Board approves new construction

By MEGHANNE DOWNES

After a one-year moratorium on construction, the Board of Trustees decided during their fall meeting to approve two new buildings — the Jordan Hall of Science and the Guglielmino Family Athletics Center — and resume construction on the security/police and post office building.

The science hall will be located on Juniper Road in front of the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center and the 201,783 square foot building will include 40 undergraduate science laboratories, three lecture halls, two classrooms and 22 faculty offices. The groundbreaking ceremony for the building will be Saturday morning and the project should be completed by summer 2006.

60 Minutes' editor to speak on campus

By SHEILA FLYNN

Renowned television journalist Mike Wallace will participate in a 60-minute interview and audience question-and-answer session on Wednesday on the Notre Dame campus.

University President Father Edward Malloy will introduce Wallace, anchor and co-editor of CBS’ "60 Minutes," said University spokesman Matt Storin. Wallace will then participate in an interview with Robert Schmuhl, professor of American studies and director of Notre Dame’s John W. Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics & Democracy. Audience members will be allowed to ask questions at the end of the session.

"He's one of the great legends of our time in television, and I think it's terrible that he is actually adding this event to his schedule while he's in South Bend," Storin said. He said that Wallace is in the area as part of a benefit held by the Suicide Prevention Council of St. Joseph County. Wallace, who has battled depression, is scheduled to speak Tuesday at the Indiana University South Bend campus about his personal experiences with the disease.

"I think all students, whether they're particularly interested in journalism or not, would get a lot out of hearing about his career and what it took to get him to the elite place that he now is in," Storin said.

Wallace, now in his 36th season with "60 Minutes," has received 20 Emmy Awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Emmy, which he won this year. He is known for his enterprise reporting and no-holds-barred interviewing technique.

Elam avoids jail time

By MEGHANNE DOWNES

A former Notre Dame football player convicted of sexual battery in September will not serve jail time but was placed on two years of probation and will perform 200 hours of community service.

St. Joseph County Superior Judge Roland Chamblee delivered Abrian Elam’s sentence Friday after reviewing pleas.

Golden Knights fall, land with game ball

By AMANDA MICHAELS

No defense could touch 1st Sgt. Mike Elliot as he carried the football for over 4,000 yards in less than three minutes during the opening of the Oct. 18 game against UNC. But before the record books are pulled out, it should be noted that these were not rushing yards; rather, they were falling yards.

As part of the pre-game spectacle, Elliot joined by fellow members of the Gold Demonstration section of the U.S. Army Parachute Team dove into the stadium from 12,500 feet, chutes flying, to safely deliver the game ball on the 50-

CAMPUS LIFE

Members form R/A task force

By ANDREW THAGARD

Members of the Campus Life Council passed a resolution calling for the formation of a task force to investigate policies and procedures associated with resident assistant training Monday.

The resolution passed 12 to three after a short debate that focused on the need for such an investigation. After the vote, three minutes were questioned the procedures surrounding the vote.

"This is not a threatening resolution," said Jordan Bongiovanni, a member of the C.L.C. "[The Student Senate] simply asking us, based on massive student opinion, to look into this. This is our purpose."

C.L.C. member and student senator Aaron Zielinski asked for a secret ballot vote — a request that Committee Chairman and student body vice president Jeremy Lao denied. The vote was taken using a roll-call system that some members objected to at its completion on the grounds that it was not properly coordinated and that knowing the members' positions on the issue could taint the makeup of the task force.

"I just don't smell right," said Father Paul Doyle, the rector of Dillon Hall.

The issue was brought before the C.L.C. earlier this year after several RAs either...
INSIDE COLUMN

Diversity
doesn’t matter

If I’m lying on an operating table, I don’t particularly care if the man (or woman) holding the scalpel is black, white, Eskimo or Aboigone. I want the most skilled surgeon available. Makes sense, right? Not if you’re for affirmative action.

When policy-makers created affirmative action practices in the 1960s, they were trying to rectify past racial injustices. Over 200 years of slavery and nearly a century of Jim Crow segregation laws put blacks at serious economic, political and social disadvantages.

Affirmative action was intended to undo the ill effects of racism. Now, however, affirmative action has become a crusade for racial diversity. The Supreme Court upheld this implementation, despite the equal protection clause of the Constitution.

Scholars at Cornell University have written that “the result of a law is not relevant so long as there is no discrimination in its application.”

What they’re saying, in other words, is that if a university has a race-neutral admissions policy, and the class ends up being 95 percent white anyway, so be it. Now I know a lot of people are thinking: “Think of how boring the world would be if everyone was the same.”

Here’s the problem with that argument. “Diversity” is generally measured by race, but race is a very poor determinant of someone’s character. “Diversity” is generally measured by race, but race is a very poor determinant of someone’s character.

Isn’t the Navy’s elite SEALs overwhelmingly white? Has it thrived in the Middle East, it has thrived in the Middle East, it has thrived in the Middle East.

Of course not. All white people aren’t the same, just as all black people aren’t the same, all Hispanics aren’t the same, all Asians aren’t the same.

Don’t get me wrong; I acknowledge that there are plenty of very diverse organizations that have done a lot of good. The United Nations, with members from 191 countries, has been a strong force for peace and security.

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But there are plenty of examples of non-race-based organizations that have achieved great things. The National Basketball Association is about 90 percent black, yet it produces the best basketball in the world. The U.S. Navy’s elite SEALS are overwhelmingly white, yet they’re some of the finest warriors around.

Basically, diversity is not a good thing. It’s not a bad thing, either. It’s neutral.

Continuing to obsess about race is just going to deepen the divisions in American society. Instead of pigeon-holing our fellow citizens into the box of diversity, let’s focus on excellence, and we’ll all rise together.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Matt Bramanti at bramanti.1@nd.edu.

QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What did you think of the past two football games?

Anne Raith
Junior
Pangborn

“I went to the beach instead of watching the Boston College game.”

Daniel Tweedell
Senior
Off-Campus

“My old roommate would kill me if I said anything because he’s on the team.”

Dan McSwain
Junior
O’Neill

“I got my hopes up for the USC game, but now I don’t have to worry about going to a bowl game.”

Jake Hamann
Junior
Off-Campus

“They only showed the last 40 seconds of the Boston game back home, and I wasn’t impressed.”

Krista Seidl
Senior
Walsh

“USC eats painful, but at least we rallied in Boston.”

Marita Murphy
Junior
Walsh

Students hold a sign at the Oct. 18 home football game against USC in support of freshman quarterback Brady Quinn. Quinn recently started his fourth football game for Notre Dame at the game against Boston College on Oct. 25.

OFFBEAT

Toronto man is rock-paper-scissors champ

BURLINGTON — The cavernous club was filled with hundreds of fierce competitors. Stripped-shirted referees kept order during the grueling hand-to-hand combat. In the end, it came down to two men and three weapons — rock, paper and scissors.

Rob Krueger, 31, of Toronto, was the winner — hands down — of the second International World Rock Paper Scissors Championship on Saturday night, taking home the $3,750 first prize.

Krueger, sporting a wild wig and wrapped around in a burlap bag with its mouth bound shut, triumphed by throwing "paper" to finalist Marc Rigaux’s "rock."

Gator gets loose in airliner compartment

NEWARK, N.J. — An alligator was captured inside the baggage hold of an airliner on Monday after escaping from its crate. Officers captured it with police dog and a box when the cargo hold of the Boeing 767 was opened, Wagner said. Authorities were looking into how the reptile got out.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Filipino-American Student Organization of Notre Dame presented Princess Emerald Kiram of the Philippines. The Princess will give a lecture entitled “Being a Muslim in Christian Philippines” today at 4:15 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. A reception will follow the lecture.

“What do we know about Democratization and how well do we know it?” will be the topic of a lecture given by Michael Copplege, Fellow of the Kellogg Institute and member of the department of political science. The lecture takes place today from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

Peg Wynn, vice president of human resources at Xilinx will speak on “Corporate Values at Xilinx” today from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in 111 DeBartolo.

The Suzanne Farrell Ballet performs Balanchine’s choreography today from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Morris Performing Arts Center. Student rush tickets are available at the door for $10. See the LaFortune Box Office for more information.

Mike Wallace, long-time anchor and co-editor of CBS’ “60 Minutes,” will speak Wednesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the McKenna Hall Auditorium. Wallace will participate in a interview and answer questions from the audience.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observenews@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

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SMC presidential candidates to visit

By MEGAN O'NEIL

Saint Mary's student body president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl updated board members on the Saint Mary's presidential search and urged them to promote the candidates' upcoming campus visits at Monday's BOG meeting.

The Presidential Search Committee has worked diligently in their search for a new president for the college. Jablonski-Diehl said she has explained, is the Board of Trustees. Jablonski-Diehl reported. One of the most impressive aspects about the process, she explained, is the Board of Trustees' desire to include current Saint Mary's students.

Jablonski-Diehl said she has worked extensively with the committee and has met many prospective candidates. Student trustee Sara Mahoney, who will cast a vote for the new president on behalf of the student body, agreed, saying that students have a sense of the school, which non-students may lack.

"The board is not here every day and they don't have to deal with the ins and outs," said Jablonski-Diehl, "as it is to sell the school to them."

Following the candidates' visit to Saint Mary's, the Presidential Search Committee will select and submit three finalists to the Board of Trustees for a vote.

In other BOG News:

♦ BOG also voted to provide $1,440 in sponsorship money to help send 12 students to the Tax Foundation's National Conference in Washington D.C. The students, all junior business majors, will attend lectures at the four-day event.

♦ BOG also voted to give $765 dollars to a group of nursing students in order that they may attend a suicide prevention conference. The event will take place at the Century Center in South Bend and will outline the signs of depression as well as some techniques for handling suicidal patients.

♦ Saint Mary's RHA is hosting several events for Halloween. Trick-or-treating will take place in the dorms Thursday night from 6 to 8 p.m. The Haunted Tunnels of Holy Cross, which includes Saint Mary's ghost stories, will take place Thursday evening from 8 to 10 p.m.

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Board of Trustees re-elects chairman

By MEGHANNE DOWNES

The Board of Trustees re-elected its chairman, extending his tenure to 2007, and named a new Fellow at its recent fall meeting.

Trustees originally elected Board Chairman Patrick McCartan in 2000, and he became an ex-officio Fellow. McCartan, a senior partner at the Jones Day international law firm, joined the board in 1989.

"I appreciate the confidence and support of the Notre Dame board and I look forward to helping Notre Dame fulfill the promise of a great University," McCartan said in a statement.

The University's Fellows — six lay trustees and six members of the Indiana province of the Congregation of the Holy Cross who are also trustees — named Bishop Daniel Jenky as a new Fellow. The position became open after Father David Tyson replaced Father William Dorwart as provincial superior of the Indiana province. University spokesman Michael Garvey said this is one of the four Fellows positions that is determined ex-officio; however, Tyson was already a Fellow prior to becoming the provincial superior and a Fellow position remained open.

The Fellows are responsible for electing the University's Trustees and adopting and amending board bylaws.

Jenky, the bishop of Peoria, Ill., graduated from Notre Dame in 1970. His previous positions at the University include rector of Dillion Hall, rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and superior of the Holy Cross community.

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The 95,840-square-foot athletics center, which is slated to be completed by fall 2005, will be located in the Loftus Center and include football locker rooms, offices and other rooms and space for student-athlete training and conditioning programs and equipment. A groundbreaking date has not yet been set.

Construction will also resume on the security/police and post office building, now located on the former basketball court near Stepan Center, and should be completed by summer 2005.

Prior to the Board's decision, all construction projects had been halted on campus with the exception of Legends and the Marie P. Debartolo Center for the Performing Arts due to the sluggish economy and the significant decrease in the University's endowment.

University President Father Edward Malloy said in a statement the University would remain "cautiously optimistic" and "exercise fiscal prudence." though funding was available for the three projects.

James Lyphout, vice president for business operations, said the trustees made the decision to continue construction after reviewing the financial and funding situation of the University. The status of the endowment did not play a role in the trustee's decision-making process.

"We were able to demonstrate that we were able to meet the financing guidelines they established," Lyphout said.

The athletics center will be completely funded by a $21.25 million donation from the late Don Guglielmino and his wife. Guglielmino attended Notre Dame for the 1939-40 academic year and has made numerous gifts to the University.

The $70 million cost of the Jordan Hall of Science will be funded by both a gift from John John, a 1969 Notre Dame graduate and trustee, and internal University funds.

Lyphout said the security/police and post office building did not meet the Board's requirements. But the Board still approved the continuation of construction in order to clear the current security/police and post office sites for future construction projects.

Lyphout said definite dates have not been set for the construction of the proposed new hotel on the current security/police base site and the land school renovations on the land of the current post office.

Lyphout said the University was also still seeking funding for the Joyce Center renovations.

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from both the prosecution, defense, Elam and alleged vic­ tim regarding sentencing and said during his ruling he strug­ gled with his decision.

"This is as close to a no-win position as I've found myself in 14 years," Chamblee said according to the South Bend Tribune.

Elam was the only former Notre Dame football player convicted on a charge stemming from an alleged gang rape in March 2002.

Chamblee originally delayed Elam's sentencing from early October until a conclusion was reached in the other three tri­ als.

But a separate jury found Donald Dykes not guilty on all charges, and special prosecutor Maureen Devlin dropped all charges against Lorenzo Crawford and Justin Smith after conversing with jurors from the Elam and Dykes trials and experts related to the case.

Devlin said during the sen­tencing hearing that Elam was told by the woman he per­ sisted, and should be incarcerated.

Defense attorney Mark Lenyo appeared to the sympathy of the court and argued during the hearing that Elam's felony conviction should be downgraded to a misde­ meanor. Lenyo said a felony convic­tion prevented his client from accepting schol­ arships he was offered to com­ plete his education. Elam, who works in a den­ tist's office and completed his associate's degree in business at a community college, apolo­ gized for his actions and asked for the opportunity to con­ tribute to his community and family.

Indiana law would have per­ mitted Chamblee to consider Elam's Class D felony convic­tion as a misdemeanor for sen­ tencing; however, Chamblee said during sentencing he could not do this in good conscience.

Though the woman said dur­ ing the hearing Elam should be punished for his individual actions and not for the rest of the group, Chamblee said, "I'm not going to use you as an example. She wants you sen­ tenced for what everyone did."

Chamblee said the defend­ ants had already been pun­ ished enough and did not find it necessary to incarcerate Elam. He gave him an 18-month pend­ suggested sentence.

Elam, who is from Riviera Beach, Fla., must pay court costs and fees and may serve his two-year probation in his home county.

Devlin said to the South Bend Tribune following the sentenc­ ing that the woman was disapp­ pointed that Elam will not be incarcerated.

"Abram Elam is a convicted felon as he should be," Devlin said. "Having a felony convic­tion is significant."

The South Bend Tribune con­ tributed to this article.

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were asked to resign or were terminated after missing required training sessions due to schedule conflicts.

In other CLC news:
• Members debated the effec­ tiveness of a student govern­ ment-sponsored presentation before the Board of Trustees on Oct. 16. Lao criticized a headline in The Observer that described the presentation as a failure and noted that the paper's reporter left the meeting early.

"I would not say it was a failure," said David Moss, assistant vice president of student affairs. "I'd like to commend the committee for weathering the storm. Everyone did a nice job."

Some members, however, expressed concern that they were not informed of the topic of the presentation, especially in light of criticism on CLC. Lao apologized for the lack of communication.

• Members of the Senior Privilege Committee are investigating options for stu­ dent parking privileges. The group plans to meet with Bill Kirk, associate vice president for residence life, later this week.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Senate will approve EPA chief
WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats, facing an overwhelming vote against them, dropped their opposition Monday to Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt as head of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Minutes before the Senate was to hold a vote, a Democratic official said they had reached an up-or-down decision soon on Leavitt’s confirmation. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., said the White House had satisfied her demands.

Clinton and the Senate’s three Democratic presidential contenders — Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, John Kerry of Massachusetts and John Edwards of North Carolina — led an effort for weeks to block a vote on Leavitt, portraying Bush administration environmental policies.

Senators now plan to vote on Leavitt’s nomination Tuesday morning after an hour’s debate.

NATIONAL NEWS

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Three return from space station
ASTANA, Kazakhstan — A wingless space capsule carrying an American, a Russian and a Spaniard undocked from the international space station and began streaking toward Earth early Monday, mission control said Tuesday.

The 3.5-hour trip was to end in the wide-open steppes of Kazakhstan, only the second time a U.S. astronaut has come home in a Russian craft and landed on foreign soil.

“I guess the home-bound trip were American Ted Lai and Russian Yuri Malenchenko, who flew to the space station on March 17 in the Soyuz and Elkhart. And Spasiador Pedro Duque, who arrived at the station eight days ago on a different capsule.

Since the disintegration of the space shuttle Columbia in February put NASA manned space flights on hold, the Russian Soyuz capsules have become the lifeline of the space station program.

IRAQ

Baghdad bombings leave 35 dead
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Strikes in rapid succession, suicide car bombers bested on death row for “collaborators” devastated the Baghdad police headquarters and three police stations Monday, killing three dozen people, almost more than 300 in the bloodiest day in Baghdad since the end of the U.S. occupation.

From north to south in this city of 5 million, the explosions over a 45-minute period left streetscapes of broken bodies, twisted wreckage and Iraqis unnerved by an escalating underground war. The dead included a U.S. soldier, eight Iraqi policemen and at least 26 Iraqi civilians.

“We feel helpless when we see this,” said an Iraqi doc­tor.

Iraqi and U.S. authorities in Baghdad blamed the coordinated attacks on foreign fighters intent on targeting and they accuse of collaborating with U.S. forces. One Iraqi official said a bomber was sent to carry a Syrian passport.

Raid on Wednesday, Pentagon officials said they believed loyalists of ousted President Saddam Hussein were responsible. President Bush said insurgents had penetrated the “deployment area” of the U.S. because of what he said was progress in Iraq.

The tactics suggested a level of organization that U.S. officials had doubted the resistance possessed. In past weeks, bombers had carried out heavy suicide bombings but in single strikes.

Not only were Monday’s attackers coordinated, they also involved disguise: the use of an Iraqi ambulance in the Baghdad and a truck attack on a police car and uniform in a police station explosion.

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A political car, somehow commandeered for a suicide mission and driven by a man in police uniform, blew up after entering the court­yard of the al-Daya’s police station in southern Baghdad, said police Brig. Gen. Abrahim Ahmed, the deputy interior minister.

Secretary of State Powell was in front of the Red Cross building, at a protective line of earth-filled barrels, and disintegrated as it blew a 15-foot-wide crater in the road.

CHINA

American released in PR gesture
Associated Press

BELING — Citing his “repentant behavior,” China deported a Chinese­

American citizen convicted of obtaining state secrets, sending him on a plane to the United States on Tuesday after more than two years behind bars.

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Saint Mary’s students travel to Haiti over break

By ANNIE BASINSKI
News Writer

While many students headed home for fall break, nine Saint Mary’s students went to Haiti as part of the Poverty and Development Seminar to interact with and learn more about Haitian people and the problems of their country. A faculty member, a Saint Mary’s alumna, and two representatives from Women’s Ministry on Faith and Spirituality, a Connecticut-based organization that has conducted many immersions and seminars in Haiti, accompanied the seminar participants. The project was funded largely by a grant from the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership (CWIL).

Seminar participant and Saint Mary’s senior Becca Doll described the experience as “not a mission trip there and in the mountain village Gwo-Jan until they returned late Sunday night.

Several women’s organizations spoke with the participants about legal rights and health care issues for Haitian women. The participants also had the opportunity to listen to seven political rape victims in Haiti’s capital, Port-au-Prince. They spent majority of the trip there and in the mountain village where many citizens gave their lives as a result of standing up for their beliefs. Although the country is now a Democracy, fear of persecution still lingers.

The rape victims have formed a theatrical troupe that shares stories of their tragic pasts through song and dramatizations. The seven women offered the participants not only their stories but hope that they have found by working together to fight for women’s rights.

“The Haitian women are so strong, so knowledgeable, despite their poverty,” Gavin said. “They are committed to work for change and it is inspiring to learn from them.”

Saint Mary’s senior Zob Zelazny said, “Great risk to speak out about their rape incidents. Formerly a military dictatorship, Haiti was a country where many citizens gave their lives as a result of standing up for their beliefs. Although the country is now a Democracy, fear of persecution still lingers.

“They are family oriented and spiritual people,” Zelazny said. “They have hope, warmth, and happiness, despite not having material things.” What little they did have, they shared with the participants.

“Even though they didn’t have much food, they gave so much to us,” Gavin said. “The people were really welcoming, really warm. They are very community focused.”

The participants shared in the community by eating traditional Haitian dishes, learning to cook Haitian food, and painting using Haitian style.

They also had the opportunity to spend time with babies who live in an orphanage sponsored by the Sisters of Charity, the same order that was Mother Teresa’s. The babies are placed in the orphanage either because they are severely ill or malnourished, or because their families cannot support them. The participants held and rocked the babies to sleep, giving them acts of affection that they rarely receive.

Now that the seminar participants are back in the U.S., they say that they plan to make others aware of the problems they observed during their trip to Haiti. Together, they will also reflect on their experiences and brainstorm ways they can impart their knowledge to others so that changes can be made in Haiti.

“Seeing what we saw — you can’t not be impacted,” Zelazny said. “We will share our experiences with friends and family and try to always keep that a part of us.”

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Bank of America, Fleet announce merger
Buyout will create nation's second-largest bank to serve 33 million customers

Charles Gifford, CEO of FleetBoston Financial Corp., left, and Kenneth Lewis, CEO of Bank of America, jointly announce the merger of the two banking giants.

In Brief

Group of 20 meets to plan after Cunucu
MOHILHLIA, Mexico — Finance officials from the European Union and 19 countries, including the United States, wrapped up a two-day meeting Monday with promises to help Iraq lower its debt load and restart global trade talks delayed last month in Cancun.

Officials from the Group of 20, meeting in the mountains of western Mexico, were upbeat about the world economy, saying in a declaration that “while risks remain, a global economic recovery is under way.”

They also discussed identifying and sanctioning countries that refuse to cooperate in the war on terrorism and illicit financing. Though possible sanctions were not outlined.

Mexican Treasury Secretary Francisco Gil Diaz said officials must combat the “lack of cooperation from the famous tax havens,” but he didn’t name the offending countries.

Two largest Blue Cross PPO’s to merge
INDIANAPOLIS — The two largest Blue Cross PPO’s to merge soon by mid-2004. Each company has approved the merger, expected to close by mid-2004.

If shareholders and regulators agree, the merger will create the nation’s second-biggest bank holding company.

The merger will be completed in the first quarter of 2004, Bank of America said. It expects the merger to save $1.1 billion.

Investor: So long, large banks

The deal does not mean the end of large banks, but it could be the beginning of a new round of bank mergers. "No other single bank has the same combined coverage this bank does right now,” McCune said.

Petroleum magnate jailed in Siberia

Two largest Blue Cross Blue Shield providers plan to merge in a deal that values Yahoo at over $1.6 billion, creating the nation’s largest managed-care provider with 26 million members from Maine to California.

Anthem Inc will swallow California-based WellPoint Health Networks Inc., keeping the slightly larger company’s name but consolidating its operations at Anthem’s Indianapolis headquarters, the companies announced Monday.

Anthem will trade one share of its stock, plus $23.80 in cash, for each share of WellPoint. In trading Monday, the New York Stock Exchange, WellPoint shares rose $7.16, or 5 percent, to close at $91.09, while Anthem shares fell $6.24, or 1 percent, to close at $71.05.

If shareholders and shareholders of the two companies approve the merger, the merger is expected to close by mid-2004.

The companies said the merger would save their combined operations at least $50 million next year, about $175 million in 2005 and at least $250 million annually by 2006. Each company now has about 20,000 employees.

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MARKET RECAP

Russian market index rises on global upturn

Russia’s stock market index rose Monday on a global upturn, with oil prices also climbing.

The RTS index rose 1.69 percent at the close of trading; the RTS benchmark index of Russian stocks closed up 14 percent.

Earlier in the day, after Yukos shares lost 20 percent, trading on the Moscow exchange was halted for an hour. The ruble, which this year has made an overall 12 percent rise against the U.S. dollar, dropped 1 percent.

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Associated Press

BOSTON — Bank of America Corp. announced a $47 billion deal Monday to buy FleetBoston Financial Corp., swallowing up the last of the big Boston bank that made it the city’s financial center since the time of the American Revolution.

The announcement was approved by shareholders and regulators, and would create the nation’s second-biggest banking company.

Bank of America, currently No. 3, would have more than 33 million customers and 2.5 million business clients in 35 countries.

The deal would also bring Bank of America into New England and eliminate its main rival.

"We are now truly the bank of America,” said Kenneth D. Lewis, chair and chief executive of Bank of America.

Fleet’s roots go back centuries to when Boston banks financed the young nation’s shipping and textile industries. In 1784, Fleet, then known as the Massachusetts Bank, became the first federally chartered bank in the United States.

The deal comes less than a month after another Boston institution, John Hancock Financial Services, was bought by Canada’s Manulife Financial Corp.

FleetBoston and Bank of America executives said that because the companies had a little overlap, they expect the number of jobs in the Boston area to remain about the same. FleetBoston has a total of 47,700 employees. Bank of America has 133,000.

Charles K. Gifford, FleetBoston chairman and chief executive, said he did not know how the deal would affect the Fleet Center, where the Boston Celtics and Bruins play. The Fleet name is everywhere in New England, from the arena to a waterfront concert pavilion.

The acquisition combines banks with assets totaling over $930 billion. Alone, Bank of America has $737 billion in assets. It is third behind Citigroup, which has more than $1 trillion, and J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., with more than $740 billion, according to the trade publication American Banker.

The combined bank will have about 5,200 branches; Bank of America already has more branch offices than any other U.S. bank. No. 2 Wells Fargo has about 3,000.

"It’s going to be one of the dominant banks in the U.S. banking industry over the next 25 years,” said Gerard Cassidy, an industry analyst with RBC Capital Markets.

Bank of America, based in Charlotte, N.C., will pay $45 a share for Fleet, or about $13 more than FleetBoston’s closing price on Monday.

Lewis will be chief executive of the merged company, to be headquartered in Charlotte. Gifford will be chairman of the board.

The deal, already approved by both boards of directors, is expected to be completed in the first half of 2004. Bank of America said it expects the merger to save $1.1 billion.

Analyst John McCune of SNI Financial Corp. said the deal could also signal a new round of bank mergers with large regional bank joining forces with big financial services as the way to compete.

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Associated Press

Boston Globe

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"I never jump if the wind is gusting too hard," said Elliot.

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"We know that a lot has to be done. This horror story that we are all learning about exemplifies that it’s worse than we all imagined." New Jersey’s Division of Youth and Family Services came under intense pressure following the discovery of the body of 7-year-old Fahrene Williams was found decomposed in a storage box in a Newark basement. His twin brother and their 4-year-old half sister were discovered alive but emaciated in an adjoining room.

In 1999, Children’s Rights filed a class-action lawsuit against the state to force reforms. The state settled that lawsuit and agreed to review all child welfare cases more than 14,000. During those inspections, 31 children were removed from their own homes, foster care and other living arrangements. DYFS supervises 58,582 children, including youngsters awaiting adoption.

 DYFS supervisors said they are reviewing all reports filed by the DYFS caseworkers and managers who visited the Collingswood house.

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Den Xiaoping, Manuel Noriega and the Ayatollah Khomeini.

The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the McKenna Hall auditorium. It is free and open to the public, with preferred seating for Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, and Holy Cross College students. The Gallivan Program’s Margarette and Louis Keifer Endowment for Excellence in Journalism, as well as the University’s Department of Film, Television and Theatre and Office of Public Affairs and Communication sponsored Wallace’s visit.

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Catholicism demands 'faithful citizenship'

According to a recent Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life survey, 52 percent of Catholics intend to vote for reelect President Bush in 2004, while 31 percent intend to vote for a Democratic candidate. As far as I am concerned, the 83 percent of us voting Catholics and maybe even the other 17 percent not represented by this study are going to help.

Surely, such a statement is extreme and inflated, but my point is that the approaches of many Catholics, even most Catholics, to the political arena are misguided and immoral. There is a tremendous need as we approach the important upcoming election for us Catholics to examine our consciences and our actions in the American political structure. There is a need for true faithful citizenship.

First, the majority of devout Catholics who vote Republican vote based on one single condition. At first glance, this seems like a legitimate reason for voting Republican, that spending 40 million abortions have taken place in the United States since 1973. While the Republicans remain committed generally to an anti-life agenda on other issues, the numbers seem to suggest that a utilitarian-for would vote Republican.

But here's the problem: Catholics cannot accept utilitarianism. Utilitarianism espouses the notion that individuals and nations can judge their actions by weighing the positive results against the negative results. In other words, to determine the relationship between means and ends out the door. Catholicism, to the contrary, espouses a definite right and wrong in regards to means and ends to which Catholics are called to adhere and witness. Catholics cannot accept the sort of moral relativism that goes hand-in-hand with utilitarianism.

For example, the utilitarian would vote for a candidate who limits abortion even if that candidate supports the death penalty, harmful economic policies for the poor, and disregard for the just war theory. From a Catholic perspective, such a candidate would have negative results. Catholics cannot accept such an action.

The many Catholics who vote Democrat also have their beliefs of Catholics seriously. Many demoralized generations believe that voting Republican is a symbol to political parties that

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A Call to Action

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The Observer Poll

Do you approve or disapprove of President Bush's handling of the situation in Iraq?

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Quote of the Day

"Driven from every corner of the earth, freedom of thought in matters of conscience directs its course to this happy country as its last asylum."

Samuel Adams
American revolutionary leader
Homosexuality as a mental disorder

While ordinarily I would dismiss Michael Gerardi’s fringe contentions in his column, Oct. 18, in this case, I believe three important points need be made: First, his attempt to equate his beliefs about homosexuality with any eyes, in this case, I believe three important points need be made: First, his attempt to equate his beliefs about homosexuality with religious objections to legal survivalship rights. 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"Gays are mentally deranged and sick, and need to be fixed, as per the gay lobby." 2. "Our society is not open to people who are different, and should be fixed by those who are not." 3. "Homosexuality is a mental disorder, and should be treated as such." 4. "Homosexuals are not capable of love and commitment, and need to be cured." 5. "Homosexuals are a threat to society, and need to be controlled and eradicated." 6. "Homosexuality is against nature and God's will, and should be reversed." 7. "Homosexuals are a burden on society, and should not be allowed to live.

Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

With President Bush proclaiming a week in October “Deep South Week,” liberals have secretly solicited the notorious Bouvier sisters, Selma and Patty, as spokespersons. Some considering what is the “deep south” knew Louis “the gay wolf” elitist epitomizing everything that is wrong with the political atmosphere of our society. They consider it diabolical how the two hide behind their thinly veiled hypocrisy. “The Simpsons,” which places its characters in a church setting more than any program on television. Other than that Selma and Patty’s 14-year stature as Emmy winners and celebrity icons mask an agenda as morally bankrupt as that of Rush Limbaugh and Bill Bennett.

Each actor manipulates her television persona as though it was her actual life. Selma and Patty hope that casual cigarette usage and two divorces make them identifiable with millions of decent, moral Americans who also have a vice or two. They use their television public service careers at the motors vehicles office to falsely connect with viewers who place patriotism above any insignificant civil liberties. These elitist performers are banking on their abilities to pull off such charlatanism that it sets the stage for them to spring their liberal agenda.

Right-wingers see Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson as beacons of conservative light in the murky seas of liberalism. They must now prepare to counter an orchestrated charade that is part of a scheme concocted by Hollywood for liberal politicians. The West Coast elitist goal is for Democrats to hijack the institution of marriage in favor of special rights contrary to every value held holy by fundamentalist Christians. Selma and Patty hope that unsuspecting Americans will view them as sisters when in actuality, they are lovers. Their campaign has nothing to do with marriage, civil unions or being gay. Selma and Patty’s backers are pressuring the Democratic Party and its nine presidential candidates to support legal rights regarding health coverage, personal property and child or elderly care based on the sisters’ dwelling status, not personal preferences. Supporters believe that by masquerading as sisters, the two can prevent conservatives from changing the issue to one of gay marriage.

She contends that institutional religion serves as a moral example for all other religions, and that it sets the stage for them to spring their liberal agenda.

As Selma explains the plan, legal survivorship begins with a person’s dwelling arrangement. If that person did not have a will or were to lie to come, priority would be assigned to those with whom the person chose to reside. Whether a person resides with a mother or sister, with a husband or a girlfriend or a complete stranger of either sex, that person could share health insurance, property, and legal rights. That person’s life would be equally married or common law couples without diminishing traditional institutions. Conservatives should beware of the “Selma and Patty Benchmark.” These two professoried “sisters” could standardize and simplify dwelling rights to the extent that Americans could choose any number of combinations of living arrangements resulting in a better quality of life. The American public would be a big winner with these types of efforts of the Falwells and Robertsons of this nation as big losers.

No matter what anyone would call a far-left conspiracy.

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Coppola lives up to family name with latest film

By MARY SQUILLACE
Scene Movie Critic

For a director with the last name Coppola, there’s a lot on the line. However Sofia Coppola, daughter of legendary Francis Ford Coppola, does not disappoint with her second feature film Lost in Translation. While Lost in Translation does not dazzle its audience with state-of-the-art special effects and a dramatic score or garner laughs with slapstick antics, Coppola proves that less is more by creating a no-frills film that is as compelling as it is unique and as entertaining as it is moving.

Bill Murray stars as out-of-work actor Bob Harris who is shooting a whiskey commercial in Tokyo. The monotony of his life drives him nightly to the hotel bar where he encounters Charlotte (Scarlett Johansson), a college graduate and felllow soul-searcher. As the week progresses and the two restless Americans spend more time together, a unique relationship blossoms between Charlotte and Bob.

The role of Bob fits Murray perfectly. With his artful mannerisms, he adopts a convincing air of désespoir, but Murray does not withhold his characteristic humor. Rather, his classic sarcasm and dryness punctuate the film with laughs.

Young Johansson successfully complements this performance with her naiveté. Her natural reactions to Murray’s wise-cracks prove to be far more entertaining than an overly scripted banter. Overall, the interactions between Murray and Charlotte come naturally and are positively endearing. However, the true breakout performance is Sofia Coppola’s role as director. She strips the film of cliché and gaudy elements and tells her story in the simplest of terms.

By using dialogue and music sparingly (many scenes early in the film lack either), she creates a silence that speaks. Coppola creates empathy for her characters by allowing the audience to observe Bob and Charlotte doing the mundane tasks.

Likewise, comedic relief only works in this context because, once again, it comes so naturally. Rather than contriving situations for laughs, Coppola lets her characters play off of each other. She recognizes that much of the humor lies merely in the Americans’ efforts to communicate and function in Tokyo, and allows subtle humor to stem from these pretexts.

In addition, Coppola does not try to fill characters’ mouths with straight-from-Webster’s words and witticisms. While the writing is smart, it’s only effective because the conversations are not a huge stretch of the imagination. Similarly, Coppola achieves dramatic tension by acting with the same delicacy.

Though her protagonists are somewhat dysfunctional by nature, she avoids slipping into typical over-the-top melodrama — the film is completely void of hysterical outbursts, escalating sappy music, and emotional monologues. Coppola presents nearly all of the character development and mounting tension visually. Additionally, each scene serves a purpose by succinctly (but subtly) offering some insight or plot advancement.

Furthermore, she reminds her audience that film is a medium and what they’re watching on the screen is truly a work of art. What’s more, unlike most films of this caliber, in spite of being innovative, Coppola’s style remains unpretentious.

Lost and Translation may not be action-packed or rolling-in-the-aisles hilarious, but it is so honest, captivating, and original that moviegoers would be doing themselves a great disservice by missing this film.

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MOVIE REVIEW

‘Sylvia’ explores heights, depths of poet’s life

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Scene Movie Critic

The film Sylvia has many parallels with the story of its subject, poet Sylvia Plath. It is full of dark yet beautiful images, it is at times confusing and frightening in its sheer intensity of emotion, and it leaves you with a resigned sense of despair at the unanswerable question of why.

The movie, much like Plath’s own life, is not a light-hearted romantic comedy but is instead a fascinating study in how blurry the line between art and insanity can be and how living between these two worlds can inspire one to creativity and drive one to madness at the same time.

The film traces Plath’s life from her college days at Cambridge to her final chaotic years in London, but her stormy marriage to fellow poet Ted Hughes emerges as the central focus of the movie.

Their tumultuous relationship consists of emotional ups and downs stemming from the personal flaws of both characters. Gwenyth Paltrow embodies the role of Plath well and emerges as a character as flawed and believable as Plath herself, with Craig, bringing out the brilliance of her wit, her frequently grating and unlikable nature but instead shows the factors that contributed to her desperation and, ultimately, shows the very depth of Plath’s mental instability.

The film, like Plath’s own life, has ups and downs, moments of intensity and dull stretches, but, in the end, it is a fascinating study in the life of an artist. It is geared towards those who are already fans of Plath’s life and works, but for those new to Plath, the film is an in-depth introduction to Plath and her personal demons.

Slow sections and a bit too much talking can make the film seem tedious at times, but upon leaving the theatre, one feels a deeper understanding of Plath, art and mental instability, making it a picture that is enjoyable to watch and even better to ponder once the film has ended.

The film opens and closes on a large weeping willow, a bold image that sears into the mind and recalls the large, foreboding, black sadness that inhabited Sylvia Plath and drove her to the heights of artistry and the depths of insanity.

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"Sylvia"

Director: Christine Jeffs
Writers: John Brownlow
Starring: Gwenyth Paltrow, Daniel Craig, Blythe Danner and Michael Gambon

"Sylvia" has many parallels to the life of its subject, poet Sylvia Plath. It is full of dark yet beautiful images, it is at times confusing and frightening in its sheer intensity of emotion, which is especially important because there are few other characters in the movie, and those play a particularly major role in the movie.

The film avoids the major pitfall of presenting the relationship between Plath and Hughes in not portraying Plath as the blameless victim of a violent male aggressor. Instead, the film attempts to look at the realities of their relationship. Plath was needy, somewhat bipolar, suspicious and driven to have her poetry embraced by mainstream culture.

Hughes had difficulties with his temper, stayed away from his wife and frequently concerned himself only with his work. Neither party is blameless in their tumultuous relationship and both suffer from and inspire each other’s passion.

The end of the film is no surprise to already fans of Plath’s life and works, but instead shows the factors that contributed to her desperation and, ultimately, shows the very depth of Plath’s mental instability.

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Opportunity dropped

Irish come back from 18 points down, only to lose 27-25 to Boston College

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — As determined as Boston College seemed to be to give the game away Saturday, Notre Dame appeared just as reluctant to want to win it.

The Irish capitalized on mistakes after mistakes to rally from an 18-point deficit to take a one-point lead, only to see that lead disappear when Sandro Sciortino kicked a game-winning field goal with 38 seconds remaining. The Eagles went on to win 27-25, the third straight year Boston College has beaten the Irish.

By winning, Boston College dealt a serious blow to Notre Dame's already slim postseason bowl aspirations. The 2-5 Irish need to win four of their last five games just to become bowl eligible, and they'll face No. 5 Florida State in Notre Dame Stadium Saturday.

"The problem at this point is just trying to find a way to win a ballgame," linebacker Courtney Watson said. "We don't want to look at anything too far down the line. We're looking at the wrong things."

A year ago, Boston College capitalized on seven Irish fumbles to deal Notre Dame its first loss of the season.

Despite falling behind early Saturday, Notre Dame had every opportunity to win the game thanks to a ferocious second-half comeback. Trailing 24-6 in the third quarter, Omar Jenkins caught a 10-yard touchdown pass from Brady Quinn on the second to last play of the quarter. The 2-point conversion failed, however, and the Irish were down 12.

But a pair of miscues by the Boston College punt unit led to two more Notre Dame touchdowns. A botched snap on a punt gave the Irish the ball at the Boston College 23-yard line, and Quinn connected with Maurice Stovall on the next play for a touchdown.

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Or at least Notre Dame did until Will Blackman returned the ensuing kickoff to midfield. In nine plays, the Eagles drove down to the Notre Dame 12-yard line, setting the stage for Sciortino's heroics.

"Too little, too late," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said about Notre Dame's comeback. "We put ourselves behind the 8-ball, and we can't do that and expect to win every time out.

Notre Dame's coverage gave the Eagles scoring opportunity after scoring opportunity. Only two of Boston College's three touchdowns came on drives longer than 45 yards, and the one that did ended in a 26-yard touchdown pass from Quinn to David Kasbetta.

The Irish did hold Derrick Knight, the nation's leading rusher, to 43 yards on 23 carries. But they had trouble containing Porter, who scrambled for 41 yards rushing — many times on key third-down conversions.

And for the second straight game, the Irish running game was virtually non-existent. Although Quinn completed 23 of 29 passes for 330 yards, the most yards thrown for by a Notre Dame quarterback since Joe Montana passed for 358 yards in 1978, the Irish only gained 47 yards on the ground.

"I can't put my finger on it," receiver Omar Jenkins said. "Most of us are tired of not playing the type of football we can."

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Omar Jenkins
Irish receiver

The Irish capitalized on missteps by the Eagles and continued to capitalize on them.

Notre Dame receiver Rhema McKnight drops a long pass in the first half of the Irish 27-25 loss to Boston College. Notre Dame dropped its third straight game to the Eagles and are 2-5 on the season.

player of the game
Quinton Porter
Boston College's junior quarterback played well, running for a touchdown and throwing for 269 yards and another score.

stat of the game
5 number of losses Notre Dame now has on the season through seven games

play of the game
Sandro Sciortino's 26-yard game-winning field goal with 38 seconds left

The kick sent Boston College to its third straight win against the Irish.

quote of the game
"We put ourselves behind the 8-ball, and we can't do that and expect to win every time out."

Tyrone Willingham
Irish coach

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**Coaches must find answers**

Were the Irish prepared for Boston College? No. Did the team make the same mistakes as they did in losses to Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue and USC? Most definitely. While it's easy to criticize the coaches and players for their struggling season up to Saturday, you have to give them a chance to right the wrongs. But it's been too many consecutive weekends without improvement or positive consistency, and the coaches are mostly to blame.

An example of the poor coaching was when Willingham and defensive coordinator Kent Baer said after Saturday's loss that neither knew why starting defensive tackle Darrell Campbell had not played in the second half. How those two could not know Campbell's status and ability to return to the game is beyond any comprehension. A few weeks ago, things didn't seem so gloomy for Notre Dame. After the dominating win against Pittsburgh, it seemed like this team had turned the corner. They had just beaten a top 20 team on the road, and done so convincingly. But then USC came into town and cut up coordinator Kent Baer's defense like a butcher slicing meat, and the Trojan defense made the necessary adjustments after a rough first quarter to baffle coordinator Bill Diedrick's offense for the remainder of the game. This week, while quarterback Brady Quinn did throw for 350 yards, the Trojan defense made the necessary adjustments after a rough first quarter to baffle coordinator Bill Diedrick's offense for the remainder of the game. The Irish ran the ball for negative yardage on numerous first downs and couldn't convert a third-down play. And once again the special teams return coverage, which has had a tendency to give up big yards this season, gave up another one Saturday and put the Eagles in great position for a game-winning field goal.

**CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — Irish coach Tyrone Willingham thought his team responded well in practice following its 45-14 blowout loss against USC last week. After watching the Irish make the same mistakes they have all season, a good week of practice didn't make a difference. The Irish had the same mistakes and got the same result this weekend, losing their fifth game — this time against a very average Boston College team.**

At this point in this dismal season, you have to question what the Notre Dame coaching staff is doing to improve their team, because it's obvious their tactics are failing. Give them credit, the team did make a nice comeback and looked solid for much of the fourth quarter before allowing Boston College's game-winning field goal. Much of that credit should go to the coaching staff for putting the team in a position to make plays and overcome an 18-point deficit. But before that comeback, Notre Dame once again came out flat and went into halftime trailing for the fourth time this season. Once again, the Irish ran the ball for negative yardage on numerous first downs and couldn't convert a third-down play. And once again the special teams return coverage, which has had a tendency to give up big yards this season, gave up another one Saturday and put the Eagles in great position for a game-winning field goal.
Defense couldn’t stop final drive

Unit allows Eagles 39-yard game-winning drive in final minutes of fourth

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — The mantra of the Notre Dame defense that always seemed to come up big in crucial situations last year was "bend, but don’t break.

This year, it seems to be the exact opposite.

For the second time this season, the Notre Dame defense took the field needing only to stop the opponent to get a final drive to lock up a win. The first time, against Washington State in the season opener, the Irish surrendered a touchdown but still won in overtime. Saturday, against Boston College, Notre Dame had taken a 25-24 lead, the defense allowed the Eagles to drive 39 yards to kick a game-winning field goal.

"You go out there and get a chance to win the ballgame, and we couldn’t get off the field," a disheartened Courtney Watson said Saturday. "It’s very disheartening."

Some of Notre Dame’s defensive woes Saturday’s game stemmed from a multitude of injuries. Not only did safety Glenn Earl not travel to Boston because of an unspecified injury, but Darrell Campbell sat out the entire second half. And when safety Quentin Burrell bobbled off the field with an injury, quarterback Quinn was left trying to piece together a defense.

"We were scrambling, all right," defensive coordinator Kent Baer muttered.

The Notre Dame defense, which is ranked 35th in the nation allowing 318.2 yards per game, allowed a couple of 20-point, Saturday. Boston College quarterback Quincy Porter seemed to pass at will through a Notre Dame secondary in second half, mostly because they substituted in linebacker Jerome Collins for a safety.

Still, Notre Dame used eight different defensive backs in Saturday’s game, including two players who didn’t play a defensive down until this year (Freddie Parrish and Quentin Burrell) and one more who has seen only limited action this year (Jionel Riclen). And while the players weren’t willing to pin the poor defensive performance on the mix-and-match secondary - "To stand back and say we had too many young guys playing in the secondary, I don’t think you’re going to see many on this defense saying that," Watson said - the coaches weren’t so forward.

"We had to create some plays and it pulls you out of your comfort zone," Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said. "When you don’t have, that you have to come up with some designs and some things you normally don’t practice, things you have to patchwork and play through."

"We made a couple of adjustments, tried to keep things as simple as we could," Baer added later. "But a couple of those kids were put in a bad situation."

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Notre Dame’s Derek Curry forces a fumble from Boston College quarterback Quinton Porter. Vontee Duff recovered the fumble for the Irish.

Scoring summary

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Boston College 7, Notre Dame 3
David Kasheta 26-yard reception from Quinton Porter with 0:21 remaining (Sandro Savoldelli kick)
Drive: 8 plays, 39 yards, 2:22 elapsed

Second quarter
Boston College 14, Notre Dame 3
Horace Ford 4-yard run with 11:21 remaining (Sandro Savoldelli) kick
Drive: 8 plays, 39 yards, 1:54 remaining
Boston College 14, Notre Dame 6
Fitzpatrick 27-yard field goal with 6:34 remaining
Drive: 11 plays, 56 yards, 4:47 elapsed

Third quarter
Boston College 24, Notre Dame 6
13-yard field goal with 9:12 remaining
Drive: 8 plays, 35 yards, 3:06 elapsed
Boston College 24, Notre Dame 9
Porter 1-yard run with 3:27 remaining
Drive: 5 plays, 4 yards, 3:33 elapsed
Boston College 24, Notre Dame 12
Omar Jenkins 10-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 3:33 remaining (Jhon Penn) kicked

Fourth quarter
Boston College 24, Notre Dame 19
Maurice Stovall 23-yard reception from Quinn with 12:42 remaining (Fitzpatrick) kick
Drive: 1 plays, 23 yards, 6:18 elapsed
Notre Dame 25, Boston College 24
Carlos Campbell 25-yard blocked punt return with 3:34 remaining (Jhon Penn) kicked
Boston College 27, Notre Dame 25
Sechrist’s 40-yard field goal with 0:38 remaining
Drive: 16 plays, 43 yards, 5:56 elapsed

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By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — A bright spot for Notre Dame was the play of quarterback Brady Quinn. While he made some mistakes, the true freshman led his team on an 18-point comeback and put them in a position to win. Quinn finished the game with 185 yards in the second half and was able to get his young teammates in the game.

It was also the first two-touchdown game of Quinn’s young career.

Quinn thought the team would bend, but they didn’t have just a few more seconds.

"I was trying to stay positive. We just ran out of time. If you give us 10 more seconds I think we get a field goal there and we get a few more yards," Quinn said.

"Both of Quinn’s interceptions this game were caused by miscommunication. When we both were just trying to communicate on better and recognize what the defense is trying to do and we’re trying to do ourselves." "We’re going to try to get our time back and get the ball into the wrong hands and then play through.

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Irish linebacker

Notre Dame defensive stats including yards and receiving yards.

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Notre Dame came out slow and fell behind 24-6 before coming all the way back and taking a 25-24 lead, only to see Boston College kick a 39-yard field goal with 38 seconds left to win 27-25. The Irish now look towards a home meeting against No. 5 Florida State to try and rebound after their fifth loss Saturday. The Eagles have won three straight from Notre Dame and four of the last five meetings between the teams.
**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Eastwood crafts a powerful masterpiece**

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA

Associated Press

Clint Eastwood will forever be type-cast as an American film legend for his work in some of the greatest Westerns that Hollywood had to offer, specifically for the 1992 film *Unforgiven*. Eastwood has since strayed from that genre to direct films like *Million Dollar Baby* and *Blood Work* and Space Cowboys. But even more than a decade since his Oscar win for best director in *Unforgiven*, his latest effort, *Mystic River*, is a tour de force for his directing abilities and he weaves an emotional powerhouse that delves into the darker side of human emotions.

Following from friends Jimmy Markum (Sean Penn), Sean Devine (Kevin Bacon) and Dave Boyle (Tim Robbins) have drifted apart over time despite continuing to live in the same neighborhood in Boston. Their distance is due to a disturbing and mysterious revelation that occurred during their childhood when one of them was captured by a child molestor. For now, as adults married with kids, they have never managed to overcome the fear and guilt about what happened to Dave, now a handyman, and his wife, Celeste (Marcia Gay Harden), still live next door to Jimmy, who is an ex-con operating a corner store and is married to Annabeth (Laura Linney), his second wife and a very tough woman, and with whom he shares three daughters.

When Jimmy’s eldest daughter is brutally murdered, the homicide investigation is led by Sean and his partner Whitey (Laurence Fishburne). But when the difficult and disturbing investigation doesn’t seem to be progressing, Jimmy gives the police a deadline to solve the case or threatens to take matters into his own hands. The three protagonisms soon find themselves embroiled in a web of lies and secrets as the film heads to its chilling conclusion.

*Eastwood and his production crew managed to pull a winning cast composed of various actors who are at all are at the top of their game in this drama.* Of the six principal actors, five have been nominated for an Oscar in the past. Every one of them has proved to be perfectly capable of carrying a Hollywood film on their own, but in this case they are cast in roles that play to their individual strengths and the film boasts an admirable chemistry among the cast mates, especially between the triunvirate of Penn, Bacon, and Robbins.

The dynamics between the three principal actors form the backbone of the film as each has his own inner demons to wrestle with — demons that throughout the film seem on the brink of engulfing each of them once and for all. The film does an excellent job of exploring the darker side of human emotions and how we can never truly escape the consequences of our past as it forges us into the men and women we will always be.

The scene where Penn discovers that his eldest daughter has been murdered is one of the most harrowing scenes in any film of recent memory. Restrained by a legion of police officers, every line of Penn’s face is etched with smoldering rage and helplessness as he realizes that he was unable to protect the one person who for his own life, turned his back on his previous criminal lifestyle and inspired him along the difficult journey to becoming a loving father and husband.

*Mystic River* is nothing short of a complex, haunting masterpiece that will likely stay in the minds of audiences for some time to come.

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**Scary Movie 3 brings franchise back to life**

The *Scary Movie* franchise has risen from the grave, with part three of the horror-spoof series opening as the top weekend flick with $49.7 million, the first win for best director in *Unforgiven*.

Miramax, whose Dimension banner released the *Scary Movie* flicks, tapped David Zucker, part of the team behind the disaster-film spoof *Airplane!* to direct *Scary Movie 3*. The audience was mainly younger than 25, but Zucker’s involvement helped bring in older adults, Miramax co-founder Bob Weinstein said.

"I’m very, very happy with the film. It’s an almost semi-invented genre," Weinstein said. "You have those people who loved *Airplane!* but said, ‘Ah, *Scary Movie*, that’s not for me, then going, oh, Zucker’s doing it?’"

Miramax also broadened the audience to younger teens by toning down the raunchy sight gags, holding *Scary Movie 3* to a PG-13 rating. The first two *Scary Movie* installments were rated R.

"The traditional wisdom is you don’t mess with a franchise, formulate because you run the risk of alienating the core audience," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "In this case, the combination of retouching it and making it more accessible with a PG-13 rating was a perfect combination.”

Zucker is returning to direct *Scary Movie 4*, due out late next year, Weinstein said.

Disney’s latest animated flick, *Brother Bear*, debuted impressively in limited release, taking in $283,000 in two New York City and Los Angeles theaters.

The movie, which features the voice of Joaquin Phoenix as an Inuit boy seeking to undo misdeeds that have transformed him into a bear, opens in wide release of about 3,000 theaters this coming weekend.

Also opening strongly in limited release were Jane Campion’s dark murder thriller *In the Cut*, starring Meg Ryan, and *Gun Van Sant’s Elephant*, featuring a group of unknown teen actors in a drama loosely inspired by the Columbine school shootings.

*In the Cut* took in $95,000 at six theaters. *Elephant*, the top prize winner at last spring’s Cannes Film Festival, grossed $90,000 in six theaters.
Spark their counterattack and while the Notre Dame goalie shot that baffled the GVSU goalie, student Jay Nunez got the Irish a 5-4 advantage. The Lakers fought back to give the Irish a 5-4 advantage.

Undermanned teams from Toledo end, with a 7-6 loss to nationally ranked the Great Lakes Conference Championship and a cap turing the title last weekend in Bloomington, Michigan. After qualifying during the first half, the Irish competed in the first program short in the program Friday on Thursday, and finished sixth overall in the half.

Women's Ice Hockey
During a schedule conflict, the women's ice hockey club had to play two conference games over fall league. The games were not scheduled until recently and most of the team was unable to return for the games. Only players who had practiced with the team, with a few players returning for the opening face off through the end of the second game.

Enthusiastic crowd at Rolfs, grad student Jay Nunez scored the tying goal 1:15 into overtime to give the Irish a 6-5 lead. However, the Irish knew the game was not over as, expected, the GVSU claysed way back into the game and tied the score at one, the Irish couldn't stay out of the net. The Irish tied the game at three before halftime on a pair of goals in the remaining 37 seconds of the half.

The second half was one saw battle as the teams traded goals throughout. Junior captain Mike Gill scored the tie breaking goal one score after GVSU took the lead and Shepard again put the Irish in the lead. Strong two-market player of the Nunez and scored two goals late into the game coming soon to Keough Hall for the spring field hockey season.

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Football
Tempe, Ariz. — With their home stadium being used as an evacuation center and the nearby hills in flames, the San Diego Chargers moved their home game Monday night to San Diego. Rents were distributed. Five Arizona Cardinals tickets were sold on Friday with an expected good showing. This game was supposed to be the celebratory one for the Irish who were the heart and soul of the Chargers for 13 seasons before moving to San Diego.

April 18th, the final day, lived up to the heritage that the men's name carries in Miami. He completed his first six passes and was 13-for-14 for 145 yards and three scores as Miami built a 2-13 halftime lead.

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But the charge is 30 from season per day, excluding all meals. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 604 Corcoran Hall. Deadline is 4 p.m. Tuesday. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is 30 from season per day, excluding all meals. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.
Bryant likely to miss opener against Dallas

Associated Press
EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Kobe Bryant said he probably will miss the Los Angeles Lakers' season opener against Dallas on Tuesday, and again lashed out at teammate Shaquille O'Neal.

"My knee is not strong enough to play. I know it. When it is, I will play," Bryant told ESPN by phone on Monday. "I probably won't play tomorrow night or until I'm ready.

"Bryant, coming back from offseason knee surgery, and O'Neal traded barbs through reporters over the weekend. Neither spoke with reporters over the weekend.

"Bryant said he didn't need O'Neal's advice on how to play hurt.

"I've played with IVs before, during and after games. I've played with a broken hand, a sprained ankle, a torn shoulder, a fractured tooth, a severely lip, and a knee the size of a football," Bryant said.

"I don't miss 15 games because everybody knows wasn't that serious in the first place," O'Neal was hampered by an arthritic right big toe throughout the 2001-02 season and underwent surgery on Sept. 11, 2002.

"O'Neal missed the first 12 games of last season — nine of them losses.

"Bryant had knee surgery July 1 in Colorado. He faces trial on a charge of sexual assault that allegedly occurred the night before his operation. He has acknowledged having sex with a 19-year-old resort worker, but claimed it was consensual.

"The latest in a series of feuds between Bryant and O'Neal flared up over the weekend when O'Neal said Bryant needs to be more of a team player based on Bryant's play in two exhibition games.

"Bryant responded by saying he didn't need O'Neal's advice on how to play. O'Neal said it's fine with him — since it's his team, anyway.

"It doesn't matter whose team it is. But this is his team, so it's time for him to act like it," Bryant told ESPN.

"That means no more coming into camp and out of shape. If your team is relying on your leadership on and off the court, "it also means no more blaming others for our team's failure, or blaming staff members for not over-dramatizing your injuries so that you avoid blame for your lack of conditioning."

Also, "my team doesn't mean only when we win, it means carrying the burden of defeat just as gracefully as you carry a championship trophy." O'Neal and Bryant led the Lakers to three straight championships, but they were eliminated by San Antonio in the Western Conference semifinals last May.

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Coach Phil Jackson and first-year Lakers Karl Malone and Gary Payton spoke at length after Monday's practice. There was no mention of the possibility that Bryant wouldn't play in the opener.

Malone said O'Neal and Bryant were getting along.

Associated Press

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**Eye on Irish Opponents**

Friday

Boise State at BYU (4-6)

Saturday

FSU (2-1) at NOTRE DAME (2-0)

WASHINGTON State (2-1) at USC (1-1)

MICHIGAN (7-2) at MICHIGAN STATE (7-1)

Northwestern at PURDUE (6-2)

PITTSBURGH (5-2) at BOSTON COLLEGE (5-3)

Tulane at NAVY (5-3)

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**In Brief**

Boston — Red Sox manager Grady Little will not be back next year, paying the price for his decision to stick with Pedro Martinez in Game 7 of the AL championship series. The Red Sox let Little go on Monday, less than two weeks after Boston blew a chance to play in the World Series when its ace couldn't hold a lead against the New York Yankees.

The Florida Marlins beat the Yankees in the Series that wrapped up Saturday, ending baseball's embargo on major moves and freeing the Red Sox to cut Little loose. Little's contract expires Friday, and the team decided not to exercise its 2004 option.

Team president Larry Lucchino said team officials notified Little of the decision in a telephone conversation Monday morning.

"We took it very well," Lucchino said. "He was very gracious. There was no anger or raised voices. On the contrary, he thanked us for the opportunity he had been given to manage the Red Sox and to manage in the big leagues."

General manager Theo Epstein declined to discuss Little's possible successors, but Jim Fregosi, Glen Hoffman, Charlie Manuel and Jerry Remy have been considered as candidates.

"We're going to take as long as necessary to find the right manager," Epstein said.

The Red Sox won 93 and 95 games in Little's two years as manager, reaching the playoffs this year for the first time since 1999. They lost the first two games against Oakland, then swept three straight to advance to the ALCS, and Little's job seemed secure.

The Yankees took a 3-2 lead in the Series as it headed back to New York, and Little seemed to be making all of the right moves.

He left struggling Nomar Garciaparra alone, and the shortstop snapped out of his slump with four hits in Game 6, helping force a seventh game. And, because Little chose not to use Martinez on short rest, he had his ace available for the decisive game.

Boston staked Martinez to a 4-0 lead, and he led...
Trojans blow out Irish for second straight year

USC’s 31-point win keeps Irish from getting revenge

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Notre Dame players said they were determined to avenge a 31-point loss to USC a year ago that knocked them out of BCS contention. Another 31-point loss 10 days ago wasn’t exactly what they had in mind.

Keyed by an explosive offense that generated 551 yards of offense, the Trojans blew out the Irish for the second straight year, winning 45-14 Oct. 15.

“We had great respect for their offense,” said head coach Tyrone Willingham, whose team gave up 610 yards of offense to the Trojans a year ago. “But I don’t think I anticipated that they would be able to perform in that manner.”

The two teams essentially picked up where they left off a year ago, with USC’s high-powered offense moving at will against a beleaguered Irish defense. The Trojans drove 80 yards on their first three touchdowns of the game and never looked back. In fact, the only difference between the 2002 game and the 2003 game was that the Irish offense managed to move the ball effectively. After USC wide receiver Keary Colbert caught an 18-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Matt Leinart, Julius Jones capped a 10-play, 73-yard drive — the longest Notre Dame touchdown drive of the year — with a 22-yard touchdown run.

“We're not anywhere near where I hoped or expected for us to be.”

Tyrone Willingham
Notre Dame coach

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Trojan blowout of Irish.

Antony DePalma
The New York Times

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles split four matches over break

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sport Editor

Saint Mary’s went 2-2 over fall break, collecting a much-needed conference win and a win over non-conference opponent Ronan Hulman. The Belles’ record now stands at 15-12, with a 4-9 MIAA record, good for sixth place in the eight-team conference.


It was a good defensive game for the Belles, with four Saint Mary’s players finishing in double digits for digs. Setter Lauren Temple led the team with 18 assists and also led with three service aces.

As a team, the Belles hit .152 for the match, compared to the Scots’ .274 hitting percentage.

Saint Mary’s continued its road trip last Tuesday as the Belles traveled to Hope to participate in the Hope College Triangular, facing two conference opponents while at the tournament.

In the first match, Saint Mary’s defeated Olivet in three games by the score of 30-17, 30-15, 30-15. The Belles defeated Olivet earlier this year as well.

Playko again led the team in kills, collecting 17 for the match, and also chipped in a team-leading 11 digs. Shevick followed closely behind with 10 digs.

Libero Michelle Gary had one of the best serving games all year for the Belles, collecting six service aces. Middle hitter Emily Self added four more aces, and the Belles as a team collected 14 aces against the Scots.

Temple led the team with 32 assists.

The Belles were unable to keep their winning streak going against host Hope in the second match of the tournament, however, falling by a score of 17-30, 28-30, 25-30.

Middle hitter Elise Rupright led the team with 11 kills, and Playko led all Belles with 16 digs. Again, Saint Mary’s had a solid defensive game, with four players finishing the match with 10 digs or more.

Saint Mary’s completed its final road trip of the season with a trip to Rose-Hulman Thursday. The Belles defeated the Engineers in four sets.

The Belles have only one more match in the regular season, a conference match up at home against Albion this Friday. Saint Mary’s then awaits its seed for the MIAA tournament, to be held Oct. 31 in South Bend.

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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Very few scoring goals against Irish

For their first seven years in the Big East, the Irish won the conference tournament, only to be knocked off Connecticut in the finals. They also made the Final Four six times in seven years—Andy Troeger, Sports Writer.

The last year the Irish did not even qualify for the Big East Tournament, losing three games within their division to finish tied for fourth in the division. It appeared that maybe the rest of the conference was catching up with the Irish. Maybe not.

The Irish returned to their old ways this past weekend Merritt, scoring goals through their conference slate. They won all six of their games within the Mid-Atlantic Division and beat Miami and St. John’s of the Northeast Division. As if that were not enough, they also played Connecticut in a non-conference game and beat them too.

You say you’re not impressed yet? Well, the Irish also accomplished another feat in those nine wins by not allowing a single goal in any of those nine games. The Big East is a solid conference, as the Irish wins included a 2-0 shutout of No. 5 West Virginia and another 2-0 blanking of Penn State.

Connecticut, All told, the Irish scored 22 goals and gave up none in those nine games. With one more game to go before the postseason tournaments begin, the Irish stand at 18-0-1, having won 12 in a row since playing Stanford to a scoreless tie. The last ten of those wins have also been shutouts, as the Irish have not allowed an opposing goal since North Texas scored a late tally in an 8-1 rout.

Through 19 games, the Irish have allowed only five goals, three of which came after the Irish had taken dominating leads. Only once has Notre Dame trailed all season, with Penn, with that defeat coming early against Arizona State, who led the Irish for all of seven minutes before becoming succumbing 3-1.

Not surprisingly, the Irish are ranked No. 1 in the nation in goals-against average at 0.26 goals per game. Goalkeeper Erika Bohn’s personal average is even lower at 0.22. Her streak of not allowing a goal in 989 minutes ranks fifth all-time for the longest such streak in NCAA history. Since 1989, only the 1998 Santa Clara team has compiled a longer shutout streak (14) than Notre Dame’s current 10 game streak.

The Irish task is not nearly done, however. To accentuate their recent success and title, they must win the Big East Tournament, to be held over the next two weeks. First up in that tournament will be Miami, who fell to the Irish 3-0 at Alumni Field a few weeks ago. The Irish will be looking for a similar result this weekend as they hope to keep surging through the postseason.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Andy Troeger at atroeger@nd.edu.

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Heading into their final regular season game of the year, the Irish led the nation in goals-against average, with goalkeeper Erika Bohn riding a 989-minute shutout streak that dates back to a Sept. 21 game at Santa Clara.

The Irish opened the break by dominating No. 15 Connecticut 2-0 at Alumni Field. The Irish got their first goal from Katie Thorlakson on a corner kick sequence, with defenders Christie Shaner and Melissa Taancredi getting assists. Freshman Lizzie Reed, playing forward for the first time this season, provided the Irish with instant offense by registering the second goal. The Irish closed out the Huskies by not allowing a shot on goal in the final 60 minutes.

The Irish then went to Pittsburgh and won 1-0 on Junior Mary Boland’s team leading 12th goal of the season, as Shauner again got the assist. The Irish shutout the Panthers 18-6, but missed the defensive presence of Taancredi who was held out of the game with a nagging leg injury.

For their efforts in those two games, Shauner was named Big East Defensive Player of the Week and Bohn was named Big East Goalkeeper of the Week.

The Irish got off to a strong start against Rutgers, notching two goals in the first two minutes of the contest. Thorlakson and Taancredi combined for those three goals and an assist as the Irish won 3-0.

Thorlakson scored the first goal off of Amy Warner’s team leading 10th assist of the season. Thorlakson then lofted a corner kick into the box for Taancredi, who gave the Irish a 2-0 lead. Thorlakson then scored the game’s final goal later in the first half. The Irish held the Scarlet Knights to only one shot on goal in the game.

Warner became the eighth Irish player to score multiple goals in a game in 2-0 win over Seton Hall. She registered her first goal only 90 seconds into the contest on a pass from freshman midfielder Eri Kristic. Warner used her speed to get to the right side of the box and shot inside the right post for the 11th game-winning goal of her career. Warner then added the final margin via assists from Thorlakson and junior defender Gufrun Gunnarsdottir.

With the strong weekend, Warner now leads the Irish with 30 points on ten goals and ten assists, with her ten assists putting her in tie for fifth in the nation.

The Irish will conclude the regular season at Alumni Field against Michigan Wednesday, before hosting Miami in a Big East Tournament quarterfinal as Alumni Field. The winner of that game will head back to New Jersey for the rest of the Big East Tournament.

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NOTRE DAME 2, SETON HALL 0

At SOUTH ORANGE, N.J.

SEASON 2nd Final

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SETON HALL 0 0 0

Scoring Summary

No — Warner, Amy (9), 1:30 (Thorlakson, Katie)
No — Warner (10), 3:53 (Thorlakson, Katie)
No — Warner (11), 43:33 (Shaner, Christie)

NOTRE DAME — Saves 1 (Erika Bohn 1), Shots 9 (Thorlakson 3), Corner kicks 7, Fouls 12
SETON HALL — Saves 2 (Rbyna Jones 1), Shots 4 (Courtney Hudson 2), Corner kicks 5, Fouls 13

NOTRE DAME 1, PITTSBURGH 0

At INDIANOLA, PENN.

SEASON 2nd Final

NOTRE DAME 1 1 1
PITTSBURGH 0 0 0

Scoring Summary

No — Bohn, Erika (10), 42:10
No — Boland, Mary (1T), 75:00

NOTRE DAME — Saves 1 (Erika Bohn 1), Shots 18 (Warner 5), Corner kicks 2, Fouls 12
SETON HALL — Saves 3 (Erika Bohn 1), Shots 14 (Boland 7), Corner kicks 4, Fouls 15

BIG EAST Tournament

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period, then made a crucial stop with 2:08 remaining in the period by pouncing on the puck just in front of the net. Boston College's Patrick Eaves had a one-on-one opportunity early in the second period, but Brown knocked the shot away, preserving the 0-0 score. Throughout most of the middle of the second period, Boston College had a few long shots, near the blue line but none seriously threatened Brown.

One of the Eagles’ best chances came with 4:48 left in the second period when Ryan Murphy took the puck to the net at the left circle and fired a shot to Brown’s left. Brown couldn’t react in time; but the puck hit the crossbar.

After Brown made a glove save with 1:25 remaining, the Irish had two shots to score but couldn’t convert thanks to a Kaltianinen save and a poor pass on a two-on-one break.

After going back and forth for much of the third period, the Irish finally broke through for a goal. With just over five minutes left in regulation, Notre Dame’s Aaron Gill won a face-off in front of the Boston College goal. Gill got the puck.” Poulin said. "I’d like to think about playing well, but losing. They showed what they can do against an outstanding hockey team."

Notes:
• Brown has not allowed a goal in his last seven periods, covering a span of 120:44.
• The win was Notre Dame’s first against the Eagles in their last nine meetings, dating back to 1994.
• All three of Brown’s goals have been game-winners for the Irish.

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Irish take two of three in Barbados

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

While most students get a tan over spring break, the Irish changed that trend and came back from fall break with tans of their own.

A trip to Barbados allowed the Irish to play three games and hold some practices. It was the men’s basketball program’s first trip since an excursion to Italy under former coach John MacLeod.

But the trip wasn’t all work, the Irish got to hang out on the beach, go snorkeling and even take a cruise.

“During practice days, we usually practiced early in the day so we had a lot of free time during the day because we understood it was business down there,” Notre Dame forward Jordan Cornette said, “but at the same time, Coach [Mike Brey] knew we wouldn’t have a chance to go on breaks like that, especially to a place like Barbados.”

The Irish played a club team from England, the Milton Keynes Lions, last Sunday and Wednesday nights. In the first game, the Irish simply dominated the Lions en route to a 93-67 win. But Wednesday night was a different story.

Playing their third game in four nights in a hot and humid gymnasium, the Irish lost to the Lions 77-65, a team that didn’t provide nearly the challenge the English team did.

“It was definitely great to just get into a game situation. The teams are quality teams,” guard Colin Falls said. “We lost Wednesday night when we didn’t play well. The European team was very good. The Barbados team didn’t have as many players, probably because they aren’t as big of a country.”

Falls was part of the lineup experiments Brey and the coaching staff tinkered with in Barbados. A main purpose of this trip was for Brey to find out, earlier than in previous years, about what the style of this team would be. According to Cornette, that was accomplished.

“We more or less got a feel for how our team will be like this year,” Cornette said. “I think we learned a lot of things about our team and what our strengths are and what our weaknesses are.”

The Irish played their first exhibition game in the United States at the Joyce Center Nov. 5 against the Hoop Group.

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**V-BALL**

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games in her fourth start of the season. She contributed seven kills and six digs.

Defensively, Jessica Kinder led the way with 11 digs, her 12th match of the season hitting doubles.

The road trip concluded with a trip to better Big East rival Boston College (11-6, 2-3), Friday night. There, the Irish overcame poor hitting to defeat the Golden Eagles in three games (30-26, 30-21, 30-20).

Despite the poor hitting percentage (.165 hitting percentage on the match), the Irish registered 19 blocks.

Once again, Brewster was unstoppable, getting in on 11 blocks, seven assists and four solos. She missed the Notre Dame record for blocks in a three-game-match by one.

This was the fourth time this season she had 10 or more blocks in a match. Before the match, she was third in the country in blocks per game, with 1.6. Boston College, meanwhile, finished with a 0.07 hitting percentage, as the Irish net play was too much for them to handle.

The Irish attack was led by Loomis, who had 11 kills on 33.3 hitting, and Brewster, who had seven on 33.3 hitting percentage.

Notre Dame is now off to its best start since 1994, and has won 8 of its last 25 games.

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**NOTRE DAME 3, BOSTON COLLEGE 26** at CHESTNUT HILL, MASS.

**NOTRE DAME** - Kills 27 (Emily Loomis 11), Assists 33 (Taylor Karcher 11), Digs 38 (Allison Anderson 11), Blocks 18 (Lauren Brewster 10), Hitting percentage .311 (Brewster .412), Aces 4 (K.Kinder 2). Defensive percentage .215 (Brewster .361). 

**BOSTON COLLEGE** - Kills 26 (Meg Henry 10), Blocks 19 (Lauren Brewster 11), Hitting percentage .165 (Brewster .357), Assists 2 (Loomis, Lauren Karcher 11), Digs 43 (Allison Shrop 11), Blocking percentage .265 (Brewster .357), Aces 4 (players with 1).

**NOTRE DAME 3, RHODE ISLAND 0** at KINGSTON, R.I.

**NOTRE DAME** - Kills 30 (30), Assists 30 (1), Digs 38 (10), Blocks 30 (20), Hitting percentage 165 (Brewster .357), Assists 35 (K.Kinder 11), Digs 43 (Allison Shrop 10), Blocking percentage .265 (Brewster .357), Aces 4 (players with 1).

Danielle Herndon digs a ball against Seton Hall Oct. 10. The Irish have not lost a match since Sept. 24.

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Irish clinch spot in postseason tournament

By PAT LEONARD

Notre Dame senior forward Justin Detter entertained the Irish's loggers to a point in the postseason tournament. Notre Dame qualified for a spot in the Big East tournament with a win over Virginia Tech Saturday, 2-0.

The win was the first time the Irish had swept the series against the Hokies since Oct. 11.

"It was more a case of them not being on form today," Detter said. "This game was a must-win situation," Clark said. "It helps to be at home, especially if you're playing against a team like Virginia Tech." Better scored twice in the first half, in the 6th and 96th minutes.

The Irish out shot the Hokies 11-7 in the first half, and 15-9 in the second half. The Irish had 13 points in the Big East, putting them one point behind Connecticut and two behind Virginia Tech and Rutgers.

A clutch performance when the team needed it most against Virginia Tech Saturday boosted the Irish to third in the conference. Although St. John's has secured the first seed, the next three home field advantage seeds are wide open to a field of six teams: Rutgers, Notre Dame, Virginia Tech, Seton Hall, Providence and Seton Hall.

Notre Dame and Seton Hall have one Big East game remaining.

Virginia Tech, Connecticut and Providence still must play two conference match ups.

The Irish will play No. 25 Villanova Friday at 7:30 at Alumni Field. Villanova recently knocked off a Rutgers team that beat Notre Dame Oct. 11 at home.

"The win against Virginia Tech puts us in a good position," Clark said. "This game on Friday is another huge game. It is the first time Villanova has been ranked, so they are very excited. It should be a good matchup."

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Irish stun top-ranked Boston College

Freshman goalie Dave Brown fills in for Morgan Cey and leads the major upset

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — It was only freshman Dave Brown’s second career start at goalie and it just so happened to be against the No.1 team in the nation, in their home opener in front of nearly 8,000 fans.

But Brown didn’t seem bothered by the circumstances, en route to stopping 27 shots while left wing Mike Walsh scored off a face-off with 5 minutes, 4 seconds remaining in the third period to lead Notre Dame to a 1-0 upset victory against No. 1 Boston College Friday night.

“Stats don’t tell the story in split with Bowling Green”

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Senior Katie Neff was also in on seven blocks for the Irish, who finished with 17 team blocks. This upped the team average to 3.59 blocks per game, leading Division I.

Meanwhile, Jessica Kinder led the team with 24 digs and Meg Henican added 19. Offensively, Emily Loomis added 10 kills.

In the second game of the break, Browzer came up big once again, with nine kills on a .412 hitting percentage to go along with six blocks, as the Irish swept Rhode Island (9-14) in three games (30-20, 30-23, 30-20) Thursday evening. Seiter Kristen Kinder ran the offense for the Irish, finishing with 30 assists and leading her team to a .311 attack percentage.

Middle blocker Lauren Kelbley also added five blocks to go along with ten kills on .333 hitting, while senior Kim Fletcher played all three sets.

The Irish mob goaltender Dave Brown after their 1-0 victory over the No. 1 Golden Eagles at Boston College Friday night.