Students clear out of Bend for break

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

Over fall break, a record 472 Notre Dame students will travel to sites all over America to engage in a variety of service-oriented activities, using their time off for work far different than studying.

Most participants will be involved in one of the five one-credit seminars offered during fall, winter, and spring breaks by the Center for Social Concerns. These groups are primarily led by undergraduate and graduate students, according to Angela Miller-McGraw, director of seminars and educational immersions at the CSC.

“The goals of the seminars are to foster a diverse and community-based learning experience,” she said. “Our student coordinators lead great reflections to help students use a local bus service to get to and from airports in Chicago during break in this 2005 file photo.

Weeklong vacation a welcome respite after mid-term exams

By LAURA WILCZEK
News Writer

For students at Notre Dame, midterms week is a race to reach the semester’s halfway point, with fall break as their finish line. After cramming for the various, omnipresent peace process I organic chemistry and engineering exams, students are eager to escape South Bend and travel to Italy.

“[I’m going to Boston College] so I can make all my friends there absolutely jealous,” she said. “I’m looking forward to doing something new and different.”

For many students, like sophomore Monique Rangel, fall break is the perfect opportunity to relax.

“I plan on sleeping in and spending time with my family,” Rangel said.

Travel, both international and domestic, is also a popular break activity. Hundreds of students on campus will participate in the fall break Center for Social Concerns Seminars. The seminars allow students to travel to places like Appalachia and Washington D.C., while engaging in service projects.

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Chazan discusses women, peace

Professor says women crucial to peace process

By SONIA BAO
News Writer

Women’s involvement and failure in peace movements took center stage in a lecture by professor Naomi Chazan entitled “A Comparative Look at the Role of Women in Conflict Resolution Today” Thursday at the Hesburgh Center.

“Women are involved in every contemporary peace process I know of,” said Chazan, the Provost’s Distinguished Woman Lecturer. “They are active peace workers, they have promoted conflict resolution ... and they are absolutely essential for peace building after the peace process has been concluded.

Chazan described the salient characteristics specific to women’s peace movements with several “Fs,” — political, pioneering, persevering, patient, passionate and pragmatic. The political nature of peace movements, Chazan argued, is essential for success. “If you bring antagonistic parties together and you avoid politics you are defying yourself,” she said. “These are political problems.”

Paradoxically, Chazan argued that although women are ubiquitous in peace processes, their influence has been “infinite, if at all.” In fact, in the major peace negotiations of the past 30 years, there have been no women present at all. After “spending hours, mostly trying to figure out why peacemaking efforts aren’t working,” Chazan identified five confounding factors to peace movements in general, referring to them as “five Fs,” including the inability to confront failure, fear, frustration, fatigue and friction within the movements.

Chazan also presented reasons as to why women specifically have been unsuccessful in implementing peace, including the onset of violence, which “is primarily, not exclusively, the domain of men,” as well as the general perspective that women are irrelevant and imf

Religion to be required at Harvard

Theology already part of ND core curriculum

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

While Notre Dame students are no strangers to required classes in religion, Harvard students will face a similar requirement for the first time in quite a while — a move which brings to light the growing importance of religious studies in American universities.

On Oct. 4, CNN reported that a faculty committee recommendation at Harvard University proposed requirements for undergraduates be expanded to include a course in “religion and faith.” The “surprisingly bold recommendation,” as CNN reported, aims to broaden Harvard’s core curriculum, whose narrow academic focus has been criticized in recent years.

Notre Dame has traditionally emphasized the importance of religious inquiry in undergraduate formation, most noted in the two theology requirements undergraduates must fulfill before graduation.

Taking into account the inclusion of religion in the core curriculum of other Ivy League schools like Columbia and Dartmouth, Harvard’s reinvention of religious material seems part of a possible trend amongst secular schools.

But while Harvard’s new classes include material on religion, its focus seems slightly different from that of a reli
INSIDE COLUMN

Baseball’s irrelevancy

Cory Lidle, a pitcher for the New York Yankees and nine-year veteran of Major League Baseball, died Wednesday when his Cirrus SR-20 crashed into a skyscraper in Manhattan. He was a human being.

For the first two hours of nonstop broadcast coverage of the tragedy, the news media focused on the fear of terrorism and the possibility of deaths in the building—along with the obvious question of how such a tragedy could have occurred.

The Associated Press had a 900-word, 27-paragraph story running on its news wire at 4:56 p.m.—2 hours after the accident—when word broke that Lidle was aboard the doomed flight.

“A small plane crashed into a 50-story condominium tower Wednesday on Manhattan’s Upper East Side, raining flaming debris onto the sidewalks below and rattling New Yorkers’ nerves five years after the Sept. 11 attack,” the story read at 4:47 p.m. “Police said at least two people were killed.”

But after 10 versions of the crash story, the AP scrapped the entire article and began news with the information about Lidle.

Here’s the entire story as of 4:57 p.m. Wednesday: “A small plane with New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle aboard crashed into a 50-story condominium tower Wednesday on Manhattan’s Upper East Side, killing at least four people, authorities said.”

That was it.

Even though the casualty numbers were the same, the fears had still been flamed and delusoi still lay on the sidewalk near 72nd and York, the story now revolved around who and not what.

In this city near the border of the tragedy, the fears had still been flamed and debris still lay on the sidewalks below and rattling New Yorkers’ nerves five years after the Sept. 11 attack, the story thought. Reuters, CNN and even The New York Times all changed the focus on the tragedy to look at.

The United States Air Force Band of Flight performs last night in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Consisting of eight unique performing ensembles, the Band performs a broad variety of musical genres from classical and jazz, to country and rock.

OFFBEAT

Baker makes wife cream puff wedding dress

UZHGOROD, Ukraine — Valentin Shitenofo’s pastries were known for attracting stars and giggles as well as lipsmacking murmurs. But even his fiancée was surprised when Shitenofo told her he was making her wedding dress — out of flour, eggs, sugar and carame1.

The dress — made of 1,500 cream puffs weighing 20 pounds — took the 28-year-old baker two months to make, and by the end of the wedding reception, bride Viktoriya said she didn’t want to take it off.

Shitenofo is a rising star in the field of baking as visual art, earning him a following in this city near the border with Slovakia. His creations have generated a buzz in a place where cake is often layers of heavy cream, wafers and nuts or poppy seeds — more something to eat than to look at.

Bra littering causes car accident on highway

TOLEDO, Ohio — A teenager who put her bra on a car antenna before it fell off and led to a highway accident will be charged with littering, a prosecutor said. Emily Davis, 17, of Bowling Green, told investigators she took her bra off while her friend was driving on Interstate 75.

James Campbell, who was driving behind the girls, said he observed to avoid the bra and his car flipped several times. Campbell, 37, broke a vertebra in his neck during the Sept. 26 accident. His passenger, Jeff Long, 40, broke several ribs.

A State Highway Patrol crash report, obtained by The Blade, said that the girls told investigators that before the accident the men were motions to them to lift up their shirts.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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The film “Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price” will be shown at 7 tonight in Hough Center Auditorium.

The film “Unknown White Male” is playing tonight at 7 and 10 in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $6 for the general public, $5 for faculty and staff, $4 for senior citizens and $3 for students.

The Irish volleyball team takes on DePaul tonight at 7 in the Joyce Center. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for youth or seniors.

The film “Mon Oncle” will be presented Saturday afternoon at 3 in the Browning Cinema. Tickets are $6 for the general public, $5 for faculty and staff, $4 for senior citizens and $3 for students.

Irish men’s soccer will battle Providence Saturday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for youth or seniors.

The Irish football team will face the UCLA Bruins Oct. 21 at 2:30 p.m.

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

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iously affiliated institution like Notre Dame, said theology department chair John Cavadini.

While Harvard's faculty recommendation calls for courses such as Religion and Democracy, Darwinism, or "Why I Am a Christian," Europeans Don't," Notre Dame's required courses focus instead on "faith seeking understanding," he said.

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In a telephone interview with CNN, Harvard philosophy professor Stephen Schwartz said that philosophy is a science in a university we don't have to confront religion if we're not religious, but in the world they (students) will have to.

Cavadini explained the different ways between the secular and r e l i g i o n — approach in response to S im m o n s' s quote: "The way the sentence is set up implies religion is an unprofitable reality we have to confront, to make sense of the irrationalism about God. "We don't use the language of 'understanding' here. We talk about a tradition between faith and reason."

The CSLC will always seek to be a leader in the field of community-based research and service-learning, while challenging Notre Dame undergraduates to develop a life-long commitment to social justice."
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work this break. For sophomore Perry Shoemaker, fall break will be filled with work. **"Basically I am going to work for the [Notre Dame] Sports Information Department and work on some papers, all in the comfort of South Bend."**

The University will have a few activities for those students like Shoemaker who will stay on campus for the week.

The Snite Museum will host the exhibit "Caras Vemos Corazones No Sahemos" a free exhibit that addresses "the human landscape of Mexican migration." The exhibit is free and open to the public.

On Oct. 20, the Notre Dame volleyball team will compete against Connecticut in the Joyce Center at 4 p.m. Later that evening, the comedy troupe "The Capitol Steps" will perform at 8:30 p.m. at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Last, but not least, the Notre Dame football team faces UCLA at home on Oct. 21 at 2:30 p.m. — probably drawing many students back for an early end to break.

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**Gallaudet students protest hire**

Demonstrators want new presidential pick

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Gallaudet University students blocked access to campus for a second day Thursday, escalating their protest against an incoming president they say lacks the skills to lead the nation’s only liberal arts university for the deaf and hearing impaired.

"We're in the middle of a crisis here," said LaToya Plummer, 25, a junior from Suitland, Md., who was among the protesters.

Students eased their blockade of campus entrances Thursday night after meeting with District of Columbia police and university officials for three hours. Protest leaders agreed to open one side entrance to allow being arrested.

Other gates, including the main entrance, remained blocked. Students also decided to fill the campus parking garage with their own cars to prevent other vehicles from parking there.

"We see the police lined up. They are ready to take us, and they can," said Ryan Comerens, a graduate student who took part in the talks.

The protesters have said they wouldn't let school resume unless the presidential search process is reopened.

The blockade began around 3 a.m. Wednesday and forced the university to cancel classes for a second day Thursday. As about 200 students protested at the front gate. Some linked arms and formed a human chain to block the main entrance to campus while about 10 police officers looked on from across the street.

The protests began last spring when then-Provost Jane K. Fernandes was appointed to replace President I. King Jordan, beginning in January, by the school's board of trustees.

Students intensified their protests Oct. 5, when they took over Gallaudet's main classroom building — an occupation that was marred by complaints about rough actions by campus police. Since then, the demonstrations have escalated, with students blocking campus gates, forcing school officials to move or cancel classes.

Plummer, who signed through an interpreter, and other students and some faculty said they felt shut out of the selection process for the next president. Some also felt the field of candidates was not ethnically diverse.

"They have no idea who we are," Plummer said of the board of trustees.

Fernandes has said some people did consider her "deaf enough" to be president. She was born deaf but grew up speaking and did not learn American Sign Language until she was 23. Those who are against her presidency say she is an unsuitable choice for other reasons.

"I feel that this institution cannot move forward under Dr. Fernandes' leadership because there are too many disagreements about her as a leader," said Mark Weinberger, a professor of foreign languages at Gallaudet and also chairman of the faculty's Senate.
AFGHANISTAN

17 Guantánamo prisoners freed

16 Afghans, 1 Iranian released from long captivity at U.S. prison in Cuba

Associated Press

KABUL — Sixteen Afghans and one Iranian released from years in captivity at the U.S. prison in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, arrived in Afghanistan on Thursday, an Afghan official said.

The 16 Afghans appeared at a news conference alongside Sibghatallah Mujaddidi, head of Afghanistan's reconciliation commission, who assisted with the release of detainees from Guantánamo and the U.S. prison at the Bargram military base north of Kabul.

Mujaddidi said many of the detainees, who are now free, had served up to four years in Guantánamo. He said "most" of the prisoners were innocent and had been turned to the U.S. military by other Afghans because of personal disputes.

The released Iranian prisoner, who also arrived in Afghanistan on Thursday, was handed over to the International Committee of the Red Cross, he said.

A U.S. military spokesman in Kabul confirmed that 16 Afghans had been released from Guantánamo and turned over to the Afghan government. Lt. Marcelo Calero, who had the information about the Iranian prisoner. One of the released prisoners, Sayed Mohammad Ali Shah, said he had been a delegate at the country's first loya jirga, a council of leaders that helped establish the interim government in 2002 after the U.S.-led invasion to oust the Taliban in 2001.

"For four years they put me in jail in Cuba for nothing," said Shah, a doctor from the eastern province of Pakista whose hands shook from nervousness when he spoke. "All these people (the other prisoners) and all those Afghans still in Cuba, they are innocent," he told reporters. "All were arrested because of false reports, and the Americans, without investigating, they arrested innocent people and put them in jail for a long time."

Another former prisoner, Habib Rahman, 20, said he was arrested because he had a weapon in his pocket. "They told me, 'You are against us, you are anti-American and anti-government and you are fighting with us,'" said Rahman, from Pakista. "At that time in our area everyone had weapons. I was innocent and I hadn't participated in any fighting."

Rahman said that he was treated harshly at Guantánamo, and that one time he was kept awake for 38 hours while being questioned about ties to terrorists. "The last time they tortured me like that was four months ago," he said. "They were kicking us all the time, beating us with their hands."

Sayed Sharif Younusy, a spokesman for the Afghan reconciliation commission, last month said that between 90 and 110 Afghans were still at Guantánamo, meaning that between about 74 and 94 would still be there. One of the released prisoners, Sadir, who only goes by one name, said 74 Afghans remain in Guantánamo.

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Women’s InterCultural Leadership Group

The Catalyst Trip has been an annual event over the past several years. It is a pilgrimage to Mexico and Habitat is relatively new to the group.

"If there is sufficient interest among students, staff and faculty, then I would love to see these (Habitat and pilgrimage) become annual events," she said. "This will be an excellent way of doing service."

The Cata lys t Trip for no credit.

"It is impossible to walk away from the trip without being transformed by the experience," said Nicole Garcia, Saint Mary’s graduate.

Saint Mary’s students are also able to participate in other service trips. According to the observation, the trip work was quick to emphasize the point that people needed help and that it was impossible to walk away from the trip without being transformed by the experience.

Saint Mary’s students also have the opportunity to work with the students of Holy Cross Mission in Monterey, California. This new community service trip is being advertised by the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

"Our Cincinnati experience is unique," said Rosemarie Harris, a member of the Office of Multicultural Affairs. "We have the opportunity to travel to Blackrnu, a retired women’s studies professor and member of the Office of Multicultural Affairs. She added a sense of community activism, "We believe in the power of a group of people coming together to work toward a common goal. We encourage tolerance in the classroom, in order to learn more about each other."

The main focus of the trip will be workshops on race and diversity. The students will work with the students of Holy Cross Mission in Monterey, California. This new community service trip is being advertised by the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

"I am hoping to practice speaking Spanish in a setting where I am also learning about my faith through interacting with another culture," said Beth Sands, Saint Mary’s senior.

The trip will focus on personal reflection, in order to discover the individual’s own faith.

"Each day will end with the opportunity to reflect on the experiences that impact one’s individual life," said Beth Sands. "We will be using activities such as meditation and prayer to understand how our faith is a part of our lives and how it interacts with other cultures."

The trip begins on Monday, Oct. 23, and returns on Sunday, Oct. 22.

As these students give back to the community through their faith, they find themselves with a greater understanding of Saint Mary’s. "I think it’s important that all the trips reflect the mission and concerns of the College in real, tangible ways," said Call. "All three of these (trips) do that."

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other students find their academic interests and their vocation. Overall, they help students find their own voice.

However, a group of 120 students will take an alternate path by heading south to help rebuild New Orleans, open up a new project and create the CSC for no credit.

Junior Caity Schneeman, chair of the Gulf Coast Task Force that’s in charge of the expansion of the Saint Mary’s recovery trips to New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina in August, said the group of students taking this week will be the largest yet, Schneeman said.

"There are still hundreds of homes that need to be completed. The goal is to remove furniture, take down walls, and repair them. We have a goal of completing 50 houses," she said. "It’s a really effective way of helping people in need."

The students will work with Catholic Charities and Operation Helping Hands — affiliates of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Funding and student recruitment has been so successful that Schneeman was "pleased and excited about the interest in the trip."

"I really think we’re going to do a lot of good," Schneeman said. "It’s hard to get so many people to come. We might be able to get as many as twenty to thirty houses, and it’s really effective and rewarding."

Those students opting for the CSC route will participate in either the Appalachian Service Seminar in Appalachia, or the Diversi-
Filmmaker leaves Wal-Mart group

A filmmaker whose work praised Wal-Mart has quit a national advocacy group funded by the retailer, saying pay caps adopted recently by the nation's largest employer were unfair to the long-time workers.

Ron Galloway said Wednesday he left the national steering committee of Working Families for Wal-Mart about a week ago over the pay caps adopted in August. Galloway said he will continue to keep an eye on Wal-Mart's aggressive employment policies.

"It was over environmental policy differences," Sheridan confirmed Galloway had left but said "the retailer, saying pay caps adopted recently by the nation's largest employer were unfair to its long-time workers.

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average broke through 11,900 to close at a record high Thursday, boosted by optimism on the health of corporate earnings.

The index's gain marked its fifth record close in two weeks; the Dow also set a record intraday high.

The markets were upbeat Thursday, with investors focusing on positive news from well-known consumer brands that are exceeding estimates. Wal-Mart Corp. and on economic data that indicated the economy was holding its own even as it slowed. Oil prices, which remain near lows for the year, also boosted the mood on Wall Street.

"In general, we're getting friendly reports between oil inventories being up higher than expected and then some bellwether companies that are exceeding estimates," said John Driscoll, portfolio manager for Independence Investment, LLC in Boston. "It's kind of a return to the Goldilocks economy."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 95.75, or 0.83 percent, to 11,947.10. The advance was the 12th 1,000 threshold within investors' sights. The previous record close was 11,867.17. The intraday high set Thursday was 11,959.63, eclipsing an earlier record of 11,872.94 reached Tuesday.

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In Brief

Stores lower prices on generic drugs

TRENTON, N.J. — Consumers are suddenly getting a break on the cost of generic drugs as discount retailers and some prescription benefit managers start programs that provide a host of popular medications at very low costs.

In the last month, Wal-Mart stores Inc. and Target Corp. have begun programs at pharmacies in their Florida stores, including Wal-Mart's Sam's Club, offering dozens of generic drugs for $4. Last May, Kmart Holding Corp.'s 1,100 stores began offering generics for $15 for a 90-day supply.

On Thursday, Medco Health Solutions, one of the largest U.S. prescription benefit managers, announced that it was expanding its programs through small- and medium-sized businesses struggling to offer employees prescription coverage.

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Crash caps kills resort tycoon

SANTO DOMINGO — Resort tycoon Howard "Butch" Kerzner was killed along with three others when their helicopter crashed on the roof of a business that grows ornamental plants.

Kerzner, 42, was surveying potential development sites when the helicopter crashed on the roof of a business that grows ornamental plants. Two officers in the Dominican armed forces, David Rosario Pimentel and Keveller Matos, also died in the crash, said civil aviation spokesman Angel de la Rosa.

The fourth victim was Delio Luis Kleinwort, said the Beige Book's tone was more optimistic than the one issued in August. "They didn't say there was much of an inflation problem. Investors saw this as confirmation that the Fed is on hold," he said.

Investors have been keeping close tabs on the Fed as they try to gauge how quickly the economy is slowing. The central bank left short-term interest rates unchanged at its last two meetings following a two-year string of 17 straight increases aimed at curbing inflation. The Fed has said it remains concerned about inflation, but the slowing economy has prompted some hopes, however slim, that a rate cut could be in the offing.

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"In general, we're getting friendly reports between oil inventories being up higher than expected and then some bellwether companies that are exceeding estimates," said John Driscoll, portfolio manager for Independence Investment, LLC in Boston. "It's kind of a return to the Goldilocks economy."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 95.75, or 0.83 percent, to 11,947.10. The advance was the 12th 1,000 threshold within investors' sights. The previous record close was 11,867.17. The intraday high set Thursday was 11,959.63, eclipsing an earlier record of 11,872.94 reached Tuesday.

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Faculty recruiting needs shift

Notre Dame is right in seeking to increase the number of Catholic faculty at the University. Whether it is immediately noticeable or not, more professors bringing more religious content into the classrooms will help further the University's stated mission. That mission, however, must also include a broad spectrum of opinions that fosters intellectual religious debate. Religion without question is not faith; it is an assumption that bears no imminent influence on your life. Notre Dame's mission wants anything but that.

Also true is that some faculty members have raised about the University's initiative to increase the number of Catholic professors are legitimate. Though University President Father John Jenkins called the contributions of non-Catholic faculty "indispensable," Notre Dame departmental creating a database of top Catholic academics diminishes the importance of Jenkins' message.

Thus, the University's departments should seek to attract both Catholic and non-Catholic intellectuals that do not fear involving religion in discussions and debates with students about all fields of study — from bioethics and business to political philosophy.

This religious focus would help in three concrete ways:
1) Minimize the chance current non-Catholic faculty feel unwanted and "less equal." By explaining and putting actions behind words expressing Notre Dame's need for non-Catholic faculty, our top Muslim, Buddhist, Protestant, Orthodox, Jewish, agnostic and atheist professors will be more likely to stay at Notre Dame rather than searching for jobs at schools where they would be more appreciated.

2) Keep Notre Dame's advantage in the recruiting of non-Catholic faculty. As a top-20 American university, Notre Dame is in a position to attract top-line professors of all religions. By actively seeking for religious professors — no matter what professor is they are — and professors who have genuine opinions on religion they are not afraid to express, the school can bring an added element that other top universities do not have. By embracing serious, continuous religious discussion — something many people shy away from — Notre Dame can set itself apart from other top schools.

3) Ensure that Notre Dame does not overreact to the relatively low level of Catholic faculty currently. By keeping prominent non-Catholic scholars on their radars, department heads will see the top overall candidates, as well as the top Catholic candidates. A specific quotas isn't what Notre Dame needs, as Arts and Letters Dean Mark Rocko pointed out. To include the bigger picture is essential to keeping Notre Dame as an institution of higher learning with the best possible professors.

Notre Dame strives to be a top-5 university, period. But it wouldn't — and shouldn't — give up its Catholic character to achieve that status. Through openness about its goals and a commitment to realize them, Notre Dame can and will find a place in the upper echelon of higher learning while reemphasizing its Catholic faith.

Letter to the Editor

"Right to life' not single-issue

In her letter ("Examining Pro-Life Values," Oct. 11) Mary DeBroeck correctly asserts that "In the Catholic call for social justice, one cannot fight for "an end to abortion while turning in that fight, the quest all the rest" of the injustices committed against human life. It is necessary to point out two fallacies that need to be clarified in order for Notre Dame Right to Life to be portrayed accurately.

Having "attended her first and only meeting" of the club two years ago, DeBroeck is unaware of the extent of the activities of the organization. Based on her expansive and sound pro-life convictions, she finds Notre Dame Right to Life at fault for not focusing on issues such as "capital punishment, mistreated and mentally disabled, euthanasia victims, minorities, victims of war, as well as the hungry in Africa." Such an accusation is simply not true.

Precisely because the club seeks to build an entire culture of life based on the innate dignity of every human person, the club cannot and does not overlook the necessity of raising awareness of all the injustices committed against human person. Last year, the club sponsored a discussion and movie on the death penalty. Right to Life co-sponsored the Edith Stein Project, a conference that focused on, among other issues, women's eating disorders and violence against women. The club has also invited speakers to discuss issues ranging from stem-cell research, to euthanasia and end-of-life issues, to contraception. Making the claim that the club neglects issues other than abortion is being misinformed.

Secondly, Pope John Paul II reminds us in "The Gospel of Life," "among all the crimes which can be committed against life, procured abortion has characteristics making it particularly serious and deplorable." The Second Vatican Council in "Gaudium et Spes" defines abortion, together with infanticide, as the "unspeakable crime.

DeBroeck correctly recognizes that Notre Dame Right to Life is "abortion focused." While every crime against the life of a human being is a deplorable sin that cries out for vengeance to God, the moral gravity and social effects of "thousands dying from capital punishment each year" cannot be equated with the one million and six hundred thousand innocent human beings killed yearly by surgical abortion in our country alone.

No one more absolutely innocent could be imagined than the "infant human being ever be considered an aggressor, much less an unqualified aggressor," John Paul II reminds us.

We are grateful to DeBroeck for reminding the Notre Dame community of the necessity of upholding the dignity of all human life and of fighting to end injustices on many fronts. Notre Dame Right to Life frequently cooperates with many other campus organizations that seek to fight against these injustices. It is the specific goal and mission of this organization, however, to bring to the forefront of the public forum the absolute necessity of recognizing that the fight against abortion is of fundamental importance to building a culture of life.

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Wisdom and objectivity

As a freshman in college, I heard a classmate say he had not have time to read the newspaper and so had difficulty keeping up with current events. His solution was to read the editorial page alone. This allowed him, he averred, to grasp the complexity of political happenings in a小时内 sort order, as if an opinion piece were the event and the interpretation came as an afterthought.

This disjunction has remained with me as a parable charting my own ambivalence concerning the nature of journalism and its consequences for our political culture. My classmate's attempt to render editorial pages as Cliff Notes for reality expressed what Cardinal Newman contrasted with the "opinionativeness" of modern culture, in which having a position on every question is not only a right but a necessity if one lacks leisure to contemplate the stakes of a given question, finding a shortcut to a firm opinion seems only practical.

Journalists, in general, are not sophisticated thinkers, and that helps in their business. If one can see through the murk of five "objective" tests that are supposedly designed to discover the pro or con formula at its core, one would likely make a fine report. However, this kind of "seeing through" is in truth a blindness to difficulties. Americans support or oppose the Iraq war for multiple reasons. In the world constructed by the news media, the variety and depth of just a few topics are jettisoned and all that remains is a standardized index of favorable and unfavorable sentiments.

One may attempt to vindicate such dichotomous thinking on the grounds that the ballot box does not consider reasons but rather counts votes, and so political discourse must pragmatically model itself on the instrument of popular suffrage. Some such concept may lie behind the practice in certain college political science courses where students use small "clickers" to register their for/against opinion on numerous issues at each class meeting. However, in such a course does not attempt to "get behind" the practices of a democracy to explore and interpret them. Rather it seeks to assure its students that speedy "opinionativeness" goes all the way down. One understands politics as soon as one understands the necessity of having an opinion about everything.

Studies of the news media's effect on popular opinion suggest that the press does not shape persons' beliefs per se, but rather, frames the categories in which people think through those beliefs. The press may not sway me to support a given immigration bill, but it can and does delimit the menu of responses most people will have to it. The deleterious effects of such categorical thinking may not result merely in the courselessness of journalists' intellects, however. Journalists generally pursue a professional commitment to avoid "bias," and they often try to do so outside of the greenroom of the editorial page. Their attempt, unfortunately, is complicated by a series of five "objective" tests that determine whether an article is "balanced." The most damaging of these is the test that a story must represent "both sides" of a given topic. The power to decide how a question may be asked, how a debate may be framed, is four-fifths of the terrain of politics. Choosing sides accounts for the last fraction, and is the sorry postage stamp remaining to most of journalism.

One should be suspicious of any series of "objective" tests that establish a piece of writing's fairness. While the efforts of journalists to achieve "fair and balanced" news coverage are admirable, they have miscarried. This is so not because clarity and honesty are unobtainable, but because these are goals that can be obtained, as it were, only through a personal commitment to them. The attempt to free oneself of this commitment by following five- or five hundred external tests should be an embarrassment almost as sad as the lukewarm citizen who insists he is a "good person" because he has not killed anyone, paid his taxes and stopped at every stop sign.

To be a good person, one must sturdily conceive an image of what the "good life for man" looks like and harass the will to model one's own life upon it. Strength of will is naturally important, but so is the faculty that matures as one contemplates the experiences of a lifetime, namely, wisdom. A freshman student of my own once wrote an essay on "bias in the media" and concluded that "tests" do not fair news well. Only wisdom, the practice of honestly evaluating a question in the light of one's accumulated experience, can result in articulate truth. If this were recognized, newspapers would probably have fewer young reporters writing copy, but they might also cultivate editorial writers who could reflect inwardly on the difficulties of a question, drawing on the integrity of their experience, rather than merely excrete an opinion pro or con at every question framed on the front page.

Before the emergence of journalism programs in America, the popular news press tended to cater explicitly to its own partisan audience. The journalist had authority with readers because they had a priori trust in his sharing fundamental beliefs and principles with them. So long as the journalist clung to a standard of honor and honesty, the "interested" perspective of the writing testified to commitment to a certain body of wisdom. Of late, this kind of writing has remerged in magazines like First Things, The Weekly Standard, The American Conservative and The New Republic. However much I sometimes disagree with the opinions threaded through their pages, the commitment of their writers to acknowledging the principles on which, and through which, they argue testifies to their integrity and wisdom. In contrast, the unacknowledged distortions and infuriating simplications of The New York Times lead one to conclude that its writers may pass all the "objectivity tests" in the world and still not give us the truth.

Wisdom may seem an unreliable substitute for the "certainty" of tests that can be taught in journalism courses. But certain tests are not themselves truth and the only path to truth is full of unfortunate but inevitable byways.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Africa's problems are more complex

An Oct. 4 op-ed piece in the International Herald Tribune by New York Times columnist Nicholas D. Kristof was titled "Optimism and Africa." In it Kristof highlights the changing situations in some countries on the African continent, with improvements in Governance, in the fight against corruption, in economic reform and in the investment climate. He gives examples of Tanzania, Ghana, Rwanda and Nigeria. This pales in comparison to the rather negative tone that your report on Professor Naomi Chazan lecture on Africa conveyed. Particularly striking was the sentence, "She referred to the political breakdown of states due to ethnic fragmentation and conflict, famine and the AIDS epidemic," Currently only Somalia (and maybe Sudan) are breaking apart because of ethnic fragmentation and epidemic. Currently only Somalia (and maybe Sudan) are breaking apart because of ethnic fragmentation and epidemic. Particularly striking was the sentence, "Here referred to the political breakdown of states due to ethnic fragmentation and conflict, famine and the AIDS epidemic." Currently only Somalia and perhaps Sudan are breaking apart because of ethnic fragmentation and epidemic. It is also a continent in which political pluralism in its own unique form is taking root with virtue every country and multiplications and many countries experiencing smooth transitions from one party to another. My hope is that Professor Chazan touched on some of these more modern problems and issues and not just what has been the presentation of Africa over the past thirty years.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

When I'm in charge, we go in my direction!!

Riiight...
**THE DEPARTED** MOVIE REVIEW

By BRIAN DOXTADER and MARTY SCHROEDER

Some Critics

If redemption is the linchpin of past Martin Scorsese films, then "The Departed" is indicative of a significant break with tradition. Most of the director's work offers some kind of solace, but this film succeeds in spite (or perhaps because of) its conscious need to turn from the past.

All Scorsese pictures are volatile, but "The Departed" is as vicious, cynical and nihilistic as any film the director has made. It's also one of his best, which is no small feat considering the magnitude of his oeuvre.

Based on the popular Hong Kong trilogy "Infernal Affairs," "The Departed" follows an undercover cop, Billy Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio), who infiltrates the gang of Boston mafioso Frank Costello (Jack Nicholson). Costello, meanwhile, has an undercover agent among the police, Colin Sullivan (Matt Damon). As Costigan infiltrates deeper into Costello's organization, so too does Sullivan rise up the police ranks. Eventually, the film becomes a tense, cat-and-mouse game between cop and criminal.

What separates "The Departed" from Scorsese's other well-known works is the contemporary nature of the narrative. Unlike his two immediately preceding films — "Gangs of New York" and "The Aviator" — and other pictures like "The Age of Innocence" and "Goodfellas," "The Departed" is not a period piece. Yet there is still a tension between the past and present that enhances rather than detracts from the film's rich tone. Seeing classically-styled gangsters conducting business on their cell phones is initially jarring, but Scorsese adroitly weaves these modern tendencies, like references to the rolling stones or things of a Boston institution) so seamlessly. As expected, the music is great, pulling out all the stops, juxtaposing The Rolling Stones ("Gimme Shelter") with songs by Dropkick (which is appropriate since the backing of a Boston institution) and rarely does the stylistic range become a stylistic range.

The most surprising performance belongs to Jack Nicholson, who dominates every frame he's in. The one-time rapper gets some of the best lines in the picture and he takes full advantage, which makes Dignam, Wahlberg's foul-mouthed cop, one of the most memorable in the film. The supporting cast is incredibly rounded out by Martin Sheen and Alec Baldwin, both of whom give effortless, pitch-perfect performances.

The acting would be wasted if not for a great script, and "The Departed" delivers in spades. William Monahan's screenplay is funny, profane and affecting all at once. Full of punchy dialogue and brisk pacing. Taking cues from Mamet, Tarantino and one-time Scorsese scribe Paul Schrader, Monahan brings a darkly ironic mentality to the script, which is one of the best screenplaytors has had since "Goodfellas." One of the screenplays is stalling, considering that Monahan's only prior credit is "Kingdom of Heaven."

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Junior striker Joseph Lapira, the nation's top scorer, has kick-started the Irish offense as No. 8 Notre Dame battles for the Big East title.
Stretch will prove where Notre Dame ranks

Irish will learn how they measure up after facing division leaders

Eight days, three games and one giant reality check. No. 6 Notre Dame will use its fall break to find out how well it matches up with the type of team it hopes to see in the NCAA tournament.

In their final three games of the regular season, the Irish will take on Providence, with a conference record of 6-2-0, both enter the weekend one point out of first place. Despite the impressive records of Notre Dame's next three opponents, Irish coach Bobby Clark will not be approaching the games any differently. "We're going to take it one game at a time," Clark said. "You give every team full respect until you prove otherwise. We're going to prepare for every game fully."

Judging by Notre Dame's recent performance, other teams should certainly be giving full respect to the Irish. Notre Dame, with a conference record of 6-1-1, sits tied for first place atop the Blue Division with 19 points each. Providence, who hold identical conference records of 6-2-0, both enter the weekend one point out of first place.

Record against teams with winning records is an inconsistent start and strong finishes, a fact that Clark drew upon to explain his team's recent success. "Every year I've been here, we've finished strong like this," said Clark after Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Georgetown Oct. 7. "We always talk about how in September you have to fight for results, but the better sides start to put things together once you hit October and November."

There's no doubt that the Irish are a quality side, but the question of whether Notre Dame deserves to call itself one of the nation's elite teams remains unanswered. While the Irish have had what Clark calls many "measuring sticks" on their schedule this season, they have amassed a pedestrian 1-1-1 record against teams ranked in the Top 25 according to the NSCAA/Adidas poll. Furthermore, of their eight Big East games, only three — South Florida, Cincinnati and Seton Hall — have come against teams with winning overall records.

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Striker Joseph Lapira is enjoying tranquil times and an explosive season

By ERIC RETTER  Associate Sports Editor

Joseph Lapira is having a breakout season. That much is obvious. The Notre Dame junior forward currently leads the NCAA with 18 goals and 39 points, and has been named the Big East offensive player of the week three times. He has also received five national honors, among them being named the College Soccer News national player of the week in each of the last two weeks — making him the first player to ever receive the honor in back-to-back weeks.

"He's just an offensive machine, which is terrific," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "That's why we play him as the first-up striker. He's got tremendous ability in this area, and he's got tremendous appetite to get into scoring positions."

The fact that Lapira is an offensive threat has come as no surprise to those familiar with the Irish program. As a sophomore last season, Lapira led the team in goals, scoring seven in 23 games.

No one could have predicted, however, that he would have exploited the way he has in recent weeks. In the last six games alone, Lapira has netted 11 goals, and eclipsed last year's season total in the fourth game of a stretch that began on Sept. 23 against Pittsburgh and saw him score two goals a game for that unit.

"We've really developed a confidence these last few games," fellow forward Justin McGeeey said. "We don't feel as anxious about scoring goals. We know they're going to come."

One of the major reasons for the spark in the Irish offense and Lapira's personal hot streak — aside from Lapira's non-stop motor — is the re-emergence of his Beloved irish forward, Joseph Lapira, and He's one of the most unbelievable attackers I've ever seen.

"He's one of the most unbelievable attackers I've ever seen," Lapira said. "Lapira has come out stronger from the experience. His family has begun a transition to Houston, and he is ready to move on."

"This year, I'm on top of things... if I get stressed out about something... I'll go talk to coach, talk to my girlfriend, just get it out there."

"I'd like to play as long as I could"

As Lapira's family slowly moves to Houston — with his father traveling for the majority of Notre Dame's games — he has refueled his efforts on improving on the field. Over the summer, he worked extensively with senior midfielder Nate Norman to improve his dribbling skills.

"He's one of the most unbelievable dribblers, and I think we need to start dribbling a little bit more like him instead of myself," he said.

Lapira is also having more fun with his environment this season. For the past few weeks, he has worn a moustache which he hasn't shaved while the team remains hot.

"I don't really like shaving that much, and whenever I'd go to shave, I'd leave... something stil for the day," he said. "I kind of like it... and then the goal streak started. Since then, I've been kind of like, 'well, might as well keep the moustache, we've got a good thing going.'"

After leaving school, the junior entrepreneurship major envisi- Lographics a...of a life professional soccer.

"I'd like to play as long as I could, (though) I don't know if that would be in MLS or overseas."

However, Lapira doesn't plan on pursuing that goal before graduation, and his primary focus at the moment is to help Notre Dame win a national championship.

"Right now I'll just worry about being a [Notre Dame player]." he said.

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Irish junior striker Joseph Lapira leads the nation with 18 goals through 15 games this season.

PHOTOGRAPH BY PHIL HUDELSON
Notre Dame forward Joseph Lapira chases a loose ball during a 2-0 Irish loss to South Florida Sept. 8 at Alumni Field.

Better with age

Joseph Lapira's non-stop motor has been named the Big East offensive player of the year for the past two years maturing into what he is today, both as a person and as a player.

On the field, he was named as a player, especially with regards to budgeting his energy."

"We legend a run himself to a standstill by doing too much work," Clark said. "I think now he's getting a lot smarter as a player [while] still working very hard."

Lapira agrees with his coach's analysis.

"As a freshman, I just got out there and ran around like a chicken with its head cut off. I wasn't a great soccer player by any means," he said. "This year, I've really settled into things, [and] I'm really relaxed in games."

His greatest strides, however, have come in areas completely outside of soccer. Last year, Lapira's home was destroyed while he was at school, and his heart and soul was destroyed when a tree fell through it during Hurricane Rita.

Lapira remembers how the events brought life into perspec- tive for him.

"I saw my friend's docks and piers that I had hung out in in the summer just months beforehand, [destroyed on the news, and] it was kind of surreal," he said. "It can happen to anybody and it happened to me."

While no one in his family was hurt, Lapira struggled to deal with what had happened for much of his sophomore year.

"Last year, I had never been so stressed in my life. I tried not to let people know, I tried to hide my feelings about things last year," he said. "I had to build up, put it down and not letting anyone know about it, and I think that just got to me in the end," he said. "As a student, I struggled last year, and maybe that's part of the reason I didn't have such a good season."

After what happened, Lapira has come out stronger from the experience. His family has begun a transition to Houston, and he is ready to move on.

"This year, I'm on top of things... if I get stressed out about something... I'll go talk to coach, talk to my girlfriend, just get it out there."

"I'd like to play as long as I could"

As Lapira's family slowly moves to Houston — with his father traveling for the majority of Notre Dame's games — he has refueled his efforts on improving on the field. Over the summer, he worked extensively with senior midfielder Nate Norman to improve his dribbling skills.

"He's one of the most unbelievable dribblers, and I tried to start dribbling a little bit more like him instead of myself," he said.

Lapira is also having more fun with his environment this season. For the past few weeks, he has worn a moustache which he hasn't shaved while the team remains hot.

"I don't really like shaving that much, and whenever I'd go to shave, I'd leave... something stil for the day," he said. "I kind of like it... and then the goal streak started. Since then, I've been kind of like, 'well, might as well keep the moustache, we've got a good thing going.'"

After leaving school, the junior entrepreneurship major envisi-
Irish ready to end regular season against Big East’s best

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

Four teams have six wins in Big East conference play.
Three of them will play No. 8 Notre Dame in the next week and a half.

The Irish (10-3-3, 6-0-2 Big East) — tied for third place in the Big East Blue division and the fourth team with six conference wins — will begin a tough stretch of games against the top three teams in the Blue Division Saturday against second-place Providence.

The Irish will then travel Wednesday to Morganstown, W. Va., to face No. 6 West Virginia, the conference leader, before ending the regular season against Connecticut in Storrs, Conn.

Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark said he is excited about the prospect of playing the league’s best to end the season.

"I always judge a successful season by seeing if a team is going into the last game of the season with something positive to play for, and I think we’re doing that," Clark said. "If you have a shot at winning just one game at a time. And I think that’s a key to winning."

Irish midfielder Mattes Besler, front, dashes past DePaul midfielder Mark Plotkin, left, as Clark and Notre Dame, how­ever, have not begun to think about anything but Saturday’s game.

"All our focus is really on Providence and not looking beyond that," Clark said. "I think the thing is to focus on just one game at a time. And I think that’s a key to winning."

The Friars (10-3-3, 6-0-2 Big East) are coming off of a 2-1 upset of No. 14 Brown on Tuesday. They are led by freshman forward Jonathan Medcalf, who leads the team in goals scored.

Notre Dame is led by junior striker Joseph Lapira, who leads the nation with 18 goals. Clark is hopeful that Lapira won’t be bothered by a hamstring injury that kept him out of most of the first half of Wednesday’s 3-0 win over Michigan State.

"I talked to his physical therapist, and he believed this morning that Lapira has not been bothered by a hamstring injury that kept him out of most of the first half of Wednesday’s game," Clark said. "But that could be tested later."

Notre Dame will face its toughest conference opponent in West Virginia (11-1-2, 6-0-1 Big East). The Mountaineers are coming off of a 2-1 comeback win over American Wednesday, and are led by forward Jarrod Smith. Smith is second to Lapira in the conference in numerous offensive categories that include goals (12), points (27) and game-winning goals (4). Lapira has notched seven of the latter category this season.

Notre Dame will finish its season in Storrs, Conn. against Connecticut (8-4-2, 6-1-1 Big East). Huskies forward O’Brien White, who was named co-Big East offensive player of the week along with Lapira last week after picking up two goals and an assist, also scored a game-winner against Providence and Seton Hall.

After Saturday’s matchup against the Friars, Notre Dame will face its toughest challenge against Connecticut.

Clark acknowledged the capabilities of each of Notre Dame’s remaining three opponents.

"That team has grown, but I’m sure these teams have grown as well," Clark said. "They’re good teams, and good teams continue to grow throughout the year. Anybody on our schedule can beat us if we are not properly focused."

Clark also said that the Irish should win all their games if they keep that focus.

"This has been a very focused group, and it’s been very well led by the senior class," he said. "The senior class has done a magnificent job just holding the discipline and off the field."

Clark also anticipated that Notre Dame would carry one extra bit of help that would guide his team through the final stretch before the post-season.

"Obviously, you need that little bit of Irish luck," he said. "That never goes amiss."

Note:
Clark felt that injured midfielders Ian Etherington and Alex Yoshinaga were close to returning to action for the Irish.

Etherington has not played since suffering a deep bone bruise against Pittsburgh Sept. 23, while Yoshinaga missed much of the season after breaking his collarbone Aug. 27 against Creighton, the second game of the season.

"They’re very close to returning," Clark said. "We’re keeping our fingers crossed, and it would be nice to have both of these as extra options. I think there’s a good chance of both of them returning before the Big East tournament, and we’re hopeful that can happen.

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NCAA MEN’S SOCCER
DIVISION-I LEADERS
POINTS SCORED

PLAYER SCHOOL GOALS ASSIST POINTS
1. JOSEPH LAPIRA NOTRE DAME 18 3 9
2. Saidi Isaac Winthrop 14 5 33
3. Josuho Okampa Wisc. - Green Bay 13 6 32
4. Charlie Davies Boston College 12 5 29
5. Jarrod Smith West Virginia 12 3 27
6. Rodney O’Neill Kentucky 12 3 27
7. Daniel Revivo Winthrop 9 8 26
8. Tommy Krizanovic Jacksonville 12 2 26
9. Steven Halloway Monmouth 11 3 25
10. Jeremy Gold Coll. of Charleston 10 5 25

2006 BIG EAST STANDINGS

BIG EAST Overall
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Connecticut 4 1 3 .667 7 4 1 .733
Providence 6 2 0 18 .750 10 3 0 .666
Notre Dame 6 2 0 18 .750 10 3 0 .666
Seton Hall 5 3 0 15 .625 7 6 1 .536
Pittsburgh 3 3 1 10 .500 4 8 2 .357
Georgetown 2 6 0 6 .250 5 9 0 .357
Marquette 0 8 0 0 .000 12 1 .107

BIG EAST Overall
West Virginia 5 2 1 18 .688 9 3 2 .714
Connecticut 4 4 0 12 .500 7 6 0 .538
Providence 3 3 3 12 .562 6 4 3 .577
Notre Dame 3 3 2 11 .500 7 4 2 .615
Seton Hall 3 3 0 9 .375 9 2 3 .333
Pittsburgh 3 3 0 9 .375 4 9 1 .321
Georgetown 2 6 0 6 .250 6 7 1 .454
Marquette 1 8 0 0 .125 6 1 0 .500
MARTIN SCORSESE: PORTRAIT OF AN AUTEUR

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

The critical consensus on "The Departed" is that Scorsese has returned to the mean streets where he belongs, but even a cursory glance at his filmography proves that he never really left. The director has directed a handful of true classics, many of which rank among the very best films of all time.

Mean Streets (1973, Warners)

Scorsese shows off his film school background right off the bat and establishes many of his defining cinematic and thematic tendencies in this, his first major critical success. Taking cues from the French New Wave and boasting a fast-paced dialogue style, "Mean Streets" follows Charlie as he attempts to keep his twisted morals straight. Featuring a young Robert DeNiro as Johnny Boy, Scorsese quickly solidified the themes and motifs that would become his calling cards — religion, morality, gangsters, profanity and (ultimately) a sort of redemption.

Taxi Driver (1976, Columbia)

A major critical success, "Taxi Driver" helped vault Scorsese into directorial stardom. A terrifying examination of post-Vietnam, post-Watergate paranoia, the film follows Travis Bickle (DeNiro), an unhinged taxi driver as he attempts to save a young prostitute (Jodie Foster) from her dominating pimp (Harvey Keitel). The most famous scene, in which DeNiro stands in front of a mirror saying, "You talkin' to me?" is one of the great sequences in cinema history. Scorsese's energy and cinematic technique is evident throughout, though "Taxi Driver" hasn't aged quite as well as some of the director's other films. It is a picture about its time, and as a snapshot "Taxi Driver" is very effective.

Raging Bull (1980, UA)

In the late 1970s, Scorsese suffered a drug overdose and nearly died. While in the hospital, he was approached by Robert DeNiro, who asked him to make "Raging Bull" about real-life middleweight boxing Jake LaMotta. Scorsese eventually agreed and used filmmaking as an emotional and artistic outlet. The final product is, without doubt, Scorsese's finest film, which in turn makes it one of the finest films of all time. DeNiro gives the performance of his life as LaMotta, first sparring over 1,000 rounds with the real-life boxer, then gaining nearly 60 pounds to play the former champion as a washed-up, middle-age schmuck. Scorsese is DeNiro's equal every step of the way, crafting a picture to match the actor's stunning performance. The most famous scenes are the boxing sequences, which are both impressionistic and heroic. "Raging Bull" was nominated for several Oscars and won Best Actor and Best Editing.

The Last Temptation of Christ (1987, Universal)

Oddly one of Scorsese's most personal films, "The Last Temptation of Christ" is a controversial adaptation of Nikos Kazantzakis's equally controversial novel of the same name. Starring Willem Dafoe as Jesus and Harvey Keitel as a street-tough Judas, the picture follows the life of Christ up to his crucifixion and death. Scorsese brings his Catholic upbringing into the film, giving a surprisingly pro-religious bent to the proceedings. "The Last Temptation of Christ" was poorly received due to its departure from scripture, though Scorsese received a Best Director Oscar nomination for his work.

Goodfellas (1990, Warners)

A wild exploration of "three decades of life in the mob," "Goodfellas" may be the director's most fast-paced and frenetic film. Ray Liotta plays Henry Hill, a low-level gangster whose rise and fall is documented over the course of a driving 181 minutes. Every Scorsese trick in the book is pulled out, from long tracking shots to freeze frames. The best shot may be a long, 181-second tracking shot through the underbelly of the Copacabana that ends onstage. This fantastic shot literally takes the viewer through the privileged life of a small-time gangster. Like most Scorsese films, "Goodfellas" features great acting, especially by Joe Pesci, whose Tommy DeVito is as terrifying as they come — it won the diminutive actor a Best Supporting Actor nomination.

From the sacred to the profane, Scorsese's films have run the gamut, but his themes and stylistic tendencies have remained largely the same. As a director and filmmaker, he has grown and evolved over the years, which makes the sacred profanity of "The Departed" seem at once effortless and familiar. Yet there is a freshness to his latest film that proves that, despite his age, Scorsese remains one of the best filmmakers in the world and one of the few remaining auteurist connoisseurs of his generation.

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Colin Sullivan
(Matt Damon)

Frank Costello
(Jack Nicholson)
Despite weather, Keenan toot hot to handle

O'Neill uses strong running game, stout defense, to secure playoff berth with convincing win over Alumni

By JOHN TIERNEY and KATE DONLIN
Sportswriters

On a night that warmth forgot, Keenan played like a team that remembered its first destiny. Behind 108 rushing yards and two touchdowns from running back Alex Gonzalez, the Knights beat Morrisey 12-6 in a battle of undefeated teams vying for the Gold League's top seed.

The Manories got off to a good start in their first quarter of the game on its opening series. Quarterback Alvin Reynolds went 2-for-2, throwing for 48 yards and a touchdown on the drive, both of his completions coming on a direct snap from center and Keenan tied the game at six.

Morrisey had a chance before the half, but that ended with an Anderson interception two plays into the Manories drive.

Half time, Keenan started with the ball and came out strong. Capitalizing on an emotional argument with the referees by the Manories-affiliated chain gang, the Knights put together a 5-play, 65-yard scoring drive. Keenan began the drive with a trick play of the night, in which 10 Keenan players, including Gonzalez lined up near their sideline. Gonzalez received a direct snap from center and ran 25 yards to the Manories 43-yard line. The successful two-point conversion, followed by a touchdown run from 12 yards out, Keenan tied the game at six.

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**MLB Playoffs**

**Cardinals at Mets**

**11:11 a.m., FOX**

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**In Brief**

**Riggs takes top starting spot forنهارولت**

**CONCORD, N.C. — Scott Riggs remained perfect in qualifying at Lowe’s Motor Speedway by winning the pole Friday night for the third time this season.**

Riggs posted a lap at 191.469 mph to put his No. 10 Dodge to the top starting spot for Saturday night’s race. He also started first in the non-points Nextel Open and the Coca-Cola 600 in May.

“We knew we had a good car, and we got a good draw going late,” Riggs said. “Coming back here we wanted to get back on our streak of qualifying well and finishing well. We can put it right back where it was.”

Riggs edged Kasey Kahne, his Evernham Motorsports teammate, for the pole. Kahne went out early, posting a lap of 190.749 mph to sit on top of the leaderboard for most of the qualifying session.

**Stanpton, Smith don’t put games between friendship**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio — They were teenagers, trying to prove themselves and dreaming of becoming college football stars. When Troy Smith and Drew Stanton rolled together at a quarterback camp five years ago, each saw something in the other that drew them closer.**

They were almost inseparable during seven days of intensive practices. At night, they’d talk about what they hoped to become and how they’d go about getting there.

On Saturday, they’ll be on opposing sidelines for the last time in their college careers. Smith leads No. 1 Ohio State into Michigan State to take on Stanton and the Spartans. The friendship is bound to go long after the competition ends.

“You know what kind of a friend he is from the time you meet him,” Smith said.

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**Gravine’s gem shuts down Cardinals**

**NEW YORK — Tom Glavine tossed another gem, Carlos Beltran rocked Shea Stadium with a homer that crashed off the scoreboard, and the New York Mets jumped in front of St. Louis in the NL championship series.**

Glavine shut down Albert Pujols and extended his postseason scoreless streak to 13 innings, pitching the Mets to a 2-0 victory over the Cardinals in Game 1 on Thursday night.

“Tommy was the key,” Mets manager Willie Randolph said. “He just quietly goes about his business and he’s a real leader on our staff.”

Beltran, who wore out St. Louis in the NLCS with Houston two years ago, hit a two-run shot off an otherwise impressive Jeff Weaver in the sixth. That was all the offense New York needed to win in eighth straight game, dating to the regular season.

“It pains me that there’s going to be an ‘L’ next to Jeff’s name tomorrow. There’s no way that he’s a losing pitcher,” Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. “Jeff was outstanding. We hit too many balls in the air.”

After rain postponed the opener Wednesday night, the Cardinals bumped up Chris Carpenter, who will pitch on regular rest Friday night in Game 2.

“Missing injured starters Pedro Martinez and Orlando Hernandez, the Mets are counting heavily on Glavine as they chase their first World Series title in 20 years. The 40-year-old left-hander, sharp and deceptive as ever, has delivered in a big way.”

He threw six scoreless innings in Game 2 of the first round, helping the Mets to a three-game sweep of the Los Angeles Dodgers. And the two-time Cy Young Award winner, who waited four seasons to reach the playoffs with New York after so many years in Atlanta, won just as good against St. Louis.

“I understand the importance of when I pitch now. At the same time, I’m trying to play mental games with myself and dismiss that,” Glavine said. “I don’t want to go out there with any added pressure.”

Helped by two inning-ending double plays and a sprawling catch by super sub Emily Chavez, Glavine yielded only four hits and two walks. He struck out Pujols in the first, walked him in the fourth and retired him on a liner to shortstop in the sixth.
Sain't Mary's sophomore Caitlin Brodmerkel runs during the Manchester Invitational Saturday. National Catholic Invitational Sept. 15. Brodmerkel finished the team's 1-2 with 10:51 in 5K race in 23:19. She and the Bellies will compete in the Manchester Invitational Saturday.

BOLTS' unpredictable quarterback finding success in preparation

SAN FRANCISCO — Manny Lawson knows a few helpful guidelines for facing San Diego quarterback Philip Rivers.

Don't read his eyes, don't watch his body language — and definitely don't slack on film study, because Rivers won't.

Lawson always admired Rivers' meticulous game preparation during the two years they played together at North Carolina State, and the San Francisco 49ers' rookie linebacker learned to expect the unexpected during thousands of practice faceoffs. Rivers can be tricky, and nobody knows it better than his teammates.

"Any time that I was in coverage with somebody, you can think he's going to throw your guy the ball and you're going to get an interception, and he'll throw it off," Lawson said. "Or he won't look you at all, but throw it to your guy."

Lawson and the 49ers (2-3) will attempt to keep up with the surging Chargers (3-1) on Sunday in their fourth home game in five weeks. While San Diego hits the game on a high after knocking off Pittsburgh last week, rebuilding San Francisco has another chance to measure itself against the NFL's elite before its bye week.

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Saint Mary's rest, ready to begin key MIAA stretch

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Belles rested, ready to begin key MIAA stretch

The team will take on Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) foes Adrian and Calvin later in the week.

The Belles, who have had a week off from game action, will enter this weekend's contest well rested. Saint Mary's took down Olivet in its last game thanks to two goals from senior midfielder Ashley Hinton. The win was the Belles' third in the MIAA, putting them in second place with nine points.

With a little bit of help from Alma, who plays Tri-State Saturday, Saint Mary's could enter next week's Calvin game with a chance to take the first place in the conference. The Knights are currently No. 5 in the nation in the Division III NSCAA poll, having won all 13 of their games this season and outscoring their opponents 44-4.

Alyssa Bergsman has been outstanding in the net for Calvin, allowing an average of only 0.29 goals per game.

Saint Mary's fall to the Knights 6-1 earlier this season in an exhibition. Sophomore Elizabeth Ribbens led the way for Calvin with a hat trick and freshman Allison Boedner added two more. Lauren Hinton scored the lone goal for the Belles as they reached their low point of the season at 0-6-1.

Saint Mary's coach Caryn Mackenzie has righted the ship since then as the Belles won three of the next five as MIAA play began to heat up. The team feels it is now ready for a rematch with the veteran Knights.

But before they reach that point, the Belles have two more big games to worry about against Hope and Adrian.

Saint Mary's will travel to Holland, Mich first to take on the Flying Dutch, who are coming off of a 7-1 win over Tri-State. The win was the team's first in conference play this year. Junior Ellie Tresslar led the way for Hope with two goals and an assist.

Three days later the team will be at Adrian College for a showdown with the Bulldogs. Adrian (4-9, 2-2 MIAA) is led by freshman phenom Lindsay Christensen, who has netted seven of the team's nine goals on the season.

If Saint Mary's can stay on top of its game over this stretch the team will be in perfect position heading into the season finale and the conference tournament, which kicks off Oct. 28.

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Men's Golf

Notre Dame looks for steady improvement

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

After a second place finish as host of the inaugural Fighting Irish Classic in September, the Irish went on to win at the Pacific Golf Invitational Sept. 21-22, finishing second behind the University of Idaho. The Irish are now close to top form and believe they can compete with some of the stronger teams in the NCAA.

"If we play our best week we will be up there at the top," senior co-captain Adam Gifford said. "That will definitely help us." 

"As you go around there you want to be that team," defensive end Willie Taggart said. "It should be great lot of fun." 

The Irish finished fifth last year in the NCAA West Regional and are one of the favorites to win the regional this year.

The tournament will be the third for a young Notre Dame team that began to hit its stride with a runner-up finish last week.

The Irish defeated several ranked teams during the season, but none of that kept coach Bill Belichick from sending his players away on their bye week with an insurance policy.

"You could feel good about playing a team that you already won on and the point yourself and get your butt in gear," defensive end Rosevelt Colvin said. "That's motivation and will help us this weekend." 

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The tournament begins today and continues Saturday and Sunday.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Squad prepares for busy week of matches By MICHAEL BRYAN Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will have little time to relax this fall break as it has the road matches against Alma, Windsor and Kalamazoo.
The Belles' first two matches come off a tough loss on Senior Night at home against second place Hope. After falling behind following a loss in the opening game, Saint Mary's took a 2-1 game lead on the Belles in the match.

Unfortunately for the Belles, Hope stormed back in the final two games, taking 30-28 and 15-8 victories to clinch the victory. Hope's strong performance was led by Nora Slenk, who recorded a team-high 19 kills in 12 sets. Senior Deena VanVoorhis had 25 digs to lead the team defensively.

The win improved Hope's conference record to 9-1, 16-6 overall.

For the Belles, Kristen Playko and Anne Casuck both put up tremendous efforts in their last home games — Playko with a doubles record of 20 kills and 23 digs, and Casuck tallying 23 digs of her own. First-year Loretta Supczynski netted a match-high 23 kills and 12 digs for a double-double of her own. With the loss, the Belles dropped to 14-7 on the year and 7-5 in conference play.

Saint Mary's coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said the loss doesn't change the Belles attitude toward the rest of the season.

"Our goals are still very much our goals," she said. "One loss doesn't change that."

Saint Mary's first match of the road trip will be Saturday with conference foe Alma. The Scots are 8-10 on the season, 5-5 in conference play. Led by senior Meghan Kallmeier, the Scots will have to average their 3-0 loss at Saint Mary's Oct. 5.

Windsor will be the Belles' next opponent as the team heads north of the border to face Windsor in an Oct. 18 exhibition match. The Lancers, members of the Canadian Interuniversity Sport Conference, have not played any regular season matches to date.

The Belles road trip will conclude with a conference match against Alma Oct. 27. The Hornets are 3-7 in the MIAA, one of those losses a 3-0 sweep at the hands of Saint Mary's earlier this season.

Though the MIAA tournament is less than a month away, Schroeder-Biek said the team is not looking past its next game.

"We have very high goals we want to accomplish which include the conference tournament, but we can only achieve those goals one game at a time," Schroeder-Biek said. "We're in the home stretch with some good matches ahead of us, we just need to take things one game at a time and finish strong." Contact Michael Bryan at mbryan@nd.edu

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish hit the road running

Men look to keep up momentum

By JAY FITZPATRICK Sports Writer

After racing consecutive meets in the Memorial Golf Course at Notre Dame, the Irish will venture to Terra Haute, Ind., Saturday to compete in the Pre-National Meet, another tune-up race before the all-important post-season races begin.

The men's team is coming off back-to-back top five finishes at home, including a win in the National Catholic Championship (NCC) and a very strong fourth-place tie in the Notre Dame Invitational. Although the team actually finished worse in the latter race, which featured strong competition from a field that included several top-30 teams.

The team is led by sophomore Patrick Smyth and seniors Kart Benzing and Jacob Watson. Watson has been consistent in his two races this season and finished 21st in the NCC while finishing 31st at the Notre Dame Invitational.

In their last race, the Irish women have struggled better as a team and running in a group.

The team will need to put this practice in effect if they want to prepare for the post season, which begins in two weeks with the Big East Championship in Boston.

"We are hoping for a much better performance this week," Olding said. "We have prepared to race well and use this as our opportunity to get ready for postseason races."

Olding believes her team will be able to step up their game this weekend and rebound from the tough loss two weeks ago.

"We want to show we have what it takes to do well in cross country," she said. "We are going to go and run our hearts out."

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles open year against Olivet

By KEN FOWLER Sports Editor

Saint Mary's hopes to make a splash tonight as it opens season in 7 in a dual meet with Olivet.

Without the benefit of a diving team, the Belles finished the 2005-06 season last in the MIAA but got better as the season went on. Olivet finished third in the league last season and fell behind Calvin and Hope, and beat Saint Mary's 85-11 in their only meeting.

But Olivet's only All-MIAA swimmer from last season — Jill Hogeveen, graduated, and Saint Mary's is looking for someone to step up as first-year coach Ryan Dobrowski.

With just one senior on the team, juniors Noreen Shered and Kelly Tighe will lead the Belles into the 2006-07 season. Shered specializes in the middle-distance freestyle events, while Tighe is a freestyle sprinter.

Olivet coach Dave Stubbs is in his fifth year with the program after collecting 331 wins and 31 conference championships at the high school level.

Sophomores Eric Trampler, who holds the school record in the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke, and Amy Johnson, whose 24.50 second 50-meter freestyle time is best in Olivet history, will lead the Comets.

After today's match, the Belles have two weeks off before taking on the Hope Flying Dutchmen at home Oct. 27.

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Irish sophomore Patrick Smyth runs at the Notre Dame Invitational Sept. 29 at the Burke Memorial Golf Course.

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the nation's No. 8 hitter and this week's national player of the week in the Warrior offense. She averages 5.5 kills per game at a hitting percentage of .286. No. 13 St. John's kills 3.73 per game to keep the Irish in the Big East. St. John's offense, the conference's most efficient offense, has a hitting percentage of .301 against the Red Storm's conference-leading defense, which has held opponents to a .140 hitting percentage. Brown said. "We have the ability to put a lot of pressure on them with our serves."

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they're undefeated." Because the game is the second to last of the conference, it will likely decide the National Division championship, although both teams need to get through the upcoming weekend first. Each team has games against Pittsburgh and Virginia, while the Irish have to take on the Huskies and Friars.

"We don't quite have our starting 11 set. If we set it too early, then people will just say 'oh, I'm not starting,' and they might not work as hard." - Randy Waldrum, Irish coach

mants, we'll have our lineup more set. In order to keep his squad focused throughout the season, Waldrum devised a system in which each player has to practice each sport, then posting standings in the locker room. We post the results so they can all look at them," he said. "We don't talk much about it, but they always check at the results."

On Tuesday, the team played against Valparaiso in a brief tour of Hockey East, playing against the Mavericks in Mankato. The man-advantage unit. The turnover was precipitated by a screened Tormey. The Mavericks entered the second period down 1-0, but within eight minutes the North Star state team was buried under a four-goal Irish onslaught marked by flashy goals and an even flatter defense by flashy. The Irish zone. The Mavericks second period minutes later. Van Guilder then put the game to 5-1 at 3:18 into the second period. Van Guilder gave the Irish a 4-0 lead a minute later on an assist from left wing Ryan Thang. The first round of the Big East tournament begins at a campus site of the season ended today, the Irish would be playing the Friars at Alumni Field that day.

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two each by left wing Garrett Regan and center Mark Van Galder. In the first two games of the season, including a 9-0 exhibition win over Windsor last Friday, the team now has 15 goals — it took the Irish five games, including one exhibition, to reach that total last season.

"We've been doing a lot of work on shooting and scoring skills," Jackson said. "That's the whole skill sessions we ran for the first month of training camp.

Last season, Notre Dame dropped a 2-1 home decision to Minnesota State (0-1) but won on the road 3-2 with nine seconds left. Irish guard Dave Brown made 36 saves and allowed only a power-play goal on a turnover in the Irish zone.

"My main goal coming into this year was to pick up where I finished last year," Brown said. "And to get that many shots, that many variations of shots, you know it really felt good to make the big saves and keep the guys in.

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**FOOTBALL**

Talley leaves team; junior's future unknown

Departure a “mutual decision” with coaches

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Irish junior defensive end Ronald Talley has decided to leave the Notre Dame football team, Notre Dame Director of Football Media Relations Brian Hardin said in an e-mail sent to local media members Thursday.

Notre Dame defensive end Ronald Talley has decided to leave the Notre Dame football team," the e-mail said. "The decision was mutually agreed upon."

Hardin did not specify the reasons for Talley’s departure and said Irish coach Charlie Weis will be unavailable for comment on the situation until Monday during his next scheduled press conference.

After sitting out his freshman year, the 6-foot-4, 262-pound native of Oak Park, Mich., emerged on the offensive line as a sophomore, playing in all 12 games and starting the final six after then-starter Chris Frome suffered a knee injury during the USC game Oct. 15. Talley finished the 2005 season with 26 tackles, one sack and a fumble recovery in the Fiesta Bowl.

Talley split action with

Road tests

Irish to play four key Big East games away from Alumni Field

By CHRIS KHOREY
Assistant Sports Editor

There are only two weeks left in the regular season, but No. 1 Notre Dame still has a long way to go.

The Irish (13-0, 6-0 Big East) play four road conference games over the next two weekends against UConn today, Providence Sunday, Oct. 22 and Georgetown Oct. 25.

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Led by freshman defender Kelly Eagan, Villanova has allowed just two goals this season.

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After two home contests, Irish will face Duke this weekend.

Team takes tropical trip to play Hawaii

Irish will also face conference foe DePaul in a home game tonight

By DEVIN PRESTON
Sports Writer

The Irish have a huge week ahead of them.

While their classmates are on break, they’ll go to play five matches before classes start back up next Oct. 23.

The busy schedule starts with Big East opponent DePaul (5-16, 0-5 Big East) tonight at 7 in the Joyce Center. The Irish (11-5, 5-0 Big East) plan to continue their steady streak of victories in conference competition. The Blue Demons hope to put an end to their nine-match losing streak.

On Monday, Notre Dame travels to Manoa, Hawaii, to play No. 11 Hawaii (13-4) in two matches on back-to-back days. If the Irish win, it will be their first win over a top-25 opponent this season.

“It’s an opportunity to play against a ranked team and really raise our level of play,” head coach Debbie Brown said, “We’re hoping to win both matches. It’s a tall order, but it definitely can be done.”

Sophomore Jamie Houston.

**HOCKEY**

ND blasts Mankato, 6-1

By KYLIE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson asked Avena Manager Pat Klaybor to make three shooting boards in the off-season to train Irish players to sit in nickel and dime formations. The Irish senior, No. 16, 6-0, 262-pound native of Manassas, Va., emerged on the offensive line as a sophomore, playing in all 12 games and starting the final six after then-starter Chris Frome suffered a knee injury during the USC game Oct. 15. Talley finished the 2005 season with 26 tackles, one sack and a fumble recovery in the Fiesta Bowl.

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The Wildcats (13-0-2, 5-0-2 Big East) are second behind the Irish in the conference’s National Division. Other than Notre Dame, Villanova is the only unbeaten team in the NSCAA Top 25.

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Irish will face Duke in rematch from last week’s ITA Invite

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Notre Dame senior Stephen Bass triumphed over Duke’s Peter Rodrigues only one short week ago.

This week, Bass and Rodrigues meet again as Notre Dame and Duke face off at the Midland Invitational in Midland, Texas this weekend.

The Irish senior, No. 21

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**VOLLEYBALL**

Team takes tropical trip to play Hawaii

Irish will also face conference foe DePaul in a home game tonight

By DEVIN PRESTON
Sports Writer

The Irish have a huge week ahead of them.

While their classmates are on break, they’ll go to play five matches before classes start back up next Oct. 23.

The busy schedule starts with Big East opponent DePaul (5-16, 0-5 Big East) tonight at 7 in the Joyce Center. The Irish (11-5, 5-0 Big East) plan to continue their steady streak of victories in conference competition. The Blue Demons hope to put an end to their nine-match losing streak.

On Monday, Notre Dame travels to Manoa, Hawaii, to play No. 11 Hawaii (13-4) in two matches on back-to-back days. If the Irish win, it will be their first win over a top-25 opponent this season.

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