Police ejet, cite, arrest 61 at game
Liquor law violations prompt action Saturday; police also uncover counterfeit football tickets

By KATE ANTONACCI
New Editor

Police ejected 29 people from Notre Dame Stadium for alcohol related violations during Saturday's home football game against UCLA.

Two people were also arrested at the stadium — an adult for public intoxication and a student "for allegedly punching another student in the face and causing an injury," Associate Director of Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) Phil Johnson said in an e-mail Monday.

Twenty-three arrest tickets were issued to adults for violations of liquor laws and four tickets were issued to juveniles for the same violation outside the stadium. Johnson said.

Police made seven custodial arrests outside the stadium — two for public intoxication, two for violation of liquor laws and public intoxication, two for liquor law violations, false informing and resisting law enforcement and one for liquor violation, false informing and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, Johnson said.

One juvenile was arrested for selling counterfeit tickets and was brought to the county juvenile justice center. Three other warnings were issued for "re-selling tickets on campus," Johnson said.

Arrested offenders were transported to St. Joseph County Jail.

Two people were sent to area hospitals by ambulance due to alcohol violations.

White discloses details of JACC donation

$5 million will go to hospitality room and stadium club

By KEN FOWLER
New Writer

With Notre Dame still searching for the final donations for its $24.7 million plan to renovate the south dome of the Joyce Center, athletic director Kevin White continued his media push to gain momentum on the project this weekend, announcing "a very significant piece of the project."

White announced Friday a $5 million "lead gift" by the family of Major League Baseball's Tampa Bay Devil Rays and a 1995 graduate of Notre Dame. The gift is part of the $22 million dollars donors already had pledged to the University.

"The inspiration (for the donation) was the school being in need," Naimoli said. "It's helping our programs in any small way. I'd be happy with that. ... If there's one thing we can do to honor [former Executive Vice President Father Ned Joyce's memory], we wanted to do it.

White said the Naimoli gift would be earmarked for the planned 16,000 square-foot stadium club and hospitality area, which will be tied to approximately 800 seats at the south end of the arena. The south dome will be renamed Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center after Philip J. Purcell III, a Notre Dame Trustee.

Students cheer during the UCLA game Saturday. Police addressed alcohol violations both before and during the game.

Students positive after narrow win

By PATRICK CASSIDY
New Writer

Students who returned early from fall break for the Notre Dame-UCLA game Saturday witnessed a nail-biting win that brought the Fighting Irish record to 6-1.

Even without their starting quarterback, the 4-2 UCLA Bruins still put a serious scare into the Irish and their fans-pumping fans. With just 27 seconds remaining, Notre Dame was down 17-13.

"UCLA's defense was very impressive," junior Brian Caman said. "It's a little disconcerting after the last couple games that our offense hasn't been able to kick it into full gear."

Despite the solid UCLA defense, the Irish were able to drive the ball inside the 35-yard line with 2:25 remaining. But the team's hopes seemed to be dashed when Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn failed to reach a first down on his fourth QR sneak of the drive.

Many students, however, were as surprised as the visitors when representatives from GuluWalk United States and Cameroon, two non-profit organizations, were invited to speak at the halftime show.

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GuluWalk unites Uganda, ND

By LAURA BODEIN
News Writer

About 30,000 people in more than 80 cities and 15 countries mobilized Sunday for GuluWalk Day, an event organized to support the abandoned children in Northern Uganda — and nearly 150 of those walkers hailed from Notre Dame and the South Bend community.

Walkers braved the cold and rain to walk from the Potawatomi Zoo to the gymnasium of Indiana University of South Bend, a co-sponsor of the event, to promote peace in war-torn northern Uganda.

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Verizon optimized on campus

Company improves service over fall break

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

Plagued by delays throughout the summer and fall, the University's plan to improve cellular telephone service was finally completed over fall break when Verizon optimized its service on campus.

Both Cingular and Verizon entered into agreements with the University last spring to begin an antenna installation project during the summer.

The project's goal, said Gordon Wishon, chief information officer for the Office of Information Technologies, was to provide enhanced cell phone service on campus by the first home football game. Cingular achieved the goal in September, but because Verizon lacked the equipment to connect the campus antennas to its nationwide network, it lagged behind.

Verizon had originally expected the equipment to arrive after football season, but the company made some changes, Wishon said.

"We wanted delivery of that equipment. In order to get it in time for the UCLA game," he said. "They were successful in getting it installed, just not in time.

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mers of Verizon on campus said this is not a fringe issue but one that citizens from every corner of

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Fried Coke is a big hit

CHICAGO — Fried Coke has become the latest artery-clogging hit at state fairs, local media reports.

The goopy Coke-battered nuggets topped with cola syrup won the "most creative" title at the Texas state fair in Dallas last month. Since then, the deep-fried phenomenon has spread to North Carolina and Arizona.

"We've been getting calls from everywhere since we introduced it," Elizabeth Martin, a spokeswoman for the North Carolina fair, told the Dallas Morning News. "Everyone wants to know where they can get it."

Fried treats are as big as a draw at state fairs as the rides and prize-winning farm animals. Twinkies, cookies and even pickles are stack with a stick, dipped in batter and then seared in the deep fryer.

Boston breaks pumpkin record

BOSTON — Boston's nickname is Beantown, but Pumpkins might also apply now. Bostonians on Saturday hit 30.124 pumpkins on Boston Common, shatter the record for the most jack-o'-lanterns lit in one place.

"It's fantastic," said Jim Laughlin, a spokesman for Life is Good, the Boston clothing company that sponsored the event. "We've been going after this record for a long time."

The old record of 28,952 lit pumpkins had been held since 2003 by Keene, N.H. That city tried to keep up with their own attempt Saturday, but lit only 24,682 pumpkins.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Leaders discuss co-sponsorships

Members address self-defense class and College Dance Team

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance members addressed the co-sponsorship of a self-defense event and the Saint Mary's College Dance Team this week.

Off-Campus commissioner Ashley Harrison presented information about the self-defense event, which will be open to on and off campus students, as well as faculty and staff, if space permits.

"It is good, comprehensive training that everyone should be able to do," Gariepy said.

"The program will teach participants how to get out of hazardous situations, while making the maneuvers easy to implement." Harrison said. Students will get priority in the class and the remaining spaces will be used for faculty and staff members. The class will meet three times for an hour and 15 minutes.

"Students will be provided with comprehensive training that everyone should be able to do," Gariepy said. "It is well, easy to implement."

"We are already in full swing," Davis said. "We want to keep the club running for next year too."

In other BOG news:

- There will be a majors fair today at 5:30 p.m. in Haggard Hall for students who have not decided what they wish to study. Pizza will be provided.

- There will be a Pumpkin Carving Contest today in the dining hall. Teams of two to four can participate. Prizes will be awarded to the students with the best carvings.

- Haunted Tunnels will be Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. Tunnels are $3 this week outside the dining hall and $5 at the door.

- October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Tomorrow, the documentary "Broken Vows" will be playing in Madeleva Hall at 8 p.m. in room 249.

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the improved service was a pleasant surprise. After pursing Irish paraphernalia at the Bookstore Monday afternoon, Cermak couldn't decide on a sweatshirt color for her mom. She quickly reached for her cell phone, but was doubtful she would get a signal. She pushed the green "talk" button anyway. "It actually went through, which is unusual," Cermak said, "I've done that earlier this year, and it didn't work."

Sophomore Verizon customer Mikalyn Steinbrueck is also grateful for the improvements. A chronic oversleeper, Steinbrueck relies on her parents' persistent phone calls to rouse her — a method that proved faulty last year when she was a freshman in the basement of Pangborn, where she had no cell phone service. Her parents had to call the dorm phone every morning, which her slumbering roommate did not appreciate.

"We ended up having to switch roommates at the semester," Steinbrueck said. "Then I went to the second floor, and I didn't get service there either." When the University announced it would stop providing in-room telephones beginning this year, the Steinbruecks planned to pay the additional cost to have one in Mikalyn's room. But once she got to campus, she said, there was no need.

"It works fantastically. I get service basically everywhere on campus," Steinbrueck said. "Some game weekends, it doesn't work as well as normally, but I can definitely see an improvement from last year."

And although Verizon predicted dropped calls during the four-day optimization process last week, Steinbrueck's service remained steady. "I was here during [fall] break, and I heard that the system was supposed to go down, but I didn't have any problems at all with my cell phone," she said. "I've had perfect service."

Now, the wake-up call that comes in each morning (on a crystal-clear five-bar signal) is just loud enough for Steinbrueck — and quiet enough to be ignored by her snoozing roommate.

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still had faith in their team. "He knows what he's doing," freshman Matt Gore said about Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis' five attempts on fourth down. "But it is a very interesting call against a tough UCLA run defense."

After two quick passes, the Irish were past the 50-yard line — but time was running out. As Quinn was flushed out of the pocket, wide receiver Jeff Samardzija followed him across the field, made the catch and weaved his way towards the end zone. On his 45-yard trip to the end zone, Samardzija broke UCLA tackles and dashed Bruins fans' spirits. As students embraced each other in excitement, the Fighting Irish football team made its second touchdown return come back of the 2006 season. "Did they even kick the point after?" asked freshman Steve Rivers. "I was too busy celebrating and I even lost my shoes. It was crazy."

But some fans thought student enthusiasm seemed muted.

"UCLA fans were louder than us at times," sophomore Alexandria Badewig said. "It's sad because our team needs our support but after [fall] break the student section seemed empty."

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Introduction, Johnson said. In addition, one person was issued a "trespass warning for urinating in a public place."

NDSP was assisted outside the stadium by Indiana State Excise Police, South Bend Police and St. Joseph County Police.

"Patriots of parking lots to promote a family friendly game day environment and to enforce Indiana laws regarding alcohol is not an undercover operation," Johnson said. "These patrols will continue for the next home football game."

Johnson did not specify whether preliminary breath tests (PBTs) were used or if police officers were in uniform or plain clothes. "NDSP will continue to work with other area police officials for the next home football game," Johnson said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Protestant, Catholic meet in Belfast
BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Northern Ireland's dominant Protestant leader, who has long denounced the Roman Catholic Church as corrupt and heretical, held talks Monday for the first time with the head of the church in Ireland.

The talks held in a small meeting room with an ornate chandelier were heralded as a historic event in Northern Ireland, where the central goal of the Good Friday peace accord is the establishment of power sharing, a key element of the Irish peace process.

British and Ireland, which are leading three days of multiparty negotiations starting Wednesday in Scotland, have given the Northern Ireland Assembly a Nov. 24 deadline to form a power-sharing Protestant administration or be shut down.

Tree caused May crash killing 10
KABUL, Afghanistan — A helicopter crash that killed 10 U.S. soldiers last May was caused by a series of mishaps, a new report concluded. The crash included a nighttime landing on a small mountain top, trees that were too close to the runway and soldiers who lacked experience in mountain-vous.

Major Hackathorn, a military spokesman at the U.S. base at Bagram, north of Kabul, said on Monday that the May crash came "as a very hard lesson" in the difficulties of flying in Afghanistan.

The CJ-47 Chinook — a large transport helicopter with two overhead rotors — had such a small landing zone that only its two rear wheels could touch down, while its front two wheels hove off the mountain's side, the report from the Accident Investigation Division of the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center found.

Afghan civilians killed in raid
KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — At least 24 civilians were killed when Afghan and U.S. forces pounded a city with rockets and heavy artillery after getting an intelligence tip that there were Taliban fighters hiding there.

The White House said Monday that the raid was justified and that it was a blow to al-Qaida. The raid also raised questions about the practice of going after suspected terrorists on the basis of intelligence that may not be reliable.

Afghanistan's deputy defense minister, a top government official, said the U.S.-sponsored operation had been "improper" and had killed innocent civilians.

The Associated Press

IRAQ

Shiite militia hunts down police

Anti-American cleric's loyal re-emerge in south; 4 killed in rival militia violence

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Militiamen loyal to an anti-American cleric re-emerged Monday in the southern city of Amarah, hunting down and killing four policemen from a rival militia in a brutal Shiite-on-Shiite struggle.

The Iraqi army set up a few roadblocks but did not interfere in the movement of Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army fighters after they killed the streets. The latest attacks came despite a public call by al-Sadr to halt the tribal vendetta, suggesting that splinter groups were developing within his militia.

The spread of revenge killings among Shias in their southern heartland has opened a new and ominous front as American forces struggle to control insurgent and sectarian bloodshed to the north — especially in Baghdad.

In the capital, the U.S. military reported that a soldier was killed Monday night and that American and Iraqi forces were securing the area where he was last seen. The soldier's death, on the outskirts of Baghdad, is what officials described as a "targeted killing" by a Shia group.

Iraqi soldiers stand guard at a police station destroyed in fighting in Friday in Amarah, a city 200 miles southeast of Baghdad Saturday.

Of the dead, one was a police officer, who was killed by a roadside bomb. The other three were members of the Mahdi Army, which had been fighting against the police for several days.

The Associated Press

Lower standards raise recruits

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Google in deal to buy YouTube

Internet leader dismissing copyright concerns to obtain video-sharing company

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Internet search leader Google Inc. is mapping up YouTube for $1.65 billion, brushing aside copyright concerns to seize a starring role in the online video revolution.

The all-stock deal announced Monday unites one of the Internet's marquee companies with one of its rapidly rising stars. It came just a few hours after YouTube's parent said it would face to show outsized returns are intense.

Although some cynics have questioned YouTube's staying power, Google is betting that the popular video-sharing site will provide it an increasingly lucrative marketing hub as more viewers and advertisers migrate from television to the Internet.

'This is the next step in the evolution of the Internet, said Google Chief Executive Officer Eric Schmidt at a conference call Monday. YouTube will continue to retain its brand, its new headquarters in San Bruno and all 67 employees, including co-founders Chad Hurley and Steve Chen. Meanwhile, Google will continue to run a popular video service on its own site.

The deal is expected to close before the end of the year.

"I'm confident that with the partnership we'll have the flexibility and resources needed to pursue our goal of building the next-generation platform for serving media worldwide," said Hurley, YouTube's 29-year-old CEO.

Schmidt thinks so highly of Hurley and Chen, 27, that he compared them to Google's now 33-year-old co-founders, Sergey Brin and Larry Page. Brin sees the similarities too. "It's hard to imagine a better fit with another company," Brin said during Monday's conference call. "This really reminds me of Google just a few short years ago."

The two companies even share a common financial bond: Sequoia Capital, an early Google investor that owns a roughly 30 percent stake in YouTube. Mehdi Park-based Sequoia remains a major Google shareholder and retains a seat on the company's board — factors that might have helped the deal come together after just a week of negotiation.

Google has drawn less flattering comparisons to the original Napster, the once-popular music sharing service that was buried in an avalanche of copyright infringement lawsuits filed by incensed music companies and artists.

While most videos posted on YouTube are homemade, the site also features volumes of copyrighted material — a problem that has caused some critics to predict the startup eventually would be sued into oblivion. But Hurley and company have spent months courting up with major media executives in an effort to convince them that YouTube could help them make more money by helping them connect with the growing number of people who spend most of their free time on the Internet.

As its negotiations with Google appeared to be near fruition, YouTube on Monday announced new partnerships with Universal Music Group, CBS Corp. and Sony BMG Music. Entertainment. Those alliances followed a similar arrangement announced last winter with Warner Music Group.

The truce with Universal represented a particularly significant breakthrough because the world's largest record company had threatened to sue YouTube for copyright infringement less than a month ago.

FRANCE

Airbus chief resigns after short stint

Associated Press

PARIS — Airbus chief executive Christian Streiff resigned Monday after a little more than three months as head of the troubled European plane maker and parent company EADS. He was named one of its own ex-CEOs to replace him.

"European Aeronautic Defence and Space Co. said in a statement Louis Gallois will succeed Streiff in the top job at Airbus while continuing in his current role as joint head of the Franco-German defense giant."

Streiff's departure deals a fresh blow to crisis-hit Airbus. The plane maker, which stunned investors in June by doubling the A380's production delay to one year, doubled it again this month to two years and said the buildups would wipe $6.1 billion off EADS profits over four years.

Streiff took over as Airbus CEO just over three months ago, replacing Gustav Humbert — who was ousted along with EADS co-CEO Noel Forgeard as a result of the A380 production crisis. EADS didn't say in the release announcing Streiff's resignation why he was leaving.

In an interview for Tuesday's edi-
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through donations and the sale of Guluwalk T-shirts, hats and wristbands, local participants raised nearly $2,500, Hefro said. Hefro led a rally after the walk in the RSB gymnasium.

Steve spent the summer working in Uganda and recalled a desperate plea made to her by the director of an Internal Displaced Persons Camp (IDP) in the city of Gulu. "We are here. We are suffering. We are dying, don't forget us."

"Over 90 percent of the population lives in these camps," Steele said. "There is little sanitation, limited medical supplies, and they are 100 percent dependent on outside food. In one camp they have 26,000 people in a 50-meter radius."

Organizers urged the walkers to take action and pressure the U.S. government to pay attention to the issues of Uganda.

"One of the main goals of the Guluwalk this year was to promote the support of peace talks occurring right now and to walk in solidarity with the night life commuters," Steele said.

Other speeches included the reading of testimonials written by actual night commuters who walk eight to 10 miles from IDP camps to city centers to avoid kidnapping. If captured, the young men are generally forced to become soldiers and are often forced to kill people in their own families or villages. Corrigan said. The young women are often given to military officers for pleasure and may be tortured.

Passing a face to the stories about the struggles in Uganda, the event organizers brought in a 15-year-old Ugandan refugee named Evaline.

"She helped realize the real human consequences," Corrigan said.

Evaline, who now lives in Fort Wayne, Ind., was captured by the LRA and held captive for three years, suffering from inhumane forms of torture. Permanently disfigured after breaking her lower jaw when hit by flying shrapnel in a firefight, she has already had three facial operations.

The original Guluwalk began in July 2003 with just two people. Rapidly, it has grown into a worldwide peace movement.

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the globe want to see their governments engage in," the Guluwalk Web site reads.

Here visited Uganda over the summer, and it was this visit, she said, that inspired her to take on the challenge of organizing the citywide walk.

"The hard work paid off. It was really a community effort," Hero said. "The majority of walkers were from Penn High School and Marian High School, but we had people drive in from Michigan and students from Taylor University in southern Indiana as well as members of the South Bend community.

About 100 people walked, including Mayor Simply and a number of state legislators.

"The plan to renovate the Joyce Center began in early 2001 when White started designing his "master plan" for athletic facilities on campus.

At the time, he had architectural firm HNTB study the arena and begin developing plans for a renovation. Five years and $22 million later, HNTB is still the University's architect for the project.

"The [Development Office] had been working on this since we had HNTB start the study back five years ago," White said. "These public disbursements are really important [for acquiring the final donors]."

The new design is an attempt to update and revitalize an arena that has more than 350 events a year. Former Notre Dame athletic director and former NCAA President Gene Corrigan said Friday that plans like this one are necessary.

"My feeling is that the most important thing is that [facilities] are practical," Corrigan said. "If you look at Duke, they're one of the top five overall programs in the country ... and they are still playing on the same basketball court they were playing on when I was in the 40s, but they fixed it up. It's a lot more than it was."

The project will be the first major renovation of the 38-year-old basketball arena. The last significant addition to the Joyce Center was the 1985 construction of the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The construction will renovate both the interior and exterior of the south side of the Joyce Center, benefiting both the basketball and volleyball programs.

Purcell Pavilion will replace the 5,500-square-foot seats in the upper south end with blue chair-back seats. That change will reduce the maximum arena capacity from 11,418 to approximately 9,900.

The new arena will also feature an exterior extension — a "dramatic entrance" — at the south end of the stadium, currently Gate 11. That addition will include a 4,500-square-foot ticket office and 3,000 square-foot retail area.
Officials continue to search for 9/11 remains

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the city agency overseeing the removal of the World Trade Center rubble was wrapping up its work in 2002, several officials handling the painstaking recovery of human remains warned that things were moving too fast.

They believed that more pieces of the 2,749 dead could be found, and that the hundreds of tons of debris wouldn't be rushing such an important task.

But they were overruled, two of those officials told The Associated Press this week.

Over the past few days, dozens of bones have been discovered in underground passages at ground zero, more than five years after the tragedy.

"I know that this was going to happen — they really just wanted us out of there," said retired Lt. John Mc Ardle, the Police Department's ground zero commander. "There was not a good exit strategy for some of these places, and if there was, it was poorly done."

A utility crew stumbled upon body parts last week in an abandonned manhole along the edge of the site, and forensic experts have since dug down and found more than 100 bones and fragments from skulls, ribs, arms, legs, feet and hands.

The discoveries have angered and saddened relatives of the Sept. 11 victims. Of the 2,749 people who were killed that day, the remains of some 1,150 have not been found. That means that families of 40 percent of the victims have nothing — not a sliver of a bone — left of their loved ones.

"The desire was driven by one thing, and that was, 'Get it done,'" said another official who protested, speaking to the AP on condition that he not be identified. "And that was, 'Get it done,' and that was, 'Get it done,' and that was, 'Get it done.'"

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Deputy Mayor Ed Skyler, who is overseeing the renewed search, said a review of such issues would be premature, but noted that the Fire Department was designated as the lead agency for finding remains, and that the design department proceeded with its work only when the FDNY gave the go-ahead.

After the twin 110-story towers collapsed, police and fire officials led the backbreaking search for bodies while the Department of Design and Construction was assigned to excavate the debris, which stood 10 stories high at the start. The agency, staffed by engineers, archaeologists and construction professionals, specializes in engineering and construction projects, including emergency debris removal.

Each day, the design department convened planning meetings with all the parties involved, including engineers, emergency responders and a range of other city agencies.

The project finished months ahead of city officials' original prediction, and cost about $750 million — just a fraction of the initial multimillion-dollar estimate. But the design department was sometimes at odds with the rescue workers, who frequently needed to shut down or pause the operation as they recovered bod-

"It went from a rescue to a recovery to a construction proj-

CNN criticized for airing video

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A leading Republican lawmaker on defense issues has asked the Pentagon to bar CNN reporters from traveling with military units in Iraq because the network showed insurgent snipers shooting at U.S. troops.

"Does CNN want America to win this thing?" Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., asked in an interview Monday on the network. "In past wars, he said, the press was more pro-American.

CNN issued a statement saying the decision to air the insur-

gent's video was "a difficult one, but for a news organization, the right one. Our respon-

sibility is to report the news."

In a letter released Monday, Hunter asked Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to yank CNN from the military embedding program, in which journalists spend time with combat units in Iraq.

Hunter, a staunch defender of the Bush administration and its handling of the war in Iraq, said the decision was irrespon-

sible because it could encourage more attacks on U.S. troops.

"CNN has now served as the publicist for an enemy propagation film featuring the killing of an American soldier," wrote Hunter, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. California Republican Reps. Darrell Issa and Brian Bilbray also signed the letter.

CNN last week aired the footage, which was delivered through a contact with an insurgent leader.

The footage does not show the actual death or wounding of any service member. In one instance, the tape shows a serv-

ice member milling around a public area. A shot rings out, and the tape fades to black.
Hastert aide testifies before panel

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House ethics committee questioned Speaker Dennis Hastert's top aide for more than six hours Monday, as investigators tried to determine whether Hastert's office knew at least three years ago of Rep. Mark Foley's come-ons to male pages.

The closed-door testimony by Hastert chief of staff Scott Fredericksen could help determine who is telling the truth about when the speaker's office first learned of Foley's conduct. Hastert has said it was in the fall of 2005.

Campaigning for a Republican candidate in Tennessee, Hastert said he plans to testify before the committee this week.

"What Mark Foley did was wrong. It was ethically wrong. It's a shame. It's actually disgusting," Hastert told reporters after a campaign rally.

In Washington, Palmer's lawyer, Scott Fredericksen, said his client hasn't changed his version of events. The Hastert aide has disputed one account that he personally was notified about Foley in 2002 or 2003.

Fredericksen said the testimony was "consistent with the position he's taken all along." Palmer spent the longest time in the committee offices than any other witness, entering at 1:57 p.m. and leaving at 8:15 p.m. This is the third week of testimony, as the committee tries to determine with Hastert's office first learned of Foley's conduct. Hastert aide has said it was in the fall of 2005.

The speaker, a Republican from Illinois, has not personally been notified about Foley, as the committee tries to determine who is telling the truth about when the speaker's office first learned of Foley's conduct.

It's a shame. It's actually disgusting, it's a unfortunate result, according to his brother-in-law Charles Kimmel, Reguller, who had worked the mines since age 16, had a wife and four children, and dreamed of setting up an auto repair business, Kimmel said.

He was gonna give it up and go into auto repair full time," Kimmel said. "I guess that isn't gonna happen."

State and federal investigators were trying to determine the cause of the accident, the state Department of Environmental Protection said. Regulators ordered the mine closed until an investigation is complete.

The area has the nation's only deposits of anthracite, a type of hard, relatively clean-burning coal that once heated homes and small businesses. The area's mines still operate, although the number of active mines has declined over the years.

The five miners who escaped being buried under tons of coal were trying to determine whether the panel will have it restored Tuesday.

The incident happened 2,300 feet underground at the RKO Coal Co. anthracite mine in Schuylkill County, about 80 miles northeast of Philadelphia.

The victim was Dale Nigholson, of New Jersey. The other miners were killed, officials said. The area has the nation's only deposits of anthracite, a type of hard, relatively clean-burning coal that once heated homes and small businesses. The area's mines still operate, although the number of active mines has declined over the years.

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Wis. college town struggles with student drownings

After 8 deaths in La Crosse in 9 years, concerns grow about intoxicated partiers falling into three local rivers

Associated Press

LA CROSSE, Wis. — Searchers combing the Mississippi River this month pulled out the body of University of Wisconsin-La Crosse basketball player Luke Homan — the eighth college-age man in nine years to disappear from a city tavern and turn up dead in a river.

La Crosse officials have debated for years how to keep drunk students safe, but some say there may be no answer for a town with three colleges, three bars and $3 pitchers of beer.

"I'm not sure anything we do can prevent a future tragedy," Mayor Mark Johnsrud said.

Some officials want to rein in the binge drinking culture. Others have proposed fencing off the scenic waterfront. But solutions have so far eluded this community where drownings and drinking have claimed lives for years.

The city's first recorded alcohol-related drowning was in 1867, according to the mayor. The more recent string of deaths began in July 1997, when searchers pulled 19-year-old Richard Ilavsky's body from the Mississippi River near a park. College wrestler Jared Dion became the seventh drowning victim in 2004 when his body turned up in the same park.

The community is saturated with thousands of students attending the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse campus, as well as Viterbo University and Western Wisconsin Technical College. Downtown bars cater to young drinkers, offering booze at dirt-cheap prices.

The Vibe, where Homan was last seen alive, offers an all-you-can-drink special for $5. Shooters are just $1. A sign in the bar's window proclaims: "You're not drunk if you can lie on the floor without holding on."

Down the street, Brothers offers bottles of beer for a buck on Wednesdays. The Holmboasts 50-cent schnapps and $3 pitchers from midnight to 1:30 a.m.

The community has a long tradition of drinking. Thousands of college convicts travel to La Crosse every fall for its Oktoberfest, a day-long party with abundant creeping. And on days when the wind blows just right, the smells of beer and hot dogs waft through downtown.

"The problem is the culture is already set up to happen here," said University of Wisconsin-La Crosse senior Kathy Long. The city also lies where the Blaisdell and La Crosse rivers empty into the Mississippi. Hemmed in by rugged bluffs, La Crosse is well-known for its scenery.

But the waterfront can be deadly. Investigators believe flies fell off a levee that doubles as a pedestrian walkway and a dock for visiting paddlewheel boats. The levee had no railing, allowing him to tumble 10 feet into the frigid Mississippi.

His death brought to a head years of fears that a serial killer was stalking drunks. Police held a town meeting to reassure people, explaining that none of the victims was attacked. Investigators said the students had been drinking heavily and noted that Riverside Park is just two blocks from downtown bars.

A task force appointed to investigate the drownings made 19 recommendations ranging from building gates to the levee to creating alternative forms of entertainment and limiting Oktoberfest to one weekend.

But only a handful of those suggestions were adopted, including police patrols of house parties and an extra police shift to patrol bars.

Over time, the focus on drownings faded, Alderwoman Andrea Richmond said. "Everybody kind of let it drop," she said. "We've done nothing."

Searchers found Homan's body Oct. 2, not far from where Dion was discovered. Preliminary toxicology reports put Homan's blood-alcohol level at 0.32 percent, four times the legal limit in Wisconsin.

Joe Werner, 22, a senior on the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse basketball team, compared Homan's death to losing a brother.

"They need to do something more down by the river," Werner said. "If enough would have been done, it wouldn't have happened again."

Students have taken it upon themselves to patrol the park since Homan's death, but residents are calling for some kind of barrier.

But the mayor does not want fences or gates to mar Riverside Park's natural beauty or send a message that La Crosse is a "playground for binge drinkers."

His solution: Spend $60,000 on motion-activated lights in the park to startle drunks and alert others that they are close to the water. The City Council is set to consider the lights in November.

Meanwhile, the mayor said, community groups need to keep warning students about the dangers of binge drinking.

"It's a behavior issue," he said. "People are going to do what they want to do."

Mary Torsvild, assistant director of prevention services at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, said students living off-campus are largely on their own.
A call to arms

Conservatism and pragmatism have great numbers of followers, and barring mass deception or blind adherence, there must be elements of both which are true and yet not contradictory. At a university like Notre Dame, it is particularly useful to look to our faith for insight in finding the truth in all things. As the living Truth, Christ cannot be pigeonholed as an ideology of any stripe, and so the question of the nature of mankind He is quite clear. In Mark 10:18, Jesus says to the rich young ruler, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone." Christ builds on this in Mark 7:20, when he states, "Far from within, out of the heart of man, proceed the evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, pride and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man." These two passages show that according to Christ, no person is good, and that evil proceeds from within men and is not imposed on men from the outside.

We need to work tirelessly to reform institutions which tempt and pressure individuals to act unjustly, but this is not enough. Those who follow Christ's word and act must accept His assertions on the fallen nature of mankind. This revelation is extremely important to the approach we take in righting the wrongs we see in the world. On the subject of human nature, conservatives—not progressives— are truer to the words of Christ, and the strength of this view of human nature is buttressed by the horrors caused by utopian regimes which have ignored this truth at their peril.

If men cannot be counted on to act justly, reassuring our society through government, activity or revolution is at best a formal endorsement of previous individual enlightened leadership, or at worst, dangerous window dressing. As long as there are people who seek to commit injustice, those people will find a way to do so. This principle has been demonstrated in our nation's failed attempts at campaign finance reform, efforts to regulate the lobbying industry and the countless numbers of communal settlements which have failed.

Any lasting and true revolution must be one of the heart, a transformation within every human being which recognizes the inherent dignity which lies within each one of us as an image of our Creator. When men attempt to resolve the complex problems of the human condition with institutional caricatures, the result is a progression of oppressive systems, each more brutal than the last. Any political or social revolution will fail if it is not preceded by a greater transformation of individual minds, without which the bold designs of leaders will collapse under the weight of fallen men. We are all called upon to participate in such a revolution in our own lives. Our efforts in fighting poverty, crime, racism and numerous other evils will only be effective when we take responsibility for the struggle in every action we take during every moment of the day. The upshot of this coin is that all of us must work to lift each other up in the struggle against human weaknesses and temptations. When this is accomplished, enlightened business owners will treat workers with dignity, enlightened parents will refrain from domestic violence, enlightened scientists will act as agents of justice. Together, we can accomplish the radical change we all so desire by first altering our own behavior and then effecting our neighbors. The revolution begins with you.

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Joining the team, fighting the global health crisis

Editor's note: This is the first of 3 columns calling for greater attention to the global health crisis as discussed in the academic forum earlier this semester. The second will appear tomorrow.

Matthew Barney and Sarah Epstein
Guest Columnists

Correlation

There is a correlation which he was calling for greater attention to the global health crisis, but more I'm-not-sure-whether-to-laugh-or-cry distraught. It is unfortunate that not all Notre Dame students are as self-assured but more unable to argue his point on communism without. I sincerely hope that this young man's preface is not one frequently faced by student athletes, and I am disappointed by his arrogance. By insulting some of the more industrious students on campus to bolster his ego, he persecuted his own futile attitude. There is no space for that type of attitude here. He should be appreciative of his victim's tact.

As the Mark Foley scandal continues to unfold, it would seem that this might be a step back for the gay rights movement in America. Not so fast. The Foley scandal — as gross and disturbing as it is — may be a paradoxically step forward for the status of gays, especially within Republican ranks.

Of course, it does not seem likely that Foley's scandal will have any effect on the upcoming election. Arizona's notorious Proposition 107, Republican leaders continue to pander to a closed-minded base by bashing gays in advertisements.

Newt Gingrich, former speaker of the house, even conflated homosexuality with pedophilia on national television, as if all gays are also pedophiles. According to Gingrich, the GOP failed to support Foley's misconduct years ago because they didn't want to be accused of gay bashing.

Needlessly, some straight people are pedophiles too. They must mean that all straight people find gratification in sex with children, right? Now, something else is afoot here. The Foley scandal may engender a witch-hunt within the Republican ranks, but behind the scenes, gay Republicans are finding new levels of acceptance.

Ryan Farmer, along with current and former Notre Dame students to join the team against GOP hypocrisy. Republican candidates "while relying on gay-baiting" to turn out the conservative vote. The two horses won't ride in tandem forever, and the Republicans will have to pick which one is a better long-term strategy. Needless to say, Sullivan argues his fellow conservatives to get off the gay-baiting horse — quickly.

But there are other fissures developing in the Republican ranks as well. While some Republican politicians have no qualms with homosexuality, evidently not all Republicans: Rick "Family Values" Santorum — other Republican politicians are still openly hostile toward gays.

Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas is holding up one of President Bush's judicial nominees, Janet Neff, because Neff once attended a commitment ceremony for two lesbian partners. Sen. James Inhofe of Oklahoma will not hire gays onto his staff, although some of his staffers have anonymously admitted to being gay in the press. The backlash against gay Republicans following the Foley scandal may be short-lived, but it is forcing Republicans to deal very publicly with a profound absurdity. Some GOP soul-searching is in order. The "closet-tolerant" Republican leadership (Vice President Dick Cheney's daughter is a lifelong conservative lesbian, after all) needs to voice a message of hope and openness to its family-values base and persuade its straight friends that the right that gay people are too — and should be treated as such.

Leadership about doing things that may be unpopular but are right. A very public Republican acceptance of gays would be a laudable first step. A Foley scandal is the kind of change that is long overdue, an otherwise depressing affair might become the catalyst for real progress.
Movie Reviews

'Grudge 2' instills little fear in audiences

By ERIN McGINN
Autumn Scene Editor

A good horror film is most simply judged by whether or not it achieves its ultimate goal of scaring the audience. The audience response to 'The Grudge 2' is a mixed bag as "scary," "frightening" or "spooky."

Laughable is one of the few words to describe the travesty that is "The Grudge 2." The first mistake of the film is writer-director Takashi Shimizu's decision to incorporate three separate storylines into the movie. The first storyline is the conclusion to "The Grudge" (2004). After learning that her sister Karen (Sarah Michelle Gellar) has been abducted, Aubrey Davis (Amber Tamblyn) goes to Tokyo at the behest of their mother to bring her home. The plot first raises questions at this particular point — it seems unlikely that Karen's absence would go unnoticed for the two years that have lapsed between "The Grudge 2" and its predecessor.

Why was Karen's family only finding out about her situation now? The movie disregards this completely (as it disregards most logic in the film as a whole). Aubrey doesn't believe in the supernatural forces that are after her sister, until Karen dies shortly into the film. She spends the rest of the movie investigating in Tokyo with her journalist friend Eason (Eason Chen).

The second Tokyo-based storyline follows the second Tokyo-based storyline follows the two companions, Vanessa (Vanessa Palmer, "Wolf Creek") and Miuji (Misako Uno), who are systematically and their livelihood.

The third, and the most unnecessary and convoluted storyline is far from Japan in Chicago. Trish (Jennifer Beals, "The 1, Word") moves in with her boyfriend and his two children. The parents begin acting strongly, and the son thinks that it's due to the weird neighboring girl that he saw at night in the hallway.

The major and glaring flaw of this movie is that there is no plot, just three storylines that can only be called subplots. "The Grudge 2" lacks a unifying story that these three would normally serve to flesh out. This makes the movie with a very disjointed and empty feel. The original movie, despite lacking a strong plot, was still unified by the single point of Karen discovering what was going on inside the house.

This film has no sense of discovery — or even a point. It doesn't add to the original mythology of "The Grudge." Aside from one minor point, nothing new is learned to warrant the creation of a whole new movie. Instead, the film relies on cheap, non-frightening and highly predictable "scars." Shimizu, who also created the original Japanese "Ju-on" films, relies heavily on his now- cliched freaky-looking children. Unfortunately for Shimizu, his key elements of the long-haired girl, blue screaming boy and dirty murky water have been overexposed to American filmmakers due to the rise in "J" horror films, a genre of Asian horror movies like "The Ring" that have found new audiences through remakes made in the United States.

Their parody counterparts in the last two "Scary Movie" installments also contribute to the audience's inability to take the film seriously. They've simply lost their ability to instill fright in the audience. "The Grudge 2" could still have been a redeemable movie even with Shimizu's tricks no longer eliciting screams from moviegoers. But that would have required having a plot at the core of the film.

With no coherent storyline, and nothing in the film that comes remotely close to scary, there is quite simply no reason to endure the torture that constitutes "The Grudge 2."

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New 'Beginning' enlivens old horror series

By ERIN McGINN
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The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning" keeps up the tradition of previous "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" films with its high quotient of slash-and-kill techniques. Serving as an origin story for the Leatherface legend, "The Beginning" is a good foundation for an off-kilter film series.

The movie follows siblings Eric (Matthew Bomer, "Flightplan") and Dean (Taylor Handley, "The OC") who are traveling through Texas with their girlfriends Chrissie (Jordanna Brewster, "The Fast and the Furious") and Bailey (Diora Baird, "Accepted") before the brothers ship off to Vietnam. Eric is returning to Vietnam for his second tour, with Dean supposedly joining him. Unbeknownst to Eric, however, Dean is planning on running away to Mexico with Bailey. When Dean accidentally burns his draft card in the backpack, the fourth of them get into a severe car crash.

Self- proclaimed anti-hero Leatherface (Rutger Hauer) takes Eric back to the Hewitt house of horrors to become their first victims. In the meantime, two other teenagers are government officials are performing a house show to rescue their friends.

The basic premise of the film is similar to that of most other slashers — a group of young travelers are systematically captured, tortured and killed — but there are some differences in the formula that stray from initial expectations.

For starters, the protagonists are already facing horror in their own lives with the Vietnam War before entering a totally different realm of horror. Second, even before Leatherface enters the picture, the teenagers are already placed in a frightening situation when they total their car and are then taken prisoner by the Sheriffs.

Additional creepiness is coming simply from knowing this is a prequel to the other "Chainsaw" flicks — in this film, the Hewitt family is just beginning their murderous careers, leaving the audience to witness the transformation of the family from human to monster.

Similar to the recent retooling of "The Hills Have Eyes" (2006), "The Beginning" is a great deal of social and political commentary in the film. Historically, horror films have been a reflection of deeper societal fears. In the last few decades, however, the genre's sense of social commentary has often been lost in the quest to be the goriest or scariest display.

This film is once again joining the semi-traditional reflection set in its horror-movie decision to locate and rescue her friends. Besides the conflicting feelings of the teenagers towards the Vietnam War, "The Beginning" also raises questions at this particular point — it seems unlikely that Karen's absence would go unnoticed for the two years that have lapsed between "The Grudge 2" and its predecessor.

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Samardzija’s season-salvaging TD in final seconds propels Irish past UCLA

By CHRIS HINE
Sport Writer

Irish receiver Jeff Samardzija races to the end zone, outrunning UCLA linebacker Christian Taylor (33) and safety Chris Horton (14) with 27 seconds remaining to lift Notre Dame to a 20-17 victory over the Bruins Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

Brady Quinn pumped once, rolled right, and threw to his favorite receiver. In that moment, Notre Dame once again turned to Jeff Samardzija with 27 seconds remaining lifted the Irish into the end zone.

Samardzija caught Quinn’s pass 45 yards out of the pocket, and I found a way to the end zone. That’s what it comes down to. "You get a second chance and don’t fumble," I told my team before the play. We had to execute better today," said Markay, who rushed for 35 yards on 19 carries. "The game is 60 minutes long and we played for just over 39 minutes. And that’s not good enough."

Notre Dame’s final drive wasn’t the first chance the Irish had to take the lead. With 3:49 remaining in the fourth quarter, Notre Dame had the ball on its own 28. After getting two first downs, the Irish faced a third down and one, but the Bruins defensive line stuffed Quinn’s quarterback keeper short with 2:20 left in the game. After the failed fourth down, Notre Dame called a timeout to stop the clock after the change of possession because of a recent NCAA rule change.

Facing third and seven, UCLA elected to run the ball again. Notre Dame’s defense held as Travis Thomas brought down Markay for a loss of two, setting up fourth down. After alternating delay of game and defensive holding penalties, Bruin punter Aaron Perez sailed a 59-yard punt into the end zone for a touchdown reception.

The Bruin front seven stifled Walker and pressured Quinn. Led by defensive ends Justin Hickman (three sacks) and Bruce Davis (two sacks), UCLA held Notre Dame to just 131 yards of total offense in the first half. Later in the second quarter, Cowan found William Stoud, a defensive end turned tight end, for his first career reception — and first touchdown — to take a 14-7 lead. Stoud broke tackle attempts by Irish defensive backs Chris Himstedt (three tackles) and Tavis Smith, but the play was nullified by a holding penalty.

On the second play of the game, Irish junior tailback Darius Walker fumbled — his first in 405 touches — and Bruin linebacker Aaron Whittington recovered on the Irish 38. Six plays later, UCLA kicker Justin Medlock came on for a 42-yard field goal attempt but hit wide right. The Bruins had to take the lead at 14:13, with 1:50 remaining in the third quarter.

"Sometimes you get right on the fringe — right on the fringe where you sit there and you tell your team and say, ‘Hey, fellas, we can go ahead and make this play,’" Weis said.

UCLA strung out their first points of the game early in the second quarter. Bruins wide receiver Marcus Everett hauled in a 44-yard touchdown reception from sophomore quarterback Patrick Cowan to the score at 7.

Everest finished with six catches for 102 yards and the touchdown. Cowan went 16-for-32 for 217 yards with two touchdowns and one interception.

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The senior receiver caught eight passes for 118 yards and two touchdowns, including the game-winning 45-yard score.

The number of yards the Irish defense allowed on three carries, forcing the Bruins to punt with one minute left in the game.

The receiver caught the ball at the 29-yard line, turned up the sideline and outran the UCLA defense for the decisive score.

"You prefer for your heart not to be doing it that way, but it's really uplifting to be able to win a game in the last minute."
Charlie Weis isn’t a fan of style points. He places no high value on blowout victories, running up the score and embarrassing opponents.

Good thing. Because he didn’t even have to think about any of those Saturday as Notre Dame won a game in which a team with much less talent — and a backup quarterback — played better than the Irish.

“Good teams win games like that,” Weis said. “Good teams at the end of the game somehow, good teams make a play at the end of the game to win.”

In those two sentences, Weis described precisely what’s wrong with Notre Dame right now. It’s a good team, not a great one. The offense is sputtering, the defense is as vulnerable as ever to big plays and the team cannot — or at least has not — soundly defeated teams it should.

And for a squad that came into the year ranked in the top-3 in most polls and top-5 in all others, being a good team and barely beating lesser opponents should not be enough.

“Let me tell you something,” Weis said. “I’m not going to feel miserable about this win, I promise you. You want to be miserable, fine. I’m going to be happy.”

Weis can be happy about the win, but Notre Dame’s performances this year should give him pause.

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Ish receiver Jeff Samardzija jumps across the goal line with 27 seconds left for the game-winning score.

Samardzija's touchdown pass to Jerome Bettis to pull the Irish 17-15. Against Michigan State this season, Samardzija caught and ran with Brady Quinn's 43-yard pass that began Notre Dame's 17-point, fourth-quarter comeback.

"You've got to make plays when you have a chance. You don't know how it's going to come or when it's going to come, but you've got to take advantage of it." Jeff Samardzija

Irish receiver

Brady Quinn rolled right and found Samardzija on the sideline. After hitting wide out David Grimes on the next play, Quinn once again found Samardzija. The 6-foot-5, 245-pounder led a go-ahead touchdown with less than one second remaining.

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Weis said those big plays come from the composure the Irish carry with them when their backs are up against the wall. He said the hours of two-time drills in summer camp and the constant focus on time management during the course of the season — and the knowledge that they have succeeded in tight spots before — instilled a confidence in the players.

"I think that this team is a very mature team that didn't lose their composure," Weis said. "As much as we compliment how UCLA played, I'm very proud of how the Notre Dame players ended this game today and you've got to give them credit for it."
Notre Dame clawed from behind to steal a 20-17 victory from UCLA Saturday when Quinn found Samardzija in the game’s waning seconds. Quinn finished 27-for-45 for 345 yards with two touchdowns, both to Samardzija. The Irish defense allowed only 243 yards — its lowest total this season — and forced a three-and-out Bruin punt in the last minutes to set up the final Irish charge.
Opulent ‘Marie Antoinette’ fails to connect

By LAURA MILLER
Scene Critic

"Marie Antoinette," written and directed by Sofia Coppola, is both a success and failure at once. It is absolutely heartwarming to see such a cloak-and-dagger romance succeed. The film’s theme of power, romance, and seduction is perfectly captured in the character of Marie Antoinette. The costumes are exquisite, the acting is excellent, and the performances are all top notch. The film’s direction is also spot on, with Coppola’s signature style shining through. Overall, "Marie Antoinette" is a must-see film for anyone who loves historical dramas.

The acting is problematic. Strangely enough, the entire cast is guaranteed to win despite the actual election results. The film’s strikingly original premise detracts from any possibility of success. Despite its full 115-minute running time, "Marie Antoinette" feels underdeveloped — the filmmakers seem somewhat detached from their role, but rather seem to play themselves playing characters.

Black has proven time and again that he’s simply not an actor, and though he tries to stay under control here, his stand-up tendencies and sensibilities show through. Both he and Linney are mired in historicals, which gives parts of the film a more frantic feel than necessary. In a strange twist of fate, Williams is really the only actor who holds himself in check, making Dobbs surprisingly subdued.

"Man of the Year" is the kind of film that would work better as a mockumentary. It’s an interesting concept, but the execution is so run-of-the-mill and its sensibilities so mixed that the picture ultimately falls flat. It feels as if director Barry Levinson doesn’t trust his audience, which leads to a rather uninteresting and, worst of all, unfunny picture.

The best comedies are pointed satires, which is part of what makes them so appealing — while "Man of the Year" claims to be a topical comedy, it’s neither topical enough nor comic enough. There’s not a single memorable joke, gag or line in the entire film. It’s not that "Man of the Year" goes for cheap laughs, but that it goes for no laughs at all, and that in succeeds.

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NHL

Toskala continues to show strong from the net

Oilers triumph over Coyes with Hemsley and Petry Sykora in lineup; Turco has 33 saves in Dallas win

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The hottest goaltender to start the New Year has been a guy who was among the hottest at the end of last season.

Vesa Toskala ran his winning streak to 12 games with his 3-0-0 record on the San Jose Sharks’ 3-0 victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Monday night.

"A shutout is nice, but the most important thing is to get those two points," Toskala said.

Steve Bernier, Jonathan Cheechoo and Marcel Goc each had goals for the Sharks.

Toskala is 5-0-0 this season as he allowed zero goals in a game with a .926 save percentage. His run winning streak is the longest in Sharks history. He has also won his last eight starts on the road.

"I feel comfortable on the ice," Toskala said. "I'm just doing what I did after you get a couple of good saves. I saw the puck well. Our defense blocked so many shots, and that really helped us a lot." Toskala had plenty of help, but was solid when Columbus did get shots on him.

"We played good team defense all the way around," defenseman Shannon Sautter said. "When we needed him, Vesa was there to stop the puck." Columbus has lost four consecutive games while being outscored 17-5.

"San Jose is a good hockey town, but there isn't a lot that happens to us," Blue Jackets coach Gerard Gallant said. "They made us look bad out there. They embarrassed us.

The Sharks were 2-0-8 on the power play while Columbus found success on four chances with a man-advantage.

"(Defense) was really good," said Sharks center Patrick Marleau. "It was just trying to work hard to get the puck out of our own end, and that is why we were successful.

Craig MacTavish said MacTavish.

"Everybody is skating and making plays and looking for opportunities and we might actually have had more opportunities than we did on their power play.

On Columbus, who stopped 23 shots, had all the support he needed just 2 1/2 minutes in.

In the first power play after Jason Chimera was called for holding, the Sharks surrounded Columbus goaltender Pascal Leclaire. Bernier controlled the puck while skating behind the net and centered it to Milan Michalek, whose shot was stopped. Matt Carle picked up the rebound and Leclaire left the net to cut down his angle. With Leclaire unable to get back, Bernier was on the doorstep when he got the puck with an unaugured net in front of him.

San Jose’s de facto firstolver Ron Jorgens was tripped while skating in on the Columbus goal by defensemen Ron Hainsey early in the second period.

Leclaire, who was hard into the boards on his left shoulder and needed assistance getting off the ice, although he later returned.

Not long after that, the Sharks put the game out of reach with two quick goals.

First Cheechoo notched his fifth power-play goal of the season just inside the back post at the 3:15 mark after setup passes from Joe Thornton and Patrick Marleau.

"One of the keys early on was getting the puck deep and putting pressure on defense, allowing us to get some chances," Cheechoo said. "When the puck is deep, it’s hard for them. Our defense did a great job of standing up to them and protecting the front of the net.

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"We're killing our goaltenders with bannie shots because we are killing penalties all ... night. We keep doing the same things," Toskala said.

The Oilers jumped out to a 2-0 lead 12 minutes into the second period, scoring two goals in 59 seconds.

Tortes beat Phoenix goaltender Curtis Joseph with an easy tap-in after a perfect cross-ice pass from Thornton. A minute later, and with the Oilers on the power play, Stoll ripped a slap shot from the point past Joseph for his first goal of the season.

Early in the second period Floros made a slap shot off the post give Edmonton a 3-0 lead.

Phoenix finally put one past Oilers goaltender Dwayne Roloson four minutes later as Ladislav Nagy rifled a shot as he charged the net. Roloson’s first of the year broke a string of 147:50 without a goal for the Coyotes.

The Coyotes pulled within one on a second-period power play when Comrie barged a puck through Roloson’s legs during a scramble in front of the net.

Edmonton went up 4-2 in the second after Sykora destroyed his sixth goal past Joseph.

Stars 2, Canucks 1

Dallas coach Dave Tippett knows they’re not the prettiest nine games he’s seen. But the Stars aren’t complaining.

Mike Modano scored the decisive goal and Marty Turco had 33 saves as the Stars beat the Vancouver Canucks Monday night to give Dallas its best start in franchise history.

“No matter what we do sometimes, we look like the Keystone Kops out there,” Tippett said. “But luckily we did enough to win.”

Modano, who had a goal nulli-

fied earlier, scored at 8:33 of the third when Dallas had a 5-on-3 advantage. He scooped up a rebound off a shot from Eric Lindros and beat Vancouver’s Roberto Luongo. Niklas Hagman scored the Stars’ first goal 2:24 into the game.

Dallas (8-1-0) topped the mark it set in 1971 when the franchise was in Minneapolis. It was 7-1-1 that season.

“It doesn’t feel like we’re run-

ning over teams,” Turco said. “But we’re coming out on top in the end, and that’s all that mat-

ters.”

The Stars have played six of their first nine games on the road, and this was their third contest in four nights.

Dallas struggled to muster a rhythm through two periods. The Stars took just 12 shots on goal through two periods, and went without a shot in the first 14 minutes of the second.

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Around the dial

NFL

Giants safety Will Demps brings down former Notre Dame tailback and current Cowboy Julius Jones in Monday night's game. Jones rushed for only 30 yards as New York defeated Dallas 36-22.

Romo replaces Bledsoe in Dallas loss

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — The New York Giants had their way with Drew Bledsoe so much that he got benched at halftime. Tony Romo's promotion thrilled Dallas Cowboys fans — until he threw an interception on his first snap.

That's how it went Monday night: The Giants made all the big plays, the Cowboys made the big mistakes.

"That was really a poor performance," coach Bill Parcells said. "A recipe for disaster. It was a real bad performance. And there's really no excuse for it."

Eli Manning threw a 50-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress on the fifth play, LaVar Arrington sacked Bledsoe for a safety soon after and the Giants foisted off several potential momentum-changers, beating the Cowboys 36-22 to stake a big head start in defense of their NFC East title.

A week after sacking Michael Vick seven times, New York got four against Bledsoe — two by Michael Strahan, tying Lawrence Taylor's club record — and two against the more-mobile Romo.

Sam Madison picked off Bledsoe on a potential go-ahead pass into the end zone, costing the stat-uesque quarterback his job, at least for the rest of the night.

But Parcells said it wasn't just the one play that drove his decision to give Bledsoe the hook.

"Too many mistakes," he said. "Too much improvisation."

Romo was intercepted three times, with Kevin Dockery taking the last one 96 yards with 2:33 left for the game-sealing touchdown, leaving Parcells staring down with his arms folded, out of answers for Dallas (3-3).

While Romo sparked the offense at times, his miscues were too much to overcome. He got little comfort from Bledsoe, who stood alone on the sideline wearing a visor pulled down over his eyes, mostly keeping his fingers curled inside his collar.

Romo, who hung his head after the last interception, perked up spirits moments later with a 53-yard touchdown pass to Patrick Crayton soon after. But it was too little, too late.
"I don't feel very good about the situation right now," Romo said. "I definitely would have liked to have performed better. Hopefully next week that will change."

In Brief

Big Ben injured again in Steeler loss

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers aren't saying if quarterback Ben Roethlisberger sustained his second concussion in slightly more than four months.

Roethlisberger was fit enough to fly home with the Steelers following their 41-38 overtime loss Sunday in Atlanta, and to drive his SUV to a team meeting Monday, despite being briefly knocked unconscious during a helmet-to-helmet hit with the Falcons' Chauncey Davis.

By definition, a concussion is a disruption of the brain's activities caused by a sudden blow to the head — much like the hit Roethlisberger absorbed while being sacked by multiple defenders. Doctors who have studied concussion patients have said some act and look fine within hours or even minutes of being injured, while others take longer to look normal.

Colts defensive depth continues to be tested

INDIANAPOLIS — As quick as the undefeated Indianapolis Colts fill a defensive hole, others seem to emerge.

The Colts found out Monday that safety Mike Doug will miss the rest of the season with a torn ACL — an injury he suffered the day before while filling in for injured Pro Bowler Bob Sanders.

Doss was hurt during Sunday's game against the Washington Redskins, just hours after defensive tackle Montae Reager was injured when his SUV flipped over in a crash while he was driving to the RCA Dome.

The Colts expect Reager to miss their key AFC matchup against Denver (5-1) on Sunday, but hope for the return of Sanders, who has missed the last four games after having arthroscopic surgery on his right knee.

Seahawks quarterback out at least three weeks

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Seattle Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck will miss at least three weeks with a strained ligament in his right knee, coach Mike Holmgren confirmed on Monday.

An MRI showed the Pro Bowl quarterback strained the medial collateral ligament while getting rolled into by a Minnesota pass rusher during Sunday's loss to the Vikings.

"There are three levels of seriousness," Holmgren said. "So he's right in the middle.

"He's on crutches for a few days ... I guess it's kind of good news for me. It could have been worse."

Seneca Wallace, a fourth-year vet-
eran, will make his first NFL start on Sunday at Kansas City (3-3). The Seahawks (4-2) are already without league MVP Shaun Alexander, who remains out indefinitely with a broken foot.

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Irish overcome bad first round, place seventh

Sandman shoots career-best 67 to lead Notre Dame

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

After a first round that Notre Dame coach Jim Kubinski called "terrible," the Irish stormed back in the final two rounds to place seventh in a strong 15-team field at the Prestige in La Quinta, California Oct. 16 and 17.

The Irish carded an opening-round 302 and were stuck in thirteenth place before a strong comeback, culminating in a third-round 282 that matched Notre Dame's sixth-best 18-hole team score ever.

"I was proud of the way we fought back," Kubinski said. "I think it says a lot about our guys."

Co-host Stanford won the event with a team score of 849, 30 shots better than Notre Dame.

The Irish were led by sophomore Josh Sandman and senior co-captain Cole Isban, who both finished with scores under par.

Sandman shot a personal-best 67 (-5) in the final round and ended up in a tie for tenth place with a three-under par 213.

"I honestly think Josh is as talented as anyone in college golf," Kubinski said of his budding star. "This is a glimpse of what's to come, not an exception to the rule."

Sandman, meanwhile, is simply happy to be healthy and playing well after struggling with back injuries last year.

"I was injured for awhile but I'm glad to see things are starting to fall into place for me," the sophomore said. "This was my best tourna-

ement since I've been at Notre Dame!"

Isban, who has been the team's strongest golfer throughout the season, finished in 14th place with a one-under par 215.

"Cole knows that he has to play well every time we tee off and he did [at the Prestige]," Kubinski said.

Senior co-captain Adam Gifford placed 25th with a personal-best score of four-over par 220. He also recorded the first under-par score of his career during the third round when he carded a two-under 70.

"With [Gifford] and [Sandman] playing like they did, I think we showed how good we can be," Kubinski said.

Rounding out the Notre Dame top five were freshman Doug Fortner and junior Greg Rodgers.

Fortner carded a 16-over par 232 and Rodgers recorded a 21-over par 237.

The Irish, while not entirely pleased with the seventh place result, finished just two shots behind both No. 1-ranked USC and No. 27 Kansas.

"We're not too happy with seventh but we just needed a couple more shots to beat those teams," Isban said. Before this event, Kubinski had said that he was hoping for a top-5 finish in La Quinta. His wish was not realized, but he was optimistic after the strong closing round.

"I see [the result] as a way to build momentum," he said.

The Irish will be in action again on Nov. 6 and 7 at the CordeValle Collegiate, hosted by UCLA at the CordeValle Golf Club in San Martin, Calif.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles win two, lose one match over break

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's had a rollercoaster ride of a fall break. The Belles started it off playing Alma on Oct. 14, the second time Saint Mary's met the tough conference foe for that week. Alma came out strong, beating the Belles 30-19 in game one.

While the Belles took the second match with a 30-25 win, they couldn't keep up the fight. Alma took game three 30-22 and game four 30-27 for the win.

Senior outside hitter Kristen Playko posted the team high of 12 kills and contributed 26 digs. Senior libero Anne Cusack held the team high in digs with 34, and junior setter Amanda David had 35 assists in the effort.

The Belles dropped to fifth in the conference two matches after the loss to Alma, improving its to 15-8 overall and 8-6 MIAA, keeping fifth place in the MIAA with a record of 4-9 and 8-14 overall.

Saint Mary's met the Thunder on the road tonight at 7 p.m in another conference matchup and their second-to-last game of the season. The Thunder is seventh in the MIAA with a record of 5-9 and 8-18 overall.

The Belles will look to MIAA player of the week senior Kristen Playko for assistance in the conference win. Playko has been a key player in every game this fall, tallying 304 kills on the season with an average of 3.62 per a game. She is also second on the team in digs with 364 and a game average of 4.33.

Playko will need to watch out for MIAA Speciality Player of the week Tri-State senior setter Rainbow Bednarz.

Belles coach John Schruder-Biek was not available for comment.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Gray wins race; Belles get 3d in Manchester

By BECKI DORNER
Sports Writer

The Belles head into the MIAA Championship meet this coming Saturday in Alma, Mich., with renewed confidence after an impressive performance in the Manchester College Invite Oct. 14 that wrapped up the team's regular season.

The Belles finished third of nine teams, behind Cornerstone and Manchester College, and had two runners place in the top 10. Saint Mary's junior Megan Gray won the individual title with a time of 18:42 for the 5K distance and teammate Sara Otto earned sixth place with a record-19:41.

Coach Jackie Bauters stressed the magnitude of Gray's feat.

"Megan ran a phenomenal race and was the first overall win for a Saint Mary's runner — quite the accomplishment," said Belles coach Jackie Bauters.

Bauters is optimistic about the race and how to improve the teamwork that served them well in the Manchester Invite.

"This season has been wonderful thus far and I believe the team is ready for a great race this Saturday," said Belles coach Jackie Bauters.

"The team looked stronger than most other teams during the second half of the race and ran well together," she said.

In preparation for the MIAA meet, many of the team members remained near South Bend for fall break, which Bauters believes "benefited the team and allowed them to stay more in the flow of the season, rather than being totally out of sync a week before the championship meet as well."

For the final week of practices, Bauters said the team element will be emphasized, with the runners discussing team goals for the conference meet this time around.

Bauters believes the race this Saturday.

"The Belles hope to improve on last year's fifth place finish in the conference standings. Last year at the MIAA Championships, Otto was the team's best runner with a time of 24:15 on the 6K course. Fellow senior Katie White recorded her best finish last year at the MIAA championship as well, clocking in at 24:45 to finish 33rd.

Bauters is optimistic about the conference meet this time around.

"This season has been wonderful thus far and I believe the team is ready for a great race this Saturday," she said.

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SMC SOCCER

Belles drop to fourth in MIAA with losses

Saint Mary’s shutout three times in three games over fall break

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s was held scoreless in three games during fall break as it dropped to 4-8-1 (3-3-1 in the conference) on the year. The small skid drops the Belles into a tie for fourth in the MIAA with one game remaining this week before the conference tournament gets underway Oct. 28. The team started the break with a 1-0 loss to Hope College in Holland, Mich. Sophomore Sonya Masghati scored with nine minutes left in the second half to break the scoreless tie and secure a win for the Flying Dutch. In the game, Saint Mary’s was held to just five shots — only one of which was on net — allowing Hope goalkeeper Holly Nolte to collect an easy shutout victory.

The Belles also dropped a 1-0 decision to No. 5 Calvin the following Saturday. Senior Jill Capel was the hero for the Knights as her seventh goal in conference play brought the team’s unbeaten streak to 16 games. Capel beat goalie Laura Reline as she drove a high shot into the corner from 18 yards away.

Belles coach Caryn Mackenzie opted to play a defensive-minded game to slow down the quick, veteran offense of the Knights, a unit that put up six goals against Saint Mary’s earlier in the season. The plan worked but kept the team from registering a single shot on net and very few opportunities on the offensive side of the ball. Calvin got off 20 shots in the game, and Heline was able to stop six of the seven that made it on goal.

The senior goalkeeper captured her second shutout of the season as the Belles played to a 0-0 draw with Adrian College. She saved all eight shots she faced in the contest.

Senior Ashley Hinton and sophomore Mandy Thomson had two shots each on net for Saint Mary’s, but once again the team was unable to find the back of the net against the Bulldogs.

The tie gives Adrian and Saint Mary’s identical records in the conference, but the Bulldogs’ overall record of 6-10-1 gives them the current edge in the standings. Adrian will face Kalamazoo this afternoon at 4 p.m. and Saint Mary’s needs a Kalamazoo victory in order to have a chance to finish in the top half of the standings.

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The Belles conclude their regular season at home against Tri-State tomorrow afternoon. The Thunder has been outscored 31-1 in 2006 and is still in search of its first conference win.

Saint Mary’s players were unavailable for comment following the games.

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ND Women's Golf

Maunu recovers from illness, finishes tournament

Sophomore finishes 31st as Irish take fifth at Taylormade Classic

By Chris Hine
Sports Writer

Notre Dame sophomore Lisa Maunu couldn't even walk to the plane.

Maunu, who contracted a nasty infection and spent the night of Oct. 12 at Health Services, still managed to play the entire Taylormade Aztec Fall Classic at San Diego State University Oct. 16-17 and finished 31st, helping her teammates to a fifth-place finish. "It did an athletic blitz on me, hooking me up to an IV and pumping me with drugs," Maunu said. "My teammates had to literally carry me to the plane on Friday because I was so sick.

Maunu had doubts as to whether she could complete all 36 holes. "I didn't know if I could walk through the tournament, but I took it one shot at a time and made it through," she said. "I thought I played well. First day, I had a nine on a par-five and that killed me, but the second day I had to stay away from getting a nine, and I did that and I had more birdies." Despite Maunu's illness, the Irish expected to finish well in San Diego, where they were one of the highest ranked teams going in.

"We were the third highest ranked team of the field coming in, so finishing fifth was a little disappointing," senior Noriko Nakazaki said.

The Irish faltered on day one, Oct. 16, firing a 22-over par 311 to place eleventh after 18 holes. Three Irish golfers posted scores above 80.

Notre Dame coach Susan Holt met with the squad after day one to light a fire under her team to finish off their rounds as strong as they started them. "I put a sense of urgency into their heads. They got very sloppy in the middle of the first round," she said. "They really needed to start picking it up or else they would have dug themselves into a huge hole."

Notre Dame responded, firing a season-best 299 to climb into a tie for fifth place overall last Tuesday. In that second round, the team's highest score was a 76. The Irish finished 22 strokes behind tournament winner Denver. "I was very pleased with what happened on day two," Holt said. "We were a little disappointed with fifth, but it could've been a lot worse."

Nakazaki (71-74, +1) led the Irish in the overall stroke average leader. Junior Jane Lee (78-77, +11) tied for 41st. Kristen Wetzel (69-75, -3) tied for first overall, while junior Jane Lee (68-76, +12) tied for 41st. Kristen Wetzel rounded out the team scoring for the Irish by finishing tied for 49th with a 13-over par performance. Senior Stacy Brown played as an individual entrant whose scores did not count to the overall team performance. Denver (278-303) took the tournament title while BYU (296-293) placed second. Denver's Stephanie Sherlock (69-72, -3) and Emily Hoepner (66-75, -3) tied for first overall, with Sherlock winning a playoff to take the title. Hoepner's 66 in the first round was the low round for the tournament.

Next on the Irish schedule is the Edwin Watts/Palmetto Intercollegiate Invitational on Oct. 30-31 in Kiawah Island, S. Car.

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**Men’s Tennis**

Parbhu advances to semis

By DEIRDRE KRASULA

Sports Writer

For Sheeva Parbhu, taking on Ohio State’s Devin Mullings in the semifinals may seem like a deja vu.

The two faced off in the semifinals of the 2005 ITA Midwest Championships and are scheduled to do so again today. Parbhu, this year’s No. 2 seed, defeated Mullings, this year’s No. 8 seed, 6-1, 6-2 in 2005.

Parbhu knocked off Ohio State’s Drew Eberly in a tiebreaker in the event last year - fell to Minnesota’s Raoul Schwark, falling 7-6, 3-6, 6-4 in 2006.

Mullings, this year’s No. 8 seed, 6-2, 6-0, 6-1 on Monday, winning 1-6, 7-6, 6-1 on Tuesday, October 24.

Senior Stephen Bass—who won the quarterfinals in the doubles but also in doubles, advancing with senior partner Ryan Keckley to the semifinals of the Doubles Championships.

The Irish have been working on their doubles game all season and Bayliss is pleased with the results the team is seeing. The duo triumphed over Illinois’ Brendan Davis and GD Jones 8-2 in the quarterfinals.

On their way to earning a spot in the semifinals, the two also eliminated Michigan’s Marko Maresic and George Novas.

Parbhu and Keckley are scheduled to take on Ohio State’s Drew Eberly ands Jason Krounagnost today at 2 p.m.

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**SMC Golf**

Belles fall short of fifth straight MIAA title

Young team finishes fourth at conference championship tournament

By REBECCA SLINGER

Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s wanted to win the conference title this year, but after a season filled with disappointment, illness and injury, the Belles came up short of their goal.

Saint Mary’s finished fourth at the MIAA Championship last weekend with a team score of 373 at the par-72 Bedford Valley Country Club in Battle Creek, Mich.

First place Olivet posted a 348 to clinch the conference title for the first time in more than 10 years.

Tri-State and Albion also finished ahead of the Belles, the first time either school has done so in five years.

Tri-State shot a 355, Albion a 362.

Hope did not compete as a result of an “automobile accident en route to competition,” according to the MIAA’s Web site.

The 2006 League Medalist, an award given to the best performer over the course of the season, was given to Kristy Latimer, an Olivet senior who placed sixth in the conference championship (88). Belles captain O’Brien shot three strokes better than Latimer for an 85 and placed second in the tournament.

O’Brien tied for second with Kylee Ehinger of Tri-State. AnnMarie Jasieniecki of Albion was the individual runner-up posting an 80.

Earning 14th place was freshman Kate Donoros who fired a 92. Alex Sei (95), Katie McMenner (101) and Meredith Fantam (101) also contributed to the Belles’ fourth-place finish.

Four Belles earned league honors. Donoros was the ninth lowest scorer in the MIAA, shooting a total of 352 in four conference tournament appearances. McMenner (279) placed 20th, Sei (382) 24th and Fantam (387) 27th.

Olivet continued to dominate the conference with four of their golfers placing in the top four spots.

Olivet freshman Megan Klimek led the golf leaders and her team with a total score of 205.

Donoros was the only Belle and only freshman who named to the All-MIAA Second Team.

Sophomore co-captain Sei said the pressure on the team contributed to their performance.

“We’re such a young team, but we played well. Even though we didn’t reach our goal of a fifth-consecutive MIAA title we’ll be back in the spring.”

Alex Sei

Belles sophomore

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish finish fourth at ISU

Kurt Benninger and Patrick Smyth lead team with top-20 finishes

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

For the second race in a row, the No. 12 Irish men were able to shock higher-ranked teams in a big-time national meet, finishing fourth out of 36 in the Pre-National Meet Oct. 14 at Indiana State.

Notre Dame accumulated just 255 points in the race, better than five teams ranked ahead of them. No. 21 Irish before the race — No. 9 BYU, No. 14 Michigan, No. 16 Virginia, No. 19 William and Mary and No. 20 Arizona State. The Irish finished behind only No. 5 Iona (100 points), No. 3 Stanford (106) and No. 25 Florida (100 points), No. 3 Stanford (106) and No. 25 Florida (217).

Senior Kurt Benninger (24:23) and sophomore Patrick Smyth (24:49) led Notre Dame across the finish line. Smyth feels Notre Dame has a real good training over fall break and this coming week, "as the season continues. "It was good we ran together for about three-quarters of the race and went with a group," Smyth said. "I kind of fell off a little bit, but we were both pretty high."

Joining Notre Dame's top two runners were juniors Jake Watson (24:23) and Brett Adams (24:50) and freshman Jake Walker (24:51). Of the Irish qualifiers, four set career-highs for an eight kilometer race while Smyth was a mere three seconds off his personal best set at the Notre Dame Invitational run Sept. 30.

Walker's finish was especially impressive as it was the freshman's first time in the team's top-five lineup in his Notre Dame career.

"As a freshman stepping into that role, I think he's going to be great and I think he's going to keep it moving," Smyth said.

Despite the high finish, Smyth feels Notre Dame has the capability to do even better as the season continues.

"We have the Big East this Friday — we're just going to keep rolling," he said. "We had a real good training over fall break and we just keep rolling with it and hopefully the Big East goes well."

The race was an important stepping stone for Notre Dame's hunt for a national title because the NCAA championship next month will be run at the same course in Terra Haute.

The Irish women also competed in the Pre-National Meet, finishing tied with Indiana for 15th out of 36 teams in the six kilometer race with 441 points. Defending national champion Stanford dominated the competition with a paltry 45 points. An incredible amount considering second-place Minnesota amassed 200.

Junior Sunni Olding was the only Notre Dame runner in the top 50 finishers of the meet, clocking in at 20:38 for 19th place. Next for the Irish was junior Julie Ferguson (21:51), followed by senior Ann Mazur (21:51), sophomore Heidi Rocha (21:49) and freshman Lindsey Ferguson (21:51). After training during fall break and this coming week, the Irish return to action Friday at Boston College to compete for the Big East Championship.

Notes:
- Liberty's Josh McDougal won the men's race with a final time of 23:14. Wake Forest's Michelle Sikes took the top spot in the women's race at 20:16.

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Waldrum said he is not concerned about Cincinnati’s emotion in what could be the last game of the Bearcats’ season Sunday, they need to beat the Irish to qualify for the tournament.

Notre Dame has clinched both a berth in the tournament and a first round bye, but Waldrum said his players were upset immediately following the tie, but by their next game against Georgetown, the emotion had subsided.

“Were upset about it and they hope to get to play Connecticut down the road, but its not something that’s going to be in their minds the rest of the season,” he said.

Irish junior forward Amanda Cinalli had Notre Dame’s best scoring chance, a header on a cross from sophomore Brittany Rock with only nine minutes left in the game, but the ball sailed just over the crossbar.

Notre Dame 5, Providence 0

The Irish bounced back from their tie against UConn with a drubbing of the Friars on the road Oct. 15.

Sophomore Kerri Hanks became the youngest player in Irish history to reach 100 career points and 40 career goals with her score and two assists while Rock and Cinalli added goals of their own.

Notre Dame held Providence without a shot on goal or a corner kick in earning its 12th shutout of the season.

Notre Dame 4, Villanova 2

The Irish allowed multiple goals for the first time this season but managed a 4-2 win over the Wildcats in Philadelphia Friday.

The initial Villanova goal, the first allowed by Notre Dame in six games, came four minutes into the second half by freshmen Erin Byrnes and tied the game at one.

“We had a little bit of a break down in the flank area,” Waldrum said. “We turned the ball over and didn’t over quick enough and then the kid made a really good shot.”

Byrnes also scored Villanova’s second goal, a shot with less than a minute remaining. It was the first goal the Irish have allowed in the second half of a game this year.

I thought we went to sleep instead of finishing the game off,” Waldrum said.

Notre Dame 1, Georgetown 0

The Irish shut out their 12th opponent of the season Sunday with a 1-0 victory over the Hoyas in Washington, D.C.

Sophomore Carrie Dew headed in a cross from Hanks early in the second half for the game’s only goal.

Georgetown (5-9-5, 2-7-2 Big East) needed a win to have any chance to qualify for the Big East tournament but didn’t get it.

Notes:

Waldrum said he will give the team Wednesday and possibly Thursday off from practice in preparation for a Big East tournament game Saturday or Sunday.

“they need the rest and a chance to catch up on school work,” Waldrum said. Notre Dame will have played three games in five days after today.

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Defender Christie Shaner clears the ball against West Virginia Sept. 29. The Irish defeated the Mountaineers 3-1.
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the last two games was named Defensive Player of the Week, which was the third time in his career that he was honored. Freshman Kevin Deeth (one goal, two assists) Rookie of the Week. Relief goalie Kevin Neill was named for the attention that they accomplished Jackson said. "But the weekend's over, everything we accomplished last weekend comes down to tomorrow's proposition the next weekend if we play another game."

Notre Dame beat Boston College 3-2 with a last-second goal by senior Dave Brown (48-23, picked up the first of two assists for the evening). The Irish opened up a 4-0 lead early in the second period and then held it intact for 19 minutes. Freshman midfielder Dan Bertram tied the Irish in the 65th minute with a point for the reigning Big East Freshman of the Year before.

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**HOCKEY**

**Giant killers**

Irish jump to No. 11 with victory over BC

By KYLE CASSILY
Sport Writer

Notre Dame played the David to Boston College’s Goliath — again — and upset the No. 1 Eagles 7-1 Friday in Chestnut Hill, Mass., the third time in three straight games the Irish have knocked off a top-ranked Eagles squad.

“It’s a big step for us,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “I’m happy with what we did this weekend — it’s a sign of where we can be, what we can do.”

The Irish (3-1-0) defeated Providence College 6-1 Saturday to sweep their two-game tour of the Hockey East, but lost 3-2 with seconds remaining in overtime Oct. 14 at Minnesota State-Mankato to split that two-game series.

With the Boston College blowout — the ninth time in its history that Notre Dame has beaten a No. 1-ranked team — and the Providence win, Notre Dame went from unranked to No. 11 in Monday’s USA Today/American Hockey Magazine Top 15. It is the highest the team has been ranked since it finished the 2003-04 season at No. 12 after a NCAA Tournament loss to Minnesota.

“Let’s be realistic about that,” Jackson said. “It’s October and there’s still 12-15 teams today ahead of us, and that doesn’t mean there won’t be more tomorrow.”

Three Notre Dame players were awarded CCHA honors Monday for their weekend efforts. Defenseman Wes O’Neill (two assists, plus-four in three straight games) was named the CCHA/USA Today Player of the Week.

Irish center Mark Van Guilder, left, faces off against the Mavericks’ Zach Harrison in Notre Dame’s 6-1 win Oct. 13.

**MEN’S SOCCER**

**Offense gears up for battle against DePaul**

Team wins 2 of final 3 regular season games

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sport Writer

Playing possibly its toughest three games of the season in a span of eight days, No. 6 Notre Dame more than held its own last week, picking up wins over Providence and No. 14 Connecticut while falling to No. 4 West Virginia.

“We could have won all three games,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said. “We played well at West Virginia, but we didn’t follow through with our chances.”

The results leave Notre Dame’s record at 12-4-2 (8-3-0 Big East) at the conclusion of the regular season.

With its 24 points, Notre Dame locked up the No. 3 seed in the Big East tournament, which begins Wednesday night when the Irish take on DePaul at Alumni Field. Notre Dame defeated the Demons 3-0 in South Bend Sept. 10 in the teams’ only meeting this season.

Notre Dame 3, Providence 0

The Irish started the week with a decisive victory over Providence Oct. 14, running their winning streak to a season-high seven games — the program’s longest since an eight-game streak in 2003.

The victory left Notre Dame, who entered the game tied with Providence in the conference standings, in sole possession of second place in the Big East’s Blue Division one point behind both Connecticut and West Virginia.

With their shutout of the Friars, the Irish held their opponent scoreless for the fifth time in six games and ninth time for the season. Despite the impressive statistics, Clark downplayed the result.

“It was not an easy 3-0 game,” Clark said. “Until we scored in the final minute, we felt we were still in a game. It was a good clear win, but it wasn’t a blowout.”

Junior forward Kurt Martin scored the pivotal goal on a blistering shot with only 26 seconds remaining in the game. It was Martin’s first goal on the season. Senior midfielder Nate Norman, who converted the opening goal with only 7:15 left, was honored as the game’s Most Valuable Player.

Irish midfieldsusin Pinnick fights for the ball in Notre Dame’s 5-0 win over Pittsburgh Oct. 1 at Alumni Field.

**ND VOLLEYBALL**

**Squad falls out of first to Hawaii**

By KYLE CASSILY
Sport Writer

Notre Dame fell out of first place in the Big East with a 3-0 loss to St. John’s at home Sunday in a battle of the league unbeatens.

It was the final match of five games Notre Dame played over fall break. The Irish (13-8, 7-1 Big East) were 2-0 in both the Bahamas and Connecticut but suffering back-to-back losses to No. 16 Hawaii.

Notre Dame lost to the Rainbow Warriors 3-0 and 3-1 on Oct. 16 and 17 in front of a crowd of 6,607 at the Stan Sheriff Center in Honolulu.

“Hawaii is just a great atmosphere to play volleyball, they get a

**ND WOMEN’S SOCCER**

**Irish prepare for playoffs**

Team looks to finish regular season strong

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sport Editor

Notre Dame is one game away from an unbeaten regular season.

After going 3-0-1 during fall break, the Irish take on Cincinnati tonight on the road in a makeup of Sept. 22’s game that was cancelled due to lightning.

No. 1 Notre Dame (16-0-1, 9-0-1 Big East) went three road contests last week, beating Providence 3-0 Oct. 15, Villanova 4-2 Friday and Georgetown 1-0 Sunday. The Irish also tied Connecticut 0-0 Oct. 13.

Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum said the week off from classes was a welcome opportunity to rest for the team after midterms.

“The hard part was coming off of midterms exams,” Waldrum said. “The week was used to not only train but to catch up academically a little bit.”

The Bearcats come into tonight’s game 7-8-2 and 3-6-1 in the Big East. They are

**FOOTBALL**

**Notre Dame 20 UCLA 17**

Jeff Samardzija’s touchdown with 27 seconds left gives the Irish the victory.