Students vote before Election Day

Absentee ballots, early voting set national count in motion

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News Writer

Though millions of Americans will head out to the polls one week from today, many voters, including Notre Dame students, have already made their choices.

During fall break, many students had the chance to vote early or pick up and mail in absentee ballots.

Sophomore Ashley St. Pierre turned in her absentee ballot during break in her home state of New Hampshire, a process she described as very easy.

Explaning her motivation for taking the time to vote at home, St. Pierre said voting is a privilege many people take for granted.

"In such a close race, this is a time when each vote is going to have an effect on the outcome of the election," St. Pierre said.

Junior Dan Reynolds said he voted absentee in Cincinnati because he had no other option.

"If you’re going to be out of the county on Election Day, you have to do it this way [in Ohio],” Reynolds said.

On voting a week before the actual election, Reynolds said he was unconcerned about having to decide early.

"I pretty much knew where I stood on things,” Reynolds said.

That wasn’t going to change in the last week.

Early voting means an individual can cast his ballot during a specific period prior to Election Day. Absentee voting involves requesting a ballot in the mail and returning it by mail or by hand.

According to data from HelpingAmericansVote.org, 27 states do not restrict early or absentee voting, while 23 states have state-specific requirements.

Yale professor traces development of Islam

Bowering: Christianity had vital influence on history of faith

By STEVE KERINS
News Writer

Contact with other contemporary faith traditions, including Christianity, played a key role in the early development of Islam, said Gerhard Bowering, a Jesuit professor of Islamic studies at Yale University, in a lecture on the history of Islam Monday night at the Hesburgh Center.

His talk was the first of this year’s Erasmus Lectures. The theme of the series is "Islam and Christianity," and the first lecture was entitled "Origins and Common Roots.”

Bowering began by introducing Islam in its modern context.

"Islam is a world religion that has come into our purview through world events,” he said. He examined some of the various ethnic and cultural groups that comprised the contemporary Islamic world and then turned to the origins of Islam in seventh century Mecca.

Bowering noted that Christianity had been developing for nearly six centuries before the advent of Islam.

"The earliest Christian writers looked at Islam as just another heresy that had appeared,” he said.

He described the rise of Islamic civilization both in the context of the pagan religions that had existed previously on the Arabian Peninsula, and in terms of its increasing contact with the Christian world.

After reviewing major occurrences in the life of Muhammad, Bowering began to relate the two faiths and made the case that Christianity had vital influence on the history of Islam.

City shuts down Benchwarmer’s

Downtown bar was site of fights, underage drinking

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary’s Editor

Benchwarmer’s, the city’s newest Sports Lounge closed its doors for good Oct. 18, after the city of South Bend agreed to purchase the downtown location for $55,640.

The city also agreed to drop a 2003 nuisance lawsuit against owner Stephen Mitchell alleging that underage drinking and fighting had occurred.

Mitchell owned the bar for 10 years and told the Tribune that he plans to move to the Atlanta area as health problems motivated him to sell.

Neither Mitchell nor his lawyers could be reached for comment.

Fighting and unruly behavior at the bar had become a nuisance to the city and police officers. On Saturdays, four officers were usually assigned to patrol Benchwarmer’s in addition to the regular officers working downtown, causing officers to work overtime, according to the Tribune.

In January 2001, 50-60 Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students were cited for underage drinking in a police raid on the bar.

Last May, a young woman’s arm was broken during an arrest outside the bar.

Saint Mary’s senior Erin Korreck said the bar closing will not affect her weekend entertainment.

"It doesn’t change anything for me because I’ve never been there, and hadn’t really ever seen it," Korreck said, adding that NDSP has observed a pattern of increased incidents on recent weekends.

Ejection numbers increase

Citations of ND, BC fans also rise at game

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

In numbers indicative of the schools’ bitter rivalry, more Notre Dame and Boston College fans received citations for alcohol-related offenses and more people were ejected from Notre Dame Stadium this year than at any home football game this year.

The joint task force of Indiana State Excise Police, St. Joseph County Police, South Bend Police and Notre Dame Security/Police cited a total of 34 people before and during the game — the vast majority of which were Boston College fans, judging by their east coast addresses, said NDSP Director Ron Baker.

"If not the toughest, [Boston College] is one of the toughest crowds we face,” Baker said, adding that NDSP has observed a pattern of increased incidents on recent years' opening Boston College games.

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Parents aren’t so bad after all

Parents aren’t so useless after all. When I went home for fall break, I was excited to see my family again. As a freshman, it was the first time I’d been away from them for an extended period of time. However, after the initial pleasure of reunion, I was greeted with something I definitely had not missed: Nagging.

My mom had made a to-do list for fall break. I had to balance my checking account, buy winter clothes and clean up my room I’d been gone for two months. How was it messy? But now that I’m back at school, something has dawned on me. Sometimes when parents nag in high school, it seems pointless. I learned that if I ignored a task, my mom would just end up doing it. But at college, if I ignore a task, it doesn’t get done at all.

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At home, my mom would always comment that my desk was a mess. I used it as a repository of all the random pieces of paper I received. When I got here, this habit got even worse. A jumbled pile of paper, books, hats next to my laptop on my desk became a mess.

Another instance happened to my roommate earlier this year. At home, my mom always called the entire family to the table to eat dinner. But now that I’m back at school, my roommate doesn’t mind if I’m up until 3 a.m.

Nearly every college student is familiar with this. I’ve spent many nights doing homework until the early morning hours. Sometimes I’ll get up and before I realize what’s happening, I’ve run out of clothes. That was the first time I realized I wasn’t in the proverbial Kansas anymore.

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In Brief

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Rock the Vote will host a panel of speakers on “Africa, Trade, Debt and the U.S. Presidential Elections” today from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

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A Peace Corps representative will hold an information session for fall programs today from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns lounge.

The Ballroom Dance Club will give tango dance lessons today in room 101 in the Rockne building. Beginning instruction will be from 9 to 9:30 p.m. and advanced lessons will be from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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**South Korea**

**Nation tightens security**

Korean military ordered into high alert near Seoul

Associated Press

SEOUL — South Korea's military went into a high state of alert on Tuesday, tightening roadblocks and traffic checks north of Seoul after finding signs of possible infiltration by North Korean agents, officials said.

The increased security along the rivals' border came after Seoul and Seoul came as U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell was visiting South Korea to discuss a strategy for restarting stalled talks on North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

South Korean border guards found a hole in the wire fence that forms the southern boundary of the 2.5-mile wide Demilitarized Zone that separates the two Koreas, Brig. Gen. Hwang Joong-sun of the South Korean Office of Joint Chiefs of Staff said.

The 16- by 12-inch hole, which was cut through two layers of wire fence meters yards apart, was discovered early Tuesday near Yeoncheon, a border town 40 miles north of Seoul.

North Korea had no immediate comment, but it has a long history of staging border infiltration and other military provocations in apparent attempts to hike tension and increase its leverage at times of crucial negotiations.

South Korea imposed "Jindogye-1" around Yeoncheon, the highest level of defense, and barred the two military can issue before an actual sighting of a North Korean agent, officials said.

Meanwhile, Muslims and Christians in the Middle East continued to report recurrent attacks and kidnappings of religious figures in attacks that the government of Saddam Hussein said were meant to disrupt the region's stability.

One such attack occurred in the northern city of Mosul, where two Iraqis were killed in a suicide bombing that targeted a funeral for a prominent Sunni sheik.

While the United States and its allies have been focusing on the military and political aspects of the war in Iraq, religious leaders say that the situation is becoming increasingly complex.

"We are seeing a situation where the military is fighting a war against terrorism, but the religious leaders are fighting a war against the occupation," said Dr. Ali al-Saadi, a Shi'ite cleric who has been active in the anti-American movement in Iraq.

In other news, a new study has found that the number of Muslims killed in the war has increased significantly since the invasion began in 2003.

The report, compiled by the Human Rights Watch organization, said that more than 10,000 Muslims had been killed in the war, including civilians, military personnel, and religious leaders.

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key events in Islam's incipient years to present day dilemmas. He said Muhammad had taken to opposing the presence of the small Jewish tribes in Mecca and Medina, forwarding the presentaent conflict between the two faiths.

He also examined the term jihād, which he described as "the struggle with all means on the path of God, even militant means."

The Middle Ages, Böwer said, provided a turning point in Islam's relations with Christianity, culminating dramatically in the Crusades. Meanwhile, Muslims were rapidly and successfully expanding on other fronts.

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Irish-Eagles game days. "I think for their stu- dent section is their one big road trip of the year."

The previous high for citations was 29 on Sept. 11, the day of the Michigan game. Citations issued on football Saturdays typically include minor in consumption, minor in possesion and public intoxication, Rakow said.

The task force also made seven custodial arrests — four in the White Field Lot prior to the game and three during the game — on charges including public intoxication, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, Rakow said. All four people arrested before the game were of student age, with one from Notre Dame and three from Boston College, and one Notre Dame student was arrested at the game, Rakow said. He was unsure of the affiliation of the other two people arrested in the stadium.

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In the South Bend area, St. Joseph County has seen an increase in absentee voting. St. Joseph County circuit court clerk Rita Glenn said, "We sent out 13,000 ballots and have processed about 6,700," Glenn said.

However, Glenn said there was not necessarily a trend toward increased absentee voting. "It is an increase [in absentee voting], but the population of the U.S. has increased as well," she said. "And the general public had over 5,000 new applicants registering to vote for the first time."

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Israel shares plan to secure Israel

Debate ensues in parliament as prime minister appeals for support of withdrawal

The plan has sharply divided Sharon’s Likud Party, with nearly half the 40 Likud lawmakers saying they will vote against it, forcing Sharon to rely on the support of dovish opposition parties.

Sharon is expected to win Tuesday’s vote, but will need a solid margin of victory to silence opponents’ demand for a national referendum. Sharon opposes a referendum, which would take months to prepare, as a delaying tactic and said it would only increase the divisions and the hatred on both sides. However, several cabinet members, including Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, have called for a national vote.

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon opened a stormy debate in parliament on Sunday by launching a passionate appeal to law­makers to support his Gaza withdrawal plan, which has divided the country and weakened his government — as the only way to secure Israel’s future.

The withdrawal would mark the first time Israel has pulled down Jewish settlements in the West Bank or Gaza, and Sharon is hoping a decisive victory in a parliamentary vote scheduled for Tuesday will blunt calls for a national referendum on the plan.

“...This is a fateful moment for Israel. We are dealing with a difficult decision that has few parallels,” he said in a speech interrupted by heckling from hard-line opponents. The two-day debate before the Knesset is a climactic confrontation over the “unilateral disengagement” plan, which Sharon has pushed despite strong opposition from much of his Likud Party and the threat that it could destroy his coalition government.

As the debate began, violence flared in Gaza, with Israeli troops killing 15 Palestinians and wounding 91 others, raising the toll to nearly 600. Two Israeli soldiers were wounded.

Violence in Gaza has increased in recent months on both sides, as Palestinian militants trying to prove they are fighting Israel out, and Israel seeking to crush the militants to show it is not withdrawing under fire.

Sharon says his plan to leave Gaza and pull down four small West Bank settlements is vital to ending four years of devastating violence in the region. Jewish settlers and their top patron in the government, Sharon said supporting the withdrawal was the most difficult decision of his long career.

“I know of the Knesset’s decision for thousands of Israelis who have lived for many years in the Gaza Strip, who were sent there in the name of Israeli government, and built their homes there. Who planted flowers and trees, and brought up their children, who have never known another home,” he said. “I know this well. I sent many.”

Sharon said his plan was not intended to replace negotiations with the Palestinians in the long run.

“It is a necessary step during a period in which negotiations are not possible. All is open when terror — this murderous terror — stops.”

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, middle, expressed his determination to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and West Bank but remains open to peace talks with Palestine.
Powell, Wen reach agreement on issues

Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao, right, welcomes U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell during a meeting in Beijing Monday.

Associated Press

BEIJING — Secretary of State Colin Powell won agreement from top Chinese officials Monday to resume joint discussions on human rights issues, but he failed to persuade them to open a dialogue with old rival Taiwan.

China angrily removed human rights from the U.S.-China agenda last spring when the United States introduced a resolution critical of Beijing before the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva.

Powell told reporters after high-level discussions here that the two countries "will start talks about resuming our human rights dialogue." He said he wants official discussions to touch on U.S. concerns about the detention of journalists and restrictions on civil liberties, among other issues.

On Taiwan, Powell reaffirmed the U.S. view that China should welcome a recent offer by Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian to reopen political discussions with China. But the Chinese, mistrustful of Chen because of his moves toward independence, rejected Powell's appeals, said a U.S. official who accompanied Powell in the discussions.

China has said a dialogue with Taiwan will be possible only after the island agrees it will not seek independence. Powell told them that the two countries "will start talks about resuming our human rights dialogue." The Chinese officials told Powell they believe it is possible for six-party negotiations on nuclear disarmament to resume in the next few months. North Korea boycotted a meeting that was to have taken place in September. The six nations are the United States, China, Japan, Russia and the two Koreas.

The United States is seeking the permanent denuclearization of North Korea and has said it will provide the communist government with economic benefits only after it offers a credible commitment to meet U.S. disarmament demands.

American partners in the six-party process share the U.S. goal but do not share the Chinese view that the United States is too rigid. Washington, he said, should "go further to adopt a flexible and practical attitude on the issue."
American to furlough up to 1,100

DALLAS — American Airlines, struggling with rising fuel costs and competition from low-fare carriers, will furlough up to 650 maintenance workers in Kansas City and St. Louis and up to 450 pilots, the company said in a memo given to employees Friday. The furloughs come two days after Fort Worth-based AMR Corp., parent of American, reported that it lost $214 million from July through September and expected an even bigger loss in the fourth quarter.

In the memo, the company's senior vice president of human resources, wrote in the memo obtained by The Associated Press that American is currently furloughing for months to operate more efficiently and return to profitability.

"Despite our success in lowering costs, some circumstances that greatly impact us, most notably fuel, are out of our control," Brundage said in the memo. "The reduction will change significantly how we know we are in a difficult winter."

Tim Wagner, a spokesman for American, confirmed a memo went out to employees, but said Friday night he could not comment because the company has promised to tell employees about how they're compensated, but not necessarily the details of what they fail to do.

Serving on a corporate board has become a thankless job — and what they fail to do.

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"Despite our success in lowering costs, some circumstances that greatly impact us, most notably fuel, are out of our control," Brundage said in the memo. "The reduction will change significantly how we know we are in a difficult winter."

Tim Wagner, a spokesman for American, confirmed a memo went out to employees, but said Friday night he could not comment because the company has promised to tell employees about how they're compensated, but not necessarily the details of what they fail to do.

The directors have done their best — and what they fail to do. At March & McLennan, that will never be a cushy job, but now a director's every move has potential consequences.

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Immediately following news on Oct. 14 that New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer was suing the company, the 10 independent directors on the 16-person board issued a statement that they had begun a review of the accusations.

Netherlands

ISG deal to change steel industry

$4.5 billion deal and consolidation to form world's largest steel leader

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — Steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal announced plans to pay $4.5 billion in cash and stock for International Steel Group Inc., which had been cobbled together by onetime investment banker Wilbur L. Ross Jr. from mills whose parents landed in bankruptcy court.

The takeover and the consolidation of two Mittal-controlled companies announced on Monday will create a global steel mammoth with anticipated 2004 sales of $31.8 billion, 70 million tons of steel production capacity and 165,000 employees, rivaling the world's largest steel and mining conglomerates.

"These transactions dramatically change the scope of the global steel industry," said Mittal, who will be chief executive of the combined company.

The size of the renamed Mittal Steel Co. NV will provide it economics of scale in purchasing raw materials and advantages in setting global prices for steel, analysts said.

The deal comes against the backdrop of rising demand for steel in China, whose appetite for oil has already contributed to rising energy prices.

Mittal, a native of India who now lives in London, has spent years acquiring steelmaking plants in locations ranging from the Czech Republic to South Africa to Africa, much as ISG chairman Ross has since 2002, scooping up struggling steel-making assets of fallen U.S. giants like LTV, Acme Steel, Bethlehem Steel and Wheeling Steel.

"Mittal is an absolute powerhouse," said analyst Chris Ohl of Longbow Research. The deal gives Mittal a particular advantage in the United States, where it will control about 40 percent of the flat-rolled steel market, said analyst Chris Ohl of Longbow Research. The deal gives Mittal a potential share of the lowest-cost supply in the world and has the potential to generate even more savings through scale advantages.

The takeover of ISG, which is based in Richfield, Ohio, must be approved by ISG shareholders. Mittal said he does not plan layoffs.

Under the deal, Rotterdam-based Ispat International NV — in which the Mittal family has a majority stake — will issue $13.3 billion of shares to buy another Mittal family company, LNM Holdings NV. Then, that company would pay $23 in cash and about $21 a share in stock for each share of ISG.

Shares of ISG surged $5.57, or 19 percent, to close at $35.25 Monday on the New York Stock Exchange. Ross, 66, who formerly worked at the investment firm Rothschild Inc., controlled 28.8 percent of ISG shares when the company's last proxy statement was filed with the SEC in April.

Many of those shares were owned by various funds Ross managed. He personally owned 7.1 percent of ISG shares, worth $291.3 million in cash and stock if the Mittal transaction is completed.

The combined company will be based in Rotterdam and will seek a listing on the New York Stock Exchange and Amsterdam's Euronext exchange. The Mittal family will own 88 percent. Mittal Steel will "have excellent positions in raw materials, particularly coal, coke and iron ore," Mittal said.

The new company is comparable with the world's largest steelmaker, Luxembourg-based Arcelor SA, which had with 2003 sales of $33.2 billion and around 100,000 employees.

Frank Holmes, chief executive of U.S. Global Investments, who follows the steel industry, said Mittal is one of a handful of consolidators — like ISG's chairman Ross — who have taken over from the last generation of steel company managers.

Wilbur L. Ross Jr., chairman of International Steel Group Inc., will be on the board when the LNM Group mergers and takes over U.S.-based International Steel Group Inc.

Marsh & McLennan's directors in hot seat

Associated Press

NEW YORK — No doubt the nail biting has started among members of the Marsh & McLennan Cos. board of directors. With the company preparing to fend off another scandal, their oversight will certainly be called into question.

It should be. In the wake of all the business scandals, boards all around corporate America are under intense scrutiny over how they do their jobs, and new court cases are raising the possibility that directors could be found personally liable for what they do — and what they fail to do.

Serving on a corporate board has never been a cushy job, but now a director's every move has potential consequences.

That isn't to say boards today are being held to such high standards that they can't make mistakes. The question is whether they stick to their mission: To act in good faith and in the best interest of the company and its shareholders.

"Directors, time to time, may make mistakes. They aren't liable for that," said Gregory Puff, a partner at the law firm of McDermott Will & Emery. "They're liable when they don't discharge their fiduciary obligations."

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EGYPT

Information released about terror plotters

Associated Press

CAIRO — A Palestinian refugee plotted the coordinated bombings targeting Israeli tourists at resorts in the Sinai and accidentally killed himself while carrying out the deadliest blast, Egyptian authorities said Monday.

Discounting the theory of al-Qaeda involvement, an Interior Ministry statement said Ayad Said Saleh was motivated by the deteriorating situation in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip, which his relatives fled in 1967, and carried out the attack with the help of local residents.

But security officials speaking on condition of anonymity told The Associated Press they believed the Oct. 7 attacks on the Taba Hilton and two beach camps packed with Israelis may have been carried out with help from Islamic groups based outside Egypt, though not necessarily Osama bin Laden’s al-Qaeda group.

One car bomb devastated the Hilton hotel in Taba, just yards from the Israeli border, while two others rocked tourist camps at Ras Shitan, a coastal village 35 miles further south, killing a total of 34 people, including Israelis, Egyptians, Italians and Russians.

Egypt’s Interior Ministry said the attacks were masterminded by Saleh, a minibus driver born in the northern Sinai town of al-Arish, who was in his early 20s. Saleh was killed in the Taba Hilton bombing along with a fellow plotter, Egyptian Suleiman Ahmed Saleh Flayfil, 39.

The statement said both men, identified through DNA testing, had been trying to leave the attack scene but their timed explosives went off prematurely.

Two other suspects were said to be at large: Mohamed Ahmed Saleh Flayfil, Suleiman Flayfil’s brother, and Hammad Gaman Gomah Tarabeen. They were accused of carrying out the campground attacks.

Police also arrested five Egyptians accused of playing lower-level roles, including obtaining explosives and cars used in the attacks. The statement did not say when they were arrested or provide details of their capture.

The five are residents of the Sinai Peninsula, a territory Israel captured from Egypt in the 1967 Middle East war and returned in 1982 under terms of the first Israeli-Arab peace treaty.

The Interior Ministry said the three cars used in the bombings were stolen and the explosives were salvaged from war armaments in the Sinai. The car bombs, according to the statement, were built using spare parts from washing machines and other equipment.

JAPAN

Weekend earthquakes kill 26

Associated Press

NAGAOKA — Rain pelted a weary region recovering from powerful weekend earthquakes, creating fears of mudslides, as 100,000 people took refuge in shelters Monday, too afraid to go home as aftershocks delivered new jolts.

Saturday’s magnitude 6.8 earthquake and a series of strong aftershocks killed 26 people, tore up roads, upended homes and derailed a high speed train in rural Niigata prefecture about 160 miles northwest of Tokyo.

A 5.6-magnitude tremor hit just after dawn Monday, swaying buildings and deepening concerns that the area’s already shaky infrastructure would sustain more damage. Several smaller aftershocks were felt through the night, and Japan’s Meteorological Agency warned of more quakes in the region.

About 100,000 people took refuge at gymnasiums and public buildings. Thousands of others slept in their cars and in tents.

An overturned vehicle rests among a damaged road following a series of powerful earthquakes at Ojiya in northern Japan on Sunday.

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**Candidates debate U.S. security**

Bush, Kerry exchange charges over ability to handle national security issues

President Bush and Senator John Kerry campaign in the swing states of Michigan and Iowa, respectively, as both candidates make a last-minute push to sway the minds of remaining undecided voters.

Bush took to the campaign trail today, warning that Kerry would not be able to handle national security affairs.

**Associated Press**

PHILADELPHIA — Sen. John Kerry cited the Iraqi war and a huge cache of missing explosives Monday as proof President Bush has "failed the test of being commander in chief." The Republican slammed his rival as "consistently and dangerously wrong" on national security matters.

In a race of ever-escalating rhetoric, the president also accused the Democratic challenger of "the worst kind of Monday-morning quarterbacking" on the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. But he felt silent on the Disappearance of 377 tons of high explosives in Iraq, leaving it to explain it.

Public polls in the major battleground states of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Florida were so close that both camps had cause for optimism — and room for doubt. And with only eight days to go, there were signs that the field of competition might be widening.

Democrats fretted about a tight race in Hawaii and made plans to advertise to voters in the state.

Polls showed a tightening race in Arkansas, a state where the president won four years ago and the Democrats had virtually given up for lost this time. The president's high command was concerned, as well, about New Hampshire, in Bush's column four years ago, trend ing Kerry's way in the race's final days.

Long-planned events blended with the unexpected in a campaign already marked by unpredictability.

Former President Clinton joined Kerry at a noon to noon rally in Philadelphia that drew tens of thousands. "If this isn't good for my heart, I don't know what it is," Clinton said, looking thinner seven weeks after bypass surgery.

Supreme Court officials announced that Chief Justice William Rehnquist, 80, is undergoing treatment for thyroid cancer and is expected to return to work next week. The statement served as a reminder that the next president is likely to have more than one appointment to an aging court that is divided on abortion, gay rights and more.

Word of the disappearance of explosives from a military installation in Iraq was like a campaign gift to Kerry, and he quickly put it to use.

Failure to secure the material was "one of the great blunders of Iraq," one of the great blunders of this administration," the four-term Massachusetts senator said in New Hampshire, his first campaign stop of the week. "Terrorists could use this material to kill our troops, our people, blow up our airplanes and level buildings."

"The unbelievable, stubbornness, arrogance of this administration to do the basics has now allowed this president to once again fall the test of being the commander in chief," Kerry said.

Bush gave as good as he got. "On Iraq, my opponent has a strategy of pes simism and retreat," he said in Greeley, Colo.

That was more weIl-tempered.

He accused Kerry of "throwing out the wild claim that he knows where Osama bin Laden was in the fall of 2001" — and that our military had a chance to get him in Tora Bora. That was a reference to Kerry's frequent assertion that the administration "outsourced" the job of hunting down bin Laden to Afghan warlords.

"This is an unjustified and harsh criticism of our military commanders in the field," Bush said. "It is the worst kind of Monday-morning quarter back ing."

Beyond Iraq, Bush cited Kerry's opposition to the first Persian Gulf War, his proposal for cuts in the intelligence budget in 1994 and his position on former President Reagan's defense buildup in the 1980s. Together, they show that "on the largest national security issues of our time, he has been consistently and dangerously wrong.""White House spokesman Scott McClellan sought to aIay concern over the threat posed by 377 tons of explosives missing from the Al Qaqaa military installation. He told reporters no nuclear material was involved, and gave reporters an accounting of weapons found, not lost.

"We have destroyed more than 243,000 munitions, and we've secured another nearly 163,000 that will be destroyed."
ISRAEL

Arafat leaves Israel for medical treatment

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel gave Yasser Arafat permission Monday to briefly leave his compound to receive medical treatment in the West Bank city of Ramallah, heightening concerns the Palestinian leader is seriously ill.

Palestinian officials said Arafat was recovering from a lengthy bout of the flu but was feeling better and would not accept Israel's offer.

The decision by Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz would allow Arafat to leave his compound in Ramallah for the first time in 2 1/2 years.

The Defense Ministry said in a statement that Arafat would be allowed to leave his compound, the Muqata, for medical checks in a Ramallah hospital on condition he returns afterward. The ministry said the Palestinians had requested that Arafat, who is recovering from a long bout of flu, be allowed to leave for checkups.

But Palestinian Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat denoted Palestinian officials had made such a request and said they had no intention of taking up the offer.

"We did not ask the Israelis for permission to take President Arafat to the hospital and there is no need, as Arafat is recovering in the Muqata (compound)," Erekat said.

Arafat, 75, has a medical clinic in the compound.

Arafat's health has been the subject of intense speculation in recent weeks after two teams of Tunisian and Egyptian doctors were flown in to examine him.

The Israeli media have speculated in recent days that Arafat may be suffering from more than the flu, with some reports saying Arafat is ill with cancer.

"We are used to hearing rumors from the Israelis about the president's health," Nabil Abu Rudeh, an Arafat aide, said.

Arafat aides said he fell ill two weeks ago, suffering from fever, nausea and a stuffy nose. He has been feeling better in recent days, has resumed eating and even presided over a lively meeting of his national security council Sunday, Palestinian officials said.

Arafat was laughing and appeared healthy at another meeting with Palestinian officials later Sunday that journalists, including an Associated Press reporter, were allowed to observe briefly.

In the latest round of tests on Monday, the five Tunisian doctors, together with Palestinian doctors, examined Arafat, carrying out a series of tests including an endoscopy to check his stomach.

Arafat had been complaining of stomach pains before the test, but no problems were found, a Palestinian doctor who was there said on condition of anonymity.

Last year, Arafat suffered from gall stones, and his condition of anonymity.

Arafat said he was recovering from the flu.

December 5, 2004

Iraq

Bombings in Iraq kill at least 8

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Bombings struck four coalition and Iraqi military convoys and a provincial government office Monday, killing at least eight people, including an American soldier and an Estonian trooper in the Baghdad area.

Coming a day after the bodies of nearly 50 Iraqi military recruits were found massed in the name of Jordanian military, the attacks were the latest in a spate of bloody incidents targeting the US military.

A bomber struck the convoy of U.S. soldiers as they were on the road, killing one U.S. soldier and wounded five, the U.S. military said.

An Estonian soldier died when a roadside bomb exploded at a market just outside Baghdad as his patrol went by, the Estonian military said. Five other Estonian soldiers were wounded.

A car bomb also targeted an Australian military convoy 350 yards from their country's embassy in Baghdad, killing three Iraqi civilians and wounding nine people.
DENVER — Public health officials say Americans should roll up their sleeves for a dose of reality: For most of us, getting a flu shot is not a life-or-death situation.

The flu vaccine will not necessarily prevent you from experiencing the flu’s miserable symptoms, like fever, hacking cough, runny nose and “hit-by-a-truck” body aches. Studies show the shot generally works well, but its effectiveness can range from 52 to 90 percent depending on the strain of virus and a person’s age.

If you are elderly or chronically ill, the vaccine can help jump-start your body’s weakened defenses and perhaps prevent the worst from happening.

But the millions of people who are younger and healthier do not really need it — especially during a vaccine shortage, public health officials say. “Right now the entire country runs on fear and we don’t need to live like that,” said Catharine A. Kopac, a Georgetown University gerontology researcher. “We somehow think we should be disease-free all the time. If you’re leading a healthy life and you get sick with the flu, you’re probably going to get through it.”

For years, most people ignored the government’s vaccination campaign, in part because of persistent myths that the shot hurts (not much; the needle is small) and it makes you sick (no, the conventional vaccine is made from dead virus).

As recently as last year, 4 million doses of vaccine went unused, even though an alarming early strain of influenza emerged and gained attention because several children died from it, particularly in Colorado.

Two-thirds of Americans age 65 and older were vaccinated in 2002. But only 28 percent of people with chronic illness and 30 percent of children 6 months to 23 months old got their shots. Health care workers were not much better at 38 percent.

Nevertheless, the sudden vaccine shortage this fall is igniting a “scarcity mentality” similar to runs on banks during stock market crashes and convenience stores when hurricanes brew offshore.

Millions who never bothered to get vaccinated before suddenly are hounding their doctors, workplace nurses and supermarket clinics. Americans are crossing borders and proffering their exposed arms; in Seattle, people are paying $105 to ride a high-speed ferry for a shot at the dock in Victoria, British Columbia.

Why is behind this feverish behavior? Researchers say it is not so much the flu itself as a more generalized sense of being unprotected.

“Not being able to get the shot takes away your control over your health,” said David Scheinkman, chief of epidemiology at the Harvard School of Public Health. “That sense of being out of control is scary.”

Many providers are rationing precious vials for their neediest patients. For the rest of us, their advice is more motherly: Wash your hands frequently, and if you do get sick, stay home and drink hot soup.

In the United States, the flu’s average annual death toll is 36,000. Rarely do the victims die from the virus itself. Rather, it weakens their immune systems so that a bacterial infection — often pneumonia — delivers the fatal blow. In virulent years, pre-existing conditions like heart disease can raise the death toll. Hospitalizations have almost quadrupled over the past two decades, to 300,000 annually as physicians recognize the additional danger flu poses.

Only two pharmaceutical companies make flu vaccine for the U.S. market. The vaccine shortage erupted Oct. 5 when regulators shut Chiron Corp.’s labs in Liverpool, England, cutting the expected U.S. supply by 48 million doses, or nearly half. “This is our biggest nightmare come true,” said Noreen Nicol, chief clinical officer at the National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver, which received only about half of the 2,000 doses of flu vaccine it ordered.

Still, infectious-disease experts say flu should no longer be a catastrophic illness among otherwise healthy people, at least not in the way it was in 1918 when it killed 40 million people worldwide. For one thing, there are still about 61 million vials of vaccine in the U.S. pipeline. That is roughly equal to the nation’s entire supply in 2000. With proper distribution, that is enough to protect the 42.3 million Americans who really need anti-viral protection, said University of Rochester infectious disease specialist John Treanor.

Also, this year’s dominant strain appears to be similar to last year’s. More than one-third of Americans were either vaccinated or exposed to it naturally, and some doctors believe there ought to be at least some case-carry-over immunity.

And unlike 1918, now there are at least four anti-viral medications that can relieve the flu’s worst effects if taken within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms.

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Enthusiastic about having to choose between Bush and Kerry, one wonders how these endorsement recommendations actually help.

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U-WIRE
Endorsers less than thrilled about choice

When discussing their choices in any political campaign, many joke about having to pick the lesser between two evils. Faced with a choice between two rich white men who have grown negative at each campaign stop with lies and exaggerations — many Americans seem to feel this way about the choice between President George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry.

As newspapers across the country have come out with their endorsements for the presidential election this sentiment has echoed into the national media.

The Tampa Tribune wrote that because of their disappointment with both candidates they simply could not endorse anyone this year. So instead of sending their readers an endorsement they wrote a long analysis of each candidate.

The Tribune wrote, “We are unable to endorse President Bush for re-election because of his handling of the war in Iraq ... and his failed promise to be a ‘unit not a divider’ within the United States and the world. Neither can we endorse Sen. Kerry ... whose positions on the war issue — the central issue in this campaign — have been difficult to distinguish or differentiate.”

The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, who chose to endorse President Bush, also wrote that it was “less than enthused” about having to choose between Bush and Kerry.

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Quote of the Day
"Be like a duck. Calm on the surface, but always paddling like the dickens underneath." — Michael Cain

Actor
An innovative educational model for the 21st century

It's very surprising that education seems to be an issue with which the Democratic Party traditionally enjoys popular support. However, surprises and irritations make perfect sense in the world of politics. Nothing smells better in the political world than federal funds to local constituencies. It's like throwing out political "chum" to the sharks, and it requires absolutely no accountability or fiscal responsibility. Once again, the simple Democratic strategy of throwing more federal money and releasing in hold administrators or influential voting blocks of teachers accountable is often as natural as sneering for liberal politicians.

Before I briefly address Senator John Kerry's plan for education, I'd like to take a closer look at claims that there is not enough federal education money floating around. Over the past thirty years, average per-pupil costs have more than doubled from $3,911 to $7,524 according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The District of Columbia school district now spends $12,064 per pupil. Despite the $300 billion in state and federal money spent on education, our public schools are still some of the worst in the industrialized world. According to NAP assessments, only 31 percent of fourth graders are proficient in reading, while 32 percent are proficient in mathematics, while my favorite subject of history is rated at only 18 percent proficiency. In the past three years alone, federal education spending is up 36 percent, virtually flooding the need based areas with money. However, as usually happens with Washington programs, almost 60 cents on the dollar was lost to government bureaucracy.

Usual Democratic lie number two is the "teachers are underpaid" argument. It's always a sure political tear jerk to the sharks, and it requires refusing to hold administrators or influential voting blocks of teachers accountable is often as natural as sneering for liberal politicians.

On the eve after another terrible football loss, whispers echo under the tarnished dome; whispers that Notre Dame is living on borrowed time when it comes to education policy. Despite Kerry's numbers game, Bush has been going in the right direction of improvement when it comes to education policy. Bush understands that the days of Lyndon Johnson's "tax and spend" education policies are over, along with most other colossal Great Society failures.

To strengthen elementary schools, the president is working hard to promote literacy programs and Head Start. He is continuing to fund research into more advanced and demanding curricula in K-12, while promoting faith based initiatives and scholarship programs for qualified teachers.

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Letters to the Editor

While her loyal sons are marching onward to mediocrity

As any Domer knows, this is not the official wording of the most popular and storied fight song in American sports, but it could be. Despite coach Tyrone Willingham's successful inaugural season, one which could have just as easily ended with five wins, the Irish football team has been mediocre since the mid-90s. Was it so long ago that Frank Stams tore around Miami's left defensive end and jarred the ball from Steve Walsh causing a fumble that very well could have saved the 1988 national championship? Have we forgotten the lightning quick feet of Kevin Connolly when it comes to education policy. Bush is also increasing efforts in adult education and literacy.

A comprehensive policy of limited government, competitive standards in education, and a simple tax code are the only true paths to prosperity in a free society.

Kevin Connolly

Kevin Connolly

Letters to the Editor

Remaining loyal to our team

On the eve after another terrible football loss, whispers echo under the tarnished dome. Whispers of discontent against our leader Tyrone Williams. Some whisper that we need a new leader, a leader who when we are down by one with 50 seconds left on our own 11-yard line does not call a 4-yard pass up the middle to our running back. Against these whispers, I stand. In this time of crisis, we must give our leader unquestioned authority. We must throw the voices of dissent. In a phrase, we must be "Notre Dame Patriotic.

To you the loyal sons and daughters of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, who dare to speak of mediocrity? Well, there's a lot we could do. Perhaps we could stop being led by a coach who played to win. During the second half of this year's Notre Dame-Boston College game, Williams had every reason to lose. He was behind by 10. He was on offense, the nonagressive defense, punting from the Boston College 30-yard line and being content to leave the game in the hands of the defense, a unit that had trouble all second half holding Boston College.

As I write this letter, the Irish stand at 5-3 with two losses to unranked teams and several wins over mediocre teams. Michigan being the exception. If Notre Dame is ever going to ever regain its former glory, my humble suggestions to Michigan being the exception. If Notre Dame is ever going to ever regain its former glory, my humble suggestions to
Friday Night Lights — for example, the contrast between offensive leader Don Billingsley (Garret Hedlund) and his son's success in winning the state championship. One has to feel uncomfortable whenever the father and son are on the screen alone, because of the potential of what could happen — but often never does, leaving the viewer on edge.

This concept also ties into many of the film’s consequences: that if Boobie stayed healthy through-out the season? What if Winchell could evade his fears outside football and be the leader his coach is begging for him to be? All of the relationships and connections in “Friday Night Lights” are explicit, giving the viewer not a sense of triumph but struggle as the team marches toward the eventual state championship game. When we finally get to that game, the team’s burden, instead of lightening, becomes almost too much to bear. The town’s expectations are so high that to falter now would be even worse than suffering a losing season.

In conclusion, this is powerful, revealing stuff. Current and former athletes will definitely relate to it, and all of us will certainly reminisce about what our high school Friday nights were like as we watch the film. At coach Gaines tells Winchell, “I realized a long time ago that winning and losing aren’t all that different. This movie illustrates how it’s not the success of teams like Permian that make high school football what it is in this country, but rather the fascinated culture circulating around it. This is what life is like, when football is a way of life.

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Head coach Gary Gaines (Billy Bob Thornton), center, rallies the Permian High Panthers in the high school football drama, “Friday Night Lights.”

By BRANDON HOLLIMAN
Scene Critic

It’s Friday night in a small Texas town and all the stores are closed, which can only mean one thing — everyone’s going to the game.

“Friday Night Lights” is a movie we’re all waiting for. We’ve heard so much about it, the story, based on the film from director Walter Salles. Ernesto “Che” Guevara de la Serna (Gael Garcia Bernal), right, and Alberto Granada (Rodrigo De la Serna) cross South America in the foreign film, “The Motorcycle Diaries.”

By CHRIS KEPNER
Scene Critic

In “Diarios de motocicleta” (“The Motorcycle Diaries”), two young friends take off on an 18-month tour of South America on a struggling motorcycle they lovingly refer to as “The Mighty One.” Kind of sounds like a modern-day “Easy Rider,” Argentinean-style, doesn’t it? Truth is, what starts out as a seemingly typical buddy road trip fizzes blossoms into a mature, thought-provoking film from director Walter Salles.

“The Motorcycle Diaries” is a true story, the diaries kept by the two central characters. Ernesto “Che” Guevara de la Serna is played brilliantly by Gael Garcia Bernal (“Amores Perros,” “Y tu mamá También”), one of the most promising young actors from Latin America. Rodrigo De la Serna’s portrayal of Alberto Granada is the other half of this memorable duo, is equally impressive.

Che Guevara is the iconic revolutionary, who most famously assisted Fidel Castro in the overthrow of Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista in 1956. Guevara fought, both directly and indirectly, for social, economic, and political changes in Latin America. As his perspective changes, he begins to question an economic system that favors a few at the expense of many and becomes implicated with the penniless most of the time, they come up with some hilarious and creative ways of earning food and drink. The bickering between the two friends plays well, and all of us will certainly reminisce about what our high school Friday nights were like as we watch the film. “The Motorcycle Diaries” is how two U.S. lives change after seeing the experiences that affected Che Guevara so deeply on this journey are painfully obvious.

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Cast shines in chilling football drama

Friday Night Lights

Director: Peter Berg
Writer: Buzz Bissinger and David Cohen

The superb acting of the two leads is supported extremely well by the cast, including the other talented young actors...
Bent and broken

Boston College uses second-half comeback to knock off Notre Dame

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Boston College didn't need a field goal to beat Notre Dame this year. They used a touchdown instead.

Eagles receiver Tony Gonzalez made a diving catch in the end zone with 54 seconds remaining, and Ryan Ohliger's ensuing point-after-touchdown kick gave Boston College a 5-2 all the difference it would need in a narrow, come-from-behind 24-23 victory over the No. 24 Irish (5-3) Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

One week after extending the nation's longest head-to-head winning streak over Navy, the Irish continued another, more recent trend having now lost four straight games to Boston College and live of the last six.

For Irish coach Tyrone Willingham, now 0-3 at Notre Dame against Boston College, the loss is particularly disappointing.

"This was an important game for our program, our young men," he said. "We felt that if we played our football game, we could win this one. To have it slip out of our hands in this manner hurts."

Notre Dame appeared to have a solid grasp on the game after an effective first half. The Irish responded to the Eagles' first-quarter touchdown with three unanswered scores of their own. Irish quarterback Brady Quinn, who finished the game completing 20-of-33 passes for 231 yards and two interceptions, connected on a 33-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Matt Shelton and then rushed for another following linebacker Mike Goolsby's interception.

Running back Darius Walker's 9-yard dash gave Notre Dame a 20-17 lead at halftime, but Fitzgerald missed the point-after attempt.

After halftime the Eagles came out flying on the arm of quarterback Paul Peterson. The Boston College signal-caller threw for 297 of his 383 yards in the second half to bring the Eagles within three points at 20-17 after a second-half touchdown.

With 54 seconds left, Quinn began the drive by completing two short passes to Ryan Grant. Both passes were in the middle of the field and forced the Irish to use both of their remaining timeouts. After another completion to Grant, Quinn connected with Rhema McKnight on a 25-yard pass to put the ball on the Boston College 38-yard line. McKnight was tackled in-bounds, and the clock stopped with 1 second remaining after McKnight gained the first down, but it was going to run once the ball was spotted.

The Irish field goal unit scrambled onto the field in a desperate, last-ditch attempt to win the game. But Fitzgerald's 55-yard kick fell short of the goalposts as Notre Dame's last offensive series would be to punt and end the game.

"We just didn't do that," he said. "We just didn't do a good job of going out and executing across the board."

Grant, who rushed for 48 yards on 17 carries, summed up the game in very simplistic terms.

"We just didn't get it done," he said. "We've got to find a way, however that is, as an offense, as a college football team, we've got to find a way to win."

Now entering the bye week after the loss, Willingham refuses to dwell on the negative.

"You can't stay in the past," he said. "I expect myself and our football team to accept the hurt that we have, deal with it, and step up like men and go forward."

Runback Dwight Elibik hangs his head after the Irish lost to Boston College 24-23 on a fourth-quarter touchdown, the fourth time in a row the Eagles have defeated the Irish.

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player of the game
Paul Peterson
The Boston College quarterback threw for 383 yards, including 297 in the second half. He led the Eagles to the game-winning touchdown.

stat of the game
Tony Gonzalez's touchdown catch
Boston College quarterback Paul Peterson found Gonzalez in the end zone for the game-winning diving catch.

quote of the game
"We'll cry tonight and tomorrow, but then we'll have to let it go and move on. We're real upset."
Matt Shelton
Irish wide receiver
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Irish fail to put away BC

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Fitzpatrick misses first PAT of year

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Irish kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick had his highs and lows during Saturday's game.

As a punter, Fitzpatrick had a stellar day, averaging 44.5 yards on six punts including a career-long 67-yard kick in the third quarter. His punt marked the longest Irish kick since Jim Sanson missed a 55-yard miss as time expired on a fourth-down conversion attempt in the 1999 season. The Irish loss on Saturday lowed the game, and his 55-yard miss as time expired would have been a career-long.

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Notre Dame jumped out to an early lead Saturday, but poor execution spelled doom for the Irish, as they lost 24-23 to Boston College. The Eagles threw for 297 yards in the second half, dominating the Irish defense. Notre Dame fell to the Eagles for the fourth straight time, dropping them to 5-3 on the season. Brady Quinn threw two interceptions inside the Boston College 15-yard line, and the offense failed to capitalize on numerous scoring opportunities. The Eagles outplayed the Irish in the second half, outscoring them 17-3, and a missed extra point by D.J. Fitzpatrick came back to haunt Notre Dame.
Cameos provide bright spots in teen comedy

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To many people, Europe is seen as the promised land of rebellion and society. To others, like the producers of "Eurotrip," it is a land free from the puritanical rules and restrictions of America, perfect for satisfying their target demographic of hormone-addled, adolescent boys. "Eurotrip" is rife with politically incorrect jokes, stereotypical portrayals of the various European nations and bathroom humor, but while not at the top of the box office chart, it still manages to have some funny moments.

The film follows Scotty (Scott Mechlowicz), a high school senior who, after dumping his girlfriend (Kristen Dunst), meets a girl—Mieke (Amber Tamblyn)—who is not only a girl, but is a very attractive one, so he decides to shed his caution and confidence and go to Europe to make the situation right again. Joined by his best friend, Cooper (Jacob Pitts), they travel to London, Paris, Rome and Amsterdam, meet some extremely friendly Italian on the train, have a detour to Eastern Europe, take a brief stop in Germany and finally have a serendipitous time at the Vatican.

The movie has a surprising number of cameos from established stars, and they usually end up being the best parts of the movie. Matt Damon appears as the lead singer of a band who is having an affair with Scotty's girlfriend. The song about their tryst, "Scotty Doesn't Know," is definitely one of the best parts of the movie and will remain in your head long after the movie has ended. Lawrence Lessig, the real life creator of the Xena television show, appears on screen as" Xena: normal and a necessary side effect of

*Eurotrip* Unrated Edition

Dreamwork

DVD has been commercially available for nearly a decade and has revolutionized the home theater market. Yet purchasing DVDs can be confusing and complicated. The back of a DVD case often contains terms like aspect ratio, Dolby Digital and region code. For many, it is difficult to understand what is worth purchasing and what is not. Hopefully this guide will demystify many of the more confusing features of the video market.

**What is a DVD?**

**DVD stands for digital video disc. It is an optical audio and video technology that is most often used for movies, but sometimes music and other information as well.**

**Regions**

**To protect from piracy, companies and studios encode into regions, or specific targeted markets. The United States and Canada are Region 1, while Japan, Europe (excluding Africa and Middle East) and Region 2, etc. This is displayed in a small number on the back of the DVD. In order to play a DVD, a player, culture and society. To will need a region-free DVD player. Additionally, some imported DVDs are region-free.**

**Aspect ratios**

**In many cases a consumer is given the choice between widescreen and full screen formats. In nearly every case, the widescreen edition is preferable because it gives the option to see the aspect ratio the film was shot in. An aspect ratio is the proportion of width to height (for example, many movie theater screens are 2.35:1, which means they are 2.35 times longer than they are tall). However, a standard television has a ratio of 1.33:1 while a widescreen film is usually either 1.85:1 or 2.35:1. This accounts for the black bars above and below the image, which are normal and a necessary side effect of imposing a more rectangular image onto a more squared screen. This process is called letterboxing. The widescreen ratio is 16:9 while a full screen ratio is 4:3. Full screen often uses a technique called pan & scan to fit an image into a standard television ratio, which actually cuts off the sides of a film. Up to 40 percent of visual information can be lost in full screen. A common defense of full screen is that it is a more "real" format for images and that the director's intent is to be shown.**

**There are exceptions to the widescreen preference. Foremost is in older or classic films—the widescreen format was invented until the 1950's, so most films prior to that time were in a full screen format. This is the correct way to watch such movies since it is how they were originally filmed. If you purchase a widescreen version of "Casablanca" or "Gone with the Wind," for example, then you are watching an incorrectly framed and cropped version of the film.**

**Anamorphic widescreen**

**Often, the back of a DVD will say something like "Enhanced for Widescreen TVs," "Anamorphic" or "16 x 9 Version." This means the image is letterboxed on a standard TV and enhanced for widescreen TVs. An anamorphic image is encoded with additional lines of resolution that "unfold" on a widescreen TV. Not only will the image look better on a widescreen television, but the size of the black bars will be reduced, and the image itself will appear larger.**

**Sound formats**

**Dolby has become the standard for home theater surround sound. On a standard television without speakers or a receiver, the sound will automatically be decoded into two-channel stereo. Digital 5.1 is the typical Dolby home theater sound format. To encode into this format, there must be five speakers (two front speakers and two rear surround) and a subwoofer, which channels low frequency emissions. If a setup does not have this, then a standard television can automatically downgrade the sound into two-channel stereo.**

**Dolby Digital 5.1 EX is a newer Dolby sound format, which encodes into a six-speaker system placed directly between the rear speakers.**

For those who own a 5.1 set-up, Dolby uses technology called Pro-Logic, which encodes two-channel stereo programs into all five channels. DTS (Digital Theater Systems) Digital Surround is a separate sound technology format. Generally reserved for audiophiles, it is often used on action films or films with active soundtracks and always on Superbit DVDs. Since it is a mix from a different company, the DTS mix will often sound different than a Dolby mix, which sometimes results in separate releases (for instance, "Jaws" is available either as a 2.1 Digital version or DTS Digital version.)

**DTS requires special decoding equipment on both receivers and DVDs, so films containing DTS track usually also contain a Dolby Stereo track as well. In some cases, DTS is a vast improvement over the Dolby track ("Saving Private Ryan") while in others the difference is virtually unnoticeable ("Apollo 13").**

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A Beginner's Guide to DVD: Part 1

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**The movie has a surprising number of cameos from established stars, and they usually end up being the best parts of the movie. Matt Damon appears as the lead singer of a band who is having an affair with Scotty's girlfriend. The song about their tryst, "Scotty Doesn't Know," is definitely one of the best parts of the movie and will remain in your head long after the movie has ended. Lawrence Lessig, the real life creator of the Xena television show, appears on screen as "Xena: normal and a necessary side effect of imposing a more rectangular image onto a more squared screen. This process is called letterboxing. The widescreen ratio is 16:9 while a full screen ratio is 4:3. Full screen often uses a technique called pan & scan to fit an image into a standard television ratio, which actually cuts off the sides of a film. Up to 40 percent of visual information can be lost in full screen. A common defense of full screen is that it is a more "real" format for images and that the director's intent is to be shown. **

**There are exceptions to the widescreen preference. Foremost is in older or classic films—the widescreen format was invented until the 1950's, so most films prior to that time were in a full screen format. This is the correct way to watch such movies since it is how they were originally filmed. If you purchase a widescreen version of "Casablanca" or "Gone with the Wind," for example, then you are watching an incorrectly framed and cropped version of the film.**

**Anamorphic widescreen**

**Often, the back of a DVD will say something like "Enhanced for Widescreen TVs," "Anamorphic" or "16 x 9 Version." This means the image is letterboxed on a standard TV and enhanced for widescreen TVs. An anamorphic image is encoded with additional lines of resolution that "unfold" on a widescreen TV. Not only will the image look better on a widescreen television, but the size of the black bars will be reduced, and the image itself will appear larger.**

**Sound formats**

**Dolby has become the standard for home theater surround sound. On a standard television without speakers or a receiver, the sound will automatically be decoded into two-channel stereo. Digital 5.1 is the typical Dolby home theater sound format. To encode into this format, there must be five speakers (two front speakers and two rear surround) and a subwoofer, which channels low frequency emissions. If a setup does not have this, then a standard television can automatically downgrade the sound into two-channel stereo.**

**Dolby Digital 5.1 EX is a newer Dolby sound format, which encodes into a six-speaker system placed directly between the two rear speakers.**

For those who own a 5.1 set-up, Dolby uses technology called Pro-Logic, which encodes two-channel stereo programs into all five channels. DTS (Digital Theater Systems) Digital Surround is a separate sound technology format. Generally reserved for audiophiles, it is often used on action films or films with active soundtracks and always on Superbit DVDs. Since it is a mix from a different company, the DTS mix will often sound different than a Dolby mix, which sometimes results in separate releases (for instance, "Jaws" is available either as a 2.1 Digital version or DTS Digital version.)

**DTS requires special decoding equipment on both receivers and DVDs, so films containing DTS track usually also contain a Dolby Stereo track as well. In some cases, DTS is a vast improvement over the Dolby track ("Saving Private Ryan") while in others the difference is virtually unnoticeable ("Apollo 13").**

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Irish running back Ryan Grant shakes down the sideline. Grant tallied 114 yards and two touchdowns against the Midshipmen.

"That's the way we're supposed to play defense," Brandan Hoyte said.

"We're happy to see Mitchell Thomas playing well," Diedrick said. "Because of that, there were six plays that we ran because of Amir's hot, you can kind of stay with him a little bit longer. If you don't do that, you can get away from you."
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Belles take two at home, road woes continue at Albion

Saint Mary's wins 2 of 3 during fall break

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

When Saint Mary's reflects on its season, two trends emerge: the Belles cannot lose at home, but they can't find a way to win on the road.

Saint Mary's maintained this pattern over fall break, managing wins at home against Alma College [5-0] and Olivet [6-3] but dropping a key game on the road with a 3-2 overtime loss to Albion College.

In the first game earlier this season, the Belles dropped three matches in four games. After losing the lead to 6-0 in the second half with goals by Carrie Orr and Emily Wagner before allowing three late goals by Olivet.

"For the weather being so bad, I was happy to see us get six goals, because scoring consistently was something we've had a problem with all season," Concannon said. "I give credit to Olivet for coming back from down 6-0 to score three goals. They're a better team than people give them credit for."

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Saint Mary's hopes to get win against Olivet

Belles losing streak is 3, team seventh in the conference

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

Fall break was not kind to the Saint Mary's volleyball team as the Belles dropped three matches in a row.

The losses placed Saint Mary's in seventh place in the MIAA with a record of 5-10 and only one conference game remaining on the schedule.

In the first game, the Belles traveled to Adrian College to take on the Bulldogs. After losing the first game earlier this year, Saint Mary's was hoping to close out the series with a win but ended up losing in three straight games.

The Belles played two hard fought games only to lose by scores of 30-26 and 30-28. In the final game they fell by a score of 30-24. Ellen Ripplinger and Shelly Bender led the way on offense as both players collected 11 kills. On defense, Anne Cusack had 11 digs, while teammate Amanda David added 8 digs to keep the Belles close.

But Saint Mary's could never quite figure the Bulldogs out and lost the match. In the second game of the week, Saint Mary's took on MIAA powerhouse Alma. The Scots have yet to lose this year and are one of the premier teams in Division III as they are ranked No. 20 with a record of 26-0. Saint Mary's really never came close as Alma streaked to an easy three-game win. One of the few bright spots in the match was Michelle Turley, who registered a team-high with 13 kills. Cusack continued to shine on the defensive side with an impressive 12 digs.

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Today, the Belles travel to Olivet to battle the Comets. Olivet is only 2-12 in the conference this season, and Saint Mary's knocked off the Comets in their first meeting this year by sweeping them in three straight. Saint Mary's cannot improve their standings in the league even with a win, but a victory can stop their current slide and give them some confidence as they prepare to finish off the regular season season off.

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Native American students organize Thanksgiving event

The Native American students at Saint Mary's University have organized a Thanksgiving event to celebrate and educate the campus community about the origins of the holiday.

The event will be held on November 23rd from 6 to 8 pm in the Campus Center. Attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy traditional Native American cuisine and participate in cultural activities such as drumming, storytelling, and dance.

The Native American Student Association (NASA) is hosting the event, and all students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend.

"We are excited to host this event and share our culture with the campus community," said NASA President, John Doe. "It is important to remember the historical context of Thanksgiving and to honor the contributions of Native Americans to this country."

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact NASA President at jdoe@stmarys.edu.

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Saint Mary's doesn't want its title run to end

BY RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's women's soccer team is determined to prove that they are more than just a team without a title run.

"We want to go on in the next four games," Jen Concannon, Belles captain, said.

But Saint Mary's really never came close as Alma streaked to an easy three-game win. One of the few bright spots in the match was Michelle Turley, who registered a team-high with 13 kills. Cusack continued to shine on the defensive side with an impressive 12 digs.

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Top-ranked Irish fail to score against Rutgers

ND beats Seton Hall, Boston College

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The No. 1 ranked Irish (16-0-0) encountered a couple of challenges over the fall break, with one of them resulting in the team’s first tie of the season.

On Oct. 16, Notre Dame faced Big East Conference rival No. 20 Boston College. In the 1-0 victory at Alumni Field, the team relied upon sophomore midfielder Jen Buczkowski to score the winning goal in the 80th minute of the contest.

This is the second time Buczkowski has scored a last minute, game-winning shot, the last time being in the 2-1 win over Georgetown on Oct. 10. The opportunity was created when freshman midfielder Ashley Jones kicked the ball to Kim Lorenzen near the top of the box. Lorenzen then quickly served the ball to Buczkowski, who scored 10 yards from the goalpost twice in the second half from relatively close range in the 68th and 83rd minutes of the match.

“We just didn’t put our opportunities away,” Buczkowski said. “They limited our chances and put pressure on the ball, but I think we were just unlucky.”

Adding to the team’s misfortune was an impressive showing by Rutgers goalkeeper Bobyn Jones, who stopped all nine shots.

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The Irish were able to rebound quickly when Chapman found the net in the 33rd minute of the contest. Junior midfielder Annie Schurfer passed the ball from the top left corner of the box to Buczkowski, who then kicked the ball to Chapman. The senior Chapman secured the goal, firing it into the right side of the net.

The team’s second goal came after freshman Jannica Tjeder sent the ball to Chapman at the wide-open shot and the lead.

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Midfielder Jen Buczkowski dribbles in a match against Eastern Illinois on Aug. 29. Her goal beat Boston College on Oct. 16.

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The two goals came after facing a 1-0 deficit within the first five minutes of the match.

The Seton Hall goal came from a rebound kick by Irish graduate Lauren Karas to Seton Hall’s Carley Fragenti. Fragenti took advantage of the rare opportunity by quickly coming towards the goal for the wide-open shot and the lead.

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Florida football coach Ron Zook reacts to his team's play against Mississippi State in Starkville, Miss. on Saturday. Mississippi State defeated No. 20 Florida, 38-31.

Associated Press

Zook fired, hopeful fans look to Spurrier

Central Collegiate Men's Hockey Standings

team               conference      points
1. Ohio State      NCAA (2)       1,391
2. Michigan        NCAA (1)       1,238
3. Minnesota       NCAA (1)       1,208
4. Wisconsin       NCAA (1)       1,152
5. Maryland        NCAA (1)       1,127
6. California       NCAA (1)       1,066
7. Texas           NCAA (1)       1,032
8. Utah            NCAA (1)       1,021
9. Michigan State  NCAA (1)       970
10. Mississippi    NCAA (1)       964
11. West Virginia  NCAA (1)       738
12. Virginia       NCAA (1)       660
13. Boise State    NCAA (1)       638
14. LSU            NCAA (1)       582
15. Texas A&M      NCAA (1)       503
16. Purdue         NCAA (1)       477
17. Oregon State   NCAA (1)       467
18. Oklahoma State NCAA (1)       475
19. East Carolina  NCAA (1)       436
20. Oklahoma       NCAA (1)       308
21. Missouri       NCAA (1)       176
22. Nebraska       NCAA (1)       168
23. Notre Dame     NCAA (1)       72
24. Bowling Green  NCAA (1)       2
25. Southern Miss  NCAA (1)       2

NCAA Football

team            record points
1. USC (49)     7-0         1,513
2. Miami (1)    6-0         1,441
3. Oklahoma (13) 7-0         1,404
4. Auburn       6-0         1,391
5. Florida State 6-1         1,216
6. Wisconsin     6-0         1,220
7. California     5-1         1,214
8. Texas         6-1         1,125
9. Utah          7-0         1,001
10. Georgia      6-1         939
11. Tennessee     6-1         888
12. Michigan      7-1         846
13. Penn State   6-1         765
14. LSU           5-2         691
15. Arizona State 6-1         625
16. Florida Tech  5-2         634
17. Texas A&M    6-0         625
18. Missouri     5-2         528
19. ASU           6-2         552
20. Oklahoma State 6-2        605
21. Washington   5-2         411
22. South Carolina 5-2         376
23. Iowa State   5-2         391
24. West Virginia 6-2         390
25. Georgia Tech  5-2         391

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NASCAR driver Hendrick's losses likely in plane crash

PATRICK SPRINGS, Va. - Crews on all-terrain vehicles on Monday recovered the bodies of all 10 people killed in the crash of a Hendrick Motorsports plane that was carrying family and friends of one of NASCAR's top syndicates.

Federal investigators said they did not know what caused the Beech 200 King Air to crash Sunday en route from Concord, N.C., to Martinsville Speedway, about 7 miles east of the crash site on Bull Mountain in the foothills of the Appalachians.

A bulldozer cleared a path to the crash site so ATVs could recover the bodies.

"The only method we have of getting up to the scene is on ATVs ... so it's a tedious and slow process," State Police Sgt. Bob Carpentieri said.

The plane slammed into the side of the mountain and its wreckage was blown uphill, said Brian Rayner, a National Transportation Safety Board investigator. Charred debris from the fuselage, engine and other parts was visible, he said.

The crash killed all 10 people aboard, including the son, brother and two nieces of owner Rick Hendrick.

Aussie basketball star to become a Hoosier

BOOLUMINGTON - A 6-foot-10 player from Australia has made an oral commitment to play basketball at Indiana, The Indianapolis Star reported Friday.

Indiana officials are prohibited by NCAA regulations to comment until a recruit signs a letter of intent.

The Star said center Ben Allen, who plays for the Australian Institute for Sports, picked Indiana over Utah, New Mexico and Gonzaga and visited all four schools in September.

Allen averaged 15.2 points and 4.8 rebounds for the Australian team in the world junior championships.

In Brief

Williams, post Tyson defeat, looks toward winning title

LAS VEGAS - Danny Williams used to put so much pressure on himself that he would cry in his dressing room before a fight. That might make some wonder how Williams will react when he challenges Vitali Klitschko for a piece of the heavyweight title.

Not to worry, says Williams. His problem ended a few months ago when he rose to the occasion and knocked out Mike Tyson. "I learned how to control it," Williams said Monday. "I went into the ring relaxed, didn't let anything bother me, and my performance showed it."

That fight July 30 ended with Williams stopping an exhausted and injured Tyson in the fourth round in the biggest bout of his career. The win not only made him famous back home in England but earned him an unlikely bid for a heavyweight title.

Now Williams meets Kличко.
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Irish goalkeeper Chris Sawyer's 623-minute scoreless streak, the tie with conference rival St. John's kept Notre Dame atop the Big East standings.

Midfielder Ian Etherington drew first blood for the Irish 21 minutes, eight seconds into the first half. Lining up for a corner kick, the sophomore bent a perfect ball inside the far post to stake the Irish to an early 1-0 advantage.

After failing to find the back of the net in the season's first nine games, Etherington's go-ahead goal was his third tally in a five-game stretch.

But playing at home with control of the Big East on the line, the Red Storm weren't ready to hand the Irish the victory. Twenty-two minutes into the second half, St. John's Matt Greenwald provided the equalizer.

Unleashing a 20-yard rocket from the right wing, Greenwald finally pierced Sawyer's steel curtain — what proved to be the game's final goal.

"It felt we were actually playing our best soccer and getting control of the game when they scored the goal," Clark said. "Both teams were trying to win the game — there were chances at both ends and both teams had opportunities, but perhaps a tie was a fair result."

St. John's took 16 shots to Notre Dame's 12 — the last time the Irish served up five corners to an opponent outshot the Irish 11-0.

Sawyer — celebrating his 22nd birthday — finished the game with three saves to pick up his eighth shutout, and Lapidus paced the Irish offensive, posting three shots in addition to the match's lone goal.

Notre Dame 1, Rutgers 0

Needing a victory to clinch the Big East with two conference games still remaining on the schedule, the Irish apparently decided sooner is better than later, shutting out the Scarlet Knights (5-1-2, 2-0-0) 1-0 to extend their unbeaten streak to nine games (8-0-1 during the stretch) and take the conference.

"It was a really good atmosphere and a great result," Clark said. "We knew a victory over Rutgers assured us of the regular season title — there was certainly a lot at stake."

The victory over Rutgers was Notre Dame's first in seven years over the Irish last downed the Scarlet Knights in the 1996 Big East Championship game.

While Rutgers outshot Notre Dame 13-10, the match's lone goal came off the foot of an Irish player.

Just over 36 minutes into the first half, senior midfielder Luke Roughen slipped past the Scarlet Knight defense, took a pass from Etherington and pounded the ball into the left corner of the net for a 1-0 lead.

"It was one of the best goals of the season so far," Clark said. "I think we must have strung together about 10 passes. The final pass was a great little first-time pass behind their defense for Luke to run onto and slot past the goalkeeper."

Sawyer made five routine saves as the Irish defense held an opponent to one goal or less for the fifteenth time in 16 games thus far this season — only Indiana was able to find the back of the net on multiple occasions, scoring twice in a 2-0 victory on Sept. 15.

The Irish finish out their Big East schedule Saturday night, hosting Connecticut at Alumni Field before welcoming Michigan State Nov. 2 to close out regular season play.

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Men's Golf
Irish notch record-low team score

By Eric Retter
Sports Writer

There is still wet ink in the record books after the Irish performance this weekend.

The team shot a combined score of 545 at the Nelson Invitational to break the Notre Dame record for lowest overall team score. Notre Dame shattered the old record, which was set at the same event last year, by nine strokes.

The Irish shot 279-288-287 to finish ninth in the strong field of 16 teams, finishing 24 strokes behind tournament champion New Mexico.

Coach John Jasinski attributes the strong showing to last week's good practices.

"It has been as competitive as we need to be [in practice over the past few weeks], but we had a competitive week of qualifying and good week of preparation," he said.

Despite the impressive numbers, the scores this weekend were not as good as they seemed. The Stanford Golf Course at host Stanford University is only a par 69 rather than the typical par 72, and thus scores are subsequently lower across the board.

Junior Eric Deutsch and sophomore Cole Inbar led the Irish this weekend. The tandem tied for 21st with twin 6-over-par 216s. The two have been the Irish's strongest members, regularly shooting the best rounds at tournaments.

The score was Deutsch's career best, and it ties for 10th best in school history.

"Cole is solid in his spot, has yet to even be put in a qualifier, and Eric has been very consistent," Jasinski said.

Trailing them was freshman Mike King. King finished with an 8-over-par 218 to tie for 48th. The Irish posted five players within the top 50.

For being in their first year, they are showing a lot of character, especially in controlling their high score," Jasinski said.

Junior Scott Gustafson ended the weekend with an 8-over-par 215 to finish in a 3-way tie for 31st place. Freshman Greg Rodgers posted another in what will surely become long list of career bests, shooting a 9-over-par 223. Both Rodgers and King have become serious contributors to the Irish team already in their young careers.

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America."

In his four seasons in South Bend, Brey (84-44) has led the Irish to the postseason each year — to the NCAA Tournament in the first three seasons and to the quarterfinals of the National Invitational Tournament last year.

During his first season, Brey's team won the program's only Big East regular season championship claiming the West Division crown. He led the Irish in 2003 to their first Sweet 16 appearance since 1987.

On the recruiting front, Brey has brought the Irish to national prominence with a number of top signings and commitments. Upon taking the Notre Dame job, Brey secured current senior guard Chris Thomas' commitment, the only Mr. Indiana to play for the Irish. Current junior forward Terin Francis was named the McDonald's national boys Player of the Year.

For the 2006 recruiting class, Brey has gotten commitments from four top players, including consensus national prospect Luke Zeller from Washington, Ind.

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Mike Brey signed a two-year extension to his existing contract as Notre Dame men's basketball coach Monday.
Both teams finish second in Pre-National Championships

Huddle finishes 3rd, Cardinal takes team title for second week

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

For the second straight meet, the Irish cross country runners competed against the top teams in the nation. Both the men's and women's teams captured second place at the Pre-Nationals championships in Terre Haute, Ind. Oct. 16. No. 1 Stanford took first place once again, dominating the field as it did at the Notre Dame Invitational.

While the Irish faced an elite field, the expectations for the meet remained high for the sixth-ranked women's team. "Our goal was to be in the top three," women's coach Tim Connelly said. "We had hard training before the race but we had a solid performance. Molly Huddle led the No. 6 women with a third place overall finish. With her best race of the season, Stephanie Madia finished 11th in front of teammate Kerry Meager coming in at 15th.

The No. 9 Irish men's team placed four runners in the top 50 led by Kurt Benninger who came in eighth overall. Tim Moore came in second for Notre Dame at 13th, finishing five seconds behind Benninger with a time 24:07 on the 8K course. The men's team finished with 165 points to put them ahead of Michigan at 188 but behind dominant Stanford [77].

In addition to hosting 12 of the top 30 ranked teams, the Pre-Nationals meet is also run on the same course the NCAA championships are held. "We've already seen many of the top teams in the country like Stanford and Michigan," Connelly said. "We are moving the right direction for the Big East and NCAAs."

The Irish women will continue to face top ranked teams when they race No. 2 Providence in the Big East Championship. "Providence is a huge favorite to win the Big East Championship, and we will have to be perfect if we want to upset them", Connelly said. At this point in the season, both the men's and women's teams have their top five runners set. "The top five finishers in the Pre-Nationals should most likely be the top five we race in the upcoming meets," Connelly said.

The Irish will run in the Big East Championship on Friday.

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Upset

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15 seconds left proved the differ-
ence maker.

"We're a pretty sound defensive
team and have good penalty kill-
ing, so we're going to have to
win a lot of close games like this," Irish
coach Dave Poulin said.

TJ had a knack for scoring big
goals, and he did it again
tonight!"

With the score tied 2-2 late in
the third period, Notre Dame's
Tim Wallace was called for a
charging penalty with less than a
minute to go. Boston College
coach Jerry York called a timeout
in hopes of setting up the Eagles'
scoring opportunity. The goalie
kept the Eagles off the board in
that difficult period, giving his
team momentum and earning a
standing ovation from the Irish
fans as Cey and the rest of the
team skated off for the first inter-
mission.

"We took four really dumb
penalties in the first period and
made things harder for us than
they should have been," Poulin
said. "After that first period we
had a two-pronged momentum

--- Morgan Cey had momentum
and our penalty killing had
momentum."

"Morgan definitely helped win
that game in the first period, but
he helped us win in the second and
third periods as well."

In two games at the Joyce
Center this season, Cey has made
38 of 92 saves, for a .957 save
percentage. Both games have
been against teams ranked in the
top four in the country — Notre
Dame and No. 4 Minnesota-
Duluth.

Miami of Ohio 5, Notre Dame 0
Brandon Crawford-West made
33 saves as the Red Hawks
blanked the Irish 5-0 on the
road Oct. 16. David Brown made 38
saves for the Irish in the loss.

Christie, Michael, Guerin,
Taylor Husstedt and Stephen
Dennis all scored goals for
Miami. For the second straight
game, the Irish allowed three
goals.

Miami of Ohio 4, Notre Dame 2
The Irish allowed three power
play goals as Miami of Ohio
Defeated Notre Dame 4-2 on the
road Oct. 15.

Cey made 34 saves in the loss,
and Wallace and forward Joseph
Scelsa scored goals for the Irish.

Christie and Marty Guerin scored
for the RedHawks.

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Character

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team went 9-24-4, but his most
renowned accomplishment was a
20-15-4 record and the first
ever NCAA tournament berth in
Notre Dame's 37-year history.

He even had to endure the
dreaded "3-2" at the end of the
season last year and another
team that came into the Notre
Dame's 30-13 in that span. Cey has only
had two separate knee surgeries in
his career.

Not to mention that the game-
winning goal by T.J. Jindra was
scored shorthanded, after the
Irish blew their earlier 2-0 lead.

"Jindra had other plans. After
the game-winning goal by T.J.
Jindra, who continued his
terrific play at home in the
second period, despite Boston
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"The kid is just a great kid
who scored the second goal
freshmen like Evan Rankin —
that the one win and tie were
started a respectable 1-3-1 —
and allowed the Eagles to score
goals just 15 seconds apart in
the third period. Jindra's goal
was scored after a questionable
charging penalty was called
with less than a minute left in
the game.

Character? This team has it
in droves.

"I can't say enough about T.J.
Jindra as a player," Poulin said.

"He was sitting on the bench sick there for
five minutes in the third period, throwing up and
really hurting."

"The kid is just a great kid
and a great hockey player.""Outstanding
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**History repeats itself**

Jindra’s shorthanded goal lifts Irish over No. 1 Boston College

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

No Mike Walsh, no problem. The junior forward, who scored the only goal in Notre Dame’s 1-0 upset victory over No. 1 Boston College last year, missed Friday’s game against the Eagles with an injury. But it didn’t matter.

Forward T.J. Jindra scored the game-winning goal and goalie Morgan Cey made a career-high 50 saves to help the Irish again upset No. 1 Boston College by the score of 3-2 for Notre Dame’s first win of the season.

Wes O’Neill and Evan Rankin scored two goals 15 seconds apart in the third period. But Jindra’s shorthanded goal with less than a minute remaining broke a 2-2 tie.

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**Irish capture conference championship**

By MATT PUGLISI
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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Brey contract extended through 2010-11 season

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

With the program’s future looking promising, Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White continues to make sure men’s basketball coach Mike Brey isn’t going anywhere.

The athletic department announced Brey’s signing of a two-year contract extension Monday afternoon.

“Simply speaking, Mike Brey has done a brilliant job leading Notre Dame basketball back to national prominence.”

Kevin White
athletic director

quickly becoming one of the elite programs within the college basketball community. We are extremely excited that he will continue to lead our program.”

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