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Students stoked for Saturday's matchup

By LUISA CABRERA
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Last weekend may have been inundated with Halloween events, but the lack of a home football game left Notre Dame students itching for Saturday's matchup against the Tennessee Volunteers.

"I feel like a bye week just magnifies your excitement for a game, especially when we played so well against USC after our last bye week," she said. "The team has had a rest along with all the students and fans. Everyone should be ready to go for Saturday."

After the 5-2 Irish have started strongly this season, students like sophomore Nicholas Zehrbach are confident the football team will capture a win against the Volunteers.

"I'm excited, but then again it's just another easy victory for the Irish," he said. "I think the fact that we got much better over the off season, while Tennessee obviously has been eaten [sic] by defenses, gives us an advantage."

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SMC dining options cater to busy students

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Assistant News Editor

With busy academic, athletic and social schedules, not all Saint Mary's students can eat dinner at the dining hall during the normal hours of 4:30 to 7 p.m. — but now they have alternative options.

Board of Governance student services commissioner Kate Wallach proposed the establishment of a new choice. Along with student body president Kellye Mitrou, vice president Susan Melfi and dining hall general manager Barry Bowles, Wallach helped create a pasta bar at Dalloway's.

The pasta bar is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. — when the normal dining hall hours have ended.

"Students should not be penalized for missing dinner due to a rigorous practice and study regimen," Wallach said.

The pasta bar was an attempt to meet those needs, as well as extend the late dinner option to others.

The pasta bar is self-serve and includes breadsticks and salad at the exchange of one.
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SMC draws women from abroad

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

A majority of Saint Mary's students hail from the American Midwest, while some come from the coastal states. But every year, a handful of international and foreign exchange students also call the College home.

This year, Saint Mary's hosts two foreign exchange students in addition to its nine four-year international students from nine different countries including Latvia, India, Guatemala and Uganda.

Mingjoung Kim (Sophie), from South Korea, and Daisy Bannerman, from Australia, are the two foreign exchange students on campus this year. Both are here because their home schools with Saint Mary’s, Saint Mary's reciprocates their universities' exchange programs, sending students on the Korean Culture Studies Program in the summer and the Australian study abroad trip, said Tracy Robison, director of International Living.

The foreign exchange students normally spend a full year at Saint Mary's. Although she's 23 years old, Kim is studying first year subjects because she is not fluent in English. She can read and understand spoken English, she said, but still struggles to speak.

"I can’t speak my opinions," Kim said. "I can't participate in class activities."

Bannerman is from Perth, Australia, a city she described as "the most isolated city in the world." She studies at the University of Notre Dame in Fremantle, Australia, one of the locations where Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students can choose to study abroad.

She knew what to expect coming into an all-women environment, Bannerman said, because she attended an all-girls' high school.

A junior, Bannerman is only here for one semester because the school year in Australia is different from the United States.

"The people I've met at Saint Mary's have definitely made this experience for me," Bannerman said. "Everyone has been so hospitable and welcoming. I don't know how I will ever leave."

Neither girl will go home at any point during their stay because of the long flights, but both will come home regularly. Bannerman talks on the phone with her family and friends and hopes to be able to meet a few friends in Canada before flying back to Australia.

Kim said. "I can't understand spoken English, so I can see each other as well as talk and ease the homesickness."

Both were recently introduced to the American traditions of Halloween. Bannerman said Halloween isn't celebrated as theatrically in Australia.

"To see all the mock graves erected in the front yards around town and pumpkins for sale on every corner was definitely different," Bannerman said.

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World-famous artist speaks to large crowd

By KATIE MCA NANY
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World-renowned graphic designer Michael Bierut spoke to graphic design students about his life and career at the Saint Mary's Art Thursday.

Bierut emphasized the importance of design in contemporary society.

"If you think that doing graphic design doesn’t make a difference, take the presidential elections of 2000," he said. "The problems with voting were based around the poor design of the ballot."

Senior Evan DeWalt said he attended the lecture because of Bierut’s fame and prestige in the world of graphic design.

"He has a great sense of humor and is really personable, so on top of being a huge name in the business, I knew he’d be interesting," he said.

Bierut described his development as a graphic artist over throughout his lifetime. The artist even shared a connection he had with the University as a child — Bierut’s Catholic mother had a dream for her son to attend Notre Dame.

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Monday 11/7:
Dr. Jean Kilbourne;
The Naked Truth:
Advertising's Image of Women
7pm 101 DBRT
Lecture followed by reception/book signing

Wednesday 11/9:
Facing the Freshman (or Sophomore, Junior and Senior 15): Strategies to Assess the Causes and Reverse the Problem
7pm Oak Room, South Dining Hall

A Life Uncommon-
Student Facilitated Group for Women
3pm 312 Coleman Morse

sponsored by:
student government, gender relations center, oit, office of the president, student affairs, office of the registrar, U-B Well, a life uncommon, food services, departments of accountancy, anthropology, classics, english, gender studies, music and sociology

Thursday 11/10:
360°: Perspectives of Eating Disorders
Open fishbowl discussion featuring friends, family, survivors, and professionals.
8pm North Dining Hall
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Bambrick said 17 students were picked to attend the service weekend of approximately 30 who applied. "Seeing the aftermath of the hurricane was eye opening - Gulf Coast was completely overwhelmed and seemed like a war zone," senior Barrs Lang said. "After hearing the story of Mr. Gibney and the amount of work there was, it was hard work but the final accomplishment." "We did on the first day ... I was incredibly grateful for our presence," senior Amber Jackson said.

In addition to sending students to the Gulf, ACE will be dispersing the $62,000 collected for University for Katrina relief. That amount is comprised of one quarter of the student body and money the diocese collected through the Whole Student Campaign at the Sept. 17 collection at the Michigan State Football game that raised more than $200,000.

ACE worked for weeks on the breakdown of products delivered. A total of $30,359 worth of products were successfully delivered to the Biloxi area. In an Oct. 27 letter to executive assistant to the diocesan courts, Shavers, Timothy Gibney, assistant vice president for procurement said, "The breakdown of products delivered and their potential usefulness in the Biloxi area, Gibney was better able to discern what products would be needed most in schools.

The licensing department sent 24 boxes of shirts of various sizes, valued at $22,260 total, and four boxes of hats and visors, valued at $3,300 total.

NDSupplies, whose pricing is reduced significantly compared to the retail price, donated 22 computer systems valued at $7,740. They also donated furniture items valued at $1,928.

Building Services donated 500 towels, 60 bed pads and 90 blankets, Gibney said.

The Rheem Information Technologies (DIT) donated one fax machine, one scanner and ten keyboards.

An additional $80,000 was raised by ACE graduates and students who would contribute to the student driven projects.

"Returning to Notre Dame at the end of the week and seeing so much destruction, it was a huge experience," he said. "Unfortunately, this popularity has led to inappropriate use of the cross and has trivialized it religious significance.

"Our club member Brooke Sheldon also encountered another group that approved for her creation of a club T-shirt that incorporated a chick wearing a beret. She believes the rejection was due to the potentially derogatory nick name of "SMC Chick" that is sometimes associated with Saint Mary's students.

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Sophomore Pat Lyons said despite dropping the game against Tennessee, the biggest indicator for a win this season would be a "big win" for his team that has achieved thus far.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Paris-area riots spread to 20 towns

ALNEV-SOS-BSOS — A week of riots in poor neighborhoods outside Paris gained dangerous new momentum Thursday, with youths shooting at police and firefighters and attacking trains and symbols of the French state.

Facing mounting criticism, Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin vowed to take order as the violence that erupted Oct. 27 spread to at least 20 towns, highlighting the frustration simmering in housing projects that are home to many North African immigrants.

Police deployed for a feared eighth night of clashes, after bands of youths lobbing stones and petrol bombs inspired President Jacques Chirac's appeal for calm a day earlier.

"I will not accept organized gangs making the law in some neighborhoods," the president said at the Senate in between emergency meetings called over the riots.

Bird flu could hurt Asian economies

MANILA — A model developed by a British development bank projects Thursday that a bird flu pandemic in Asia could kill 3 million people, cause economic losses of up to nearly $300 billion and possibly push the world into a recession.

China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand would likely be hit hardest in the event of an outbreak, the report said.

The bank outlined two potential scenarios, both assuming a pandemic would last about two decades and would kill 0.5 percent of them — or 3 million people.

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Judge withdraws from DeLay case

ALBANY, N.Y. — A federal judge who initially said he would preside over Rep. Tom DeLay's conspiracy and money laundering trial Thursday, after another judge became the second to step away from involvement in the case because of political con­ troversy, has recused himself.

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LOCAL NEWS

Geist man shoots himself and son

INDIANAPOLIS — A Northeaster church congregation is reeling today after a member killed his 4-year-old son and then shot himself. From sending out a e-mail to 80 people explaining his actions.

Police recovered bullet bodies of Edward McGuffey, 37, and his son, Jason, Wednesday night in a home in the 9900 block of Beam Ridge Drive, in the west area on Indianapolis' Northwest side. McGuffey blamed a pending divorce and his wife's plans for moving away with their son.

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In brief

Stocks boost from high retail sales

NEW YORK — A wide swath of good news, from better-than-expected retail sales and worker productivity figures to a major court victory for Merck & Co., drove stocks higher Thursday, although a jump in oil prices limited the gains.

Wall Street’s inflation worries were mollified by the government’s report on productivity, which rose 4.1 percent in the third quarter, the biggest rise in a year. With workers more productive, they can be paid more without increasing the risk of inflation.

And while investors remain cautious about consumer spending this winter due to high heating prices, October’s retail sales reports were stronger than expected, with Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Costco Wholesale Corp. and Nordstrom Inc. all surpassing expectations.

Stock buyers received further encouragement by a report showing growth in the service sector.

The Institute for Supply Management’s services index rose to 60 in October from 53.3 in September and three points better than economists had forecast.

Budget deficits may affect economy

WASHINGTON — With just three months left before he leaves office, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan raised a warning to Congress. The country could face “serious economic disruptions” if bloated budget deficits are not curbed.

The Fed chief’s strong comments, made during an appearance Thursday before Congress’ Joint Economic Committee, came after the government produced a $319 billion budget deficit this year — an improvement from the record amount of red registered in 2004 but still the third-highest deficit on record.

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Embattled Kenneth Y. Tomlinson steps down

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The former chairman of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, under fire for promoting conservative programs, resigned Thursday from the corporation's board after a panel reviewed an investigative report on his activities.

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, whose term as board chairman ended two months ago, left the board after the third day of closed-door meetings by the board of directors to review the findings of the agency's inspector general about his lengthy tenure.

In a statement e-mailed to reporters and interest groups, the board said "both the board and Mr. Tomlinson believe it is in the best interests of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting that he no longer remain on the board."

The move did not quiet critics of Tomlinson's nearly two-year tenure, which called for public release of the investigative findings and for the board to repudiate his policies.

The board's statement did not detail the inspector general's findings, which are expected to be released the second or third week of next month but said "Tomlinson strongly disputes the findings."

Tomlinson did not respond to a voice mail message left on his home telephone Thursday night seeking his comments.

The investigation was begun after Reps. David Obey, D-Wis., and John Dingell, D-Mich., called for an inquiry into reports that Tomlinson used General Kenneth A. Konz to look into reports that Tomlinson used questionable tactics and corporation funds to exert political influence over public broadcasting.

The board said it "does not believe that Mr. Tomlinson acted maliciously or with any intent to harm CPB or public broadcasting," and in its disappointment in the performance of former key staff whose responsibility it was to advise the board and its members. Corporation spokesman Michael Levy could not be reached Thursday night for elaboration.

Finally, the board commended Tomlinson "for his legitimate efforts to achieve balance and objectivity in public broadcasting."

Obey and Dingell asked the inspector general to investigate a consulting contract that, according to The New York Times, was initiated by Tomlinson to review the "Now With Bill Moyers" public television show for political content. They also asked for an inquiry into CPB's decision to hire two ombudsmen to review public programming.

Tomlinson's resignation should be used to bring people together, not divide them as he did and the administration have done," Obey said.

Dingell called the resignation "long overdue."

"We will need to determine how to stop this kind of misbehavior in the future," Dingell added. "We hope today's action is the first step by the board to operate in a more professional, nonpartisan manner."

Sea. Byr, Dr. D., D-N.D., said he expected to see the inspector general report shortly. He said a conservative political consultant that Tomlinson, a Republican, hired to conduct an analysis of political bias in programming had no professional standing and was not an analyst. He said there were complaints that Tomlinson had acted without board approval and outside CPB bylaws.

The Times reported that the consultant kept track of "anti-flush," "anti-business" and "anti-Tom DeLay" guests on Moyers' show. Moyers, who served in the Johnson administration, has left the show.

Tomlinson has said public broadcasting shows were too liberal and didn't give equal treatment to conservatives. Tomlinson's
to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting is a negative one, Dorgan said. "He has done far more harm to the CPB than good."

 apologized for his comments.


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NOTRE DAME'S DEPARTMENT OF FILM, TELEVISION, AND THEATRE PRESENTS
Drug poses no danger to American Indians

WASHINGTON — The Senate moved the digital TV transition one step closer to reality Thursday, setting a firm date for television broadcasters to switch to all-digital transmissions.

Lawmakers gave broadcasters until April 7, 2009, to end their traditional analog transmissions. The so-called "hard date" was included in a sweeping budget bill.

The bill would also provide $3 billion to help millions of Americans buy digital-to-analog converter boxes for their older television sets — so those consumers will continue to receive a signal once the switch is made permanent.

Legislation approved last month by the House Energy and Commerce Committee calls for a little over $1 billion for the converter boxes.

Differences between the measures would need to be worked out in a House-Senate conference.

In the Senate, an amendment by Republican John Ensign of Nevada that would have reduced the converter box subsidy to $1 billion was withdrawn. Spokesman Jack Finn said Ensign was concerned that the $2 billion in savings would be spent on other projects instead of deficit reduction.

Digital television promises sharper pictures and better sound than analog TV.

National Association of Broadcasters president Eddie Fritts said the new law "represents a victory for millions of Americans who could have been left stranded by a premature end to analog television services."

The move to all-digital will free valuable radio spectrum, Fritts said, and lead to better police and public safety communications.

Sen. Jon McCain, R-Ariz., unsuccessfully opposed an amendment to move up the hard date by one year, saying "first responders' ability to communicate during times of tragedy can be literally a matter of life and death."

Animation employed in politics

NEW YORK — Politicians looking for a fresh way to get voters' attention have seized on something that is more "South Park" than "West Wing". cartoons.

Around the country, candidates are running cheeky animated political ads, mostly on the Internet, but also on television.

Democrat Fernando Ferrer, a candidate for mayor of New York, paired Mayor Michael Bloomberg and President Bush in a spoof that hit the airwaves this week. The two Republicans are seen riding a horse as somebody sings: "There's one thing for certain, Bush has never been a known quantity."

Then Bush plants a kiss on Bloomberg's cheek, with Phil Angelides, a Democrat running for governor of California in 2006, run a cartoon that horesseeds voters to take back their state from Arnold Schwarzenegger's right-wing friends.

The ski takes a place on "Schwarzenegger Street" and features a "Cheney Monster" who gobles the Constitution. Columnist Arianna Huffington deployed "The Hybrid Versus the Hummer" during California's 2003 recall election to poke fun at Schwarzenegger's penchant for driving gas-guzzling Hummers. The cartoon shows the former action star's Hummer wrecking the environment as Bush fills it up with Frito-Lay snacks.

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The musical satire skewered the candidates' heads were computer-pasted onto animated bodies, and the men mumbled and squatted, hurling insults to the tune of "This Land Is Your Land," with Bush calling Kerry "a liberal wiener" and Kerry branding the president a "right-wing nut job."

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UNITED NATIONS
Young girl who saved 100 lives meets Clinton

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Tilly Smith, just 10 years old at the time, but her geography skills to good use. By quickly recognizing the warning signs of a tsunami, the English schoolgirl saved about 100 people from certain death at a Thai resort.

The now 11, visited the United Nations Thursday and met former president Bill Clinton, the former envoy for the tsunami recovery.

"My mum didn't realize what was happening on the beach, but I had a gut feeling about tsunamis when she was younger," said Tilly, who was in Phuket with her father and sister. The Smith family all escaped the lethal waves after Tilly's early warn-

ing during their vacation on the island of Phuket.

Two weeks before the Dec. 26, 2004, disaster that took at least 280,000 lives worldwide, Tilly studied tsunamis in her geog-

raphy class, becoming one of a few in Phuket where no one has ever been killed or seriously hurt.

"Tilly's story is a simple reminder that education can make a difference between life and death." — Bill Clinton

On Thursday, the former U.S. president met with officials of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, a Geneva-based U.N. agency that is trying to educate people worldwide on proper disaster response.

"All children should be taught disaster reduction so they know what to do when natural hazards strike," — Bill Clinton

China
Officials ready for flu outbreak
Prevention measures extended for two-mile radius from infected farm

Associated Press

"Tenghaiying — Chickens were dropping dead by the dozens at Qin Zhijun's farm one morning, most while feeding in their squat, brick coops.

"They died instantly," said Qin, a breeder in China's northern Inner Mongolia region, which reported the first of the country's three bird flu epidemics in poultry last month. "I've never seen a disease like this."

Within 15 hours of the Oct. 14 outbreak, he says, up to 2,000 of his birds had died of the H5N1 virus and 7,000 others were destroyed by health officials.

The prevention measures extended for a two-mile radius from Qin's farm, with more than 93,000 birds slaughtered and tens of thousands more vaccinated.

Now authorities are eager to assure the public and the world that the government is taking its anti-bird flu work very seriously — and to show it can be open following sharp criticism that it was unwilling to share informa-

tion during an outbreak of severe acute respiratory syn-

drome in China in late 2002.

No human cases of bird flu have been reported in China, but two recent outbreaks in poultry — one in Anhui province, another in central Hunan province — have sparked fears that human infections may be on the horizon.

China on Thursday report-
ed another outbreak, saying 8,940 chickens in Badaohao village in the country's northeast died, prompting authorities to destroy 369,900 other birds. The Agriculture Ministry blamed the Oct. 29 outbreak on the H5 strain, which is separate from the H5N1 strain that poses a threat to humans.

Reporters dressed in pro-

tective suits and masks were taken on a whirlwind tour of Tenghaiying, a village of about 1,000 people just outside Hohhot, the regional capital. Cows and sheep roamed the dusty streets.

Buses carrying the group were stopped at a check-

point, where the wheels of the vehicles were sprayed with disinfectant by workers wearing white and blue pro-

tective suits. A thick registra-

tion book sat on a table filled eating an hour later."

"From the officials at the top to ordinary citizens, everyone understands this is a problem and everyone is paying great attention to it," said Xu Yanhui, the official in charge of anti-bird flu meas-

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Prince Charles visits Georgetown

Prince Charles received the warmest public welcome so far of his U.S. tour Thursday, mingling with more than 1,000 cheering students at Georgetown University — and even signing a softball.

Arriving for a seminar on faith and social responsibility, the 56-year-old heir to the throne may lack the college admissions appeal of his brother Prince William, but the enthusiastic crowd of more than 1,000 cheering students greeted him enthusiastically, as thousands of ticketholders whooped past the pommel and ceremony of Wednesday’s black-tie dinner hosted by President Bush at the White House, Charles and his wife Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, hosted by President Bush at the White House, Charles and his wife Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, were on comfortable ground Thursday — visiting worthy projects in which they have a personal interest.

Charles, who has called in the past for a greater understanding of Islam from the West, met representatives of Christian, Muslim and Jewish groups at Georgetown’s Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding.

Earlier, the prince accepted an award for his contribution to architecture at the National Building Museum, donating the $30,000 prize money to hurricane recovery in Mississippi.

Charles and Camilla were due to see hurricane damage firsthand on Friday, flying to New Orleans to meet residents and recovery workers.

Later, Camilla wore a gold lace cocktail dress and a diamond necklace as she and Charles mingled with 140 guests at a reception hosted by the British ambassador, Sir David Manning, and his wife, Lady Catherine.

The weeklong tour, designed to bolster trans-Atlantic ties and promote Charles’ environmentalist causes, also represents a coming-out for Camilla. The 58-year-old married the prince in April after a relationship that stretched back three decades — and was interrupted by her marriages to others. For many fans of the late Princess Diana, she remains the woman who broke up the fairy-tale royal romance, although both Charles and Diana acknowledged having affairs during a marriage that ended in divorce in 1996.

Radio City officials rebuff players’ strike

Orchestra returns to work after one day

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Disappointed musicians claimed their instruments outside Radio City Music Hall as thousands of ticketholders streamed past Thursday for the annual “Christmas Spectacular,” where recorded holiday music replaced the usual live orchestral and cabaret labor dispute.

The musicians pulled down their picket line and returned to work Thursday morning after a one-day strike. But they wound up stranded outside Radio City as the first show of the season went on with taped tunes.

“We are ready to play unconditionally by immediately, but apparently we’ve been locked out,” said David Leonard, president of Local 802 of the American Federation of Musicians. “We took the picket signs down, and we did it for all the audience members and all of New York.”

The dispute did not affect the world-famous Rockettes dance troupe, one of the major attractions in the holiday fixture of the last seven decades. But the labor dispute raised questions about this year’s attractions in the holiday fixture, particularly after stagehands conducted a one-night walkout Wednesday in support of the musicians.

Radio City Entertainment, which produces the show, denied that the musicians were locked out.

“We told the musicians in no uncertain terms that until there is an agreement, and there is no possibility of them walking out on future performances, they remain on strike,” management said in a statement distributed outside the music hall.

Negotiations were ongoing, said management spokesman Barry Watkins.

The lack of a live orchestra did little to dim the enthusiasm of many patrons leaving the first of two shows Thursday.

“It was just as great without the orchestra,” said Dorothy Weid of Norwalk, Conn. “It was superb.”

Wednesday’s strike forced cancellation of a preseason performance, standing hundreds of disappointed ticketholders as several dozen musicians picketed outside the Manhattan landmark.

The show, featuring the chorus line kicks of the Rockettes dancers, is known around the world. Tickets run as high as $250.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg called the dispute “very unfortunate.”

“New York City is about live music,” he said. “Nobody suggests for a second that you would have the same quality of performance if you just play a tape, and I would just urge all parties to look out not just what’s in their interest but what’s in the city’s interest,” he said.

The orchestra’s contract expired in May. The union accuses Cablevision Systems Corp., which operates Radio City, of vastly underpaying musicians increases in salary and benefits “over what is already the most lucrative contract in the industry.”

Because there was no picket line, all other unions at Radio City went to work as usual.

More than a dozen Broadway musicals went dark in March 2003 for four days after the musicians’ union walked out, and theaters lost millions of dollars in revenue. Taped music was used during a 2000 strike at the New York City Ballet.

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The Residents and Children Of University Village
Do-it-yourself AIDS at-home test takes off

Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Tom Donahue, 26 years old, learned two years ago he had the virus that causes AIDS. He told government medical advisors Thursday he had feared from a family member and from his State College, Pa., that he had tested positive. He worries that too many people are afraid of going to clinics to get tested and fear they will be stigmatized or looked down on. "I live in a community surrounded by students and stigmatized," he said.

Donahue implored a federal panel to speed approval of the first HIV test that can be taken entirely at home, saying it will lead to more people learning they have the disease.

The test, called OraQuick Advance, is made by OraSure Technologies of Bethlehem, Pa. It is already widely available in health clinics and doctors' offices, and the FDA is considering permitting it to be sold over the counter.

"I am grateful that I know. I now know I have the tools I need to keep me healthy for years to come," said Donahue, who has founded an advocacy group called Who's Positive.

The government panel, the Food and Drug Administration's Blood Products Advisory Committee, heard opinions on whether the test should be available over the counter.

An FDA scientist said the privacy and convenience of the test is "a personal benefit that could lead to more people seeking treatment earlier during the course of the illness, but the agency needs more information before it can be approved for sales directly to the public.

"Anonymous testing potentially leads to more people knowing their HIV status," Elliott P. Cowan, a product review chief for the FDA, said at the meeting.

Still, Cowan raised a number of concerns to the panel, a group of independent experts who can recommend to the FDA whether to approve the product. The panel was not asked to make such a recommendation Thursday but may in a future meeting, and the final review is likely to rest with the FDA.

The possible availability of the test, which will be inserted into the inside of the mouth, has raised concerns about the potential for sexual contact among people who learn they have the virus or at risk for HIV from their doctors or counselors present.

A person takes the OraQuick test by taking a mouth swab and then inserting the swab in a vial of fluid provided with the test. Twenty minutes later, the device indicates whether it detects the presence of HIV or HIV-2 antibodies inside cells picked up by the swab.

The test does not detect the virus if the person only recently acquired HIV because it takes several weeks for the antibodies to appear.

Panelists raised a variety of questions about the test's packaging, instructions and ease of use. Would it include instructions in French, given many immigrants from Africa speak French? (Company officials were open to the idea.) What happens if the cut tips over the test before it has results? ( Probably another test.) Would the test be available in jurisdictions that mandate the reporting of HIV-positive cases? (Company officials said they would address the issue with those jurisdictions).

The company has not decided what price it would sell the kits to consumers, company spokeswoman Cheryl Volk said. The kits for between $12 and $17 to clinics and doctors, he said.

One professor flown in by the company to speak to the panel said her studies suggested that many people would find it a burden to pay more than $15 for such a test.

The test is accurate more than 99 percent of the time, the company says. Still, a few people will get a positive result when they don't have HIV, and anyone who gets a positive result should be contacted through an additional test by doctors or public health officials, the company said.

AnnAPolis, Md.—A blog­ger's depiction of Lt. Gov. Michael Steele's statement that people should be tested for HIV because others may get tested because others may be afraid of going to clinics to get tested could lead to more people seeking such tests.

The posting highlighted the perception among some black voters that black Republicans are sell-outs who do not support their race on such issues as education and affirmative action.

Steele said he understands some black voters view Republicans with skepticism.

"When people say you can't be black and be a Republican, I look at them and tell them, 'History proves you are wrong and your family probably proves you wrong,'" he said. "I just think that when we set up this monolithic test for individuals like myself to pass, it diminishes us.

The Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee recruited Steele to run in 2006 for the Senate seat that will become open with the retirement of Democrat Paul Sarbanes.

National GOP leaders have said they want to restore the party's historic bond with black voters and have showcased Steele, most prominently when he spoke at the 2004 presidential convention.

In remarks prepared for an address Thursday night in Baltimore, Republican National Committee chairman Ken Mehlman denounced the "Sambo" blog and said the GOP is working to become more inclusive.

"The party that was founded to eliminate slavery will not be whole again until we welcome more African-Americans back home," Mehlman said.

Steele said he was aware of similar incidents involving Steele. The head of the state Senate in Maryland, Steele is running for lieutenant governor, was attacked by the editorial in The Baltimore Sun, a black newspaper, which Steele had been a student editor.

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"Anybody can dis­ agree with what he says," said Boykin, who is a retired army colonel. "I don't think it's black and white..."

But he said it is fair to criticize Steele because when it was learned that following the death of Robert Ehrlich had held a fund-raiser at an all-white country club, Steele initially failed to speak out against the event.

On Wednesday, Steele's staff responded by organizing a news conference with both the black Republican leader and two black pastors — all Democrats — who were upset that racially charged terms had become part of the debate.

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"Terms like Uncle Tom, sell­ out, Stepin' Fitchet — those terms don't come from nowhere. They have a history," he said. "It is deserved, to the degree that they support anti­ racial policies."

Steele never ran for office before seeking the lieutenant governor's job and so has no voting record on issues such as affirmative action and education. However, as Ehrlich's sec­ ond-in-command, he presided over a commission that recommended wider use of charter schools in Maryland.

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Schools invest in aesthetic appeal
Advo cates of school design say style can foster academic advantage

Associated Press

MANASSAS PARK, Va. — As a high school principal, Bruce McDade is in charge of student learning, morale and safety. So he's become adept at interior design.

Bathroom mirrors? In his school, they are in the hallways, where image-conscious teenagers can be supervised when they cluster to check their appearance.

Classroom chairs? They are 26 inches wide, two inches rimier than normal, to keep students comfortable.

And oh yes, the window shades. McDade and his team went with ones that block glare but still permit plenty of indirect light.

In schools, style is taking on substance. From the width of the classrooms, to the parade of colors, to the position of the bathrooms, all elements are viewed as a way to foster an academic advantage.

Advocates of high school design, however, have work to do. They must show elected leaders and taxpayers that such attention to detail does not drive costs out of reach.

At Manassas Park High School, doctors in algebra, geometry and writing have jumped since 1999, when students moved into a building featuring roughly $30 billion a year on school construction, he said, and "good design can be accomplished at the same price as bad design."

In St. Paul, Minn., architects designed the John A. Johnson Achievement and Writing High School to resemble a luxury hotel.

McDade says he has no assurance students will behave better. But they will most likely be more comfortable. When they cluster to check their appearance, when they move through the hallways, they are in the hallways, they are in the hallways.

"The design of this building does in fact have a measurable effect on student achievement and student behavior." Bruce McDade principal

Facilities. "We have examples of kids whose schools were dark and dank and crumbly, and when their new school opened, morale improved, the community came together, teachers stayed longer. Even the football team got better," Marks said.

There are anecdotal stories that can give you a glimpse, but trying to look for solid research on that is a little trickier.

Clearly, though, the conversation about school construction is changing, as shown during a recent meeting of architects, school leaders and school leaders from 38 states.

School leaders are gradually asking new questions:

- What do parents and teachers want?
- How can the community help design the school, then have access to it once it's built?
- What kind of layout would students find so engaging it would make them eager to show up?
- "Let's not build warehouses for them," said Ronald Bogle, president of the American Architectural Foundation and former president of the Oklahoma City Board of Education. "Let's create environments that are uplifting, that are exciting, that are interesting."

That sounds great to policymakers, until the question turns to money. Leaders are under pressure to ease crowding and ensure safety, which means design is often seen as a luxury.

But for tomorrow's students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the kind of information is all just a click away.

MIT's newly upgraded wireless network — extended this month to cover the entire school — doesn't merely get you online in study halls, stairwells or any other spot on the 9.4 million square foot campus.

It also provides information on exactly how many people are logged on at any given location at any given time. It even reveals a user's identity if the individual has opted to make that data public.

MIT researchers did this by developing electronic maps that track across campus, day and night, the devices people use to connect to the network, whether they're laptops, wireless PDAs or Wi-Fi equipped cell phones.

The maps were unveiled this week at the MIT Museum, where the they are projected onto large Fleischer rectangles that hang from the ceiling. They are also available online to network users, the data time-stamped and saved for up to 12 hours.

Researchers on one map show the highest concentration of wireless users on campus. On another map, yellow dots with names written above them identify individual users, who pop up in different places depending where they're logged in.

"With these maps, you can see down to the room on campus how many people are logged on," said Carlo Ratti, director of the school's SENSEable City Laboratory, which created the maps. "You can even watch someone go from room to room if they have a handheld device that's connected."

Researchers use log files from the university's Internet service provider to construct the maps. The files indicate the number of users connect­ed to each of MIT's more than 2,900 access points. The map that can pinpoint locations in rooms is 3-D, so researchers can even distin­guish connectivity in multistoried buildings.

"Laptops and Wi-Fi are creating a revolution­ary change in the way people work," Ratti said. The maps aim to "visualize those changes by monitoring the traffic on the wireless network and showing how people move around campus."

Some of the results so far aren't terribly surprising for students at the vanguard of tech innovation.

The maps show, for example, that the bulk of wireless users late at night and very early in the morning are students who have logged on from their dorms. During the day, the higher concentration of users shifts to classrooms.

But researchers also found that study labs that once bustled with students are now nearly empty as people, no longer tethered to a phone line or network cable, move to cafes and nearby lounges, where food and comfy chairs are more inviting.

Researchers say this data can be used to better understand how wireless technolo­gy is changing campus life, and what they can do to plan for it.

For tickets, contact the Saint Mary's Box Office at 574/284-4626.

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It's easy to feel safe at Notre Dame. The manicured quads, lulling study routine and organized dorm life all make us feel like we're in a bubble, far removed from the outside world. With this sense of security in our community, we don't think twice before holding the door for someone who follows us into our dorm. And we don't think twice before leaving our dorm room door unlocked while we're at class. It's surprisingly easy to slip up again.

A rush of thefts have swept campus this fall, occurring mainly in men's dorms. Laptops, bikes, jewelry, wallets and other valuables have been stolen in what seems to be a growing trend. A suspicious man has been seen entering dorms and walking into student rooms.

And this isn't the first time that dorm security has been threatened. Last spring, explicitly antigay phrases appeared on the walls, while boozes and in the showers in Pasquerilla West. Gradually, residents came forward and reported seeing a strange man around the dorm, but hours elapsed after a lurker was seen in the showers before NDSP was called to the scene.

Have we become so complacent that suspicious people can enter our dorms without being reported immediately by residents who see them? It is time that students realize the downside of the Notre Dame bubble if a false sense of security allows thieves and potentially dangerous people to access the dormitories, the homes of about 6,000 students.

Instead of falling into this trusting naiveté, our sense of community should indeedly our vigilance and protectiveness of our roommates' and neighbors' possessions. Just as we would quickly become concerned if an unfamiliar person walked into our living room at home, we must utilize the existing channels of support in the residence halls if we witness strange behavior.

Yet ultimately, this vigilance allows these activists to be combined with individual precautions. Students must get in the habit of locking their doors. Students should carefully monitor access to main entrances of dorms since we should not be propped open and temptation to hold the door open for unknown others.

Perhaps there is a lesson to be learned from the dorms that are currently roaring to a breakdown in security. In the 20th century idiosyncratic way, Zahn Hall has quickly pulled together to protect its dorm against further thefts with signs, catchy phrases (you lost, we should and nicknames (WDMO). Vulgarly aside, the signs have raised much-needed awareness. In a society in a bubble of false security, it is time for other dorms and students on campus to take their own precautions to think twice and act as a vigilant community.

I hope that the abortion crosses that are currently on South Quad were put there for the right reasons. I hope that the people who are doing this put these crosses on South Quad so that they feel that God is calling them to work to fix this social injustice.

I hope that those activists really do care about all those unborn children that the crosses represent. I hope that those who are responsible for the cross demonstration really do hope for the forgiveness of every woman that had and will have an abortion. I hope that those people who put these crosses on our public space performed that brave act so that more abortions in the future can be avoided. I hope that these crosses had nothing to do with politics.

I hope that those same people who are against abortion are the same people who are for increased funding for sexual education in our public schools. I hope that those same people who put down those crosses are also promoting programs for pregnant mothers in our public schools.

I hope that those same anti-abortion activists are for a broader social safety net in America, so that every child born in this country can have access to health care. I hope that these activists care just as much about an aborted child as they do about a child who has to live in a neighborhood where the best he can hope for is to become a gang member.

I hope that these activists yawn for justice in every stage of life from conception to death. I hope that these activists care just as much about abortion as they do about capital punishment in America. I hope that these activists will have another demonstration for the 2,000 soldiers who have died in Iraq, not to mention the 110,000 deceased Iraqi civilians. I hope that these activists are champions for all of those who can’t speak in America, not only those who are unborn.

I fear that this abortion demonstration was a stunt. I fear that it was done at this time so that everyone who comes the football game on Saturday will see it. I fear that these same students who made these crosses are against sex education in American public schools. I fear that these activists are the same people who are against government assistance to poor Americans. I fear that these demonstrators do not equally care about capital punishment, war and a just economic system.

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I hope, I fear, I pray...
**A South Side journey**

Those of you who have ever been to Chicago can’t help but notice how much they “Love their Cubbies.” As a life-long White Sox fan, I was always wishing the Sox were a team worthy of my time and affection. Unfortunately, no matter how many years I’ve been a fan, my team has never made it to the World Series. The Sox are our “forgotten losers.”

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However, when I go to Comiskey Park (the home of the Sox), I always feel that I’m going to see something different. I can’t help but feel that it’s the Sox! When do we ever win?”

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In response to the letters from the campus community, the Administration sent out a statement explaining their position.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Humor inadmissible**

The sensitivity inexusable

**Humor: A paradoxical solution**

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We have all at a time in our lives where the future is uncertain. At times we get discouraged. Let’s face it, there’s a lot of pressure on us. Will I find the perfect job? Will I get that internship? Can I get into my top medical school? Of course, I don’t have the answers to those questions, but this I can tell you — don’t stop believing. Believe in yourself. Believe in God and believe that he will guide you. Believe that time, not just academics, are free to learn..." (Slutty Nurses) is the menagerie of “sexy police officers.” Monday’s strip (“Slutty Nurses”) is our goal of being more “sensitive” is to ask to censor the truth. This is the point that Kimberly Baker (“Recognizing the value of others,” Nov. 1) misses: women aren’t demeaned by “jockular” — they are demeaned, rather, by the culture that tells them to “stop whining.”

Sox fans, you may not see what this has to do with you (heck, you may have never stopped believing). The Sox were its "forgotten losers."

More recently, this song has seen a surge in popularity for jokes that were clearly insensitive and a lack of consideration for minority students on this campus. The jokes made by Berry and Seath were a display of insensitivity and a lack of consideration for minority students on this campus.

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**Ronny Heifetz**

No one likes a bad album, but when a band like Journey releases a song like "Don't Stop Believing," you know your night will be complete. As a Journey fan, I have been waiting for the release of this song for over a couple of years. I was finally able to purchase it on iTunes over the past couple weeks. It’s impossible to watch the local news in Chicago without seeing Steve Perry appear on screen. Heck, he is even featured in the words to Journey’s famous ballad. This is all thanks to the success of the Chicago White Sox.

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Youssou N'Dour is a globally revered, Grammy winning artist, known for his wide range of work and styles. The Senegalese artist, known as the "Voice of Africa," will perform here at Notre Dame's Leighton Concert Hall this Sunday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. His performance will include selections from his newest and Grammy-winning album, "Egypt."

Youssou N'Dour is one of the most celebrated African artists. Rolling Stone claims, "If any third world performer has a real shot at the sort of universal popularity last enjoyed by Bob Marley, it's Youssou, a singer with a voice so extraordinary that the history of Africa seems locked inside it." His large, international fan-base is the result of his incredibly eclectic music styles. He is strongly rooted in and inspired by his homeland's rich musical culture. His music contains Senegal's many different sounds, from the traditional and modern music and Sufi Muslim chants. He is most unique, however, because he draws inspiration from the many other sounds of the world, including different areas of Africa, Cuba, Western hip hop, jazz, soul and pop. The result is one of the most global sounds one can hear, described by the Guardian as, "the finest example of the meeting of African and Western music."

His music is so appealing throughout the world because of his unique voice and deeply intelligent music. N'Dour inherited his musical skills from his mother and joined a popular music group, Super Etoile De Dakar, at nineteen. The group, led by N'Dour, forged mbalax, an upbeat style blending African, Caribbean and pop rhythms. They performed for the first time in Europe in 1984 and in North America the next year.

N'Dour gained greater recognition in the West in the late 1980s, when he collaborated with other famous musicians, such as Paul Simon, Peter Gabriel, Sting, Neneh Cherry, Wyclef Jean and many others. With the international release of "Set" and the famous single "Shaking the Tree," N'Dour was nominated for a Grammy and signed with Columbia Record's 40 Acres and Mule Label.

As well as being a prolific and unique artist, N'Dour is a powerful cultural icon and advocate of social issues. N'Dour organized a concert for the liberation of Nelson Mandela. Three years later, he performed at Mandela's birthday concert, when he was the President of South Africa. He also toured with the Amnesty International concerts throughout the 80's and continues to give concerts for children with AIDS. In 1997, N'Dour toured with Peter Gabriel, Bruce Springsteen, Sting and Tracy Chapman on the Amnesty International Human Rights Now! tour. In 2000, he was one of the prominent performers at the Jubilee 2000 concert, consecrated by Pope John Paul II for the relief of Third World debt.

N'Dour will perform selections from "Egypt," his newest album, which earned him his first Grammy for the Best Contemporary World Music Album. This album is a radical change of pace and style for the artist, synthesizing only northern and western African sounds. It is a highly spiritual album, focusing on the religion of Islam, specifically the Sufi practice that dominates Senegal. "Egypt" challenges Western musical preconceptions and presents a different very different worldview. N'Dour explained to the BBC and Al-Jazeera, "Egypt is an album which praises the tolerance of my religion, which has been badly misunderstood by a certain ideology... Our religion has nothing to do with the violence, with terrorism." This album is a stunning experience and an opportunity that N'Dour has given his Western audience to appreciate the beauty and diversity of the Muslim world.

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Imani Winds join forces with Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Assistant Scene Editor

A unique and invigorating blend of African, European and American music will be featured on Friday, as a professional wind quintet joins the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra onstage in the Leighton Concert Hall.

The Imani Winds, a young group of touring and recording musicians, will be featured in a collaborative concert with the student musicians of the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra. The two groups will play together, covering both classical pieces and Imani Winds-originals.

The Imani Winds are a quintet featuring Valerie Coleman (flute), Toyin Spellman (oboe), Mariam Adam (clarinet), Jeff Scott (French horn) and Monica Ellis (bassoon). Known for their dynamic playing and innovative programming, the quintet has already garnered attention and exposure, including performances on NPR and the festival circuit. They have toured extensively, both at the college-level and at festivals, and have already performed at several noteworthy festivals this year, including the Florida International Festival, the Vancouver Chamber Music Festival and the Oregon Bach Festival.

Musically, the quintet is far more adventurous than the average classical group. Seeking to tie together the seemingly disparate styles of European, African and American music traditions, their repertoire is more diverse than most. Featuring works by such distinctly different composers as Dvorak, Schubert and Gerstowin, the Imani Winds uniquely invigorating musically links the eclecticism together. Additionally, their concerts often feature self-penned compositions like flutist Valerie Coleman’s “Afro-Cuban Concert for Wind Quintet and Orchestra.”

The Imani Winds formed in 1997 and released their first recording, “Umoja,” in 2002 and have recently released their major-label debut, “The Classical Underground” (available from KOCH International Classics) features both original compositions and interpretations of traditional pieces. The energetic performances and impressive musicality heard onstage is featured on both recordings, which can be obtained at the group’s Web site, www.imaniwinds.com.

In addition to their touring and recording, the quintet is extremely active in the community, as they have taken time to participate in many residency and community outreach programs. Through these programs, the Imani Winds seek to educate on both African Diaspora and Western classical traditions in a classroom setting.

The Imani Winds will be featured in conjunction with the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra. The Symphony Orchestra is an organization of student musicians and is under the direction of Daniel Stowe. Tomorrow will mark the first time the two groups have played together.

Tickets are available from the DPAC Box Office and are $3 for students, $4 for seniors, $5 for staff/faculty and $6 for the general public. The concert is on Friday at 9 p.m. in the Leighton Music Hall, located in the DPAC.

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NOTRE DAME'S BEST... T-SHIRTS

By OBSERVER PHOTO STAFF

Imitation may be the sincerest form of flattery, but we doubt there is much love lost between The Shirt committee and this pink parodist.

Some days, all you need is the shirt God gave you. But if you need a victory, there no choice but to add a logo.

They’re red, weird and unapologetic: Zahm’s tradition of outrageous dormwear leaves other halls in the dust.

For next week: What are the best windows on campus? Send your suggestions to obsphoto@nd.edu.

The Imani Winds are a quintet that features flute, oboe, clarinet, French horn and bassoon. The group formed in 1997 and released its first CD in 1992.
Shaquille O'Neal was celebrating. Shaquille O'Neal was on crutches. Dwyane Wade had 31 points and 10 assists for the Heat, but his 3-pointer was well short of the buzzer, "to miss some time."

"It was like the Wheaties commercial with [Michael Jordan]," Wade said of his final shot. "I'm sure I played with me, and came out. I got a good look, got a good shot. It went in and came out."

The Heat led for only 19 seconds — Udonis Haslem scored the game's first basket — but still had chances to win their season opener. Miami forced Indiana into 10 straight missed shots over a five-minute stretch of the second half, allowing the Heat to claw back from a 73-59 deficit. And a 14-6 run in the fourth quarter drew Miami into a 93-all tie.

"In the first half we were going to make runs," Indiana coach Rick Carlisle said. "We knew Wade was finding his 3-pointer to tie rattled out and was fouled by Jamaal Tinsley." Tinsley was whistled for a technical, and Wade made free throw to tie it — but Payton missed the one that would have put Miami ahead.

That was a theme for the Heat. Miami was 27-42 from the foul line, plus committed 17 turnovers that Indiana turned into 20 points. The Heat couldn't even blame the woes on their center — he has notorious free throw problems: Shaq was 6-9 from the line.

"It'll get better as we go, but it's going to require a lot of focus from a lot of people," Van Gundy said.

"We got a good shot, got a good look, got a good throw. That's the way we had to make the play," O'Neal said.

"The Excitement is on the floor," said the Lakers' home opener, and their first regular-season game at Staples Center since Phil Jackson was rehired as coach. They opened the season with a 99-97 overtime victory in Denver on Wednesday night.

Jackson received a loud ovation before the open tip off not long after saying fans would attend NBA games to watch the players, not the coaches.

"We pulled for each other through this whole game."

The Suns, who blew a 17-point lead Phoenix over Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday night. O'Neal led the Pacers to a 105-102 win, scoring 27 points. Shaquille O'Neal celebrates after scoring a basket against Miami Thursday night. As they did in the second and third quarters, the Suns dominated in the first few minutes of the final quarter, outsco red Los Angeles Lakers 103-97, making it 110-103. The Lakers extended the lead to nine before Los Angeles went on a 7-1 run to draw within three points with 2:11 remaining. But the Lakers couldn't score again.

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Louisville running back Michael Bush follows his blockers on his way to 215 yards rushing in Thursday night's 42-20 win over Pitt. Bush also scored two touchdowns before being sidelined with a sprained left foot.

Bush leads Pittsburgh over Louisville

Injured hockey player to receive workers' comp

Philadelphia — Terrell Owens returned to practice Thursday, a day after he was listed as doubtful for Philadelphia's game at Washington on Sunday. Owens sprained the same ankle he had surgery on last year in last Sunday's loss to Denver. He was upgraded to questionable for the Eagles' matchup against the Redskins.

Meanwhile, quarterback Donovan McNabb missed his second straight practice with a rib injury, and was downgraded to questionable.

"He did a nice job," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "We limited his reps, but he did a nice job when he was in there."

Reid said Owens has been spending most of his time in the trainer's room trying to get his ankle ready. "It's a matter of getting the swelling out," Reid said. "We'll see where it is at tomorrow."
Bryant finally starting to believe he belongs

Tour Championship successful so far for 42-year old grinder

Associated Press

ATLANTA — What was shaping up as a record round Thursday at East Lake suddenly was in peril as Bart Bryant planned his feet on the tees and hopped into the hole.

He would have been happy to get it within 10 feet. Imagine a mound of a bunker and chipped awkwardly to the hole.

"My caddie and I looked at each other and said, 'This is your day,'" Bryant said. The career grinder and late bloomer must be starting to think this is his year.

Bryant was nearly flawless Thursday in the Tour Championship, making an auspicious debut by setting the course record with an 8-under 62 to take a two-shot lead over defending champion Retief Goosen.

He was the only player in the 29-man field without a bogey on his card. He missed only two greens and two fairways.

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Tiger Woods and Sergio Garcia were at 66.

Woods was at 5 under through eight holes and was poised to shoot 29 on the front until failing to convert an easy up-and-down for birdie from the bunker. He struggled the rest of the way, but had few complaints.

Bryant had nothing to complain about, either. He wound up breaking by one shot the East Lake record set by Vijay Singh in the first round of the 1998 Tour Championship.

Goosen made eight birdies in a round of 64, the same score he shot on the last day a year ago to win the Tour Championship. This time, it wasn't even good enough for the lead.

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Tmore than 515 holes for an eagle.

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Charles Howell III golfer

Tway, who started on the back nine, had four straight birdies, starting at No. 3, to get to 9 under at Annadale Golf Club. After a third straight par, the 46-year-old Tway had a chance to break the opening-round record on his last hole, but left a 13-foot par putt 2 inches short.

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became a reality. Nine minutes into the game, Brey further departed from his starting lineup of Chris Quinn, Colin Falls, Russell Carter, Bob Kurz and Tim Francis, adding a 6-foot-1 freshman point guard into the mix.

It was a familiar look for the Irish. Kyle McAlarney was now occupying Chris Thomas’ spot in last season’s small backcourt alongside Quinn.

“I wanted to look at that because I think we are going to have to play that way, maybe to spread people out,” Brey said. “You’re worried about it defensively … but [Quinn and McAlarney] are so good with the ball.”

McAlarney impressed the home crowd in his first game, drilling a 3-pointer minutes after stepping on the court. He had seven points on 2-for-5 shooting, three assists and three steals, and showed an ability to get to the basket to create scoring opportunities.

But with the variety of looks and the integration of new players into the lineup, Notre Dame started off slowly Thursday night, shooting 9-for-36 (25 percent) in the first half. The Irish led Lewis by only one point, 22-21, heading into halftime.

“If Quinn and Falls shoot like that, I don’t care who we play, we are probably going to get beat,” Brey said. Quinn and Falls combined to shoot 7-for-24 from the floor for the game and just 3-for-13 from three-point range.

It wasn’t until the second half, when the Irish went on a 16-2 run with 17:39 remaining, that Notre Dame pulled away from its Division II opponent.

The Irish began forcing turnovers and creating fast breaks during the stretch, which was highlighted by five points from Carter, who started his second career game with the Irish.

His play impressed Brey, who said the junior’s playing time would depend on his defense and ability to integrate into the offense.

“I thought he was disciplined defensively for the most part tonight,” Brey said. “That’s what he’s got to do first, and then be good with the ball and easy to play with. I thought in the second half he was a little smoother to play with.”

Carter finished with 11 points on 4-for-9 shooting.

Carter’s two-handed dunk off an outlet pass from Colin Falls with 6:38 remaining in the second half put the stamp on the Irish victory.

“We felt that we had to get key stops, like three stops in a row … to really break it open,” Carter said. “We just pulled together and did the job.”

Notre Dame’s rough offensive start forced it to rely on defense to keep the game from slipping away. The Irish played predominantly man-to-man, but Brey refused to commit to a specific defensive identity for the remainder of the season.

“We’re going to play a lot of zone,” Brey said. “We may become mostly a zone team. I don’t know. It was nice to see when we had to dig in. We dug in pretty good at man-to-man.”

“It was good because in the first half we weren’t flowing offensively. We had to rely on defending because nothing was going in on the other end.”

Though Brey said before Wednesday’s practice “everyone should be available,” forward Rick Cornett did not dress for Thursday’s game.

Brey used all of his available scholarship players in the game, most notably McAlarney and former-McDonald’s All-American freshman Luke Zeller.

Zeller looked impressive on both ends of the floor, showing his ability to rebound, block shots and stroke the mid-range jumper.

He had four points on 2-for-5 shooting, grabbed four rebounds and blocked three shots.

“I thought Zeller got into a nice rhythm,” Brey said.

Notre Dame will play its final exhibition game, Nov. 11 against Quincy College at the Joyce Center.

Notes:

♦ On the first Lewis offensive possession after McAlarney checked into the game, the freshman ran into a screen near the opposite foul line and fell on the ground. He immediately got back up and bumped the opposing player who had welcomed him to the college level.

“I don’t really let anybody push me around like that, no matter how big or how strong they are,” McAlarney said.

“That’s just how my dad taught me and how I was brought up,” Brey said. “It’s part of the game though, to get knocked over like that. But its also part of the game to get right back up and hustle back.”

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NFL

Sherman’s future tied to QB Favre’s

Packers’ signal-caller hopes head coach will remain in Green Bay

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brett Favre says he would be reluctant to return to Green Bay next season if Mike Sherman isn’t still coaching the Packers.

The Packers (1-6) are off to their worst start since 1991, which has led to speculation about Sherman’s future.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday, Favre said Sherman’s status would play an important role in his annual decision to keep on playing or to call it a career.

“I don’t think there’s one specific thing that would make me say yeah or no. It’s just the culmination of a lot of different things, that being one of them,” Favre said.

“The Packers would take him through 2007, $6.4 million contract that being one of different things, that is your mind really wants to sit out by that. I think a lot of times the weekly grind can be to the right. You see where I’m coming from?”

“It’s no different than the first time in Tokyo, you’re driving on the wrong side of the road and it was hell. And I didn’t drive; I just rode.

Favre said that even small tweaks in the offense would force him to deprogram what he’s perfected and would have a big impact on his play.

“What happens is your mind is your thought process. It’s engrained with day and watch film at night. For three hours. And if it doesn’t go how you want, you know what, do I really want to sit in meetings and have to learn something all over again?”

“That could be the straw that breaks the camel’s back.”

General manager Ted Thompson, who has refused to comment on Sherman’s future, was out of his office and didn’t immediately return a call from The Associated Press.

Sherman, in his first year as a two-year, $6.4 million contract extension on Aug. 23 that would take him through 2007, declined comment on Favre’s remarks.

Favre, who turned 36 last month, previously has said he would take him through 2007, all they have to do is come in and say right now, instead of odd being to the left, now it’s going to be to the right. You see where I’m coming from?”

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Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — By The Associated Press

The AFC South. The Patriots are 17-4 against their former AFC East rivals since 1993, including six consecutive victories and seven straight in Foxborough. Peyton Manning is 10-2 against New England; Tom Brady is 6-0 against the Colts and Bill Belichick is 7-1 when leading the Patriots against them.

“I don’t think you get psyched out by that. I think a lot of times it is just dealing with a good team,” Indy coach Tony Dungy said. “In the years I have played the Patriots, we haven’t beaten them, but not that many other people have beaten them either. I think we have had a bad team that is good enough, but we just haven’t done it.”

But this year is supposed to be different. Indianapolis is the last unbeaten team in the NFL and 1 1/2 games better than its closest pursuer. And even though the Patriots have won the last two Super Bowls, this year they’ve struggled to overcome the kind of injuries they shrugged off in the past.

Rodney Harrison is out for the season, cornerback Randall Gay has missed four games and defensive lineman Richard Seymour has missed three. Running backs Corey Dillon, Kevin Faulk and Patrick Pass are all ailing.

That tells a lot about why New England has already lost more games this season than in the previous two. And why the Colts have their best chance yet to stop answering questions about the hex the Patriots hold over them.

“The only way we can end that is to win some of these games,” Dungy said. “The last four years, they have been the dominant team in the league and a lot of people are chasing them, including us.”

Belichick also denies there is any magic to the streak, noting that New England won last year’s opener 27-24 when McGinest sacked Manning for a 13-yard loss, forcing Mike Vanderjagt to try a 46-yard field goal that he missed with 19 seconds left. Manning threw for 259 yards and two touchdowns.

“We look,” Belichick said when asked about his team’s success against Manning. “He’s completed plenty of passes against us. I’m sure he probably had to ice down his arm a couple extra days after the opener last year, he got tired of throwing those 60-yarders.”

Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning signals his team during the Colts’ 31-10 win over Tennessee Oct. 2.

This could be the year for Colts

Indianapolis will take on New England in Monday night game

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SMC BASKETBALL

Bender loses in first scrimmage with Belles

By JACK THORNTON
Sports Writer

With the first regular season game just two weeks away and only two full weeks of practice behind him, first-year Belles' coach Nate Bender decided to throw his players into the fire and see what they were made of.

"I wanted to scrimmage somebody that would just kick your fannies, you know, because that's a great wake-up call and that's exactly what we need," Bender said. "It doesn't do us any good to go out and thump somebody and get a false sense of security. I love to go out and just play tough people."

Bender got what he was hop-

ing for Thursday. The Belles hosted the fitter, more-seasoned Lady Pilots of Bethel in a three-

half scrimmage, falling 109-62 and dropping the first two by a combined score of 85-50.

"We were a lot more condi-
tioned than they were," Lady Pilots guard Abigail Noll said. "We started off kind of slow, but we got up and down the court a lot and never let them slide. I just think we wore them out."

"The evening started out well for the Belles. Saint Mary's zone defense was solid early, forcing Bethel to risk tough threes. Offense the Belles converted both in transition and in the half-court set and took an 11-9 lead with under 11 minutes left before things fell apart. Utilizing a string of costly Saint Mary's turnovers, the Lady Pilots went on a 10-0 run and never looked back.

"When Saint Mary's was fresh, they were executing very well," Bethel coach Jody Martinez said. "They had the lead, they kept it close, but as our condi-
tioning came into effect in our transition game, then we wore them out. It's obvious that we've practiced longer four-some of divers in freshman Michael Huffins and sophomore Mike Maggio, Sam Stone and Chris Kane. Huffins has already estab-
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MEN'S SWIMMING

Familiar faces meet today

By KEVIN BRENNA
Sports Writer

Pittsburgh is not used to fin-
ing second. For eight straight seasons, Pitt captured the Big East title. Though, Notre Dame dethroned the Panthers and won its first ever conference championship.

The two teams will meet again today in a head to head matchup at Pitt's Trees Pool at 4 p.m. in Pittsburgh.

Notre Dame coach Tim Welsh doubts the Panthers have forgotten how to win a perennial crown a year ago.

"Take a guess whether we think they're going to be ready?" Welsh said.

As the top two programs in the Big East, the Irish and Panthers have developed an intense rivalry. In the dual meet held at Notre Dame last year, the Irish outlasted Pitt by 300 yards to win the season finale to come out on top.

"It's a very healthy rivalry. It's very competitive. We've made both teams better."

The No. 19 Irish enter today's meet coming off a disappointing loss at No. 15 Purdue. The Boilermakers won 182-118, but Welsh was encouraged by many of the times the Irish posted.

"Last week's loss was disap-
pointing but encouraging," Welsh said. "But we also had a num-
ber of events where we got faster."

Nonetheless, Welsh knows the team must improve across the board to come away from Pittsburgh with a victory.

"There isn't a single race where we would say right now 'We are as fast as we want to be,'" the coach said. "We spent a lot of our training week this week looking at specific areas that we can improve in each of our races.

Notre Dame expects to hold an advantage over Pittsburgh because of its superior depth.

While the Panthers have a con-
centrated group of swimmers who post excellent times, the Irish rely on a larger contingent who all are capable of racing at the same speed.

Pittsburgh traditionally holds the edge over the Irish in div-
sing, however. The Panthers return an experienced and suc-
sessful group of divers and have added Alex Volovetski, one of the top freshman divers in the nation.

"Their divers have been the best in the Big East for a long time," Welsh said.

The Irish will counter with a young but talented four-some of divers in freshman Michael Huffins and sophomores Mike Maggio, Sam Stone and Chris Kane. Huffins has already established himself as the team's top point after just three career colle-
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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Big East competition looms for swimmers

The Irish will take on Pittsburgh today in conference match

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will get its first taste of Big East competition this season when it travels east to take on Pittsburgh today at 4 p.m.

"We've had some really great swims so far. We're right where we want to be at this point."

Katie Carroll
Irish junior

The Irish enter the meet shooting a tough weekend that included a close loss to No. 8 California and a defeat to in-state rival No. 15 Purdue. Though Notre Dame lost both meets, the Irish remained upbeat about the season.

"We've had some really great swims so far, junior swimmer Katie Carroll said. "We're right where we want to be at this point."

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The Bats dodged several late bullets last week to pull out a 14-0 win over O'Neill. Zahm captain Pat Gourley said he was disappointed the defense allowed so many yards, as he believed the game was closer than the score indicated. However, he feels the team has to move on.

"We're really trying to take the positives out of it," Gourley said. "Our corners really stepped it up in the fourth quarter, and our red zone defense was key to winning." The Bats forced a turnover on downs three times inside their own 20-yard line to preserve the victory. Gourley was quick to point out his undefeated team was not looking ahead to the championship game.

"We're not expecting it to be easy," he said. "Everyone knows on the opening game.

Stanford defender in the team's game on Oct. 13. Morrissey hopes to knock off Zahm in the playoffs Sunday.

Klein, who rushed for 86 yards last week, also commented on the importance of winning the battle in the trenches.

Last week, Morrissey pulled out a thrilling 13-7 win over Siegfried, with Klein scoring the winning touchdown with 23 seconds remaining in the game. Despite such an emotional finish, Klein assured that his team would be mentally prepared for Sunday's game.

"We don't want to focus on fearing a letdown," Klein said. "We have to get our guys to realize how close we are to the championship."

Defensively, Morrissey may have its hands full in containing the trio of quarterback Sean Wieland, who threw two touchdowns last week, wide receiver Jake Richardville and tailback Theo Osslo-Anto.

"They have a balanced attack, but we think that we can give them a good game," Klein said. Defensive linemen John Bush and defensive back Dan Kiesa hope to play pivotal roles in stopping the Zahm offense.

On the other side of the ball, Bob McQuiston, who recorded two sacks last week, and Jake McDonald lead a unit that recorded seven sacks against O'Neill.

**Keenan vs. Carroll**

This Sunday, the Blue league's second-place finisher will clash with the Gold league's best in men's interhall semifinal between Keenan and Carroll. Few teams have shown the balance and dominance of those two squads, each standing at 4-1 after wins in their respective quarterfinal games. Last week Keenan easily handled Sorin, shutting the Saints out 14-0. Despite the win, Knights' captain Vince Lyzinski wasn't too impressed with his team's play.

"We didn't play very well against Sorin, we actually had a pretty bad game," he said. "We couldn't run last week, and if we can't run this week, we won't win.

Keenan's two touchdowns both came courtesy of quarterback Rob Colly — one on a quarterback sneak and the other on a 60-yard pass from Colly to receiver Dan Zenker. Lyzinski said the Knights have practiced hard this week for a chance to go to the championship game in Notre Dame Stadium.

"They're a really good team, so we got back to fundamentals during practice, and now we're ready to play the game," he said. "The intensity has been stepped up.

Carroll also scored two touchdowns in its first round victory over Dillon, but the outcome was much closer then Keenan's win over Sorin. The Vermin found themselves down 6-0 at the half to the Big Red, but overcame the deficit and a touchdown by Dillon to win 14-13. Mark Bennett caught a long touchdown pass, and captain Kory Wilmot scored on a 5-yard run to account for the two Vermin scores.

The narrow victory seems to have reinforced Carroll's feeling that a championship this season is meant to be.

"We have a lot of confidence," Wilmot said. "We've won our last four games, and we're riding pretty high on confidence. Our guys look pretty good. They're intense; they know the significance of this game."

Both teams feel they can win Sunday's matchup. But both have a lot of respect for their opponents and neither is expecting an easy victory.

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"Keenan is a really good team, they have a lot of guys who can play," Wilmot said. "The key is defense. If our defense comes to play, we can beat anybody. That whole side of the ball has a lot of responsibility. They have a good offense, and our defense has a big job to do this week.

"We're ready," Lyzinski said.

"When we look at Carroll, we see a mirror image — the same weapons on offense, the same tough defense. We know how good we can be, and how good they can be too." Contact Colin Reimer at creimer@nd.edu and Tim Kaiser at tkaiser@nd.edu

A Carroll receiver dives for a pass in Carroll's game against Fisher on Oct. 2. Carroll faces Keenan Sunday in the semifinals.
Since his bone transplant, Tyler is playing with a handicap. At the moment, it’s about nine.

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Walsh begins title defense this weekend

Cavanaugh will try to continue undefeated season against Badin

By DREW FONTANAROSA, JAMES FEGAN and GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writers

Many teams don't get a second chance. But on Sunday, the Chickens of Lewis get just that as they take on the defending champion Wild Women of Walsh in a 3 p.m. women's interhall playoff game at the West Quad fields. The game will be a rematch of the squads' season opener.

The Wild Women used two interceptions by cornerback Julie McGlinn and three team interceptions overall to beat the Chickens by a score of 12-7 on Sept. 20. "The score wasn't indicative of the game," Lewis offensive captain Kara Bailey said, pointing out that the three turnovers led to one Walsh score and bailed out two promising Lewis drives. She insisted she wasn't pointing fingers, however, as she attributed the problems to the team's offensive unfamiliarity.

Senior quarterback Elisa Vaden, who only allowed her first start for Lewis but the first of her career. Her teammate says she's improved.

"I don't even know if she's thrown an interception since," Bailey said. Walton center Mary Ellen Botta would probably disagree, however, as she continuously praised the ability of her defense for the Wild Women's success.

"Not only are they tough, but they have scored points all season," Botta said.

Bailey singled out starting cornerbacks Campbell and Patty Rose, a senior co-captain, for their excellent play all season.

Not to be outdone, Bailey also lauded the toughness, speed and agility of Lewis' defense. She didn't forget the offensive side of the ball, either.

"We're a very balanced team," she said.

While both teams are confident in their football abilities, they also both expect experience to play a role.

The Wild Women believe last year's title run, in which they beat the Chaos of Cavanaugh 20-7 in the Stadium on Nov. 14, 2004, will be a distinct advantage.

"We're definitely confident," Botta said. "But not overconfident.

Lewis, as Bailey put it, went through a "transformation" last season but believes it can fall back into the old ways.

"Other than that, I thought we did well," Bailey said. "We have some new plays for this contest will turn out differently.

McGlinn vs. Pasquerilla West

Sunday's 2 p.m. game at West Quad fields between No. 4 seeded McGlinn and No. 5-seeded Pasquerilla West will be a rematch of a closely-contested late season game.

In that matchup, which ended in a 0-0 tie on Oct. 11, both teams had trouble moving the ball as each defensive line put excessive pressure on the quarterback.

The Purple Weasels forced Passer Mark Bailey and the Chaos' defense to throw two interceptions and induced four consecutive incompletions from their own 4-yard line in what proved to be the decisive defensive stand of the game.

"We has a couple of great second-year players, and they were able to catch a couple of 50-50 plays," McGlinn captain Bridget McMeacham said. "Other than that, I thought we played our defense very evenly."

As for Sunday's game, McGlinn and Pasquerilla West enter as teams going in opposite directions. McGlinn currently has a two-game winless streak including the tie with Pasquerilla West and its last result, a 4-0 loss to No. 7 seeded Welsh Family. That makes two games in a row that the Shamrock offense has failed to score, but Meacham thinks this context will turn out differently.

"We have some new plays for this game," she said. "We're also more relaxed and focused as we were taking ourselves too seriously at the end of the season.

Pasquerilla West, on the other hand, comes into the game off a convincing 26-6 win over Mod Quad rival Pasquerilla East.

The offense shut out by McGlinn was firing on all cylinders as quarterback Tara Davies had three touchdown passes — all to wide receiver Maureen Spring.

Welsh Fam vs. Pangborn

Pangborn will take on Pasquerilla in a semifinal matchup at 4 p.m. Sunday at West Quad. The winner of the game will advance to the final with Welsh or Lewis depending on who wins that game.

Pangborn is seeded No. 2 and Welsh Fam is seeded No. 7.

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"We know we're a good team and we know we should have won that game," Chapman said. "Not a lot of teams get the chance to play a team you lost to.

With NCAA tournament seedings on the line, Notre Dame has an extra incentive to perform this weekend, unlike last year when the Irish headed into the conference tournament undefeated.

I haven't thought too much about it in the past because my focus has always been on the NCAA's," Waldrum said. I've probably thought about it more this time.

The tournament in the Big East has never been a big goal. For the first time... it is." Even if the Irish win this weekend's tournament, Waldrum is concerned that it will not be enough for Notre Dame to obtain a top seed.

"I'm not the most optimistic about it," Waldrum said. "I think some other things still would need to fall into place for us to be in the top four."

They will meet No. 11 Marquette tonight, with the winner moving on to play either Connecticut or West Virginia Sunday in the Big East Championship, also to be held in Milwaukee.

The Irish have not lost at home all season, compiling a 10-0 mark in South Bend. Their only two losses have come on the road - at Santa Clara and Marquette.

But the Marquette team that upset Notre Dame in late September will face a very different Irish team tonight.

For starters, Irish defender Kim Lorenzen will play for the first time against Connecticut. Lorenzen was injured in the previous meeting.

'We've got a team full of kids like Chapman and [freshman forward Kerri] Hanks and [senior forward Kaetel Thorlakson]," Waldrum said. "But I think Kim has always been the one player I've said we can't do without.'

With Notre Dame's ability to pressure teams on defense and kill scoring opportunities on offense, the Irish are confident about their chances this weekend even though they are matched up against a team that beat them once already.

'I think we've got to be smart,' Waldrum said. 'I think I've got to be a better coach than I was the last time we came here. I really wasn't at my best, in hindsight, at missing some moves.'

Offensively, there are not many teams that can compare to Notre Dame. Hanks (22 goals, 13 assists) and Thorlakson (15 goals, 26 assists) lead the team with 57 points and 56 points, respectively.

Thorlakson, who is seeking her first Big East Tournament title in her final season, was named the conference offensive player of the year Thursday night in the Big East awards banquet. Hanks took home rookie of the year honors.

When Amanda Cinalli is added to the mix, her six goals and 14 assists give the Irish an offensive unit that has 139 points on the season.

With the semifinal match due tonight and the final scheduled for 12 p.m. Sunday, Waldrum said he plans to use a heavier batch of substitutions than he did in the loss, especially because of the quick turnaround if the Irish advance to the finals.

'We've got to try to stay fresh,' Waldrum said. 'I think we'll keep mixing it up.'

Notes:

Junior Jen Burczkowski took home the Big East's top honor for midfielders in the awards banquet Thursday. With Thorlakson, Chapman and Hanks also claiming top honors in their categories, Notre Dame became the first team to win four major Big East awards in a single year.

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Men's Soccer

Irish face St. John's in Big East second round

Notre Dame fresh off win over Syracuse in tournament's opener

By KATE GALES
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In sports, there aren't always second chances.
But the Irish are getting one this weekend as they face conference foe St. John's in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Jamaica, N.Y.

"I think the guys are very excited to back to St. John's because we felt that was one of the games where we really didn't acquit ourselves too well," Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark said. "Same teams, same venue -- if we're lucky we'll see if we can do better."

The Irish lost to St. John's 2-1 on Oct. 16 in an early-season road match. It was the Big East opener for both teams and featured St. John's at a No. 10 ranking and the Irish at No. 16.

Playing at St. John's is difficult for any visitor, and the Irish have never won at the site.

"It's because you play on field turf and you've got to adjust your game ... there's certainly things you can do that certainly, I think we can do better," Clark said. "I don't think we did such a good job the last time and there's a few things I think we feel we can improve on."

St. John's is 9-2-3 against conference foes St. John's all-time. However, the Irish knocked off the Red Storm to win the Big East tournament title in 2003.

The Irish finished with a 6-4-1 record in the competitive Big East. The conference had four teams ranked in the latest Soccer America top 25 -- No. 5 Connecticut, No. 20 South Florida, No. 23 St. John's and No. 24 Seton Hall.

"Every game's tight, if you look at the Big East that's the way it is," Clark said. "Let's be honest ... if you can just take one game back and you're pretty well in there."

The Irish tied Syracuse 0-0 in their first round of playoffs, but won 4-2 in penalty kicks. Last year, the Irish were eliminated from the Big East tournament by Seton Hall in penalty kicks.

Justin McGeeney, Ian Etherington, Kurt Martin and Bobby Clark scored in the shootout for the Irish, with Besler notching his first career goal to clinch the match.

The Irish were coming off a dominating 4-0 victory over then-No. 16 Seton Hall as Notre Dame finished the regular season on a high note after not clinching a spot. Another win, especially over a program like St. John's, could make their case for the selection committee.

They know what's at stake, but the Irish are continuing to take it one game at a time.

"The mood's been good all season, it's been strong, it's been a strong mentality," Clark said. "This has all the makings of a very good team -- I don't think there's any question in anyone's mind about that, certainly not the coaching staff."

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Irish midfielder Ian Etherington kicks the ball during Notre Dame's 4-2 penalty-kick victory over Syracuse Wednesday.

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Jackson said he will not pick a starter until after the team’s morning skate. Jackson said he hoped the student section would reach the level of excitement found at Notre Dame’s regular season home opener against Princeton. "The student section was awesome last Friday night," Jackson said. "It wasn’t quite as good on Saturday night. If we can get the students like they were last Friday night on a regular basis that helps our team immensely." Jackson, whose previous college head coaching job was at Lake Superior State, praised the Notre Dame Pep Band for its role in contributing to the Joyce Center environment. "I can’t say enough about our pep band," he said. "We’ve got one of the best fight songs in the world, if not the best." Both Friday’s game at the Joyce Center and Saturday’s game in Ann Arbor will face off at 7:35 p.m. The Irish return home to face Bowling Green at the same time Thursday.

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Rose-Hulman will test winless Belles

Saint Mary’s hopes to improve in meet of young season

By DEIRDRE KRASULA and BECKI DORNER

The Belles will certainly have their hands full Saturday as they look for their first win of the season against the Rose-Hulman Engineers at Wabash College. Saint Mary’s looks to move in a positive direction after disappointing performances in its first meet and to move toward having more fun,” she said. Rose-Hulman is a new opponent for the Belles as a non-MIAA team. It will be Saint Mary’s last opponent before embarking on winter training. After Saturday, Saint Mary’s next meet will not take place until the Jan. 14 when the Belles take on Alma at the Holls Aquatic Center.

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BCS ranking, the schedule is oddly turning against the Irish when they need it most.

Uncontrollable disparity? Notre Dame ranks No. 69 — tied with Clemson, Iowa State and Memphis and Wyoming — in strength of schedule by cumulative opposition. This means, factoring the records of all teams on Notre Dame’s 2005 schedule, past and future, the Irish have fallen behind 68 of them in the strength of their opponents’ performances. Those 68 teams include Rice, Wake Forest and even Temple.

The past five seasons, Notre Dame has averaged about No. 19 in that statistical category. Last season, the Irish finished No. 7 in the country in strength of schedule. And in 2003, Notre Dame was No. 3 behind only Alabama and Florida, respectively.

The same teams on the schedule last season are there again this season. So is the situation out of Notre Dame’s control? “It’s just another example of how you really don’t know how good they are and you don’t have any control over that,” said Notre Dame, and any Division-I program in general, also has no control over how the schedule strength affects BCS standings, which ultimately determine postseason aspirations and revenue gains for participating schools.

But the schedule strength clearly is hurting the Irish at this point.

How the BCS system works BCS standings rank Division-I teams from one through 25, there are three systems, and each counts for a third of the final “BCS average,” the decisive point that determines the rankings.

There is the Harris Interactive Poll, the USA Today Poll and the computer rankings. The Harris Interactive polls former players, coaches, administrators and media. USA Today polls coaches. But the computer rankings, with six different contributors, factor schedule strength along with other stats into their final decision.

“Things could change year-to-year, in a sport with football, your schedule is an evolving future,” Heisler said. “The harder thing is that is one area where you can’t control, you can’t adjust to a common set of rules, new NCAA legislation has increased the Division-I football season to 12 games, beginning next season, so schools’ scheduling tactics will be different.

Once the 12-game season becomes the norm, for example, schools will have room for only one bye week, Irish coach Charlie Weis said Tuesday. That will eliminate any speculation on the effect of having two bye weeks so close together, as Notre Dame did this season (Aug. 27 and Oct. 29), but won’t have a drastic effect on the team, according to the coach.

“If the bye week is early in the year, you have to use it to push your system,” Weis said. “If it’s in the middle of the year, you’ve got to use it to rest your guys. You just have to be sure, the longer those bye weeks occur, you use them to the greatest benefit.

Notre Dame is also inching closer to securing “neutral site” games for the 2009 season and afterward. Heisler said Notre Dame is heavily considering the states of Florida and Texas as locations for its 12th game. Notre Dame plans to schedule seven home games and four away games with those “neutral site” games in those seasons.

“We’ve had a very good response from various cities/bowl games/sports commissions,” Heisler said about interest from possible hosts for the “neutral site” game. “We’ve kept folders and promised to get back to people as the decision-making point. We just haven’t quite quite come around to trigger any of these yet.”

Doing what they can Though the schedule and postseason pictures inevitably will change again in the future, all the 2005 Irish can do at the moment is fight for wins and the let the rankings take care of themselves.

Though Tennessee is No. 9 in the country in strength of schedule, none of the four remaining teams on the Irish slate are even close to BCS materials. Schools will have room for one bye week, Irish coach Charlie Weis said Tuesday. That will eliminate any speculation on the effect of having two bye weeks so close together, as Notre Dame did this season (Aug. 27 and Oct. 29), but won’t have a drastic effect on the team, according to the coach.

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Hockey

Notre Dame prepares for No. 3 Wolverines

Irish turnaround is on the line tonight as team faces highly-ranked Michigan at the JACC

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

The Irish are 1-3 and are coming off a split with Princeton at the Joyce Center last weekend. The Tigers won 5-3 last Friday, but Notre Dame bounced back behind a shoutout from freshman goalie Jordan Pearce to win 2-0. Pearce was named CCHA rookie of the week for his 27-save performance against the Tigers.

The Wolverines will be the third top-10 team Notre Dame has played this year. The Irish faced No. 10 Denver and No. 1 Colorado College in a western road trip Oct. 21 and 22. "We've picked them all, haven't we?" Irish head coach Jeff Jackson said. "It seems like every team we've played has been No. 1 at some point."

Jackson said the experience of playing the Colorado schools will be a positive against the Wolverines. "Playing teams like Denver and Colorado College can only help us," he said. "Michigan's just tough to beat, and we will have to play our best."
POETIC WARRIOR

Fifth-year senior linebacker Brandon Hoyte stares down Tennessee as he leads the Irish into a three-game home stand

Hoyte pursues Michigan State quarterback Drew Stanton in a 44-41 loss on Sept. 17.
Role reversal for Irish and Vols

Here we go again. There’s another late-season game tomorrow at Notre Dame Stadium involving a head coach under fire and an offensive system that can’t seem to find its way out of a paper bag. Two of the most storied programs in college football history will meet in one of the best fight-songs matches of the season — with one team so far the 8 Notre Dame Stadium, the year winners. The Irish have been the team to underachieve and grab around unsuccessfully for an effective offense in the past decade. It’s Tennessee that has the problems. It’s 3-4 record is indicative of the rocky situation on Rocky Top. The Vols don’t even have a solid No. 1 quarterback this late in the year, as both Erik Ainge and Rick Clausen have tried to run this ineffective offense. The situation is so bad that several fans wore paper bags over their heads last season during Tennessee’s 16-15 home loss to South Carolina, led by the least popular man in Knoxville — Steve Spurrier.

But all of this could help the Volunteers tomorrow. Will the Irish underestimate Tennessee? Are the Irish too thrilled with their fact they are about to play two plays away from being No. 1 in the nation? They shouldn’t be. As Irish defensive coordinator Rick Minter said, the Volunteers are scholarship players too. Notre Dame should remind itself that the Volunteers secondary has given up just three passing touchdowns all season Tennessee will need to put on its best performance of the season to have a chance at upsetting No. 8 Notre Dame. It just might. The Volunteers are on the road — away From their fans, many of which have seen to have forgotten that Fulmer really is a good coach. They don’t have to hear local talk radio in Knoxville bemoaning this underperforming football team. Tennessee is hurt but very dangerous. Remember one thing — the SEC is by far the toughest conference in the country. The Volunteers are 3-4, but those losses have come to Florida, Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina — four squads with a combined record of 26-6. The Volunteers don’t seem to be scared of raucous environments either — they ventured into Death Valley at LSU earlier this season and came out 30-27 overtime winners.

There’s an ugly, angry, orange animal in its way to South Bend. The Irish had better have their guard up. Contact Mike Gilloon at mgilloon@nd.edu.

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A pensive Brandon Hoyte pauses during game action at Washington on Sept. 25, left, and breaks up a pass to USC running back LenDale White in a 34-31 loss on Oct. 15.

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by the numbers

Number of opponents the Irish have faced from the SEC in the last seven years - Tennessee.

The Irish are 20-12 against the SEC.

Tennessee's national rank in defense. The Volunteers have allowed an average of only 293.6 yards per game.

Number of games in which junior wide receiver Jeff Samardzija has caught a touchdown pass — a Notre Dame record.

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"If you don't just hit people to tackle them, you're said follow ing the game. "You tackle them so they won't get back up." The Irish would lose to Pittsburgh the following week, eliminating the possibility of a strong finish to the season. But Hoyte had set the tone of how the Irish defense should play — and of how Hoyte would become their leader.

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A linebacker of 261 career tackles and one of two men.
He is, instead, a poetic warrior, the poet — doesn't lead a double- life. He just lives a complete one.

"Anything you would ever ask for in a model football player, student-athlete and person and captain is what he is," defensive coordinator Rick Minter said Wednesday. "He's our coach on the field, make no mistake about it.

Erik, remember me?
On second-and-eight, from its own 32-yard line with less than 30 seconds remaining in the second quarter, Tennessee lined up behind and alongside departed linebackers like Courtney Watson, Mike Gousha, Rocky Isomann, Tyreo Harrison — even living with Derek Carey — the Parlin, N.J. native has grown through experience and inexperience, in-game situations and in a red-shirt freshman se ason-

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Closing out
Getting on with life after Notre Dame should not be any more difficult for Hoyte.

Whether he continues a football career or puts his 3.33 GPA to use, the man on the weak side of the Irish linebacking corps has set himself and the Irish up perfectly.

On the field, opposing players have criticized Hoyte's speed. He is not the tallest player, either. But his vocal leadership and hard hitting have helped Notre Dame's defense — with 16 turnovers in seven games — earn an admiring respect.

"We don't take him off the field," Weis said Tuesday. "He's earned our trust as the most dependable guy we have in all situations."

So maybe, as the saying goes, Hoyte is not a warrior poet at all. He is, instead, a poetic warrior, writing his final verse.

The Volunteers are in town, and Notre Dame's defensive captain has three home games remaining to close out what has been — but what he won't yet admit to being — a memorable career, on and off the field.

"I think you can ever will yourself short with effort," Hoyte said. "I think that's one thing I've learned over the years playing this game is that sometimes effort beats talent, sometimes effort beats smarts.

"And I hope that at the end of the day people say, 'You know, what? that kid plays really, really hard.'"
The Irish defense has proven talent in the nation’s best conference.

Notre Dame

Notre Dame 2005 Schedule

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COACHING
Weis finally got the monkey off his back last week, winning his first home game against BYU after losing to both Michigan State and USC.

Weis was effective in helping the Irish rebound against the Cougars after a heartbreaking loss to USC in the final seconds.

Phillip Fulmer is one of the best coaches in NCAA football, posting 136 wins, all with Tennessee, since taking over as head coach in 1992.

Fulmer led the Vols to a perfect 13-0 mark and a national championship in 1998 and has coached in 11 January bowl games.

As effective as Weis has been in turning around struggling Notre Dame program, he’s been a force to be reckoned with.

In the last 10 years, Tennessee has posted the most wins in the SEC with a 101-25 record.

A legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate, Quinn clearly brings more to the table than the two nation’s best quarterbacks, including Laffluev and Ainge.

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The Volunteers’ pass defense isn’t as impressive as the run defense but has been solid this year and yields 208.3 yards in the air per game. The team will make the Tennessee run defense is one of the best in the business, yielding only 85.6 rushing yards per game. Top in the tough SEC in run defense and fifth overall, the unit is anchored by a strong front four and linebacker Kevin Simms, who leads the team with 63 tackles.

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Tennessee defense

Bob Stoops

Notre Dame defense

Charlie Weis

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**Volunteers Rushing Volunteers Passing**

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The Irish secondary has been a season-long problem. According to Clausen and Ainge’s inconsistent. Zbikowski must not let receivers get behind him.

Irish running back has been solid all season, and Taylor has been mediocre running with longs of only 20 and 41 yards on punt returns and kickoff returns. James Wilhoit is 7-12 for field goals with 20.9 yards on two returns. James Wilhoit is 7-12 for field goals with 20.9 yards on two returns.

**Special Teams**

- Zbikowski finally broke free against USC three weeks ago, returning a Tom Malone punt for a score, but he picked up only 15 yards on two returns against BYU. Fitzpatrick punt returned five times against the Cougars, averaging 44.2 yards per kick and hitting all seven of his PAs.

- Freshman wide receiver Lucas Taylor hands punt and kick return duties for the Volunteers, averaging only 6.6 yards per punt return and 20.9 yards on kickoff returns. James Wilhoit is 7-12 for field goals this year, and punter Benoit Colquitt is averaging 39.4 yards per punt.

**Intangibles**

- After a last second loss to Southern California, the Irish started slow but bounced back against an inferior BYU squad for the team’s first home win under Weis. The Irish knocked off the Vols in last year’s meeting, an upset win in Neyland Stadium last season.

- Tennessee enters the game on the heels of a disappointing 16-14 loss to rival South Carolina, whom they’d beaten 12 consecutive times. Ranked No. 3 by the AP in the preseason, the Vols are now unranked for the first time in the last three years.

- Despite Tennessee’s 3-4 record, the Irish know the Volunteers are a skilled and dangerous team. The bye week provided valuable additional time for Weis to prepare his team for the Tennessee squad, and the Irish will be ready for another home victory.

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Rutgers leads an Irish rushing attack with Travis Thomas, above, that managed just 44 yards on 23 attempts in last week's 49-23 win over BYU. But the team did most of its damage in the air, throwing for six scores. Offensive tackles Mark LeVoir and Ryan Harris have helped Notre Dame average 152.7 yards per game on the ground and score 13 rushing touchdowns. The Irish average 3.5 yards per carry but will continue to deal with the absence of fullback Rashon Powers-Neal, who has not been practicing with the team.

The Vols have held opponents to 39 first downs on the ground this season.

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Thomas takes over role of ‘power back’

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Travis Thomas made a good first impression on Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis, and seven games later, it is paying off. Thomas was elected special teams captain for the Irish’s first game against Pittsburgh, something that really stood out to Weis.

“When I first got here, the first game I coached here, Travis had already been awarded to be the team special on special teams as a sophomore,” Weis said. “Since I became the head coach here, I’ve just thought of the opportunity to just give a key role on offense,” the junior said. “So I just took advantage of every opportunity I had.

For Thomas, it took a lot of waiting to get another opportunity at running back. In the first six games of this season, he didn’t get many carries outside of those when the Irish were winning by a large margin.

“It’s always hard to be patient, but I just tried to keep a positive mindset,” Thomas said. “I’m going to wait to get an opportunity sooner or later, I just had to be ready when it comes.”

But the patience paid off, as coaches slowly started to insert him as a pass blocker in certain situations.

“I think that’s where they started me off in situations where I had to pick up blits, key plays, and capitalize on that opportunity, and I got some carries off of that,” Thomas said.

And so after excelling in those opportunities, Thomas has finally made his way into the offense. Against USC on Oct. 15, he ran for 52 yards on 18 carries, including a 16-yard touchdown run. Thomas credits the fresh start he had in the season for helping him regain his confidence.

“We’re a new staff, new start, new attitude,” Thomas said. “The key was just stepping up and playing the way I know I can play, and I think I’ve done that so far. I think the more you get that confidence, the more confident you can be.”

And so now that Walker and Thomas are sharing the carries, both believe it is only to the benefit of both. Walker is more of a finesse back, whereas Thomas has the line a little harder, giving opposing defenses two back to prepare for.

“Travis is a bigger back, and he’s able to get in there on the short yardage, he’s more of a power back than I am,” Weis said. “Me, I’m kind of a speedy guy who kind of moves around a little bit, slashes and cuts. I’m out there and for both to be able to play our role because it keeps the defense reeling and they don’t know what they’re going to get which back is going to come in.”

And both backs are willing to share the ball, as Thomas says that they see it as friendly competition.

“Obviously there’s competition—running back is a competitive spot,” said Thomas, who has carried 38 times in seven games, good for 167 yards and three touchdowns. “But we’re also good friends off of the field, too. I think we complement each other well. I think he’s a more flashy type of back, and I’m more of a hit it and get out type of guy, so I think we’re a good complement to each other.

And with Thomas more confident in himself this season, Weis allows him to give him the ball on offense, as was shown in the game against the Trojans.

“Travis has now put himself in the position to continue to get more reps offensively as a running back,” Weis said. “It’s a definite change of pace between him and Darius. I have a lot of confidence in Travis both as a special teams player and as a runner.”

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Weis prepares for vaunted Vols defense

By MATT PUGLISI
Associated Press

Tennessee offensive coordinator Randy Sanders resigned Monday. The Volunteers have not settled on a permanent quarterback between senior Rick Clausen and sophomore Erik Ainge. And a seasoning-ending injury to the team’s starting running back, Gerald Riggs, Jr., has left the offense in dire straits.

But for all of Tennessee’s offensive problems, nobody is questioning its defense. Tennessee is allowing 16.0 points per game (ninth lowest in the nation) and 293.9 total yards per game (No. 12). The Volunteers have been particularly stingy against the running game, allowing opponents to only 56.0 yards per contest. The Volunteers include 132 total rushing yards combined by South Carolina (63 yards), Georgia (51) and Arkansas in their last two games.

Tennessee hasn’t carried the same stifling defense to pass coverage, where the Vols are currently yielding just over 200 yards a game (208.3) though the air, only No. 44 in the nation.

But the secondary has given up just three passing touchdowns through the season’s first seven games.

The success of the Tennessee defense starts with the hard-nosed, gritty play of the team’s four primary defensive linemen: left end Parys Haralson, left tackle Justin Harrell, right tackle Maurice Jackson and right end Jason Hall.

“These guys can play almost any other position on the field, with as fast as they are,” Irish quarterback Quinn said after watching film.

“They can get pressure on you with only rushing four,” Weis said. “Not that they don’t blitz, because they blitz plenty. Any time you can rush just four and get pressure on the quarterback, that already gives you an advantage. But they are physical up front, both as pass-rushers and in the run game. They are a very, very good defensive front.”

Tennessee head coach Phillip Fulmer echoed Weis’ sentiments.

“Our front is where it starts,” Fulmer said. “Our defensive football team has played consistent.”

Leading the team with 10.5 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks, Haralson has anchored a line that has provided constant pressure all season. Weis likened the undersized Haralson (248 pounds) to New York Giants standout left end Michael Strahan, who set an NFL record with 22.5 sacks in 2001.

“First of all, he looks bigger than 248 to me,” Weis said. “I used to say the same thing about Michael Strahan with the Giants. He’s the type listed at about 260 pounds. You sit there and say, ‘They play the same position.’ But he’s a left defensive end on our right. Why are they such good players?”

“They’re really two reasons when you ask a guy if they’re dynamic pass-rushers, they’re dynamic pass-rushers and they play with leverage. I think (Haralson) does both. I think he’s a very good pass-rusher and he plays with leverage.”

An athletic linebackering unit led by leading tackler Kevin Simon (63 tackles) couples with an undersized but physical front that has, for the most part, managed to prevent the big play.

“They have an experienced group of linebackers behind them that is there to make plays on top of it before you even get to the speed in the secondary,” Weis said. “You get speed in the secondary, you get experienced, athletic linebackers and a front four that’s pretty dominant. I think that’s a very good combination.

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