Campus empties as students depart on break

Vacation plans vary from home to abroad
By JEN ROWLING

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

Some, like Pasquerilla West sophomore Aly McKillen, aren’t terribly concerned about following set plans. “I’m going to Long Island to stay with a friend from NY and we’re going to the city and wherever else. It really is not that planned of a trip. We might go to the boy’s soccer game at St. John’s,” McKillen said.

Among the swirl of plans to catch some surf and sun, a group of Notre Dame students planned a trip down South for the week. “We are actually planning a road trip down to Mobile [Ala.] where I am from. Then spend some time in New Orleans and Nashville before coming back to ND,” Dillon junior Zach Fitter said.

Rising number of applicants fill break seminars with students willing to serve
By TRICIA de GROOT

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

There are seven different one-credit seminars offered this year, with locations extending from the Seattle area to Appalachia where, according to the Center for Social Concerns Web site, students will “examine social issues from multiple perspectives, read relevant texts, study the Catholic social tradition and take an active role in building a learning community.”

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

Angela Miller McGraw, Appalachia seminar director, said that the CSC has seen a steady increase in applications for the seminars in recent years. “The number of applicants was particularly high this fall, which we attribute to changing from a paper to an online application,” Miller McGraw said.

She said there were over 350 applicants for slots this fall, and that the CSC plans to move up the application period for the spring seminars to coincide with the regular University registration period. “This means that students will have to plan ahead, but it will significantly lighten administrative work for the Registrar’s Office,” Miller McGraw said.

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

O’Hare travellers hope new regulations decrease delays
By PETER LEAHY

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

In an effort to reduce the system-wide congestion caused by the problems at O’Hare, the Federal Aviation Administration made an agreement with airlines in August to cut 37 peak-hour arrivals at the hub airport.

The reduction of flight traffic is expected to reduce delays at O’Hare by about 20 percent and across the rest of the national air network by 5 percent, airport officials said. Before the FAA stepped in, records indicate that only 57 percent of flights were arriving on time.

“After meetings [last August] with the FAA the airlines voluntarily came to an agreement to cut flights,” Annette Martinez, spokeswoman for the City of Chicago Department of Aviation, said. “We were at the bottom of the top ranking U.S. airports in the U.S. in May. Now we are 26th.”

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

Martinez said that the rise is probably due to improved

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

Ready for a break

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

And as thrilled as I am to have the next 10 days away from campus, I can't ignore the little nagging thing inside, reminding me that the school year is a quarter over, and I'm that much closer to graduation. I'm not sure I can even count how many people have asked me the infamous question, "So, what are you doing after graduation?" The truthful answer is, I just don't know.

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

From the time I was little, I always thought I would be a teacher. During my junior year, I thought I had found journalism, and freelance write on what my future held. But coming back to Saint Mary's, the topic is ever present, and I need to make some decisions — fast. I don't know what the future holds. While that's exciting, more than that, it's scary. I remember thinking college was daunting, but the real world is downright terrifying.

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

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

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

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

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Angela Saoud at amsaou03039@stmarys.edu.

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

OFFBEAT
British peerler death to spiders
LONDON — Spiders are more scary than terrorists — at least according to a survey of a thousand Britons. Household creepy crawlies frighten Britons more than terrorist attacks, or even death, the survey found.

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

Another crawling phobia — snakes — was ranked third, followed by a fear of heights. Death came in a surprising fifth place as the nation's greatest fear.

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

Duncan, 38, and Habek, 42, set out Monday in a 32-foot cutter for what they hope is a two-year voyage that takes them down the Pacific and Indian oceans, around the tip of South Africa, through the Panama Canal and back home.

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

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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

Aaron Roberts, senior 
"I am going on a trip to Europe with my family." 

Simone Joseph, senior 
"I am going on a trip to visit my family in Toronto." 

Peter DeMoss, sophomore 
"I am reading books and doing homework." 

Katie Hemmond, sophomore 
"I am going on a trip to the mountains." 

Natalie Grasso, junior 
"I am going on a trip to the beach." 

Tom O'Grady, senior 
"I am going to work part time and study for my exams." 

INSIDE COLUMN

In Brief

Fall break will run from Saturday through Oct. 24.

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

On Saturday, the Notre Dame women's tennis team will play in the Eek Classic at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Matches will be held throughout the day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Students campaign during break

By NICOLE ZOOK  
News Writer

Unlike many of their peers, many politically-minded Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students are using next week’s hiatus as an opportunity to actively campaign for the upcoming presidential election. "Our campaign is not only about Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s College Republicans and College Democrats creating and spreading their break canvassing door to door, and calling our professor’s and advisor’s children, but, rallying support for their preferred candidate," Mary’s College Republicans co-president Mary Allen said that while the club itself does not have any activities planned over break, many of its members will participate in their door-to-door campaign efforts of their own volition.

"There are individual girls who have been planning on going around their neighborhoods, their neighborhood home towns involving in local churches," Allen said. "Some of the girls have gone and gotten paraphernalia like stickers and buttons to take home and gotten paraphernalia like door in their own hometowns, "Democrats will be spending their time as democrats are using next week’s break to canvas neighborhoods, and canvas neighborhoods, and get involved and volunteer as much of their time as they can while they are at home," Taylor said. "Taylor will be participating in the campaign efforts during the break. "I live in Ohio, and I'm going home to work all week for the Kerry campaign in Ohio," he said. "It's so close in Ohio right now... it's virtually a dead heat, and I just want to help out as much as I can. And I do enjoy it." Also from Ohio is Sarah Staley, president of the Saint Mary’s College Democrats, who said she is excited to see John Kerry speak in her home state on the first Saturday of the break. "It’s a great opportunity. Once you’re involved in the Democratic Party, it really opens your eyes to how a presidential campaign really functions nationally - everything politics - people all over America are doing the same thing. We’re going door-to-door and phone banking," Staley said.

"The campaign efforts in their own hometowns, club members are "taking a step in the direction," Allen said. "Allen agreed, emphasizing the importance of making contact with their constituents. "It's important to get the vote out," she said. "Some people really don't know who is running for office. They don't really believe. It's important that everybody gets out there and expresses their opinion." Notre Dame College Democrats co-presidents Tim Rippinger and Ian Ronderos have already planned club activities for when school resumes. "We have contacted the Michigan Republicans," Rippinger said. "As soon as we get back, we want to do some swing state work in Michigan. Especially in the 72 hours before the vote, it's important to kick it up." Ronderos agreed that the few days before the election will be crucial for all candidates. "We're going to skip classes on Election Day to work for the Mitch Daniels campaign," he said.

Democrats from both colleges will also be participating in additional events as the election draws nearer. Together, the clubs will attend a Kerry rally in Battle Creek the last Sunday of fall break and will run phone banks including a trip to the Toledo area the weekend before the election. "We're going to be going door-to-door this week and phone banking," Staley said. "It's the day of the election. The point of all of us are going up to Michigan to be runners, doing things like checking off lists of people who need to vote and helping the elderly to get rides. It will get students and residents pumped up for the election."

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Graduate school dean named AAAS fellow

Special to The Observer

Jeffrey Kantor, vice president for research and dean of the Graduate School, has been named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. (AAAS) is the world’s largest general science organization, with nearly 100,000 members and 262 affiliated societies and academies of science and 10 million individuals. It is an international, non-profit organization dedicated to advancing science around the world by serving as an educator, leader, advocate and professional association. Fellows are recognized for commendable efforts to advance science or its applications. Kantor also has been appointed to the board of the Indiana 21st Century Research Foundation. The Fund was created in 1999 by the Governor’s Commission to improve the process of diversifying the state’s economy by developing and commercializing advanced technologies in Indiana. The enabling act created a board, representing most of the academic and commercial sectors of the state, which establishes fund priorities and approves awards. Kantor, who has been appointed to the 21st Century Foundation in July 2001, will serve through December 2004. Kantor was elected vice president for graduate studies and research in 2001. He is responsible for both the development and state of all postdoctoral work in the University for the development and administration of postdoctoral programs. A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1991, Kantor is a sociologist with special interest and specializing in chemical and biochemical engineering theory. His research has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy and several industrial sponsors.

Former ND tailback returns to work at OIT

Special to The Observer

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"Reggie currently is a management specialist. "It was a funny thing how it worked out," Brooks said. "I had applied for full-time positions months before, and then didn’t really think much of it. Then we realized, it was something special. And my wife would have been proud."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

New crew surges into orbit

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

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

Russian Salizhan Sharipov and Yuri Shargin and American Leroy Chiao were flying their first mission in a Soyuz spacecraft - a rare rupture in the space accord preserving a decades-old crew exchange even before the proceedings.

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

NATIONAL NEWS

Judge rejects Jackson request

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

Prosecutors had charged 26-year-old Pring-Wilson attacked the 18-year-old victim home drunk.

Allawi warned Wednesday that Fallujah must surrender the city, which was a major battlefield during last April's Marine siege of Fallujah.

Iraq

U.S. forces shell insurgents

Marines launch attacks on Fallujah after city delegation suspends peace talks

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Ultimately, the intent is to help the Iraqi government bring in democracy," he added. "As you bring in sustained security and stability, the Iraqi government can build on that to go into elections." In January, U.S. officials believe al-Zarqawi's terrorist group, Tawhid and Jihad, is head­quartered in Fallujah. The group purportedly claimed responsibility for two suicide bombings inside the heavily guarded Green Zone in Baghdad on Thursday, according to a statement posted on a Web site known for its Islamic content. The unprecedented attack killed 10 people, including four Americans, and wounded 20.

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

At least five people were killed and 16 wounded.

Advisers say safeguards sufficient

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

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

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

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

In both confirmed British infections, recipients got blood from donors who were young and apparently healthy at the time of donation. The chances that two confirmed infections among people who received blood was caused instead by eating mad-cow tainted beef were remote — 1 in 80,000 to 1 in 1 billion, the panel was told.

Getting the human form of mad cow disease, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, through tainted blood "is a small possibility," the American Association of Blood Banks' Dr. John Burkle told the investigators.

"But we've got to take it seriously," he said.

He said that countries with variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease were screening donors and patients for the condition.

The new case involves a woman in her 80s who died in a New York hospital in January, months after receiving transfusions in New Jersey. She had received blood from a British source.

The new case brings the total of confirmed human mad cow disease to two, the first in North America.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., called the case "a sad event in the sad story of this disease." But he said it "should not be a reason for panic or for restricting blood transfusions, especially for patients who are in imminent danger of death."
Wal-Mart’s expansion plans hit road block

Associated Press

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

Discussion of the planned store on Terre Haute’s north side drew a crowd Tuesday night at a City Hall meeting room, with many applying to speak who spoke against the project.

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

Councilman Jim Chalsos said he wanted to keep the project from being approved because he wanted the other two council members to have a chance to vote on the store.

Several residents complained that Wal-Mart was the wrong company to boost growth in the area.

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

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

Steve Reedy, the owner of Amore Italian Caffe, told the council that Wal-Mart might not be able to support the additional traffic a new large retail store might bring.

"We want things to be better in the north end," he said.

Wal-Mart has run into similar opposition for other new stores it has proposed building elsewhere across the state.
WASHINGTON — The trade deficit jumped to the second-highest level in history as surging demand for foreign oil swamped a small gain in U.S. exports, the government reported Thursday.

America's trade gap with China hit an all-time high as retailers stocked up on cell phones, toys and televisions in preparation for Christmas sales.

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

Exports, helped by a rise in shipments of commercial aircraft and record foreign sales of American cars and auto parts, rose by a 5.1 percent to $196 billion in August.

However, this improvement was overwhelmed by a 2.5 percent surge in imports to a record $251 billion as America's foreign oil bill climbed to the highest level in history. The average price for crude oil jumped 4.9 percent to $63.37 per barrel.

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

"The skyrocketing oil prices have bucked the wind out of the economy," said Jose Narro, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors. "And the worst is yet to come."

In a second economic report Thursday, the Labor Department said the number of new claims for unemployment insurance benefits fell 7,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted level of 352,000. The four-week moving average of claims which smooths out weekly changes, rose by 4,000 to a seven-month high of 352,000.

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

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

For the year, America's trade deficit is running at an annual rate of $590 billion, 19 percent higher than the previous record, last year's $496.5 billion imbalance.

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

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

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

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

Sihanouk incurred next Cambodian monarch

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

Associated Press

PHNOM PENH — Retiring King Norodom Sihanouk's son Prince Ranariddh, 69, and U.N. cultural ambassador, was named by王 Ông to succeed his father on the throne, assuring the continuation of the ancient monarchy.

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who has spent much of his life abroad, was unanimously approved by an 11-member Throne Council, said a statement read by the panel's chairman, Chea Sim, who is also the country's acting head of state.

The meeting was triggered by the 81-year-old Sihanouk's suffering from diabetes, which backed the latest study.

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“I wish Sihanouk in place... the monarchy is preserved, but only as a shadow of what it once was in the 1950s and 60s.”

Milton Osborne

Sihanouk Biographer

England

Malaria vaccine test well early

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

"We think a vaccine is important because you can make new drugs, there's resistance and (delivery of) bed nets has not been as simple as one would have hoped," said Melinda Moree, director of the organization.

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

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

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

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

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

"We may have to think about living with the parasite in a way that reduces death and disease with a mixed vaccine. That's probably the way we'll end up," he said.
Candidates enter final weeks

Bush assails Kerry’s liberal record; Kerry says Bush fights only for elite address on terrorism.

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

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

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

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

"You saw a man who will do and say anything to get elected," the vice president said in Fort Myers, Fla. "And I am not just speaking as a father here, although I am a pretty angry father."
There are very few issues that can polarize any conversation anywhere in the country as quickly as abortion. The topic falls in with politics, religion and comparing salaries as one of the few that is not considered polite or productive to talk about. Considering how controversial the issue is, the vandalization of a display of 1,200 crosses staked out on South Quad in protest of abortion is not surprising. The Cemetery of the Innocents illustrates something that cannot be as powerfully conveyed in words as in imagery — the widen spread abortion may be a form of mass murder.

If abortion is in fact murder that is promoted but certainly not prohibited by United States law, it is difficult to say that a three-day display on a field at a university is too strong a response. The display may be unsettling, but it is also hard to argue that a few days of discomfort are too great a cost in combating the kind of problem that is being addressed. If the purpose of a protest is to force people to think, the Cemetery of the Innocents has certainly achieved its goal. In a society where abortion is contested but still legal, and often reduced to the realm of issues which are left untouched, the display at least succeeds in disturbing the complacency of those who have given up on considering the issue.

May people object to the display for many reasons. Students may not believe abortion is wrong, not think the government can legislate on the issue, think the display is disrespectful, doubt the intentions of the people behind it or simply do not think it is the most effective way to protest abortion. Whatever reasons people may have for objecting to the display, vandalizing it is not the answer. Not only is this illegal, it is an ineffective way of countering any argument espoused by Right to Life. The people who destroyed the display may have had valid reasons to dislike it, but those reasons are no clearer now than if the crosses had maintained their original form.

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

**Watching Kerry’s rise of support**

The image of this year’s presidential election played out directly before me while I crawled through rush hour traffic on the Four Level Street Bridge near the Jefferson Memorial. In the left lane, a Caucasian drove an old, battered Dodge, with a van with a “Veterans for Kerry” bumper sticker. The van included an African-American driver riding in the Jaguar on the right with a “Veterans for Bush” sticker. The Sen. John Kerry supporter looked over at the Bush supporter and saluted. The President George W. Bush supporter waved his fingers as though to say, “Hello.” This act epitomized the reversed universe of this year’s election.

This was the last published public election before the election between Bush and Kerry. As Americans decide the outcome of the final debate, my crystal ball has sharpened its electoral images. Voters are processing how to reconcile a slump on the home front with a strong defense while equating how Iraq figures into their personal data showing the president’s re-election chances. Voter registrations have soared throughout the nation which highlights the importance Americans are placing on the election and the future direction our next president must take us. Some candidates are splitting from routine election pattern based on war, election spin or religious views. Yet one trend that is pointing to the outcome of November’s results is the divide between John Kerry in the polls while the president stagnates in the mid to upper 40 percent range.

John Kerry is viewed as having performed better in each of the three presidential debates than John McCain. Kerry’s performance has been less unflattering remarks of both candidates during the three debates. After the first debate, Kerry was viewed as having won by 16 percent immediately after the debate. Within a week, voters viewed Kerry the winner by 38 percent.

The second debate was a slight win for Kerry, the Senator won the third debate by 33 percent immediately after the event. This debate featured a slight win for Kerry like the one and only debate in 1980 catapulted Ronald Reagan past then-President Jimmy Carter. A mere week before the election of 1980, Carter led Reagan by three percentage points until they met in the debate. Reagan swept past Carter in dramatic fashion.

This year will be similar with the challenger winning the election unless a dramatic late attack on U.S. polls tips public sentiment. John Kerry has overcome deficits in recent polls in non直通车 states. Just two weeks before, before any of this year’s debates, the president led in most contested states. As of the third debate, Gallup polls show that Kerry has pulled ahead in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, New Hampshire, Oregon, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Campaign staffs usually choose which polling data they prefer to acknowledge for public consumption. I have chosen the above data because Democrats complain that the Gallup organization reports polls of all registered voters and generally favors Republicans with its results. The instant “flash” polls after each debate, carried out by Gallup, showed Kerry with substantial wins. The battleground polls cited above are also Gallup findings. The data within all of the polls has shown a constant ceiling that the president cannot break. His support numbers hover around 46 percent, varying a point or two in either direction. The president cannot win back those who have abandoned him for whatever reasons they cite, but he can sway health, wealth, stubbornness, terror or ideology. Kerry has slowly convinced these voters, a few at a time, that he is an honest man with a viable platform, a momentum, small and slow as it is, nonetheless has been enough to win the first debate. His goal is to ride that momentum to election day.

This column has been on the page since early summer forecasting that the election will be close as the 2000 election, or close at all. This columnist has forecasted that Kerry will defeat the president based on the internal data showing the president’s ceiling of support. Kerry any dramatic event that tips public sentiment toward an early election day, this race was decided in April when Iraq erupted with insurgency.

Crystal balls aside, the Bush supporter riding in the Jaguar with the “Veterans for Bush” sticker has formulated the president’s fate with his farewell wave to the Kerry supporter, but will not be bumper stickers garnered mutual respect. If only the process could be as clear-cut.

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

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

Scott Adams

**cartoonist**
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Do unto others

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

"If I ask people whether they believe in life, they never understand what I mean. It's a bad question. It can mean anything, obviously nothing. So I ask them if they believe in God. And if they say they do, then I know they don't believe in life. You can't believe in God, whatever anyone chooses to call God — for the highest possible. And whatever places his highest conception above himself, is very little of himself and his life. It's a rare gift, you know, to feel reverence for your own life and to want the best, the greatest, the highest possible, here, now, for your very own."

I do not question Yi's claim that, as a pro-choice Catholic, his integrity and character have been repeatedly attacked. It certainly isn't a compliment to describe the Catholic Church as having a pervasive undercurrent of anti-intellectualism.

Ending one article with a quote from Ayn Rand, while the implications among other things, is her vehement condemnation of religion as being contrary to reason only reinforces this impression that Yi carries a deep grudge against the Catholic Church. In fact, the down-right hostile rhetoric of this article seems profoundly anti-religion in nature, I am not surprised that his integrity and his Faith in Catholicism would be questioned by others.

It is this to say that there is something wrong about not being Catholic? Certainly not. But the language Yi uses when he describes anti-abortionists as a sexist, misogynistic bunch of bigots is harsh. Why then should he expect the inevitable response to be calm and reserved? When a person is called a bigot, a misogynist, a sexist (gig), it is an all-too-human reaction to respond with ad hominem of one's own. Perhaps that is why Yi's integrity and character have been repeatedly attacked. After all, who casts the first stone has no right and no moral superiority when those he attacks fling his insults right back at him.

Least there be the inevitable responses that spring for missing the major topic of Yi's article — abortion — I declare it in some detail, even though I feel that it would be repeating the same, tired old spiel to an audience who doesn't even listen. Yi's argument seems to indicate that he believes that the right of a woman to control her own body takes precedence over the life of the fetus. Very well. When then does the fetus gain the same rights of a human being as the mother at birth? But such a claim is nonsensical — one minute before birth, one hour before birth, one day before birth — how much difference is there in between? To arbitrarily dismiss time as that point in time when a fetus magically becomes a baby is about as logical and coherent as believing that Pinocchio's Fairy Godmother trans­formed him from a puppet into a little boy.

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

Chang-Tze Chia 

October 14

Muslim vote not considered

During Friday's debate, the issue of just how Muslims fit in was discussed among the candidates. Jonathan Michaelson asked President George W. Bush how he would fill anticipated vacancies in the Supreme Court if re-elected. Bush's response was to the president's question, "Sen. John Kerry said he would handle all threats.

The measure was supposed to be and are expected to be properly trained to handle all threats. Once again, the layerperson is not. In an atmosphere of fear, Islam is the common thread among the more popular terrorists, the inevitable consequence is the singling-out of Muslims. Excluding the more ignorant racial and ethnic profiling, law enforcement is usually keen to the science of criminal profiling.

It's been understood among American Muslims that, in an environment of fear, they must watch what they say. The Constitution guarantees free speech. The fact that common sense gets managed to the time of fear, hysteria prevails over the best intentions.

With Tariq Ramadan and Yusuf Islam, widely considered moderates, the United Nations, the prevailing logic was shattered. While there certainly might be people who — either out of a genuine effort to understand Muslims or out of a concern for political correctness — won't vocalize hatred or suspicion of Muslims, their survival instinct might be the people who claim that we cannot engage Muslims, their survival instinct might be the people who claim that we cannot engage Muslims.

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Defining "Lifestyle"

I want to congratulate Cody Grobber (Letter to the Editor on Oct. 14) on identifying the key misconception in the debate concerning acceptance of gay and lesbian students on this campus.

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The nation’s top comedy
Second City brings humor improv to the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts

By MEEG CONROY
Scene Writer

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

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

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

The cast will present two forty-minute segments of non-stop, hilarious comedy. Amidst some pre-written sketches, peppered with one-liners and five-second "blips," the heart of the show is Second City’s calling card: improv acts. These totally un-rehearsed acts have made Second City and its comedians famous. Inspiration is usually taken from the audience. Cast members ask for suggestions such as an opening line, historical era, emotion or object. From there the actors run with their imaginations, creating wacky, surprising and, most importantly, humorous scenarios. Every skit is unique and sure to keep the audience engaged.

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

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

Already this year reviews are raving about Second City’s talent, spontaneity, and comedy improv stylings. “A creation unlike other art forms.” The group tests the human comedic potential through improvisation, creating humor that touches the audience’s core with real and current issues. Second City shows the comedy of humanity.

With Second City’s prestige preceding their arrival, demand for tickets is sure to be high. Don’t miss this opportunity to experience Second City, and take part in the continuation of one of the most famous comedic legacies.

The show will be performed at 8 p.m. on Oct. 22. Tickets are $15 for students, $25 for faculty and staff and $31.25 for the general public. Tickets are available from the box office at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts and can be ordered over the phone at 631-2800, on-line at http://performingarts.nd.edu or at the box office Monday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m.

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Music with international appeal
Mariza’s emotional and dramatic performance crosses language barriers

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

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

On the other hand, a language barrier can be a blessing for some performers. Attention is taken away from lyrics if reoffered on stage presence and on the details of the actual music. At Wednesday night’s performance Mariza and her musicians gave the audience plenty to focus on besides words. Fado is a beautiful style of music, and whatever was lost with the words, plenty was left in the Portuguese singer’s voice and interpretation. A good performer has to be able to convey emotion to an audience, and this becomes especially important for a musician performing in a language their audience does not understand. Mariza portrayed an emotion in her music that might even have been lost had the particulars of what caused it been known.

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

Mariza is rightly famous for her voice, but her presence on stage was vital. The contrast between her short peroxide hair and colorful, feminine dresses seemed appropriate for a kind of music in which personal interpretation is so important. When the singer reflected on stage about the feeling of singing fado and the way her own life had changed since she began making a living through music, it was hard not to wonder what the life on and off the stage was actually like.

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

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

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

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

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

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Scene Writer

Regis Philbin is perhaps one of the most well-known Notre Dame graduates. Having returned to the campus this fall to help out a worthy cause. On Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. Philbin will perform a benefit at the new Debutarolo Center for the Performing Arts. All of the proceeds from the show will go to support the Center for the Homeless in South Bend. In conjunction with his performance at the PAC, Regis will be taping an episode of his popular morning show, "Live with Regis and Kelly," at the PAC the next morning. "Regis has had a relationship with the Center for the Homeless for over 10 years," particularly with Lou Nanni, the current Vice President for University Relations who used to be the executive director for the center. "He has committed all that he can to help us." Regis recently released a musical CD entitled, "When You're Smiling", which includes covers of such songs as "You Make Me Feel So Young," "It Had To Be You," "You're Nobody 'Til Somebody Loves You" and a duet with his wife Joy on "They Can't Take That Away From Me." He R.I. turned the music from the CD into a club act that he has performed in both Las Vegas and New York. At Notre Dame, he will be featured with a 22-piece orchestra composed of students as well as professional musicians from the greater South Bend area.

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

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

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

Seats for the benefit cost $30, and there is no price break for anyone, because the net proceeds of the show go directly to the Center for the Homeless. Preferred seating can be purchased for $100. Preferred seating tickets come with guaranteed seats for the Oct. 25 broadcast of "Live with Regis and Kelly," which will be recorded at 7:30 a.m. Tickets for the television broadcast were distributed free of charge with tickets to the concerts by Mariza and the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Wednesday and Thursday night. Extra seats may be available for students who wait outside the show on the morning of Oct. 25.

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

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No conductor necessary

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

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN
Scene Writer

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

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

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

This is not to say the entire orchestra was lacking in emotion during the evening. When the allegro molto movement of the Shostakovich began, the Academy rushed into action, with every member playing furiously into their music stands. The combined effort was shocking to watch; it seemed as if the orchestra acted with a uniform mind, and O'Reilly acted as its master control. This was especially important for the final piece of the evening, the Tchaikovsky "Serenade," which contained several beautiful melodies, including the Russian anthem, which required the orchestra's complete concentration.

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

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

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

When he sat at the piano, however, Mr. O'Reily's genial personality seemed to command, as he delivered into an implausibly difficult piece. It was easily the most dramatic work of the evening, and Mr. O'Reily's wrists, thundering away at the keys and covering every register of the piano, evoked away at the keys and covering every register of the piano, evoked memories of similarly complicated passages from Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3.

Perhaps it would have been better to place the Liszt at the end of the program and leave the audience with that thrilling feeling it had received by the work's end, while the warmth of the Tchaikovsky opened the second half of the concert. It matters little, though, compared to the fact that the audience witnessed world class performers bringing their gifts to a university that simply cannot receive enough of this musical exposure, and to think, the university is still waiting for the arrival of the New York Philharmonic.

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

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Christopher O'Reilly and the Academy of Saint Martin in the Fields played an unconductored concert with impressive dynamics and unity.
They've still got the blues

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

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Scene Writer

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

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

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

Frontman and founder, Grammy-nominated Kim Wilson, is the only remaining member from the original lineup. The band achieved Billboard success in the '80s with hits like "Tuff Enough," "Wrap it Up" and "Stand Back." Wilson and the band have also been nominated for several WC Handy Awards, and Wilson won in 2004 for best blues song of the year.

"Members that will be playing are recognized as some of the world's great blues musicians," Andy Panelli, concert organizer said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Giants and Jets remain surprises in NFL this season

Associated Press

The argo test wasn't sa bad are off to great starts. Of A-Rod. Jeter and Mariano is the other story quietly gaining franchise-record best start. First, they have something to play for. Then, they have something to prove.

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

Jokes aside, the early success of this year's Giants has com mon threads.

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At this time last year, the Jets were off to an 0-4 start, and they finished 6-10. The Giants had something to do with that. The Jets lost Chad Pennington for the first six games of the season when the quarterback broke a wrist in a preseason game against them.

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At this time last year, the Jets were off to an 0-4 start, and they finished 6-10. The Giants had something to do with that. The Jets lost Chad Pennington for the first six games of the season when the quarterback broke a wrist in a preseason game against them.

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

Now with another win, the Jets would accomplish something that even Joe Namath failed to provide in the glorious days of the early 1980s.

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

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

NBA

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

Associated Press

KEVIN CRAWFORD of the Philadelphia 76ers is seriously considering an All­ league is that one year doesn't mean anything. A six-year-old doesn't mean anything.

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Associated Press

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

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

So far, it’s been a work-in-progress masterminding defensive coordinator Bob Ryan’s new 3-4 scheme.

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

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

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

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

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

“It’s a combination of everybody,” Shanahan said. “Get close to a couple hundred yards, you’ve got to have everybody play good.”

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

Denver (4-1) has already run for 660 yards, and the Broncos also have Tatum Bell and Garrison Hearst healthy and ready as options this week.

“We just have to be sound in the things we’re doing,” Turner said. The Broncos acquired Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey in an offseason trade with Washington, signing him to a seven-year, $63 million contract to be their shutdown corner.

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

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

“They both like their money, though,” Wooden said. “Woodson, the Raiders’ franchise player in his seventh pro season, has said he wants to be the highest-paid corner in the league. He held out for four months hoping for a long-term contract, but finally signed the team’s one-year tender of $8.782 million Aug. 31.

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

Turner is sticking with Collins at quarterback despite his struggles. The coach faced questions this week about giving backup Marques Tuiasosopo an opportunity.

“Each week I feel more and more comfortable with what we’re doing,” Collins said. “I’ve just got to make some better decisions, and I will. Like I said, each week that I’m out here I’m really concentrating hard in practice and getting to the point where I feel comfortable going into games. I know it’s going to get better for all us.”
Park holds a two-stroke lead in Samsung Championship

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

Associated Press

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

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

Scores were low on the opening day of the tournament, with Park’s the best in the tournament’s 24-year history. The event is being played for the first time at Bighorn Golf Club, the 13th course used for the tournament.

Sixteen of the 20 players in the field broke par. Carin van Melkebeek had a 64, while three-time champion Anika Sorenstam was tied at 66 with defending champion Sophie Gustafson, Lorena Ochoa and Cristie Kerr.

Amateur Michelle Wie, who turned 15 on Monday, played with Sorenstam and shot a 70. She had a triple-bogey 8 on No. 12 when she hit into the desert shrubs along the fairway.

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

“I’m extremely thrilled. It’s my first time shooting under, so I’m happy. Today was just an unbelievable day,” said Park, who had a 61 earlier this year on a par-70 course in the Samsung Chainpionship.

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

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

Then she finished the round off in style.

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

She lamed her bad drive on 12.

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

So she was trying to stay focused on her game but that she also was watching Sorenstam.

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

NFL

Colts spend bye week trying to diversify offense

Associated Press

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

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

Peyton Manning still believes they’re improving.

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

Indianapolis (4-1) has spent the bye week refining some of the few kinks Manning bungled before Jacksonville (3-2) visited next week, a game that could give the Colts a substantial edge in the AFC South Race.

The Colts already hold a one-game lead on Jacksonville and have beaten Tennessee and the Jaguars on the road.

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

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

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

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

“Around the locker room, nobody is complaining,” Harrison said.

“As a whole, I think we’re doing extremely well,” Harrison said. “I think we’re in the situation we’re in.”

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

When opponents double-team Harrison, Manning has routinely hooked up with Wayne and Stokley for big plays. When defenses play man-to-man cover, Manning has been content handing off to James.

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

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

“We’ve been able to play all types of games and we’re playing with more patience, he said. “Even though we’re playing with more patience, we’re scoring more points.”

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MLB

**Cardinals’ Albert Pujols points to the dugout after breaking a 4-4 tie in the eighth inning of Game 2 last night.**

With the win, the Cardinals took a 2-0 series lead.

**Cardinals rain on Astros’ early hit parade**

Associated Press

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

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

The weather was awful all evening, with drizzle delaying the start for almost a half-hour and the rain lasting through the final pitch. By the time it was over, with temperatures falling into the mid-40s, no one in the sellout crowd at Busch Stadium was complaining.

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

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

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

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

Rolen, a strained left calf, was 0-for-14 in the postseason before hitting an RBI single in Game 1.

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“They were not supposed to be here because they didn’t notify us,” Willis said.

The captain said he decided to stop in San Juan only to refuel, Willis said. The Privacy was allowed to refuel as immigration authorities spoke with those aboard, including the newly-crowned world No. 1.

The 28-year-old golfer and Swedish model Elin Nordegren, 24, were married Oct. 7 at a luxury resort in Barbados and later set out on the Privacy, along with a crew.

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

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**SMC Soccer**

Belles hope to extend their home win streak

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

Like most of the students heading out for fall break, the Belles could have been hoping to be returning home.

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

"Alma is a strong team, so we'll be looking to bring our best game against them," senior captain Jen Herdman said.

"We're going to come out strong, and focus on playing as a team. It should be quite a game."

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

Although the Belles were close the entire game, the loss to Kalamazoo really represents an opportunity missed.

"The loss to Kalamazoo was unfortunate," sophomore Ashley Hinson said. "We had our opportunities to put the ball in the back of the net, and we just weren't able to capitalize on them." Wednesday's adds another chapter to the story of the Belles' woes on the road this year.

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

The Belles will look for a big advantage from the return to their home field. "We seem to be playing our home game well, so we're really excited to play at home," Hinton said.

"We still need to get our act together on the road as well, though."

Despite the loss to Kalamazoo, which dropped the Belles to third in the conference standings, Saint Mary's remains optimistic in hopes for a MIAA title. "This conference isn't a typical conference; no team dominates, and anything can happen," Herdman said. "The great thing is that anyone on any given day, any team can beat anyone. If we play the way we're capable to, we can definitely have a shot at conference."

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

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**NBA**

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

Center had 14 points and seven rebounds

Associated Press

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

The 7-foot-6 Yao was the center of nearly every crowd on hand at Shanghai's city gymnasium to cheer the 7-foot-6 center. Although Yao has dominated headlines in his hometown, the Houston Rockets have never been the same whenever his name was repeated — even when he wasn't on the court.

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

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

His first points came on a dunk in the second quarter, and he brought the fans to their feet when he scored on a alley-oop pass from Acy McGrady in the second quarter. Brad Miller led the Kings with 19 points, but the game was clearly a showcase for Yao.

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

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

Still, he was gracious to Liu after the game. "He played very well and his performance was really up to his usual high standards," Yao said.

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

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

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

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

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**NFL**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When the Falcons offered an attractive package of three picks and receiver-return specialist Dwight, the Chargers accepted on the eve of the draft.

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

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

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

He rushed for more than 1,200 yards as a rookie, then topped 1,600 yards each of the last two seasons.
Stephenson - who are ranked fell just short of a grand slam for the Thompsons. After the country's top ranked team, one they can't beat - including the championship title, the twins Thompsons upset the No. 6, No. 1 The duo was the first Irish team Women's All-American Nos. 49 and 16 in singles, respec­ tively - were the first challenge Intercollegiate Indoor Doubles championship tournaments, the dreams. While doubles teams across the country are hoping this break will not keep you from getting better. But we know we'll have another opportu­ nity to win and prove ourselves.
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"RecSports told us that if we tied O'Neill, we'd get the fourth-round spot," Griffin captain Vin Monaco said.

However, the Dawgs were informed after the game that their season is finished and the Mountain Matermatics will be playing the Knights after fall break.

As for the game itself, O'Neill opened the scoring with a 20-yard interception return for a touchdown, first points of any kind scored on Stanford since the first game of the season. The final two-point conversion was controversial, however.

"None of the refs signaled that they got it in," Monaco said. "Until halfway through the third quarter we thought it was 8-6. Then they told us it was in." Stanford then mounted a long drive behind its suddenly powerful running game, which accounted for 101 yards on the night.

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

The march was halted, how­ever, by an interception at the Navy-Mob 1-yard line.

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

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

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

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

Dillon, 6-0, Alumni 6
After a bit­ter, hard­fought con­t­est, both teams have big hopes for the playoffs," he said. "We were playing some tough teams in the Big East, and got what we were playing for. We know we'll be competitive this year, and were going to make the necessary adjustments to succeed." "We've got to light up a little, and get really fired up for the playoffs," he said. "We showed a lot of heart and resiliency coming from behind tonight, and a resolve that I saw from the team tonight."
Junior forward Tony Megna dribbles the ball down the field in a game against Pittsburgh last week.

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

"This is typical fall break pro ce du re for us," Sawyer said. "We know coming up to fall break we're going to be on a week-long road trip, taking three games, that's how it is every single year." However, a week away from campus isn't the chore that some might think.

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

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

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

"It's also a great gauge, and last year we've got a lot we still have to work on, but we've been practicing a lot and we'll be better than last year for sure," Waldrum said.

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

The RedHawks are No. 1 in the preseason poll and ending the season in second place overall just behind conference regular season champion Michigan.

A big part of that success was the play of three seniors - Derek Edwards, Mike Kompon and Greg Hogeboom. All three ranked in the top five in the CCHA in scoring. With Edwards winning the CCHA Player of the Year award as a result of his league-leading 48 points.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notes: Irish senior forward Brad Wanchuk will no longer play for the Irish, Poulin said Thursday.

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

Poulin declined further comment.

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

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

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

Amanda Cinialli achieved his honor this week for the Irish.

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

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

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

Last Sunday, Cinialli scored a clutch goal for the team to tie the score 1-1 against Georgetown last in the first half before going on to win the contest 2-1.

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

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

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

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

The players are just as aware of the importance of this contest.

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

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

"Seton Hall (is going to throw everything they can at us. We played a close game last year," Scherfer said. "If we aren't on top of our game, each team will play well in that game."

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Sinking the Option

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

Players and coaches can never hear “good, you should have.” Notre Dame is in the dead center of a three-game stint against Stanford, Navy and Boston College, and Irish fans expect their team not only to win all three contests, but to win convincingly. Notre Dame came out flat Saturday against the Cardinal at home but won the game anyway. A win is a win, as they say. But even Stanford’s near-upset of No. 1 Southern Cal does not give the Irish an excuse to be losing 6-3 at halftime. And now Notre Dame travels to face Navy, and a win is not just a win against Navy. A win is expected, and it should be expected. A win is the 41st straight victory over a team with less talent that plays lesser teams on the rest of its schedule.

“Games we are expected to win don’t have anything to do with this game,” coach Tyrone Willingham said. “We’re going to play a Navy team that is a very good football team. It’s an undefeated football team. They’ve earned the right to be where they are.” Navy has earned the right to be undefeated at 5-0, but the Midshipmen have earned that right against Duke, North Carolina, Tulane, Vanderbilt and Air Force.

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

“They’re supposed to win,” Navy coach Paul Johnson said. “I don’t know if we have anybody on our team that Notre Dame sent a letter to.” As odd as it may seem, this is the game Notre Dame can regain some swagger and deliver its own message: that Willingham’s team will not let Navy even sniff victory.

Notre Dame can prove last season’s 27-24 nail biter ended with a game-winning field goal by D.J. Fitzpatrick — and the unimpressive 30-22 victory in 2002, were not the best the Irish could do. Think back two seasons. Air Force was undefeated at 6-0, averaging 339 yards rushing per game behind quarterback Chance Harridge. Analysts, particularly on ESPN, ranted during the pre-game about the Falcons’ running attack, how Air Force was an unstoppable force on the ground. The Notre Dame defense received less recognition, though the Irish were also an undefeated 6-0.

And did those ESPN studios get quiet quickly. The seventh-ranked Notre Dame run defense held Air Force to 104 yards rushing, 235 yards below its average, in a 21-14 victory. The Irish run for 335 yards of their own on 56 carries. The game was not a blowout, but Notre Dame proved to itself and to the country — as it had the past six games — that Air Force was on a lower playing field.

Notre Dame established superiority. And that is exactly the opportunity the Irish have Saturday at the Meadowlands.

“We’re going to go out and run the ball,” Johnson said last season Notre Dame has parade All-Americans. Navy has guys that march in parades. The Irish must take their parade All-Americans, take their pride, take a swagger into stopping the run and trounce Navy until the message is delivered.

That way, in the fourth quarter, Fitzpatrick will not even need to put his pads on. Because if Notre Dame plays like it should, Notre Dame won’t need a hero. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Pat Leonard at plenard@nd.edu.
Only one option

Irish must stop Navy’s running game to have success against the Midshipmen

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Irish defensive end Justin Tuck hates playing Navy, and he’ll tell you himself.

"I hate playing Navy, not because of the fact that they don’t know the ball," the sen­
ior said. "It’s just the fact that their style of play is going to make it a defensive game.

After this football game there is going to be a lot of people banged up and bruised and things like that.

"Whenever you play an option team and they cut (back) as much as they do, you’re going to come out of that game worn out."

College coaches across the country continually harp about avoiding being a one-dimen­
sional attack, but that’s exactly what Navy is with its option-based offense.

And they are 5-0 using it this season. "They are pretty one-dimen­sional," Irish defensive coordi­
nator Kent Baer said. "You have to be solid on the back end and defend the run, that’s no secret. Just make sure you don’t give up a big play in the back row."

A different kind of running game

One big reason for Notre Dame’s success so far this season has been its ability to stop the run. The Irish are currently 12th in the nation in rushing defense, allowing just 86.8 yards per game.

But Irish coaches aren’t get­
ing overly confident that their previous track record will stop the Navy running game in its tracks Saturday.

"It’s not the same," Baer said. "It’s so different. It’s hard to explain. They are so good at what they do."

Last year, when the Irish snuck by with a 27-24 win at Notre Dame Stadium, Baur’s defense knew exactly what the Midshipmen were going to do — run and run often.

"Navy rushed 53 times in that game while throwing just five passes. The Midshipmen are an option team to every sense of the word, and they run their offense well."

So far this season, the Midshipmen are ranked sixth in the country in rushing offense with an average of 267.4 yards per game. They average 56.2 rushes per game and only 9.4 passes per game — the fewest in NCAA Division I-A.

Yet those 9.4 passes per game have been enough this year to keep opponents’ defenses honest, and Navy has a good enough quarterback to make over-aggressive defenses pay.

"If you understand that offense, they pass the ball off the option look," Baer said. "They get somebody running free, and that’s where the efficiency comes up. This quarterback is a pretty good thrower. A lot of times you see option teams not throw the ball very well because they don’t have a quarterback throw it well.

"The same guy (senior Aaron Polanco) played against us two years ago, the starter got hurt and he came in to play, and he was pretty good throwing the football. They are much improved in that area."

Staying disciplined

One characteristic of Notre Dame’s defense this season has been its opportunistic play while making a few gambles to create turnovers — 15 take­aways through six games. But for the Irish defense Saturday, a bad gamble could result in six points for the Midshipmen.

"They have to have all their responsibilities covered," Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said. "That is very difficult for modern-day defenses simply because modern-day defenses like to gamble.

"That’s where you have to be careful. You have to build into your system the ability to gam­ble and be correct in your gamble. But at the same time not give our guys so much that they’re thinking and can’t move and can’t get lined up and can’t figure things out. That is very difficult."

The Irish have at least one advantage against the Navy run. Notre Dame’s starters at linebacker — Derek Curry, Brandon Hoyte and Mike Goosby — are all seniors who have seen Navy’s option before and understand the impor­tance in being sound against the run.

"Discipline is the first key and the biggest key in this game, and the whole outcome of this game is determined on how disciplined you are espe­cially from a defensive standpoint," Curry said. "Everything they do, all the runs they do you have to stay disci­plined and you have to stay focused on what you have to do.

"It’s really funny because as much as football is a team game this is the most individu­alized game that we are going to play in that every person may be doing a different thing, but in order to execute the defense properly and to win, everybody is going to have to do their own thing.

"And if the linebackers fail, Notre Dame’s secondary will have to be there to make the touchdown-fighting tackles.

"It’s really important to be disciplined in any game," Irish safety Tom Zbikowski said. "But against this kind of offense you’ve especially got to be disciplined and make the tackle.

"We’ve got to go out there and play hard. It’s Navy, a service academy, and you know that they’re going to be out there playing hard so we’ve got to match that inten­sity."

Stopping the big play

That discipline will be key for the Irish Saturday at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. The Midshipmen are cer­tainly capable of throwing the ball, having scored two pass­ings touchdowns of 40 yards or more already this season.

But Navy is known for its running game. Being poised and under control will be a big factor in preventing the Midshipmen from getting free for big runs.

So far in 2004, Navy has scored three rushing touch­downs of 20 yards or more — and a big play in the close Navy-Notre Dame game last year was a 66-yard touchdown run by Navy’s Eric Rolfe after a Irish breakdown on defense.

Early in the 2004 season, the Irish showed a susceptibility to giving up big plays. They will have to prevent those plays Saturday if they want a chance to win.

"I just think you have to be sharper in what you do," Tuck said. "It takes away more of the risk that you’ll take than against other teams. But in this game we know that we have to play our assignments.

"We know that if you miss an assignment on any given play they can bust you for a long run. So we just have to be focused and geared in to play­ing them."

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The Irish must contain Navy’s quarterback Aaron Polanco in the manner Kyle Rudinskean demonstrates with a tackle on Stanford’s Trent Edwards.

by the numbers

Number of consecutive Notre Dame wins against Navy, a streak that stands as the longest winning streak of one team over another in NCAA history

.714 Cumulative winning percentage of teams on Notre Dame’s 2004 schedule, the highest opponent winning percentage in the nation

Number of Notre Dame wins in 11 all-time games played at the Meadowlands, including six matchups with Navy at the NFL venue

193 Number of Brady Quinn’s pass attempts in six games

Number of pass attempts of Navy’s leading passer, quarterback

268.6 Number of rushing yards Navy averages per game

Number of yards the Notre Dame defense gives up per game

86.8 Number of ranked teams Navy has played to begin its season with a 6-0 record 5-1 start. The Midshipmen have beaten Duke, Northeastern, Tulsa, Vanderbilt and Air Force

Victor Abiamiri and the Notre Dame defensive line get a push against the Michigan offensive line earlier this season. The Irish held the Wolverines to 56 yards rushing on 30 carries.
Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 4-2
AP: NR
Coaches: NR

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Tyronne Willingham

third season at Notre Dame
career record:
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Notre Dame OFFENSE

Coaching

Willingham and the Irish coaches seemed to have the team ready for Purdue, but the players did not execute. Against Stanford, Notre Dame looked flat in the first half. The option is a difficult offense to prepare for, but Willingham, Burt and the defense have done it before.

Paul Johnson has a great deal of respect for Notre Dame but also a great deal of pride in the Navy program. He had the Midshipmen ready to play both times he faced Willingham in 2002 and 2003. Johnson's team is 5-0 and anxious to make it six in a row Saturday.

Polanco leads Navy in rushing with 464 yards. Teanmaties elected Polanco the captain at the beginning of the season without any interference or coercion from coaches. In the offense, the quarterback shoulders the brunt of the responsibility.

Quinn has thrown for 1,529 yards in six games. Polanco has thrown for 563 yards in five games. The quarterbacks play in completely different offenses, but both are key to their team's respective success. Quinn has played against better competition thusfar.

Willingham has beaten Navy the only two times he's faced Navy, in his career, the last time in 2001. In both games, the Midshipmen scored in the closing seconds. Quinn said Wednesday he was looking forward to matching the game plan on the quarterbacks first. He and his staff must answer the call.

Notre Dame RUSHING

Quinn has run the ball 51 times last weekend against Stanford for 149 yards. The return of Grant and theconsistent play of Walker have helped, but the Irish only average 115 yards on the ground per game. The offensive line has struggled here.

Notre Dame's receivers got open against Stanford, even when Quinn did not see them. Depth at the receiver position with the return of Sostial from an injured foot has obvious effects on opposing secondaries. The Irish tight ends have become a huge part of the offense.

The Midshipmen allow 179 passing yards per game. The highest output in the air against Navy's defense was 233 yards by Air Force. Opponents have scored five total passing touchdowns in five games against the Midshipmen, though none of the teams were ranked.

If all goes well for Notre Dame, it will not have to throw the ball too often Saturday. But the option of the tight end has opened the field for the Irish, who average 259.5 yards passing per game and will look to go up early with big plays.

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True, Navy is 5-0. They've also played a schedule that rivals an interball football team in terms of difficulty. The Midshipmen will definitely bring their best game, but Notre Dame is too good and too big and too everything to lose this game. The Irish keep the streak alive for another year with a comfortable win.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 35, Navy 17

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Naval Midshipmen

**Midshipmen RUSHING**

Notre Dame's rush defense is ranked No. 12 in the country, surrendering just 86.8 yards per game on the ground. The defensive line and linebackers held Stanford to 67 yards on 25 carries, and the secondary is ready to tackle the Navy option attack.

This is what Navy does. Navy runs the football. The Midshipmen have run the ball 281 times this season. They have thrown the ball 47 times. The unconventional wing-T offense and the option create at least some problems for all defenses that face it.

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**Midshipmen PASSING**

The Irish secondary has struggled, particularly against Orten and Purdue. The 'hend-don't-break' philosophy has given opponents loads of yards but few touchdowns. The pass defense must contain option passers and trick plays against Navy.

Polanco has the talent and ability to throw the ball downfield and make opposing defenses pay for sneaking up against the run. He has thrown three interceptions in 47 attempts thus far this season. The leading Navy receiver is Tomlinson, with eight catches for 173 yards.

**Special Teams**

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**Intangibles**

Navy has no one left on their schedule who they can beat at home. Including a legitimate threat just over the horizon and a team that really doesn't understand the fight at a neutral site is better than playing on the road.

Navy averages 32.5 points per game on the road. The Midshipmen have scored only 4.8 points per game in their last three road games. Navy is 5-0 and probably tired of hearing about losing 40 straight to Notre Dame. The Midshipmen have played four average teams at best and a D-I-AA program in Northeastern, so the Midshipmen are eager to prove what they can do against a national program like Notre Dame.

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### Key Matchup

**NOTRE DAME RUN DEFENSE**

The linebackers, line and secondary all have the task of stopping the complicated option attack Navy runs to perfection. Notre Dame’s defense ranks No. 12 in the nation at stopping the run, giving up just 86.8 yards per game. And the Irish are also tied at No. 8 in opponent yards per carry with Iowa State, at 2.8.

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Fitzpatrick becomes 'star' of special teams

By HEATHER VAN HOFHOFEN
Sports Editor

Last year at this time, he had just made a name for himself. D.J. Fitzpatrick helped Notre Dame beat Navy for the 40th consecutive time with his game-winning 40-yard field goal as time expired.

Fitzpatrick was playing in place of Nicholas Setta, a senior who was a fourth-year starter until he got hurt earlier in the season.

But this year is different for Fitzpatrick. He is a young man, one who has yet to gain a year of eligibility remaining. He started the season as the starter at both kicker and punter, and he has been solid at both positions for the Irish.

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**Strong start, strong finish**

Team strives to play solid in all 90 minutes

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

This Saturday, the No. 1 Irish will face conference-rival Boston College at Alumni Field with one goal in mind — to complete the game with a consistent high level of intensity. Boston College is ranked No. 20 with an overall record 9-4-0.

This could be a challenge for the Irish, who have struggled offensively the past several games. The team has relied upon late game-winning goals, but is looking to come out and play strong throughout the contest.

"Boston College is a quality team that beat us last year in the Big East Tournament," junior Annie Schefter said. "Our biggest challenge will be to play a full 90 minutes."

This goal may prove to be challenging for the Irish who are aware of the strong and physical style of play of the Eagles. "They like to get out and attack. They beat us last year in the Big East style of play of the Eagles."

Sophomore forward Molly Tarocci sprints to regain control of the ball in a game against Providence earlier this season.

**Men's Interhall Gold League**

Controversial game ends in stalemate

Players from Stanford and O'Neill line up during Thursday night's game.

Strange Stanford, O'Neill matchup results in 8-8 tie

By CHRIS KHOREY and RICHARD FRIEDMAN
Sports Writers

Stanford and O'Neill slashed their way to an 8-8 tie Thursday night in one of the most bizarre games of the 2004 interhall season. The game featured four interceptions, including one returned for O'Neill's only touchdown, a safety, confusion over the score, a fan ejection and lots of mud.

Even stranger, Stanford played the entire game under the impression that a tie would give them a spot in the playoffs, most likely playing Keenan.

**Men's Soccer**

Irish anticipate challenges

By KATE GALE
Sports Writer

They’re on the road again. While students depart for various fall break destinations, the men’s soccer team will be en route to some of its toughest conference tests this season.

On Saturday, the team faces St. John’s in a rematch of last year’s Big East tournament championship game. On Wednesday, they are scheduled to take on Seton Hall and finish the break on Oct. 23 against Rutgers.

"This road trip is probably going to decide who wins the Big East regular season," senior co-captain Chris Sawyer said. "We definitely are very much looking forward to St. John’s on Saturday. We played them two tough games last year and we know they’re going to be a very, very tough team, so we’re just looking forward to it and trying to get ready.”

All three teams have been ranked at some point this season, with St. John’s most recent.

**Hockey**

Irish to face test at Miami

After last week's disappointing games, team looks for success in Ohio

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Just because midterms are out of the way, doesn’t mean the tests are over for the Irish.

A week after tying and losing to No. 4 Minnesota-Duluth at home, Notre Dame now travels across the border to take on No. 9 Miami (Ohio) in a two-game series Friday and Saturday to open CCHA play for both teams.

The Irish then return home Oct. 22 to take on No. 1 Boston College at the Joyce Center.

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Freshman Alex Youshinaga battles for control of the ball in a game against Pittsburgh last season.