Editor's Note: In order to offer an honest, candid portrayal of discipline at Notre Dame, The Observer granted anonymity to several sources who will appear in this series. The Observer felt it was essential to include these sources' perspectives in a fair, well-rounded report, but they would only speak on the condition of anonymity because they feared repercussions from the University.

By MADIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

There's dysfunction in the Notre Dame family. A buzzing undercurrent of frustration and confusion regarding the University's disciplinary procedures flows from student to student, puzzling administrators. Sometimes the resentment is so strong it colors a student's entire Notre Dame experience.

"This isn't the Notre Dame that the alumni talk about," said a male senior who wished to remain anonymous. "I don't want to say it's absolutely terrible. "But had I not gone abroad, don't Bengal Bouts or met people at work, I would have said, 'I wish I went to another school.'"

Notre Dame's rules and regulations — explicitly outlined in the University's official handbook — are simultaneously contentious to some students and foreign to others, whose only experiences with discipline are second-hand stories spread by word of mouth.

"There's urban legends, or lore, that goes around campus," Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Bill Kirk said. "There's also disillusionment, a sentiment shared by a surprisingly large number of students that does not always trickle up to the Main Building, where administrators are quick to praise Notre Dame's residential community and the support — if also constraint — it provides undergraduates."

"I think that students, generally speaking, respect [the University's rules], and they understand them, and they choose to live on campus... We're chock full. We don't have any space in the residence halls," Kirk said. "I think that students like campus life. They enjoy being on campus in the residence hall, in part because there's a sense of order and discipline."

Many students do support Notre Dame's unique residential system — a focal point in admissions office brochures and a campus tour must-see.

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Pangborn rector is one of a kind
First black female dorm leader refers to experience as 'history in the making'

By KATE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

Kuukua Yompee answered two calls when she took the job as rector of Pangborn Hall — a call back into working ministry with college students, and a literal call from Sister Jean Leuz, assistant vice president of student affairs, urging her to complete a rectar application. Yompee had been an editor for Chase Manhattan and was "quite happy" with the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. nature of the job. On the recommendation of a friend who had attended

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University reduces seats for students
ND will allot 3,000 spots at final two pep rallies

By KATIE PERRY
Associate News Editor

Due to the recent decline in student attendance, today's football pep rally will guarantee designated seating for approximately 3,000 students — just half of what was allotted for students at the last pep rally.

The new pep rally ticket distribution system, which debuted Nov. 4, allowed for a specific amount of student seats and required non-students to wait in line to obtain a ticket prior to the event. The number of available general seating tickets was calculated by subtracting the estimated number of students from the 10,000 seats available in the Joyce Center for the rally. Problems arose after the estimated number of students proved to be a gross overestimate of the actual student attendance. Consequently, some Irish fans were turned away despite sections left vacant by students who opted not to attend.

Student body vice president Lizi Shappell said the decision made this week to minimize seating in student sections to 3,000 was based on attendance at the Tennessee pep rally, which garnered 2,400 students. "While this [new] number

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Irish-Navy ties run deep
One look around Notre Dame's campus will reveal its deep ties to the U.S. Navy. The Rockne Memorial bears the seal of the Naval Academy — along with that of West Point — to commemorate the great rivalries that exist between the three powerhouses during the Knute Rockne era. A pair of Navy-Notre Dame football tickets is buried in the cornerstone of the Rockne Memorial, and the campus power plant still uses two World War II-era diesel generators from Navy submarines.

The rivalry dates back to 1913, when a fortunate opening in Army's schedule allowed the Irish

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Advice you should ignore

We all have friends and relatives who give bad advice. I've been lucky enough to get some horrible advice over the past few years, and this is some of the worst of it.

"Always expect the worst case scenario, and then you won't ever be disappointed." This is sort of like saying, "the glass was half full until you knocked it, and stepped on the floor and stepped on it." Despite the fact that this statement makes logical sense, this is probably the single most pessimistic quip I've ever come across, next to things I've heard from ex-girlfriends during the breakup process. If someone tells you this, they probably hate you.

"Set really easy goals in life so you always feel accomplished." This is a guaranteed recipe for deep, clinical depression. It's kind of like writing your life's to-do list - well, let's be honest, we all do that. But seriously, how can you ever accomplish anything if everything you want to do is easy?

"Let your life be a study in the path of least resistance." I actually went through a period, circa winter of freshman year, where this was pretty much my motto. I slept until four in the afternoon and the only class I went to was volleyball - sort of like Matt Leinart's single most pessimistic quip I've heard from ex-girlfriends during the breakup process. If someone tells you this, they probably hate you.

"If someone tells you you won't ever be the main suspect behind class robberies in the region since August, do not set optimistic goals." I actually agreed with this one until I realized that no one hires people that would make the worst bank robbers in history. I'm sorry, but this just isn't true. I know plenty of people that would make the worst bank robbers in history by being themselves. Call me overly critical, but if you genuinely want to spend afternoons sitting on the quad with a fishing pole and harassing unsuspecting campus visitors when they try to pick it up and you simultaneously pull it away, laughing and yelling "Pervert!" you probably shouldn't tell that to - oh, I don't know - an interviewer. It's just bad politics.

If you've heard any of these before, I'm sorry to confuse up any bad feelings you may have. I had to find out that these are BS the hard way, so for anyone who's a stranger to these awful pieces of advice you are oh-so-very welcome.

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Campus anticipates traditional matchup

By MOLLY LAMING
News Writer

As a school deeply rooted in the values of tradition, Notre Dame's on-campus atmosphere this weekend will be one of excitement when the Irish take on Navy as part of the historical rivalry between the two teams, students said.

Not only do Notre Dame and the Midshipmen of the United States Naval Academy have the longest continuous intercollegiate rivalry in the country — a mark set at 79 games — but the Irish also hold the NCAA record for most consecutive wins against one opponent, with 41 wins in a row versus Navy.

Students said the streak is a main draw for the matchup. "I just want to keep the streak alive," freshman Claire Heintz said.

Navy's last win in the series came in 1963, when Heintz 's father won the Heisman Trophy. The win lifted the Midshipmen to victory 35-14 in Notre Dame Stadium.

Although Navy is unranked in all major polls, the Irish are not taking this game lightly — and neither are some students.

"I think that this will be a fun game to watch, as always," freshman Drew Tuckett said.

Some students said despite the storied rivalry of the two teams, fan energy will probably be lower than in the case of more hyped-up games this season.

"The Notre Dame/Navy game brings a lot of tradition to campus, which always makes for a good match-up," freshman Kailey McInerny said. "But nothing can possibly live up to the USC game as far as excitement goes." Freshman Emily Perry said she "cannot wait" to cheer the Irish on to victory Saturday — even if her classmates don't share in her excitement.

"Other students are not quite as excited for this weekend, as the Irish have already taken on all of their ranked opponents this season," she said.

Lackluster expectations will cause some students to skip the game altogether.

"I'm not really excited for this game, even though she couldn't have even cared," senior Jessica Wishon said.

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Speakers address eating disorders

Specialists, students gather to discuss nutrition and body image

By JACLYNNE MADDEN
News Writer

Eating Disorder Awareness Week came to a close Thursday after several students and faculty members participated in a fishbowl discussion entitled, "360°: Perspectives on Eating Disorders" at North Dining Hall.

Valerie Staples, the eating disorders specialist at the University Counseling Center, addressed the troubles students can encounter when deciding whether to confront a friend about their eating disorder.

"People get very good at hiding their disorder," Staples said. "However, sometimes their behavior becomes so automatic that they are not even aware of what they are doing.... They need to hear that you are really worried about what is going on and that you are noticing a problem."

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to play their first big game against a national football giant. Notre Dame's impressive win led to an annual meeting between the two schools for a couple of years.

In 1926, Rockne's Irish dropped only one game in an unlikely loss to Carnegie Tech — but Rockne was not present at that game. Instead, he was in Chicago watching Navy win the national championship over Army and setting his sights on challenging the new heavyweight.

That spring, the Naval Academy invited Rockne to be the keynote speaker at its annual N Club dinner, thus melding the two schools' desires play each other.

On Oct. 15, 1927, the Irish defeated the defending national champions and took home the Stadium Football Trophy made especially for the highly touted match. The trophy still proudly sits on display in the trophy case in the Academy's N Club.

In 1930, Notre Dame invited Navy to be its opponent in the game marking the formal dedication of Notre Dame Stadium.

But with the outbreak of World War II, Notre Dame's football field was used for marching to military drills as often as it was for marching "onward to victory." In 1943, enrollment plummeted to 1,800, with the result that the game was canceled.

In 1944, the idea was revived to meet the rising demand for educated officers during the war and established one of the first Naval ROTC (NROTC) programs in the nation at Notre Dame in 1941.

Between 1942 and 1946, approximately 12,000 officers completed their training at Notre Dame and served overseas. Civilian students agreed to drop their classes in already cramped dorm rooms to make room for Navy ROTC officer candidates.

The tradition of training naval officers has remained constant over the years at Notre Dame.

"Other than the Naval Academy, Notre Dame has commissioned more officers in the Navy than any other school," said Commander Jeff Morris, executive officer of NROTC. "That's a proud accomplishment and a long legacy of academic and professional achievement."

Junior NROTC student Victoria Danielski said Notre Dame primes officers with campus values:

"Notre Dame has a history of excellence not only with academics and athletics, but with producing Naval Officers with high morals, discipline, intelligence and athleticism," she said.

Due to the need for trained help during war years and strong tradition of naval training at Notre Dame since, the Irish agreed to play Navy every year both teams desired to meet. Even though the current overall record favors Notre Dame, and the most recent Navy victory came in 1963, the traditional game remains one of the most anticipated of the season.

"Tradition is very strong at both schools and part of that tradition includes playing football against each other every year," Morris said. "That alone should be enough reason to continue the series.

Andrew Todd-Smith, former Notre Dame student and aviation electronics mate E3 airman in the U.S. Navy, said the rivalry is rooted

in respect.

"Lots of current football rivalries are all about screaming for blood and hate the other team," he said. "But Notre Dame and Navy are so close that this can be a fun rivalry based on mutual respect."

Neither side is afraid of a little friendly competition, however.

When asked which team he would root for on Saturday, Todd-Smith said there was no question — "Irish blood is thicker than seawater."

"The long-standing military relationship between the Navy and Notre Dame as well as the long rivalry between the two football teams leads to a mutual respect between these two schools closely comparable to the respect we have for other service academies," said Navy Academy junior Austin Spisak, who attended previous games in Notre Dame Stadium.

NROTC junior Patrick Maus went to Navy for the game last year.

"The fans at the Navy game are always great," he said. "I painted up for both games so far because the Notre Dame-Navy game is always big and our traditions go back so far."

Come Saturday, ties between the Naval Academy and Notre Dame will be as apparent as ever, as two Notre Dame alumni will fly Navy F/A 18 Super Hornets over Notre Dame Stadium prior to kickoff. Additionally, the Notre Dame and Naval Academy glee clubs will perform a joint concert after the game.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Bombers kill 42 in Iraq restaurant**

Baghdad — Suicide bombers killed 42 people Tuesday at a Baghdad restaurant favored by police and an army recruiting center to the north, police sources said. At least 27 decomposing bodies, unidentified victims of the grisly violence plaguing the country.

In the deadliest bombing in Baghdad since Sept. 19, a suicide bomber blew himself up in a restaurant about 9:45 a.m., where officers usually ate breakfast, Police Maj. Falah al-Mohammedawi said 35 officers and civilians died and 25 were wounded.

Al-Maliki, in an Internet posting that it staged the attack in retaliation for U.S. and Iraqi operations near the Syrian border. Earlier, it claimed responsibility for Wednesday's deadly hotel bombings in neighboring Jordan, linking those blasts to the conflict in Iraq.

U.S., Europe agree on Iran issue

VIENNA — The United States and Europe have agreed on a compromise plan to accept expanded nuclear activities by Iran, but only if the enrichment process — a possible pathway to nuclear arms — is moved to Russia, senior officials and diplomats said Thursday.

If accepted by Iran, the proposal could end a 22-month dispute over whether to refer the Islamic republic to the U.N. Security Council for international sanctions. The officials and diplomats, who demanded anonymity in exchange for discussing the strategy, said the plan would allow Iran to continue converting raw uranium into the gas that is spun by centrifuges to enrich uranium.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Conflict arises over cameras in court**

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court justices said Thursday that troubling memories of O.J. Simpson's televised murder trial hung over the present-day debate about cameras in courts.

Three justices — Sandra Day O'Connor, Anthony Kennedy and John Paul Stevens — briefly debated the subject during an American Bar Association event even on the importance of the law in the capital.

Although Supreme Court justices have long supported the principle of transparency, they recently have backed a fresh move in Congress to open up proceedings. The House voted Wednesday to give federal judges the power to televise court hearings. And Senate Judiciary Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., has introduced an amendment that would require the Supreme Court to allow its sessions to be televised in most cases.

**Hospital turns down donor organs**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — When Elodie Irwin was diagnosed with a deadly kidney and liver disease, doctors at UAB Medical Center told her she would have a new liver within six months, maybe a week.

But as months became years, Irwin watched, terrified and helpless, as 10 friends from her hospital-sponsored support group died without getting the transplants they needed.

After four years, Irwin's kidney specialist became suspicious and advised her to transfer to another hospital, where she got the desperately needed kidney and her transplants within two months.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**Congressman fights new time zone plan**

Sen. Bob BENT (R-NE) — A western Nebraska congressman said it would be a mistake for St. Joseph County to sever its ties to the central time zone.

Senator Mark Skaal of Fort Wayne said in a letter dated Monday to Norman Minor that the social and economic benefits that Nebraska and Kosciusko counties are directly tied to St. Joseph County.

In a move aligning the DIT's Nov. 21 time zone hearing in South Bend, area businesses plan to endorse a single regional time zone.

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**JORDAN**

Anger stirs after terror bombings

Thousands gather in the streets of Jordan to condemn militants behind hotel attacks

Associated Press

AMMAN — Sameeh Khreis, seeking demanding justice and more rights for jailed Islamic extremists, but on Thursday, he joined thousands of Iraqis who took to the streets across Jordan to condemn the militants behind Amman's triple hotel bombings that killed 59 people.

"This is disgusting. We will never tolerate such terrorism," Khreis said, marching with 2,000 others in Jordan's capital.

"Burn in hell, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi!" they shouted, denouncing the Jordanian-born leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, who is believed to have claimed responsibility for the blasts but later, confronted with mounting evidence, took the rare step of trying to justify the attacks on Arab citizens.

Homemade vehicles, decorated with Jordanian flags and posters of King Abdullah II, crossed Amman's streets until late in the night. At the bombed Grand Hyatt Hotel, about 50 people, including Jordanian children holding tiny flags, placed candles on a makeshift sand memorial in the driveway.

Officials suspected Iraqi involvement in the attacks. Security forces snared a group of Iraqis for questioning and officials said one of the bombers spoke Iraqi dialect before he exploded his suicide belt in the Hyatt.

King Abdullah, a strong U.S. ally, vowed in a nationally televised address to "pursue those criminals and those behind them, and we will get to them wherever they are." Two Iraqis were killed and four wounded in the bombings Wednesday evening at the Hyatt, the Radisson SAS and the Days Inn, State Department spokesman Noel Clay said.

Two of the wounded were hospitalized. Significantly, the victims also included some two dozen Palestinians with roots in the West Bank. Among them was the West Bank's intelligence chief, Maj. Gen. Bashir Nafeh, a diplomat and a prominent banker. Many Jordanians and Palestinians have supported the Iraqi insurgency, but the hotel bombings could tip Arab sentiment against al-Zarqawi.

In the West Bank village of Silei al-Thairer, members of the Akhras family mourned 13 of their relatives killed during a wedding party at the Radisson.

"Oh my God, oh my God. Is it possible that Arabs are killing Arabs, Muslims killing Muslims? For what did they do that?" screamed 35-year-old Najah Akhras, who lost two nieces in the attack.

Similar thoughts were heard repeatedly throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Al-Qaida in Iraq, which appears to be expanding its operations outside of Iraq, said the bomb attacks put the United States on notice that the "backyard camp for the Crusader army is now in the range of fire of the holy warriors."

But later Thursday, in an apparent response to the protests, al-Zarqawi's group took the rare step of trying "to explain for Muslims part of the reason the holy warriors targeted these dons."

"Let all know that we have struck only after becoming confident that they are centers for launching war on Islam and supporting the Crusaders' presence in Iraq and the Arab peninsula and the presence of the Jews on the land of Palestine," al-Qaida in Iraq said in an Internet statement, the authenticity of which could not be immediately verified.

**GOF leaders postpone budget vote**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republican leaders scuttled a vote Thursday on a $51 billion budget-cut package in the face of a revolt by moderate lawmakers over cuts to Medicaid, food stamp and other programs.

The episode marked a setback for Republicans on Capitol Hill. They had hoped Wednesday that a compromise to burnish their deficit-cutting credentials with moderate and their core political supporters, many of whom are disappointed with their party's performance on spending.

The decision by GOP leaders came despite a big concession to moderates Wednesday, when the leaders dropped provisions to open the Arctic National Refuge to oil and gas exploration, as well as a plan letting states lift a moratorium on oil drilling off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

But moderates countered that the spending cuts in the House budget plan were separate issue from Arctic drilling. The cuts were too severe, moderates argued, especially when compared with a significantly milder Senate budget plan that passed last week.

Democrats mounted a furious attack on the GOP budget plan for its cuts to social programs and pounded home the message that the overall GOP plan would increase the deficit when coupled with a subsequent tax cut bill. "The Republican Congress is about to slash more than $50 billion from investments in our children's future in health care and education," said Rahm Emanuel of Illinois, chairman of the campaign arm for House Democrats. "And yet, because of Republican priorities, they are going to actually add $20 billion to our budget deficit. ... Only in a Republican Congress." Republican leaders said the postponement of the vote was simply a modest setback and that the budget effort would get back on track next week.
Rector

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Notre Dame, Yomekpe put in a partial application for a rector position.

"I had not really thought any­
thing like that would come of it," she said. "When Sister Jean Lenz called my cell phone in February, I had totally forgotten about the application, but I answered the phone. I had comple­
ted my application and have a phone interview with her. I was sold on the position for my second interview and the rest is history in the making.

It is history in the making, as she says, because Yomekpe is the first black student to hold the position of rector at Notre Dame.

"Sometimes self-imposed pressures make me question God’s call to come to Notre Dame; at other times I see the value of this position and the potential it has to change the way people see women of color in positions of authority," Yomekpe said.

Originally from Ghana, West Africa, Yomekpe immigrated to the United States in 1996 after completing high school at an all­
girls private Catholic boarding school.

"So technically, I guess I would be first generation African­American," Yomekpe said.

"Most of my nuclear family are currently in Ohio and Texas but I still have quite a large number of my family members in Ghana, among whom is my maternal grandmother who raised my sis­
ter and I because both of my parents worked abroad."

Since taking her post as re­
ctor, Yomekpe has felt a constant need to excel in her position, similar to how women must often feel when they were first granted entry into Notre Dame in 1972, she said.

"I have felt a need to be the very best so that I can pave the way for other women of color to do this work," she said.

Yomekpe said she is chal­
lenged, particularly in try­
ing to figure out how to support "black students" by attend­
ing different cultural events, like African American Mass, while also serving as rector and attending different Pangborn events.

"These are the moments when the job is the most difficult ... am I black or am I a rector first?" she said. "This is an issue that I raise and I am concerned about maintaining a space for people of diverse backgrounds, to see that the administration means what they say and is dedi­cated to opening up Notre Dame to everyone — and how this effort by the University has proved it is serious."

"It is a rather significant step that has been taken to open the doors to people of diverse backgrounds to make the cam­
pus look colorful/diverse and that rather, we are changing the way that we see a campus — think, behave and process, in order to attract and retain these diverse people.

One factor that may have deterred other people of diverse backgrounds from applying for a rector position may have been that they didn’t feel supported by the environment at Notre Dame, she said.

"Personally, I know that Notre Dame would have never been on my list of campus tours for a woman of color because of its lack of diversity. I wasn’t white and I wasn’t Irish and I didn’t think there was a place for me here," she said.

"I think the image that is projected is what attracts or repels people," Yomekpe said. 

"We just need to continue doing so — loving everyone the way Jesus did, the way God calls us to," she said. "If we con­
tinue this way, then we can expect to have more people of diverse backgrounds wanting to come and be a part of this Notre Dame family, because they truly feel at home here.

While there is strength in the fact that num­
bers of diverse students at Notre Dame seem to be increasing, one of the weaknesses of diversity efforts at Notre Dame is that all events seem to be hap­
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Pangborn rector

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"Yomeke said she did not know about being a rector, nor was she informed in her inter­
view that there had never been a black female rector before at Notre Dame. Such information, she said, would have only caused more stress.

"I think of things to do every single day to help bring more diversity to Notre Dame in a safe, healthy, and safe atmosphere.

"Some people think of doing this right next door to a student of Indian or Filipino heritage but don’t know other students to perform at Asian Allure or Blak Images. We need to put names and stories to the faces that live right across the hall from us."

Yomeke, the youngest rector at Notre Dame, said she often gets mistaken for a student.

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**In Brief**

Bernanke appointment fuels questions

NEW YORK — Trying to fix something that isn’t broken has its risks, and that’s raising concerns about a possible shift at the Federal Reserve over how it tackles inflation.

Assuming the Senate confirms Ben Bernanke to replace Chairman Alan Greenspan, the central bank could for the first time in its history adopt a specific target for the inflation rate and then make adjustments to interest rates as a way of trying to keep it in that range.

But is that really necessary? It may be tough to see the need now, given that the Fed’s current targets have kept inflation remarkably tame despite soaring energy costs.

There has been some great debate in economics circles since Bernanke was tapped last month to succeed Greenspan, who is expected to leave the Fed on Jan. 31 after 18-plus years during which there were two stock-market collapses and economic recessions as well as numerous other financial crises.

While Greenspan has long pursued a low-inflation policy during his tenure, he has been against setting an actual “inflation target,” whereby the Fed discloses its goal and its forecast for inflation. His view is that the Fed can control inflation without setting a specific rate that it must then chase, which he believes could hamper its flexibility to act in a time of need.

**Medicare halves its payment errors**

WASHINGTON — Medicare saved about $9.5 billion this past fiscal year by cutting errors in its payment system.

An error occurs when Medicare pays for a medically unnecessary service, a provider submits incorrect billings, or there is inadequate documentation to prove the service was necessary.

Mark McClellan, administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, credited computer data bases and the hiring of independent contractors to review claims. When the agency first began calculating error rates, it routinely reviewed about 6,000 claims for accuracy. That has risen to 160,000 claims. In some cases, the errors are fraud. But in other areas, it can be an innocent mistake, McClellan said.

**Yahoo no longer in AOL talks**

Microsoft and Google are now top contenders; Google may combine with Comcast

NEW YORK — Yahoo has pulled out of discussions over buying a stake in America Online Inc., leaving Microsoft Corp. and Google Inc. as the leading potential suitors.

The decision to abandon the talks came after its chief executive Terry Semel and chief finance executive Susan Svante got a frown in late October from Time Warner executives in New York, said Yahoo spokes­woman Joanna Stevens.

Stevens said Yahoo had “politely passed” on proposed terms and “walked away from any interest in a deal.”

Two people close to the discussions said a key stumbling block was Time Warner’s insistence that it retain majority ownership in the AOL unit. They spoke on condition of anonymity because public discussions of any potential negotiations were contrary to their companies’ policies.

One of the people, familiar with Time Warner’s position, said one arrangement under discussion had called for Yahoo to pay Time Warner in stock worth $8 billion for an 80 percent stake in AOL’s growing content business, which includes its Web sites and the news, music and other services that are seen as lucrative.

Under that proposal, the person said, Time Warner would keep all of AOL’s Internet access business, which is largely a user base that users abandon dial-up connections for higher-speed cable and DSL lines.

The Yahoo withdrawal, reported first by the Wall Street Journal, leaves Time Warner without a leading contender, with Google possibly combining with Comcast Corp. in a bid.

The interest in AOL comes as the company transforms itself from a declining “walled garden” focused on providing dial-up access to a provider of free content that is tapping the recent boom in online advertising.

Late last year, the Dulles, Va.-based company abandoned its longtime strategy of exclusivity and began making its rich offerings—including concert news, sports and e-mail—available through AOL.com for free, a model Yahoo drove to become the Web’s top brand.

The Web portal side of AOL’s business is worth about $11.3 billion, based largely on AOL’S advertising potential, according to media analyst Michael Nathanson at Sanford C. Bernstein.

A Google deal with AOL would give the Internet search leader a way to build a portal—and grow its advertising potential—while preserving an existing relationship with AOL.

More than 10 percent of Google’s revenues come from a partnership in which AOL uses Google’s search results and the two companies share ad revenues.

A deal with AOL would be in Microsoft’s interest as it could ramp competition from Google and create synergies, Microsoft’s MSN online division and AOL share many business­es, including an online portal, instant messaging services and dial-up access.

There would also be considerable overlap between AOL’s and Yahoo’s businesses.

Yahoo, based in Sunnyvale, Calif., is the leading Web destina­tion, according to Nielsen/NetRatings and comScore Media Metrix, as more people head to the Internet for news, entertain­ment, communications and other services.

Yahoo shares rose 94 cents, or 2.5 percent, to close at $38.69 Thursday on the Nasdaq. Shares in New York-based Time Warner rose 5 cents to close at $17.21 on the New York Stock Exchange.

**Stocks rally after Treasury auction**

NEW YORK — Stocks rallied Thursday after a record Treasury auction pushed bond yields lower. Market watchers say that interest rates will follow and allaying fears that foreign investors would move away from U.S. debt.

Wall Street was also helped by lower oil prices and strong momen­tum, as the Standard & Poor’s 500 passed a price ceiling that usually means a correction.

For the most part, however, the news that sent stocks soaring in late afternoon was nearly identical to the news that sent stocks sideways in the morning.

“We were scratching our heads,” said Brian Williams, an equity trader at The Boston Company Asset Management, a Mellon sub­sidiary.

*Falling oil prices, which were a downward force for stocks in the morning as energy stocks fell, helped send stocks higher in the afternoon, with retail stocks rising as worries about consumer spending were temporarily forgotten.*

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 93.89, or 0.85 percent, to 10,640.10. In late afternoon trad­ing, the index was up more than 100 points.

Broader stock indicators were also higher. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index rose 10.31, or 0.64 per­

The Yahoo headquarters are shown after news surfaced Thursday that the company is no longer in contention in talks to partner with AOL.

**Associated Press**
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Shappell said student government is working with administrators to discuss future changes that this will be a perfect number.

"If we want to assure that all interested students are able to attend about the new system and make sure all students want to attend get an appointment is that students did attend the pep rally to support their football team doesn't wane with time."

"As an anthropologist, Sherry studies consumer behavior from a slightly different perspective. "My approach," he said, "is based on the direct perspectives of consumers or managers. I literally go into the marketplace with them in hopes of better understand- ing how that kind of conversation goes on all the time." Sherry is the editor of two books, "Contemporary Marketing and Consumer Behavior: An Anthropological Sourcebook" and "Servescapes: The Concept of Place in Contemporary Markets," and the co-editor of two others, "Advanced in Consumer Research" and "Time, Space and the Market: Retrospectives Rising."
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...inclusion.

"Your take the expression "We are Notre Dame, we take that pretty seriously," Kirk said. "We are together, one body, very much related to our mission as a Catholic university, we're one body in Christ, the whole idea that we are in this all together..." [The community] should be life-giving, allows students to succeed academically.

"That's the bottom line.

But for other students, the Notre Dame community has different connotations.

"I'd say it's a bunch of hot s**t," said a second male senior, who also wished to remain anonymous. "Had I known in advance what would happen... I would have planned on moving off campus certainly after two years, maybe one and a half. You meet all your buddies by then anyway."

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Notre Dame senior...

For the first senior, the seeds of discontent were planted his freshman year with the Jan. 24, 2003 bust of the Boat Club—then a Thursday night bar destination with an anything-goes reputation popular with underclass Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students.

As a first-class senior, the student went to Boat Club every other Thursday, nights he remembered as "not even to get wasted... but just to meet my buddies and unwind with his friends.

When Indiana State Excise and South Bend police officers entered the bar and started writing citations to more than 200 underage students—assisted by Notre Dame Security/Policing (NISP) officers armed with University directorates—the senior's perceptions of the University started to change.

"It leaves a bitter taste in your mouth," he said. "It's not because you care for our well-being, but because we're a source of revenue. You don't want to help us."

The senior's complaint stem not from the minor in a tavern and minor in possession of false identification citations issued to him by police, but from the disciplinary measures pursued by the University following the incident.

He likes dozens of his peers, faced fines and community service hours from both St. Joseph County and the Office of Residence Life and Housing as well as legal fees after Boat Club levied lawsuit against many of the cited students for damages the bar incurred. "It's double jeopardy," he said. "You do this as a private citizen. Not as a Notre Dame student, but as an independent person at a bar."

The senior chose pretrial diversion for the citations and settled the lawsuit outside of court, but the legal conclusion of the incident didn't end it for him. My rector issue was how it changed him—and many others' apprehensions in the bar that night—attitudes toward the University.

"Getting not drinking and driving, wasn't chugging liquor in the dorms... I was responsible," the senior said. "I handled it like an adult and felt like I was treated like a kid."

That treatment has a negative impact on the closeness of the community, he said.

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However, he drew a distinction between students who simply don't like the rules and students who have a logical, rational problem with their fairness. "A reasoned argument as to why something might be overbearing— that would be appropriate," Kirk said.

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"But they're going to believe what I say at first," the senior recalled his rector saying.

After the rector said the two friends could switch to the same dorm, the senior and his friend decided to pursue that option. He didn't anticipate the complicated process involved and the impact on his time off campus, but he received from another dorm's rector the next day—"Your approach is the correct approach..."

"Basically, what it came down to is he [my rector] lied to us," the senior said. "He jumped all over them, and [I was] making a liar... We're saying, of course not. But the whole time thinking..."

While neither he nor his friend were referred to the Office of Residence Life and Housing, the senior called the University approach "ridiculous."

"I was always sort of talk about your brothers in the dorm—[then] to penalize me for not lying and saying my dormmates did something, I was kicked across campus," he said, adding the move did little to encourage his immersion in a new college environment.

"I didn't become a part of the new dorm at all. If anything, it felt more and more party more," the senior said. "I always had a few nights at a week at apartments."

It was probably a side effect unith about the University, he said. But he didn't mind.

"I came here for reasons other than the community lifestyle or whatever they want to have the dorms," he said.

But for students like junior Sam, the community lifestyle is essential to the Notre Dame experience.

"I love my dorm— it's been like a sorority," said Ball, who lives in Breen-Phillips. "Everyone's so far away from home... they basically have a family to be with [here], with automatic friends.

This dorm family is a part of the bigger Notre Dame family, Ball said.

While today's students may have conflicting views of the Notre Dame experience, one thing is certain—recent frustrations are merely examples of long-simmering tensions between the student body and the University administration regarding disciplinary procedures, as the second part of this series will examine.

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Gil Loescher, emeritus professor of political science, taught international relations and peace studies at Notre Dame for 26 years. Margaret Loescher, his daughter and film director, will host question and answer sessions following both film screenings. Both events are free and open to the public.

Co-sponsored by the University of Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, the Department of Political Science, the Department of Film, Television and Theatre, and the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership at Saint Mary's College.
Liberia to have Africa’s first elected woman president

Former finance minister and Harvard graduate Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf poised to claim large-scale victory in election

Associated Press

MONROVIA — A former finance minister and Harvard graduate claimed victory Thursday in Liberia’s presidential election, a win that, if certified, would make her the first elected female leader ever in Africa.

With 90.8 percent of votes counted, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf had almost 59.1 percent and former international soccer star George Weah 40.9 percent, the National Elections Commission said.

“She’s clear that the Liberian people have expressed confidence in me,” Johnson-Sirleaf said. “They have elected me to lead the team that will bring this reform to the country and that will deliver development.”

“We’re going to have a government of inclusion. We’re going to reach out to the people.”

There was no immediate word from Weah’s camp on whether he was conceding defeat in the vote — which was held across the country from the end of a 1989-2003 civil war and subsequent formation of a transitional government.

Earlier, officials called for calm amid Weah’s accusations that poll workers stuffed ballot boxes in Johnson-Sirleaf’s favor and charged her campaign denied.

On Thursday, Weah met with Attoh Dox, who heads the 15,000-strong U.N. peacekeeping mission in Liberia, and said he would press his formal complaint with the Elections Commission.

“We are seeking the advice of the international community and all the people that are involved to see if everybody can arrest this situation,” Weah said. “While we are preparing ourselves for the legal side, we are also asking our people to be very calm.”

Johnson-Sirleaf’s campaign vigorously denied the charges.

“It’s all lies,” said Jemina Caulcrick, a top official of Johnson-Sirleaf’s Unity Party. “They just don’t want a woman to be president in Africa. But she shall be.”

Max van den Berg, head of a 50-member European Union observer mission, said the vote was “well-administered in a peaceful, transparent and orderly manner.”

David Carroll, leading a 28-person team from the Atlantic-based Carter Center, said that while “minor irregularities” had been noted, “none of our observers saw any serious problems.”

Observers from the Economic Community of West African States, which played a key role brokered peace in Liberia, also deemed the vote fair.

Across the country’s bombed-out capital, large groups of excited Liberians stood on crumbling street corners, listening to results as they were announced on radio. Some argued with each other, shaking fingers and shouting.

The winner will have to govern a country left in ruins by war, its buildings smashed and nearly one-third of its people in relief camps.

Johnson-Sirleaf, 67, has a master’s degree in public administration from Harvard University, and has held top regional jobs at the World Bank, the United Nations and within the Liberian government. Her supporters call her the “Iron Lady,” borrowing the nickname of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

In elections in 1997, Johnson-Sirleaf ran second to warlord-turned-president Charles Taylor, who many claimed was voted into power by a fearful electorate. Taylor was forced from power two years ago and lives in exile in Nigeria.

Weah’s ascent from Monrovia’s slums to international soccer stardom had earned him much support in a dirt-poor country short on capital.

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House halts Alaska oil drilling

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For a quarter-century, environmentalists have succeeded in blocking efforts to drill for oil in what they consider a pristine, cherished patch of tundra in an Alaska wildlife refuge. But with sky-high fuel prices and a wider Republican majori- ty in Congress, the refuge is getting new attention from oil companies out of the refuge looking to be in trouble. Then they got some help from an unexpected place: House Republicans angry over cuts to social programs.

House leaders put off plans Thursday to vote on the budget-cutting package because of opposition to issues unrelated to the Alaska refuge — deep cuts in Medicaid, food stamps and student loans. The leaders earlier were forced to jettison the Alaska drilling provision from the bill after a group of GOP moderates said they would not vote for the bill if ANWR was included.

Developing the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), where geologists believe 10.4 billion barrels of oil rest beneath a coastal strip of tundra, has been a top energy priority for Alaska's Republican leaders in Congress for years. Bush first called for its development in his 2000 presidential campaign.

The House in various forms passed authorization to drill in the refuge five times, but each time the measure died in the Senate, where drilling supporters couldn't get the 60 votes needed to overcome a filibuster.

Over the years, protecting the refuge and its wildlife — caribou, polar bears, musk oxen and tens of thousands of migratory birds — became a cause celebre for environmentalists and conservationists of all political stripes.

But the strategy this time was to push the ANWR measure through as part of the budget bill, which is not subject to a filibuster. A decade ago a Republican-led Congress used it as a last-ditch provision to kill the White House, only to have it vetoed by President Clinton.

Last week, the Senate voted 51-48 to endorse a require- ment for the Interior Department to begin oil lease sales in ANWR within two years. The House seemed on the same path.

Environmentalists already had launched an intense lobby- ing campaign both in the congres- sional districts of moderates and on Capitol Hill.

Although the House had passed ANWR legislation five times, the environmentalists believed their best chance to block it this time was not in the Senate, but in the House where GOP moderates — unhappy about some of the social program cuts in the bill — were viewed as likely to buck their leaders over ANWR.

The lobbying had its effect. Rep. Dave Reichert, R-Wash., was among two dozen GOP moderates who on Thursday displayed pictures of scores of his constituents who had come to Washington to urge him not to approve ANWR drilling.

"You have to listen to the people you represent," he said. Reichert, a former sheriff in Seattle, was among about a dozen GOP lawmakers who favored deficit reduction, but also told the House leaders they would not vote for the bill.

Democrats already were on record that they would unani- mously oppose the budget cuts. So GOP moderates — those opposed to the entire bill and others opposed only to ANWR — had more leverage than they ever dreamed.

"Our voice is being listened to now more than it has in the past," said Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., a moderate who has fought ANWR drilling measure in the past, but this time also opposed many of the social spending cuts.

Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., one of the House's most vocal opponents to ANWR oil development, cautioned, how- ever, that it's too early to cele- brate, especially since a final budget package — if one passes the House — will have to be matched with the Senate bill that includes ANWR drilling.

"It would be a premature exultation to celebrate. Today is just a temporary detour," said Markey, adding that he's certain the GOP leadership will put pressure on its moderates to change their minds.

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, said Thursday he was disappo- inted that the House dropped the refuge language, but is not giving up the fight.

"I'm not ever going to quit trying to get it done," he said when asked about opening the refuge to oil development.

"I think Congress ultimately will have ANWR in it," said Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., a staunch pro-drilling lawmaker who is chairman of the House Resources Committee that has jurisdiction over the issue.

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Eskimo whale hunters adopt new explosives

Associated Press

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Eskimo whale hunters adopted new explosives, which was used by Yankee whalers in the 1800s, generally kills by causing bleeding.

Also, it sometimes takes multi- ple strikes with black powder to kill a whale, during which the hunters in their wooden boats are in danger from the thrashing bowhead, a species that can measure 50 feet or more and weigh up to 100 tons.

Researchers say that black powder generally takes 60 min- utes to kill a bowhead whale, while penthrite takes only about 15 minutes.

The search for more humane weapons led the Alaska commis- sion to a Norwegian veterin- narian who had produced a can- non-fïred penthrite grenade for whalers in Japan and Norway.

"Alaska Natives have worked a long time toward a more humane and efficient hunt," Patricia Forthman, president of Humane Society International, said her group maintains that no whaling is humane.

"But Alaska Natives have worked a long time toward a more humane and efficient hunt, and we've been supportive," she said. "If penthrite is working, that's good."

Alaska Natives have been allowed to hunt whales for sub- sistence since 1977 under an international agreement.

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Sleepy students suffer in school

Well-rested children remember lessons more easily, scientists say.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Staying up an hour or two past bedtime makes it far harder for kids to learn, say scientists who deprived youngsters of sleep and tested whether their teachers could tell the difference.

They could.

If parents want their children to derive academically, "Getting them in sleep on time is as important as getting them to school on time," said psychologist Gahan Fallone, who conducted the research at Brown Medical School.

The study, unveiled Thursday at an American Medical Association science writers meeting, was conducted on healthy children who had no evidence of sleep- or learning-related disorders.

Difficulty paying attention was among the problems the sleepy youngsters faced — raising the question of whether sleep deprivation could prove even worse for people with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder or ADHD.

Fallone now is studying that question, and suspects that sleep problems could "hit children with ADHD as a double whammy.

Sleep experts have long warned that Americans of all ages don't get enough shuteye.

Sleep is important for health, bringing a range of benefits that, as Shakespeare put it, "knits up the raveled sleeve of care." Not getting enough is linked to a host of problems, from car crashes to drowsy drivers to crippled memory and inhibited creativity.

But exactly how much sleep correlates with school performance is hard to prove.

So Brown researchers set out to test whether teachers could detect problems with attention and learning when children stayed up late — even if the teachers had no idea how much sleep their students actually got.

They recruited 74 6- to 12-year-olds from Providence Island and southern Massachusetts for the three-week study.

For one week, the youngsters went to bed and woke up at their usual times. They already were fairly good sleepers, getting five to 9.5 hours of sleep a night.

Another week, they were assigned to spend no fewer than 10 hours in bed a night. And another week, they were kept up later than usual: First- and second-graders were in bed no more than eight hours and the older children no more than 6.5 hours.

In addition to parents' reports, the youngsters were motion-detecting wrist monitors to ensure compliance.

Teachers weren't told how much the children slept, or which week they stayed up late, but rated the students on a variety of performance measures each week.

The teachers reported significantly more academic problems during the week of sleep deprivation, the study, which will be published in the journal Sleep in December, concluded.

Students who got eight hours of sleep or less a night were more forceful, had the most trouble learning new lessons, and had the most problems paying attention, reported Fallone, now at the Forest Institute of Professional Psychology in Springfield, Mo.

Sleep has long been a concern of educators.

Consider: Turn-Byrne Elementary School in Pocasset, R.I., sends notes to parents reminding them to make sure students get enough sleep prior to the school's yearly achievement testing. Principal John Haidemenos considers it important enough to include in the school's monthly newsletter.

"Definitely there is an impact on students' performance if they come to school tired," he said.

But the findings may change physician practice, said Dr. Helga Benjamins, a family physician in Bayou La Batre, Ala., who reviewed the data at the Thursday's AMA meeting.

"I don't ask about sleep," when evaluating academically struggling students, she noted. "I'm going to start."
Banned party makes inroads in parliament

Associated Press

CAIRO — Egypt's ruling party secured the most seats in the first stage of parliamentary balloting, but the banned Muslim Brotherhood made its mark as well, sending 42 candidates to run-off elections.

The Brotherhood needed for about 80 percent of the 164 seats, making it too soon to gauge the outcome of Wednesday's first stage of the election, which took three. Final results were announced Thursday by the election committee.

The opposition said there were widespread irregularities at the polls, which were hailed by the liberal party of President Hosni Mubarak's Gomhuria, another government party, proclaimed:

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The Brotherhood's main candidate and former state security chief, Ayman Nour, the Al-Ghad figure when he was detained on charges of sexual harassment by the former U.N. refugee chief — that have made this year one of the worst chapters in the world body's 60-year history. Stephanieh, who was accused of diverting bidding information related to an oil-for-food contract to Britain, had argued he was acting under the instructions of a U.N. Security Council sanctions committee.

The 60-year-old Cypriot national had been scheduled to retire four months after Annan fired him.

"This recommendation enables me to have an honorable retirement which I really feel grateful for, nothing is more important than this," Stephanieh told AP.

Annan does not act on the decision by Monday, 30 days after the ruling was made. Stephanieh can demand a copy and go directly to the next appeals body, the U.N. Administrative Tribunal. Its decisions are binding.

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The committee is an internal review body composed of U.N. staff where employees punished by the world body can file appeals.

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The ruling will be a new jolt to the secretariat-general and the U.N. as they try to move on from the oil-for-food scandal and other problems — including sex abuse by peacekeepers and claims of sexual harassment.
Peru

Embassy recalled from Japan

South American nation faces diplomatic clash over former president

Associated Press

LIMA — Peru said Thursday it was withdrawing its ambassador from Japan to protest Tokyo's response to Peruvian attempts to extradite former President Alberto Fujimori, first to Tokyo and now from Chile.

The move came a day after Japanese diplomats visited Fujimori at the police training academy where he has been held since he was detained on an international arrest warrant after arriving in Santiago on Sunday.

The Peruvian Foreign Ministry, in a statement that was e-mailed to The Associated Press, said Lima was "terminating the functions of Peru's Ambassador to Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan."...a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis in Japan amid a corruption crisis 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Notre Dame seems to have a penchant for tickets and the complicated distribution processes that go with them.

Student attendance at football games — both home and away — and men’s basketball games is already tangled up in complicated ticketing schemes. Now the University has made the mistake of adding pep rallies to the mix.

The newest process requires the non-student public to have tickets to enter the Joyce Center for pep rallies. This decision grew out of Notre Dame’s desire to make tickets easier to sell in long lines to see the pep rallies, only to turn them away at the packed-to-capacity JACC’s door — an admirable sentiment.

But distributing tickets means the pep rally quizzers need to save seats for students, which is where problems arise. How many seats should be allocated for students? The peppy student body is sure to argue one way, while the Student Activities Office valiantly argued in favor of allocating the most seats possible for students and succeeded in convincing organizers to allow for 5,000 students. Unfortunately, only about 2,400 students attended, and sections of the JACC stood empty, leading organizers to cut student seating to 2,400 seats and permit pep rally and for the Nov. 18 Syracuse pep rally, the last of the year.

While no estimate will be perfect, this reduction severely increases the likelihood that students could be turned away from the Joyce Center — a situation that could turn ugly fast.

What’s most puzzling, however, is that none of the organizers involved in setting the estimate of student seats seems to recognize that student attendance is bound to fluctuate due to various impossible-to-control factors — time of year, quality of opponent, the football team’s performance and so on. Students are more apt to attend the first and last pep rallies of the year and the pep rally for the highest-caliber opponent. The other pep rallies will most likely have lower attendance.

And if organizers choose to overlook those factors in favor of aiming to keep student attendance at a certain number — say, 6,000 — they need to make changes to the pep rallies themselves.

For the public, a pep rally is a novel event. If a fan out of town only has tickets to one football game per year, he or she will probably only see one pep rally. So this attendee probably won’t mind waiting in line, then waiting inside the JACC, then seeing the hour-long pep rally at which the football team is only present for half an hour.

But student things differently. Six pep rallies a year, for which dorms show up more than an hour early, become tiresome. Students do not want to stand in the bleachers for an hour and a half, then wait another half an hour after the start of the pep rally to see what they’re really there to see — the football team, the featured speakers and the band. Pep rallies are supposed to fire up the student body, and all the waiting around takes away from much of that goal.

In previous decades, pep rallies were short and sweet — park in the students, march out the band and the team, and less than an hour later, everybody went home excited for the football game. But the drawn-out pep rallies of today — especially the offensively unfunny student speakers — do not accomplish that goal. If Notre Dame expects 6,000 students to attend every pep rally, it should trim down its pep rally programming to the core elements — band, coach, players, featured speakers — that have excited students for years.

The most prudent course of action on the part of the organizers would be to return to the ticket-less admission system. There should be a willingness to risk turning away people at the door rather than lease whole sections of the JACC empty — and the JACC would always be filled regardless of how many students arrived.

But if Notre Dame would like to stick with its tickets — as history has shown it is wont to do — then an effort needs to be made to tailor the pep rallies more to what students want to cheer for.

Pep rally system problematic

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- E. Just right

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Quote of the Day

“Do not anticipate trouble, or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight.”

Benjamin Franklin

Author
Can soldiers be good in ‘rotten’ wars?

The midshipmen of the United States Naval Academy come to Notre Dame Saturday for the 79th annual Navy-Navy football game between the football teams of Navy and Notre Dame. Although Notre Dame has dominated the series for the last 41 years, the tradition and history of the two inter­

twined schools makes the game special.

During World War II, enrollment at Notre Dame dropped from nearly 6,000 students to about 1,000 due to the war. On campus, women began to fill the roles and responsibilities of student males. Many of the male students remaining on campus were ineligible to serve due to medical deferments.

The Navy needed a place to train men for war; and Notre Dame, financially strapped, was able to ask to perform immuno­

task missions in Roger Staubach’s Heisman Trophy win­

ning season. That same year, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated and Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech. But some people still remember the Notre Dame vs. Navy game. Long before the 1963 game, even before World War II, people recognized the unique relation­

ship between Notre Dame and the service acad­

emies. In the 1927 Navy-Navy game program, Rev. Matthew Walsh, president of Notre Dame, wrote: "Notre Dame, Army, and Navy make an ideal group of three football teams. Both teams live on campus, they draw their student body from all parts of the country . . . the outcome of our games with the Navy and with the Army is not so impor­

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lowship always prevail. We are indeed happy to have Navy on our schedule: we trust it will con­

inue so long and so amicably as to become a part of our best loved traditions . . ." One might add to Father Walsh’s comparison a few other things. Notre Dame and Navy football teams are known to pray together. Both teams are known for never giving up. They always fight hard, even when considered underdogs. This team reputation is a reflection of the spirit and culture evidenced every day on the campus of Notre Dame and at the Naval Academy. At these institutions, ethics, moral courage and character still matter. People have a way of conducting themselves with honor and distinction at the Naval Academy and at Notre Dame. At these institutions, individuals conduct themselves in life — in a way some just call "cl assay."

At Notre Dame, above one door of the main building, the following is written: "Duty, Honor, Country. Notre Dame." At West Point and at the Naval Academy, one frequently hears words like "Duty," "Honors," and "Country.

At both the Naval Academy and Notre Dame one finds deep commitment to our nation and to service. The culture of Notre Dame and Navy sets these places apart, making this football game worth playing and worth watching every year.

As someone who strongly believes in the importance of stu­

dent discussion, I would like to point out a few things that tend to get ignored.

We are on a college campus. There are different opinions. People respond differently to everything. While it is beneficial to point out relevant issues, it is not beneficial to berate the individual people who decide to write in about these issues. A well-outlined and intelligent argument is far more convincing than a "Joe is wrong because I firmly believe Joe is wrong" type response.

For the conservatives out there, consider the opportunity to learn about things such as The Virginia Monologues, pro-choice groups and religious criticism your opportunity to effectively arm yourself for life after college in the real world. You don’t have to accept things you don’t believe in, but understanding them will make you more effective in combating them.

For the liberals out there, don’t consider every conservative statement an attack on our liberty. You have an important job — opening up this campus to new and possibly groundbreaking discussion on gender, politics and religion. Don’t ruin your role by spending your time conservative-bashing.

We work on a system of checks and balances. Despite per­

sonal abhorrence for one side of the argument or the other, each side would cease to exist if the other did.

Just remember that what will make some people laugh will infuriate others. Some people are actors. Now that I have said this, let me be clear. Some are Democrats, some are Republicans. Whatever you do have to remember you don’t believe in, but understanding them will make you more effective in combating them.
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There are no podiums or seats in the first part of the restaurant, which is a nice touch. However, they were very difficult to find some great food there were very difficulties to one of our guests who had to be smart.

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Katie Thorlakson, Amanda Cinalli and Kerri Hanks have helped Notre Dame score 46 goals in its last 10 games heading into this weekend’s NCAA Tournament.
History is not on their side. Notre Dame will begin defense of its 2004 National Championship tonight when it hosts Valparaiso. If the Irish win back-to-back titles, they will be the first Notre Dame team to do so since men’s fencing did it in the late ’80s and only the second team since a guy named Leahy did it in 1946 and 1947.

Think about that. For all of Notre Dame’s storied athletic history, only two teams in the last 58 years have managed to win two consecutive championships — and for good reason. It’s hard.

College programs are faced with the reality that players come and go every year. The experienced athletes on the field one year are the inexperienced players on the field the next. The window of success is narrow. Universities realistically have two years with a specific group of players before there is a turnover. "By the time it seems like you really get everybody playing on the same page they graduate," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "That’s why its so vital to get the depth in your program that we’ve been fortunate to have the last two or three years."

Consider the 2005 North Carolina basketball team. Sean May, Raymond Felton and Rashad McCants came in as freshmen and struggled. After two years of coaching and development they won a title in their junior year.

What happened next? The Tar Heels are not ranked in the preseason polls after their top six players graduated or left for the NBA. Twenty years ago it was easier for teams to win multiple titles in women’s soccer. North Carolina won nine straight from 1986 through 1994. But women’s soccer only became an NCAA championship sport in 1982 and many universities did not support it right away.

"I think the thing with Carolina is — they really were the first team 20 years ago to put money into women’s athletics, and particularly women’s soccer," Waldrum said. "North Carolina — while still dominant — is not the only contender anymore because of the parity that now exists. The more a school can do now is build a program. These college dynasties no longer exist.

"Now you’ve got so many teams that can win it, and you’re not going to see that kind of run again," Waldrum said. But that doesn’t mean the Irish do not at least have a shot at winning one more.

Freshman Kerri Harkes has 62 points (24 goals and 14 assists) and senior Katie Thorlaksson has 60 points (16 goals and 28 assists) this season.

"I really haven’t had to do that much in the games so I’m just trying to stay focused if I do have to make one big save," Bohn said. And, perhaps most importantly, the Irish are peaking at the right time. Coming off a 5-0 Big East championship win over Connecticut, Notre Dame has won its previous 10 games, outscoring its opponents 46-1.

"Not since a Sept. 30 loss at Marquette — a team the Irish beat 3-0 Nov. 4 in the Big East semifinals — have the Irish trailed in a game. It will be difficult, but if there is a group to become the first women’s soccer team to win consecutive championships that is not Michael Jordan’s alma mater, this could be the one.

"We know what its like to lose early ... and we know what it feels like to win," Bohn said. "So we want to get that feeling back again."

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Irish defender Christie Shaner dribbles during Notre Dame’s 5-0 win over Connecticut in the Big East championship Nov. 6.

PORTLAND QUADRANT

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

No. 2 Notre Dame (19-2-0)
The Irish won their 10th consecutive game in the Big East Final over Connecticut.

Valparaiso (12-7-1)
The Crusaders set a school record with 12 victories this season.

Michigan State (11-5-5)
Michigan State lost in the Big Ten semifinals, but is unbeaten (2-0-2) after a loss this season.

Bowling Green (14-6-2)
Bowling Green is 1-7-1 all-time against Michigan State.

NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Yale (13-3-1)
The Bulldogs won their first outright by League title this school history.

Central Conn State (17-3-0)
Central Connecticut State is making its fourth straight NCAA appearance.

Fairfield (10-6-3)
The Stags are unbeaten in their previous six matches.

No. 3 Duke (13-5-1)
The Blue Devils have allowed only 11 goals in 19 matches this season.

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

No. 1 Portland (18-0-1)
The Pilots were ranked No. 1 in all four final regular season polls.

Iowa State (11-6-3)
The Cyclones’ 6-2-1 conference record is the best in school history.

Nebraska (13-7-1)
Nebraska is making its 10th consecutive NCAA tournament appearance.

Creighton (12-5-3)
Creighton looks for its first-ever NCAA tournament win.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Arizona (9-7-3)
Arizona midfielder Mallory Miller is the PAC-10 player of the year.

Utah (14-6-1)
The Utes won the Mountain West Conference championship.

Webster State (14-4-1)
The Wildcats have won 13 of their last 14 games entering the NCAA tournament.

No. 4 Brigham Young (15-2-3)
Ten Brigham Young players have scored five or more points this season.
Forward thinking

Irish trio of Cinalli, Hanks and Thorlakson has opponents on the defensive

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

A year ago, Katie Thorlakson had the burden of producing more goals for the national-championship winning Notre Dame team. Amanda Cinalli was still learning the ropes as a freshman and Kerri Hanks was sitting out for the United States in international competition instead of leading the Irish with 24 goals in 21 games.

Even so, Notre Dame dominated in the NCAA tournament last season and beat UCLA, 2-1 in penalty kicks, in a thrilling championship match.

This year, the trio of forwards is in full swing together, devastating opponents with the high-scoring offense in the country heading into the tournament. They have led the Irish on the team’s current 10-game winning streak, outscoring opponents 33-6.

“Every year I think now we’re peaking,” Cinalli said. “I think we’re playing our best right now. Everything’s clicking and everyone’s having a blast.”

Cinalli is the lowest profile of Notre Dame’s top three forwards. This season, Randy Waldrum says she makes an incomparable impact on the team.

“Amanda Cinalli, who a lot of people think is a little bit quiet, she’s a great player. And she’s one of those players who can hurt you, too,” Waldrum said.

“We’ve got a lot of these weapons if we can just get them clicking at the right time.”

The other weapons Waldrum referenced are Thorlakson and Hanks.

This duo became just the fourth tandem of teammates to break 60 points each in a season Sunday during Notre Dame’s 5-0 Big East Championship victory over No. 15 Connecticut.

“Me and Hanks, actually at the same time. I’ve never done that in the year we decided we wanted to score,” Cinalli said.

Thorlakson said Notre Dame forward Katie Thorlakson drives the ball downfield.

Hanks has 62 points this season, and Thorlakson’s 16 goals and 28 assists give her 60 points. Hanks said she knew they were approaching the benchmark.

“I think we set that target and we want to reach it between us,” Hanks said. “But what we’ve accomplished right now is unbelievable.”

Reaching their goals

Cinalli, who has 17 goals and 15 assists on the season, said she doesn’t focus on individual goals, and she remains focused on winning.

“On the field, my goal is to score goals and win games,” Cinalli said, adding that the team’s goal is to win another national championship.

Waldrum said Cinalli, Cinalli and Hanks know they have to work hard in practice and be leaders on and off the field.

Working for that team goal has produced one of the most productive national teams in the history for the Irish this year. In just 21 games, Notre Dame’s three top forwards have combined for 151 points (47G-57A). A clip of 4.7 points per game.

Thorlakson especially has used the diversity of the Irish attack to her advantage. She has combined with Cinalli, Hanks and her other teammates for a nation-leading 28 assists this year.

Thorlakson said the trio has taken 231 shots in those games, making the Indian nation’s most feared offensive monster. Their shot total is nearly 140 more than Irish opponents combined against Notre Dame in the 2005 season.

In fact, with 122 shots in her freshman season, Hanks has taken 30 more shots this year than all of Notre Dame’s opponents have against the Irish defense.

Hanks credited Thorlakson and Cinalli with that production this season. “They know everybody’s trying to stop them,” she said.

“Most of all, I think we’ve worked hard each day that helps me get my chances.”

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Irish senior has made a successful transition from offense this year

By KEN FOWLER  
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When Notre Dame won six straight NCAA Tournament games a year ago to claim the 2004 College Cup, Candace Chapman was a central part of the Irish attack.

But the fifth-year senior and vocal leader, said Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum, has been the team's top performer this season.

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"She's the best defender in the country," she said. "She's just such a weapon coming out of the back." Waldrum said he was glad to have Chapman on the back line again, he thinks she can contribute to the offense as well as the defense.

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"I think she's kind of found her rhythm again as the outside back," Waldrum said after Notre Dame's 5-0 throttling of Connecticut Nov. 6 in the Big East Championship. "Playing her up front last year, it took her a while to get to the point where she's flying up and down the line again ... and she's really been doing that a lot for us the last few weeks.

"Chapman said the transition was not too difficult for her because she played on the Irish defense in 2001 and 2002 before sitting out the 2003 season, recovering from ACL surgery.

"I played defense my first two years here. They only changed that (last year) when I went up front," Chapman said.

In the conference championship game, Chapman led the Irish defense in the second half as Connecticut tried to mount an offensive attack to cut into the Notre Dame lead. Each time they thought they had an opening, however, the Huskies found Chapman racing over to redirect crosses or block shots from the wings.

After witnessing four years of such dominating performances, Waldrum said he expects to see Chapman's name as a central part of the future of women's soccer.

"I think she'll be one of the future stars of the women's game," he said.

"Internationally she's going to be one of the stars like we're hearing about the Mia Hamm and those kinds. She's just so composed and she's just such a weapon coming out of the back." Though Waldrum said he begins her final NCAA Tournament with the Irish tonight in hopes of leading the team to back-to-back titles, she will not look past Valparaiso, even though her expectations for the tournament are much greater than a first-round victory.

"Going in as defending national champions, you know how easy it is to get knocked out, so you take it one at a time," she said. "But I think we should be confident going into the tournament. We have a great team.

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by the numbers

Goals scored by Notre Dame in its previous 10 games. All of them victories. 46

1  Goal scored by Notre Dame's opponents in the past 10 games.

Shots per game Notre Dame is averaging this season. Opponents are only averaging 4.4 shots per contest. 23

95  Goals scored by Notre Dame this season. Irish opponents have only managed 92 shots on the year.

Wins by Notre Dame in NCAA tournament play. The Irish are 32-10-1 all-time in the NCAA's, including national titles in 1995 and 2004. 32

.893  Winning percentage by Notre Dame in NCAA tournament games at Alumni Field. 122

Shots by Irish forward Kerri Hanks in 21 games in 2005. Hanks alone has outshot Irish opponents by 95.

2  Teams in NCAA tournament history with more than one national championship — Notre Dame and North Carolina.

Candace Chapman's return to defense has the Irish on pace for another NCAA title

Back to back

Left, Irish defender Candace Chapman completes a throw-in during Notre Dame's 5-0 victory over Connecticut in the Big East Championship game on Nov. 6, 2004. Chapman (8) celebrates the conference title with Irish teammates including midfielder Jen Buczkowski (9). Right, Chapman jostles for position during the win over the Huskies.
A brand new twist on greed and ambition

The Saint Mary's production of Shakespeare's Macbeth brings a new twist to the classic tale of greed. In this version, the cast is entirely played by women.

By REBECCA CAVE

William Shakespeare's Macbeth, a violent story of greed and ambition, has been uniquely brought to life by an entirely female cast at Saint Mary's. From the dark, gloomy set to the beautiful costumes and rich acting, the play is a captivating and entertaining experience.

Mark Abram-Copenhaver's directing brings together a strong female ensemble and a unique stage design to offer a different perspective on Shakespeare's work.

"It was the shortest of Shakespeare's tragedies and allows the audience to become involved with the story," Abram-Copenhaver said.

He hoped the audience would leave "intrigued and excited" about the playwright and his work. Abram-Copenhaver explained he decided to work with an all-female cast not just for the novelty of it, but also to create a production that brought to life the many different layers of the tale.

"Macbeth is a morality play about greed and ambition," Abram-Copenhaver said. "It needs to make the audience look at the dark side of greed and violence."

By using a female cast he hopes the audience has new reactions to these everyday occurrences.

The acting throughout the play was superb. The entire cast maintained control over the difficult Shakespearean language and the words flowed easily and naturally drawing the audience in. Ashleigh Stochel turned in a performance so convincing as Macbeth many in the audience forgot she was a woman and were entirely taken in by her portrayal of the tortured man.

Ashley Peltier's performance as Macduff, the loyal friend of the king who is driven to revenge when his family is murdered, was moving and strong. Crystal Schad's performance as the Porter was a show stealing touch and provided comic relief. Her interaction with the audience was hilarious and added a touch of gaiety to the dark play.

Other notable performances included the witches, who were frightening and mystical, standing seven feet tall. The ensemble work of the cast was also exceptional.

Eight scenes were highly believable and extremely violent. The actors trained everyday for a week with Kevin Asselin, a professional stage fight choreographer, and then three times a week for a month. The action in the play is extremely violent and at times gory.

The simple set consists of a great hall door and several movable parts. The dark and ominous feel of the set fits perfectly with the themes of death and doom. The unique part of the set is that it allows the audience members to sit directly on stage. Abram-Copenhaver also chose to cut two-thirds of the text in Little Theater.

"Little Theater rarely sells out and the empty spaces are distracting to the audience. By having less seats the audience members are closer to the action giving them a better experience," Abram-Copenhaver said.

He also noted that it was an "educational and unique experience for the actors."

The performers in the play also agreed the small atmosphere was beneficial.

"I feel the audience reactions to a greater extent because the actors are able to see the actual emotions on the faces of the audience," said Angela Sauer, who played Lady Macbeth.

"The atmosphere gave me more energy and helped me stay in character," Peltier said.

Both agreed that it was great learning experience as actors. The set did provide a unique experience for the audience, but was at times frustrating because the audience members blocked action on stage.

Overall the production of Macbeth was an intriguing, frightening and enthralling theatrical experience.

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BY OBSERVER PHOTO STAFF

The view from the Rock over South Quad offers a reprieve from a cloud-covered sky.

Bond Hall's atrium window offers the inside scoop on the pregame Concert On The Steps.

It may look like religious imagery, but these stained glass works of art in Cushing Hall actually depict the history of engineering.
White Sox not interested in acquiring Manny Ramirez

Vocal Red Sox slugger wants out of Boston

Associated Press

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Kenny Williams was asked whether the Chicago White Sox, who are seeking a certain kind of chemistry, would be interested in acquiring Manny Ramirez, if asked.

"He's not that kind of guy," the general manager of the World Series champions said Thursday. "We have a certain kind of chemistry." Point made. Boston will not be dealing Ramirez to Chicago. While he has 45 homers and 144 RBIs for the Red Sox last season, there appears to be a limited market for Ramirez, who asked Boston to explore trade options, because he's uncomfortable living there.

New Philadelphia GM Pat Gillick said there's no room for the 33-year-old Ramirez in the Phillies' outfield, which has Bobby Abreu in right and Pat Burrell in left.

"Our corners are pretty good," Gillick said. "In high school he played center, but I don't think he can play center anymore." Last July, the Red Sox and New York Mets held trade talks about Ramirez, and both sides agreed they didn't get very far. The Los Angeles Angels, who want a power hitter, could be a match. Perhaps Ramirez would want to return to the Cleveland Indians, his former team. Ramirez is owed $57 million during the next three years and has the right to block trades, so the Red Sox and his agent pledged to work together.

General managers completed the formal part of their meetings Thursday, delaying until their December meeting in Dallas a decision on whether to move back the amateur draft until late June.

Jimmie Lee Solomon, executive vice president for baseball operations in the commissioner's office, said commissioner Bud Selig was asked during Wednesday's sessions whether he expected any change in the designated hitter rule, which is used in the American League but not in the National.

"He said for the foreseeable future we'll be doing the same thing we have been doing," Solomon said.

During the week, GMs banded about big names for possible deals, including Ramirez. Florida first baseman Carlos Delgado, Texas second baseman Alfonso Soriano and Tampa Bay closer Danys Baez. Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said teams always are interested in right-hander Chien-Ming Wang and second baseman Robinson Cano, rookies who performed well last season with low salaries.

"That's what November, December and January are for, exploration of the possibilities of big ideas, big trades, transformations of rosters," Red Sox president Larry Lucchino said.

Starting Friday, more than 175 free agents will be able to negotiate contracts with all teams. The market could go up significantly for relief pitchers, who appear to be coveted.
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Warner ready to lead injury-riddled Cardinals

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Arizona Cardinals and the Detroit Lions waited until midweek to choose a starting quarterback.

Kurt Warner got the nod for the Cardinals instead of Josh McCown, and Joey Harrington clung onto the job over a bumped-up Jeff Garcia.

Regardless of who takes the snaps for the Lions 13-51 and Arizona (2-8) Sunday in Detroit, focusing on the quarterbacks for the hapless teams only overlooks the glaring problems each have.

"We have so many other issues to be a good football team," Arizona coach Dennis Green said. "I think our quarterback play is OK, but a lot of other players are not OK."

Darnies Woody said the same is true in Detroit.

"The easiest thing to do is to point to the quarterback, especially when the position is in flux," the guard said. "A lot of things are going wrong with our team. It's not just the quarterback."

Offensive line is perhaps the No. 1 concern for both Detroit and Arizona.

Kevin Jones run for 87 yards in Week 1 for the Lions in a win over Green Bay, and hasn't reached that total since because he's gone by the double coverage in the backfield. As a team, the Cardinals have not had 100 yard rushing in a game with Marcel Shipp and rookie J.J. Arrington sharing carries.

Injuries have depleted the Cardinals and Lions, eroding their small margin of error.

Receiver Anquan Boldin, defensive end Bertrand Berry, nose tackle Russell Davis and rookie cornerback Antrel Rolle are among the key players missing from Arizona's lineup. The Lions have missed starting cornerbacks Dee Bly and Fernando Bryant, receivers Roy Williams and Kevin Johnson and defensive tackle Shaun Rogers because of injuries.

Detroit might be without rookie receiver Mike Williams this week, but expects to get a boost from Roy Williams and Charles Rogers on offense and Shaun Rogers on defense.

Charles Rogers was eligible to play last week after serving a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy, but he didn't even travel to Minnesota because he had a poor week of practice.

"I'm just thinking about this week. Last week was last week," Rogers bristled. "It's a new week, we'll see what happens."

"I'm excited to get back, and do the things I do best."

Charles Rodgers
Lions wide receiver

Rogers has played just nine games in three years, missing most of two seasons with collarbone injuries, and has scored only once since catching two touchdowns against Arizona in his professional debut.

Roy Williams has also been slowed by injuries in his two seasons, and by some miscommunication with coach Steve Mariucci about his injured quadriceps in last week's loss against the Vikings.

"Hopefully, I'll play more than three plays," Williams said.

Rookie Mike Williams, hampered by a few ailments, has not scored since the opener.

Green said the Lions have struggled on offense because their trio of young receivers has barely played together.

"Those guys have size, they can go get the ball, they can stretch the field," he said.

The Cardinals haven't made many two-way moves over the years, but they made a good choice with the third pick overall in 2004.

Receiver Larry Fitzgerald led Arizona, and was second among rookies, with 58 receptions and six TDs last season.

He is among NFL leaders with 52 receptions and has 713 yards receiving and four TDs.

Fitzgerald said he's not concerned his play will be all for naught on a bad team the rest of this season, and in the years to come.

"I don't have that kind of sinking thinking," he said.

The Cardinals' Kurt Warner is hurried by the Seahawks' Grant Wistrom in a 33-19 loss on Nov. 6. The Cardinals are now 2-6.

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Davis and Martin refuse to give in to ‘old age’

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — There’s a long-standing theory that a running back’s road goes uphill once he turns 30. Stephen Davis and Curtis Martin are both out to disprove that notion. The two aging running backs square off this Sunday when Martin and the New York Jets (8-6) travel to play Davis and the Carolina Panthers (6-7).

Despite hitting that perceived 30-year-old plateau — Davis is 31, Martin is 32 — both backs are doing their best to stave off the effects of Father Time.

“I don’t believe in being 30 and you’re over,” Davis said. “But [Martin] is having a great year, and I’m having a pretty good year. The thing is everybody always counts us guys out, but we just keep on ticking.”

Davis, who had major knee surgery last season that many believed would end his career, heads into the game with 11 touchdowns rushing, third best in the NFL. Yes, the rest of his numbers are down this season at just 406 yards rushing so far.

But he’s playing in an offense that is clicking behind Steve Smith, who leads the NFL in every major statistical receiving category.

Martin’s numbers are also off his normal pace, at just 533 yards rushing and five touchdowns and a career-low 3.4 yards per carry.

But he’s been battling through a sore right knee all season and a slew of injuries that have decimated his offensive line — leaving him with just one starter playing in the same spot as opening day.

It’s tough for Martin, who won the NFL rushing title last season with 1,697 yards. But he insists the 30-year-old theory can be beat.

“I think it depends on the guy. … The older I’ve gotten, the better I’ve done,” he said. “I think that a lot of times, that does occur with the average guy. I think guys like myself, Stephen Davis and a lot of other backs, aren’t normal or average and that is what has allowed us to continue and excel beyond the age of 30.

“I feel that the older I get, the better I should get. Last year, I was 31 and we led the league in rushing.”

Still, no matter where Davis and Martin go, they can’t escape questions about their age and people who believe that time is quickly running out on their careers.

Even their coaches put some stock into the age barriers.

“This is definitely a young man’s game, there is no doubt about that,” Carolina coach John Fox said. “But I am not sure 30 is ancient yet with any position. There have been guys dispel that at really every position there is on the football field.”

Jets coach Herman Edwards said he saw the theory fall apart firsthand when he was a coach in Kansas City and Marcus Allen joined the Chiefs in the latter years of his career.

“People said the same thing about him when we got him from the Raiders, and he ended up having a great career for us there,” Edwards said. “There are guys who are like that and you never question it when you are around them.

“I think some people always question the age of a running back, and, for the most part, they are right because there are so many runners and their legs, when you get to that number, they generally dwindle away. These two guys are definitely an exception to the rule.”

Martin will have his work cut out for him this Sunday against the Panthers, who have been impossible to run on during their current five-game winning streak.

Carolina ranks first in run defense, allowing just 74 yards per game, and has only given up five touchdowns rushing on the year.

And no runner since Ronnie Brown in Week 3 has gone for more than 100 yards against them.

“I think they’re probably one of the best defenses in the NFL,” Martin said. “It’s going to be difficult to run, but you can’t take that into consideration when you are a running back. You have to plan on going out there and doing your job as best as you can and see what happens when the game is over.

The Panthers believe Martin will be one of the better backs they’ll face this season, and look back at the last time he played them as inspiration. Martin ran for 159 yards and caught seven passes for 39 yards in a 2001 Jets victory.

“He was hard to tackle, he was just real slippery,” defensive end Mike Rucker said. “You could get your hands on him, but the next thing you know, he’s gone.

“I remember talking about that after the game, how slippery he was.

“So we know now that when we get a hold of him, we have to grab him tight and squeeze tight and have more than one person there to help.”

Top, Carolina running back Stephen Davis falls over the goal line for a touchdown against the Minnesota Vikings on Oct. 30. Davis is third in the NFL in rushing touchdowns with three.

The Jets’ Curtis Martin tries to break a tackle by the Chargers’ Clinton Hart during a Nov. 6 loss to San Diego, 31-26. Martin has 533 yards rushing on the year and five touchdowns.

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Flyers soaring through beginning of season

Forsberg is ‘reluctant superstar’ for Philly

Peter Forsberg coasts during the Flyers' 4-3 overtime win against the Bruins on Tuesday.

"Peter’s a special player," Flyers coach Ken Hitchcock said. "He’s the complete package. He’s a competitive player with a high level of skill."

Forsberg is a rare player who can boat teams with a finesse style or punish them with a physical approach. He led the NHL with 24 assists through the first 13 games, and also had four goals, giving him an average of 2.2 points per game.

Forsberg is such a precise passer he probably could turn an enforcer into a prolific scorer. He’s so unselfish with the puck that sometimes he needs a reminder to shot it himself.

"He’s looking for all the time, even when I’m not open," forward Simon Gagne said. "I told him on the bench to think about himself sometimes and just shoot it. It’s amazing what Peter can do with the puck.

Forsberg’s top highlight pass so far has been a 4-3 comeback victory over Boston on Tuesday night. He was skating toward the bench, stopped, spun around and sent a 60-foot shot to Jozef Prikatan, who took the puck in full stride, streaked in and scored the tying goal with 23.4 seconds left to force overtime.

"That was unbelievable," Hitchcock said.

Through the Flyers’ first 13 games, Gagne had a league-high 16 goals and Forsberg’s other linemate, Mike Knuble, had eight. Gagne’s career best is 33 goals, and he’s already just about halfway to that mark early in the season.

"He’s everything that the Philly fans can appreciate," Knuble said. "He’s everything that was advertised. He’s doing it every night now. He’s one of those gifted, gifted players."

Forsberg, of course, spreads the credit.

"The guys I’ve played with are usually great goal scorers," he said. "Simon is a natural goal scorer. Mike has a great shot, too. I know if I get the puck to them around the net, they have a great shot of scoring."

"Maybe I’m being smart because the guy I’m passing to has a better chance to score than I do. I’ve always done it that way. I always try to look for a pass. Coming around the net, you try to change the angle of the goal.

Forsberg signed a two-year, $11.5 million contract with the Flyers in August, leaving Colorado after nine years with the Avalanche and one season in New Jersey. His arrival in Philadelphia made the Flyers early favorites for the Stanley Cup, and significantly increased fan interest in the franchise.

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"If you do the little things right, things go your way," Patrick Sharp Flyers player

PHILADELPHIA — Patrick Sharp picked the perfect time to show his offensive side. Sharp scored two goals, including the tiebreaker early in the third period, and the Philadelphia Flyers overcome a two-goal deficit to beat the New York Islanders 3-2 Thursday night for their fifth straight victory.

Sharp’s performance — with help from linemates Jeff Carter and Brian Savage — came when the Flyers’ high-scoring line of Simon Gagne, Peter Forsberg, and Mike Knuble had a rare off night. That trio was blanked after combining for 24 points in Philadelphia’s previous 13 games.

"Our line isn’t looking to score goals every night," Sharp said. "But on a night when Gags and Gagne had a rough night, we could chip in."

Gagne had scored seven goals in the previous four games. Forsberg leads the NHL with 24 assists, includ­ ing 12 in the goal and six games.

"I just try to go out and play hard," said Sharp, who helped lead the Philadelphia Phantoms to the Calder Cup champions­ hip in the AHL last sea­ son. "I’m not looking to necessarily go out and score every night, but when you do the little things right, things go your way.

Carter had a goal and two assists, and Antero Niittymaki made 28 saves for the Flyers, who have won eight straight at home.

The Flyers wasted a 4-0 York power-play goals in the first period to build the early lead. New York held a 4-0 edge in power-play opportu­ nities entering the third period.

Sharp put Philadelphia ahead 1-0 with 51.6 seconds left in the third period. He cut the Flyers’ early deficit in half 3:35 into the second period when he fired a shot from the slot past goalie Rick DiPietro.

The Islanders scored twice in a 37-second span in the second period.

With New York skating with a 5-on-3 advantage, Santeri STaiin took a centering pass from Alexei Yashin and one-timed it past Niittymaki at 14:39.

York scored on a shot just inside the blue line with 15:16 to play bouncing off Flyers defenseman Joni Pitkanen to Niittymaki, making his first start since allowing seven goals in an 8-6 loss at Carolina on Oct. 28, was scored.

He stopped Mark Parrish on a breakaway and then turned away Jason Blake’s rebound attempt in the opening min­ utes of the first period, spraining save on Parrish’s close-in attempt.

"He was on top of his game tonight and he will only get better," Sharp said.

Jeff Carter also scored his 25th career goal 3:07 left in the second. Islanders goaltender Rick DiPietro allowed Umberger’s breakaway but couldn’t get his glove hand to the rebound. Carter flipped the puck in off defenseman Denis Potvin.

"This was one of those games where we deserve to lose," DiPietro said. "They took it to another level in the second peri­ od. We needed to have that killer instinct and put teams away."

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MIAMI — They were tired from six games in nine nights, frustrated with their play and on the cusp of falling two games under .500.

So Dwyane Wade decided to spark them.

Wade had 25 points, eight rebounds and seven assists — plus gave a fourth-quarter pep talk as Miami rallied from a late-eight-point deficit to beat the Houston Rockets 88-84 on Thursday night.

"Didn't want to lose. Tired of losing. Ain't used to losing," Wade said. "We've got a good team. And when we were down eight, I told Udonis [Haslem] and those guys that we're not losing this game, so do whatever we've got to do to win this game...

And we came out with great focus." Jason Williams had eight of his 13 points in a decisive late run for Miami, which also got 13 points and nine rebounds from Alonzo Mourning and 12 points from Gary Payton.

"I don't know if I'm 100 percent comfortable yet playing with these guys," Williams said.

"But each game, I just try to get better..."

Yao Ming had 24 points and 14 rebounds for Houston, but scored only two points in the final 16 shots from the floor, as the Rockets fell 88-84.

"I thought we took it up and played very, very hard... That has to be the model for us in terms of how to finish the game," Stan Van Gundy said.

The Heat survived many stretches of offensive ineptitude. Miami had two points in the game's first 3:42, then went scoreless for 3:26 later in the half, 2:32 to open the second half and 4:03 later in the third.

Houston scored only six points in the final 5:13 of the third, but somehow added a point to its lead over that stretch and took a 64-60 edge into the fourth. And when David Wesley, who hadn't taken a shot in his first 13 minutes, hit his first two attempts of the fourth, the Rockets held their eight-point lead.

Wade led Miami with nine of its final 16 shots from the floor, and capped it with a 3-pointer.

"We're not paid to try hard," Jeff Van Gundy said. "That should be a given. We're paid to produce.

Wade led all scorers with 15 first-half points, 12 in the last 5:14 to help Miami take a 48-44 lead.

Clippers 102, Hawks 95

The Los Angeles Clippers have their best start after six games in 20 years, and they are dreaming of an even better finish.

"We want to be one of the top teams in the West, and we think we are," Elton Brand said after he scored 23 points to lead the Clippers past the winless Atlanta Hawks Thursday night.

"The sky is the limit right now," said Sam Cassell, who added 21 points as the Pacific Division-leading Clippers moved to 5-1 for the first time since the 1985-86 season.

asked if he was surprised by the strong start, Cassell said: "I've been saying it all year. It's not surprising me..."

The Hawks, meanwhile, have lost their first five games for the first time since the 2000-01 season, when they started 0-7.

The Hawks stayed close but didn't lead after the first quarter.

"I thought we were on the verge, but a loss is a loss," said Joe Johnson, who led the Hawks with 24 points and set a season high with 10 rebounds.

Johnson said the Hawks "don't know how to win."

"It's tough right now," Johnson said. "We're in a nasty funk. Somehow, someway, we have to find a way to get a victory."

Coach Mike Dunleavy said his Clippers were wary of overlooking the Hawks, especially after also beating Atlanta 92-77 Saturday in Los Angeles.

"I was really worried about this game, obviously, playing a team that has not won yet," Dunleavy said. "I knew they were going to come out and play hard. They gave us a great effort and the longer you let them stay around, hang around, the more confidence builds, the more opportunity they have to win."

Added Dunleavy: "They're a young team but I expected us to win because we have more talent than they do."

Corey Maggette, playing in his second game since returning from a strained left hamstring, added 17 points in only 25 minutes, the University Outfitters called.

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### In Brief

**Palmeiro avoids prosecution for perjury**

WASHINGTON - Baseball star Rafael Palmeiro will not be prosecuted on perjury charges after lawmakers said Thursday there isn't enough evidence to prove he lied when he told Congress under oath that he had "never used steroids"—six weeks before failing a steroid test.

The investigation did not conclude whether the former Baltimore Orioles slugger had actually ever used performance-enhancing substances prior to his testimony before the House Government Reform Committee.

"We couldn't find any evidence of steroid use prior to his testimony," Chairman Tom Davis, R-Va., said in releasing a 44-page report. "That's not a finding of innocence, but it's a finding that we could not substantiate perjury."

At issue was Palmeiro's statement at a March 17 hearing: "I have never used steroids. Period." On May 4, he failed a Major League Baseball drug test, coming up positive for anabolic steroid.

Tyson questioned after incident with cameraman

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Mike Tyson was questioned by police early Thursday after a television cameraman accused the former heavyweight champion of assaulting him outside a nightclub.

Tyson could face charges of assault and destruction of property, police spokeswoman Kelly Pinheiro said. A court hearing has been scheduled for Friday, but Tyson can send a representative and is not required to appear.

Carlos Eduardo da Silva, a cameraman with the Brazilian television network SBT, told police Tyson pushed him and threw his camera to the ground outside the club, then removed a videotape and put it in his pocket.

Police said Tyson acknowledged damaging the camera but denied pushing Silva. He was later released. The 39-year-old Tyson held a news conference Wednesday asking the Brazilian media not to approach him at night.

Tiger yields lead at HSBC Champions Competition

SHANGHAI, China — Tiger Woods lost his lead in a bunker and finished with a bogey, giving up a share of the first-round lead at the HSBC Champions on Thursday.

Paul Lawrie, the 1999 British Open winner, England's Nick Dougherty and Australian Peter O'Malley were tied for the lead at 8-under 64 in Asia's richest golf tournament.

Woods was one stroke back at 7-under at Sheshan International Golf Club, with David Howell, Robert-Jan Derksen of the Netherlands and South Korea's K.J. Choi.

The European Tour is opening its season with this $5 million tournament, which is sanctioned by four tours.
McNabb and Eagles prepare for life after T.O.

Quarterback says team is ready to focus solely on its football games

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — When a door to the auditorium of the Eagles practice facility suddenly flew open, a startled Donovan McNabb could have been excused for thinking it was some familiar hot air — not a brisk wind — that was the culprit.

"Somebody's trying to get back in here," a smiling McNabb said Thursday.

While supernatural terror likely won't be added to the lengthy list of ways Terrell Owens tormented the Eagles, a mellow McNabb was relieved and ready to put the T.O. era behind him.

Speaking for the first time since Owens was booted off the team for his constant criticism of the Eagles — specifically McNabb — the Pro Bowl quarterback said the team is ready to focus only on football and not the distractions that have swirled since shortly after the Super Bowl.

"It's unfortunate what the end result was with him not being able to get on the football field with us, but you have to move on," McNabb said.

Some things in life that you're a part of just don't go as well as you want them to.

Certainly Owens' tumultuous sojourn in Philadelphia was one of them.

While Owens was McNabb's favorite receiver on the field, Owens made McNabb his top target, one often puzzling criticism after another toward the quarterback until it cost him his roster spot.

Owens started the friction in April when he took a shot at McNabb, saying he "wasn't the guy who got tired in the Super Bowl," then called him a "hypocrite" during a training camp and finished it off by saying the Eagles would be better off with Green Bay's Brett Favre.

What a set list.

McNabb publicly took the high road, trying to diffuse the situation with humor, though he warned Owens to keep his name out of his mouth. Apparently, Owens wasn't listening or didn't care.

"You've never heard me say anything bad about him," McNabb said. "You've never heard me say anything bad about the situation. I just continued to put that behind me and tried to move on.

Now the only one truly moving on is Owens.

Safety Brian Dawkins, who tried to act as a mediator between the two, called Owens a good teammate and hard worker who simply let his outlandish comments overshadow his clutch catches.

"Those are things you don't understand and can't sweep under the rug," Dawkins said.

Owens didn't play in Sunday night's 17-10 loss at Washington, and will remain suspended for three more games without pay. After that, the Eagles plan to deactivate him for the rest of the season.

Owens, thrown off the Eagles on Monday, had 20 touchdowns in 21 regular season games with Philadelphia.

Coach Andy Reid, who dismissed Owens because of "a large number of situations that translated over a long period of time" — said all the attention was tiring but there was no excuse for the way the Eagles have slumped to a 4-4 record.

A contrite Owens pleased for another chance in a public apology Tuesday, but the team was unmoved. Owens' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, said he wants his client to play immediately.

Rosenhaus stole the spotlight after Owens was finished, deflecting unfavorable questions and performing like an over-top-ringmaster in an out-of-control circus.

"I thought it was a sincere apology," McNabb said. "I thought it was unfortunate after the apology what happened after that. That maybe could have been solved early in the week. That's over, that's the past. We're moving on."

When asked if he got into a fight with Owens, McNabb couldn't resist poking fun at Rosenhaus.

"Next question!" a smiling, bug-eyed McNabb yelled into the mike.

While previous McNabb controversies have brought opinions from everyone from Jesse Jackson to Rush Limbaugh, this time consumer advocate Ralph Nader is jump­ing in, writing a letter to Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie and NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue that asks to rescind Owens' suspension.

Nader has a better chance of winning his next presidential bid.

Still, losing the All-Pro wide­out puts pressure on McNabb and an otherwise lackluster receiving corps.

"If he's not the best, he's definitely one or two of the top receivers of the game," McNabb said. "It's hard to lose a guy like that."

McNabb's top two targets are now Greg Lewis and Reggie Brown. The two combined for 45 catches, 543 yards and two touchdowns.

Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie and coach Andy Reid Wednesday rescinded Owens' suspension, saying the wideout "has a right to rehabilitate himself."

"You've got to move on," McNabb said.

Now McNabb says he's ready to lead even more by example, act as the captain of the ship and steer the Eagles toward the playoffs. His teammates seem ready to jump aboard.

"I don't care who we bring in here or what players we have, everything goes through him," Dawkins said.

That was the lesson Owens never learned.

- T.O. this season:
  Owens had 47 catches for 763 yards and six TDs in seven games.

- "With him on the field, we do remarkable things," McNabb said. "We could have set records. That was something that I looked forward to doing, winning Super Bowls together. But it just continued to go in the wrong direction."

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Young does it all for Longhorns

Junior quarterback makes No. 2 Texas click with his moves

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Fourth down, 18 yards to go.

With time running out and Texas trailing big at Kansas, Longhorns quarterback Vince Young rolled to his right, liked a pass and as usual took off.

Breaking a tackle — his left ankle was in the grasp of Jayhawks linebacker Nick Reid — Young covered 22 yards for a first down in a drive that became the game-winning drive last November.

Longhorns coach Mack Brown calls it the most important play in Texas’ 14-game winning streak that has the second-ranked Longhorns in the thick of the national title chase.

“It’s a play that’s almost unheard of,” Brown said. “I thought it was one of the great plays in Texas football history because it led to a Rose Bowl game that gave us a chance to win on the national scene and put us in the position we are today.”

Texas (9-0, 6-0 Big 12) won 45-38 Friday, November 11, over Kansas (5-4, 2-4) on KANSATV in a rematch that has conjured up a week’s worth of memories for both teams. The dramatic play, Jayhawks coach Mark Mangino’s post-game tirade, Young’s Heisman Trophy chances.

Given all that’s happened since, it’s easy to overlook just how close the Jayhawks came to spoiling everything.

“Their offense is a lot like us in its abilities,” Jayhawks coach Mark Mangino says. “You can’t stop them, you can only slow them down.”

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With just over a minute to play, Young hit Tony Jefferson for 21 yards and the winning touchdown with 11 seconds left.

Young, who seems so calm in pressure situations, admits he was nervous. He had been sacked for an eight-yard loss on first down and threw two incomplete passes.

“You have to make sure you don’t get rattled,” Young said. “I knew they were going to drop back real deep and protect the deep pass. I put it upon myself to use my feet.”

It was a season in which the Jayhawks were in the thick of the national title chase.

And in October a year’s worth of nightmares for Reid. After his fumble, Young hit Tony Jefferson for 21 yards and the winning touchdown with 11 seconds left.

Kansas, which had fought so hard, was denied one of the biggest wins in school history.

“It was a game that we should have won,” linebacker Kevin Kane said. “We were just a couple plays short. It just makes you think what could have been done differently, but that’s in the past. We have to worry about this week.”

Saban prepares to face an old mentor

Coaching matchup looms large in battle of Fins and Patriots

Associated Press

MIAMI — As he munches on lunch, Bill Belichick talks on the phone with the cheerfulness of someone eating a garden sandwich.

The subject is Sunday’s national championship game against Nick Saban, his protege and friend of 23 years. They’ll face each other for the first time when Belichick’s New England Patriots play the Miami Dolphins.

“I wouldn’t call it a fun,” Belichick says between bites, “But certainly between both of us, it will be an exciting game. Fun would be playing golf.”

They’re tightly wound, these two, stern workaholics who rank among their sport’s most successful coaches. If not for Belichick, they would never have gone on to win the Super Bowl.

And it’s against their nature to let friendship get in the way of a game. Their relationship has changed since Saban became the Dolphins’ coach last Christmas.

“We don’t talk as much as we used to, especially about football, because it is competitive in that we are in the same division and kind of on rival teams,” Saban says. Even with both clubs struggling, the stakes Sunday will be substantial. Injury-plagued New England (4-1), seeking its fourth Super Bowl title in five years, will be a drubbed Monday night by Indianapolis, but remains atop the AFC East.

The Dolphins (3-5) can claim a share of first place with a win, even though they’ve lost four of their past five games.

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"I guess Nick and Bill are great friends," Taylor says. "I've got guys on teams I play against that I change my game for. But for 60 minutes you're going at it. You can love the guy and still want to kick his butt."
SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles prepare for six-kilometer Great Lakes Regional

By KEN FOWLER
Sport Writer

It's the last race of the season, and the Belles want to close the season with their best performance of the year.

Three Saint Mary's seniors will finish their careers Saturday at the Angela Athletic Park in the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional and five others hope to end their season with personal records before coming back next year.

"Typically at Regionals we haven't ever had personal records," junior Becky Feauto said. "But I would like to break my personal best 6-K time of this year."

Feauto and Belles senior Sara Otto are the only two Belles who participated in the meet last year and will again Saturday.

Feauto finished the six-kilometer course in 24:57, and Otto crossed the finish line in 26:00.

Their 6-K times from the MIAA Championships two weeks ago indicate they are both likely to improve drastically their times from a year ago.

Otto finished that race in 24:15, just two seconds ahead of Feauto.

The junior wants to do even better than that.

"24 [minutes] is a good goal to shoot for," Feauto said.

Otto, Jess Eaton and Megan O'Neil are the Belles three seniors who will be running in their final meet.

Eaton said all were excited and hoped to run their best in their last collegiate meet.

Two weeks after head coach Jackie Bauters saw the Belles turn in their best finish at the MIAA Championship, she said the team hopes to improve on its performance from a year ago, when Saint Mary's placed No. 22.

"I'd like to see at Regionals everybody do as well if not better than in the MIAA Championships because that's the kind of shape they should be in," Bauters said.

"And I would like to see that translate to us doing better in the region than we did last year."

Freshman Grace Foy said she expects the team to do exactly what its coach said.

I think everyone on the team is going to improve this weekend," she said, citing runners' improvements throughout the year.

Feauto said she hoped the Belles' improvements would put them in a better position to track down upper-tier conference foes in the race.

"I think we can take on Alma and stay with Kalamazoo," she said.

Last season, the Belles finished one place ahead of Alma in the Regionals.

Bauters said she changed the team's practice routine slightly as the season came to an end and the longer meets approached.

"We've just been doing quicker stuff this week," she said.

"Just faster turnover."

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By TIM KAISER
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He also said the strengths of the team are his players' athletic ability and the number of quality players that are on the roster.

"Our athleticism and the depth that we have will help us extend pressure on teams throughout the game," he said.

Bender said the Belles were exhausted by the end of the Bethel scrimmage, but that with this week's conditioning and the addition of three new girls to the squad, he thinks they will be able to keep up the intensity all game.

Tip-off tonight is at 7 p.m.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

No. 8 Irish look to regroup against Big East foes

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

Sometimes a team on a roll needs a loss to refocus or to rejuvenate.

The No. 8 Irish, whose 15-match winning streak ended Nov. 6 at Pittsburgh, would much rather have kept winning.

Still, the five-game loss might have been a fire for Notre Dame heading into the critical final weekend of the Big East regular season. The Irish face Villanova (20-8, 7-4 Big East) Saturday at 10 a.m. and Rutgers (16-10, 3-7 Big East) Sunday at 2 p.m., both at the Joyce Center.

"I think that loss was obviously hard," senior Lauren Brewster said of the loss to Pitt. "We were all really frustrated afterwards. What we're really trying to do is keep the right now coming together as a team. We're really trying to work on that.

Coach Debblie Brown agreed with her All-American player.

"Everyone was really disappointed," Brown said. "I guess we're doing all that we can to make sure that doesn't happen again, specifically getting in a situation where you're on the road, and you're up 2-0 and just not being able to finish it.

"I think the main thing is just to try to get back and work out, get some confidence back and focus back and feel good about what we can do as a team again.

Brewster said the team has refocused and is jumping for the opportunity, this weekend, to earn the top seed for next week's conference tournament.

"We're excited," she said. "Saturday we have Villanova first, and I think that we've kind of learned that you have to be cautious about everyone and respect every opponent. We're really looking forward to it. We haven't won the Big East yet, so we're excited to have this opportunity.

The season, 24 matches long thus far, comes down to this weekend.

"This weekend, the Irish control their own destiny. In fact, from here on out, they control their own conference destiny.

"We talked about what we're working towards all season," Brewster said.

As for having the second-longest winning streak in school history snapped, Brown said the team wasn't too worried about it. She wasn't exactly keeping track. Instead, she and the team took every match as just any other crucial competition.

"To be quite honest, we never talked about it," Brown said. "I honestly don't think it was real.

"It's a thought of the team about, 'Oh, oh, we're on this huge winning streak.' I think every time we went into a match we just felt like that we could compete and play well and win. It never even came up in a conversation. I honestly don't even know what it was — 13, 14? It was never a part of our thought process.

"Sometimes it could be said that you learn more from a loss than a win, and I think that remains to be seen," she said. "We've gotten back in the gym and practiced a little bit. We need to figure it out and play really well again, too. At this point, I'm for sure not glad that we lost. Certainly my hope is that it will make us better."

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Surging Irish hope for first-ever win at Michigan State

Challenging Spartans team hosts No. 18 ND

By JACK THORNTON
Sports Writer

Road meets always present a level of unfamiliarity, but tonight's match in East Lansing will provide Notre Dame with a few more unknown opponents than usual, both for individuals and the team as a whole.

"From what I understand, we as a program have never beaten Michigan State in their pool before, so we're looking to go in there and get a win for the first time," co-captain Patrick Heffernan said.

The timing seems just right for the fall of the Spartans. The Irish come in ranked No. 18 in the country, with a 2-1 record in dual meets. The team is also running on the momentum of its dramatic 122-121 win over Pittsburgh — Notre Dame's first-ever win at the Panthers' home pool.

Still, as evidenced at least once this fall, a victory over the Panthers is no sure sign of a win over Michigan State. The Spartans (1-2) have dropped their last two meets but have done so against the stiff competition of Purdue and Northwestern. While they have lost at both home and away, they hold home-pool advantages in their duals with the Irish.

The match will be the last in a string of three consecutive road meets for the Irish that started with the team's own encounter with Purdue on Oct. 29.

"It's tough being away from home. It's not just physically tiring but it's also a mental thing," sophomore Jay Vanden Berg said. "It's kind of tough not swimming in your home pool — that's just something you like to do."

The Charles McCaffrey pool has only six lanes, meaning the Irish will have one fewer entry in each event than the normal four. In order to win a tough match on the road, you have to bring everything you have with you. You have to bring energy, technique, training, rest and discipline, crowd and noise," Irish head coach Tim Welsh said. "We always want to swim well on the road and one of the goals for the season is to win tough meets on the road."

In other words, this win would be huge.

"It's not a revenge factor as much as a measure of improvement. We want to improve enough so that we can win those tough matches on the road," Welsh said.

In preparation for the Big East Championship at the end of the season, Welsh will be racing several of his swimmers in different events for the first time this season.

"At the Big East Championship, we will have three individual events, so we want to find out who we are, find out who might be on our relay this season," Welsh said.

Players are allowed to swim in only two individual events during the regular season, but the limit is raised to three for the February Big East meet.

"Generally we'd like people to be able to swim three events so we could get more points," Heffernan said.

One of the swimmers who the Irish will try to get in a third event is Vanden Berg. Vanden Berg has destroyed the competition in his two distance events (500-yard freestyle and 1,000 freestyle), winning both races in every dual meet this year.

"He's kicking butt," Heffernan said of Vanden Berg. "Our distance core in general has been huge in helping us win the meets, but Jay in particular has been doing really well and he's just been working really hard in the pool and in the meets."

Vanden Berg's latest victory hopefully set the tone for the Big East Championship.

"If you look at the 1,000-yard freestyle against Pitt, it was his best time of the season. But also two of [the Panther swimmers] went 1 and 2 in the Big East last year, so it was an important win for him and just an indicator of how well Jay is doing," Welsh said.

Welsh and the Irish hope Vanden Berg's dominance will help the team to its first win in East Lansing tonight.

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**MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY**

**Irish will try to run easily on Saturday**

*By Chris Khovery*

Plane expects team to earn an at-large bid if it doesn't win.

With the regular meet season behind them, the No. 5 Notre Dame men's cross country team is ready to take the first official step towards a possible national championship at Saturday's Great Lakes Regional Meet at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Irish head coach Joe Plane said the team's goal is to finish in the top two out of 35 schools in the meet, though he is not overly concerned with the team's finish in the race. Plane added that the Irish will send an automatic bid to the NCAA Championships Nov. 21, but Notre Dame can still earn a spot in the field with an at-large selection.

Plane said he is confident the No. 5 Irish will earn a spot in the championships with the quality opponents they have beaten in the regular meet season.

"(All) largest are chosen ... basically (based on whether you've defeated that has qualified," he said.

"For example, let's say we get the first place in our region, but Georgetown, Providence and Arizona get automatic bids. We would probably get a bid, because we've beaten those schools several times.

At No. 5 nationally, the Irish have little concern to qualify, as the NCAA selects 13 schools to complement 18 teams that earn a spot in the NCAA Championships with a top-two finish in one of nine regional meets.

Without much pressure, Plane said his team will try to relax and not get caught up in the fast start that is inevitable in a race expected to feature more than 200 competitors.

"We want to run conservatively," he said. "Frankly, we want to run with as little effort as possible and still qualify.

Teams often worry about collisions in races with fields as large as the regionals, but Plane said the course in Bloomington is well equipped to hold so many runners.

"We've run there in the past," he said. "It's a very fair course and it will handle the large field."

"They had a wonderful week of training last week, and this week has been of down time. We're ready."

Joe Plane
Irish coach

**ND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

**Connelly is confident for meet**

No. 5 Irish can guarantee a spot in NCAA Championship with win.

By Chris Khovery
Sports Writer

After winning the Big East Championship, the No. 4 Notre Dame women's cross country team set its sights on a higher goal: a national championship.

The Irish will take their first step towards that goal Saturday in Bloomington, Indiana at the Great Lakes Regional Meet.

Notre Dame needs a top-two finish to guarantee a spot in the National Championships but can also earn an at-large selection.

While Irish head coach Tim Connelly said he is confident about the team's chances to finish in the top two, he said that the Great Lakes is one of the nation's toughest regions, featuring several highly-ranked teams.

"Realistically there could be five to six teams from the Great Lakes Regionals that could go to the NCAA's," Connelly said.

"Michigan's ranked third in the country. Pitt was third in the Big East. Butler is ranked in the top 20 in the country. Indiana and Michigan State are each ranked in the top 20. It's a pretty strong region."

Despite the stiff competition, Connelly said his team is not intimidated by the field.

"We've really faced good competition all year," he said. "Our kids are not going to be overwhelmed running against good people in the NCAA's."

But if the Irish qualify for the NCAA Tournament, they will compete again Nov. 21 in Terre Haute, Ind.

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Irish look for first home win of season today

Notre Dame's new coach hopes to lead team over Gophers

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sport Writer

The women's swimming and diving team will attempt to get both its first home win and its first single meet win of the Carrie Nixon era this Friday when the Minnesota Gophers come to visit.

Notre Dame enters the meet coming off its first win of the season, a 138-105 defeat of Pittsburgh. The meet was the swimming team's strongest effort of the season as they won 7 out of 13 events. The result pushed Notre Dame's record to 1-2 on the season. Minnesota comes to South Bend off a close loss to No. 21 University of North Carolina. Despite the loss, Minnesota's record for the season stands at an impressive 4-2 mark.

The Irish, however, are not concerned with the difference in records. "I think the team feels that our record doesn't reflect how good we are," said junior swimmer Julia Quinn. "Every week we're going out trying to prove to the country that we're a top-20 team."

Quinn, who transferred to Notre Dame from Minnesota, is very familiar with the Gopher team and knows the Irish will be facing a tough test this week. "They have an excellent freshman class that they'll probably rely heavily on," she said. "They've all been swimming very well lately."

The Irish should be well-prepared for Friday's meet as Nixon put them through an extra difficult week of practice leading up to this meet. With next week reserved more for fine tuning everything before Notre Dame's own Invitational Meet, the Irish have put all their efforts into training this week.

The meet, originally scheduled for 5 p.m. today, has been rescheduled to 2 p.m. at the Rolfs Aquatic Center at Notre Dame.

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A backstroke swimmer waits for the whistle at the Dennis Starks relays on Oct. 7. The Irish took first with 240 points.
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throughout the year using both her arm and her legs.
The offense has been working hard all week long in practice to put in place a new offensive attack. The team seems confident it will put up the points it needs to compete with the heavily favored Cavanaugh team.
The Chaos have had no problems so far this year on either side of the ball. Lisa Ruffer and the Cavanaugh offense have been able to spread the ball in impressive fashion.
"We definitely like to utilize all of our receivers. They are all awesome," Ruffer said. But even the offensive efficiency is overshadowed by the consistently airtight defense of the Chaos. The team has allowed a total of six points the entire season.
The only score came in a 13-6 win over Putnam, which was the closest margin of victory the Chaos posted all year long. With scores like 6-6, 6-0 and 7-6, the Weasels are no slouches on defense either. The team allows fewer than 10 points a game on average and has pitched two shutouts this season.
"Our defense has got us out of a lot of tough spots and helped us win a lot of big games," captain Julie Putnam said.
"I think our chances are good despite being the underdogs," Putnam said. "Our team has a lot of spirit and pride, and we are just going to give it all we've got."
The Cavanaugh team is confident, but definitely isn't taking the Weasels lightly.
"We can't go in expecting anything, because on any given day, any team can win," Ruffer said.
The team's leaders are trying hard to treat the game as any normal contest, but with a chance to take an undefeated record into the Stadium, the task is easier said than done.

Walsh vs. Pangborn
The Wild Women of Walsh will try to make it to the finals for the second straight year this weekend, but have a tough opponent hoping to stop them in their tracks.

Walsh must take down the speedy Pangborn Phoxes this Sunday at 2 p.m. for a chance to defend its title in Notre Dame Stadium.

Both teams come into the contest with a 5-1 regular season record and one playoff win under their belts. The stage is set for a classic showdown, as the high-powered Walsh attack of Pangborn will try to crack the notoriously stingy Walsh defense.

The Phoxes' backfield combination of quarterback Katie Mooney and running backs Bryan Johnson and Trish Connelly have proved to be almost unstoppable this year, putting up as many as 34 points in a single game.

In last weekend's quarterfinal matchup, Mooney threw two passing touchdowns to her favorite target, Katie Walsh, in a 12-6 victory over the Welsh Family Whirlwinds. Johnson has been able to use her speed all year long to rack up double digits in touchdowns, including a 78-yard sprint against Breen-Phillips.

Pangborn's versatility makes the Phoxes a dangerous team.
"Our offense is adaptable — we can pass or run, which has allowed us to be really flexible this year," captain Katie Murray said.

Walsh will try to stop the multi-faceted Phoxes with a defense that puts it in good position to win games. The Wild Women boast a fearsome defense that puts it in good position to win games. The team is just as experienced in the backfield as the Phoxes are on offense.

"Our defense is adaptable — we can pass or run, which has allowed us to be really flexible this year," Murray said.

Putnam is confident going into Sunday's game.
"We know we can do it because we were there last year," Botta said.
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The women's basketball team gathers before tipoff against Ferris State on Thursday. The team won 94-45 before a home crowd.

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areas.

"We have to block out and we have to rebound," McGraw said. "That's going to be our emphasis this week."

The Bulldogs had a 22-21 edge in rebounds at halftime, despite trailing on the scoreboard 41-24. The Irish built the lead with an effective full court press that caused many of Ferris State's 31 turnovers for the game.

"I thought our press was successful in making them turn the ball over," McGraw said. "Also I thought our zone was pretty good. Our-man-to-

man was a little weak though."

Irish guard Tulyah Gaines, who recorded three steals in the game, said many of the turnovers were caused by hustling Irish defenders.

"I just try to get out there and play a scrap game and try to steal the ball," Gaines said.

Duffy and Gaines took turns playing point guard for the Irish. McGraw praised both players' versatility.

"I thought we had a lot of good spurs," McGraw said. "Tulyah defensively made things happen for us, she ran the ball well. Whenever we needed a basket, Meg was there to make the basket."

Duffy said playing point guard with Gaines at the point helped her find open shots, which led to her coming just one point shy of her career high of 25 points.

"With Tulyah at the point it takes a lot of pressure off me, especially going in the game," she said.

Schrader, a freshman, was the second-leading scorer for the Irish in only her second collegiate game. McGraw said her quick adjustment was due to her solid fundamentals coming out of high school.

"I wouldn't say I was surprised [with Schrader's contribution]," McGraw said. "Before the year I told her we wanted her to play the same way she did in high school."

Schrader admitted she still has room to grow, however.

"I definitely have to do more off the ball stuff," she said. "I think I can do OK stuff when I have the ball in my hands, but cutting and rolling and reading what the defense is doing is something I have to work on."

McGraw said she is still concerned with finding another consistent scorer after Duffy and Schrader.

"Now we have to find a third scorer," McGraw said. "It's probably going to be a post player."

Center Melissa D'Amico was the third-leading scorer for the Irish Thursday with 16 points.

Notre Dame got off to a fast start Thursday, racing out to a 28-9 lead midway through the first half. The Bulldogs managed to outscore the Irish 15-13 for the rest of the half, however, largely with second-chance baskets.

After halftime, Notre Dame jumped ahead quickly, going on a 33-8 run to take a 76-32 lead. From there the Irish coasted, allowing only 21 in second points while scoring 55 of their own.

The big lead gave McGraw a chance to use her bench, as 11 Notre Dame players saw action Thursday.

Notes:

* The Irish attempted 36 free throws to only six for the Bulldogs. Notre Dame connected on 27, or 75 percent, while Ferris State hit four, or 66 percent.

* Irish freshman forward Chandrica Smith did not play Thursday for academic reasons.

"She missed some academic obligations, so she missed the game. She'll be back in practice tomorrow," McGraw said.

* Notre Dame will open the regular season Nov. 18 against No. 19 Michigan at the Joyce Center. The Wolverines have won two exhibition games, against Athletes in Action Ohio Legends.

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standing performances from Matt Amado (1 goal, 1 assist), Erik Condra (3 assists) and T.J. Jindra (1 goal, 1 assist). Most notable was junior center Josh Sciba, who tallied three goals in the Irish victory. It was the first Notre Dame hat trick since Aaron Gill scored three in the 2004 CCHA Super Six 6-2 loss to Ohio State.

"If anybody can get three goals in a game for us, including our entire team, is a good thing," Jackson said of Sciba's performance. "I'm happy for Josh. He's been one of our most consistent players in the early stages of the season, so that's positive." The Irish broke a 4-2 lead wide open soon after the start of the third period, and they did it with style. Assistant captain Mike Walsh broke down the right side of the ice into the Bowling Green zone and blew past the Falcon defender to the outside before cutting to the front of the net and backhanding the puck over sprawled out Falcon keeper Jimmy Spratt (19 saves) to score. The game came 4:56 into the period and put the Irish advantage at 5-2. The Irish have scored just one power-play goal in the first two games, but have capitalized on the Falcon's mistakes.

Irish goalkeeper Jordan Pearce showed poise for a freshman, allowing only four goals in the Falcons' three-game season. "It feels good to score nine goals," Jackson said. "I can't remember if we've scored nine goals since I've been here, but we want another one tomorrow."

The Irish used the power play to perfection in the latter half of the first to gain on an early deficit. Bowling Green left winger Derek Whitmore was whistled for a five-minute checking from behind with 6:42 left in the period and the game misconduct at 14:54 of the first period, giving Notre Dame an extended two-man advantage.

Sciba wasted little time in capitalizing on the Falcon's third-straight power-play chance, as he steamrolled Bowling Green's net and found Sciba open on the right side. Sciba one-timed the disc. Wallace sealed the deal as he slid a shot along the ice between the left post and Falcons keeper Jimmy Spratt's right pad for the 2-1 Irish lead at 18:58.

Sciba struck again for his second of the night and Notre Dame's third-straight power-play goal at 8:57 of the second stanza off a crisp Condra pass. Condra controlled low near the point, made the pass, only to allow a rebound that the Irish center roofed on Spratt's right pad for the 3-1 lead at 8:57 of the second period.

Irish goalie Jordan Pearce made 20 saves on the game. "I was really pleased with their effort tonight for the most part," Jackson said. "There was a lot of positives from the game. I'm glad that we came out as well as we did. They played hard and they played smart." The Falcons struck first on a 2-on-1 rush 9:21 into the first period. Four Irish skaters got stuck in the Falcons' zone for a four-on-two backcheck and the Irish coughed up the puck. Bowling Green attacker Brett Pilkington fired a wrister over Pearce's right shoulder for the goal.

Irish goalmie Jordan Pearce made 20 saves on the game. "I made the saves he had to, and he made a couple that were really good," Jackson said.

The nine-goal victory is the first time the Irish have scored that many goals in a game since a 9-5 win over Western Michigan on Nov. 20, 1998. The Irish face the Falcons again at 7:35 p.m. tonight at the Joyce Center.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Coming out strong

Duffy leads team with 24 points in victory

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

Megan Duffy scored 24 points and Lindsay Schrader added 19 as the No. 15 Notre Dame women's basketball team crushed an overmatched Ferris State team 96-45 Thursday at the Joyce Center. Irish coach Muffet McGraw said despite the lopsided score, the team did not live up to her expectations in several areas out of the water.

Irish head coach Jeff Jackson walked into the locker room after Notre Dame's 9-4 drubbing of Bowling Green on Thursday night and let his team have it. Most teams would be ecstatic over trouncing a quality opponent like the Falcons, but not this Irish squad — and not under Jackson's watch. "I got mad at them," Jackson said of his post-game speech. "I thought we were real sloppy in the last 10 minutes of the game. We took some penalties we shouldn't have taken, and we turned the puck over. This group has got to learn how to win." Jackson praised aspects of his team's game, notably the special teams area, a sore spot for the Irish thus far. But Thursday was a different story, as they scored four power play goals but struggled slightly on the penalty kill after allowing two in with a man down. The Irish were solid up and down the lineup, with out

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HOCKEY

Sciba notches hat trick in 9-4 victory

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Chaos, Walsh hope to return to Stadium

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

There's only one obstacle left remaining between Cavanaugh and a trip to Notre Dame Stadium. The undefeated Chaos squad has flown through its first seven games unscathed, blowing most of its opponents out of the water.

Their opponent Sunday at 1 p.m., fifth-ranked Pasquerilla West, needed overtime to get past McGlinn into the semifinals. The 6-0 victory was almost expected from the Purple Weasels, who have played in eight games all year long. Pasquerilla West finished the season with two wins and two ties. The team will need another big game from its defense, which has given the Weasels a chance in each of their games. Quarterback Cara Davies has also been able to come up with clutch scoring plays.

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ND to continue Navy series

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Notre Dame and Navy will extend their historic series for at least another 10 years, according to a statement released on the Notre Dame athletic Web site Thursda

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Notre Dame begins its quest for a second straight national title tonight against Valparaiso at Alumni Field.
Navy rivalry more than football

It's more than just a football game. By now we all know that Notre Dame has beaten Navy the past 41 years. We all know that none other than Rüger Staubach was the last Midshipmen quarterback to beat the Irish. But what we sometimes forget is that the Navy-Notre Dame game is always about more than football. It's about pride. It's about passion. It's about calling itself Irish.

And so Notre Dame's enrollment increased, and the school survived through the war as its academics and Catholic identity and its ability to balance that with athletic excellence. Navy is revered for the men and women that make a commitment to serve their country, all while maintaining Division-I athletic programs. "We understand that these are dedicated Navy men," Irish running back Darius Walker said. "These are the guys that are fighting for the country. We have much respect for these guys and the things they are doing out there. For them, football is kind of like a leisure activity. It's one of those fun things they do, so they're really playing for the love of the game." And among all of this, what about football? What about the 79 consecutive years Navy and Notre Dame have battled on the gridiron? Well, every year Navy gets closer to getting a win. In 2002, it was Notre Damequarterback Carlyle Holiday who stepped up and made two plays with the Irish down eight late in the game. He first hit Omar Jenkins to set up the tying touchdown and then hit Jenkins again for a 67-yard touchdown pass with 2:08 remaining to give Notre Dame a 30-23 win against Navy, who was 1-8 at the time.

Two years ago it was Irish kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick's 40-yard field goal as time expired that allowed the Irish to escape 27-24 at home. Last year, Notre Dame finally beat Navy by a larger margin, 27-9, dealing the Midshipmen their first loss of the season. And so the Navy-Notre Dame rivalry has become loss of Notre Dame beating up on Navy as it has been some close games. But in 2003, even as Irish fans were jumping up and down with excitement as Fitzpatrick's kick fluttered through the uprights, they soon calmed down as Navy left Notre Dame Stadium through the tunnel on their end of the stadium. "U-S-A, U-S-A," the student section chanted as the Midshipmen ran through the tunnel.

"Every time we play Navy they play with all their heart. Those guys are the type of guys who go on and... sacrifice their lives for our country." The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact: Heather Van Hoegarden at heavanhoegarden@nd.edu.

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Senior wideout Maurice Stovall has coaches, teammates — and himself — 'singing praises'

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame proclaimed its 'Return to Glory' three seasons ago, Snovall — a freshman — involuntarily became the face of the campaign.

Sports Illustrated threw a photo of Stovall's touchdown catch against Michigan State on its front cover. Even in the country could identify the tall wide receiver from Philadelphia.

The hype around the program grew. The profile of Stovall grew even larger — he had been a first-year USA Today All American in high school. And then, with no warning and only a silly SI ruse to blame, the Irish and Stovall both sank off the national radar.

For three seasons, Stovall was a prominent player in an unproductive offense, catching just six total touchdowns. He swears the cover photo had nothing to do with his performance.

"It didn't put any pressure on me at all," Stovall said. "You can't allow stuff like that to affect you."

No matter now. In his senior season, Stovall has morphed into a consistent playmaker receiver who can pose mismatches and exploit defensive holes with his 6-foot-5 frame. And don't let the sudden production fool you. Stovall insists his game now has been in South Bend all along.

The Stovall hype could just have everything really thrown into one season," Stovall said. "It's basically a build-up of seasons from your freshman year. And... because of the changing of our program, you've given more opportunity to showcase your skills and your talents and be able to do that consistently on a basis with the type of offense that we have.

Maybe that explains why Notre Dame's senior wideout never passes this season (61) than he did in his first three seasons combined (61). Maybe that explains why he's caught the same amount of touchdowns through eight games (six) that he did from 2002 to 2004.

But maybe it has nothing to do with football.

Through the grapevine "Mo" is old school. His teammates tell him, and he knows it.

The description doesn't fit his personality, though, as much as it fits his musical tastes. But then maybe again it does describe Stovall's personality since, as running back Darius Walker puts it, "off the field and even on the field, Mo is a singer."

Stovall constantly keeps a tune, and not only in his head. The senior receiver takes his vocals and his smooth attitude from the shower to the locker room to the practice field, ranging in musical tastes from Barry White to Marvin Gaye to the Temptations and beyond.

"He'll throw on... all sorts of things from back in the day," Walker said.

It's this laid-back attitude, combined with a resilient work ethic, that makes Stovall a well-liked and respected member of the Irish squad.

Nine plays at Archbishop Carroll in Philadelphia, Stovall said he has always brought the same attitude to football and to life — he has fun and works hard.

"Every time we see him, he's singing," Walker said. "Every time we're at practice, he's singing. And it really helps to sort of create a calm atmosphere for us. It's not so serious all the time."

"It's really good to be able to let go a little bit and to play around a little bit in the huddle. Even sometimes in the games he'll joke around."

But once the huddle has broken this season, Stovall has reversed roles, wiping the smiles one-by-one off opposing defenders' faces.

The senior receiver has 42 catches in eight games for 682 total yards, an average of 15.9 yards per catch, second only to Jeff Samardzija (17.2). Stovall's 83.2 yards per game average absolutely helps as an immediate threat to upcoming opponents.

"If you're catching more passes was only half the battle, Stovall climbed back not only into a regular rhythm — he always played significant minutes — but into a complete receiver."

A firm stance

Samardzija broke two records in Notre Dame's win against Tennessee last Saturday. Strong safety Tom Zbikowski scored two return touchdowns. But coach Charlie Weis had only one favorite individual performance after reviewing the game tape.

"The guy I was pleased with the most was actually Maurice Stovall," Weis said at his Sunday press conference. "He only had a couple catches on the game and one for a touchdown, but he made several critical blocks in this game and ended up leading us to having production. Sometimes we single out stats guys rather than things that happen in a game that help us win.""

At two turning points in the win over the Volunteers, Stovall made key blocks to free up big plays for Notre Dame.

Stovall made the final block that sprung tight end Anthony Fasano for Notre Dame's first touchdown of the contest. He also helped pave the way for Samardzija on a 73-yard completion down to the Tennessee 2-yard line.

And Walker said Stovall's role in those plays must not go unnoticed.

"The receiver's block is... not only important for me, but it's important for the other receivers as they're running their routes," Walker said. "In order for a player to work and in order for it to be a big play, I think the receivers have to get the blocks."

"Whenever you see me running down the sideline or right end Anthony Fasano running down the sideline, that means one of the receivers made their block."

Stovall's example on the field has caused some of Walker to view him as a leader. And the production — he is catching passes or playing defenders on their backs — could have NFL scouts licking their chops for a proven 6-foot-5 threat.

Irish receiver Maurice Stovall celebrates after a second-quarter touchdown Saturday against Tennessee.

Stovall, though, said his focus remains at Notre Dame — for now.

"I think about [the NFL] sometimes but not a lot," he said. "I'm just basically trying to enjoy the rest of my college season with my teammates, this great facility here, this campus and then we'll take it from there."

A lighter option

Stovall's sudden resurgence has provoked numerous conjectures on its origin. Some, as Stovall suggested, credit Weis' prolific offense. Some credit quarterback Brady Quinn. But Stovall is skit of hearing how his weight affects his play following the well-documented story of Wells telling Stovall to drop a few pounds at the beginning of spring practice.

"My weight loss has been a factor in my change of play, but that's not everything," Stovall said. "That's not it. I think a lot of people think that the reason I'm doing so well is just because of my weight. It's not that at all."

It's a buildup of things mentally, physically and emotionally."

He has proven that he, as an experienced senior, can use these emotions to benefit himself and the Irish on the field.

"When you see a player like that, it really rubs off on everybody else," Walker said.

But some of the emotion sneaks out in the form of song, and Walker is not as quick to throw praise Stovall's way.

"He thinks he's a good singer. He's an alright singer in my opinion, but he really thinks he's a good singer," the running back said. "You know how those guys are when they really think they can do something? They sort of oversell it."

But after shrugging off early career setbacks, Stovall now readily dispatches of any criticism.

"No, I don't think I'm a good singer," Stovall said, a wink all but implied. "My teammates do."

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Irish receiver Maurice Stovall and fullback Tony Gallo celebrate after a second-quarter touchdown Saturday against Tennessee.

Stovall downs for a Brady Quinn pass Saturday against Tennessee. The senior had two catches and a touchdown.

Increase in Notre Dame's total offensive yards per game from last year's total. This is the second best improvement in the country, behind No.1 Southern California.

128.5
11 Notre Dame's BCS rank. The Irish were ranked No.14 before their win over Tennessee.

Points Navy scored in the first quarter in Saturday's 49-21 victory over Tulane. It was the most points Navy scored in a first quarter since Nov. 22, 2003.

28 Number of Navy rushing touchdowns scored this season, compared to the team's four passing scores.

Consecutive sellouts at Notre Dame Stadium. The first 130 came when the Stadium seated 59,675 people.

41 Consecutive games Notre Dame has beaten Navy, the longest streak in the nation.
Charlie Weis first season at Notre Dame career record:
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Nov. 26 at Stanford

Notre Dame Offense

Paul Johnson has led Navy to 18 wins in the past two seasons after the program had just two winning seasons in the previous 20 years. He led Navy to a 34-19 win over New Mexico in last year's Emerald Bowl and is 25-19 in his four years in Annapolis.

Senior Lamar Owens owns three 100-yard rushing games this season in Navy's option offense. He has racked up 585 yards rushing and 936 passing yards with four touchdowns in 2005 while leading Navy to a 5-3 record and the cusp of bowl eligibility.

Quinn has capitalized the Irish offense into up 10-0 and has tossed a school-record 23 scoring passes in the season. He has thrown touchdown passes in each of the past 13 games for Notre Dame. The third-year starter has 299 attempts this season with just four interceptions.

After a hot start that included four consecutive 100-yard games, Walker has slowed recently. He ran for just 62 yards last week against Tennessee. Fullback Rashon Powers-Neal has six TDs on the season but has not played since Oct. 1 at Purdue due to undisclosed reasons.

Navy is allowing 159.4 rushing yards per game and have given up 15 touchdowns on the ground this season. Nose guard Larry Cely is only 265 pounds but has 25 tackles and talled a forced fumble. Linebacker Rob Caldwell leads Navy with 96 tackles.

Johnson has taken a Navy program from the depths of college football to respectability. Weis has also brought in a hard-nosed defense, ranking the Irish defense 18th in the nation at a BCS bowl in 2005. Weis' play-calling will be tested by Johnson's ability to motivate his understated team.

Quinn is having one of the greatest statistical seasons in Irish history, racking up 23 TD passes. Owens is a sophomore, a tough runner and must be credited for leading Navy to a winning record. Quinn's accurate arm and leadership gives him the edge.

Notre Dame has not dominated on the ground in the past several games. But its size and athletic advantage should make running successfully possible on Saturday. Daruis Walker and Travis Thomas will be a tough duo to stop for the Notre defense line.

Notre Dame is one of the best pass teams in the country while the Midshipmen defensive backs are young and short — no starting cornerback is over 6-feet tall. Quinn has a 23 touchdowns and only four interceptions. Navy should have its hands full with Stoval and Samardzija.

Quinn has teamed with Maurrice Stoval and Jeff Samardzija to put together one of the best statistical seasons in Notre history. Stoval rushed four TDs in Notre Dame's 49-23 win over BYU on Oct. 22 while Samardzija has caught at least one touchdown in every game this season.

Notre Dame has scored fewer than 30 points only one time this season. That statement will likely hold true following the game with the Midshipmen on Saturday.

Navy presents a unique opponent and throws the Irish defense a curveball, but Notre Dame will run the ball right back at Navy, control the clock and win running away.

This isn't the year that Navy ends its 41-game losing streak to Notre Dame. The Irish will overpower the Midshipmen up front and Darius Walker and Travis Thomas will have a field day. Navy's offense will give the Irish a hard time at first, but Notre Dame's size and speed will be too much. After Saturday, the Irish will be one game closer to that BCS bid.
Navy Midshipmen

Midshipmen Rushing Midshipmen Passing

The injury of defensive end Chris Frome has hurt the Irish rush defense too much as ends Justin Brown and Ronald Talley have filled in nicely. Notre Dame has held opponents to 117.8 yards per game on the ground and 1.3 rushing touchdowns this season.

Navy is currently No. 2 nationally in rushing defense, with 281.6 yards per game. But no player on the roster is averaging over 100 yards per contest as Owens leads the team with a 73.1 yard average. Six players have tallied over 100 total rushing yards this season, as Navy has 29 TDs on the ground.

Navy has one of the best rushing teams in the country with 241.6 yards per game and is leading the attack, with Nico Johnson, Taron Boykin and Zach Collings leading the charge. Johnson is an option for the Notre Dame defensive line.

Navy threw rarely but does average 19.2 yards per reception. The Notre Dame secondary is not the best unit on the team, but Irish cornerbacks Mike Richardson and Ambrose Woodie are impressing. If the Irish avoid getting fooled by a play-action pass, they should be fine.

Zbikowski is currently third in the nation in punts returns with an average of 19.7 yards per return. He had a 69-yard return for a score against USC and brought back a punt 78 yards for a touchdown last week against Tennessee. Fitzpatrick is 9-11 on field goals for the season.

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Tomlinson has returned nine punts this year for an average of 7.4 yards per return. But Karl Whittaker has excelled at returning kicks as he has 12 returns for a 25.2 yard average. Kicker Joe Bulen hasn't missed an extra point on 32 attempts this season while converting 7-of-10 field goal tries.

Zbikowski is a threat to score on every return. But Whittaker is also a key component of Navy's upset bid. A "special teams touchdown could keep the Midshipmen in the game. Fitzpatrick hit the game-winner the last time Navy came to South Bend.

Notre Dame is confident after beating what was supposed to be the second toughest team on its schedule in last week's 41-21 win over Tennessee. The Irish offense is hot and the squad needs to win the season's final three games, two at home, for a possible BCS spot.

Irish experts
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total yards allowed | 341.6 | 409.4
rushing yards gained | 139.6 | 282.6
rushing yards allowed | 159.4 | 282.6
passing yards gained | 182.3 | 117.8
passing yards allowed | 334.4 | 127.3
kick return yards gained | 54.3 | 109.8
kick return yards allowed | 87.4 | 291.6
punt return yards gained | 0.5 | 77.5
punt return yards allowed | 39.4 | 17.4
yards per punt | 39.3 | 8.5
punts blocked (total) | 0 | 5
turnovers lost (total) | 11 | 19
turnovers recovered (total) | 14 | 16
total points scored | 38.3 | 17.4
total points allowed | 28.1 | 24.8

Notre Dame yards penalized | 37.8 | 65.5
Tennessee yards penalized

Trevor Laws, Victor Abiamiri, above, and Derek Landri anchor a defensive line that is giving up 118 yards per game on the ground. Last week against Tennessee, the Irish held the Vols to 109 yards on 39 rushes (2.8 yards per carry). Against Michigan on Sept. 3, the Irish limited Wolverines running back Kevin Grady to 79 yards (Mike Hart was knocked out of the game).

The key for the Irish will be stopping Navy’s option. Navy will run, and run often, as the Midshipmen average 283 rushing yards per game — second in the country behind Minnesota (291). Last week against Tulane, Navy ran for 418 yards. Quarterback Lamar Owens leads Navy in rushing with 136 attempts for 719 yards and five touchdowns. Fullback Matt Hall has 98 carries for 485 and six touchdowns. In total, the Midshipmen average 5.3 yards per carry.

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Irish defense has task of stopping option

Notre Dame tackles Laws and Landri aim to silence Navy

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Despite a 5-3 record and closed-door Spring Bowl workout, Notre Dame's defense, led by second-year linebacker Brady Quinn, is expected to be a top-20 unit. Landri and Laws both recorded at least 30 tackles last season, and both averaged more than five tackles per game. Landri was named All-America last year, and Laws was named All-Big East. The duo are projected to be the anchors of the Notre Dame defense.

Landri and Laws are both 6-foot-5, 250-pound rush ends who have been key to Notre Dame's success. The duo has combined for 50 tackles and 15 sacks in the last two seasons, making them one of the top defensive tandems in the country.

The Irish defense is expected to be one of the best in the country, with Landri and Laws both projected to be All-Americans. The duo has been a key part of Notre Dame's success in recent years, and they will be counted on to lead the Irish defense once again this season.

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Irish attacks with small, quick O-line

Irish line outweighs opponent by 25 lbs

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Notre Dame faced one of the most prolific scoring offenses in all of football in its game against No. 1 Southern California on Oct. 15. Its most unique challenge this season might come Saturday against Navy.

The Midshipmen offense has posed problems for opposing defenses this season. Navy is No. 2 in the nation in rushing with 282.6 yards per game. But Notre Dame's rush defense is only surrendering 117.8 yards per contest this season.

Irish defensive tackle Derek Landri and Trevor Laws have helped the Irish hold opponents to 3.8 yards per carry and 13 touchdowns on the ground. Landri has 23 total tackles in 2005, including a sack and five tackles for loss. Laws has 21 tackles on the season, highlighted by a sack of USC quarterback Matt Leinart in the fourth quarter of a 34-31 Irish loss to the Trojans.

As anchors of the middle of the Notre Dame defensive line, the duo believe they will need their best efforts to stop Navy and quarterback Lamar Owens and an option offense rarely seen anymore in college football.

Backup Notre Dame defensive tackle Brian Biedatsch, who rotates with Laws and Landri, is confident in his teammates' ability to contain the option.

"They're definitely two talented guys," Biedatsch said. "They're very quick and strong for their size. I think both of their major attributes are their quickness and their ability to make a play."

The duo both came to Notre Dame with bulky accolades out of high school. Landri was listed as the No. 1 linemen on the Parade All-America team as well as being named the California state player of the year in 2001 as a linemen at De La Salle High School. Laws went 424-2 in his wrestling career at Apple Valley High School in Minnesota and was ranked No. 1 in the nation at heavyweight. He was also named a first-team football All-American by ESPN.com.

Biedatsch thinks Laws' and Landri's athletic backgrounds will be key when facing the small and quick Navy offensive linemen.

"They can play the run but at the same time they can be very dangerous in the passing game (by) getting a sack," Biedatsch said. "They are just a headache for offensive linemen."

Landri certainly was a headache for Navy during last season's win.

He recorded six tackles, including one sack, and also scooped up a fumble recovery while leading a Notre Dame Navy defense that sacked Navy quarterbacks six times in a 27-9 Irish win at The Meadowlands.

Laws had enough tackles in the game last season, a matchup in which Navy crossed midfield only once during the first half. The Irish were able to hold star Navy running back Kyle Eckel to 102 yards on the ground.

Still, this is a different season and Notre Dame says it is prepared for a hungry Navy squad that needs only one more win to clinch a bowl berth, as well as to snap a 41-game winning streak against the Irish.

"We're a new team," Landri said. "Last year's last year, but hopefully I can repeat what I did ... and be consistent."

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**BETTER TOPPINGS**

- Ham
- Pepperoni
- Spicy Italian Sausage
- Sausage
- Bacon
- Tomatoes
- Beef
- Anchovies
- Extra Cheese
- Mushrooms
- Onions
- Black Olives
- Green Peppers
- Jalapeño Peppers
- Banana Peppers
- Pineapple
- Grilled Chicken
- Fresh Sliced Tomatoes

**EXTRAS**

- wings
- breadsticks
- chicken strips
- cheese sticks
- Coca-Cola® Products

**PAPA PREDICTS**

- Notre Dame 49
- Navy 24

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