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ND senior killed in early morning car accident

Fatal Toll Road crash caused by tire blowout, officials say

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

A Notre Dame senior was killed in a car crash early Friday morning on Indiana State Toll Road near LaPorte, Ind., officials said.

Caitlin Brann, 22, was headed west on Interstate 80-90 at 2:13 a.m. EST Friday when her rear passenger-side tire blew out, causing her to lose control of her 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier convertible, according to an Indiana State Police report.

Brann

Brann, a marketing major from Orland Park, Ill., entered the median sideways, just past mile marker 41.2. Her car rolled numerous times before becoming airborne and sideswiping the trailer of a semi-

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Students attend a memorial prayer service at the Grotto Saturday in remembrance of senior Caitlin Brann.

Candlelight memorial service held at Grotto in Brann's honor

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

More than 200 students gathered at the Grotto Saturday night for a memorial prayer service for Notre Dame senior Caitlin Brann, who was described as a "spark of fire."

Brann died in a car crash early Friday morning on the Indiana Toll Road.

A bagpipe played "Amazing Grace" as three of Brann's friends processed through the crowd, one holding the Bible, one holding a poster with pictures of Brann and one holding a cross.

Students held candles beneath Mary's statue hugging, crying and wiping tears.

After a soloist performed "Let it Be" on the guitar, Brann's friends spoke about their memories of her. Some spoke about Freshman Orientation, when they met Brann and decided "she was cooler than the rest of us."

Another spoke about chatting with Brann

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'Loyal Daughters' debuts at DPAC

Jenkins withdraws endorsement from play, but supports goal of sexual assault prevention

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

A student-created production about sexuality and sexual assault at Notre Dame will open today with the clear intent, organizers said, of shaking the University community into awareness about sexual violence on campus.

"Loyal Daughters" will debut, however, without the endorsement of University President Father John Jenkins — a backing it lost after Jenkins viewed the script in early October and found that its occasionally "neutral stance" on premarital sex was "in direct opposition to the Church and Father Jenkins' position on issues of sexual morality," University spokesman Dennis Brown said Sunday.

Brown said, however, that Jenkins still "completely supports" the central aim of the play, "which is education and awareness to prevent sexual assault and sexual violence."

Jenkins' withdrawal of his endorsement comes seven months after he identified the student-written "Loyal Daughters" as one of the "substantive" results of an inflamed, two-month, campus-wide discussion on academic freedom and Catholic character.

That discussion began on Jan. 23, when Jenkins questioned the annual on-campus presence of "The Vagina Monologues" and other events "in name or content clearly and egregiously contrary to or inconsistent with the fundamental values of a Catholic university."

On April 5, Jenkins issued a

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Freshman Patrick Tighe plays a teacher reading from duLac in a full dress rehearsal of "Loyal Daughters" Saturday.

Student-written, ND-specific production will run four nights this week

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

Judging from the vigor of their applause, the 16 students who came to watch the first full dress rehearsal of "Loyal Daughters" Saturday were not unaffected by the performance — which brought them to laughter, tears and, at times, utter silence.

"It is shocking," said junior Luke Cieslewicz, who attended the dress rehearsal. "You never think that [sexual violence] is happening around here."

The 25 monologues and skits in "Loyal Daughters" examine discrepancies between the ideal perception of Notre Dame — what the script calls "the sense of familiarity, sense of belonging" — and the presence of sexual violence on campus.

The production, which opens tonight, is written, directed and performed completely by Notre Dame students. Each monologue is true and based on interviews that senior writer and producer Emily Weisbecker conducted with more than 55 Notre Dame students and professors.

"It was just amazing," Weisbecker said of conducting the interviews. "People were very forthright in telling me very personal experiences. I felt very honored that they trusted me and were willing to share so much."

There are stories of sexual assault (against both men and women), homosexuality, bisexuality, off-campus and on-campus rape, self-defense techniques, duLac discrepancies and body image issues — themes that bear some similarity to those found in "The Vagina Monologues," a play that opened amid a flurry of controversy last spring regarding its place and purpose at Notre Dame.

University President Father John Jenkins sparked that 10-week controversy in addresses

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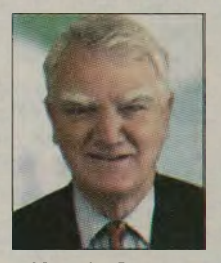
Moody-Stuart speaks

Talk focuses on UN's role, worldwide needs

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, chairman of the board of directors of the United Nations (UN) Foundation for the Global Compact, delivered the keynote address of a three-day peace conference that began Sunday night, organized by the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business.



Moody-Stuart

Moody-Stuart, who is also chairman of international mining company Anglo American PLC, called for businesses to contribute to the development of strong societies in fragile or corrupt countries.

"It is part of our responsibility, with others in society, to help create the kind of society in which we can do business," said Moody-Stuart, who spoke in the press box of Notre Dame Stadium.

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Inside Column

'Wow wow we wah'

Laura Baumgartner

News Writer

"Borat" has drawn crowds to movie theaters across the nation since the movie's release on Nov. 3, delighting many Americans and infuriating the nation of Kazakhstan.

But, maybe it should be the other way around.

While Kazakhstan is not portrayed in a positive light in the film, the claims against that nation are at least fiction. While there have been several reports of people believing British comedian Sacha Cohen's characterization of the central Asian country, anyone would have to be gullible and lazy to seriously accept it as truth.

A simple online search of Kazakhstan could easily inform any curious party about the nation and its citizens. Or better yet, a visit to the local library where they stock encyclopedias full of useful tidbits waiting to be absorbed into hungry minds.

Cohen's movie has spiked worldwide interest in this formerly unheard of region of the globe, a great opportunity, in my opinion, for Kazakhstan to boost tourism and generate a buzz.

It's a publicist's dream come true. News outlets everywhere are running stories, and if Kazakhstan can spin them right, they could be a major form of free advertising.

Americans, on the other hand, are not so lucky.

The negative portrayals of our citizens do represent truths in our country, not blatant over-exaggerations.

The fact that some who have seen the movie internalize the depiction of Kazakhstan as truth only serves as evidence of this fact.

I found parts of the movie to be hilarious and others incredibly grotesque, but overall I left the theatre mostly in a state of shock. Though the shock was partially induced by the graphic nature of certain scenes, it was primarily due to the reawakening I received about our country's own shortcomings.

Certain details concerning the process behind the creation of the film remain foggy; however, the image of the United States in the movie is more believable and true than that of Kazakhstan.

The frat boys from South Carolina claim they were tricked into the on-screen antics and anti-female commentary they provided in the movie, but it could certainly be argued that while they might not have been accurately portrayed, feelings and actions similar to what they expressed in the movie are not uncommon.

Neither is the presence of televangelists who travel the world "healing" the sick and "saving" the damned, or the belief that all Middle-Easterners are terrorists and should be killed.

Of course, every American cannot be categorized into the limited view Borat provides throughout his travels.

So, maybe instead of focusing on Kazakhstan we should all take a closer look at the problems we have in our own society that "Borat" wittingly calls out without fear or shame.

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Corrections

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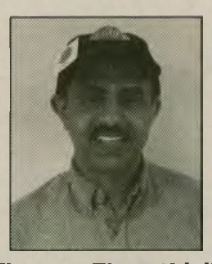
Question of the Day: *What is your favorite dining hall food to eat and why?*



Thomas Thuruthiyil

South Dining Hall staff

"Grilled chicken breast on salad, because it's healthy."

Hilda Boney

South Dining Hall staff

"Catfish, because it's one of my favorite foods."

Scott Rice

freshman Morrissey

"Cornbread, because it's sweet with a hint of crunchiness."

Morgan Schulz

sophomore Howard

"Flank steak, because the blend of seasonings on the steak gives it full flavor."

Maura Caufield

sophomore Howard

"Roasted steamship leg of pork because it sounds SO delicious!"

HY PHAM/The Observer

McGruff, Clancy the big Leprechaun and Notre Dame cheerleaders participate in a pickup game of smash ball during halftime of the women's volleyball victory over West Virginia yesterday.

Offbeat

Hundreds blame dead guy, neighbor for tickets

SYDNEY, Australia — More than 200 Australian motorists have avoided parking and speeding fines by blaming either a dead man or an interstate resident for their errors in what police said Saturday may be a widespread fraud.

Under New South Wales state law, if a car owner signs a sworn statement that they were not driving the vehicle when an offense was committed, they can avoid paying speed camera fines, which arrive by mail, and parking tickets left under windshield wipers.

A recent government audit of the excuses given in those sworn statements revealed that 238 motorists had blamed one of two people — a dead man who had, when alive, lived in Sydney and a person living in neighboring South Australia state — Police Superintendent Daryl Donnolly said in a statement.

Deer frees itself from Halloween bucket

CASCADE TOWNSHIP, Mich. — A deer whose head was stuck in a plastic Halloween jack-o'-lantern for nearly a week has freed itself and will be fine, animal rescuers said Saturday.

Two children found a dented, hair-lined plastic pumpkin in their yard Friday night, and other neighbors saw a thin deer running free, The Grand Rapids Press reported. It was rainy Friday, which rescuers think helped the young deer wriggle free.

Rescuers had planned to use a dart gun to tranquilize the yearling, then remove the bucket, meant for collecting candy.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

Professor **Thomas Goltz** will present a **lecture**, video presentation and discussion entitled "The Chechen National Disaster and Other Conflicts in the Post-Soviet Caucasus **today** at **4:30 p.m.** in the **Annenberg Auditorium** at the Snite Museum of Art. This event is free and open to the general public.

2006 Richard H. Driehaus Prize Laureate **Allan Greenberg** will present a **lecture** entitled "Architecture of Democracy" **today** from **4:30 p.m. to 6** in **104 Bond Hall**. This event is open to the general public.

Travel writer and PBS personality **Rick Steves** will kick off International Education week with a **lecture** entitled "How to Travel Smart" **today** at **7:30 p.m.** in the **McKenna Hall Auditorium**. He will lecture again at **4:30 p.m. Tuesday**.

Saint Mary's junior class will sell **$2 banana splits today** from **5 p.m. to 9** in **Reignboux Lounge in Le Mans Hall**. All proceeds will go to **S.C.O.U.T. B.A.N.A.N.A.** to raise funds for a community in Uganda.

Kumar Vemaganti, professor of mechanical, industrial and nuclear engineering at the University of Cincinnati, will present a **seminar** entitled "Characterization of Modeling of Biomaterial and Tissue" **Tuesday** at **3:30 p.m.** in **138 DeBartolo Hall**.

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

Local Weather

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Rain dampens band, attendees, not spirits

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Despite the leaky roof that let rain into the Stepan Center — and onto Ben Folds — Friday night, 1,800 students jammed into the building to hear the singer's unique style of piano rock.

"We knew if it rained it was going to leak, but we didn't have any other options due to the high cost and limited availability of the JACC," said Student Union Board manager Patrick Vassel.

Students questioned SUB's choice of the Stepan Center.

The Stepan Center was the largest venue SUB could provide, Vassel said, even though the building was not in the best condition. SUB worked to increase the concert's capacity from 1,500 occupants to 1,800 to allow as many students as possible to attend.

And Folds made the most of the situation, Vassel said, deciding to "make up a few songs" about the rain rather than end the show early. Folds sang an expanded set for 90 minutes — 15 minutes longer than expected.

Students in attendance said Folds handled the environmental setbacks well. Sophomore Tim Politano, who "loved the music," said Stepan was "all right, especially because [Folds] was poking fun at it."

Piskurich also appreciated the way Folds dealt with the rain, saying the musician's "charismatic nature" made it worthwhile.

The concert was a huge success for SUB. Vassel said SUB expected to sell out due to Folds' popularity, but he "did not anticipate selling out as quickly as we did."

"No one can remember the last Notre Dame SUB concert that was this successful."

Patrick Vassel
SUB manager

"No one can remember the last Notre Dame SUB concert that was this successful," he said.

Although more students could have been accommodated in the Joyce Center, Vassel said the facility was "prohibitively expensive" and SUB was able to obtain cheaper access to the Stepan Center, controlled by the Student Activities Office.

The sale of tickets generated an estimated $24,000 in profit for SUB, which Vassel said would go toward the cost of the spring concert.

When asked about potential spring concert artists, Vassel said SUB would take a "weekend to recover" before planning for next semester.

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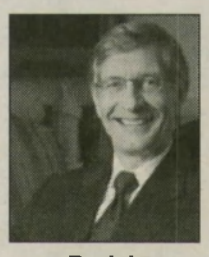
Search for vice president begins

Administrative changes, restructuring create new research position

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame is launching a national search for a vice president for research, reflecting a change in the administrative structure of graduate education and research designed to take the University's aspirations to the next level.



Burish

The new structure splits the job of vice president for graduate studies and research into two positions that will each report directly to the provost. The new structure has been recommended by the Academic Council and the president and, most recently, approved by the Board of Trustees. The Academic Council elected a five-member search committee last week. Provost Thomas Burish said he would like to see the new vice president in place by the beginning of next academic year.

Elected committee members are Neil Delaney, philosophy and honors program; Maureen Hallinan, sociology; Steve Batill, engineering; Richard Taylor, chemistry and biochemistry; and Malgorzata Dobrowolska-Furdyna, physics. The provost may appoint up to two additional members.

Burish raised the issue of potential reorganization shortly after his arrival in fall 2005, when he created the ad hoc committee on graduate education and research.

The committee returned with a report in this past May that reflects a deep desire to intensify the University's commitment to research. Called "A New Beginning," the report cites a critical issue "that must be addressed if the University is to become a leading research institution."

ND to host faith, health series

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame will host a conference titled "Faith and Health: An Interdisciplinary Conference on the Dynamics of Religious Coping" from Dec. 3 to 5 (Sunday to Tuesday) at McKenna Hall.

The goal of the conference is to deepen the understanding of the connection between theological and social science perspectives on faith and health. The conference will bring together scholars from theology, medicine and psychology and enable them to present information from their respective disciplines and to integrate that information in order to set a new agenda for the field of faith and health.

"There is a theology of prayer that has a rich tradition in religion and religious mysticism, and there is a concomitant body of research on prayer in the social sciences," said Thomas V. Merluzzi, a Notre Dame professor of psychology and director of the Laboratory for Psychooncology Research. "Yet, the integration of those lines of thought has not occurred.

"Similarly, there is theological perspective on suffering and a psychology of meaning that impinges on the process of coping with illness. Yet, again, these intellectual lines of thought do not intersect in the literature on coping. While this initial effort will focus on Christianity, it will hopefully set the stage to explore connections with other faith traditions."

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Accident

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truck headed east, said LaPorte County Chief Deputy Coroner John Sullivan, who was on the scene. Brann's vehicle came to rest upside down.

"She either hit a piece of metal in the road or just plain had a blowout," Sullivan said Saturday. "Even though she did have her seatbelt on, it was what we call a 'non-survivable' type of crash."

Brann was brought to LaPorte Hospital, but was declared dead on the scene of the accident by Sullivan due to "massive head injuries."

A soft-top convertible like Brann's, Sullivan said, lacks structural integrity compared to a "four-door sedan that would have an actual hard top and steel pillars and a steel roof."

"[Such convertibles] just have steel cross-members and a vinyl covering for the actual roof. So in a roll-over accident you do not have near the protection or structural integrity," he said.

The Westville Fire Department assisted police on the scene.

Alcohol was also a factor in the crash, he said. It is illegal to operate a vehicle in Indiana with a blood alcohol level of anything over .08 percent, Sullivan said, putting Brann — whose tests showed a .249 percent blood alcohol level — three times above the legal limit.

"We even ran the tests twice because we didn't smell [alcohol] on the scene," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said he has "no reason" to think that Brann was driving faster than the legal speed limit, which on the Indiana Toll Road is 65 miles per hour.

While Corporal Michael Young of District 21 Indiana State Police told The Observer Friday that another person was in Brann's vehicle, Sergeant Keith Kopinski said Saturday that there is "no information about another person in the car."

"I have never heard of a mention of another person," Kopinski said, citing possible misreading of the police report by Young on Friday.

Sullivan said someone reported the crash as a "two-victim accident, so they had a helicopter coming from South Bend initially."

Indiana State Police Trooper Ryan Starnes was the first on the scene, after receiving word about the accident from a 2:14 a.m. 911 call, according to the police report.

The Observer could not reach Starnes Saturday afternoon.

The driver of the truck, Sean D. Garber, 38, was not injured, the police report said.

The eastbound lanes of I-80 were shut down for about three hours, Sullivan said, adding that traffic was not "heavy."

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statement that said he would not prohibit future performances of the "Monologues," but explained that he hoped to focus on two different initiatives to eliminate violence against women — "Loyal Daughters," and the creation of an ad-hoc committee made up of faculty, students and administrators that would foster "a wide-ranging discussion of gender relations, roles, and ways to prevent violence against women."

"We understand that it's a difficult decision for him, but at the same time, it was nerve-wracking for us because we weren't sure what 'with-drawing endorsement' meant in terms of financing and our ability to perform it on campus."

Madison Liddy
senior director

Senior writer Emily Weisbecker decided to let the committee, which Jenkins chairs and of which she is a member, read the script Oct. 2.

Jenkins' last-minute decision to stop endorsing the production was an unexpected and worrisome turn of events for Weisbecker and senior director Madison Liddy.

"We understand that it's a difficult decision for him, but at the same time, it was nerve-racking for us because we weren't sure what 'withdrawing endorsement' meant in terms of financing and our ability to perform it on campus," Liddy said.

Brown, however, declined to define "endorsement," saying it was getting into "schematics." The key, Brown said, is that Jenkins is allowing "Loyal Daughters" to continue and supports its purpose.

Jenkins' decision to no longer endorse the production scratches the already-blurry line between sponsorship and endorsement at Notre Dame — a debate that reverberated through campus last spring as students and faculty grappled with the place of the "Monologues" on campus. Members of the Notre Dame community often clashed over whether sponsoring controversial events implied endorsing their content or message.

Without Jenkins' endorsement, Liddy and Weisbecker said they fear that students who were originally opposed to "The Vagina Monologues" will probably not come to the production. Had it maintained Jenkins' backing, perhaps they would have considered attending, Weisbecker said.

Though the production has close ties to the administration, Weisbecker said her "academic freedom was completely protected" and that her decision to share her script with Jenkins was her own choice. Also, the idea for "Loyal Daughters" was entirely her own, she said, and came about long before Jenkins raised questions about "The Vagina Monologues."

Weisbecker said she knew Jenkins "had no editorial control" over the content of the play.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Hamas agrees to talks with Israel

CAIRO — The Hamas-led Palestinian government agreed Sunday to an international peace conference with Israel after the Arab League — angered by Israel's military offensive in Gaza — voted to end a financial blockade on the Palestinians.

Foreign Minister Mahmoud Zahar of Hamas endorsed a statement by Arab foreign ministers calling for the peace conference during a meeting in Cairo to respond to a U.S. veto of a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning the Gaza offensive.

Israel responded by saying it would not hold talks with Hamas unless it agreed to demands, backed by the U.S. and Europe, that the group recognize Israel, renounce violence and abide by existing agreements between Israel and Palestinians.

Zahar said the Palestinians had asked for the peace conference "in order to reach just and comprehensive solutions." The acceptance marked the first time the Hamas-led government has indicated it would consider making amends with the Jewish state.

Activists delay nuclear waste transfer

BERLIN — Protesters who suspended themselves from a rope across railroad tracks Sunday temporarily stopped a train carrying reprocessed nuclear waste in Germany.

The activists from the environmental organization Robin Wood stretched the rope between trees on either side of the tracks about several miles from the train's destination in the northern city of Dannenberg. Two activists, supported by two more in the trees, then climbed across the rope and chained themselves to it, dangling over the tracks.

Police were able to quickly clear the way for the train to proceed.

NATIONAL NEWS

Mixed reaction meets new memorial

NEW YORK — Hundreds of relatives and friends of the victims killed when American Airlines Flight 587 crashed dedicated a much-awaited memorial Sunday with mementoes and mixed emotions.

"It's something that we can come to and pray," said Ana Lora, who placed a model car near the name of her brother, Jose Francisco Lora, who collected cars. "This is something that, really, we need."

The memorial marks years of effort to create a tangible remembrance of the crash, which killed all 260 people on board and another five in the quiet Queens neighborhood where the jet fell.

But the memorial also was shaped by tensions over its location — a seaside park, rather than the residential street where the plane crashed — and some victims' relatives were still coming to terms with the outcome Sunday.

Rumsfeld ouster sparks GOP anger

WASHINGTON — The White House is trying to soothe Republicans who say the party might have fared better on Election Day if President Bush had not waited until after the vote to oust Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

"You could argue that either way, of what political effect an earlier decision on Secretary Rumsfeld would have had. But it doesn't matter," White House chief of staff Josh Bolten said Sunday. "The president correctly decided that this decision does not belong in the political realm."

LOCAL NEWS

City stops picking up stray animals

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — The city has stopped picking up stray animals because of budget concerns, and is now only taking vicious, neglected or abused animals to the local shelter.

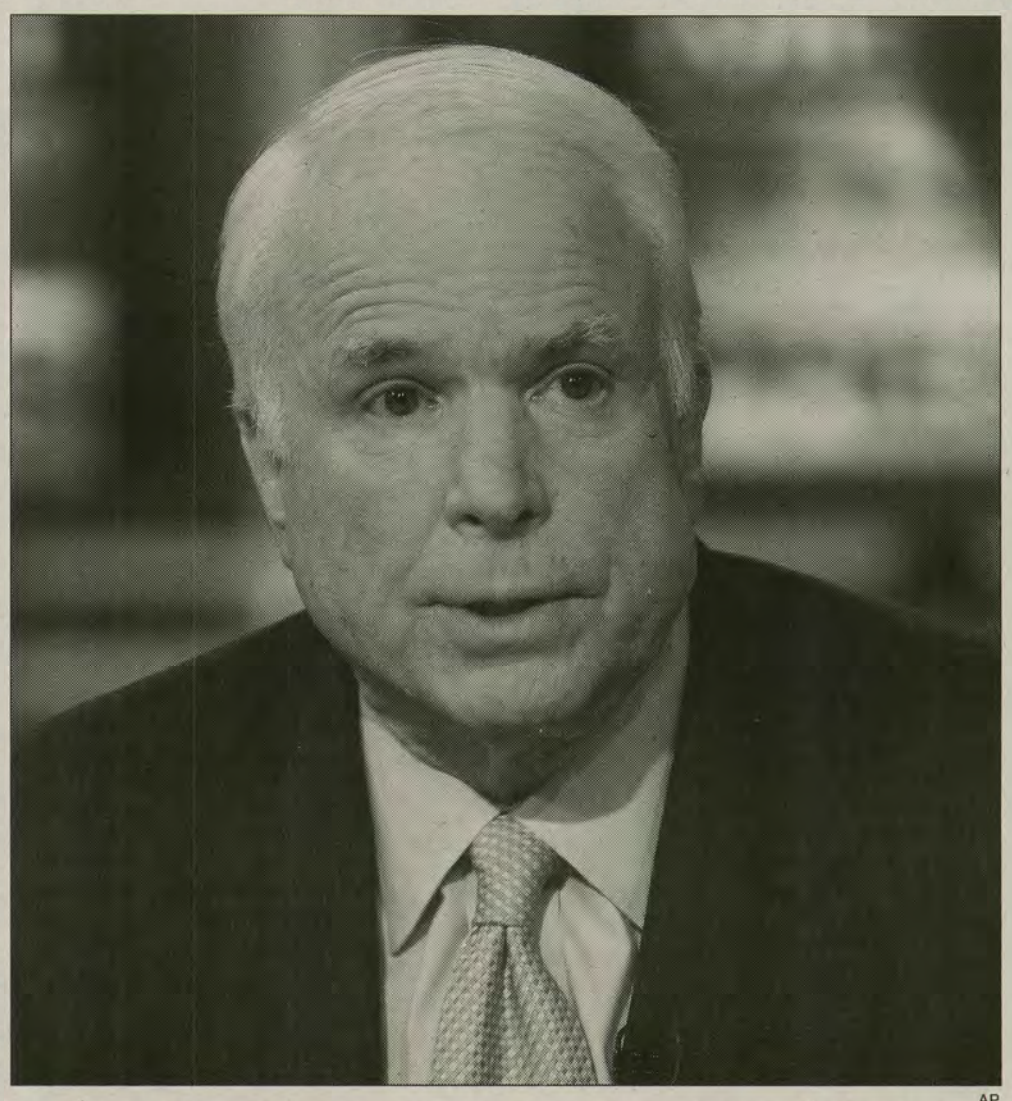
The city is nearly out of money for animal control. It only had $300 left for the year after paying September's bill to the Terre Haute Humane Society, according to the Board of Public Works and Safety.

Terre Haute Mayor Kevin Burke said the city could pay up to $100,000 this year to take stray animals to the shelter. He said the city will be requesting proposals from private entities that may be able to take in strays.

Hopefuls looking toward 2008

Sens. McCain and Biden, Gov. Vilsack plan presidential bids; Feingold opts out

Associated Press



AP

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., announces plans Sunday during taping of NBC's "Meet the Press" to travel around the country to gauge support for a White House bid in 2008.

WASHINGTON — Republican Sen. John McCain said Sunday he is taking the initial steps for a White House bid in 2008, setting up a committee that allows a potential candidate to raise money and travel the country to gauge support.

Democratic Sen. Joe Biden reaffirmed his intention to seek his party's nomination, though an announcement about establishing an exploratory committee probably will not come until early next year.

The anticipated wide-open campaign — for the first time since the 1928 race, the field will not include a sitting president or vice president — lost one possible participant when Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., decided against a long-shot run.

McCain, R-Ariz., said he is moving toward a 2008 bid by "doing things organizationally and legally" but will not make a final decision until early next year.

McCain, considered the front-runner for his party's presidential nomination, said he could create an exploratory committee as early as this week.

"Are we doing the things organizationally and legally that need to be done? Yes," he said. "There are certain things legally you have to comply with in order to continue to raise money and set up an organization."

"The important thing is we will not make a decision until I sit down with my family, but we will be prepared," McCain said.

GOP officials last week said McCain would set up an exploratory committee and has opened a bank account for the committee.

On Sunday, McCain characterized the moves as preliminary until he decides over the holidays about a possible bid. He unsuccessfully sought his party's nomination for president in 2000.

If McCain were to run, he would turn 72 on Aug. 29, 2008, at the height of the campaign. Only Ronald Reagan was older — 73 at the start of his second term. McCain's health also could be an issue because he has had several cancerous lesions removed from his skin.

McCain is a former Navy pilot who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam. He was elected to the Senate in 1986, and served in the House for four years before that.

During the 2006 election cycle, McCain attended 346 events and raising more than $10.5 million on behalf of Republican candidates. He also donated nearly $1.5 million to federal, state and county parties.

The 63-year-old Biden, who is line to take over as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, also ran for president before, dropping from the 1988 race after it became known he had lifted a portion of a speech from a British politician without attribution.

Biden, first elected to the Senate in 1972, said Sunday he would address the issue of an exploratory committee early in 2007. "I still plan on running. I haven't, quite frankly, thought through all of the ... mechanics of it at this point in terms of when to announce setting up an exploratory committee, but I plan on doing that," he said.

One potential challenger he will not have to contend with is Feingold, who said he wanted to focus on his work in the Senate. Feingold, 53, is an outspoken opponent of the Iraq war, the Patriot Act and other Bush administration policies.

"I never got to the point where I felt strongly I wanted to run," Feingold told The Associated Press. "Then I saw the result Tuesday and thought what a great opportunity to do my work in the Senate."

Last week Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack announced his candidacy. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York is widely considered the front-runner.

IRAQ

Shiite P.M. responds to 159 deaths

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The Shiite prime minister promised Sunday to reshuffle his Cabinet after calling lawmakers disloyal and blaming Sunni Muslims for raging sectarian violence that claimed at least 159 more lives, including 35 men blown apart while waiting to join Iraq's police force.

Among the unusually high number of dead were 50 bodies found behind a regional electrical company in Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, and 25 others found scattered throughout the capital. Three U.S. troops were reported killed, as were four British service members.

Also Sunday, the country's Sunni defense minister challenged Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's contention that the U.S. military should quickly pull back into bases and let the Iraqi army take control of security countrywide.

Defense Minister Abdul-Qadir al-Obaidi rejected calls by al-Maliki for the U.S. military to speed transfer of security operations throughout the country to the Iraqi army, saying his men still were too poorly equipped and trained to do the job.

"We are working hard to create a real army and we ask our government not to try to move too quickly because of the political pressure it feels. Our technical needs are real and that is very important, if we are to be a real force against insecurity," al-Obaidi said.

Al-Maliki wants the Americans confined to bases for him to call on in emergencies, but he boldly predicted his army could crush violence within six months if left alone to do the work.

The top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. George Casey last month said it would take 12 to 18 months before Iraq's army was ready to take control of the country with some U.S. backup.

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The role of businesses in society can be compared to a passenger on a ship about to crash, he said. The passenger who has paid his ticket in full has no real responsibility to aid the captain of the ship in averting a crash, but he should feel compelled to help.

"We operate as companies ... in countries all around the world where we have an interest in assisting in developing sound governments, but we have absolutely no mandate to do it," Moody-Stuart said.

The Global Compact, established by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan in 2000, provides a forum for companies and UN agencies, labor organizations, civil society and governments to work together to develop approaches and solutions to economic and societal problems, he said. It seeks to build trust between businesses and society to achieve real solutions. Achieving this trust requires open reporting on business' progress, protecting human rights and working toward creation of responsible government oversight in every country, Moody-Stuart said.

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> **Mark Moody-Stuart**
> **United Nations**

Rather than overarching, international regulation, every country should develop a government that peacefully and justly controls its own society, he said.

"What we actually need — which is a dream — in each and every country, all over the world, is proper, well thought-out legislation, properly enforced," Moody-Stuart said.

Right now, he said, corporations are falling short in creating sustainable development.

A UN commission in the mid-1980s defined sustainable development as "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs," he said. In the past, this kind of development was achieved, but the current state of the world threatens future generations.

The UN Global Compact promotes the development of a sustainable economy, Moody-Stuart said.

In the 19th and early 20th centuries, philanthropists like Rockefeller and Carnegie created businesses that interacted with society by making money and then donating it. That still continues today, with Warren Buffett and Bill Gates as examples, Moody-Stuart said, but the approach of the Global Compact is to look at how business is responsible to the society it affects.

The primary objective of a company should not be to make money, he said. The quality of its product and what their product does for customers, shareholders and employees should be the first concern, he said.

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh welcomed Moody-Stuart and the other guests to Notre Dame for the conference. In his speech, he quoted Thomas Aquinas, who described peace as the "tranquility of order."

"I suspect that as all of you talk about peace this week, you will be talking about justice, because without justice ... there is no such thing as peace," Hesburgh said.

Moody-Stuart referred to Hesburgh's remarks when he talked about his former work as a field geologist in Oman. In the 1960s, Oman was a "truly medieval country" in terms of education, human rights, government and economy, he said. But now it has developed into a well-ordered society with good schools, a reasonably fair distribution of wealth and elected officials.

"The wealth for that came from oil, but it also came from the order and justice which Father Hesburgh spoke about," he said.

Moody-Stuart closed his speech by asking conference participants to discuss how businesses in weak governments can achieve the delicate balance of contributing to the building of stronger governments without allowing the business to run the country.

"We have, as business, a very strong interest in the sound workings of society," he said.

Moody-Stuart replaced Annan, who was unable to visit Notre Dame due to scheduling conflicts. Annan did send a message, encouraging conference participants to work together and with the United Nations to achieve a "fairer, more stable world."

Annan said the UN, civil society and business have worked together in the past, and he encouraged their future collaboration.

"Innovative partnerships with the private sector are helping to solve many of the world's most pressing problems including poverty, hunger, water supply and HIV/AIDS," Annan said. "Yet there is a great potential to further deepen these collaborations."

Conference participants included representatives from various companies, including General Electric, The Coca-Cola Company and Bristol-Meyers-Squibb, as well as NGOs like Oxfam and the Initiative for Global Development.

University representatives from schools including George Washington University, Wake Forest University and University of Dayton also attended.

The three-day conference, titled "Peace Through Commerce: Partnerships as a New Paradigm," will explore the dynamics of partnerships between businesses and non-governmental organizations and discuss ways to collaborate in the quest for social development and world peace.

The "Peace Through Commerce" conference is sponsored by the AACSB, the United Nations Global Compact, the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business, and Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Sir Mark Moody-Stuart delivers the keynote address Sunday during Notre Dame's three-day peace conference.

Memorial

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in her apartment at Clover Ridge, describing her confidence and her "beautiful spirit."

Later, petitions were read that called for the preservation of Brann's soul, her reunion with God and the continuation of the "spark" she brought to the world.

Brann's parents joined her friends at the Grotto for the candlelit service.

The community in Pasquerilla East, Brann's dormitory for three years, has been deeply affected by Brann's death, Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman said in an e-mail Saturday. Residents and some of Brann's close friends gathered for a memorial Mass there Friday.

"Death is never easy to contemplate. It is harder still when the one who dies is as bright and vital and full of promise as Caitlin was," University President Father John Jenkins said in a statement released Friday. "She and her family will remain in our hearts, and in our prayers."

Brann was active in the Center for Social Concerns and participated in a Summer Service Learning Program in New York, a University release said.

During the summer of 2005, Brann worked with severely disabled students and lived with Notre Dame alumnus Ron Mosca and his family, according to a Nov. 11 article in the Daily Southtown.

"I could tell from the first day that I delivered her to the school, she had a terrific interest in the children and concern for the children," Mosca said in the article. "She was a great kid. She was a well-rounded, very likeable young lady."

Professor Rick Bailey, Brann's marketing instructor, told the Daily Southtown that Brann "brought ambition and a warm smile with her to each class."

"It is difficult to imagine how or why such a bright, articulate young woman could be taken from us," Bailey said. "Her classmates and I will grieve her absence and uphold her family in prayer."

The University received word about the crash approximately two and a half hours after it occurred Friday.

"After receiving the news this morning at 4:45 a.m., I spoke with Caitlin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brann, and offered the condolences of the University community as well as any assistance we can provide at this very difficult time," Poorman said in an e-mail Friday morning received by The Observer. "I also visited Caitlin's friends in [her residence] Clover Ridge apartment complex and shared this very sad news with them."

Assistant Vice President for News and Information Dennis Brown said Student Affairs notified the rector of Pasquerilla East Hall, Breyan Tornifolio, immediately.

"Because Caitlin resided in Pasquerilla East for three years, we are anticipating that her death will be very upsetting for that community," Poorman said.

The University will continue to provide assistance, he said.

"On behalf of the entire Notre Dame community, I want to express our shock and deep sorrow at the passing of Caitlin Brann," Jenkins said in the University statement. "We offer heartfelt condolences to her parents, her sister and her brother."

A wake was held Sunday at Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home in Orland Park. A funeral Mass was said this morning at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, also in Orland Park.

Plans for a campus memorial service are pending, the University statement said.

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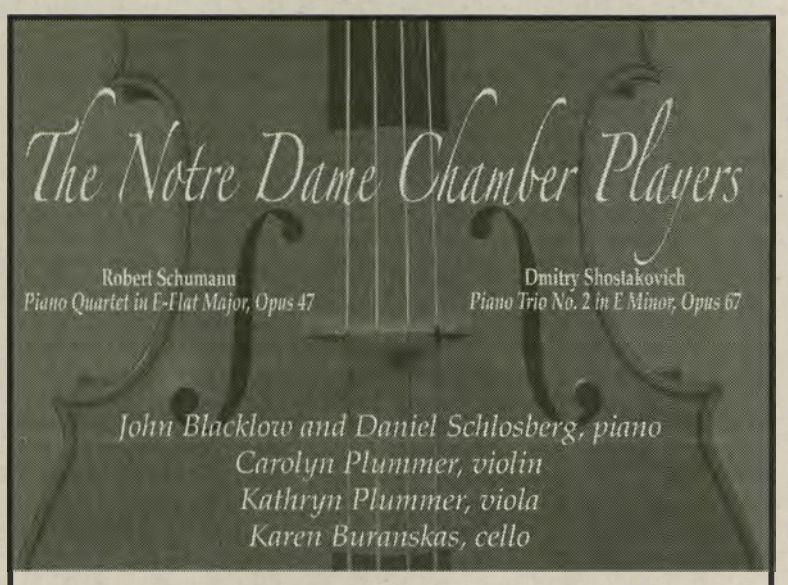

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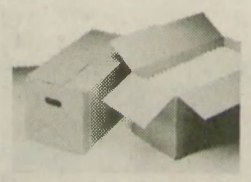

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NASDAQ	2,389.72	+13.71
NYSE	8,827.98	+14.25
S&P 500	1,380.90	+2.57
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	16,112.43	0.00
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INTEL CP (INTC)	+0.78	+0.16	20.58
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-2.77	-0.15	5.27
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.07	-0.02	29.24

Treasuries			
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13-WEEK BILL	-0.10	-0.005	4.955
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IN BRIEF

PG&E apologizes for desecrating site

NEEDLES, Calif. — Pacific Gas & Electric apologized for desecrating the sacred site of an American Indian tribe when it built a $15 million water treatment plant, and it pledged to remove it as soon as another can be built.

California's biggest utility "regrets the spiritual consequences to the tribe" of building the plant at Topock Maze in the Mojave Desert west of the Arizona border, PG&E Chief Executive Thomas King said during a ceremony Thursday.

The apology was required under an agreement with the 1,100-member Fort Mojave tribe, which dropped a lawsuit against the utility and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.

Topock Maze near Needles is claimed by the tribe as part of its heritage. The pattern of pebble berms and furrows forms a series of lines that tribal ancients are believed to have used either as a place of purification or as a pathway for spirits to the afterlife.

Much of the maze was destroyed by a railroad and a freeway, but about a third remains.

"We have a responsibility not only to the past and present but to the future," tribal Chairwoman Nora McDowell said. "It wasn't easy getting a corporation to understand, to recognize and to accept this."

'Borat' maintains box office lead

LOS ANGELES — A make-believe son of the glorious nation of Kazakhstan continues to rule the American box office.

Sacha Baron Cohen's "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan" took in $29 million to remain the No. 1 movie for a second straight weekend, distributor 20th Century Fox said Sunday. "Borat" raised its 10-day total to $67.8 million.

The top three movies remained unchanged from the previous weekend, with Disney's "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause" still in second place with $16.9 million and the Paramount-DreamWorks animated tale "Flushed Away" in third with $16.7 million.

Sony's Will Ferrell comedy "Stranger Than Fiction" debuted as the best of the weekend's newcomers, placing fourth with $14.1 million. Ferrell plays a meek tax auditor suddenly able to hear the voice of a narrator (Emma Thompson) chronicling his life and impending death.

PlayStation 3 debuts in Japan

Consumers brave long lines and short supplies to be among the first owners

Associated Press

TOKYO — Sony's PlayStation 3 made its highly anticipated debut in Japan to long lines on Saturday, with local stores selling out their supplies of the video game console in a pattern that's expected to be repeated around the world.

Throngs of people lined up for hours around Bic Camera, an electronics retailer in downtown Tokyo, to get their hands on one of the consoles. The enthusiasm was so great, clerks with megaphones asked the crowd to stop pushing, warning that all sales would end if there were any injuries.

"Standing in line today is the only way to make sure I got one," said Takayuki Sato, 30, among the buyers who queued up at Bic Camera, snaking around the building in a complete circle.

But would-be buyers were turned away even before the store opened at 7 a.m. The retailer refused to say how many machines it had but said it had wrapped up sales of its entire supply by 1 p.m.

Short supplies were reported elsewhere, too. Sanae Saito, a clerk at Yodobashi Camera Co. chain, said her store's stock had already sold out Saturday morning, although she declined to say how many machines were available.

"It's all sold out with the people in line now," she said. "So many people waited in line."

Plagued with production problems, Sony Corp. has managed to ready only 100,000 PlayStation 3 machines in time for its debut in Japan. When it goes on sale in the United States on Nov. 17, some 400,000 PS3 consoles will be available there. The console's European launch has been pushed back until March.

It was not immediately clear whether the console sold out at all retailers, and Sony said that information would not be available for several days.

Ken Kutaragi, the head of Sony's game unit known as the "father of the PlayStation," said he was thrilled by the reception to the PS3.

AP

Sony Computer Entertainment President Ken Kutaragi holds up a box containing a PlayStation 3 at the launch of the video game console in Tokyo Saturday.

"I am so happy so many people are waiting," he said in an informal countdown ceremony at Bic Camera. "Thank you for waiting from late last night. Please enjoy next-generation entertainment."

Powered by the new "Cell" computer chip and supported by the next-generation Blu-ray video disc format, the console delivers nearly movie-like graphics and a realistic gaming experience.

Sony will be losing money for a some time on each PS3 sold because of the high costs for research and production that went into the highly sophisticated machine.

Game makers, including Sony, must recoup the exorbitant development costs for the machines by selling software, and programming the PS3's cutting-edge hardware is an expensive and time-consuming task. Only five games were on sale for the PS3's Japan launch date.

Sony expects to lose $1.7 billion in its gaming division in the fiscal year through March 2007.

The red ink is coming at a time when the Japanese electronics and entertainment company, known for the Walkman portable audio player and "Spider-Man" movies, is struggling to stage a comeback.

In recent years, Sony has fallen behind in key products like flat-panel TVs and digital music players. But it has been making progress with a two-year revival by getting back to basics in its consumer electronics operations.

But a major fumble in its PS3 business could prove a huge blow at a time when it's seeing its brand image badly tarnished by a massive global recall of lithium-ion batteries for laptops.

In an unprecedented move, Sony slashed the price for the cheaper PS3 model in Japan ahead of its launch by 20 percent to about $420 in what some critics have scorned as a desperate effort to maintain market share in the face of intense competition with Nintendo Co.'s Wii console and Microsoft Corp.'s Xbox 360.

Stocks up slightly after erratic day

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street closed out an erratic session with a modest advance Friday as investors awaited further signs about the health of the economy. Falling oil prices and a contract win for Boeing Co. offered some support to a lackluster market, and the major indexes all ended with solid gains for the week.

Energy and materials stocks were weaker Friday, while utilities and financials fared better and generally moved higher. The muted trading followed a sell-off Thursday after Democrats wrested control of Congress from Republicans and touched off concern about sectors from health care to defense.

"Oil prices have fallen off a bit and that's a positive but there just doesn't seem to be anything to give the markets a boost," said Ed Peters, chief investment officer at PanAgora Asset Management Inc. "I think the market is just taking a rest here."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 5.13, or 0.04 percent, to 12,108.43.

Broader stock indicators showed modest advances. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 2.57, or 0.19 percent, at 1,380.90, and the Nasdaq composite index was up 13.71, or 0.58 percent, at 2,389.72.

Bonds rose, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.59 percent from 4.63 percent late Thursday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices fell.

For the week, the Dow rose 1.02 percent, while the S&P added 1.22 percent and the Nasdaq gained 2.53 percent, advances achieved largely on the market's upbeat feeling about the election the first half of the week. That sentiment gave way to uncertainty Thursday about whether the Democrats would be sympathetic to business issues.

Light, sweet crude was down $1.57 at $59.59 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange after the International Energy Agency lowered its forecast for worldwide demand this year.

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delivered Jan. 23 and 24 in which he asked faculty and students whether controversial productions like the "Monologues" — performed on campus the past three years — belonged at Notre Dame.

Though the "Monologues" were not prohibited from campus, Weisbecker and senior director Madison Liddy threw their energy into starting "Loyal Daughters" — a production that, they believe, has the potential to start discussion about sexual violence at Notre Dame the same way "Monologues" did.

The 75-minute production will be performed at 7:30 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Each performance will be followed by a panel discussion consisting of representatives from South Bend's S.O.S. Rape Crisis Center, the theology, philosophy and anthropology departments, and the University Counseling Center.

The production is sponsored by the Gender Studies Program as well as the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, which provided grant money for Weisbecker as she conducted her interviews and research this summer.

Though the content of "Loyal Daughters" is far less graphic than "The Vagina Monologues," the two productions have a shared goal of encouraging people to talk about sexual violence. "Loyal Daughters," however, is tied directly to Notre Dame, with students describing real-life experiences of sexual assault and rape on and off campus.

If "Loyal Daughters" can manage to generate the "unparalleled" attendance, effect, controversy and dialogue that the "Monologues" did, then it could eliminate the need for Eve Ensler's play, Liddy said.

"We are waiting to see how 'Loyal Daughters' is perceived and to gauge student interest," Weisbecker said. "Only then will we be able to make the decision as to whether or not 'The Vagina Monologues' will continue."

Like "The Vagina Monologues," "Loyal Daughters" is prohibited from generating charity money — a frustrating fact for Liddy and Weisbecker, who said they were told they could not fundraise because the production is "an academic event," Liddy said.

"It's such a simple, obvious way to pay for our own expense and be able to donate to charity," Weisbecker said.

Knowing they won't be able to do so, though, has made both students "not as intent" on organizing the "Monologues" again, Liddy said. However, she noted that she knew several students who would be interested in taking over the leadership of the "Monologues" in the spring.

Weisbecker said she hopes "Loyal Daughters" will "inspire people to be a part of the solution" to the problem of sexual violence at Notre Dame.

"These are issues that directly affect students at the University of Notre Dame," Liddy said. "Whether it be stories of their friends or even people they don't know. ... It's very necessary for [people] to see what's going on here."

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Abroad study on rise in U.S.

Associated Press

American college students are becoming more adventuresome as they study abroad, showing less interest in English-speaking destinations such as Great Britain and Australia and more in such alternatives as China, India, Argentina and Brazil.

Britain remained the most popular study destination last year, according to annual figures due for release Monday by the Institute of International Education, followed by Italy, Spain and France.

But the number of U.S. students studying in Britain and Australia declined slightly, even as the number of American students abroad rose eight percent overall to 205,983 in 2005. The growth came in non-English speaking European countries and in Asia, which still attracts lower numbers overall but is growing rapidly.

China is now the eighth most popular destination for American students, attracting nearly 6,400 last year, up 35 percent from the year before. Though still comparably small at around 2,000 students per year, Argentina and India saw increases of more than 50 percent.

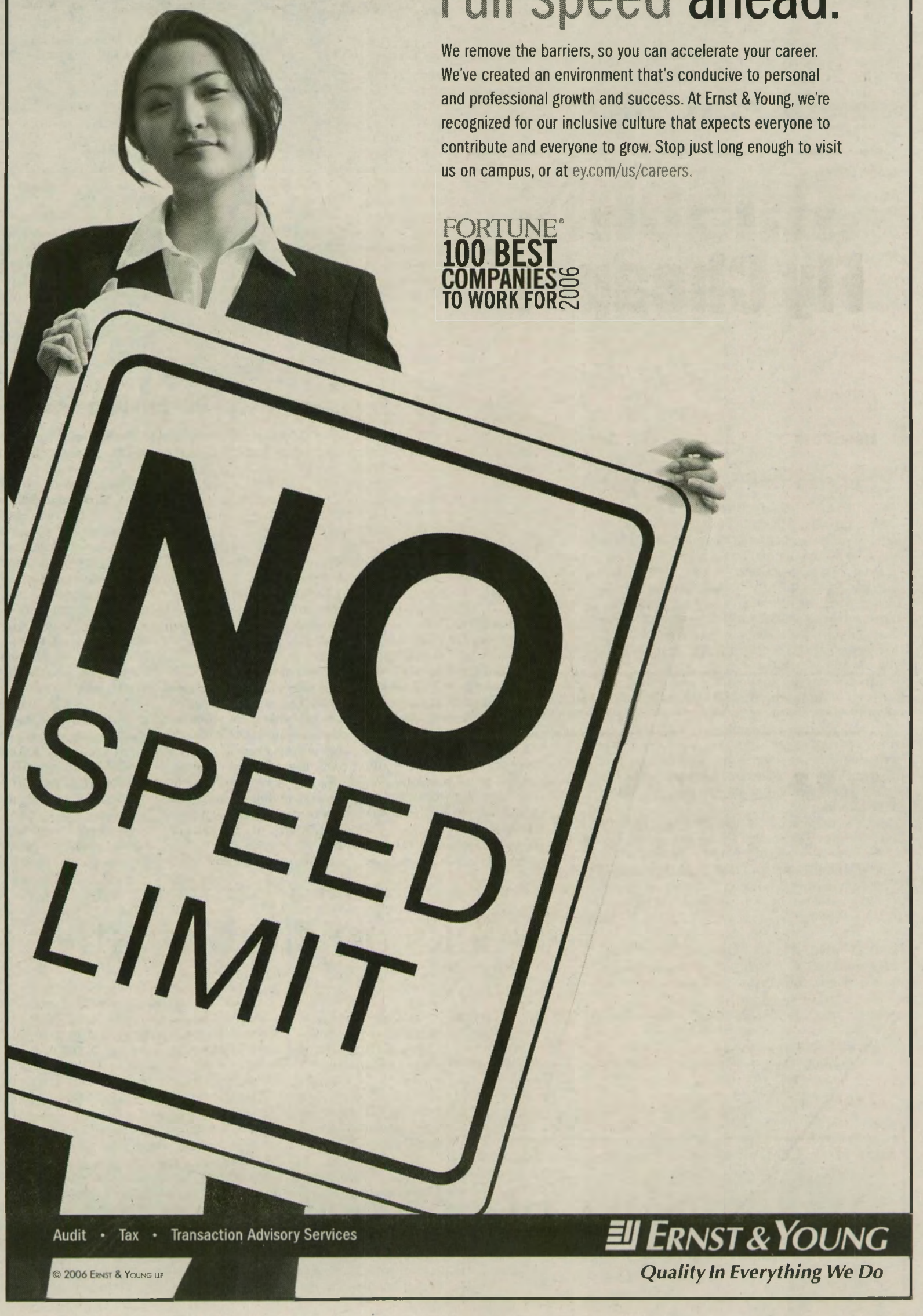
"I'm sure my friends and family would say 'Why did you pick Africa, a poor country, why don't you go to Europe or somewhere more glamorous?'" said Xinh Pham, a Michigan State student who took part in a university-sponsored program to study nutrition in Tanzania last summer.

The trip was "a great way to dip my feet into Africa," and "it totally changed my views of the world," she said.

Allan Goodman, president of the Institute of International Education, said a range of factors contributed to the trend, from growing awareness of globalization after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to programs such as President Bush's National Security Language Initiative, which trains soldiers, intelligence officers and diplomats in foreign languages.

"What Americans are doing is waking up and discovering there's a world out there," he said.

Still, it is not clear that most students are getting genuine immersion experiences. More than half (56 percent) who study abroad do so only for summer terms or other programs lasting less than one semester. Pham's program lasted just a few weeks. Only six percent study abroad a full year.



PALESTINE

Former leader remembered by inspired party members

Associated Press

RAMALLAH — Tens of thousands of Palestinians converged on Yasser Arafat's gravesite Saturday to mark the second anniversary of his death in a rally meant to reinvigorate his faltering Fatah Party.

Arafat's successor, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, told the crowd he expected to reach a long-delayed deal on forming a joint government with the militant Hamas group by the end of the month. Hamas officials also said a deal was close.

Abbas hopes the unity government will end crippling economic sanctions imposed by the United States and other Western countries for the Hamas-led government's refusal to recognize Israel and renounce violence.

Fatah, whose January election loss to Hamas ended its four-decade domination of Palestinian politics, bused thousands of people to the West Bank city of Ramallah for the Arafat memorial.

Carrying Palestinian flags, Fatah banners and pictures of Arafat, the crowd marched to the muqaata, the compound that served as the late leader's headquarters and where he spent the last years of his life.

Top Palestinian officials laid wreaths at the glass shrine atop Arafat's grave inside the compound and read verses from the Quran, the Muslim holy book. The mass of people, many wearing the black and white scarf symbolic of Fatah, jostled for room inside the crowded courtyard. A massive picture of Arafat stood nearby.

Abbas reiterated Palestinians' demand for a state in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem, pledging to "maintain Arafat's will."

Addressing the late leader, he said: "You inspired us by your long national roots, by your wise leadership, by your persistent, honest commitment. That's what fills us with determination to go ahead and fulfill our national goals, the national goals that you worked for."

AP

Palestinians hold a portrait of the late Yasser Arafat during a memorial to mark the second anniversary of Arafat's death in the West Bank town of Nablus Sunday.

As a leader, Arafat inspired great emotions in both his supporters and detractors. Israel saw him as a terrorist, and some of his people viewed him as deeply corrupt. But many Palestinians saw him as their best hope for achieving an independent state,

"There was no leader like him in the Arab world. He was the strongest and the bravest," said Ibrahim Hamidan, 15, who came to the ceremony from a refugee camp near Jericho. "He was a symbol for all Arabs. He is the only one who stood against Israel and America."

Arafat, who dominated Palestinian politics for nearly four decades, died on Nov. 11, 2004, after a sudden, rapid decline in his health.

More than a year after his death, his Fatah Party lost a parliamentary election to Hamas, a militant Islamic group that calls for Israel to be replaced with an Islamic state.

Last year's commemoration of Arafat's death — months before Fatah's electoral drubbing —was staid and lightly attended. But with Fatah leaders hoping to use Arafat as a potent nationalist symbol to reinvigorate the party, the gathering Saturday was larger and more emotional.

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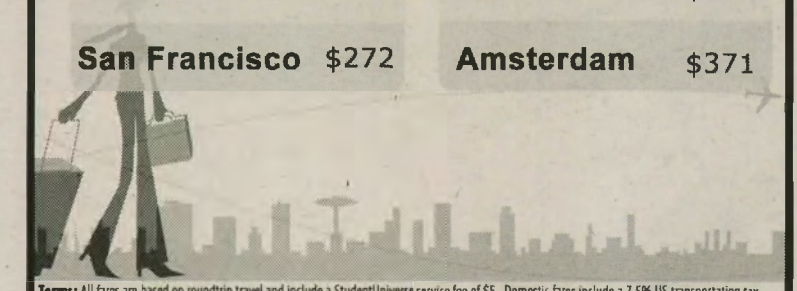

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IRAQ

Rising death tolls generate chaos

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Baghdad's morgues are full.

With no space to store bodies, some victims of the sectarian slaughter are not being kept for relatives to claim, but photographed, numbered and quickly interred in government cemeteries. Men fearful of an anonymous burial are tattooing their thighs with names and phone numbers.

In October, a particularly bloody month for Iraqi civilians, about 1,600 bodies were turned in at the Baghdad central morgue, said its director, Dr. Abdul-Razaq al-Obaidi. The city's network of morgues, built to hold 130 bodies at most, now holds more than 500, he says.

"The clerk told me to dig through them until I found my brother. I had to lift [the bodies] off until I found him."

Abbas Beyat
Iraqi

Bodies are sent for burial every three or four days just to make room for the daily intake, sometimes making corpse identification impossible.

"We can't remove all the bodies just so that one can be identified and then put them all back in again," al-Obaidi said. "We simply don't have the staff."

Al-Obaidi said the daily crush of relatives is an emotional and logistical burden.

"Every day, there are crowds of women outside weeping, yelling and flailing in grief. They're all looking for their dead sons and I don't know how the computer or we will bear up," he said.

While no one knows how many Iraqis have died, daily tallies of violent deaths by The Associated Press average nearly 45 a day. About half of them are unidentified bodies discovered on city streets or floating in the Tigris River.

The United Nations estimates about 100 violent deaths daily and the Iraqi health minister last week put civilian deaths over the entire 44 months since the U.S. invasion at about 150,000 — close to the U.N. figure and about three times the previously accepted estimates of 45,000-50,000.

In morgues across Iraq where capacity stretches beyond thin, bodies are even being turned away.

"We have to reject them," Hadi al-Itabi of the morgue in Kut, southeast of Baghdad, said he told men who turned in the bodies of six slain border policeman last week. "We just don't have enough cold storage."

Iraq's bureaucracy of death is overwhelmed. The task of identifying and interring bodies is all the more difficult because of the clandestine nature of the killings: Increasingly, Iraqis are being killed far from home and in secret, the victims of kidnappers and sectarian death squads.

With nowhere else to look when a friend or loved-one goes missing, family members first check the local morgue.

Abbas Beyat's joined the line outside Baghdad's central morgue after his brother Hussein disappeared a month ago while driving through the mainly Sunni town of Tarmiyah, 30 miles north of Baghdad. The family had already paid a $60,000 ransom to an intermediary who then disappeared with the money.

"There were three piles, each with about 20 bodies," Beyat, 56, said, describing the scene inside the morgue.

"The clerk told me to dig through them until I found my brother. I had to lift them off until I found him," he said. Like many of those abducted, Hussein Beyet bore the marks of torture, with holes from an electrical drill visible in his skull, Beyat said.

Others never find their loved ones' bodies at all.

The fear of leaving the bereaved without a corpse to bury is so strong that some Iraqi men now tattoo their names, phone numbers and other identifying information on their upper thighs, despite Islam's strict disapproval against such practices.

On the day he turned away the border policemen's bodies, Al-Itabi said Kut's morgue had already buried 15 unidentified corpses pulled from the Tigris River, all of them bound, bullet-riddled, and heavily decomposed.

The government cemetery in Kut, opened on Sept. 24, already holds the graves of 135 unidentified victims.

Hundreds of such bodies have been fished ashore at the town of Suwayrah where they are snagged in nets stretched across the Tigris to prevent river weed spreading into the surrounding canal network.

Most of the dead are mutilated by torture, a practice common on all sides, but especially prevalent among Shiite murder gangs that have snatched thousands of Sunnis from their homes and neighborhoods since the Feb. 22 bombing of an important Shiite shrine in Samarra, north of Baghdad.

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Bishops to re-evaluate focus of work, funds

Sociopolitical issues abandoned in new plan

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — There was a time when the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops was a powerful force for bringing the church's moral teachings to bear on national policy debates. In the 1970s, the bishops led the fight against abortion after Roe v. Wade. During the Cold War, they drew international notice when they questioned the morality of nuclear deterrence.

But the bishops now face a different world — one where their moral authority has been diminished by the clergy sex abuse crisis, where money for church programs is scarce and where many American Catholics have little understanding of, or regard for, church teaching.

At a national meeting starting Monday in Baltimore, the bishops are expected to make changes that adjust to their new circumstances. They will channel resources away from broad social pronouncements and focus more on defining Catholicism for an often uninvolved flock.

"It's not that the bishops as a national organization will no longer be interested in sociopolitical issues," said Russell Shaw, a writer on Roman Catholic issues who spent more than 15 years as a spokesman for the conference. "But the emphasis is shifting to the life of the church itself and its own internal problems."

The new focus is clear from the agenda for this week's gathering.

The bishops will vote on documents explaining the church's ban on artificial contraception and worthiness for receiving Holy Communion. The prelates will also consider new guidelines on ministry to gay Catholics, which explain the theological underpinnings of church teaching that marriage should be limited to one man and one woman.

In addition, the bishops will take up a proposed restructuring of the conference's Washington headquarters to reflect their new priorities. Under the plan, American dioceses would send less money to the conference, which would in turn cut jobs and committees.

For many Catholics, the changes are long overdue. Bishops have complained for years that the funds they turn over for conference work are badly needed in their home dioceses. Others consider the large staff unnecessary, a hangover from the conference's heyday in the early 1980s, when revered Chicago Cardinal Joseph Bernardin was guiding its work and the prelates undertook such ambitious projects as the pastoral letter on nuclear war called "The Challenge of Peace."

"Some of the younger bishops are less formed by the bureaucracy and are more suspicious of it, and more likely to want to have more direct ways of responding to crises," said Helen Hull Hitchcock, director of Women for Faith & Family, which represents traditional Catholics.

But critics see the turn inward as disturbing. The Rev. Thomas Reese, former editor of the Jesuit magazine America, noted that the agenda included no mention of the war in Iraq, although bishops could still raise the topic from the floor.

Officials believe Castro suffering from cancer

80-year-old Cuban leader's health questionable

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government believes Fidel Castro's health is deteriorating and that the Cuban dictator is unlikely to live through 2007.

Castro

That dire view was reinforced last week when Cuba's foreign minister backed away from his prediction that the ailing Castro would return to power by early December. "It's a subject on which I don't want to speculate," Felipe Perez Roque told The Associated Press in Havana.

U.S. government officials say there is still some mystery about Castro's diagnosis, his treatment and how he is responding. But these officials believe that the 80-year-old has terminal cancer of the stomach, colon or pancreas.

He was seen weakened and thinner in official state photos released late last month, and it is considered unlikely that he will return to power or survive through the end of next year, said the U.S. government and defense officials. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the politically sensitive topic.

With chemotherapy, Castro may live up to 18 months, said the defense official. Without it, expected survival would drop to three months to eight months.

American officials will not talk publicly about how they glean clues to Castro's health. But U.S. spy agencies include physicians who study pictures, video, public statements and other information coming out of Cuba.

The CIA's Office of Medical Services, for example, studies hair and other biological samples for hints about world leaders' health and how that could affect their official duties.

Images and video of a weakened Castro released in late October showed his now-slight frame and shaky movements. They contradicted the athletic image he sought to portray in his red, white and blue Cuban Olympic team warm-up suit, emblazoned with "F. Castro" on the chest.

A dark lesion on his neck could be seen in some images and a baggy nylon jacket could be hiding a colostomy bag. But the photos also made clear that he has not lost his hair or beard to chemotherapy.

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Waltzing fosters rehabilitation

Study finds innovative cardiac program entertains, promotes healing

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Italian researchers have come up with a novel way for cardiac rehabilitation patients to exercise their damaged hearts without having to squeeze into spandex or gyrate in a gym: waltzing.

The dance proved to be just as effective as bicycle and treadmill training for improving exercise capacity in a study of 110 heart failure patients. Dancers also reported slightly more improvement in sleep, mood, and the ability to do hobbies, do housework and have sex than the others.

"This may be a more effective way of getting people to exercise, and may be more fun than running on a treadmill," said Dr. Robert Bonow, cardiology chief at Northwestern University School of Medicine. "Maybe we should try that here. I'm not sure we can get Americans to waltz, but they can certainly dance."

Exercise is crucial after people suffer heart problems, but getting people to stick with it is tough. As many as 70 percent drop out of traditional programs, said Dr. Romualdo Belardinelli, director of cardiac rehabilitation at Lancisi Heart Institute in Ancona, Italy.

"We have to find something that may capture the patients' interest," he said Sunday at an American Heart Association meeting in Chicago where he presented results of his study.

AP

Seniors dance during the social dancing program at the Amico senior citizen center Nov. 10 in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

They chose waltzing because it is "internationally known" and is quite aerobic, as the study ultimately verified, he said.

The same researchers previously showed that waltzing could help heart attack sufferers regain strength. The new study involved 89 men and 11 women, average age 59, with heart failure. The condition occurs when weakened hearts can no longer pump blood effectively, making simple activities like climbing stairs and taking the dog for a walk tough to do, let alone enjoy.

Researchers assigned 44 patients to a supervised exercise training program of cycling and treadmill work three times a week for eight weeks. Another group of 44 took dance classes in the hospital gym, alternating between slow and fast waltzes for 21 minutes, three times a week for eight weeks. A third group of 22 patients had no exercise.

Heart rates were checked during both activities, more extensive exercise tests were done at the start and end of the study, and artery imaging exams were performed.

Cardiopulmonary fitness increased at similar rates among those who danced or exercised and did not change in those who did neither.

Hospitals cooperate to improve treatment

Faster responses for heart attack patients

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Hundreds of hospitals around the country are joining the most ambitious project ever undertaken to give faster emergency room care to people suffering major heart attacks.

Fewer than one-third of such patients now get their blocked arteries reopened within 90 minutes of arrival, as guidelines recommend. The risk of dying goes up 42 percent if care is delayed even half an hour longer.

"There's a very, very large opportunity here to improve patient care," said Dr. John Brush, a Norfolk, Va., heart specialist who helped the American College of Cardiology design the new project, which is to be launched today at an American Heart Association conference in Chicago.

Jim Kern, 47, of Norfolk, experienced both extremes. When he had his first heart attack on Aug. 22, he endured excruciating pain while filling out mundane paperwork and waiting as triage nurses changed shifts. It took nearly four hours to get proper care.

When he had a second attack on Oct. 30 — after the hospital adopted new rapid-care measures — doctors "were there within 15 minutes of the time I hit the door and were already starting to do the prep," Kern said. "The attention and everything I was given was a difference of day and night."

Major medical groups and government agencies have endorsed the project, including the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, whose director, Dr. Elizabeth Nabel, called it the biggest heart care initiative since paramedics were trained to do CPR in the early 1990s.

It targets heart attacks caused by a total or near-total blockage of a major artery that prevents enough oxygen from reaching the heart tissue. About a third of the 865,000 heart attacks in the United States each year and 10 million worldwide are of this type.

The preferred remedy is angioplasty, in which doctors snake a tube through a blood vessel in the groin to the blockage. A tiny balloon is inflated to flatten the crud, and a mesh scaffold called a stent usually is placed to prop the artery open.

Guidelines have long called for a "door-to-balloon" time of 90 minutes, "but we just haven't engineered our emergency rooms to cut out some of these steps that aren't needed" and cause delays, Nabel said.

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But why is all the Rummy gone?

Will McAuliffe
Strategery Analyst

This past week's events marked one of the greatest breakups in American history. It's been all over the papers and the Internet; there's no way you could have missed it. W. called up Rummy and told him that it just wasn't working out anymore, that something had to give and that their time together was over.

And just like that, Bush had dumped Rumsfeld like Britney dumped K-Fed. Just as K-Fed had cameras rolling as the news of his divorce was text messaged to him during the taping of a reality show, Bush broke the news during a press conference following a dramatic Democrats' sweep of a number of mid-term elections to take power in the House and Senate. Both K-Fed and Rumsfeld were called out on getting by based on their unfounded facades of optimism for success (over a rap album and a war, respectively) and having spouses or friends in high places. I guess sometimes that's just not enough to cover up blatant incompetence and inadequacy.

The main difference between the two cases is that there is no custody battle over Bush and Rumsfeld's three-year old child, Quagmire (although it should be noted that some investigatory journalists attribute the paternity of Quagmire to Cheney, not Bush). Robert Gates, former CIA director under George H.W. Bush and 26-year intelligence veteran, has been nominated as the guardian-to-be of Quagmire. Is there a worse job in the administration right now than being the guy who is sent in to clean up the mess that this administration has crafted, executed and exacerbated for years?

Gates' extensive experience with the intelligence community will undoubtedly be a fresh change from Rumsfeld's know-it-all micromanagement style, repeatedly rebuffing intelligence advisors whose analysis did not conveniently support his own assertions about what actions should be taken and why. However, regardless of Gates' credentials, Iraq is a mess. Both sides of the aisle are finally in agreement on this. While there is still major disagreement over what needs to be done, I feel that by letting Rumsfeld out to pasture, the first big step has been taken towards reaching any kind of bipartisan agreement.

However, Gates is in for a rough two years. Let's face it, there's no way that a timetable that dictates redeployment/retreat/removal/pick-your-favorite-buzzword of U.S. troops will take any real heat off of the administration or the future administrations. The seeds for future terrorism have been sewn throughout Lebanon, Palestine, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, just to name a few, by this administration's choices of action and inaction.

After all, it's only a matter of time, on our present course, that U.S. embassies or personnel are hit outside of Iraq itself by a major Al Qaeda attack launched from their newly created division within Iraq. That day will reveal the ultimate tragic irony that we are currently marching towards. That will be the day that we realize that the United States had ignored history and common sense in its approach to "nation-building" and "pre-emptive war."

I know my outlook on homeland security is downright cynical and fatalistic but it is marked with a growing tinge of optimism in new leadership. It's not too late to change our present course and start drafting foreign policy that makes sense for the U.S. both now and in the future. Hopefully new leadership within the Congress, a resurgence of bipartisanship, and a shift of key figures within the administration (I don't think that the pink slips are done being doled out in the White House) will remind the administration of the failure of Vietnam, the Iran-Contra scandal, the arming of militants in Afghanistan to overthrow the Soviets back in the day (which lead to the rise of Osama bin Laden as a leader) and the price of ignoring humanitarian conflicts such as the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan (Sudan being the failed state of choice for Osama to initially set up Al Qaeda operations back in 1991).

Rumsfeld and Bush have both identified "how they are seen in history" as their metric of choice for their success. They ignore present public opinion and popularity polls in favor of what will prove to be best in the long run. Ironically, it seems that they are the ones that clearly need the history lessons. If they aren't paying attention to the lessons that past military interventions and campaigns have to teach, then history will likely not end up judging them any better than those responsible for crafting failed foreign policies in the past.

I only wonder if Bush went so far to use the infamous "it's not you, it's me" line when he broke it off with Rumsfeld. Somehow I doubt that truth will come out for a couple more years.

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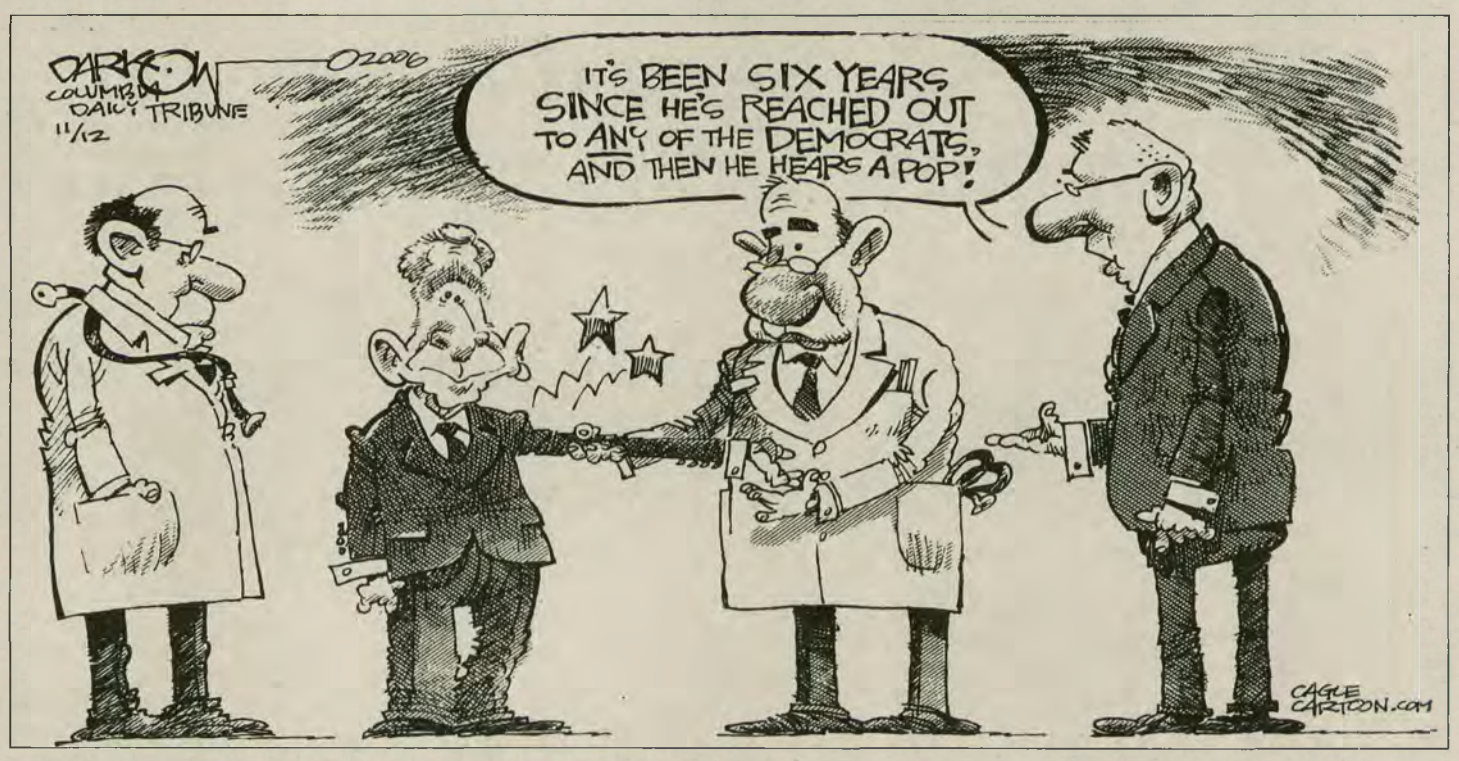

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"You can learn little from victory. You can learn everything from defeat."

Christy Mathewson
baseball player

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Da bums' threw themselves out

All in all, I don't really agree with Gary Caruso's column ("Throwing 'da bums' out of Congress," Nov. 10). Caruso lists several reasons for why the voters of this country wanted a change, and none of them are right. About three weeks ago, I got a letter from the Jackson County Circuit Clerk Office containing my absentee ballot. I performed my civic duty with a smile on my face and sent my ballot back to Mississippi.

I, like most Americans, was watching some of the election coverage on the television when my dad called me to tell me for whom he had voted. Indeed, he had written in our dog for United States Senator and a coworker of his for United States Congressman. It got me laughing at first, but then I began to wonder how many other people felt like this. True that the Bush tax cuts have helped foster economic growth and unemployment rates continue to drop, but this administration continues to spend and spend. True that intelligence is getting better against a formidable enemy, and we are stopping terror plots, but this administration refuses to look to our border and secure it for the safety of the citizens and legal aliens of this country. True that people who have been involved in scandal and corruption are brought to justice, but this administration refuses to prosecute those people who circumvented through national security leaks.

I remember voting in 2002 and again in 2004 with so much hope for what could have been. The conservative agenda came a long way, but it didn't go far enough. So when it came time to vote, we didn't throw 'da Republican bums' out of Congress; they did it themselves.

Bob Polchow
grad student
off campus
Nov. 10

Vote for Quinn

I don't know how many people are aware of this, as I myself was not until today, but Nissan, the sponsoring corporation for the Heisman Trophy, has the ability to cast one vote deciding the winner. As the benevolent company that they are, they have decided to pass this vote onto the public and allow people to vote online to decide for themselves. As was made evident after I voted and saw the results, not many Notre Dame fans seem to know about this as Brady Quinn currently holds only 2 percent of the vote. Troy Smith holds a commanding lead, followed by Steve Slaton of West Virginia and McFadden of Arkansas. Slaton holds votes in the hundreds of thousands, while Quinn has around 2,500.

The site allows voting only once per week, but I propose that we as a Notre Dame community get behind this vote to ensure that Quinn gets recognition for the hard work that he has put in this year both on and off the field, as success does not come just by showing up on Saturday (especially for a quarterback). Surely a school like Notre Dame has the combined fan power to cast some votes in meaningful numbers to change the current state of the fan poll.

Michael Mashura
sophomore
Dillon Hall
Nov. 12

'Loyal Daughters' begins

Dear Notre Dame community,

Rape happens at Notre Dame, and it happens more than you might think. In order to stop the violence, we must break the silence. More than 55 of your classmates and professors have come forward with their stories and perspectives on sexuality and sexual assault, so that you might develop a better understanding of the campus sexual culture, and thus get involved in making Notre Dame a safer place for all of us.

"Loyal Daughters" is a student-run production taking place at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center today through Thursday, and it's worth your time. To those who oppose and protest "The Vagina Monologues," I urge you to attend. We address similar themes of sexuality and sexual violence, but the focus is entirely on the truth about Notre Dame. If "The Vagina Monologues" bothered you, "Loyal Daughters" should be far more upsetting, not because it is or isn't appropriate or offensive, but because it's real, it's here, and it's now. Sexual violence isn't unique to Notre Dame, but here at Our Lady's University, we have the unique capacity to develop effective solutions. It all starts here. See you at the show.

Emily Weisbecker
senior
Lyons Hall
Nov. 10

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Campaign ads shameless

Susan Page
Northern Michigan University
The North Wind

If you've been watching television, then you saw a controversial political ad featuring Michael J. Fox asking viewers to vote for one of three Democratic candidates who support stem cell research — Senate challenger Claire McCaskill of Missouri, Gov. Jim Doyle of Wisconsin or Rep. Benjamin L. Cardin of Maryland.

Before the onset of Parkinson's disease, which caused him to retire in 2000, Fox was best known for his starring role as Marty McFly in the "Back to the Future" trilogy. In the pro-stem cell ad, symptoms of Fox's disease are obvious due to his inability to remain still for even a brief moment of time.

So obvious that conservative Rush Limbaugh has made allegations that Fox did not take his medication in order to exaggerate the effects of his disease or that he was merely acting. He went so far as to "demonstrate" by flailing his arms and head around while making the accusations.

"Michael J. Fox is allowing his illness to be exploited and in the process is shilling for a Democrat politician," Limbaugh said. Thus, he made this a partisan issue.

If Limbaugh had done a little research, he would've discovered that Fox taped ads in 2004 in support of Republican Sen. Arlen Specter of Pa. and volunteered to do these political ads because stem cell research is very important to him.

Stem cells are unspecialized cells that can replenish themselves as well as become cells with special functions — such as insulin-producing cells of the pancreas — under experimental conditions. With further research, stem cells can be used to treat many different conditions through cell-based therapies that can help people with certain diseases like Parkinson's.

Some of these stem cells can be induced to become DA neurons, a special cell that produces dopamine in the brain, which would help patients of Parkinson's with improved motor function, according to the National Institutes of Health.

A medical advancement in cell-based therapies could help Fox and others cope with the symptoms of diseases such as Parkinson's without some of the side-effects that drug therapies can induce — such as Fox's twitching due to overmedication, as he stated in an interview with Katie Couric on Oct. 26.

"Disease is a non-partisan problem that requires a bipartisan solution," Fox told the CBS Evening News anchor. "I don't really care about politics."

To counter Fox's star power ad, the Missourians Against Human Cloning (MAHC) began airing their own star-filled commercial against Amendment 2.

Their ad, which was obviously hastily patched together, begins with Jim Caviezel, who starred as Jesus in "Passion of the Christ," speaking in Aramaic for no apparent reason.

Caviezel says, "You betray the Son of Man with a kiss." The same phrase is said to Judas in the Bible when talking of Judas's ultimate betrayal that leads to Jesus's death, which the average person wouldn't know since they did not include any subtitles. After Caviezel, more celebrities made appearances to tell viewers "Don't be fooled."

Only instead of being separated by labels like Democrats and Republicans, we are now labeled Liberal Atheists and Conservative Christians. Perhaps the MAHC should have had Caviezel say, "I'm Jesus and I approve this message."

Last Tuesday, Missouri voters narrowly passed Amendment 2 by a margin of 28,000 votes.

I guess Marty McFly's commercial was more compelling than Jesus's. Or maybe the people of Missouri are "Teen Wolf" fans.

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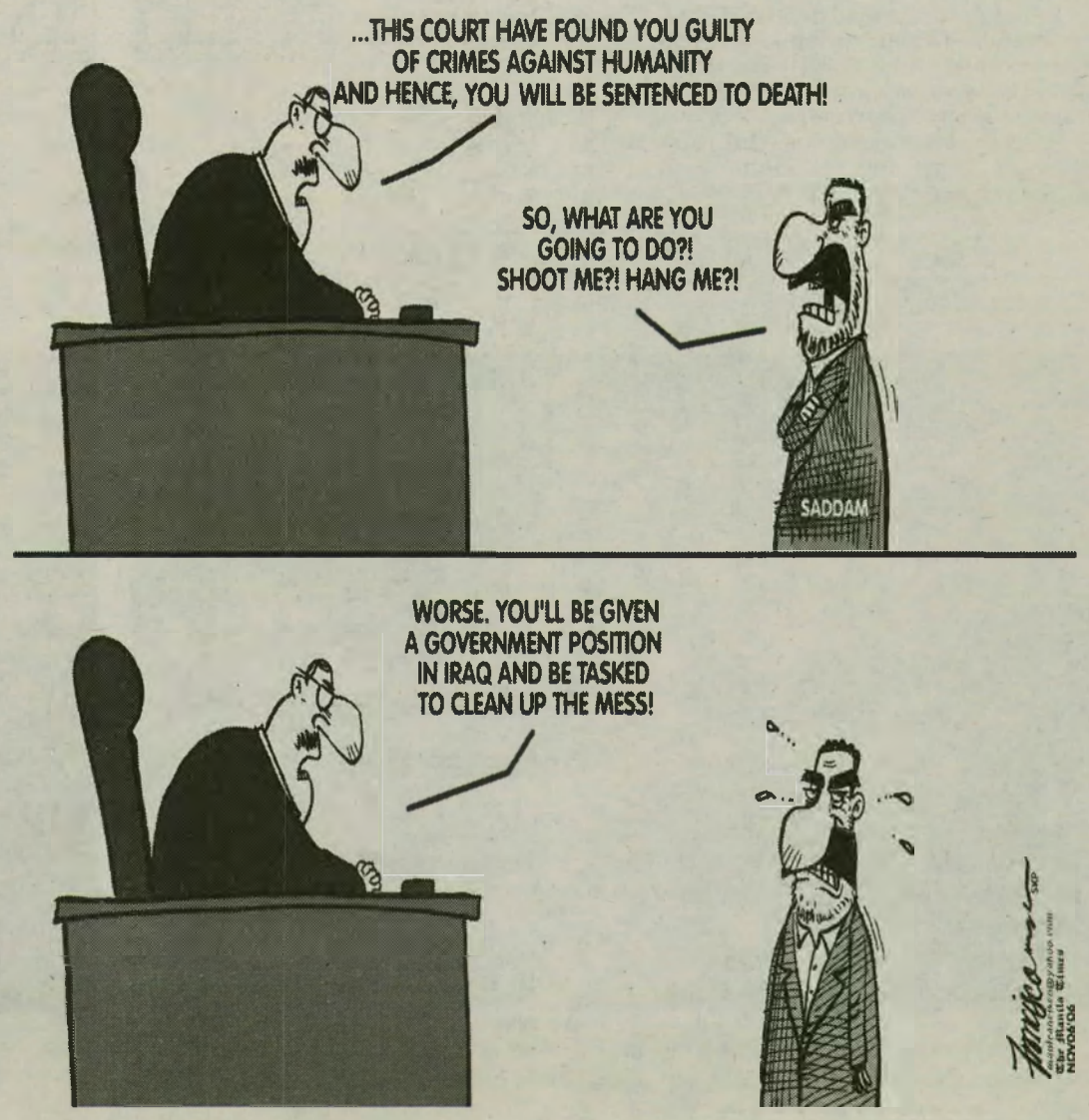

CONCERT REVIEW

Ben Folds engages energetic crowd at Stepan

Popular singer-songwriter entertains with extensive musical library

JESSICA LEE/The Observer

The 40-year-old Folds keeps his audience interactive Friday night at the Stepan Center. Despite his age, he remains connected to college youth everywhere.

JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Ben Folds and his band play to a packed and enthused crowd. Folds went solo in 2000 after recording four albums with the jazz-influenced Ben Folds Five.

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The pop-infused stylings of the multi-talented Ben Folds quickly won over students at the Student Union Board's big fall concert Friday night at the Stepan Center. Folds' infectious personality and extensive library of songs attracted a sold-out audience to what will likely be the highlight of SUB's fall schedule.

The opening act, the Meatloaf-esque and accordion-playing Corn Mo (a stage name for singer John Cunningham), set an irreverent and off-kilter tone to the evening with songs describing both time travel and lollipops. His glam-rock performance contrasted with Folds' earthier sensibilities, but was less a detraction than an amusing detour.

Folds opened with "Trusted," off of his 2005 solo album "Songs for Silverman," immediately grabbing the interest of a ready audience. Sing-alongs between Folds and the crowd began with "Trusted" and continued throughout the night, adding to the contagious atmosphere and creating a cheerful rapport between Folds and the audience that would carry through the entirety of his performance.

The bespectacled, scruffy-haired Folds endeared himself to the audience with his sense of humor and personable attitude throughout the show. Dressed casually and with a welcome lack of pretense, Folds was an engaging, likeable performer who carried the nearly one-man show with his effortless and genuinely happy attitude. Periodically making reference to the "geodesic dome" that is the Stepan Center, he joked with the crowd and set a fun tone for the night.

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Folds performed a variety of well-known songs from the impressively vast annals of his musical career, drawing from different albums to create a set list that was both recognizable and well planned. Popular favorites such as "Annie Waits" were played with gusto, as Folds hammered notes out on both piano and synthesizer to create a whirlwind of ear-catching and well-played sound.

The concert changed pace musically several times, as Folds began strongly with "Trusted" and slowed halfway through the show. Prefacing that portion of the concert with a quick comment about songs of advice and love, Folds performed "The Luckiest" and "Mr. Jones Part 2," both off of his critically and financially successful first solo album, "Rockin' the Suburbs," originally released in 2001. Both of these tracks, more contemplative and musically relaxed than others performed that evening, effectively changed the tone of concert for a brief but welcome break between more energetic tracks.

Later in the performance, Folds covered a Dr. Dre song in his personal, piano-centric fashion. Hearing the king of the suburbs embrace a typically urban style of music, in typical "male, middle class and white" fashion, was a humorous and irreverent move on Folds' part, and his cheeky take on the rap hit was terrific.

One unexpected and pleasantly surprising song of the night was Folds' cover of the Postal Service's "Such Great Heights." Taking a different detour from the original material than Iron and Wine, who also remade this particular track recently, Folds used his piano and synthesizer capabilities to put his own spin on the recognizable song.

His sweetly charming, Everyman-type voice — not unlike that of indie-tronica mastermind and Postal Service founding member Ben Gibbard, but unique in its own right — fit the song perfectly and sparked an uproar from the audience. While the general impression of any cover implies being of lesser quality, this in particular was lovely and well played.

During multiple songs, Folds actively encouraged audience participation, at one point instructing different vocal ranges to sing parts of a four-part harmony, and at another for the left and right halves of the crowd to impersonate saxophones and trumpets, respectively. Laboring to encourage the crowd to participate was almost unnecessary, however, as Folds attracted positive reactions from both long-time fans and newcomers in the crowd.

Folds may be one among many artists on today's musical scene, but as Friday's concert proved, he is by far one of the most popular on the college circuit. Originally touring campuses with his nineties-era band, Ben Folds Five, Folds is continually growing in popularity among university students thanks to his indie sensibilities, likeable personality, affecting lyrics and sheer musical talent.

It is the recognizable nature of Folds' songs — and the artist's appearance — that creates a comforting atmosphere of kinship and common experience among his fans. This was an essential aspect of Friday's show. Even the Stepan Center's limited capacity of approximately 1,800 people helped in adding to that sense of intimacy between performer and audience.

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Corn Mo plays the accordian during his opening act. The musician toured with Polyphonic Spree and They Might be Giants before teaming with Ben Folds in 2005.

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Folds holds up part of his piano after it apparently broke on stage. The singer-songwriter has been playing the piano since age nine.

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Grounded Falcons

Quinn picks apart Air force; Irish stay alive in BCS race with win

By MIKE GILLOON
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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Brady Quinn didn't get many opportunities to pass against Air Force Saturday, but the senior Heisman Trophy hopeful was on target when he did.

Throwing just 19 times, Quinn's four touchdowns passes — including three in the first quarter — and Terrail Lambert's 76-yard blocked field goal return for a touchdown led the Irish to a 39-17 victory over the Falcons.

"The biggest point of emphasis to the offense was that we had to score early and often because you never know how many possessions you're going to have," Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

Notre Dame was only able to muster one possession in the second period — a three-play drive that ended in a half-ending punt from Geoff Price — as the Falcons hogged the clock. Air Force's two second-quarter drives — a 17-play, 9:13 marathon that began with 1:19 left in the first quarter and ended in Lambert's touchdown return and a 15-play, 5:47 drive that finished when an exhausted Notre Dame defense stopped Air Force quarterback Shaun Carney on fourth and 3 from the Irish 24.

The drives kept the Irish offense off the field, but Air Force was unable to convert in the second period — managing just three points.

"You cannot trade field goals for touchdowns against [Notre Dame]," said Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry, whose career record against the Irish dropped to 3-11.

Notre Dame senior receiver Rhema McKnight's first-quarter touchdown reception was the 158th catch of his career — moving him past Tom Gatewood into first place on the school's all-time list.

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Fisher DeBerry
Falcons coach

McKnight snatched a Quinn pass at the five, shook off an Air Force defensive back and scampered into the end zone to put Notre Dame ahead 20-3. Notre Dame's next two scores — Lambert's second-quarter return and tight end Marcus Freeman's scoring grab with 8:33 left in the third quarter — gave the Irish a 33-3 lead that the Falcons never seriously challenged.

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Irish wide receiver Rhema McKnight, left, puts a move on Air Force cornerback Chris Sutton in Notre Dame's 39-17 win Saturday. McKnight set an all-time Notre Dame record when he caught his 158th career pass in the first quarter.

Quinn finished 14-of-19 for 207 yards and four touchdowns. He has thrown 223 passes without an interception — 48 short of the NCAA record held by Fresno State's Trent Dilfer. He also moved into 11th on the NCAA all-time list with his 87th career touchdown, passing former Miami (Ohio) star Ben Roethlisberger.

The Heisman candidate's final scoring pass was a 23-yard post pattern to Freeman, who filled in for tight end John Carlson after he left with a right knee injury in the first quarter and returned to the Irish bench in street clothes for the second half.

Weis said Carlson, who caught a 1-yard touchdown pass with 9:21 remaining in the first quarter, is expected to be out two to four weeks — including next week's home finale against Army and the Nov. 25 showdown at Southern California. He will hopefully return for Notre Dame's bowl game, Weis said.

Air Force quarterback Shaun Carney had an efficient day, finishing 14-of-17 for 205 yards and two touchdowns — one to receiver Beau Suder and the other to fullback Jacob Kendrick. Carney also ran 15 times for 42 yards.

"I thought we were significantly better [defending] in the running game," Weis said. "But we game them some plays in the passing game. There's some give-and-take."

The Falcons — ranked third nationally in rushing entering the game with a 267-yard average — finished with just 200 yards and no touchdowns on the ground. Halfback Chad Hall led the squad with 67 yards on 20 carries. Ten Falcons all had at least one carry.

Leading the way for the Irish rush defense was strong safety Chinedum Ndukwe, who finished with 22 tackles — the most by a Notre Dame player since Bob Golic registered 22 against Pittsburgh on Oct. 14, 1978 and the third most in school history. Given Air Force's option offense and the number of opportunities it presented him, Ndukwe wasn't too impressed with his career-high day.

"I think my professor could have made a few of those tackles," he joked.

Despite Quinn's hot start — completing all eight first quarter passes for 150 yards and three touchdowns to three separate receivers — Air Force dominated time of possession the rest of the game, finishing with a 38:35 to 21:25 advantage. The Falcons tallied 24 first downs compared to Notre Dame's 19 and outrushed the Irish 200-176.

Darius Walker gained 153 yards on 15 carries — just over a 10-yard-per-carry average — and scored his fifth rushing touchdown this season. The junior running back also caught one pass for eight yards — his 25th consecutive game with a reception.

The kicking game was inconsistent on both sides of the field. Notre Dame failed to convert three extra points — Irish kicker Carl Gioia had two blocked and one sailed wide right. Zach Sasser converted a 32-yarder for the Falcons with 6:02 left in the first quarter, but his second attempt of the game — another 32-yarder — was blocked by Irish defensive tackle Trevor Laws and scooped up by Lambert for the score.

Freshman running back James Aldridge saw his earliest game action of the season, carrying three times in the first quarter and finishing the day with 27 yards on five carries.

Linebacker Joe Brockington finished second on the Irish defense with 14 tackles and defensive tackle Derek Landri came in third with 11. Landri led Notre Dame in tackles for loss (two for five yards) and sacks (one).

Air Force linebacker Drew Fowler led the Falcons with 12 tackles. Linebacker Austin Randle and defensive back John Rabold each sacked Quinn once.

The Irish received the opening kickoff on a chilly day at the Air Force Academy and needed just two plays — 29- and 51-yard completions from Quinn to Jeff Samardzija — to go up 7-0.

Samardzija led the Irish with six receptions for 106 yards and his 51-yard touchdown grab just 54 seconds into the game was the longest connection of the day for either team.

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player of the game

Brady Quinn

Notre Dame's senior quarterback completed 14-of-19 passes for four touchdowns to four different receivers and no interceptions.

stat of the game

22

Tackles recorded by safety Chinedum Ndukwe, the highest individual Irish total since Bob Golic recorded 22 in 1978.

play of the game

Terrail Lambert's blocked field goal return for a touchdown.

Lambert recorded his second score of the season with a 76-yard second-quarter scamper.

quote of the game

"I left a mark at Notre Dame. I came here, [did] some things and hope that I continue to progress."

Rhema McKnight
Irish wide receiver

report card

A **quarterbacks:** Quinn was on fire, and three of his five incompletions were catchable balls that receivers dropped. Quinn has now thrown 223 straight passes without an interpception.

A **running backs:** Walker found space and exploded through it. He protected the ball well while simultaneously pounding the Air Force linebackers. His only negative was two dropped passes.

A- **receivers:** Aside from David Grimes' drop in the second quarter, the receivers had a nearly flawless game. They got open, blocked well and created chances for the Irish to succeed.

A- **offensive line:** The offensive line bulled through the outsized Flacons defense en route to a 7.6 yard-per-carry average. Weis called both Air Force sacks "coverage sacks."

B+ **defensive line:** Laws and Landri once again caused problems inside. Abiamiri and Frome didn't end up with many tackles, largely because of Air Force's use of a tight end with its option attack.

B **linebackers:** Brockington had perhaps the quietest 15 tackle performance in Notre Dame history, but Thomas and Crum were absent from much of the action, which went away from the two.

B **defensive backs:** Ndukwe had 22 tackles and three hits on plays called back because of penalties. Zbikowski did a good job containing the quarterback, but the corners were weak in coverage.

D **special teams:** Gioia missed 3-of-5 extra points (two blocked). Burkhart was solid on kickoffs, and Laws' field goal block turned into a 76-yard Lambert touchdown.

A- **coaching:** Weis said he wanted to score on the game's first play, and Notre Dame scored on the second. Offensively, the game plan was solid, but the defensive coaches failed to put the Falcons away.

3.20 **overall:** The offense was virtually unstoppable, but the defense allowed too many yards and spent entirely too much time on the field.

adding up the numbers

223 Consecutive passes thrown by Irish quarterback Brady Quinn without an interception. Quinn extended his own school record Saturday.

158 Catches Notre Dame receiver Rhema McKnight has in his career, an Irish record. McKnight set the mark with his first-quarter TD catch.

2 Number of catches that separate the career reception numbers of McKnight and fellow wideout Jeff Samardzija, who has 156 and is third on the all-time Notre Dame receptions list.

1:09 Time that Notre Dame had the ball in the second quarter. The Irish ran only three plays — compared to Air Force's 30 — but still outscored the Falcons 7-0.

10.2 Yards per carry that Irish running back Darius Walker averaged on Saturday. Walker picked up 153 yards on 15 carries.

33 More offensive plays Air Force ran than Notre Dame. The Falcons edged the Irish in total offense, 405-383.

3 Failed Carl Gioia extra point attempts. Gioia had point-after attempts blocked in the first and third quarters, and he missed an extra point try in the fourth.

54 Seconds it took for Notre Dame to score its first touchdown of the game.

PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish running back Darius Walker breaks away from a host of would-be tacklers in the fourth quarter of Notre Dame's 39-17 win over Air Force Saturday. Walker had 153 yards on 15 carries.

Things just got more interesting

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — It would be Notre Dame's biggest win this season, but nobody knew that going in.

It wasn't big because it was Air Force.

It wasn't big because Brady Quinn was 8-8 for 150 yards and three touchdowns in the first quarter.

This game was big because it was a win. And in a college football universe where rankings are subjective and comparative and where those rankings and all their human failures decide your postseason fate, this game couldn't have gone better for the Irish.

When one-loss teams are struggling or losing, a 39-17 win over Air Force can only be good for the 9-1 Irish.

It's easy to get carried away, to develop scenarios where the Irish make the national title game, where Jan. 8 will be spent in Arizona with "Tradition" shirts. But any football player will tell you that's premature. Losing to Michigan on Sept. 16 meant the Irish no longer controlled their own destiny looking into the postseason.

Of course, the first part was that Notre Dame had to win out. It's been doing that so far — in thrilling come-from-behind fashion some weeks, in one-sided domination other weeks. When it comes down to it, these games were wins.

But there was more.

Irish fans had to start rooting for improbable losses, for cannibalistic conferences, for other one-loss teams to lose. At times, it seemed impossible.

But on Saturday, some of them did.

Saturday night, the Colorado Springs Buffalo Wild Wings was full of Kansas State fans wearing Brady Quinn jerseys. They had come from the Notre Dame win over Air Force, and they were euphoric from more than the altitude.

Because while the Irish defense held on for dear life, Quinn coolly shredded the Falcons secondary, Darius Walker ran out the clock and former No. 8 California (then 8-1) fell to Arizona.

Former No. 5 Auburn (then 8-1) was demolished by Georgia.

Former No. 3 Louisville had lost to Rutgers Thursday by giving up 21 unanswered points.

Irish fans were tasting victory, seeing three teams ahead of their own drop in the polls. And then Kansas State went up over former No. 4 Texas.

The fans sat in the restaurant, watching players they'd never watched before, tasting a chance for the Irish to again control their own destiny.

On a perfect day, Northwestern would have pulled the greatest upset of all time and toppled No. 1 Ohio State. Jarvis Moss wouldn't have blocked a potential game-winning field goal, and South Carolina would have taken down No. 6 Florida.

But for an Irish team that's fought tooth and nail to overcome deficiencies and weaknesses, this is the kind of lucky break it needed.

Some say that good teams make their own luck. Some think that luck is brought by rabbit's feet or superstitious rituals.

Luck has, at times, gone against the Irish this year. Two tipped passes against Michigan went for touchdowns in the only blemish on Notre Dame's record this season. Sloppy, rainy conditions against Michigan State nearly put the nail in the coffin.

It is up to coach Charlie Weis and the Irish to keep focused on the task ahead, to remember that for them, the most important part of the season is winning out.

But the Irish got lucky this weekend. They beat Air Force because of skill, but they ascended the rankings because of other teams' missteps.

Suddenly, the Notre Dame-USC game on Nov. 25 just got a whole lot scarier.

You won't find any Notre Dame players or coaches talking about the Trojans this week. They're looking at Army. Because this weekend was proof of two things: First, there's still football to be played. Bowl projections are just that — projections. So much can change from week to week, and that leads to the second thing.

On any given day, any team can fall. California may have looked past Arizona to rival USC. Texas quarterback Colt McCoy fell, and his team went with him. Florida got another scare. Improbably, Rutgers is undefeated.

It is up to coach Charlie Weis and the Irish to keep focused on the task ahead, to remember that for them, the most important part of the season is winning out. Army is beatable (possibly the understatement of the year).

Depending on what other surprises college football may have in store, a win over Army could become the season's biggest win next weekend.

But for now, beating Air Force and getting a win on that treacherous Saturday is a pivotal moment of the season. The Irish are close to controlling their own destiny again. Beating Air Force gave them that. A little luck helped out.

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Offense clicking at perfect time

Notre Dame increasingly more efficient with the ball as season progresses

PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish wide receiver Jeff Samarzija, left, eludes Air Force cornerback Nathan Smith after making a reception in Saturday's 39-17 Notre Dame win at Falcon Stadium.

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Every ball that left Brady Quinn's hand in Saturday's first quarter against Air Force was caught. He barely had another chance to throw before halftime.

Notre Dame's offense came through with perhaps its most efficient game of the season in Colorado Springs. The Irish ran when they had to, passed when they needed to and scored touchdowns when they wanted to in a 39-17 win over Air Force.

Notre Dame scored six times against the Falcons — and despite three shaky extra point tries — there wasn't much offensively that looked bad for the now No.5 team in the BCS against unranked Air Force, on a weekend when Texas, California, Auburn and Louisville couldn't come up with enough offense against upset-minded opponents.

From its two-play, Quinn-to-Jeff Samardzija, less-than-a-minute opening drive, the Irish offense never looked back. Quinn did nothing to hurt himself against an Air Force secondary previously ranked 52nd in the country against the pass. He spread the ball around, hitting Samardzija, Rhema McKnight, John Carlson and Marcus Freeman for scores.

That was all before Notre Dame turned to the run. Irish running back Darius Walker was similarly productive, getting just 15 carries but tallying 153 yards for a stellar, 10 yards per carry. And. in a move that surprised some in the Falcon Stadium press box, freshman running back James Aldridge had three solid first-quarter carries.

Nothing seemed to go wrong for the offense — except maybe its time standing on the bench in the chilly mountain air.

Air Force controlled the clock for almost all of the second and third quarters, using the option and quarterback Shaun Carney's 14-for-17 passing day to keep Notre Dame off the field.

It turned out to be more effective than Air Force's defense. The Falcons rarely slowed the Irish attack and even when they forced a punt in the first quarter, a roughing penalty gave Notre Dame the ball back and just a couple plays later, the Irish scored again to extend their lead 20-3.

Quinn only ended up with 207 yards through the air — just two more than Carney — but, with three drops, all but two of the Heisman candidate's balls appeared on the mark.

The bottom line for Notre Dame after the victory was that it made the most of its opportunities.

"We expect perfection," Quinn said.

It was hard for his head coach to find anything that showed the Irish didn't do exactly that.

But Charlie Weis eventually came up with something that tempered his mood.

"That's the one he'll remember," said Weis of Quinn's last attempt of the day, a long pass toward the end zone that fell several yards past a streaking Samardzija.

Still, after Saturday's offensive performance, it's hard to see anyone besides Quinn himself criticize Notre Dame's play.

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Carlson out for rest of regular season

McKnight sets school receiving mark; Irish secure back-to-back 9-win seasons

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Tight end John Carlson will be out for 2-4 weeks after sustaining an injury to his right knee, Irish coach Charlie Weis said after Saturday's 39-17 win over Air Force.

Carlson caught just one pass — a touchdown — in the Irish victory and left for the locker room in the second quarter.

Initially, Weis was told Carlson would be gone for the remainder of the season.

"It's not as bad as we thought it was," Weis said. "We might lose him for the next two games, we might lose him against Army and USC but we'll have him back for the bowl game."

Weis said he was "encouraged" by the revision of the initial reports from medical staff.

Carlson returned to the sidelines in street clothes in the second half.

McKnight sets record

Wide receiver Rhema McKnight now has 158 catches in his career giving him the Notre Dame record for career receptions. His 55 grabs this season tie him for fifth in the Irish record books.

"I left a mark at Notre Dame," McKnight said. "I feel like I came here, [did] some things and hope that I continue to progress."

McKnight passed Tom Gatewood, who played for the Irish from 1969-71.

His teammate wide receiver Jeff Samardzija is right behind, with 156 career receptions.

Ndukwe notches career high

Free safety Chinedum Ndukwe was credited for 22 tackles, 15 solo, against Air Force Saturday. It was a career high for Ndukwe, whose previous high was 11 against Michigan Sept. 16.

The free safety position, according to Weis, was a major part of defending Air Force's option attack. Ndukwe's role against the Falcons is filling the alley where Air Force quarterback Shaun Carney and a trailing pitch man would try to turn upfield.

"It's being in that spot, it's giving me the opportunity to make plays," said Ndukwe after the game. "It happened to be my job today."

Strong safety Tom Zbikowski was responsible for the alley against Navy, where he notched a team-high 14 tackles. Zbikowski understood the challenge of the position and complimented his teammate after the game.

"[Ndukwe] did a great job reading the plays, making the tackles when he needed to make them," he said.

Time of possession

The Irish possessed the ball for 21:25 Saturday, their lowest time of possession under Weis. Notre Dame had just 46 plays in the game.

Despite the clock disadvantage, the Irish managed 8.6 yards per play and six touchdowns.

Notre Dame's previous lowest time of possession under Weis was 24:21 in its comeback win over Michigan State Sept. 23.

Winners and losers

The Irish are 9-1 for the first time since 2002, when the team opened the season 8-0. This is the 12th time in program history that a Notre Dame team has started 9-1. The win over Air Force was Notre Dame's seventh straight victory, the longest winning streak since 2002.

This is the first time Notre Dame has had consecutive nine-victory seasons since 1992 and 1993. It is the 35th time in school history.

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	20	7	6	6	39
Air Force	3	0	7	7	17

First quarter

Notre Dame 7, Air Force 0
Jeff Samardzija 51-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 14:06 remaining.(Carl Gioia kick)
Drive: 2 plays, 80 yards, 0:54 elapsed

Notre Dame 14, Air Force 0
John Carlson 1-yard pass reception from Quinn with 9:21 remaining. (Gioia kick)
Drive: 7 plays, 56 yards, 3:11 elapsed

Notre Dame 14, Air Force 3
Zach Sasser 32-yard field goal with 6:20 remaining.
Drive: 6 plays, 50 yards, 2:51 elapsed

Notre Dame 20, Air Force 3
Rhema McKnight 24-yard reception from Quinn with 1:19 remaining. (Gioia kick blocked)
Drive: 9 plays, 80 yards, 4:55 elapsed

Second quarter

Notre Dame 27, Air Force 3
Terrail Lambert 76-yard blocked field goal return with 7:06 remaining. (Gioia kick)

Third quarter

Notre Dame 33, Air Force 3
Marcus Freeman 23-yard reception from Quinn with 8:33 remaining. (Gioia kick blocked)
Drive: 9 plays, 87 yards, 3:21 elapsed

Notre Dame 33, Air Force 10
Beau Suder 12-yard reception from Shaun Carney with 0:17 remaining. (Sasser kick)
Drive: 16 plays, 80 yards, 8:11 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 39, Air Force 10
Darius Walker 4-yard run with 12:17 remaining. (Gioia kick failed)
Drive: 7 plays, 65 yards, 2:53 elapsed

Notre Dame 39, Air Force 17
Jacob Kendrick 7-yard reception from Carney with 8:44 remaining. (Sasser kick)
Drive: 7 plays, 70 yards, 3:22 elapsed

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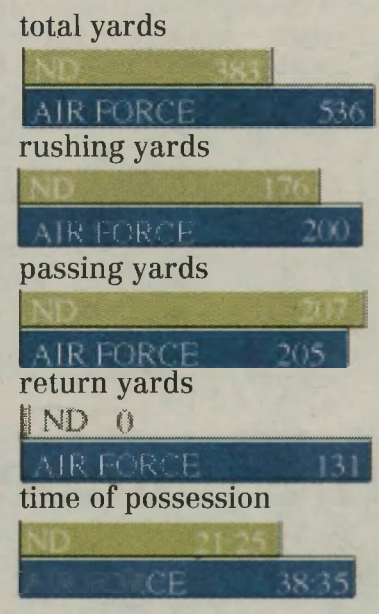


ND		AIR FORCE
27-176	rushes-yards	60-200
14-19-0	comp-att-int	14-19-0
2-94	punts-yards	2-79
0-0	fumbles-lost	0-0
6-60	penalties-yards	5-50
19	first downs	24

passing

Quinn	14-19-0	Carney	14-17-0

rushing

Walker	15-153	Hall	20-67
Aldridge	5-27	Carney	15-42
Prince	3-0	Williams	9-33

receiving

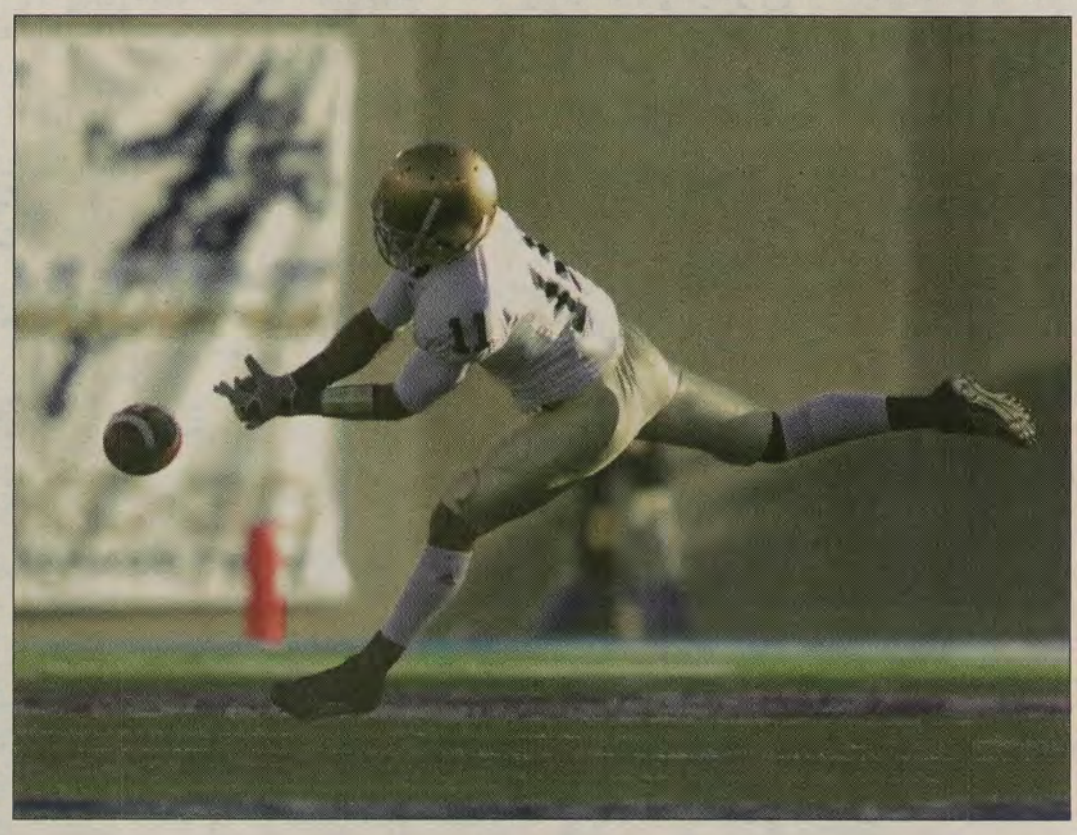
Samardzija	6-106	Root	5-110
McKnight	3-53	Suder	3-44
Grimes	2-16	Thompson	2-24
Freeman	1-23	Moffett	2-13
Walker	1-8	Kendrick	1-7
Carlson	1-1	Armstrong	1-7

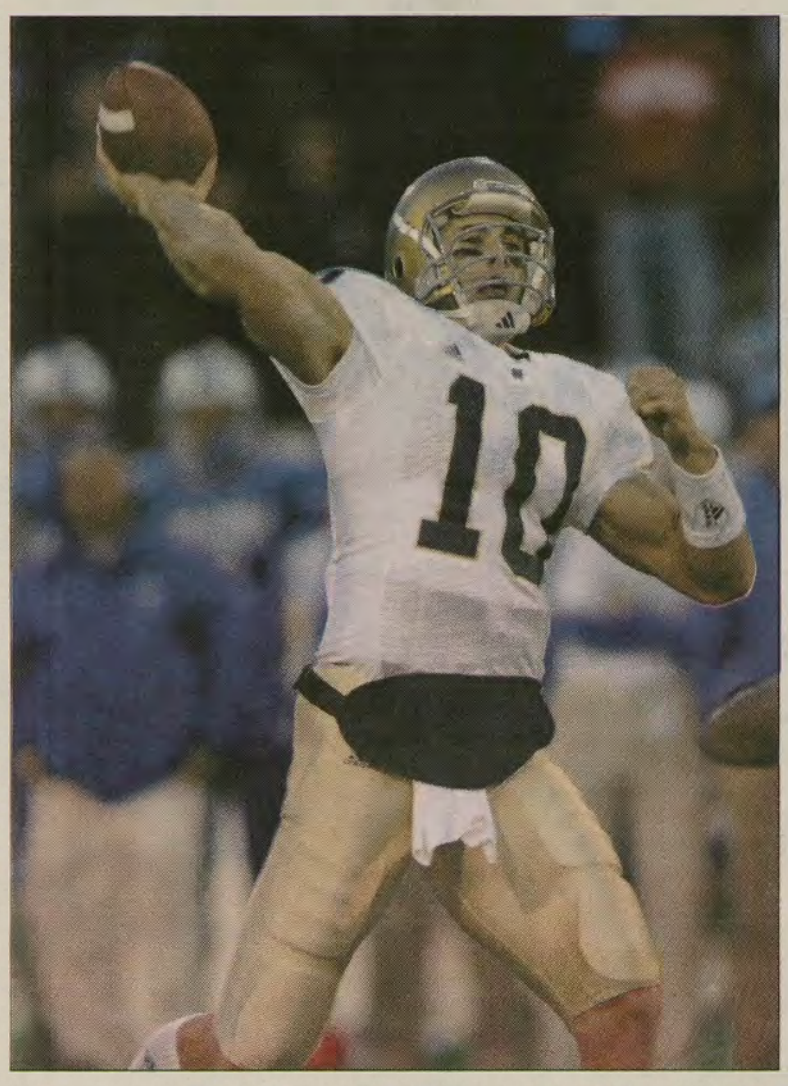
tackles

Ndukwe	22	Fowler	12
Brockington	15	Rabold	5
Landri	11	Randle	5
Richardson	8	Huckins	4
Laws	8	Kemp	4
Crum	6	Rybak	4
Frome	5	Meissen	4
Thomas	4	Giannini	4

Flying high

Notre Dame's offense scored early and often Saturday against Air Force. The Falcons did their best to set the tempo of the game — controlling the ball in the second quarter for all but 1:09 — but could never turn time of possession into points until the Irish had already put the game safely out of reach.





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Top, Irish wide receiver David Grimes dives for a pass. Center left, Notre Dame wideout Rhema McKnight, right, scores a touchdown in the first half. Center right, Irish safety Chinedum Ndukwe tackles Air Force halfback Chad Hall. Bottom left, Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn throws a pass. Bottom right, Falcons quarterback Shaun Carney pitches the ball as Notre Dame linebacker Travis Thomas closes in.

CD REVIEWS

Hogan doesn't do best in bubblegum debut

By COURTNEY WILSON
Scene Critic

In its third season, VH1 reality show "Hogan Knows Best" follows the life of wrestling superstar Hulk Hogan and family. Relocating to Miami, the new season tracks the life of 18-year-old daughter Brooke and the four-month recording process leading up to her debut album.

While Hulk is hard on his baby girl, the entire family appears whole-heartedly involved in promoting Brooke's singing aspirations. Critics will, of course, discredit the show as an attempt to launch a fresh Hogan career, but without it, Brooke's talent — however underdeveloped — might never have been recognized. However, famous daddy's girls don't always come out on top, and "Undiscovered" is demonstrated proof of this.

As the first artist to sign with Storch Music Company (SMC) under the SoBe Entertainment label, it's expected that it would be to Brooke's advantage to have an album produced entirely by legendary music producers Scott Storch and KayGee.

"About Us," the first single released by the songstress, features Houston rap artist Paul Wall. But Wall's collaboration is only part of the reason this single has been heating up the charts. Coming out with her super shiny and plastic-blonde image on the dance hall-inspired music video may have given the song an extra push.

And like most blondes in the pop music contest, Brooke can't seem to escape expectations for sexual comedy in her music. With lyrics like "pretty fly for a white girl," Brooke shows sass on Track 14, "Low Rider Jeans." Barking and hee-haw noises amid sexually implicit lyrics and voiceovers demanding "more cowbell" are dreadfully reminiscent of Jessica Simpson in her overdone Daisy Duke stage.

But anyone who watches the Hogan family's reality show knows that Daddy Hulk is strictly opposed to Brooke's image being over-sexed — and that may be the reason for empty and juvenile songs centered on boys and vanity.

Photo courtesy of brooke-hogan.org

Hulk Hogan spawn Brooke Hogan, center, flaunts herself in her "About Us" video. The aspiring 18-year-old pop star is also the first under-21 cover girl of "FHM."

Brooke Hogan
Undiscovered
SMC/SoBe

Recommended tracks: 'About Us,' 'Low Rider Jeans,' 'Incognito' and 'A Beautiful Transformation'

The risqué cover of "Undiscovered" is clearly inconsistent with the music it markets. Sugar-coated pop tunes like "All About Me" (Track 6) and "My Number" (Track 7) seem to stick to some old-school recipe used by former 80s pop princesses rather than a sexy dance hall formula preferred by today's female artists. Besides "Low Rider Jeans," the only other song with radio potential has to be the hip-hop inspired song "Incognito" (Track 13).

Brooke does lend her writing talent to a couple songs on the album, including Track 8, "A Beautiful Transformation," in which she sings about her evolution into womanhood. The song has a lighthearted charm, which is at least dimly appealing.

Track 2, "Heaven Baby," is decent, even if its Gwen Stefani, reggae-inspired beats are completely at odds with the rest of the album. So while Brooke may have scored the cover of "FHM" men's magazine as publicity for her matured new image, her songs show a bizarre contradiction.

The album may appeal to a teenybopper audience, but it will likely leave a young-adult listener extremely unenthused. Maybe "About Us" and its hip-hop inspiration were just a teaser, because "Undiscovered" is predominantly a compilation of songs best left to a 13-year-old sibling — or for play at the local skate rink. The album offers a few good listens, but ultimately disappoints with its inconsistent sounds and lack of maturity.

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The Deftones' unoriginal lyrics damage album

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

Three years after their last album, the Deftones have released "Saturday Night Wrist" — a move that is right for the band. With guitars wrapping themselves around the yearning vocals, this album proves the pop-metal scene is still alive and well many years after some thought Limp Bizkit had put its nail in the coffin. More diverse than they have been in the past, the Deftones are still relevant to the modern rock scene.

"Saturday Night Wrist" opens with the melodic and ethereal (as ethereal as rock can be) "Hole in the Earth." Frontman Chino Moreno's vocals soar over Stephen Carpenter's guitar while Chi Cheng's bass and Abe Cunningham's drums provide rhythmic soul to the song.

While sonically the song is very sound and even somewhat original, the lyrics are contrived and impersonal. It speaks to some nameless evil and how the singer will find a hole in the earth and escape. One could say it's about the times we live in, however, the lyrics speak to nothing and offer no chance of identifying with the singer either through poetry or personalization. It seems the Deftones cannot escape the plague of pop and its symptoms, including poor lyrics mixed with sometimes catchy and interesting music.

Formed in Sacramento, Calif., the Deftones originally consisted of Moreno, Cunningham and Carpenter. After going through a few bassists, the band finally settled on Cheng as a permanent member. The rotation was complete when Frank Delgado was added on the turntable for the sophomore effort "Around the Fur."

This is the band that was completed in the late '90s and this is the band that is still around today — quite an accomplishment for an alt-metal band that hit it big years ago. When Limp Bizkit has gone the way of the dodo and Korn is nowhere to be found, the Deftones are still finding a place in popular music.

However, even though the Deftones adapted to the times, they have not forgotten where they are from. The second track, "Rapture," is an aptly named thrashing of sonic distortion and metal screaming. "Hole in the Earth" may be more radio-friendly, however, "Rapture" was made for those die-hard fans that have been with the Deftones since the beginning.

Photo courtesy of europe2.fr

The Deftones offer solid alt-metal music but empty lyrics in their new album. However, the longevity of the band's career as an alt-metal group is impressive.

The Deftones
Saturday Night Wrist
Maverick

Recommended tracks: 'Hole in the Earth,' 'Rapture' and 'Cherry Waves'

"Cherry Waves" is the song that lets Delgado flex his electronica muscles. While a bit over-emotional and trite, it manages to be interesting. The different places Delgado takes his turntable do credit to his talent and display the need the band has for him. Moreno also takes his voice from the lowest to the highest registers it can go. He croons, loves and impassionedly screams. The only problem is what he is singing about. It's nothing of substance.

The album consists of great alt-metal music and not so great pop, "I'm angry at my father" lyrics. The musicianship of this band, if one likes popular metal, is top-notch. It just needs to vary the lyrics up a bit and venture in new directions. After "Around the Fur" and "White Pony," both critically acclaimed heavy rock albums, the Deftones needed to show they could still play with the best of them even after the band's supposed expiration date had passed. This album may not be what the band wanted — or what fans wanted as far as lyrics go. It's just more of the same old stuff. However, tune out the lyrics, listen to the guitars and enjoy one of the better alt-metal albums to be released in recent years.

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NFL

McNair leads Baltimore to comeback victory

Jets coach Eric Mangini upsets his old boss Bill Belichick as New York tops the Patriots on a muddy day in Foxborough

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — This is exactly why the Baltimore Ravens wanted Steve McNair.

The veteran threw his third touchdown of the game against his former team with 3:35 left Sunday, helping the Ravens rally from a big deficit to beat the Tennessee Titans 27-26 for their best start.

The Ravens are 7-2 for the first time after trailing by 19 points — the biggest comeback in team history. And McNair had a lot to do with it.

"His demeanor, it just never ceased to amaze me," coach Brian Billick said. "The calm this man has. At no point have I ever seen him blink there, and there was a few times to blink out there."

This game had enough to keep it interesting as McNair's homecoming to play the team that traded him to the Ravens in June because Baltimore offered more than Tennessee was willing to pay.

Then the teams combined for a handful of penalties and just downright weird plays for added measure. Billick even picked up an unsportsmanlike penalty for yelling at an official.

But McNair gave the Titans an expensive lesson.

"That's why you play this game," McNair said. "You're a competitor. Those are the things you go back and look at and say, `Hey, this is what we get paid for: to come back and win games."

The Titans (2-7) had a last chance to send McNair back to Maryland a loser. But Trevor Pryce blocked a 43-yard field-goal attempt by Rob Bironas with 33 seconds left, allowing McNair to celebrate on the field where he had won so many games before.

New York Jets 17
New England 14

Bill Belichick exchanged another cold handshake with Eric Mangini in the middle of the muddy field.

The Patriots coach certainly had no reason to embrace the protege who angered him by leaving for the New York Jets. After all, the Jets had just won on a rainy Sunday, tightening the AFC East race that once loomed as a runaway for New England.

"I have a lot of great memories from here," Mangini said. "I'd like to add this to it."

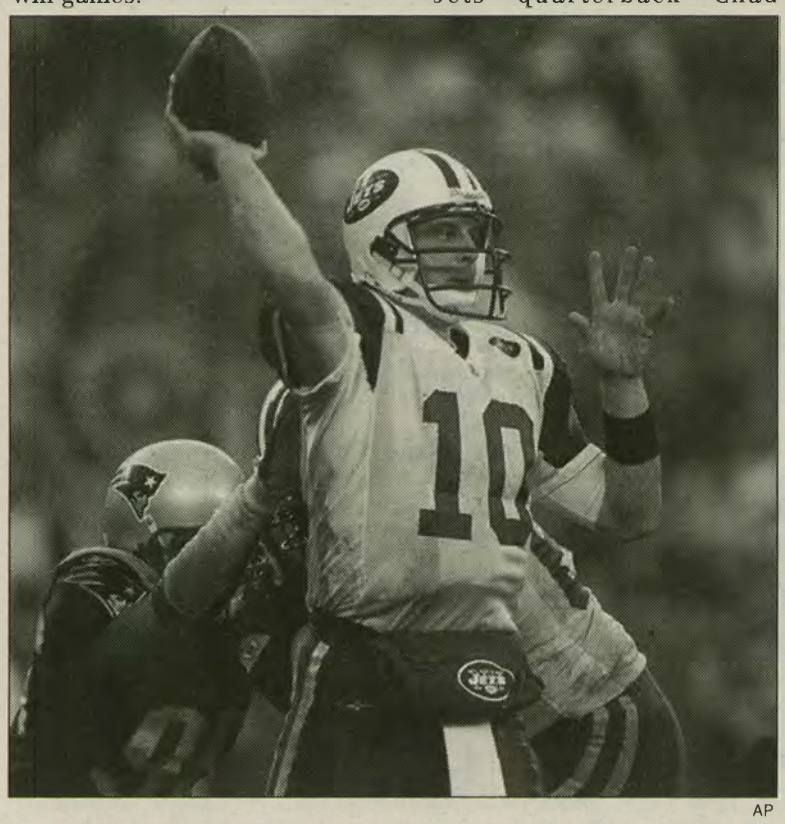
Belichick has refused to refer to the Jets coach by name since Mangini left after serving five years as his defensive backs coach and last season as defensive coordinator, helping the Patriots win three Super Bowl titles. Their first midfield meeting after the Patriots won in New York this season wasn't a study in warmth either.

Then again, why should any of the Patriots be happy after their 57-game streak without consecutive losses ended? The record of 60 games was set by San Francisco from 1995-99.

Jets quarterback Chad Pennington also had a hand in the previous losing streak when he led New York to a 30-17 win in December 2002 — one week after the Patriots lost to Tennessee.

AP

Titans quarterback Vince Young attempts to get by Baltimore safety Dawan Landry in Sunday's game at Tennessee. The Ravens came back to win 27-26 after trailing at the half.



AP

Jets quarterback Chad Pennington looks to pass in a 17-14 win over the Patriots at Gillette Stadium Sunday afternoon.

Indianapolis 17, Buffalo 16

Just call him Patient Peyton.

With Buffalo content to slow down the Indianapolis Colts up-tempo offense, a restrained Manning relied on short throws, an effective ground game and a time-consuming final drive to lead the Indianapolis Colts past Buffalo on Sunday — and into the NFL record book.

Indy is the first team ever to have consecutive 9-0 records.

"They just stayed real deep and double-covered the outside receivers," Manning said. "When a team does that, taking away the deep patterns, you've got to be able to run the ball and you've got to be able to throw underneath and get yards after the catch. We were doing that."

A few years ago, an impatient Manning may have been tempted to force balls deep. Not now.

On Sunday, he played with his customary accuracy — completing 27 of 39 passes for 236 yards with one touchdown — and was determined to make the Bills pay for their tactics.

But the Colts still needed some help from Rian Lindell, who pushed a 41-yard field goal attempt wide right — a play that would have given Buffalo the lead with 6:22 left.

Green Bay 23, Minnesota 17

If Green Bay was going to beat Minnesota, Brett Favre was going to have to throw the ball to his own team, not the other guys.

Favre followed through on the plan, making sure to savor a hard-to-come-by win at the Metrodome and cautiously ponder the progress made by his rebuilding Packers.

Favre threw two touchdown passes without a turnover and Donald Driver had a career-high 191 yards receiving in a victory over the Vikings on Sunday.

"I thought he made great decisions," Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy said, praising Favre's performance with Minnesota's league-best rushing defense holding down Ahman Green (22 carries, 55 yards).

The Packers (4-5), who have won three of their last four games, were boosted by a strong pass rush and even better pass protection. Favre completed 24 of 42 passes for 347 yards and no interceptions.

"At least for another week it gives us a little hope," said Favre, who improved to 5-10 against the Vikings in their noisy dome.

Brad Johnson went 18-for-30 for 257 yards, one touchdown and two turnovers for Minnesota (4-5), which lost its third straight game after again struggling in several areas.

"They made some clutch plays. It's amazing to watch Favre convert some of those third downs," said Johnson, sounding a bit envious of his opponent's success.

Philadelphia 27
Washington 3

The Philadelphia Eagles' stale offense needed a couple tweaks to get going. A lucky break and some fresh ideas did the trick.

Donovan McNabb threw an 84-yard touchdown pass to Donte' Stallworth, Sheldon Brown returned an interception 70 yards for a score and the Eagles snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory over the Washington Redskins on Sunday.

Coach Andy Reid turned over playcalling duties to offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg after a 13-6 home loss to Jacksonville. The result was a balanced attack featuring more runs than passes for the first time this season.

"We were in a rut offensively and I was calling the plays," Reid said. "I told you it starts with me, so, take a close look at yourself and you move on."

It was a costly loss for the Redskins, who lost Clinton Portis to a broken right hand in the first quarter. It wasn't immediately known how long Washington (3-6) would be without its star running back. Coach Joe Gibbs said Portis may require surgery.

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NCAA Football
Associated Press Top 25

	team	record	points	previous
1	Ohio State (64)	11-0	1624	1
2	Michigan (1)	11-0	1561	2
3	Florida	9-1	1436	6
4	USC	8-1	1433	7
5	Arkansas	9-1	1331	11
6	NOTRE DAME	9-1	1302	9
7	Rutgers	9-0	1212	15
8	West Virginia	8-1	1075	10
9	LSU	8-2	1074	12
10	Louisville	8-1	1028	3
11	Texas	9-2	965	4
12	Wisconsin	10-1	930	16
13	Boise State	10-0	805	14
14	Wake Forest	9-1	777	18
15	Auburn	9-2	751	5
16	Oklahoma	8-2	746	17
17	California	8-2	595	8
18	Georgia Tech	8-2	563	19
19	Virginia Tech	8-2	413	20
20	Boston College	8-2	350	22
21	Maryland	8-2	309	23
22	Tennessee	7-3	276	13
23	Brigham Young	8-2	216	25
24	Nebraska	8-3	197	NR
25	Clemson	8-3	57	NR

NCAA Football
USA Today Coaches Poll

	team	record	points	previous
1	Ohio State (62)	11-0	1574	1
2	Michigan (1)	11-0	1513	2
3	Florida	9-1	1381	6
4	USC	8-1	1373	7
5	NOTRE DAME	9-1	1273	8
6	Arkansas	9-1	1248	11
7	West Virginia	8-1	1113	10
8	Rutgers	9-0	1082	14
9	LSU	8-2	1054	12
10	Wisconsin	10-1	928	16
11	Texas	9-2	927	3
12	Louisville	8-1	884	4
13	Boise State	10-0	830	13
14	Wake Forest	9-1	724	19
15	Auburn	9-2	721	5
16	Oklahoma	8-1	711	16
17	California	8-2	580	9
18	Georgia Tech	8-2	466	18
19	Virginia Tech	8-2	420	21
20	Boston College	8-2	384	22
21	Maryland	8-2	325	24
22	Nebraska	8-3	228	25
23	Tennessee	7-3	213	15
24	Brigham Young	8-2	116	NR
25	Clemson	8-3	94	NR

NCAA Football
BCS Rankings

	team	record	comp. avg.	Harris
1	Ohio State	11-0	3	1
2	Michigan	11-0	1	2
3	USC	8-1	4	3
4	Florida	9-1	6	4
5	NOTRE DAME	9-1	5	5
6	Rutgers	9-0	2	7
7	Arkansas	9-1	9	6
8	West Virginia	8-1	11	8
9	Wisconsin	10-1	8	11
10	Louisville	8-1	7	10
11	LSU	8-2	13	9
12	Boise State	10-0	10	13
13	Texas	9-2	16	12
14	Auburn	9-2	14	15
15	California	8-2	12	17

around the dial

NFL
Tampa Bay at Carolina
8:30 p.m., ESPN

NFL

AP

Chicago safety Danieal Manning hits Giants wide receiver Plaxico Burress, causing him to fumble early in the second quarter Sunday night. The Bears put up 28 second-half points en route to a 38-20 victory.

108-yard return sparks Bears victory

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.— Just call the Chicago Bears the best team in the NFC — and the New York Giants red-faced for falling asleep on a record-tying 108-yard missed field goal return by Devin Hester.

Hester fooled the Giants by standing in the back of the end zone for several seconds, then ran down the right sideline on his knock-out-blow return as the Bears rallied for a 38-20 victory over the injury-ravaged Giants in their NFC showdown Sunday night.

On Nov. 13, 2005 — almost exactly a year ago — the Bears' Nathan Vasher caught Joe Nedney's missed 52-yard field-goal attempt in the back of the end zone on the final play of the first half and ran it back for a 108-yard TD return. The play helped Chicago beat San Francisco 17-9, and now Hester shares the record for longest NFL play with his teammate.

Rex Grossman threw for three touchdowns and Thomas Jones scored on a short run as the Bears (8-1) rallied from a 10-point first-half deficit with 28 second-half points in ending a five-game winning streak by the Giants (6-3).

Not only did the Bears win, they answered the critics who surfaced last week after Miami knocked Chicago from the unbeaten ranks in a turnover-marred game.

Grossman had touchdown passes of 29 yards to Mark Bradley, 10 to Muhsin Muhammad and 2 to Desmond Clark in leading the Bears to a 24-13 lead in the third quarter.

The Giants cut the gap on Brandon Jacobs' second touchdown run of the game late in the third quarter.

The game turned on Hester's third return for a touchdown this season —a most unexpected one.

Jay Feely, who had kicked two field goals, attempted a 52-yarder with 11:20 to play. The kick was short and Hester caught the ball 8 yards deep in the end zone. The rookie stood there for several seconds and then came out, circling the right side and speeding down the sideline almost untouched for a clinching score.

The teams brought two of the top defenses into the nationally television matchup that was moved to prime time by the NFL.

New York's 13-10 halftime lead was courtesy of its defense and special teams, with three scoring drives covering a total of 13 yards in winds gusting to 25 mph.

IN BRIEF

Johnson in position to take Nextel Cup in Miami

AVONDALE, Ariz.— The Nextel Cup title is Jimmie Johnson's to lose.

For anyone else, it would be a perfect position. But Johnson has been here before.

Johnson lost two of these titles before, and nothing is guaranteed — even after his second-place finish Sunday at Phoenix International Raceway gave him a firm hold atop the Chase for the championship leaderboard.

He needs to only finish 12th or better next week in the season-finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway to win the championship.

"I seriously don't have any clue what to expect," Johnson said. "I don't have any strategy other than go down and finish ahead of (the other Chase drivers). It's just that simple. That's all we've done so far, through these last few months."

Ramirez signs five-year deal to stay with Cubs

CHICAGO, Ill. — Aramis Ramirez decided to stay put.

Coming off a career year at the plate, the third baseman gave up a chance to explore the free-agent market, agreeing Sunday to a $73 million, five-year contract with the Chicago Cubs.

On the first day free agents could negotiate money with all 30 teams, oft-injured pitcher Kerry Wood also opted to stay with the Cubs, agreeing to a $1.75 million, one-year deal worth potentially up to $6 million.

Ramirez, who initially joined the Cubs midway through the 2003 season in a trade with the Pirates, had opted out of the final two seasons of a $42 million, four-year contract and filed for free agency on Oct. 30. His new deal contains a mutual option for 2012.

"When you leave $20 million or $30 million on the table, it's where you want to go."

Ochoa wins LPGA player of the year award with win

MOBILE, Ala. — Lorena Ochoa wrapped up the LPGA Tour's player of the year award with a record-setting finish in the Tournament of Champions.

The 24-year-old Mexican star shot a 7-under 65 on Sunday for a 10-stroke victory and a tournament-record 21-under 267 total. She ran her winning streak to three with her sixth victory of the year and earned $150,000 for a season total of $2,492,872.

"Winning this tournament was very special," Ochoa said. "I think this is going to be a place I will remember for the rest of my life and just achieving my goal of being the best player in 2006."

With Annika Sorenstam and Karrie Webb skipping the tournament, Ochoa locked up the player of the year honors before the season-ending ADT Championship.

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- John Paul Lederach, Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame
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- Marilise Smurthwaite, Professor, St. Augustine College, South Africa
  The Purpose of the Corporation: A Religious View of Corporate Power

- Doug Cassel, Director, Center for Civil and Human Rights, Law School, University of Notre Dame
  The United Nations and Multinational Corporate Responsibility: Legally Binding Standards or "Principled Pragmatism"?

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MLS

Houston wins championship in penalty kicks

Dynamo takes MLS Cup in first year after moving from San Jose

Associated Press

FRISCO, Texas — Brian Ching scored the tying goal for Houston a little over a minute after New England's Taylor Twellman struck what appeared to be the game-winner in overtime, and the Dynamo went on to win the MLS Cup on penalty kicks Sunday, 4-3.

Faced with a must-goal in the fifth and final set of penalty kicks for New England, Jay Heaps kicked a low line drive to the left side of the net that Houston goalkeeper Pat Onstad easily blocked. Orange-clad Dynamo fans, many of whom made the nearly six-hour drive from Houston and dominated the stands, erupted in celebration as the franchise won the title after moving to Texas last year.

"We've lost every possible way we can lose in the finals."

Taylor Twellman
New England forward

The championship was technically the third for the former San Jose Earthquakes, which won in 2001 and 2003.

The loss was the third defeat in the league championship for the Revolution, who were beaten 1-0 in overtime to Los Angeles last year. New England also made the final game and lost in 2002.

"We've lost every possible way we can lose in the finals," Twellman said.

The game was the first MLS Cup final to be decided on penalty kicks — though in the second overtime, the Revolution appeared just minutes away from victory.

In the 113th minute, Twellman charged up the field, split two defenders and shot the ball into opposite corner of the net past sliding Dynamo defender Kelly Gray. But as Revolution fans continued to celebrate, Ching headed in the tying goal off a long cross from Brian Mullan.

"I didn't think we were going to get one," Ching said, "but we were going to die trying."

Ching later scored the winning penalty kick in the fifth set, stutter-stepping on his approach before knocking the ball that skipped past New England's Matt Reis' outstretched hand. Ching was named the game's MVP.

Each team made its first two penalty shots before the Revolution's Pat Noonan, one of New England's top strikers all season, skimmed his blast off the top of the crossbar.

Reis briefly saved New England by correctly guessing Brad Davis' shot to the left side, but after Twellman forced a fifth set of kicks, Onstad pounced on Heaps' shin-high shot to the left corner and was quickly buried under a pile of hollering and thrashing teammates who sprinted toward him from midfield.

Twellman especially didn't like losing on penalty kicks — the same way Italy beat France to win the World Cup this summer.

"They should have just let us keep playing," he said.

The Revolution lost another final in which they didn't always play like big-game tested veterans, despite its two previous MLS Cup appearances and five straight Eastern Conference finals. In all, New England extended its scoreless streak in MLS Cup games to more than 336 minutes before Twellman's goal, a drought that belies an offense that led all teams in the playoffs with 19 shots on goal.

Revolution midfielder Clint Dempsey, playing in perhaps his last MLS game if his desire to play in Europe next season comes true, didn't start because of a strained right ankle. He entered the game in the 62nd minute — wearing yellow shoes perhaps a shade brighter than Houston's orange jerseys — and energized New England's attack in the second half.

That extra aggression resulted in Twellman breaking the scoreless tie, but the Revolution barely had a chance to celebrate before Ching found himself behind most of the defense and plunking a header past the arms of a diving Reis.

Houston finished second in the Western Conference, quickly finding a fan base after leaving San Jose because of low attendance. The city initially branded the team Houston 1836 before Hispanics complained the name offensively referred to the year Texas defeated Mexico for its independence.

The championship brought the first professional sports title to Houston since the WNBA's Comets won the last of four straight titles in 2000.

ND SWIMMING

Double sweep for ND at Rolfs this weekend

Men's and women's teams beat Mich. St. and Pitt in dual meets

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Michigan State and Pittsburgh had barely come up for air by the time No. 17 Notre Dame was swimming away with its third and fourth consecutive dual meet victories — the program's best start since the 1992-1993 season.

The Irish started the weekend by defeating the Spartans 165-75 Friday afternoon at Rolf's Aquatic Center. Notre Dame won ten of the 13 events on the afternoon with senior co-captain Ted Brown leading the way. Brown picked up two victories on the evening finishing first in both the 200-freestyle and 200-butterfly.

Notre Dame received contributions across the board as seven different swimmers picked up first place finishes Friday. Other than Brown, Louis Cavadini, Sam Stoner, Andrew MacKay, Jay Vanden Berg, Michael Bulfin, and Tyler Angelo all won one event.

"I think one of our team's biggest strengths is the depth we have."

Ted Brown
Irish captain

"I think one of our team's biggest strengths is the depth we have," Brown said. "So many guys can step up in so many events, and that's a credit not only to the coaches in their recruiting but also to the guys on the team because we mesh really well together."

On Saturday, the Irish returned to the pool easily dispatching of Pittsburgh 172-126. With the win, Notre Dame pushed their dual meet record on the season to 4-0, their best start in fourteen seasons. Brown cited the team's level of intensity as a primary reason for their strong start.

"Our team as a whole expects more from each other," Brown said. "We're raising the level of intensity at our practices, and it's carrying over into the meets. So far this season, the results have shown our hard work and dedication."

Senior Tim Kegelman and freshman John Lytle each picked up three victories – two on relays for both swimmers — led the Irish on Saturday. Kegelman won the 100 butterfly while Lytle finished first in the 200-freestyle. Both were part of the 200 medley relay and 200-freestyle relay teams.

Brown continued his strong weekend finishing with first place finishes in the 500-yard and 1000-yard freestyle. Freshmen Ross Moore and MacKenzie LeBlanc also picked up victories for Notre Dame.

The Irish won't return to action until December 1st, but they know they have plenty to work on in the coming weeks.

"We're swimming fast, but we want to get better because we know our potential," Brown said. "We're a talented team, and if we combine that talent with hard work, special things are going to happen at the end of the season."

Like their counterparts on the men's side, the No. 20 Notre Dame women's team swept Michigan State and Pittsburgh this past weekend and maintained their spotless dual meet record on the season.

With the two victories, the Irish improved their dual meet record to 3-0, and their season resume also includes a first place finish in the Dennis Stark Relays. Sophomore Christa Riggins attributes the team's fast start to work put in long before the beginning of the season.

"The team had a really good summer which prepared us well for the season," Riggins said. "We're good at motivating each other in practice, and we have really good team chemistry."

The Irish started the weekend with a comfortable 155.5 to 86.5 victory over the Spartans Friday afternoon at Rolf's Aquatic Center. Notre Dame won of ten of the thirteen events getting contributions from swimmers and divers throughout the team.

Junior Caroline Johnson led the team with two victories as she finished first in the 50-yard freestyle and 100 yard butterfly. Junior Natalie Burke won the 200 yard breaststroke, and senior Ann Barton won her first individual event of the season finishing first in the 200 backstroke.

The rest of the night, however, belonged to the team's freshmen. Freshmen Zeina Shanata, Megan Farrell and Ashley Edgell all won events with Edgell picking up the first individual victory of her college career.

Saturday saw little change as Notre Dame returned to Rolf's Aquatic Center to handily defeat Pittsburgh 188-112. The Irish won nine of sixteen events on the evening led by senior Katie Carroll who had two victories on the evening.

Carroll won the 50-yard freestyle, and she set a school record in the 1000-yard freestyle with a time of 9:49.80. While school records are nothing new for Carroll, impressive times this early in the season are.

"I think everyone's pretty surprised at how fast we're swimming given how early it is in the season and the fact that we're not rested for the meets," Riggins said. "It's a good confidence booster for myself and the team."

Senior Julia Quinn, freshman Vivian Healey and sophomore Claire Hutchinson also picked up victories for the Irish in the 200-yard breaststroke, 100-breaststroke, and 200-butterfly respectively.

Freshman Natalie Stitt won her first collegiate diving title as she was victorious in three-meter diving, and she followed that up with a one-meter diving title.

Notre Dame will be back in action this Friday when they travel to Minneapolis for the 3-day Minnesota Invitational.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles win big over RHIT

Three freshmen win races in 114-77 rout for first victory of the year

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Impressive individual performances led the Belles to their first victory of the season, a 114-77 win over Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

54 of those 114 points were accounted for by wins in individual events. Freshmen Sara Niemann, Kayla Ferguson, and Lindsey Nelis and sophomore Melissa Gerbeth all took first in at least one of their races.

"This win was an achievement for everyone involved with Saint Mary's swimming," Niemann said. "As a team, we've been working very hard over the past few months to become more competitive. Personally, I was thrilled that the team could accomplish such a goal."

Gerbeth won the 200-yard individual medley, finishing in 2:23.38, and also took the 500-yard freestyle. She touched the wall at 5:28.24, eleven seconds ahead of the rest of her competition.

Gerbeth understood the importance of her race.

"I went into it knowing I had to win the race and there was no other way around it," she said. "I knew I had to do it for my team and I did not want to let them down. I got in the water and swam as fast as I could."

Niemann took first in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 58.78 seconds. She also won the 200-yard freestyle, finishing in 2:04.37.

"I've been putting a lot of work at practice, plus lifting weights with the team throughout the week," Niemann said. "The coaches have also really been working with me to improve certain aspects of my races. These things all came together on Saturday so I was able to have a really successful meet."

"This win was an acievement for everyone involved with Saint Mary's swimming."

Sara Niemann
Belles freshman

Ferguson placed first in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:05.43, and Nelis won the 1000-yard freestyle in 11:30.40. Nelis also finished second behind Gerbeth in the 500-yard freestyle.

"Going into this meet we knew we had a chance to win it so we were all excited and pumped up," she said. "We all came together and won as a team. There was a lot more cheering at this meet and an overall better attitude."

Although individual races dominated the meet, the Belles relay teams performed equally well. The 200 medley relay all-freshmen 'A' team, composed of Ferguson, Jennifer Lebiedz, Katie Carroll and Meredith Lierz, took first place. The 'B' team, which included freshmen Jackie Corey and Laura Piccioli and sophomores Shannon Hansen and Leah Bocinsky, came in second, right behind them.

As Belles coach Ryan Dombkowski had predicted, wins were not the only factor in the meet that brought Saint Mary's the victory. Forty points were accounted for by second- or third-place finishes.

Saint Mary's training and lifting has paid off; three Belles set new personal bests on Saturday. Gerbeth dropped her 500 free time 3.63 seconds, Ferguson dropped her 100 backstroke time 2.99 seconds and Niemann lowered her 200 free time 2.66 seconds.

The Belles face Albion College (1-1) in Albion, Mich. this Friday.

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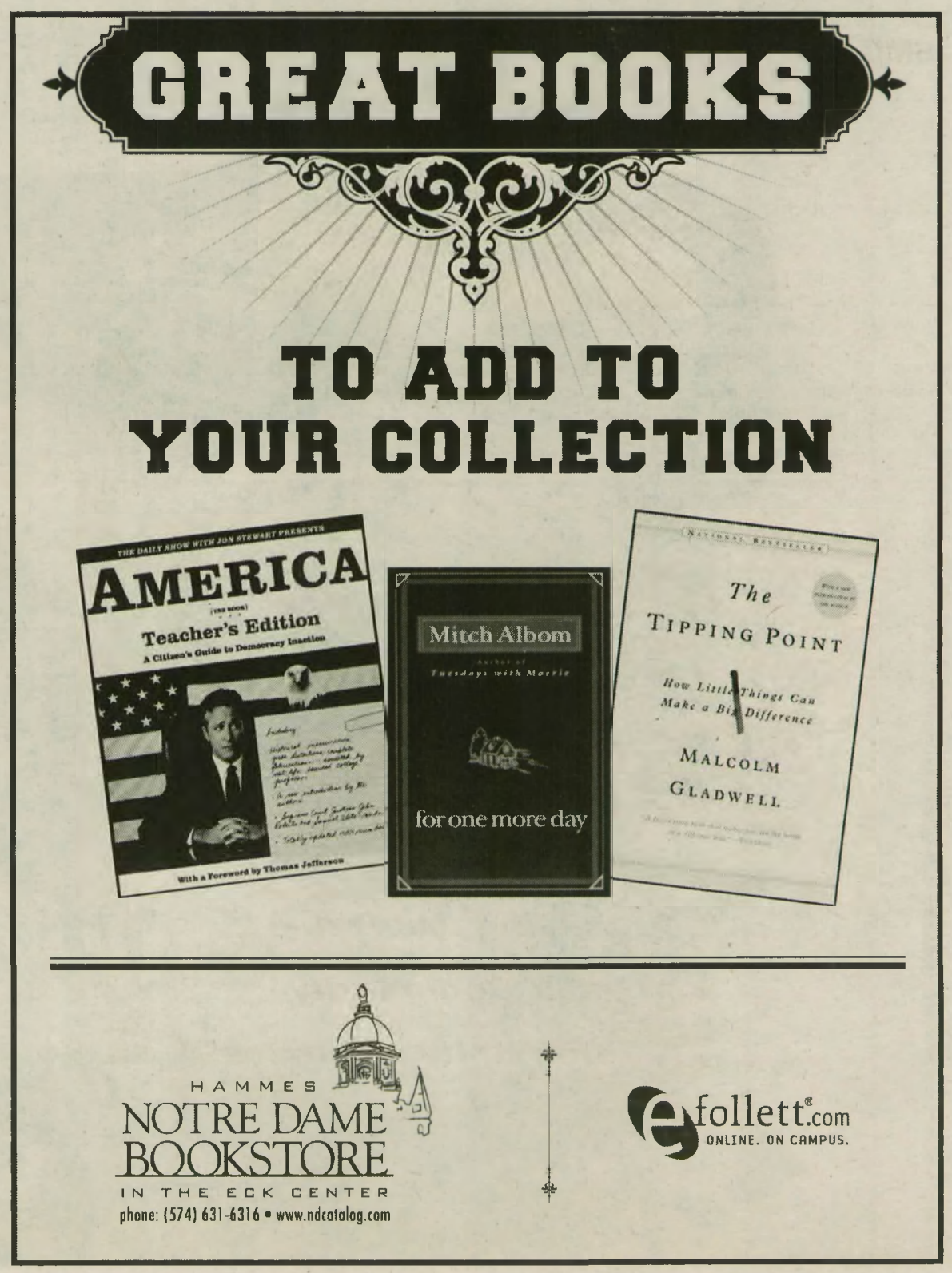

ND VOLLEYBALL

ND splits with Mountaineers in Big East tune up

Irish finish regular season with a 16-11 record, 10-4 Big East

By DEVIN PRESTON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame split the last two games of the regular season this weekend, allowing it to finish with a record of 16-11, 10-4 Big East. Although losing to Pittsburgh dropped the Irish below the post-season rank they were hoping to have, the win over West Virginia yesterday allowed them to stay within the pack as one of four teams now with a 10-4 conference record.

Pittsburgh 3, Notre Dame 1

Notre Dame dominated in the first game, but dropped the match 30-10, 25-30, 24-30, 31-33 to Pittsburgh (22-8, 10-4 Big East).

Freshman Serenity Philips led the Irish attack with 15 kills at a hitting percentage of .265. Junior Adrianna Stasiuk also made a key contribution with 14 kills and 17 digs.

But the Irish defense was unable to slow down the Panther's Stephanie Ross, who racked up a total 24 kills during the match. Notre Dame also had trouble from the line as they added up eight service errors before the match was over.

The fourth game was much closer with Notre Dame down 2-1 in a must win situation. The Irish did not see their first lead in the game until a kill from Phillips kicked off a 4-1 stretch to give them a 12-10 lead. A service error from freshman Kim Kristoff allowed Pittsburgh to answer back immediately with a 7-2 run to lead 17-14. The lead would change two more times before Notre Dame and Pittsburgh found themselves tied at 29.

"It was really nice to end the conference season in our home facility."

Tara Enzweiler
Irish middle blocker

Notre Dame played hard, but in the end a kill from Diana Andreyko followed by an attack error by Stasiuk would allow Pittsburgh to take the fourth game and the match.

Notre Dame 3, West Virginia 0

West Virginia left the Joyce Center Sunday with their 28th disappointment this season, losing 30-19, 30-21, 30-17.

Sophomore Mallorie Croal shined against the Mountaineers (3-28, 2-12 Big East), tallying 13 kills at a hitting percentage of .429 as well as 17 digs.

Senior Danielle Herndon also had 17 digs on Notre Dame's Senior Day helping the Irish to keep West Virginia contained. Notre Dame out hit West Virginia .308 to .062. Having led for the entire first game, and most of the second after an early 4-4 tie, Notre Dame only needed one more win to put the match away.

The Irish came out strong early with three kills from Croal contributing to an 8-2 run to give the Irish a 10-4 lead. Notre Dame would maintain their lead despite a late effort made by West Virginia's Kristina Gallahan and Abby Tevis. After kill from sophomore Justine Stremick to give Notre Dame game point at 29-17, an attack error by Gina Cusanelli sealed the match for Notre Dame.

"It was really nice to end the conference season in our home facility with a solid win as our lone senior said farewell to the Joyce Center," freshman Tara Enzweiler said about Notre Dame's flawless victory.

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Freshman Tara Enzweiler spikes a ball during Sunday's 3-0 win over West Virginia in the Joyce Center.

SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Gray makes school history, earns first ever NCAA berth

By BECKI DORNER
Sports Writer

Junior Megan Gray won a spot in the record books this past weekend by becoming the first Belle cross country runner to earn a berth to the NCAA Championship.

Her personal best time of 22:52 on the NCAA Regional Championship 6K course at Hanover College was good for a 10th place overall finish.

"She looked strong the entire race and kept passing people from the start to finish," Belles coach Jackie Bauters said.

In addition to Gray's time, rounding out the top 5 for the Belles were Sara Otto with a recorded 24:43, Megan McClowry with a 26:01, Caitlin Stevenson with a 26:34, and Alicen Miller with a 26:40.

These times gave the Belles 524 total points for 20th place in the 31 team field, a slight improvement from previous years. Case Western University took the overall team title with only 53 points while the College of Wooster's Katie Wieferich earned top individual honors with a time of 22:07. MIAA champions Calvin came in second place and will advance to the national meet.

Despite being mostly good weather for the race, the wind started to pick up, affecting most of the runners.

"The strength and conditioning training that we do allowed me to feel strong enough to pass people, especially into the wind," Gray said. "It was a combination of having the physical upper body strength and mentally staying calm and running my own race."

Gray's strong performance is not only a testament to the coaching staff's dedication, but to her own as well. Gray was unable to compete during her sophomore year due to patella femoral syndrome, and was enrolled in intensive physical therapy less than a year ago after her injury forced her to stop running altogether that summer.

"I just feel that this season has been such a blessing because of all the road blocks that came before it," Gray said.

Gray says that she will be running mile repeats on Monday and 45-60 minute runs on Tuesday and Thursday, with Wednesday reserved for a speed workout for her NCAA training.

Gray's goals for the national championship race at Voice of America Park in West Chester, Ohio is under 23 miles, the junior said.

"There will be so many incredible runners there, I just want to well represent Saint Mary's and my team," she said.

Despite her individual accomplishments, Gray continues to credit much to her teammates

"I want also to say how much the team has meant to me this season, I love all the girls and everyone has worked so hard," she said. "I know many of them are planning on traveling down to see me race at Nationals and it makes me so happy because without them, none of this season would be possible.

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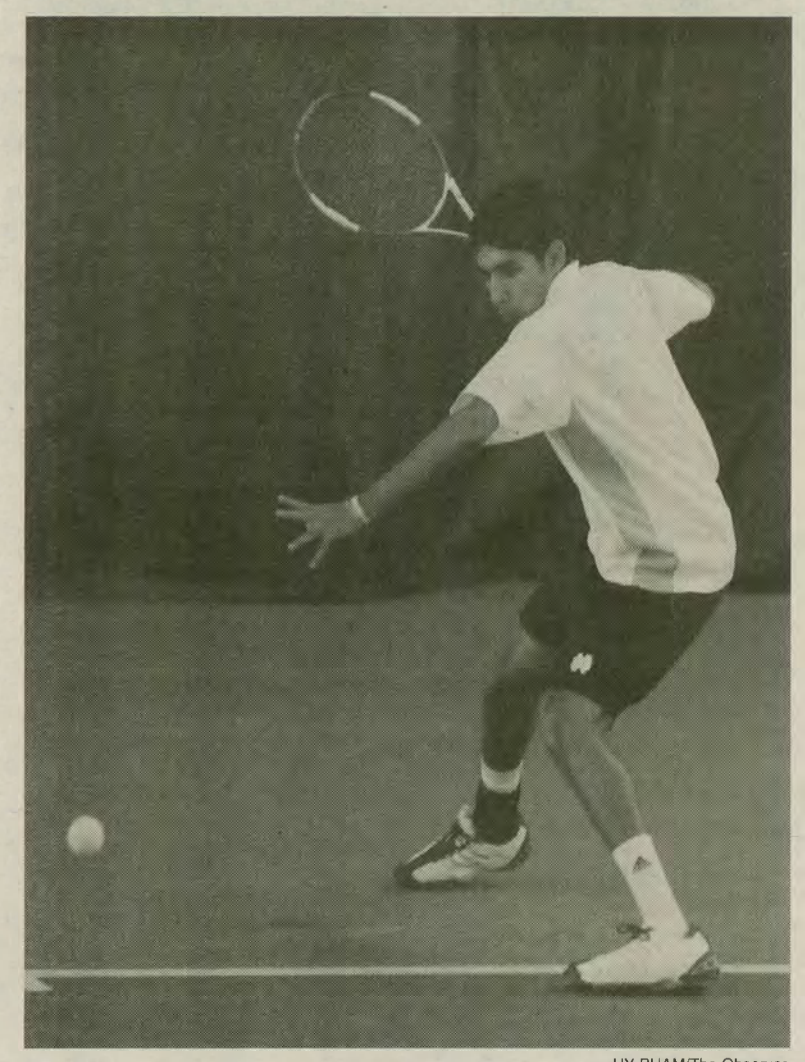
MEN'S TENNIS

Pair clinches title in tiebreak round



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Irish junior Sheeva Parbhu returns a serve against Wisconsin Feb. 12 last season. Parbhu clinched a spot in the ITA finals this weekend.

Parbhu and Keckley defeat Louisville team to win ITA Doubles

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Notre Dame entered the fall season with hopes of improving both their singles and doubles game as well as proving that they had the potential to be one of the top teams in the nation.

Junior Sheeva Parbhu and senior Ryan Keckley defeated No. 26 Slavko Radman and Damar Johnson of Louisville 9-8 (5) in the ITA Midwest Doubles Championship. The duo triumphed over five straight teams to reach the finals where the two were tested more than they had been the entire tournament. The match was driven into a tiebreaker in which Parbhu and Keckley were able to walk away with the win. The win in the regional tournament gave the doubles team a berth in the ITA National Indoor Doubles Championships.

Parbhu fell 7-6 (2), 6-2 to Ohio State's Steven Moneke in the singles finals, but he still secured a spot in the ITA National Indoor Championships. Irish senior Stephen Bass also reached the tournament as an at-large selection — he was selected based on ranking and fall performance.

Bass advanced to the semifinals of the ITA National Indoor Championship and pulled of a huge upset in the process defeating No. 2 John Isner of Georgia 6-4, 7-6 (6). Bass' high came to a halt in the semifinals as he fell to Ohio State's Steven Moneke for the second time this season. Moneke defeated Bass 7-5, 6-3 in the National Indoors and also defeated Bass 7-6, 3-6, 6-4 in the quarterfinals of the ITA Midwest Regional Championship.

Moneke is a familiar foe for the Irish. He knocked off Parbhu with a 7-6(2), 6-2 victory in the ITA Midwest Singles Final.

According to NCAA regulations, the team will be limited to eight hours a week of conditioning and skill instruction until January. Head coach Bobby Bayliss said it is up to the players to improve during this off time.

"We are trying to get a little stronger right now."

Bobby Bayliss
Irish coach

"Everything will be on an individual basis," Bayliss said. "Its up to the guys to choose when to play."

The Irish will open their regular season on the road at Charlottesville where they are scheduled to take on Virginia Jan. 27. Bayliss said that the team hopes to enter the season with a top-13 ranking so that the Irish will have a place at the National Team Indoor Championship in February. To reach that goal, the team intends to improve their overall strength and power.

"We are trying to get a little stronger right now," Bayliss said.

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ND Cross Country

Irish men headed to NCAAs

Hagerman, Ptacek key in second place finish

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

After the NCAA Great Lakes Regional, the Irish men have accomplished their goal, but the women's team still has to wait.

Notre Dame's No. 18 men team came out strong Sunday at Bowling Green, taking second place in the tough Great Lakes Region, giving them an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship Meet.

"Our goal was to get second place and get the auto bid to nationals so we don't have to go through the at large process, so I guess we accomplished our goal," Irish freshman Brock Hagerman.

Notre Dame scored a meager 104 points in the meet, but this score was far off No. 1 Wisconsin's 52, but was just good enough to finish just ahead of No. 29 Butler at 107.

Senior Kurt Benninger (7th, 31:22.97) and sophomore Patrick Smyth (8th, 31:23.21) Led the Irish in their first 10K race of the season. For Benninger, it was the third time in his college career that he finished in the top seven in the regional race, as well as his third top-10 finish in four races this season.

"It's great going into a race and knowing that our top two runners are going to score at the most ten points combined," Hagerman said. "It would be nice for them to keep that up at nationals and both be up there with all-American finishes and give us two low sticks up there at the front."

Although Benninger and Smyth led the Irish across the line on Saturday, the more important finishes for Notre Dame were by Hagerman (24th, 31:53.24) and senior Todd Ptacek (25th, 31:53.94) to keep Notre Dame's score low.

"I think me and Todd both had pretty solid races. We worked together the whole time so it felt really good to run my first 10K," Hagerman said. "Hopefully we can run just as well or even better at Nationals and that's what we're going to need for a top ten finish."

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> **Brock Hagerman**
> **Irish freshman**

Rounding out the Irish scorers was junior Jake Watson (40th, 32:16.70), whose performance, while not as successful as

"It definitely wasn't our best race as a team," Hagerman said. "So I guess that goes to show how much potential we have at the national meet that we can have an average day overall as a team and we still pulled out second place at Regionals."

But the Irish women will have to wait to see if they get an invitation to the NCAA Championship Meet Nov. 20 in Terre Haute.

Notre Dame faced an uphill battle against a tough region, and could not crack the top four — their goal going into the race. The Irish did put up only 116 points, but were just edged to fifth place after a strong performance by Butler (111 pts.)

The top finisher for the Irish was again junior Sunni Olding (6th, 21:03.50), who has been the top scorer for Notre Dame in every race in which she has participated. Olding's time was good enough not only for her third straight top seven finish at Regionals, but also gives her a chance to earn an individual invitation to the NCAA Championship even if the team does not receive an at large bid.

Following Olding for the Irish was a pack of three Irish runners — senior Ann Mazur (21st, 21:52.93), junior Julie Opet (24th, 21:56.41) and sophomore Heidi Rocha (30th, 22:07.78) to put the Irish in a strong position to finish well.

The last scorer across the line for the Irish was freshman Lindsey Ferguson, who ran the 6K in 22:17.27 for 35th place in her first ever Regional race.

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NBA

Yao has double-double as Rockets rout Heat

Associated Press

MIAMI — Shaquille O'Neal was dominated, but he wasn't impressed.

Yao Ming won his matchup with O'Neal, finishing with 34 points and 14 rebounds Sunday night to lead the Houston Rockets to their fourth straight victory, 94-72 over the Miami Heat.

"He's pretty much the same, just big, 7-6," O'Neal said. "He's just doing what he's supposed to do."

Yao scored 20 points in the second half, when Houston outscored Miami by 25 points.

"My only chance against Shaq is to keep him on the run," Yao said. "Shaq is much stronger and bigger than me. My only chance on beating him is to keep running and running against him.

"Every time I score on him I was happy like a kid, like a kid getting candy on Halloween because it's really too hard to score on him, too hard. He's just great."

Dwyane Wade led Miami with 24 points, but had only eight in the second half, when Miami shot 33 percent.

"We were a little flat on offense, our offense wasn't as crisp," Wade said. "Yao hit some tough shots to give them the lead. They were good."

O'Neal's field goal early in the third quarter moved him past Patrick Ewing for 14th on the NBA's career scoring list with 24,817 points. But he finished with only 15 points and now has 24,820 in his career.

Yao frustrated the Heat with short jumpers and layups. He shot 11-of-19 from the field and 12-of-13 from the free throw line. His second-half dominance revived the Rockets after their first-half struggles.

Tracy McGrady was only 6-of-18 from the field but finished with eight assists.

"That is the a sign of a good team, when you struggle offensively in the first half and you come out in the fourth quarter and do everything right," McGrady said.

Shane Battier and Luther Head each finished with 11 points for Houston.

"We did a good job defensively, we did a good job keeping them out of the lane and keeping them off the free throw line," Battier said.

After trailing nearly the entire first half, the Rockets outscored the Heat 21-14 in the third quarter and never trailed after Rafer Alston's 3-pointer for a 58-56 lead with 1:27 remaining in the period.

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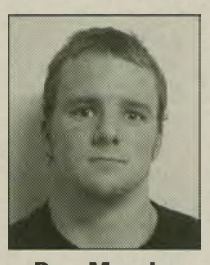

Dan Murphy
Sports Writer

With two impressive victories this weekend, Notre Dame will most likely jump to No. 8 when the USA Today poll is released this afternoon. On a campus already overflowing with sports tradition, Irish coach Jeff Jackson and his club seem poised to add hockey to a list of nationally contending teams.

Only 10 games into a 36 game season, it is much too early to tell if the Irish will still be in the top 10 in March. If the young team continues to develop at this pace, however, it has the potential to play in Joe Louis Arena for the CCHA championship.

And it's starting to win student support. Despite a busy weekend on campus, 4,230 fans donned their gold and filled the Joyce Center on Friday and Saturday night.

"The crowd was awesome — I was really happy to see that," said senior goaltender Dave Brown. "It really helps a lot. I just hope we can uphold it for the rest of the year."

But just as the team has plenty of work left to do, the hockey IQ around campus needs a boost before the Irish can compete with the big boys at Maine and Minnesota.

So for those of you who base your knowledge of the sport on a trilogy starring Emilio Estevez, break out the notepads and pencils and we'll start with a few of the basics.

No matter how effective the "Flying V" looked on the big screen, it doesn't fly on the ice. Instead a team will use a breakout play to move the puck out of its own zone and up the ice. The breakout consists of the defense corralling the "biscuit" — hockey's answer to the "pigskin" — behind the net and moving it along the boards to the forwards who clear the zone.

Friday night, sophomore Erik Condra received a breakout pass from defenseman Dan VeNard. Condra pushed it forward to freshman Ryan Thang, who scored Notre Dame's second goal of the game in a well-executed breakout.

Secondly, as fun as Zamboni is to say, there are many more important words in the rink vernacular.

Any opposing goalie is a sieve, which he should be reminded of on a regular basis throughout the game. Other reminders about the sieve's style and quality of play are also good to throw in throughout the game.

The penalty box can also be called the "sin bin," and much like the goalies, any opponent headed toward the sin bin can be heckled by the conveniently placed student section.

When a Notre Dame player heads to the box, attention should be drawn to one of the three referees — the Three Blind Mice — but this situation is a little more delicate than when heckling players.

Which brings us to penalty calls. Common penalties in hockey include hooking, tripping, crosschecking, roughing and holding. Each of these is rewarded with a two-minute trip to the sin bin, not 10 yards and a replay of the down — which a student was overheard yelling during Friday night's game.

The call, which came 4:57 into the first period, was against Irish defenseman Wes O'Neill. O'Neill was called for holding onto an opponent's stick in front of the net in an effort to clear him out of Brown's way.

There is no better way to get into the swing of things than showing up for a game and experiencing the excitement first-hand, and there is no better time than Friday night when No. 5 Michigan State comes to town.

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NBA

Melo drops 36 points in win over Bobcats

AP

Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony drives through the lane in Denver's 108-101 win over the Bobcats Sunday.

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Denver coach George Karl wasn't sure if his team played great defense or just took advantage of Charlotte's gifts.

Carmelo Anthony scored 36 points and the Nuggets forced the Bobcats into a franchise-worst 29 turnovers in a 108-101 victory over Charlotte on Sunday.

"I hope we forced some of them," Karl said. "We just wanted to crowd the ball better. That's something that has been our emphasis, slash at the ball when we have the opportunity. We anticipated the passing lanes pretty well."

J.R. Smith and Andre Miller each added 17 points for the Nuggets, who scored 26 points off Charlotte's miscues to pick up their second straight win after an 0-3 start.

Brevin Knight scored 21 points but had seven turnovers, and Emeka Okafor had 22 points, 15 rebounds and six turnovers for the sloppy Bobcats, who have lost three in a row.

Rookie Adam Morrison struggled again, scoring just two points on 1-of-8 shooting.

Charlotte, which shattered its previous record of 26 turnovers, found a variety of ways to throw it away, from poor passes to offensive fouls. Raymond Felton, wearing a flak jacket to protect his bruised ribs, was called for a carrying violation early in the fourth quarter.

"We're careless," Bobcats coach Bernie Bickerstaff said. "The bottom line is our energy level. It looks like there is no stamina. We're not doing the dirty things, running down loose balls, consistently as a team."

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4-0 at the Joyce Center to move into a tie for fourth place in the league standings — only three points behind first-place Miami, despite having played in four less conference games.

"I don't think that we're that much further ahead of teams than we're playing right now," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "I think we can be over time, but I think that we made a lot of progress [Saturday] over [Friday]."

The Falcons (3-6-1, 1-5-0 CCHA) split their netminding duties between freshman goaltender Eddie Neville (28 saves, five goals allowed) and sophomore goalie Jimmy Spratt (22 saves, four goals allowed), but neither could stop the diverse Irish attack that saw six different players score and another six add at least an assist.

Irish goalie Dave Brown stonewalled the Falcons for his eighth career shutout Saturday and made 52 saves on the two games to improve his nation-leading — and Hobey Baker-attracting — goals-against average and save percentage.

"The bounces were a little bit more fortunate [Saturday], as opposed to going in off guys' skates — some of the unfortunate stuff that was going in [Friday]," Brown said. "So it was a little bit better [Saturday] for sure."

The Irish penalty kill shut down 11 Bowling Green chances, while the power play proved to be the deciding factor in the series' first game.

The score was tied 2-2 at the beginning of the third period in Friday's game after Notre Dame had given up its lead with an early second-period goal.

Falcons right wing Brandon Svendsen was whistled for hooking at 3:39 and Irish freshman Ryan Thang used the man advantage to score his sixth goal of the year and second of the game at 5:39. Thang buried a rebound past Neville off a shot from the left-circle dot by right wing Erik Condra for the 3-2 lead.

The Irish added two more power play goals at 7:54 and 17:58 in the third from left wing Josh Sciba and center Kevin Deeth for the 5-2 final. Sciba received a pass in the slot through a Falcons defenseman's legs from center Mark Van Guilder and sent in a low, stick-side wrist shot just inside the post. Deeth found the right side of the net open after a quick Condra pass from the left side put Neville out of position on the other side of the crease.

"The power plays were a result of we moved our feet in the third period and drew the penalties that gave us the power plays," Jackson said.

Bowling Green got the 1-0 lead at 10:14 in the first period — the first time this season the Irish have not scored first. But the Irish answered 14 seconds later when Van Guilder batted a puck out of mid-air with the heel of his stick into the net to tie it 1-1.

The Irish then took the 2-1 lead at 16:20 on a solo rush by Thang, Thang broke down the left side of the ice after a Falcon turnover was relayed from Condra to Thang along the Irish blue line. He muscled his way around a Falcon defender and cut in toward Neville in the low circle before he deked left, then shifted right. As he began the shift he was tripped up from behind, but managed to slide the puck around Neville's left pad while sprawled on his right side.

Falcons right wing Tomas Petruska tied the game at 2-2 with a garbage goal at 6:24 in the second period. Brown made the initial save on a Jonathan Matsumoto breakaway, but the puck was not cleared out in time during the ensuing scramble.

"There was a lot of scrums going on in front [of the net]," Jackson said. "That's a weakness of ours that we need to improve. I thought we were playing gritty in front of their net tonight — we still need to play gritty in front or our own."

The second game saw yet another Irish freshman make a significant impact, as Christiaan Minella scored a goal in his first career game and added a bone-crunching open-ice body check on a Falcon player.

Minella's goal came on a three-on-one at 9:04 in the first period to put the Irish up 2-0. Sciba carried the puck into the Falcon zone on the left side of the defender, while Minella hung back and center Jason Paige attacked the right flank. Sciba drop-passed the puck back to Minella, who put a low wrist shot past Spratt on his stick side.

Condra scored first for the Irish at 6:19 with a one-timer off a pass from the right circle boards by defenseman Dan VeNard. Condra added his second of the night on a power play in the third period for the 4-0 final with a one-timer fed from Deeth.

"[Condra's] a great playmaker," Thang said. "He did it last year and he's doing it again this year. Our line is clicking really well — Kevin Deeth, Erik Condra. We just know where each other are at — it's just working really well this year."

Van Guilder got the third Irish goal with a glove-side snap shot in the second period.

Notre Dame will host Michigan State at home Friday at 8:05 p.m. before heading to Munn Ice Arena in East Lansing for the finale of the home-and-home series.

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Two freshmen — Haley Ford and Amanda Clark — replaced Dew and Shaner.

"As with any change, it's a bit of an adjustment," senior defender Kim Lorenzen said. "But they've played enough games that they're no longer freshmen."

Ford and Clark played well enough to keep the ball out of the net, but couldn't keep the Panthers from getting off seven shots on goal — the second highest total the Irish have given up this year.

Notre Dame keeper Lauren Karas said she wasn't fazed by the extra action.

"It was definitely packed in our half the first half of the game, but I didn't have to make too many saves," she said. "It was mostly communication and pickups."

"We didn't get to go to Chili's like we usually do. They were closed."

Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

The Irish also struggled in the midfield, where Panthers coach Michael Moynihan put four players — one more than Notre Dame plays. While the Irish had faced the formation several times this season, Waldrum said the players did not adjust as well as they should have.

"They had a four-man midfield and we play with three," he said. "Our wings players weren't dropping back to help and our outside backs weren't moving up, so [midfielders] [Amanda] Cinalli, Jill [Krivacek] and [Jen Buczkowski] were just chasing the game the entire time."

"The intensity level of the kids was very poor. We made one good play — the goal."

Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

Notre Dame had advanced to the second round with a 7-1 win over Oakland Friday — an easy win on paper, but in reality, a major toll on the players' legs. A thunderstorm during the game reduced the field to a muddy slop and an almost-two hour lightning delay meant the contest didn't end until about midnight.

Even by the time Sunday rolled around the Irish were still feeling the effects of the game against the Grizzlies, Lorenzen said.

"When the field got wet [on Friday], it was like running around in sand," she said. "We're looking forward to a fresh start next weekend."

But the real problem with Friday's late ending, Waldrum said, wasn't added fatigue.

"We didn't get to go to Chili's like we usually do," he said. "They were closed."

Notre Dame will face Colorado Friday at Alumni Field at 7:30 p.m. in the Round of 16. The Buffaloes beat Denver 2-1 Sunday in Boulder, Colo.

"[Wisconsin-Milwaukee] is past us," Waldrum said. "We got the win, ugly or not."

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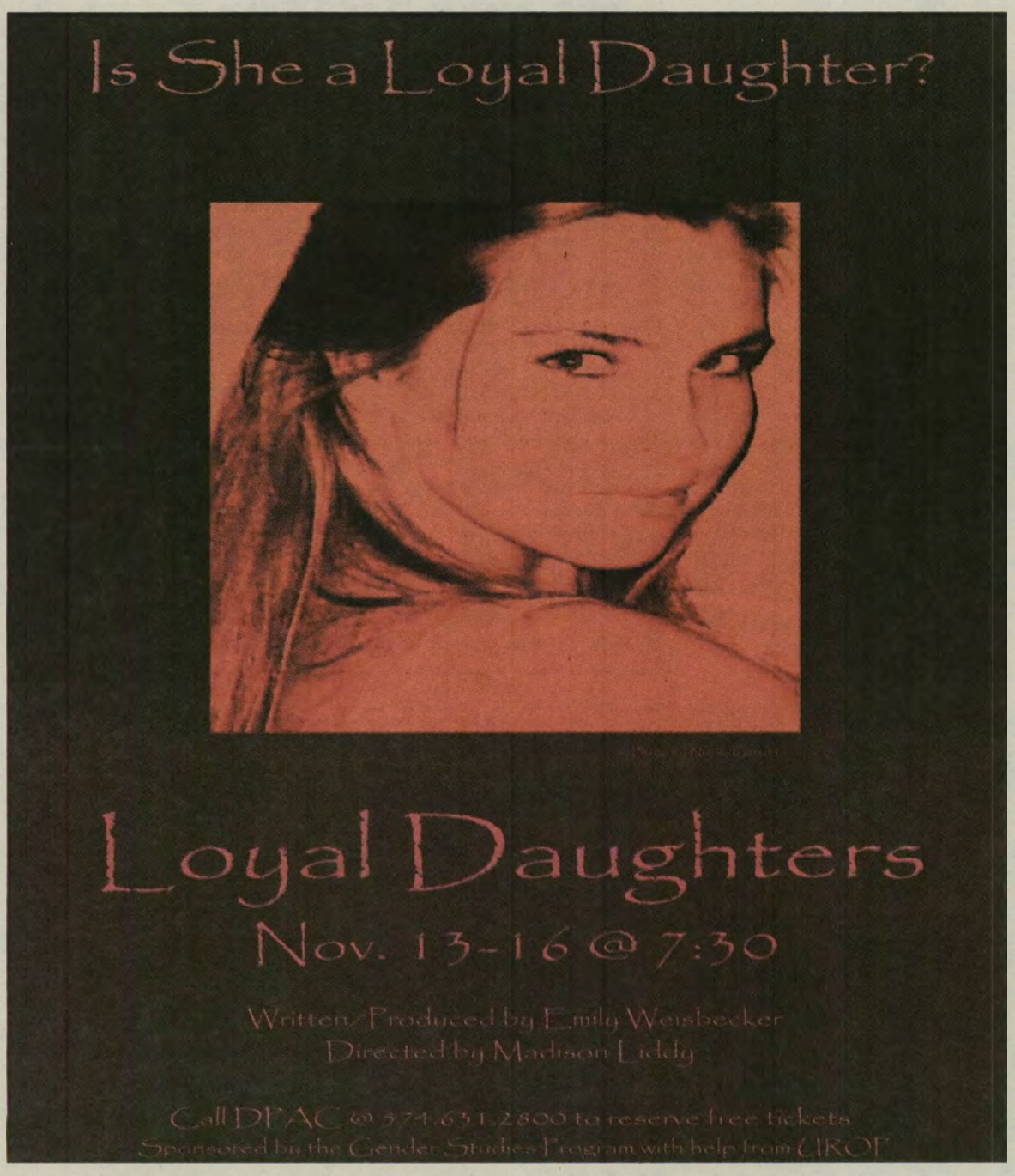

D'Amico

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and five rebounds in just 15 minutes.

"I was so pleased with her performance today. She rebounded better in the second half, she took good care of the ball, [and] she shot well," McGraw said. "She played as a dominating presence inside. She took her shots down low. I thought both ends of the floor she played well."

While D'Amico's performance was key in the opening minutes of the game, Notre Dame pulled even farther away from the Chippewas following a 12-0 run led by Williamson. Williamson notched four early rebounds and two of her six points shortly after entering the game for D'Amico, who left due to foul trouble.

Williamson was important immediately after entering the game the second time, registering two blocks, one rebound and a steal after only a minute and a half.

Those two stretches with Williamson in were crucial to setting the defensive tone for the match according to McGraw.

Along with Williamson, freshman guards Ashley Barlow and Melissa Lechlitner also performed well in their college debuts, each notching seven points and 2 rebounds. More importantly, both participated in the offense effectively and joined in the defensive effort.

"I think all three [freshmen] are going to get a lot of minutes and are just going to keep getting better," McGraw said. "When they figure out what we're trying to do defensively when they start to understand the offense a little better."

Another key to the Irish win was forward Chandrica Smith, who came off the bench to tally four rebounds and a career-high 11 points within nine minutes. Smith was able to crash the boards and dominate in the paint against Central Michigan, driving to the lane to net easy baskets for Notre Dame.

Smith was also a key part in Irish offense, as her ability to shoot well from the field (4-of-10) and from the line (3-4) helped the Irish extend their lead in the second half.

"Coach told me when I get the ball to look for my drive and try to fit myself into the offense," Smith said.

But despite scoring more than 80 points for the third straight game, McGraw is still not pleased with her offense.

"We're not close to where want to be offensively," she said. "We're going to get there though. I can see the potential, I can see the progress. We just need to tighten things up a little bit."

Another problem for the Irish late in the game Friday was their three-point defense. Central Michigan was able to make 5-of-7 shots from behind the arc, four of which came from guard Candace Wilson, who led all scorers with 17 points.

The Chippewas' three-point shooting helped bring them within 14 points with 6:22 to play, but D'Amico reentered the game and shut down Central Michigan with two early rebounds and four points.

The Irish face off against Bowling Green, another tough Mid-American Conference opponent, tonight at 7 p.m. in the JACC.

"I know [Bowling Green is] an excellent team — they were at Purdue with us at the subregional last year," McGraw said. "They've got everybody back from a team that was something like 25 and four. They're going to be a really big test for us."

Notes

◆ The attendance for Friday's game was 6,702 — the second highest opening day attendance in the program's history. The only year with a larger season-opening attendance was Nov. 18, 2001 against Valparaiso, which was the day the 2001 National Championship banner was raised.

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IPFW

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rebounds). The Irish also had eight players with five or more field goal attempts.

After IPFW guard Chris Perkins hit a jumper over McAlarney, the Irish went on an 18-4 run, forcing Mastodons coach Dane Fife to use a 30-second time out. In that stretch, Kurz scored six points and grabbed five rebounds.

"You're seeing the development of one heck of a Big East forward, you really are," Brey said of Kurz. "Again, it's the progression of our basketball program, a guy getting better in our program. I'm proud of him, nobody works harder than him."

IPFW saw little improvement out of the timeout, since Notre Dame continued to apply pressure and work through offensive sets with ease. The Irish went on a final 9-2 run to close out the half as Carter scored five points in the stretch.

"Easy baskets. In the past, we've had a hard time getting easy baskets," Brey said. "We're getting some easy baskets running, on the offensive boards, and again I think its fresh guys for the most part."

Notre Dame continued its dominance in the second half and forced IPFW into early foul trouble. The Mastodons picked up their seventh team foul just five minutes into the second half and were in the double bonus with roughly eight minutes remaining.

With 7:38 left, the Irish went on another 10-0 run to put the exclamation point on the blow out.

"We came in with the thought that we had a chance to win this basketball game, and wow were we wrong," Fife said. "If they compete like that, they've got a chance in the Big East."

Guard Colin Falls was quiet in his second straight game, scoring six points on 1-of-5 shooting. He didn't score a basket until a 3-pointer with 3:05 left in the first half, but was active with three rebounds, two steals and two assists.

"I'm looking and I'm saying, God how do we get him involved," Brey said. "We tried to do some things in the second half, but yet there he is in the second half, which I thought was great, he missed a couple shots and he takes a charge. That's how great his head is.

"There's no baggage on his part, he's having fun playing the game, and it will come back around where there'll be nights where he's just going to get a lot of looks."

Notes:

◆ Brey named Falls and Kurz captains before the game Friday, days after he said he was undecided about how long he would wait to make that decision. Kurz spoke after Friday's game about the importance the distinction carries.

"It's a great honor, and I'm really humble about it," Kurz said. "Hopefully I can just be as good of a captain as I can. I've had great captains for the other two years I've been here and hopefully I can follow in those guys' footsteps."

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ND Women's Tennis

Irish finish successful fall season

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Irish sophomore Kelcy Tefft advanced to the finals of the Eck Classic Saturday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion, but lost in the final of the singles tournament to DePaul's Dunja Antunovic 6-4, 7-5.

"I did OK. I didn't play great, but I didn't play bad," said Tefft, who was one of three Notre Dame players in the event. "The better I played, the better she played it seemed."

On Friday, the first day of the tournament, Tefft overcame a second set deficit and a gutsy performance from DePaul's Petra Rehsova in a 7-5, 7-5 victory. On Saturday, Tefft earned a spot in the finals by winning 11 straight games in her 7-5, 6-0 win over Megan Fudge of Illinois.

"Kelcy played very well in the tournament. [Antunovic] is a streaky player, but she played well all the way through to beat Kelcy," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "Kelcy's played a lot of doubles recently so we wanted her to get some good play in singles, and she did. That was important."

The other two Irish participants, freshman Kali Krisik and sophomore Katie Potts, each lost in the first round of their respective singles matches but wound up taking the doubles title together with an 8-6 victory over Western Michigan's Kerstin Paul and Ashley Moccia.

"Kali and Katie played really well all around for the tournament," Tefft said.

In her singles match, Krisik fell to DePaul's Kirsten Gambrell 6-4, 6-4, but won the Gold Flight Consolation title against Kristina Minor of Illinois with a 6-2, 7-5 win.

"Kali played well. In her singles matches, she got to play kids that were in the top four of their teams, so it was a good experience for her to be in this," Louderback said.

Potts dropped her first round singles match against Western Michigan's Carrie Jeanmarie 1-6, 6-3, 6-3, but rebounded to win the Blue Flight Consolation title with a 7-5, 7-5 win over Paul.

"She needed to get some tough matches in and she did," Louderback said. "She played better in each round she played in this tournament."

Only three Notre Dame players participated in the event because of the restriction that teams can only enter 25 dates on the year.

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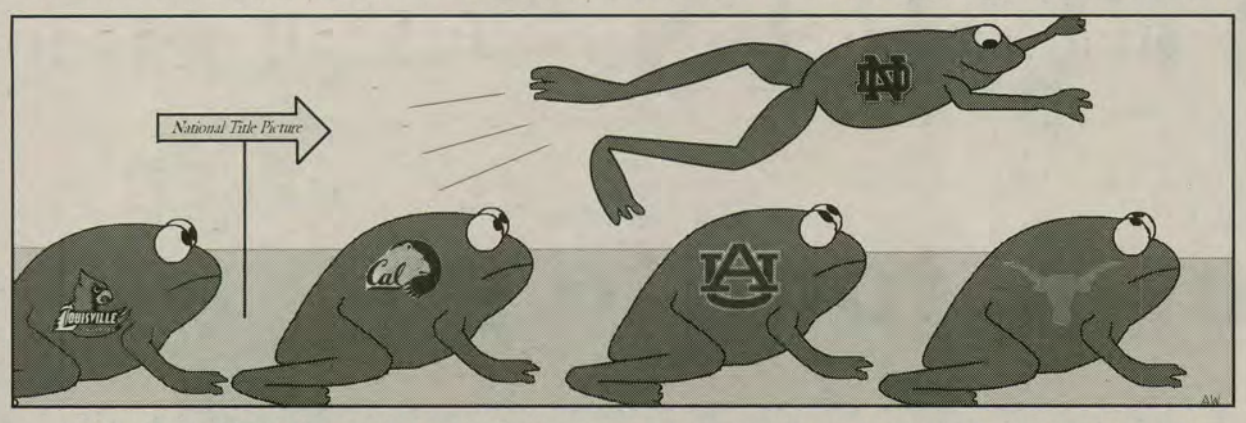

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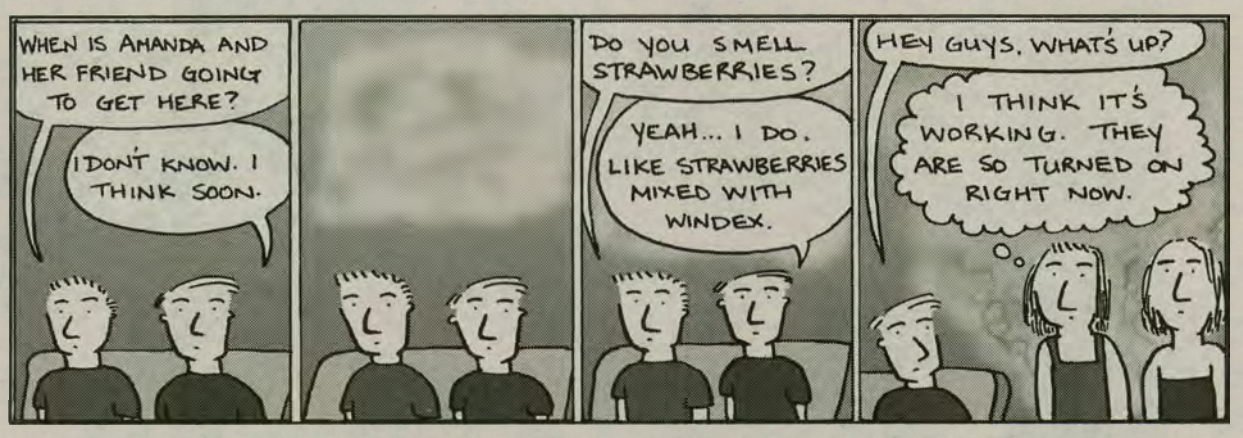

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ACROSS

1 "Mutiny on the Bounty" captain
6 Half a McDonald's logo
10 Blend
14 Anouk of "La Dolce Vita"
15 Mineral in transparent sheets
16 "Told you I could do it!"
17 1944 Judy Garland movie
20 Feathery scarves
21 Magazine revenue source
22 Soda can opener
23 Gets on the nerves of
25 Mideast leaders
27 Marsh plant
29 Facing trouble
33 With 45-Across, 1993 Tom Hanks/Meg Ryan movie
37 Aerosol
38 Krazy ___ of the comics
39 Jamboree participant
41 Going way back, as friends
42 Dog collar attachment
45 See 33-Across
48 Hits the roof
50 Morales of "N.Y.P.D. Blue"
51 Pointed, as a gun
53 Mild aftershock
57 "Oh my heavens!"
60 Luau instrument, informally
62 Nickelodeon's ___ the Explorer
63 2000 Richard Gere/Winona Ryder movie
66 Russia's ___ Mountains
67 Early Bond foe
68 Spine-chilling
69 Portend
70 Twist, as findings
71 Utopias

DOWN

1 "La ___," 1959 hit
2 Rest atop
3 "To put it another way ..."
4 Become peeved
5 Skirt edge
6 Surrounded by
7 Step after shampooing
8 Syringe amts.
9 Millinery accessory
10 Clogs, as a drain
11 Drawn tight
12 Prefix with -syncratic
13 Hoarse voice
18 Flip chart holders
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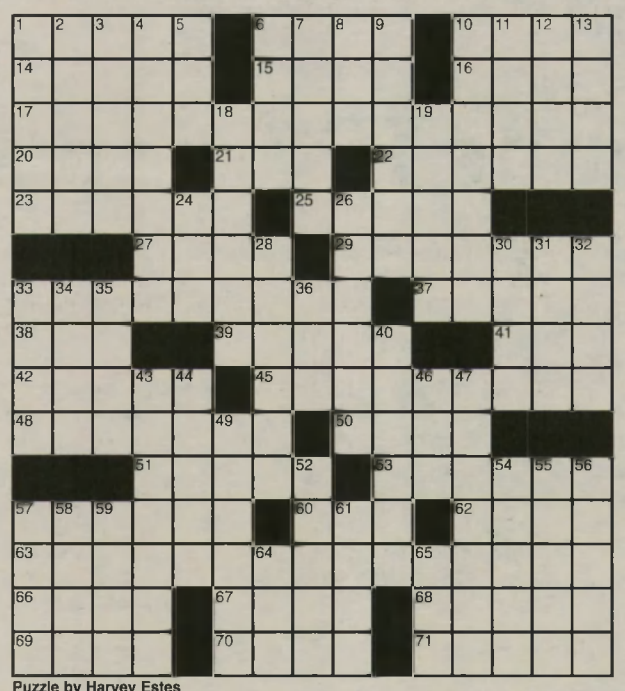

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34 Stow, as cargo
35 Suffix with cigar
36 Prince, to a king
40 Exam taker
43 Generally speaking
44 Brother with a fairy tale
46 Swiss river to the Rhine
47 Like some Grateful Dead fans' attire
49 Corrects
52 Irene of "I Remember Mama"
54 Poet Clement C. ___
55 Sen. Hatch
56 Does fall yard work
57 Apply carelessly, as paint
58 Continental coin
59 Not much
61 Have down pat
64 Vex
65 Minuscule

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Two down, four to go

Irish advance with wins over Oakland, UWM

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Wisconsin-Milwaukee just wouldn't go away.

No. 1 Notre Dame scored in the first five minutes but had to hang on to beat the Panthers 1-0 Sunday at Alumni Field in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

"I thought we got outplayed today," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "The intensity level of the kids was very poor. We made one good play — the goal."

Forwards Michele Weissenhofer and Kerri Hanks made that one play for the Irish, a give-and-go with Hanks finding Weissenhofer streaking past a defender for an open shot past Milwaukee keeper Erin Kane.

After that, the Panthers turned up the heat. Milwaukee produced several chances in the first half and tested a depleted Irish back wall that was without injured sophomore Carrie Dew and senior Christie Shaner, who Waldrum said was out with an illness but would be back next week.

"They created a lot of dangerous opportunities by dumping the ball in the box," Waldrum said.

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LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Irish midfielder Ashley Jones defends the ball against Broncos midfielder Tiffany Roberts in Notre Dame's 3-1 win over Santa Clara Sept. 3. The Irish won two NCAA Tournament games this weekend.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame upends IPFW in season opener

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Guard Russell Carter led Notre Dame with 20 points and six rebounds, and forward Rob Kurz added 16 points and 12 rebounds as the Irish took a 32-point lead into halftime and never looked back in a 92-49 victory over IPFW Friday at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame's 55 first-half points were the second most an Irish team has scored under Mike Brey in the coach's previous six seasons. In the teams' previous meeting last season at IPFW, Notre Dame held an eight-point lead at the half and won 66-64.

"I watched that tape over and over so many times," Irish guard Kyle McAlarney said after scoring nine points on 4-of-7 shooting and adding seven assists. "And I came out, just tried to really give it to them tonight. We did a good job of that."

Eleven months after its narrow win in Fort Wayne, Ind., Notre Dame's youth and energy overwhelmed the veteran IPFW squad — which has nine upperclassmen on its roster — and surprised Brey, who thought the game might come down to one possession.

"I did not expect [the score] tonight. I was very worried about this game after last year," Brey said. "They're seniors, they're older guys, they know how to play."

For the third straight game — including Notre Dame's two exhibition contests — the Irish dominated their opponent from the beginning, using suffocating ball pressure to force IPFW out of an offensive rhythm.

Notre Dame forced two of its 14 turnovers in the first six minutes using its full court press, which not only led to quick transition baskets but allowed it to settle into its offense with a comfortable lead.

"We came out on defense, we came out flying," McAlarney said. "We didn't want them to run their stuff and obviously they weren't comfortable on offense, so we did a real good job of just disrupting everything they wanted to do."

Notre Dame had four players in double figures — Carter, Kurz, forward Zach Hillesland (11 points, 12 rebounds) and forward Luke Harangody (12 points, eight

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HOCKEY

Irish take two from BGSU

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

No. 9 Notre Dame picked up two league wins against Bowling Green this weekend and extended its unbeaten streak to eight games on the eve of a crucial two-game series with No. 5 Michigan State that will have conference — and national — implications next weekend.

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The Irish (8-1-1, 3-0-1 CCHA) defeated Bowling Green 5-2 and

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QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

Irish goalie Dave Brown smothers the puck during Notre Dame's 6-1 win over Minnesota State-Makato Oct. 12.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Four score in double figures to beat CMU

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Guard Charel Allen led the Irish to success from beginning to end Friday night, leading Notre Dame to an early 17-3 lead in the first half en route to an 88-66 win against Central Michigan.

Allen would finish the game with 15 points in the win — six of which came in the early stretch — but also helped the Irish effort with strong defense with a tough press.

"Charel got us off to a great start in the game," said Irish coach Muffet McGraw. "She made some shots and then got us started at the line."

Notre Dame's performance in the first half was characterized by tough defense as Central Michigan was held to only 22 first half points.

Allen was not alone in the Irish effort. Both Notre Dame centers — senior Melissa D'Amico and freshman Erica Williamson — contributed on both ends of the floor. Williamson was the defensive standout for the Irish, posting five blocks and eight boards, while D'Amico tallied 16 points

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Irish fresman Kali Krisik and sophomore Katie Potts took the doubles title at the Eck Classic Saturday.
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An Observer writer says Irish fans need to bone up on their hockey knowledge.
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Notre Dame's men team received an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship with a second place finish Saturday at the Great Lakes Regional.
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The fall season ended for the Irish this weekend with Sheeva Parbhu and Ryan Keckley taking the ITA Midwest doubles Championship.
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ND VOLLEYBALL
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The Irish rebounded from a tough loss to Pittsburgh Saturday by shutting out the Mountaineers Sunday.
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Junior Megan Gray became the first Belle ever to qualify for the NCAA Championship by finishing 10th at the Regional meet.
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