Fatal Toll Road crash caused by tire blowout, officials say

ND senior killed in early morning car accident

By KATE ANTONACCI

A Notre Dame senior was killed in a car crash early Friday morning on Indiana State Toll Road near LaPorte, Ind., officials said.

Caitlin Brann, 22, was headed west on Interstate 80-90 at 2:13 a.m. EST Friday when her rear passenger-side tire blew out, causing her to lose control of her 2008 Chevrolet Cavalier convertible, according to an Indiana State Police report.

Brann, a marketing major from Orland Park, Ill., entered the median sideways, just past mile marker 41.2. Her car rolled numerous times before becoming airborne and sideswiping the trailer of a semi-

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'Those Daughters' debuts at DPAC

Jenkins withdraws endorsement from play, but supports goal of sexual assault prevention

By MARY KATE MALONE

A student-created production about sexuality and sexual assault at Notre Dame will open today with the clear intent, organizers said, of shaking the University community into awareness about sexual violence on campus.

"Loyal Daughters" will debut, however, without the endorsement of University President Father John Jenkins — a backing it lost after Jenkins viewed the script in early October and found that it occasionally "neutral stance" on premartial sex was "in direct opposition to the Church and Father Jenkins' position on issues of sexual morality." University spokesman Dennis Brown said Sunday.

Brown said, however, that Jenkins still "completely supports" the central aim of the play, "which is education and awareness to prevent sexual assault and sexual violence."

Jenkins' withdrawal of his endorsement comes seven months after he identified the student-written "Loyal Daughters" as one of the "substantial" results of an inflamed, two-month, campus-wide discussion on academic freedom and Catholic character.

That discussion began on Jan. 23, when Jenkins questioned the annual on-campus presence of "The Vagina Monologues" and other events "in name or content clearly and egregiously contrary to or inconsistent with the fundamental values of a Catholic university."

On April 5, Jenkins issued a statement that its occasionally "neutral stance" on premartial sex was "in direct opposition to the Church and Father Jenkins' position on issues of sexual morality." University spokesman Dennis Brown said Sunday.

Moody-Stuart speaks

Talk focuses on UN's role, worldwide needs

By KAITLYNN RIELY

Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, chairman of the board of directors of the United Nations (UN) Foundation for the Global Compact, delivered the keynote address of a three-day peace conference that began Sunday night, organized by the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business.

Moody-Stuart, who is also chairman of international mining company Anglo American PLC, called for businesses to contribute to the development of strong societies in fragile or corrupt countries.

"It is part of our responsibility, with others in society, to help create the kind of society in which we can do business," said Moody-Stuart, who spoke in the press box of Notre Dame Stadium.

Student-written, ND-specific production will run four nights this week

By MARY KATE MALONE

Judging from the vigor of their applause, the 16 students who came to watch the first full dress rehearsal of "Loyal Daughters" Saturday were not unaffected by the performance — which brought them to laughter, tears and, at times, utter silence.

"It is shocking," said junior Luke Glesiewicz, who attended the dress rehearsal. "You never think that sexual violence is happening around here."

The 25 monologues and skits in "Loyal Daughters" examine discrepancies between the ideal perception of Notre Dame — what the script calls "the sense of familiarity, sense of belonging" — and the presence of sexual violence on campus.

The production, which opens tonight, is written, directed and performed completely by Notre Dame students. Each monologue is true and based on interviews that senior writer and producer Emily Weisbecker conducted with more than 55 Notre Dame students and professors.

"It was just amazing," Weisbecker said of conducting the interviews. "People were very forthcoming in telling me very personal experiences. I felt very honored that they trusted me and were willing to share so much."

There are stories of sexual assault (against both men and women), homosexuality, bisexuality, off-campus and on-campus rape, self-defense techniques, duLac discrepancies and body image issues — themes that bear some similarities to those found in "The Vagina Monologues," a play that opened amid a flurry of controversy last spring regarding its place and purpose at Notre Dame.

University President Father John Jenkins sparked that 10-week controversy in addresses
Inside Column

‘Wow wow we wah’

“Borat” has drawn crowds to movie theaters across the nation since the movie’s release on Nov. 3, delighting many Americans and infuriating the nation of Kazakhstan. While, maybe it should be the Laura Baumgartner other way around. Though the shock was partially induced by the graphic nature of certain scenes, it was primarily due to the grotesque, but overall I left the movie internalize the depiction of Kazakhstan as a nation that serves as the reawakening I received about our country that is not structured as usual. I found parts of the movie to be hilarious and others incredibly grotesque, but overall I left the theater mostly in a state of shock. Though the shock was partially induced by the graphic nature of certain scenes, it was primarily due to the grotesque, but overall I left the movie internalize the depiction of Kazakhstan as a nation that serves as the reawakening I received about our country that is not structured as usual. In my opinion, for Kazakhstan to boost tourism and generate a buzz, it’s a publicist’s dream come true.

News outlets everywhere are running stories, and if Kazakhstan can spin them right, they could be a major opportunity, in my opinion, for Kazakhstan to boost tourism and generate a buzz. So, the views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Questions of the Day: What is your favorite dining hall food to eat and why?

- Thomas Thuruthil
  South Dining Hall staff
  "Grilled chicken breast on salad, because it’s healthy."

- Hilda Boney
  South Dining Hall staff
  "Catfish, because it’s one of my favorite foods."

- Scott Rice
  Morrissey
  "Cornbread, because it’s sweet and a hint of crunchiness."

- Morgan Schulz
  Howard
  "Flank steak, because the blend of seasonings on the steak gives it full flavor."

- Maura Caufield
  Howard
  "Roasted steamship leg of pork because it sounds delicious!"

Offbeat

Hundreds blame dead guy, neighbor for tickets

ST. LOUIS—More than 200 Australian motorists have avoided parking and speeding fines by blaming either a dead man or an interstate resident for their errors in what police said Saturday may be a widespread fraud.

Under New South Wales state law, if a car owner signs a sworn statement that they were not driving the vehicle when an offense was committed, they can avoid paying speed camera fines, which arrive by mail, and parking tickets left under windshield wipers.

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Deer frees itself from Halloween bucket

CASCADE TOWNSHIP, Mich. — A deer whose head was stuck in a plastic Halloween jack-o’-lantern for nearly a week has freed itself and will be fine, animal rescuers said Saturday. Two children found a denied, hair-lined plastic pumpkin in their yard Friday night, and other neighbors saw a thin deer running free, The Grand Rapids Press reported. It was rainy Friday, which helped the young deer wriggle free. Rescuers had planned to use a dart gun to tranquilize the yearling, then remove the bucket, mean for collecting candy.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Correction

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IN BRIEF

Professor Thomas Goltz will present a lecture, video presentation and discussion entitled “Characterization of Modeling of Biomaterial and Tissue” Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the McKenna Hall Auditorium. He will lecture again at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

2006 Richard H. Driehaus Prize Laureate Alan Greenberg will present a lecture entitled “Architecture of Democracy” today from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in 104 Bond Hall. This event is open to the general public.

Travel writer and PBS personality Rick Steves will kick off International Education week with a lecture entitled “How to Travel Smart” today at 7:30 p.m. in the McKeen Hall Auditorium. He will lecture again at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Saint Mary’s junior class will sell $2 banana splits today from 5 p.m. to 9 in Neighboir Lounge in Le Mans Hall. All proceeds will go to the S.S.N.A. to raise funds for a community in Uganda.

Kumar Venaganti, professor of industrial, material and nuclear engineering at the University of Cincinnati, will present a seminar entitled “Characterization of Modeling of Biomaterial and Tissue” Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in 138 DeBartolo Hall.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
Search for vice president begins

Administrative changes, restructuring create new research position

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame is launching a national search for a vice president for research, reflecting a change in the administrative structure of graduate education and research designed to take University's aspirations to the next level. The new position will each report directly to the provost. The new structure has been recommended by the Academic Council and the president and, most recently, approved by the Board of Trustees. The Academic Council elected a five-member search committee last week. Provost Thomas Burish said he would like to see the new vice president in place by the beginning of the next academic year.

Elected committee members are Neil DeLeuw, philosophy and honors program; Maureen Hallinan, sociology; Steve Batill, engineering; Richard Taylor, chemistry and biochemistry; and Malgorzata Dobrowolska-Furdyna, physics. The provost may appoint up to two additional members.

Burish raised the issue of potential reorganization shortly after his arrival in fall 2005, when he created the ad hoc committee on graduate education and research.

The committee returned with a report in this past May that reflects a deep desire to intensify the University's commitment to research. Called "A New Beginning," the report cites a critical issue "that must be addressed if the University is to become a leading research institution."
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A truck headed east, said LaPorte County Chief Deputy Coroner John Sullivan, who was on the scene. Brann’s vehicle came to rest upside down.

"She either hit a piece of metal in the road or just plain had a blowout," Sullivan said Saturday. "Even though she did have her seatbelt on, it was what we call a 'non-survivable' type of crash."

Brann was brought to LaPorte Hospital, but was declared dead on the scene of the accident by Sullivan due to "massive head injuries."

A soft-top convertible like Brann’s, Sullivan said, lacks structural integrity compared to a 'four-door sedan that would have an actual hard top and steel pillars and a steel roof."

"[Such convertibles] just have steel cross-members and a vinyl covering for the actual roof. So in a roll-over accident you do not have near the protection or structural integrity," he said.

The Westville Fire Department assisted police on the scene.

Alcohol was also a factor in the crash, he said. It is illegal to operate a vehicle in Indiana with a blood alcohol level of anything over 0.08 percent, Sullivan said, putting Brann — whose tests showed a .249 percent blood alcohol level — three times above the legal limit.

Weisbecker said her decision to no longer endorse the production scratches the already-blurry line between sponsorship and endorsement at Notre Dame — a debate that reverberated through campus last spring as students and faculty grappled with the place of the "Monologues" on campus.

Members of the Notre Dame community often clashed over whether sponsoring controversial events implied endorsing their content or messages. "Without Jenkins’ endorsement, Liddy said, Weisbecker said they fear that students who were originally opposed to "The Vagina Monologues" will probably not come to the production. Had it maintained Jenkins’ backing, perhaps they would have considered attending, Weisbecker said.

Though the production has close ties to the administration, Weisbecker said her "academic freedom was completely protected" and that her decision to share her script with Jenkins was her own choice. Also, the idea for "Loyal Daughters" was entirely her own, she said, and came about long before Jenkins raised questions about "The Vagina Monologues."

Weisbecker said she knew Jenkins "had no editorial control" over the content of the play.

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Sullivan said he has "no reason" to think that Brann was driving faster than the legal speed limit, which on the Indiana Toll Road is 65 miles per hour.

While Corporal Michael Young of District 21 Indiana State Police told The Observer Friday that another person was in Brann’s vehicle, Sergeant Keith Kopinski said Saturday that there is "no information about another person in the car."

"I have never heard of a mention of another person," Kopinski said, citing possible misreading of the police report by Young on Friday.

Sullivan said someone reported the crash as a "two-victim accident, so they had a helicopter coming from South Bend initially."

"Indiana State Police Trooper Ryan Starnes was the first on the scene, after receiving word about the accident from a 2:14 a.m. 911 call, according to the police report."

The Observer could not reach Starnes Saturday afternoon.

The driver of the truck, Sean D. Garber, 39, was not injured, the police report said.

The eastbound lanes of I-80 were shut down for about three hours, Sullivan said, adding that traffic was not "heavy."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Hamas agrees to talks with Israel
CARACAS — The Hamas-led Palestinian gov ernment agreed Sunday to an international peace conference with Israel after the Arab League — angered by Israel's military offensive in Gaza — voted to end a financial blockade on Palestinians.

Foreign Minister Mahmoud Zahar of Hamas endorsed a statement by Arab foreign ministers calling for the peace conference during a meeting in Cairo to respond to a U.S. veto of a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning the Gaza offensive.

Israel responded by saying it would not hold talks with Hamas unless it agreed to demands, backed by the U.S. and Europe, that it recognize Israel, renounce violence and abide by existing agreements between Israel and Palestinians.

Zahar said the Palestinians had asked for the peace conference "in order to reach just and comprehensive solutions." The acceptance marked the first time the Hamas-led government has indicated it would consider making peace with Israel.

Activists delay nuclear waste transfer
BERLIN — Protesters who suspended themselves from a rope across railroad tracks Sunday temporarily stopped a train carrying reprocessed nuclear waste in Germany.

The activists from the environmental organiz ation Robin Wood stretched the rope between trees on either side of the tracks about several miles from the train's destination in the northern city of Dusseldorf. Two activists, supported by two more in the trees, then climbed across the rope and chained themselves to it, dangling over the tracks.

Police were able to quickly clear the way for the train to proceed.

NATIONAL NEWS

Mixed reaction meets new memorial
NEW YORK — Hundreds of relatives and friends of the victims killed when American Airlines Flight 587 crashed dedicated a much-anticipated Sunday with memories and mixed emotions.

"It's something that we can come to and pray," said Julie, 32, the mother of her seven-year-old daughter who was killed in the crash, "You pray for the families, but we will be prepared," McCaig said.

The memorial marks years of effort to create a tangible response to the disaster, which killed all 269 people on board and another five in the quiet Queens neighborhood where the jet fell.

But the memorial also was shaped by tensions over its location — a seaside park, rather than the airport itself, where the crash occurred and some victims' relatives were still coming to terms with the outcome Sunday.

Rumsfeld outsparks GOP anger
WASHINGTON — The White House is trying to soothe Republicans who say the party might have fared better on Election Day if President Bush had not come within nine votes of the losing, or vice president level.

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IRAQ

Shiite P.M. responds to 159 deaths

BAGHDAD — The Shiite prime minister promised Sunday to restructure his Cabinet after calling lawmakers disloyal and blaming Sunni politicians for a recent sectarian violence that claimed at least 159 more lives, including four blowing away apart while waiting to join Iraq's army.

"I have decided against a long-shot run.

McCain, R-Ariz., said he is moving toward a 2008 bid by "doing things organizationally and legally" but will not make a final decision until early next year.

McCain, considered the front-runner for his party's presidential nomination, said he could create an exploratory committee as early as this week.

"Are we doing the things organizationally and legally that need to be done?"

he asked. "There are certain things legally you have to comply with in order to continue to raise money and set up an organization."

"The important thing is we will not make a decision until I sit down with my family, but we will be prepared," McCaig said.

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McCain's health also could be an issue because he has had several cancerous lesions removed from his skin.

McCain is a former Navy pilot who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam. He was elected to the Senate in 1986, and served in the House for four years before that.

During the 2006 election cycle, McCain attended 346 events and raising more than $10.5 million on behalf of Republican candidates. He also donated nearly $1.5 million to federal, state and county parties.

The 63-year-old Biden, who is line to take over as chairmanship of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, also ran for president before, dropping from the 1988 race after it became known that he had lifted a portion of a speech from a British politician without attribution.

Biden, first elected to the Senate in 1972, said Sunday he would address the issue of an exploratory committee early in 2007. "I still plan on running. I haven't, quite frankly, thought about all of this point in terms of when to announce setting up an exploratory committee, but I plan on doing that," he said.

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The role of businesses in respect for human rights is an interest in assisting in developing countries, but the United Nations has no mandate to do it," Moody-Stuart said.

The Global Compact, established by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan in 2000, provides a forum for companies and UN agencies, non-governmental organizations, civil society, and governments to work together to develop and implement strategies and approaches and solutions to economic, social, and environmental problems, he said.

Achieving this trust requires open reporting on business' policies, protecting human rights and working toward creation of responsible government oversight in every country, Moody-Stuart said.

"It is difficult to imagine how businesses in weak governments can achieve a delicate balance of contributing to the building of stronger governments to help the business to run the country. As business, a very strong interest in the sound workings of society," he said.

Moody-Stuart replaced Annan, who was unable to visit Notre Dame due to scheduling conflicts. Annan sent a message, encouraging conference participants to work together and with the United Nations to achieve a "fairer, more stable world."

Annan said the UN, civil society and business have worked together in the past, and he encouraged their future collaboration.

"Innovative partnerships with the private sector are helping to solve many of the world's most pressing problems including poverty, hunger, water supply and HIV/AIDS," Annan said. "Yet there is a great potential to deepen these collaborations."

Conference participants included representatives from various companies, including GE Global Electric, The Coca-Cola Company and Bristol-Meyers-Squibb, as well as NGOs like Oxfam and the Initiative for Global Development.

University representatives from schools including George Washington University, Wake Forest University and University of Dayton also attended.

The three-day conference, titled "Peace Through Commerce: Partnerships as a New Paradigm," will explore the dynamics of partnerships between businesses and non-governmental organizations and discuss ways to collaborate in the quest for social development and world peace.

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in her apartment at Clover Ridge, describing her confidence in those around her growing up.

Later, pets were read that Brann was a great kids and one of her friends in her residence said, "Caitlin was," University President Father John Jenkins, C.S.C., said in a released statement Friday. "She and her family will remain in our hearts, and in our prayers."

"Brann was active in the Center for Social Concerns and participated in a Summer Service Learning Program in New York, a University release said.

During the summer of 2005, Brann worked with severely disabled children and lived with Notre Dame alumnus Ben Mosca and his family, according to a Nov. 11 article in the Daily Southtown.

"I could tell from the first day that she left school, she had a terrific interest in the children and concern for the children," Mosca said in the article. "She was a great kid. She would always warm up with children, very likeable young lady."

Professor Rick Bailey, Brann's marketing professor, told the Daily Southtown that Brann "had a great smile that she just loved to warm up with the other students and with the teachers."

"It is difficult to imagine how such a bright, articulate young woman could be taken from us," Bailey said. "Her classmates and friends will miss her absence and uphold her family in prayer."

The University received word about the crash approximately two and a half hours after it occurred Friday.

"After receiving the news this morning at 4:45 a.m., I spoke with Caitlin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brann, and offered the condolences of the University community as well as any assistance we can provide to the family at this very difficult time," said in e-mail Friday morning received by The Observer. "I also visited Caitlin's friends in (her residence) Clover Ridge apartment complex and shared this very sad news with them."

Assistant Vice President for News and Information Dennis Poorman referred to the family's statement.

"On behalf of everyone at Notre Dame, I extend our deepest condolences to Caitlin's parents. It is a great loss for the University community," Poorman said.

The University will continue to update the campus community.

"We offer our thoughts and prayers to Caitlin's family. We offer our thoughts and prayers to the University community," Poorman said.

"We offer heartfelt condolences to her parents, her sister and her brother."

A wake was held Saturday at Shooby & Sons Funeral Home in Orland Park. A funeral Mass was said this morning at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, also in Orland Park.

Plans for a campus memorial service are pending, the University statement said.

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PlayStation 3 debuts in Japan

Consumers brave long lines and short supplies to be among the first owners

Associated Press

TOKYO - Sony's PlayStation 3 made its highly anticipated debut in Japan on Thursday with long lines, a lack of major games, and mixed reviews.

The console went on sale at 7 a.m. at 898 stores across Japan, and lines formed early in hopes of getting a PlayStation 3.

"It wasn't easy," said a man who was among the buyers who queued up at Bic Camera, soaking around in a building in a circle.

But would-be buyers were turned away even before the store opened at 7 a.m. The retailer refused to say how many machines it had, but said it had wrapped up sales of its entire supply by 1 p.m.

Short supplies were reported elsewhere, too. Sanan Sato, a clerk at Vodaphone Camera Co. chain, said her store's stock had already sold out and would not be available for another day or two, although she declined to say how many machines were available.

"It's all sold out with the people lining up," she said. "So many people waited in line.

"So plagued with production problems, Sony Corp. has managed to ready only 100,000 PlayStation 3 machines in time for its debut in Japan. When it goes on sale in the United States on Nov. 17, some consoles will be available there. The console's European launch has been pushed back until March.

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RAMALLAH — Tens of thousands of Palestinians converged on Yasser Arafat’s gravesite Saturday to mark the second anniversary of his death in a rally meant to reinvigorate his faltering Fatah Party.

Arafat’s successor, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, told the crowd meant to reinvigorate his long-delayed deal on forming a joint government with the militant Hamas group by the end of the month. Hamas officials also said a deal was close.

Abbas hopes the unity government will end crippling economic sanctions imposed by the United States and other Western countries for the Hamas-led government’s refusal to recognize Israel and renounce violence.

Fatah, whose January election loss to Hamas ended its four-decade domination of Palestinian politics, boused thousands of people to the West Bank city of Ramallah for the Arafat memorial.

Carrying Palestinian flags, Fatah banners and pictures of Arafat, the crowd marched to the muqatta, the compound that served as the late leader’s headquarters and where he spent the last years of his life.

Top Palestinian officials laid wreaths at the glass shrine atop Arafat’s grave inside the compound and recited verses from the Quran, the Muslim holy book.

The mass of people, many wearing the black and white scarfs symbolic of Fatah, jostled for space inside the crowded courtyard. A massive picture of Arafat stood nearby.

Abbas reiterated Palestinians’ demand for a state in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem, pledging to “maintain Arafat’s will.”

Addressing the late leader, he said: “You inspired us by your long national roots, by your wise leadership, by your persistent, honest commitment. That’s what fills us with determination to go ahead and fulfill our national goals, the national goals that you worked for.”

As a leader, Arafat inspired great emotions in both his supporters and detractors. Israel saw him as a terrorist, and some of his people viewed him as deeply corrupt. But many Palestinians saw him as their best hope for achieving an independent state.

“There was no leader like him in the Arab world. He was the strongest and the bravest,” said Ibrahim Hamdan, 15, who came to the ceremony from the refugee camp near Jericho. “He was a symbol for all Arabs. He is the only one who stood against Israel and America.”

Arafat, who dominated Palestinian politics for nearly four decades, died on Nov. 11, 2004, after a sudden, rapid decline in his health.

More than a year after his death, his Fatah Party lost a parliamentary election to Hamas, a militant Islamic group that calls for Israel to be destroyed and with an Islamic state.

Last year’s commemoration of Arafat’s death — months before Fatah’s electoral drubbing — was staid and lightly attended. But with Fatah leaders hoping to use Arafat as a potent nationalist symbol to reinvigorate the party, the gathering Saturday was larger and more emotive.

Palestinians hold a portrait of the late Yasser Arafat during a memorial to mark the second anniversary of Arafat’s death in the West Bank town of Nablus Sunday.

IRAQ

Rising death tolls generate chaos

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Baghdad’s morgues are full.

With no space to store bodies, some victims of the sectarian slaughter are not being kept for relatives to claim, but photographed and quickly interred in government cemeteries. Some fear the pace of anonymous burial is tainting their thighs with names and phone numbers.

In October, a particularly bloody month for Iraqi civilians, at least 1,600 bodies were turned in at the Baghdad official morgue, said its director, Dr. Abdul-Razaq al-Obaidi.

The city’s network of morgues, built to hold 130 bodies at most, soon contained more than 500, he said.

“People are moving among bodies, destroying them,” al-Obaidi said. “People are in a terrible state of mind.”

In some Baghdad morgues, lying unclaimed and uneaten, corpses are riddled, and heavily decomposed.

“The clerk told me to dig through them until I found my brother. I had to lift [the bodies] off until I found him,” said Suwayrah where they are snatched in nets stretched across the Tigris River.

The United Nations estimates about 100 violent deaths daily and the Iraqi health minister last week put civilian deaths over the entire 44 months since the U.S. invasion at about 50,000 — close to the UN, figure and about three times the previous government estimates of 15,000-20,000.

IRAQI civilians, most of them Gulf war veterans, have died, by U.S. and Iraqi officials, of injuries in recent months.

“People are burying without saying goodbye or being able to identify those killed,” said Hadi al-Itabi, who lost three brothers in the fighting.

The Iraqi health minister last week put civilian deaths at about 50,000 since the U.S.-led invasion.

In the town of Tarmiyah, about 30 miles north of Baghdad, the family of a 30-year-old, who has already paid a $60,000 ransom to an intermediary who then disappeared, has not been able to bury his remains.

“They are rotting,” said his sister, Khadija, adding that her family has no money to pay for the body’s burial.

With nowhere else to look for their loved ones’ bodies at all, the relatives of those killed are leaving the bereaved without a corpse to bury is so strong that some Iraqi civilians have tattooed their names, phone numbers and other identifying information on their upper thighs, despite Islam’s strict disapproval against such practices.

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The government cemetery in Kut, opened on Sept. 24, already holds the graves of 115 unidentified Iraqis.

Hundreds of such bodies have been fishes ashore at the town of Suwayrah where they are snatched in nets stretched across the Tigris to prevent river meat spreading into the surrounding canal network.

Most of the dead are mutilated by torture, a practice common on all sides, but especially prevalent among Shiite militias that have snatched thousands of Sunnis from their homes and neighborhoods since the Feb. 22 bombing of an important Shiite shrine in Samarra, north of Baghdad.
Bishops to re-evaluate focus of work, funds

Sociopolitical issues abandoned in new plan

Associated Press

Baltimore — There was a time when the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops was a powerful force for bringing the church's moral teachings to bear on national policy debates. In the 1970s, the bishops led the fight against abortion after Roe v. Wade. During the Cold War, they drew international notice when they questioned the morality of nuclear deterrence.

But the bishops now face a different world — one where their moral authority has been diminished by the clergy sex abuse crisis, where money for church programs is scarce and where many American Catholics have little understanding of, or regard for, church teaching.

At a national meeting starting Monday in Baltimore, the bishops are expected to make changes that adjust to their new circumstances. They will channel resources away from broad social programs and focus more on defining Catholicism for an often uninvolved flock.

"It's not that the bishops as a national organization will no longer be interested in sociopolitical issues," said Russell Shaw, a writer on Roman Catholic issues who spent more than 15 years as a spokesman for the conference. "But the emphasis is shifting to the life of the church itself and its own internal problems." The new focus is clear from the agenda for this week's gathering.

The bishops will vote on documents explaining the church's ban on artificial contraception and worthiness for receiving Holy Communion. The prelates will also consider new guidelines on ministry to gay Catholics, which explain the theological underpinnings of church teaching that marriage should be limited to one man and one woman.

In addition, the bishops will take up a proposed restructuring of the conference's Washington headquarters to reflect their new priorities. Under the plan, American dioceses would send less money to the conference, which would in turn cut jobs and committees.

For many Catholics, the changes are long overdue. Bishops have complained for years that the funds they turn over for conference work are badly needed in their home dioceses. Others consider the large staff unnecessary, a hangover from the conference's heyday in the early 1980s, when reverend Chicago Cardinal Joseph Bernardin was guiding its work and the prelates undertook such ambitious projects as the pastoral letter on nuclear war called "The Challenge of Peace." "Some of the younger bishops are less formed by the bureaucracies and are more suspicious of it, and more likely to want to have more direct ways of responding to crises," said Helen Hall Hitchcock, director of Women for Faith & Family, which represents traditional Catholics.

But critics see the trend toward cutting back as disturbing. The Rev. Thomas Reese, former editor of the Jesuit magazine America, noted that the agenda included no mention of the war in Iraq, although bishops could still raise the topic from the floor.

Officials believe Castro suffering from cancer

80-year-old Cuban leader's health questionable

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government believes Fidel Castro's health is deteriorating and that the Cuban dictator is unlikely to live through 2007.

That dire view was reinforced last week when Cuba's foreign minister backed away from his prediction that the ailing Castro would return to power by early December. "It's a subject on which I don't want to speculate," Felipe Perez Roque told The Associated Press in Havana.

U.S. government officials say there is still some mystery about Castro's diagnosis, his treatment and how he is responding. But these officials believe that the 80-year-old has terminal cancer of the stomach, colon or pancreas.

He was seen weakened and thinner in official state photos released late last month, and it is considered unlikely that he will return to power or survive through the end of next year, said the U.S. government and defense officials. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the politically sensitive topic.

With chemotherapy, Castro may live up to 18 months, said the defense official. Without it, expected survival would drop to three months to eight months.

American officials will not talk publicly about how they glean clues to Castro's health. But U.S. spy agencies include physicians who study pictures, video, public statements and other information coming out of Cuba.

The CIA's Office of Medical Services, for example, studies hair and other biological samples for hints about world leaders' health and how that could affect their official duties.

Images and video of a weakened Castro released in late October showed his now-slit frame and shaky movements. They contradicted the athletic image he sought to portray in his red, white and blue Cuban Olympic team warm-up suit, emblazoned with "F. Castro" on the chest.

A dark lesion on his neck could be seen in some images and a baggy nylon jacket could be hiding a colostomy bag. But the photos also made clear that he has not lost his hair or beard to chemotherapy.

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Waltzing fosters rehabilitation
Study finds innovative cardiac program entertains, promotes healing

Associated Press

Italian researchers have come up with a novel way for cardiac rehabilitation patients to exercise their damaged hearts without having to squeeze into spandex or gyrate in a gym: waltzing.

The dance proved to be just as effective as bicycle and treadmill training for improving exercise capacity in a study of 110 heart failure patients. Dancers also reported slightly more improvement in sleep, mood, and the ability to do housework and have sex than the others.

"This may be a more effective way of getting people to exercise, and may be more fun than running on a treadmill," said Dr. Robert Bonow, cardiology chief at Northwestern University School of Medicine. "Maybe we should try that here. I'm not sure we can get Americans to waltz, but they can certainly dance."

Exercise is crucial after people suffer heart problems, but getting people to stick with it is tough. As many as 70 percent drop out of traditional programs, said Dr. Romualdo Belardinelli, director of cardiac rehabilitation at Lancisi Heart Institute in Ancona, Italy.

"We have to find something that may capture the patients' interest," he said Sunday at an American Heart Association meeting in Chicago where he presented results of his study.

They chose waltzing because it is "internationally known" and is quite aerobic, as the study ultimately verified, he said.

The same researchers previously showed that waltzing could help heart attack sufferers regain strength. The new study involved 89 men and 11 women, average age 59, with heart failure. The condition occurs when weakened hearts can no longer pump blood effectively, making simple activities like climbing stairs and taking the dog for a walk tough to do, let alone enjoy.

Researchers assigned 44 patients to a supervised exercise-training program of cycling and treadmill work three times a week for eight weeks. Another group of 44 took dance classes in the hospital gym, alternating between slow and fast waltzes for 21 minutes, three times a week for eight weeks. A third group of 22 patients had no exercise.

Heart rates were checked during both activities, more extensive exercise tests were done at the start and end of the study, and artery imaging exams were performed.

Cardiopulmonary fitness increased at similar rates among those who danced or exercised and did not change in those who did neither.

Seniors dance during the social dancing program at the Amico senior citizen center Nov. 10 in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

Hospitals cooperate to improve treatment

Faster responses for heart attack patients

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Hundreds of hospitals around the country are joining the most ambitious project ever undertaken to give faster emergency room care to people suffering major heart attacks.

Fewer than one-third of such patients now get their blocked arteries reopened within 90 minutes of arrival, as guidelines recommend. The risk of dying goes up 42 percent if care is delayed even half an hour longer.

"There's a very, very large opportunity here to improve patient care," said Dr. John Brush, a Norfolk, Va., heart specialist who helped the American College of Cardiology design the new project, which is to be launched today at an American Heart Association conference in Chicago.

Jim Kern, 47, of Norfolk, experienced both extremes. When he had his first heart attack on Aug. 22, he endured excruciating pain while waiting as triage nurses changed shifts. It took nearly four hours to get proper care.

When he had a second attack on Oct. 30 — after the hospital adopted new rapid-care measures — doctors "were there within 15 minutes of the time I hit the door and were already starting to do the prep," Kern said. "The attention and everything I was given was a difference of day and night."

Major medical groups and government agencies have endorsed the project, including the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, whose director, Dr. Elizabeth Nabel, called it the biggest heart care initiative since paramedics were trained to do CPR in the early 1990s.

It targets heart attacks caused by a total or near-total blockage of a major artery that prevents enough oxygen from reaching the heart tissue. About a third of the 865,000 heart attacks in the United States each year and 10 million worldwide are of this type.

The preferred remedy is angioplasty, in which doctors snake a tube through a blood vessel in the groin to the blockage. A tiny balloon is inflated to flatten the crud, and a mesh scaffold called a stent usually is placed to prop the artery open.

Guidelines have long called for a "door-to-balloon" time of 90 minutes, "but we just haven't engineered our emergency rooms to cut out some of these steps that aren't needed" and cause delays, Nabel said.

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This past week's events marked one of the greatest breakthroughs in American history. It's been all over the papers and the Internet; there's no way you could have missed it. W. called up Rummy and told him that just wasn't working anymore, that something had to give and that their time together was over.

And just like that, Rumsfeld dumped Rumsfeld-like Britain down that barrel. Just as K-Fed had cameras rolling as the news of his divorce was text-messageed to him during the taping of a reality show, Bush broke the news during a press conference following a dramatic Democrats' sweep of a number of mid-term elections to take power in the House and Senate. Both K-Fed and Rumsfeld were called out on getting by based on their unfounded facades of optimism for success (over a rap album and a war, respectively) and having spouses or friends in high places. I guess sometimes that's just not enough to cover blunt incompetence and inadequacy. The main difference between the two cases is that there is no custody battle over Bush and Rumsfeld's three-year-old, Quagmire (although it should be noted that some investigatory journalistic scrutiny of the paternal status of Quagmire to Cheney, not Bush). Robert Gates, former CIA director under George H.W. Bush and 26-year intelligence veteran, has been nominated to be the guardian-to-be of Quagmire. Is there a worse job in the administration right now than being the guy who is sent in to clean up the mess that this administration has crafted, executed and exacerbated for years?

Gates' extensive experience with the intelligence community will undoubtedly be a fresh change from Rumsfeld's know-it-all micromanagement style, repeatedly rebuffing intelligence advisors whose analysis did not conveniently support his own assertions about what actions should be taken and why. However, regardless of Gates' credentials, Iraq is a mess. Both sides of the aisle are finally in agreement on this. While there is still major disagreement over what needs to be done, I feel that by letting Rumsfeld out to pasture, the first big step has been taken towards reaching any kind of bipartisan agreement.

However, Gates is in for a tough two years. Let's face it, there's no way that a timetable that dictates redeployment/redeployment/removal/pick-your-favorite-buzzword of U.S. troops will take any real heat of the administration or the future administrations. The seeds for future terrorism have been sewn throughout Lebanon, Palestine, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, just to name a few, and this administration's choices of arson and inaction. After all, it's only a matter of time, on our present course, that U.S. embassies or personnel are hit outside of Iraq itself by a major Al Qaeda attack launched from their newly created division within Iraq. That day will reveal the ultimate tragic irony that we are currently marching towards. That will be the day when we realize that the Bush administration had ignored history and common sense in its approach to "nation-building" and "preemptive war." I know my outlook on homeland security is downright cynical and fatalistic but it is marked with a growing tinge of optimism in new leadership. It's not too late to change our present course and start drafting foreign policy that makes sense for the U.S. both now and in the future. Hopefully new leadership within the Congress, a resurgence of bipartisan sentiment, and a shift of key figures within the administration (I don't think that the pink slips are done being foiled out in the White House) will remind the administration of the failure of Vietnam, the Iran-Contra scandal, the serving of militants in Afghanistan to overthrow the Soviets back in the day (which led to the rise of Osama bin Laden as a leader) and the price of ignoring humanitarian conflicts such as the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan (Sudan being the failed state of choice for Osama to initially set up Al Qaeda operations back in 1991).

Rumsfeld and Bush have both identified "how they are seen in history" as their metric of choice for their success. They ignore present public opinion and popularity polls in favor of what will prove to be best in the long run. Ironically, it seems that they are the ones that clearly need the history lessons. If they aren't paying attention to the lessons that past military interventions and campaigns have to teach, then history will likely not end up judging them any better than those responsible for crafting failed foreign policies in the past.

I only wonder if Bush went so far to use the infamous "It's not you, it's me" line when he broke it off with Rumsfeld. Somehow I doubt that truth will come out for a couple more years.

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Vote for Quinn

I don't know how many people are aware of this, or if I myself was not until today, but Nissan, the sponsoring corporation for the Heisman Trophy, has the ability to cast one vote deciding the winner. As the benevolent company that they are, they have decided to pass this vote onto the public and allow people to vote online to decide for themselves. As was made evident after I voted and saw the results, not many Notre Dame fans seem to know about this as Brady Quinn currently holds only 2 percent of the vote. Troy Smith held the lead, followed by Steve Slaton of West Virginia and McFadden of Arkansas. Slaton holds votes in the hundreds of thousands, while Quinn has around 2,500.

The site allows voting only once per week, but I propose that we as a Notre Dame community get behind this vote to ensure that Quinn is known for the hard work that he has put in this year both on and off the field, as success does not come just by circumventing through national security leaks.

I remember voting in 2002 and again in 2004 with so much hope for what could have been. The conservagie agenda came a long way, but it didn't go far enough. So when it came time to vote, we didn't throw 'da Republicans bums' out of Congress; they did it themselves.

Bob Polichow
grad student
off campus
Nov. 10

'Loyal Daughters' begins

Dear Notre Dame community,

Rape happens at Notre Dame, and it happens more than you might think. In order to stop the violence, we must break the silence. More than 55 of your classmates and professors have come forward with their stories and perspectives on sexuality and sexual assault, so that you might develop a better understanding of the campus sexual culture, and thus get involved in making Notre Dame a safer place for all of us.

"Loyal Daughters" is a student-run production taking place at the Dellarotto Performing Arts Center today through Thursday, and it's worth your time. To those who oppose and protest "The Vigils Monologues," I urge you to attend. We address similar themes of sexuality and sexual violence, but the focus is entirely on the truth about Notre Dame. If "The Vigils Monologues" bothered you, "Loyal Daughters" should be far more upsetting, not because it is or is not offensive, but because it's the real, it's here and it's now. Sexual violence isn't unique to Notre Dame, but here at Our Lady's University, we have the unique capacity to develop effective solutions. It all starts here. See you at the show.

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Nov. 10
The 40-year-old Folds keeps his audience interactive Friday night at the Stepan Center. Despite his age, he remains connected to college youth everywhere.

By ANALISE LIPARI
Assistant Scene Editor

The pop-infused stylings of the multi-talented Ben Folds quickly won over students at the Student Union Board’s big fall concert Friday night at the Stepan Center. Folds’ infectious personality and extensive library of songs attracted a sold-out audience to what will likely be the highlight of SUB’s fall schedule.

The opening act, the Meatloaf-esque and accordion-playing Corn Mo (a stage name for singer John Cunningham), set an irreverent and off-kilter tone to the evening with songs describing both time travel and lollipops. His glam-rock performance contrasted with Folds’ earthier sensibilities, but was less a detraction than an amusing detour.

Folds opened with “Trusted,” off of his 2005 solo album “Songs for Silverman,” immediately grabbing the interest of a ready audience. Sing-alongs between Folds and the crowd began with “Trusted” and continued throughout the night, adding to the contagious atmosphere and creating a cheerful rapport between Folds and the audience that would carry through the entirety of his performance.

The bespectacled, scruffy-haired Folds endeared himself to the audience with his sense of humor and personable attitude throughout the show. Dressed casually and with a welcome lack of pretense, Folds was an engaging, likeable performer who carried the nearly one-man show with his effortless and genuinely happy attitude. Periodically making reference to the “geodesic dome” that is the Stepan Center, he joked with the crowd and set a fun tone for the night.

Folds performed a variety of well-known songs from the impressively vast annals of his musical career, drawing from different albums to create a set list that was both recognizable and well planned. Popular favorites such as “Annie Waits” were played with gusto, as Folds hammered out notes on both piano and synthesizer to create a whirlwind of ear-catching and well-played sound.

The concert changed pace musically several times, as Folds began strongly with “Trusted” and slowed halfway through the show. Producing that portion of the concert with a quick comment about songs of advice and love, Folds performed “The Luckiest” and Mr. Jones Part 2,” both off of his critically and financially successful first solo album, “Rockin’ the Suburbs,” originally released in 2001. Both of these tracks, more contemplative and musically relaxed than others performed that evening, effectively changed the tone of concert for a brief but welcome break between more energetic tracks.

Later in the performance, Folds covered a Dr. Hook song in his personal, piano-centric fashion. Featuring the king of the suburbs embrace a typically urban style of music, in typical “male, middle class and white” fashion, was a humorous and irreverent move on Folds’ part, and his cheeky take on the rap hit was terrific.

One unexpected and pleasantly surprising song of the night was Folds’ cover of the Postal Service’s “Such Great Heights.” Taking a different detour from the original material than Iron and Wine, who also remade this particular track recently, Folds used his piano and synthesizer capabilities to put his own spin on the recognizable song.

HIs sweetly charming, Everyman-type voice — not unlike that of indie-tronica mastermind and Postal Service founding member Ben Gibbard, but unique in its own right — fit the song perfectly and sparked an uproar from the audience. While the general impression of any cover implies being of lesser quality, this in particular was lovely and well played.

During multiple songs, Folds actively encouraged audience participation, at one point instructing different vocal ranges to sing parts of a four-part harmony, and at another for the left and right halves of the crowd to impersonate saxophones and trumpets, respectively. Encouraging the crowd to participate was almost unnecessary, however, as Folds attracted positive reactions from both long-time fans and newcomers in the crowd.

Folds may be one among many artists on today’s musical scene, but as Friday’s concert proved, he is by far one of the most popular on the college circuit. Originally touring campuses with his nineties-era band, Ben Folds Five, Folds is continually growing in popularity among university students thanks to his indio sensibilities, likable personality, affecting lyrics and sheer musical talent. It is the recognizable nature of Folds’ songs — and the artist’s appearance — that creates a comforting atmosphere of kinship and common experience among his fans. This was an essential aspect of Friday’s show. Even the Stepan Center’s limited capacity of approximately 1,800 people helped in adding to that sense of intimacy between performer and audience.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Ben Folds engages energetic crowd at Stepan

Popular singer-songwriter entertains with extensive musical library
Quinn picks apart Air force; Irish stay alive in BCS race with win

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Brady Quinn didn't get many opportunities to pass against Air Force Saturday, but the senior Heisman Trophy hopeful was on target when he did.

Throwing just 19 times, Quinn's four touchdown passes — including three in the first quarter — and Notre Dame's 27-6 field goal return for a touchdown led the Irish to a 39-17 win over the Falcons.

"The biggest point of emphasis to the offense was that we have to score early and often because you never know how many possessions you'll have," Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

Notre Dame was only able to muster one possession in the second period — managing just two plays before going punt- Geoff Price — as the Falcons hogged the clock. Air Force's two second-quarter drives — a 17-play, 91-yard march that began with 1:19 left in the first quarter and ended in Lambert's touchdown return and a 15-play, 547 drive that finished when an exhausted Notre Dame defense stopped Air Force quarterback Shaun Carney on fourth and 3 from the Irish 24.

The drives kept the Irish offense off the field, but Air Force was unable to convert in the second period — managing just three points.

"You couldn't trade field goals for touchdowns against [Notre Dame]," said Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry, whose career record against the Irish dropped to 0-15.

Mike Gillloon / The Observer

Quinn finished 14-of-19 for 207 yards and four touchdowns. He has thrown 223 passes without an interception — 48 short of the NCAA record held by Fresno State's Trent Dilfer. He also moved into 11th on the NCAA all-time list with his 87th career touchdown, passing former Miami (Ohio) star Ben Robinson.

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Fisher DeBerry Falcons coach

"With the number of opportunities to pass against defensive tackle Derek Landri, who had an efficient day, finishing 14-of-17 for 205 yards and two touchdowns — one to receivers Beau Suder and the other to fullback Jacob Kumerick, Carney also ran 15 times for 42 yards.

"I thought we were significantly better [defending] in the running game, there's some give-and-take," Weis said. "But we gave them some plays in the passing game. There's some give-and-take.

The Falcons — ranked third nationally in rushing entering the game with a 207-yard average — scored his fifth rushing touchdown this season. The junior running back also caught one pass for eight yards — his 25th consecutive game with a reception.

The kicking game was inconstant on both sides of the field. Notre Dame failed to convert three extra points — Irish kicker Dan Fuller missed a 32-yarder — was blocked by Irish kicker Trevor Lawes and scooped up by Lambert for the score.

Freshman running back James Aldridge saw his earliest game action of the season, carrying three times in the first quarter and finishing the day with 27 yards on five carries.

Linebacker Joe Brockington finished second on the Irish defense with 14 tackles and defensive tackle Derek Landri came in third with 11. Landri led Notre Dame in tackles for loss (two for five yards) and sacks (one).

Air Force linebacker Drew Fowler led the Falcons with 12 tackles. Linebacker Austin Handle and defensive back John Rhahl each sacked Quinn once.

The Irish received the opening kickoff on a chilly day at the Air Force Academy and needed just two plays — 29- and 51-yard passes — to go up 7-0.

Samardzija led the Irish with six receptions for 106 yards and his 31-yard touchdown grab just 54 seconds into the game was the closest connection of the day for either team.

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player of the game
Brady Quinn
Notre Dame's senior quarterback completed 14-of-19 passes for four touchdowns to four different receivers and no interceptions.

stat of the game
22
Tackles recorded by safety Chinedum Ndukwe, the highest individual Irish total since Bob Golic recorded 22 in 1978.

play of the game
Terrail Lambert's blocked field goal return for a touchdown.

Lambert recorded his second score of the season with a 76-yard second-quarter scamper.

quote of the game
"I left a mark at Notre Dame. I came here, did a few things and hope that I continue to progress."

Rhema McKnight
Irish wide receiver

Irish wide receiver Rhema McKnight, left, puts a move on Air Force cornerback Chris Sutton in Notre Dame's 39-17 win Saturday. McKnight set an all-time school's all-time record against the Irish dropped a mark at Notre Dame. I left a mark at Notre Dame. I came here, did a few things and hope that I continue to progress.
Irish running back Daruis Walker breaks away from a host of would-be tacklers in the fourth quarter of Notre Dame’s 39-17 win over Air Force Saturday. Walker had 153 yards on 15 carries.

Things just got more interesting

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But the Irish got lucky this weekend. They beat Air Force because of skill, but they also won because of some breaks that fell their way.

Suddenly, the Notre Dame-USC game on Nov. 25 just got a whole lot scarier. You won’t find any Notre Dame players or coaches talking about the Trojans this week. They’re looking at Army. Because this weekend was proof of two things: First, there’s still football to be played. Bowl projections are just that — projections. So much can change from week to week, and that leads to the second thing.

On any given day, any team can fall. California may have looked past Arizona to rival USC. Texas quarterback Colt McCoy fell, and his team went with him. Florida got another scare. Improperly, Rutgers is undefeated.

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Depending on what other surprises college football may have in store, a win over Army could become the season’s biggest win next weekend.

But for now, beating Air Force and getting a win on that treacherous Saturday is a pivotal moment of the season. The Irish are close to controlling their own destiny again. Beating Air Force gave them that.
Offense clicking at perfect time

Notre Dame increasingly more efficient with the ball as season progresses

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Every ball that left Brady Quinn’s hand in Saturday’s first quarter against Air Force was caught. He barely had another chance to throw before halftime.

Notre Dame’s offense came through with perhaps its most efficient game of the season in Colorado Springs. The Irish ran when they had to, passed when they needed to and scored touchdowns when they wanted to in a 39-17 win over Air Force.

Ndukwe was credited for 22 tackles, for a career high 14 tackles. Zbikowski was responsible for one of nine interceptions Saturday.

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Carlson out for rest of regular season

McKnight sets school receiving mark; Irish secure back-to-back 9-win seasons

By KATE GALEs
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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Tight end John Carlson will be out for 2-4 weeks after sustaining an injury to his right knee, Irish coach Charlie Weis said Saturday’s 39-17 win over Air Force.

Carlson caught just one pass — a touchdown — in the Irish victory and left for the locker room in the second quarter.

Initially, Weis was told Carlson would be gone for the remainder of the season.

“It’s not as bad as we thought it was,” Weis said. “We might lose him for the next two games, we might lose him against Army and USC but we’ll have him back for the bowl game.

Weis said he was “encouraged” by the revision of the initial reports from medical staff.

Carlson returned to the sidelines in street clothes in the second half.

McKnight sets record

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First quarter

Notre Dame 7, Air Force 0

Jeff Samardzija 51-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 14:36 remaining. (Carlson kicked) Drive: 15, 6:54 elapsed

Notes D14, Air Force 0

John Carlson 5-yard pass reception from Quinn with 9:21 remaining. (Gioia kicked) Drive: 5, 10:46 elapsed

Notes D14, Air Force 3

Zach Santer 32-yard field goal with 9:20 remaining. Drive: 6, 50 yards, 2:51 elapsed

Second quarter

Notes D27, Air Force 3

Terrail Lambert 76-yard blocked field goal return with 7:09 remaining. (Gioia kicked) Drive: 16, 60 yards, 8:11 elapsed

Notes D33, Air Force 3

Marcus Freeman 25-yard reception from Quinn with 8:33 remaining. (Gioia kicked) Drive: 9, 47 yards, 3:30 elapsed

Notes D33, Air Force 10

Brice Suder 12-yard reception from Shaun Carney with 17:05 remaining (Sasser kicked) Drive: 16, 60 yards, 8:11 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Notes D39, Air Force 10

Davis Walker 4-yard run with 12:17 remaining. (Gioia kicked) Drive: 1, 11 yards, 2:30 elapsed

Notes D39, Air Force 17

Josh Kestler 7-yard reception from Carney with 8:44 remaining. (Sasser kicked) Drive: 7, 70 yards, 3:22 elapsed

statistics

total yards

Notre Dame 421

Air Force 287

rushing yards

Notre Dame 166

Air Force 82

passing yards

Notre Dame 255

Air Force 205

penalties-yards

Notre Dame 9-65

Air Force 9-55

time of possession

Notre Dame 21:54

Air Force 13:49

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Flying high

Notre Dame's offense scored early and often Saturday against Air Force. The Falcons did their best to set the tempo of the game — controlling the ball in the second quarter for all but 1:09 — but could never turn time of possession into points until the Irish had already put the game safely out of reach.
Hogan doesn’t do best in bubblegum debut

By COURTNEY WILSON
Scene Critic

In its third season, VH1 reality show "Hogan Knows Best" follows the life of wrestling superstar Hulk Hogan and family, relocating to Miami, as the new season tracks the life of 18-year-old daughter Brooke and the four-month recording process leading up to her debut album.

Hulk is hard on his baby girl, the entire family appears whole-heartedly involved in promoting Brooke’s singing aspirations. Critics will, of course, discredit the show as an attempt to launch a fresh Hogan career, but without it, Brooke’s talent — however underdeveloped — might never have been recognized. However, famous daddy’s girls don’t always come out on top, and "Undiscovered" is demonstrated proof of this.

As the first artist to sign with Storch Music Company (SMC) under the SoBe Entertainment label, it’s expected that it would be to Brooke’s advantage to have an album produced entirely by legendary music producers Scott Storch and Kaylcee. "About Us," the first single released by the songstress, was produced by SMC artist Paul Wall. But Wall’s collaboration is only part of the reason this single has been heating up the charts. Coming with her super shiny and plastic-plonse image on the dance hall-inspired music video may have given the song an extra push.

And like most blondes in the pop music contest, Brooke can’t seem to escape expectations for sexual comedy in her music. With lyrics like "pretty fly for a white girl," Brooke shows suss on Track 14, "Low Rider Jeans." Barking and hee-haw noises amid sexually implicit lyrics and voiceovers demanding "more cowbell" is the only remnant of Jessica Simpson in her over-dubbed Daisy Duke nap.

But anyone who watches the Hogan family’s reality show knows that Daddy Hulk is strictly opposed to Brooke’s image being over-sexed — and that may be the reason for empty and juvenile songs centered on boys and vanity. The risqué cover of "Undiscovered" is clearly inconsistent with the music it markets. Garish-covered pop tunes like "All About Me" (Track 6) and "My Number" (Track 7) seem to stick to some old-school recipe used by former 80s pop princesses rather than a sexy dance hall formula preferred by today’s female artists. Besides "Low Rider Jeans," the only other song with radio potential has to be the hip-hop inspired song "Innocent" (Track 13). Brooke does lend her writing talent to a couple songs on the album, including Track 8, "A Beautiful Transformation," in which she sings about her evolution into womanhood. The song has a light-hearted charm, which is at least dimly appealing.

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**McNair leads Baltimore to comeback victory**

Jets coach Eric Mangini upsets his old boss Bill Belichick as New York tops the Patriots on a muddy day in Foxborough

Associated Press

**NASVILLE, Tenn. — This is exactly why the Baltimore Ravens wanted Steve McNair. The veteran threw his third touchdown of the game against his former team with 3:35 left Sunday, helping the Ravens rally from a big deficit to beat the Tennessee Titans 27-26 for their best start.**

The Ravens are 7-2 for the first time after trailing by 19 points — the biggest comeback in team history. And McNair had a lot to do with it.

"His demeanor, it just never ceases to amaze me," coach Brian Billick said. "The calm this man has. At no point have I ever seen him blink there, and there was a few times to blink out there."

This game had enough to keep it interesting as McNair's hometown team to the play that traded him to the Ravens in June because Baltimore offered more than Tennessee was willing to pay.

Then the teams combined for a handful of penalties and just downright weird plays for added measure. Billick even picked up an unsportsmanlike penalty for yelling at an official.

But McNair gave the Titans an expensive lesson.

"That's why we play this game," McNair said. "You're a competitor. Those are the things you go back and look at and say, 'Hey, this is what we get paid for, to come back and win games.'"

The Titans (2-7) had a last chance to send McNair back to Maryland a loser. But Tennessee Pryce blocked a 43-yard field-goal attempt by Rob Bironas with 33 seconds left, allowing McNair to celebrate on the field where he had won so many games before.

**New York Jets 17 New England 14**

Bill Belichick exchanged another cold handshake with Eric Mangini in the middle of the muddy field.

The Patriots coach certainly had no reason to embrace the pretense who geography and leaving for the New York Jets. After all, the Jets had just won on a rainy Sunday, tightening the AFC East race that once looked as runs away for New England.

"I have a lot of great memories from here." Mangini said. "I'd like to add this to it." Belichick has refused to refer to the Jets coach by name since McNair left after serving five years as his defensive backs coach and last season as defensive coordinator, helping the Patriots win three Super Bowl titles. Their first midfield meeting after the Patriots won in New York this season wasn't a study in warmth either.

Then again, why should any of the Patriots be happy after their 57-game streak without consecutive losses ended? The record of 60 games was set by San Francisco from 1992-99.

Jets quarterback Chad Pennington looks to pass in a 17-14 win over the Patriots at Gillette Stadium Sunday afternoon.

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.—Just call the Chicago Bears the best team in the NFC — and the New York Giants red-faced for falling asleep on a record-tying 108-yard missed field goal return by Devin Hester.

Hester fooled the Giants by standing in the back of the end zone for several seconds, then ran down the right sideline on his knock-out-blow return as the Bears rallied for a 38-20 victory over the injury-ravaged Giants in their NFC showdown Sunday night.

On Nov. 13, 2005 — almost exactly a year ago — the Bears’ Nathan Vasher caught Joe Nedney’s missed 52-yard field-goal attempt in the back of the end zone on the final play of the first half and ran it back for a 108-yard TD return. The play helped Chicago beat San Francisco 17-9, and now Hester shares the record for longest NFL play with his teammate.

Rex Grossman threw three touchdowns and Thomas Jones scored on a touchdown run of the game late in the third quarter. The Giants cut the gap on Manning’s touchdown pass.

In brief

Johnson in position to take Nextel Cup in Miami

AVONDALE, Ariz. — The Nextel Cup title is Jimmie Johnson’s to lose.

For anyone else, it would be a perfect position. But Johnson has been here before.

Johnson lost two of these titles before, and nothing is guaranteed — even after his second-place finish Sunday at Phoenix International Raceway gave him a firm hold atop the Chase for the championship leaderboard.

He needs to only finish 12th or better next week in the season-finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway to win the championship.

"I seriously don’t have any clue what to expect," Johnson said. "I don’t have any strategy other than go down and finish ahead of (the other Chase drivers). It’s just that simple. That’s all we’ve done so far, through these last few months."

Ramirez signs five-year deal with Cubs

CHICAGO, Ill. — Aramis Ramirez decided to stay put.

Coming off a career year at the plate, the third baseman gave up a chance to explore the free-agent market, agreeing Sunday to a $73 million, five-year contract with the Chicago Cubs.

On the first day free agents could negotiate money with all 30 teams, oh-injured pitcher Kerry Wood also opted to stay with the Cubs, agreeing to a $17.5 million, one-year deal worth potentially up to $6 million.

"This tournament was very special," Ochoa said. "I think this is going to be a place I will remember for the rest of my life and just achieving my goal of being the best player in 2006."

around the dial

NFL

Chicago safety Danieal Manning hits Giants wide receiver Plaxico Burress, causing him to fumble early in the second quarter Sunday night. The Bears put up 28 second-half points en route to a 38-20 victory.

108-yard return sparks Bears victory

Associated Press

Ochoa wins LPGA player of the year award with win

MOBILE, Ala. — Lorena Ochoa wrapped up the LPGA Tour’s player of the year award with a record-setting finish in the Tournament of Champions.

The 24-year-old Mexican star shot a 7-under 65 on Sunday for a 10-stroke victory and a tournament-record 21-under 267 total.

She had won her fifth straight tournament to solidsixth victory of the year and earned $2,492,872.

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With Annika Sorenstam and Karrie Webb skipping the tournament, Ochoa locked up the player of the year honors before the season-ending ADT Championship.
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Twellman struck what Dynamo went on to win the net in overtime, and the after New England's Taylor Ching Houston a little over a minute Monday, November 13, Associated moving from Cup in first year after MLS Dynamo takes FRISCO, Texas - Brian Ching scored the tying goal for New England, Jay Heaps kicked a low free drive to the left side of the net that Houston goalkeeper Pat Onstad easily blocked. Orange-clad Dynamo fans, many of whom made the nearly six-hour drive from Houston and dominated the stands, erupted in celebration as the Franchiser won the title after moving to Texas last year.

"We've lost every possible way we can lose in the finals." Taylor Twellman New England forward

Onstad especially didn't have to worry about the goal, which he made by correctly guessing Dempsey, playing in perhaps his last MLS game if his desire to play in Europe next season comes true, didn't start because of a strained right ankle. He entered the game in the 62nd minute — wearing yellow shoes perhaps a shade brighter than Houston's orange jerseys — and energized New England's attack in the second half.

That extra aggression resulted in Twellman breaking the scoreless tie, but the Revolution barely had a chance to celebrate before Ching found himself behind most of the defense and plunking a header past the arms of San Jose Earthquakes goalkeeper Pat Onstad. Twellman charged up the field, split two defenders and shot a low line drive to the left side of the Houston goalkeeper on penalty kicks — though in the second overtime, the Revolution appeared just minutes away from victory.

On the 131st minute, Twellman charged up field, split two defenders and shot the ball into opposite corner of the net past sliding Dynamo defender Kelly Gray. But as Twellman ran toward his fans to celebrate, Ching headed in the tying goal off a long cross from Brian Mullan.

"I didn't think we were going to get one," Ching said. "But we were going to die trying." Ching later scored the winning penalty kick in the fifth set, stutter-stepping on his approach before knocking the ball that skipped past New England's Matt Reis' outstretched hand. Ching was named the game's MVP.

Each team made its first two penalty shots before the Revolution's Pat Noonan, one of New England's top strikers all season, skimmed his blast off the top of the crossbar. Reis briefly saved New England by correctly guessing Brad Davis' shot to the left side, but after Twellman forced a fifth set of kicks, Onstad pounced on Heaps' shin-high shot to the left corner and was quickly buried under a pile of holtering and thrashing teammates who sprinted toward him from midfield.

Twellman especially didn't like losing on penalty kicks — the same way Italy beat France to win the World Cup this summer. "They should have just let us keep playing," he said.

The Revolution lost another final in which they didn't always play like big-game tested veterans, despite its two previous MLS Cup appearances and five straight Eastern Conference finals. In all, New England extended its scoreless streak in MLS Cup games to more than 336 minutes before Twellman's goal, a drought that belies an offense that was second in the league championship for all teams in the playoffs with 19 shots on goal.

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Houston finished second in the Western Conference, quickly finding a fan base after leaving San Jose because of low attendance. The city initially branded the team San Jose Earthquakes, which won in 2001 and 2003. The loss was the third defeat in the league championship for the Revolution, who were beaten 1-0 in overtime to Los Angeles last year. New England also made the final game and lost in 2002.

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ND SWIMMING

Double sweep for ND at Rolfs this weekend

Men's and women's teams beat Mich. St. and Pitt in dual meets

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Michigan State and Pittsburgh had barely come up for air by the time the teams stepped out of the pool. The Irish were swimming away with its third and fourth consecutive dual meet victories — the program's best start since the 1992-1993 season.

The Irish started the weekend by defeating the Spartans 165-73 Friday afternoon at Rolfs Aquatic Center. Notre Dame won two of the three relays for both swimmers - led by senior Katie Johnson and freshman John Lytle each picking up three victories - two on relays for both swimmers - led by senior Katie Johnson and freshman John Lytle each picking up three victories - two on relays for both swimmers - led by senior Katie Johnson and freshman John Lytle each picking up three victories - two on relays for both swimmers - led by senior Katie Johnson and freshman John Lytle each picking up three victories - two on relays for both swimmers - led by senior Katie Johnson and freshman John Lytle each picking up three victories.

The Irish won all six events on Friday with times faster than Brown, Andrew MacKay, Michael Bulfin, Ross Moore, and Tyler Angelo all won one event.

"I think one of our team's biggest strengths is the depth we have," Brown said. "So many guys can step up in so many events, and that's a credit not only to the coaches in their recruiting but also to the guys on the team because we mesh really well together.

On Saturday, the Irish returned to the pool easily dispatching of Pittsburgh 172-126. With the win, Notre Dame pushed their dual meet record to 3-0, and their season resume includes a first place finish in the Dennis Stark Relays. Sophomore Christa Gerbeth led the team's first start to work in long before the beginning of the season.

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Gerbeth won the 200-yard individual medley, finishing in 2:23.38, and also took the 500-yard freestyle. She touched the wall at 5:28.24, eleven seconds ahead of the rest of her competition.

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"I went into it knowing I had to win the race and there was no other way around it," she said. "I knew I had to do it for my team and I did not want to let them down. I got in the water and swam as fast as I could."

Niemann took first in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 50.78 seconds. She also won the 200-yard freestyle, finishing in 2:04.37.

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The Belles face Albion College Saturday in Albion, Mich. this Friday.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles win big over RHIT

Three freshmen win races in 114-77 rout for first victory of the year

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Impressive individual performances led the Belles to their first victory of the season, a 114-77 win over Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

Nineteen points were accounted for by wins in individual events. Freshmen Sara Niemann, Kayla Ferguson, and Lindsey Nellis and sophomore Melrose Gerbeth all took first in at least one of their races.

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ND Volleyball

ND splits with Mountaineers in Big East tune up

Irish finish regular season with a 16-11 record, 10-4 Big East

By DEVIN PRESTON  Sports Writer

Notre Dame split the last two games of the regular season this weekend, allowing it to finish with a record of 16-11, 10-4 Big East. Although losing to Pittsburgh dropped the Irish below the post-season rank they were hoping to have, the win over West Virginia yesterday allowed them to stay within the pack as one of four teams now with a 10-4 conference record.

Pittsburgh 3, Notre Dame 1

Notre Dame dominated in the first game, but dropped the match 30-16, 25-30, 24-30, 31-33 to Pittsburgh (22-8, 10-4 Big East). Freshman Serenity Philips led the Irish attack with 15 kills at a hitting percentage of .429 as well as 17 digs. Sophomore Mallorie Croal added 14 kills and 17 digs.

Notre Dame also had trouble from the line as they added up eight service errors before the match was over. The fourth game was much closer with Notre Dame down 2-1 in a must win situation. The Irish did not see their first lead in the game until a kill from Phillips kicked off a 4-1 stretch to give them a 12-10 lead. A service error from freshman Kim Krisloff allowed Pittsburgh to answer back immediately with a 7-2 run to lead 17-14. The lead would change two more times before Notre Dame and Pittsburgh found themselves tied at 29.

Notre Dame played hard, but in the end a kill from Diana Andreyko followed by an attack error from Statulak would allow Pittsburgh to take the fourth game and the match.

Notre Dame 3, West Virginia 0

West Virginia left the Joyce Center with their 28th conference loss to 14th ranked Notre Dame. Senior Danielle Herndon also made a key contribution with 14 kills and 17 digs. But the Irish defense was unable to slow down the Panther's Stephanie Ross, who racked up a total 24 kills during the match. Notre Dame also had trouble from the line

"It was really nice to end the conference season in our home facility." Tara Enzweiler Irish middle blocker

Notre Dame would maintain their lead despite a late effort made by West Virginia's Kristina Gallahan and Abby Tevis. After kill from sophomore Justine Sternick to give Notre Dame game point at 29-17, an attack error by Gina Cananelli sealed the match for Notre Dame.

"It was really nice to end the conference season in our home facility with an 8-2 run to give the Irish a 10-4 lead. Notre Dame only needed one more win to put the match away. The Irish came out strong early with three kills from Croal contributing to an 8-2 run to give the Irish a 10-4 lead. Notre Dame splits with Mountaineers in Big East tune up

SMC Cross Country

Gray makes school history; earns first ever NCAA berth

By BECKI DORNER  Sports Writer

Junior Megan Gray won a spot in the record books this past weekend by becoming the first Belle cross country runner to earn a berth to the NCAA Championships. Her personal best time of 22:52 on the NCAA Regional Championship 6K course at Hanover College was good for a 100th place overall finish. "She looked strong the entire race and kept passing people from the start to finish," Belles coach Jackie Rue said.

In addition to Gray's time, rounding out the top 5 for the Belles were Sara Otto with a recorded 24:43. Megan McConley with a 26:01, Caitlin Stevenson with a 26:34, and Aileen Miller with a 26:40.

These times gave the Belles 524 total points for 20th place in the 31 team field, a slight improvement from previous years. The Belles took the overall team title with only 53 points while the College of Wooster's Katie Wieferich earned top individual honors with a time of 22:07. MIAA champions Calvin came in second place and will advance to the national meet.

Despite being mostly good weather for the race, the wind started to pick up, affecting most of the runners. "The strength and conditioning training that we do allowed me to feel strong enough to pass people, especially into the wind," Gray said. "It was a combination of having the physical upper body strength and mentally staying calm and running my own race."

Gray's strong performance is not only a testament to the coaching staff's dedication, but to her own as well. Gray was unable to compete during her sophomore year due to patella femoral syndrome, and was enrolled in intensive physical therapy less than a year ago after her injury forced her to stop running altogether that summer. "I just feel that this season has been such a blessing because of all the road blocks that came before it," Gray said.

Gray says that she will be running mile repeats on Monday and 45-60 minute runs on Tuesday and Thursday, with Wednesday reserved for a speed workout for her NCAA training.

Gray's goals for the national championship race at Voice of America Park in West Chester, Ohio is under 23 miles, the junior said. "There will be so many incredible runners there, I just want to well represent Saint Mary's and my team," she said.

Despite her individual accomplishments, Gray continues to credit much to her teammates. "I want also to say how much the team has meant to me this season, I love all the girls and everyone has worked so hard," she said. "I know many of them are planning on traveling down to see me race at Nationals, and it makes me so happy because without them, none of this season would be possible."

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Freshman Tara Enzweiler spikes a ball during Sunday's 3-0 win over West Virginia in the Joyce Center.
Pair clinches title in tiebreak round

Parbhpu and Keckley defeat Louisville team to win ITA Doubles

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Notre Dame entered the fall season with hopes of improving both their singles and doubles game as well as proving that they had the potential to be one of the top teams in the nation. Junior Sheeva Parbhpu and senior Ryan Keckley defeated No. 26 Slavko Radman and Damar Johnson of Louisville 9-8 (5) in the ITA Midwest Doubles Championship. The duo triumphed over five straight teams to reach the finals where the two were tested more than they had been the entire tournament.

The match was driven into a tiebreaker in which Parbhpu and Keckley were able to walk away with the win. The win in the regional tournament gave the doubles team a berth in the ITA National Indoor Doubles Championships.

Parbhpu fell 7-6 (2), 6-2 to Ohio State's Steven Moneke in the singles finals, but he still secured a spot in the ITA National Indoor Championships. Irish senior Stephen Bass also reached the tournament as an at-large selection — he was selected based on ranking and fall performance.

Bass advanced to the semifinals of the ITA National Indoor Championship and pulled of a huge upset in the process defeating No. 2 John Isner of Georgia 6-4, 7-6 (6). Bass' high came to a halt in the semifinals as he fell to Ohio State's Steven Moneke for the second time this season; Moneke defeated Bass 7-5, 6-3 in the National Indoors and also defeated Bass 7-6, 6-4 in the quarterfinals of the ITA Midwest Regional Championship.

Moneke is a familiar foe for the Irish. He knocked off Parbhpu with a 7-6(2), 6-2 victory in the ITA Midwest Singles Final. According to NCAA regulations, the team will be limited to eight hours a week of conditioning and skill instruction until January. Head coach Bobby Bayliss said it is up to the players to improve during this off time.

"Everything will be on an individual basis," Bayliss said. "Its up to the guys to choose when to play." The Irish will open their regular season on the road at Charlottesville where they are scheduled to take on Virginia Jan. 27. Bayliss said that the team hopes to enter the season with a top-13 ranking so that the Irish will have a place at the National Team Indoor Championship in February. To reach that goal, the team intends to improve their overall strength and power.

"We are trying to get a little stronger right now," Bayliss said.

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NF CROSS COUNTRY

Irish men headed to NCAAs

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

After the NCAA Great Lakes Regional, the Irish men have accomplished their goal, but the women's team still has to wait.

Notre Dame's No. 18 men team came out strong Sunday at Bowling Green, taking second place in the tough Great Lakes Region, giving them an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship.

"Our goal was to get second place and get the auto bid to nationals so we don't have to go through the at large process, so I guess we accomplished our goal," Irish freshman Brock Hagerman said.

"We did put up only 116 points, but just as well or even better at Nationals," Hagerman said.

But the Irish women will have to need for a top ten finish at Regionals.

"That is the sign of a good team, when you struggle offensively in the first half and you come out in the fourth quarter and do everything right," McGrady said.

Shane Battier and Luther Head each finished with 11 points for Houston.

"We did a good job defensively, we did a good job keeping them out of the lane and keeping them off the free throw line," Battier said.

After trailing nearly the entire first half, the Rockets outscored the Heat 21-14 in the third quarter and never trailed after Rafer Alston's 3-pointer for a 58-56 lead at 1:27 remaining in the period.

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Meet Nov. 20 in Terre Haute. Notre Dame faced an uphill battle against a tough region, and could not crack the top four -- their goal going into the race. The Irish did put up just 116 points, but were just edged into fifth place after a strong performance by Butler (111 pts.).

Brock Hagerman (24th, 31:53.24) and sophomore Heidi Rocha (8th, 31:23.21) led the Irish across the line on 32:16.70, an average day overall as a team.

"Our race was by O'Neal, finishing with 34 points and 14 rebounds Sunday night to lead the Houston Rockets to their fourth straight victory, 94-72 over the Miami Heat.

"It's pretty much the same, just big, 7-6." O'Neal said.

"We've just done what we're supposed to do." Yao said.

Yao scored 20 points in the second half, when Houston outscored Miami by 25 points.

"My only chance against Shaq is to keep him on the run," Yao said. "Shaq is much stronger and bigger than me."

"Every time I score on him I was happy like a kid, like a kid getting candy on Halloween because it's really too hard to score on him, too hard. He's just great."

Dwyane Wade led Miami with 34 points, but had only eight in the second half, when Miami shot 33 percent.

"We were a little flat on offense, our offense wasn't as crisp," Wade said. "Yao hit some tough shots to give them the lead. They were good."

O'Neal's field goal early in the third quarter moved him past Patrick Ewing for 14th on the NBA's career scoring list with 24,817 points. But he finished with only 15 points and now has 24,850 in his career.

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"Every time I score on him I was happy like a kid, like a kid getting candy on Halloween because it's really too hard to score on him, too hard. He's just great."

Dwyane Wade led Miami with 34 points, but had only eight in the second half, when Miami shot 33 percent.

"We were a little flat on offense, our offense wasn't as crisp," Wade said. "Yao hit some tough shots to give them the lead. They were good."

O'Neal's field goal early in the third quarter moved him past Patrick Ewing for 14th on the NBA's career scoring list with 24,817 points. But he finished with only 15 points and now has 24,850 in his career.

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HOCKEY COMMENTARY

Irish fans need Hockey 101

With two impressive victories this weekend, Notre Dame will most likely jump to a top-10 ranking in the USA Today poll released this week. The weekend helped win the Frozen Four on campus already over-flowing with sporting events. But the contrast between hockey, football, and basketball at Notre Dame at this pace, however, has the potential to play in Joe Louis Arena for the 2011 Frozen Four championship.

It’s time to win student support. Despite a busy weekend on campus, 4,230 fans donned the Purple and Gold for a game at the Center on Friday and Saturday night.

The crowd was awesome — I was really happy to see that,” said senior goaltender Dave Brown. "It really helps a lot. I just wish we could have upheld it for the rest of the year.

But just as the team has plenty of weapons to score, the hockey team around campus needs a boost before the Irish can compete with the big boys at Minne and Minnesota.

So for those of you who base your knowledge of the sport on a trilogy starring Emilio Estevez, break out the notepads and pencils and we’ll start with a few of the basics.

Now that we’re talking about the “Flying V” looked on the big screen, it doesn’t fly on the ice. Instead a team will use a break out play to move the puck out of our zone and up the ice. The break out consists of the defense breaking out the “circuit” — hockey’s version of a “pass” behind the net and moving it along the boards to the forwards who clear the zone.

Friday night, sophomore Erik Condra added his second of the game from defensemen Dan V'Nard. Condra pushed it forward to freshman Ryan Thang, who scored Notre Dame’s second goal of the game in a well-earned break-out.

Secondly, as fans Zamboni is to see, there are many ways to get the net open after a quick break out. For example, our opponents in front of the net, you could see a bone-breaking open-ice body check. There are also more delicate moves that are also good to throw in here. Common penalties are hooking, tripping, and sometimes just plain old whacking the goalie with the back of your stick.

That’s something that has been our emphasis, slash at the ball when we have the opportunity. We anticipated the game would be like that,” Coach Jeff Boals said.

The penaltys box can also be called “the sin,” and much like the goolies, any opponent headed toward the sin bin can be heckled by the conveniently placed student section.

When a Notre Dame player heads to the box, attention should be drawn to one of the three referees — the Three Blind Mice — but this situation is a bit simpler than when heckling players.

Which brings us to common penalties in hockey include hooking, tripping, charging, and sliding into the player. Each of these is rewarded with a two-minute trip to the penalty box. The key thing to play the down — which a student was overheard yelling during Friday night’s game.

The call, which came 4:57 into the game was against Irish defensemen Wes O'Neill. O'Neill was called for holding onto an opponent’s jersey in an effort to clear him out of the way.

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So far this season, senior goaltender Dave Brown has given up its lead with an 11-3-2 record, 2.5 goals allowed, but neither could stop the diverse Irish attack that saw six different players score and another six add at least an assist.

Irish goalie Dave Brown stood firm against a Falcons for his eighth career shutout Saturday and the Irish didn’t give up two games to improve his nation-wide. — and Hobey Baker-attitude is needed to make sure the Irish can win.

The Falcons (3-6-1, 1-5-0 CCHA) split their netminding duties in the first period with two goalies, one of which was Eddie Neville (28 saves, five games), and the other is against Irish.

Sweesed was whisleed for hook- ing at 3:39 and Irish freshman Ryan Thang used the man advantage to score his sixth goal of the year and second of the game at 5:39. Thang buried a rebound past Neville off a shot from the left-circle dot by right wing Erik Condra for the 2-1 lead.

The Irish added two more power play goals at 7:54 and 17:58 as the in from left wing Josh Sicib and center Dan Deebth for the 5-2 final. Sicib received a pass in the slot through a Falcons defensemen’s legs from center Mark Van Guider and went in a low, stick-side wrist shot just inside the post. Deebth found the right side of the net open after a quick Condra pass from the left side put Neville out of pell the other side of the crease.

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rebounds). The Irish also had eight players with five or more field goal attempts.

After IPFW guard Chris Perkins hit a jumper over McAlarney, the Irish went on an 18-4 run, forcing Mastodons coach Dane Fife to use a 30-second time out. In that stretch, Kurz scored six points and grabbed five rebounds.

"You're seeing the development of one heck of a Big East forward, you really are," Brey said of Kurz. "Again, it's the progression of our basketball program, a guy getting better in our program. I'm proud of him, nobody works harder than him." IPFW saw little improvement out of the timeout, since Notre Dame continued to apply pressure and work through offensive sets with ease. The Irish went on an 18-4 run and were in the double bonus with 3:05 left.

"It's a great honor, and I'm really humbled about it," Kurz said. "Hopefully I can keep it up as good of a captain as I can. I've had great captains for the other two years I've been here and hopefully I can follow in those guys footsteps." -Contact Bob Griffen at rgriff@nd.edu

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SCORPIO (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be careful what you wish for and how you react to the people around you today. Not everyone will be willing to tell you what's actually going on. Make changes even if someone is trying to sabotage your every move. 2 stars

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Two down, four to go

Irish advance with wins over Oakland, UWM

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Wisconsin-Milwaukee just wouldn't go away. No. 1 Notre Dame scored in the first five minutes but had to hang on at the Panthers 1-0 Sunday at Alumni Field in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

"I thought we got outplayed today," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "The intensity level of the kids was very poor. We made one good play — the goal."

Forwards Michele Weissenhofer and Kerri Hanks made that one play for the Irish, a give-and-go with Hanks finding Weissenhofer streaking past a defender for an open shot past Milwaukee keeper Erin Kane. After that, the Panthers turned up the heat. Milwaukee produced several chances in the first half and tested a depleted Irish back wall that was without injured sophomore Carrie Dew and senior Christie Shaner, who Waldrum said was out with an illness but would be back next week.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame upends IPFW in season opener

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Guard Russell Carter led Notre Dame with 20 points and six rebounds, and forward Rob Kurz added 16 points and 12 rebounds as the Irish took a 32-point lead into halftime and never looked back in a 92-49 victory over IPFW Friday at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame's 50 first-half points were the second most an Irish team has scored under Mike Brey in the coach's previous six seasons. In the teams' previous meeting last season at IPFW, Notre Dame held an eight-point lead at halftime and tested a depleted Irish back wall that was without injured seniors Carrie Dew and senior Christie Shaner, who Waldrum said was out with an illness but would be back next week.

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For the third straight game — including Notre Dame's two exhibition contests — the Irish dominated their opponent from the beginning, using suffocating half pressure to force IPFW out of an offensive rhythm.

Notre Dame forced two of its 14 turnovers in the first six minutes using its full court press, which not only led to quick transition baskets but allowed it to settle into its offense with a comfortable lead.

"We came out on defense, we came out flying," McAlarney said. "We didn't want them to run their stuff and obviously they weren't comfortable on offense, so we did a real good job of just disrupting everything they wanted to do."

Notre Dame had four players in double figures — Carter, Kurz, forward Zach Hakes (11 points, 12 rebounds) and forward Luke Harangody (12 points, eight rebounds).

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HOCKEY

Irish take two from BGSU

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

No. 9 Notre Dame picked up two league wins against Bowling Green this weekend and extended its unbeaten streak to eight games on the eve of a crucial two-game series with Michigan State that will have conference — and national — implications next weekend.

The Irish (8-1-1, 3-0-1 CCHA) defeated Bowling Green 5-2 and 10-1 Saturday at the Great Lakes Invitational. D'AMICO/page 25

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Four score in double figures to beat CMU

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Guard Charel Allen led the Irish to success from beginning to end Friday night, leading Notre Dame to an early 17-3 lead in the first half en route to an 85-66 win against Central Michigan.

Allen would finish the game with 15 points in the win — six of which came in the early stretch — but also helped the Irish effort with strong defense with a tough press.

"Charel got us off to a great start in the game," said Irish coach Muffet McGraw. "She made some shots and then got us started at the line."

Notre Dame's performance in the first half was characterized by tough defense as Central Michigan was held to only 22 first-half points.

Allen was not alone in the Irish effort. Both Notre Dame centers — senior Melissa D'Amico and freshman Erica Williamson — contributed on both ends of the floor. Williamson was the defensive standout for the Irish, posting five blocks and eight boards, while D'Amico tallied 16 points.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Junior Megan Gray became the first Belle ever to qualify for the NCAA Championship by finishing 10th at the Regional meet.

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HOCKEY

An Observer writer says Irish fans need to bone up on their hockey knowledge.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Notre Dame's men's team received an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship with a second place finish Saturday at the Great Lakes Regional.

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MEN'S TENNIS

The fall season ended for the Irish this weekend with Sheeva Farhadi and Ryan Keckley taking the ITA Midwest doubles Championship.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame 3 West Virginia 0

The Irish rebounded from a tough loss to Pittsburgh Saturday by shutting out the Mountaineers Sunday.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish freshman Kali Krikis and sophomore Katie Potts took the doubles title at the Eck Classic Saturday.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE