Campus empties as students depart on break

Vacation plans vary from home to abroad

By JEN ROWLING
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As the stress of midterms subsides, suitcases are replacing books and students are focused on fall break activities from football games to trips abroad.

Some, like Pasquerilla West sophomore Aly McKellen, aren’t terribly concerned about following set plans. 

“I’m going to Long Island to stay with a friend from ND and we’re going to the city and a beach resort. It really is not that planned of a trip. We might go to the boy’s soccer game at St. John’s,” McKellen said.

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Ready for a break

I'm not sure I can even describe how happy I am that it's finally fall break. During the past eight weeks I have put in countless hours at The Observer office, written a file folder of worth of papers, read novels, played and poems, put together lesson plans for the seniors I teach at Washington High School — I'll stop there. You get the point. And as thrilled as I am to have the next 10 days away from campus, I can't ignore the little nagging feeling inside, reminding me that the school year is a quarter over, and I'm that much closer to graduation. I'm not sure I can even count how many people have asked me the infamous question, "So, what are you doing after graduation?"

The truthful answer is, I just don't know.

Over the past few weeks, many of my friends have started interviewing for jobs. Some already have offers. But for people like myself who aren't sure where they will be living or what they will be doing after graduation, thinking about the future makes my throat constrict.

From the time I was little, I always thought I would be a teacher. Throughout middle school and high school, I watched my mother, a middle school teacher, touch lives and forever change her students. And I want to do that.

But during my sophomore year at Saint Mary's, I found journalism, and things have been confusing ever since. Bloodily I'd like to do both. Teach high school English and freelance write on the side. But it would be nice to have a social life.

During my junior year, I thought I had all the time in the world. Over the summer, I was carefree, mostly unconcerned with what my future held. But coming back to Saint Mary's, the topic is ever present, and I need to make some decisions — fast.

I don't know what the future holds. While that's exciting, more than that, it's scary. I remember thinking college was the beginning of something new — fast. I'll say it now, I don't know what the future holds. I don't know what the future holds. I don't know what the future holds.

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Students campaign during break

By NICOLE ZOOK
New Writer

Unlike many of their peers, many politically-minded Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College students are using next week's hiatus as an opportunity to actively campaign for the upcoming presidential election.

Some members of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College Republicans and College Democrats will be spending their break canvassing door to door, working at local businesses, rallying support for their preferred candidate.

"We have contacted the Michigan Republicans," Ronderez said. "As soon as we get back, we want to do some swing state work in Michigan. Especially in the 72 hours before the vote, it's important to kick it up."

Ronderez agreed that the few days before the election will be crucial for all candidates.

"We're going to skip classes on Election Day to work for the Mitch Daniels campaign," he said.

Democrats from both colleges will also be participating in additional events as the election draws nearer. Together, the clubs will attend a Kerry rally in Indiana the last Sunday of fall break. The event will include a trip to the Toledo area the weekend before the election.

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Notre Dame College Republicans co-president Mary Allen said that while the club itself does not have any activities planned over break, many of its members will participate in these door-to-door campaign efforts of their own volition.

"There are individual girls who are planning on going around their hometowns, their neighborhood, or getting involved in local charities," Allen said. "Some of the girls have gotten geared up and gotten paraphernalia like stickers and buttons to take back home with them, and they will be bringing paraphernalia back out to South Bend residents as well."

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Conference examines economic growth

Special To The Observer

Understanding the conditions necessary for economic growth in developing countries, with the focus of the conference on Oct. 15 and 16 at the University of Notre Dame.

Organized by Notre Dame’s Department of Economics and Econometrics, “The Seminar on Money, Banking and Economic Development” will bring together economists from around the world to examine factors for economic growth in countries that are transitioning to market economies.

“The most important drivers of economic growth are technological advancement, international trade, financial intermediation, and investment in physical and human capital,” said Christopher J. Harrison, Gilbert and Celia Chichilnisky Chair of Economics and primary organizer of the conference. “Data show that high standards of living are observed in countries that engage in these activities, whereas there are no examples of countries engaging in high standards of living that do not engage in these activities. We need to understand why some countries do not engage in these factors.”

Presenters at the conference will discuss topics such as government policies that enhance trade, strengthen payment systems, and encourage investment, as well as those monetary policies that destroy banking systems and credit markets.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

New crew surges into orbit
BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan — A new Russian-U.S. crew headed to the international space station Thursday, surging into orbit aboard a Soyuz spacecraft near the three astronauts who has piloted before.

The Soyuz have been the only manned vehicle able to reach the orbiting research lab since the U.S. space shuttle fleet was grounded 20 months ago after the Columbia burned up on re-entry.

Russian Vitaly Starichov and Yuri Shargin and American Leroy Chiao were flying their first mission in a Soyuz spacecraft — a rare rupture with a tradition of having at least one crewman with previous experience in piloting the capsule.

Chiao and Starichov both have flown U.S. space shuttles, while Shargin is a space rookie.

Over one million register to vote
RAMALLAH, West Bank — More than one million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza have registered to vote in upcoming municipal elections, officials said Thursday, completing the first phase in an often delayed election process.

The voter registration drive launched by the Palestinian Authority last month officially ended Thursday, although officials at the Central Election Commission said 16 of its offices will remain open.

In the first wave of the drive, few of the 1.8 million eligible voters turned out to register, citing frustration with official corruption and Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat's inability to bring an end to the conflict with Israel.

The commission embarked on a wide advertising campaign, and the Islamic Hamas movement called on its supporters to register in large numbers.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Judge rejects Jackson request
SANTA MARIA, Calif. — A judge Thursday rejected a defense request to throw out the indictment against Michael Jackson, saying prosecutors had presented enough evidence of child molestation and an attempt to silence the alleged victim's family for the case to go forward.

Judge Rodney S. Melville rejected arguments that the indictment should be thrown out because of a procedural misstep, improper legal instruction and insufficient evidence.

The decision came after perhaps the most unusual of a string of media restrictions in the secrecy-shrouded case against the pop star and his former accounts of the public were prohibited from talking in court, even before the proceedings.

Student convicted of manslaughter
CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A Harvard graduate student was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to six to eight years in prison Thursday for shooting a young man to death in a fight that heightened the generations-old tension between the Ivy Leaguers and working-class Cambridge.

Prosecutors had charged 26-year-old Alexander Pring-Wilson with murder in the slaying last year of Michael Colon, a 20-year-old student for refilling his as he stumbled home drunk.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Cheney stops in South Bend
SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The presidential campaign made its way into Indiana for the first time in three months, although it turned out to be little more than a rest stop on the way to the battleground state of Michigan.

Vice President Dick Cheney flew into South Bend on Thursday evening and planned to overnight there before making a bus tour southwest Michigan on Friday. He did not have any public events in South Bend.

**Advisers say safeguards sufficient**

WASHINGTON — Federal health advisers unanimously agreed Thursday that current safeguards on blood donations in the United States are sufficient despite the disclosure that a second British resident most likely acquired mad cow disease through a transfused tainted blood.

"The United States is not Great Britain," said Dr. Susan DeArmond, a University of California-San Francisco pathology professor. "DeArmond pointed to the lack of evidence that so-far symptomless mad cow infections suspected in thousands of British residents are an issue in this country."

The Food and Drug Administration advisory committee agreed that donor restrictions are still warranted. But it stopped short of asking for additional safeguards in the United States to further prevent the risk of transmission of mad cow disease through blood.

The agency already bars blood donations from people who lived more than three months in Great Britain or who received transplants there after 1979.

In both confirmed British infections, recipients got blood from donors who were young and apparently healthy at the time of donation. The chances that two confirmed infections among people who received blood was caused instead by eating mad cow tainted beef were remote — 1 in 80,000 to 1 in 1 billion, the panel said.

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LOS ANGELES — The prospect of a Republican victory in the White House tends to draw a strong reaction, pro or con.

Not from "The West Wing" executive producer John Wells, though, who finds himself in the position of having to confront the coming end of Democratic President Bartlet's tenure — and maybe even a Republican successor.

"I'm not going to start fighting the crowd here, because I feel that the election is going to and that we have to move forward," said Wells, who is in the middle of his third season. "It's kind of a long-term project."

"The West Wing" returns Wednesday (Oct. 27) with Bartlet's swan song, in which he'll appoint a new secretary of state and has to deal with the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

"I think there's any reason you wouldn't want to see that show with a Republican," said Wells. "But I feel that any change goes around the country, and that people are going to be able to watch this next year."

"It's a good place to be," said Wells. "I think we have a number of viewers who showed up after the (2000) election because they felt that they who wanted in office wasn't there, so they came to see what Bartlet did."

This is the first season "The West Wing" has returned without a best-drama Emmy in hand. After four consecutive wins, the award went to HBO's "The Sopranos."

Wells said he was pleased with the outcome. The main drama was over for a win, he said, and "The West Wing" can proceed without the question of whether it or any show is worthy of so many laurels.

Some critics argue the political drama fell short of the dramatic heights reached by Sorkin on board, through the end of the 2002-03 season. Wells largely disagrees but acknowledges the challenge of shifting from a show written by the prolific Sorkin to one run by a new staff of writers.

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Associated Press

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**MARKET Recap**

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**U.S. trade deficit skyrockets**

Imports swamp exports as Americans buy Chinese cell phones, toys, TVs

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The trade deficit jumped to the second-highest level in history as surging demand for foreign oil swamped a small gain in U.S. exports, the government reported Thursday.

The worst-than-expected trade performance in August — a deficit of $54 billion — represented a 6.9 percent widening from July's trade gap of $50.5 billion. That record monthly deficit was set in June at $55 billion.

Exports help by a rise in shipments of commercial aircraft and record foreign sales of American cars and auto parts, rose by a year-over-year 6 percent to $169 billion in August.

However, this improvement was overwhelmed by a 2.5 percent surge in imports to a record $553.1 billion as America's foreign oil bill climbed to the highest level in history. The average price for crude oil jumped to a 23-year high of $63.37 per barrel.

Analysts said the bad news on trade will only get worse in coming months given that oil prices have continued to soar, with crude oil hitting a new record of $54.76 per barrel Thursday.

The skyrocketing oil prices are sucking the wind out of the economy, said Jose Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors. "And the winds are yet to come." In a second economic report Thursday, the Labor Department said the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits fell 26,000 to 352,000. The four-week moving average of claims, which smooths out weekly changes, rose by 4,000 to a seven-month high of 352,000.

The jobless claims report reflects a labor market that is continuing to disappoint economists' expectations. The country added a lower-than-expected 96,000 jobs in September as the unemployment rate held steady at 5.4 percent.

The economy raced ahead at a 4.5 percent growth rate in the first three months this year before slowing to a 2.3 percent growth rate in the April-June quarter as surging oil prices sent the trade deficit soaring and took a big bite out of consumer spending.

For the year, America's trade deficit is running at an annual rate of $500 billion, 19 percent higher than the previous record, last year’s $496.5 billion imbalance.

Democrats contend President Bush's failed economic policies have pushed the country back into a period of twin deficit troubles with the economy buffeted by runaway federal budget deficits which increase domestic demand and send the trade deficit soaring.

The administration announced Thursday that the federal deficit hit a record $413 billion for the 2004 budget year, which ended Sept. 30. That is up 9.5 percent from last year's record of $377 billion. Democratic presidential challenger John Kerry has pointed to the string of record trade deficits run up since Bush took office as evidence that the administration has failed to protect American workers from unfair trade practices engaged in by low-wage countries such as China.

In Wednesday night's final debate, Kerry criticized Bush for failing to pursue an unfair trade practice complaint that would accuse China of rigging its currency system to keep the yuan undervalued by as much as 40 percent against the U.S. dollar, giving Chinese products a huge competitive advantage against American goods.

Containers loaded with imported goods at the Port of Long Beach, Calif. wait to be shipped from the docks by truck Wednesday. The U.S. trade deficit surged to $54 billion.

**Google program scours hard drives**

Inc., which owns the world's second largest search engine. Google.com visitors who use exclusively offline to probe hard drives, search engine. Google.com visitors who find it again quickly. "We think of this program is the program) as the endgame against America's failing privacy. The program) as the endgame against America's failing privacy.

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WASHINGTON — The trade deficit jumped to the second-highest level in history as surging demand for foreign oil swamped a small gain in U.S. exports, the government reported Thursday.

The worst-than-expected trade performance in August — a deficit of $54 billion — represented a 6.9 percent widening from July's trade gap of $50.5 billion. That record monthly deficit was set in June at $55 billion.

Exports help by a rise in shipments of commercial aircraft and record foreign sales of American cars and auto parts, rose by a year-over-year 6 percent to $169 billion in August.

However, this improvement was overwhelmed by a 2.5 percent surge in imports to a record $553.1 billion as America's foreign oil bill climbed to the highest level in history. The average price for crude oil jumped to a 23-year high of $63.37 per barrel.

Analysts said the bad news on trade will only get worse in coming months given that oil prices have continued to soar, with crude oil hitting a new record of $54.76 per barrel Thursday.

The skyrocketing oil prices are sucking the wind out of the economy, said Jose Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors. "And the winds are yet to come." In a second economic report Thursday, the Labor Department said the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits fell 26,000 to 352,000. The four-week moving average of claims, which smooths out weekly changes, rose by 4,000 to a seven-month high of 352,000.

The jobless claims report reflects a labor market that is continuing to disappoint economists' expectations. The country added a lower-than-expected 96,000 jobs in September as the unemployment rate held steady at 5.4 percent.

The economy raced ahead at a 4.5 percent growth rate in the first three months this year before slowing to a 2.3 percent growth rate in the April-June quarter as surging oil prices sent the trade deficit soaring and took a big bite out of consumer spending.

For the year, America's trade deficit is running at an annual rate of $500 billion, 19 percent higher than the previous record, last year’s $496.5 billion imbalance.

Democrats contend President Bush's failed economic policies have pushed the country back into a period of twin deficit troubles with the economy buffeted by runaway federal budget deficits which increase domestic demand and send the trade deficit soaring.

The administration announced Thursday that the federal deficit hit a record $413 billion for the 2004 budget year, which ended Sept. 30. That is up 9.5 percent from last year's record of $377 billion. Democratic presidential challenger John Kerry has pointed to the string of record trade deficits run up since Bush took office as evidence that the administration has failed to protect American workers from unfair trade practices engaged in by low-wage countries such as China.

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CAMBODIA

Sihanouk's son becomes Cambodian monarch

King Sihanouk abdicates throne to his son, former ballet dancer and U.N. ambassador

Associated Press

LONDON — Scientists have made important progress in the quest for a malaria vaccine, showing for the first time that childhood shots can prevent nearly one-third of cases and slash the risk of severe, life-threatening attacks by almost two-thirds.

Experts say the findings, outlined this week in The Lancet medical journal, provide robust evidence that the dream of developing a vaccine that will get babies through the most vulnerable period of infancy could become a reality by the end of the decade.

Researchers have been working on a malaria vaccine for more than 20 years, but until now none of the candidates showed promise. If this research bears fruit, it would be the first human vaccine against a parasite.

However, a vaccine that would turn the disease into a mostly mild infection would make a huge difference to control malaria, which kills a child every 30 seconds and poses a threat to half of all people on the planet. About 500 million episodes of malaria occur every year, making it the leading killer of children under 5 in sub-Saharan Africa.

"We think a vaccine is important because so quickly you can make new drugs, there's resistance and (delivery of) bed nets has not been as simple as one would have hoped," said Pedro Alonso at the University of Barcelona, whose lab found in 30 percent fewer children in the vaccine group than in the comparison group. The vaccine also cut by 30 percent the risk of getting repeated attacks by 30 percent, and cut by 55 percent the chance of developing severe malaria.

Within the comparison group, four children died of severe malaria, while none of the children who got the vaccine died of malaria.

The vaccine was most impressive in children under 2, in whom the disease is most dangerous. The vaccine reduced the number of severe malaria cases by 91 percent.

Malaria is caused by the parasite Plasmodium falciparum, which is carried by mosquitoes. Wiping the parasite out of the human body is in a form that can only infect the liver, where it transforms and multiplies. After about a week, 10,000 daughter parasites leave the liver, now in a form that can infect blood and cause symptoms.

When one parasite invades a red blood cell, 10 pop out and in doing so, rip open the cell, killing it.

The vaccine, which targets the parasite before it invades red blood cells, is made using a genetically engineered protein that sits on the surface of the parasite and can be recognized by the immune system. When the vaccine is injected, the immune system kicks into attack mode and makes antibodies.

When a mosquito later injects the parasite, the immune system recognises it.

The antibodies stick to the surface of the parasite, hoping to stop it getting into the liver. If that doesn't work, the immune system fires the parasite in the liver and kill it there. And if that fails, scientists believe the immune cells release the multiplication of the parasite and block some of the more virulent daughters from getting out.

"Fewer parasites coming out of the liver and a possible filtering effect of preventing the virulent parasites from exiting, is one possible explanation for why we see less severe disease," said the vaccine's co-creator, Ripley Ballon of GSK Bio.

Further studies still have to be done to see that the vaccine works in children elsewhere in Africa and in Asia, and it may not work in people that do not have malaria.

It's quite obvious that there is going to be no single way of protecting against malaria. You won't do it just with a vaccine or just with bed nets. You've really got to put these together," said Geoff Targert, a malaria researcher at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine whose lab was not involved with the study.

"We may have to think about linking up the parasite in a way that death and severe disease can be prevented on a very rare event. That's probably the way we'll end up," he said.

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E N G L A N D

Malaria vaccine tests well early

Milton Osborne, Sihamoni biographer

"With Sihamoni in place ... the monarchy is preserved, but only as a shadow of what it once was in the 1950s and 60s," said Milton Osborne, one of Sihamoni's biographers.

Sihamoni, who never mar-
Candidates enter final weeks

Bush assails Kerry's liberal record; Kerry says Bush fights only for elite

Bush’s after-debate message was simple — Kerry is a liberal who will raise taxes, increase government spending, stick with the status quo on Social Security, and give other countries too much say in the use of U.S. troops overseas.

My opponent wants to move in the direction of government-run health care,” the president added. “I believe health decisions ought to be made by doctors and patients, not officials in Washington, D.C.”

At the vice presidential debate, just last week, when Cheneys have dealt with the issue and meant no offense.

The state hasn’t voted for a Republican since the presidential election in 1988, but New Jersey is just across the river from New York City and it suffered a significant loss of life when terrorists struck the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

Kerry, having performed well in the debates, hopes to use the final 1 2 weeks of the campaign to persuade voters that he is a safe replacement for Bush in an era of terrorism. The effort will include a series of speeches designed to cast the senator as the champion of the middle class — as he said during the vice presidential debate.

Final figures showed that 51 million Americans watched at least part of the final presidential debate.

For Bush, according to White House officials, that will mean stepping up his effort to portray Kerry as a flip-flopper, a liberal with few campaign strengths — his own campaign endgame strategies.

While the candidates were ready to move on, one controversy simmered: Both Cheney and his wife criticized Kerry for having referred to Mary Cheney’s sexuality during the debate.

"You saw a man who will do and say anything to get elected,” the vice president said in Fort Myers, Fla. “And I am not just speaking as a father here, although I am a pretty angry father.”
There are very few issues that can polarize any conversation anywhere in the country as quickly as abortion. The topic falls in with politics, religion and comparing salaries as one that is often not considered polite or productive to talk about. Considering how controversial the issue is, the vandalism of a display of 1,200 crosses staked out on South Quad in protest of abortion is perhaps not surprising. The Cemetery of the Innocents illustrates something that cannot be as powerfully conveyed in words as in imagery — widespread abortion may be a form of mass murder.

If abortion is in fact murder that is not being promoted but certainly not prohibited by United States law, it is difficult to say that a three-day display on a field at a university is in some way a response. The display may be unsettling, but it is also hard to argue that a few days of display are too much to ask in considering the kind of problem that is being addressed. If the purpose of the protest is to force people to think, the Cemetery of the Innocents has certainly achieved its goal. In a society where abortion is contested but still legal, and often relegated to the realm of issues which are left unchallenged, the display at least succeeds in disturbing the complacency that too many have grown accustomed to. People may object to the display for many reasons. Students may not believe abortion is wrong, not think the government can legislate on the issue, think the display is disrespectful, doubt the intentions of the people behind it or simply not think it is the most effective way to protest abortion.

Whatever reasons people may have for objecting to the display, vandalizing it is not the answer. Not only is it illegal, it is an ineffective way of countering any argument espoused by Right to Life. The people who destroyed the display may have had valid reasons to dislike it, but those reasons are not clearer now than when the crosses had remained intact.

Students would do better to examine why the display evokes such strong emotions in people, and not just need to destroy it. The issues surrounding abortion are numerous and they are serious, and they will not be solved or anything by anything that can be destroyed or destroyed in a small part of a small campus. Many people who support the Cemetery of the Innocents may not consider being part of all the pertinent social problems that surround abortion, but the fact that Right to Life is creating a peaceful protest against a potentially serious problem should be respected. Furthermore, students should respect the fact that strong feelings reflect a strong need for dialogue. Neither complacency nor conflict will solve any of the problems surrounding abortion. The crosses are a call for every student, whether they support abortion or not, to consider issues of poverty, equality, life and liberty that surround abortion and what the best way to approach these issues might be.

There should be respect for all views and for all arguments. Each side should be given the right to discuss its beliefs and the right to live its beliefs. The display may be frustrating, but it is not an attack on any one belief system. It is an expression of all opinions through letters is encouraged.
Muslim vote not considered

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Law enforcement officials, in this situation, are supposed to be and are expected to be properly trained to handle all threats. Once again, the layperson is not.

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Music with international appeal

Mariza’s emotional and dramatic performance crosses language barriers

By MARIA SMITH
Second Editor

It is perhaps a curse of opera singers and international musicians alike to be singing constantly for people who do not understand a word they are saying. Much of the meaning of a performance is obviously lost when the words are incomprehensible.

On the other hand, a language barrier can be a blessing for some performers. Attention taken away from lyrics is refocused on stage presence and on the details of the actual music. At Wednesday night’s performance Mariza and her musicians gave the audience plenty to focus on besides words. Fado is a beautiful style of music, and whatever was lost with the words, plenty was left in the Portuguese singer’s voice and interpretation.

A good performer has to be able to convey emotion to an audience, and this becomes even more important for a musician performing in a language their audience does not understand. Mariza portrayed an emotion in her music that might even have been lost had the particulars of what caused it been known.

At one point Mariza sang a fado set with a text by Portuguese poet Fernando Pessoa who lived from 1888 to 1935. This was beautifully sung, but probably lost the most for non-Portuguese speaking audience members.

Mariza is rightly famous for her voice, but her presence on stage was vital. The contrast between her short peroxided hair and colorful feminine dresses seemed appropriate for a kind of music in which personal interpretation is so important. When the singer reflected on stage about the feeling of singing fado and the way her own life had changed since she began making a living through music, it was hard not to wonder what the life on and off the stage was actually like.

Mariza performed in the Decio Mainstage Theater instead of the Lighthouse Concert Hall, which is usually used for musical performances. The venue allowed for dramatic lighting as well as a more decorative stage setup that suited the music well.

The performance by guitarist Antonio Neto, Portuguese guitarist Luis Gerreto and bassist Laurindo de Sousa was beautiful in its own right. The three worked well with each other and with the singer to bring the haunting and highly rhythmic melodies together.

At times during the performance Mariza narrated scenes of beaches and Lisbon cafés. Microphones do not always suit guitars as well as fully acoustic performances, and it was easy to imagine that the music, like many forms of urban music, might sound better in a more natural setting than a concert hall.

Still, the concert gave a sense of a style of music that is wonderful and not often heard in the United States. People with an adventurous taste in music might try picking up a CD and getting their own sense for what the national music of Portugal is all about.

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The nation’s top comedy

Second City brings humor improv to the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts

By MEEG CONROY
Scene Writer

What do Bill Murray, Eugene Levy, Mike Myers, Chris Farley, and Tina Fey have in common? A bond holds all of these actors together, and it’s not just Saturday Night Live. Although each showcased their talents at one point or another on the well-known comedy show, their first comedic debut was with Second City.

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Next week, Notre Dame students and faculty will have the privilege to become part of this comedic legacy. Six of the nineteen members of Chicago’s touring company, as well as a production manager, will perform at the DeCao Mainstage Theatre.

The cast will present two 40-minute segments of non-stop, hilarious comedy. Amidst some pre-written sketches, peppered with one-liners and five-second "bits," the heart of the show is Second City’s calling card: improv acts. These totally un-rehearsed acts have made Second City and its comedians famous. Inspiration is usually taken from the audience. Cast members ask for suggestions such as an opening line, historical era, emotion or object. From there the actors run with their imaginations, creating wacky, surprising and, most importantly, humorous scenarios. Every skit is unique and sure to keep the audience engaged.

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No conductor necessary

Academy of Saint Martin in the Fields and O’Riley give a fine performance

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN
Scene Writer

The orchestra hailed from England. The pianist was a true-blue American. Together, they held a terrific evening of chamber music.

The Academy of Saint Martin in the Fields, along with guest pianist Christopher O’Riley, performed a series of works at the Leighton Concert Hall last night to an enthusiastic reception from the Notre Dame community. Works included Shostakovich’s “Chamber Symphony for Strings, Op. 100a, Mozart’s “Concerto No. 12 in A Major for Piano and Orchestra,” Liszt’s “Arrangement for Piano & Strings” and Tchaikovsky’s “Serenade for Strings in C Major.”

The most intriguing aspect of the evening’s performance was the lack of a conductor to lead the orchestra through whatever idiosyncratic and melodically difficult passages. Rather, it was Kenneth Silitto, the Academy’s artistic director and principal violinist, who controlled the tempo and overall flow of the orchestra with his physical presence. As the orchestra played on, the musicians constantly looked over their shoulder at the concertmaster, while he vigorously rocked back and forth to relay the necessary emotion of each piece to the players.

This is not to say the entire orchestra was lacking in emotion during the evening. When the allegro molto movement of the Shostakovich began, the Academy rushed into action, with every member playing furiously into their music stands. The combined effort was shocking to watch; it seemed as if the orchestra acted with a uniform force. The Mozart was no exception; Silitto acted as its master control. This was especially important for the final piece of the evening, the Tchaikovsky “Serenade,” which contained several beautiful melodies, including the Russian anthem, which required the orchestra’s complete concentration.

Mr. O’Riley’s addition to the evening was wonderful. The audience saw two sides of his performance in each of the works he performed. He first came off as relaxed and controlled. Much of the piece confined the piano to its upper-to-middle register, with effortless passages to which the orchestra would respond, sometimes in unison. This “back and forth” effect actually felt like one of the concert’s more hollow points, as if the fusion of a string-only ensemble with a Mozart piano concerto had resulted in something missing.

Before performing the “Malediction” after intermission, Mr. O’Riley made a sly anecdote to the audience about how, in French, malediction meant “cure.” “But not in the way a rap artist or the Vice President of the United States might use it,” O’Riley said, getting a hearty roar from the audience.

When he sat at the piano, however, Mr. O’Riley’s genial personality turned to commanding, as he delved into an implausibly difficult piece. It was easily the most dramatic work of the evening, and Mr. O’Riley’s wrists, thundering away at the keys and covering all registers of the piano, evoked memories of similarly complicated passages from Rachmaninoff’s “Piano Concerto No. 3.”

Perhaps it would have been better to place the Liszt at the end of the program and leave the audience with that thrilling feeling it had received by the work’s end, while the warmness of the Tchaikovsky opened the second half of the concert. It matters little, though, compared to the fact that the audience witnessed world class performers bringing their gifts to a university that simply cannot receive enough of this musical exposure and to think, the university is still waiting for the arrival of the New York Philharmonic.

Hang on, everyone. The music has made its way to the Dome.

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They've still got the blues

Legendary blues rockers the Fabulous Thunderbirds will play at Heartland in a benefit for the Center for the Homeless.

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Scene Writer

On Friday night the Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and South Bend communities will have the opportunity to make a positive difference in hundreds of lives—simply by listening to blues rock at Heartland.

Award-winning band the Fabulous Thunderbirds will be playing a benefit concert for the Center for the Homeless, along with up and coming blues star Nick Curran and opening act Eddy "the Chief" Clearwater. All profits from the show will go to the Center, which successfully transitions homeless people into jobs and home ownership every year.

The band has been playing quintessential American music for the past 25 years, and the band's sound has evolved from its beginnings as straight blues into a blend that now includes more genres and has more energy. Frontman and founder, Grammy-nominated Kim Wilson, is the only remaining member from the original lineup. The band achieved Billboard nominations Kim Wilson, is the only remaining member of the original band lineup.

"Members that will be playing are recognized as some of the world's great blues musicians."

Andy Panelli
concert organizer

"I would encourage everybody to come out and have a great time and do something good for a very worthy cause at the same time—it's going to be a great evening."

Adding to the talented lineup will be Nick Curran, who won the 2004 WC Handy Award for Best New Artist Debut. The young guitarist and vocalist incorporates R&B into his rock and blues music, interpreting classic songs as well as crafting his own. His albums "Doctor Velvet" and "Player!" have earned him national and international critical acclaim.

The musicians will be playing for more than the audience, in a way, as all proceeds will benefit the Center for the Homeless. The Center has a strong ties to the Notre Dame community since its inception. Founders Dave Link, former dean of the law school, and D'Arcy Chisholm approached University President Father Edward Malloy for help when they needed more funds to refurbish an abandoned men's department store.

Malloy went to the Board of Trustees and asked for a $1 million to purchase and rehabilitate the building to begin the center—a brave move, since he was early in his tenure as president at the time.

"It has a full continuum of services for individuals and families to help break the cycle of homelessness, of addiction, of dependency," Lou Nanni, vice president for University Relations and former executive director of the center, said.

The center is not only the best model in the country for helping individuals and families break the cycle of homelessness, but it also draws strength from its relationships with the university and the community. The concert Friday is one more chance for the center to benefit from these relationships, and in turn continue its important work in South Bend.

The benefit concert will be Friday, Oct. 15 at Heartland, 222 South Michigan St. Tickets cost $22 and are on sale at Heartland by calling 574-234-5200 or Ticketmaster at 574-272-7979. Tickets can also be purchased at the Web site, www.ticketmaster.com. The Vegetable Buddies production is only open to those 21 and older.

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An example of services for children is the occupational therapy program that works with newborns. The center has the only full time Montessori program that works with children ages 3 to 5 before kindergarten. It also works with the South Bend school system to help children once they begin school, attending to details like making sure they are picked up on the bus first and dropped off last so it is not obvious that they are homeless.

"For adults, there are emergency assistance, crisis management, life skills, job training and home ownership programs, and all services are located at the center," Nanni said.

Kim Wilson, frontman and founder of the Fabulous Thunderbirds, is the only remaining member of the original band lineup.

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Giants and Jets remain surprises in NFL this season

**New York Jets**

Terrell Buckley came down with an interception between Buffalo wide receivers Bobby Shaw, right, and Eric Moulds to end the game last Sunday.

The Giants had something to do with that. The Jets lost Chad Pennington for the first six games of the season when the quarterback broke a wrist in a preseason game against them. During the offseason, the Jets upgraded their linebacker, signed another quality receiver in Justin McCareins and hired an aggressive new defensive coordinator in Donnie Henderson. All have contributed to 4-0, along with an healthy Pennington and re-energized Curtis Martin, who is off to the best start of his 10-year career with 502 yards and four touchdowns.

Now with another win, the Jets would accomplish something even Joe Namath failed to provide in the glory days.

"Yeah it would be great, but it doesn't put a ring on our finger," said receiver Wayne Chrebet, who was with the Jets' only other time they started 4-0, in 2000. "To me, it is not all that exciting. Double digits and 0-9 then I will be excited."

But players are happy for fans in New York, who get to watch two wild teams after sitting through the misery of last seaon.

Defensive end John Abraham is not surprised both teams are doing so well.

"The injuries also haven't hurt as much this year. When veteran safety Shaun Williams was lost with a knee injury, rookie Gibril Wilson stepped in and played well."
Raiders must stop the run against AFC rival Broncos

Oakland has allowed a league-worst 156.9 yards per game

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Raiders realize another bad day by their run defense won’t cut it against the Denver Broncos.

Once Oakland’s top priorities in the offseason was to upgrade a unit that allowed a league-worst 156.9 yards per game on the ground.

So far, it’s been a work-in-progress mastering defensive coordinator Rob Ryan’s new 3-4 scheme.

The next test will come Sunday, when the Raiders host their AFC West rivals in Oakland’s first game against a division opponent.

“There’s no question, in our division we’re going to have to stop the run to play,” coach Norv Turner said. “We know the things we have to handle with Denver. We have to stop the run. Certainly they’re very mobile at quarterback and do a lot of things with misdirection, bootlegs, reverses, fake reverses, those types of things. We’re going to have to have a plan to handle that.”

It will be tough, because the Broncos always seem to get a big performance from one of their backs.

Denver coach Mike Shanahan doesn’t have a simple answer as to how he’s been able to get so much out of his running backs year after year.

Residen Droughns went off for 193 yards — the ninth-highest one-game total in Denver’s regular-season history — in a 20-17 win over Carolina last Sunday. This week, it could be someone else to emerge.

“It’s a combination of everybody,” Shanahan said. “To get close to a couple hundred yards, you’ve got to have everybody play good.”

The Raiders gave up 312 yards rushing over the last two weeks, including a career-high 105 yards by Houston’s Jonathan Wells, then 136 to Edgerrin James in a 35-14 loss to the Colts last week for Oakland’s 12th straight road defeat.

Denver (4-1) has already run for 665 yards, and the Broncos also have Tatum Bell and Garrison Hearst healthy and ready as options this week.

“We just have to be sound in the things we’re doing,” Turner said. “The Broncos acquired Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey in an offseason trade with Washington, signing him to a seven-year, $36.1 million contract to be their shutdown corner.

That should make for a challenging day for the Raiders’ young receiving corps, which seems to feature a new face in the primary role every week.

Turner coached Bailey for two seasons with the Redskins. The coach said both Bailey and four-time Pro Bowl Charles Woodson of the Raiders are great athletes, but with different styles.

“They both like their money, though. Woodson, the Raiders’ franchise player in his seventh pro season, has said he wants to be the highest-paid cornerback in the league.

He held out for four months hoping for a long-term contract, but finally signed the team’s one-year tender of $8.782 million Aug. 31.

“I mean, why wouldn’t he think that?” Bailey said. “He’s had a great career so far. He’s got every right to think that. Of course, I think that about myself. And if you want to get that top-paid corner spot, you definitely have to feel like it, or promote yourself like you are, and play like it. I feel like I’m worth what I’m making, and that’s good enough for me.”

Turner is sticking with Collins at quarterback despite his struggles. The coach faced questions this week about giving backup Marques Tuiasosopo an opportunity.

“Each week I feel more and more comfortable with what we’re doing,” Collins said. “I’ve just got to make some better decisions, and I will. Like I said, each week that I’m out here I’m really concentrating hard in practice and getting to the point where I feel comfortable going into games. I know it’s going to get better for all us.”
Park holds a two-stroke lead in Samsung Championship

Her score was the lowest in tournament's 24-year history

Associated Press

PALM DESERT, Calif. — Grace Park capped an almost flawless round by rolling in a 25-foot birdie putt on No. 12 Thursday that gave her a two-stroke lead after the first round of the Samsung World Championship.

Park, looking frustrated moments earlier when her wedge shot missed the 18th green, beamed and waved to acknowledge the applause after her snaking, perfectly paced putt from the fringe dropped into the cup.

Scores were low on the opening day of the tournament, with Park's best in the tournament's 24-year history. The event is being played for the first time at Bighorn Golf Club, the 13th course used for the tournament.

Sixteen of the 20 players in the field broke par. Carinatra Mathias had a 64, while three-time champion Annika Sorenstam was tied at 66 with defending champion Sophie Gustafson, Lorena Ochoa and Cristie Kerr. Amateur Michelle Wie, who turned 15 on Monday, played with Sorenstam and shot a 74.

Park was still beaming 20 minutes after she finished her round, which included one bogey, an eagle and nine birdies.

"I'm extremely thrilled. It's my first time shooting 10-under, so I'm happy. Today was just an unbelievable day," said Park, who had a 61 earlier this year in the Kraft Nabisco, earlier this year in nearby Rancho Mirage.

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She said she was trying to stay focused on her game, but that she also was watching Sorenstam.

"I'm a desert kind of girl, I guess," she said, laughing.

She made an 18-foot birdie putt on No. 2, made two more birdies with a 15-footer on 4 and a 10-footer on 5 before three-putting the par-3 6th for a bogey.

She had six more birdies and made a 2-foot eagle putt on No. 12.

Then she finished the round off in style.

"I had a horrible second shot (into the fringe on 18) and I was thinking I could two-putt. I would have been happy to finish 9 under," Park said. "But I got a big bonus there."

We lamented her bad drive on 12.

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Colts spend bye week trying to diversify offense

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Indianapolis wide receiver Brandon Stokely runs past Oakland defensive back Phillip Buchanon last Sunday.

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Indianapolis wide receiver Brandon Stokely runs past Oakland defensive back Phillip Buchanon last Sunday.

Indy leads the AFC in yards and the NFL in points scored

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — By almost any measure the Indianapolis Colts have the AFC's most dangerous offense.

They lead the conference in yards and the NFL in points. They have the AFC's top-rated quarterback, the conference's No. 2 runner and three receivers ranked among the top 11 in receptions.

Peyton Manning still believes they're improving.

"We'd love to have no turnovers, but we want to kind of build on what we've started," said Manning, last year's co-MVP.

Indianapolis (4-1) has spent the bye week refining some of the few kinks Manning has diagnosed before Jacksonville (3-2) visits next week in a game that could move the Colts, already hold a one-game lead in the conference's tightest division.

Colts coach Tony Dungy said Manning has been getting as many balls thrown in his direction, he's still catching enough to top 90 receptions at this pace.

Stokely's 25 catches already are a career high and all three receivers are on pace to top 1,000 yards.

Around the locker room, nobody is complaining.

"As a whole, I think we're doing extremely well," Harrison said. "It's hard to believe Manning has been this good. He's the shadow of his former self.

"I think we're in."

On the field, the Colts might be tougher than advertised.

When opponents double-team Harrison, Manning has routinely hooked up with Wayne and Colt's have converted a conference-high 49.0 percent of third-down conversions, a number Manning hopes to improve.

And although nine of 16 AFC teams have committed more turnovers than the Colts (six), Manning and the offense believe reducing that number will increase their overall output.

"The key is to say how many points or yards you have, the most important thing is how many times you turn the ball over," Harrison said. "I think that's the league's mind-set and that's Tony's philosophy."

The warning for opponents is that the Colts are only getting started.

Tight end MarcusPollard has been a bruised left knee and tight end Dallas Clark has just two catches. Running back Dominic Rhodes has just started to emerge as another dangerous runner, and wide receiver Troy Walters hasn't played since breaking his right arm in the second preseason game.
**MLB**

Cardinals' Albert Pujols points to the dugout after breaking a 4-4 tie in the eighth inning of Game 2 last night. With the win, the Cardinals took a 2-0 series lead.

**Cardinals rain on Astros' early hit parade**

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Rain or shine, the St. Louis Cardinals' Big bats always seem to come through in the end.

Albert Pujols led off the eighth inning with a tiebreaking home run, Scott Rolen followed with his second homer of the game and the Cardinals stormed back to beat Houston 6-4 on a miserable Thursday night for a 2-0 lead in the NL championship series.

The weather was awful all evening, with drizzle delaying the start for almost a half-hour and the rain lasting through the final pitch. By the time it was over, with temperatures falling into the mid-40s, no one in the sellout crowd at Busch Stadium was complaining.

Pujols and Rolen connected for the first consecutive home runs in the Cardinals' long, proud postseason history. Larry Walker also homered, enough to offset a storm that poured 3 inches of rain on the field during the sixth.

The Cardinals' defense at times was shaky, but it held Houston to one run after the tying hit by Jeff Bagwell in the sixth, enough to even it in Game 4.

Still, the Cardinals hold a commanding edge.

Of 61 clubs that have fallen behind 2-0 in a World Series, only 12 have come back to win. Of 61 clubs that have fallen behind 2-0 in a World Series, only 12 have come back to win.

**In Brief**

Woods' yacht detained by Coast Guard in Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Tiger Woods and his bride were briefly detained Thursday by U.S. Coast Guard officers on their yacht Privacy, then were turned away from San Juan's port because they had failed to notify authorities of their arrival.

Since July 1, new security regulations require many boats to submit an arrival notice at least four days before entering a U.S. port. Coast Guard spokesman Lt. Eric Willis said.

The captain said he decided to stop in San Juan only to refuel, Willis said. The Privacy was allowed to refuel as immigration authorities spoke with those aboard, including the newlyweds.

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**MLB**

**NCAA Football AP Top 25**

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Belles hope to extend their home win streak

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

Like most of the students heading out for fall break, the Belles couldn't wait to be returning home.

After an exhausting loss to Kalamazoo on Wednesday off a last-second penalty kick, the Belles will look to rebound Saturday when they take on Alma at home, where Saint Mary's holds a 5-0 record this year.

"Alma is a strong team, so we'll be looking to bring our best game against them," senior captain Jen Herdman said.

"We're going to come out strong, and focus on playing as a team. It should be quite a game."

The Belles tied Alma 1-1 in their first meeting this year, but will need to finish their upperclassmen to again defeat Kalamazoo if they wish to bring home a winning this time "The loss to Kalamazoo was tough, and hard on the team," a very close team, thought, so we bounce back stron," Herdman said. "We're not going to let it get us down. We're just going to take it game by game, adjust as we go behind us, and we're looking forward to the games we have left to play.

Although the Belles were close to the game, the Kalamazoo game still regres an opportunity missed.

"It was a tough game, we just weren't able to capitalize on them," Wednesday's adds another chapter to the story of the Belles' woes on the road this year.

"It was a tough game, and everyone played well, but the half just didn't fall our way," Herdman said. "Don't get me wrong, Kalamazoo is a good team, but they got a great break to get a penalty kick in the final 30 seconds. We played strong defense, and it was a 50-50 battle throughout the game, but luck just wasn't with us in the end.

"The Belles will look for a big advantage from the return to their home field. "We seem to be playing better on our home field, so we're really excited to play at home," Hinton said.

"We still need to get our act together on the road as well," though."

Despite the loss to Kalamazoo, which dropped the Belles down to third in the conference standings, Saint Mary's remains optimistic in their hopes for a MIAA title.

"This conference isn't a typical conference, no team domi­ rates, and anything can happen," Herdman said. "We feel like we can still get better, so we can definitely have a shot at conference."

With the season winding down, the Belles will have to bump a big three to win their conference.

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Chargers remain only one game off the lead in the AFC West

Associated Press
ATLANTA — Three years after The Trade, neither team has any complaints.

The Atlanta Falcons get Michael Vick, who quickly led them to the playoffs and became an icon for the NFL with his dazzling skills.

The San Diego Chargers wound up with LaDainian Tomlinson and Drew Brees, along with Beche Caldwell and Tim Dwight. Not too shabby either.

"Let bygones be bygones," Vick said. "It worked out for both teams. They have a great running back and a good quarterback in Drew Brees, who's playing real well right now. And I think the Falcons got what they wanted."

On Sunday, the teams meet for the first time since their blockbuster trade. The Falcons (4-1) are trying to bounce back from their first loss of the season, while San Diego (3-2) is just one game off the lead in the AFC West.

Rest assured, someone involved in that 2001 deal will play a key role.

"I'd say both teams pros­ pered quite well from the trade," Chargers coach Marty Schottenheimer said.

The Atlanta set on sights on Vick after he put in two spectacular seasons at Virginia Tech, then entered the NFL draft.

The Falcons were set to pick fifth, too far down to get one of the best college players to come along in years. So they called up the Chargers, who had the first overall selection, but were bogged down trying to agree on a contract with Vick's agent.

When the Falcons offered an attractive package of three picks and receiver-return specialist Dwight, the Chargers accepted on the eve of the draft.

The rest, as they say, is his­ tory. Vick spent one season as a backup, then took over the starting job in 2002. He guided the Falcons to the playoffs, was voted to the Pro Bowl and set an NFL record for quarter­backs by rushing for 173 yards in a game.

With the picks acquired from the Chargers, the Falcons got Tomlinson, Caldwell and corner­back Tay Cody. After pass­ ing up Vick, they also used one of their own picks to take Brees, forever linking him to the trade.

Cody started 11 games before he was cut last year. Everyone else acquired by the Chargers is still contributing, no one more than Tomlinson.

He rushed for more than 1,200 yards as a rookie, then topped 1,600 yards each of the last two seasons.

Yao Ming of the Houston Rockets, greets fans before the NBA pre­ season game between Houston and Sacramento on Thursday.
After a two-week respite, golfers take the road for Lady Razorback invite

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

The Irish return to action Sunday after the two-week break, playing in the Lady Razorback Invitational in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

This event, hosted by the University of Arkansas, features matches between Sunday and Tuesday. The Irish are hoping this break will not affect the momentum they have accumulated in recent weeks. The team is coming off of two straight wins against strong competition, dominating at both the Shootout at Legends in Michigan and the Mellany Invitational/Central Regional Regional Preview despite the potential drawbacks that come with a break from competition.

"I think it's good in one respect, because it gives the team a chance to take a little breather and catch up on some school work," said Catrina Thompson.

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Women's Golf

Irish set to compete in invite

By ANNE LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Make no mistake — sophomores Catrina and Christian Thompson are doers, not dreamers.

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The next day, the Thompsons powered over University of Arizona, 3 Dianne Hollands and Maja Mlakar in a tight 8-6 victory. After trailing 5-3, Hollands and Mlakar refused to surrender a win, tying the score at 6-6. However, their efforts were foiled when the Irish rallied and secured the victory as they broke Arizona's serve.

Coach Jay Loubert gives the twins complimentary playing style for their upset against Arizona.

"Catrina has really improved her serve and hit the ball with a lot of speed and pace. She's becoming a weapon for the team," Loubert said. "And Christian has been a really consistent player. She's getting better at finishing off the point instead of keeping the ball in the volley."

Showcasing their strengths against Arizona and New Mexico's No. 11 Maja Kovanec and Iva Grozanc, the Thompsons collected their third win of the tournament 9-7 (5-3) in a closely contested match.

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University of Florida's Whitney Pink and Lolita Frangulyan handed the Thompsons their only loss of the tournament in the finals 8-3. Christian Thompson

Women's Tennis

Thompsons live their dreams at ITA Championships

said that the prestige of the title match — and the pressure that came with it — ultimately proved to be the twins' Achilles heel.

"When you get nervous, you don't move your feet as well," Christian Thompson said. "A win would've been sweeter at the tournament, but that match helped us realize what we need to improve on.

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SMC Volleyball

Belles face Adrian in season-defining game

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Belles are facing a crucial match against Adrian this Saturday at 1 p.m. If they lose, it could be the end of their season. If they win, they could be one step closer to making the NCAA tournament.

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Gary and Amanda David gave the Bulldog's offense headaches as both collected 17 digs apiece in the match. Rupright has consistently contributed to Saint Mary's this season. The senior captain has totaled 101 kills in offense and is among the team leaders in attack percentage. She has also played a valuable role on defense with 40 blocks.

One positive factor for the Belles is Adrian's recent slump. Over the course of their last 10 games, the Bulldogs have only won three games and are 1-5 against conference opponents. Fortunately for Saint Mary's, the Belles have improved since the first meeting by going 4-2 against MIAA teams.

"Rupright has really been the fourth away game in a row for the Bulldogs in the past two weeks. They have gone 1-2 in the first three games, but they've played consistently against strong opponents in the losses."

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"RecSports told us that if we tied O'Neill, we'll get the fourth playoff spot," Griffin captain Vin Monaco said. Courtesy of Griffin Titans were informed after the game that their season is finished and the Morrissey Manorites will be playing the Knights after fall break. As for the game itself, O'Neill opened the scoring with a 60-yard interception return for a touchdown, first quarter, after a failed sideline screen on Stanford since their first game of the season.

The resulting two-point conversion was controversial, however.

"None of the refs signaled that they got it in," Monaco said. "It was 8-6 us. They told us it was good."

Stanford then mounted a long drive behind its surprisingly powerful running game, which accounted for 101 yards of the Irish's season-high 326. Part of the improvement in the running game was credited to fullback Eddie Medick, who started the season on the defensive line but was placed on the offensive side of the ball last week against Missouri.

The match was halted, however, by an interception at the Angry Mob six-yard line.

The next play. O'Neill tried to run a power pass, but the play broke down and resulted in a safety.

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Junior forward Tony Megna dribbles the ball down the field in a game against Pittsburgh last week.

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to look only at the next game on the schedule, the Irish fall break road trip is a tradition in the program.

"This is typical fall break procedure for us," Sawyer said. "We know coming up to fall break we're going to be on a week-long road trip, playing three games, that's how it is every single year." However, a week away from campus isn't the chore that some might think.

"They schedule it so that we don't have to miss classes when we don't need to," Floyd said. "But I think all the guys like being on the road together. If we're going to be off for fall break, we may as well be together on the road." The attitude of teamwork should help the Irish as they face the tough stretch of scheduling.

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schedule that put us where we wanted to go last year," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "Obviously you'd like to ease into it a bit, since we'll be playing our first five games against ranked teams.

"It's also a great gauge, and last year we thought we showed something against Duluth. Obviously we've still got a lot we still have to work on, but we've been practicing a lot and we'll be better this weekend." Notre Dame was 0-2 at the Goggin Ice Arena in Oxford, Ohio, last year — losing its two games by scores of 5-2 and 2-0. That's a capacity crowd in Chestnut Hill, Mass., defeating the then-No. 1 Golden Eagles in their home opener by a score of 1-0 after freshman goalie David Brown pitched a shutout.

But memories of last season are erased from Notre Dame's mind, now.

One factor that has loomed large so far for the Irish this season is the lack of production on the power play. That could prove to be a problem heading to Miami, where the RedHawks are 2-0 on the young season.

More notably, they have also yet to allow a power play goal in the young season. "The attitude of team work that's how it is every single year," Poulin said. "They have played so well for a freshman and stepped up and been rewarded with great goals and the league has noticed that and given her an honor that she deserves." Waldrum said Cinalli has played great soccer since she joined the team this season.

"I've been really happy with her since day one. She has looked and played like a veteran since she's been here," Waldrum said. "Last Sunday, Cinalli scored a clutch goal for the team to tie the score 1-1 against Georgetown last in the first half before going on to win the contest 2-1. During the fall break, the Irish also face challenges against two other conference rivals. Waldrum is slightly disappointed that the games are scheduled during the break.

They are going to be huge for us. I wish they fell on weeks our students were back on campus because they are big games for us," Waldrum said. On Oct. 22, the Irish will be competing against Rutgers, currently 9-7.

"This game be key for us," Waldrum said. "It is going to be huge." The players are just as aware of the importance of this contest. "They've had great players in the past and we are definitely going to be ready for them," Scheffer said. The Irish will close out the break on Oct. 24 against Seton Hall (6-2-2). Although his record is barely over .500, the team is not looking past any Big East rival. "Seton Hall (is going to throw everything) they can at us. We played a close game last year," Scheffer said. "If we aren't on top of our game, each team will play their best.

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Notre Dame's defense must contain Navy's option attack run by Aaron Polanco, Kyle Eckel and Eric Roberts
Notre Dame needs to dominate

Players and coaches can earn a victory and still only hear “good, you should have.” Notre Dame is in the dead center of a three-game stint against Stanford, Navy and Boston College, and Irish fans expect their team not only to win all three contests, but to win convincingly.

Notre Dame came out flat Saturday against the Cardinal at home but won the game anyway. A win is a win, as they say. But even Stanford’s near-upset of No. 1 Southern Cal does not give the Irish an excuse to be losing 6-3 at halftime.

And now Notre Dame travels to face Navy, and a win is not just a win against Navy. A win is expected, and it should be expected. A win is the 41st straight victory over a team with less talent that plays lesser teams on the rest of its schedule—games two are expected to win—don’t have anything to do with this game,” coach Tyrone Willingham said.

“We’re going to play a Navy team that is a very good football team. It’s an undefeated football team. They’ve earned the right to be where they are.”

Navy has earned the right to be undefeated at 5-0, but the Midshipmen have earned that right against Duke, Northwestern, TCU, Vanderbilt and Air Force. The bottom line is Notre Dame should beat Navy. It should expect to beat Navy. And unlike last season, the Irish should not be in a position where fans are expecting at best a tie.

“They’re supposed to win,” Navy coach Paul Johnson said. “I don’t know if we have anybody on our team that Willingham’s team will not let Navy even sniff victory. Notre Dame can prove last season’s 27-24 nail biter ended with a game-winning field goal by D.J. Fitzpatrick—and the unpresuming 20-23 victory in 2002, were not the best the Irish could do. Think back two seasons. Air Force was undefeated at 6-0, averaging 339 yards rushing game behind quarterback Chase Hartridge. Analysis, particularly on ESPN, ran during the pregame about the Falcons’ running attack, how Air Force was an unstoppable force on the ground.

The Notre Dame defense received less recognition, though the Irish were also an undefeated 6-0. And did those ESPN studios get quiet quickly. The seventh-ranked Notre Dame run defense held Air Force to 104 yards rushing, 235 yards below its average, in a 21-14 victory. The Irish ranked 335 yards of their own 56 carriers. The game was not a blowout, but Notre Dame proved to itself and to the country—as it had the past six games—that Air Force was on a lower playing field.

Notre Dame established superiority. And that is exactly the opportunity the Irish have Saturday at the Meadowlands, and they can—to do it by crediting their opponent week after week and making close games sound justified.

“I look at it as another challenge, another outstanding football team we have to play,” Willingham said. “If we don’t play our best, we won’t win.”

The Irish have to remember who they are, whom they are playing, and ultimately, what they want out of this season. "Our ultimate goal isn’t about keeping the 40-year streak alive,” offensive line- man Dan Stevenson said.

“We’re setting out to beat Navy and to focus on our task at hand, which is to go to a great bowl game.”

Major bowl games go to the best teams. With a dominant, possibly blowout win in New Jersey, Notre Dame can inch closer to proving it is not just another 4-2—and then 5-2—team.

Navy’s option offense is sixth in the country averaging 267.4 rush yards per game. One of those averages has to budge Saturday.

Johnson said last season Notre Dame has parade All-Americans, Navy has guys that march in parades. The Irish must take their parade All-Americans, take their pride, take a swagger into stopping the run and irons Navy until the message is delivered.

That way, in the fourth quarter, Fitzpatrick will not even need to put his pads on. Because if Notre Dame plays like it should, Notre Dame doesn’t need a hero.

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GAME HYPE

“There can be no missing this one. It really demands that our coaches do a great job this week.”

Tyrone Willingham
Irish head coach

“Hate playing Navy... Their style of play is going to make it a defensive game.”

Justin Tuck
Irish defensive end

“We will have some fans. We’ve had good support. Notre Dame will be the home team. They usually are.”

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Irish head coach

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Irish must stop Navy's running game to have success against the Midshipmen

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Tuck hates playing Navy, and he'll tell you himself. "I hate playing Navy, not because of the fact that they don't throw the ball," the sophomore said. "It's just the fact that their style of play is going to make it a defensive game."

After this football game there is going to be a lot of people banged up and bruised and things like that.

"Whenever you play an option team and they cut (block) as much as they do, you're going to come out of that game worn out."

College coaches across the country continually harp about avoiding being a one-dimensional attack, but that's exactly what Navy is with its option based offense.

And they are 5-0 using it this season.

"They are pretty one-dimensionally oriented defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "You have to be solid on the back end and defined defense has no secret. Just make sure you don't give up a big play in the back end."

A different kind of running game

One big reason for Notre Dame's success so far this year has been its ability to stop the run. The Irish are currently 12th in the nation in rushing defense, allowing just 68.6 yards per game.

But Irish coaches aren't getting overly confident that their previous track record will stop the Navy running game in its tracks.

"It's not the same," Baer said. "It's so different. It's hard to explain. They are so good at what they do."

Last year, when the Irish smacked by with a 37-24 win at Notre Dame Stadium, Baer's defense knew exactly what the Midshipmen were going to do - run and run often.

Navy rushed 53 times in that game while throwing just five passes. The Midshipmen are an option team in every sense of the word, and they run their offense well.

So far this season, the Midshipmen are ranked sixth in the country in rushing offense with an average of 267.4 yards per game. They average 56.2 rushes per game and only 9.4 passes per game - the fewest in NCAA Division I-A.

"If you understand that offense, they pass the ball off the option look," Baer said. "They get somebody running free, and that's where the efficiency comes up. This quarterback is a pretty good threat. A lot of times you see option teams not throw the ball very well because they don't have a quarterback throw it well.

"The same guy (senior Aaron Polanco) played against us two years ago, the starter got hurt and he came in to play, and he was pretty good throwing the football. They are much improved in that area."

Staying disciplined

One characteristic of Notre Dame's defense this season has been its opportunistic play while making a few gambles to create turnovers - 15 takeaways through six games. But for the Irish defense Saturday, a big gamble could result in six points for the Midshipmen.

"They have to have all their responsibilities covered," Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said. "That is very difficult for modern-day defenses simply because modern-day defenses like to gamble.""That's where you have to be careful. You have to build into your system the ability to gamble and be correct in your count. But at the same time don't give our guys so much that they're thinking and can't move and can't get lined up and can't figure things out. That is very difficult."

The Irish have at least one advantage against the Navy run. Notre Dame's starters at linebacker - Derek Curry, Brandon Hoyte and Mike Goosby - all are seniors who have seen Navy's option before and understand the importance in being sound against the run.

"Discipline is the first key and the biggest key in this game, and the whole outcome of this game is determined on how disciplined you are especially from a defensive standpoint," Curry said. "Everything you do they have to stay disciplined and you have to stay focused on what you have to do."

"It's really funny because as much as football is a team game this is the most individualized game that we are going to play in that every person may be doing a different thing, but in order to execute the defense properly and to win, everybody is going to have to do their own thing."

And if the linebackers fall flat, Notre Dame's secondary will have to be there to make the defense-freeing plays.

"It's really important to be disciplined in any game," Irish safety Tom Zbikowski said. "But against this kind of offense you've especially got to be disciplined and make the tackle.

"We've got to go out there and play hard. It's Navy, a service academy, and you know that they're going to be out there playing hard so we've got to match that intensity."

Stopping the big play

That discipline will be key for the Irish Saturday at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. The Midshipmen are certainly capable of throwing the ball, having scored two passing touchdowns of 40 yards or more already this season.

But Navy is known for its running game. Being poised and under control will be a big factor in preventing the Midshipmen from getting free for big runs.

So far in 2004, Navy has scored three rushing touchdowns of 20 yards or more - and a big play in the close Navy-Notre Dame game last year was a 60-yard touchdown run by Navy's Eric Bolle after an Irish breakdown on defense.

Early in the 2004 season, the Irish showed a susceptibility to giving up big plays. They will have to prevent those plays Saturday if they want a chance to win.

"I just think you have to be sharper in what you do," Tuck said. "It takes away more of the risk that you'll take than being against other teams. But in this game we know that we have to play our assignments.

"We know that if you miss an assignment on any given play they can bust you for a long run. So we just have to be focused and geared in to playing them."

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by the numbers

Number of consecutive Notre Dame wins against Navy, a streak that stands as the longest winning streak of one team over another in NCAA history 40

.714 Cumulative winning percentage of teams on Notre Dame's 2004 schedule, the highest opponent winning percentage in the nation

Number of Notre Dame wins in 11 all-time games played at the Meadowlands, including six matchups with Navy at the NFL venue 11

193 Number of Brady Quinn's pass attempts in six games

Number of pass attempts of Navy's leading passer, quarterback Aaron Polanco 47

268.6 Number of rushing yards Navy averages per game

Number of yards the Notre Dame defense gives up per game 86.8

Number of ranked teams Navy has played to begin its season with a perfect 5-0 start. The Midshipmen have beaten Duke, Northeastern, Tulsa, Vanderbilt and Air Force

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Victor Abiamati and the Notre Dame defensive line get a push against the Midshipmen offensive line earlier this season. The Irish held the Wolverines to 56 yards rushing on 30 carries.

The Irish must contain Navy's quarterback Aaron Polanco in the manner Kyle Rudinske demonstrates with a tackle on Stanford's Trent Edwards.
Tyrone Willingham
third season at
Notre Dame
career record:
6-3-1
at Notre Dame:
19-12
against Navy: 2-0

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COACHING

Willingham and the Irish coaches seemed to have the team ready for Purdue, but the players did not execute. Against Stanford, Notre Dame looked flat in the first half. The option is a difficult offense to prepare for, but Willingham, Stovall and the defense have done it before.

Paul Johnson has a great deal of respect for Notre Dame but also a great deal of pride in the Navy program. He has made the Midshipmen ready to play both times he faced Willingham in 2002 and 2003. Johnson's team is 5-0 and anxious to make it six in a row Saturday.

ANALYSIS

Willingham has beaten Navy the only two times he's faced them in his career. The Navy game in 1998 was a big win, but the one in 2001 was a big loss. This game is important for the Midshipmen because they have to compete against a strong defensive line. Navy has given up an average of 143 rushing yards per game to mediocre, unranked teams. The Midshipmen do not have a strong run defense, giving up a season-high 182 yards in Air Force two weeks ago. Duke averaged 4.5 yards per carry earlier in the season against Navy.

Quinn has an average of 143 rushing yards per game. The Midshipmen allow 233 yards by opponents. True, Navy is 5-0. They've also played a schedule that rivals an interhall football team in terms of difficulty. The Midshipmen will definitely bring their best game, but Notre Dame is too good and too big and too everything to lose this game. The Irish keep the streak alive for another year with a comfortable win.

Navy will come out too jacked up for this game, after 15 days of rest. The Midshipmen's cupcake schedule catches up with them. Willingham gets a convincing win over Navy in his third attempt, and the streak reaches 41 years.

If all goes well for Notre Dame, it will not have to throw the ball too often Saturday. But the option of the tight end and a balanced field for the Irish, who average 23.5 yards passing per game, will look to go up early with big play passes.

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FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31, Navy 17

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By Daniel Schiappa
The defensive line and characteristic option Navy option attack. Navy struggles, particularly against Orten and Purdue. The 'hend-don't-break' philosophy has given opponents loads of yards but few touchdowns. The pass defense must contain option passes and trick plays against Navy.

This is what Navy does. Navy runs the football. The Midshipmen have run the ball 281 times this season. They have thrown the ball 47 times. The unconventional wing-T offense and line attack creates at least some problems for all defenses that face it.

If Notre Dame wins this battle, it wins the game. But the Navy running game is No. 6 in the nation, and the Midshipmen have yet to cash in on their characteristic option attack. Polanco has the talent and ability to throw the ball downfield and make opposing defenses pay for sneaking up against the run. He has thrown three interceptions in 47 attempts thus far this season. The leading Navy receiver is Tonnison, with eight catches for 173 yards.

Zuber, Jackson and Burwell have an unprovoked task this week of stopping the option run and the option pass. The secondary must be aware of an option that does not throw off the defense, but one that can throw a significant yardage of defense back on Polanco and Eckel.

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Navy averages a paltry 33.3 yards per punt and has made 1-of-5 field goals so far this season. The Midshipmen return kicks for an average of 21.5 yards and punts for 5.2 yards. Navy's special teams are not game changing and shouldn't be again Saturday.

Navy has no one left on their special teams who can beat a team who can run a legitimate team. Just look at how effective Haskins has been against Notre Dame. Navy's special teams unit, especially Haskins and Polanco will have to take a kick to the return back for a touchdown. If Holiday has yet to break one for six on a punt return, the result is better than playing on the road.

Navy runs the option to perfection, but Notre Dame stops the run. Quinn will play well, and the Irish defense will stop Navy's option just enough to win. Navy is always a tough opponent for Notre Dame, but the Irish run the ball too well. It will be a close game, but the Irish will give Navy its first loss.

FUTURE SCORE: Notre Dame 24, Navy 17

Navy is 5-0 and probably tired of hearing about losing 40 straight to Notre Dame. The Midshipmen have played four average teams at best and a D-IAA program in Northeastern. So the Midshipmen are eager to prove what they can do against a national program like Notre Dame.

Navy is 5-0, while the Irish have shown very little consistency this season. But Notre Dame's strength is defense in stopping the run -- which just happens to be Navy's strength on offense. The Irish offense is clicking well enough at this point that it should score enough.

FUTURE SCORE: Notre Dame 27, Navy 17
Sizing up the Irish and Midshipmen

**Notre Dame's Offense vs. Navy's Defense**

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**Notre Dame Run Defense**

The linebackers, line and secondary all have the task of stopping the complicated option attack Navy runs to perfection. Notre Dame's defense ranks No. 12 in the nation at stopping the run, giving up just 86.8 yards per game. And the Irish are also tied at No. 8 in opponent yards per carry with Iowa State, at 2.8.

**Navy Running Game**

Navy ranks No. 6 in the nation in rushing yards per game with a 267.4 yard average. Quarterback and captain Aaron Polanco, above, leads Navy in rushing with 46 yards. Fullback Kyle Fickel is second on the team with 38 yards on the ground.

Navy runs the wing-T offense and runs the ball 56 times per game. The rush offense is essential to the team's overall success. Stopping the run equals stopping Navy, but that has been no easy task for opponents this season, as the Midshipmen have thrown just 47 times.

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Undefeated Navy seeks to end win streak

By HEATHER VAN HOOGENDON
Sports Writer

Of the five teams Navy has beaten this season, one has a winning record — and that team is in Division 1-AA.

The Midshipmen haven’t exactly been world beaters en route to their 5-0 start, knocking off Duke (1-4), Northeastern (3-2 in Div. 1-AA), Tulsa (1-4), Vanderbilt (1-4) and the Air Force Academy (3-3). But they enter Saturday’s game against Notre Dame undefeated and eager to end a 40-year losing streak that dates back to 1963.

That season, the Midshipmen picked up more confidence heading into their Thursday night matchup with the nation’s 12th best running team. But this year is different for Navy.

"I think it’s all technique," said coach Tyrone Willingham. "We just have to keep him on the 20-yard line in six more attempts."

Fitzpatrick, who has hit 5-of-7 field goal attempts this season, is expected to kick against Navy.

"He’s made great strides," Willingham said. "He has indicated by Polanco’s numbers that will protect against big returns.

Fitzpatrick’s improvements in punting have helped the Irish significantly. They can count on him for a consistent punt each time he goes out on the field, helping Notre Dame win the battle for field position.

"Good punting is critical because that is one area you can exchange fairly huge chunks of yardage," Willingham said. "If you have that as a plus that way and I love it."
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**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

**Strong start, strong finish**

Team strives to play solid in all 90 minutes

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

This Saturday, the No. 1 Irish will face conference-rival Boston College at Alumni Field with one goal in mind — to complete the game with a consistent high level of intensity. Boston College is ranked No. 20 with an overall record 9-4-0. This could be a challenge for the Irish, who have struggled offensively the past several games. The team has relied upon late game-winning goals, but is looking to come out and play strong throughout the contest. "Boston College is a quality team that beat us last year in the Big East Tournament," junior Annie Schefter said. "Our biggest challenge will be to play a full 90 minutes." This goal may prove to be challenging for the Irish who are aware of the strong and physical play of the Eagles. "They like to get out and attack. They beat us last year in the Big Interhall," sophomore forward Molly Iarocci said. "Their starting 11 is solid in all 90 minutes and lots of mud." Sophomore forward Molly Iarocci sprints to regain control of the ball in a game against Providence earlier this season.

**MEN’S INTERHALL GOLD LEAGUE**

**Controversial game ends in stalemate**

Players from Stanford and O’Neill line up during Thursday night’s game.

Strange Stanford, O’Neill matchup results in 8-8 tie

By CHRIS KOOREY and BRANDON WALLACE
Sports Writers

Stanford and O’Neill walked away with an 8-8 tie Thursday night in one of the most bizarre games of the 2004 interhall season. The game featured four interceptions, including one returned for O’Neill’s only touchdown, a safety, confusion over the score, a fan ejection and lots of mud. Even stranger, Stanford played the entire game under the impression that a tie would give them a spot in the playoffs, most likely playing Keenan. See GOLD/page 21.

**HOCKEY**

**Irish to face test at Miami**

After last week’s disappointing games, team looks for success in Ohio

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Just because midterms are out of the way, doesn’t mean the tests are over for the Irish: A week after tying and losing to No. 4 Minnesota-Duluth at home, Notre Dame now travels across the border to take on No. 9 Miami (Ohio) in a two-game series Friday and Saturday to open CCHA play for both teams. The Irish then return home Oct. 22 to take on No. 1 Boston College at the Joyce Center. "This is the same type of well, take care of business." The Irish ride a six-game shutout streak into the road trip, most recently posting a 3-0 win over Michigan on Wednesday night. Although it is a team principle see HOCKEY/page 22.

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**Men’s soccer anticipate challenges**

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

They’re on the road again. While students depart for various fall break destinations, the men’s soccer team will be en route to some of its toughest conference tests this season. On Saturday, the team faces St. John’s in a rematch of last year’s Big East tournament championship game. On Wednesday, they are scheduled to take on Seton Hall and finish the break on Oct. 23 against Rutgers. “This road trip is probably going to decide who wins the Big East regular season,” senior co-captain Chris Sawyer said. "We definitely are very much looking forward to it and trying to get ready." This is the same type of more information, see CHALLENGE/page 22.

**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

**Irish travel to Indiana State University**

Saturday’s event will allow the runners one final test before the NCAA Championships.

ND WOMEN’S TENNIS
Thompsons enjoy success at ITA Championships
Twin sisters topped the Irish team to reach the finals of the grand slam event.

ND WOMEN’S GOLF
Notre Dame takes the road for invite
The Irish hope to thrive on the momentum they gained after two straight wins.

SMC SOCCER
Bolliev look to extend home winning streak
The team is set to meet Alma on Saturday.

MLB
Boston tries to rebound at home
Although the Yankees lead the series 2-0, the Red Sox remain hopeful.

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The Irish take on Navy this weekend. For more information, see inside.