Students anticipate a week free of classes

By NICOLE ZOOK
Associate News Editor

While students at schools around the nation are hitting the books and attending classes next week, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students will have only one thing on their minds — break.

The mid-semester break from classes begins Monday and lasts through Friday, leaving students with more than a week of free time. While spring break is usually seen as the best time for travel among college students, many Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, like Saint Mary's junior Brittany Lee, say they will be hitting the road over fall break.

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Student proposes tax plan

Mendoza innovator aims for Katrina aid

By KATE ANTONACCI
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Like many Americans affected by the traumatic hurricane that devastated the south in August and September, graduate student Dan Kelly wanted to help.

His solution, however, was not to donate large sums of money or roll out food and clothing, but to create a new tax plan.

"This idea could potentially become a tax law for the years 2005 and 2006. It still has a long way to go, but it is generating speed and encouragement," Kelly said.

Kelly, who is enrolled in a Tax Research graduate course offered in the M.S. in Accountancy program, has created a proposal that would give everyone who donates money to hurricane victims a deduction.

"At times like this it is very important to stop thinking about the bottom line and start thinking with our hearts," Kelly said. "These people need our help and it is our responsibility to step up and do whatever it is that we can to help."

Under the current tax system, Kelly said all taxpayers are allowed to itemize their deductions — which include some medical expenses, state and local taxes, charitable contributions and other miscellaneous items.

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Bot elects a new Board of Finance

The presentation given Monday by student government representatives for Social Concerns' (USC) VICE committee to the Board of Trustees drew applause and triggered dialogue on how to improve the relationship between Notre Dame and members of the South Bend community.

The presentation, which was given by student body president Dave Baran, student body vice president Liz Shappell, chief executive assistant Liz Kolow and VICE committee members Peter Kravolce and Kate Distler, analyzed the dynamic between Notre Dame students and South Bend community members.

It was this last section that provoked the most response from trustees, who pressed VICE members for details about service coordinated through the USC and student participation.

"Before deciding to continue resource commitment, if not enhance it, we should know what that resource commitment is," one trustee said, after Kravolce said he did not have specific information on the USC's budget.

The observer has a policy of not attributing information or quotes to specific members of the Board. But trustees were receptive to Kravolce and Distler's presentation on the need to further promote community-based learning and cement a partnership with the community.

"I think the key was when you said partnership," one trustee said. "I think we need to let the community partnership lead us to giving what they need."

In presenting the survey results on the frequency and location of student-community interactions, Shappell men-

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Above, College Gameday sets up in front of Touchdown Jesus. At left, a spirited flyer marks a South Quad light post.

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campus electric as gameday nears

Notre Dame community furious with excitement, hopeful to see Irish shock USC Saturday

By KATIE PERRY
Associate News Editor

If you could find a way to bottle the hype and hoopla of the events surrounding this weekend's home football game, you could light up the universe — and then some.

The zeal has been unavoidable. From the throngs that don nearly every campus doorway to the mug shish of USC quarterback Matt Leinart that line campus walkways, from the "Trogans Break" T-shirts to the prematurely-stationed ESPN College Gameday stage, nothing has been as pervasive on campus this week as football.

And although it was not the Irish but the Greek who ultimately caused the fall of Troy, students are primed and ready to flood into Notre Dame Stadium — their surro-

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Students filled the Grotto area and spilled into the adjoining sidewalks Thursday to hear Jim Caviezel, star of "The Passion of the Christ," say the rosary and speak about his faith.

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INSIDE COLUMN

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Nick: I think Jessica is gonna dump me.

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Nick: Yeah. I don’t know what I’m going to do.

Sam: Nick, just breathe, remember like the time you thought you spilled a mocha Frapuccino on your new white pants but it was only a bad dream?

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

Andrew Gim
freshman
Siegfried

"Bragging to my friends in Southern California."

Jackie Slas
sophomore
Holy Cross

"I’m going to Chicago for part of fall break."

Joseph Garlock
senior
off-campus

"Graduating."

Juan Muldoon
freshman
Siegfried

"Meeting my parents in Texas — halfway home to Mexico."

Kevin J. Kelly
freshman
Siegfried

"Recovering from the USC weekend."

Nora Holden-Crockett
freshman
Le Mans

"Going home after the USC game to play with my dog."

IN BRIEF

Weather permitting, the football pep rally will be held at Notre Dame Stadium today. Doors open at 2 p.m., and the rally begins with student choruses at 6 p.m. Students are asked to enter through Gate E. The rain location for this event is the Joyce Center.

As a tradition of football weekends, today at 4:30 p.m., Notre Dame’s marching band will march from the front of the Main Building heading through campus to its practice in the Joyce Center Parking Lot.

Notre Dame’s student newspaper “The Dome” celebrates its 100th anniversary this year and historic copies will be on display before all home football games this fall in the Dooley room of LaFortune from 10 a.m. until noon.

Composer and conductor Marc¸ Bechtke will perform at the Leighton Concert Hall on Saturday, October 14, at 9:00 p.m. Tickets for this show are $15 for all students.

Offbeat

Man coughs up screw after operation

BRUSSELS — Four years ago, Etienne Verhees broke two vertebrae falling off a ladder, after an infection Verhees suffered following a second operation, which caused his neck to swell. Not all triathletes would agree. More than the doctors put a metal plate in place.

One of the doctors involved told the paper he assumed the screw had turned out to be a pretty much "the" screw. One of four screws put a metal plate in his neck to help heal the wound.

This week, the Belgian coughed up one of four screws used to hold the plate in place.

"I have had a cold for the past few days," Verhees told daily Gazet Van Antwerpen. "I had a terrible cough a few days ago. That’s when I suddenly felt something in my mouth."

"It turned out to be a screw."

Students flock to "Passion of the Christ" star Jim Caviezel at the Grotto Thursday. The actor spoke about his experience on the film set and the Catholic faith and as it pertains to Notre Dame students.

The event was sponsored by the Right to Life club, Student Government, Children of Mary, Knights of Immaculata and the Orestes Brownon Council.
Belles to embark on Catalyst Trip

14 from SMC will spend fall break at Grailville retreat center

By MEGAN OSBERGER

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USC is first game of unusual home stretch

By ALICIA CONLEY

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gate wooden horse — twice this weekend in hopes of derailing the USC Trojans and extending Notre Dame's current 27-game winning streak.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chechen rebels attack Caucasian city

NAZRKH, Russia — Militants attacked police and government buildings in Russia's volatile Caucasian region Thursday, taking hostages and injuring eight people in a series of explosions.

The Russian Interior Ministry said in a statement that rebels attacked the regional Interior Ministry building and the president's office in the city of Nazrkh.

The ministry said the attack was ordered by Chechen authorities and was intended to disrupt law enforcement and government operations.

The attack came hours after Russia launched a military operation against Chechen separatists, who have been fighting for independence from Moscow for decades.

Chechen rebels claimed responsibility for the attack, calling it a response to the operation.

The militants demanded the release of nearly 300 Chechen prisoners held by the Russian government.

The Russian Interior Ministry said that the hostages were being held in the city of Nazrkh, which is located in the North Caucasus region.

The ministry said that the attack was carried out by a group of about 15 militants who used a car bomb to blow up the building.

The militants also seized a police station and a military barracks.

The attack came as the Chechen parliament was considering legislation to give the region more autonomy.

The Russian government has been trying to merge Chechnya with Russia but has faced strong opposition from Chechen separatists.

Chechen rebels have been fighting for independence since 1994, with several conflicts in the region.

The latest conflict began in 2001 and has resulted in the deaths of thousands.

The attack comes amid concerns about the security situation in the region after the Russian military operation against Chechen separatists.

The operation was launched on Tuesday and involved airstrikes and ground troops.

NATIONAL NEWS

Man cannot save Manhattan hospital

NEW YORK — A divided state appeals court ruled Thursday that a man cannot save a Manhattan hospital for malpractice in the death of his longtime partner, saying it could not provide tax-exempt status to same-sex marriages.

The court overturned a 2003 decision that John Langan, of Vermont, could sue St. Vincent's Hospital for negligence in his partner's death.

The appeals court, in a 3-2 vote, decided that Langan had no standing to sue the hospital despite the couple's 2000 civil union in Vermont.

Attorneys for Langan claimed the civil union gave him standing as a spouse to sue the hospital under New York law.

DeLay's phone records subpoenaed

AUSTIN, Texas — The judge in the congressional ethics case against House Majority Leader Tom DeLay's home and campaign during the period he was accused of conspiring to launder illegal corporate donations to candidates.

Also subpoenaed by prosecutor RonnieEarle were records for two phone numbers for DeLay's daughter, Danielle DeLay Ferro, and for a minor that Earle alleged DeLay bought.

DeLay is facing charges of money laundering and conspiracy in a Texas campaign finance case.

LOCAL NEWS

Bush talks via video to U.S. troops

WASHINGTON — President Bush spoke to U.S. troops in Iraq via videoconference ahead of Saturday's vote on new constitutional language in Baghdad. The president said he is confident that the constitution will be approved.

Bush's address was broadcast to U.S. forces in Iraq, where he was scheduled to meet with troops.

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He also defended the decision to go to war, saying it was necessary to protect American soldiers.

The president urged the troops to keep the faith and reminded them of their sacrifices.

Bush also thanked the families of the fallen and the wounded.

He concluded his address by saying he is proud of the brave men and women serving in Iraq.
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In Brief

Spielberg to make three video games

The acclaimed film director and producer has agreed to develop three new games under a long-term exclusive deal with video game maker Electronic Arts Inc. The deal to be announced Friday reflects the increasingly intertwined interests of Hollywood and the video game industry.

In terms of the agreement were not disclosed, but Redwood City-based EA, the world’s largest game maker behind blockbuster games such as Madden NFL and Need for Speed, said it will own the intellectual property behind the Spielberg games and publish them.

The deal involves much more than the Hollywood director merely putting his stamp on a game or popping in for quick consultations, as noted Neil Young, vice president and studio head of FOX Los Angeles studios. Instead, Spielberg will have an office in FOX studios. He plans to work side-by-side with game creators to develop original gaming content beginning with the concept — not a game based on a movie, or vice versa, both of which are common practices nowadays.

Trade deficit soars as oil bill surges

WASHINGTON — The nation’s oil bill surged to a record in August and so did goods imported from China, pushing the U.S. trade deficit to the third-highest level ever. And it is bound to get worse because hurricane-related increases for oil are still ahead.

The deficit rose to $79 billion, about $1 billion more than the previous month, the Commerce Department said Thursday. It was $71.5 billion in July.

The number of people put out of work by hurricanes Katrina and Rita climbed by 75,000 last week, the Labor Department reported. The six-week tally since Katrina slammed ashore stands at 438,000 hurricane-related claims.

Amtrak board approves subsidiary

WASHINGTON — Amtrak’s chairman says splitting off the Northeast Corridor — the most heavily traveled portion of the system — under federal-state management is the only way to revitalize U.S. passenger service.

The railroad’s board of directors approved a proposal empowering joint management over service from Washington, D.C., to Boston. It would share maintenance costs while Amtrak operated the trains.

In an encouraging sign, jobless claims outside of the region affected by the hurricanes have stayed low.

Inflation fears dominate stocks

Uncertainty affects Wall Street as prices for import goods rise more than forecasted

NEW YORK — Wall Street remained uncertain Thursday, ending an erratically choppy session mixed as investors’ inflation worries worsened in the face of a multimillion-dollar import surge.

Investors found some encouragement after the Energy Department reported an increase in the nation’s refineries capacity, which had been severely disrupted by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The nation’s crude oil reserves also rose, sending oil prices lower. A barrel of light crude oil was quoted at $63.08, down $1.04, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

But the chronic fretting over inflation dominated the markets after the Commerce Department said exports for import goods rose 2.3 percent in August — the biggest increase in 15 years, and far greater than the 0.9 percent hike economists feared.

“We’re definitely at a hard point here, with inflation and interest rates rising about in line with world prices,” said Bryan Pikierowski, market analyst at Wachovia Securities. “We have a market that’s had a very rough October so far, and while you’re making money up, that’s not going to be the silver bullet for the market that it was in the second quarter.”

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 0.32, nearly flat, to 9,126.59.

Broadway ticket indicators were mixed. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index lost 0.84, or 0.08 percent, to 1,176.84, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 0.77, or 0.06 percent, to 2,047.22.

Investors continued their recent sell-off, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.45 percent early Wednesday. The dollar advanced against most major currencies, while gold prices fell.

The news on import prices overshadowed a report on the nation’s trade deficit, which rose to $59 billion in August, up from $56 billion the month before but less than economists had expected. Much of that increase can be attributed to higher oil prices.

Investors also were disappointed by the latest employment picture from the Labor Department. First-time claims fell from 389,000 last week from 391,000 the week before, but economists had predicted 360,000 claims for the week. Continued fallout from Hurricane Katrina was blamed for the high number of people seeking unemployment benefits.

While the expected raft of corporate earnings reports due next week may not be a panacea for the stock market’s troubles, strong fourth quarter profit forecasts could alleviate fears of a falloff in consumer spending heading into the holiday shopping season — and give stocks a much-needed boost.

“Earnings are the most likely catalyst in the short term,” said Russ Kuesterich, senior portfolio manager at Barclays Global Investors in San Francisco. “The market is very concerned about inflation and the consumer rolling over because of higher prices. If the outlook calls for strong fourth-quarter sales, then you might see some good happen.”

In company news, Google Inc. fell $3.55 to $297.44 on reports that the Internet company is in talks to acquire a sizable stake in America Online from Time Warner Inc., which rose 10 cents to $17.59. Cable operator Comcast Corp. was also reported to be involved in the talks, potentially leading to a split of AOL, with Google absorbing its Web sites and services and Comcast taking over its Internet service customers. Comcast lost 72 cents to $27.20.

A trader studies stock information displays during trading activity on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Thursday.

Associated Press

David M. Laney said Thursday in a telephone interview from his Dallas law office.

While the plan, designed on Sept. 23 but not announced publicly, came as a surprise to state officials. The resolution was first reported Wednesday in the newsletter of the United Rail Passenger Alliance of Jacksonville, Fla., which has been critical of Amtrak’s management.

“Tearing Amtrak to pieces won’t solve anything, and I hope that’s not what they’re doing,” said Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, a Democrat. “America’s rail system needs to operate as an integrated whole so it can offer more and better service. Dividing it into smaller and smaller pieces will only take us further from that goal.”

For Amtrak to take even an initial step towards breaking up the railroad without consulting with the governors in the Northeast Corridor calls into question their commitment to a partnership for better rail service in the future.”

New Jersey’s transportation commissioner, Jack Lettieri, said it would be unfair if Amtrak wanted the states to make capital contributions to “a system that is in a state of disrepair.”

“I have grave concerns about this,” he said.

But Maryland Transportation Secretary Robert Flanagan said “the status quo isn’t working.”
Right now, a two-decade-old war rages in northern Uganda that is being fought primarily by kidnapped children, a war that has forced more than a million people into camps of squalid conditions and trapped an entire generation in the throes of violence, hunger, and disease. Every night in northern Uganda, 50,000 children between the ages of three and seventeen walk by themselves up to ten miles from their homes to the relative safety of town centers, where they sleep on sidewalks, under verandas, and in makeshift tents. These children walk in order to avoid being abducted and forced into soldiering or sexual slavery by the rebel Lord's Resistance Army.

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call the first play in the Washington game. By using 10-year-old Montana Caviezel said Weis "made an act of faith" — a theme used throughout his speech.

Caviezel said his experience playing Jesus Christ in the movie gave him "a glimpse of what it means to be forsaken, rejected and seen as a thing despised." He described the pain he felt when he was accidentally whipped twice while filming a scene and when his shotgun was dissolved while crossing the crew. He said he suffered pneumonia, a lung infection, hypothermia and two lightening strikes while filming — all of which forced him "into the arms of my God."

Caviezel emphasized his calling to be an actor, which is something he has felt since his youth. "God used me as his instru-

ment," he said. "Anything good about the movie came from the fasting, the deep prayer and the daily Mass."

In his fervent speech, Caviezel explained the sin and indifference he sees in today's world.

"I came here to Notre Dame to tell you students to have the courage to step into this pagane world and shamelessly express your faith in public," he said. "We are in a more dangerous war now than ever before ... our world is nonexistent in it."

He also exhorted students to make an act of faith and "give Jesus the best seat" in their stadium.

Caviezel spoke about contro-
versial topics including abortion. While he said he wasn't sure if anyone could practice choice Catholics, he asked, "Do you think Our Lady is pro-choice?"

He implored students to look at the people they could poten-

tially convert, and said the "gleaning souls" changed because of the film were worth more than any statistic.

When Caviezel asked if the students were ready to make an act of faith the crowd responded positively.

"I believe this University of Notre Dame is called to a major act of faith right now," he said. He criticized the expansion of the football stadium that obscured the mural of painted on the side of the library. "The image needs to be re-

stored so every-

one can see it," he said.

Caviezel told Notre Dame stu-
dents to make Jesus a major part of their lives.

You were not here simply to study or play ball, but to un-

derstand that you are a son or daughter of Notre Dame," he said, defending his faith and saving your mortal soul.

He pleaded with students not to "lose sight of Our Lady while crumming for tests, playing ball and drinking Guinness.

"As for the game Saturday, he asked students to "keep your hand on your rosary, lift Jesus in your heart, perform your act of faith, pass it right and let it rip."

Junior Jen Richard called the speech a "bizarre mix of football pep rally and God pep rally."

She said she didn't really understand what Caviezel meant when he criti-

ezied the expansion of the stadium. "I feel like reflecting Jesus in our lives is more important than having a reflection of Him on a building." Richard said. Some of Caviezel's speech shocked listeners. Senior Trevor Turner said most Catholics are not prepared to see some of that evangeli-

gal in a speech.

Justin Brandon, a 2004 Notre Dame alumus, said he was surprised Caviezel was so lively and emphatic.

"Some of the things he said were shocking, but I agreed with everything he said," Brandon said. "I think it need-

ed to be said."

Students were moved by Caviezel's painful experience while filming. "I did have some powerful insight from experiencing even just a part of what Jesus must have gone through," Richard said.

Senior Trevor Turner said it was "the most spiritual part of the speech."

After his speech, students crowded around Caviezel hoping for an autograph or a pic-
ture. Freshman Jessica Hagemann compared the crowd around Caviezel in the crowd of fans who try to get close enough to touch the top. "His speech was brilliant," she said. "I feel like I was there in awe."

Father James McDonald, sen-

ior executive assistant and counselor to University President Father John Jenkins, said Caviezel's trip was more of a private visit, although he indicated he would enjoy talk-

ing with students about his faith.

McDonald said Caviezel plans to stay for the football game.

Notre Dame's Right to Life Club, Student Government, Children of Mary, Knights of Immaculata of the greatest Brownson Council all spon-

ored the event.

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Lee said she was "excited for break" and happy to be leaving campus.

Other students, like sen-

iors Anna Brennan and Angela Sauer, said that while they were leaving campus, they are not leaving schoolwork behind.

"I have so much school-

related work to do over break that it doesn't really feel like a break," Sauer said.

Both girls said they would spend the entire break re-

searching and writing their senior com-

prehensive projects, inten-

sive works required of Saint Mary's students to graduate.

"I'm researching surges in the youth vote in the 21st century," Brennan said. She also said she would spend almost her entire break working on the "senior comp."

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Sean K. said, "I'm going to miss the USC game, telling it 'the game of my life.'"

Keating said he believes most students will stay on campus to watch at least the first football game.

"I think every-

body's going to be at the USC game," he said. "BU ... hopefully a lot of people will show up."

Even though he will be staying on campus for a good part of the week, Keating said he appreciated the opportunity to leave for a while.

"It's nice to have a break in the middle of the semes-

ter," he said.

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Bono rejects U2 ties to fundraising concerts

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — U2's Bono says he is not involved in efforts by U.S. lawmakers to use the band's concerts to raise campaign money.

Sens. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., and Rick Santorum, R-Pa., and other politicians have scheduled fundraising events in private suites during shows for U2's North American Vertigo tour, which runs through the end of December.

Jamie Drummond, executive director of DATA, an Africa activists' group that Bono helped found, said, in a message posted on the band's Web site: "Neither DATA nor Bono are involved in these fundraisers, and they cannot be controlled. The U2 concerts are categorically not fundraisers for any politician; they are rock concerts for U2 fans."

Another DATA spokesman said Bono was speaking for himself and not for the rest of the Irish rock band.

Bono is a lobbyist for the world's poor and AIDS-stricken.

Santorum's press secretary, Robert Traysham, said Thursday that the decision by the Senate's third-ranking Republican to hold a fundraiser during Sunday's Philadelphia show is based on his "deep respect and admiration for Bono and their work together over the last few years to fight the global spread of HIV/AIDS."

New rules allow more pollution

Bush proposal loosens environmental regulations on power plants

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The Bush administration proposed new regulations Thursday that could allow the nation's dirtiest power plants to release more air pollutants each year — and possibly under court suits aimed at forcing companies to comply with the Clean Air Act.

The proposal follows a June federal court ruling that said power plants can throw more pollutants into the air each year when they modernize to operate for longer hours.

It's the latest in a series of attempts by the Environmental Protection Agency to make the nearly 30-year-old Clean Air Act rules for coal-fired power plants more industry-friendly.

Some changes were held up by lawsuits from environmentalists and state officials.

"We are now doing to smokesacks what we did to tailpipes," said EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson, who predicted the regulations would spur greater technology innovation.

"We want to remove any unnecessary regulatory obstacles," he said. "We're focused on practical, achievable results that don't get delayed by years of litigation."

The EPA proposal affects the nation's 600 coal-burning power plants, which represent 55 percent of the nation's electric generating capacity. Industry officials say the plants are getting cleaner. But they continue to produce millions of tons of nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide blamed for smog, acid rain and other fine particles that lodge in people's lungs and cause asthma and other respiratory ailments.

They also remain a big source of mercury, which works its way up the food chain after being absorbed by fish.

"It's embracing industry-backed loopholes that undermine basic protections for millions of Americans breathing harmful smokestack pollution," said Viola Patton, an attorney who handles air quality issues for the advocacy group Environmental Defense.

Proponents say other EPA and state regulations would prevent that from happening.

"The heavy lifting of emissions control is already ensured by tough new EPA rules on interstate generation and mercury control," said Scott Segal, director of the Electric Reliability Coordinating Council, which represents electric utilities.

Utilities are legally obligated to continue to cut their pollution, said Dan Rindinger, spokesman for the Edison Electric Institute, another trade group. He said it was "a gross distortion of the facts" to conclude that power plants would increase pollution.

But an analysis of EPA data by Environmental Defense shows many East Coast power plants won't need new controls to clean up sulfur dioxide by 2015, despite EPA's predictions.

In June, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Duke Energy Corp. didn't need permission from EPA or states when it stopped eight power plants in North Carolina and South Carolina from 1988 to 2000. But EPA seems to depart from another ruling in June, by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. In a challenge by New York to EPA's air programs, that court said "Congress directed the agency to measure emissions in units of tonnage, not in terms of changes in actual emissions," not by hourly rates.

The Bush administration in 2002 and 2003 retooled how EPA administrators a Clean Air Act program that Congress approved in 1977. It was written to ensure that aging power plants would have to install state-of-the-art equipment if they expanded or modernized in a way that resulted in significantly more air pollution in surrounding communities.

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Troubles at the Getty Museum ripple through art world

Former curator of Los Angeles museum will face trial next month over allegations that she received stolen antiquities

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A plot for a Hollywood thriller has been unfolding at the venerable J. Paul Getty Museum, a gleaming hilltop refuge that Italian authorities claim houses pillaged art.

A decade after lending efforts against the illegal trade of artifacts, the museum’s recently departed antiquities curator faces trial next month in Rome over allegations that she knowingly reversed dozens of stolen items.

The internationally renowned Getty finds itself defending a barrage of questions about how it amassed its world-class collection of Roman, Greek and Etruscan works. And the art world is left to wonder whether the museum’s current dilemma will receive attention on how art is acquired.

“We don’t want to become associated with Foron-type institutions,” said Selma Hollo, director of the International Museum Institute at the University of Southern California. “We’re all looking to our own gardens and making sure we’ve cultivated them properly.”

Getty officials have denied any wrongdoing. The museum recently described the return of three objects, including an Etruscan urn and two Roman antiquities, as “a demonstration of the Getty’s interest in a productive relationship.”

That hasn’t slowed Italian prosecutors, who hope their trial of former antiquities curator Marion True will deter art trafficking.

“The Getty case is so important that it will represent a milestone in totally changing the behaviors within the art world,” said Anna Maria Maiorca, director of archaeology at the Italian Culture Ministry, said.

At that attitude is a break with the past. With foreign authorities less aggressive than now, museums competing to build their collections might have been more willing to look the other way regarding the origins of high-dollar antiquities.

“The Getty was not acting alone in this way,” said Steven Thomas, an art law expert and professor at a University of California at Los Angeles. “Many museums were doing this.”

Greece has long sought the return of statues and fragments known as the Elgin Marbles from the British Museum, taken in the 19th century from the Parthenon by Lord Elgin, British ambassador to the Ottoman Empire; Egypt wants to reclaim iconic artifacts including the Rosetta Stone from London and a Nefertiti bust from Berlin.

The opening of the $1 billion Getty museum complex nearly eight years ago was heralded as one of the most important art events in recent U.S. history.

Funded by a multibillion-dollar endowment from the oil magnate, the museum for years had been housed at the intimate Getty Villa in Malibu. The new complex — a maze of marble buildings overlooking Los Angeles and the Pacific Ocean — let Getty trustees develop a museum featuring an eclectic mix of furniture, illuminated manuscripts and 17th-century Dutch paintings.

Boosters hoped it would silence skeptics who regarded Los Angeles as a cultural wasteland.

But while the museum has generated international acclaim, it also has attracted an international investigation.

In May, a judge in Rome ordered True tried on charges that she allegedly helped the museum acquire, between 1986 and the late 1990s, about 40 archaeological treasures stolen from private collections or dug up illicitly. They include a stone statue representing Aphrodite and a marble statue of Tyche, the goddess of fortune, that both are more than 2,000 years old.

The charges surprised those who have considered True, 56, a pioneer in advocating for greater scrutiny of the provenance, or ownership record, of antiquities.

“She has been known to take the aggressive stance, instilling in everyone that they should only be acquiring established and well-documented objects,” said Thomas, the art law expert. Under True’s leadership in 1995, the Getty was among the first museums to publicly detail a stricter policy for the acquisition of antiquities. By 1999, the Getty returned three pieces to Italy, including a fifth century B.C. drinking cup.

Antiquities are one hallmark of the museum, which also houses paintings, drawings, decorative arts and photographs. When the villa in Malibu reopens in January following a six-year, $275 million renovation, it will be dedicated to the display of about 1,200 pieces from the extensive antiquities collection.

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ABC News draws fire for using college interns in investigative report that alleges lax security at nuclear reactors on 25 U.S. college campuses.

The "Prime Time Live" report examined whether college interns were able to get to the reactors, touring the facilities could be authorized by terrorists who could set off bombs that release radiation into the atmosphere. ABC said its interns found unlocked doors, saw unmanned security booths and in some cases, were given guided tours that gave them access to control rooms and reactor pools.

Officials at Kansas State and other universities expressed anger about the report before its scheduled airing Thursday. "We are concerned that interns, college students, were placed in a position where they were dishonest about their roles and intentions," Terry King, dean of Kansas State's engineering school, said in a letter to ABC. ABC said its interns were informed of their duties.

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"Our State and Kansas State officials say they give tours because, as educational facilities, it's their job to spread the word about how nuclear energy is being used. Saying the interns were able to get close to the facility is "like coming to my driveway and saying, 'Guess what? I just got into McDonald's,'" said Earle Holland, Ohio State senior director for student research communications.

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Both university officials said the interns should have identified themselves as being from ABC News.

"I think the ethics is somewhat questionable," Shultis said. "It’s a fine point when you are trying to misdirect or mislead."

But ABC said it’s likely they would have been treated differently as reporters. The point was to show how a terrorist could pose as a student and easily be a threat, Ross said.

"We were students," said Dana Hughes, a Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism student who worked on the project. "We were interested in the programs. We did not hide our cameras. We were hiding in plain sight. It wasn’t as sneaky as they were making it out to be.

If all it took to get into facilities was talking like a student or having a student ID, then "we could find that a questionable line of defense," she said.

Alex Jones, director of the Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Media at Harvard, which provided the interns, said he didn’t want to prejudge ABC’s report.

"We don’t think there’s anything wrong with finding out whether minimal security was being observed at nuclear facilities, providing you didn’t misrepresent yourself," he said. "And from what I understand, none of these students did.

Ross said it wasn’t a case of the interns being taught "gotcha" journalism instead of investigative journalism. The students did a great deal of research into the nuclear programs before going to the universities, he said. The interns didn’t embark on the project with a specific result in mind, and some of them were hoping that they didn’t find these stories," he said.

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Affleck urges aid for New Orleans

NEW YORK — Six weeks after Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, Ben Affleck is urging continued contributions to the relief effort.

The actor has donated several items — including a "Good Will Hunting" script he and Matt Damon signed — to an online charity auction by Charity Folks and Citizens Helping Heroes.

"I think one of the dangers of great tragedies like this is, once they fall away from the 24-hour news cycle, there's a tendency to think, 'Well that's dealt with,'" Affleck told The Associated Press by phone Thursday.

"It's not something that can be ameliorated with the one telethon we did the month afterward. It's a continuing process."

Affleck said he got involved with the auction, which began Wednesday and ends Oct. 27, after he received a call from former President Clinton's office. Proceeds will benefit the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund and the National Guard Family Program.

"One of the ways that I could contribute was to shift some memorabilia, and the other was to talk to you and try to get people to pay attention to this auction," Affleck said.

The auction also includes items from Jessica Simpson, Al Pacino, The Rolling Stones, Sting, Maroon 5, Derek Jeter and others.

The 33-year-old Affleck has shown political interest in the past, including an appearance at last year's Democratic National Convention. Does the Katrina aftermath inspire him further to run for office?

"I'm interested in politics and like to be involved with them, and this is all I'm doing right now," he said. "But if you want to be my campaign manager, you come over here and we'll talk about it."

Affleck was to begin filming "Smokin' Aces" in Lake Tahoe, Nev., on Friday. The movie, about a mob informant, also stars Jeremy Piven, Andy Garcia and Ray Liotta.

Damon and Affleck won a screenwriting Oscar for 1997's "Good Will Hunting."

Government probes terrorist threat leak

Homeland Security Department investigates

NEW YORK — The Homeland Security Department is investigating whether department officials privately tipped off friends or relatives about last week's subway terrorism threat before the public was given the news, officials said Thursday.

The probe was announced as Gov. George Pataki and Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly raised concerns about the possible leak, first reported in the Daily News.

"Obviously it's disturbing; it's just not right," Pataki said after an official appearance in midtown Manhattan also attended by Kelly. "The public should know at the same time. There should not be limited public notification to a handful of people, or people who might be otherwise politically connected."

The Daily News reported Thursday that police had obtained copies of personal e-mails that alluded to an alleged al-Qaida plot, and had forwarded them to federal officials.

A Homeland Security spokesman in Washington, Russ Knocke, said an internal investigation was under way. "We take any potential leak of sensitive or classified information very seriously," he said.

When FBI and police officials went public with the threat Oct. 6, Homeland Security downplayed it, saying it was "of doubtful credibility." After four days of high alert, local officials announced Monday there was no clear evidence an attack would be carried out and scaled back the protection.

"It's ironic that on the one hand the department is saying this is not a credible threat and then, if these e-mails are true, people within the department with access to classified information felt it was worth contacting their own families," said Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee.

The e-mails began circulating Oct. 3 — three days before Kelly and Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced they were putting thousands of extra police officers on patrol in the subways in response to the possible plot to bomb the subway using briefcases or baby strollers packed with explosives.

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Turkey

Villages scoured for poultry after bird flu confirmed

Teams searched throughout Turkey after a case of the violent virus was detected in the western part of the country.

"Normally it would be over, but a few people are hiding their chickens," said one veterinary official, speaking on condition of anonymity because Turkish officials can only talk to reporters with prior authorization.

Farmer Ali Onat came to the truck with two white bags carrying two or three ducks each. The veterinary officials wore protective suits and face masks, but Onat wore only his street clothing. He was smoking a cigarette with one hand and pulled the animals with his other bare hand from the bags. He said he had visited the employees of the animals pointless.

"There is nothing to be afraid of," Onat said. "They are perfectly healthy."

"Normal life is going on, people are not afraid," Ekrem Gokturk, Kiziksa mayor said.

Turkey has been under quarantine following the discovery of the dead turkeys. A Turkish laboratory tested samples from the birds and confirmed they had an H5 strain of bird flu. The samples were then sent to a laboratory in London to test for the feared H5N1 strain.

On Thursday, EU Health Commissioner Markos Kyprianou announced in Brussels that "we have received now confirmation that the virus found in Turkey is an avian flu H5N1 virus."

The H5N1 bird flu strain does not easily infect humans, but 117 people, mostly poultry workers, have caught it over the last two years and 60 have died. Scientists are tracking the spread of the virus in birds because it could mutate into a dangerous human pandemic strain.

Agriculture Minister Mehdi Ekic said authorities were on alert for cases elsewhere in Turkey, which lies on the path of several migratory bird species.

Turkish authorities believe the turkeys contracted the disease from migratory birds that pass through the Manisa Bird Sanctuary outside of the village on their way to Africa from the Asian mountains in Russia.

Turkish paramilitary police set up three checkpoints outside the village, the first eight miles away.

All cars entering or exiting the village had to drive through a disinfectant pool several hundred feet deep.

Turkey has asked the Swiss pharmaceutical company Roche Holding AG for 1 million boxes of a standard flu vaccine as a precaution, said a Health Ministry official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media. Each box contains 18 capsules.

Kyprianou said the European Commission was proposing to set aside $1.2 billion to help make and distribute anti-viral and vaccines "in case of a pandemic."

He advised EU countries to administer the standard flu vaccine to vulnerable populations: people over age 65, young children, those with weakened immune systems or chronic respiratory conditions and those living near the outbreak sites. There is no vaccine to protect against bird flu, but experts believe the standard flu vaccine could help.
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Viruses spread at jet speed in air

Aviation officials take steps to prevent bird flu breakout on airplanes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Planes provide the quickest way to get from one part of the world to another — for deadly contagious diseases as well as for people.

In the spring of 2003, the respiratory virus SARS journeyed to five countries in 24 hours after emerging in rural China. Airline and tourism industries lost billions because people were afraid to travel and governments ordered flights canceled.

With concerns about bird flu rising, U.S. health and aviation officials are taking steps to guard against a repeat.

More quarantine stations have been set up at airports. A better system is in place for tracking travelers who might have been exposed. Flight crews have instructions to report sick passengers.

Katherine Andrus, spokeswoman for the Air Transport Association, which represents major airlines, said the industry is concerned but doesn't want to overreact.

"We are taking all the appropriate measures to make sure that if it's a pandemic we are prepared to respond," she said.

Bird flu generally spreads to people through contact with infected birds or bird excretions. The fear, though, is that it will mutate into a disease that spreads from human to human.

The disease is most prevalent in Southeast Asia, to which only two U.S. airlines fly their own planes — United and Northwest. But officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, airlines and U.S. aviation officials are on alert because the disease spreads elsewhere.

"The best thing we always do is control those situations is stay in close touch with CDC and as soon as we hear something, we kick it out," said Steve van Beek, executive vice president of the Airports Council International, a trade group. By that means letting airports know they should be prepared to make space available and tell staff and police that planes will need to be isolated and passengers quarantined.

Since the Sept. 11 terror attacks, most airports have contingency plans and crisis centers, van Beek said.

Planes provide a good environment for spreading disease. Passengers are in close quarters and confined for hours, and multiple people may sit in the same seat between killings as the jet makes different stops.

One way to limit the spread of disease is to force recirculated air through high-efficiency particulate filters, which trap fungi and germs. HEPA filters are used on about three-quarters of all commercial airplanes, Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Alison Duquette said.

"It's a standard industry practice for new aircraft," Duquette said.

Airlines also follow local guidelines for calling flight crews to secure a suspect with a contagious disease, if possible, and provide a surgical mask. By law, most of the nearest quarantine station and quarantine workers will arrange for medical assistance, notify health departments and work with the airline to make sure the disease germs are killed, according to the CDC.

"It's pretty easy to kill with disinfectants," Andrus said.

An Orlando-based company called AeroClave has developed an airflow system that minimizes productivity and humidity inside airplanes so the air kills small-particle germs, SARS and bird flu. It uses a white box and vented air through an airplane's ventilation system for two hours, disinfecting parts of the plane that cleaning crews can't reach.

Company founder Dr. Ronald Brown said the FAA is in the process of certifying the system.

"When we started this two years ago, people looked at us cross-eyed," Brown said. "SARS was just our two-minute warning. It showed how things can spread rapidly."

Brown said he's unaware of any standard for plane cleanliness. Airline cleaners wipe off stains and spills, and maintenance workers deep clean them during heavy maintenance checks, but Brown said he doesn't know of any airlines that disinfect seat belts, tray tables and overhead bins on a weekly basis.

Since the SARS outbreak in 2003, the CDC has added nine more quarantine stations to international airports for a total of 17. CDC workers can meet airplanes from countries affected by a disease and isolate anyone who shows symptoms. They also can tell anyone possibly exposed to watch for and how to seek help.

Flight crews were reminded that they must notify health officials if a passenger shows suspicious symptoms. United Airlines spokeswoman Robin Urquand said the airline has annual training for flight attendants on controlling infectious diseases and an airline doctor available to see sick fliers.

Passengers sometimes don't show disease symptoms while traveling but are diagnosed later. In those cases, the CDC works to trace people who were exposed to the infected passenger.

That turned out to be a challenge during the SARS epidemic, Andrus said, because so many people had to be contacted.

The airlines and the CDC are working together to develop a national tracking system that a local cough or sneeze could set off a chain reaction, according to the CDC.

"It takes a lot of potential data points, and you can track data almost anywhere on the whole world," said Steve DiCesare, program manager for transportation at the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. "When cell phones come equipped with Global Positioning System capabilities that can pinpoint their exact locations, the tracking capability of the transportation agencies does not depend on the phone company."

Instead, it takes the frequent signals that wireless phones emit to towers that follow the movement of the phones from one tower to another. Then it overlays that data with highway maps to determine where the phones are going and how fast they're moving. Lumping thousands of those signals together can even show traffic flow patterns.

A Delaware demonstration Web site developed for Baltimore uses various signals including wireless, yellow and red to show whether a block is clear or congested.

The Baltimore project began this spring as a pilot program for the state department of transportation and authorities over about 1,000 miles of road, but Maryland officials hope to eventually create a statewide version. A Delaware competitor, AtlanticAire, Inc., has an agreement with Sprint for a similar system that it plans to do tests this summer for its projects in Georgia and Virginia.

Steve Brown, director of the Missouri Transportation Department, would like to see widespread use of wireless phones, even to track cell phones that people of interest to others.

"It's public information," Brown said. "It shows up on a map."

The Iowa project began three years ago as a joint project between the Iowa Department of Transportation, the University of Iowa and others to see if it was possible to use the millions of cell phones, said Handy Mudge, a professor at the university and author of "The Economics of Wireless Data Collection.

"This project has evolved beyond what we started with. It's much more powerful," Mudge said. "But the cost and retuning weren't available."

In what would be the largest such demonstration project, the state planned to install cameras along 406 miles of Iowa roadways, or about 2,000 miles, and a similar number of sensors along 161 miles of Missouri roadways, or 1,370 miles, to track traffic.

But even with those sensors, the Iowa system has not been able to create a widely available product. It can't account for a fraction of the cars on the roads, said Mike Zezski, director of the Iowa Department of Transportation.

"We'd like to have coverage for the most aggressive tracking wireless phones over the whole area, but we don't have the cost for the whole state," Zezski said. "We're working on that part of the project.

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Earning the mystique

The unphotoshopped NBC contract. The fervent subway alumni. The insatiable ESPN talking heads. There's no question Notre Dame football is used to bringing in the national spotlight. But does the program still deserve it? As the Fighting Irish go into South Bend, tickets have broken the $2,000 and Lee Corso sets up shop under the gaze of Touchdown Jesus this weekend, that's a valid question to consider.

The Notre Dame mystique — the impression given is that Notre Dame players and coaches are not human, but superhuman. The legend of a team, just as talented as its predecessors, poses a formidable challenge. Yet analyst after analyst is picking the Irish Saturday, dwelling on a confluence of intangibles that's most frequently packaged as the "Notre Dame mystique."

While each reveals the definition of that mystique to his or her liking, it generally comes down to the unknown-Catholic-school, traveling Rockne-draws-recognition, Navy-bails-us-out, Hesburgh-expands-from-just-a-school-sport narrative. Cue the black and white photo montage and "Tiere Come the Irish."

And without a national championship since 1988, Notre Dame is moving further and further away from the concrete accomplishments that gave its mystique weight. Given that gap, it's entirely understandable that the first numbers many now high for the University are no longer Heisman trophies and 11 national titles, but a top 20 U.S. News and World Report ranking and a 1379 average SAT score. Notre Dame hasn't been solely a football factory for 30 years, and the nation knows it. And yet.

And yet campus is swarming with tourists, ticket scalpers and television cameras. And yet yet the rivals are signing up and stopping by at a frightening pace. And yet a win Saturday would result in more euphoria and exhalation than any academic distinction could ever inspire.

But it this way: cheap motel rooms weren't going for $499 a night on University President Father John Jenkins' recent inauguration weekend.

That's no knock on Jenkins. It's no knock on academies, Catholicism, residential tradition or any of Notre Dame's other areas of distinction. It's just an acknowledgement that — for now at least — no matter what the team's record, Notre Dame football still uniquely positions itself.

Whether that audience has infinite patience for another national title is anyone's guess. But to prove the program deserves the hype surrounding this weekend, Notre Dame football has to be more than a tradition that runs deep in the South Bend community. It's a top program. It can certainly do some catching up — and coach Charlie Weis' attempts to build a proud, winning team and cohesive, intimi-creating a present deserving of the glory heaped on the past team, but that change is far from perhaps what would happen Notre Dame football mystique ran out.

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Don't forget the children of Northern Uganda

What have the children to do with it? Ivan, in Dysoristovski’s classic novel The Brothers Karamazov, asks, “If all must suffer to pay for eternal harmony, what have children to do with it?” Digging the war-torn people of northern Uganda, we found ourselves asking a similar question. Ivan’s philosophical fable asks how can so innocent suffering of children persist with little cry from our own communities? For the last 19 years, a war has raged in northern Uganda, forgotten by most of the world.

Since 1987, a rebel group known as the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA), led by cult leader Joseph Kony, has been operating out of southern Sudan and fighting for power against the government of Uganda.

In this terrible war, children have suffered the most. Kidnapped by the LRA, tens of thousands of children have been kidnapped, used by the LRA as child soldiers and sexual slaves. Their stories are harrowing and tell of an evil unimaginable.

Yet, for those children who escape abduction, their lives remain a living hell. The LRA typically hunts and prey on children at night. To cope with this horror, children are forced to brave treacherous weather conditions and unsafe roads and walk themselves to towns as far as ten miles away. There, they sleep in shacks that are cramped on street corners, only to wake at dawn to return to their homes and schools. This tragic trend, called “night marching,” has mushroomed and currently as many as 50,000 children walk each night. At the end of 2004, Mr. Jan Egeland, United Nations Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, declared the crisis in northern Uganda, “the world’s biggest neglected humanitarian crisis.”

On Oct. 22–23, together we are going to change that. In more than 40 cities around the world, people will walk with the children of northern Uganda to demand the attention and action of the international community to end this war at Notre Dame, we are organizing a walk on Sunday, Oct. 23, that will begin at 11 a.m. in Legends parking lot and end at Main Building. The “GuluWalk Day” will be the largest mobilization in history calling for peace in northern Uganda.

Our own government here in the United States has a special role to play in ending this war, especially given our historic relationship with the government of Uganda. Through financial, logistical and political assistance, we can provide visibility and support to the tireless work of Betty Bigombe, the chief peace negociator, to catalyze a peace process. Through diplomatic pressure, we can hold the Government of Uganda accountable to the peace process, human rights standards and military professionalism. Finally, we can provide much-needed support to civilian protection and humanitarian relief.

Witnissing this gross assault on the integrity of God’s creation, we cannot be silent. For far too long, the children of northern Uganda have been forgotten. Together, we are working to change that and to demand a foreign policy of hope that prioritizes and protects human life wherever it may be.

Together with all of the world on Oct. 22–23, we will raise our voices with the children of northern Uganda to leaders to make human life in northern Uganda a priority. We ask you to join us.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Saint Mary’s College: Separate and proud

Intelligent design yields confusion

There are a few matters which should be clarified about the issues raised by Professor Charles Rice in his Oct. 13 Viewpoint column (“Evolution and the Illusion of Reason”). confounding the teaching of evolution, and the trial taking place concerning Dover, Penn.

As Cardinal Schoenborn recently said, “Without a doubt, Darwin pulled off quite a feat with his main work and it remains one of the very great works of intellectual history.” One could get the impression from Rice’s essay that there is some connection with the current popular advocacy of so-called “Intelligent Design” and faith in one’s Creator. This connection is something that its advocates have a hard time understanding. Several of them have made a point of saying that their concept of “designers” is indistinguishable from “space aliens,” just to take one of their examples.

One could get the impression that there is a “controversy” in biology regarding “Intelligent Design.” However, the scientific literature is next-to-none-existent. Of course, as with every active field of study, there are areas of investigation. But the existence of open questions in biology, or any other science, does not add a bit of support to “design,” or any other supposed alternative.

One could get the impression that, for that matter, there is a “competing theory” of “intelligent design.” As to the advocacy of Intelligent Design, not only does it avoid any specific identification of “intelligent designers,” it does not say exactly what it is that is “intelligent designed,” nor when, where, why, or how.

And there is little prospect for any investigation into these, or any, other basic questions. Some of the advocates even accept enough confusion to be acceptable.

The only result of bringing up “intelligent design” for K-12 biology students would seem to be confusion. Confusion about biology, confusion about God and confusion about the relation between science and religion.

If anyone is interested in the current case in Dover, I recommend reading the transcripts of the court material which is being posted online at: http://www2.ncsevolution.org/wp/. The testimony of John Haught, professor of theology at Georgetown, may be particularly interesting.

Tom Schare
alumnus
Class of 1972
(Oct. 13)

Ignoring the deeper texture

Many of the important moral issues of our day are interwoven and need to be understood in a complex dynamic of competing ethical forces and worldviews. To make sense of these questions of fact, faith, reason, interpretation and conviction, in a broadly and spiritually human sense. Moral issues are also wide in compass. Just in the context of human life, for example, they range from abortion, to the death penalty, to war, to self defense, to justifiable homicide, to the life and the young... This, in brief, is the context in which I undertook the study of the essential point that Dean Mark Roche made in his recent op-ed piece of a year ago. This brings me to the recent op-ed contribution in The Observer of Wednesday, Oct. 12, “Of Race, War, Mark Roche and the child we once were.” Any cogent appeal that has the potential to address the issue of race, religion, conviction, insight, fairness and informed reason deserves respect and evaluation.

Most unfortunately, Laugher’s effort fell short of this standard. Unable to resist the temptation to take aim at Dean Roche’s reflection, he zero in on a single sentence, “Those who resist the creation of the most significant issue in this campaign may well be willing to supplement their abstract desire for moral rectitude with a more realistic focus on how best to ensure that fewer abortions take place... and pulls the trigger an abstract desire for moral rectitude.”

What Laugher engages in is a quintessential example of a gross misrepresentation of the current development in our country. It is a virus that has infected our time and political discourse. It is visible in the media daily and is a practice embedded in the “sound bite” and the “photo op.” It consists of taking a differentiated discussion on a topic, narrowing in on a sentence and a phrase, spilling bile on a single frame, and ignoring or misunderstand understanding the context and focus.

This is precisely what I was trying to avoid and the last does in his piece and the large bold “Mark Roche” of his.

Alexander Hahn
professor
Mathematics
(Oct. 13)

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Many people work their entire lives to win awards in the entertainment industry. In Hollywood, the Oscar, the Golden Globe and the Emmy are king, while on Broadway the Tony rules and in the media world everyone strives for a Pulitzer.

Few people possess the talent and diversity to win all of these awards, but every once in a while a rare individual comes along who manages to sweep all of them. Marvin Hamlisch is one of these people. While his name may not be immediately recognizable to the average person, he has had a major impact on popular music with his extensive and diverse career. The writer/conductor/composer/performer has worked in all areas of entertainment, and he will be performing some of his repertoire at Notre Dame tonight at 9 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall.

Hamlisch, the child of an accordionist, was the youngest person admitted to Julliard at the age of seven. He also earned his B.S. from Queens College in New York.

Hamlisch's career has spanned many genres and included work in Broadway, film and on stage. His prolific career is not only notable for its diversity, but also for its success and the amount of recognition it has attained.

Broadway is just one of the areas where Hamlisch has found success, and shows that he has composed include "They're Playing Our Song," "The Goodbye Girl," "Sweet Smell of Success" and "Imaginary Friends." He won a Pulitzer Prize for his work on the musical play "A Chorus Line" in 1975.

Hollywood is a difficult place to find work, let alone find success, but Hamlisch managed to find a lot of it, starting with his first novel, which fails, two find themselves enamored with each other.

Eight years later, the two unexpectedly reunite in a nightclub in New York City. Katie is a worker at a left-wing radio station and Hubble is a military officer. Of course, the two continue their differences, Katie's political ambitions and Hubble's contemptible elitist network of friends, and fall madly in love. They marry and Hubble publishes his first novel, which fails, sending him into exile. They (

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

THE WAY WE WERE. Barbra Streisand and Robert Redford will be performing at DPAC on October 14, 2005.

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By GRACE MYERS
Scene Critic

"The Way We Were" is, in a way, a surface-level look at a relationship between a gorgeous guy (Robert Redford) and a gorgeous girl (Barbra Streisand). Don't be fooled by the end of the film or the beach scene on the DVD cover — it's definitely not a typical chick flick.

This 1973 movie, directed by Sydney Pollack, was highly successful. It received two Academy Awards for Best Music and Best Song, as a result of Marvin Hamlisch's superb compositions. It was also nominated in four categories, including Best Actress. The unique, striking characters, the turbulent political setting and highly original music make "The Way We Were" unforgettable. Its popularity has seen a recent resurgence, perhaps because of the Sex and the City's imitation of the movie in portraying Mr. Big and Carrie's melancholy endgame scenes in the second season's finale.

"The Way We Were" begins at the end of World War II during the characters' college years. Barbara Streisand plays Katie Morosky, a striking Jewish girl who can't control her zeal for liberal activism. She is initially nauseated by the beautiful, all-American athlete with an unexpected gift for fluent writing Hubble Gardiner, played by Robert Redford.

But he begins one of his short stories, "Like his country, things had come too easily for him," which Katie strongly agrees with. Despite her intense political beliefs and Hubble's privileged background, the
We Were

Barbra Streisand plays Katie Morosky, a liberal activist, in the 1973 film "The Way We Were." Streisand is known for her work in film and beyond, having written, directed, and produced several projects, including "The Way We Were," "TheMirror Has Two Faces," "Surprise, Surprise," and "A Chorus Line." Her ability to adapt her work from film to stage and beyond is unparalleled.

In 2006, Streisand performed as the National Symphony Orchestra's Pops Conductor, leading a showcasing of film music. She has also served as a musical director and arranger for her Millennium concerts. Streisand's contributions to the entertainment industry have been significant, with her work spanning multiple decades and genres.

On October 9, New York City's Carnegie Hall hosted a special performance of Streisand's music. The event featured a variety of songs from her extensive repertoire, including hits like "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face," "The Way We Were," and "Memory." The concert was attended by fans and critics alike, who praised Streisand's performance and the emotional depth of her music.

The concert concluded with an encore performance of "The Way We Were," a song that has become synonymous with Streisand's career. The live performance was a testament to Streisand's enduring popularity and the timeless appeal of her music.
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**NBA Preseason**

**Hayes scores 19 as Wizards beat San Antonio**

Pacers beat Jazz in Artest's first home game back; Nets blast Bobcats behind Jefferson; Billups leads Pistons over Bucks

**Nets 95, Bobcats 76**

Richard Jefferson and Jason Kidd scored 14 points each to lead the New Jersey Nets over the short-handed Charlotte Bobcats in a preseason game Thursday night.

The Bobcats were without six players, including Emeka Okafor, who missed his second straight game with a sprained right ankle. Starting center Primrose Diu (ankle), Melvin Ely (ankle), Sean May (knee), Matt Carroll (knee) and Alan Anderson (knee) also sat out.

The Bobcats were so thin in the front court that 17-year-old rookie D'Or Fischer started at center. He had six points on 2-of-9 shooting.

The Nets were without forward Mare-Jackson (strained groin), Jason Collins (knee) and Jeff Fitch (strained foot). With Jackson out, 38-year-old Clifford Robinson started at power forward. He hit a 3-pointer in an 11-2 run that gave the Nets a 61-45 lead with 5:11 left in the third quarter.

Kidd blow past Foulson with a crossover dribble and his ensuing layup made it 65-49 with 2:56 left in the third.

New Jersey led by as many as 20 points in the final period and Charlotte coach Bernie Bickerstaff was ejected for picking up two technical fouls with 2:09 left.

**Pistons 95, Bucks 88**

Chauncey Billups scored 16 points and Jason Kidd added 10 points and nine rebounds helping the Detroit Pistons beat the Milwaukee Bucks in a preseason game Thursday night. The Pistons defeated the Bucks, 95-88.

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

Irish lament road trip, ready to face DePaul

By TOM DORWART - Sports Writer

With all the buzz surrounding Notre Dame’s highly-anticipated football game against unbeaten UN (this Saturday), Midwestern Volleyball coach Debbie Brown was completely honest — she’s disappoint-

ed with her players, disappointed because they will not get to expe-

rience the hype of such a huge football weekend.

“If I had my choice, I’d rather be here,” she said, referring to her de-

sire to play at home rather than on the road this weekend. “I just

think it’s a very exciting thing to be a part of, and I feel badly that

we won’t be here. I think that games that have that much on the

line — national exposure — to be on campus for a game like that, I

was here in ’93 when Florida State was here, so it’s really fun to

be a part of.

“So if I had my choice I’d rather be here to let the football team ex-

perience that.”

But don’t get her wrong — her

team is still focused on winning its

2 p.m. volleyball match at DePaul

Saturday. Only, after the match, Brown plans on building some off-

court team chemistry.

“I think we’re going to try to get in a place as soon as we can after our

match, because we play at home as well, so we’ll end up going to

someplace in downtown Chicago,” she said. “So we can watch as much as we can on TV.”

Once again, the Irish do not

know as much about their oppo-

nent as they’d like. Brown is in

its first year in the Big East

Conference and has not played too

difficult of a schedule. Brown, as

usual, says her team must simply

be itself. And, she says, getting by

a young but hungry DePaul team

quickly would be a bonus.

“I think the key for the match is playing really well on our side of the

net,” she said. “I think they’ve

the Blue Devils struggled a lit-

tle bit in the conference.

“We have to pass well and
defend well.”

No. 10 Notre Dame (14-1, 5-0 Big East) is on a seven-match win-

ning streak. DePaul, on the other hand, sits at 3-14 overall and 0-5

in the Big East. While the Demons are looking for their first confer-

ence win, the Irish are looking to stay undefeated in the conference.

Still, as usual, the Irish respect their opponent but are more wor-

ried about their own play. “One of the most important goals is to have a high hitting per-

centage,” she said. “We just need to play well on our side.”

In their last match, the Irish were swept by Wisconsin-

Milwaukee 30-16, 30-17, 30-21. Their offensive struggles continued

as they hit for a .200 percent-

age in one of the games against the Panthers Wednesday night.

Throughout their perch

ishing winning streak, the Irish chem-

istry has, no doubt, improved on the court. They know each other

well. Seniors Lauren Brown and

Lauren Kimpel just know where

support-setter Ashley Taritas is
going to set up their spikes. Defensive players Meg Henican

and Danielle Fedorov just know

when to hustle after a ball and

when to hold back, to let a team-

mate dive instead. After team din-

ners and study sessions, they

know each other off the court as

well.

Yet Saturday, they’ll have an opportunity not many other top

teams around the nation get — to become closer through watching their favorite football team.

So, despite leaving the campus on this bustling football weekend,

the Irish hope to make the most of their Chicago trip.

Already ranked No. 10 and on a long winning streak, they hope to

return with a win and a tighter

hunch.

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**NFL**

Bengals’ Johnson eager to test Titans’ ‘Pacman’ Jones

Two-time Pro Bowl receiver expects to have his hands full

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Chad

Johnson is a talkative two-

time Pro Bowl receiver known for his
touchdown celebrations. Adam

“Pacman” Jones is a brush rock

cornerback with plans on how

he’ll commemorate his first NFL
touchdown.

It’s a matchup seemingly tai-

lored for lack of trash-talk-

ing.

But not until kickoff.

In the past, Johnson has called

some of his upcoming opponents

and even sent boxes of Peppi-

Rell to pump them up. But

only had praise for Tennessee’s
top draft pick Wednesday.

“I talked with Pacman during the

debate and let him know I

couldn’t wait for this challenge and this opportunity to play

against him. I’m really looking forward to it. He is a good friend

of mine,” Johnson said in a con-

ference call.

“Booker or not, he is a good

player. First-round pick, sixth

player taken overall, there is a

reason he was taken that high,

because he is a ballplayer. There

is no lacking your chips. I’ve

put it out and play him the

same way I would play any

10-year veteran.”

High praise indeed for a cor-

nerback who’ll make only his

third start Sunday when the

Bengals visit the Titans in the

20-31. Jones was deactivated

for the season opener, then al-

ternated with Tony Beckham for

two games before moving into

the starting lineup on Oct. 2.

Jones has 16 tackles and has

defensed only two passes offi-

cially. Still, Johnson praised the

praise.

“He is lightning-quick, and he is

fast,” he said. “That is a hard

combination to find.”

Johnson, who has led the AFC

in yards receiving in each of the

last two seasons, currently leads

the AFC with 31 receptions

and ranks second with 426 yards

receiving. On Sunday, he’ll be

going for his 50th consecutive

game with at least one recep-

tion.

Titans coach Jeff Fisher said

Jones has a good chance of lin-

ing up across from Johnson with

the Bengals moving the receiver

around the field. Fisher person-

ally thinks Johnson puts more

pressure on a defense’s safety

than on cornerbacks because of

his vertical speed.

Fisher isn’t worried about

Jones, quite a talker himself,

getting caught up in a trash-fest

with Johnson.

He knows that he has got to do

the best he can, stay focused and

concentrate. Chad some-

times thinks he gets in people’s

heads. But most of the time, de-

fensive players around this

league line up and play,” Fisher

said.

Jones and Johnson became

almost instant friends about a

year ago after meeting in

Atlanta. The rookie considers

Johnson a big brother figure

and expects a phone call from the

receiver before Sunday’s game.

He isn’t worried about getting

a “No” check on Johnson’s list of

opposing cornerbacks this sea-

son for failing to make a play

against the receiver. But Jones

sounds as if he’s learned some-

thing from watching Johnson’s

TD celebrations because he said

he has something planned for

his first touchdown.

“I can’t tell you, but it’s going
to be very, very, very entertain-

ing,” Jones promised.

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Roethlisberger, Ward miss another practice

Absence of two stars concerns Pittsburgh

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger isn't the only star to worry about on Sunday. Manager Joe Torre also is in a quandary about who will replace Mariano Rivera, who didn't expect to return for an All-Star game.

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Yankees' Stottlemyre gone, pitcher Gordon could be next

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Besides a new pitching coach, the Yankees might have to find a setup man, too.

As the AL East champions dealt with their latest postseason disappointment, George Steinbrenner responded Thursday to Mel Stottlemyre's departure, and Tom Gordon said he would not return for a third straight year.

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Robinson's arm, legs could give Michigan fits

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Michael Robinson's right arm is laced with muscles and tattoos, but his legs attract just as much admiration.

Penn State's quarterback has run for five touchdowns this season and thrown for nine, mostly on long passes to one of his three freshmen receivers. He's got an improving offensive line and mobility that helps keep drives alive and gets him out of trouble. That might be trouble for Michigan (3-3, 1-3 Big Ten), which welcomes No. 8 Penn State (6-0, 3-0) on Saturday. The Spartans have had some problems containing mobile quarterbacks.

"They have a quarterback who is really a running back with a quarterback's arm," Michigan defensive tackle Pat Massey. "He is somebody who can do it all."

In beating Michigan State earlier this season, Michigan did OK against the Spartans' mobile signal-caller, Drew Stanton. He ran for a TD but finished with zero yards rushing.

Stanton's passing did most of the damage. He was 20-for-30 for 282 yards with one TD pass for the Spartans, who have been less willing to let him run this year.

Last season, Stanton gave Michigan file, as dual-threat Troy Smith of Ohio State and Vince Young of Texas.

New Wolverines get Robinson, a fifth-year senior who has helped lead the Nittany Lions to their best start since they won the first nine games in 1999.

"He is a great athlete and he runs like a tailback," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said. "I think he is really developed as a thrower." This is Robinson's first fall year as starting quarterback after playing often at running back and wide receiver earlier in his career. Zark Mills, who has graduated, started the majority of games at quarterback last season while Robinson also got starts at wideout.

"He's grown by gigantic leaps and bounds this season," Penn State quarterbacks coach Jay Paterno said. "I don't know if you can ask anybody who can do any more than he has for this team.

Robinson is the unquestioned leader on a balanced Penn State offense bursting with big-play potential. He has helped speedy freshmen Derrick Williams, Deon Butler and Justin King get adjusted at receiver and praised Tony Hunt for preserving a solid running game. Though his final stats against a tough Ohio State defense last week were not his best, he did run for a score, and Jay Paterno said his quarterback made excellent decisions down the stretch as Penn State went conservative on offense.

Despite the attention over Robinson's mobility, Carr is aware of the quarterback's ability to throw.

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Wie begins pro career by chasing Sorenstam

16-year old ends first round with a 2-under 70, trails by six shots

Associated Press

PALM DESERT, Calif. — Michelle Wie steadied her 6-foot frame over the ball, unleashed a powerful swing with a 3-wood and sent the ball soaring against the yellow-and-green backdrop of Bighorn Golf Club to embolden her professional career Thursday.

"I wasn't that nervous when I put the ball on the tee," the 16-year-old said. "I wasn't that nervous when I took my practice swings. But once I got over my tee shot, my heart was thumping. It was different."

But when the first round of the Samsung World Championship ended with a bogey for a 2-under 70 — six shots behind Annika Sorenstam — it was not much different from the previous 93 rounds Wie has played against the pros.

"Not much different, either," was the name on the leaderboard.

Watching the Michelle Wie Show unfold in the group ahead, Sorenstam went about her business with alarming precision on her way to an 8-under 64, a score that could have been even lower had she not continued to watch Wie launch her professional career.

"We have the best 20 players here, and she's one of them," Lorie Kane said after a 66.

Biggers doesn't draw large galleries to the billy course tucked in the foothills of the Santa Rosa, although most of them took their spot in the scrub brush and cacti to watch Wie launch her professional career.

It was a 3-wood, low and crisp to the billy on the first day, so I hit the first tee shot, Kerr said. "My first shot, I think I shanked it, or I at least hit it poorly. She stripped it down the middle. It was fun to watch."

"I've wound up in a tie for 12th among the 20-player field, dropping on two of the last five holes with a tee shot that caromed off the trees on the 14th, and hitting twice into bunkers on the closing hole. It was steady, not spectacular. Even so, Wie showed she belongs."

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Things aren't bad for you. They're just bad for you."

Her entourage included just her mom and dad, swing coach David Leadbetter and his wife, Nike Hoss Berlin and his wife, Nike chairman Phil Knight in a rare appearance, along with the three other Nike staff members.

The biggest difference comes Sunday, when Wie collects her first paycheck.

"I haven't thought about playing for money or more pressure," Wie said. "Once I started playing, it wasn't any different."

Wie played 24 times on the LPGA Tour, and competed five times against the men during an amateur career in which she spent more time playing against the pros. She joined them last week in Honolulu, signing lucrative deals with Nike and Sony, instantly making more endorsement money than even Sorenstam.

She showed poise, patience and the usual amount of frustration over her putting.

After a wedge into 18 inches for a tap-in birdie on her second hole, she faced her first test. Her drive on the par-5 third hole went right into a small piece of desert, the ball nestled in a tiny bush with a rock the size of a bowling ball possibly getting in the way of her next shot.

"Rather than take a risk, Wie took the sure route to move it to the sand and punched out. She hit her fourth shot into 3 feet and escaped with par."

"I could have played it left-handed," Wie said. "But I hit the third hole on the first day, so I thought I'd just take an unplayable. I made par anyway."

She made her share of birdies, too, twice on the par 5s by getting around the green in two, and an 18-foot birdie putt on the 10th hole, the longest putt she made all day.

Wie was three shots off the lead at that point, tied for fifth, until her two mistakes cost her.

"The most memorable thing was I hit the first fairway," she said. "Obviously, some things didn't go as well as I planned."

Sorenstam had few complaints, although the atmosphere was different.

Sorenstam is no stranger to low numbers, but it's rarely this quiet when she's making so many birdies. All the attention was in the group ahead, and that was OK with the 35-year-old Swede.

Golfer Michelle Wie, right, talks with caddy Greg Johnston during her practice round Tuesday for the Samsung Challenge.

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LeBron James, above, dives after a loose ball in a regular season game last year. James was diagnosed with a strained left pectoral muscle Thursday after being hospitalized in Cleveland for testing due to pains in his chest.

James hospitalized with chest pains

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Cavaliers All-Star forward LeBron James remained hospitalized Thursday with pain in his chest from what the team called a strained muscle.

James was admitted to the Cleveland Clinic for tests Wednesday night, hours after he was winning during practice. James said he doesn’t know how he got the injury, which team docs initially diagnosed as a strained left pectoral. The Cavaliers did not reveal James’ hospital stay until Thursday afternoon when he missed practice.

General manager Danny Ferry said tests on James have not shown anything abnormal, and his understanding is that James’ heart "is not at tourn." "They’re going to test everything," Ferry said.

Following Wednesday’s workout at Quicken Loans Arena, James continued to be bedridden by stiffness and soreness. At the Cavaliers’ urging, the 20-year-old was taken to the hospital, Ferry said.

"Just as a precaution, we wanted to have tests to make sure he checks out well," Ferry said. "All the test results we have back so far have been good and there is nothing to be concerned about. Every indication is that it is a muscle injury. The Cavaliers have a home preseason game Friday night against Philadelphia.

James sat out Cleveland’s game Tuesday in Pittsburgh after waking up that morning in pain.

"I don’t know where it came from," said James, who scored 16 points Monday night against Washington. "I don’t remember getting elbowed in the chest or pushed. It was something I never felt before.

With the season opener several weeks away, the Cavaliers aren’t taking any chances with James, their franchise player.

"We just want to make sure our guys are healthy," Ferry said. "He’s resting now, we told him to take it easy.

James has been remarkably durable during his first nine seasons in the NBA. As a rookie, he missed three games with a sprained right ankle. Last season, he missed only two games with a sprained left ankle.

Cowboys’ Goodrich begins prison sentence

DALLAS — Former Dallas Cowboys player Dwayne Goodrich was ordered to serve a 7 1/2-year prison sentence for the hit-and-run deaths of two good Samaritans in 2003.

Goodrich has exhausted his appeals since being convicted in August 2003, seven months after his car struck three men trying to free a trapped motorist inside a burning car on an interstate. The third man was seriously injured.

The 27-year-old Goodrich was convicted on two counts of criminally negligent homicide and fined $20,000. He was ordered Wednesday to begin serving his sentence and was in custody Thursday, records show.

Witnesses said Goodrich was traveling more than 100 mph before he veered onto the freeway shoulder to avoid the burning car.

Goodrich, a defensive back, was the Cowboys’ top pick in the 2000 draft, selected out of Tennessee in the second round.

Walton out six weeks with hamstring injury

HOUSTON — Lakers forward Luke Walton probably will begin the season on the injured list because of a strained left hamstring.

The third-year player was injured late in the fourth quarter Tuesday night when Los Angeles beat Golden State 103-93 in the exhibition opener for both teams. Lakers spokesman John Black said Walton would be sidelined two to six weeks.

"The trainers are saying probably closer to six weeks," Walton said before the Lakers and Warriors met again Wednesday night at the University of Hawaii. "They said it’s different for everyone.

Walton said he’s never had this kind of injury before. He was injured while cutting to the basket not long after making a 3-point play with 4:04 remaining that gave the Lakers an 89-84 lead.

"I felt a sharp pain shoot through it," he said. "As soon as I cut, it just popped."

Women invited to next year’s British Open

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Women golfers could be playing at next year’s British Open.

The Royal & Ancient Golf Club, the governing body for the sport outside the United States, said Thursday it was changing its entry rules to allow women to qualify for the oldest of the four majors.

The announcement came on the same day that 16-year-old Michelle Wie was making her pro debut at the Samsung World Championship at Higdon Golf Club.

Past entry forms for the British Open restricted the event to "any male professional golfer or "male amateur golfer whose playing handicap does not exceed scratch." The new rules state that entry "should be based on playing ability irrespective of gender."

Any woman finishing in the top five — including ties — in any of the four major tournaments this year can try for the Open through regional and final qualifying.
Sabres start road trip with win over Islanders

Devils cross Hudson River, lose to Rangers in Madison Square Garden, 4-1; Islanders outscore Capitals in D.C., 5-3

Associated Press

Daniel Briere and Thomas Vanek scored in the second period to give the Buffalo Sabres a 4-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Friday night. The Sabres won the shootout 2-1. Ryan Miller stopped Martin St. Louis and Brad Richards.

Maxime Auduflon's waist-high deflection of Tenp Lavigne's shot got Buffalo even at 3 with 8:47 left in the third period. Briere and Paul Gaustad scored for Buffalo, who began a three-game road trip.

Tampa Bay got goals from Richards, Vincent Lecavalier and Vinny Prospal. The Lightning (2-2-1) play their next three games on the road after opening the year with four of five at home.

Gaustad tied the game at 10:16 of the second period and Prospal gave the Lightning a 2-1 lead when he skated through the Sabres defense after a pass from John Hendry's goal at 8:14.

Briere put the Sabres ahead 1-0 when he scored on a rebound off his own goal 5:15 into the first. Tampa Bay tied it 2-2 at 3:04. Miller had 32 saves, two more than Tampa Bay's John Grahame.

Rangers 4, Devils 1

Martin Bucyk and Ville Nieminen scored 17 seconds apart in the second period, and rookie goalie Henrik Lundqvist made 36 saves for his first NHL victory as the New York Rangers beat the New Jersey Devils on Thursday night.

Ihl Betis and Jaromir Jagr also scored for the Rangers, who ended a three-game losing streak against their local rivals.

Brian Gionta scored for the Devils, who were 24-14-7 against the Rangers since the 1997-98 season.

Rudicinsky and Vinny Betts, who played on the same line during the Devils' Stanley Cup runs, scored for the Devils.

The highlight of the scoreless second period came at the midpoint when Lundqvist preserved the shutout with a sprawling save on John Madden's short-handed breakaway.

In the third, the Devils broke through at 4:16 when Gionta scored with the teams skating four-on-four.

Jagr made it 4-1 with a power-play goal at 12:49.

Islanders 5, Capitals 3

Jason Blake and Petr NIHOLENBEK had goal and an assist each as the New York Islanders defeated the Washington Capitals on Thursday night.

Braden Hanger, Trent Hunter and Mark Parrish also scored for New York, which scored on its first two shots of the game.

The Islanders, who have won three of their last four going into the final 1:46 of the first period and being shaken up while making the save on his first shot of the season. The Islanders scored on its first two shots of the game, allowing the Capitals' goal with 37 seconds to play.

New York exploited a shaky play by goalie Ondrej Pavelec, scoring on its first two shots—and three of its first five—to build the early lead.

Yashin added a second goal late in the third period, with a short-handed breakaway, and the Islanders' goal five of the past six games.

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Astros knock off host Cardinals to even series

Houston ace Oswalt stymies St. Louis in second game of NLCS

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - Yes, it is possible to win on the road in the NL championship series. Roy Oswalt showed the way for Houston, silencing the St. Louis Cardinals and all their red-clad fans.

Oswalt pitched seven stellar innings, closer Brad Lidge finished up and the Astros defeated the Cardinals 4-1 Thursday night, evening the best-of-seven series at one game apiece.

Houston scored enough for a couple of runs off Mark Mulder — one scoring on a passed ball, the other on Craig Biggio's groundout. The Astros added two more in the eighth off reliever Juan Taveras.

Division series hero Chris Burke, who had an 1-15 record this season entering Thursday, had a routine one out in the eighth on a single by Jim Edmonds. But Burke hit it awkwardly on his right knee, which Biggio turned over for an out.

Oswalt retired David Eckstein with a fly ball to center, then got Edmonds on a groundout to first — the last of the starter's 108 pitches. Oswalt covered on the play, his fist fin after he took the flip from Lance Berkman.

The Central Division rivals are meeting in the NLCS for the second year in a row, and their first eight games all went to the home team.

The 2004 series went the distance, with St. Louis advancing to the World Series by winning four games at Busch Stadium. The streak continued with the Cardinals winning 5-3 in Game 1 Wednesday.

Now, St. Louis has to win at least one game in Texas — something it couldn't do last year — to bring the series back to soon-to-be demolished Busch Stadium.

The next three games are in Houston, beginning with Saturday's contest matching Roger Clemens of the Astros against St. Louis' Matt Morris.

"We're definitely pleased to take one game here and take the momentum," Burke said. "We're excited to get home to our fans and that place will be rocking.

Burke's run-scoring single off Taveras gave the Astros a 3-1 lead, and the runner came all the way around to score when Adam Everett tripled off the glove of left fielder Biggio Sanders.

Sanders, the Cardinals' hottest postseason hitter with 12 hits, fell awkwardly on the warning track and left the game. He sustained a sprained lower back.

Houston started quickly against Mulder, beginning the game with singles by Biggio and Willy Taveras. But Berkman struck out and Morgan Ensberg, pinch hitting for Mulder, who started an inning-ending double play.

St. Louis led the majors with 196 double plays during the regular season, and this was their ninth in five postseason games.

But the Cardinals fell behind for the first time in the playoffs when Houston pushed an unearned run across in the second.

Burke, who had an 18th-inning homer to clinch an opening-round victory over Atlanta and a pinch-hit homer in Game 1 against St. Louis, got the start in this one and kept up his hot streak.

Houston pitcher Roy Oswalt reacts after inducing Cardinals outfilder Jim Edmonds to ground out to end the seventh inning Thursday.
Judge tosses lawsuit against Bertuzzi for hit

Physical forward was charged after catching and punching Moore

Associated Press

DENVER — Former Colorado Avalanche forward Steve Moore's lawsuit over a vicious hit by Todd Bertuzzi was dismissed Thursday, and the judge advised him to take the case to Canada.

Moore's claims would be better handled in Canada because that's where the hit happened and all the defendants are based there, Denver District Judge Shelley Gilman said. Her ruling was in agreement with attorneys for Bertuzzi, the Canucks and others.

"British Columbia bears the most significant relationship to Moore's claims," Gilman wrote. She also said a new state law prohibited her from allowing the case to continue.

Moore hasn't played since the March 8, 2004, game in which Bertuzzi grabbed him from behind, punched him in the head and drove his head into the ice. Moore, who suffered three fractured vertebrae in his neck, a concussion and other injuries, missed 36 regular-season games and the playoffs in response to a large number of cases filed by nonresidents. The law was designed to ensure Coloradans have access to the courts by limiting access by nonresidents.

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The lawsuit accused Bertuzzi of tortious or unlawful conspiracy, assault, battery and negligence.

Lee Foreman, Moore's attorney, argued that the formation of the alleged conspiracy in Denver, and the fact that Moore received medical treatment in Denver, was enough to allow Moore to pursue his lawsuit in Colorado. The judge disagreed.

"The statements allegedly made by the defendants in Colorado do not rise to the level of tortious or unlawful acts," which would be required to prove a conspiracy, she wrote.

Attorney Mike O'Donnell, who represents the Canucks and Crawford, said the judge accepted all the arguments the defendants made.

"The team is pleased, and coach Crawford is pleased, that this case will go forward — if at all — in the Canadian courts," he said.

Gilman wrote that she was required to dismiss the case under a 2004 state law enacted in response to a large number of cases filed by nonresidents. The law is designed to ensure Coloradans have access to the courts by limiting access by nonresidents.

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The ruling doesn't address the merits of the claims, Barker said. "But even taking the allegations of the complaint as true, they don't establish a sufficient connection with the state of Colorado. Bertuzzi's attorney, Roger Tomasch, was out of the state and unavailable for comment, his receptionist said.

Bertuzzi faced up to 18 months in prison after Vancouver authorities charged him with assault. He pleaded guilty, and was then sentenced to probation and community service.

Bertuzzi was reinstated to the NHL in August after being indefinitely suspended and missing 13 regular-season games and the Stanley Cup playoffs in 2004, giving up about $502,000 in salary. He is due to earn about $5.2 million this season.
Stanford can't hold, falls to Morrissey

By BECKI DORNER and CHRIS HINE
Sports Writers

Stanford came out strong against Morrissey Thursday with an early touchdown, but it was not enough to hold off the Mustangs, who wore down all cylinders in the last regular season game at BilezeWest, an 8-6 Morrissey win.

Stanford scored first on a halfback pass, yet failed on the two-point conversion. Afterwards, it appeared that the game was destined to become a defensive showdown with both teams holding their own until Steve Klein of Morrissey picked off a Stanford pass and returned it for a touchdown.

Captain Nick Klein of the Mustangs then punched in the two-point conversion, which would be enough to earn the victory for Morrissey. But the win was not without a few close calls.

Klein threatened to go ahead in the final minutes of the game, completing a long pass for first-and-goal, but the Morrissey defense held them for four plays.

Klein conveyed the final moments of the contest were especially tense.

"We had some flashbacks to last week, when we lost to Hilton on a last-minute touchdown, but this time, our defense came through," he said.

The Mustangs will need that kind of last-minute intensity in the upcoming playoffs. They are ready to continue their success, but Klein said a lot is up in the air depending on placement.

"We will be careful to see how the seeding goes, with such a relatively even talent level in our division," he said.

Keanan 12, O'Neill 0

The Keenan defense had four interceptions while the offense capitalized on good field position to beat the Angry Mob of O'Neill Thursday night at Bileze Field. Keenan solidified its spot in the playoffs, while six-breakers will determine the fate of O'Neill.

The Knights' offense was led by the quarterback/wide receiver combination of Rob Coly and Jim Zerker, who connected three times for 35 yards, and by the legs of Alex Staffieri, who had 11 carries for 30 yards, including two touchdowns.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Staffieri powered his way into the end zone from three yards to score his second touchdown. The TD came after a 20-yard punt return by John Wood to the O'Neill 39, and a 36-yard Zerker reception to the 3-yard line.

On O'Neill's next offensive play, Wood intercepted quarterback Matt Hughes.

Keenan then went three-and-out, while its defense forced O'Neill to turn the ball over on downs. The ruined interceptions (Bobbi Blinn-Smith intercepted Coly while Brandon Paul picked off Hughes) before Keenan ran out the clock.

Trailing 6-0 after the half, O'Neill had the ball on the Keenan 35 thanks to an interception by Eric Popp.

But on third-and-one and-fourth-and-one, the Keenan line held and forced a turnover.

Neither team could kick field goals due to the fact that the field had no goal posts. Two possessions later, Staffieri scored his second touchdown to make it 12-0.

Through the first quarter the teams went scoreless. Toward the end of the quarter, a Keenan interception allowed its offense to start on the O'Neill 26.

The Knights scored eight plays later early in the second quarter on a one-yard run by Staffieri to make it 6-0. On the drive, he had five carries for 22 yards, with most of those yards coming after contact.

"He's a great runner," Keenan coach Richard Grant said. "When he gets stuffled, he can move the pile." O'Neill seemed poised to score on the ensuing drive. Behind the legs of fullback Pat Connolly, his carries for 44 yards, O'Neill took 11 plays to drive down to the Keenan 13. On third-and-goal from the 6-yard line, Hughes was intercepted by Vince (Zydrus) to conclude the half.

"Our team will work to sharpen things up and sharpen our intensity," Grant said.

Klein said, "They played big up front," Hughes said. "Towards the end of each drive, we had to pass and they had really good coverage."

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A Morrissey running back, center, cuts upfield as Stanford defenders pursue. The Mustangs won the game, 8-6.

ND Women's Golf

Irish hit the road for the Tyson/Embassy Suites Invite

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

After setting a school record with three straight rounds under 300, but only finishing fourth at the Shootout at the Legends, the Notre Dame women's golf team will turn around and head south to Rogers, Ark., for the Tyson/Embassy Suites Invitational Sunday, hosted by the University of Arkansas. Mid-October is the time of year when the golf schedule traditionally takes a southward turn, as weather conditions in northern states deteriorate.

"The number one thing I look for when making the schedule is a highly-ranked event and out so much the location, but obviously towards the late October and early November up here, it's not as good of conditions up here and northern teams aren't hosting tournaments, so we have to go down south," Irish head coach Debbie King said.

Venturing to the south means competing against southern teams, who, due to weather advantages, are usually at the top of collegiate golf.

"On average, the southern schools usually dominate the Top 50, but the northern schools do pretty well," King said. "Ohio State has been in the top 10 most of my career."

The Irish are looking to capitalize on their strong showing at the shootout, where Jane Lee and Katie Holroyd both shot career-low 226s.

Noriko Nagazaki, who finished first for the Irish in their first two tournaments this year, shot a relatively subpar 229.

King hopes the entire team can put it together in Arkansas this weekend. "Just think if Noriko had been on her usual game, we could have broken 290 last the Shootout. She just didn't have her A-game last week," King said. "That's the way golf is sometimes. If she's back to form and everyone else is ready to go, this could be one of our better events." Lauren Gebauer and Lisa Maum will also compete for the Irish this weekend. Suzie Hayes will compete as an individual.

King said scores as low as those from the Shootout may be hard to come by. "This course is a little more difficult than the Legends," King said. "There's a lot more emphasis on placement."

Still, King said the team is riding high after its recent record setting performance. "Coming off our Legends performance where we had three rounds under 300, we're feeling really confident," King said. "We feel maybe that we're not ranked as high as we should be, so we're going to go there to maybe prove a point."

The field for the tournament will be very competitive, head by No. 3 Arkansas. All in all, the field will host four golfdigest.com Top 50 teams, including the Razorbacks, the No. 45 Irish, No. 48 Augusta State and No. 40 Nebraska.

King said it will be the toughest field the Irish have faced so far this year. "This will be a tough field," she said. "We've been warming up to this event. Arkansas is ranked No. 3 in the country. It will be tough to beat them on their home course."

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles’ toughest challenge yet is final six games on road

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Senior night usually signifies the end of the season. Not so for the Saint Mary’s vol­leyball team. Following a four-game loss to Adrian College on Tuesday’s senior night, the Belles find themselves with six games remaining on the schedule, all on the road. Belles coach Julie Schroeder­Biek said earlier this season that she feels her team is better on the road because it faces fewer distractions. Her theory will be put to the test in the final stretch begins with a tough match at Alma College.

The Belles are in second place in the MIAA and own an 8-3 conference record. They are one of the only teams that has threatened unbeaten Hope in the conference this year. Alma lost a five-game decision to Hope earlier this season. Alma enters the match following a four-game loss to Calvin earlier this week. The Scots will be looking to rebound against a Saint Mary’s team they defeated in three games earlier this season.

The Belles enter the game with confidence, knowing the loss to Alma was much closer than it looked. The Belles lost the final two games of that match by scores of 30-28 and 31-29 and were a few points from extending, or even winning, that match. Saint Mary’s faced a number of matchup problems in the final game as the Scots are a much taller team than the Belles. The Belles allowed three Alma players to record 12 or more kills in the first contest. To combat these problems Saturday, the Belles will have to play a solid defensive game. Schroeder­Biek thinks her team is capable of this type of defensive effort.

“We’re getting closer and closer to becoming a really good defensive team,” she said. “With a little more hustle and improve­ment we’ll be there.”

Libero Anne Cusack will anchor the Belles defense. The junior leads the conference, averaging 5.83 kills per game. Senior middle hitter Talia Schroeder­Vaccaro will also help the Belles’ net defense. Vaccaro saw limited action in the teams’ first meeting due to injury. Now healthy, the senior will provide crucial blocking in the middle of the Belles’ defense.

Schroeder­Biek stressed the importance of having one of her two seniors back in the lineup.

“It’s really nice to have Talia back,” she said. “Now we just have to get her in with the right mix of players. We’re still getting used to having her as a part of our lineup.”

The Belles enter the toughest part of their schedule with a 9-13 record, 3-7 in the MIAA, good enough for sixth place in the conference. If the Belles are to move up in the standings, they will need to pull off some upsets. Saint Mary’s faces the top three teams in the conference — Hope, Alma and Calvin — over the course of its next four matches.

Despite the tough stretch ahead, Schroeder­Biek said her team’s confidence is high.

“We’re still very excited about our goals and we think we can finish the season strong,” she said.

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SMC SOCCER

Season comes down to final three conference games

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

When most students have gone home to enjoy a relaxing Fall Break, the Belles will be hard at work against the best their MIAA conference can throw at them.

The Saint Mary’s soccer team will play three games within the next two conference weekends, while the women will make the trek to Olivet mid-week.

Calvin is the lone unbeaten squad left in the MIAA with a 9-0 record. Calvin has allowed only one goal to break through its defense the entire season has put up 45 into the opposition’s net.

The last time these two foes met, Calvin walked off its pitch with a 3-0 victory in hand. The Belles played tough but just could not find a way to push the ball past the wall also known as Calvin’s backfield.

Junior midfielder Colleen Courtney said the Belles’ aggressive attitude is straightforward.

“Plain and simple, we just want to win,” she said. “Just give them a tough game. We are sticking to how we normally play and dom­inate.”

Olivet will prove a tough com­petitor for the Belles, as the women look to improve upon their 6-4 MIAA tally, 7-6 overall. Saint Mary’s came from behind in late September to knock off Olivet, 2-1.

Even the Belles’ aggression can be foiled.

“The Belles’ defense is very consistent and very tough,” Courtney said. “We’re getting better and better as we go. Our goal is to get second place in the conference.”

Mary’s squad.

The Belles will emerge from the three-game stretch to open their season-ending drive into a tough conference match-up. The first game of the three­game stretch will be the easiest for the Belles, but it will not be a cakewalk. Alma holds a 3-7 record and the seventh MIAA spot. In their last meeting, the Belles triumphed, 3-0, but Alma fought from start to finish against the superior Saint Mary’s squad.

One of the Belles biggest con­cerns for the Olivet game is the close proximity it has to their prior game with Alma. They hope they will not be tired for the crucial match-ups.

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“We’ve been having really good games lately,” Courtney said. “We had the momentum coming off of Hope. Even though we didn’t win, it was a really good game and we played the same ingenuity against Albion on Wednesday.” We had possession of the majority of the time; it was good to have a road win.”

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**ND CROSS COUNTRY**

**Irish travel to Terre Haute for Pre-Nationals**

Van Ort returns to men's lineup after stress fracture injury; women look for someone to step up as fifth runner

By CHRIS KHOREY

Sports Writer

After two straight meets on the friendly confines of Burke Memorial Golf Course, the Notre Dame cross country teams will travel to Terre Haute, Ind., Saturday for the Pre-National Meet hosted by Indiana State.

The meet will feature several elite teams from around the country, including defending men’s and women’s NCAA champion Colorado. The Buffaloes are currently ranked third on the men’s side and 11th on the women’s.

Just as important, the Irish will be running for the first time this season at the LaVern Gibson Course in Terre Haute, the home of this year’s NCAA Championships.

“It got a great field, but it’s also the same location as the NCAAs,” Irish men’s head coach Joe Piane said. “It’s an opportunity for teams from around the country to race on the course where the NCAAs will be held. When you play football, it’s going to be a hundred yards, when you play basketball, it’s 10-foot backets, but every cross country course is different.”

Doing well in the Pre-Nationals is also important for at-large bids to the NCAAs.

“Last year there wasn’t an at-large team in the country that qualified for the NCAAs that didn’t run at the pre-national meet,” Piane said. “Hopefully both of our teams will qualify for the NCAAs without needing an at-large bid, but still this weekend it is very important for us to beat a few teams. Then we have the Big East meet, and we need to get at-large points at our own Big East meet. The next two meets are very important.”

The No. 7 Irish men will send a lineup featuring every returning runner from last year’s NCAA meet out for the first time this season. Sophomores Kait Piana and seniors Tim Moore and Sean O’Donnell will lead the way, as they have throughout their careers.

Senior Kaithe Van Ort, junior Todd Piane, sophomore LaVern Gibson and freshman Patrick Smith willround out the Irish line-up.

Van Ort, who last year with Benninger, Moore and O’Donnell in most meets, will be seeing his first action this season after returning from a stress fracture.

“It’s going to be a new experience for Kaithe, but if he can run with Jani Caruana, Patrick Smith and Todd Piane, he’ll be fine,” Piane said.

“We beat a lot of people without him, so hopefully we’ll have a good chance to beat some people with him.”

Smith, who has been a pleasant surprise to Piane with his strong running this year, will race in the most important meet of his young career.

“That’s a tentative competitor,” Piane said. “It’s a very quiet kid, but he competes very hard.”

For the No. 4 Irish women, the blazing fast top four that all finished in the top 15 of the Notre Dame Invitational — senior All-American Stephane Mulia, senior two-time All-American Molly Huddle, National Catholic Champion Sammi Olding and promising freshman Hateley Kavan — will all be in the lineup for the Pre-Nationals.

The issue for the Irish remains finding a fifth runner who will be closer to the top four than the 68th place finish Jean Marinangeli ended up with at the Notre Dame Invitational. Senior Elizabeth Webster, junior Katie DelRosso and Marinangeli will all try to close the gap with the top four and become the fifth runner the Irish need to compete for the national championship.

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Team faces tough test in visiting USC squad

By KATE GALES
American Sports Editor

As tough as the USC football team is, its formidable counterparts on the tennis courts could provide just as much of a challenge to the Irish as the two teams face each other in an exhibition match with the women's squads on Friday night.
The Trojans bring a formidable history to the Eck Tennis Pavilion, with 15 NCAA Championships (most recently 1994), 16 singles championships and 20 doubles titles, the most in the nation.

"Their team is traditionally very strong," head coach Bobby Bayliss said. "This year, I think we're better than we were last year, and I think we can make it pretty darn competitive."

Notre Dame's Eric Langenkamp recently competed in the ITA Polo Ralph Lauren All-America Championships, upsetting the nation's No. 15 player in the consolation round before bowing out.
Langenkamp will play fourth on the Irish in singles. Stephen Basu leads the team, followed by Sheeva Parbhu and Brett Helgeson rounding out the top three. After Langenkamp, Patrick Buchanan, Ryan Keckley, Andrew Roth and Yachi Uta or Santiago Montoya will be on the courts for the Irish.

Veteran Irackli Akhvlediani is sick and cannot play for the Irish this weekend.

"There's a lot to see, we're pretty excited," Bayliss said. "We feel like they have one of the great traditions in all of college tennis ... I feel like (USC head coach) Peter Smith is one of the best coaches in college tennis."

According to Bayliss, the USC tennis team has traveled with the football team to Notre Dame every fall since 1991. All five members of the women's teams line up the day before the football game.

Smith coming to South Bend is also a human-interest thread in the story.

"He was the coach at Pepperdine who mentored (current Irish assistant) Todd Doebler, so it has a nice human element to it," Bayliss said.

Bayliss said that all the players have worked hard in the off-season to improve their particular weaknesses.

"Each player's areas for liability and strengths are different ... it would really vary (which changes are visible) until certainly those things are there," Bayliss said.

The team has matured together as each team works on individual improvement, but also on winning as a team.

"Doubles is a focus for Bayliss. The top Notre Dame team of Langenkamp and Keckley has already registered two upsets of No. 25 teams this season, both at the Tom Fallon Invitational held at Notre Dame on Sept. 23-25.

Parbhu and Helgeson, Basu and Roth and Buchanan and Montoya round out the Irish doubles teams that will complete the team.

"They have a well-balanced team and play very good doubles," Bayliss said. "We anticipate a really close match."

The bottom singles matches take the courts at 4 p.m., followed by the doubles matches and then the top singles matches. The matches will be played in conjunction with the Irish women taking on the USC women's tennis teams.

"After the hard work of the off-season, the team is ready for competition."

"I think it will be highly competitive and we're looking to have a chance to win," Bayliss said.

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play this year, as Irish defender Christie Shaner has led the backfield in its past three games, blanked by standout Kim Lorenzen, Carrie Dow and others.

Waldrum said he prepared his team to face different looks than Connecticut has shown in its past opponents.

We expect Connecticut junior Nikki Cross will probably play up front," she said. "I know she usually plays in the back, but they’ll show us a few different looks.

Waldrum said another key to the game for the Irish will be forcing the energy at Alumni Field.

"I think we always do well Friday nights under the lights," she said.

Waldrum noted that his team realizes that it will not just play Connecticut this weekend.

The Irish host Providence Sunday, in a game whose original starting time the athletic department moved to noon.

After five days off, the Irish return to action with another two-game set at Alumni Field beginning Friday, Oct. 21 with a match against Villanova. They finish their regular-season schedule Sunday, Oct. 23 against Georgetown.

Waldrum said the Irish will not take those two teams lightly.

The Irish enter this weekend with a lead of three points over Villanova and five points over Georgetown, with each team having played 7 of its 11 conference matches.

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strategies worked on in ice situations and on the chalkboard.

The up-tempo style that Jackson is trying to initiate in an Irish squad that produced limited offense last season will take some time to implement, but he has been optimistic about its early results.

One goal scored in the Blue-Gold game particularly impressed Jackson, giving him a glimpse into the quickness with which his new team is catching on.

"One goal was a face-off goal that we just talked about this morning, we never even practiced it," he said. "They do retain things. That's a real positive thing to pick things up off the chalkboard." Several freshmen gave a strong showing last week and got in on several goals. Erik Condra and Garrett Regan found the back of the net once apiece, and Condra got in on another with an assist. Christian Hanson contributed with an assist of his own.

But don't expect Jackson to create a line of the future with these three young snipers — he wants to spread them amongst the older players to gain experience.

"There's two things that we have to have. We have to have guys that think the game, cerebral players as I call them or players with a high hockey IQ," Jackson said.

"The other thing is competitiveness; they have to compete. That's a huge factor to creating offense, you have to think the game, make good decisions with the puck, and guys have got to read off each other. I think that's an important factor to us scoring goals this year and that's a huge factor in the power play, the special teams."

The Warriors are 2-1 in exhibition play so far this season. They knocked off the University of British Columbia 3-2 and the Guelph Gryphons 5-4 to take the Steel Blade Tournament Cup last week. The Rochester Institute of Technology took a 5-4 decision in its last game.

Junior Dave Brown will start in net for the Irish. Freshman Jordan Pierce will most likely substitute between the pipes for the second half.

"It's still in the evaluation stage for me," Jackson said of his plan to place players together for the future.

The Irish will take to the ice at 7:35 p.m. tonight, following the pep rally in Notre Dame Stadium.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles set for final 5,000-meter race

By KEN FOWLER

One last 5-K.

That's what the Manchester College Invitational is for the Belles.

Freshman runner Aileen Miller and senior standout Becky Feust said Saint Mary’s runners are hoping to set personal bests in their final five-kilometer race of the season and continue the team’s momentum after a fourth-place finish in the 27-team Eagle Invitational.

"Since we found out that it's a 5-K, a lot of the girls are really excited to try and set personal bests," Feust said.

The race will be last in Feust’s collegiate career at the distance, and she hopes to break the 20-minute mark.

Feust said that strong individual races should help the Belles in the overall team competition.

Many of Saint Mary’s top runners this year have been freshmen, and their times will be crucial in determining how the Belles fare.

After last Friday’s race in Ithel, Ill., head coach Jackie Bauters said Miller and her fellow freshmen had shown steady improvement.

Miller said this weekend's five-kilometer race for the Belles offers them an easier course in their final race at that distance.

"I've heard this course is a good course to (set personal records)," at Miller said.

Despite the team’s lack of a history at the course, Miller said the Belles are confident after last weekend’s meet.

"Last weekend was huge for us," she said. "A lot of people stepped it up.

"We're really excited for this weekend.

Bauters had her team work this week and last on changing the groups in which the Belles run during the meet. Miller said that the regrouping is a work in process.

"In workouts, we’ve ... tried to switch up whose leading the pack," she said. "It's getting there. There's still improvement needed to be made."

Feust and junior Sara Otto hope to finish close to, if not under, 20 minutes.

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means the team needs conference wins for freshman seeding in the Big East Tournament, which begins Nov. 1. "If everybody realizes that the importance of the last five games," Clark said. "They're all very important. They'd all be nice to win."

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Iowa fullback Tony Memmel has decided, he said. "I think everybody realizes the importance of the last five games." Bobby Clark Irish coach

wards Lapira and Justin McGeeney, Lapira leads the team with nine points and Norman adds eight. Although the team is coming off a hard-fought tie, the Irish are relatively unscathed going into their road trip. "A tie on the road at Michigan State wasn't the worst result," Clark said. "It's not going to hurt us if we can take something out of these three games."

The Irish hope to bring wins home to South Bend for their final home weekend. "Winning's a habit and not winning's a habit," Clark said. "The important thing is to get back into that good habit of winning."

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Irish midfielder Matt Besler moves up the field against Bradley during Notre Dame's 1-0 victory Sept. 28.

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wards Lapira and Justin McGeeney, Lapira leads the team with nine points and Norman adds eight. Although the team is coming off a hard-fought tie, the Irish are relatively unscathed going into their road trip. "A tie on the road at Michigan State wasn't the worst result," Clark said. "It's not going to hurt us if we can take something out of these three games."

The Irish hope to bring wins home to South Bend for their final home weekend. "Winning's a habit and not winning's a habit," Clark said. "The important thing is to get back into that good habit of winning."

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Irish midfielder Matt Besler moves up the field against Bradley during Notre Dame's 1-0 victory Sept. 28.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Rivals of their own

Top two teams in Big East ready to meet on Alumni Field tonight

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Rivalry weekend at Notre Dame kicks off Friday at 7:30 p.m. when the Irish host Connecticut in a Big East showdown on the same weekend as the Notre Dame-USC football game.

The No. 7 Irish (12-2-0, 6-1-0) and No. 15 Huskies (11-2-1, 7-0-0) lead their respective divisions in the realigned conference and each hope for a big win against a solidified opponent.

The soccer rivalry between UConn and Notre Dame is the biggest in the Big East in the course of the year, and Friday will be the only time the two schools play in the regular season.

Irish head coach Randy Waldrum said the two teams have a history of excellence within the conference.

"Over the six years I've been here, it's been us and UConn," he said.

The Irish are coming off a 2-0 weekend in conference play in which they only allowed three shots on goal. They have posted three consecutive shutouts since losing badly to Marquette, 4-1.

"I like the way that we've rebounded since the Marquette game," Waldrum said. "I think we're really confident about where we are."

Where the Irish are is atop the division and looking for a first-round bye in the upcoming conference tournament.

Irish forward Katie Thoriskson dribbles past a Cincinnati player during Notre Dame's 4-0 victory over the Bearcats Sept. 23. The Irish host No. 15 tonight at Alumni Field.

Notre Dame will likely have a distinct advantage going into the tournament if the Irish win, Waldrum said.

"We've got a great chance of getting a first-round bye and getting a home game in that second round," he said.

The Irish must win first, and that requires shutting down Connecticut's explosive offense.

He attributed his team's past successes against the Huskies to solid defensive play.

"Over the years, what we've been able to do [in wins] is be very, very good defensively," he said.

They have the talent to continue that strong defensive see HUSKIES/page 37campaign.

MEN'S SOCCER

No. 8 Irish ready for the Hoyas

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish will hit the road during fall break for three conference games that could have huge postseason implications.

Most recently tying Michigan State 0-0 on Tuesday, Notre Dame faces Georgetown on Saturday at 1 p.m., Providence on Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Pittsburgh on Oct. 22 at 1 p.m.

The Irish traditionally schedule a road trip to the East Coast during fall break in order to minimize missed classes.

"It's a lot, but it's one of the things we've got to do because of the class-missed policy," Irish head coach Bobby Clark said. "This is a way that gets us to play three games in a row before many classes missed."

The Irish are 7-4-2 on the season (3-1-1 Big East) with only five games remaining in the regular season.

A heartbreaking 2-1 home loss to Connecticut on Oct. 8 see HOYAS/page 38

HOCKEY

Preseason ends with Waterloo

Retooled Notre Dame faces Golden Hawks in preparation game

By KYLIE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hockey coach Jeff Jackson is still in the early stages of rebuilding a program that went through a 2004 season that all would like to forget, but he is satisfied with the progress already made.

The 2005 Irish will measure themselves against their first opponent of the year tonight as they take on the University of Waterloo Warriors in a preseason exhibition. Last Saturday with No. 1 Southern California. But it concerns more than Saturday's final score. There is much at stake for No. 9 Notre Dame in its game with 30 recruits on both unofficial and official visits to campus scheduled for this weekend, the Irish hope to give a good look to the 23 seniors and seven juniors in attendance.

SMC X-COUNTRY

Manchester Invitational

The Belles hope to continue their success in their final five-kilometer race.

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The Belles face their final six games of the regular season on the road.

FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Dozens of prospects to attend USC game

23 senior recruits, seven juniors arrive on campus visits

SMC TENNIS

USC at Notre Dame

The Irish and the Trojans have much at stake in this crucial match.

SMC X-COUNTRY

The men's and women's teams travel to Terre Haute for a national competition Saturday.

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The Irish hope to snap a streak of three straight 31-point losses to number one ranked USC.
FIERCE FOES

Notre Dame and USC will write another chapter this Saturday in one of the most storied rivalries in college football.
1988, 1993 ... the Irish can do it

It was only yesterday. On second thought, it was six years ago.

No. 1 Nebraska had fallen on its heels, and on Sept. 9, 2000, the Irish were on the verge of toppling the best team in the country.

More than half of the fans in Notre Dame Stadium were draped in red. Some Notre Dame fans — you know who you are — had despicably sold their tickets to the trekking Husker faithful. And when Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch scampered into the left corner of the end zone for its second thought, it was six.

The fans walked to their cars, heads down. I even remember saying to my father as I exited the Stadium, "We had 'em, Dad." People were furious, frustrated and perhaps most importantly, disappointed.

Why? Because Notre Dame was good enough to do it. They had the talent and the opportunity to beat — and be — the best.

That was six years ago.

Now, on campus, in experts' predictions and in the rational thought of Irish fans everywhere, Notre Dame has a chance. The talent and opportunity are back.

"No team is unbeatable," Irish defensive end Chris Frome said.

The team believes. No matter how many answers Irish players give about Saturday's contest being "just another game," it's not. They know it's not.

On Saturday, a team Notre Dame uses as its barometer for success comes to town with a 27-game winning streak, the defending Heisman Trophy-winner and an attitude that says, "We know we're good."

When asked Tuesday about playing in Notre Dame Stadium, USC quarterback Matt Leinart said: "It's fun. It's exciting to go back."

It's fun! How the Irish detest losing to Southern California.

In 2003, Tyrone Willingham's team lost 38-0 to Michigan. Irish fans were distraught, but they had excuses: it's Michigan; they play well at home; the series always goes back and forth.

But on Oct. 18, 2003, when Southern California walked into Notre Dame Stadium and beat the pants off the Irish in a 45-14 clubbing, seats emptied early. It had been the second year in a row USC had won by 31. So when it happened the next year, Willingham got his job back.

And now, coach Charlie Weis has Notre Dame on the verge of accomplishing more than he promised in his first season.

"When I think about Charlie Weis, I think about confidence," defensive tackle Trevor Laws said. "I think our team is starting to reflect the attitude of our head coach." defensive end Victor Abiamiri said: "We're buying into what he's trying to teach."

Not athletic director Kevin White, not Weis himself could have had expectations of greatness. Weis only promised his team would be prepared week-in, week-out.

If anything, though it sounds pessimistic, a 7-, 10- or even 20-point loss Saturday will be a stride in the right direction for a Notre Dame team that, for almost a decade, had lost its way.

USC is on pace to break the average yards per game record in Division-I college football by 15 yards. The Trojans average 52 points per game. They are so good, Irish nose tackle Derek Landri said he believes they beat some teams before they even take the field.

But there will most likely be a large following of Notre Dame fans who will have their heads down in disappointment if the Irish lose Saturday. "People hesitate to say that we're a great team this year, and ya know what?" said defensive end Chris Frome.

"They have every right to be," he said. "They say, 'Oh, you know, Michigan is a three-loss team. They're not that great this year. Pittsburgh wasn't a great team.' They were ranked when we beat them. We feel like this is our chance to put a lot of the naysayers down and prove that we belong in the top ten, where we are right now."

"And I believe we belong at the top."

For the first time in six years, the Irish have the opportunity to prove it.

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**IRISH INSIDER**

**Game hype**

"Only a few times in life do you get such special opportunities ... you got to run with it." — Charlie Weis, Irish head coach

"We have a group of guys that are so hungry ... that are so dedicated to winning." — Brandon Hoyte, Irish linebacker

"This is about a bunch of kids that get to play in a great setting ... with memories to be made." — Pete Carroll, Trojans head coach

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Rivalry reinvigorated

Notre Dame and USC continue a series this weekend that began with Knute Rockne in 1926

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

For decades they've played each other and each game has been significant in the realm of college football. Yet, the Trojans, they've played games to remember.

Saturday's matchup between No. 1 USC and No. 9 Notre Dame is likely to be no different. The Irish are No. 1 and trying to prove they are back at the top of college football once again. The Trojans, meanwhile take their 27-game winning streak to South Bend to prove they still belong at the top after winning back-to-back national championships.

This is no doubt a big game.

"This is the reason why every play on this team came here — to play in a game like this," safety Tim Harkowski said.

Isn't this how big Saturday's matchup?

The hype

Everyone across the country is talking about Saturday's contest. ESPN's GameDay crew arrived in South Bend a day earlier than usual after making an appearance at Notre Dame since 2000 and 2001. For decades, it was the traveled season for the Michigan game, 1952 to 1962. But every now and then, ESPN is broadcasting from campus, and ticket prices are skyrocketing on eBay, with tickets going for upwards of $200 each.

Media access to players was limited to just one day, and the players were preselected to speak to the media from the pop-up midfield from the Joyce Center to Notre Dame Stadium for the extra seating, is being televised by ESPN 2.

"It's definitely one of the bigger games of my career," junior defensive end Victor Abiamiri said.

"It's kind of tame of the little special times around campus. You don't really get to play the No.1 team, the No. 1 team here in your home school stadium too much.

But the Irish are trying not to let the hype and media craze surround the game affect them, something passed down from Irish head coach Charlie Weis.

"I think I treat every week pretty much the same," Weis said. "I have always tried to prepare myself. I know how key it is and treating each game as its own separate entity. I understand — I am not addressing the immediate atmosphere of the football game. But I think that you just set yourself up for emoc-tional highs and lows if you treat it any differently."

On the USC sideline, quarterback and reigning Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart downplayed the game, played at Notre Dame Stadium in its 97th year of exis-tence.

"I think it's just how people make it," Leinart said. "We approach it like it's any other game. It is Notre Dame "great but we've approached it like it was against Arizona last weekend. Obviously, playing Notre Dame is a big deal about it, but we're just going to go about our busi-ness."

But at the same time, the Notre Dame players know it's a big deal.

"We have to come out there and win this game," it's a matter of opportunity to see just how well we will stack up against a team much better than the best in the country.

"Playing Southern Cal is exciting," Irish running back Darius Walker said. "It's a big deal. And playing the No. 1 team in the coun-try I think speaks wonders for us because that's where we want to be. To be the best, you have to beat the best."

The history

The Notre Dame-USC rivalry dates back to the Knute Rockne era, when the Irish traveled to face the Trojans for the first time in 1926. This matchup was the beginning of what is now known as the "Glasgow Bowl." It took place in 1927.

Since that game, which Notre Dame won 12-6, the Irish have beaten the Trojans 42 times and lost 29.

USC's first visit to Notre Dame Stadium resulted in the first ever sellout in 1931, a game the Irish lost 14-12, after leading at half. Notre Dame lost 26-game win streak and carried it over from Rockefeller's tenure.

The rivalry includes many games of significance, including the 1967 game in which Notre Dame saw its national hopes shattered and the more famous Green Jersey game of 1977. In 1964, under the leadership of head coach Ara Parseghian, the Irish went to Los Angeles as the top-ranked team in the country and lost to their 26-game win streak and carried it over from Rockefeller's tenure.

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In the Green Jersey game, the Irish, coached by Dan Devine, warmed up in their regular blue uniforms and came out in green. Notre Dame defeated USC 49-19 and went on to win the National Championship. Weis, a 1978 graduate of Notre Dame, vividly remembers that game as a stu-dent.

"It was a pretty wild experience," he said. "I remember the defense although I didn't come out there and warm up in blue and didn't think much of it to tell you the truth. But they came out, and I remember the big Trojan crowd, which were loud and boisterous. Can you imagine all those green jerseys and knowing this was going to be a new one?"

The Green Jersey game is just one of many USC Notre Dame matchups that is one is remember. Most recently, the Trojans and Fighting Irish went to Los Angeles and many have speculated that big wins in 2002 and 2004 helped spur USC's unbeaten and Heisman Trophy winners Carson Palmer (2002) and Leinart (2004) to win the award. Under those quarter-backs, USC has won each of the last three seasons by 11, 31, and the 44-13 in 2002 helped the Trojans win the No. 1 Irish out of con-vention for a BCS bowl bid. But the Irish say this team's aren't like the ones that lost by 31 points three years in a row.

"This game feels a lot different from the '02 game, and here's why," defensive end Chris Fromm said. "I think the Trojans have one amazing defense that year, great d-backs. Our offense wasn't doing a lot, but their offense was doing a lot, and a lot of people have a lot more respect for our offense. So I think they did then. Our whole team does.

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by the numbers

USC's margin of victory over Notre Dame each of the past three seasons. Also, the number of points the Irish have scored the previous two times they have defeated a No. 1 ranked opponent in Notre Dame Stadium.

291.2 The Trojans' average rushing yards per game, No. 1 in the nation. Leinart leads USC with 123.2 yards per game and 16 rushing touchdowns.

Consecutive games USC has won. The streak covers 13 wins over top 25 teams, two national titles and three victories over the Irish.

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1926 Year of first meeting between Notre Dame and USC. Knute Rockne's Irish won 13-12 over Howard Jones' Trojans.

Heisman Trophy winners who played for Notre Dame. Matt Leinart won USC's sixth Heisman last season.

Oct. 15 1988, the day No. 4 Notre Dame beat No. 1 Miami. The Hurricanes had defeated the Irish by 31 in each of their previous three meetings.

Leinart won USC's sixth Heisman, last season. "I don't think we focus on (in-di-vidual accolades at all," Quinn said. "It's just as long as the team is win-ning and doing well those things will come with it."

And if the Irish win, Quinn's stock could soar, much like Palmer's and Leinart's did.

Matchup of minds

Not only is Saturday a showdown between two of the nation's most profile quarterbacks, it is also a showdown of two coaches who led the NFL ranks for college football. Trojans head coach Pete Carroll has led his team to back-to-back national titles at USC, while Weis came to the Irish with four Super Bowl rings from the NFL.

"We don't have much else over hand," Carroll said. "I've only talked to him a couple times. It's all been good.

But Weis said that's not entirely true.

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USC running back Al Hunter makes his way through USC's defense during the Trojans' 17-13 win on Nov. 29, 1976.
Coaching

While Weis has earned the respect of many for his quick turnaround of the Irish program, he is still in need of a win. That's a reminder of the Notre Dame coach's inexperience. But his play calling will have the Irish poised for a win.

Brady Quinn arguably is the most improved player for the Irish in 2005. He has thrown for 1,621 yards, 13 TDs and three interceptions. He was named Sporting News player of the week for his performance in the 49-28 Notre Dame win over Purdue Oct. 1.

After rushing for 786 yards as a freshman in 2004, Darius Walker is on pace for 1,000 yards this season, with 528 through five games. Russell Powers-Neal has six touchdowns from his spot at fullback, while Travis Thomas has two scores as Walker's backup.

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Irish Rushing

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Irish Passing

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The Trojans lead the nation in rushing with 291.2 yards per game. Leirdah White and Reggie Bush each have run for 100 yards in the past three games and have combined for 16 rushing touchdowns this season. Bush is averaging 8.5 yards per carry.

One of Notre Dame's strengths in the past few seasons has been its defensive line. However, the Trojans are better than Purdue, Pitt and Washington. White and Bush are a potent mix of power and slash. USC has the ability to run all over the Irish.

The Irish secondary is vulnerable, allowing an average of 365.6 yards per game. Against USC, Washington and Purdue threw for 327, 408 and 350 yards respectively in Notre Dame's last three games. The secondary has one interception in each of these three games.

The Trojans are a team that will play well for the Irish, as they are allowing only 21.3 points per game to their opponents. Bush is averaging 8.5 yards per carry and has three touchdowns.

USC will not be short on motivation for this matchup. It wants a third national title badly. But the atmosphere in south Florida on December 13, 1993, 1993. The Trojans have had decisive victories over the Irish the past three years and are eager for another blowout.

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USC's 41-10 blowout of Notre Dame on Saturday showed two teams seemingly spiraling in opposite directions.

The Trojans, led by Heisman winning quarterback Matt Leinart, rolled through a porous Irish defense that looked helpless against the USC receivers.

But despite the hiring of head coach Charlie Weis and a 4-1 Irish record, Notre Dame is still surrendering 305.6 yards per game. The Irish feel, though, that they aren't the same team that faced the Trojans last season. They feel they have a chance.

"Last year in the second half USC started passing the ball more, they started spreading us out, and I don't think we have last season's correct defensive calls or coverages all the time last year and I think that exploited our weaknesses," Irish defensive end Chris Frome said. "But obviously this year I think we are a different team on defense. I think we're a much better team."

The Irish will need to better Leinart in completing 65.1 percent of his passes and leading an offense that scores an average of 21.6 points per game.

According to Irish defensive backs coach/assistant head coach Bill Lewis, Leinart's accuracy is what makes him such a threat.

"We've studied every play this season," Lewis said. "There's one word as you look at the whole package: he's accurate. He gets the ball out on time, he anticipates and he gets the ball in the right spot."

Irish safety Chinudem Ndukwe, who was on the field last season when USC burned Notre Dame for 405 yards through the air, is certainly wary of Leinart's accuracy.

"We have three guys we were keying on (wide receiver Steve Breaston, quarterback Chad Henne and running back Mikael Hart)," Ndukwe said. "But now we've got six guys that can score at any time, so it's a little bit different."

They've got a whole bunch of different options to go to and different angles you have to always make sure you cover. Besides running back Reggie Bush, who has 13 receptions this season, USC's Dwayne Jarrett and Steve Smith are the two most dangerous receivers on the team. Jarrett has 35 grabs and nine touchdowns, while Smith is averaging 21.3 yards per catch.

"It's not just Bush you have to be aware of," Ndukwe said. "You got to be aware of... everybody. They've got a lot of different players."

But fullback/David Kirtman is averaging 14.1 yards per catch on 12 receptions. Thirteen different Trojans have caught passes through five games.

The variety of weapons in the Trojans' arsenal is impressive to Lewis. But he also believes what pushes USC above its competition is its talent plus the coaching it receives.

"When you look at their receivers, they all run well. They're also big, physical people... they are extremely well coached... every game tape that you watch." Bill Lewis Irish assistant coach

USC reaping benefits of Bush's decision

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USC's 44-13 loss to Southern California in November 2002 hurt the Irish in more ways than one. Not only was the Trojan pounding the first of three straight blows to Notre Dame losses to rival USC, but it also gave the Trojans the edge in a tight recruiting battle for the services of Helix High School running back Reggie Bush.

South Bend's distance from home -- sunny San Diego -- Notre Dame's struggles and Southern California's success at the end of 2002 combined to put the Trojans over the top.

The Irish have since experienced firsthand the skill of a player they almost had their hands on. On only six carries in USC's 45-14 throttling of the Irish at Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday, 2003 Bush tore up the Irish defense for a season time of 89 yards, including an untouched 58-yard touchdown gallop on a brilliant cutback.

While he didn't have the same success on the ground in his second game in 2004 against Notre Dame -- Bush picked up just 25 yards on eight attempts -- he managed to hurt the Irish in the passing game, snagging a 69-yard touchdown pass late in the third quarter to put the Trojans ahead 27-10. USC would go on to win the contest, 41-10.

"It's a huge blow to their ability to turn the opposition in a wide variety of ways makes him particularly dangerous," Irish safety Tom Zbikowski said. "He can line up at receiver, line up at running back and hurt you in various different positions.

"He's a great running back. He's powerful. He's also got that speed and that burst where he can make a long run."

Notre Dame right tackle Derek Landri knows Bush has the potential to change the complexity of the game with every play.

"Every time he touches the ball, it turns into a highlight reel,"Landri said.

Bush garnered national attention as a sophomore, recording 908 yards (6.3 yards per carry) on the ground and 509 yards and through the air. He found the end zone 13 times last season, nearly doubling his total from freshman year.

Through five games in 2005, Bush is on pace to obliterate the marks he set sophomore year, posting 601 rushing yards (8.5 yards per carry), 191 receiving yards and eight touchdowns.

Irish free safety Chinudem Ndukwe points to Bush's unparalleled drive as the root of his success.

"He plays so hard," Ndukwe said. "I can line up at receiver, line up at running back and hurt you in various Southern California running back Reggie Bush reacts after scoring the go-ahead touchdown during the fourth quarter of USC's 38-28 victory over Arizona State Oct. 1.

styles of ways makes him particularly dangerous.

USC coach Pete Carroll said. "Always when we've been effective offensively, we've had a guy who's real physical running the ball. He compliments what we do with Reggie and what we do with the passing game."

The USC rushing game is currently No. 1 in the country at 291.2 yards per game. It's no surprise that with a passing attack led by Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart, the Trojans have some of the most potent weapons that any team in college football has.

But, in the end, the running game is the key.

"It seems like they start out trying new things on defense in the first half and if those things don't seem to go well... they try to go back to the run," Irish defensive end Chris Frome said.
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