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CAMPAIGN 2004

Students cast votes from abroad programs

By JOE TROMBELLO
ND Observer

OXFORD — The campaign to increase the representative Notre Dame turnout in the upcoming presidential election has not been confined to South Bend, as students and administrators abroad say that international study programs are making great efforts to encourage students to vote and to provide information on overseas registration and ballot requests.

Laura Holt, associate director of undergraduate studies in London, said that she and other administrators have been especially active in sending e-mails reminding students to request absentee ballots.

"Voting is important, and so even in off-years I encourage London Programme students to see ABROAD/Page 4

Presidents predict legal battles, conflicts

By TERESA FRALISH
American News Editor

Four years after one of the most contested presidential elections in U.S. history, the 2004 race remains dead even — prompting Republicans and Democrats alike to prepare for the worst.

"I think the odds are pretty high that you will see legal challenges to all sort of things," said political science professor David Campbell, who specializes in political participation.

Though Campbell believed Tuesday's election would be run more carefully than the 2000 contest, he said the closeness of the race still makes it prone to legal disputes.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Creative costuming

"Halloween is the one time a year that a girl can dress as slutty as she wants and no other girl is allowed to say anything about it." This revelation strikes Cady (Lindsay Lohan) in the movie "Mean Girls" as she arrives at a Halloween party and realizes that her full-length witch's dress and intensely gory makeup differ significantly from the revealing Playboy bunny costumes spotted on almost every girl in the room.

Scary is out; sexy is in. My question: where is the line between appropriately sexy and flat-out slutty?

I'm not sure where I stand on the "dress slutty or else you will be branded as a social misfit and Halloween loser" rule. This is possibly because I never really celebrated Halloween much in high school, meaning I jumped from junior high trick-or-treating to college partying.

When I was little, I was the chubby kid in a zebra suit two or three years my senior. I wasn't really a surprise considering I was obviously fat by then. What anyone thinks?

Some of my favorite memories include trick-or-treating to college partying.

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IN BRIEF

The film "Norma Rae" will be shown today from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at C-100 Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The Leighton Music Festival presents "A Charles Ives Retrospective" tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium.

A Dia de Los Muertos program will be at the Snite Museum of Art Tuesday at 6 p.m.

The lecture "Business Ethics for a Publicly Traded Company" will be given by Alan Graf, executive vice president and chief financial officer of FedEx Corp. at the Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza Business College of Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The Notre Dame men's soccer team will take on Michigan State Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The Senior Class is sponsoring an Election Night event on Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Smiley Rooms in Mishawaka. All senior ROTC students, and all seniors that bring a letter written to a soldier overseas in the event with them, will be able to enjoy free wings and soft drinks at this event. All others will be asked to make a donation of $2.

The Notre Dame women's basketball team will have an exhibition game taking on Premier Sports on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: SINCE THERE WAS NO FOOTBALL GAME, WHAT DID YOU DO THIS WEEKEND?

Ashley Congiuico sophomore Badin

Broderick Henry sophomore Stanford

Camille Gabriel sophomore Pangborn

Eugene Nam sophomore Stanford

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"I usually dance the weekend away." Ashley Congiuico, sophomore Badin.

"I dressed up as Ty Willingham and got fired by Donald Trump." Broderick Henry, sophomore Stanford.

"Screamed my head off while going through a Niles Haunted House. It was a near death experience." Camille Gabriel, sophomore Pangborn.

"I hiked up to Michigan and went to the Niles Haunted House with Filipino American Student Organization." Eugene Nam, sophomore Stanford.

"I ate rice all day. Not South Dining Hall rice, real rice." Julian Lagoy, freshman Northwestern.

"I played DDR and brushed up on my moves." Mei Bautista, freshman PW.

High powered winds Saturday downed branches across the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses. Winds ranged from 27 to 30 mph with some gusts reaching 40 mph. Although some surrounding areas were left without power, the campuses emerged largely unaffected.

OFFBEAT

Scottish town to pardon witches

LONDON, England — A Scottish township marked Halloween by officially pardoning 81 people — and their cats — executed centuries ago for being witches.

"There'll be no witches, hats, dress-ups or that sort of thing — it will be a fairly solemn occasion," Adele Gunn, speakswoman for the baronial court that granted the pardons, said in a telephone interview Friday.

Sunday’s ceremony in Prestonspan publicly declared pardons for 81 people executed in the 16th and 17th centuries.

More than 3,500 Scots, mainly women and children, and their cats were killed in witch hunts at a time of political intrigue and religious excess. Many were ravenously gullible on flimsy evidence, such as owning a black cat or burning homemade remedies.

Canine costume costumes fetch high bids

HARRISTON, New York — A high-end clothing company for dogs has added a line of elaborate costumes to its handmade fashions. For $200 to $400, the Harristone New York Couture company can turn Rottweiler into Merlin, max into Merlin the Magician and Cleo into Cleopatra.

"Dogs like to feel glamorous," says Eva Hallstrom, who started the business with her sister Eleson Hallstrom, 45, after being laid off from a publishing company last year. "You give them a nice haircut, a bath, you put on a beautiful outfit, and they are just so happy." The costumes are made from silk, velvet and brocade. They feature collars, bow-ties, detailed embroidery, fringes, semi- precious stones and pearls.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
A car burst into flames near the entrance to the Notre Dame campus on Sunday, destroying the vehicle but unscathed.

Tawashin McKnight, 26, of Elkhart was driving north on Route 31 when she observed smoke coming from the back of her vehicle. St. Joseph County Police Cpl. Larry Kubsch said. After smoke began to seep into the vehicle, McKnight and her sole passenger climbed safely out of the car shortly before it caught fire and exploded, Kubsch said.

Firefighters from the Clay Township Fire Department and the Notre Dame Fire Department responded to the scene to extinguish the fire, and St. Joseph County Police and Notre Dame Security/Police arrived to direct traffic, which was disrupted from 1:53 p.m., the time of the explosion, until about 2 p.m., Kubsch said.

The accident left a charred patch of grass but did no damage to the road.

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Islamic lecture focuses on history, meaning

By PETER LEAHY
News Writer

In the last of a three part lecture series last week, Yale professor Gerhard Bowering spoke of the importance of the Koran to the Islamic faith. In a lecture entitled "Scripture and Tradition in Islam and Christianity," Bowering spoke of the life of Mohammed and his impact both on Islam and the Koran itself.

Bowering gave background information into Mohammed's life. Born an orphan, Mohammed spent the majority of his adulthood in the business of commerce. Throughout his life he remained a highly religious individual.

"Mohammed was awake and aware of religious currents of his time," Bowering said.

However, Bowering explained that founding Islam was no easy task even for a man with such great faith. As with Jesus, Mohammed faced strong opposition to the creation of a new faith in the form of the oligarchy that controlled the city of Mecca at the time.

When Mohammed received his prophetic call, he was hesitant to act upon it. Through the support of his wife and a few followers, Mohammed embraced the feeling that he was called to be a prophet and began his teachings.

Yet it was not until the end of his life that Mohammed was able to convert the people of Mecca to Islam. He moved to Medina and established a community there, Bowering said.

In Medina, Mohammed found his ideas more welcome. The society formed included the followers who had supported him when he first received his call to prophecy. Within Medina, Mohammed expressed his faith. He focused on the role of God in life and his own role within the faith.

"(Mohammed) said God stands at the beginning and end of each human life," Bowering said. "Mohammed believed himself to be 'the seal of the prophets.'"

In the last ten years of his life, Medina conquered Mecca and Mohammed became the leader of both cities. In this way Mohammed was able to bring the outlying tribes to Islam, Bowering said.

Bowering emphasized that Mohammed, while accredited with founding Islam, did not interpret the words he received from God. Rather he repeated them as he received them and thus Muslims see the Koran as God's word alone.

"Mohammed faithfully transmitted the message," said Bowering. "For Muslims, Mohammed contributes nothing to the Koran. He is the messenger, the mouthpiece."

At the time of Mohammed's death in 632, the Koran was not yet formed.

"(The Koran) was put together in book form 20 years after his death," Bowering said.

Since its original composition, the Koran has been updated. Originally, the Koran was composed without the Arabic marks indicating short consonants or vowels. Bowering said. In the 7th and again in the 10th centuries, there were efforts to "improve the way of recording in writing" the Koran.

"Today we have mainly two versions of the Koran," Bowering said.

Many differences exist between the Koran and the Hebrew Bible — one being the Koran is much shorter.

"(The Koran) is a rather short portion of scripture if we compare it to the Hebrew Bible," Bowering said.

The Koran is also considered by some to be disorganized.

"The Koran is disjointed. You jump from one topic to another as you go through the suras."

There are 114 suras or chapters in the Koran. Nevertheless, the Koran remains the central teaching of the Islamic faith. It is as important to Muslims as Jesus is to Christians, Bowering said.

"The Koran is the word become book as Jesus is the word become Christ."

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Yale professor Gerhard Bowering spoke Monday, Wednesday and Friday on issues involving Islamic history and the Koran.
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make arrangements before they leave the U.S. to register and request absentee ballots," Holt said.

Holt said she sent an e-mail to incoming program participants in April, as well as August and September, with election reminders and links to Web sites providing information on voter registration and ballot requests. Administrators for programs in China and Mexico also said that they sent similar e-mail reminders to students, and Julia Douthwaite, assistant prost, for international studies, said that the Office of International Studies sent information on the topic to students prior to their departures.

"The Office of International Studies staff has always done some effort to help students remain abreast of their duties as U.S. citizens," Douthwaite said. "But we did also make more of an effort this year to encourage students to get absentee ballots and to vote."

Douthwaite said that such efforts were done at her office's initiative and not because of student requests or concern.

She noted that students in some programs seemed to show a heightened interest and involvement in the election than others. "The students in the Washington, D.C. program appear very excited and engaged in local political topics. The students in other programs are less vocal in their interest," Douthwaite said.

Administrators such as Kathleen Opel, assistant director of international study programs and manager of the programs in Rome, Tokyo, Shanghái, Beijing and Nagoya, said that she has not received any information from her students regarding their intentions to vote.

"No students have contacted me for further information, nor have any told me that they were planning to request ballots or vote," Opel said.

Aside from administrators' efforts, faculty members teaching in foreign countries have also encouraged student awareness about voting from abroad. National Public Radio recently interviewed Notre Dame graduate and president of John Cabot University in Rome — the location of the Notre Dame Rome program — James Creagan about his efforts to encourage student voting, which included holding a voter registration drive.

Douthwaite said that the drive was well-attended, although she said she was unsure how many of the attendees were actually Notre Dame students.

"Hundreds of ex-pats and students attended," she said.

National organizations such as Democrats Abroad and Republicans Abroad have also been stepping up efforts to register students, expatriates and members of the armed forces, but none of the students or administrators interviewed mentioned volunteering for or being contacted by one of those groups.

As far as the number of students voting from abroad, the results have been mixed.

All six of the students at Oxford either voted early or requested an absentee ballot and plan to vote. Anne Hayes, program coordinator for the International Study Programs and manager of the programs in Toledo, Rio de Janeiro (a Spring program) and Santiago, said that four of the nine students studying in Chile requested a ballot and planned to vote. She said that two students said they were not voting, and she said she has not heard back from the other three students.

Trevor Turner, a junior in the Dublin program, said that although he has not personally requested a ballot, he believes that the majority of students in Dublin have.

"I am not sure how many people have requested ballots here, but it feels like the vast majority according to how people talk about it," Turner said.

Turner also said that voting was a topic of pre-election meetings and student conversation.

A number of students interviewed said that they requested a ballot and were excited to vote in the upcoming elections. "I've voted absentee before while at ND, but I was especially interested in voting in this election because it's a presidential election, and Ohio is such a key state," Lisa Galli, a student from Columbus, Ohio studying in Santiago, said.

In the past, Galli said, a student studying abroad in Australia, thought his voting would help combat the perception of political apathy. "I feel that even voting as an absentee is an opportunity, however small or naive, for me to personally stand up against that apathy," he said.

Other students, however, said they did not plan on voting in the upcoming election. 

Some, like Australia study-abroad student Benjamin Marx, said that their states were already a lock for one of the candidates, so therefore their vote would not make a difference.

"I came to the conclusion that as far as the presidential election goes, my vote doesn't count," said Marx. "Being from New York, I am pretty sure that John Kerry will get all ... of my state's electoral votes."

Marx also described himself as someone who was only well informed about the presidential candidates and therefore chose not to vote in state or local issues.

"Nobody likes an uninformed voter," he said.

Other students, like Margaret Tucker, a student studying abroad in Santiago, said they chose not to vote because of their dislike of both major party and third party candidates.

"I feel a real lack of a valuable choice in this election. I cannot in good conscience vote for either of the major party candidates," she said.

There was no way I was voting for a Libertarian," Tucker said. Although Tucker described herself as being "more liberal," she said she felt that neither a Republican and Kerry-Eydwards health-care policy, nor as Edwards' connections with medical malpractice lawsuits, ruled out that ticket. Despite her decision to abstain from voting, Tucker said she believes that this does not mean she is apathetic or uninformed.

"A lot of people have been giving me a hard time about not voting, but I feel like I've really considered the issues," Tucker said. "I watched the debates, I read the American News almost daily, and I watch CNN World, just to keep up ... of my state's election."

Tucker said that she felt proud being able to vote in a country that does not permit its own citizens to do so.

"Once I passed the security checkpoint and walked into the compound, I was on free soil and I was able, that day, to exercise a right that the 1.3 billion people here in China do not have," she said. "No matter how disorganized a system is, if you really want to vote abroad, you can."

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Car bomb kills 9 U.S. Marines

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq — A car bomb killed eight U.S. Marines outside Fallujah on Saturday, the deadliest attack against U.S. military in nearly six months. Marines pounded gun emplacements on the outskirts of Fallujah, where American forces are应当 for a major assault on the insurgent stronghold.

The Marines later reported a ninth combat death Saturday but did not say whether it was in the shooting or another action. Efforts to contact the Marines for clarification were unsuccessful.

In Baghuz, another car bomb exploded outside an Arabic television network’s offices, killing seven people and injuring 19 in the biggest attack against a news organization since the occupation began last year.

Bin Laden addresses U.S. voters

CAIRO, Egypt — Osama bin Laden’s new videotape clearly targets American voters days before an election that could tilt Middle Eastern election, but also contains another con­ stituency: young Arabs who are frustrated and in control of the cause.

But analysts say he is trying to broaden his base and said it made clear in its remarks posted Saturday on Islamic Web sites that they were slated to see him looking healthy and and in control of the cause.

The Washington Post confirmed Sunday that bin Laden had addressed U.S. voters from a video tape released Saturday by the Arabic TV network Al-Jazeera, in which he said he hoped U.S. President George Bush would “annihilate America.”

The tape, released Saturday, is the first by bin Laden since his release last June by the Taliban and is the first in a series of videotapes that he has planned to release periodically for the next year,

National News

Board approves facial transplant

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Clinic says it is the first institution to receive review and control of the cause.

Several independent medical teams around the world are also pursuing the procedure. The Cleveland Clinic said its approach follows a 10-year debate on medical, ethical and psychological issues.

It has no current patients or donors for the procedure.

“We have made it possible to do this in America,” Nayan says calmly, “We are here for the Afghan people.”

Habib explains that he is from Kosovo — the mainly Muslim autonomous region of Serbia — but his abductor seems unsure where that is.

“My brother.”

She replies: “I have cried and I can’t cry anymore.”

After several minutes, Nayan asks “Are we going to be released?” and the tape ends.

Afghanistan

Militants release hostage video

KARAIL — Militants released a video tape Saturday of three frightened foreign U.N. hostages pleading for their release and threatened to kill them unless United Nations and Red Cross troops leave Afghanistan and Muslim prisoners are freed from U.S. jails.

In the tape, the hostages — Annette Flanagan of Northern Ireland, Filipino diplomat Angelito Nayan and Shqipe Habibi of Kosovo — are shown sitting hunched together against the bare wall of a room in an undisclosed location. The three answered questions from someone who is speaking to them in broken English from off camera.

Both women are crying, but the trio look healthy and unharmed.

The Iraqi-style abduction could put a burden on the country’s post-Taliban recov­ ery and overshadow the crowning of U.S. favorite Hamid Karzai as its first democratically elected presi­ dent. The three, who helped organize the Oct. 9 election, were snatched from a U.N. vehicle on a busy Kabul street last Thursday.

In the video, obtained by Associated Press Television News in Pakistan, the ques­tioner repeatedly asks the captives why they have come to Afghanistan, then asks why America and NATO have sent troops to Afghanistan and Iraq.

“Don’t try to do anything to American,” Nayan says calmly, “We are here for the Afghan people.”

Habib later: “We all want to go home to our families. We are United Nations workers, we want to go home to our kids and to our parents.”

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Karzai, the country’s inter­im leader, released a state­ment saying he spoke with British Prime Minister Blair on Saturday and that they “strangely condemned the hostage situation.”

“This war is against the Afghan nation and we know who will win,” Karzai said, without indicating how the governments would respond toward the crisis.

A Taliban splinter group called Jaish-al-Muslimen, or Army of Muslims, claimed responsibility for the abduction.

Associated Press

Marines face final assault charges

WASHINGTON — The World Health Organization has called an unprecedented summit of flu vaccine makers and nations to ramp up plans for dealing with the growing threat of a flu pandemic.

Sixteen vaccine companies and health officials from the United States and other large countries already have agreed to attend the summit in Geneva, Switzerland, on Nov. 11, said Klaus Stohr, a World Health Organization official.

Local News

Women cope through activism

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Tammy Miler lost her younger brother to the explosion of a factory explo­ sion just more than a year ago. She has turned her grief into activism for the family of workers killed on job sites across the country, creating the United Support and Memorial Organization.

Her 35-year-old brother Shawn Boone died from severe burns over 90 percent of his body when a series of explosions rocked the Hayes Lemmerz International factory in Huntington on Oct. 29, 2003.

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CAMP PENDLETON — Working in a makeshift lab in a bomb­ed-out building, an Army pathologist dipped her glove-covered hands into a decomposing corpse — and changed the face of the U.S. Marines.

Running her fingers along the fade­de, U-shaped bone in the throat of a dead foreign prisoner, Col. Kathleen Ingwerson felt a break. She con­cluded that it was a rib cage and larynx vanished, then resurfaced a year later at military labs on two continents. She concealed she didn’t know what became of the broken hyoid bone that strongly indicated strangulation.

Nine Marines faced courts-martial in Hatab’s death but most of the cases were dismissed, in part because of the forensic breakdown.

The sole conviction came in September, when a military panel convicted Marine Sgt. Gary Piltinan of dereliction of duty and abuse of prisoners — but acquitted him of assaulting Hatab. He was sentenced to 60 days hard labor and demoted to private.

On Monday, prosecutors have their final chance to salvage the case when court­martial proceed­ings begin at this base north of San Diego for the last defendant.

Mag. Clarke Paut, 35, faces up to 4 1/2 years in military prison if he is convicted of charges of aggravated assault, deprivation of duty and maltreatment.
Among women, while 55 percent of the respondents answered "Alternative" to the Princeton Review's "Are you pro-choice?" question, 44 percent of those surveyed, while John Kerry drew 43.9 percent. Other candidates, between the two candidates, including George W. Bush, drew 48.7 percent of those surveyed, while John Kerry drew 43.9 percent.

"Alternative lifestyles are not considered themselves pro-choice," said 35 percent of respondents in the survey. Bush's margin of victory is well within the margin of error for the survey, indicating that Notre Dame students are split almost evenly between the two candidates. Wells was surprised by the close race between Kerry and Bush on campus. "I think a lot of people would think Bush would win by a huge margin, but the numbers prove that's just not the case," he said.


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"There is such a dispute, those terms are usually resolved under state law," said Kommers, who specializes in constitutional law. "I frankly do not think that there are going to be similar type of disputes in 2000." Campbell said concerns about voter registration requirements, raised by both Democrats and Republicans, increased sharply in recent weeks, but on different topics.

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Cuba rushes to sign food bills

The American presidential election could affect U.S.-Cuban relations.

Associated Press

HAVANA — Just days before an American presidential election whose outcome could affect Cuba relations, communist officials were discussing deals to buy $150 million more in wheat, meat, milk and other American products at a trade fair opening Monday.

Agelessmness giant Archer Daniels Midland of Illinois, Tyson foods of Arkansas, Sapri Tropical Drinks of Florida, Marsh Supermarkets of Indiana and White Rose Foods of New Jersey were among 125 U.S. companies participating in the weeklong International Fair of Havana.

"This is happening at a crucial moment, during elections in the United States," Pedro Alvarez, chairman of the Cuban food import agency, told Associated Press Thursday after inspecting stands at the exhibition center where the Americans will display food samples.

"Many companies and their people will come after the elections," said Alvarez, "so they don't miss the chance to vote Tuesday, Alvarez said.

"Alvarez declined to talk about the U.S. presidential candidates or express a preference.

Democratic contender John Kerry has said he would maintain more than four decades of trade sanctions against Cuba if elected president. But many on the island believe any change to reverse the U.S. government's firmly tough policies on Cuba would be more likely with Kerry in the White House.

President Bush has steadfastly tightened restrictions on Cuba over the past four years, making it virtually impossible for most Americans to travel there legally, and tightening loopholes through which U.S. dollars have filtered into the country despite sanctions.

While the four-decade old trade embargo hurts Cuba, "it also has a serious impact on Americans, too," Alvarez said.

Under an exception to the U.S. sanctions, American food may be sold directly to Cuba on a cash basis.

Since Cuba began taking advantage of the exception in 2001, it has contracted to buy more than $900 million in American farm goods, including shipping and hefty bank fees to send payments through third nations.

The Cuban government's announcement last week that it was eliminating U.S. dollars from general circulation on the island will have no impact on the sales, said Alvarez.

He said the move to replace American money with a local currency called the convertible Cuban peso, and encourage importation of more dollars will not affect the island's ability to pay for American food and other imports with other types of foreign exchange, such as the euro.

Those payments are made through banks in third countries such as France because the embargo prohibits payments directly to the United States — they are often more easily made in other euros or other foreign currencies anywhere, Alvarez said.

The more than 200 Americans expected later in the week in 26 states, Puerto Rico and Washington are among more than 1,000 business people from 45 countries that have signed up to participate in the fair. The state with the largest participation is Florida, with 27 companies represented.

Other countries showing a wide range of products at the trade fair include China, Brazil, Argentina and Venezuela.

Along with the United States, other countries showing food products are France, Spain, Germany, Canada, Great Britain, Vietnam, New Zealand, Venezuela, and Mexico.

Pedro Alvarez, chairman of Cuba's food import agency walks around the International Fair of Havana where Communist officials requested to buy American farm products.

In Brief

Many accused of online identity theft

NEWARK, N.J. — Federal authorities on Thursday indicted 19 people in the United States and abroad on charges related to a Web site investigators claim was one of the largest online centers for traffick in stolen identity information and credit cards.

More than 20 others have also been charged in the probe.

The site, www.shadowcrew.com, had about 4,000 members who dealt with at least 1.7 million stolen credit card numbers and caused more than $4 million in losses, the Justice Department said.

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Abroad students try to re-adjust
For many, returning to college in U.S. proves difficult

Associated Press

MIDDLEBURY, Vt. — For some Middlebury College students, the hardest part about studying abroad wasn’t adjusting to life in a foreign country. It was coming home.

Brian Fink says the feeling hits him in the library — the palpable stress of his fellow students reminds him how much he misses the more comfortable pace at the French university where he studied last year.

Gale Berninghausen wonders if she’ll ever uncerk the bottle of Spanish wine she’s saving for an occasion that reminds her of the lingering, talkative dinners she recalls from Madrid.

And Mary Hiebert feels it at unexpected moments. Once, she was out for coffee with her parents soon after returning from Ireland when she burst into tears.

“I had this vague sort of sadness,” Hiebert recalled. “I did not know what it was, or how to talk about it, I think it was a sense of loss.”

Many of the 160,000 American university-level students who study abroad each year set off well prepared with language and cultural training. Experts say they often aren’t less prepared for the job of coming home. What may strike friends and family as they’ve returned to may not be what they expected. Some are kind of like, “Let’s move on,” Filsen said. But administrators admit they aren’t always sure how best to help.

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Experts discuss space exploration

Associated Press

LONDON — About 100 international space experts working at the United Nations scientific organization Friday discussed creating a legal and ethical framework to guide the future exploration of Mars.

The Paris symposium — gathering scientists, legal experts and space agency executives — focused on such topics as the status of the international criminal court and other behavior on board spacecraft, and liability or insurance coverage, officials said.

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had to be a hard-hitting campaigner.

“It’s a competitive district and she has had a couple of high caliber opponents,” Neely said.

The second of 11 children, Northup came from a long line of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s graduates. Her father, James Meagher was a scholarship basketball player for the Irish and her mother attended Saint Mary’s.

Northup graduated from Saint Mary’s in 1970 with degrees in Economics and Business. She worked as a math teacher and at Ford Motor Company before running for the state legislature in 1987. Northup served as the 32nd District’s representative for nine years.

In a state economically dependent on tobacco farming, Northup took a risky political step to set herself apart from fellow state representatives by calling attention to the health risks of cigarettes and by attacking teen smoking.

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Focus narrows on undecided states

In last hours, candidates work to secure swing states' crucial votes

INDIANAPOLIS — A new statewide poll showed Republican Mitch Daniels with a slight lead in the end of the campaign, Democratic Gov. Joe Kernan's campaign not wanting to close that gap by Election Day.

The Indianapolis Star/WTHR poll released Sunday and conducted Oct. 19-22 among 1,002 likely voters shows 49 percent of respondents favored Daniels and 42 percent supported Kernan. The telephone poll of 1,002 likely voters also found 3 percent leaned Libertarian Ken Gidven while 7 percent remained undecided.

The peak point difference between Daniels and Kernan was greater than the poll's margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

Both candidates' campaign managers said the race remained close and voter turnout would be key to the outcome.

"There's still plenty of time for these numbers to move," said Daniels campaign manager Bill Oesterle. "We have to make sure our get-out-the-vote activities are stellar."

Bernie Toon, campaign manager for Kernan, also said voter turnout was vital. "That's really what we're about for the next 72 hours," Toon said Saturday.

Still, he said, "We are very confident that going into Election Day, we will not rest, we will keep the pressure on until the folks turn out."

The survey conducted Tuesday through Friday by Iowa-based polling firm Sosier & Co. found that 49 percent said the state is going to re-elect Daniels, while 38 percent said the state is going to re-elect Kernan.

The state's economy continues to be a key issue.

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Thought outside the vote

Presidential elections represent an opportunity to respond to this impetus by giving ourselves to the community around us and by engaging any of the countless ways our values can affect the public square. Each new day is an occasion to challenge the status quo and to be builders of a healthier world.

This act of building can take many forms. It can be writing letters to the editor or to our elected officials. It can be raising awareness in our community for important issues. It can be supporting or participating in a social or political movement or campaign. It can be joining a rally or prayer vigil for structural change. At the very least, it can be educating ourselves about these issues and discussing them with the people around us.

Let each of us take up this mission and not lose the participatory spirit of this election season.

—President John F. Kennedy’s proclamation made during his 1961 inaugural address certainly holds as true today as ever: “Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.” And that means always.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
It is the responsibility of every political conservative, every evangelical Christian, every pro-life Catholic, every traditional Jew, every Reagan Democrat, and everyone in between to get serious about the ugly business of our times. I recently attended a Nevada Town Hall Meeting of Jerry Falwell to the New York Times, July 16, 2004 "I think George Bush is going to win in a race. I have no idea whether he will win...I am voting for George W. Bush. We believe that claim of divine appointment for the president, uncritical affirmation of his policies, and assertions that all Christians must re-election constitute bad theology and dangerous religion. We believe that sincere Christians and other people of faith can choose to vote for President Bush or Senator Kerry for reasons deeply rooted in their faith. We believe all candidates should be examined by measuring their policies against the complete range of Christian ethics and values. We will measure the candidates by whether they enhance or demean human dignity and human rights, whether they strengthen family life and protect children; whether they promote racial reconciliation and advance the common good rather than only individual, national, and special interests. We also admonish both parties and candidates to avoid the exploitation of religion or our congregations for partisan political purposes. In keeping with our convictions, we call Christians and other people of faith to a more thoughtful involvement in this election, rather than claiming God's endorsement of any candidate. This is the meaning of responsible Christian citizenship. It are not single-issue voters. We believe that poverty caring for the poor and vulnerable; whether they enhance the candidates' budget and tax policies reward the rich or show compassion for poor families? Do their foreign policies advance the common good for the poorest countries? (Matthew 25:35-40, Isaiah 10:1-2) We believe that the environment caring for God's earth is a religious issue. Do the candidates propose to change the attitudes and policies that led to the abuse and torture of prisoners? (Genesis 1:27) We believe that human rights respecting the image of God in every person is a religious issue. How do the candidates propose to change the attitudes and policies that led to the abuse and torture of prisoners? (Matthew 25:35-40, Isaiah 10:1-2) We believe that human rights respecting the image of God in every person is a religious issue. We believe that the environment caring for God's earth is a religious issue. We believe that human rights respecting the image of God in every person is a religious issue. We believe that the environment caring for God's earth is a religious issue. We believe that human rights respecting the image of God in every person is a religious issue. We believe that the environment caring for God's earth is a religious issue. We believe that human rights respecting the image of God in every person is a religious issue. We believe that the environment caring for God's earth is a religious issue.

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I will admit it. I love "The O.C." I know it's trashy. I know that I really should be doing something to further my education for that hour, like reading existential philosophy or attending a lecture on modern poetry. But somehow, I feel like "The O.C." has given me a different kind of education. The show rolls up more of the action, intrigue, back-stabbing and deception than you would find in any soap opera, romance novel and Shakespearean drama combined. So, in order to justify the hour that have spent each week watching Seth, Summer, Marissa, Ryan and company, I would like to list the things that I have learned from watching "The O.C."

1. Fighting solves everything, especially cat-fighting.
   - Julie and Hallie get in a catfight at Julie's bachelorette party. Caleb and Sandy fight at a fancy restaurant in Las Vegas and that's just in one episode. "The O.C." is rife with examples of how violence is the answer to a myriad of usual problems, which, luckily, most of us don't have to face.

2. Midlife crises can have a lot of manifestations, including sleeping with your daughter's ex-boyfriend.
   - Julie has an affair with Luke, Marissa's ex-boyfriend. Needless to say, it doesn't end well.

3. High school kids have a lot of problems, not limited to alcoholism, pregnancy, stalkers, affairs, abandonment and accidentally hiring strippers.
   - My high school experience wasn't quite like that of the students on "The O.C.," but maybe I just hung out with the wrong crowd.

4. Nerds can get the girl.
   - Seth gives hope to nerds everywhere by actually dating hot-girl Summer, but are any of us really surprised by anything that Lilith does anymore?

5. Be careful who you marry, because they might not be as rich as you think they are.
   - Julie marries Caleb, quite possibly more for money than for love. Only we, the audience, can only anticipate what her reaction will be when she finds out that he's bankrupt next season.

6. Family politics can get complicated, especially when your foster son's girlfriend's mother is marrying your father and her ex-husband is dating your sister.
   - The population of Orange County is disproportionately represented by the seeming need of Kirsten's friends and family to intermarry.

7. While we won't know until the new season starts, it may just be possible to sail from California to Tahiti, where by actually dating hot-girl Hallie.
   - Julie, following his breakup with Summer and Ryan deciding to leave, renew his attempt to sail his catamaran to Tahiti. Isn't that what we'd all like to do when things aren't going our way?

8. Don't you have to choose between Christmas or Chanukkah because you can have Christmukskah.
   - Orthodox and Conservative Jews manufacture their own family with creative solutions at all times, even at the holidays.

9. When you are hanging out with a guy, make sure that he isn't a crazy, obsessive stalker who will try to kill you and himself when you try to cool things off.
   - In "The Rivals" and "The Truth," Marissa's "Friend" Oliver slowly takes over her life, leaving it up to Ryan to come and save her. While to those of us watching it was quite obvious that he was deranged, Marissa is not exactly a Rhodes scholar.

Maybe these aren't things that you would learn in the classroom, but at the very least, watching "The O.C." will, regardless of how hectic your life is, make you feel normal. Plus, it is infinitely preferable to take a study break that has come along for a long, long time.

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LOS ANGELES — Halloween spirit possessed movie-goers as Sarah Michelle Gellar's fright flick "The Grudge" remained the top draw for the second straight weekend with $22.4 million. The film biography "Ray," which has drawn Academy

Watch and learn from "The O.C."

"The Grudge" tops Halloween weekend

Awards buzz for Jamie Foxx as Ray

Charles in the title role, debuted in second place with $20.1 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. The horror tale "Saw," about a serial killer who puts victims through grisly morality trials, opened at No. 3 with $17.4 million. The cast includes Cary Elwes and Danny Glover.

In narrower release, Nicole Kidman's "Birth" had a so-so debut, coming in at No. 11 with $1.7 million in 556 cinemas to average $3,091 per theater. Kidman plays a widow about to remarry when she encounters a young boy claiming to be the reincarnation of her dead husband. By comparison, "Ray" debuted in 2,066 theaters with a healthy $10.030 average, while "Saw" averaged $7,516 in 2,315 cinemas. "The Grudge," starring Gellar as an American student tormented by a hateful spirit lurking in a Tokyo house, lifted its 10-day domestic gross to $71.3 million. A remake of a Japanese horror hit, "The Grudge" cost just $10 million to produce.

Neary movies tend to plummet in their second weekend because hardcore horror fans catch them in the first few days. Halloween weekend helped shore up "The Grudge," whose receipts fell just 41 percent, a relatively strong hold from its $39.1 million debut. "The Grudge" and "Saw" drew mostly younger viewers looking for Halloween scares. The audience for "Ray" was older, with three-fourths of viewers age 30 and over.

Films that play to older crowds tend to stick around longer at theaters, and distributor Universal Studios is counting on the movie's Oscar prospects to extend its appeal through awards season. Interest in Charles has surged since his death last June and Foxx has received enormous acclaim for his uncanny re-creation of the blind singer's mannerisms and spirit.

"This is the most talked about performer of the year," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "It's performance even transcends the movie itself."

Director Taylor Hackford, who bad Charles' full support on "Ray," struggled for 15 years to get the movie made. Financed independently, the finished film was shooped around futilely among Hollywood studios until it found a home at Universal.

"Nobody wanted this movie, so as a result we are celebrating like you can't even believe," said Nikki Roccio, head of distribution for Universal. "We expect a long life for this movie."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures will be released Monday.

Top 10 weekend movies:
1. "The Grudge," $22.4 million
   - "Ray," $20.1 million
   - "Saw," $17.4 million
   - "Shark Tale," $8 million
   - "Shaft," $6.3 million
   - "Friday Night Lights," $4.1 million
   - "Ladder 49," $3.3 million
   - "Team America: World Police," $3.1 million
   - "Surviving Christmas," $2.6 million
   - "Taxi," $2.15 million
**MOVIE REVIEW**

"I Heart Huckabees" not for everyone

By MARIA SMITH
Senior Editor

A movie about existential detectives, however good it may be, does not tend to attract a wide audience. "I Heart Huckabees," a comedy about the ups, downs, ins and outs of life and how it all connects, has a limited appeal that it hasn't opened widely in theaters around the country. It was only engaged for a two-week showing at Showplace 16 in South Bend. The movie is not one for people who like run-of-the-mill chick flicks or action movies. The storyline is like nothing else in the video store and the script is equally bizarre.

The film caters more to people who are fans of philo-comic films like "The Big Lebowski" or "The Royal Tenenbaums" which are slightly out of sync with reality. If you are one of those people who is tired of going to the theater and seeing something where every plot development can be predicted an hour ahead of time, this is one of the few films in theaters that you might actually want to see. "I Heart Huckabees" is nothing if not unconventional.

Like its offbeat predecessor, "I Heart Huckabees" is a film composed more of striking moments than a coherent plot. It would be hard to describe in 20 or even 50 words what "The Big Lebowski" is about, but the style and the quotes are unmistakable.

**Music Event**

The Unicorns bring quirky music to campus

By MATTHEW SOLARSKI
Senior Editor

Notre Dame's preeminent Internet radio station, WVFI, is proud to present one-of-a-kind opportunity to Notre Dame students who love live music. The Unicorns, quirky Canadians, critical darlings and fan favorites, bring their unique blend of accessible pop music to the LaFortune Ballroom tonight. The free show begins at 7:00 p.m. with opening act Bernard Lakes.

The Unicorns catapulted into the international spotlight with their stellar 2003 release, "Who Will Cut Our Hair When We're Gone?" This little record seemingly came from nowhere and took the underground by storm, topping many critics' year-end lists and winning over droves of new fans. Following a summer tour with the red-hot Arcade Fire, the Unicorns were hand-selected to open for Ben Kweller on his autumn tour and will tonight grace Notre Dame with their idiosyncratic flair.

The band's press release says it best: "Get yourself ready and put your hands together for the 'show-up' sensation of the rest of your lives. The Unicorns... have arrived to save you, to let you save them, and consequently make-up the face of modern music. Having blossomed in Montreal, Quebec, The Unicorns have picked their things and are heading to all the roads in all the world for an unfathomable amount of time.

The Unicorns became underground favorites with their album "Who Will Cut Our Hair When We're Gone?" They have toured with Arcade Fire and Ben Kweller, backing up their reputation as being Canada's most promising new band, and planet Earth's next big thing. The Unicorns have a gift for blending a morbid sense of humour with irresistible pop melodies crafted with beautiful vocals employing thoughtful, near-sacred lyrics.

Upon seeing this band live, it's impossible to deny that there are supernatura­ral forces at play. You'll never know what you are in for — a performance (i.e. a puppet show, a homeless person hired to impersonate the band, bizarre costumes, a bloody flight between band members) or simply sweet boys delivering the sweet goods. But regardless of what shape their live performance takes on, it never fails to be deeply moving and highly entertaining. You will leave a believer.

The Unicorns seem poised on the brink of a huge commercial breakthrough, so this may well be the last chance to see this superb live act in such a fun and intimate setting. The show will likely fill up fast, so come early for the best view. Next time around they just might be co-headlining a world tour with John Mayer.

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Irish beat Utah on the road, fall to BYU

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Sports Writer

After posting a victory over Utah, the Notre Dame men's swimming and diving program challenged No. 22 Brigham Young down to the wire before falling. Swimming only hours after their 123-138 victory against Utah (0-1), the Irish (2-1) easily won against the Cougars (1-0) but lost the decisive 400-yard freestyle relay that allowed BYU to eke out a 153-144 victory.

Seeking the program's first-ever win against a nationally-ranked opponent, the Irish went to work quickly against BYU, leading by 25 points early. Notre Dame finished 1-2-3 in two of the first three individual events and the Irish took the lead on both of their strong distance freestyle.

Freshman Jay Vanden Berg, junior Patrick Davis, and sophomore Chris Zeches posted times of 16 minutes, 15.63 seconds, 16:28.93, and 16:30.66, respectively, in the 1,650-yard freestyle and all finished more than 20 seconds quicker than any BYU swimmer.

"I thought the way we competed was just great for the whole weekend," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "The distance freestyle events, which are the first individual events, are one of the areas in which we are a strong team. We rely on our distance swimmers and they've had three good meets in a row now. It talk about being aggressive and intense from the very beginning."

Vanden Berg performed well throughout the weekend, notching another second-place finish in the 1,000-yard freestyle (9:37.44) and the 500-yard freestyle (4:41.2) and also finishing first in the 1,650-yard freestyle against BYU the following day.

"Obviously, he swam really well," Welsh said. "We knew about that, but he had a very good distance freestyler. He has a great work ethic and he's very hard and he swam great over the week end."

With the score tied 4-4-0, the final relay of the BYU meet proved to be crucial and the race was close throughout.

Junior Frank Kruskowski and sophomores Tim Kegelman, Ted Brown and Louis Cavadini ended with a time of 3:06.37 in the 400-yard freestyle, only 1.13 seconds behind BYU’s winning time and faster than all but one dual meet from last season.

In order to win the meet, BYU had to win the last three events, which they managed to do. Using strong performances in the diving and breaststroke events, the Cougars closed out the Irish and spoiled Notre Dame's bid to achieve their first victory against a nationally-ranked foe.

"I think that to some extent, the fact that [the whole Cougars] are an experienced top-25 team and they were all at home is to their advantage," Welsh said. "But to some extent, we want to fight for those meets and we're getting closer."

"It doesn't happen in one giant step. It happens little by little and we know we're getting closer so that's what we're working for."

The Irish also used a strong start to build a 47-6 advantage in their victory against Utah, a lead that the Irish couldn't overcome and suffered their first home defeat in dual-meet action since January 30, 2003. Brown led a strong outing for BYU, with senior captain Matt Berkhe and sophomore Brian Freeman taking first and third place.

The Irish divers and both achieved third place finishes in the Irish men's triple.

Notre Dame will take the water next weekend as the team heads to Iowa in the Hawkeyes, an opponent the Irish have never beaten.

"We have a very, very challenging early schedule this season and we're just going one step at a time," Welsh said. "We' ve picked up some good momentum this weekend and we'll try to apply that to the Iowa meet on Friday."

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles can’t quite get it done

Team finishes in sixth place at conference championship, sixth in final standings

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

The Belles weren’t quite able to pull off the victory they needed on Saturday in order to finish in the top four of the MIAA standings, where they believed they had hoped to end their season.

A sixth-place finish in the conference championship left Saint Mary’s in the sixth place position that they were in prior to the race.

The overall rank that the Belles achieved as high as the season has crashed since first running in the championship in 1998, marking their standings for the 2003 season.

Hope College dominated both the NCAA and MIAA meets as well as the conference championship race this year, finishing the day on Saturday 36 points ahead of the second place contender.

Calvin and Albion took second and third place, respectively. Kalamazoo College finished fourth followed by Alma.

Finishing behind Saint Mary’s were Adrian College and Tri-State University finishing in the seventh and eighth spots.

Freshman Megan Gray topped the Saint Mary’s finishers high with a time of 25:38, and an overall finish of 25th place. Erin Nolan, Sara Otto, Zarita, Zandy, Becker Feau, Katie White, and Elizabeth Commers also finished in the top seven for the Belles. These ladies will have a chance to run in the NCAA Division-III Regional at Alma College on November 13.

Although not all of Saint Mary’s did not end the season as high as the runners had hoped, the team is confident that this year’s outcome of the year is a stride forward for the team this year.

"We have definitely seen a lot of growth on this team this year... There is still a long way to go, but I would like to think that we find the laying foundation now to improve the team in the future," Zander said.

Zander also commented on the position that the team will be running in the top group of NCAA classmen ready to fill the gap that will be left by the graduating seniors. Gray and sophomore transfer Meghan Murphy have been both stand out runners for the Belles this season.

With a year of experience under their belts, the team ought to be even more effective for the team next year.

Sophomore Scott Coyle, along with freshman Junto Feau, have been all consistent and many are looking to the group of the top 25. They just have to get a win and try to get back on track."

But what defeated the Bollers (5-3, 2-3 Big Tent) in the first place? Purdue’s receivers, clutching the ball and getting as close to pass interference as they could without drawing a flag. Purdue still won 20-13, but other teams now had a blueprint for how to attack the Boilermakers.

Wisconsin did it to perfection against Purdue, forcing the receivers and harassing Orton all afternoon. When Purdue made its second score each quarter, the Badgers scooped it up and returned it for the extra points, starting the Purdue touchdown. Michigan was equally tough, allowing top receiver Taylor Stubblefield only one catch and limiting Orton to 213 passing yards. 
MUSIC

Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra
November 4 at 8 p.m.
Tickets: $6, $5 ND/SMC/HC, $3 students

King's Singers
November 7 at 8 p.m.
Tickets: $44, $35 ND/SMC/HC, $15 students

THEATRE

Fortinbras By Lee Blessing
November 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
Tickets: $12, $10 ND/SMC/HC, $8

A Midsommer Night's Dream
November 3 and 6 at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets $18, $16 ND/SMC/HC, $12 students
Performed by Actors From The London Stage

MacHomer by Rick Miller
November 5 and 6
Tickets: $37, $30 ND/SMC/HC, $15 students

FILM

Tickets for these films will go on sale on Monday, November 1. For more information about these films, please visit http://performingarts.nd.edu.

Amleto (1915)
Thursday, November 4, 8 p.m.

Titus (1999)
Friday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Forbidden Planet (1956)
Friday, November 5 at 10 p.m.

Richard III (1955)
Saturday, November 6 at 11:30 a.m.

Ran (1985)
Saturday, November 6 at 3 p.m.

Romeo and Juliet (1996)
Saturday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m.

HAMLET (2000)
Saturday, November 6 at 10 p.m.

ND PRESENTS: MOMIX AT THE MORRIS

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Momix may change your definition of dance. Known internationally for work of exceptional inventiveness and physical beauty, Momix is a company of dancer-illusionists. Under the direction of Moses Pendleton, the company has conjured a world of surreal images for more than 20 years. For Notre Dame, Momix will perform their critically acclaimed Opus Cactus. Choreographed by Moses Pendleton, Opus Cactus, is a celebration of the deserts of the American Southwest. Drawing from other art forms—gymnastics, acrobatics, body surfing, pole vaulting, ballet and puppetry—and aided by designers whose imaginations are as large as the desert sky, Pendleton has sculpted nineteen desert scenes to make you forget the cooling temperatures of Michiana November. Prepare to be delighted.
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## Around the Dial

### NFL

**Pittsburgh Steelers' Plaxico Burress hauls in a first quarter touchdown pass from quarterback Ben Roethlisberger as he falls out of bounds in NFL action on Sunday in Pittsburgh.**

**Steelers beat an unpatriotic New England**

- Pittsburgh — So much for a perfect week in New England sports, the Patriots' chances for a perfect season and the longest winning streaks in NFL history.
- Ben Roethlisberger, a rookie quarterback who seemingly doesn't know how to lose, drove the Steelers to four scores following uncharacteristic New England turnovers and Pittsburgh ended the Patriots' two long winning streaks with a remarkably easy 34-20 victory Sunday.
- The Patriots had won 21 straight counting the play-offs and a league-record 18 consecutive in the regular season, but were all but out of this one after Roethlisberger — still unbeaten as an NFL starter — threw two touchdown passes to Plaxico Burress in the first quarter. Maybe all this winning was too much to ask of Boston-area teams. With running back Corey Dillon (foot) sidelined for all but a few plays, the Patriots' winning streaks ended only four days after the Red Sox won their first World Series in 86 years.
- With Tom Brady throwing two interceptions and losing a fumble, New England's run ended with its first loss since a 20-17 defeat to Washington on Sept. 28, 2003. But Roethlisberger upheld his personal winning streak to 18. He won his final 13 at Miami of Ohio last season opening a following-game loss, and now is only the second rookie quarterback since the 1976 merger to win his first NFL five starts.
- Mike Kruczek won six straight for the injured Terry Bradshaw for the 1976 Steelers, never once throwing a touchdown pass; Roethlisberger already has nine in what is fast becoming the best season by an NFL rookie QB since Dan Marino threw 20 touchdown passes and only six interceptions in 11 games for the 1983 Dolphins.

**Next up for Pittsburgh — or, as they're calling it now, Roethlis-burg — is unbeaten Philadelphia, 7-0 for the first time. The Steelers' 6-1 start is their best since their 78-team was 7-0, and they lead the Ravens (4-3) by two games in the AFC North.**

It may be of little consolation, but New England's 6-1 record also equals the best start in franchise history.

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**In Brief**

**Agassi Joes Stockholm Open final**

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Andre Agassi lost the Stockholm Open final in a third-set tiebreaker to Sweden's Thomas Johansson, who won 6-4, 6-7 (6), 6-4 Sunday to capture this tournament for the second time.

Johansson, a former Australian Open champion, rallied from a set down before a packed Royal Tennis Hall crowd that included Agassi's wife, Steffi Graf.

"I was pretty discouraged with the level of tennis he was playing in the second set," Agassi said. "I wasn't getting any chances. I hung in there and I managed to make it a competitive set. But, again, I was just playing to hang on."  

Johansson led all the way in the tiebreaker, going up 6-3 after two mini-breaks. Agassi saved the last match point with a passing shot. Johansson, backed by clapping, foot-stomping fans, then smacked an ace to close the match. He had lost all six previous matches to Agassi.

"This was probably my best match ever," said Johansson, who was unseeded in the $822,000 event. "It may be of little consolation, but the other students and their family members involved in the accident in our hearts and prayers."  

The State Highway Patrol said the van was traveling west on I-70 early Sunday morning when the driver swerved to miss a deer and lost control. The van went into the median, overturned, and came to rest in the eastbound lanes.

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**Grace Park wins CJ Nine Bridges Classic**

JEJU, South Korea — Grace Park won the CJ Nine Bridges Classic on Sunday, shooting a 7-under-par 65 for a five-stroke victory and giving her game a big boost after a collapse in the final round two weeks ago.  

"I can't describe my happiness with words," the South Korean star said.  

Park finished at 16-under 208. Top-ranked Annika Sorenstam and Carin Koch, both of Sweden, shot 67s and tied for second at 11 under Sorenstam entered the day three strokes off the lead and closed her round with an eagle.  

Defending champion Amin Shi-hyun (69) was at 10 under, tied for fourth with Lorena Ochoa (67) and Jeong Jan 68 (-6).  

Park won $202,500 and was presented with a traditional South Korean dress when she accepted her prize.
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Tired Irish drop consecutive meets

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

A number of individual performances highlighted a disappointing weekend for the Irish, as the No. 23 ranked women dropped both meets in a triangular event against Purdue and Arizona State.

Jessica Stephens had three top-three finishes and Meghan Perry-Eaton led the divers with two top-two finishes. Additionally, Ellen Barton and Ann Barton both placed in the top two twice in the meet, as the Irish fell to Arizona State 196-111 and Purdue 169-130.

“I think that for the most part, there were the individuals who swam pretty well, but for the most part the team just looked pretty tired,” co-captain Kelli Barton said. “Coming out of the meet we were tired mentally as well.

After spending the week of full break in intense training, injuries to key swimmers also played a role in the team’s defeat.

“It also didn’t help that we had a lot of injuries coming into the meet,” Barton said, citing the absence of Christel Bouvron, Katie Cattrell and Kristen Peterson as major factors.

In the 400-yard individual medley, the Irish took fifth and second with Stephens touching in at 4 minutes, 25.76 seconds and Ellen Barton coming in at 4:26.31.

“Extremely excited for the IM events,” Kelli Barton said. “Our top 15 swimmer in that event was out of the meet and we still went 1-2 in the 400 IM. It wasn’t quite an achievement, especially at the end of the meet that was very depressing.”

There were other bright spots for an otherwise struggling Irish squad.

“I think the backstroke events look pretty strong this year,” Barton said. “Our IM events look very strong, also our butterflies will be pretty strong this year as well. Believe too, I think the 400 medley [will do well after placing] third at this meet.”

That relay team, consisting of Caroline Johnson, Natalie Burke, Stephens and Katie Eckholk, came in at 3:52.47, even without Carroll, who usually swims in the event. The 400-yard free relay of Johnson, Rebecca Grove, Georgia Healey and Ellen Johnson came in fourth at 3:32.01.

Grove also took first in the 100-yard backstroke, notching a time of 1:06.60.

In addition to her relay wins, Johnson posted a third-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:05.26.

“For the most part, the team looked pretty tired.”

Kelli Barton
Irish co-captain

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SMC VOLLEYBALL
Belles show heart in final match

Team must regroup from losses and prepare for MIAA tournament

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

In a season full of hope and promise, Saint Mary’s finished its final four games in the same way they began — with heart.

The Benedictine Tournament presented the Belles with a big challenge as they faced some very strong competition.

They only managed one victory in the two-day affair, but played hard all along the way.

On Friday, the Belles opened up against Monmouth College. Saint Mary’s ended the match losing in three-straight, but kept it close. The Fighting Scots jumped out to an early lead by beating the Belles 30-27 in the first game. The second game’s outcome was similar as the Belles fell by the same score. In the final game, Saint Mary’s didn’t let up and played hard even after dropping the first two, eventually losing 30-26.

With little time to regroup, the Belles hit the floor again following their first contest and battled Clarke College.

Saint Mary’s cruised to their first non-conference victory of the year as they defeated Clarke in three games. The Belles took the first one without much of a problem, winning 30-22. The Crusaders closed the gap in game two, but ultimately lost 30-25. Up two games, the Belles fended off their opponents’ last charge and came away with the win in a close match by a score of 30-28.

The second day offered an even bigger challenge for the Belles as the competition continued to get better.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish hope to finish season strong
Team to face familiar rivals at Edwin Watts/Palmetto Intercollegiate

By ERIC BETTER
Sports Writer

The Irish will look to continue their streak of success and end their fall season on the positive note Monday. The team, who has already won two tournaments this fall, is traveling to South Carolina to compete in the Edwin Watts/Palmetto Intercollegiate. The Irish won this event last year, and Notre Dame coach Debby King is confident about her team's chances for repeating.

"We're defending champions, so why not do it again," she said.

In their quest to repeat, the team will face some strong competition from the field of 18 teams, namely from Michigan and Southern Methodist, both of whom are ranked in the top 25 according to the latest Golfstat.com polls. However, the Irish have had success against both squads, owning a 2-1 record against Michigan and a 1-0 record against SMU.

The tournament will consist of 27 holes on both Monday and Tuesday, and will take place at the Oak Point Golf course in Kiawah Island. The young but experienced lineup to South Carolina this week.

Junior co-captains Katie Brophy and Suzie Hayes will lead the team this weekend. Brophy already has numerous top-five finishes this fall, including a victory at the Jeannine McNaney Invitational, and should be able to contend for another crown.

Joining them will be sophomore Noriko Nakazaki and Stacy Brown, and freshman Jane Lee. All three have played well for the Irish and have become staples in the lineup. Despite of the individualistic nature of the sport of golf, the team has become a cohesive group over the course of the fall, and this has been a key aspect of their success all season.

"There's really good chemistry, and we all believe we can win," King said.

King is happy with her line-up and very pleased about how the team has worked all season. Even though the Irish did not compete this past week, King opted not to tinker with the practice schedule they had been following all season, choosing not to focus practice on trying to adapt to the course they would be playing.

"What we've been doing has been working, so we'll keep doing it," she said.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles struggle in their season opener

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For their first race of the season, the Belles were faced with a difficult challenge - on Saturday, competing against the defending MIAA champions, Hope College, as well as the surprise standouts of the 2003 season, Olivet. Hope defeated Saint Mary's by a score of 166-55, and Olivet knocked off the Belles with a final score of 158-61.

Junior Sarah Novak was the performer of the meet for Saint Mary's, finishing first in the 200-yard breaststroke and second in the 200-yard individual medley. Junior Kelly Netts was also very effective for the Belles, finishing fourth out of 10 in the 100-yard freestyle and 200-yard freestyle.

Sophomore transfer Nicole Korte, who comes to Saint Mary's from Holy Cross College, is off to a good start with the Belles. She finished fourth in the 50-yard freestyle and fifth in the 100.

The challenge for Saint Mary's on Saturday came not only from the difficulty of its opponents, but the condition that the team was going into the race.

Belles coach Gregg Petroff was quite pleased with his swimmers. The team did a lot of endurance and anaerobic workouts this week, and the overall condition of the team was a very fatigued one.

"The best thing about it was that despite the fatigue they got that sense of we're doing something that was one of the high points," Petroff said.

He was happy with the times that his swimmers were able to put on the boards after having such a strenuous week of workouts.

The Belles are excited to see how this season will play out, with so many new prospects on the roster.

"It's going to be interesting to see how the freshmen step into the roles," Petroff said.

For the freshmen, this was their first real collegiate meet, racing in individual events.

Petroff was pleased with the way that they stepped into the roles that they needed to. Because of the amount of underclassmen, many of the upperclassmen will be forced to step into the "go to" positions. The combination a few experienced performers and a lot of energy and spirit as well as plenty of fresh faces on the team, should provide Saint Mary's with a strong foundation to build on throughout the 2004-05 season.

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MEN'S GOLF

Strong field awaits team at the Prestige

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As they compete in their last event of the fall, the Irish will hope to end what has been an up and down season on a positive note. After a strong performance at the Nelson Invitational at Stanford last fall, the team will again head out west to play in the Prestige at the PGA West in La Quinta, Calif. The course was designed by Greg Norman and has hosted numerous PGA tour events.

The Irish will face a strong field of 16 teams from across the country. Their toughest competition will come from Texas Christian and UCLA, ranked 10th and 16th in the nation, respectively.

Notre Dame will send a young lineup that is quickly becoming their core players. Juniors Eric Deutsch and Scott Gustafson will lead the team this weekend. Gustafson, who has struggled with injuries all season, will try and re-find his competitive peak. Deutsch and Gustafson will help build on his career-low 212 last week.

Sophomore Cole Ishan will join them this weekend. Ishan has been the most consistent member of the team this year, performing well in every fall event.

Mike King and Greg Rodgers, two freshmen, will round out the lineup. Both had strong performances at the Nelson Invitational.

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Irish tie, lose to No. 15 Wildcats during the weekend

Sophomore Noah Babin scores first career goal during 1-1 tie Friday night against Northern Michigan

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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The Wildcats scored the first goal, when he picked up a loose puck in the slot and whipped it by Tarkki for a Notre Dame power play goal just three minutes later. But Santorelli scored two insurance goals, one at the end of the second period and one in the third, to put the game away.

"The goal that really killed us was the third goal, after making the game 2-1. It was a set face-off play and our guy got beat to the puck and then they were off to the races," Poulin said.

The Irish face Bowling Green in a home-and-home series this weekend, with the game Friday scheduled for 7:35 p.m. at the Joyce Center. Notre Dame plays Thursday at Bowling Green.

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In the course of Saturday afternoon, the Belles watched their chance at going undefeated at home get blown away.

With goals of over 60 miles per hour dominating every aspect of the game, Saint Mary’s was unable to extend its record at home to 8-0 with a 2-1 loss to Calvin.

"It was ridiculously windy, and that changes the flow of the game immediately," junior Carrie Orr said. "It was a hard game to play in, and it didn't help that Calvin was a good team."

Calvin came out against the Belles with a physical style that was compounded by the weather conditions.

Though the Belles are not typically a team that puts the ball in the back of the net to cut the lead in half, But Saint Mary's could get only two shots on goal. The Notre Dame goalkeeping duo of Erka Rohn and Nikki Westfall easily handled the few chances they saw to preserve the team's 10th shutout of the season. Sophomores Lizzie Bied and Christie Shaner also tallied a goal each for the Irish.

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While Wadrum is looking out for his team's well being down the playoff road, he constantly stresses to his players the need to stay in the present. Last year, the Irish lost three of their last five games, including once in the Big East Championship semi-finals and then again in the second-round NCAA.

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Calvin scored twice in the first half to give the Knights a 2-0 lead at the half. The Belles responded with a second-half goal, when Logan buried a centering pass into the back of the net to cut the lead in half. But Saint Mary's could get only two shots on goal. The Notre Dame goalkeeping duo of Erka Rohn and Nikki Westfall easily handled the few chances they saw to preserve the team's 10th shutout of the season.

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in 23 minutes, 53 seconds, and was the first Irish runner to cross the finish line.

Kurt Bonning, Kaleb Van Den Oord and Tim Monroe finished Moore in the top 10, finishing in seventh, eighth and ninth, respectively.

The story of the meet, however, came from Vinny Ambrico who finished in 17th place, but showed a strong stretch late in the race. "The success of the meet came from Vinny Ambrico, he ran a real good solid race and passed three guys in the last 300 meters which secured the victory," Piane said.

The women's team didn't do too shabby, either. Coming off two straight Big East victories, the team's cross-country team ran well and have enough to beat the champion Lady Friars. "Going in I knew that Providence was really good and they ran really well, I mean they were going to be hard to beat," Irish women's coach Tim Connelly said.

"I thought that we had some kids run really well, (and) we had some kids that struggled, so I don't think that as a whole we had our best race of the season." Molly Huddle finished fifth overall in the field, with a time of 26:16. She was followed by Stephanie Madia, who finished 10th, and Sonni Oding, who finished 12th. "I guess that second place is nothing to be ashamed of, but we obviously were going in there hoping for more," Connelly said.

Connelly only had praise for Providence, the only team at the meet who ran better than the Red Waves. "They aren't ranked number two in the country for nothing, they are a good team," Connelly said.

The Red Waves placed 7th for the regional qualifier for the NCAA championships on November 13.

Regardless of what happens the rest of this season, the story of the weekend was the men's team winning its first Big East title since 2001, with a combination of solid consistency and a touch of heroics.

After needing almost 85 minutes, the Irish produced the stake Notre Dame to a late 1-0 lead. A fellow defender and senior Ian Lapira found the back of the net with 12 seconds remaining during the 84:54 mark.

"It was just a great combination between two strikers," Clark said. "Justin got onto a blast off a loose corner a minute later.

"We anticipated the win, that was our goal when we went to the meet," said Piane.

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errors, the lowest mark of the year. Tarutis tallied 31 assists while Burrell tacked on 10 to help Notre Dame to their second-highest hitting percentage of the season, only topped by the .356 mark against St. John's last week.

The first game against Georgetown showed the Irish offense at their statistical best as the team had 19 kills for a .452 attack percentage. Notre Dame continued its strong hitting the entire game as they hit .324 and .271 in the following two games.

Outside hitter Lauren Kelbley led the team in kills with 12, middle blocker Emily Loomis had 11 while middle blocker Carolyn Cooper had a career high eight. Cooper was first on the team with an attack percentage of .429.

Sunday's 30-27, 30-24, 30-22 win over Villanova was highlighted this time by the defense as the Irish held the Wildcats to a .207 attack percentage, the lowest mark by an Irish opponent all year.

Mega H islansic's play was close to spectacular as the captain recorded 26 digs at libero position, the second-highest three-game mark in Irish volleyball history.

Hiscenic finished out the match on a high note with twelve digs in the final frame, after recording ten in the first game and four in the second.

Middle blocker Lauren Brewer, the reigning Big East Player of the week, added eight to help give the Irish an average of 20 digs per game, the best average since Notre Dame recorded 26.7 per game against Sacramento State on September 11.

Villanova struggled to negate attack percentages in the final two games as the Irish duo of kelbley and Brewer helped Notre Dame record 13.5 blocks. Brewer, who led the nation in blocking last season and currently ranks second in the Big East, had five blocks, as did Kelbley.

The offense was sluggish against the second Villanova defense as the Irish only hit .115 for the match. However, freshman setter Ashley Tatulian continued to shine as she paced the Irish with twenty six assists.

Notre Dame is now tied for first place in the Big East with Pittsburgh. The Irish will take to the Joyce Center court next Friday at 7 p.m. for a match against Connecticut. This will be the home match leading up to the Big East championships, which will be held Friday and Saturday, October 27-28 at Pittsburgh.

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Notre Dame produced the game's first scoring chances. After midfielder Ian Fitzhurton nearly put the Irish in front on a run into the left side of the box with 17 minutes remaining during the first half, defender Jack Stewart denied the crossbar on a blast off a loose corner a minute later.

Fellow defender and senior classmate Kevin Goldthwaite imitated Stewart 12 minutes into the second half, firing yet another Irish shot off the crossbar.

After several Notre Dame opportunities failed to bear goal-scoring fruit, the Huskies finally beat their opponent with a goal just 1 minute left in the contest.

Attempting to defend a free kick, Irish goalkeeper Chris Sawyer was caught out of position, forcing the Irish defense to clear the ball off the goal line to preserve the tie.

"It was the wind that caused that opportunity," Clark said. "It was a difficult ball into the box — any balls on a day like Saturday cause trouble."

After falling short on several occasions, the Irish finally cashed in at the 84:54 mark on Lapira's third goal of the season — all three tallies have been game-winners.

Driving down the left side of the field, midfielder Nate Norman sliced a cross into the box that Lapira lunched for and redirected the side netting just inside the right post to stake Notre Dame to a late 1-0 advantage.

"It was a fabulous goal," Clark said. "Joe just got in front of his defender and glanced it into the corner for that advantage for the goalkeeper."

After needing almost 8 minutes to net their first goal, the Irish didn't wait long to light up the scoreboard a second time.

Three minutes, 41 seconds after Lapira found the back of the net, freshman striker John Mousinho posted the first goal of his collegiate career, slamming home a cross from strik-
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Men win the Big East by one point; women come in second

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
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Winning a football game in overtime after being up 10 in the fourth quarter, that's a close call. Winning the Big East cross-country championships by one point, perhaps that's just the luck of the Irish.

The Notre Dame men's cross country team finished first in Friday's Big East Championships, taking home the title for the fourth time in the school's history and the first time since 2001.

The women's team missed making it an Irish sweep, finishing in second place and 25 points behind Providence.

The Irish men finished just one point ahead of Georgetown, who was ranked one point ahead of the Irish.

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The Irish offensive attack during the weekend at the Prestige Intercollegiate.

The new conference win mark marks the second time in as many contests the 2004 Irish have written their names in the record books — the Irish clinched their first regular season Big East title since joining the conference in 1995 with a 1-0 victory over Rutgers on Oct. 23.

In a game that was slow to develop — Irish midfielder Greg Dalby unleashed the first shot nearly 20 minutes into the contest and Connecticut didn't record a shot until just past the 30-minute mark — the Irish pulled away late against Connecticut.