confirmed Galloway had left but said it was over environmental policy differences.

"Ron agreed to depart the committee in order to fully pursue a new film on the so-called myth of global warming, which runs contrary to Wal-Mart's aggressive sustainability agenda. We thank him for his support and wish him well with his new project," Sheridan said.

**Dow Jones closes at record high**

*Index sets intraday high; McDonald's, other companies keep market upbeat*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average broke through 11,900 to close at a record high Thursday, boosted by optimism over the health of corporate earnings.

The index's gain marked its fifth record close in two weeks; the Dow also set a record intraday high.

The markets were upbeat Thursday, with investors focusing on positive news from well-known consumer brands such as McDonald's Corp. and on economic data that indicated the economy was holding up even as it slowed. Oil prices, which remain near lows for the year, also boosted the mood on Wall Street.

"In general, we're getting friendly reports between oil inventories being up higher than expected and then some bellwether companies that are exceeding estimates," said John C. Forelli, portfolio manager for Independence Investment LLC in Boston. "It's kind of a return to the Goldilocks economy."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 95.57, or 0.81 percent, to 11,947.70. The advance put the 12,000 threshold within investors' sights. The previous record close, from Tuesday, was 11,867.17. The intraday high set Thursday was 11,959.63, eclipsing an earlier record of 11,872.94 reached Monday.

Broader stock indicators also moved higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 12.88, or 0.95 percent, at 1,362.83, and the Nasdaq composite index showed the day's biggest gain, advancing 37.91, or 1.64 percent, to 2,346.18.

Bonds rose, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.77 percent from 4.78 percent late Wednesday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

Oil prices hovered near year lows following an Energy Department report



Traders work just before the closing bell on Thursday when the Dow Jones Industrial Average crossed 11,900 for the first time.

that inventories were higher last week and amid doubts about whether OPEC's members will be able to agree on an immediate production cut. The price of a barrel of light, sweet crude, which settled at a low for the year on Wednesday, rose 27 cents to \$57.86 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Investors got a look at the state of the economy with the release of the Federal Reserve's Beige Book, which summarizes regional economic activity. The report found that economic growth appeared to be moderate or mixed — findings that seemed to reassure investors looking for the economy to slow at a reasonable pace.

Kevin Logan, chief U.S. economist at Dresdner

Kleinwort, said the Beige Book's tone was more optimistic than the one issued in August.

"They didn't say there was much of an inflation problem. Investors saw this as confirmation that the Fed is on hold," he said.

Investors have been keeping close tabs on the Fed as they try to gauge how quickly the economy is slowing. The central bank left short-term interest rates unchanged at its last two meetings following a two-year string of 17 straight increases aimed at curbing inflation. The Fed has said it remains concerned about inflation, but the slowing economy has prompted some hopes, however slim, that a rate cut could be in

the offing.

Investors paid less attention to a Commerce Department report that showed the country's trade deficit rose to a record \$69.9 billion in August, a 2.7 percent increase from July. Increased oil imports outpaced a record level of goods and services exports.

Logan said the markets tend to show little reaction to the trade data because, in terms of capital flows, foreign investors still prefer to hold dollars, which keeps the dollar stable.

"Without a depreciation of the dollar that forces up interest rates and inflation, then the equity market is not sensitive to changes in the monthly trade balances," he said.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

**Chopper crash kills resort tycoon**

Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO — Resort tycoon Howard "Butch" Kerzner was killed along with three others Wednesday when a helicopter they were traveling in crashed into a building on the Dominican Republic's north coast, an aviation official said.

Kerzner, chief executive officer of Kerzner International Holdings Ltd., a Bahamas-based casino and resort operator, was aboard the helicopter when it went down at 2:15 p.m. in the popular tourist resort of Sosua, said Yolanda

Manan, a spokeswoman for the Dominican airport authority.

"It is with great sadness that the entire company mourns the tragic loss of Butch Kerzner," Kerzner International said in a statement.

Kerzner, 42, was surveying potential development sites when the helicopter crashed on the roof of a business that grows ornamental plants.

Two officers in the Dominican armed forces, David Rosario Pimentel and Kevelier Matos, also died in the crash, said civil aviation spokesman Angel de la Rosa.

The fourth victim was Delio Luis

Gonzalez, Manan said. The online Dominican newspaper Clave Digital identified him as the son of a U.S.-based real estate investor who had worked with Kerzner International. His nationality was not known.

A commission was investigating what caused the Robinson 44 helicopter to crash.

Kerzner is survived by his wife and two young children, the company said. His father, Sol Kerzner, a South African casino tycoon who is chairman of Kerzner International's board, was en route to the Dominican Republic.

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## Faculty recruiting needs shift

Notre Dame is right in seeking to increase the number of Catholic faculty at the University. Whether it is immediately noticeable or not, more professors bringing more religious context into the classroom will help further the University's stated mission. That mission, however, must also include a broad spectrum of opinions that fosters intellectual religious debate. Religion without question is no faith; it is an assumption that bears no imminent influence on your life. Notre Dame's mission wants anything but that.

In that light, the questions that some faculty members have raised about the University's initiative to increase the number of Catholic professors are legitimate. Though University President Father John Jenkins called the contributions of non-Catholic faculty "indispensable," Notre Dame departments creating a database of only top Catholic academics diminishes the importance of Jenkins' message.

Thus, the University's departments should seek to attract both Catholic and non-Catholic intellectuals that do not fear invoking religion in discussions and debates with students about all fields of study — from bioethics and business to politics and philosophy.

This religious focus would help in three concrete ways:

1) Minimize the chance current non-Catholic faculty feel unwanted and "less equal." By explaining and putting actions behind words expressing Notre Dame's need for non-Catholic faculty, our top Muslim, Buddhist, Protestant, Orthodox, Jewish, agnostic and atheist professors will be more likely to

stay at Notre Dame rather than searching for jobs at schools where they would feel more appreciated.

2) Keep Notre Dame's advantage in the recruiting of non-Catholic faculty. As a top-20 American university, Notre Dame is in a position to attract top-line professors of all religions. By actively searching for religious professors — no matter what religion they are — and professors who have genuine opinions on religion they are not afraid to express, the school can bring an added element that other top universities do not have. By embracing serious, continuous religious discussion — something many people shy away from — Notre Dame can set itself apart from other top schools.

3) Ensure that Notre Dame does not overreact to the relatively low level of Catholic faculty currently. By keeping prominent non-Catholic scholars on their radars, department heads will see the top overall candidates, as well as the top Catholic candidates. A specific quota isn't what Notre Dame needs, as Arts and Letters Dean Mark Roche pointed out. To include the bigger picture is essential to keeping Notre Dame as an institution of higher learning with the best possible professors.

Notre Dame strives to be a top-5 university, period. But it won't — and shouldn't — give up its Catholic character to achieve that status. Through openness about its goals and a commitment to realize them, Notre Dame can and will find a place in the upper echelon of higher learning while reemphasizing its Catholic faith.

### The Observer Editorial

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## 'Right to life' not single-issue

In her letter ("Examining Pro-Life Values," Oct. 11) Mary DeBroeck correctly asserts that "in the Catholic call for social justice," one cannot fight "for an end to abortion while turning a deaf ear to all the rest" of the injustices committed against human life. It is necessary to point out two fallacies that need to be clarified in order for Notre Dame Right to Life to be portrayed accurately.

Having "attended her first and only meeting" of the club two years ago, DeBroeck is unaware of the extent of the activities of the organization. Based on her expansive and sound pro-life convictions, she finds Notre Dame Right to Life at fault for not focusing on issues such as "capital punishment, mistreated and mentally disabled, euthanasia victims, mistreated prisoners of war, as well as the hungry in Africa." Such an accusation is simply not true.

Precisely because the club seeks to build an entire culture of life based on the innate dignity of every human person, the club cannot and does not overlook the necessity of raising awareness of all the injustices committed against the human person. Last year, the club sponsored a discussion and lecture on the death penalty. Right to Life co-sponsored the Edith Stein Project, a conference that focused on, among other issues, women's eating disorders and violence against women. The club has also invited speakers to discuss issues ranging from stem-cell research, to euthanasia and end-of-life issues, to contraception. Making the claim that the club neglects issues other than abortion is being misinformed.

Secondly, Pope John Paul II reminds us in "The Gospel of Life," "among all the crimes which can be committed against

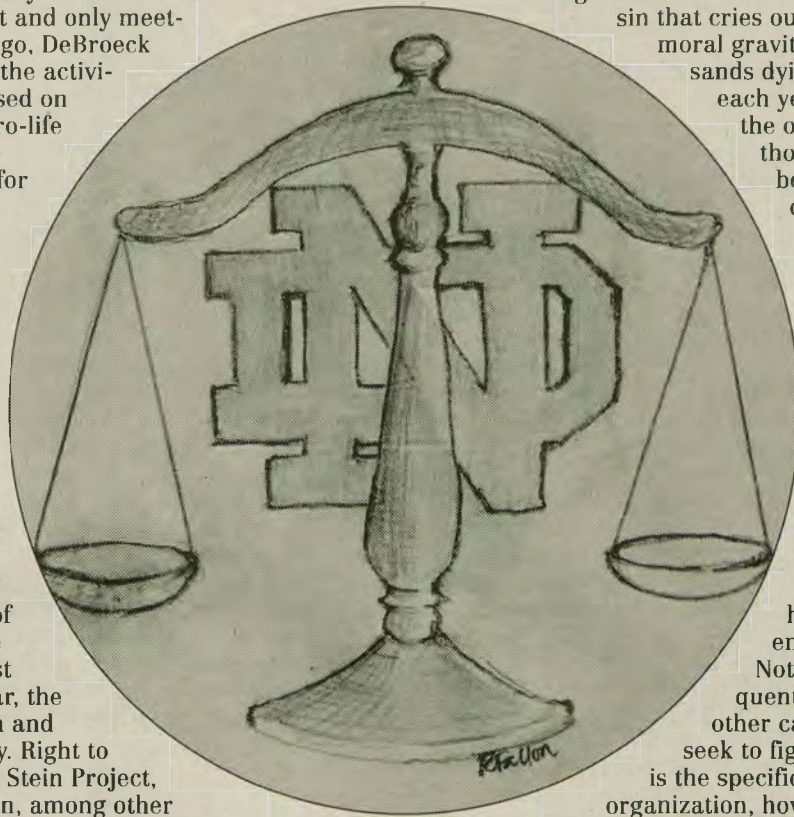
life, procured abortion has characteristics making it particularly serious and deplorable." The Second Vatican Council in "Gaudium et Spes" defines abortion, together with infanticide, an "unspeakable crime."

DeBroeck correctly recognizes that Notre Dame Right to Life is decidedly "abortion focused." While every crime against the life of a human being is a deplorable sin that cries out for vengeance to God, the moral gravity and social effects of "thousands dying from capital punishment each year" cannot be equated with the one million and six hundred thousand innocent human beings killed yearly by surgical abortion in our country alone.

"No one more absolutely innocent could be imagined. In no way could this human being ever be considered an aggressor, much less an unjust aggressor," John Paul II reminds us.

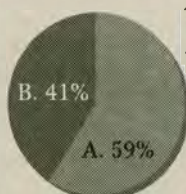
We are grateful to DeBroeck for reminding the Notre Dame community of the necessity of upholding the dignity of all human life and of fighting to end injustices on many fronts. Notre Dame Right to Life frequently cooperates with many other campus organizations that seek to fight against these injustices. It is the specific goal and mission of this organization, however, to bring to the forefront of the public forum the absolute necessity of recognizing that the fight against abortion is of fundamental importance to building a culture of life.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If you would convince a man that he does wrong, do right. Men will believe what they see."

Henry David Thoreau  
author



## Wisdom and objectivity

As a freshman in college, I heard a classmate say he did not have time to read the newspaper and so had difficulty keeping up with current events. His solution was to read the editorial page alone. This allowed him, he averred, to grasp the complexity of political happenings in short order, as if an opinion piece were the event and its interpretation at once.

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*The Treasonous  
 Clerk*

This memory has remained with me as a parable charting my own ambivalence concerning the nature of journalism and its consequences for our political culture.

My classmate's attempt to render editorial pages as Cliffs Notes for reality expressed what Cardinal Newman condemned as the "opinionatedness" of modern culture, in which having a position on every question is not only a right but a necessity. If one lacks leisure to contemplate the stakes of a given question, finding a shortcut to a firm opinion seems only practical.

Journalists, in general, are not sophisticated thinkers, and that helps in their business. If one can see through the ambiguities of an event and immediately discover the pro or con formula at its core, one would likely make a fine reporter. Never mind that this kind of "seeing through" is in truth a blindness to difficulties. Americans support or oppose the Iraq war for multiple reasons. In the world constructed by the news media these reasons are the first jetsam jettisoned and all that remains is a standardized index of favorable and unfavorable sentiments.

One may attempt to vindicate such

dichotomous thinking on the grounds that the ballot box does not consider reasons but rather counts votes, and so our political discourse must pragmatically model itself on the instrument of popular suffrage. Some such conception must lie behind the practice in certain college political science courses where the students use small "clickers" to register their for/against opinion on numerous issues at each class meeting. Education in such a course does not attempt to "get behind" the practices of a democracy to explore and interpret them. Rather it seeks to assure its students that speedy "opinionatedness" goes all the way down. One understands politics as soon as one understands the necessity of having an opinion about everything.

Studies of the news media's effect on popular opinion suggest that the press does not shape persons' beliefs per se, but rather, frames the categories in which people think through those beliefs. The press may not sway me to support a given immigration bill, but it can and does delimit the menu of responses most people will have to it.

The deleterious effects of such categorical thinking may not result merely from the coarseness of journalists' intellects, however. Journalists generally pursue a professional commitment to avoid "bias," and they often try to do so outside of the greenroom of the editorial page. Their attempt, unfortunately, is constituted by a series of five "objective" tests that determine whether an article is unbiased. The most damaging of these is the test that a story must represent "both sides" of a given topic. The power to decide how a question may be asked, how a debate may be framed, is four-

fifths of the terrain of politics. Choosing sides accounts for the last fraction, and is the sorry postage stamp remaining to most of us.

One should be suspicious of any series of "objective" tests that establish a piece of writing's fairness. While the efforts of journalists to achieve "fair and balanced" news coverage are admirable, they have miscarried. This is so not because clarity and honesty are unobtainable, but because these are goals that can be obtained, as it were, only through a personal commitment to them. The attempt to free oneself of this commitment by following five - or five hundred - external tests should be an embarrassment almost as sad as the lukewarm citizen who insists he is a "good person" because he has not killed anyone, paid his taxes and stopped at every stop sign.

To be a good person, one must studiously conceive an image of what the "good life for man" looks like and harness the will to model one's own life upon it. Strength of will is naturally important, but so is the faculty that matures as one contemplates the experiences of a lifetime, namely, wisdom.

A freshman student of my own once wrote an essay on "bias in the media" and concluded that "tests" do not fair news make. Only wisdom, the practice of honestly evaluating a question in the light of one's accumulated experience, can result in articulate truth. If this were recognized, newspapers would probably have fewer young reporters writing copy, but they might also cultivate editorial writers who could reflect inwardly on the difficulties of a question, drawing on the integrity of their experience, rather than merely excrete an opinion pro or

con at every question framed on the front page.

Before the emergence of journalism programs in America, the popular news presses tended to cater explicitly to its own partisan audience. The journalist had authority with readers because they had a priori trust in his sharing fundamental beliefs and principles with them. So long as the journalist clung to a standard of honor and honesty, the "interested" perspective of the writing testified to commitment to a certain body of wisdom. Of late, this kind of writing has reemerged in magazines like *First Things*, *The Weekly Standard*, *The American Conservative* and *The New Republic*. However much I sometimes disagree with the opinions threaded through their pages, the commitment of their writers to acknowledging the principles on which, and through which, they argue testifies to their integrity and wisdom. In contrast, the unacknowledged distortions and infuriating simplifications of *The New York Times* lead one to conclude that its writers may pass all the "objectivity tests" in the world and still not give us the truth.

Wisdom may seem an unreliable substitute for the "certainty" of tests that can be taught in journalism courses. But certain tests are not themselves truth and the only path to truth is full of unfortunate but inevitable byways.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Africa's problems more complex

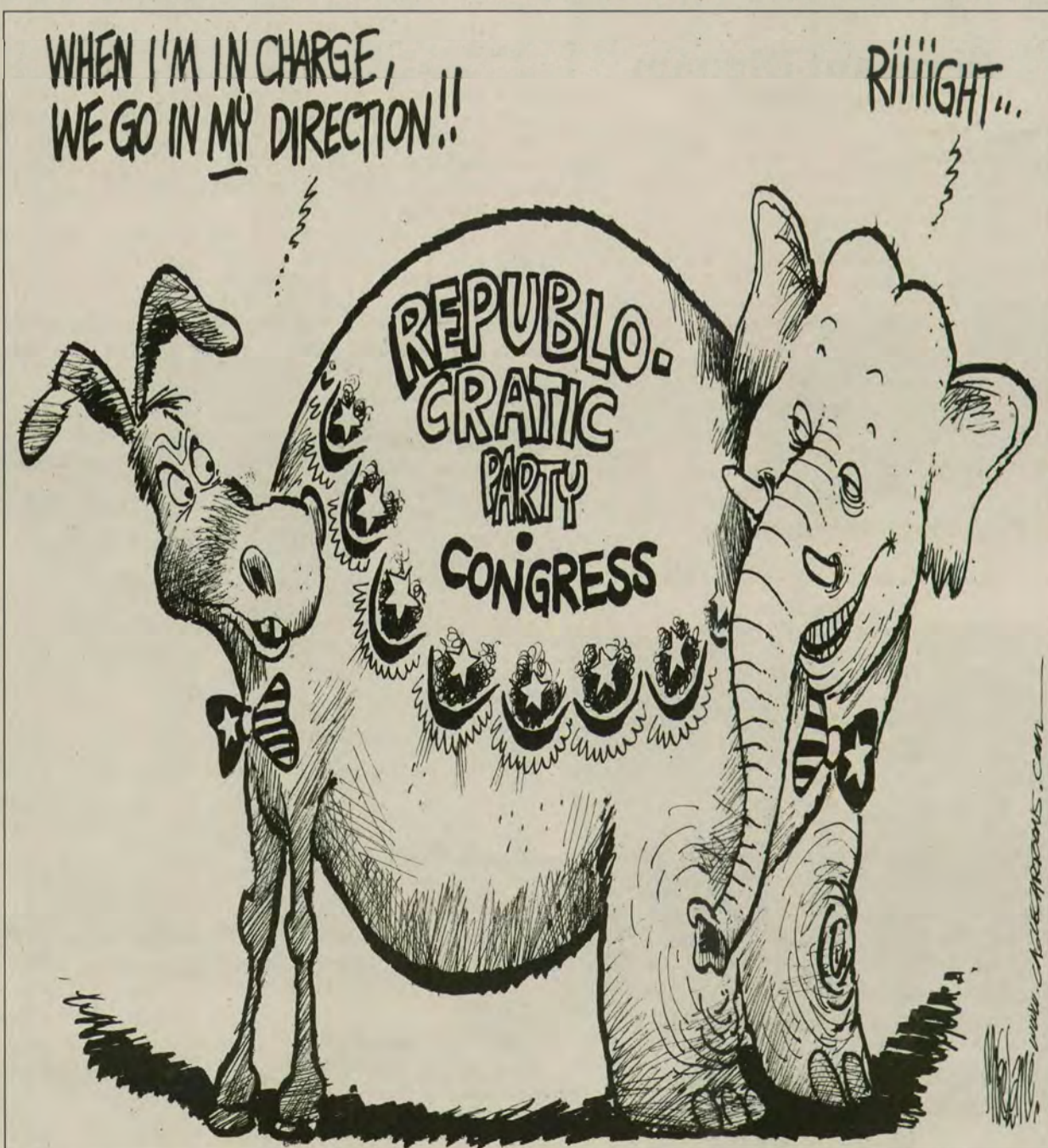
An Oct. 4 op-ed piece in the *International Herald Tribune* by New York Times columnist Nicholas D. Kristof was titled "Optimism and Africa." In it Kristof highlights the changing situations in some countries on the African continent, with improvements in Governance, in the fight against corruption, in economic reform and in the investment climate. He gives examples of Tanzania, Ghana, Rwanda and Nigeria.

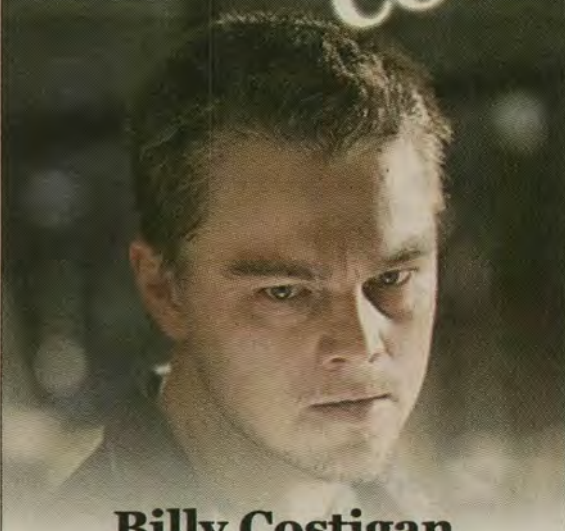
This pales in comparison to the rather negative tone that your report on Professor Naomi Chazan lecture on Africa conveyed. Particularly striking was the sentence, "she referred to the political breakdown of states due to ethnic fragmentation and conflict, famine and the AIDS epidemic." Currently only Somalia (and maybe Sudan) are breaking apart because of ethnic fragmentation and conflict. Other states such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Angola and Liberia (and even Cote D'Ivoire) are still single units despite years of varying degrees of conflict.

The stereotypical image of Africa is changing and while the problems continue to be present, there are numerous positive changes. More than a continent of political breakdown, ethnic conflict famine and AIDS, Africa is a continent suffering from the collapse of infrastructure (particularly roads and power), very unequal and uneven distribution of wealth, the lack of opportunity for skilled labor, the lack of investment in technology, a continued backwardness in its primary economic activity of agriculture and a very slow growth in the institutionalization of politics and political activity in much of Africa. It is also a continent in which political pluralism in its own unique form is taking root with virtually every country holding regular multiparty elections and many countries experiencing smooth transitions from one party to another. My hope is that Professor Chazan touched on some of these more modern problems and issues and not just what has been the presentation of Africa over the past thirty years.

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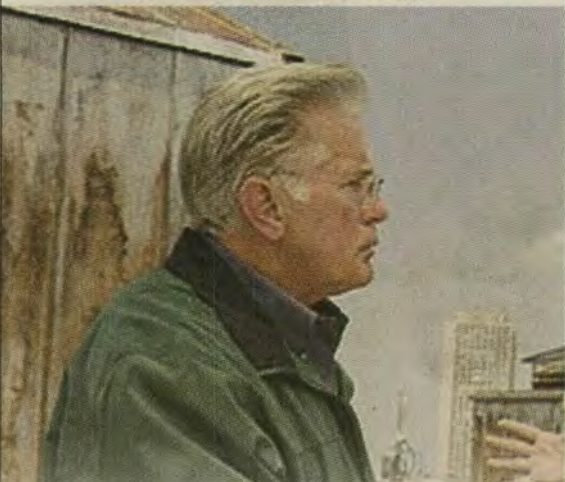




**Billy Costigan**  
(Leonardo DiCaprio)



**Sergeant Dignam**  
(Mark Wahlberg)



**Captain Queenan**  
(Martin Sheen)



**Captain Ellerby**  
(Alec Baldwin)



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'THE DEPARTED' MOVIE REVIEW

By BRIAN DOXTADER and MARTY SCHROEDER  
Scene Critics

If redemption is the linchpin of past Martin Scorsese films, then "The Departed" is indicative of a significant break with tradition. Most of the director's work offers some kind of solace, but this film succeeds in spite (or perhaps because of) its conscious need to turn from the past.

All Scorsese pictures are volatile, but "The Departed" is as vicious, cynical and nihilistic as any film the director has made. It's also one of his best, which is no small feat considering the magnitude of his oeuvre.

Based on the popular Hong Kong trilogy "Infernal Affairs," "The Departed" follows an undercover cop, Billy Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio), who infiltrates the gang of Boston mafioso Frank Costello (Jack Nicholson). Costello, meanwhile, has an undercover agent among the police, Colin Sullivan (Matt Damon). As Costigan infiltrates deeper into Costello's organization, so too does Sullivan rise up the police ranks. Eventually, the film becomes a tense, taut cat-and-mouse game between cop and criminal.

What separates "The Departed" from Scorsese's other well-known works is the contemporary nature of the narrative. Unlike his two immediately preceding films — "Gangs of New York" and "The Aviator" — and other pictures like "The Age of Innocence" and "Goodfellas," "The Departed" is not a period piece. Yet there is still a tension between the past and present that enhances rather than detracts from the film's noirish tone. Seeing classically-styled gangsters conducting business on their cell phones is indeed jarring, but Scorsese adroitly weaves these modern references into the narrative.

However, "The Departed" is still unmistakably a Scorsese picture. Idiosyncratic filmmaking tendencies, like references to the French New Wave, are sprinkled throughout. More than almost any director, Scorsese creates films that are, above all, cinematic. Nowhere is this more evident than in "The

Departed," which is one of his most consistently engaging pictures.

The acting is incredible throughout, anchored by Leonardo DiCaprio as the tormented Costigan. DiCaprio, who has emerged as Scorsese's new DeNiro, gives a fiery, gritty performance that ranks among his best, and Academy Award voters will likely take notice.

Jack Nicholson is predictably reliable as Costello, though he seems to be having the most fun he's had with a role in years. Nicholson's improvisatory acting style would seem to contrast with Scorsese's meticulous tendencies, but that tension produces fantastic results. Nicholson is given some free reign by the director, who in turn pulls the actor in just enough that his performance is believable and even downright scary at times.

Nicholson's portrayal of Costello ranks up there with other Scorsese anti-heroes like Bill the Butcher ("Gangs of New York"), Tommy DeVito ("Goodfellas") and Travis Bickle ("Taxi Driver") in his terrifying unpredictability, and that very quality is what made those characters so galvanizing.

The most surprising performance belongs to Mark Wahlberg, who dominates every frame he's in. The one-time rapper gets some of the best lines in the picture and he takes full advantage, which makes Dignam, Wahlberg's foul-mouthed cop, one of the most memorable in the film. The supporting cast is incredible, rounded out by Martin Sheen and Alec Baldwin, both of whom give effortless, pitch-perfect performances.

The acting would be wasted if not for a great script, and "The Departed" delivers in spades. William Monahan's screenplay is funny, profane and affecting all at once, full of punchy dialogue and brisk pacing. Taking cues from Mamet, Tarantino and one-time Scorsese scribe Paul Schrader, Monahan brings a darkly ironic mentality to the script,

which is one of the best screenplays the director has had since "Goodfellas." The of the screenplay is startling, considering that Monahan's only pre credit is "Kingdom of Heaven."

As expected, the music is great, pulling out all the stops, juxtaposing The Rolling Stones ("Gimme Shelter") with one particularly beautiful song by Dropkick Murphys ("Loose") with songs by Dropkick Murphys (which is appropriate since the band is a thing of a Boston institution) always been one of the most aspects of Scorsese's films, but rarely incorporate it so effortlessly into his and rarely does the stylistic range so seamlessly.



The Departed

**Director:** Martin Scorsese  
**Writer:** William Monahan  
**Starring:** Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon, Mark Wahlberg, Martin Sheen, Alec Baldwin, Vera Farmiga, Ray Winstone and Jack Nicholson

Also, the ubiquitousness that has defined Scorsese since his first feature, "Taxi Driver" (1976), "You're a Good Boy, You're a Real Boy" (1977), "You Do It in the House" (1978), "Do It at Home" (1979), "Beverly Hills Cop" (1984), "From the Hip" (1987), "The Young Man with a Sideburn" (1988), "Scorsese's Return" (1990), "Catholic roots, bringing a bizzar morality to each scene."

"The Departed" is a great film in the upper echelon of Scorsese's work. It finally win him that cinematic Best Director Oscar? If there in the world (or at least, Hollywood) will. In the past several years, Academy voters wanted to give the filmmaker the award, but he won't with the right film.

"The Departed" is easily Scorsese's best decade, and he clearly knows it. "The Departed" is a powerful combination of vision and engaging narrative. The best films of the year, for sure.

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Mafioso Frank Costello (Jack Nicholson), right, plots with Bill Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio), a cop posing as a gangster in "The Departed."



Martin Scorsese (left) directs actors in "The Departed" pictures in years. His credits include "Taxi Driver," "Raging Bull," "Goodfellas," "The Aviator," "The Departed," "The Wolf of Wall Street," "Shutter Island," "Hugo," "Silence," "The Irishman," "Killers of the Flower Moon," "The Wicked Stepmother," "The Color Purple," "The Notebook," "The Untouchables," "The Untouchables: The Legend Begins," "The Untouchables: The Legend Continues," "The Untouchables: The Legend Ends," "The Untouchables: The Legend Lives On," "The Untouchables: The Legend Returns," "The Untouchables: The Legend Reborn," "The Untouchables: The Legend Resurrected," "The Untouchables: The Legend Revived," "The Untouchables: The Legend Revitalized," "The Untouchables: The Legend Revamped," "The Untouchables: The Legend Reimagined," "The Untouchables: The Legend Reinterpreted," "The Untouchables: The Legend Reconstructed," "The Untouchables: The Legend Rebuilt," "The Untouchables: The Legend Reborn Again," "The Untouchables: The Legend Reborn Once More," "The Untouchables: The Legend Reborn Forever."

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## GOALDEN MARKSMAN



**Junior striker Joseph Lapira, the nation's top scorer, has kick-started the Irish offense as No. 8 Notre Dame battles for the Big East title.**

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# Stretch will prove where Notre Dame ranks

*Irish will learn how they measure up after facing division leaders*

Eight days, three games and one giant reality check.

No. 8 Notre Dame will use its fall break to find out how well it matches up with the type of team it hopes to see in the NCAA tournament.

In their final three games of the regular season, the Irish will take on Providence at home on Saturday before traveling to play at No. 6 West Virginia on Wednesday and at Connecticut on Oct. 21. It just so happens that Providence, West Virginia and Connecticut are the three sides in direct competition with Notre Dame for the Big East's Blue Division title.

Currently, West Virginia, with a conference record of 6-0-1, and Connecticut, with a

record of 6-1-1, sit tied for first place atop the Blue Division with 19 points each. Notre Dame and Providence, who hold identical conference records of 6-2-0, both enter the weekend one point out of first place.

Despite the impressive records of Notre Dame's next three opponents, Irish coach Bobby Clark will not be approaching the games any differently.

"We're going to take it one game at a time," Clark said. "You give every team full respect until you prove otherwise. We're going to prepare for every game fully."

Judging by Notre Dame's recent performance, other teams should certainly be giving full respect to the Irish. Winners of six games in a row and unbeaten in their last seven, the Irish have outscored their opponents 18-2 throughout their current winning streak — averaging three goals a game while only conceding one-third of a goal per game.

The offense has been led by

junior forward Joseph Lapira, who has scored an astounding 11 goals during the team's six-game winning streak.

Lapira, who first made headlines earlier this season with a four-goal effort against in-state rival Indiana, currently leads the nation with 18 goals on the season.

Just as important to Notre Dame's recent success, however, has been the improvement in the Irish defense. The team's .33 goals against average over the past six games is a drastic improvement from the 1.12 goals that they allowed on average over their first eight games.

During his six-year tenure at Notre Dame, Clark's teams have been known for their inconsistent starts and strong finishes, a fact that Clark drew upon to explain his team's recent success.

"Every year I've been here, we've finished strong like this," said Clark after Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Georgetown Oct. 7. "We

always talk about how in September you have to fight for results, but the better sides start to put things together once you hit October and November."

There's no doubting that the Irish are a quality side, but the question of whether Notre Dame deserves to call itself one of the nation's elite teams remains unanswered.

While the Irish have had what Clark calls many "measuring sticks" on their schedule this season, they have amassed a pedestrian 1-1-1 record against teams ranked in the Top 25 according to the NSCAA/adidas poll.

Furthermore, of their eight Big East games, only three — South Florida, Cincinnati and Seton Hall — have come against teams with winning overall records.

Enter West Virginia, Providence and Connecticut. At No. 6 in the country, the Mountaineers provide Notre Dame with the ideal state-

ment game, a win over a highly ranked team the week before post-season play begins. As a group, the Mountaineers, Friars and Huskies, with their combined conference record of 18-3-2, are the class of the Big East along with the Irish.

Solid results in its three upcoming games would validate Notre Dame as one of the top teams, if not the top, in the Big East.

A good showing would also help prove that the Irish are capable of improving upon their Sweet 16 appearance in last year's NCAA tournament.

While questions linger

about Notre Dame, the one sure thing is that we'll have some answers one week from now.

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# Better with age

Striker Joseph Lapira is enjoying tranquil times and an explosive season

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Joseph Lapira is having a breakout season. That much is obvious.

The Notre Dame junior forward currently leads the NCAA with 18 goals and 39 points, and has been named the Big East offensive player of the week three times. He has also received five national honors, among them being named the College Soccer News national player of the week in each of the last two weeks — making him the first player to ever receive the honor in back-to-back weeks.

"He's just an offensive machine, which is terrific," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "That's why we play him as the first-up striker. He's got tremendous ability in this area, and he's got tremendous appetite to get into scoring position."

The fact that Lapira is an offensive threat has come as no surprise to those familiar with the Irish program. As a sophomore last season, Lapira led the team in goals, scoring seven in 23 games.

No one could have predicted, however, that he would have exploded the way he has in recent weeks. In the last six games alone, Lapira has netted 11 goals, and he eclipsed last year's season total in the fourth game of a stretch that began on Sept. 23 against Pittsburgh and saw him score two goals a game for five games in a row. That streak ended Wednesday, as Lapira managed only one goal in a 3-0 Irish win over Michigan State.

"I had no idea it was going to be like this," Lapira said. "I had no idea it was going to be me who came out, [and] broke out. I've been the one who's been in the right place at the right time."

Lapira has downplayed the importance of his personal awards and achievements this year, and he said that he didn't find out that he had the national lead in goals scored until he read about it in the newspaper.

"It's more of just something to joke around with in the locker room," Lapira said. "The only different thing for me is people back home that I haven't talked to in a long while [have started] calling me or sending me e-mails and IMs saying 'good job.'"

His recent hot streak has propelled No. 8 Notre Dame to a 10-3-2 record (6-2-0 in the Big East), and he is a major reason why the Irish offense, which struggled to consistently score goals early this season, is now ranked in the top-10 nationally for scoring offense. Since Lapira began his run, the Notre Dame offense has performed more like it expected to all season.

"We've really developed a confidence these last few games," fellow forward Justin McGeeney said. "We don't feel as anxious about scoring goals. We know they're going to come."

One of the major reasons for the spark in the Irish offense — and Lapira's personal hot streak — has been Lapira's non-stop motor.

"His attitude, his effort is just fantastic, and it always has been, since his freshman year," Clark said. "He wears his heart on his sleeve."

Despite the fact that he is neither a captain nor a particularly vocal member of the team, Lapira has come forward as a leader of the experienced Irish squad.

"The first thing a leader's got to do is lead by example, and I think Joseph does that superbly well," Clark said. "I think Joseph's biggest asset is not what he says, but what he does."

Lapira's emergence as a leader perhaps applies more to life off the pitch than on it, and he credits Clark with encouraging his development over the summer.

"Whenever [Clark] talks about it, he puts it in perspective of my little brother looking to me as a

role model, and just what I can do for him to be a leader," Lapira said. "He's coming into his junior year on his soccer team and he's captain and he's looking to me for advice."

Lapira's family has also influenced one of his major pre-game rituals. For each game, Lapira wears a crucifix that his mother gave him as a Confirmation present. The crucifix has brought him enough success on the pitch that he has begun lending it to his girlfriend Kerri Hanks, a forward on the Irish women's soccer team, for her matches.

"She claims she can't score unless she has my crucifix on," he said.

The junior forward has also created a pre-game ritual with McGeeney, who has become his close friend over the past few years. Before each match, the two share a cup of tea with teammates at Clark's house during pre-game meal and then write a saying — which they keep private — that has served as their motto for the past couple seasons on their chest.

"Our defenders used to write something, NGP, [which stood for], No Goal Patrol, so we were like, 'lets

write something on our chest,'" Lapira said. "We were kind of being immature about it and just wrote something ... We figured why not."

**'You probably want to look at other schools'**

Lapira and McGeeney actually became friends before the former had even enrolled at Notre Dame. While on his recruiting visit, McGeeney hosted Lapira, and the two became fast friends.

However, had it not been for Lapira's own initiative, he may never have made that trip to South Bend. As a junior in high school, Lapira first came to Notre Dame to visit his cousin, and as part of his visit, e-mailed Clark about scheduling a meeting. While Clark happily agreed to meet with him, the initial encounter wasn't particularly promising.

"I went in and met with him with my uncle and my dad, and he was like 'you probably want to look at other schools, this is a pretty tough school to get into,'" Lapira said. "[However, Clark said] if you get a chance, come to our camp and send me an e-mail about what tournaments your team is playing in."

Lapira ended up impressing Clark at the summer camp, and Clark decided to recruit Lapira after traveling that fall to see the striker's club team play at a tournament in Iowa.

With Notre Dame as a suitor, the Lake Charles, La. native recalls that his college decision wasn't too difficult.

"It wasn't really like I had a whole bunch of schools knocking at my door," he said. "It was Notre Dame or go to LSU to be with my friends."

Once at Notre Dame, it took Lapira a while to adjust to the new environment.

"I had never seen snow before, so just getting used to playing in the cold weather was completely



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Irish junior striker Joseph Lapira leads the nation with 18 goals through 15 games this season.

new to me," he said. "I hated it." Lapira has spent much of the past two years maturing into who he is today, both as a person and as a player.

On the field, he wizened as a player, especially with regards to budgeting his energy.

"He used to always run himself to a standstill by doing too much work," Clark said. "I think now he's getting a lot smarter as a player [while] still working very hard."

Lapira agrees with his coach's analysis.

"As a freshman, I just got out there and ran around like a chicken with its head cut off, [and] I wasn't a great soccer player by any means," he said. "This year, I've really settled into things, [and] I'm really relaxed in games."

His greatest strides, however, have come in areas completely outside of soccer. Last year, Lapira's home in Lake Charles was destroyed when a tree fell through it during Hurricane Rita. Lapira remembers how the events brought life into perspective for him.

"I saw my friend's docks and piers that I had hung out in in the summer just months beforehand, [destroyed on the news, and] it was kind of surreal," he said. "It can happen to anybody and it happened to me."

While no one in his family was hurt, Lapira struggled to deal with what had happened for much of his sophomore year.

"Last year, I had never been so stressed in my life," he said. "I tried not to let people know, I tried to hide my feelings about things last year. I got really stressed out during the season, I'd miss class because of it, work would pile up and at the end of the semester, I was just falling apart."

Lapira also sees the a correlation between his mental state and his play last year, which he felt was not always up to his best.

"I had let it all build up, putting it down and not letting anyone know about it, and I think that just got to me in the end," he said. "As a student, I struggled

last year, and maybe that's part of the reason I didn't have such a good season."

After what happened, Lapira has come out stronger from the experience. His family has begun a transition to Houston, and he is ready to move on.

"This year, I'm on top of things, if I get stressed out about something ... I'll go talk to coach, talk to my girlfriend, just get it out there."

**'I'd like to play as long as I could'**

As Lapira's family slowly moves to Houston — with his father traveling for the majority of Notre Dame's games — he has refocused his efforts on improving on the field. Over the summer, he worked extensively with senior midfielder Nate Norman to improve his dribbling skills.

"He's one of the most unbelievable dribblers, and [I] tried to start dribbling a little more like him instead of myself," he said.

Lapira is also having more fun with his environment this season. For the past few weeks, he has worn a mustache which he won't shave while the team remains hot.

"I don't really like shaving that much, and whenever I'd go to shave, I'd leave ... something stupid for the day," he said. "I kind of like it ... and then the goal streak started. Since then, I've kind of been like, 'well, might as well keep the mustache, we've got a good thing going.'"

After leaving school, the junior entrepreneurship major envisions a life of professional soccer.

"I'd like to play as long as I could, [though] I don't know if that would be in MLS or overseas."

However, Lapira doesn't plan on pursuing that goal before graduation, and his primary focus at the moment is to help Notre Dame win a national championship.

"Right now I'll just worry about being a [Notre Dame player]," he said.

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Notre Dame forward Joseph Lapira chases after a loose ball during a 2-0 Irish loss to South Florida Sept. 8 at Alumni Field.

# Irish ready to end regular season against Big East's best

By ERIC RETTER  
Associate Sports Editor

Four teams have six wins in Big East conference play.

Three of them will play No. 8 Notre Dame in the next week and a half.

The Irish (10-3-2, 6-2-0 Big East) — tied for third place in the Big East Blue division and the fourth team with six conference wins — will begin a tough stretch of games against the top three teams in the Blue Division Saturday against second-place Providence.

The Irish will then travel Wednesday to Morgantown, W. Va. to face No. 6 West Virginia, the conference leader, before ending the regular season against Connecticut in Storrs, Conn.

Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark said he is excited about the prospect of playing the league's best to end the season.

"I always judge a successful season by [seeing if a team is] going into the last game of the season with something positive to play for, and I think there's no question that this year we're doing that," Clark said. "When you play your final game of the season, [you always hope] it's a meaningful game, and that's all you can ever ask for. You don't ever want for your season to end early."

With a good showing Saturday and over fall break and with a little help, the Irish could potentially end up atop the Big East Blue Division heading into the con-

ference tournament.

Clark and Notre Dame, however, have not begun to think about anything but Saturday's game.

"All our focus is really on Providence and not looking beyond that," Clark said. "I think the thing is to focus on just one game at a time. And I think that's a key to winning all three games, to focus on each game one at a time as it comes up."

The Friars (10-3-0, 6-2-0 Big East) are coming off of a 2-1 upset of No. 14 Brown on Tuesday. They are led by freshman forward Jonathan Medcalf, who leads the team with six goals. Medcalf is currently sixth in the Big East in goals scored.

Notre Dame is led by junior striker Joseph Lapira, who leads the nation with 18 goals. Clark is hopeful that Lapira won't be bothered by a hamstring injury that kept him out of most of the first half of Wednesday's 3-0 win over Michigan State.

"I talked to his physical therapist, [and] he seems very good this morning," Clark said. "Obviously they're going to take another look at him this afternoon, but all early indications say he's going to be 100 percent."

Notre Dame will also rely heavily on senior goalkeeper Chris Cahill, who has six shutouts and just nine goals against this season. In his last five games — all of which were Irish wins — Cahill has given up just one goal.

After Saturday's matchup against the Friars, Notre Dame will face its toughest



Notre Dame midfielder Matt Besler, front, dashes past DePaul midfielder Mark Plotkin, left, as Irish striker Joseph Lapira follows in Notre Dame's 3-0 win Sept. 10.

ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

conference opponent in West Virginia (11-1-2, 6-0-1 Big East). The Mountaineers are coming off 2-1 comeback win over American Wednesday, and are led by forward Jarrod Smith. Smith is second to Lapira in the conference in numerous offensive categories that include goals (12), points (27) and game-winning goals (4). Lapira has notched seven of the latter category this season.

Notre Dame will finish its season in Storrs, Conn. against Connecticut (8-4-2, 6-1-1 Big East). Huskies forward O'Brian White, who was named co-Big East offensive player of the week along with Lapira last week after picking up two goals and an assist and leading his team to wins over Providence and Seton Hall. White leads the team with seven total goals.

Clark acknowledged the capabilities of each of Notre

Dame's remaining three opponents.

"[Our] team has grown, but I'm sure these teams have grown as well," Clark said. "They're good teams, and good teams continue to grow throughout the season ... Anybody on our schedule can beat us if we are not properly focused."

Clark also said that the Irish should win all their games if they keep that focus.

"This has been a very focused group, and it's been very well led by the senior class," he said. "The senior class has done a magnificent job just holding the discipline on and off the field."

Clark also anticipated that Notre Dame would carry one extra bit of help that would guide his team through the final stretch before the post-season.

"Obviously, you need that little bit of Irish luck," he

said. "That never goes amiss."

**Note:**

◆ Clark felt that injured midfielders Ian Etherington and Alex Yoshinaga were close to returning to action for the Irish.

Etherington has not played since suffering a deep bone bruise against Pittsburgh Sept. 23, while Yoshinaga has missed much of the season after breaking his collarbone Aug. 27 against Creighton, the second game of the season.

"They're very close [to returning]," Clark said. "We're keeping our fingers crossed, [and] it would be nice to have both of these as extra options. I think there's a good chance of [both of them returning before the Big East tournament, and] we're hopeful that that can happen."

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## 2006 BIG EAST STANDINGS

BLUE DIVISION	BIG EAST					Overall			
	W	L	T	Pts.	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
West Virginia	6	0	1	19	.929	11	1	2	.857
Connecticut	6	1	1	19	.812	8	4	2	.643
Providence	6	2	0	18	.750	10	3	0	.769
Notre Dame	6	2	0	18	.750	10	3	2	.733
Seton Hall	5	3	0	15	.625	7	6	1	.536
Pittsburgh	3	3	1	10	.500	4	8	2	.357
Georgetown	2	6	0	6	.250	5	9	0	.357
Marquette	0	8	0	0	.000	1	12	1	.107

BLUE DIVISION	BIG EAST					Overall			
	W	L	T	Pts.	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
West Virginia	5	2	1	16	.688	9	3	2	.714
Connecticut	4	4	0	12	.500	7	6	0	.538
Providence	3	2	3	12	.562	6	4	3	.577
Notre Dame	3	3	2	11	.500	7	4	2	.615
Seton Hall	3	5	0	9	.375	4	9	2	.333
Pittsburgh	3	5	0	9	.375	4	9	1	.321
Georgetown	2	6	0	6	.250	6	7	1	.464
Marquette	1	6	1	4	.188	6	6	1	.500

## NCAA MEN'S SOCCER

### DIVISION-I LEADERS

### POINTS SCORED

PLAYER	SCHOOL	GOALS	ASSIST	POINTS
1. JOSEPH LAPIRA	NOTRE DAME	18	3	39
2. Saidi Isaac	Winthrop	14	5	33
3. Joshu Okoampa	Wisc. - Green Bay	13	6	32
4. Charlie Davies	Boston College	12	5	29
5. Jorrod Smith	West Virginia	12	3	27
5. Roley O'Neill	Kentucky	12	3	27
7. Daniel Revivo	Winthrop	9	8	26
7. Tommy Krizanovic	Jacksonville	12	2	26
9. Steven Holloway	Monmouth	11	3	25
9. Jeremy Gold	Coll. of Charleston	10	5	25

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MARTIN SCORSESE: PORTRAIT OF AN AUTEUR

By BRIAN DOXTADER  
Scene Editor

The critical consensus on "The Departed" is that Scorsese has returned to the mean streets where he belongs, but even a cursory glance at his filmography proves that he never really left. The director has directed a handful of true classics, many of which rank among the very best films of all time.

**Mean Streets (1973, Warners)**

Scorsese shows off his film school background right off the bat and establishes many of his defining cinematic and thematic tendencies in this, his first major critical success. Taking cues from the French New Wave and boasting a fast-paced dialogue style, "Mean Streets" follows Charlie as he attempts to keep his twisted morals straight. Featuring a young Robert DeNiro as Johnny Boy, Scorsese quickly solidified the themes and motifs that would become his calling cards — religion, morality, gangsters, profanity and (ultimately) a sort of redemption.

**Taxi Driver (1976, Columbia)**

A major critical success, "Taxi Driver" helped vault Scorsese into directorial stardom. A terrifying examination of post-Vietnam, post-Watergate paranoia, the film follows Travis Bickle (DeNiro), an unhinged taxi driver as he attempts to save a young prostitute (Jodie Foster) from her dominating pimp (Harvey Keitel). The most famous scene, in which DeNiro stands in front of a mirror saying, "You talkin' to me?" is one of the great sequences in cinema history. Scorsese's energy and cinematic

technique is evident throughout, though "Taxi Driver" hasn't aged quite as well as some of the director's other films. It is a picture about its time, and as a snapshot "Taxi Driver" is very effective.

**Raging Bull (1980, UA)**

In the late 1970s, Scorsese suffered a drug overdose and nearly died. While in the hospital, he was approached by Robert DeNiro, who asked him to make "Raging Bull" about real-life middleweight boxing Jake LaMotta. Scorsese eventually agreed and used filmmaking as an emotional and artistic outlet. The final product is, without doubt, Scorsese's finest film, which in turn makes it one of the finest films of all time. DeNiro gives the performance of his life as LaMotta, first sparring over 1,000 rounds with the real-life boxer, then gaining nearly 60 pounds to play the former champion as a washed-up, middle-age schmuck. Scorsese is DeNiro's equal every step of the way, crafting a picture to match the actor's stunning performance. The most famous scenes are the boxing sequences, which are both impressionistic and artistic. "Raging Bull" was nominated for several Oscars and won Best Actor and Best Editing.

**The Last Temptation of Christ (1987, Universal)**

Oddly one of Scorsese's most personal films, "The Last Temptation of Christ" is a controversial adaptation of Nikos Kazantzaki's equally controversial novel of the same name. Starring Willem Dafoe as Jesus and Harvey Keitel as a street-tough Judas, the picture follows the life of Christ up to his crucifixion and death. Scorsese brings his Catholic upbringing into the film, giving a surprisingly pro-religious bent to

the proceedings. "The Last Temptation of Christ" was poorly received due to its departure from scripture, though Scorsese received a Best Director Oscar nomination for his work.

**Goodfellas (1990, Warners)**

A wild exploration of "three decades of life in the mob," "Goodfellas" may be the director's most fast-paced and frenetic film. Ray Liotta plays Henry Hill, a low-level gangster whose rise and fall is documented over the course of a driving 150 minutes. Every Scorsese trick in the book is pulled out, from long tracking shots to freeze frames. The best shot may be a long, 181-second tracking shot through the underbelly of the Copacabana that ends onstage. This fantastic shot literally takes the viewer through the privileged life of a small-time gangster. Like most Scorsese films, "Goodfellas" features great acting, especially by Joe Pesci, whose Tommy DeVito is as terrifying as they come — it won the diminutive actor a Best Supporting Actor.

From the sacred to the profane, Scorsese's films have run the gamut, but his themes and stylistic tendencies have remained largely the same. As a director and filmmaker, he has grown and evolved over the years, which makes the sacred of "The Departed" seem at once effortless and familiar.

Yet there is a freshness to his latest film that proves that, despite his age, Scorsese remains one of the best filmmakers in the world and one of the few remaining auteurist cornerstones of his generation.

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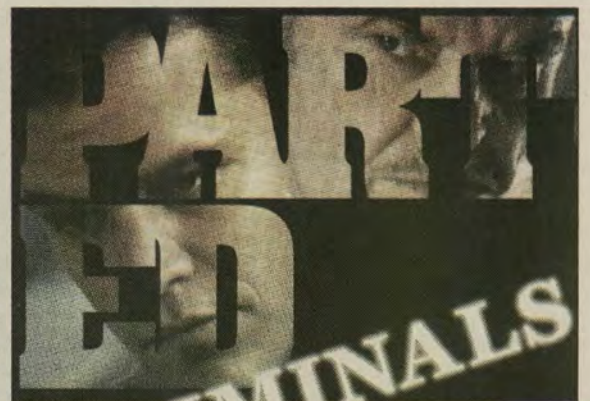
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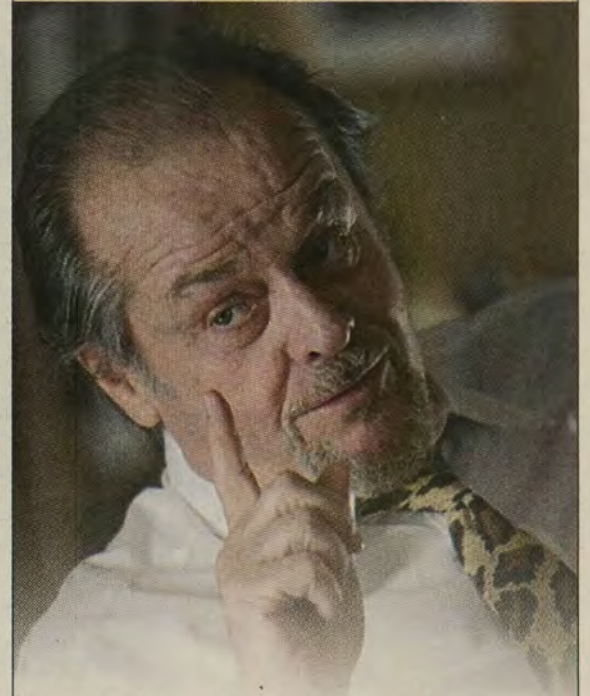


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Leonardo DiCaprio (center) and Matt Damon on the set of "The Departed." The film is one of the venerated director's best classics "Mean Streets" (1973), "Taxi Driver" (1976), "Raging Bull" (1980) and "Goodfellas" (1990).



Colin Sullivan  
(Matt Damon)



Frank Costello  
(Jack Nicholson)



French  
(Ray Winstone)

**MEN'S INTERHALL**

# Despite weather, Keenan too hot to handle

*O'Neill uses strong running game, stout defense, to secure playoff berth with convincing win over Alumni*

By JOHN TIERNEY and KATE DONLIN  
Sports Writers

On a night that warmth forgot, Keenan played like a team that remembered its destiny.

Behind 108 rushing yards and two touchdowns from running back Alex Gonzalez, the Knights beat Morrissey 12-6 in a battle of undefeated teams vying for the Gold League's top seed.

The Manorites got off to a good start in the first quarter, scoring on the game's opening series. Quarterback Alvin Reynolds went 2-for-2, throwing for 48 yards and a touchdown on the drive, both of his completions coming on third down. After leading the Manorites into Knight territory, Reynolds hooked up with wide receiver Carl Anderson for a 39-yard touchdown to give Morrissey a 6-0 lead.

Despite his success on the opening drive, Reynolds was

pulled in favor of regular starter Joe McBrayer. McBrayer was less successful against the tough Knight defense, as he completed only four of his 13 passes for 73 yards and an interception.

After the initial Manorite score, Keenan put together a 36-yard drive that lasted into the second quarter but ended in a fumble.

After a Morrissey fumble two plays later, the Knights took possession again at their own 38-yard line. Behind 38 yards on five carries from Gonzalez, including a touchdown run from 12 yards out, Keenan tied the game at six.

Morrissey had a chance before the half to respond to the Knight touchdown, but that ended with an Anderson interception two plays into the Manorite drive.

After halftime, Keenan started with the ball and came out strong. Capitalizing on an emotional argument with the referees by the Manorite-affiliated chain gang, the Knights put together an 8-play, 65-yard scor-

ing drive. Keenan began the drive with a trick play out of the half, in which 10 Keenan players, including Gonzalez lined up near their sideline. Gonzalez received a direct snap from center and ran 25 yards to the Manorite 40-yard line.

From there, Gonzalez rushed for another 20 yards on the drive, including the eventual game-winning touchdown.

While the loss was a disappointment for Morrissey, the squad is still eligible for the post-season. Meanwhile, the win clinches the Gold League's top seed for Keenan. Both teams will begin their playoff runs following fall break.

**O'Neill 13, Alumni 0**

Despite the falling snow and freezing temperatures, the Angry Mob from O'Neill managed to heat things up on the field.

The Mob's victory over Alumni secured its spot in the playoffs, meaning O'Neill is one step closer to reaching its ultimate goal —

the championship game.

Just seconds into the contest, O'Neill made sure the Dawgs knew they came to play. Mob running back Mike Mattingly dashed 70 yards into the end zone, dodging tackles and taking advantage of his teammates' blocks. The successful point-after gave the Mob an early 7-0 lead.

"We knew we were facing a tough O'Neill team," Alumni junior Eddie Villa said. "They have some really good athletes playing for them."

After a disappointing first possession that ended in a punt, Alumni seemed discouraged. As the O'Neill offense made its way down the field, the Dawgs got a surge of hope when they recovered a fumble deep within O'Neill territory. Unfortunately for the Dawgs, Alumni quarterback John Lauinger subsequently threw an interception.

The Alumni defense played tough and forced O'Neill to punt, but the Dawgs' offensive trouble continued their next possession.

O'Neill captain Pat Conley picked off another one of Lauinger's passes. This time the Mob capitalized on Alumni's mistake, and it eventually added six points to its score with a 60-yard touchdown pass, giving the Mob a 13-0 lead heading into the half.

"We didn't play our best, but we did enough on offense to come out with a win," O'Neill junior Braden Turner said. "Also our defense put up their third shutout of the season."

The second half was a defensive showdown, with neither team managing to get much of an offense going.

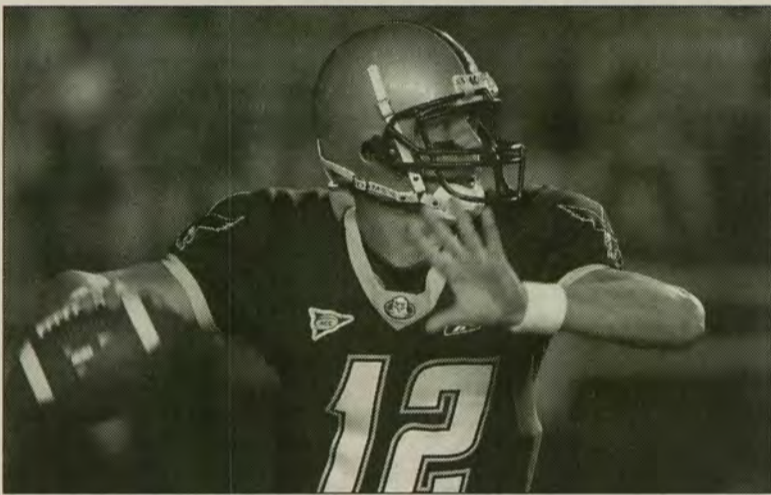
In the end, O'Neill held onto its 13-point margin, giving the Mob a 3-1 regular season record, propelling it into the playoffs.

"We're really optimistic about the playoffs," Turner said. "We are ready to work hard to make it deep into the postseason."

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**NCAA FOOTBALL**

# Opportunistic Boston College forces four turnovers in win



Boston College quarterback Matt Ryan passes against Virginia Tech Thursday night. The Eagles won the game 22-3.

Associated Press

BOSTON — Steve Aponavicius walked onto the field for the first football game of his life on Thursday night and helped Boston College walk off with a 22-3 victory over No. 22 Virginia Tech.

The left-footed soccer con-

vert was perfect on two field goals and two extra points, and the BC defense forced four turnovers to send the Hokies to their second consecutive loss. Boston College (5-1, 2-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) is a North Carolina State desperation pass away from being unbeaten.

Virginia Tech (4-2, 2-2), held

to 21 yards in the second half, has lost consecutive games since rising to No. 11 in The Associated Press Top 25. The Hokies also fell to 12-2 in Thursday night games on ESPN; both losses were to BC — one in Blacksburg, one in Chestnut Hill — 11 years apart.

Matt Ryan was 16-for-29 for 174 yards and two touchdowns despite limping through much of the second half on a previously injured ankle. Kevin Challenger caught two touchdown passes and freshman Alex Albright contributed to two turnovers, tipping a pass that was intercepted and recovering a fumble.

Sean Glennon completed 23-of-34 passes with two interceptions.

BC, which lost to N.C. State on Sept. 23 on a 34-yard touchdown pass with 8.5 seconds left, plays Florida State in 10 days. Virginia Tech will play Southern Miss.

Called "Sid Vicious" by teammates and coaches who can't pronounce his name (it's AH'-

pa h - n a h - V I H ' - c h i s ) , Aponavicius played soccer in high school and was discovered in Alumni Stadium on the first day of classes his freshman year fooling around with a borrowed football.

He was elevated to starter when Ryan Ohliger was suspended following a fight outside a Boston bar. Ohliger has apologized and said he was defending himself from students who heckled him over his kicking struggles; he missed three extra points in a two-week span this season.

Aponavicius' biggest struggle — not counting figuring out how to strap on shoulder pads — was with kickoffs. Although he boomed the opener to the 3, later efforts were between the 10 and 20 before receiver Brandon Robinson kicked off — out of bounds — in the fourth.

But he made two PATs and field goals from 36 and 20 yards out, getting mobbed by his teammates each time and cheered by a crowd that included Heisman Trophy win-

ner Doug Flutie.

Virginia Tech was held without a touchdown for the first time since the 1998 Gator Bowl, though a 19-yard TD pass to David Clowney in the second quarter was called back for holding.

Glennon coughed up the ball early in the third, but was rescued when the play was ruled an incomplete pass on replay review. On the next play, thought, Albright tipped his pass and linebacker Jolonn Dunbar ran the deflection 35 yards to the Virginia Tech 26.

Four plays later, Aponavicius converted from 36 yards out to make it 10-3 with 9:11 left in the third.

On the Hokies' next possession, Austin Giles hit Glennon from behind and Albright recovered the fumble at the Tech 30. L.V. Whitworth scampered for 14 yards to the 16, then picked up a facemask on the next run, bringing the ball to the 6.

Aponavicius converted the 20-yarder to make it 13-3 with 4:50 left in the quarter.

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### Associated Press Top 25

team	record	points	previous
1 Ohio State (63)	6-0	1623	1
2 Florida	6-0	1516	5
3 USC	5-0	1451	3
4 Michigan	6-0	1429	6
5 West Virginia (2)	5-0	1416	4
6 Texas	5-1	1294	7
7 Louisville	5-0	1247	8
8 Tennessee	5-1	1159	13
9 NOTRE DAME	5-1	1068	12
10 California	5-1	1017	16
11 Auburn	5-1	943	2
12 Clemson	5-1	876	15
13 Georgia Tech	5-1	739	18
14 LSU	4-2	693	9
15 Iowa	5-1	661	19
16 Georgia	5-1	615	10
17 Arkansas	4-1	482	NR
18 Oregon	4-1	474	11
19 Missouri	6-0	469	23
20 Boise State	6-0	449	20
21 Nebraska	5-1	431	22
22 Virginia Tech	4-2	360	21
23 Oklahoma	3-2	271	14
24 Rutgers	5-0	194	24
25 Wisconsin	5-1	86	NR

## NCAA Football

### USA Today Coaches Top 25

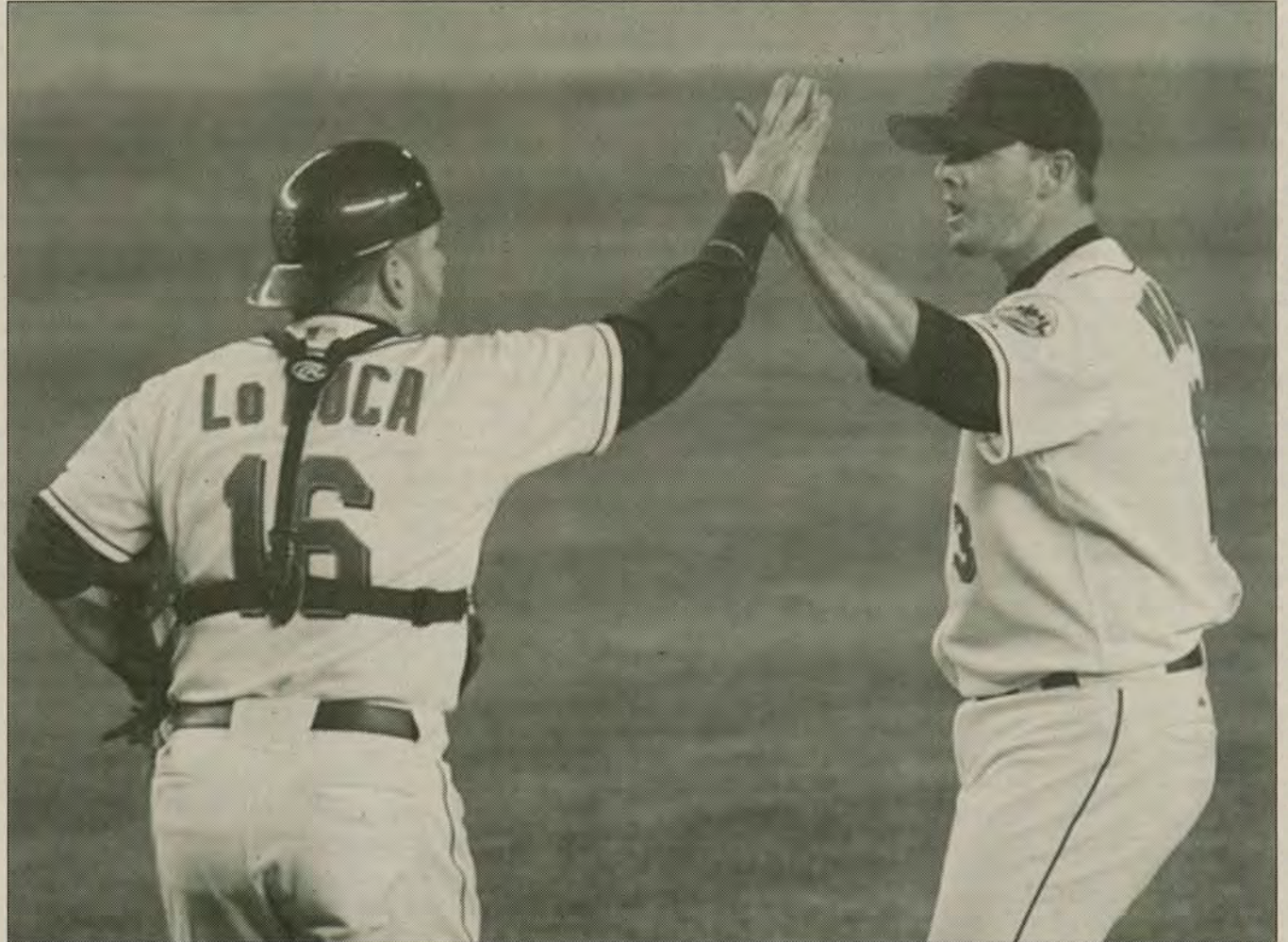
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1 Ohio State (62)	6-0	1574	1
2 USC	5-0	1461	2
3 Florida (1)	6-0	1412	5
4 West Virginia	5-0	1398	4
5 Michigan	6-0	1358	6
6 Texas	5-1	1240	7
7 Louisville	5-0	1207	8
8 NOTRE DAME	5-1	1044	12
9 Tennessee	5-1	1031	14
10 Auburn	5-1	958	3
11 California	5-1	911	17
12 Clemson	5-1	899	15
13 Iowa	5-1	672	19
14 Georgia	5-1	661	9
15 Georgia Tech	5-1	592	20
16 LSU	4-2	565	10
17 Virginia Tech	4-2	523	18
18 Oregon	4-1	510	11
19 Boise State	6-0	472	21
20 Nebraska	5-1	460	22
21 Missouri	6-0	387	25
22 Oklahoma	3-2	268	13
23 Arkansas	4-1	264	NR
24 Rutgers	5-0	261	23
25 Boston College	5-1	108	NR

## NCAA Football

### Harris Poll Rankings

team	record	points	previous
1 Ohio State (112)	6-0	2848	1
2 USC (1)	6-0	2621	2
3 Florida (1)	5-0	2599	5
4 Michigan	6-0	2557	4
5 West Virginia	5-0	2434	6
6 Texas	5-1	2246	8
7 Louisville	5-0	2181	7
8 Tennessee	5-1	1959	13
9 NOTRE DAME	5-1	1917	12
10 Auburn	5-1	1728	3
11 California	5-1	1712	16
12 Clemson	5-1	1499	15
13 Iowa	5-1	1244	18
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## MLB



Mets closer Billy Wagner, right, and catcher Paul LoDuca celebrate New York's 2-0 victory over St. Louis in Game 1 of the National League Championship Series at Shea Stadium Thursday.

## Glavine's gem shuts down Cardinals

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tom Glavine tossed another gem, Carlos Beltran rocked Shea Stadium with a homer that crashed off the scoreboard, and the New York Mets jumped in front of St. Louis in the NL championship series.

Glavine shut down Albert Pujols and scoreless streak to 13 innings, pitching the Mets to a 2-0 victory over the Cardinals in Game 1 on Thursday night.

"Tommy was the key," Mets manager Willie Randolph said. "He just quietly goes about his business and he's a real leader on

our staff."

Beltran, who wore out St. Louis in the NLCS with Houston two years ago, hit a two-run shot off an otherwise impressive Jeff Weaver in the sixth. That was all the offense New York needed to win its eighth straight game, dating to the regular season.

"It pains me that there's going to be an 'L' next to Jeff's name tomorrow. There's no way that he's a losing pitcher," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "Jeff was outstanding. We hit too many balls in the air."

After rain postponed the opener Wednesday night, the Cardinals bumped up

ace Chris Carpenter, who will pitch on regular rest Friday night in Game 2. Rookie right-hander John Maine will be on the mound for the Mets.

Missing injured starters Pedro Martinez and Orlando Hernandez, the Mets are counting heavily on Glavine as they chase their first World Series title in 20 years. The 37-year-old left-hander, sharp and deceptive as ever, has delivered in a big way.

He threw six scoreless innings, Game 2 of the first round, helping the Mets to a three-game sweep of the Los Angeles Dodgers. And the two-time Cy Young Award winner, who waited

four seasons to reach the playoffs with New York after doing so year after year in Atlanta, was just as good against St. Louis.

"I understand the importance of when I pitch now. At the same time, I'm trying to play mental games with myself and dismiss that," Glavine said. "I don't want to go out there with any added pressure."

Helped by two inning-ending double plays and a sprawling catch by super sub Endy Chavez, Glavine yielded only four hits and two walks. He struck out Pujols in the first, walked him in the fourth and retired him on a liner to shortstop in the sixth.

## IN BRIEF

### Riggs takes top starting spot for Charlotte

CONCORD, N.C. — Scott Riggs remained perfect in qualifying at Lowe's Motor Speedway by winning the pole Friday night for the third time this season.

Riggs posted a lap at 191.469 mph to put his No. 10 Dodge in the top starting spot for Saturday night's race. He also started first in the non-points Nextel Open and the Coca-Cola 600 in May.

"We knew we had a good car, and we got a good draw going late," Riggs said. "Coming back here we wanted to get back on our streak of qualifying well and finishing well. We can put it right back where it was."

Riggs edged Kasey Kahne, his Evernham Motorsports teammate, for the pole. Kahne went out early, posting a lap of 190.194 mph to sit on top of the leaderboard for most of the qualifying session.

### Stanton, Smith don't put games between friendship

COLUMBUS, Ohio — They were teenagers, trying to prove themselves and dreaming of becoming college football stars.

When Troy Smith and Drew Stanton roomed together at a quarterbacks camp five years ago, each saw something in the other that drew them closer.

They were almost inseparable during seven days of intensive practices. At night, they'd talk about what they hoped to become and how they'd go about getting there.

On Saturday, they'll be on opposing sides for the day in their college careers. Smith leads No. 1 Ohio State into Michigan State to take on Stanton and the Spartans. The friendship is bound to go on long after the competition ends.

"You know what kind of a friend he is from the time you meet him," Smith said.

### Veterans Sorenstam, Ochoa dominate as Wie implodes

PALM DESERT, Calif. — Michelle Wie didn't exactly steal the show Thursday at the Samsung World Championship.

If anything, she held it up. Starting her second year as a pro, Wie took a half-hour to play the 14th hole at Bighorn with two rulings, a whiff, an unplayable lie from a desert bush and a shot off the cement cart path just to get back to the fairway. She wound up with a quadruple-bogey 8 on the shortest par 4 at Bighorn, sending her to a 2-over 74.

The real show belonged to some familiar names on the LPGA tour — Lorena Ochoa and Annika Sorenstam.

Both waited endlessly along the back nine for the Wie rulings, although it hardly affected their games. Ochoa fired off four birdies in five holes, and Sorenstam caught up with her in the final holes as both finished at 67.

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## MLB PLAYOFFS

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**CHUGGING ALONG**



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Saint Mary's sophomore Caitlin Brodmerkel runs during the National Catholic Invitational Sept. 15. Brodmerkel finished the 5K race in 23:19. She and the Belles will compete in the Manchester Invitational Saturday.

**NFL**

# Raiders prepare for Rivers

*Bolts' unpredictable quarterback finding success in preparation*

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Manny Lawson knows a few helpful guidelines for facing San Diego quarterback Philip Rivers.

Don't read his eyes, don't watch his body language — and definitely don't slack on film study, because Rivers won't.

Lawson always admired Rivers' meticulous game preparation during the two years they played together at North Carolina State, and the San Francisco 49ers' rookie linebacker learned to expect the unexpected during thousands of practice faceoffs in Raleigh. Rivers can be tricky, and nobody knows it better than his teammates.

"Any time that I was in coverage with somebody, you can think he's going to throw your guy the ball and you're going to get an interception, and he'll throw it off," Lawson said. "Or he won't look at you at all, but throw it to your guy."

Lawson and the 49ers (2-3) will attempt to keep up with the surging Chargers (3-1) on Sunday in their fourth home game in five weeks. While San Diego hits the game on a high after knocking off Pittsburgh last week, rebuilding San Francisco has another chance to measure itself against the NFL's elite before its bye week.

And Lawson, the 49ers' first-round pick who played defen-

sive end at North Carolina State, gets to test his knowledge of Rivers' craftiness for the first time when it counts.

"He's a smart quarterback," Lawson said. "He knows what his job is, and he tries to find out what the defensive player's job is, too. (That) will make him so successful in years to come: understanding what an outside linebacker's job is, understanding what the safety is doing, how they're rotating. He sees all that, and he studies all that."

Rivers' aptitude has been impressive in his strong beginning to his first season as a starter. But in truth, the Chargers' passing game under ever-cautious coach Marty Schottenheimer is the only aspect of the club that hasn't been a dominant force this season.

San Diego's intimidating defense is ranked atop the NFL in most statistical categories, while the running game has been nearly unstoppable with LaDainian Tomlinson leading the way.

Rivers, who has completed 67 percent of his passes with five touchdowns, remembers Lawson's disruptive play in college. Lawson blocked a punt and played a stellar defensive game in last week's win over Oakland, and Rivers only wishes he knew some special trick for stopping his former teammate.

He acknowledged watching Lawson's pass rushing on tape this week, but couldn't find any-

thing on the film or in his memory banks to share with the rest of the Chargers.

"If it was a stone-cold key I found, then maybe," Rivers said. "But you don't want to get caught up watching one guy, because there are 10 other guys. When you know a guy, it's fun to watch them. You enjoy it, because you remember pulling for them on your side, and now you are trying to beat them."

The Chargers are heavy favorites in their third visit to the Bay Area already this year, following a preseason game at Candlestick Park and a trip to Oakland last month.


As if coach Mike Nolan didn't have enough concerns about the Chargers' defense, nose tackle Jamal Williams might have enjoyed the biggest game of his career last week with six tackles and a sack against Pittsburgh, earning the AFC's defensive player of the week award.

"I'm really glad I don't have to play that guy," Tomlinson said. "I think he's getting better. He's just becoming more and more dominant, and the way he played Sunday night I think showed the world he's the best nose tackle in the game, bar none."

Williams and the Chargers' daunting front seven will face a San Francisco offensive line that has been surprisingly successful this season, leading running back Frank Gore to an NFL-best 465 yards rushing in the first five games.


*"[Philip Rivers is] a smart quarterback."*

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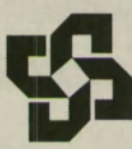
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**SMC SOCCER**

# Belles rested, ready to begin key MIAA stretch

*Saint Mary's to take on conference foes Hope, Adrian, and Calvin with sights sight on overtaking first place*

By **DAN MURPHY**  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's begins its biggest week of the season Saturday afternoon when the Belles take on Hope College in one of three conference games over fall break.

The team will take on Michigan Intercollegiate

Athletic Association (MIAA) foes Adrian and Calvin later in the week.

The Belles, who have had a week off from game action, will enter this weekend's contest well rested. Saint Mary's took down Olivet in its last game thanks to two goals from senior midfielder Ashley Hinton. The win was the Belles' third in the MIAA, put-

ting them in second place with nine points.

With a little bit of help from Alma, who plays Tri-State Saturday, Saint Mary's could enter next week's Calvin game with a chance to take over first place in the conference. The Knights are currently No. 5 in the nation in the Division III NSCAA poll, having won all 13 of their games this season and

outscored their opponents 44-4.

Alyssa Bergsman has been outstanding in the net for Calvin, allowing an average of only 0.29 goals per game.

Saint Mary's fell to the Knights 6-1 earlier this season in an exhibition. Sophomore Elizabeth Ribbens led the way for Calvin with a hat trick and freshman Allison Boedner

added two more. Lauren Hinton scored the lone goal for the Belles as they reached their low point of the season at 1-4.

Saint Mary's coach Caryn Mackenzie has righted the ship since then as the Belles won three of the next five as MIAA play began to heat up. The team feels it is now ready for a rematch with the veteran Knights.

But before they reach that point, the Belles have two more big games to worry about against Hope and Adrian.

Saint Mary's will travel to Holland, Mich first to take on the Flying Dutch, who are coming off of a 7-1 win over Tri-State. The win was the team's first in conference play this year. Junior Ellie Tresslar led the way for Hope with two goals and an assist.

Three days later the team will be at Adrian College for a showdown with the Bulldogs. Adrian (4-9, 2-2 MIAA) is led by freshman phenom Lindsay Chitwood who has netted seven of the team's nine goals on the season.

If Saint Mary's can stay on top of its game over this stretch the team will be in perfect position heading into the season finale and the conference tournament, which kicks off Oct. 28.

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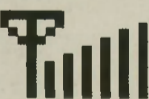
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**MEN'S GOLF**

# Notre Dame looks for steady improvement

*PGA West Facility, designed by Norman, offers rare challenge*

By **FRAN TOLAN**  
Sports Writer

After a second place finish as host of the inaugural Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic Monday and Tuesday, Notre Dame will travel to La Quinta, Calif. next week to compete in The Prestige at the famed PGA West facility Oct. 16 and 17.

The tournament will be the third for a young Notre Dame team that began to hit its stride with a runner-up finish last week. The Irish defeated several teams ranked higher than them coming into the Gridiron Classic, but are not completely satisfied with their results.

"Second isn't what we're shooting for," said senior co-captain Cole Isban. "But I think the second-place finish will be a good thing for us. It should be great motivation and will help us this coming weekend."

After a poor ninth-place showing in Minnesota's Gopher Invitational to start the season, the Irish have now come close to victory and believe they can compete with some of the stronger

teams in the NCAA.

"If we play our best we think we'll be up [at the top of the leaderboard] this weekend," Isban said.

The event will be co-hosted by UC-Davis and Stanford, which won the Gopher Invitational Sept. 17.

"There's going to be a strong field," Isban said. "It should be a lot of fun."

The Irish finished fifth last year at The Prestige, played on a course designed by PGA star Greg Norman. Isban believes his team will be close to top form and expects a better result this year.

"We've just finished a tournament so we're more ready than we were [for the Gridiron Classic]."

After the Gopher Invitational, the Irish were forced to endure a three-week layoff before resuming play last weekend. Being rusty will not be an excuse in California.

"We won't have taken such a long break this time," Isban said. "That will definitely help us."

In addition to Isban, the Irish roster for The Prestige features senior co-captain Adam Gifford, junior Greg Rodgers, sophomore Josh Sandman and freshman Doug Fortner.

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**ND WOMEN'S GOLF**

# Irish head west for weekend

*After slow start to season, Holt wants complete team performance*

By **CHRIS HINE**  
Sports Writer

On the heels of two straight second place tournament finishes, Notre Dame will head to San Diego to try and pull out its first victory of the fall season Monday and Tuesday in the 36-hole Lady Aztec Invitational at San Diego State University.

"We've had some solid individual efforts so far this season," head coach Susan Holt said. "But we haven't had all five golfers step up to give us solid round scores."

The Irish began the year with a 12th place finish at the Cougar Classic in Charleston South Carolina, then came in second at the Notre Dame Invitational Sept. 12 and 13 and the Marilyn Smith Sunflower Invitational Oct. 2 and 3. In these tournaments, Notre Dame faced teams primarily from the Midwest. At the Aztec Invitational, however, the Irish will compete

against 15 schools from the western region of the country.

"I know BYU and Denver are good programs," Holt said. "But I don't pay a lot of attention to the rankings this time of year. We just need to get better."

Senior co-captain Noriko Nakazaki said she is one of the golfers that needs to improve. She struggled in the Marilyn Smith Invitational, failing to break 80 in her first two rounds, but

rallied to shoot the low round of the tournament for the Irish on day two with a two-over par 74.

"I definitely struggled, but sometimes that can be good and it shows what I need to do," she said. "I've been working a lot on my short game and self-confidence. It's getting better, but it's not there, so I'm hoping San Diego State is the tournament I break through."

Sophomore Lisa Maunu, coming off her first team-leading performance in the Marilyn Smith Invitational

tying for sixth overall, looks forward to escaping the South Bend snow flurries in favor of California sunshine.

"Golfing in the snow is cool. Literally, cool, but I'm excited. I've never been to California," she said. "I've been working on my swing and letting my divots go to the right, which means my swing isn't functioning properly. I'm not hitting the ball consistently."

Junior Jane Lee, who tied for 19th with Nakazaki in the Smith Invitational, will make the trip along with freshmen Annie Brophy and Kristen Wetzel, and senior Stacy Brown.

Holt said the team is still adjusting since she took over the program in September.

"We're still trying to get to know each other. We've asked a lot of each other in trying to get a read on our states of mind," she said. "They tend to be self-critical already so I just encourage them to go out and play their game and we work on what needs to be worked on afterward."

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*"I don't pay a lot of attention to the rankings this time of year."*

**Susan Holt**  
Irish coach

**NFL**

# Patriots still class of AFC East

*Despite losses of key players, Belichick has New England rolling*

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The departures of Adam Vinatieri and Deion Branch figured to hurt the Patriots. The presence of Buffalo, Miami and the New York Jets in the team's division has only helped.

New England's remaining schedule outside the AFC East isn't particularly frightening either.

But none of that kept coach Bill Belichick from sending his players away on their bye week with an analogy intended to keep them from easing up just five games into the season — their first season in three years when they're not defending a Super Bowl championship.

"Bill said we're just a third into the season, kind of like a horse race," cornerback Ellis Hobbs said. "As you go around there might be a horse in first and, all of a sudden, coming around to the finish he's dead last. We don't want to be that team."

The Patriots charged to the front of the pack with a 4-1 record that includes wins over the three other teams in their division. Buffalo is 2-3 coming off a 40-7 loss to Chicago and tied with New York, which was trounced by Jacksonville 41-0 last Sunday. Miami is 1-4 after losing to New England 20-10.

The Patriots' first opponent after the bye is Buffalo, and they play only two teams in their remaining 11 games with a record better than 3-2.

"You could feel good about yourself and you could feel like you've accomplished something by being 4-1, coming back and playing a team that you already beat, and go out there and disappoint yourself and get your butt kicked," strong safety Rodney Harrison said.

That certainly could happen if they don't go along with Belichick's emphasis on avoiding overconfidence as much as offensive turnovers.

The Patriots still don't have a solid grasp on what kind of team they'll be as the season progresses.

Tom Brady hasn't played up to his usual high level. He's still getting used to the four wide receivers who weren't on the team last season. Vinatieri, one of the NFL's best clutch kickers, went to Indianapolis as a free agent and was replaced by a rookie, Stephen Gostkowski. Branch, their top wide receiver, was traded to Seattle after Belichick refused to give in to his extended holdout.

But rookie Laurence Maroney has been outstanding, joining Corey Dillon in a strong running attack behind a deep offensive line. The defense, with a powerful front line, has been stingy, allowing just seven touchdowns in five games. And the Patriots have five takeaways in the last two games after getting just one in the first three.

"What we need to do is develop

some consistency in certain areas," linebacker Roosevelt Colvin said. "We've gotten a little bit better these last couple of weeks at doing that."

The Patriots' breakout game came two weeks ago with a 38-13 win at Cincinnati after a 17-7 loss to Denver. They followed that by holding Miami to 283 yards, their third opponent to fall short of 300. With the loss of Branch and David Givens, now with Tennessee, hurting the passing attack, stopping the opposing offense became even more important.


If they were distracted by the losses of Branch, Vinatieri, Givens and defensive end Willie McGinest, a free agent who went to Cleveland, the standings don't show it.

"It may have an effect on you, but as a professional player, you have to be able to put that stuff behind you," defensive end Richard Seymour said. "You still have to prepare to do the things it takes to be a champion in this league."

Harrison's not surprised the team is 4-1 even with some of last year's best players gone.

"I think it was a sense of uncertainty," he said, "but, overall, I think that we still felt like we had the core guys here and we can get it done."

Two of their next six games are against Indianapolis and Chicago, both 5-0, but those are in Foxborough. Their final five opponents are Detroit (now 0-5), Miami (1-4), Houston (1-3), Jacksonville (3-2) and Tennessee (0-5).



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# Bass

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nationally, defeated No. 44 Rodrigues 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 on his way to securing a spot in the ITA All-American Championship Final. Bass moved into the consolation finals with a 6-0 victory over San Diego State's Christian Groh (No. 67) and ultimately fell to Wake Forest's Todd Paul (No. 14) 6-1, 6-2.

The Midland tournament draws competitors from 15 schools, including the 2005 national champion UCLA, 2004 national champion Baylor, Pepperdine, Texas and Illinois.

The Irish will face tough competition from these top teams including national No. 1 Benjamin Kohloeffel of UCLA who won the NCAA men's single title last season.

Illinois also poses a threat with its No. 1 ranked doubles team of Kevin Anderson and

Ryan Rowe. The duo took the NCAA men's double championship last season and was the second team to do so for Illinois since 2003.

Notre Dame has its share of ranked players as well as Bass is right behind No. 20 junior Sheeva Parbhu. Notre Dame also has strength in its doubles game — something Irish coach Bobby Bayliss has looked for — with Parbhu and Ryan Keckley at No. 36 and Bass and Brett Helgeson with a No. 46 ranking.

The Irish will not only be led by Bayliss, but also by the youth and talent of assistant coach Ryan Sachire.

"[Sachire] has been a tremendous addition," Bayliss said. "His ability to influence our guys has been indispensable."

The tournament begins today and continues Saturday and Sunday.

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## ND CROSS COUNTRY

# Irish hit the road running

*Men look to keep up momentum, women look to bounce back*

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Sports Writer

After racing consecutive meets at Burke Memorial Golf Course at Notre Dame, the Irish will venture to Terra Haute, Ind., Saturday to compete in the Pre-National Meet, another tune-up race before the all-important post-season races begin.

The men's team is coming off back-to-back top five finishes at home, including a win in the National Catholic Championship (NCC) and a very strong fourth-place tie in the Notre Dame Invitational. Although the team actually finished worse in the latter race, which featured strong competition from a field that included seven top-30 teams.

The team is led by sophomore Patrick Smyth and senior Kurt Benninger, both of whom finished in the top 15 of the Notre Dame Invitational — the first race of the season for both runners.

Although Smyth and Benninger are considered the top runners for the Irish, Notre Dame's most successful athlete so far this season has been sophomore Jake Watson. Watson has been consistent in his two races this season, finishing second in the NCC while finishing 21st against the strong competition at the Notre Dame Invitational.

On the other hand, the Irish women have struggled



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish sophomore Patrick Smyth runs at the Notre Dame Invitational Sept. 29 at the Burke Memorial Golf Course.

recently to perform up to their expectations.

After tying then-No. 18 Marquette for first at the NCC, the Irish finished a disappointing 12th out of 19 teams at the Notre Dame Invite. The Irish runners were also completely unable to stay in a pack as they had practiced, instead spreading out throughout the runners and falling behind early.

"Our team was disappointing at the ND Invite. We felt we could do a better job representing Notre Dame," junior Sunni Olding said.

Much of the focus in the last two weeks of practice for the women's team has been correcting this inability to run together.

"We've worked really hard this week in practice," Olding said. "We've really worked hard on running together

better as a team and running in a group."

The team will need to put this practice into effect if they want to prepare for the post season, which begins in two weeks with the Big East Championship in Boston.

"We are hoping for a much better performance this week," Olding said. "We have prepared to race well and use this as our opportunity to get ready for postseason races."

Olding believes her team will be able to step up their game this weekend and rebound from the tough loss two weeks ago.

"We want to show we have what it takes to do well in cross country," she said. "We are going to go and run our hearts out."

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## SMC VOLLEYBALL

# Squad prepares for a busy week of matches

By MICHAEL BRYAN  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will have little time to relax this fall break as it hits the road for matches with Alma, Windsor and Kalamazoo.

The Belles are coming off a tough loss on Senior Night at home against second place Hope. After falling behind following a loss in the opening game, Saint Mary's took a 2-1 game lead on the visiting Flying Dutch.

Unfortunately for the Belles, Hope stormed back in the final two games, taking 30-28 and 15-8 victories to clinch the victory. Hope's strong performance was led by Nora Slenk, who recorded a team-high 19 kills to go with 12 digs. Senior Deena VanAssen had 25 digs to lead the team defensively.

The win improved Hope's conference record to 9-1, 16-6 overall.

For the Belles, Kristen Playko and Anne Cusack both put up tremendous efforts in their last home games — Playko with a double-double of 20 kills and 21 digs, and Cusack tallying 23 digs of her own. Freshman Lorna Slupczynski netted a match-high 23 kills and 12 digs for a double-double of her own. With the loss, the Belles dropped to 14-7 on the year at 7-5 remained in fourth place in the MIAA.

Saint Mary's coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said the loss does not change the Belles attitude

toward the rest of the season.

"Our goals are still very much our goals," she said. "One loss doesn't change that."

Saint Mary's first match of the road trip will be Saturday with conference foe Alma. The Scots are 8-10 on the season, 5-5 in conference play. Led by senior Kelsee Krull, the Scots will look to avenge their 3-0 loss at Saint Mary's Oct. 8.

Windsor will be the Belles' next opponent as the team heads north of the border to face Windsor in an Oct. 18 exhibition matchup. The Lancers, members of the Canadian Interuniversity Sport Conference, have not played any regular season matches to date.

The Belles road trip will conclude with a conference match against 7-12 Kalamazoo. The Hornets are 3-7 in the MIAA, one of those losses a 3-0 sweep at the hands of Saint Mary's earlier this season.

Although the MIAA tournament is less than a month away, Schroeder-Biek said the team is not looking past its next game.

"We have very high goals we want to accomplish which include the conference tournament, but we can only achieve these goals one game at a time," Schroeder-Biek said. "We're in the home stretch with some tough matches ahead of us, we just need to take things one game at a time and finish strong."

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## SMC SWIMMING

# Belles open year against Olivet

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Editor

Saint Mary's hopes to make a splash tonight as it opens its season at 7 in a dual meet with Olivet.

Without the benefit of a diving team, the Belles finished the 2005-06 season last in the MIAA but got better as the season went on. Olivet finished third in the league last season, behind Calvin and Hope, and beat Saint Mary's 89-11 in their only meeting.

But Olivet's only All-MIAA

swimmer from last season — Jill Lingbeek — graduated, and Saint Mary's is looking for a strong showing under first-year coach Ryan Dombkowski.

With just one senior on the team, juniors Noreen Sherred and Kelly Tighe will lead the Belles into the 2006-07 season. Sherred specializes in the middle-distance freestyle events, while Tighe is a freestyle sprinter.

Olivet coach Dave Stubbs is in his fifth year with the program after collecting 531 wins and 31 conference

championships at the high school level.

Sophomores Erin Tramper, who holds the school record in the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke, and Amy Johnson, whose 24.50 second 50-meter freestyle time in best in Olivet history, will lead the Comets.

After today's match, the Belles have two weeks off before taking on the Hope Flying Dutchmen at home Oct. 27.

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the nation's No. 8 hitter and this week's national player of the week, leads the Warrior offense. She averages 5.55 kills per game at a hitting percentage of .250.

Junior Adriana Stasiuk's 197 kills (3.4 per game) propel the Irish. Stasiuk also leads the team in serves, a facet of play that may help Notre Dame upset Hawaii.

"We're a strong serving team," Brown said. "We have the ability to put a lot of pressure on them with our serves."

After Hawaii, Notre Dame returns to the Joyce Center for two more Big East matches. The Irish face Connecticut Oct. 20 at 4 p.m. and St. John's Oct. 22 at 2 p.m.

Connecticut's defense, which has held its opponents to a hitting percentage of .173, depends upon freshman libero

Jessica Isaac with 5.00 digs per game.

On the Notre Dame side, senior libero Danielle Herndon leads the defense with 5.33 digs per game.

The Sunday matchup against St. John's will most likely be a battle for conference dominance, with both Notre Dame and St. John's holding firm as the only two undefeated teams in the Big East.

Notre Dame, the conference's most efficient offense, boasts a hitting percentage of .291 and will be pitted against the Red Storm's conference-leading defense, which has held opponents to a .140 hitting percentage.

Brown expressed confidence about her team's performance against conference opponents, especially what she has seen from her two setters.

"Ashley and Jamel have done a great job of mixing it up and confusing other teams," she said.

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# Road

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they're undefeated."

Because the game is the second to last of the conference season, it will likely decide the National Division championship, although both teams need to get through the upcoming weekend first.

The Wildcats have road games against Pittsburgh and No. 7 West Virginia, while the Irish have to take on the Huskies and Friars.

Providence is in last place in the American Division at 3-5-5 overall and 0-5-2 in the conference, and, while UConn has struggled to a 7-7-1 record (4-3-0 in conference) this year, Waldrum said the Huskies are a very dangerous opponent.

"They have a very talented team," he said. "They got off on the wrong foot a little bit this year, but they'll be right there in the Big East tournament."

Unlike earlier in the season, the Irish have few injuries and no players playing in tournaments abroad. Still, Waldrum said the starting lineup will continue to be fluid from game to game.

"We don't quite have our starting 11 set," he said. "If we set it too early, then people will just say 'oh, I'm not starting,' and they might not work as hard. Plus we have two games every weekend, so we want to sub and keep players from getting fatigued."

"By the time we get to the Big East and NCAA tourna-

ments, we'll have our lineup more set."

In order to keep his squad focused throughout the season, Waldrum devised a system of rating each players' practice effort, then posting standings in the locker room.

"We post the results so they can all look at them," he said. "We don't talk much about it, but they always look at the results."

On Tuesday, the team played a four-team intrasquad tournament, something Waldrum said he likes to do to break the monotony of running drills. The tournament results were factored into the practice standings.

"We like to make sure they're always competing," Waldrum said.

Waldrum said focus will be especially important during fall break, when the team will remain on campus while their class and dorm-mates head home.

"We're going to try to do some team activities, possibly catch a movie or go bowling," said Waldrum of the squad's plans over break. "Also, we're going to have some practices in the morning instead of the afternoon — anything to keep them from lying around all day."

The first round of the Big East tournament begins Oct. 25 at campus sites. If the season ended today, the Irish would be playing the Friars at Alumni Field that day.

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Irish coach

# Mankato

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two each by left wing Garrett Regan and center Mark Van Guilder.

In the first two games of the season, including a 9-0 exhibition win over Windsor last Friday, the team now has 15 goals — it took the Irish five games, including one exhibition, to reach that total last season.

"We've been doing a lot of work on shooting and scoring skills," Jackson said. "That's the whole first sessions we ran for the first month of training camp."

Last season, Notre Dame dropped a 2-1 home decision to Minnesota State (0-1) but won on the road 3-2 with nine seconds left.

Irish goalie Dave Brown made 36 saves and allowed only a power-play goal on a turnover in the Irish zone.

"My main goal coming into this year was to pick up where I finished last year," Brown said. "And to get that many shots, that many variations of shots, you know it really felt good to make the big saves and keep the guys in."

The Mavericks entered the second period down 1-0, but within eight minutes the North Star state team was buried under a four-goal Irish onslaught marked by flashy goals and an even flashier offensive unit — including three goals on the first five shots.

Regan scored 44 seconds into the period and knocked Tormey's water bottle of the top of the net with his second goal two and a half minutes later. Van Guilder added two at 4:20 and 8:24 to give Notre Dame the 5-0 advantage.

"Obviously they came out and capitalized," Mavericks head coach Troy Jutting said. "I was just trying to calm them down and make sure we kept our

heads in the game."

Regan's first goal came off the rebound from an initial shot by center Jason Paige. Regan collected the loose puck between the circles and turned to wrap a forehand shot around Tormey's right pad. For his second goal and the 3-0 lead, Regan received a pass from defenseman Noah Babin just inside the Maverick blue line and took several strides to the top of the left circle before he sniped the puck top-shelf, glove-side on Tormey.

"We just wanted to get [the puck] on net," Regan said. "Coach [Jackson] has been talking about shooting and if we get a lot of chances, if we shoot it's going to go in. More of our main objective this year is to drive in on them down low and get the puck on net."

Four of the six Irish goals came below the circle hash marks and two came while inside the crease.

Van Guilder gave the Irish the 4-0 lead a minute later on an assist from left wing Ryan Thang when he beat Tormey blocker side from the bottom of the left circle. Van Guilder then put home his own rebound from the top of the crease when he stuffed his second chance around Tormey's right pad. Center Kevin Deeth fed Van Guilder in front of the net with a pass from the right boards to set up the 5-0 lead.

Minnesota State and Notre Dame exchanged goals in the third period several minutes apart to make the final 6-1.

Mavericks left wing Jon Kalinski shoved an open-net rebound off Brown's pads while short-handed into the right side of the net after he made the initial save on center Travis Morin's left-side slap shot. The goal cut the game to 5-1 at 3:18 into the period and was precipitated by a turnover in the Irish zone on a clear-out by Brown.

"I'll take credit for [Brown's turnover]," Jackson said. "We're trying to work on breakout situa-

tions on line changes, and he was trying to fire it out. We had people posted up on the far blue line, and he just made an errant pass, so I'll take the fall for that."

Thang capped off a furious Notre Dame break with a roofed one-timer off the right side of the crease at 6:48. Irish defenseman Wes O'Neill secured the puck at the Irish blue line and made a neutral-zone pass to right wing Dan Kissel, who broke down the left side and lured the Maverick defenseman toward him, opening Thang on the far side.

Irish left wing Josh Sciba scored first in the game with a low shot from the point on the power play 14:05 into the first period, assisted by Van Guilder and O'Neill for the 1-0 lead. Sciba received a cross pass on the right point from O'Neill and fired a wrist shot through net traffic and a screened Tormey.

The Irish power play went 1-for-10 as Jackson swapped numerous players in and out of the man-advantage unit. The penalty-kill unit was a successful 6-for-6.

"It's about evaluating personnel," Jackson said. "I've been trying some freshmen on the kill, trying some new guys. The penalty-killing is only as good as our goaltender and David Brown was a big part of our penalty kill."

The Irish will travel to Mankato, Minn., to play Minnesota State in the finale of the two-game series Saturday night. Notre Dame will then take a brief tour of Hockey East, playing at No. 1 Boston College at Kelley Rink Oct. 20 and at Providence College Oct. 21.

**Notes:**

♦ Irish captain T.J. Jindra had to sit out the game due to a scratched cornea. He is expected to play Saturday against against the Mavericks in Mankato.

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## FOOTBALL

# Talley leaves team; junior's future unknown

*Departure a "mutual decision" with coaches*

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Editor

Irish junior defensive end Ronald Talley has left the football team, Notre Dame Director of Football Media

Relations Brian Hardin said in an e-mail sent to local media members Thursday.

"Notre Dame defensive end Ronald Talley has decided to leave the Notre Dame football team," the e-mail said. "The decision was mutually agreed upon."

Hardin did not specify the reasons for Talley's departure and said Irish coach Charlie

Weis will be unavailable for comment on the situation until Monday during his next scheduled press conference.

After sitting out his freshman year, the 6-foot-4, 262-pound native of



Talley

Oak Park, Mich., emerged on the defensive line as a sophomore, playing in all 12 games and starting the final six after then-starter Chris Frome suffered a knee injury during the USC game Oct. 15. Talley finished the 2005 season with 26 tackles, one sack and a fumble recovery in the Fiesta Bowl.

Talley split action with

Frome at right end in the first six games this season, playing when Notre Dame is in its base 4-3 defense but sitting in nickel and dime packages. Starting in four of the six games, Talley recorded 11 tackles and one fumble recovery.

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## ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Road tests

*Irish to play four key Big East games away from Alumni Field*

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Associate Sports Editor

There are only two weeks left in the regular season, but No. 1 Notre Dame still has a long way to go.

The Irish (13-0, 6-0 Big East) play four road conference games over the next two weekends against UConn today, Providence Sunday, No. 23 Villanova Oct. 20 and Georgetown Oct. 22.

The Wildcats (13-0-2, 5-0-2 Big East) are second behind the Irish in the conference's National Division. Other than Notre Dame, Villanova is the only undefeated team in the NSCAA Top 25.

Led by freshman defender Kelly Eagan, Villanova has allowed just two goals this season.

"Villanova's a good team," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "There's a reason

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Irish midfielder Jill Krivacek dribbles around Rutgers forward Nina Montero during Notre Dame's 2-0 win over the Scarlet Knights Sunday at Alumni Field.

## MEN'S TENNIS

# Bass eager to head to Midland

*Irish will face Duke in rematch from last week's ITA Invite*

By DEIRDRE KRASULA  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame senior Stephen Bass triumphed over Duke's Peter Rodrigues only one short week ago.

This week, Bass and Rodrigues meet again as Notre Dame and Duke face off at the Midland Invitational in Midland, Texas this weekend.

The Irish senior, No. 21

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## ND VOLLEYBALL

# Team takes tropical trip to play Hawaii

*Irish will also face conference foe DePaul in a home game tonight*

By DEVIN PRESTON  
Sports Writer

The Irish have a huge week ahead of them.

While their classmates are on break, they'll go to work playing five matches before classes start back up next Oct. 23.

The busy schedule starts with Big East opponent DePaul (5-16, 0-5 Big East) tonight at 7 in the Joyce Center. The Irish (11-5, 5-0 Big East) plan

to continue their steady streak of victories in conference competition. The Blue Demons hope to put an end to their nine-match losing streak.

On Monday, Notre Dame travels to Manoa, Hawaii, to play No. 11 Hawaii (13-4) in two matches on back-to-back days. If the Irish win, it will be their first win over a top-25 opponent this season.

"It's an opportunity to play against a ranked team and really raise our level of play," head coach Debbie Brown said. "We're hoping to win both matches. It's a tall order, but it definitely can be done."

Sophomore Jamie Houston,

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## HOCKEY

# ND blasts Mankato, 6-1

By KYLE CASSILY  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson asked Arena Manager Pat Klaybor to make three shooting boards in the off-season to train Irish players to pick their shots high into the corners and over the goalies' shoulders. It showed in the team's season-opening 6-1 win Thursday night over Minnesota State-Mankato at the Joyce Center.

The Irish (1-0) confounded Maverick goaltender Dan Tormey, who was a late addition after starter Mike Zacharias went down with an injury in warm-ups, with six goals on 28 shots — including

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Irish center Jason Paige, left, takes a shot in Notre Dame's 6-1 win over Minnesota State-Mankato Thursday.

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Forward Joe Lapira is having a break out season in his third year for the Irish.

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