Study abroad programs focus on safety

Notre Dame, Saint Mary's prepare students for dangerous situations in other countries

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

After studying abroad in locales such as Paris, Cairo and Toledo, students return to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's with unforgettable memories of cities, of friends and, sometimes, of crimes.

Notre Dame senior Mary Corrigan was allegedly attacked by a man coming home from a bar a little more than a month into her semester in Angers, France last fall. Corrigan, who lived with a host family, said she walked the first 20 minutes home from the bar with others, then walked the last 10 minutes through the residential neighborhood by herself.

"I got to my door, and then all of a sudden there was a man choking me from behind," Corrigan said. "He said something to me very quickly, in a whispered voice — in French — and I couldn't understand what he said."

The man tried to push her key away from the door, but Corrigan said her host mom intervened before the man could enter.

"Because of my experience, I'm so much more aware of my surroundings now," Corrigan said. "I always lock the door, I always check behind me if there's anyone following me, I even check to see if anyone's following me online."

The only problem is the name. "It's just so hard to say," Corrigan said. "I've heard so many stories from girls that it's almost impossible to even say it!"

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ROTC commemorates Veterans Day

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

The uniformed students who have been standing guard at Clarke Memorial Fountain since 4 p.m. Thursday have not been charged with keeping out mischievous swimmers or spirited green food dye slippers.

Members of all three ROTC units — Air Force, Army and Navy — are keeping a 24-hour vigil in honor of Veterans Day. The vigil will end at 4 p.m. today and will be followed by a concluding ceremony at 4:30 p.m.

Major Tyrene Theriot, assistant professor of Naval Science and the military representative for the event, said the annual Veterans Day vigil serves as "a reminder of all members of our community who have served and of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice."

Theriot said there would be "roughly 200 students participating in the vigil," all of whom are Notre Dame ROTC students. He said students are assigned to different shifts during the 24-hour period.

The Joint Military Commander, senior Stephen Hutchings, was responsible for organizing the event, Theriot said.

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Juniors to start comprehensives

SMC departments tailor final project requirement to fit programs

By FALLON HOGERTY
News Writer

Simply mention the phrase "senior comprehensive" to any Saint Mary's upperclassman and, more often than not, a look of terror crosses her face.

Next semester, nearly all Saint Mary's juniors will begin the long process of creating their senior comprehensives, which, depending on the major, take roughly two semesters to complete.

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Viewing options available

Away game to be shown on, off campus

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

While dorm residents and local cable subscribers won't have direct television access to Saturday's Notre Dame-Air Force football game, students will be able to watch their Fighting Irish take on the Falcons, both on or around campus.

Tomorrow's game, which kicks off at 4 p.m., will be broadcasted by CSTV, a national sports network that won't be available on Comcast Cable in the South Bend area, despite the network's "free preview" offer to cable and satellite providers this weekend.

Local satellite subscribers, however, will have access to CSTV this weekend. A Dish Network representative said all customers already have access to CSTV, Direct TV public relations manager Jade Esko said that while some packages include CSTV already, Direct TV will make CSTV available to all subscribers during the "free preview" this weekend.

On campus, several groups have responded to the few options students have to watch the game. The Office of Student Activities has organized a game-watching event that will take place at Stepan Center tomorrow, said Associate Director of Student Activities Beau Willeron.

Legends of Notre Dame, with help from Student Activities and Alumni, will also host a viewing party for the game, surrounded by tailgating food and fun.

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Contest seeks ideas to name hotel near SMC

Students may submit suggestions, win prizes

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Come next fall, the Inn at Saint Mary's will have some competition.

The Holiday Corporation is working with the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross to build a Hilton Garden Inn conference center next to campus, expected to be ready for the early 2007-08 school year.

The only problem is the name. Holladay Properties Senior Vice President of Development Frank Perri said the corporation is using a contest to assist in "placing an appropriate and effective name on the new conference center."

Perri's message was distributed to Saint Mary's students, faculty and staff via an e-mail sent Nov. 3.

"We want to have fun and get some real engaging ideas for the name of the conference center," Perri said when asked why Holladay Properties was holding the contest. "We want to do a good thing and pay particular attention to what [the center] is about and to give it a name that is appropriate."

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**Tales of the South**

New Orleans — a city famous for its delicious cooking, jazz music scene and, of course, Mardi Gras. Not three days ago I rode my first paddle boat on the mighty Mississippi with a group of fellow civil engineers. Though we enjoyed two of the three aspects of New Orleans’ culture that night (great buffet with cajun and bread pudding accompanied by live hand, Dukes of Dixieland), our trip’s purpose was not solely to take in the sights. Almost one year ago, New Orleans and the surrounding area were thrown into the spotlight as Hurricane Katrina caused multiple levee failures, flooding the land and displacing millions. The damage to the area’s infrastructure was extensive, and the rebuilding process has been one of the largest civil works projects America has seen in quite some time. During our time in the South, we got a chance to glimpse the damage caused by the hurricane, and learn about some of the new measures in future hurricane protection. An area called the Ninth Ward was in close proximity to one of the levee breaches, and, as one would imagine, it was hit hard. Here, the water did not just flood the area — a tidal wave of escaping water crushed everything in its path. Ominous rain clouds hung low in the sky that afternoon as we walked down a street of condemned houses. That, coupled with the eerie silence of a deserted neighborhood, made it seem that no time had passed since the storm. Even the trees had died, due to the salt content of the floodwater. Telephone poles laid on the ground, and more than once all that was left of a house were the front steps, because the entire house had simply been swept away. Incredible as the destruction was, hope remains, and the rebuilding process has been underway since the storm. Even the trees had since the storm. Even the trees had been redesigned and rebuilt. In response to this, floodgates have been built at the mouths of the canals, and the levees themselves have been strengthened and rebuilt. Post-Katrina, levee failures were analyzed at the Army Corps of Engineer Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Miss. — an extremely interesting set of laboratories we got a chance to see, with everything from small-scale physical models of the canal system to supercomputers. Though I forgot there is more to engineering than the calculations I do to complete my homework. This trip was a special opportunity to see how engineers have responded to and solved real world problems.

**CONNECTIONS**

Due to an editing error, the word the article entitled "Students addresses deadly" was added to the Nov. 9 edition of The Observer. The author of the article that Demion George Brooks supports the death penalty. Brooks does not believe the death penalty to be a source of death penalty for healing for families. The author regrets this error.

**QUESTIONS OF THE DAY**

**Michael Garber**

* "Byk's because there are going to be way too many people at Legends.*

**Michael Garber**

* "With the nuns at Saint Mary's College because they're fun to watch football with.*

**Dustin Mennella**

* "I'll be watching the game in my friend's room because she has satellite and my best friend Ezine will be there.*

**Kyle Peters**

* "I'll watch it on the Buns.*

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**OFFBEAT**

**British man burns bum with firecracker**

**LONDON** — A 22-year-old man suffered internal injuries after lighting a small firecracker he had inserted into his buttocks, paramedics said Thursday.

The incident took place Sunday, when Britain celebrated Bonfire Night, traditionally marked with fireworks to celebrate the Guy Fawkes' gunpowder plot to blow up Parliament in the 17th century.

The man suffered burns and other unspecified internal injuries in the incident in Sunderland, 275 miles north of London.

Katherine Shenton, a spokeswoman for the North East Ambulance Service, said a caller had phoned in that the victim was bleeding after the firecracker exploded.

Several of the man's friends recorded the incident on a mobile phone. The blurry image shows a man bent over with his pants down and a white flash as the firecracker explodes.

Boy, 12, takes two-hour spin in family car

**NEW YORK** — A 12-year-old took his 7-year-old brother for a two-hour joy ride in the family car while their mother was napping. Instead of watching TV, like his mother thought he was doing, Kenny Rodriguez, accompanied by his brother, Miguel Pagan, cruised the busy Grand Central Parkway and even parallel parked before police finally found them at a friend's house.

"Kenny was angry with me so he drove to his friend's house," said their shaken mother, Carolina Bows, 33, who works nights at a hospital emergency room.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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**IN BRIEF**

Student Union Board will present the film "Scoop" tonight at 8 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo. Admission is $3 for students, faculty and staff.

Comedians Randy and Jason Sklar will perform at Legends tonight at 10 p.m. Admission is free for all students.

As part of the Holocaust Film Series "Through the Eyes of Children," the film "Europa, Europa" will be shown in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Saturday at 10 p.m. Tickets are $3 for students, $4 for seniors, $5 for staff and faculty and $6 for the general public.

The Japanese film "I Was Born, But..." will be shown at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The play Celebrating Wendy: An Evening of Wasserstein One-Acts will take place today and Saturday at 7:30 and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Saint Mary's Little Theatre. Tickets are $9 adults, $8 senior citizens, $7 staff and $6 students.

Saint Mary's junior class will be selling $2 banana splits Monday from 5 p.m. to 9 in the Religious Lounge in Le Mans Hall. All proceeds will go to the S.C.O.U.T. in Uganda.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
Kellogg research grants offer students abroad opportunities

By DANA GUSKY
News Writer

When senior Kevin Overmann witnessed the grief in a small Ghanaian town after the death of two women during childbirth, he wanted to learn more about the country's cultural issues of maternity.

"It was a really powerful experience that affected me," he said. "I realized I wanted to do something about it." Overmann, a pre-med and anthropology major, decided that he wanted to return to Ghana and study the practices and traditions that surround childbirth. He was able to realize his goal through a grant from the Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

"I observed the maternity ward in a major government hospital three days a week. The rest of the time I went to rural villages and talked to the traditional midwives, who had all their knowledge handed down from grandmother to mother to daughter," said Overmann, who is now writing a narrative about his experiences.

For more than 20 years, the Kellogg Institute and Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies have been jointly giving grants to students for undergraduate research, designed to promote students' initiative and spark interest in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

Students like Overmann must research and write a grant in the area of their choice, while partnering with a Notre Dame professor in the given field. "Your advisor really helps you with the pre- and post-study, especially when you get back and analyze the data," senior Kristina Leszczak said. Leszczak had previously spent a summer in El Salvador before deciding to write a grant concerning the low levels of violence in Argentina.

"I wanted to see why other countries were doing better than Argentina as this great example," Leszczak said.

Each summer, the institutes send five to six rising seniors to their selected regions with a maximum grant of $4,000. Once there, it is up to the student to carry out his investigation to answer the questions proposed in his grant.

"I met with politicians, ex-labor leaders, and intellectuals," senior Gustavo Rivera said.

Rivera studied in his native country of Mexico, as well as Argentina, and investigated leftist countries and their relation to labor unions.

"I also spent about five to six hours a day at the local library just reading everything I could," he said.

Senior Rachel Meeks used her research grant to go to north India and study a group of Tibetan refugees. She spent six weeks in a refugee center, interviewing older female refugees in a weaver and spinner group and discussing the effects of their exile and journey to India.

"I wanted to compare the memories of the exiles to how they raise their own children," Meeks said.

Meeks said it is difficult to try to get in touch with people who may not be very open. "I spent my mornings in a refugee center, helping people learn English and trying to get them not to see me as a waste of space," she said.

The returnees had plenty of advice for potential applicants.

"Come up with a concise and clear question, but know that question is a living thing and will change," Rivera said.

Many of the prize winners start their summer in India and Bangladesh and tried to determine if there was a link between democratization and economic liberalization.

"My study actually became a more qualitative view of how individuals and interest groups affect public policy," she said. "Make (your study) achievable and know why you question is important."

Applicants for the summer of 2007 must submit their grant proposals by March 2.

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Hotel

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Holladay wants everyone involved — including those in the Saint Mary's community — to have a chance to weigh in on the name of the conference center.

"My idea is that this is a building that will open more people's eyes to Saint Mary's and that is a benefit to the college," Senior Megan Westrum started.

"I got [back to campus] and realized I didn't understand the choice of conference center. Second and third prize winners also be chosen."

"I think this program does a lot to realize that goal," Rivers said. "It is these type of programs that enable students to get Fulbright awards and other grants after graduation."

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The ROTC kids are doing such a tremendous job of serving God, country and Notre Dame," he said. "They are my classmates and I am so proud of them. "So many students have asked me. 'What's combat like?' I'll sit and hold court for an hour, an hour and a half — as long as they'll listen." Guillette said it is important for people to realize that we as a nation are "forgetting the veterans — we are losing one thousand World War II veterans a day."

"I think it's time that we wake up to the fact that we have veterans coming home without limbs, without eyesight, and we are turning our backs on them," he said.

The least students and members of the Notre Dame community can do is come to the ceremony on Friday to pay tribute to the veterans. While Guillette was fortunate enough to come home safely from two wars, he said the names of friends and roommates are etched on war memorials honoring the dead.

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Iraq estimates 150,000 civilians dead

BAGHDAD — A stunning new death count — reported Thursday, as Iraq's health minister estimated 150,000 civilians have been killed in attacks — about three times previously accepted estimates.

Moderate Sunni Muslims, meanwhile, threatened to walk away from talks and pick up guns, while the Shiite-dominated government renewed pressure on the United States to unleash the Iraqi army and claimed it could crush violence in six months.

After Democrats swept to majorities in both houses of Congress, and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld resigned, Iraqis appeared unsettled and seething about a new and bloody conflict because future American policy is uncertain. As a result, positions hardened on both sides of the country's deepening sectarian divide.

Mexco City recognizes gay civil unions

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's assembly on Thursday voted for the first time in the country's history to legally recognize gay civil unions, a measure that will provide same-sex couples with benefits similar to those of married couples. The mayor was expected to sign the measure into law.

The bill, which does not approve gay marriage, allows same-sex couples to register their union with civil authorities, granting them inheritance and pension rights, as well as other social benefits. Lawmakers were still finalizing the details.

Heterosexual groups who are not legally married can also be registered under the legislation. The bill was severely criticized by the Catholic Church and conservative civil groups.

NATIONAL NEWS

Separated conjoined twin released

WASHINGTON — One of two formerly conjoined twins born to Wisconsin parents was discharged from the hospital Thursday, and their doctor said he hopes the other twin can be released in about a week.

Six-month-old McMahon Twaun Shaw, who was separated from brother Mateo Asher Shaw, was released from Children's National Medical Center. McMahon and parents Angie Benzschawel, 25, and Ryan Twaun Shaw, 29, are staying in a nearby apartment.

"It was very emotional to be able to finally bring our son home," Benzschawel said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "Five minutes after returning from the hospital.

Scientists hope to protect Gulf coast

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss. — Scientists at a new research institute are studying ways to improve hurricane forecasts and protect the Gulf Coast's natural resources from storms, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Thursday.

The federally funded Northern Gulf Institute at Stennis Space Center joins dozens of researchers who also study ecosystem management, coastal wetlands, climate change and coastal hazards in and around the Gulf of Mexico, the agency said.

Local News

Daniels proposes building new tollway

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels proposed Thursday building a 75-mile tollway that would connect Indianapolis and Evansville. The plan drew a cautious reaction from the incoming Democratic governor.

The governor's plan calls for a private company to pay for building the new highway — and south of the city — along out of the planned I-69 extension between Indianapolis and Evansville. The plan drew a cautious reaction from the incoming Democratic governor.

President Bush and Democratic House Leader Nancy Pelosi of California decided to cooperate despite party differences at a lunch in the Oval Office Thursday.

Bush, Pelosi hope to cooperate

WASHINGTON — President Bush and House Speaker-to-be Nancy Pelosi, perhaps the biggest losers and winner on Election Day, pledged over lunch Thursday to bury the hatchet and cooperate. When possible.

At the White House, where Bush had invited Pelosi for lunch, he joked that there was no crow on the menu for Bush to eat.

Bush ate a little anyway, and he thanked Pelosi not only as Tuesday's victor but as the first woman who will ascend to the position of House speaker after the presidential election.

"The elections are now behind us, and the country's woman's party won," Bush said. "But the challenge remains. And therefore, we're going to work together to address those issues in a constructive way."

Said Pelosi, like Bush all smiles: "We both extended the hand of friendship, of partnership to solve the problems facing our country."

She was accompanied by Ray. Steny Hoyer, House's second-ranking Democrat. Bush was accompanied by a storey-snow Vice President Dick Cheney.

The president and his guest sat down for a make- up luncheon of pasta salad and chocolate in Bush's private dining room off the Oval Office.

Later in the day, Bush telephoned Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada to congratulate him on the Democrats' takeover of the Senate as well. The switch in power in that chamber became sure Wednesday night, when enough votes were cast to overturn a Senate override of Virginia GOP Sen. George Allen, Reid's likely to be majority leader in the new Congress, was getting his own meeting with Bush at the White House on Friday.

Meeting reporters in the Oval Office, Pelosi and Bush shook hands for the cameras. The president and the woman whose party beat his this year leaned forward in their silk-upholstered seats. They promised cooperation in a government that, come January, will be divided between a Republican White House and a Democratic Congress.

Though the two sought to show they were putting the barbs in the past, they did not ignore the differences and we will debate those issues and we will debate them. Pelosi said at the president's side. "We've made history. Now we have to make progress."

For his part, Bush has said that he'll listen to all suggestions on Iraq, except for those that involve pulling troops out before the mission is complete. He also says he still wants congressional approval for war-on-terror tools that Democrats have vigorously questioned.

As Bush's press secretary, Tony Snow, put it, echoing what Bush said a day earlier, the White House's intention is to cooperate but doesn't trim back on your principles.

Bush and Pelosi have met dozens of times before. But with both just getting accustomed to the new roles with each other, aides to both said it was not a more than 40-minute session than a time for brash-tackings negotiatign.

Gaza Strip

Palestinians want revenge for attack

BEIT HANOUN — Women collapsed in grief, a man booted his dead baby aloft and tens of thousands of Palestinians called for revenge Thursday after they jannied a funeral for the 18 civilians killed in an errant Israeli artillery attack.

The shells landed Wednesday as civilians were sleeping in the northern Gaza town of Beit Hanoun, and dozens were killed as they fled their homes in panic.

The 18 dead was the highest Palestinian civilian toll in a single incident since the current conflict erupted in September 2000. The highest toll of Israeli civilians was 29 killed in a Palestinian suicide bombing at a Passover gathering in March 2002.

The army said it was targeting areas where rockets had been fired in recent days at the Israeli cities of Netivot and Ashkelon.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said the artillery was meant to hit an orange grove from which troops saw rockets fired seconds earlier, but instead hit homes in Beit Hanoun, some 1,500 feet away.

The Israeli army said Thursday that an investigation indicated the casualties were caused by a technical failure in the fire control system of an artillery battery, the first official military confirmation that army shellsfire was responsible.

Associated Press

First female Speaker-to-be vows House Democrats will immediately move on agenda

WASHINGTON — First female Speaker-to-be Nancy Pelosi of California has vowed that House Democrats will immediately move on agenda.
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Acetaminophen pills recalled

Millions of bottles of generic drugs sold at CVS, Wal-Mart could contain metal fragments

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Check your medicine cabinet. Millions of bottles of the widely used pain reliever acetaminophen — some sold as long as three years ago — are being recalled because they may contain metal fragments.

The recall affects 11 million bottles containing varying quantities of 500-milligram acetaminophen capsules made by the Perrigo Co. The capsules were store-brand products sold by Wal-Mart, CVS, Safeway and more than 120 other major retailers.

Walmart whistleblower

Kevin Vincent, 44, of Arlington, Va., said his wife, Haley Meyer, and he wanted to find out more about the problem. "If it's not something that has any chance of recurring, then I really wouldn't worry," he said.

The recall affects Tylenol. Nor should the recall cause a shortage of acetaminophen, the FDA said.

The retail market for the pain relievers is worth more than $2 billion a year, according to Perrigo, the world's largest manufacturer of store-brand nonprescription drugs.

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The contaminated pills included metal fragments that were found in the second week of production. The equipment was wearing down prematurely, the company said. Agency officials declined to say whether the metal found in the pills caused the damage or resulted from an error.

A company investigation turned up metal in roughly 200 pills of the 70 million pills that passed through a metal detector, according to the company.

Consumers who take any of the contaminated pills could have minor stomach discomfort or possible cuts in the mouth and throat, the FDA said, adding that there is no risk of serious injury caused by the metal.

Acetaminophen is best known as the drug in products sold under the Tylenol brand. It is available in typically less expensive generic versions. The drug, a relative of aspirin and ibuprofen, is one of the most widely used pain relievers available without a doctor's prescription.

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Perrigo discovered the metal bits during quality control checks and is now working with the FDA to determine the type of metal.

The FDA declined to identify the source of the raw materials. The agency does not suspect the contamination was deliberate, said Dr. Douglas Throckmorton, deputy director of the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research.

Molly Wash, 21, a George Washington University student shopping at a CVS pharmacy in Washington, said she did not plan to toss any of the store-brand drugs at home. Nor did she plan to stop buying the generic products.

Court backs Costner in casino dispute

PIERRE, S.D. — The South Dakota Supreme Court has backed Kevin Costner in a legal battle over a Deadwood casino he owns, ruling Thursday that the actor-director doesn't have to sell his share in the business to sever his relationship with two partners.

The actor wants to become the sole owner of the Midnight Star, an eating and gambling establishment where costumes Costner wore in various movies to line the walls.

Costner owns 93.5 percent of the casino. He hired Francis and Carla Canave to manage the operation and gave them ownership of 6.5 percent. He fired them in July 2004, asking them to part ways as partners, and dissolved the partnership.

The court dispute centered on the value of the casino. An accountant hired by Costner put its value at $3.1 million, but the Canaves got another Deadwood casino owner to testify that he would pay $6.2 million. A judge ordered that Costner must buy the Midnight Star for the higher amount or it would be sold on the open market.

Costner appealed, arguing the value wasn't derived from a hypothetical buyer and seller, as is required by the IRS, and that the value was set without viewing any financial documents. The Supreme Court agreed that the lower court used the wrong standard to determine the property's value.

The justices said the property must be revalued but need not be sold. If the casino is determined to be worth no more than the $4.9 million Costner has put into it, the Canaves will not be entitled to any money, his lawyer said.

Costner filmed much of "Dances With Wolves," which won the Academy Award for best picture in 1990, on South Dakota's plains and in the Black Hills, where Deadwood is located.

Chicago Sun-Times loses more revenue

CHICAGO — Sun-Times Media Group Inc. is considering a complete overhaul of the Chicago Sun-Times amid a continuing steep decline in advertising and circulation revenue at the city's second-largest newspaper, its chief executive said Thursday.

Gordon Paris' comments on a conference call came a day after the company, which also publishes community newspapers around Chicago, reported a $34.9 million third-quarter loss.

Paris attributed the company's 14 percent decline in overall advertising revenue largely to weakness at the Sun-Times, the largest remaining asset in the former Hollinger International Inc. media empire. He said newspaper print advertising was down about 15 percent, worse than the struggling newspaper industry as a whole.

The CEO, who is stepping down from the post Dec. 29, told analysts the company needs to go beyond the "new media" initiatives and advertising sales reorganization plan that it has already put in place to try to stem the Sun-Times’ decline.

Wall Street declines in losing session

NEW YORK — Wall Street's three-day winning streak came to an end Thursday as investors, taking a second look at election results, questioned whether a Democratic Congress would be friendly to business.

The losing session, which was also influenced by rising oil prices and a drop in consumer confidence, was expected to be after the rally that lifted the Dow Jones industrials to a new closing high Tuesday. Investors had driven stocks broadly higher this week on optimism that Democratic control of Congress would cause political gridlock that would be favorable to businesses.

But as more time to mull over the election, investors are starting to become concerned about an "anti-business stance" among Democrats in Washington, said John O'Donoghue, co-head of equities at Cowen & Co.

"The market's been looking for a reason to go to the downside, and a change in Washington is as good an excuse as any," O'Donoghue said.

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takes up a lot of time and it is a
lot of extra work.
"I've never done a research project like this before. Everyone
dear.

The senior comprehensive has
been a required part of the Saint
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through the program."

Pauley recommends that the
comprehensive paper be
between 20 and 30 pages, but
it is not unusual to receive papers
that are 60 to 70 pages or even
upwards of 80 pages long.

A paper is never merely a
matter of quantity, always a mat­
er of quality," he said. "Could
someone write a five page compa?
I suppose, if they were the great­
est, demerit writer out there.

Professor Mary Ann
Merrynan, chair of the
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Administration and Economies,
will spend the first week in
January evaluating the Business
Administration majors' compre­
hensive. She said it is definitely
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comprehensive as a rewarding
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hold a gamewatch beginning a
half hour before kickoff, Legends
general manager Aaron
Perri said.

Willertson said Student Activities
organized the events "given the
demand for this game" and hopes
to reach its 1,800-student capaci­
ty at the Student Center.

"We're working with a satellite
company out of Indiana," Willerton
said. "They will provide us with
a one-time deal."

The St. Government doors will open at 3
p.m. and the game will be shown
on a big screen with concert style
seating, Willerton said.

He said Student Activities was
pleased "to be able to come
through in the clutch" this week­
end.

Legends renewed its Direct TV
subscription after learning that
Comcast would not carry CSTV
this weekend, Perri said.

The game will be shown on
four television and a projection
screen, as well as outside in a
heated tent, Perri said -- a larg­
er event than a normal Legends
gamewatch. He said they will be
able to seat 800 students.

Area bars and pubs are also
preparing for this weekend's
gamewatch. Establishments
that will be able to show the
game expect more business than
usual.

"We have extra staff coming
in," said Jodi Thurspon, a man­
ger at the Linebacker Lounge on
South Bend Avenue.

Sara VanDusan, an employee
at Corby's Irish Pub on Lasalle
Avenue, said Corby's will have the

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Ten Years Hence
2007 Speaker Series

 Twenty years ago the concept of...
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heard the commotion and her
arrival scared him away.
Criminal incidents can happen anywhere, said Lesly Sullivan, the office of International Studies program coordinator for Notre Dame's Angers program and four other international study programs. Associate Director Kathleen Opel said the most common crime Notre Dame students experience abroad has been pickpocketing.
But Notre Dame, through orienta-
tion sessions, tries to ensure that students — espe-
cially female study abroad par-
ticipants — know how to stay
safe in foreign countries. Sullivan organizes an infor-
mation session called Women and Study Abroad mandatory for female study abroad partici-
pants. The purpose, she said, is "to really outline areas of con-
cern that students might have or encounter and to provide resources for those students about how to deal with those areas."
The 90-minute session pro-
vides health and safety tips and features insight from returning students. The Office of International Studies addresses "cultural cues and miscues" stu-
dents can encounter when they are overseas. University Health Services, the University Counseling Center and student representatives from PILLARS also present issues students may encounter while abroad.
In the second part of the ses-
tion, returning female students describe situations their peers may face when they are in a for-
gn country. One scenario, Sullivan said, is how to dress when a student goes for a run in a country like Mexico. With that information, the returning students can give their peers advice on how to handle this type of situation.
"The point there is to put things in their heads that hope-
fully will light up if they find themselves in a situation like this and they will remember something that was told to them at these sessions," she said.

"You weren't smart, you weren't prepared," said
Sullivan, students need to plan in advance their agenda for the evening. Many times, the men in the program can walk women home before returning to their own houses, she said.
The program's resident direc-
tor can also reimburse students for a certain number of taxi cab rides each semester, Sullivan said.
"If a female student feels uncomfortable or threatened, all [she needs to do] is take a taxi and talk to the resident director about it afterwards," she said.
Notre Dame senior Viviana Castro said she had a good semester in Angers last spring and said she never felt unsafe.
"My advice is just stay close to campus, and if you are going somewhere farther away, take a cab," Castro said.
Notre Dame's Women and Study Abroad session is only one of a series of "pre-departure sessions" that give students tips to stay safe overseas, Sullivan said. Each program provides participants with members they can call in an emergency. The Office of International Studies also stays up to date on State Department warnings and gives students information about the country they are visit-
ing.
"Associate director Juliet Mayanja, who oversees the Cairo program, said she advises stu-
dents how to respect the Arab culture through their dress and behavior.
"Obviously, presentation is a big thing in Arab culture and the perception that we Americans in the West are loose and easy is prevalent," Mayanja said. "No number of students understand this," Mayanja said.
Notre Dame senior Anne Kroeger studied in Cairo the spring semester of her junior year. Kroeger dressed conserva-
tively while she was there — no skirts shorter than mid-calf length and never any low-cut shirts, she said. And she always kept a scarf in her backpack to wrap around herself if she was feeling unsafe.
"You had to be conscientious of what the reality was," she said.
The security at her dorm in Cairo was so strong that she never felt unsafe in the building, Kroeger said.
"I wasn't comfortable, unless you made bad decisions, for the rest of the year, she was fine," she said.
Self-responsibility is the bot-
tom line, Vanden Heuvel said. The office of International Studies promotes "neatly pack things in your bag," but students must make an effort to absorb and utilize this advice.
"After all is said and done, the students are responsible for this or her or his own safety," she said.
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NDASK takes right approach

The Observer

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Both political parties imperfect

Just before a football game begins, after the band hascountedoutand played all the fight songs they know, they readjust their embouchures and play "America the Beautiful" while the flag is presented and raised above the stadium. During the presentation of colors, the wonderful announcer in the stadium recites both the Preamble to the Constitution and the opening and closing lines of the Declaration of Independence.

Now, I don't profess to be particularly patriotic, but when I hear those words, and remember what America is really about, I can't help but get a little choked up while I yell at the top of my lungs: "We the people of these United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

I realized how nicely this phrase is crafted when I came across tidbits of information the newscasters pulled out all the stops. For example, Jonathan Klinger's column on Nov. 7 ("A time for choosing") I enjoyed reading his columns using my right hand at one point and approach ideas from a different angle, but his last two columns have been disappointing, to say the least.

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Kevin Robbins
Graduate student
UCLA
Nov. 9

Editorial Cartoon

Celebrating our political pastime

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Even better, the new Speaker of the House will be Nancy Pelosi, a congresswoman from San Francisco — possibly the most liberal city on the face of the earth. At worst, this change of power in the House will not alter U.S. policies much due to President Bush's veto power, but Congress will have an awesome time creating special investigation committees for every awful idea the Bush administration has ever had (Guantanamo Bay, war on terrorism, etc.).

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Rockin' the suburbs since 1994, Ben Folds will be rocking the Stepan Center tonight in his first appearance at Notre Dame in recent memory. According to students with his blend of pop, punk and creative lyrics.

This concert has been in the works for some time now. According to SUB president and Notre Dame senior Patrick Vassel, Ben Folds has been consistently at the top of polls SUB uses to gauge which musicians and acts the student body would like to see.

"He is one of the most popular musicians among Notre Dame students and the demand for him has been there for some time, as the speed with which the concert sold out proved," Vassel said.

Sadly, not all who would have liked to see Folds will get the chance. But the decision to have the concert in the Stepan Center instead of Engels or another traditional concert venue has allowed the most students possible to see the show.

As far as planning, this concert has been in the works for almost seven months. SUB's traditional fall concert usually enters the preliminary planning stages when the fall semester begins. However, Vassel said SUB contacted Folds' agent last April. The hard work paid off as Folds is one of the biggest names to come to Notre Dame.

The Stepan Center is being used for this concert, as opposed to the Joyce Athletic Convocation Center — the common ground for "The Show" due to the relative low cost. The Stepan Center is controlled by the Student Activities Office and therefore, according to Vassel, is easier to book and cheaper to set up and staff than the JACC.

"The capacity of 1,800 is larger than any other indoor venue on campus besides the JACC, which would have been prohibitively expensive for us to use," Vassel said.

The JACC's involvement in this debate raises the question regarding why Ben Folds was not brought in as a participant in "The Show," especially when considering that many more students would have been able to obtain tickets. However, Folds was touring in Australia at the time, making this arrangement impossible. SUB then decided to bring him in for the full concert and the show's quick sellout displays the success of this decision.

Vassel noted the hard work of SUB staff in bringing Folds to Notre Dame. Specifically, junior co-concert programmers Chris Lund and Matt Lawre have worked on budgets and logistics and handled contacts with Folds and his agent to bring Folds to Notre Dame.

Opening for Ben Folds is Corn Mo, the stage name of Jon Cunningham. He is a one-man act who performs an admixture of circus music, glam rock and humor-filled novelty songs. He plays the accordion and keyboards, which will fill in nicely with Ben Folds and his piano rock. He aided They Might Be Giants with their cult classic "Particle Man." His debut album, "I Hope You Win!" has been described as heavy metal 'spindrift.' A little weird and a little crazy, he promises to be anything but unentertaining.

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Ben Folds: Power Pop and Nerd Rock Master

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

Ben Folds proves pop music can still be good. In the mid-'90s, he, Robert Sledge and Darren Jesse formed the band Ben Folds Five. With no guitars to be good. In the "Suburbs" style.

"The Show," amplitudes Folds Five made to call their own. A creative force in the pop scene of uncreative late '90s pop, Folds brought in a horn section on "Don't Change Your Plans," talked about growing up in the catchy "Army" and let his muse get a little silly with "Your Redneck Past." Through all three albums, Folds remained the creative force and namesake of this most unique pop band.

However, Ben Folds Five was destined for audiences in 2000 after releasing only three, yet all top-notch, albums. Folds, never one to stop making some of the best power pop ever heard, worked for a year after the split and released the solo "Rockin' the Suburbs" to high critical acclaim. Proving himself a master musician, he played most if not all the instruments used in the album. "Auntie Waits," "Rockin' the Suburbs" and "Zak and Sara" are prime examples of the power pop fans have come to know and love, while the introspective "Fred Jones, Pt. 2" and "The Luckiest" bring the album back down to earth and infuse it with a heart that counts the fun of other songs. This album is not as groundbreaking as "Forever and Ever Amen," but then again, fans know what to expect from Folds, and "Rockin' the Suburbs" is Folds at his best — which is definitely loudable.

Folds has toured all around the world and has come to define power pop for the generation that grew up, and is still growing up, with him. Creating music that is catchy, fun and full of heart at the same time, he is a singular figure in the world of popular music. He may be famous, but that hasn't gone to his head and he continues to produce music that is artistic and fun. Folds is popular because he makes good music people can identify with. He doesn't need powerful producers to make his music — all he needs is his muse.

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Power pop and nerd-rock musician Ben Folds, known for his creative and smart lyrics, will be playing at a sold-out concert at Notre Dame's Stepan Center tonight.

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LEGENDS SPOTLIGHT

Pete Francis brings solo funk, jam to Legends

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

Take a shower, shine your shoes, you’ve got no time to lose because Pete Francis is playing at Legends on Saturday. It will be the musician’s first time performing at Notre Dame, a venue he actively sought out.

"As a matter of fact, Pete came to us," said Aaron Perri, general manager of Legends.

According to Perri, Francis was looking for a gig in the area, and e-mailed Legends about possibly performing in South Bend on Notre Dame’s campus.

"I think it says a lot about Legends," Perri said. "A high-profile artist like Francis coming to us shows that we’ve become the ‘must-play’ venue in the area.

Francis was a member of the Boston-based band Dispatch between 1995 and 2004. Comprised of Francis (under his full name, Peter Francis Heimbold), Brad Corrigan and Chad Urmsen, Dispatch first came to national prominence in 1996 with the release of their debut album, “Silent Steeples,” which showcased their unique reggae/funk blend. Francis was only in his early 20s at the time. Their follow-up, “Bang Bang,” was well-received and featured one of their most well-known songs, “The General.”

Dispatch combined elements of acoustic-pop, folk and rock, with touches of reggae and funk. The band was notable for its musicianship, as members switched instruments and vocal duties from song-to-song. Francis is an accomplished singer, bassist and guitarist and has been featured on both instruments. Dispatch’s triple harmonies and jam band tendencies made them a fan favorite, and they regularly played sold-out shows across the nation.

After the band decided to take an extended hiatus in 2001, Francis stuck out on his own, releasing his solo album “Untold” in 2003. Dispatch officially broke up later that year, and their farewell concert, performed at the Hatch Shell in Boston, was attended by roughly 110,000 fans. Francis is currently touring to promote “Everything Is One,” which was released earlier this year.

Francis’ solo work often resembles his material with Dispatch, with creative touches and showcases of his musicianship. His first two albums are softer, more refined and more contemplative than Dispatch, which demonstrates that they are clearly the work of a solo artist, rather than a band. Yet the sense of songwriting and craft that made Dispatch so successful is evident on both “Untold” and “Everything Is One,” alleviating concerns that Francis has lost his touch.

The singer-songwriter will be bringing a full backing band and is expected to perform both songs by Dispatch and his own material. He will likely perform the most famous songs from his Dispatch years, such as “The General” and will also probably play hits from “Everything Is One.”

Perri says that he expects the show to be well-received and well-attended, which means it will likely fill Legends’ capacity.

“A show like this, with someone like Francis, usually plays to a packed house,” Perri remarked.

Perri also noted that Francis is part of a solid fall lineup at Legends, which included former Stone Temple Pilots singer Scott Weiland and Tally Hall, among others. Perri stressed that Legends is committed to keeping their shows free.

You could go to Chicago and see Pete Francis and it would cost you $40,” Perri said. "Or, if you’re a student, you can see it here for free.

Pete Francis will be one of Legends biggest shows of the semester, and should provide an evening’s worth of great music. The concert begins at 10 p.m.

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Cole's hat trick leads Canes in rout of Caps

Yashin's two goals, DiPietro's 32 saves prove an unbeatable combo as Islanders send Flyers to fourth straight loss

BRUSSELS goalie Tim Thomas makes a diving save in the first period against the Maple Leafs Thursday in Boston. The Bruins won the game 6-4.

The Islanders started a five-game road swing after playing nine of 10 at home. They scored twice in the first period, never giving the Flyers a chance to get going early, and DiPietro made the goals stand up with a stellar effort, coming close to his first shutout since April 8 against Washington.

Their team put a lot of pucks on net and pressured hard. Our defensemen did a good job in front of the net limiting their time in the zone," DiPietro said.

The Islanders started a free-game road swing after playing too good to be true," Raycroft said. "Of course, something has to happen at some point to me. It would have obviously been really nice to finish that."

Raycroft doesn't think the injury is serious, and he should be back in a 1-2 week.

Jean-Sebastien Aubin replaced Raycroft, and saved just 5 of 7 shots. Boston nearly came all the way back from a four-goal deficit.

Alexei Ponikarovsky had a goal and an assist, and Chad Kilger also scored for the Maple Leafs.

Antipov got the start. Toronto was 4-0-4 in the second period and Ponikarovsky restored the four-goal advantage 1:18 after Marco Sturm scored for the Islanders.

The Islanders quit in Monday's 5-1 loss to Tampa Bay and snapped a two-game losing streak in which they were outscored 9-2 at home.

"I was concerned with the effort the last couple of games, maybe a bit," captain Peter Forsberg said. "We're getting left by our own two skates. If we're going to have any chance of turning this season around, we've got to start winning now."

The Flyers were 11-3-1 in their first 15 games last season, the second period when the Flyers did a good job in reverse order, and Hurricanes coach Peter Laviolette doesn't seem to mind.

Ward won the Conn Smythe Trophy. Then, he posted his first regular-season shutout.

Yashin's two goals, DiPietro's 32 saves prove an unbeatable combo as Islanders send Flyers to fourth straight loss

The Islanders found the best way to bust out of a mini-slump and prove to their coach there was no quit in them: Play the Flyers.

Alexei Yashin scored twice and Rick DiPietro stopped 32 shots to lift New York to a win over NHL-worst Philadelphia on Thursday night.

We have to realize we have a really good team," Yashin said. "When we win two or three in a row, we get too high, and then when we lose two in a row, we come down."
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**IN BRIEF**

Three tied for lead after first round of Tour Championship

RICHMOND, Texas — Gary Christian overcame back spasms, Andrew Luck rallied with back-to-backsecutive birdies and Cliff Kresge made a late eagle Thursday to grab shares of the first-round lead in the Nationwide Tour Championship.

Christian, Kresge and Kresge opened with 5-under 67s in the season-ending event at The Houstonian. The winner will earn $135,000, while the season money champion will be fully exempt on the 2007 PGA Tour and earn a spot in The Players Championship Nov. 2-25 on the final money list will be conditionally exempt on the PGA Tour and Nov. 23-25 will get spots in the final stage of the National Qualifying Tournament. Chris Tidland, Steve Allan and Brandt Snedeker shot 68s.

"Sometimes it's a matter of survival," Tidland said. "Today I tried to think my way around the golf course."

Driver Scott Sharp to join Letterman Racing

INDIANAPOLIS -- IndyCar Series veteran Scott Sharp is joining Rahal Letterman Racing, the team a second driver for next season.

Sharp will join returning driver Jeff Simmons with Rahal Letterman, which lost Danica Patrick to Andretti Green Racing after beating Martina Hingis 3-6, 6-7, 6-4 on Thursday.

Sharp, 38, is the IRL's longest-tenured driver and has won nine races while driving in all 11 seasons since the series started. He finished 12th in the IRL driver standings last season while driving for Delphi Fernandez Racing, with his best finishes being fifth in the Texas and Richmond races.

"Scott has demonstrated over the years to be one of the most consistent drivers in the IndyCar Series and he is a proven race winner," team co-owner Bobby Rahal said.

Mauresmo and Henin-Hardene to face in semifinals

MADRID, Spain — Amelie Mauresmo won’t have the top rank-

after Sunday but she can still retain her WTA Championships title after beating Martina Hingis 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 on Thursday.

Mauresmo’s defeat of former two-time winner Hingis set up a final Yellow Group match with Justine Henin-Hardenne that Mauresmo must win to advance to the semifinals.

"For me, I need to go out and win that match. It's the only solution for me to qualify," Mauresmo said.

Henin-Hardenne reached the semifinals with a 4-6, 6-4 win over Nadia Petrova.

Henin-Hardenne’s group record is 2-0, Mauresmo’s 1-1, and Petrova and Hingis are each 1-2. No. 3-ranked Henin-Hardenne is focused not on finishing ranked No. 1, but winning her first WTA Championships crown.

**Rutgers shocks Louisville, stays perfect**

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Rutgers arrived — and kicked No. 3 Louisville right out of the national championship scramble. The program that once set the standard for college football fully jumped into the title picture Thursday night by rallying from a big deficit for a 28-25 victory over the Cardinals.

On his second chance, Jeremy Ito kicked a 28-yard field goal with 13 seconds left and the second consecutive prime-time showdown between Big East unbeaters went to No. 12 Rutgers, 9-4, 4-0.

"This is the new Rutgers," said Scarlet Knights fullback Brian Leonard, the fifth-year senior who was a redshirt freshman on a 1-11 team. "This is a dream of mine.

Just a week ago, it was Louisville (6-1, 3-1) celebrating the biggest win in school history, a 44-34 victory over West Virginia that vaulted the Cardinals into the thick of the national championship race.

This time, it was Rutgers’ turn to party. The Scarlet Knights shut out the high-scoring Cardinals in the second half, erased an 18-point deficit and got the ball with 5:28 left in the fourth quarter at their own 9.

"You don’t come back the way we did tonight unless you have believers,” coach Greg Schiano said.

Leonard went 26 yards with a pass in the flats to get Rutgers into Louisville territory and Ray Rice broke a 20-yard run to get into field-goal range. Ito missed a 33-yarder with 18 seconds left, but Louisville was offside and Ito got another shot — and it was perfect.

The final play, appropriate, was a sack of Brian Brohm by a Rutgers defense that proved worthy of the No. 2 ranking in the country.

"We were totally out of sync in the second half, and that can’t happen," coach Bobby Petrino said. "Some of our goals are still out there that we can reach. We’re going to need some help.”

After the game, Rutgers fans flooded the field and swapped the players.

"It’s so awesome with 44,000 fans on this field right now, all Rutgers fans," Leonard said.

There are now four undefeated teams in the country — No. 1 Ohio State, No. 2 Michigan, No. 14 Boise State and — it’s probably hard for many to believe — Rutgers.

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Penn State coach will designate coaching duties to assistant

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Joe Paterno declared himself "out" for Penn State's next game Saturday, designating longtime assistant Tom Bradley to make any tough calls in the school's first contest without the coaching icon since 1977.

Better make the right decisions, though. Tom. Paterno undoubtedly will be watching. Heeding his doctor's advice, Paterno told his staff Thursday that he would not be at Beaver Stadium for Saturday's game against Temple. The 79-year-old coach had surgery Sunday to repair a fractured shinbone and two torn knee ligaments in his left leg, injuries sustained in a sideline collision in a loss last week to Wisconsin. His left leg fitted with a temporary brace, Paterno spoke with his assistants Thursday morning during a meeting at his Mount Nittany Medical Center room.

"You guys know what you're doing and what I want enough that I don't need to be there creating a huge distraction Saturday," he told them, according to a team statement. "Enough on me; let's get back to football." Paterno is eager to check out, though he won't be released until team doctor Wayne Sebastianelli is satisfied with the progress of his recovery. So it's unclear whether Paterno will watch his squad Saturday from home or from his room at the hospital, just down the street from the stadium.

The coach "just realized he's got to be proactive," D'Elia said, "that in this condition it wasn't safe to be out and about." So JoePa and his rolled-up knapsack will be missing from the Penn State sideline for the first time since 1977, when he missed a game as an assistant in 1955 after his father died.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Lion in bed: Paterno to miss his first game since 1977 season

Paterno said he would be "in bed" through Saturday night, according to a letter he wrote to the press.

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SMC SWIMMING

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By BILL BRINK
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Belles continue postseason

Gray leads Saint Mary's into D-III Tournament Series this weekend

By BECKI DORNER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's starts its final run of the season this weekend as it begins the first part of the NCAA Division III Tournament Series at Hanover College. The Belles enter the Great Lakes regional championship after a two-week break following the MIAA Conference Championship, a meet that produced a fifth-place finish behind the Great Lakes regional champion and a spot on the first-team All-MIAA. Her performance was record-breaking — since the 1998 season when Saint Mary's cross country first joined the MIAA, no Belle has ever finished in the top 10 at the conference contest.

The Belles will need top performances from Gray and all of the women competing, for they will be dealing with some of the best competition in the entire nation. Two of the top-10 teams in the country will battle the women's six-kilometer regional championship.

The field of more than 30 squads features three teams ranked in the top 35 spots in the country in the latest USTFCCCA poll. Calvin College (Mich.) and Case-Western Reserve University (Ohio) enter the meet ranked among the nation's top teams.

Gray's time of 23:44 on the 6K course earned her sixth place in the country will battle the field of runners.

The course is known as a fast one and is very flat, coach Jackie Medema said. "When you watch him on film, he looks a lot like [Dallas Cowboys' wide receiver] Terrell Owens," Frank said. "He certainly doesn't have excellent hands at this point — probably because he is still learning to become a receiver — but he's got lots and lots of potential."

Contest. Banters could not be reached this week, as she was out of town participating in a race.

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Little as a wide receiver because he expressed a desire to play the position in college. But as Little's body develops, Frank said, Notre Dame could use him anywhere from tight end to linebacker or strong safety.

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"I guess it didn't really seem like it was a good fit for him," Frank said.

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Notre Dame runs for NCAA Tournament bid

Irish prepare to face regional competition this weekend in Ohio

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

After a long season, Notre Dame is one good race away from its ultimate goal — the NCAA Tournament. The Irish will run Saturday against teams from across the Midwest in the NCAA Great Lakes regional in Bowling Green, Ohio.

The No. 18 men’s team is ready to rebound from a tough third place finish Oct. 27 in the Big East championship against their regional competition. The team’s goal is to finish no lower than second, which would guarantee it a spot in the NCAA Tournament Nov. 20. "We don’t want to leave anything to chance so our goal is second or better," sophomore Patrick Smyth said. "I don’t think there’s any reason we can’t get that."

Despite Notre Dame’s confidence, the Irish will face tough competition Saturday. The field in the Great Lakes region features five top-30 teams including the Irish, No. 1 Wisconsin, No. 11 Michigan, No. 27 Michigan State and No. 29 Butler. The Irish already met two of those schools Michigan and Wisconsin — at the Notre Dame Invitational Sept. 29. Notre Dame’s fourth-place finish at that event was good enough to beat Wisconsin, who finished eighth. Michigan finished second.

Even though the Irish will compete Saturday in of the toughest fields they have seen this season, coach Joe Piane has lightened the workload for his team heading into the postseason. "We’ve been tapering a little bit, but not a whole lot," Smyth said. "We did some thousands on the track on Tuesday, everybody did well on that. But other than that we’ve been getting more mentally prepared for the meet."

Smyth and senior Kurt Benninger have been the main keys for Irish success this season. The two finished second and third at the Big East race and were named to the all-Big East team along with junior Jake Watson. For this race, Notre Dame’s top two runners hope to again stay at the front of the pack. "If there’s a group of 15 or so, we want to be in that group," Smyth said. "We just want to be in the front of the pack. We’re not going to work too hard at all, we’re going to save as much as possible for nationals."

The women’s team is also prepared for postseason play, riding the momentum of a strong third place finish at the conference tournament two weeks ago. The Big East result was a team effort, starting with junior Sunny Olding, who finished sixth, and continuing with seniors Ann Mazur and Amy Kohlmeier, who finished 12th and 14th, respectively.

Notre Dame coach Tim Connelly hopes the Irish carry their strong finish into the NCAA Regional. "We’ve been steadily building all season so we’re hoping to fix whatever we could after the Big East and just do the little things right this week, because everyone looked awesome at the Big East," junior Julie Opet said. "The women’s field at the Great Lakes regional also has a number of top schools, including No. 3 Michigan, No. 5 Wisconsin, No. 11 Michigan State and No. 28 Butler. But the Irish are confident they can succeed." "Getting to nationals is our one and only focus," Opet said. "A top-two finish would be awesome. But we are just trying to beat as many teams as possible. We’re looking at at least a top-four finish to get pushed in."

To prepare for this race, Notre Dame has cut down on its practices, an attempt to save some leg strength for the tough competition. "We’ve cut back since this is the postseason now," Connelly said, "not on the intensity of the training, but just how long our runs are to make sure our legs are in good condition for this race."

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Pittsburgh hopes to upset Notre Dame and move themselves already clinched a berth in the Big East tournament. Placement in the tournament is not the only thing fueling Notre Dame this weekend. The Irish look to avenge a five-game loss to the Panthers last fall, Notre Dame's only conference blunder in the 2005 regular season. Led by junior Diana Andreyko's 4.08 kills per game and 2.38 hitting percentage, Pittsburgh has a formidable offense. "Pittsburgh has very good outside hitters," Brown said. "We're going to need to slow them down and hold them to low hitting percentages." This will be an important focus for Notre Dame, which is currently fourth in the Big East in opponents' hitting percentage. Big East teams have hit .173 against Notre Dame. Pittsburgh also has very proficient blockers, posting 3.41 blocks per game — the second highest average in the Big East. On paper, Sunday's match against West Virginia does not appear as threatening as the match against Pittsburgh. The Mountaineers (2-7, 1-11 Big East) have never beaten the Irish at the Joyce Center. West Virginia comes in at the bottom of the league offensively with only 11.62 kills a game and a .091 hitting percentage. However, the West Virginia defense is more capable of containing Notre Dame. The Mountaineers are led by senior libero Aurora Aberit-Santos, whose 4.77 conference digs per game places her above Notre Dame's senior libero Danielle Herndon's 4.55 digs per game. "We made a lot of progress last week with two great offensive performances," Brown said. With its last two tune-ups before the Big East tournament, Notre Dame hopes to keep its momentum intact on the team's Senior Day.

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hold off the Spartans last year winning 122-120. Senior Ted Brown started in that meet, winning the 500 and 1,000-meter freestyle races. Brown charmed out another clutch performance in the team's most recent win over Purdue. Once again he took two races, including the 200-yard individual medley. The win, which came in the second-to-last race of the meet, gave the Irish nine points to retake the lead for good. This weekend the team will also need a big performance out of its two divers — sophomore Michael Buffin and junior Sam Stoner. The two have averaged scores of 299.4 and 293.6, respectively, in their first three dives this season. The Panthers also have two strong sophomore divers to challenge Buffin and Stoner. Aleksandr Volovetskiy has won the 100-meter event in every one of Pittsburgh's meets this year and recently broke his own record with a score of 351 against St. Bonaventure Oct. 27.

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Monday, November 13

9:00 am - Opening Plenary: Overview of the Issues, Auditorium, CCE

- Business: Klaus Leisinger, President and CEO, Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development: Stretching the Limits of Corporate Responsibility

- NGO: Mary Anderson, Executive Director, CDA Collaborative Learning Projects: False Promises and Promises? The Challenge of Peacebuilding for Corporations


10:30 am - Concurrent Sessions

I. Local Entrepreneurship, Room 100, CCE

- Francisco Lunga de Almeida and Oliveira Eugenio, Anglo Enterprise Program: They will discuss a public-private partnership between the UNDP (the United Nations Development Program), the Chevron Corporation and the government of Angola.

- Public-Private Partnership for Enterprise Development: The Case of the Angola Enterprise Program

- Bruce Mclnemer, President, TechnoServe: Leveraging Public-Private Partnerships to Create Hope and Economic Activity in the Developing World: Cases from Tanzania

- John Bee, Director, Public Affairs, Nestlé, S.A.: and Professor Lisa Newton, Fairfield University: They will discuss projects with a Colombian Dairy, Pakistani Female Extension Workers, and the Nigerian broadcast sponsorship partnership with the NGO Search for Common Ground that provides a conflict-resolving role modeling for Nigerians. Using the Food Chain to Create Peace

II. Divesting or Investing in Peace, Auditorium, CCE

- David Lowry, Director, International Center for Corporate Accountability, (Retired from Freeport McMoran): He will speak from his experience in Papua New Guinea. Extractives, Economic Development, Codes of Conduct and Audits: Creating Peace through Carefully Thought-out Commerce

- Christian Roy, Extractive Industries Initiative (EI), PACT Congo: Pact is an NGO dedicated to forging linkages among government, business and citizen sectors to achieve social, economic and environmental justice. The Democratic Republic of the Congo's Extractive Industries Alliance: Can Responsible Mining Promote Sustainable Social Development and Better Governance in a Fragile State?


- Ian Gary, Policy Advisor for Extractive Industries, OrTam America, Inc.: He will address corruption and transparency in the extractive industries. Multistakeholder Efforts in the Extractive Industries

1:00 pm - Remarks: (Lower Level Dining Room, CCE)

- Christian Much, German Foreign Ministry, Head of Task Force Global Issues, Berlin: Investing in Peace

2:00 pm - Concurrent Sessions

III. The Role of Business in Societies with Conflict, Auditorium, CCE


- Patricia White, Vice President of External Affairs, BP

- Daniel Saurez, Peace Group of Bogota Business Leader’s Forum Colombia: The Role of Local Businesses in Peacebuilding: The Case of the Colombia Business Leaders Peace Group


IV. Community Relations, Room 100, CCE


- Stanley Litow, Vice President, Corporate Community Relations and President, IBM International Foundation: Technology Innovation to Address Global Social and Education Issues


4:00 pm - Concurrent Sessions

V. Peace Through Health: Some Contributions, Room 100, CCE

- Tom Costa, Vice President, International Policy and Government Affairs, Bristol-Myers Squibb: "Secure the Future": Bristol-Myers Squibb’s Response to the HIV/AIDS Pandemic in Africa

- Mark Holloway, Manager Corporate Outreach, Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS Partnership with Unilever and Virgin Airlines for the Treatment and Care of HIV/AIDS

- Dr. Daniel Shungu, Executive Director, United Front Against Riverblindness (UFAR): Partnerships to Combat Riverblindness in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

VI. Outreach Programs, Auditorium, CCE

- Ford Motor Co., Gerald F. Cavanagh, S.J. and Mary Ann Hazen, Professors at University of Detroit Mercy: Ford Motor Company, Human Rights and Environmental Integrity

- General Electric, Bob Corcoran, Vice President, Corporate Citizenship: The Millennium Village Project: General Electric’s Contribution

- Daniel Malan, KPMG Sustainability Services, South Africa: From Being Apart to Being Partners – A South African Case Study of Barloworld

- David Wheeler, Dean of Management, Dalhousie University: He will discuss enterprise development in Darfur and Southern Sudan using a participative action research approach. Conflict Transformation Project: Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods and Grassroots Enterprise Development

8:00 pm - AACSB Panel: Peace Through Commerce: Business Education Initiatives

- Chair: Georg Kell, Executive Head of the Global Compact Office, United Nations (Mendoza College of Business Atrium)

- John Fernandez, President and Chief Executive Officer, AACSB

- Jennifer Potter, Managing Director, Initiative for Global Development

- Tim Solso, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Cummins, Inc.
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things people can do when we're running.

Along with this new look offense will be a stingy Irish defense that shut down its two preseason opponents, limiting them to 28 percent shooting from the floor and forcing 67 turnovers. That swarming defense helped the Irish dominate those first two opponents — outsourcing them by an average of 82-45.

Despite her team's performance in the preseason, McGraw said, "We're really working on our defense."

Challenging the Irish defense will be Central Michigan's long-range offense. The Chippewas are shorter than the Irish. Their tallest player is 6-foot-2 senior forward Ann Skukla, whose specialty is shooting from beyond the arc. This three-point defense will test the athleticism of Notre Dame's two centers, Williamson and senior Melissa D'Amico.

"Their big guys can shoot threes, can play away from the basket, so I think defensively it is going to be a big challenge for our post to be able to handle a three-point shooter and someone who likes to put the ball on the floor," McGraw said. "We're better against a post-up player, where we can use our size. So I think they're going to have a tough time guarding them.

This game will also be the regular season debut of Notre Dame's three talented freshman men, Williamson and guards Melissa Lechlitner and Ashley Barlow.

Williamson filled in well for D'Amico in Notre Dame's two exhibition games. Lechlitner and Barlow also have logged significant minutes running the point this season, enabling McGraw to operate an efficient four-guard set.

Now the Irish are ready for the games that matter. "I think as a team we're pretty prepared. We've been working ever since summer started," Williamson said. "We've been working hard, going through all of our offenses and everything. I think we're just most of all excited to get started."

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all five starters, will try to take advantage of the young Irish roster and pull the upset it barely missed last year.

"This is a really good team coming in here and they think they can beat us," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said.

McAlarney said the team is focusing exclusively on IPFW and not looking ahead to the preseason NIT, which the Irish will begin on Monday against Butler in Indianapolis.

"We need to take every team we play as seriously as possible," he said.

The Irish showcased their new up-tempo style in their two preseason games — a 79-44 win over Rockhurst Nov. 1 and an 85-57 win over Bellarmine Monday. In both games, Notre Dame employed a full court press early in the game, forcing 11.5 points and 5.1 rebounds last year.

Fallk, a deadly spot up shooter, averaged 14.8 points per game and dished out four assists for starting big men sophomore Luke Harangody and Tim Abromc. He hopes the run-and-gun style will bring more fans to the Joyce Center, especially for a team like IPFW that is more dangerous than its name suggests. The two exhibition games drew less than half capacity.

"For people who haven't seen this team yet, they should come out and watch, because we're fun to watch," Brey said. "There are some neat things going on with our young guys and we have an exciting style of play."

Guards Russell Carter and Colin Falls will begin their senior campaigns tonight looking for their first career NCAA tournament berth. Carter, one of the team's most athletic players, averaged 11.5 points and 5.1 rebounds last year.

Falls, a deadly spot up shooter, averaged 14.0 points per game last season and shot almost 40 percent from behind the three-point arc.

Tonight's game will also mark the first collegiate debut of Notre Dame freshmen — Jackson, guards Joe Harden and Jonathan Peoples and forwards Luke Harangody and Tim Andre.

Jackson spelled McAlarney at point guard in the two exhibition games and is expected to replay that role tonight. Harangody, who averaged 13 points and seven rebounds in the two exhibition games, will come off the bench for starting big men sophomore Luke Zeller and junior Rob Kurz.

Notes:

• Kurz, who suffered a broken nose in practice after a collision with Harangody, missed Monday's win over Bellarmine. He returned to practice Wednesday and is expected to play tonight with a protective mask on his face.

• He team has not chosen captains yet and will not until later in the season. Brey said this is already the latest he has ever gone into a season without having his squad vote for captains.

• "I want this group to be together longer, then we'll vote," he said. "We may vote after the NIT and we might vote at Christmas."

But even without captains, Brey said the Irish are not without leaders.

Russell Carter, Colin Falls, and Kurz are our leaders," he said. "There's no question about that."
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ND BASKETBALL

Show time

Notre Dame tips off against Mastodons

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

After conditioning all summer, trying to gel as a team during full practice and winning two easy exhibition games, Notre Dame finally plays for real tonight against Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne at 8 at the Joyce Center.

"This is the real deal," Irish point guard Kyle McAlarney said. "It's not an exhibition anymore. We have to be ready.

Without point guard Chris Quinn, the Irish beat the Mastodons last year 65-63 in Fort Wayne — a surprisingly close score given the supposed talent gap between the two teams.

This year, IPFW, which returns

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ND SWIMMING

Purdue, Michigan St. return to South Bend

Boilers, Spartans pose early season challenge

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

No. 17 Notre Dame looks to stay unbeaten this weekend with back-to-back home meets against Michigan State (10-1) on Friday and Big East power Pittsburgh (12-0) at Rolfs Aquatic Center Saturday.

The Irish are coming off a thrilling victory last weekend over Purdue. The No. 16 Boilermakers were in good position until the final race, when Notre Dame captured the 400-yard freestyle relay to hold off the surging Purdue squad and move to 2-0 in dual-meet action this season.

"We've had two very exciting wins so far. Both of them have gone down to the wire," Irish coach Tim Welsh said.

This weekend's opponents are no strangers to drama, either. Pittsburgh has lost its last two trips to Notre Dame by a total of 11 points — 155-145 in 2004 and 122-121 last season. The Irish also needed final race heroics to

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ND VOLLEYBALL

ND hosts Pittsburgh, UVA

By DEVIN PRESTON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hosts its first two matches of the regular season at the Joyce Center this weekend, looking to end with one more pair of wins.

The Irish take on conference rival Pittsburgh at 2 p.m. Saturday and West Virginia at 2 p.m. Sunday. Notre Dame looks to close its season out with one more pair of wins.

"Going into the Big East tournament, we want to finish strong at home and keep that third seed," Irish coach Debbie Brown said.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Little commitment big addition for Irish recruiting class

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

As expected, Notre Dame went 1-0-0 in the recruiting war Thursday, winning the battle for the versatile Greg Little but losing the contest for No. 1 receiver prospect Arrelious Benn to Illinois.

At a press conference announcing his inclusion in this year's Army All-American game, Little said he would become the 11th Irish verbal commitment for the class of 2011. Players cannot sign binding letters of intent until February.

Little is a 6-foot-3, 205-pound senior at Hillside High School (Durham, N.C.) who has played running back, wide receiver and linebacker the past two seasons. His 146-yard dash time is listed at 4.60.

"He brings a tremendous amount of athleticism to Notre Dame's team," said Mike Frank, who covers recruiting for irisheyes.com.

"The kid just flat can run. You just don't see guys that size run ... as well as he does."

As a junior, Little averaged 7.29 yards per carry while gaining 1,166 yards on the ground. He also had 23 receptions for 375 yards and four interceptions on defense.

record year.

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Revamped No. 9 Notre Dame hosts Bowling Green in its first conference home games.
College hockey crowds without equal

There's just something about a college hockey game that can't be replicated anywhere in sport. It's the student sections, bands, chants and traditions that all blend together within the walls of some venerable old barn on campus. It's how all that noise crescendos into a fervor that is so thick around the rink that the concrete rumbles like a 6.2 on the Richter scale, and the walls sway under the pressure. It is almost impossible to describe unless witnessed, but it happens every weekend at rinks across New England, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and beyond — just not here, not at Notre Dame, not yet.

In the winter of 1993, mortal rival Maine and New Hampshire played a hyped league game — it was the year college hockey, and now NHL, great Paul Kariya led his Black Bears to a title — at UNH's now-extinct Snively Arena. The Snively was a rectangular box with an arched roof, riveted metal walls and rotting wooden bleachers. It was lit by dim, low-lying lamps. In short it was a dump, but a Mecca for college hockey fans.

From the drop of the puck to the final buzzer, the crowd fed off the loudest energy of the teams' play. A player turned toward the student section in awe, stumped to say something, and from the red, strained faces he made, he was trying hard. Not a word made it across the floor, but hearing us ... and the game was in a timeout.

And, unknowdesto north­ern New England, college hockey at a hockey game is far from rabid. The students were not in the house.

But college hockey is about more than just the noise — it's about the outfields of clerks and chants that make the fans a factor in the game in a way that rivals Texas A&M's 12th Man. After the first New Hampshire goal of every home game, it is tradition for a bunch of UNH frat boys, or whoever gets there first, to throw a large fish onto the ice.

The origin of the tradition is disputed. According to one source, it came from the 1970s when the Division-I Wildcats played Division-II Bowdoin from across the border in Maine. A tiny guppy called the 'Division-I fish' would be thrown on the ice to show disapproval toward the program that had once dom­inated the Wildcats.

But the man who has captured the fish out of the ice every year for years says that it is the fans telling the opposing goalie to fish the puck out of his net. It may be both, but either way it's an original — albeit smelly — and legendary college hockey tradition.

At Cornell, the student section holds the campus newspaper in front of its face while the announcer introduces the other team's roster. The students then crumple the papers up and toss them on the ice when the last opposing coach is announced.

Cornell's student body has packed its home at Lynah Rink for decades with witty, funny and delightfully nasty cheers. But the constant with the Big Red faithful has always been its creativity and energy.

During every singing of The Star Spangled Banner, the stu­dent body will scream out "RED" in unison when the song reaches the 'rockets red glare' stanza. And in 1973, they will point to the Raiders' goalie after he allows a goal and yell, "Yoo-hoo-sapa" then point to their own creative sense of humor.

The drummer resumes his beat and a second yell goes up before he resumes again. And the third time, the 14,000 plus in attendance at the Kohl Center explode into a string of sirves that rain down upon the oppos­ing goalie. Only a goal­tender with steel nerves could withstand that assault fully intact — talk about home­rink advantage.

The Badgers home crowd also jumps up and down continuously through power plays, while the drumline blasts a constant beat — it is arguably one of the best college hockey crowds.

And believe it or not, it seems that Notre Dame students aren't the only ones to loathe the Backup College. Boston University students still scream obscenities about Fredo — when they are playing Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

There are countless examples across the country of passionate student sections, bands and tradi­tions. It would take a cata­logue to list them all, but there would only be a brief blurb if one was to blander to the 'Notre Dame' tab.

It's time for Irish hockey fans to pump up and match the energy and attitude the team has shown on the ice so far this season, and that it will continue to exhibit as the pro­gram grows toward national prominence.

It's time for Irish hockey fans to create their own traditions and chants that are for hockey and hockey only. Small crowds are great in Notre Dame Stadium, but they are awesomer and out of place in the Joyce Center rink — they don't fit the college hockey atmosphere. The T-shirts that appear all over campus making fun of that week's football opponent are testament enough to the Notre Dame student's ability to cre­atively deconstruct the enemy.

There are a dedicated few in Section 6 that would love the chance to lead an insane stu­dent body at the games, and the band already lays down the base line for a solid crowd. A Snively, Lynah Rink or Kohl Center can be created here at Notre Dame — hell we can do better. It's just going to take a little creativity and some Irish touch.

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The Wisconsin band plays the national anthem at the Frozen Tundra Hockey Classic between the Badgers and Ohio State at Lambeau Field Feb. 11.

Irish predictions

The Irish will stretch their unbeaten streak to eight this weekend with two wins over Bowling Green. In the first contest, the quick ND forwards will use the extra motivation of playing at home to blow to the Falcons for a big victory. Bowling Green will settle in for the second game but Dave Brown will be too much for the Falcon as he earns his eighth career shutout Saturday night.

FINAL SCORE: ND 6, Bowling Green 1

Kyle Cassily Sports Writer

Notre Dame has beaten too many good teams by too much to not even attempt to stop the Falcons. Factor in the Irish will return home for the first time in a month and they will be unstoppable. The Falcons will throw in a garbage pail of a game, but will be stoned of the rest by the No. 1-rated Irish defense and goal­tending. Schia, Candra, Van Guildier and the rest of the offensive gang will be lethal and find the net.

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Dan Murphy Sports Writer

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Culture change

Jackson's massive overhaul of Irish hockey attitude has reaped large dividends before its completion

By KYLE CASSILY

There is very little in the way of decoration inside Notre Dame coach Mike Jackson's office.

There is the obligatory team photo hung behind his desk and a framed picture of the first Irish hockey team on a side wall. The rest of the office is bathed in the softness of its bare walls.

At the front of his desk, within constant view of him and anyone that enters to speak with him, are five smaller pictures hung on the wall. One is off-set to the left the others and is differently sized, while the other four sit in identical frames and are aligned in a straight, vertical line.

The off-set picture shows then-Lake Superior State assistant coach Jackson shaking hands with President Ronald Reagan during a reception in the White House for the 1988 national hockey champions.

The top photo in the row shows that 1988 Lakers team assembled in the Oval Office with President Reagan. The one below it displays now-head coach Jackson's 1992 championship Lakers team in front of Air Force One with President George Bush Sr., and the third picture in the line shows the 1998 championship Lakers with President Bill Clinton in the Rose Garden.

But there is something different about the lowest frame. There is no picture inside it; only a piece of paper centered within blue matting. The paper was typed by Jackson and is printed in gold lettering.

It reads, 'Place Picture Here.'

Then, in smaller font just below that, it continues, 'The courage to follow your dreams is the first step towards destiny.'

"[They're] the only pictures that I've taken with me everywhere, obviously don't lie flat but are hanging in the past," Jackson said. "I don't wear my championship rings. To me, I'm more concerned about the next one, than the last one that are in my safety deposit box."

The Irish have already begun the process to take that first step. It started not long after Jackson took over in May of 2005 and is centered on what the team refers to as a complete 'culture change.'

Attitude revamped

Jackson took over the Irish in the spring, 2005 after the team had finished one of its most miserable seasons in history — five wins and just one after Jan. 2 — and found that the team attitude needed a drastic overhaul.

He recognized that very few players had the conditioning on themselves or the team to win, that the commitment to devote themselves physically, mentally and emotionally to hockey was not there and that time and fire to play the game needed to be drastically increased.

He also noticed that many players had dramatically underachieved in their careers at Notre Dame — something he was determined to reverse.

"I think that a lot of players two years ago, after the poor season, had lost a little bit of their dream as far as having a chance to play hockey beyond college," Jackson said. "And that goes back to the confidence. I was trying to rebuild that belief that they could play the game after college."

To start, Jackson established specific rules geared toward increasing team discipline and challenged the way the players lived. He said that discipline came in and still persists — in the form of early morning training workouts, committing to curfews and always being on time to meetings, practices and school.

"(I am) always focusing on making sure they understand there are a set of standards you have to live by in order to be successful," Jackson said. "One of them is my priority that they're on time, they're ready and that they do what's right as far as their responsibilities and the way they live.

In addition to the drastic change Jackson was forced to cut two players who had been on the roster the previous season and a scholarship freshman to reduce the team to 26 players.

The golden number of five forward lines, eight defencemen and three goalies. Sophomore Vic Dvecenych then left the Irish over differences and rejoined his junior team. But a majority of the team wanted to buy into the attitude change, and if at first they couldn't figure out how,

"We wanted to buy in as fast as we possibly could," junior Van Gulder said. "It was order for us, order for my teammates. It was night and day from my freshman year, just coaching philosophy and everything, the systems were completely different. I think everyone wanted to buy in, but it was harder for some than others to adjust to the new systems.

Buying in

It was clear at the beginning of last season that the team struggled to fit into the new systems and attitude devised by Jackson, as it was 3-8-1 after the first two months of the season. From December on, however, a noticeable upswing was evident and the team finished the regular season 10-11-3.

The Irish had held team-building exercises at the beginning of the season and a scholarship freshman to reduce the team to 26 players.

The Irish stretch after practice Wednesday, Every Notre Dame practice jersey has No. 7 on the back — the team won't divulge its meaning.

The Irish seniors, from left to right, Dave Brown, alternate captain Tom Sawatsake, alternate captain Wes O'Neil, Noah Babin, alternate captain Jason Paigle, Michael Bartlett, captain T.J. Jindra and Wes O'Neil.

The Gold Standard display and the awards banquet the Irish held at the conclusion of last season in which he said impressed the team — is just another way that Jackson helps his players to see his vision.

"The golden dome, the golden helmet, he's the most precious metal that there is and so it represents excellence," Jackson said. "And we need to set that standard of excellence, that's the gold standard."

And with a 6-1-1 start this season, including a 7-1 thrashing of No. 1 Boston College, the attitude change that began in the spring of 2005 are now producing dividends. But despite the success, there are a lot of changes still to be made and a lot of buying in left to do.

"I don't know if I want to say that everybody fully sees [Jackson's vision]," Jindra said. "We haven't done anything yet, it's still early in the season."

Jackson said that the team is making remarkable strides to buy into his philosophy, but some of what is left to do has happened naturally.

"Until we have every guy in that locker room willing to make that physical sacrifice for each other, and I'm talking about a physical sacrifice, that's a 'standard' — that's when I know that we have totally bought in," he said.

Jackson, however, doesn't know how long it will take. It depends. On how badly this group wants to make those sacrifices to be successful, he said. "This group has the potential, but there are no guarantees — there never are.

But if the Irish can fully buy into the gold standard, Jackson said his job is to remove the piece of paper from his empty frame and fill it with his fifth White House photo — maybe on the South Lawn this time.

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Freshmen battle to replicate Condra's impact

Eight freshmen have made timely, important contributions this season on both sides of the puck for the No. 9 Irish

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Sophomore center Erik Condra ran away with last year's Rookie of the Year award by leading all players with 34 points, but this year's competition should be a little stiffer.

This year's freshman class is stocked with talent and the eight players on the list that are waging no time in proving themselves. The group has been led so far by No. 1 Boston College. Deeth has played in two of the team's seven games and his fellow winger added a goal and two assists.

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The Road to the College Cup

Notre Dame begins the quest for its second national title in three years tonight at Alumni Field.
It's all or nothing for the nation's best squad

Two months and 21 games after it first started play, Notre Dame's season begins now. The No. 1 Irish have known since August that their only goal for this team is a national championship, and that quest starts tonight at Alumni Field against Oakland in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

The Irish ran roughshod over their regular season opponents, going 20-0-1 and beating two top-10 teams in Santa Barbara and West Virginia. They added a feather to their cap in the Big East championship with a 4-2 victory over Rutgers last Saturday.

But none of that was enough. Because for a team with this much talent and senior leadership, each win and each milestone is just another stop on the road to the College Cup finals in Cary, N.C.

Senior captain Kim Lorenzen summed it up perfectly after the Rutgers game.

"Our ultimate goal is to win the national championship," she said without hesitation when asked about the importance of the Big East championship.

Senior midfielder Jen Buczkowski took it one step further.

"Anything less than a national championship would be a disappointment," she said. "Losing is not acceptable for us."

Not acceptable, because in coach Randy Waldrum's program, national championships aren't just goals — they're expectations.

And why shouldn't they be, especially in years like this? Why should the nation's only unbeaten team — and arguably the best squad in Notre Dame history — be satisfied with anything less than a perfect run to a national title?

The 2006 Irish feature several players who have national team experience, including two — Brittany Bock and Carrie Dew — who missed part of this season competing in the U-20 World Championships in Russia. The Irish have one of the nation's best scorers in Kerri Hanks, one of the country's best freshman in Michele Weissenhofer and a National Player of the Year candidate in Buczkowski.

And that's not counting the host of the other players that would be stars on any other squad.

Of course, this team isn't just a collection of talent. It's also coached well and has a group of seniors who — at 86-7-2 over the course of their careers, with one national title already secured — know how to get the job done.

"As a senior, knowing what it feels like to win a national championship and knowing what it's like to get knocked out early, we've experienced it all," Buczkowski said. "Winning is a lot better feeling."

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Unsung Lorenzen gives Irish steady leadership

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Every team has one — the player who elicits the highest praise from her teammates for her gritty play and unselfish attitude, yet always manages to be overlooked for postseason awards.

Such is the lift for Irish senior defender Kim Lorenzen, Notre Dame's first solo captain since the inaugural 1988 Irish squad. Though Lorenzen has seen several teammates recognized for their performances like 2006 Big East defender of the year sophomore Carrie Dow and Notre Dame's first four-time Big East honoree Christie Shiner, this year marks the fourth season in which the four-year starter has been shut out of Big East honors.

"The most important thing for me this year is my teammates elected me as captain," Lorenzen said. "At the end of the day it's what the team thinks of you that matters the most."

An answer worthy of wearing the C, which stands as much for cliché as it does captain. According to senior midfielder Jill Krivacek, though, Lorenzen's shortcomings are really from the heart.

"The great thing about Kim is she really is all about the team," Krivacek said. "I know it probably seems really cliché, but I really feel that way about her. It doesn't even faze her. Her priority is game-by-game making sure she's playing well and that the team is playing well.

Finally the Big East discovered the causal relationship between those two ideas, awarding Lorenzen tournament defensive most valuable player honors for her play in the three Irish wins. Not surprisingly, Lorenzen was surprised — not because she wasn't used to winning awards, but because she thought her teammates deserved it.

"I felt like it could've been someone like Jill," she said, "because a lot of the time the back line's job is a lot easier because you're more put on by the midfielders and the front line.

Soken by a true team player — but one who also knows first-hand the roles played by those in front of her.

During her sophomore year, the switch from defender to midfielder and forward. She started 21 games during the championship run, scoring three goals and assisting on four others.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum praised her superior athleticism for her versatility in 2004. During the past two years, she has combined that with a "good smart game of soccer," as she's settled in at center back as the team's general on the field. Now that Dow is out for the season with an injury, that leadership has never been more valuable.

"Kimmie's vocal. She's not afraid to get on somebody on the field," Waldrum said. "She's also smart enough to understand if someone's not performing the way they need to be, she knows the personalities well enough to know if [teammate] needs to put [her] arm around them and say 'it's gonna be OK' and calm down. That's a hard thing to get a leader to do.

More importantly, she holds herself to the same standards. Up 1-0 against Rutgers in the waning moments of Sunday's Big East championship game, a ball came to the back line that caused mismatches. On the play between Lorenzen and keeper Kelsey Lysander, Cinalli was contemplating heading the ball back to Lysander, but hesitated. While the ball was in the air, Cinalli ripped it open and scored.

Though the goal proved inconsequential, Lorenzen said she understands the extra responsibility that rests on her shoulders as the anchor of a back line that is playing without the Big East defensive player of the year.

"It bothered me a lot actually," she said. "I know it was the end of the game and we were up. But to me, at the end of the game when there was a breakdown, I could've done something differently to prevent that goal. Looking back on that, it's not that I'm really stressed about that, but our communication going into this tournament has to be better. Any let down like that can make a difference in the game."

That attitude is what Waldrum and the Irish will miss next year.

"If you look back on the success of our team the past four years when you look at a common denominator, it's Kimmy Lorenzen," he said. "When you go back and look at our players and you start to rate how they were during their careers and you look back at our record with her in the lineup, it kind of answers all the questions about what she does for us."

For those keeping score at home, the Irish are 37-1-1 the past two years when Lorenzen has played. And regardless of her visibility, the players who notice, the only thing she cares about is finishing 6-0.

"At the end of the day," Waldrum said. "Kimmy would have been on one of those that would say, 'Don't get me wrong, let me win another national championship.'"

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Irish senior captain Kim Lorenzen boots the ball upfield in Notre Dame's 2-0 win over Rutgers Oct. 8 at Alumni Field.

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At halftime of Notre Dame's 3-1 win over West Virginia Sept. 29, Irish coach Randy Waldrum made a lineup change that would alter the course of the season.

With his squad down 1-0, Waldrum switched sophomore Brittany Bock and junior Amanda Cinalli on the field, sending Bock to forward and Cinalli to midfield.

The adjustment worked like a charm, netting Cinalli a goal and earning Bock an assist as the Irish came back to win.

Notre Dame had practiced the switch, which has since become permanent, the week before playing the Mountaineers.

Waldrum thought each player's skill set better suited the new positions. Bock has been able to handle the ball further downfield and pass it to fellow forwards Kerri Hanks and Michele Weissenhoffer.

"A lot of the plays have been through me, to have me try to hold the ball and distribute it," she said.

Meanwhile, Cinalli was able to take advantage of her field awareness and ability to use her head.

"There are a lot of skills that are different in midfield versus playing up front," Cinalli said. "You have to win a lot of balls in the air, you have to be able to see the field, and you have to be able to make plays and switch the point of attack.

Still, there were some growing pains.

"When we first practiced it, I didn't know what to do," Bock said.

Eventually, the sophomore figured it out. Since the switch, she has scored seven goals and assisted on three more.

"I like playing up front," she said. "I get to touch the ball more.

Cinalli has also been productive offensively, with four goals and two assists in significantly fewer scoring chances than she got while playing up front.

"As long as the team's getting scoring opportunities, I'm okay with that," she said.

She's also had to adjust to the defensive side of being a midfielder, a change she said came easily because Waldrum runs all players, regardless of position, through the same defensive drills.

"Our team's always good on defense," Cinalli said. "Everyone works at it, so it wasn't something new."

With the move, Bock is now playing next to Weissenhoffer, her former teammate at Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville, Ill.

"I would always be finding [Weissenhoffer] on through balls when we were a lot younger," Bock said of her high school days. "It's been a different being with her up front. She's been a forward her entire life and I'm just sort of learning."

Although the position switch disrupted the team's normal game routine, Bock and Cinalli said their relationship with each other has not been damaged.

And Cinalli's midfield play. Bock said, has made the forwards look good on several occasions.

"I love Cinalli to death. She's one of the hardest working players we've ever had," Bock said. "We know she'll win the head ball, we know she'll look for us up top, and she'll make runs of her own."

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By CHRISTINE DEMIRES and LAURIE HUNT

Irish sophomore Brittany Bock, left against St. John's, and junior Amanda Cinalli, right, against West Virginia, switched positions at halftime of Notre Dame's 3-1 win over the Mountaineers Sept. 29. The switch has since become permanent, with Bock at forward and Cinalli at midfield.
By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

When a team’s sole goal is to win the National Championships in a 21 regular season and Big East tournament games can feel like an eternity.

For No. 1 Notre Dame, the big show finally begins tonight at 7:30 p.m. as the Irish host Oakland (Mich.) in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at Alumni Field.

The Irish enter the match on the heels of their second Big East tournament championship in a row after taking down St. Johns 3-0, Marquette 2-0 and Rutgers 4-2 to earn a No. 1 seed and potential home field advantage until the Final Four Dec. 1-3 in Cary, N.C.

The Golden Grizzlies (8-10-1) earned a trip to South Bend after besting Western Illinois in a shootout 1-1 (4-3) to capture the Mid-Continental conference championship.

Though Oakland’s resume this year falls short of those posted by Notre Dame’s last three conference opponents, Irish coach Randy Waldrum expects the Grizzlies to make things hard for Notre Dame, especially on defense.

“We’ve been scouting (Oakland). All indications lean to them bunkering in a little bit,” head coach Randy Huron said. “We’ve played a lot of teams that play like that — sit in and really pack the goal. The difficulty in a game like that is being patient. And if you don’t take advantage of your opportunities it could go to overtime and lead to penalty kicks.”

“The focus of the team is to make sure we’re taking advantage of our opportunities but still being patient. If the Irish win Friday, they will play the winner of the Michigan vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee game, to be played tonight at 5 at Alumni Field. The first tournament weekend will be the only until the Final Four that contains two games, a situation that presents an added challenge when it comes to preparing for Sunday’s potential match. If the Irish beat Oakland, they will only have one day to go over a game plan for the Wolverines or Panthers.

However, Irish captain Kim Lorenzen said the team refuses to look that far ahead.

“The most important thing is to take once game at a time,” she said. “I know it sounds cliché, but if we don’t take care of this on Friday there is no Sunday. At this point its tournament time and we are taking the stance that anything can happen. We are getting [the opposing] team’s best game because it could be their last game. And that’s what we want to bring also — our best game because it could be our last.”

Single elimination means no margin of error for the Irish come game time. Similarly, Lorenzen said practices are taking that same shape.

“We are really making sure that really follows the team like that.”

Those wheels will roll in again on Friday. But from here on out, the Irish are the driver’s seat.

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NOTE: The first semifinal game will be live on ESPN2 and ESPNU. The second semifinal game will air live on ESPNU and also tape delayed on ESPN2 on Dec. 2 at noon ET.

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Irish host Golden Grizzlies to open tourney

Irish defender Haley Fedor evades a Pittsburgh defender in Notre Dame’s 5-0 win Oct. 1.
BIG MAN IN TOWN

Derek Landri has had a successful career on the field with the Irish and a unique experience seeking out his Italian roots in the greater South Bend area.
Emotional trip looms for Lewis

It’s written so often. The column about Army, Navy and Air Force — the wave-flag, thank-a-veteran story recycled every Memorial Day. But it isn’t until you see a football coach’s watery eyes at a press conference that you realize what it all means. Gregg Lewis could have been an engineer. He could have been a career military man. If all had gone well, he would have attained the rank of Air Force major when the helicopters collided, killing everyone on board.

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Helicopters will fly above the forested mountains and over Falcon Stadium before tomorrow’s game. Air Force players will run onto the field before kickoff, their last names stitched on the back of their blue jerseys. Gregg Lewis’ is etched on a wall, not far from the Air Force sidelines he once roamed.

But for at least a few hours tomorrow, he will walk the visitor’s side of the field. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Recorder. Contact Mike Gilloon at mgillon@nd.edu.

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The middle son of Notre Dame defensive backs coach Bill Lewis, Gregg Lewis died early September night when the helicopters collided, killing everyone on board.

Tough enough to walk on as a freshman at the Air Force. Gregg played in all of the Academy’s junior varsity games that season and “had a great time” his dad said. He didn’t make the varsity the next year and settled in as a team manager.

Tomorrow, almost a decade after his death, Gregg Lewis will be remembered. Both Notre Dame and Air Force will wear small stickers on the back of their helmets, in honor of the 1992 Academy graduate. Gregg’s brother Geoff organized the project. He wrote letters to Irish coach Charlie Weis and Falcons coach Fisher DeBerry — both of whom were quick to agree.

That didn’t surprise Lewis. He says he agreed to come to South Bend — after a long coaching career that included three head coaching jobs and a stint as an NFL assistant — because of Charlie Weis.

“Charlie is one of the most caring people in the world,” Lewis said. Lewis told about the day after Gregg died, when he was coaching the Dolphins in a game against New England. Weis, then an assistant with the Patriots, came up to Lewis before kickoff and gave his condolences.

“I’ll always remember that,” said Lewis.

Hearing Bill Lewis’ voice quietly crack as he talks about his son, it’s as if Gregg died yesterday. “There’s really no preparation for losing a child,” Lewis said. “It’s not something you ever get over.”

Wednesday, in front of a suddenly softened, normally critical pack of reporters, Lewis held up the sticker that the Irish and Falcons will wear on the back of their helmets — a green foot with six toes, the “Jolly Green Giant” logo of Gregg’s squadron.

But the coach who whispers when he remembers a photo of his son that sits in his office, doesn’t want the remembrance to cause a distraction.

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Charlie Weis
Irish head coach

“Notre Dame’s always Notre Dame. They’ve got a senior-dominated football team.”

Fisher DeBerry
Falcons coach

Brady Quinn
Irish quarterback

“If you get off base for half a step they’ve got ten yards on you.”

Tom Zbikowski
Irish safety

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Making his presence felt
Irish senior Derek Landri has a key role in Notre Dame's defense, strong love for his community

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Derek Landri's journey through Notre Dame—athletic and social—hasn't exactly followed the classic path. The highly touted recruit out of California high school powerhouse De La Salle

On the outside, he's a fierce distance runner, but according to his coach, he blocked two extra points in Notre Dame's 45-26 win against North Carolina. He is third in the team with 44 tackles this season (91st overall) and second in sacks with four.

He teams with senior defensive tackle Trevor Laws (39 tackles, 3.5 sacks) to anchor an interior line that has been a leading force on the Irish defense all season.

If one looks deeper into Landri, they encounter an individual who has dealt with challenges not experienced by most college players. He's seen family breakdowns, the loss of friends, and while it's a reality that Landri shrugs off—he acknowledges the feelings—being an athlete in that environment may impact him more.

"There was a big uncertainty surrounding me. I didn't feel like I was here," Landri said. "Starting with Davie, you come up here, and then half way through that year he gets canned. Then Of O'Leary's running in and everyone had to come to me and tell him that he's supposed to be the boy in the room now."

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"I don't watch it nearly as much as I used to because I don't want to listen to someone who doesn't know too much about the in and outs."

But Landri doesn't need the support of those on television who criticize his team. The lonely kid walking into the classrooms and holding that reputation, he developed that reputation, "doesn't really matter—I just enjoy playing football."

Finding his place
Landri has three regular season games left in his Notre Dame career, and if the Irish win all three, they will most likely be headed to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans providing a near-miracle doesn't propel them into the BCS Championship game.

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Charlie Weis
Second season at Notre Dame
career record: 17-4
at Notre Dame: 17-4
against Air Force: 0-0

Notre Dame 2006 Schedule

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Charlie Weis has the most impressive winning percentage through 21 games for the Irish of any coach since Ara Parseghian. Weis' detractors say he has never won "the big one," but nor has he lost to a far inferior opponent.

Brady Quinn's 23-0-5, four-touchdown showing against North Carolina was just one more stellar game for the likely No. 1 quarterback drafted in 2007. Quinn's best asset may be limiting his mistakes. He's thrown 204 passes in a row without an interception.

The Irish have four interceptions by seven players - receivers Rhema McKnight and Jeff Samardzija, tailback Darius Walker and tackle Darin Kurrelmeyer. Fans have been rewarded in their heartbreaking season-opening loss in South Bend.

Darius Walker averaged 4.3 yards a carry and 85 yards a game. These numbers are solid, but below average for top-10 teams. Notre Dame has struggled all season to contain opponents to just 3.9 yards a carry and 131.9 yards per game on the ground. Most impressively, the Falcons held Tennessee to 79 yards rushing in their heartbreaking season-opening loss in Knoxville.

Fisher DeBerry is the all-time winningest coach at Air Force, recording 169 victories in 274 games. DeBerry has had the Falcons second or third in the nation in total defense since 2000. The Falcons have held Tennessee, Notre Dame and California to just 3.9 yards a carry and 131.9 yards per game in their opening losses.

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Air Force

FALCONS PASSING

The Falcons have not pretended to be a team with a real passing attack. Carney's top throwing total is 19 against Navy, and he has only thrown 70 passes all season. One only player - Victor Thompson with 12 - has caught more than eight passes for Air Force.

FALCONS RUSHING

The Falcons are one of the best rushing teams in the nation with a 266.9 yard-per-game average. Air Force's three-back set frustrates defenses and pounds hard against opposing lines, and Chad Hall's 6.5-yard-per-carry average leads the starting corps.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Tom Zbikowski finally returned a punt for a touchdown against North Carolina, and very nearly got a second later in the game, and Geoff Price is one of the nation's best power punters. Carl Giovia has gotten more experience kicking, which should help him.

TIGHTS ANGLES

Notre Dame has another game against an option team (Army) after this week. For most teams, facing Air Force is a one-week hiccup for the defense. But for the Irish, who have already faced Navy this year, the game is closer to just another matchup.

For Notre Dame, North Carolina receiver Hakeem Nicks' 72-yard touchdown in the third quarter last week was not an exception - it has been the general rule that the Irish will give up at least one long play every week, many for touchdowns.

Against most teams, Notre Dame's run defense would get the advantage. But Air Force is not an ordinary team. The Falcons are not afraid to take him or go against their opponent's strength. Air Force may not throw for many yards, but it will run well.

Kickoff coverage has been solid for the Irish with the lone exception of Fat Heads deep man Brandon Tate's 90-yard touchdown last week. Overall, Notre Dame is more explosive and more dangerous on special teams for key field position.

This rivalry was more intense in the early 1980s but now is more of a novelty game. Notre Dame doesn't have much to gain by a big win on CSTV and Air Force doesn't have much to lose against a good team.

Notre Dame Michigan State

Air Force isn't going away easily, but the Irish offense has found its rhythm and is able to score at will. The Irish likely will give up over 200 yards on the ground but Brady Quinn will easily adjust to the thin mountain air, throwing six touchdown passes to give the game out of reach for the Zoomies. Victor Abiamiri will hit milestones for sacks.

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Sizing up the Irish and the Falcons

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**IRISH RUN DEFENSE**

The Irish rush defense is 49th in the nation, allowing 126.33 yards per game. The team gave up 211 yards to Navy in just the first half of that game, although the second half saw a much-improved Irish defense. Victor Ahamri (above) had two sacks against the Midshipmen.

But the fact remains that the Midshipmen totaled 271 yards running an offense similar to that the Falcons will use against the Irish.

The defensive line looked good against North Carolina last weekend, but to shut down the triple option, the linebackers will have to be more involved.

**FALCONS RUSHING OFFENSE**

Air Force runs as efficiently as any team in the nation. The Falcons average 266.9 yards per game. Chad Gall comes in at 5.6 yards per carry and quarterback Shaun Carney, above, is dangerous on the run.

For the Irish, playing against Navy before this game was good exposure to defending at least some of the option. The Falcons will have to pull out some new plays and execute nearly flawlessly to score many points on this Notre Dame defense.

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Falcons' attack different from Midshipmen

Air Force offense is more diverse than Midshipmen option

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Two weeks ago, Notre Dame's defense started slowly, surrendering three drives of 60 or more yards to the option-running Midshipmen to start the game. The Irish recovered and held Navy to the 14 points it scored in the first half.

On Saturday, the Irish are hoping to play a more complete, 60-minute game against the Falcons' option offense. But just because Notre Dame figured out how to sink one service academy doesn't mean it can sink the other.

And the problems for the Irish begin with the seemingly simple inclusion of a tight end.

Air Force enters the contest with an average of 267 yards per game rushing, largely thanks to its wishbone formation and multiple threats. Much like the offense Navy showed Notre Dame, Air Force employs a kill-you-with-speed offense, though the Falcons' formations are somewhat different. Air Force often uses a one-receiver formation with a tight end on the other side of the field. By comparison, Navy played two receivers far from the tackles on almost every play—and the Falcons have run that formation, as well.

Irish safety Tom Zbikowski said the contrast was so stark that most of the few things he could take from the Navy game and apply to this one were "fundamentals." "There's some similarities to them running the option, but Navy definitely has got a much different attack (than Air Force)," he said. "(The Falcons will) definitely use the tight end a lot more than Navy does (and) a few more counters. So it's actually a lot different than Navy's option attack."

When asked what preparations from the Navy game would carry over, Irish coach Charlie Weis offered sentiments similar to Zbikowski's. "It helps with half of their package. The only problem is (the Falcons) have another whole half of the package. One half of the package has a lot of similarities to what Navy did, but they have a whole other package that Navy didn't have," Weis said.

Against the Midshipmen, Zbikowski had 14 tackles as he focused on containing the pitch man turning upfield on running plays. But the senior has more pass coverage assignments this Saturday as Air Force throws the ball more, though not much, than Navy. And Zbikowski will have to keep his eye on the Falcons' starting tight end, 240-pound Travis Dekker, who has 10 percent of Air Force's receptions on the season.

They have tight ends in their system and they want to use them," Zbikowski said. "It can definitely help out in passing situations where (Air Force has) a little bigger body in there."

Dekker and Falcons backup Chris Evans frustrate defenses by adding an extra blocker on the line of scrimmage who also releases on pass routes more than a quarter of the time he is on the field.

But even with Air Force's aerial arsenal, the way to stop Falcons is to beat them on the ground.

Quarterback Shaun Carney has averaged 65 yards per game this season on nearly 17 carries a contest. "Their offense starts with Carney," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "He's the guy who makes their offense go."

Chad Hall, the Falcons' 5-foot-10, 180-pound wingback from Georgia is Air Force's most dangerous threat with the ball in his hands. Hall has 594 yards on 107 attempts for a 5.6 yards-per-rush average to go along with five touchdowns and a long rush of 38 yards.

But Notre Dame has more to worry about than just the speedsters who make their living on the outside. As teams have concentrated on pitches towards the sidelines because of the added tight end, the Falcons have exploited weakness in the interior of defenses with their two bruisers fullbacks, each averaging more than 4 yards per carry.

Backup Ryan Williams, a 5-foot-9, 215-pound product of Mesquite, Tex., has 332 yards on the season with a 4.4-yard average. Jacob Kendricks, who has taken over the starting job from Williams, rushed with a 4.8 yards-per-carry average and 295 yards in seven games this season.

"The two of them (Kendrick and Williams), you'd better stop them, first of all, because if not, they'll just hand it off to them all day and let them gash you for a while," Weis said. "You're going to have to play a … technically sound, fundamental game with a high level of energy to get production on defense," Weis said.

That's the challenge for the Irish.

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Great Moments in Notre Dame-Air Force History

Last Time (2002) #7 ND tops #15 Air Force in a battle of undefeated teams. Carlyle Holiday has a 53-yard TD run and a 1-yard run, and Ryan Grant runs for 190 yards on 30 carries with 1 TD.

FINAL:
ND 21 AF 14

Nov. 18, 1995
#8 ND 44 AF 14
at Falcons Stadium
Irish go on to play in Orange Bowl

1996
AF 20 ND 17
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