Students vote before Election Day

Absentee ballots, early voting set national count in motion

MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

Though millions of Americans will head out to the polls one week from today, many voters, including Notre Dame students, have already made their choices. 

During fall break, many students had the chance to vote early or pick up and mail in absentee ballots. 

Sophomore Ashley St. Pierre turned to her absentee ballot during break in her home state of New Hampshire, a process she described as very easy.

“Explaining her motivation for taking the time to vote at home, St. Pierre said voting is a privilege many people take for granted. 

“In such a close race, this is a time when each vote is going to have an impact on the outcome of the election,” St. Pierre said. 

Junior Dan Reynolds said he voted absentee in Cincinnati because he had no other option. 

“If you’re going to be out of the county on Election Day, you have to do it this way [in Ohio],” Reynolds said. 

On voting a week before the actual election, Reynolds said he was unconcerned about having to decide early. 

“I pretty much knew where I stood on things,” Reynolds said. “That wasn’t going to change in the last week.” 

Early voting means an individual can cast his ballot during a specific period prior to Election Day. Absentee voting involves requesting a ballot in the mail and returning it by mail or by hand. 

According to data from HelpingAmericansVote.org, 27 states do not restrict early or absentee voting, while 23 states have state-specific requirements.

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Yale professor traces development of Islam

Bowering: Christianity had vital influence on history of faith

By STEVE KERINS
News Writer

Contact with other contemporary faith traditions, including Christianity, played a key role in the early development of Islam, said Gerhard Bowering, a Jesuit professor of Islamic studies at Yale University, in a lecture on the history of Islam Monday night at the Hesburgh Center.

His talk was the first of this year’s Erasmus Lectures. The theme of the series is “Islam and Christianity,” and the first lecture was entitled “Origins and Common Roots.”

Bowering began by introducing Islam in its modern context. 

“Islam is a world religion that has come into our purview through world events,” he said. He examined some of the various ethnic and cultural groups that comprise the contemporary Islamic world and then turned to the origins of Islam in seventh-century Mecca.

Bowering noted that Christianity had been developing for nearly six centuries before the advent of Islam. 

“The earliest Christian writers looked at Islam as just another heresy that had appeared,” he said.

He described the rise of Islamic civilization both in the context of the pagan religions that had existed previously on the Arabian Peninsula, and in terms of its increasing contact with the Christian world.

After reviewing major occurrences in the life of Muhammad, Bowering began to relate

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City shuts down Benchwarmer’s

Downtown bar was site of fights, underage drinking

By ANGELA SAOUDE
Saint Mary’s Editor

Benchwarmer’s Sports Lounge closed its doors for good Oct. 18, after the city of South Bend agreed to purchase the bar for $55,640. 

The bar, which has been the scene for numerous instances of underage drinking and fights as of late, sold the entire facility, including all items in Benchwarmer’s, along with the lounge’s liquor license to South Bend, according to the South Bend Tribune.

The city also agreed to drop a 2003 nuisance lawsuit against owner Stephen Mitchell alleging that underage drinking and fighting had occurred. 

Mitchell owned the bar for 10 years and told the Tribune that he plans to move to the Atlanta area as health problems motivated him to sell. 

Neither Mitchell nor his lawyers could be reached for comment.

Fighting and unruly behavior at the bar had become a nuisance to the city and police officers. On Saturdays, four officers were usually assigned to patrol Benchwarmer’s in addition to the regular officers working downtown, causing officers to work overtime, according to the Tribune.

In January 2001, 50-60 Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students were cited for underage drinking in a police raid on the bar.

Last May, a young woman’s arm was broken during an arrest outside the bar. 

Saint Mary’s senior Erin Korreck said the bar closing will not affect her weekend entertainment.

“It doesn’t change anything for me because I’ve never been there, and hadn’t really even

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Ejection numbers increase

Citations of ND, BC fans also rose at game

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

In numbers indicative of the schools’ bitter rivalry, more Notre Dame and Boston College fans received citations for alcohol-related offenses and more people were ejection from Notre Dame Stadium Saturday than at any home football game this year. 

The joint task force of Indiana State Police, St. Joseph County Police, South Bend Police and Notre Dame Security/Police cited a total of 34 people before and during the game — the vast majority of which were Boston College fans, judging by their east coast addresses, said NDSIP director Ben Bakoun.

“If not the toughest, [Boston College] is one of the toughest crowds we face,” Bakoun said, adding that NDSIP has observed a pattern of increased incidents on recent years.

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Parents aren’t so bad after all

Parents aren’t so useless after all. When I went home for fall break, I was excited to see my family again. As a freshman, it was the first time I’d been away from them for an extended period of time. However, after the initial pleasure of reunion, I was greeted with something I definitely hadn’t missed: nagging.

My mom had made a to-do list for fall break. I had to balance my checking account, buy winter clothes and clean up my room I’d been gone for two months, how was I messy?

But now that I’m back at school, something has dawned on me. Sometimes when parents nag in high school, it seems pointless. I learned that if I ignored a task, my mom would just end up doing it. But at college, if I ignore a task, it doesn’t get done at all. For instance, earlier this year I was busy and ignored my laundry. It piled up and before I realized what was happening, I had run out of clothes. Plus my laundry bag fell over and spilled all over the floor. That was the first time I realized I wasn’t in the proverbial Katniss anymore.

At home, my mom would always comment that my desk was a mess. I used it as a repository of all the random pieces of paper I received. When I got here, this habit got even worse. With less space then at home, the area next to my laptop on my desk became a jumbled pile of paper, books, hats and even my cell phone. I learned the hard way to organize myself when I became convinced I had lost my checkbook.

Another instance happened to my roommate earlier this year. Each of her mother call the entire family to the table, or at least tell you there’s food in the fridge for when you get hungry. But at college, you have to remember to eat and eat right. My roommate ran into slight trouble with this the first week, eating Continental breakfasts and fried chicken.

Furthermore, without parents to put food on the table, I had to make sure I was eating a balanced diet. I had to make sure that as well as finding the dining hall pizza and burgers, I also found the salad bar.

Lastly, not having a curfew at college is also true, and a lot of the work I’ve been spoiled by a sound sleeping roommate who doesn’t mind if I’m up until 3 a.m. instant messaging my girlfriend and my friends from home. Some day, my goal is to have enough willpower to go to bed and get more than four hours of sleep.

So despite the annoyances that nagging parents seemed to present, I guess now I have to admit they were right. Sometimes, things just have to get done.

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

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS THE BEST THING ABOUT FALL BREAK?

Sean Cullen
Alumni freshman

"Being a Yankees fan in Boston after Game 7."

Anne Drolet
LeMonds junior

"Visiting New York City and the Today Show."" 

Stephanie Lutz
Holy Cross junior

"Going home to Mississippi where we had record highs in the 90s for October."

Nicole Thanner
LeMonds junior

"Passing a football between cars on an interstate."

Chris Nicot
Holy Cross junior

"Tailinggate at the Navy game and shotgunning Cokes and Sprites."

Tom Dorwart
Dillon freshman

Members of the Notre Dame marching band, including one of the drum majors, practice outside of the Joyce Center on Monday evening.

OFFBEAT

World’s oldest man cheering for Red Sox

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — In 113 years, Fred Hale Sr. has seen a lot. There’s one thing he’d like to see again. Hale, documented as the world’s oldest man, is a lifelong Boston Red Sox fan. Hale already has seen the Red Sox become the only team in baseball post-season history to overcome a 0-3 start to advance. Boston is up 2-0 on the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series.

Can the Red Sox win their first World Series since 1918?

"That’s the question," said Hale. "We’ll wait and see. Luck goes one way and goes out the other."

Turkey vultures take over Indiana yard

MUNCIE, Ind. — Turkey vultures have taken over Gwendolyn Griem’s backyard and made a mess of it.

Around 50 of the soaring, carrion-consuming birds have flocked to Griem’s yard in a gated subdivision in Muncie. They have ruined her patio furniture, stressed the shrubbery and even damaged the roof of her home, Griem told the Muncie Star Press for a story Monday.

"Droppings are everywhere," Griem said. "They’ve made the patio unusable. The lawn people don’t even like to mow it."

The birds have a 6-foot wingspan and can grow to be 32 inches tall, said Roger Hedge, an ecologist with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Most of the birds should head south for the winter, he said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame students, faculty, students and staff can donate blood today from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. Volunteers should sign up for a time in advance with RecSports.

The Notre Dame bookstore will host stories and activities in the children’s section today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your own costume.

Rock the Vote will host a panel of speakers on “Africa, Trade, Debt and the U.S. Presidential Elections” today from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

Robin Lakoff, University of California-Berkeley professor of linguistics, will talk today from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in 102 DeBartolo about “Boys will be Boys: Redrawing the Gender Line in the Sand.”

Brown University scholar Ronald Martinez will discuss “Patriarch, Dante, and the Places of Liturgy” today from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. in 102 Hesburgh Library.

A Peace Corps representative will hold an information session for students today from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns lounge.

The Ballroom Dance Club will give tango dance lessons today in room 103 in the Rockne building. Beginning instruction will be from 9 to 9:30 p.m. and advanced lessons will be from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to
Saint Mary's discusses College identity forum

Members report on campus issues and goals for the year

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance met Monday night to discuss upcoming events, including the College identity forum. Members said the forum will take place Nov. 4. "This forum's purpose is unifying, not polarizing our campus," Woman's Issues Commissioner Katie Kelly said. Kelly also invited all BOG members to write down a question they would like to have addressed at the forum. During fall break student trustee Sarah Brown said she met with the Board of Trustees to discuss several campus issues. She decided to initiate an Energy Conservation Task Force to help defray the high costs the campus must pay in energy bills.

At the retreat BOG attended in September, each member wrote down a goal for her head. Chief of staff Susan McIlaffen encouraged commissioners to meet with her in the upcoming weeks to discuss their goals for the year.

KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Professor wins international award

Kristin Shrader-Frechette, F.C. and H.M. O'Neill Professor of Philosophy and concurrent professor of biological sciences at the University of Notre Dame, has won the 2004 World Technology Award in ethics from the World Technology Network (WTN). She received the award for her work in environmental and public health ethics. Because there are no Nobel Prize categories for engineering and technology, a group of Nobel laureates and business leaders created the WTN and its awards program in 2000. Each year, the organization honors individuals and corporations from 20 different technology-related disciplines deemed by the WTN to have the greatest likely future significance and impact on society. Shrader-Frechette was honored Oct. 8 at the close of the WTN International summit in San Francisco.

The first WTA ethics winner was Harvard University and Hastings Center philosopher Daniel Callahan, who won the award for his work in biomedical ethics. Princeton University philosopher Peter Singer won the ethics award in 2003 for his work on global food ethics.

New building dedicated in Dublin

DUBLIN — On a stroll through the streets of this city, one can find the historic Trinity College, the Irish National Art Gallery, Dublin Castle, Christ Church Cathedral and the University of Notre Dame. Since 1998, the Keough-Notre Dame Centre in the heart of the Irish capital has hosted an average of 70 Notre Dame undergraduates per year to study and experience Irish culture. During that time, the centre has been based in a small portion of historic Newman House, at No. 86 St. Stephen's Green, a choice location for learning.

But on Oct. 16, the University celebrated a dramatic improvement in the arrangements for its Irish program with the dedication of O'Connell House as a new and larger home for the Keough Centre. The refurbishment of the facility was made possible by benefactions from Notre Dame Trustees Donald Keough and Martin Naughton.

The dedication events included a blessing of the building by Notre Dame's president, Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., an honorary degree ceremony, a dedication Mass, and remarks from Irish President Mary McAleese.

DANTE & PETRARCAH

In celebration of the 7th century of Petrarch's birth, the Devers Program in Dante Studies is pleased to announce a lecture series exploring aspects of the literary relationship between Dante (1265-1321) and Petrarch (1304-1374):

Tuesday, October 26, 2004
RONALD L. MARTINEZ, Brown University
"Petrarch, Dante, and the Places of Literacy"

ALBERT R. ASCOLL, University of California, Berkeley
"Blinding the Cyclopes: Petrarch After Dante"

Tuesday, November 9, 2004
SARA STURM-MADOX, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
"Dante, Petrarch, and the Laurel Crown"

THEODORE J. CACHEY, JR., University of Notre Dame
"Between Dante and Petrarch"

All lectures will take place in the Department of Special Collections, 102 Hesburgh Library, beginning at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., followed by a reception. All are welcome to attend these events.

This lecture series is sponsored by: The William and Katherine Devers Program in Dante Studies — The Medieval Institute The Department of Romance Languages & Literatures — The Ph.D. in Literature Program
**SOUTH KOREA**

**Nation tightens security**

Korean military ordered into high alert near Seoul

**Associated Press**

SEOUL - South Korea's military went on high alert on Tuesday, tightening roadblocks and traffic checks north of Seoul after finding signs of possible infiltration by North Korean agents, officials said.

The increased security along the roads between the tense border and Seoul came a day after Secretary of State Colin Powell was visiting South Korea to discuss a strategy for restarting stalled talks on North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

South Korean border guards found a hole in the wire fence that forms the southern boundary of the 2.5-mile-wide Demilitarized Zone that separates the two Koreas, said Brig. Gen. Hwang Joong-sun of the South Korean Office of Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The 16- by 12-inch hole, which was cut through two layers of wire fence meters apart, was discovered early Tuesday near Yeoncheon, a border town 40 miles north of Seoul.

North Korea had no immediate comment, but it has a history of staging border infiltration and other military provocations in apparent attempts to hike tension and increase its leverage at times of crucial diplomatic negotiations.

South Korea imposed "Jindogye-1" around Yeoncheon, the highest level of military alert, and had military commanders issue before an actual sighting of a conqueror - an enemy." Hwang said at a news conference. He refused to elaborate.

Police and soldiers tightened inspections in 54 checkpoin1s on the roads north of Seoul and established 16 temporary checkpoints. South Korea's national news agency Yonhap reported.

The military also barred Yeoncheon farmers from working in fields near the border and posted sentries at foothills, Yonhap said.

Police already had boosted security around the U.S. Embassy in Seoul and the main South Korean government building where Powell was meeting senior South Korean officials. They were guarding against possible demonstrations by activists who opposed Powell's trip, blaming President Bush for heightening tension with North Korea.

Roads between Seoul and the heavily fortified border are dotted with concrete tank traps and checkpoints and roadblocks. A large portion of South Korea's 650,000-member military is stationed in this area, which North Korea used as the main corridor of invasion when it started the 1950-53 Korean War.

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key events in Islam's incipient years to present day dilemmas. He said Mohammad had taken to opposing the presence of the small Jewish tribes in Mecca and Medina, foreboding the present conflict between the two faiths.

He also examined the term jihad, which he described as "the struggle with all means on the path of God, even militant means."

The Middle Ages, Bowering said, provided a turning point in Islam's relations with Christianity, culminating in the Christian Crusades. Meanwhile, Muslims were rapidly and successfully expanding on other fronts.

The Muslims never really made subject populations," he said. "The conquered became the conquerors."

Bowering also pointed out that many scientific and cultural innovations came from the Islamic world to Europe in ages past. Since the Enlightenment, however, the opposite has largely been the case. He attributed the modern trend toward fundamentalism in Islamic countries partly to this reversal.

Bowering will also give two additional Erazmus lectures this week in the Hearshgb Center at 5 p.m. Wednesday and 4 p.m. Friday.

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planned on going," she said. "I don't really think it was much of a choice for me in the end, after all the stress that I had been through during the selecting process."
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iraq may have missing explosives

VIOLENT CRIME DOWN 3 PERCENT

Two Israeli soldiers were wounded at the Knesset. Israel has pulled down Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon shares plan to secure Israel and Palestinians in the long run. The plan has sharply divided Sharon's Likud Party, with nearly half the 40 Likud lawmakers saying they will vote against it, forcing Sharon to rely on the support of dovish opposition parties. Sharon opposes a referendum, which would take months to prepare, as a stalling tactic and said it would only increase the divisions and the hatred on both sides. However, several Cabinet members, including Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, have called for a national vote.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, middle, expressed his determination to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and West Bank but remains open to peace talks with Palestine.

Chief Justice Rehnquists hospitalized

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LOCAL NEWS

Two escape fire on Near Westside

INDIANAPOLIS - Scott Couch says he's lucky that the smell of smoke was enough to alert him and his cousin to evacuate their home near Westside yesterday morning just before an apparent kitchen fire gutted the interior.

The fire occurred about 6:03 a.m. at the Couch's brick one-story home in the 1700 block of South Rangeline Street in Indianapolis. Indianapolis firefighters arrived three minutes later after getting a 911 call and brought the quickly moving fire under control in just minutes.

WASHINGTON - Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist has thyroid cancer that has temporarily sidetracked him, the Supreme Court announced today.

Rehnquist's diagnosis was announced Tuesday in a terse statement by the Supreme Court. It said the 80-year-old widower underwent a tracheotomy over the weekend and was hospitalized but expected to be back at work next week when the court resumes hearing cases.

Left unsaid was Rehnquist's condition at the National Naval Medical Center in suburban Bethesda, Md., and which type of thyroid cancer he has. About 23,600 people develop various types of thyroid cancer each year in the United States. Most types are considered treatable, but many variables exist including age and how quickly the cancer is found.

Rehnquist's hospitalization gave new prominence to a negotiation issue that has been overshadowed by the war on terror. The next president probably will name one or more justices to a court that has not had a new member in recent years on issues as varied as abortion and the 2000 election itself. President Bush won that after the Supreme Court issued a key 5-4 decision in his favor, with Rehnquist as part of the majority.

The last court vacancy was in 1994, the longest stretch of continuity in modern history. Only one of the court's nine members — Clarence Thomas, appointed by former President Bush — is under 65.
CHINA

Powell, Wen reach agreement on issues

BEIJING — Secretary of State Colin Powell won agreement from top Chinese officials Monday to resume joint discussions on human rights issues, but he failed to persuade them to open a dialogue with old rival Taiwan.

China angrily removed human rights from the U.S.-China agenda last spring when the United States introduced a resolution critical of Beijing before the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva.

Powell told reporters after high-level discussions here that the two countries "will start talks about resuming our human rights dialogue." He said he wants official discussions to touch on U.S. concerns about the detention of journalists and restrictions on civil liberties, among other issues.

On Taiwan, Powell reaffirmed the U.S. view that China should welcome a dialogue with old rival Taiwan, Powell said all weapons transfers to the island are for defensive purposes only.

During Powell's discussions, China reaffirmed its strong opposition to U.S. arms sales to Taiwan. Powell said all weapons transfers to the island are for defensive purposes only.

There was no shortage of issues for the two sides to discuss. A Powell aide counted 29 raised during his meetings.

He flew to South Korea in the afternoon following a 25-minute stop at the Sun Dong An Plaza, a modern shopping mall in the heart of Beijing. As he arrived, he was surrounded by a phalanx of about two dozen plainclothes police who kept surprised Chinese shoppers at bay.

Some snapped pictures of him with their cell phones. He bought an $8 art set for one of his grandchildren and a $10 fountain pen.

On North Korea, Chinese officials told Powell they believe it is possible for six-nation negotiations on nuclear disarmament to resume in the next few months.

North Korea boycotted a meeting that was to have taken place in September. The six nations are the United States, China, Japan, Russia and the two Koreas.

The United States is seeking the permanent denuclearization of North Korea and has said it will provide the communist government with economic benefits only after it offers a credible commitment to meet U.S. disarmament demands.

American partners in the six-party process share the U.S. goal but Li, the Chinese foreign minister, told Xinhua after his meeting with Powell that he believes that U.S. policy is too rigid.

Washington, he said, should "go further to adopt a flexible and practical attitude on the issue."
ISG deal to change steel industry

$4.5 billion deal and consolidation to form world's largest steel leader

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — Steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal announced plans to pay $4.5 billion in cash and stock for U.S. steelmaker International Steel Group Inc., which he called together by one-time investment banker Wilbur L. Ross Jr. from mills whose parents landed in bankruptcy court.

The takeover and the consolidation of two Mittal-controlled companies announced on Monday will create a global metals mammoth with anticipated 2004 sales of $31.8 billion, 70 million tons of steel production capacity and 165,000 employees, rivaling the world’s largest steel and mining conglomerates.

“These transactions dramatically change the landscape of the global steel industry,” said Mittal, who will be chief executive of the combined company.

The size of the renamed Mittal Steel Co. will provide it economies of scale in purchasing raw materials and advantages in setting global prices for steel, analysts said. The deal comes against the backdrop of rising fuel costs and competition from low-fare airlines.

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Information released about terror plotters

Associated Press

CAIRO — A Palestinian refugee plowed the coordinated bombings targeting Israeli tourists at resorts in the Sinai and accidentally killed himself while carrying out the deadliest blast, Egyptian authorities said Monday.

Discounting the theory of al-Qaeda involvement, an Interior Ministry statement said Ayad Said Saleh was motivated by the deteriorating situation in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip, which his relatives fled in 1967, and carried out the attack with the help of local residents.

But security officials speaking on condition of anonymity told The Associated Press they believed the attack was masterminded by Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

One car bomb devastated the Hilton hotel in Taba, just yards from the Israeli border, while two others rocked tourist camps at Ras Shitan, a coastal village 35 miles further south, killing a total of 34 people, including Israelis, Egyptians, Italians and Russians.

The car bomb at the Hilton hotel in Taba, just yards from the Israeli border, killing 26 people, tore up roads, upended homes and derailed a high speed train in rural Niigata prefecture about 160 miles northwest of Tokyo.

The statement did not say when they were arrested or provide details of their capture.

Two other suspects were said to be at large: Mohamed Ahmed Saleh, Saleh's brother, and Hammad Gaman Gomah Tarabeen. They were accused of carrying out the car bomb attacks.

Police also arrested five Egyptians accused of playing lower-level roles, including obtaining explosives and cars used in the attacks. The statement did not say when they were arrested.

The five are residents of the Sinai Peninsula, a territory Israel captured from Egypt in the 1967 Middle East war and returned in 1982 under terms of the first Israeli-Arab peace treaty.

The Interior Ministry said the three cars used in the bombings were stolen and the explosives were salvaged from war armaments in the Sinai. The car bombs, according to the statement, were built using spare parts from washing machines and other equipment.

Weekend earthquakes kill 26

Associated Press

NAGAOKA — Rain pelted a weary region recovering from powerful weekend earthquakes, creating fears of mudslides, as 100,000 people took refuge in shelters Monday, too afraid to go home as aftershocks delivered new jolts.

Saturday's magnitude 6.8 earthquake and a series of strong aftershocks killed 26 people, tore up roads, upended homes and derailed a high speed train in rural Niigata prefecture about 160 miles northwest of Tokyo.

A 5.6-magnitude temblor hit just after dawn Monday, swaying buildings and deepening concerns that the area's already shaky infrastructure would sustain more damage.

Several smaller aftershocks were felt through the night, and Japan's Meteorological Agency warned of more quakes in the region.

About 100,000 people took refuge at gymnasiums and public buildings. Thousands of others slept in their cars and in tents.

"The aftershocks are still strong, so we felt it was safer to stay here even though our house wasn't all that badly damaged," said Misako Tsuhaia as she sipped tea outside the tent where she was staying with her two daughters, her mother and her husband.

An 89-year-old man died at a shelter after collapsing from shock, Niigata police reported late Monday, bringing the death toll to 26. Police also said a 39-year-old woman and her two young children were missing.

An overturned vehicle rests among a damaged road following a series of powerful earthquakes at Ojira in northern Japan on Sunday.
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ers such as Ohio, Florida and Michigan. The latest ruling on election disputes and provisional ballots may not be the final word — but with Election Day looming, they can’t go back to the courthouse to get things sorted out. A three-judge panel of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati reversed a lower court’s decision out of Ohio and Michigan over the weekend, siding with the Bush administration or local Republicans to require that provisional ballots be cast in the right precinct, rather than just in the correct county.

In Florida, a federal judge ruled Monday that the state’s touch-screen voting machines do not have to produce a paper record for use in a recount becomes necessary. In response to the 2000 election crisis, braking Indiana’s public records law, 11 clerks were not trying to hide anything, and court files of sex offenders. Just 11 counties granted all four documents within 24 hours, according to the audit conducted by eight Indiana newspapers.

Both candidates said most of the viola­

tions were not trying to hide anything, and gave reporters an accounting of weapons found, not those lost.

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ISRAEL
Arafat leaves Israel for medical treatment

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel gave Yasser Arafat permission Monday to briefly leave his compound to receive medical treatment in the West Bank city of Ramallah, heightening concerns the Palestinian leader is seriously ill.

Palestinian officials said Arafat was recovering from a lengthy bout of the flu but was feeling better and would not accept Israel's offer.

The decision by Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz would allow Arafat to leave his compound in Ramallah for the first time in 2 1/2 years.

The Defense Ministry said in a statement that Arafat would be allowed to leave his compound, the Muqata, for medical checks in a Ramallah hospital on condition he returns afterward. The ministry said the Palestinians had requested that Arafat, who is recovering from a long bout of the flu, be allowed to leave for checkups.

But Palestinian Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat denied Palestinian officials had made such a request and said they had no intention of taking up the offer.

"We did not ask the Israelis for permission to take President Arafat to the hospital and there is no need, as Arafat is recovering in the Muqata (compound)," Erekat said.

Arafat, 75, has a medical clinic in the compound.

Arafat's health has been the subject of intense speculation in recent weeks after two teams of Tunisian and Egyptian doctors were flown in to examine him.

The Israeli media have speculated in recent days that Arafat may be suffering from more than the flu, with some reports saying Arafat is ill with cancer.

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U.S. Marines from the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment patrol Monday in a Humvee in Iraq. Bombings near Baghdad killed at least eight, including an American soldier.

Iraq
Bombings in Iraq kill at least 8

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Bombings struck four coalition and Iraqi military convoys and a provincial government office Monday, killing at least eight people, including an American soldier and an Estonian troop in the Baghdad area.

Coming a day after the bodies of nearly 50 Iraqi military recruits were found massed in a roadside bomb explosion that several hundred tons of explosives directly to the attacks.

On Monday, a roadside bomb in western Baghdad killed one U.S. soldier and wounded five, the U.S. military said.

An Estonian soldier died when a roadside bomb exploded at a checkpoint outside Baghdad as his patrol went by, the Estonian military said. Five other Estonian soldiers were wounded.

A car bomb also targeted an American military convoy 350 yards from their country's embassy in Baghdad, killing three Iraqis civilians and wounding nine people, including three Australian soldiers who suffered minor injuries, Iraqi and coalition officials said.

"This is the first time that Australian vehicles have been attacked by direct enemy action," an Australian Defense Force spokesman, Brig. Mike Hannan, said in Australia's capital, Canberra.

Two Islamic groups posted Web site claims of responsibility for the attack on the Australians. One was posted in the name of Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's group, renamed Al-Qaida in Iraq. The other claim was made on behalf of the Islamic Army of Iraq. It was impossible to determine if either claim was genuine.

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Health officials say flu shot is not necessary for all

Associated Press

DENVER — Public health officials say Americans should roll up their sleeves for a dose of reality: For most of us, getting a flu shot is not a life-or-death matter.

The flu vaccine will not necessarily prevent you from experiencing the flu's miserable symptoms, like fever, hacking cough, runny nose and "hit-by-a-truck" body aches. Studies show the shot generally works well, but its effectiveness can range from 52 to 90 percent depending on the strain of virus and a person's age.

If you are elderly or chronically ill, the vaccine can help jump-start your body's weakened defenses and perhaps prevent the worst from happening.

But the millions of people who are younger and healthier do not really need it — especially during a vaccine shortage, public health officials say.

"Right now the entire country runs on fear and we don't need to live like that," said Catharine A. Kopac, a Georgetown University gerontology researcher. "We somehow think we should be disease-free all the time. If you're leading a healthy life and you get sick with the flu, you're probably going to get through it."

For years, most people ignored the government's vaccination campaign, in part because of persistent myths that the shot hurts (not much; the needle is small) and it makes you sick (no, the conventional infection — often pneumonia — delivers the fatal blow. In virulent years, pre-existing conditions like heart disease can raise the death toll.

Hospitalsizations have almost quadrupled over the past two decades, to 200,000 annually as physicians recognized the additional danger flu poses.

Only two pharmaceutical companies make flu vaccine for the U.S. market. The vaccine shortage erupted Oct. 5 when regulators shut Chiron Corp.'s labs in Liverpool, England, cutting the expected U.S. supply by 48 million doses, or nearly half.

"This is our biggest nightmare come true," said Noreen Nicol, chief clinical officer at the National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver, which received only about half of the 2,000 doses of flu vaccine it ordered.

Still, infectious-disease experts say flu should no longer be a catastrophic illness among otherwise healthy people, at least not in the way it was in 1918 when it killed 40 million people worldwide.

For one thing, there are still about 61 million vials of vaccine in the U.S. pipeline. That is roughly equal to the nation's entire supply in 2000. With proper distribution, that is enough to protect the 42.9 million Americans who really need anti-viral protection, said University of Rochester infectious disease specialist John Treanor.

Also, this year's dominant strain appears to be similar to last year's. More than one-third of Americans were either vaccinated or exposed to it naturally, and some doctors believe there ought to be at least some carry-over immunity.

And unlike 1918, now there are at least four anti-viral medications that can relieve the flu's worst effects if taken within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms.

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For What It's Worth

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As newspapers across the country have come out with their endorsements for the presidential election this sentiment has been echoed. The Tampa Tribune wrote that because of their disapproval with both candidates they simply did not endorse anyone this year. So instead of an endorsement they wrote a long analysis of each candidate.

The Tribune wrote, "We are unable to endorse. President Bush for re-election because of his mis-handling of the war in Iraq... and his failed promise to be a 'uniter not a divider' within the United States and the world. Neither can we endorse Sen. Kerry... whose positions on the Iraq war -- the central issue in this campaign -- have been difficult to distinguish or differentiate."

The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, who chose to endorse President Bush, also wrote that it was "less than enthused" about having to choose between Bush and Kerry.

In Wisconsin, another swing-state, the Wausau Daily Herald gave Kerry the endorsement; not because they like a candidate more than the other, but just because he is slightly better than Bush. Indeed, the Daily Herald's editors wrote, "in many cases we've been disappointed by Kerry's lack of specifics or his promises to cure all our ills by repealing the tax cuts for the wealthy. We've weighed those disappointments against our disdain for Bush's failings."

It is such a critical time in the history of the United States, as we find ourselves at war in Iraq and fighting the threat of global terrorism. It is sad that many are left undecided because they like neither candidate or feel they cannot endorse either candidate. The American people deserve better. But in such a critical election let's hope that lack of enthusiasm over candidate's positions doesn't keep people from exercising their democratic right to vote.

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An innovative educational model for the 21st century

It’s very surprising that education seems to be an issue with which the Democratic Party traditionally enjoys popular support. However, surprises and irritations make our part regain in the world of politics. Nothing smells better in the political world than federal funds to local constituencies. It’s like throwing out political “chum” to the snarks, and it requires absolutely no accountability or fiscal responsibility. Once again, the simple Democratic strategy of throwing more federal money and refusing to hold administrators or influential voting blocks of teachers accountable is often as natural as sneezing for liberal politicians.

Before I briefly address Senator John Kerry’s plan for education, I’d like to take a closer look at claims that there is not enough federal education money floating around. Over the past thirty years, average per-pupil costs have more than doubled from $3,931 to $7,524 according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The District of Columbia school district now spends $12,064 per pupil.

Despite the $500 billion in state and federal money spent on education, our public schools are still some of the worst in the industrialized world. According to NAPB assessments, only 31 percent of fourth graders are proficient in reading, while 32 percent are proficient in writing. In my favorite subject of history is ranked at only 18 percent proficient. In the past three years alone, federal education spending in up 36 percent, virtually flooding the need based areas with money. However, as usually happens with Washington programs, almost 40 cents on the dollar was lost to government bureaucracy. 

The obvious policy remedy for America’s educational system is not more money. We spend more money on education than any other nation in the world. When you have a pool of well-paid teachers, federal tax revenue, state tax revenue, grants and the highest percentage of students graduate in the next five years, while recruiting 500,000 new teachers as with his plan for adding two new divisions. Special Forces and suddenly getting Western Europe to jump on board with us in Iraq, these assertions have absolutely no ground in reality. Despite Kerry’s numbers, George Bush has been going in the right direction of improvement when it comes to education policy. Bush understands that the days of Lyndon Johnson’s “tax and spend” education policies are over, along with most other colossal Great Society failures.

A comprehensive policy of guaranteed limited government, competitive standards in education, and a simple tax code are the only true paths to prosperity in a free society.

While her loyal sons are marching onward to mediocrity

As any Doner knows, this is not the official wording of the most popular and storied fight song in American sports, but it could be. Despite coach Tyone Willingham’s successful inaugural season, one which could have just as easily ended with five wins, the Irish football team has been mediocre since the mid-’90s. Was it so long ago that Frank Staats tore around Miami’s left defensive end and jarred the ball from Steve Walsh causing a fumble that very well could have saved the 1988 national championship? Have we forgotten the lightning quick feet of the Rocket or the improvising of Tony Rice? Do we remember Joe Montana’s game on fourth down that helped lead the Irish to a 31-30 win over the No. 1 ranked Miami Hurricanes in 1988?

The Irish won the national championship in 1988 for many reasons, but two notable ones came to mind and both were in evidence throughout the Miami-Notre Dame game that year. First and foremost was speed. Against these whispers, I choose to believe in the numerical goals set at the time of NCLB, agreeing with the basic principles of NCLB, and creating more outlandish goals. For instance, Kerry proposes helping 1 million more students graduate in the next five years, while recruiting 500,000 new teachers. As with his plan for adding two new divisions. Special Forces and suddenly getting Western Europe to jump on board with us in Iraq, these assertions have absolutely no ground in reality.

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On the eve after another terrible football loss, whispers echo under the tarnished dome: whispers of dissent against our leader Tyone Willingham. Some whisper that we need a new leader, a leader who when we are down by one with 50 seconds left on our own 11-yard line does not call a 4-yard pass up the middle to our running back. Against these whispers, I choose to believe in the numerical goals set at the time of NCLB, agreeing with the basic principles of NCLB, and creating more outlandish goals. For instance, Kerry proposes helping 1 million more students graduate in the next five years, while recruiting 500,000 new teachers. As with his plan for adding two new divisions. Special Forces and suddenly getting Western Europe to jump on board with us in Iraq, these assertions have absolutely no ground in reality. Despite Kerry’s numbers, George Bush has been going in the right direction of improvement when it comes to education policy. Bush understands that the days of Lyndon Johnson’s “tax and spend” education policies are over, along with most other colossal Great Society failures.

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**Movie Reviews**

**Cast shines in chilling football drama**

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN
Some Critic

It's Friday night in a small Texas town and all the stores are closed, which can only mean one thing — everyone's at the game.

Such is life in "Friday Night Lights," the story of a young man struggling to find his place in the world, as told through the eyes of the central characters. Luke and Boobie Miles, two central figures in the story, are shown growing up and wrestling with the challenges of life in rural Texas.

"Friday Night Lights" is one of the best you'll see in any sports movie. Derek Luke plays gifted tailback Boobie Miles, a teenager facing serious issues when he suffers a career-threatening injury early in the season. Luke Black stands out as the backup quarterback Mike Winchell, and he gives a solid performance in this memorable duo.

The Motorcycle Diaries

Director: Walter Salles
Writer: Jose Rivera
Starring: Gael Garcia Bernal, Rodrigo De la Serna and Mercedes Moran

THE Motorcycle Diaries begins in the year 1932, when the journey chronicled by Ernesto "Che" Guevara de la Serna (Gael Garcia Bernal) and Alberto Granada (Rodrigo De la Serna) crosses into a world of revolution, armed struggle and答案问题。
Bent and broken

Boston College uses second-half comeback to knock off Notre Dame

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Boston College didn't need a field goal to beat Notre Dame this year. They used a touchdown instead.

Eagles receiver Tony Gonzalez made a diving catch in the end zone with 54 seconds remaining, and Ryan Obliger's ensuing point-after-touchdown kick gave Boston College (5-2) all the difference it would need in a narrow, come-from-behind 24-23 victory over the No. 24 Irish (5-3) Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

One week after extending the nation's longest head-to-head winning streak over Navy, the Irish continued another, more recent trend having now lost four straight games to Boston College and five of the last six.

For Irish coach Tyrone Willingham, now 0-3 at Notre Dame against Boston College, the loss is particularly disappointing.

"This was an important game for our program, our young men," he said. "We felt that if we played our football game, we could win this one. To have it slip out of our hands in this manner hurts."

Notre Dame appeared to have a solid grasp on the game after an effective first half. The Irish responded to the Eagles' first-quarter touchdown with three unanswered scores of their own. Irish quarterback Brady Quinn, who finished the game completing 20-of-33 passes for 231 yards and two interceptions, connected with wide receiver Matt Shelton and then rushed for a 9-yard dash gave Notre Dame a 14-point lead.

"I really didn't cry tonight and tomorrow, but we're real upset," offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "We really didn't do a good job of going out and executing across the board."

Grant, who rushed for 48 yards on 17 carries, summed up the game in very simplistic terms.

"We just didn't get it done," he said. "We've got to find a way, however that is, as an offense, as a football team, we've got to find a way to win."

Now entering the bye week with a loss, Willingham refuses to dwell on the negative.

"You can't stay in the past," he said. "I expect myself and our football team to accept the hurt that we have, deal with it, and move on. We're real upset."

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Cornerback Dwight Ellick hangs his head after the Irish lost to Boston College 24-23 on a fourth-quarter touchdown, the fourth time in a row the Eagles have defeated the Irish.

Notre Dame still had one more chance to try and pull out a last second victory. However, on the ensuing kickoff, Chase Anastasio run through Justin Hoskins' stop sign to take a touchback and was tackled at the Irish 12-yard line. With 34 seconds left, Quinn began the drive by completing two short passes to Ryan Grant. Both passes were in the middle of the field and forced the Irish to use both of their remaining timeouts.

After another completion to Grant, Quinn connected with Ibraheem McKinight on a 25-yard pass to put the ball on the Boston College 38-yard line. McKinight gained the first down, but it was going to run out once the ball was spotted.

The Irish field goal unit scrambled onto the field in a desperate, last-ditch attempt to win the game. But Fitzpatrick's 55-yard kick fell short of the goalposts as time expired, and the Eagles streamed onto the field in celebration.

For Willingham, it was Notre Dame's last offensive series rather than the Boston College touchdown that proved the most frustrating.

"Even though our defense had a very difficult time, it should have been in the hands of our offense-to get another score and do the things we need to do to put it in the endzone," he said. "We just didn't do that."

Notre Dame players and coaches alike pointed to execution as the glaring difference in the game.

"We just didn't put [the game] away," offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "We really didn't do the things we need to do to win the game and executing across the board."
Irish linebacker Mike Goosby, right, and defensive lineman Victor Ablamiri, left, pursue Boston College quarterback Paul Peterson in the fourth quarter Saturday. Peterson completed this pass to convert on fourth-and-13, and the Eagles went on to score a touchdown two plays later to put them ahead for good, 24-23.

Irish fail to put away BC

The days of Notre Dame playing big brother to Boston College are long over.

For the fourth year in a row, the "little brother" in the rivalry decided it was his turn to come out on top, narrowing the rivalry to 5-7 in favor of Notre Dame.

Meanwhile, Mike Goosby wouldn't take his helmet off as he left the field. Dwight Ellick buried his head in his hands.

Ryan Grant said the same thing over and over again: "We didn't get the job done. It's real disappointing, we just didn't get it done." Justin Tuck was stunned.

All will graduate never having beaten Boston College as a starter.

But Saturday, there was no reason this Irish team should have lost to Boston College again. Somehow, they managed to do just that.

A missed extra point, too many missed tackles and, perhaps worst of all, a missed opportunity.

Notre Dame jumped out to a 20-7 halftime lead, and it looked as though the Irish were going to dominate the Eagles, as they should have.

But Notre Dame didn't put the nail in the coffin. Brady Quinn was intercepted at the Boston College 1-yard line once, and then another time at the Boston College 11. The Irish offense stalled and stalled again, and Boston College capitalized in the second half.

The Eagles made halftime adjustments and came out a different team. They gained 319 yards in the half and scored 17 points, 14 more than the guys in the blue and gold.

They looked like a football team that knew it could beat the not-so-almighty Notre Dame. They believed they could win, and their coaches told them how to do so.

And they did just that.

Paul Peterson threw for nearly 300 yards in the second half alone while the Irish played scared. Scared to lose to the Eagles again. Scared to make a play. Just hanging onto the 13-point lead they built in the first half, and hoping it would be enough.

But why?

Notre Dame was playing at home. They had won two games in a row. They had the momentum. They had the lead.

And yet, the Irish played not to lose. They punted at the Boston College 30-yard line instead of attempting a field goal, citing the tricky wind as the reason.

On third-and-seven in the fourth quarter, the Irish ran the ball up the middle for one yard, forcing them to kick the field goal that left them with one point too few. Notre Dame didn't score in the second half until that field goal late in the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, Peterson was busy completing 19-of-23 passes in the second half, picking apart the Notre Dame secondary. Tom O'Brien must have seen something at halftime because the Eagles were a different team in the second half.

"As much as anything, they did a good job, there's no question about that," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said of Boston College's play in the second half. "I thought we missed a great number of opportunities to make plays, whether it was a tackle or coverage, we just did not take advantage of what we thought were opportunities to get ourselves off the field and/or keep ourselves on the field."

But that explanation isn't enough at Notre Dame. Where were the Irish adjustments? What did their coaches tell them?

Why didn't the players come to play?

Boston College made the plays, and Notre Dame didn't. And when you don't make plays, you don't win football games.

So now the Irish are left bent and broken. A season that could have seen the Irish go 7-4 with a potential New Year Day's bowl appearance is suddenly looking more like 6-5. It's not over yet, but why the way this team played Saturday, it could be.

The week off will help physically, but emotionally it is yet to be seen. This team is devastated by a loss they only have themselves to blame for. They could forget about it, or this feeling could last until the next time they step on the field. There is no way to tell.

Just like there is no way to tell why the Irish came out the way they did in the second half. Why they didn't make a play, and most of all, why they cannot play with a lead.

But the fact remains that one of the worst feelings in the world may be when your little brother has grown up enough to overpower you.

The feeling is even worse when the older brother has grown too weak in fights back.

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Fitzpatrick misses first PAT of year

By MATT MOONEY
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Irish kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick had his highs and lows during Saturday's game.

As a punter, Fitzpatrick had a stellar day, averaging 44.5 yards on 10 punts, including a career-long 67-yard kick in the third quarter. His punt marked the longest Irish kick since Joey Hildbold booted a 69-yarder in 2000 against Texas A&M.

Fitzpatrick also punted Boston College inside its own 20-yard line on 11 of his 10 kicks.

"Every time you get out there is a chance to build your confidence," Fitzpatrick said. "I just got lucky playing with that wind. They had a 25-degree gust, so we tried to keep it away from him and it worked out pretty well."

Fitzpatrick had a career-long 55-yard field goal in the game, and his 55-yard miss as time expired would have been a career-long.

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The previous seven Notre Dame opponents were 0-for-4 on fourth-down conversion attempts.

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Notre Dame's first unblocked PAT miss since Jim Samson missed on a fourth-quarter attempt in 1999 also against Boston College.

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FOUR AND COUNTING

Notre Dame jumped out to an early lead Saturday, but poor execution spelled doom for the Irish, as they lost 24-23 to Boston College. The Eagles threw for 297 yards in the second half, dominating the Irish defense. Notre Dame fell to the Eagles for the fourth straight time, dropping them to 5-3 on the season. Brady Quinn threw two interceptions inside the Boston College 15-yard line, and the offense failed to capitalize on numerous scoring opportunities. The Eagles outplayed the Irish in the second half, outscoring them 17-3, and a missed extra point by D.J. Fitzpatrick came back to haunt Notre Dame.
Cameos provide bright spots in teen comedy

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
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To many people, Europe is seen as the pinnacle of art, culture and society. To others, like the producers of "Eurotrip," it is a land free from the puritanical rules and restrictions of America, perfect for satisfying their target demographic of hormone-addled, acne-ridden boys. "Eurotrip" is rife with politically incorrect jokes, stereotypical portrayals of the various European nations and bathroom humor, and while not at the top of the grosses, this summer's hit has more men than women, partake of brownies and the red light district in Amsterdam; meet up with an extremely friendly Italian on the train; have a detour into Eastern Europe; take a brief stop in Germany and finally have a sacrilegious time at the Vatican.

The movie has a surprising number of cameos from established stars, and they usually end up being the best parts of the movie. Matt Damon appears as the lead singer of a band who is having an affair with Scotty's girlfriend. The song about their tryst, "Scotty Doesn't Know," is definitely one of the best parts of the movie, and will remain stuck in your head long after the movie has ended. Lawless lawlessness, once television's "Xena: Warrior Princess," becomes something else, putting it up as a deminastrix at an Amsterdam brothel, complete with a side of sex and unidentified Suckers. Round out these appearances are David Hasselhoff, Jeffrey Tambor ("Arrested Development"), Diefurich Bader ("The Drew Carey Show") and Vinnie Jones ("Snatch") as an obsessed Manchester United fan.

The DVD extras depend on whether you or not you secure the "rated" or "unrated" version, the only difference between the two being the amount of nudity and profanity in the film. The film's writers include two commentary tracks; the "sober" and the "party," the latter done under the influence of a few drinks. There are a significant number of deleted scenes, featurettes such as "Nude Beach Exposed," a video and sing-along for "Scotty Doesn't Know" and "Eurotrip" Bootleg," in which the writers comment on the quality of a bootleg copy of the film they picked up months before the actual DVD release.

Overall, "Eurotrip" is not a great movie, but it isn't a bad one either, and it has just enough funny moments and guest appearances to make it worth watching.

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This is the first in a three-part series on the basics of Digital Video Discs.

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DVD has been commercially available for nearly a decade and has revolutionized the home theater market. Yet purchasing DVDs can be confusing and complicated. The back of a DVD case often contains terms like aspect ratio, Dolby Digital and regional DVD. For many, it is difficult to understand what is worth purchasing and what is not. Hopefully this guide will demystify many of the more confusing features of the video market.

What is DVD?

DVD stands for digital video disc. It is an optical laser audio and video technology that is most often used for movies, but sometimes music and other information as well.

Regions

To protect from piracy, companies and studios encode into regions, or specific targeted markets. The United States and Canada are Region 1, while Japan, Europe, South Africa and Middle East are Region 2, etc. This is displayed in a small number on the back of the DVD. In order to play a DVD, a player, cable and or satellite box, and a television will need a region-free DVD player. Additionally, some imported DVDs are region-free.

Aspect ratios

In many cases a consumer is given the choice between widescreen and full screen formats. In nearly every case, the widescreen edition is preferable because it provides the optimal presentation of the film. An aspect ratio is the proportion of width to height (for example, many movie theater screens are 2.35:1, which is the theatrically-presented ratio. This can cause confusion as to which is preferable. In the case of director Stanley Kubrick, for example, he has stated that the full screen versions are definitive; thus, the 1.33:1 framing of films like "The Shining" and "Full Metal Jacket" are the official DVD editions. Thiscreates disparity between what was originally theatrically presented and what the director (the ostensible author of the film) prefers. A similar case would be the TV series "Buffy, the Vampire Slayer," which is presented in widescreen in Region 2 and full screen in Region 1. Series creator Joss Whedon has gone on record claiming to prefer the full screen version.

Anamorphic widescreen

Often, the back of a DVD will say something like "Enhanced for Widescreen TVs," "Anamorphic" or "16 x 9 Version." This means the image is letterboxed on a standard TV and enhanced for widescreen TVs. An anamorphic image is encoded with additional lines of resolution that "unfold" on a widescreen TV. Not only will the image look better on a widescreen television, but the size of the black bars will be reduced, and the image itself will appear larger.

Sound formats

Dolby has become the standard for home theater surround sound. On a standard television without speakers or a receiver, the sound will automatically be decoded into two-channel stereo.

Digital 5.1 is the typical Dolby home theater sound format. To encode into this format, there must be five speakers (one center, two front surrounds and two rear surround) and a subwoofer, which channels low frequency emissions. If a setup does not have this, then a standard television can automatically downgrade the sound into two-channel stereo.

Dolby Digital 5.1 EX is a newer Dolby sound format, which encodes into a six speaker place directly between the two rear speakers. For those who own a 5.1 set-up, Dolby uses technology called Pro-Logic, which encodes two-channel stereo programs into all five channels.

DTS (Digital Theater Systems) Digital Surround is a separate sound technology format. Generally reserved for audiophiles, it is often used on action films or films with active surrounds and always on Superbit DVDs. Since it is a mix from a different source, the DTS mix will often sound different than a Dolby mix, which sometimes results in separate releases (for instance, "Jaws" is available either a 5.1 Digital version or DTS Digital version).

DTS requires special decoding equipment on both receivers and DVDs, so films containing DTS track usually also contain a Dolby Stereo track as well. In some cases, DTS is a vast improvement over the Dolby track ("Saving Private Ryan") while in others the difference is virtually unnoticeable ("Apollo 13").
**FOOTBALL**

Irish extend streak over Navy to 41, beat Middies 27-9

Grant leads Notre Dame’s rushing attack with 114 yards and a pair of touchdowns, defense keeps option in check

By PAT LEONARD
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The 78th meeting between Notre Dame and Navy was a game of firsts.

Irish linebacker Brandon Hoyte tackled Navy quarterback Aaron Polanco to 19 yards. The Irish held Polanco to 19 yards and three touchdowns against the Midshipmen.

“Shots fired,” Hoyte said. “That’s the tempo and tone that we plan on setting for the rest of the year.”

Notre Dame dominated the first half, adding a D.J. Fitzpatrick 47-yard field goal to its two touchdowns with 53 seconds remaining. The Irish went into the locker room up 17-0. But Navy opened the second half with a field goal to narrow the gap at 17-3.

“Touchdowns,” Hoyte said of the showing. “But we’re supposed to play defense.”

Irish running back Ryan Grant streaks down the sideline. Grant tallied 214 yards and two touchdowns against the Midshipmen.

Grant gained 100 yards for the first time since he rushed for 107 yards in 2002 against Boston College. The senior comboed with a slew of Irish backs to average 4.6 yards per carry behind what tackle Ryan Harris called the “fastest offense” he has run.

“Ryan Grant....” Notre Dame had the ball, and he took charge of the football game, said Diedrick's liking.

Notre Dame deficit was running hard and was able to protect the football.

Thomas started the Brigham Young game at tailback but fumbled four times in his first four carries over the course of the early season.

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Saint Mary's wins 2 of 3 during fall break

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

When Saint Mary's reflects on its season, two trends emerge—the Belles cannot lose at home, but they can't find a way to win on the road.

Saint Mary's maintained this pattern over fall break, managing wins at home against Alma College (5-0) and Olivet (6-3) but dropping a key game on the road with a 3-2 overtime loss to Albion College. The loss over break kept the Belles undefeated at home and extended their home record to 7-0 after starting the season with a win and a tie on the road. Saint Mary's has now lost its last four away games, leaving its record at 1-4-1. The loss to Albion proved even more costly, as it all but ended the Belles' chances of making the NCAA Tournament.

Although they were no longer playing for a spot in the post-season, the Belles still looked strong in Saturday's game against Olivet. "To know that our season ends Nov. 2, we could have come out lackluster, but I still felt we played with the same heart and intensity as earlier this year," senior captain Jen Concannon said. "After the Albion game, we set new goals for ourselves; we want to go 4-0 in the next four games.

Despite playing the game in a torrential downpour that provided a wet and muddy field, the Belles were able to get on the scoreboard early and often on Saturday. Ashley Hinton scored twice early on, and goals by Concannon and Carolyn Logan made it 4-0 at halftime. Saint Mary's extended the lead to 6-0 in the second half with goals by Carrie Orr and Emily Wagner before allowing three late goals by Olivet.

"For the weather being so bad, I was happy to see us get six goals, because scoring consistently was something we've had a problem with all season," Concannon said. "I give credit to Olivet for coming back from down 6-0 to score three goals. They're a better team than people give them credit for.

The win on Saturday was payback for earlier in the season. After the Belles struggled in 4-1 upset loss against Olivet, the win was not enough to put them back in position for a shot at the title in the competitive MIAA.

"I feel our conference is very competitive knowing only one team goes on to the playoffs; most teams have the top three in the conference go on," Concannon said. "Holding the top position in the MIAA is very hard to do. I've noticed in our conference that there's always major upset, because it's all about who comes to play that day.

With only three games to play this season, the Belles are determined to go out with a bang.

"It will feel bad to end the season, but we'll continue to play intensely to the end," Concannon said. "It's comforting to know that we are able to hang with the top teams.

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Belles losing streak is 3, team seventh in the conference

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Fall break was not kind to the Saint Mary's volleyball team as the Belles dropped three matches in a row.

The losses placed Saint Mary's in seventh place in the MIAA with a record of 5-10 and only one conference game remaining on the schedule.

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'SMC SOCCER'

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Top-ranked Irish fail to score against Rutgers

ND beats Seton Hall, Boston College

By DAN TAPETILLO

The No. 1 ranked Irish (16-0-1) encountered a couple of challenges over the fall break, with one of them resulting in the team's first tie of the season.

On Oct. 16, Notre Dame faced Big East conference rival No. 20 Boston College. In the 1-0 victory at Alumni Field, the team relied upon sophomore midfielder Jen Buczkowski to score the winning goal in the 80th minute of the contest.

This is the second time Buczkowski has scored a last minute, game-winning shot, the last time being in the 2-1 win over Georgetown on Oct. 28th beginning 2004.

The Irish came away disappointed with a 1-0 deficit within the first five minutes of the match. The Seton Hall goal came from a corner kick by Irish goalie Lauren Karas to Seton Hall's Carley Fiagenti. Fiagenti took advantage of the rare opportunity by quickly coming towards the goal for the wide-open shot and the lead. "It was shocking but we weren't devastated," Buczkowski said. "But we just fought back." The Irish were able to rebound quickly when Chapman found the net in the 33rd minute of the contest. Junior midfielder Annie Scheffer passed the ball from the top left corner of the box to Buczkowski, who then kicked the ball to Chapman. The senior Chapman secured the goal, bringing it into the right side of the net.

The team's second goal came after freshman Janetica Tjeder sent the ball to Chapman at the right side of the box. Chapman then set up Thorlakson for her 26th career goal and the 2-1 lead in the 55th minute of the game.

The third and final goal for the Irish also came from Chapman. Passes from Thorlakson and Buczkowski set up the 10-yard shot for Chapman, whose kick deflected off a Seton Hall defender during the 60th minute of the match. "She created a lot of our offensive opportunities during the game," Buczkowski said.

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Midfielder Jen Buczkowski dribbles in a match against Eastern Illinois on Aug. 29. Her goal beat Boston College on Oct. 16.

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Zook fired, hopeful fans look to Spurrier

**NCAA Football Coaches Poll**

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**NCAA Football**

Florida football coach Ron Zook reacts to his team’s play against Mississippi State in Starkville, Miss., on Saturday. Mississippi State defeated No. 20 Florida, 38-31.

**Central Collegiate Men’s Hockey Standings**

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**NASCAR driver Hendrick's loss family in plane crash**
GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida coach Ron Zook was fired Monday after two-plus years and a stack of embarrassments on and off the field, satisfying a growing groundswell for his ouster that began the day he replaced Steve Spurrier.

Zook will finish out the season while athletic director Jeremy Foley and school president Bernie Machen search for another coach.

"In the final analysis, it was apparent to me that something's not working here," Foley said. "I know that's kind of nebulous, but it's the truth. It's hard to put a finger on it exactly, but it certainly just didn't appear to be working as we all envisioned."

The Gators are 20-13 under Zook with four games left — that's just 14 losses fewer than Spurrier had in 12 seasons.

Zook's latest debacle, a 38-31 loss to Mississippi State, sealed his fate and brought jubilation among those in Gator Nation who turned www.firezook.com into their Internet home page. The site posted this message Monday: "It's happening! It's happening! Oh my God it's happening!"

Spurrier's return would be welcomed in Gainesville. "I'd cross that bridge if it comes to that," Spurrier told the Orlando Sentinel. "The thing I've tried to do all year is not be lingering around, acting like I'm waiting for another guy's job. I don't believe that's the right way to do it. But now that he doesn't have a job, I guess there will be some discussion. We'll see what happens."

Foley planned to talk with Spurrier soon but said he won't discuss the opening with coaches jobs until after the season.

"It's a tedious and slow crash site so ATVs could recover the bodies. NASCAR's top syndicates. It's the truth. It's hard to do it, " Machen said Monday: "I'm waiting for another coach, unless I can keep him."

Williams, post Tyson defeat, looks toward winning title
LAS VEGAS — Danny Williams used to put so much pressure on himself that he would cry in his dressing room before a fight. That might make some wonder how Williams will react when he challenges Vitali Klitschko for a piece of the heavyweight title.

"I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciate and respect these players," Zook read from a statement, making little eye contact and pausing several times to collect his emotions. "They work hard and they do what we ask. I take a lot of pride in the fact that we leave this program in very good shape."

**IN BRIEF**

**NASCAR driver Hendrick's loss family in plane crash**

**NASCAR**

**ATHENS, Ga. —** The plane that was carrying family and friends of one of NASCAR's top syndicates.

Federal investigators said they did not know what caused the Beech 200 King Air to crash Sunday en route from London, N.C., to Martinsville Speedway, about 7 miles east of the crash site on Bull Mountain in the foothills of the Appalachians. A bulldozer cleared a path to the site so ATVs could recover the bodies.

"The only method we have of getting up to the scene is on ATVs ... so it's a tedious and slow process," State Police Sgt. Bob Carpentieri said.

The plane slammed into the side of the mountain and its wreckage was blown uphill, said Brian Rayner, a National Transportation Safety Board investigator. Charred debris from the fuselage, engine and other parts was visible, he said.

The crash killed all 10 people aboard, including the son, brother and two nieces of owner Rick Hendrick.

**Florida**

Williams will step up to the plate with a better perspective this weekend.

"I learned how to control it," Williams said Monday. "I went into the ring relaxed, didn't let anything bother me, and my performance showed it."

That fight July 30 ended with Williams stopping an exhausted and injured Tyson in the fourth round in the biggest bout of his career. The win not only made him famous back home in England but earned him an unlikely bid for a heavyweight title.

Now Williams meets Klitschko.
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Irish goalkeeper Chris Sawyer's 623-minute scoreless streak, the tie with conference rival St. John's kept Notre Dame atop the Big East standings.

Midfielder Ian Etherington drew first blood for the Irish 21 minutes, eight seconds into the first half. Lining up for a corner kick, the sophomore bent a perfect ball inside the far post to stake the Irish to an early 1-0 advantage.

After failing to find the back of the net in the season's first nine games, Etherington's go-ahead goal was his third tally in a five-game stretch.

But playing at home with control of the Big East on the line, the Red Storm weren't ready to hand the Irish the victory. Twenty-two minutes into the second half, St. John's Matt Greenwald provided the equalizer.

Unleashing a 20-yard rocket from the right wing, Greenwald finally pierced Sawyer's steel curtain, what seemed to be the game's final goal.

"I felt we were actually playing our best soccer and getting control of the game when they scored the goal," Clark said. "Both teams were trying to win the game — there were chances at both ends and both teams had opportunities, but perhaps a tie was a fair result."

St. John's took 16 shots to the Irish's 12 — the last time another team scored on Notre Dame, the Scarlet Knights in the 1996 Big East Championship game.

The victory over Rutgers was Notre Dame's first in seven years, the Irish last downed the Scarlet Knights in the 1996 Big East Championship game.

With Rutgers outshot Notre Dame 13-10, the match's lone goal came off the foot of an Irish player.

"It was one of the best goals of the season so far," Clark said. "I think we must have strung together about 10 passes. The final pass was a great little pass behind their defense for Luke to run onto and slot past the goalkeeper."

Sawyer made five routine saves as the Irish defense held an opponent to one goal or less for the fifth time in 16 games thus far this season — only Indiana was able to find the back of the net on multiple occasions, scoring twice in a 2-0 victory on Sept. 15.

The Irish finish out their Big East schedule Saturday night, hosting Connecticut at Alumni Field before welcoming Michigan State Nov. 2 to close out regular season play.

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Men's Golf

Irish notch record-low team score

By ERIC RETTER

There is still wet ink in the record books after the Irish performance this weekend.

The team shot a combined score of 854 at the Nelson Invitational to break the Notre Dame record for lowest overall team score. Notre Dame shattered the old record, which was set at the same event last year by nine strokes.

The Irish shot 279-288-287 to finish ninth in the strong field of 16 teams, finishing 24 strokes behind tournament champion New Mexico.

Coach John Jasinski attributes the strong showing in last week's good practices.

"It wasn't as competitive as we need to be [in practice over the past few weeks], but we had a competitive week of qualifying and good week of preparation," he said.

Despite the impressive numbers, the scores this weekend were not as good as they seemed. The Stanford Golf Course at host Stanford University is only a par 66, rather than the typical par 72, and thus scores are subsequently lower across the board.

Junior Eric Deutsch and sophomore Cole Ishan led the Irish this weekend. The tandem tied for 21st with twin 6-over-par 216s. The two have been the Irish's strongest members, regularly shooting the best rounds at tournaments. The score was Deutsch's career best, and it ties for 10th best in school history.

"Cole is solid in his spot, has yet to even be put in a qualifier, and Eric has been very consistent," Jasinski said.

Trailing them was freshman Mike King. King finished with an 8-over-par 215 to finish in a 3-way tie for 31st place. Freshman Greg Rodgers posted a 9-over-par 213, while junior Scott Gustafson ended the weekend with a 223, finishing in a tie for 65th. Gustafson has struggled more than expected this season, and the Irish anticipate his return to his form of a year ago.

"The biggest question mark on this team is when he is going to get his game back; he has a little kink in his game right now that is adding 2 or 3 shots to his scorecard," Jasinski said.

While realizing that the team did well, Jasinski anticipates a return to tougher and longer courses, where he feels the Irish have more strength.

"I wouldn't say we're a threat, but I'd say we're competitive [at tougher courses]. Playing easy golf courses is not the style of play we prepare for," he said.

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America.

In his four seasons in South Bend, Brey (44-44) has led the Irish to the postseason each year — to the NCAA Tournament in the first three seasons and to the quarterfinals of the National Invitational Tournament last year.

During his first season, Brey's team won the program's only Big East regular season championship claiming the West Division crown. He led the Irish in 2003 to their first Sweet 16 appearance since 1987.

On the recruiting front, Brey has brought the Irish to national prominence with a number of top signings and commitments. Upon taking the Notre Dame job, Brey secured current senior guard Chris Thomas' commitment, the only Mr. Indiana to play for the Irish. Current junior forward Terin Francis was named the McDonald's national boys Player of the Year.

For the 2006 recruiting class, Brey has gotten commitments from four top players, including consensus national prospect Luke Zeller from Washington, Ind.

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Mike Brey signed a two-year extension to his existing contract as Notre Dame men's basketball coach Monday.
Both teams finish second in Pre-National Championships

Huddle finishes 3rd, Cardinal takes team title for second week

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

For the second straight meet, the Irish cross country runners competed against the top teams in the nation. Both the men's and women's teams captured second place at the Pre-Nationals championships in Terre Haute, Ind. Oct. 16. No. 1 Stanford took first place once again, dominating the field as it did at the Notre Dame Invitational.

While the Irish faced an elite field, the expectations for the meet remained high for the sixth-ranked women's team. "Our goal was to be in the top three," women's coach Tim Connelly said. "We had hard training before the race but we had a solid performance."

Molly Huddle led the No. 6 women with a third place overall finish. With her best race of the season, Stephanie Madia finished 11th in front of teammate Kerry Meager coming in at 16th.

The No. 9 Irish men's team placed four runners in the top 50 led by Kurt Benninger, who came in eighth overall. Tim Moore came in second for Notre Dame at 13th. Finishing five seconds behind Benninger with a time 24:07 on the 8K course, Tim Moore came in second for Notre Dame at 13th.

The men's team finished with 165 points to put them ahead of Michigan at 188 but behind dominant Stanford (77).

In addition to hosting 12 of the top 30 ranked teams, the Pre-Nationals meet is also run on the same course the NCAA championships are held. "We've already seen many of the top teams in the country like Stanford and Michigan," Connelly said. "We are moving the right direction for the Big East and NCAAs."

The Irish women will continue to face top ranked teams when they race No. 2 Providence in the Big East Championship. "Providence is a huge favorite to win the Big East Championship, and we will have to be perfect if we want to upset them," Connelly said.

At this point in the season, both the men's and women's teams have their top five runners set. "The top five finishers in the Pre-Nationals should most likely be the top five we race in the upcoming meets," Connelly said.

The Irish will run in the Big East Championship on Friday.

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15 seconds left proved the differ­ence maker.

"We're a pretty sound defensive team and have good penalty killing, so we're going to have to win a lot of close games like this," Irish coach Dave Poulin said in a 20-15-4 record and the first ever NCAA tournament berth in Notre Dame's 37-year history. He even had to endure the extra period loss to Boston College last year. "No matter who you are, you have to have a good penalty killing experience," he said.

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Hockey

History repeats itself

Jindra's shorthanded goal lifts Irish over No. 1 Boston College

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Assistant Sports Editor

No Mike Walsh, no problem.

The junior forward, who scored the only goal in Notre Dame's 1-0 upset victory over No. 1 Boston College last year, missed Friday's game against the Eagles with an injury. But it didn't matter.

Forward T.J. Jindra scored the game-winning goal and goalie Morgan Cey made a career-high 50 saves to help the Irish again upset No. 1 Boston College by the score of 3-2 for Notre Dame's first win of the season.

No. 2 Boston (19-6-1, 13-0-0 in the Hockey East) played to a 1-1 tie to kick off their three-game fall break road trip.

"It was a pretty tough, tight, hard game — not a lot in it statistically," Clark said. "I think it was very close." While the equalizer snapped Notre Dame's 11-game win streak, the No. 5 Irish (12-2-2, 7-1-1 in the Big East) played to a draw with No. 10 St. John's (9-3-4, 6-1-1 in the Big East) Wednesday night. The Irish battled the Red Storm to a 1-1 tie to kick off their three-game fall break road trip.

Poulin's character, work ethic visible in hockey team's play

Nothing has ever come easy for Irish coach Dave Poulin.

The current member of the Philadelphia Flyers Hall of Fame didn't get recruited by any Division I schools — he filled out a Notre Dame questionnaire interested for a star team.

"I didn't get drafted, nor did I get an NHL contract offer," Poulin said in a statement. "Every question, Mike is speaking, Mike Brey has done a brilliant job leading Notre Dame basketball back to national prominence."

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With the program's future looking promising, Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White continues to make sure men's basketball coach Mike Brey isn't going anywhere. The athletic department announced Brey's signing of a two-year contract extension Monday afternoon.

"Simply speaking, Mike Brey has done a brilliant job leading Notre Dame basketball back to national prominence," White said in a statement. "Without question, Mike is quickly becoming one of the elite players within the college basketball community. We are extremely excited that he will continue to lead our program."

After signing an initial seven-year contract when taking the helm in South Bend on July 14, 2000 and a two-year extension in July 2002, Brey is now under contract through the 2010-11 season.

"Once again, I want to emphasize how honored I am to teach at this very special place," Brey said. "The commitment from our administration makes me more confident basketball coach. Our program has great momentum, and I am excited about moving it forward into a new phase as the Big East becomes the best basketball conference in the country."

Kevin Goldthwaite and the No. 5 Irish escaped the break without a loss and won the Big East regular season title.

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