Annan cancels Notre Dame visit

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

Due to scheduling conflicts, United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan has canceled his planned Nov. 12 visit to Notre Dame, a Mendoza College of Business official said Sunday.

Annan was scheduled to be the keynote speaker at a peace conference Nov. 12-14 exploring how commerce can be a tool for building peace.

Father Oliver Williams, the director of Mendoza's Center for Ethics and Culture and the conference's lead organizer, said he booked Annan knowing his visit could not be assured, given the Secretary-General's full and often unpredictable schedule.

Annan will be replaced by Mark Moody-Stuart, chairman of the board of directors of the Global Compact, a non-profit entity that helps fund one of Annan's most well-known initiatives, the Global Compact.

The three-day peace conference is titled "Peace Through Commerce: Partnerships as a New Paradigm" and will bring together corporate, governmental and non-governmental organizations and policy makers to examine how, through economic commerce, businesses and NGOs can advance initiatives for peace.

Moody-Stuart will deliver his keynote address to an invitation-only crowd in the dining room of the Notre Dame Press Box Nov. 12. "Moody-Stuart is going to talk about the need for companies — particularly large businesses — to get involved in problems of the wider society," he said. "He will encourage them and probably implore companies to do more," said Williams, who sits on Moody-Stuart's board of directors for the Foundation for the Global Compact.

In addition to his chairmanship of the Foundation for the Global Compact, Moody-Stuart is also chairman of Anglo American PLC, an international mining company. He holds a doctorate in geology from Cambridge University and, from 2001-04, was a member of the United Nations Security Council.

Easley discusses ethics in politics

North Carolina governor emphasizes reliance on core values when enacting public policy

By EVA BINDA
News Writer

Declaring ethics and core values in policy-making as "not optional," Friday afternoon, North Carolina Gov. Michael Easley delivered a speech in the Snite Museum on the importance of drawing upon personal values in setting the right policy.

"In the talk, entitled "Intersection of Politics and Values in the 21st Century," Easley said the right policy is "the one that allows people to reach their potential so they can use their God-given gifts."

Easley, a Democrat, is the first Roman Catholic governor of North Carolina, a profoundly Protestant state. Although he attended UNC-Chapel Hill, Easley named University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh as "one of my heroes."

Easley admitted that his "religious faith guides [his] policy," but insisted this view does not "violate the separation of church and state."

"It's natural and appropriate to navigate public policy with our own internal moral compass," Easley said.

He repeatedly referred to the importance of relying on one's core values in making and enforcing policy, helping less powerful members of society.

"Small steps properly taken for noble purposes strengthen the weak among us," Easley said.

Networking directory accessible to seniors

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

Undergraduate seniors and graduate students now have the option to receive full access to Irish Online, a networking directory of more than 100,000 alumni, after a change that went into effect Nov. 1.

A result of a joint effort by Student Government, the Alumni Association and the Development Office, the change increases student networking opportunities tenfold — undergraduate students were previously given access to a directory of 10,000 alumni who volunteered their information, according to a student government press release. Full access to the directory was not granted to seniors until well after graduation.

"We realized students didn't have access to the full alumni network until at least six weeks after graduation and sometimes even longer," said student body vice president Bill Andrichuk.

"It didn't make sense that the full directory was not available during the most relevant time for students to be contacting alumni for their career search," he said.

Local bishop visits Saint Mary's

By ABBY RICHARDSON
News Writer

Celebrating Mass and answering questions at Saint Mary's Sunday night, South Bend-Fort Wayne Bishop John D'Arcy cited the importance of love and prayer as he addressed scripture, current events and why he became a priest.

"When the gospel is read in the Church, it is never about past events only," D'Arcy said. "It is all about love."

D'Arcy continued to stress the importance of love, referring to Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical "God is Love." D'Arcy encouraged South Bend-Fort Wayne Bishop John D'Arcy speaks with students after celebrating Mass at Saint Mary's Sunday.
INSIDE COLUMN

Keeping our common courtesy

I'm no conservative. Terms like "family values" make me cringe, and whenever I hear mention of "traditional marriage," this election season, I want to run back to my apartment and put on my rainbow bandanna. In spite of all that, I've always thought of Notre Dame and its surrounding community as a place where the norms of a simpler time are embraced, and where a refreshing sense of common courtesy holds the day. And while I might not always agree with Notre Dame's values, I know that they stem from a sincere desire to set right the ills of the larger world.

This is why I'm concerned that the decency for which our University is known is under threat from the outside. In my small East Coast hometown, our local coffee shop recently made the news following a fight over a parking space in which one driver maced another, sending her to the hospital.

Now, this is a feeling I can relate to. We've all felt frustrated when that selfish mom in the ugly huggers takes up two parking spaces with her Suburban, forcing us to park illegally so we can run in to get our dry-cleaning. We all know the pain of waiting in line at the store as that fool with the comb-over pays for his $1.50 tube of toothpaste with a debit card.

I know a Notre Dame woman who carries "rape whistles" to defend herself in the event of an attack, which I find a bit quaint. A friend at home carries nunchucks in her apartment and puts on Steve Kerins "traditional marriage" bandanna. I know the pain of waiting in line at our local coffee shop recently made the news following a fight over a parking space in which one driver maced another, sending her to the hospital.

"Watching the movie "Borat."" "A grande, triple-shot, nonfat, sugar-free vanilla latte." "Write an angry Viewpoint letter about it." "Looking at pictures on Facebook of the weekend." "I don't know, but it involves a g-i-r-o-n, some ice and a plastic lawn gnome." "Sleeping until Tuesday."
Game-day parking benefits SMC
Crowds increase College bookstore sales; security receives no complaints

by KATIE KOHLER

A $20 bill and a vow not to tailgate can earn South Bend visitors a parking spot on the Saint Mary's campus — just 1.5 miles from Notre Dame Stadium — on a crowded football Saturday.

"Athletic teams help with the parking of cars, which greatly benefits their programs," Director of Security Dan Gariepy said.

After games, traffic is altered — only right turns are allowed onto Route 31 going south until downtown South Bend — to make exiting campus more efficient.

"We do this because it is the fastest way to clear the campus," Gariepy said.

Saint Mary's athletics are not the only ones who profit from campus parking, as sales at the Saint Mary's bookstore are also affected by the influx of people.

The Shaheen Bookstore, normally open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, opens an hour earlier to accommodate the crowds on game days. The bookstore also opens from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays — when it is typically closed — after Notre Dame football games.

Bookstore manager Michael Hicks estimates a 20 percent increase in sales on football weekends.

"The increase in bookstore traffic is due primarily to alumni, parents of current students and prospective students visiting the Student Center," he said.

Hicks does not attribute the increase in sales to fans of Notre Dame, nor to the local economy and we at Saint Mary's.

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project has continued to grow each year, with the number of 150 packages last fall.

The group is expecting to send fewer packages — around 120 by this year because "there has been a drop in the number of people overseas," Zarah said. Sixty names have already been collected and Zarah expects that number to increase in the final days. All the packages should be put together and shipped overseas the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

With the number of packages has decreased, the number of supporters has done just the opposite. "I think it's definitely bringing more school-wide project rather than just the local community," Andrichik said. "I think they're actually getting a chance to do a little more good because there's a little more money that's going to the projects."

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U.N. advisory council for the Global Compact, which brings together business leaders and non-governmental organizations to help create and sustain a more inclusive economy.

Companies who will be represented at the conference include: Bristol-Myers-Squibb, The Coca Cola Company, General Motors Company and General Electric, among others. "We've included many of the leaders in the business community," Andrichik said, "to help us with the process of aligning our own goals with the goals of society."

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Directory

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Seniors and graduate students will be able to view the entire alumni directory after contacting Mary Kate Malone at mmalone3@nd.edu. "Networking with an entire alumni directory is a positive change for seniors wanting to take full advantage of the alumni network until after graduation," Andrichik said.

ACE to offer degree in administration

The University of Notre Dame will offer a new master's degree in educational administration beginning next summer.

The new degree program is an expansion of the Alliance for Catholic Education Leadership Program, which is itself an outgrowth of Notre Dame's ACE, which provides college graduates an opportunity to earn a master's degree in education administration. In addition to teaching, students will work with education leaders at Catholic high schools nationwide. Since it began in 2002, the ACE Leadership Program has trained 115 leaders in educational administration, fostering communication within schools and spiritual formation. All of these teachers have remained in Catholic schools, 50 of them in administrative positions.

According to Father Ronald N. Ruzzi, director of the ACE Leadership Program, the development of the program is an important change for seniors wanting to take full advantage of the vast alumni network systems Notre Dame has to offer.

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While freshmen, sophomores and juniors will still have access to the volunteer alumni network, seniors will find that the job search may be more difficult when they have less than 100,000 records of alumni in the South Bend region, program sponsors and potential employers, Andrichik said. Students are actually contacting companies but Notre Dame is working to ease the process, said Andrichik. "(The directory) works as a complement to companies that the Career Center brings in." Open the door, please!

"I think the 2006 Thanksgiving prayer action will be a success," Zarah said. "I believe the students and faculty members will do a great job of mobilizing others to participate in the prayer and action event." Andrichik said the prayer will be held on the campus of Notre Dame and the National Catholic Educational Association building in Washington, D.C.

"It's a very important day for all Catholics and it's the perfect time to come together and make a statement," Zarah said.

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Governor

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During his time as governor, Easley has taken steps to improve education and shorten the achievement gap between people of different races in North Carolina. One example, Easley said, is reducing the sizes of kindergarten classes. "So many good and strong programs are being made were made by their lack of education," Easley said. He explained that North Carolina tradition economic growth in agriculture, textiles and furniture manufacturing - making it difficult for some people to pursue higher education.

Easley said he has worked to provide more funding and scholarships for students to make higher education more accessible to those at all income levels.

Although Easley said much progress has been made on the state-level in North Carolina, he has placed his optimism for the future in Washington, D.C.

"Too many in Washington have forgotten our core principles and left Americans in their wake," Easley said. In the nation's capital, he said, there is "too much concern for party politics and not enough concern for constituents."

"The priorities in Washington are focused more on future elections than future generations," Easley said.

He said that among other initiatives, Washington has cut Federal Pell grant scholarships, despite "the clear need for more educated population." Whenever cuts are made on the federal level, the states have to make up the loss, he said. Easley also criticized how Washington has been funding the war effort.

"You create the budget to fit the war effort," Easley said, "and they will try to fit the budget to the war effort.

Regarding foreign policy, Easley predicted that "as other powers emerge, the United States faces the challenge of more militarily in the past."

The U.S. must rely on core values, Easley said, because "we will no longer be able to coerce others. We will have to be able to persuade others." He said he believes America should be viewed "as moral and values.

Despite the critical tone regarding Washington, Easley insisted on the need to remain optimistic for the future. "We must remain optimistic," Easley said. "Confident that our people will succeed, hopeful that the words of our leaders will come with action and optimism that values will strengthen a weakened America."
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran prepared to open negotiations

TEHRAN — Iran said Sunday it was open to negotiating with the United States on Iran and other regional issues but hinted it would not drop its refusal to talk about its controversial nuclear program.

As the U.N. Security Council geared up for a protracted debate on sanctioning Iran over its nuclear program, Tehran praised the resolution for its “softer” stance on the issue.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini said Iran would consider talks with the U.S. over regional issues, including Lebanon, but that it would not use such talks to evade its international obligations.

He also hinted that Iran would not change its position regarding bilateral relations with the U.S., suggesting Tehran would refuse to talk about the nuclear issue.

Unrest over federal police continues

OAXACA, Mexico — Thousands of anti-government demonstrators marched through this tense colonial city on Sunday, demanding the security forces abandon camps they set up last week to end a five-month protest.

Masked police officers clutching automatic weapons walked among the protesters from rooftops as they marched to a plaza a block away from the encampments, yelling “Get out federal police!”

The leaders then formed a human chain to keep the crowd of 20,000 from confronting police, but about 400 people broke through and attacked the officers with stones and bottles.

The forces raised shields to protect themselves but did not use tear gas or fire their weapons.

NATIONAL NEWS

Evangelist apologizes after dismissal

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Saying that he was a “deceiver and liar” who had given in to his dark side, the Rev. Ted Haggard confessed to sexual immorality Sunday in a letter read from the pulpit of the megachurch he founded.

The disgraced former president of the National Evangelical Association, which represents 30 million evangelical Christians, apologized and said “because of pride, I began deceiving those I love the most because I didn’t want to hurt or disappoint them.”

“The fact is I am guilty of sexual immorality. And I take responsibility for the entire problem. I hurt or disappoint.”

Two days before the election, both parties focused on turning out voters. The numbers historically are low in non-presidential years, with only about 40 percent of U.S. citizens of voting age population.

At each of the two events, candidates were making the case for change, arguing that Republicans on Capitol Hill have dominated the campaign season, and Republicans and Democrats sparred over the war again.

In 37 states, voters will determine the fate of ballot initiatives, including whether to ban gay marriage; raise the minimum wage; end compulsory embryonic stem cell research; and — in South Dakota — impose the country’s most stringent abortion restrictions.

Already, this is projected to be the most expensive election cycle ever, at $2.6 billion.

Iraq has dominated the campaign season, and Republicans and Democrats sparred over the war again Sunday following Saddam Hussein’s conviction on crimes against humanity.

He was sentenced to die by hanging; an appeal is planned.

“Call to pull out, to withdraw from this war is losing. The Democrats appear to be in favor of pulling out. The Republicans are going to withdraw from the war.”

Infuriated, Rep. Rahm Emanuel of Illinois, the Democrat in charge of the party’s House campaign, shot back: “We want to win and we want a new direction to Iraq.”

In his sixth year in office, the president faces the likeliness of losing GOP seats in both the House and the Senate, as well as fewer GOP governors.

Voters are angling for change. They give both the president and GOP-controlled Congress low job performance ratings, they do not like the direction the country is headed, and they are particularly frustrated with the war as costs and casualties mount.

“It may not be popular with the public. It doesn’t matter, in the sense that we have to continue the mission and do what we think is right,” Cheney said.

LOCAL NEWS

Utility: workers told of Legenarios’ deaths

WHEATFIELD, Ind. — A spokesman for Northern Indiana Public Service Co. said Sunday the utility properly notified employees that the bacteria that causes Legenarios’ disease was found at a generating station where union officials contend a contractor worked the illness.

A spokesman for the utility was not available for comment.

A woman was killed or found dead near a poultry farm in rural Indiana on Saturday, the FBI said.

A day after hundreds of workers were notified as soon as the utility learned of the positive Legionella bacteria results on samples taken at a generating station where union officials said a contractor worked, the illness.

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IRAQ

Curfew ensures safety after verdict

BAGHDAD — A round-the-clock curfew imposed ahead of the verdict against Saddam Hussein kept a relative peace in this most dangerous city on Sunday, but the U.S. military announced two more Americans were killed or found dead near Baghdad.

The city’s top tourist attraction, added check points and stepped up police patrols with the U.S. military.

Iraqi soldiers were canceled.

Widespread bloodshed was reported in Baghdad, despite rumors of clashes by Shiites who defied the curfew in the capital to rejoice over the death sentence given to Saddam and angry counting.

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SUDAN

Leaders deny role in latest Darfur violence

Associated Press

KHARTOUM — The Sudanese government on Sunday denied involvement in a new wave of violence in the Darfur region that killed more than 50 people, blaming "outlaws" for the attacks.

The United Nations released a report Friday accusing the government-allied janjaweed militia of raiding seven villages and a refugee camp in the Jebel Moon area of West Darfur on Oct. 29-30.

The U.N. cited witnesses saying that men clad in Sudanese military officers' garb were with the horse-mounted militia when they attacked, killing at least 27 children and about as many adults.

"At the very least, the attacks demonstrated the government of Sudan's continued failure to disarm militia in Darfur, and at worst its use of militia forces that target civilian populations," the U.N. report said.

Sudan's government dismissed the report as misleading.

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Sudan's Arab-dominated government has long denied backing the janjaweed, a militia of Arab nomads blamed for much of the atrocities against ethnic African villagers in Darfur since 2003, when African rebels first took up arms against Khartoum.

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Researchers tout new lice treatment

SALT LAKE CITY — Head lice — those nasty nuisances for schoolchildren and parents — were blown away in half an hour by a new blow dryer-like device its inventors call the "LouseBuster," university researchers reported.

The device, which kills bugs and eggs by drying them out, might one day offer an alternative to the present resorting to ketotifen shampoo and nit picking currently necessary for dealing with this widespread problem.

The LouseBuster results were reported in the November issue of the journal Pediatrics by University of Utah researchers who said the device eliminates infestations by preventing reproduction.

The study, involving 169 children in the Salt Lake area, showed the LouseBuster killed 80 percent of hatched lice and 98 percent of eggs on infested children. Enough bugs were killed to persuade some to go to the head lice website, which is a really pretty place,” said Bill Caylor, head of the Kentucky Coal Association.

“They’re playing the emotional card on us,” said Carol Raulston, spokeswoman for the National Mining Association, which said the Web site is misleading because it fails to acknowledge mine reclamation projects.

“In many parts of Appalachia, these reclamation activities have provided much needed level land above the flood plain for construction of schools, government offices, medical facilities, airports, shopping centers and housing developments,” Raulston said in an e-mail.

For James Bowling, mountaintop removal has been a blessing. The 59-year-old built his dream home atop a flattened mountain called Red Oak and has 250 acres of newly leveled land to raise 80 head of cattle and vegetation.

“If it weren’t for mountaintop removal, I wouldn’t be here,” said Bowling, who lives in the valley below Red Oak before allowing a mine company to extract coal from his property at 50 cents per ton.

Chester Stevens of Hazard, one of the most heavily mined areas in eastern Kentucky, said mountaintop removal allowed him to build the home in which he lived for 15 years.

“We in Hazard had no place to build,” said Stevens, 58. “Mining looks bad when it’s going on, but then you have some beautiful land after that and that can be used by people.”

Bill said the bans to the environment should be of greater concern than development. “We’re eliminating mountains off the face of the Earth,” she said, adding, “The reclaimed sites look nothing more than anemic golf courses.”

Folk living near Campbell’s hollow also say there’s no good side to mountaintop mining and that their small community values the natural beauty of the mountains over new buildings and resorts.

Northwest seeks to recall its pilots

EAGAN, Minn. — Northwest Airlines Corp., which is working to emerge from bankruptcy, is planning to recall hundreds of furloughed pilots this year and next, more than it initially said it would recall, the pilots’ union said.

Northwest, the nation’s fifth-largest airline, sent letters to at least 5,500 furloughed to recall them as of Oct. 15 and expects to recall about 150 pilots more in the first half of 2007, according to a letter from Tim Campbell, a Northwest vice president.

“We have been recalling pilots for the past three months and over the next several weeks,” Northwest spokesman Ron Blahoski told the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

The airline, which laid off up to 729 pilots after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, reduced service and filed for bankruptcy reorganization in September 2005, said it was recalling the pilots because of increased business and to fill spots vacated by pilots who had left the company.

Market Recap

Google Earth aids local initiative

Enlightenment groups often use program to display effects of mountaintop mining

Stocks fall as oil rises amid threats

NEW YORK — Wall Street ended the week with a moderate decline Friday after crude prices jumped in a wave of possible attacks in Nigeria near production facilities. The rise in crude prices spurred enthusiasm over a Labor Department report that the nation’s unemployment rate fell to a five-year low.

While stocks overall fell for a third straight week, the Dow, which fell 2.33 percent to 11,986.04, was mired in a series of kidnapings and bombing attacks in the coming days in areas where oil is extract-

The Labor Department said the unemployment rate fell to 4.4 percent last month from 4.6 percent in September, easing some concerns that the economy has slowed too quickly. For more than a week, investors have been nervous about the strength of the economy following a stream of disappointing data. While Wall Street wants growth to cool so the threat of inflation will dissipate and the Federal Reserve can cut interest rates, a precipitous slowdown could slow into consumer spending and corporate profits.

Alan Gayle, senior investment strategist and director of asset allocation for Trusco Capital Management, said the employment figures suggest the economy has more power than expected going into the holiday spending season but warned that the strength could make the Fed uneasy. “Investors have to digest the notion that the Fed is going to remain poised to lift interest rates as we go into 2007.”

The Dow closed down 32.50, or 0.27 percent, at 11,986.04. It was the aver-

age’s first close under 12,000 since Oct. 19, when it finished above that milestone for the first time.

Broader stock indicators also closed lower. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index fell 3.04, or 0.22 percent, to 1,364.30, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 3.23, or 0.14 percent, to 2,330.79.
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Oprah book club has been quiet for months, but the Winfrey touch remains golden.

Just ask the publishers of diet doctors Michael F. Roizen and Mehmet C. Oz.

Since an appearance last Thursday on Winfrey's television talk show, books by Roizen and Oz have occupied the top three spots on the best seller list of Amazon.com, with customers buying both the book alone and the book and DVD of their new work, "YOU: On a Diet," and the hardcover edition of a previous text, "YOU: The Owner's Manual," a million seller in 2005.

"Oprah obviously has a passion for their work. It's very exciting," said Martha Levin, publisher of the Free Press, an imprint of Simon & Schuster that has increased the print run of "YOU: On a Diet," from 650,000 to 950,000.

Roizen and Oz specialize in easy-to-understand guides to healthy living, written with hip, simple language. The authors regard the human body as a house, the heart is the main water, the digestive system part of the plumbing and bones the foundation.

Winfrey's support for Roizen and Oz is separate from her book club picks, which virtually guarantees hundreds of thousands of sales. Her last official selection was 10 months ago, when she chose Elie Wiesel's "Night," her longest hiatus since she suspended the club for a year in 2002-2003.

"It has been a long time," Levin told the AP on Sunday, "and publishers have been thinking about her club with nostalgia."

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**Nicaragua**

Daniel Ortega tries to regain presidency after 16 years

Associated Press

MANAGUA — Nicaraguans hit the streets through Winfrey's window, paddled canoes down remote rivers and waited under a searing sun to vote Sunday on whether to return Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega to power 16 years after a U.S.-backed rebellion helped push him out of office.

Ortega has his best chance in 16 years to regain the presidency, which he held from 1985-1990 when he fought a war against the U.S.-backed Contra rebels who tried to oust him.

This election, the second-poorest nation in the hemisphere has become a tug-of-war between leftist Venezuela and its archival, the United States.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez has said that aid and trade "will be endangered" if "anti-democratic forces prevail" in the election. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has openly favored his "brother" Ortega.

Ortega faces four opponents: Harvard-educated Eduardo Montealegre, Sandinista dissident Edmundo Jarquin, ruling party candidate Jose Rizo and former Contra rebel Eden Pastora. Most polls show his closest rival is Montealegre of the Nicaraguan Liberal Alliance, a party that broke from the Constitutionalist Liberal Party of former President Arnoldo Aleman, who was convicted of corruption following his 1997-2002 term.

Results will begin to trickle in late Sunday, but officials will probably not declare a winner until Monday at the earliest. Voters are also electing a new Congress.

The race was Ortega's fifth consecutive presidential campaign. He won a 1984 election boycotted by Sandinista opponents, and took power in 1985. He lost in 1990 to Violeta Chamorro, ending Sandinista rule and the Contra war. His next two presidential attempts in 1996 and 2001 were also failures.

But Ortega could win this election outright with just 35 percent of the vote if he leads his closest opponent by five percentage points. Recent polls showed him with a comfortable lead over Montealegre, but just short of the votes needed to avoid a second round.

Ortega cast his vote amid a throng of cameramen, saying he was confident runoff would not be needed.

"Nicaragua wins today," he said before climbing into his Mercedes sport utility vehicle and driving away with his wife.

Polls have shown Ortega would have trouble winning a December runoff. While he has a key base of support, many voters still have bitter memories of Sandinista rule, which left the country in an economic shambles and saw 30,000 killed in the war against the U.S.-backed Contras.

**NBC 'Nightly News' back on top**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brian Williams has the smile of a man about to unleash a secret weapon.

Or two. He's preparing for his first election night as NBC News' chief anchor Tuesday knowing he'll be flanked on the broadcast by his predecessor, Tom Brokaw, and Tim Russert, the Washington veteran popular for his plainspoken intensity during tense nights of vote counting.

It's a formidable edge to take into competition with two other rookies in the role, CBS Katie Couric and ABC's Charles Gibson, and could help cement his status as the most popular network news anchor.

Not that there weren't a few anxious moments around NBC News earlier this fall. Williams' "Nightly News" was knocked from its first-place perch for two weeks by Couric's "CBS Evening News" upon her early September debut, falling perilously close to third. But NBC returned to the top during Couric's third week, and hasn't been beaten since.

Williams got letters from regular viewers telling him they had tried Couric's broadcast, including one man who admitted his wife made him watch for a week, he said.

"As one of our executives put it, (they came) crawling home with the vague hint of cheap perfume and lipstick on their collar, crawling back after having an affair with another network," Williams told The Associated Press.

"People are so loyal, is my point, that they feel the need to tell me they've been watching someone else."

In retrospect, Williams and his executive producer, John Reiss, said they expected "Nightly News" would be hurt initially since Couric was a former colleague at NBC News.

"But I also said they weren't surprised that the evening-news competition quickly returned to the same percolating order that was in place for the last few years when Brokaw, Peter Jennings and Dan Rather were on each night — NBC first, ABC second and CBS third."

"I go home each night with the confidence of knowing we did the best broadcast that evening," Williams said. "I believe the best journalism wins the most viewers on television. It finds its audience. The audience finds it. So I never for a moment thought these long-established patterns were going to be upended for the long haul."

It's probably safe now for people at NBC News to exhale, said Andrew Tyndall, a consultant who studies the content of the evening newscasts.

"Up until Williams, Couric has to prove she is markedly better at the job and she hasn't done that, he said."

"His newscast is not a work in progress," Tyndall said. "It's sure of itself and has got its own rhythm so there are very few missteps in a half hour. They know what they're doing and they execute their plan."
Man serving life for civil rights killing dies

Associated Press

Former Ku Klux Klan Imperial Wizard Samuel H. Bowers, who was convicted eight years ago of ordering the 1966 bombing death of a civil rights leader, died Sunday in a state penitentiary, officials said. He was 82.

He died of cardio pulmonary arrest, said Mississippi Department of Corrections spokeswoman Tara Booth.

Bowers was convicted in August of 1998 of ordering the assassination of Vernon Dahmer Sr., a civil rights activist who had fought for black rights during Mississippi's turbulent struggle for racial equality. He was sentenced to life in prison.

"He was supposed to stay there until he died. I guess he fulfilled that," Dahmer's widow, Ellie Dahmer, told The Associated Press on Sunday. "He lived a lot longer than Vernon Dahmer did."

Booth said that the Klansman died at approximately 11:30 a.m. in the Mississippi State Penitentiary Hospital in Parchman, a sprawling prison carved out of the cotton and soybean fields in the impoverished Mississippi Delta.

Dahmer, who championed equal voting rights for blacks, died at the age of 58 after being firebombed outside his Hattiesburg-area home on Jan. 10, 1966. The attack came after Dahmer announced that residents could pay their poll taxes at his grocery store, which was next to his home. The home and store also were torched.

When the Dahmer family awoke to honking horns in the pre-dawn hours that January morning, two carloads of Klansmen were waiting outside. They firebombed Dahmer when he exited the home, according to court testimony during a four-day trial in Forrest County Circuit Court in 1998.

Dahmer barely kept the Klansmen at bay with a shotgun while his family fled, but flames had already seared his lungs and he died in his wife's arms about 12 hours later.

During the trial, prosecutors claimed Bowers ordered the attack after becoming enraged that Dahmer was trying to register blacks to vote.

Bowers' lawyers claimed he was "sacriﬁﬁed to the media" to further the political ambitions of the attorney general at the time, Mike Moore.

Earlier trials for Bowers, including at least two before all-white juries, ended in mistrials. A 1968 state jury split 11-1 in favor of guilty, while a 1969 jury split 10-2 in favor of conviction.

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NEW YORK — His face twisted in pain, Lance Armstrong virtually walked the last couple of steps. He slowed to a halt immediately after the finish line and bent to the ground, his green shirt soaked with sweat.

"No one's more familiar with how painful achieving goals can be."

Still, not even he saw this coming.

Armstrong barely met his lofty goal of breaking 3 hours in his first marathon, but it came at a price. No Alpine climb on his bicycle had ever been as tough as Sunday's New York City Marathon, he said.

"For the level of condition that I have now, that was without a doubt the hardest physical thing I have ever done," said Armstrong, who finished 5:06. "I never felt a point where I hit the wall, it was really a gradual progression of fatigue and soreness."

Armstrong's time was 2 hours, 59 minutes and 36 seconds. Afterward, he shuffled into a post-race news conference, his right shin heavily taped.

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Data reveals increase in school bus accidents

New research shows 17,000 children are injured each year

Associated Press

CHICAGO — New national data show school bus-related accidents sent 17,000 children to emergency rooms each year, more than double the number in previous estimates that only included crashes.

Nearly one-fourth of the accidents occur when children are boarding or leaving school buses, while crashes account for 42 percent, the new research shows.

Slips and falls on buses, getting jostled when buses stop or turn suddenly, and injuries from roughhousing are among other ways kids get hurt on school buses, the data found.

Injuries, which range from cuts and sprains to broken bones, but are most not life-threatening and don’t require hospitalization. And while the numbers are higher than previous estimates, they represent a small fraction of the 23.5 million children who travel on school buses nationwide each year, the researchers said.

The researchers said the results provide a strong argument for safety belts in school buses, something industry groups say is unnecessary and is more than many school districts can afford.

Safety belts, particularly lap-shoulder belts “could not only prevent injuries related to crashes,” they could also keep kids seated “as they’re not falling out of their seats when buses make normal turns or brake,” said lead author Jennifer McGeehan, research director at Columbus Children’s Hospital’s Injury Research and Policy Institute in Columbus, Ohio.

“Our study shows that there needs to be continued vigilance on school bus safety,” McGeehan said.

The study appears in November’s Pediatrics, being released today.

The research involved reviewing fatal injuries treated in emergency rooms, is based on 2001-2003 data from a surveillance system operated by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Some 51,100 children up to age 19 were injured during the study period, greater than previously estimated, the researchers said.

Data from the government’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration through 2005 show that about 8,000 children are injured each year in school bus crashes but on average fewer than nine are killed — numbers that have remained stable for the last decade or so, the agency said. The tally is based on police reports, and not all injuries result in emergency room treatment.

In a 2002 report to Congress, NHTSA recommended against lap-only belts in school buses because they can be risky, especially in small children, by restraining them high on the abdomen, potentially causing internal injury in a crash.

Five states — California, Florida, North Carolina, New Jersey and New York — and some districts have been varying safety belt requirements for school buses, according to the National Coalition for School Bus Safety, a nonprofit advocacy group.

“It’s an expensive proposition to outfit school buses with lap-shoulder belts, not just because of the cost of the equipment but because it also reduces seating capacity,” said Robin Leeds of the National School Transportation Association, an industry group that represents school bus companies.

She said school district budgets are the safest way for kids to get to school, with or without safety belts.

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PricewaterhouseCoopers
What a cam-pain in the butt

January 2007: After sweeping to victory in last November's midterm elections, the Democratic Party regained control of the House and Senate for the first time in more than a decade. Now, only a week into the new Congressional term, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid are already up to their ears in scandals that the Republican Party so wisely forecasted in its 2006 campaign advertisements — all of which turned out to be 100-per-cent true.

As predicted by the Republican National Committee, newly elected Tennessee Senator Harold E. Ford Jr., the first African-American Senator from the South since Reconstruction, has already converted his Russell Senate Building office into an East Coast annex of the Playboy Mansion. The scantily clad blonde who winked suggestively and said, "Harold, call me," in last fall's campaign ads has iron­ically become Ford's chief mistress, and she has not wasted any time in installing hot tubs, saunas, massage tables, stripper poles and sex swings in his new office.

Unfortunately, the controversies facing the Democrat do not end with Senator Ford. Freshman Virginia Senator Jim Webb, as well, has taken heat for his attempts to pass legislation which would make his office-explicit, adult novels required reading for all students in America's public elementary schools. Webb reportedly has no concern that children will be forced to read passages like the following from his book, A Country Such As This: "Two North Vietnamese nurses attended Red in the hospital, flirt­ ing with him coyly, until one day when one of them came to him, took off her top (and performed a sexual act.)" According to Webb's office, the senator hopes to encour­ age similar erotic behavior in America's youths.

In this sadistic venture, Webb clearly has been in cahoots with Ohio's newly elected Democratic governor, Ted Strickland, who — as everyone who watched his former opponent's ad campaign knows — is a vehement supporter of man-boy love.

Specifically, according to gubernatorial loser Ken Blackwell, Strickland once failed to support a resolution condemning sex between adults and children, and this his­ tory of vicarious pedophilia has certainly returned to the political forefront... Just yester­ day, Strickland introduced legislation that would permit teacher-student sexual relations in Ohio's public schools — as long as the teacher is over the age of 40 and the student under the age of 13. When reached for comment from his bedroom in his parents' basement, Blackwell would only say, "I told ya so.

The situation is similar in the House of Representatives, where Pelosi clearly appears to be losing control of her party. Rep. Kent Kirkwood, whom a Republican opponent accused of "paying for sex" in a campaign ad last fall, has indeed lived up to the GOP's worst fears. Word for word from the ads criticizing him, Kind has already continued spending tax dollars to study "the sex lives of Vietnamese prostitutes," "the masturbat­ ing habits of old men," and "to pay teenage girls to watch pornographic movies with probes connected to their genitals." What's more, Kind has refused to correct this reckless disregard for common decency even further by using the results of these sex studies to determine why Vietnamese Hookers are the best, how many Viagra pills Kind's heart can sustain at once, and how he can get his female interns to start watching porn with him. According to Kind, he is enjoying sticking it to the social conservatives who ran the country since 1944 by paying for sex with government dollars.

Of course, a penchant for sexual indece­ency and an inherent desire to corrupt the virgin minds of America's youth have not been the only criticisms of the new Democratic Congressional leadership. As predicted by an ad sponsored by Indiana Congressman John N. Hostettler, Pelosi has immediately set to work putting in action her "radical plan to advance the homosexual agenda." In fact, for the past several days, gays and lesbians have been dancing in the streets in response to Pelosi's legislation that not only renamed traditional heterosexual marriage "civil unions," but also allowed federal funds to the production of television shows like "The Gay Bachelor," "A Lesbian Wedding Story" and "Leave It to Beaver.

In the Senate as well, Reid has wasted no time in passing a bill that would require all American soldiers in Iraq to "cut and run" home so that they can assist in giving abortions at the country's numerous understaffed family planning clinics. Just as the Republicans predicted in their ad campaign last fall, the Democrats would like nothing more than to undermine the social well-being of America and send us all right back to the 19th century.

Let this be a lesson to everyone who doubted the veracity and intent behind the negative ad campaigns of 2006. Mud-slinging is the keystone of American democracy, and without it, we are no better than the terrorists.

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Plan B

Since the publication of my Letter to the Editor ("Women, students deserve apology," Nov. 2), I have received several emails in the spirit of the Andrew Rosato Letter to the Editor ("Plan B destroys embryo in some cases," Nov. 3), challenging my assertions that Plan B only prevents pregnancy by preventing ovulation, and no evidence has been found that it interferes with implantation. In light of these letters, I feel I owe my readers a slight apology, for not including citations to support these assertions; since I had no trouble finding supporting evidence, I assumed that the citations would simply be a waste of space. That assumption was incorrect, and I am sorry for making it. Please allow me to correct my mistake. In a brief written in 1995, the Pope's Council cites a peer-reviewed article to support the claim that Plan B does not prevent implantation (Plan B did not interfere with any postfertilization process required for embryo implantation. For this writing, this brief can be viewed online here: http://tinyurl.com/yyfc3g.) Regarding Barr Pharmaceuticals' own Web site, as quoted in Rosato's letter, I would point out that they use the qualifier "may." Do not provide citations, and use non-technical language. This makes the result, at best, to accurately interpret and evaluate the quoted claims. I thank you for the opportunity to correct my previous mistake.

Dan Hicks
Grad student
Off campus
Nov. 3

Ticket lottery divides students

When it comes to debating away game ticket lotteries, most students are forgetting one thing. We are ND. That means, no matter what program we are in or what degree we graduate with, we are all part of an institution that has a tradition of making every student feel welcome and a part of the Notre Dame Family. We did this in the early 1900s by disrupting meetings of the KKK in nearby communities (which, incidentally, helped earn the nickname "The Fighting Irish"). In the 1970s, we continued this by becoming one of America's first co-ed Catholic Colleges. And, in 1989, Zhengde Wang (a graduate student) was paralyzed in a senseless hit and run, we formed "The Shirt" to raise money for his rising medical costs. We have never been like any other college in America — we have always been better. We have always been more welcoming. We have always been more inclusive. We have always seen past age, sex, race, religion, and university degree. We are — and have always been — ND. Don't let this issue break that tradition.

Shawn Ahmed
Grad student
Off campus
Nov. 3

Club leaders to discuss global health crisis

I'd like to follow up with Amanda Godshall's Letter to the Editor ("Club leaders discuss global health crisis," Oct. 27) two weeks ago and reemphasize the excitement and hope that the global health committee has towards the initiative to make a positive impact on the global health crisis through a united effort amongst all student groups on campus.

However, support and co-sponsorship are needed amongst all these groups and I'm calling upon club and organization leaders, along with any other interested persons, to attend the initial meeting that will provide details with regard to our plans for action including fundraising, continuing education, the Notre Dame curriculum, political action and faith. Please join us and find out where your club fits into this campus-wide effort on Wednesday at 10 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune.

Once the Notre Dame student body understands, we can make a difference in the global health crisis on a scale we 'd never dream possible as an individual. Come be a part of the difference.

Kathryn Regan
Grad student
Off campus
Nov. 3

Be fair about debate

So now that we've all aired our opposing views on the ticket lottery situation, perhaps it's time to take a step back and look at what has been said and what has been ignored. To establish who I am first: I am a graduate student in my fifth year, so I've seen a lot of social and justice issues being aired in this debate. The Observer editorial made some good points but failed to offer proper context. Graduate students are removed from the social identity of the campus, but in large part that is because Notre Dame is so inwardly focused on its small families that it excludes anyone who doesn't enter into that structure their way. Don't blame or punish the grad students because they don't fit the traditional mold.

At the same time, please do not belittle us by claiming the undergraduate "identity." The reason Notre Dame is a top-notch undergraduate school is because it attracts top-notch graduate students to help teach its classes and labs. Without those graduate students, many important classes would cease to function in the way you have come to know.

That said, I think this whole argument arises from a lack of focus on the part of the graduate students who started it. While we are students by definition, we are here with a very different purpose. Most of us are here not to be traditional students, but to make the step from students to professionals. In many cases the students raising these issues are on stipend programs, which means we don't pay tuition, and right there is the basic argument for excluding us from the lottery. As I read the initial protest e-mail I was stunned by the amount of energy and intensity that people would put into even a chance to get tickets. I can only imagine what these people might be accomplishing in their research if they weren't planning protests. Maybe the saddest part of this to me is that if--as I fear--the problems we as graduate students have, from healthcare costs to cost-of-living adjustments and child-care to parking, that we have wasted what little bargaining power we have on sports tickets. In my opinion it's a sad situation — there are so many positive things we could have fought for that would have united, not divided. This is just the opinion of one graduate student who has been around the block.

Take it or leave it, but let this die and solve bigger problems next time.

Christopher Nicholson
Grad student
Off campus
Nov. 3

We are ND: grad/undergrad relations

When it comes to debating away game ticket lotteries, most students are forgetting one thing: We are ND. That means, no matter what program we are in or what degree we graduate with, we are all part of an institution that has a tradition of making every student feel welcome and a part of the Notre Dame Family.

I want to make a comment regarding your opinion of graduate students at Notre Dame. I believe your comments to be misdirected and instead of trying to include and respect all students on campus as you are taught to do, you are trying to create a division.

How can you say I do not have as much passion as you do because I am a graduate student? You do not know me; you do not know what I had to go through in order to get here. Where were you when our team was losing to Michigan in the fourth quarter? I was still in the stands cheering our team on, while I saw many of the undergraduate students leaving.

I have an incredible passion for this school and I have had to drop everything in my life to come here. I do not regret this decision because it is the only place I have ever been that makes me feel like I am home. I am so grateful that I belong here. I understand the passion, the sorrows, the joys, the sweat and tears, and courage that have gone into making Notre Dame the greatest university in the world. It is by courage alone that I am here — if it were not for a priest who had the courage to follow the life God created for him, and then help others including myself to find that courage, I would not be here today.

I could never fully describe in words how deep my passion runs for Notre Dame, but I understand that it is there. I truly believe that we are all here for a greater purpose than attending school, so remember you did not choose Notre Dame. She chose you. She chose you because She knew you would go out into the world and have the courage to stand up for what is right. Please do not let her down while you are here.

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Respect, not generalize

Shawn Ahmed
Director Tony Bill returns for film screening
Notre Dame alumnus presents latest project 'Flyboys,' reflects on career in industry

By BRIAN DOXTADER
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Academy Award winner and Notre Dame graduate Tony Bill came back to his alma mater this weekend to screen his latest directorial effort "Flyboys." Bill has worked as an actor, director and producer over a four-decade career. His first major acting role was in the 1963 Frank Sinatra film "Come Blow Your Horn." After acting in several films, he switched to producing, and in 1973 produced the Robert Redford-Paul Newman classic "The Sting," for which he won an Oscar.

Bill graduated from Notre Dame in 1962, majoring in Art and English, and originally planned to be an actor. His first taste of acting was at his alma mater this weekend to screen "Flyboys," referring to himself and his colleagues as "professional gamblers." "The film industry is, in a lot of ways, a game of chance," said Bill. "If you're lucky enough to get a good hand, and you're lucky or skillful enough to stick with it, you can succeed."

The most famous of his directorial efforts is the 1980 Matt Dillon film "My Bodyguard," a coming-of-age high school story about two unlikely friends. Bill noted that he wanted "My Bodyguard" to be a more realistic portrait of high school life, eschewing typical comedic cliches in favor of a more character-oriented approach.

Bill's latest project, the dog-fighting period piece "Flyboys," combined two of the director's passions — aviation (he is a life-long pilot) and filmmaking. Though the film met with commercial failure, Bill takes comfort in some of the positive critical responses, and hopes for a better reception in the foreign markets. He also noted that the film's financial failure was disappointing, but his directorial work was generally praised, which alleviates some of the apprehensions about future projects. For instance, Bill sent a copy of "Flyboys" to Tom Cruise, who requested to see it and reportedly loved the film.

What makes "Flyboys" particularly unique is that it was made outside of the studio system, and was thus completely independently funded. Bill is inclined toward what he calls "the smaller film," and while he admits that "nobody wants to work within the studio system," he has often done it with positive results, among them "My Bodyguard" and "The Sting."

Of all the aspects of filmmaking that Bill has participated in, he noted that he enjoys directing the most. "Directing is the most challenging, and therefore the most rewarding," said Bill. At a master class session, Bill discussed his Notre Dame education, but was dismissive of film school as a necessary way to enter the industry. "It doesn't matter where you go to school, and that's not the point of education," said Bill, who believes that education is about broadening the mind, rather than trying to break into a particular industry.

Although Bill does not know what his next project will be, he hopes to direct another film and is searching for the right script. Whatever he chooses, his history of critical acclaim will ensure his credibility and talent, whether or not his project is the next "The Sting."

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"My Bodyguard" starring Matt Dillon, center, was Bill's directorial debut. Bill has also directed television episodes for series like "Felicity" and "Monk."

"Flyboys," Bill's latest project about WWI fighter pilots, proved to be a box-office disappointment but still garners critical acclaim, particularly for his directing.
No Carolina blues

Notre Dame tops North Carolina, but Tar Heels keep Irish on their toes

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Behind the steady play of Quinn, Notre Dame took a 31-13 lead into the half. Halfway through the third quarter, the Tar Heels cut their deficit to 38-26 on a 72-yard pass from North Carolina quarterback Joe Dailey to freshman wide out Rhema McKnight.

But there would be no Tar Heel rally on this day.

The Irish defense clamped down, and North Carolina gained just 32 yards of offense in the final 22 minutes of the contest.

"I thought the defense came out and set the tempo of the game," Weis said. "We got after them pretty good. I think that third quarter, giving a couple big plays up, didn't that exactly fit my spirit, but I did like how hard they played."

And with the way Quinn played, the Irish defense had room to bend.

Notre Dame found the end zone early, scoring on its opening drive. Utilizing the no-huddle offense that has brought the Irish so much success this season, the senior quarterback directed a six-play, 65-yard drive. Quinn had added six wide outs to his arsenal, and the Irish wide receiver Jeff Samardzija hauled in a record-breaking 23rd touchdown reception for a second quarter lead.

"I gave [the defender] a small, little move, and I guess he bit on it, and ended up slipping, too," McKnight said. "I just came wide open, Brady found me, and I got in the end zone."

Quinn's second touchdown toss of the first quarter came with 1:47 left in the period. Quinn capped a 10-play, 74-yard drive with an 11-yard touchdown pass to senior tight end John Carlson. Carlson was just came wide open, Brady Quinn said. "I was trying to control the tempo of the game, and we came out of the no-huddle and [Quinn] executed very well. Those four touchdowns passes, no interceptions, that's usually a pretty good day at the office."

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“There were a couple more [passes] that we had cut our hands on,” Weis said. “Could have been a better day at the office.”

In seven of the team’s nine games this year, Quinn hasn’t thrown an interception. After Saturday’s 45-26 win, he has 25 touchdowns against just four picks.

“I was hoping to have a little bit better day at the office, if you want to put it that way,” he said Saturday night.

Maybe a better offensive line would help with that. Quinn was sacked three times and hurried four more.

On the season, Quinn has been sacked 24 times for a total loss of 178 yards and hurried another 23 times. He’s taken countless hits to the ribs and been knocked down more times than Irish fans care to think about. Maybe a better running game would help Quinn. Walker picks up blitzes and tackles, but is averaging just 8.3 yards per game.

Quinn doesn’t care what you say around the water cooler. He cares about how he’s doing in the office. The problem is that he’s supposed to be exceptional every game. When he does that, it’s just living up to expectations. There’s no human way to surpass these prospects.

Quinn has ‘good day at the office’

Quinn got off to a good start, going 18-of-28 for 257 yards in the first quarter. He completed four of his first five passes and rushed for a touchdown.

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The Irish had peaks and valleys on special teams. The Tar Heels’ punting was one valley, and Weis to keep drives alive with screens and draws.

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But every time Quinn gets hit, the Irish are still in the game on his shoulders and carried it as far as he could, putting Terrail Lambert in the position to ice the game with an interception returned for a touchdown.

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**Irish seniors Lanari, Laws combine for 2 blocked PATs**

**By GREG ARBOGAST**

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For Irish coach Charlie Weis, seeing defensive tackles Derriek Landri and Trevor Laws burst through the line of scrimmage to block extra points is only indicative of the way they play. Notre Dame’s two senior defensive tackles made themselves at home in the Tar Heels backfield all game, stuffing plays, disrupting called passes and all-in-all wreaking “havoc.”

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Top left, Tar Heels receiver Brandon Tate breaks a tackle on his 90-yard kickoff return touchdown. Top right, Irish wide out Rhema McKnight picks up a block from Irish quarterback Brady Quinn on a reverse. Bottom right, Irish senior Jeff Samardzija stiff-arms North Carolina corner Jacoby Watkins on a 37-yard reception. Bottom left, Notre Dame safety Tom Zbikowski takes a punt 52 yards for an Irish touchdown. Center, Irish tailback Darius Walker runs through Tar Heels senior Kareem Taylor.
Celebrity friendships are not wishful thinking

I'm prone to judging the worth of a celebrity on one factor alone — whether I want to be friends with him or her. Since I don't want to be friends with Lindsay Lohan, her celebrity is inconsequential to me. However, I would love to be friends with Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson. Therefore, I greatly value this Hollywood super-couple — even though I secretly want Tom Hanks to himself. I can imagine the three of us eating together at a bar and grill, catching the latest Spielberg and making each other laugh. How we would laugh! Slowly, I would steal Tom away and he would ask me to host "Saturday Night Live" with him. Lorne Michaels would be so impressed with my stint that he would hire me as a regular and I would single-handedly save the show from unfunniness. It would be quite glorious.

But if I may be serious, there are quite a few other celebrities that I would love to be friends with. These are the people because they are the anti-Lohan. They do not seek out fame legit. The following are the celebrities I admire:

Jenna Fischer. Who could not be obsessed with Fischer's Pam on "The Office"? Pam is sweet and funny, and as far as I can tell, so is Fischer. How do I know? Because the only reason I joined MySpace was to add her as a friend and read her blogs. Fischer has a unique relationship with her fans since she is so involved in her MySpace. She also wrote, starred in and directed a mockumentary called "LolitLove." I want to write, star and in direct a mockumentary called something else. And if we did become BFFs, she could introduce me to John Krasinski, and I could stop stalking Tom Hanks.

Kate Winslet. After seeing her in that American Express commercial, I've had the strangest desire to go flea market shopping with her. Winslet is one of those rare actresses who carefully chooses film roles and makes sure they won't embarrass her later. At 31, she's already accumulated four Academy Award nominations. I desire to be her friend not only because I respect her talent but also because she can be the friend that brings a little culture to my life.

Maybe she'll introduce me to Thai food or we can take in a ballet. Afterwards, we can rent a good British comedy and I can help her choose movie scripts that will further empower her as an actress and maybe finally snag her that Oscar. As a thank you, she will introduce me to Colin Firth, and I can die a little bit happier. I desperately want to be friends with these people, but for now, I'll have to find empty replacements for them in my own life. Janney, Fischer and Winslet are among my favorite celebrities because I feel that friendship with them is not entirely impossible. Call me a creeper or call me a dreamer. I like to call me a creeper. But I'll have the last laugh when the four of us are playing Mall Madness and pranking old grade school teachers. Maybe there will even be ice cream.

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DVD REVIEW

"Nacho Libre" fails to satiate comedic appetites

By SEAN SWANEY

Assistant Scene Editor

Jack Black. The director of "Napoleon Dynamite." So read the promotional posters for this past summer's hopelessly-hit comedy "Nacho Libre." It seemed certain that the pairing of this comedic duo would mean major box office success, especially with previews showing a mustached Jack Black wearing spandex and a cape crooning, "Nachooonnnooo." to a group of Mexican school children.

Unfortunately, "Nacho Libre," now out on DVD, did not live up to these expectations and died a quick death in theaters and on video. Typically known as a child-oriented film company, Nickelodeon Films has hit a few home runs. For instance, the company's hit "Finding Nemo" was part of its major marketing campaign for the Paramount DVD, expect the disc to fade quickly from the spotlight and be on sale for less than $10 fairly soon.

"Nacho Libre" stars Black ("School of Rock") as Nacho, a young man raised in a monastery in Mexico who goes on to work there as a cook. Inspired by a real wrestling, he dons a mask and tight

Nacho Libre

Widecreen Special Collector's Edition

Paramount Home Video

to compete as a Luchador, or Mexican wrestler, in a tournament in order to win money for the children in his monastery.

Nacho teams with a street urchin ("Napoleon Dynamite" star Efren Ramirez) to win the money while he personally tries to win the favor of Sister Encarnacion (Ana de la Reguera). Their mission follows the exploits of the two wrestlers towards their goals in a fashion similar to that of "Napoleon Dynamite.

Much of the problem with "Nacho Libre" stems from its similarity to Hess's first film, "Napoleon Dynamite." Hess tried to use Jack Black in the same way, but Black is a different type of actor. Black's fame stems from his band, Tenacious D, and his ability to use "in-your-face" humor with perfect timing and effect. Trying to get Black to try the more subtle, off-beat humor found in "Napoleon Dynamite" works only so far. Several moments are quite funny, but Black shows much of his true, brazen self here. He delivers most of the rest of the movie.

Black's talent is clear, but the writing does not allow him to fully utilize his comedic ability in the film. Actress Ana de la Reguera and Hector Jiménez display some of their talent here, but they are very young actors who cannot yet hold their own in a major motion picture.

Another problem with "Nacho Libre" lies in the fact that Nickelodeon Films played a major role in its development, distribution and promotion. Typically known as a child-oriented film company, this moniker may have prevented creative decisions from being made that could have aided the comedy with more adult humor. As it turned out, "Nacho Libre" struggled to find an audience with both children and adults. By doing so, it did not live up to expectations at the box office.

The DVD features a sparse collection of extras mostly trying to use Jack Black as a vehicle for humor. Some, including a spot where Jack Black sings songs from the film and a funny commercial for Nacho Libre action figures, are enjoyable, but most are a waste of time.

In trying to make another cult classic movie with a bigger budget and bigger stars, Jared Hess lost the mark. What resulted from a movie with much potential for hilarity was a boring piece that, like a bad joke, tried too hard to be funny and fell flat on its face.

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Miami knocks off undefeated Bears in Chicago

Jacksonville second-string quarterback Garrard throws for three touchdowns as Jaguars rout Tennessee, 37-17

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The 1972 Dolphins can breathe a little easier. And once again, they can thank a current Miami team for it.

Although Dan Marino was nowhere to be found this time, those Dolphins had a way with their team that had scored the most points and allowed the fewest. The defense constantly applied pressure as they allowed the fewest. The defense constantly applied pressure as they allowed two touchdowns on two receptions for a perfect 1-0-0 record.

Tony WANTED: Notre Dame tickets. Call 524-2052 through a season that began with a victory over Tennessee by 25 yards.

Nearly 11 months after a nearly perfect season, a Miami team that has scored 61 points in the last two games, both victories, but quickly found out it would not be as easy as expected.

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Miami beat Tennessee by 25 yards, and the Bears were nowhere to be found. As for Garrard?

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Del Rio’s decision got a lot more difficult Sunday.

Jack Del Rio’s defense forced three turnovers against a team that had scored the most points and allowed the fewest. The defense constantly applied pressure as they allowed the fewest.

At the very least, Garrard made the most of his second straight start.

He had an 11-yard TD pass to Ernest Wilford on the team’s opening drive, then took advantage of Vince Young’s first three turnovers by connecting with George Wright for a 14-yard score.

Garrard was even better after halftime, completing his first four passes for 78 yards and a score. He threw a perfect fade pass to Wilford for a 22-yard touchdown that pushed the lead to 27-0.

Detroit, 30, Atlanta 14

Michael Vick came back down to earth and the Detroit Lions took advantage of his ordinary day.

Detroit turned Vick’s two first-half touchdowns into touchdowns and Roy Williams had a sensational game, highlighted by a 60-yard TD early in the fourth quarter, in the Lions’ 30-14 victory Sunday over the Atlanta Falcons.

“I guess we had a little kryptonite for him,” Detroit cornerback Fernando Bryant said.

The whole key is to stay disciplined, keeping lanes and contain, and that’s what we did with him.”

The Lions pulled off the win without three starters on the defensive line, including Shaun Rogers.

Florida’s electric quarterback threw for seven TDS and averaged 262 yards passing in the previous two games, both victories, but quickly found out it would not be as easy as expected.

McNair fared far better than Cincinnati quarterback Carson Palmer, who went 12-5-6 for 195 yards. His first pass was intercepted and returned for a touchdown, and his last pass was also intercepted, ending any hope the Bengals (4-4) had of finishing a comeback from a 17-0 deficit.

“When you come in a position to go forward and do some good things,” Billik said. “It puts us in a position to go forward and do some good things.”

Steve McNair passed for 245 yards, Jamal Lewis scored a touchdown and Matt Stover kicked four field goals for the Ravens (6-2), who took a two-page lead over second-place Cincinnati.

Since Billik fired offensive coordinator Jim Fassel and assumed playcalling duties, the Ravens have scored 61 points and McNair has played brilliantly. He was 21-30 against the Bengals after going 17-25 in a 35-25 win at New Orleans last week.

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Baltimore 26, Cincinnati 20

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Baltimore Ravens enjoyed an outstanding season against the Cincinnati Bengals, then spent the next 55 minutes protecting the advantage.

The Ravens prevailed, and now they’ll try to maintain a commanding lead in the AFC North over the next eight weeks.

Baltimore scored two quick touchdowns off turnovers and never trailed in a victory Sunday, their second straight since coach Brian Billick took control of the offense.

"Huge win for us in the division," Billik said. "It puts us in a position to go forward and do some good things."
NCAA Football
Associated Press Top 25

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Colts defenders celebrate after a third-quarter Patriots tamover in Indianapolis' 27-20 win Sunday. Five New England turnovers helped Peyton Manning and the Colts remain undefeated.

Stout Colts defense leads way in win

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Peyton Manning got help from an unlikely source — his defense — and the Colts remained the NFL's only unbeaten team.

The Patriots also were victimized for the first time by Adam Vinatieri as Indianapolis won 27-20 Sunday night. With his once adoring fans booing, he kicked two field goals in his first game against New England since leaving as a free agent.

But he also missed twice in the second half. A Manning Manning kept the crowd quiet for most of the game and threw for 326 yards and two touchdowns. The Colts, who began the game with five interceptions in seven games, intercepted Tom Brady four times.

They allowed no touchdown passes, only two scoring runs by Corey Dillon and two field goals by rookie Stephen Gostkowski. Gostkowski replaced Vinatieri, the longtime Colts kicker whose legs were victimized for the first time.

Vinatieri, the longtime place-kicker for the only unbeaten team, did get some help from an unlikely source — his defense — and the only team to start consecutive seasons at 8-0 since the Green Bay Packers did it three straight years from 1929-31. And for the first time in his brilliant career, Manning has thrown for 300 yards in three consecutive games.

The Patriots had one last chance after Vinatieri missed from 37 yards with 1:55 left. But on the Patriots' second play, Brady was intercepted one last time by Cato June.

For the first time in six games, the Colts did not trail as Manning threw the first of his two touchdown passes to Marvin Harrison, a 3-yarder, on their opening possession.

Harisson finished with eight catches for 145 yards, just 56 yards fewer than Brady's total of 201 yards passing.

The Colts began the day tied for 21st in points allowed. But the first sign the defense would be a positive factor came when Antoine Bethea ended the Patriots' first drive with a sack.

The Colts, now 4-10 against the Patriots, then drove the Colts 68 yards to his first scoring pass to Harrison.

IN BRIEF

Invisor stuns Bernardini in Breeders' Cup

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Invisor over Bernardini in the Classic. Street Sense by a record 10 lengths in the Juvenile. Guja Board winning her second Filly & Mare Turf.

There were many glorious moments in the Breeders' Cup at Churchill Downs Saturday, and plenty of heartache as well.

Pine Island's fatal breakdown and Fleet Indian's injury in the Distaff showed the sad side of racing — the second time a premier race has been marred this year. The other, of course, was Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro's devastating misstep at the start of the Preakness.

"It's just an unbelievable summer," said Michael Maz, Barbaro's trainer who won the Distaff with Round Pond. "I've been in that situation and nobody ever likes to see that happen. It's just tragic when these accidents occur."

Bartoli sweepout Poutchkova to win Bell Challenge

FORT WORTH, Texas — While the tense battles of NASCAR's Chase for the championship rage on, Tony Stewart is driving in a world of his own.

It just so happens that Stewart's world is out way in front of all the drama.

Having fun and driving for wins — not a championship — Stewart overpowered the field Sunday at Texas Motor Speedway, and he made this one look almost too easy. "Smoke" led 274 of 339 laps, including the fve extra laps because of a late caution, and often was so far ahead that he appeared to be all by himself on the track.

Most of the action was well behind him, where Jimmie Johnson quietly grabbed away the point lead from Matt Kenseth by 17 points with a second-place-place finish. Stewart easily raced away to his second straight win.

around the dial

NBA
Milwaukee at Chicago
3:30 p.m., Comcast

NFL
Oakland at Seattle
3:30 p.m., ESPN
Goodwin charged with racecar driver’s death

Trial set to begin today, 18 years after Mickey Thompson’s murder

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — The 1988 murder of racing legend Mickey Thompson and his wife may be the ultimate cold case, having remained unsolved for nearly 19 years. But Thompson's sister wouldn't let it drop off investigators' radar and the case, which involves the glamorous world of top-flight auto racing and a daredevil driver allegedly caught in a feud over money, will finally come to trial on Monday.

Michael Frank Goodwin, Thompson's estranged business partner, is accused of killing the racing superstar and his wife, Trudy.

"This has been a long endurance race for justice," Thompson's sister, Colleen Campbell, said recently. "We don't plan to drop out till we get to the finish line." Goodwin, 61, is charged with two counts of murder with the special circumstances of lying to wait and committing multiple murders. Prosecutors, however, have decided not to seek the death penalty.

His lawyer maintains there is no physical evidence or witness putting Goodwin at the crime scene or linking him to arranging the killings of the Thompsons.

"We've always maintained this case is based on baseless suspicion," said defense attorney Elena Saris. "The whole defense team feels that if the jury is allowed to hear the truth, Michael will be acquitted."

But prosecutors contend circumstantial evidence leads directly to the former concert promoter, who merged his motocross racing business with Thompson's before the pair had a bitter falling out. They say Goodwin became so consumed with anger after losing a $750,000 judgment to Thompson that he 'got away with it' after showing her a tape of the television show "Unsolved Mysteries" that focused on the case.

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All the while, Campbell was pressing authorities to reopen the murder case and look at Goodwin as a suspect. Campbell, a former mayor of San Juan Capistrano with wide political connections, also became an outspoken nationally known victims right advocate as she pursued her brother's case. Goodwin was arrested in 2001 and has remained in jail since, his case delayed numerous times by legal wrangling.

Since then, Campbell has attended every one of the 70 court appearances Goodwin has made. She plans to be in court again on Monday when Deputy District Attorney Alan Jackson and Saris present their opening statements.

The Los Angeles County district attorney's office has declined to comment on the prosecution's case. "We have a jury seated and will be giving opening statements," district attorney spokesman Sandi Gibbons said recently. "We are very happy that this case is finally going to trial."
Scott gets first PGA victory

Australian golfer Adam Scott tees off Sunday at the PGA Tour Championship. Scott won the tournament at 11-under par (269).

Scott said, "That shouldn't happen. I feel more comfortable in that position seeing I've won an event." He won convincingly at the PGA Tour's version of an All-Star game.

Staked to a three-shot lead on a cool, colorful afternoon of autumn at East Lake, he sank a slick, 15-foot birdie putt on 3 to turn back an early threat from Vijay Singh. When he saw Furyk and Joe Durant make a move, Scott responded with three birdies in a four-hole stretch around the turn.

For good measure, he turned bogey into birdeye by holing a bunker shot on the 13th.

"That was a chance for us to pick up a shot, and we ended up taking a shot," Furyk said. "A guy gets a three- or four-shot lead and he keeps making birdies, he's tough to catch." Scott finished at 11-under 269 and earned $1.17 million to finish his PGA Tour season with nearly $5 million. With tournaments coming up in Australia, he will have a chance to surpass Phil Mickelson at No. 3 in the world ranking by the end of the year.

Furyk shot a 62 to match low round of the week, but never got closer than two strokes and trailed by as many as five on Sunday.

He played bogey-free golf until the 13th, but Furyk said it was meaningful. Furyk captured the Vardon Trophy for the Enligtened Career Average of stroke play, the best adjusted scoring average on tour at 69.86.

Scott was second at 68.95. Tiger Woods had the lowest average (68.11), but failed to play the required 60 rounds. Woods skipped the Tour Championship for the first time, although still he would have come up round short even if he had played.

"I'm wondering if anyone is going to put up a challenge on it because Tiger didn't play enough rounds," Furyk said. "But it's a nice honor. It's icing on the cake for a good year and a consistent year."

Durant closed with a 67 to finish third at 273 and end his season with a stunning turn-around. He was worried about keeping his card three months ago, then finished the year with five straight top-10 finishes, including a victory at Disney. He wound up 13th on the money list for the first time since 2000 for all four majors next year.

Those consolation prizes were the best news Durant had to hope for.

"We just couldn't get any-where near him, really," Durant said.

Scott has been regarded as one of the game's best young players since he turned pro at age 19, but he had stretches where he vanished. His goal this year was to remain consistent, and he couldn't argue with the results. He had nine top 10s — six of them career bests — no worse than third — coming into the Tour Championship.

After missing the cut last week at Innisbrook, he fixed his flaws on the range with coach Butch Harmon, then ran away for the 27th hole at the 13th hole at the Tour Championship.

It was his fourth career PGA Tour victory, and it earned him the last spot at Kapalua for the winners-only Mercedes-Benz Championship that starts the 2007 season in 61 days.

"It's been a long time since I've been here, winning on the PGA Tour," Scott said. "I had to work hard for it."

The next step is contending in the majors, and eventually moving closer to Woods.

"It might take awhile," Scott said. "But I think if I was to be No. 1 in the world at some point in the future, that work that would be maybe the best achievement I could ever do in golf, to get past Tiger Woods.

Scott's performance was so strong that hundreds of fans headed for the parking lot when he made the turn with a three-shot lead, and remained on the course to the last group to see his final shot of the season.
Amos Alonzo could return to the sideline for long with one school, leading made about whether the University of Chicago from 1892 to 1932.

Paterno fractured leg during game

Nittany Lions coach may need surgery to expedite recovery

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. - Joe Paterno fractured his left leg and damaged a knee ligament when two players ran into him during the Nittany Lions' loss to Wisconsin, and team officials said Sunday that surgery was being considered.

Paterno's son and quarterback coach, Jay, said his father was fighting for his life and there was "no thought whatsoever of not coming back this year. It's not even in the discussion. There's nothing we're going to do into this in terms of his career."

Paterno fractured the top of his left fibula, the shin bone, Saturday, according to team doctor Wayne Sebastianelli. The injury typically heals on its own with rehabilitation, though doctors and team officials were concerned about whether surgery would help the leg heal faster, said Guido D'Elia, director of communications for football.

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Michigan (10-0, 6-0) plays at Indiana (5-5, 3-3) next week while Ohio State (10-0, 5-0) travels to Northwestern (3-7, 3-5). It's as good as it gets for the Buckeyes and Wolverines this season.

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Ohio State wasn't in quite as much danger as Michigan, but the Buckeyes clearly played their worst half of the season in the final 30 minutes against Illinois (2-8, 1-5).

Up 17-0 at the break, Ohio State never got its offense going and the Illini kept plugging away. A field goal with 8:54 left made it 17-3 and Illinois finally got the end zone with 1:49 left on Rashaad Mendenhall's 3-yard run. The Illini were an outside kick recovery away from making pulses really pound in Columbus, but Brian Robiskie grabbed the bumbling ball for the Buckeyes. And Ohio State had to give it back, unable to get one first down.

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"We're 10 weeks through it and hopefully we can learn a lot from what we haven't done well," coach Jim Tressel said. "We'll grow from this game. ... We have guys who are more than willing to look at themselves with our coaching staff to find ways to get better and go from there."

Buckeyes quarterback Troy Smith didn't do much to help his Heisman Trophy campaign, throwing for 108 yards and no touchdowhins in his worst game of the season.

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With Mountaineers loss, Buckeyes are unanimous No. 1

Jason Whitlock of Kansas City Star ranks unbeaten Louisville No. 9, but Cardinals move to No. 3 in media poll

NEW YORK — It's unanimous.

Ohio State received all 65 first-place votes in The Associated Press Top 25 released Sunday to become the first unanimous No. 1 during the regular season in three years.

The last team to sweep the media panel voting was Oklahoma on Nov. 30, 2003, the week before the Sooners lost the Big 12 championship game to Kansas State.

The Buckeyes have been top-ranked all season, and for the fourth straight week their Big Ten rivals didn't provide much of a challenge.

No. 4 Texas was just three points behind unbeaten Louisville. The Cardinals were ranked as high as No. 2 by five voters and as low as ninth by Jason Whitlock of the Kansas City Star.

"After watching the West Virginia-Louisville game Thursday night I was shocked at how poorly the defenses played," Whitlock said in an e-mail to The AP on Sunday. "I don't think either one of those teams would survive against the best teams in the SEC. So there are four SEC teams that I think are better than Louisville. I also think Ohio State, Texas, USC and Michigan are better than Louisville."

Kirk Bohls of the Austin American-Statesman had Louisville No. 2 and said the Cardinals deserve credit for having one of the nation's best offenses.

"This has got to be one of the most complex voting situations I've seen because people don't know what to make of the Big East," he said. "Style points mean everything this time of year. When I see Michigan struggle at home against Ball State and lose seven spots to No. 14 and unbeaten Rutgers, the Cardinals must be good enough to be ranked in the top 10."

"If Louisville beats Rutgers by two touchdowns, I might reconsider my position," Bohls said.

No. 16 was Wisconsin, followed by Maryland and Oregon.

The Terps defeated No. 11 Arizona State 37-25, taking third place in the Bowl Championship Series standings Sunday, putting some distance between themselves and the other title contenders.

Louisville has four games left, three against teams with winning records, and it looks as if the Cardinals are a good bet to earn a spot in the national championship game if they stay unbeaten — though not quite a lock.

Ohio State (10-0) and Michigan (10-0) remained at the top of the BCS standings, despite ugly wins on Saturday, and on course to meet Nov. 15 in Columbus with a bid to the Jan. 8 title game in Glendale, Ariz., on the line.

But the Cardinals were the big winners this week. Their 44-34 victory over West Virginia last week's third-place team, gave them the necessary boost to jump over fourth-place Florida.

And with another big game Thursday night at undefeated Rutgers, the Cardinals are in position to get another bump up with a victory.

Louisville was third in the latest Harris poll, fourth in the coaches' poll and third in the computer rankings for a BCS average of 3907. Each of those components account for one-third of a BCS average.

"I wouldn't go so far as to say (the Cardinals) control their own destiny because you never know what the voters do," BCS analyst Jerry Palm said.

Ohio State is an overwhelming No. 1 in the polls and second in the computers. Michigan is second in the polls but first in the computers.

One-beaten Florida stayed in fourth with an average of 8017, and Texas (7799) made a big jump from seventh to fifth, just a shade behind the Gators.

Arizona (7293) is not far behind in sixth, followed by USC, California and Notre Dame.
ND VOLLEYBALL

Team snaps three-game losing streak in D.C.

Notre Dame picks up wins against Georgetown and South Florida this weekend to improve to 9-3 in the Big East

By DEVIN PRESTON
Sports Writer

The losing is over, as Notre Dame snapped its three-game skid this weekend with two wins over Big East opponents.

Switching to a 5-1 offense, the Irish (15-10) swept Georgetown (8-17, 2-10 Big East) and South Florida (12-13, 7-5 Big East) to advance their conference record to 9-3.

"It was a really good weekend for us," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "We felt like we played just a good level of volleyball the entire weekend. It was good to get our feet back under us after last weekend."

Led by the offensive efforts of sophomores Mallorie Croal and Justine Stremick, the Irish turned around their momentum and got in the winning column.

Notre Dame 3, Georgetown 0

Croal led the Irish attack with 13 kills at a hitting percentage of .417 as Notre Dame took the match 30-21, 30-21, 30-14 over Georgetown.

On the Hoyas side, sophomores Lindsay Buffum led with 11 kills, though only mustering a hitting percentage of .200. As a team, Notre Dame out-hit Georgetown .356 to .21.

After two relatively close games, the Irish ran right over the Hoyas in the decisive third game. Georgetown did not score more than two consecutive points throughout the game, and Notre Dame put together runs as high as six unanswered points.

The Irish scored four consecutive points to close the match on an ace from senior Danielle Herndon.

"This weekend, there wasn't really any glaring weaknesses," Brown said. "It was a good solid effort all around."

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After making quick work of one of the less successful teams in the Big East, Notre Dame topped a newcomer to the conference in its 30-14, 30-19, 30-19 defeat of South Florida.

Even though the Irish had weaknesses or drawbacks from the weekend. We played solid and steady each and every point."

Notre Dame came on strong against South Florida early in the third game with a kill from freshman Serenity Phillips, beginning a five-point run that gave Notre Dame a 14-5 lead.

Croal and Stremick led the offense again, tallying 15 kills apiece in the win. Croal stepped up to score the team's last three points, sealing the victory with two kills and a block.

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Notre Dame players gather near the student section to sing the alma mater after their 45-26 victory over North Carolina.

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Late surge earns squad victory

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In Notre Dame's final tune­up before the NCAA Tournament, they physically dominated Rutgers — often to the audible dismay of scream­
ing scarlet supporters.
Many New Jersey natives looked at Notre Dame's rough­ness (the Irish committed 14 first-half fouls while Rutgers committed five) as if the game were being played down in Jingle­land.
Wrong Springsteen tune. Because as the game played out, it became clear that "Hungry Heart" was more applicable.
The truth is, when the team bus took Rutgers out of New Brunswick, they were playing down in Rutgers, applicable.
"Hungry Heart" was more committed five) as if the game was going to cost them the top tournament seed.
"It was a total lack of communi­cation all around," the senior cap­tain said of the goal. "I was going to head it out, but it didn't take a big enough bounce, then I looked at each other and I thought she was going to get it. Then I played it, but it went right to one of their girls that I didn't know was there.
"It was a breakdown, but it won't happen again." After the goal cut the lead to 1-0, Waldrum put most of the starters back in the game.
"I wanted to send a message to those kids that when we make changes the level of play has to be the same," he said.
Brady had to be taken off on a stretcher with 18 minutes left in the game after a collision with Carley Cinalli. Cinalli served a one-game suspension after a second foul.
"Anyone who knows Amanda Cinalli, knows she wouldn't have purposefully hit somebody," Waldrum said. "She just came in hard, took the ball away."
While the midfield fought to keep up with the Scarlet Knights, the Irish was still a young team. The freshman had only three goals this season, but she entered the NCAA Tournament with a scoring streak in mind.
"Our team has a lot of parity and not necessarily those of the Scarlet Knights," Cinalli said. "The NCAA selection committee as they continued to look for more through-balls to keep the ball inside our half and was later airlifted to the medical center.
"I knew it was, so I just acted like I did get kicked."
Thus, after she and her defense were outplayed all day, Megan Ryan was even out­acted. As a well-known jour­nalist once noted, "Roughly down."
Hanks, to be sure, had plenty of help. From the defense to the midfield, everyone played her role. Hall, Jerry Bruckheimer action scenes, all game long.
Sunday, Notre Dame played like they had something to prove. And with center defender and Big East defen­sive player of the year Carrie Dew and her turn ACL on the sidelines, they did.
Not to themselves — after all they have now won eight games this season without her. The NCAA selection commit­tee, however, certainly should have no qualms awarding the Irish the top tournament seed.
Notre Dame's season started early and not necessarily those of the Scarlet Knights.
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a great supporting cast." Both players agreed with Clark, and credited the impor-
tance of team play. "It's hard to score, but when the Buckeyes' goaltending lead at the break — 2-0 to 1-0 — is nearly impossible, and the Buckeyes have to get goals from Goebel and Matt Besler in the penalty-killing situation," Clark said.

"I'm not the biggest fan of individual awards for a team sport," Lapira said, "but when individuals get awards, it's a pat on the back for the entire squad." He's in the right frame of mind.

"I'm not sure if I've had a lot of action in the games, but when he does, he's stepped up big time and he's doing a real good job," Dally said.

"He wasn't always the biggest action in games, but when he does, he's stepped up big time and he's doing a real good job," Dally said.

The award announcements also stirred up controversy within the Irish team. Clark felt that senior midfielder Nate Norman and senior striker Justin McGeeney, who are tied for second on the team with 11 goals each, were among those that were overlooked for all-conference honors. "I was quite stunned that a couple kids didn't get a mention, but it doesn't really matter." Dally said.

"It's still a lot easier to win games when your defense isn't giving up any goals," Lapira said.

Lapira also commended the two sophomore defenders. "I think Jack [Traaynor], especially, is kind of an unsung hero," he said. "He's always stepping to the ball and working hard and he never gets credit... Besler's always solid. I think he's one of the guys that's real-
ly stepped it up." In 17 games, Cahill has given up just 13 goals while logging 10 shutouts.

"We have a very good all-around team," Clark said. "And I think that that is, with-out question, one of the nice things about this squad." As one of the better players on a talented squad, Lapira saw his award as a justifica-
tion of the faith his coach has in him.

"I thought it was kind of unrealistic, but it came to fruition and showed how smart Boss [Clark] is." The Irish will now await news of where they will play in the NCAA Tournament, which begins Friday. The tournament brackets will be announced today between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. on ESPNEWS.

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where we are, and we are an improved team." Jackson said. "We're a championship team? Not yet. I'm not saying that won't change at the end of the season.

Irish senior goalie Dave Brown stopped 46 shots in the two games, but saw his 1-2-0-1 shutout streak disappear 5:11 into the sec-
ond period of the first game on Saturday, as Tomm y Goebel scored. Prior to the w e e k e n d , Brown was second in the nation in goals-against average and save percentage, behind Alaska's Chad Johnson.

Jackson said Brown's domi-
nance in net could be attributed in the confidence and maturity that he developed in the latter half of his junior year and carried over into this season.

"I'm a sophomore year had a lot to be desired," Jackson said. "His confidence was down. I just think the whole aspect of his mental game was down. He's come into this season and physically and mentally he's in the right frame of mind."

"The Irish had four different players score in the first game on the Buckeyes' goaltending pla-
toon of freshmen Nick Filion and Chad Johnson.

Sophomores Erik Condra and Christian Hanson scored in the first period to open up a 2-0 lead at the break — the Irish have yet to surrender a first-period goal in their eight games.

Junior Mark Van Gulder scored his sixth goal of the year — the team high — in the second period, before the Buckeyes slowed the pace of the game and cut the lead to 3-2 on goals from Goebel and Andrew Schembri.

"Four defensive coverage still needs some work to be better, but in that instance (the Schembri goal) was a strange goal," Jackson said. "It was a little bit of a fluky goal, and obviously that gives the other team a little momentum, a little life." Irish senior Jason Paige picked up an insurance goal 8:29 into the third period and gave Notre Dame back the momentum for the 4-2 final.

In Saturday's game, an interference call on captain T.J. Jindra at 17:13 into the third period gave the Buckeyes an opportunity to equalize a 1-0 Irish lead. Goebel grabbed a rebound in front of Brown and shoveled the power play goal in from the slot at 17:38 to tie the game.

Notre Dame's only loss this year — a 3-2 overtime deci-
sion to Minnesota State Mankato — also came on a late power play goal by the opposition.

"It wasn't so much a break-
down from a penalty-killing perspective," Jackson said. "But they changed their strat-
egy to the simplest strategy of all — just get the puck to the net."

Jackson said he felt the Irish con-
trived the tempo of the second game, but the Buckeyes' goaltending stepped up — Palmer start-
ed and made 33 saves — and shut down the Irish offense.

"I got a feel from behind the bench when I know the team is playing well — it's a sense of not being concerned as much about line matchups," Jackson said. "And I felt a lot less nervous about who was on the ice Saturday, than I was on Friday.

Notre Dame will host Bowling Green in a two-game home stand this weekend at the Joyce Center.

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**ND Women's Soccer**

**Twice is nice over Scarlet Knights**

Hanks' two goals lead Irish to second straight conference crown

By CHRIS KHOREY
American Sports Editor

STORRS, Conn. - Sophomore forward Kerri Hanks scored two goals in the first 10 minutes and Notre Dame hung on at the end to beat Rutgers 4-2 Sunday and claim its ninth Big East Championship at Morrone Field.

"Our ultimate goal is a national championship, but it's a big deal to win the Big East championship," Irish senior captain Kim Lorenzen said. "Our freshman year we didn't win it, so the seniors class made it a point to win it each year since then.

Notre Dame (20-0-1) advanced to the conference final with a 2-0 win over Marquette Friday in Storrs, getting goals from sophomore Britanny Rock and freshman Michelle Weissenhofer.

"We used all 13 subs tonight," said Irish coach Mike Brey after the rout. "It was a great test for our team. We had to find a way to come out. We didn't give up. We played great defense and everybody contributed on the offensive end. It's a great accomplishment for our team.

By the end of the game, there was the embarrassed, a lone runner, and Rutgers was red all over.

Lapira, four others take home Big East season honors

By ERIC RETTER

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No. 12 Notre Dame hasn't played a game in more than a week, but its players haven't left the Big East spotlight.

Five members of the Irish received some type of all-conference honors Thursday, including senior midfielder Greg Dalby and junior forward Joseph Lapira -- who were named Big East midfielder and offensive player of the year, respectively.

Lapira led the nation this season with 20 goals and 45 points for Notre Dame (13-5-2, 8-3-0 Big East), while Dalby -- the team's captain and a finalist for the Missouri Athletic Club Hermann Trophy -- has been the team's anchor at midfield all season.

In receiving their honors, Lapira and Dalby became the first Notre Dame soccer players to win Big East player of the year at their respective positions. Together, they join Connecticut's defender Julius James and West Virginia goalkeeper Nick Noble as the conference's players of the year.

"I'm not the biggest fan of individual awards for a team sport, to be honest with you," said Lapira. "When individuals get awards, it's a pat on the back for the entire squad, and that's the way I look at it. (Dalby and Lapira) would be the first to agree with me that they had

ND out-everythings Rutgers in physical Big East title match

Less than a minute into the game, the Rutgers Knights' faces flushed with scarlet. They had just lost track of Big East offensive player of the year Kerri Hanks, who -- unmarked -- chased after a Britanny Rock header before finding her own mark in the back of the net.

That's what happens when you get taken to the woodshed.

**ND Men's Basketball**

**Bellarmine comes to town**

By BOB GRAFFIN

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Notre Dame will play its second and final preseason game against Bellarmine today at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

Five days after the team's 35-point drubbing of Bucknell where Irish coach Mike Brey used all 13 players.

And Brey couldn't be more pleased with the relatively quick turnaround.

"I'm glad we have Bellarmine coming quick," Brey said after Thursday's win. "We can treat it like a Big East week where you have two games.

Jackson's squad keeps winning ways on road

By KYLE CASSILY

Sports Writer

No. 10 Notre Dame opened its ACC schedule this weekend on the road and earned three points with a win and a tie against Ohio State -- a performance that would have been celebrated last year, said Irish coach Jeff Jackson.

But not this year.

"At any point last year it would have been thrilling to take three points," Jackson said. "But the team was disappointed -- they were upset they didn't get the four points."

Irish (6-1-1, 1-0-1) defeated the Buckeyes 4-2 Friday before they surrendered a late third-period goal "goal in Saturday's contest to finish with a 3-1 draw. The team has played on the road since Oct. 14 and in 3-0-1 in its last six games away from the Joyce Center -- the best Irish road stretch since 1987-88.

"We have to recognize