Police eject, cite, arrest 61 at game

Liquor law violations prompt action Saturday; police also uncover counterfeit football tickets

By KATE ANTONACCI News Editor

Police ejected 29 people from Notre Dame Stadium for alcohol related violations during Saturday's home football game against UCLA. Two people were also arrested at the stadium — an adult for public intoxication and a student for allegedly punching another student in the face and causing an injury," Associate Director of Notre Dame Security/Police (NISP) Phil Johnson said in an e-mail Monday.

Twenty-three arrest tickets were issued to adults for violations of liquor laws and four tickets were issued to juveniles for the same violation outside the stadium. Johnson said.

Police made seven custodial arrests outside the stadium — two for public intoxication, two for violation of liquor laws and public intoxication, two for liquor law violations, false informing and resisting law enforcement and one for liquor violation, false informing and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, Johnson said.

One juvenile was arrested for selling counterfeit tickets and was brought to the county juvenile justice center. Three other warnings were issued for "re-selling tickets on campus," Johnson said. Arrested offenders were transported to St. Joseph County Jail, Johnson said.

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Students cheer during the UCLA game Saturday; Police addressed alcohol violations both before and during the game.

$5 million will go to hospitali ty room and stadium club

By KEN FOWLER News Writer

With Notre Dame still searching for the final donations for its $24.7 million plan to renovate the south dome of the Joyce Center, athletic director Kevin White continued his media push to gain momentum on the project this weekend, announcing "a very significant piece of the project." White announced Friday a $5 million "lead gift" by the family of Major League Baseball's Tampa Bay Devil Rays and a 1995 graduate of Notre Dame. The gift is part of the $27 million dollars donors already had pledged to the University.

"The inspiration [for the donation] was the school being in need," Naimoli said. "If it helps our programs in any small way, I'd be happy with that. ... If there's one thing we can do to honor [former Executive Vice President Father Ned Joyce's] memory, we wanted to do it." White said the Naimoli gift would be earmarked for the planned 16,000 square-foot stadium club and hospitality area, which will be tied to approximately 800 seats at the south end of the arena. The south dome will be renamed Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center after Philip J. Purcell III, a Notre Dame Trustee.

GuluWalk unites Uganda, ND

Students positive after narrow win

By LAURA BODEIN News Writer

About 30,000 people in more than 80 cities and 15 countries mobilized Sunday for GuluWalk Day, an event organized to support the abandoned children in northern Uganda — and nearly 150 of those walkers hailed from Notre Dame and the South Bend community.

Walkers braved the cold and rain to walk from the Potawatomi Zoo to the gymnasium of Indiana University of South Bend, a co-sponsor of the event, to promote peace in war-torn northern Uganda.

"It is amazing that a group of individuals living in a fairly small part of northern Indiana could come together so eagerly in global solidarity," said senior Nicole Steele, part of the event's organizing committee.

Part of the mission of senior Lindsay Hem and her GuluWalk committee was to raise awareness of the terrible human tragedy occurring in Northern Uganda, said senior Patrick Corrigan, president of Notre Dame's Uganda Conflict Action Network.

"The humanitarian consequences of the conflict between the rebel forces and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) have been tragic," he said.

Each day, as many as 40,000 children walk from villages and Internal Displaced Persons Camps (IDP) into the town of Gulu, where they spend the night in safety and away from the threat of being abducted by the LRA. The GuluWalk, organizers said, is intended to be a symbolic effort showing worldwide solidarity and support for these children.

The peace talks between the LRA and the Ugandan government are at a critical stage, and GuluWalk participants worldwide were encouraged to make a public statement in support of this process.

The 21st Walk in 20 countries worldwide, in 44 in the United States and events in Australia, Burkina Faso, China, England, France, Italy, Kenya, Netherlands, New Zealand, Serbia and Togo, it's clear that this is not a fringe issue but one that citizens from every corner of
Fantasy fix

It's Sunday afternoon. I'm sitting in my common room watching the NFL, remote control in hand, flipping back and forth between channels faster than Charlie Weiss eats a cheeseburger. I've got two papers to work on and a test to study for, but the study abroad deadline is approaching faster than I'd like to admit, yet I can't tear myself away from the television and my laptop. Why? Two words: fantasy football.

Who needs to study for Professor Brady's exam when Tom Brady is in the red zone against the Bills? The great thing is that I'm not the only one currently obsessed with fantasy football, and that's a good thing. Right? I mean, 18 million Americans can't be wrong. A couple more quick stats for you: the number of fantasy football participants is currently growing at a rate of seven to 10 percent on top of the 18 million people who already enjoy spending their Sundays in front of 10 televisions at a sports bar. Even more impressively, fantasy football currently generates an economic impact of close to $4 billion dollars. That would make up about 1/5 of the GDP of Tanzania.

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Leaders discuss co-sponsorships

Members address self-defense class and College Dance Team

By KATIE KOHLER

Saint Mary’s Board of Governance ear members addressed the co-sponsorship of a self-defense event and the Saint Mary’s College Dance Team this week.

Saint Mary’s College Dance Team will be open to well as faculty and staff members. The program will teach participants how to get out of hazardous situations, while making the maneuvers easy to implement.

"It is good, comprehensive training that everyone should be able to do," Gariepy said. "Students will get priority in the class and the remaining spaces will be used for faculty and staff members. The class will meet three times for an hour and 15 minutes. "It is amazing how much you can learn, I highly recommend it," Gariepy said. Executives also discussed the co-sponsorship of the Saint Mary’s Dance Team, which is returning after a one-year hiatus.

Admissions commissioner Annie Davis and student coach Valerie Pekofsky explained the team’s need for sponsorship. Since the dance team is not a varsity or intramural sport, the Athletic Department did not offer adequate funding for it, said Davis, who wants to make more students aware of the team. "We want to represent Saint Mary’s well," Davis said.

The team will perform at Saint Mary’s basketball games, Midnight Madness and Dance Marathon. They will also wear their uniforms to the remaining Notre Dame prep games. "Shirts are already in full swing," Davis said. "We want to keep the club running for next year too." In other BOW news:

• There will be a majors fair today at 5:30 p.m. in Haggard Hall for students who have not decided what they wish to study. Pizza will be provided.

• There will be a Pumpkin Carving Contest today in the dining hall. Teams of two to four can participate. Prizes will be awarded to the students with the best carvings.

• Haunted Tunnels will be Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. Tickets are $3 this week outside the dining hall and $5 at the door.

• October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Tomorrow, the documentary "Broken Vows" will be playing in Madeleva Hall at 8 p.m. in room 249.

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CNN's Crossfire

Frank Sharry, executive director of the National Immigration Forum, will deliver a lecture titled "Immigration and the Mid-term Elections" at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 2 (Thursday) in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art.

The talk is free and open to the public in conjunction with the current Snite exhibition "Caras Vemos, Corazones No Sabemos (Faces Seen, Hearts Unknown): The Human Landscape of Mexican Migration." The lecture will highlight and offer analysis of pending immigration legislation, and discuss its impact on the upcoming midterm elections.

Sharry is considered a leading spokesperson for pro-immigrant policies. He has been widely quoted in the press, including in The Wall Street Journal, New York Times and Washington Post, and has served as a guest on the NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, The McLaughlin Group and APTN'S Crossfire for the following forum, Sharry served as executive director of Centro Presente, an agency that assists Central American refugees in New England. He helped found the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition and led efforts to resettle refugees from Vietnam, Cuba and elsewhere for a national organization now called Immigration and Refugee Services of America.

Based in Washington, D.C., the forum is one of the nation's premier immigration policy organizations with more than 250 member groups nationwide. Its mission is to embrace and uphold America's tradition as a nation of immigrants. The forum advocates and builds support for public policies that welcome immigrants and refugees and are fair and supportive to new-comers in the United States. Sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns' "Economic Justice for All & Democracy Matters Midterm Election Series," the lecture is co-sponsored by the Snite Institute for Latino Studies, Department of Political Science, Washington Program and the Program in American Democracy.

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the improved service was a pleasant surprise.

After pursuing Irish paraphernalia at the Bookstore Monday afternoon, Cermak couldn't decide on a sweat-shirt color for her mom. She quickly reached for her cell phone, but was doubtful she would get a signal. She pushed the green "talk" button anyway.

"It actually went through, which is unusual," Cermak said. "I've done that earlier this year, and it didn't work." Sophomore Verizon customer Mikayla Steinbrueck is also grateful for the improvements. A chronic oversleeper, Steinbrueck relies on her parents' persistent phone calls to rouse her — a method that proved faulty last year when she was a freshman in the basement of Pangborn, where she had no cell phone service. Her parents had to call the dorm phone every morning, which her slumbering roommate did not appreciate.

"We ended up having to switch our classes at the semester," Steinbrueck said. "Then I went to the second floor, and I didn't get service there either." When the University announced it would stop providing in-room telephones beginning this year, the Steinbrueck family planned to pay the additional cost to have one in Mikayla's room. But once she got to campus, she said, there was no need.

"It works fantastically. I get service basically everywhere on campus," Steinbrueck said.

And although Verizon predicted dropped calls during the four-day optimization process last week, Steinbrueck's service remained steady.

"I was here during fall break, and I heard that the system was supposed to go down, but I didn't have any problems at all with my cell phone," she said. "I've had perfect service.

Now, the wake-up call that comes in each morning (on a crystal-clear five bar signal) is just loud enough for Steinbrueck — and quiet enough to be ignored by her snoozing roommate.

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UCLA

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still had faith in their team.

"He knows what he's doing," freshman Matt Gore said about Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis' five attempts on fourth down. "But it is a very interesting calling against a tough UCLA run defense." After two quick passes, the Irish were past the 50-yard line — but time was running out.

As Quinn was flushed out of the pocket, wide receiver Jeff Samardzija followed him across the field, made the catch and weaved his way towards the end zone. On his 45-yard trip to the end zone, Samardzija broke through UCLA tackles and dashed Bruins fans' spirits.

As students embraced each other in excitement, the Fighting Irish football team made its second great come-back of the 2006 season. "Did they even kick the point after?" asked freshman Steve Rivera. "I was too busy celebrating and I even lost my shoes. It was crazy."

But some fans thought student enthusiasm seemed muted.

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Notre Dame will travel to Baltimore, Md. this weekend to take on Navy (5-2) — a team with one of the best running attacks in the nation. The Irish will attempt to extend their 42-game winning streak against the Midshipmen.

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International News

Protestant, Catholic meet in Belfast
BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Northern Ireland’s devout Protestant leader, who has long denounced the Roman Catholic Church as corrupt and heretical, held talks Monday for the first time with a high priest of the Church in Ireland.

Ian Paisley’s meeting with Archbishop Seán Brady, leader of Ireland’s 4 million Catholics, was timed to signal Paisley’s willingness to accept, others would rather suffer.

Protestants, the dominant group in Northern Ireland, are now debating whether to elect a Catholic-Protestant administration or continue at the head of the province a Nov. 24 deadline set by the accord of 1998.

Northern Ireland Assembly man killed

A Northern Ireland Assembly man was killed Monday after a shooting attack on a street in the city of Belfast.

The shooting occurred in the early hours of the morning when the man was shot dead in a car.

The shooting is being treated as a terrorist attack.

NATIONAL NEWS

Alaskan villagers reject Chavez’ oil aid
ANCHORAGE — In Alaska’s native villages, the punishing winter cold is already coming through a wall of the lightly insulated plywood homes, many of the villagers are desperately poor, and heating oil prices are among the highest in the nation.

And yet a few villages are refusing free heating oil from Venezuela, which has been offered by the socialist government of President Hugo Chavez.

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While scores of Alaska’s Eskimo and Indian villages say they have no choice but to accept the aid, others refuse to take the oil.

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10 KABUL, Afghanistan — A helicopter crash that killed 10 crewmen last May was caused by a series of mishaps, a new report concluded.

The report said the CH-47 Chinook, a large transport helicopter, did a smooth landing on a small mountain top, trees that were too close to the runway and soldiers who lacked experience to respond in time.

Maj. Matt Hackathom, a military spokesman at the U.S. base at Bagram, north of Kabul, said on Monday that the May crash came "as a very hard lesson" in the difficulties of flying in Afghanistan.

In the capital, the U.S. military reported that a soldier was listed as missing Monday night and that American forces in Iraq were securing the area where he was last seen.

The missing soldier is an Army translator, and the initial report is that he may have been killed.

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Google in deal to buy YouTube

Internet leader dismissing copyright concerns to obtain video-sharing company

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Internet search leader Google is snapping up YouTube for $1.65 billion, brushing aside copyright concerns to seize a starring role in the online video revolution.

The all-stock deal announced Monday unites one of the Internet's marquee companies with one of its rapidly rising stars. It came just a few hours after CBS Corp. paid $5.8 billion for a 25% stake in MySpace in an effort to capture the next generation of "vigilantes" who have turned the Internet into a lucrative marketing hub as more viewers and advertisers migrate from television to the Internet.

"This is the next step in the evolution of the Internet," Google Chief Executive Officer Eric Schmidt said during a conference call Monday. YouTube will continue to retain its brand, he said.

The deal is expected to close before the end of the year.

"I'm confident that with the weight of the company and our expertise we'll be able to turn the flexibility and resources needed to pursue our goal of building the next-generation platform for serving media worldwide," said Hurley and Chen.

The price makes YouTube Inc., a still-unprofitable startup, by far the most expensive purchase made by Google during its eight-year history. Last year, Google spent $310.5 million buying a total of 15 small companies.

Some analysts have questioned YouTube's staying power, given the potential for copyright infringement lawsuits. The site also features homemade, pirated music videos.

"This really reminds me of Google just a few short years ago," said Berke. "It's hard to imagine a better fit with another company." Brin said during Monday's conference call. "This really reminds me of Google just a few short years ago."

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and former chief executive officer of Morgan Stanley, who donated $12.5 million to the project.

"By having an opportunity to kind of talk about this donation publicly it may get other potential donors to emulate, and it does build and create momentum," Steele said. "And there's no question that's occurring."

We reached an optimistic White once again noted that construction — expected to take about 18 months — could begin until 100 percent of the needed donations have been pledged and the University has 75 percent of that cash on hand.

The University officially announced its plan to renovate the Joyce Center in a press conference Oct. 5. White's announcement Friday did not elaborate on the plans or funding for the renovations, other than identifying the Naimoli family as the second largest donor for the project.

"We're still trying to put together the last $31 million of funding, and we're working at that as we speak," White said. "[Associate athletic director] Bill Scholl and everyone else in development is working at that all the time."

The plans to renovate the Joyce Center began in early 2001 when White started designing his "master plan" for athletic facilities on campus.

At the time, he had architectural firm HNTB study the arena and begin developing plans for a renovation. Five years and $82 million later, HNTB is still in the University's architecture for the project.

"The [Development Office] has been working on this since we had HNTB start the study back five years ago," White said.

"These public disclosures are really important [for acquiring the final dollars]."

The new design is an attempt to update and revitalize an arena that has hosted more than 350 events a year. Former Notre Dame athletic director and former NCAA President Gene Corrigan said Friday that plans like this one can be successful.

"My feeling is that the most important thing is that facilities are practical," Corrigan said. "If you look at Duke, they're one of the top five overall programs in the country."

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The project will be the first major renovation of the 38-year-old basketball arena. The last significant addition to the Joyce Center was the 1986 construction of the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The construction will renovate both the interior and exterior of the south side of the Joyce Center, benefiting both the basketball and volleyball programs.

Purcell Pavilion will replace the 5,500 bleacher seats in the upper bowl of the south dome with blue chair-back seats. That change will also reduce the maximum arena capacity from 11,418 to approximately 9,900.

The new arena will also feature an exterior extension — a "dramatic entrance" at the south end of the stadium, currently Gate 11. That addition will include a 4,500-square-foot ticket office and 3,000 square-foot retail site.

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Officials continue to search for 9/11 remains

NEW YORK — As the city agency overseeing the removal of the World Trade Center rubble was wrapping up its work in 2002, several officials handling the painstaking recovery of human remains warned that things were going awry.

They believed that more pieces of the 2,749 dead could be found, and they chided the department behind it for rushing such an important task. But they were overruled, two of those officials told The Associated Press this week.

Over the past few days, dozens of bones have been discovered in underground passages at ground zero, more than five years after the tragedy.

"I know that this was going to happen — they really just wanted us out of there," said retired Lt. John McArdle, the Police Department's ground zero commander. "There was not a good exit strategy for some of these places, and if there was, it was poorly done."

A utility crew stumbled upon body parts last week in an abandoned manhole along the edge of the site, and forensic experts have since dug down and found more than 100 bones and fragments from skulls, ribs, arms, legs, feet and hands.

The discoveries have angered and saddened relatives of the Sept. 11 victims. Of the 2,749 people who were killed that day, the remains of some 1,150 have not been found. That means that families of 40 percent of the victims have nothing — not a sliver of a bone — left of their loved ones.

"The desire was driven by one thing, and that was. ..." said another official who protested, speaking to the AFP on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to discuss the work. "Public safety was the issue, and the issue was raised about how fast it was going and things were being missed."

Deputy Mayor Ed Skyler, who is overseeing the renewed search, said a review of such issues would be premature, but noted that the design department was designated as the lead agency for finding remains, and that the design department proceeded with its work only when the FDNY gave the go-ahead.

After the twin 110-story towers collapsed, police and fire officials led the backbreaking search for bodies while the Department of Design and Construction was assigned to excavate the debris, which stood 10 stories high at the start. The agency, staffed by engineers, architects and construction professionals, specializes in engineering and construction projects, including emergency debris removal.

Each day, the design department convened planning meetings with all the parties involved, including engineers, emergency responders and a range of other city agencies.

The project finished months ahead of city officials' 'eye-popping' prediction, and cost about $750 million — just a fraction of the initial multimillion-dollar estimate. But the design department was sometimes at odds with the cleanup workers, who frequently needed to shut down or pause the operation as they recovered bodies.

"It went from a rescue to a recovery to a construction proj-
Hastert aide testifies before panel

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House ethics committee questioned Speaker Dennis Hastert's top aide for more than six hours Monday, as investigators tried to determine whether Hastert's office knew at least three years ago of Rep. Mark Foley's come-ons to male pages.

The closed-door testimony by Hastert chief of staff Scott Palmer could help determine who is telling the truth about when the speaker's office first learned of Foley's conduct. Hastert has said it was in the fall of 2005.

Campaigning for a Republican candidate in Tennessee, Hastert said he plans to testify before the committee this week.

"What Mark Foley did was wrong. It was ethically wrong. It's a shame. It's actually disgusting," Hastert told reporters after a campaign rally in Washington. In Palmer's lawyer, Scott Fredericksen, said his client hasn't changed his version of events. The Hastert aide has disputed one account that he personally was notified about Foley in 2002 or 2003.

Fredericksen said the testimony was "consistent with the position he's taken all along." Palmer spent the longest time in the committee offices than any other witness, entering at 1:57 p.m. and leaving at 8:15 p.m.

This is the third week of testimony, as the committee tries to learn how the Republican leadership handled Foley's inappropriate conduct.

The speaker has a lot riding on the outcome. He has fended off calls for his resignation with statements that his staff acted properly after the 2005 notification, and quickly had a lawmaker and the House chief clerk present to the Florida Republican.

Hastert said he didn't learn about Foley until late September, when the scandal became public and Foley resigned.

The speaker's line-up could be shattered if the committee decides to refer Foley chief of staff Kirk Fordham, who already has testified before the ethics panel. Formerly, Hastert had told Palmer about Foley in 2002 or 2003, and subsequently learned that Palmer spoke with Foley on the subject.

"What Kirk Fordham said did not happen," Palmer said weeks ago in his lone public statement on the matter.

Hastert's version, issued as an internal report, said his staff learned in the fall of 2005 that Foley had sent overly friendly e-mails to a former Louisiana page.

The report said the staff did not see the texts of the e-mail, which asked about the 16-year-old's birthday and requested a picture. The report said the speaker's office contacted then-chief clerk Jeff Trandahl, who went to confront Foley with Rep. John Shimkus, R-Ill., and chairman of the board that oversees the page program. They ordered Foley to immediately stop communicating with the youngster.

The report added that nobody in Hastert's office knew, until the messages became public, that Foley also had sent sexually explicit instant messages to other former pages.

Ironically, the internal report did not mention any role played by Palmer, despite his status as Hastert's top assistant.

The speaker has left himself one major escape route, publicly pledging to fire any of his staff members who were found to have covered up knowledge of Foley's conduct.

Hastert also has said he doesn't recall discussing Foley's conduct with Rep. Tom Reynolds, R-N.Y., the House Republican campaign chairman, or Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, both of whom said they told Hastert about Foley earlier this year.

Boehner testified before the committee last week and Foley's aides were expected to be questioned Tuesday.

Before Palmer testified, Reynolds' ing political aide, Sally Vastola, appeared before the committee as it began a third week of closed-door testimony. Vastola is executive director of the National Republican Congressional Committee and a longtime top aide to Reynolds.

Vastola's testimony could touch on how Reynolds reacted when Foley also had sent overly friendly e-mails to Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, and利亚n. and Foley resigned.

"We're not gonna get it up and go into auto repair full time," Kimmel said. "I guess that ain't gonna happen." State and federal investigators were trying to determine the cause of the accident, the state Department of Environmental Protection said.

State police initially said the explosion caused by a pipe with a faulty gauge, state officials said. The mine reopened after installing safety equipment, and two inspections this year turned up no significant violations, the state agency said.

The area has the nation's only deposits of anthracite, a type of hard, relatively clean-burning coal that once heated millions of homes but now represents a tiny sliver of the U.S. coal industry. The mine still operating are typically small, with only a few miners. So far this year, there have been 41 other deaths in U.S. coal-mine accidents, none in Pennsylvania. In the deadliest accident, 12 men were killed at the Sago mine in northern West Virginia in January.
Wis. college town struggles with student drownings

After 8 deaths in La Crosse in 9 years, concerns grow about intoxicated partiers falling into three local rivers

Associated Press

LA CROSSE, Wis. — Searchers combing the Mississippi River this month pulled out the body of University of Wisconsin-La Crosse basketball player Luke Homan — the eighth college-age victim in 20 years of fears that a serial killer was stalking drunks. Police held a town meeting to reassure people, explaining that none of the victims was attacked. Investigators said the students had been drinking heavily and noted that Riverside Park is just two blocks from downtown bars.

But only a handful of those suggestions were adopted, including police patrols of house parties and an extra police shift to patrol bars.

Over time, the focus on drownings faded, Alderwoman Andrea Richmond said. “Everybody kind of let it drop,” she said. “We’ve done nothing.”

Searchers found Homan’s body Oct. 2, not far from where Dion was discovered. Preliminary toxicology reports put Homan’s blood-alcohol level at 0.32 percent, four times the legal limit in Wisconsin.

Joe Werner, 22, a senior on the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse basketball team, compared Homan’s death to losing a brother. “They need to do something more down by the river,” he said. “We’d have happened again.”

Students have taken it upon themselves to patrol the park since Homan’s death, but residents are calling for some kind of barrier. The mayor does not want fences or gates to mar Riverside Park’s natural beauty or send a message that La Crosse is a “playground” for binge drinkers.

His solution: Spend $60,000 on motion-activated lights in the park to startle drunks and alert them they are close to the water. The City Council is set to consider the lights in November.

Meanwhile, the mayor said, community groups need to keep warning students about the dangers of binge drinking. “It’s a behavior issue,” he said. “People are going to do what they want to do.”

Mary Torsveit, assistant director of prevention services at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, said students living off-campus are largely on their own.
As college students, most of us have taken classes or participated in activities which open our eyes to previously unknown issues. Notre Dame students are very blessed to have the opportunity to go to school here and have been given tremendous advantages as we start our lives. The combination of education and resources (particularly time) that college students possess leads many to commit themselves to rectifying the widespread injustices which we find in the world around us. There is a definite temptation, which I have experienced myself and witnessed in others, to view a social/political agenda as the path towards renewal, but the Christian faith which is integral to Notre Dame points instead to individual change as the surest method of improving our world.

Progressives and conservatives hold two very different blueprints for the construction of a better, brighter society. As far as I understand it, progressives believe that people are, for the most part, good and can be relied upon to do the right thing in the absence of overwhelming external pressures. Progressivism's objective is to restructure the institutions and culture of our society in order to remove those ancient obstacles which hinder the flowering of mankind's natural goodness. In general, conservatives believe that we cannot be counted on to make the right choices all the time, and that we are all capable of, and prone to, committing evil acts. Based on this belief, the goal of conservatism is to encourage spiritual transformation and virtue and build and preserve social institutions and traditions which will help foster individual enlightenment.

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There are no positions and only a vague columns calling for greater attention to the academic forum earlier this semester, stating that he would have expected such a simplistic view from on communism, my roommate made a contribution. She was then Jeffrey Sachs, native Ugandan and coor- director of clinical trials at Makerere University Miriam Laker Owoyina, and medical anthropologist and physician Paul Farmer, along with current and for- mer Notre Dame students. We felt that throughout the discussion, several principles emerged reminiscent of lessons learned on the soccer field. The panelists' primary message was one of teamwork on a global scale. They argued that wealthy nations share a moral imperative to play their part on an interna- tional team. Rather than viewing the economy as a zero-sum competition where one country's advancement comes at another's expense, wealthy nations must recognize that aid to poor countries will eventually benefit everyone through the growth of global companies. All citizens, including students like us, have rules on the team, and should partic- ipate. Donations are desperately needed to save more than 40 million people who will suffer and die this year from tuberculosis, HIV and various treatable water-borne illnesses. These people are impoverished and unable to support themselves, and the underdeveloped nations in which they live must figure out what to do about them either. Nevertheless, more affluent individuals often fail to donate money, believing the excuse that their limited contributions cannot possibly elicit glob- al change. While a five dollar donation to may not seem very significant, it is enough to provide treatment for two adult malaria victims who would other- wise die. Children, who are even more vulnerable, cost less to treat than adults. The change from one individual's pocket could save two or more lives! If the entire Notre Dame community made such donations, we could raise thou- sans of dollars, which could purchase medicines and other supplies that could directly save upwards of 20,000 lives in a single year. Clearly, a team effort can make an impact.

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“The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning” keeps up the tradition of previous “Chainsaw” films with its high quality of slash-and-bash techniques. Serving as a prequel story for the Leatherface legend, “The Beginning” is a good foundation for an off-killer film series. The movie follows siblings Eric (Matthew Bomer, “Tightplian”) and Dean (Taylor Handley, “The OC”) who are traveling through Texas with their girlfriend Chrisie (Jordana Brewster, “The Fast and the Furious”) and Bailey (Diora Baird, “Accepted”) before the brothers ship off to Vietnam. Eric is returning to Vietnam for his second tour, with Dean supposedly joining him. Unbeknownst to Eric, however, Dean is planning on running away to Mexico with Bailey. When Dean accidentally burns his draft card in the backseat, the four of them get into a severe car crash.

Self-proclaimed Sheriffs (Matthew Bomer, “Darkness Falls”) and Nancy (Amber Tamblyn) go to Tokyo to bring her mother to bring her to the Hewitt house of horrors to four of them get into the backseat, the two companions (Vannessa (Teresa Palmer, “Wolf Creek”) and Miuuki (Mitsuko Uchi)) are systematically haunted and attacked by the little girl children.

The third, and the most unnecessary and confusing storyline is set far from Japan in Chicago. Trish (Jennifer Beals, “The 1 Word”) moves in with her boyfriend and his two children. The parents begin acting strangely, and the son thinks that it’s due to the word neighboring girl that he saw at night in the hallway. The major and glaring flaw of this movie is that there is no plot, just three storylines that can only be called subplots. "The Grudge 2" looks a single, unifying story with these three would normally serve to flesh out. This brings the movie with a very disjointed and empty feel. The original movie, despite lacking a strong plot, was still unified by the single point of Karen discovering what was going on inside the house.

This film has no sense of discovery — or even a point. It doesn’t add in front of the original "The Grudge." Aside from one minor point, nothing new is learned to warrant the creation of a whole new movie. Instead the film relies on cheap, non-frightening and highly predictable "scare." Shimizu, who also created the original Japanese "Ju-on" films, relies heavily on his own-earned freaky-looking children. Unfortunately for Shimizu, his key elements of the long-haired girl, blue screeching boy and dirty murky water have been overexposed to American filmmakers due to the rise in "J-horror" films, a genre of Asian horror movies like "The Ring" that have found new audiences through remakes made in the United States.

Their parody counterparts in the last two "Scary Movie" installments also contribute to the audience’s inability to take the film's conventions seriously. They’ve simply lost their ability in instilling fright in the audience. "The Grudge 2" could still have been a redeemable movie even with Shimizu’s tricks no longer eliciting screams from moviegoers. But that would have required having a plot at the core of the film.

With no coherent storyline, and nothing in the form of a movie that comes remotely close to scary, there is quite simply no reason to endure the torture that constitutes "The Grudge 2."

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Amber Tamblyn stars as Aubrey Davis in "The Grudge 2." The film is the latest in a series of remakes of Japanese horror movies, but suffers from poor plot execution.
Almost Bruined

Samardzija's season-salvaging TD in final seconds propels Irish past UCLA

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Charlie Weis is a fan of style points. He places no high value on blowout victories, running up the score and embarrassing opponents. Good thing because he didn't even have to think about any of those Saturday as Notre Dame won a game in which a team with much less talent — and a backup quarterback — played better than the Irish. "Good teams win games like that," Weis said. "Good teams at the end of the game somehow, good teams make a play at the end of the game to win." In those two sentences, Weis described precisely what's wrong with Notre Dame right now. It's a good team, not a great one. The offense is spurring, the defense is as vulnerable as ever to big plays and the team cannot — or at least has not — soundly defeated teams it should.

And for a squad that came into the year ranked in the top-3 in most polls and top-5 in all others, being a good team and barely beating lesser opponents should not be enough. "Let me tell you something," Weis said. "I'm not going to feel miserable about this win, I promise you. You want to be miserable, fine. I'm going to be happy." Weis can be happy about the win, but Notre Dame's performances this year should give him pause. But there's a lot of room for hope and happiness.

The way the team is playing now might be enough to win out until the Irish face a questionable USC team Nov. 25. It might be enough to get the Irish into a BCS bowl. It might even be enough for Notre Dame to beat the Trojans. Notre Dame played a bad game offensively for more than three and a half quarters, yet in the final 62 seconds showed why so many people are afraid of its offense. The Irish demonstrated a resiliency and belief in their ability to come back in the toughest of situations. Most of all, they sent a message to the world. Don't count us out just yet.

Notre Dame has put itself in a position where, with a tremendous amount of help, it may be able to sneak its way to the BCS title game. Some punts are quick to say such luck would be tantamount to finding fool's gold — the Irish surely would get crushed against the best team in the nation. Not so fast my friend, as the inimitable Lee Corso would say. Weis and Co. have their own opinions.

There's a reason so many people — on campus and on air — are upset with Notre Dame's performance so far. They should be playing better than this!

Room for hope, despite Irish woes

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UCLA linebacker Reggie Carter beats Irish tackle Sam Young (74) and delivers a hit on Irish quarterback Brady Quinn (10) as he throws the ball in Notre Dame's 20-17 win over the Bruins Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

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Samardzija keeps cool, saves game

By KEVIN FOWLER
Sports Editor

As UCLA punter Aaron Perez booted his two booming kicks with just over a minute remaining in the game, Notre Dame defensive tackle Trevor Laws was on the sideline, rubbing down the calves of Irish receiver Jeff Samardzija.

"Just trying to keep it loose," Samardzija said. "Me and Trevor are pretty loose guys out there. You won't see us yelling or anything too much. They came up with a good, little defensive stop. And I figured I'd use a little luck and see if he could rub up my calves a little bit before I went out there."

Samardzija found that luck and put the massage to good use, contouring his long legs around Bruins safety Dennis Keyes and galloping into the end zone for the game-winning score.

"[Samardzija] knows he owes me something for that," Laws quipped. "I swear of it; I rubbed those calves down and told him to do it." But for Irish coach Charlie Weis, Notre Dame's 17-point drive had nothing to do with luck or massages; it was all about preparation.

"I think that all of the circumstances that took place from that play to the game ended, OK, were players prepared to go," Weis said.

Weis had the drive so planned out that he was even thinking about the hash-mark on which the referees would spot the ball after a punt. With the ball sitting on the right side of the 20-yard line, Weis got it just where he wanted it.

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"I was thinking about to which hash-mark or not the hash-mark or not the ball was going to be in the middle of the field, the left half the right half," he said. "The first couple of calls we had were the calls that I kind of dreamed up the sideline before we got the ball back, so it just happened the way you diagramed it." From Samardzija's jump across the goal line with 27 seconds left to Jerame Bettis to pull the Irish even, the scorebook lists 1979 Cotton Bowl when Joe Hornung flipped the coin at the start of the game.

"Obviously, there was a sense of urgency because we didn't have much time left, but we went out there with our heads on straight, and that's what you've got to do," Samardzija said.

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Irish receiver Jeff Samardzija jumps across the goal line with 27 seconds left for the game-winning score. They did all day. Brady Quinn rolled right and found Samardzija on the sideline. After hitting Irish wide out David Grimes on the next play, Quinn again found Samardzija. The 6-foot-5 second-quarter touchdown added another chapter into Irish lore with his scamper to the goal line.

"It was just a calm, cool and collected mentality," Samardzija said. "Obviously, there was a sense of urgency because we didn't have much time left, but we went out there with our heads on straight, and that's what you've got to do."

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Weis said those big plays come from the composure the Irish carry with them when their backs are up against the wall. He said the hours of two-minute drills in summer camp and the constant focus on time management during the course of the season — and the knowledge that they have succeeded in tight spots before — instilled a confidence in the players.

"I think that this team is a very mature team that didn't lose their composure," Weis said. "As much as we compliment how UCLA played, I'm very proud of how the [Notre Dame players] ended this game today and you've got to give them credit for that."

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COME BACK

Kids

Notre Dame clawed from behind to steal a 20-17 victory from UCLA Saturday when Quinn found Samardzija in the game’s waning seconds. Quinn finished 27-for-45 for 345 yards with two touchdowns, both to Samardzija. The Irish defense allowed only 243 yards — its lowest total this season — and forced a three-and-out Bruin punt in the last minutes to set up the final Irish charge.
Unfunny satire overwhelms new comedy

By BRIAN DOXTATER
Scene Editor

“Man of the Year” is a film that starts out promisingly, but gradually loses steam and ends as an unsatisfactory mash of absolutes and unfulfilled potential. Failing to take a real stab at the American political system and its curlicue nature, “Man of the Year” instead gets lost over the course of its running time, pushing the real issues out of the way in favor of traditional Hollywood trappings.

Tom Dobbs (Robin Williams) is the host of a late-night comedy news program unlike “The Daily Show” or “The Colbert Report,” who, on a whim, decides to run for president. In this role, his manager Jack Mencken (Christopher Walken) and his aide Eddie Langston (comedian Lewis Black) set off to run his campaign. The comedy scenes are the best and most effective in the film. Dobbs continually mocks the circus-like nature of running for office. Meanwhile, computer programmer Eleanor Green (Laura Linney) discovers a bug in the new voting computers, which means she is guaranteed to win despite the actual election results.

Her employer, Alan Stewart (Jeff Goldblum), decides it would be better to drug or kill her than to lose the revenue from the new system, which can’t recall in time for the election.

Unfortunately, the second half of the film gets bogged down in this heavy-handed plotting. There’s a romance, there’s some action, there’s a conspiracy, the typical Hollywood stuff. This couldn’t be so bad if the cast had been developed more fully or if the plotting itself weren’t so laughable.

“Man of the Year” loses focus as it progresses, and while it never completely derails, its departure from its original promise detracts from any possibility of success. Despite its full 115-minute running time, “Man of the Year” feels underdeveloped — the filmmakers clearly didn’t trust its single premise to carry the film over two hours, and instead padded it with unnecessary plotting.

The acting is problematic. Strangely enough, the entire cast of the film is composed of actors whose personality quirks define them — Williams, Goldblum, Black, Walken and Laura Linney among others. None of the actors seem to play actual characterizations (with the exception of Williams), which seems somewhat detached from his role, but rather seem to play themselves playing characters.

Black has proven time and again that he’s simply not an actor, and though he tries to stay under control here, his stand-up tendencies and sensibilities show through. Both he and Linney are mired in histrionics, which gives parts of the film a more frantic feel than necessary. In a strange twist of fate, Williams is really the only actor who holds himself in check, making Dobbs surprisingly subdued.

“Man of the Year” is the kind of film that would work better as a mockumentary. It’s an interesting concept, but the execution is so run-of-the-mill and its sensibilities so mixed that the picture ultimately falls flat. It feels as if director Barry Levinson doesn’t trust his audience, which leads to a rather uninteresting and, worst of all, unfunny picture.

The best comedies are pointed satires, which is part of what makes them so appealing — while “Man of the Year” claims to be a topical comedy, it’s neither topical enough nor comic enough. There’s not a single memorable joke, gag or line in the entire film. It’s not that “Man of the Year” goes for cheap laughs, but that it goes for no laughs at all, and in that it succeeds.

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Opulent ‘Marie Antoinette’ fails to connect

By LAURA MILLER
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“Marie Antoinette,” written and directed by Sofia Coppola, is both a success and failure at once. It is absolutely heartwarming and failure at once. It is absolutely heartwarming

This is a significant accomplishment given the mixed reports on the historical character of Marie Antoinette. There were few familiar faces in the cast — the movie’s creation was to win this sort of acclaim.

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Late-night comedian and president-elect Tom Dobbs (Robin Williams), right, stands with Eleanor Green (Laura Linney) in Barry Levinson’s new film, “Man of the Year.”
Oilers triumph over Coyotes with Ales Hemsky and Petr Sykora in lineup; Turco has 33 saves in Dallas win

NHL

Toskala continues to show strong from the net

Oilers' Mark Kops makes a break on Dallas' Vesa Toskala during the second period as the Edmonton Oilers take a 2-0 lead over the Dallas Stars during their NHL game in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Monday, October 23, 2006.

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The hottest goaltender to start the NHL season so far has been a guy who was among the hottest at the end of last season.

Pekka Rinne won his winning streak to 12 games with his fifth career shutout on Monday as the San Jose Sharks' 3-0 victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Monday night.

"A shutout is nice, but the most important thing is to get those two points," Toskala said.

"We had plenty of help, but was solid when Columbus did get shots on net," Rinne said.

"We played good team defense all the way around," defensiveman Scott Dorey said. "When we needed him, Ves was there to stop it.

Columbus has lost four consecutive games while being outscored 17-5.

"San Jose is a good hockey team, but there is no reason for that to happen to us," Blue Jackets coach Gerard Gallant said. "We made us look out there. They embarrassed us.

The Sharks were 2-0-8 on the power play while Columbus failed on seven chances with a man-advantage.

"It (defense) was really good, in particular our penalty killing," Sharks coach Ron Wilson said. "We made the most of our opportunities and we might actually have had more opportunities if better penalty killing than what they did on our power play.

First Cheechoo notched his fifth goal on a power-play shot just inside the back post at the 3:15 mark after setup passes from Joe Thornton and Patrick Marleau.

"One of the keys earlier was getting the puck deep and putting pressure on their defense, allowing us to get some chances," Cheechoo said. "When the puck's in deep, it's hard for them. Our defense did a great job of standing up tough and protecting the front of the net.

Oilers 5, Coyotes 2

Following a dominant performance Monday night, the Edmonton Oilers added a line of Ales Hemsky, Petr Sykora and Patrick Marleau, which has likely earned an extended run.

Sykora had a goal and three assists, Hemsky and Thornton chipped in three-point performances and the Oilers downed the slumping Phoenix Coyotes.

Shawn Horcoff and Jarret Stoll each added their first goal of the season for the Oilers (6-2-0).

Sykora said the line, which was retooled to give Norwegian winger Horcoff a chance to be a major component after a strong role against the Stars, is starting to mesh.

"Everybody's scoring and making plays and looking for each other," said Sykora, who leads the Oilers with 13 points. "Right now we are getting better chemistry and we are scoring on them. Patrick is making some great plays out there right now.

Edmonton head coach Craig MacTavish also praised Thornton, who doubled his season total point and looks good since replacing Raffi Torres on the line.

"I was super impressed with him in camp and he just continues to get more impressive," MacTavish said.

"I don't know that we have a player that thinks the game positionally as well as he does right now. He checks and all those things. He thinks the game well offensively and has really matured in with (Hemsky), who was spectacular tonight, as well was Sykora,"

Thornton, just the fifth player from Norway to play in the NHL, is glad to be getting a shot.

"It's such a bonus for me to create points right now," he said. "Every time I'm just trying to work hard and to do my job on the line. I'm just trying to work hard to make room for Hemsky and Sykora because they are two of the most skilled guys in the league."

Jeremy Roenick and Mike Comrie scored for the Coyotes (2-7-0), who have lost six of their last seven and are off to their worst start since moving from Atlanta to Phoenix for the 1996-97 season.

"We need to ... win, however we do it," Roenick said. "We're not going to do it sitting in the penalty box all night. We're the most undisciplined team in the league and it has to stop. It's embarrassing.

"We're killing our goaltenders with barges of shots because we are killing penalties all ... night. We keep doing the same thing.

"We have got to get out of the box and we have got to stop penalties," Comrie said.

The Oilers jumped out to a 2-0 start 13 minutes into the first period, scoring two goals in 59 seconds.

Torres beat Phoenix goaltender Curtis Joseph with an easy tap-in after a perfect cross-pass from Thornton, at 1:01, and with the Oilers on the power play. Stoll ripped a slap shot from the point Joseph for his first goal of the season.

Early in the second period Horcoff blasted in a slap shot off the post give Edmonton a 3-0 lead.

Phoenix finally put one past Oilers goaltender Dwayne Roloson four minutes later as Ladislav Nagy hit Roenick with a pass as he charged the net. Roenick's first of the year broke a string of 147.50 without a goal for the Coyotes.

The Coyotes pulled within one on a second-period power play when Comrie batted a puck through Roloson's legs during a scramble in front of the net.

Edmonton went up 4-2 in the third when Sykora blasted his sixth goal past Joseph.

Stars 2, Canucks 1

Dallas coach Dave Tippett knows they're not the prettiest nine games he's seen. But the Stars aren't complaining.

Mike Modano scored the decisive goal and Marty Turco had 33 saves as the Stars beat the Vancouver Canucks Monday night to give Dallas its best start in franchise history.

"No matter what we do sometimes, we like the Keystone Kops out there," Tippett said. "But luckily we did enough to win.

Modano, who had a goal nullified earlier, scored at 3:32 of the third when Dallas had a 3-on-3 advantage. He scooped up a rebound off a shot from Eric Lindros and beat Vancouver's Roberto Luongo.

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1 Ohio State | 8-0 | 1623 | 1
2 Michigan | 8-0 | 1533 | 2
15 Boise State | 8-0 | 608 | 18
9 Florida | 8-0 | 1179 | 7
5 Arkansas | 8-0 | 1146 | 9
10 Clemson | 7-1 | 999 | 12
11 Notre Dame | 6-1 | 988 | 10
21 Georgia Tech | 5-2 | 303 | 13
20 Nebraska | 6-2 | 373 | 17
19 Oklahoma | 5-2 | 497 | 20
18 Boston College | 6-1 | 526 | 22
16 Rutgers | 7-0 | 579 | 19
21 Georgia Tech | 5-2 | 530 | 21
20 Nebraska | 6-2 | 557 | 19
14 Arkansas | 6-1 | 700 | 18
13 LSU | 6-2 | 720 | 14
12 California | 7-1 | 923 | 11
11 Clemson | 7-1 | 962 | 12
10 Notre Dame | 6-1 | 1019 | 8
9 Tennessee | 6-1 | 1046 | 9
8 Florida | 6-1 | 1051 | 10
4 West Virginia | 6-0 | 1469 | 2
25 Oregon | 5-2 | 1332 | 16

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1 Ohio State | 8-0 | 1575 | 1
2 Michigan | 8-0 | 1555 | 2
3 West Virginia | 7-0 | 1458 | 3
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5 Texas | 7-1 | 1305 | 5
6 Louisville | 7-1 | 1215 | 6
7 Auburn | 6-1 | 1179 | 7
8 Florida | 6-1 | 1146 | 9
9 Clemson | 7-1 | 999 | 12
11 Notre Dame | 6-1 | 988 | 10
10 Clemson | 7-1 | 962 | 12
9 Tennessee | 7-0 | 988 | 11
8 LSU | 6-2 | 979 | 13
3 West Virginia | 7-0 | 871 | 3
10 West Virginia | 6-2 | 843 | 14
2 Arkansas | 6-1 | 719 | 15
13 Nebraska | 6-2 | 373 | 17
14 Georgia | 5-2 | 353 | 18
15 Boise State | 5-0 | 303 | 19
16 LSU | 5-1 | 288 | 20
17 Wisconsin | 5-1 | 271 | 21
18 Brigham Young | 5-2 | 264 | 22
19 Missouri | 5-1 | 240 | 23
20 Nebraska | 5-2 | 214 | 24
21 Texas A&M | 5-2 | 203 | 25
22 Texas A&M | 5-2 | 190 | 26
23 Georgia | 5-2 | 185 | 27

**NFL**

**Romo replaces Bledsoe in Dallas loss**

Associated Press

**HIRVING, Texas — The New York Giants had their way with Drew Bledsoe so much that he got benched in halftime. Tony Romo's promotion thrilled Dallas Cowboys fans — until he threw an interception on his first snap.**

That's how it went Monday night: The Giants made all six big plays, the Cowboys made all the big mistakes.

"That was really a poor performance," coach Bill Parcells said. "A recipe for disaster. It was a real bad performance. And there's really no excuse for it."

Ell Manning threw a 50-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress on the fifth play, LaVar Arrington sacked Bledsoe for a safety soon after and the Giants fended off several potential momentum-changers, beating the Cowboys 36-22 to stake a big lead start in defense of their NFC East title.

A week after sacking Michael Vick seven times, New York got four against Bledsoe — two by Michael Strahan, tying Lawrence Taylor's club record — and two against the more-mobile Romo.

Sam Madison picked off Bledsoe on a potential go-ahead pass into the end zone, costing the stat-uesque quarterback his job, at least for the rest of the night.

But Parcells said it wasn't just the one play that drove his decision to give Bledsoe the hook.

"Too many mistakes," he said. "Too much improvisation."

Romo was intercepted three times, with Kevin Dockery taking the last one 96 yards with 2:33 left for the game-sealing touchdown, leaving Parcells staring down with his arms folded, out of answers for Dallas (3-3).

While Romo sparked the offense at times, his mistakes were too much to overcome. He got little comfort from Bledsoe, who stood alone on the sideline wearing a visor pulled down over his eyes, mostly keeping his fingers curled inside his collar.

Romo, who hung his head after the last interception, peeled up spirits moments later with a 53-yard touchdown pass to Patrick Crayton soon after. But it was too little, too late.

"I don't feel very good about the situation right now," Romo said. "I definitely would have liked to have performed better. Hopefully next week that will change."
Irish overcome bad first round, place seventh

Sandman shoots career-best 67 to lead Notre Dame

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

After a first round that Notre Dame coach Jim Kubinski called "terrible," the Irish stormed back in the final two rounds to place seventh in a strong 15-team field at the Prestige in La Quinta, California Oct. 16 and 17.

The Irish carded an opening-round 302 and were stuck in 13th place before a strong comeback, culminating in a third-round 282 that matched Notre Dame's sixth-best 18-hole team score ever.

"I was proud of the way we fought back," Kubinski said. "I think it says a lot about our guys."

Co-host Stanford won the event with a team score of 849, 30 shots better than Notre Dame.

The Irish were led by sophomore Josh Sandman and senior co-captain Cole Isban, who both finished with scores under par.

Sandman shot a personal-best 67 (-5) in the final round and ended up in a tie for tenth place with a three-under par 213.

"I honestly think Josh is as talented as anyone in college golf," Kubinski said of his budding star. "This is a glimpse of what's to come, not an exception to the rule."

Sandman, meanwhile, is simply happy to be healthy and playing well after struggling through back injuries last year.

"I was injured for awhile but I'm glad to see things are starting to fall into place for me," the sophomore said. "This was my best tourna-

ment since I've been at Notre Dame."

Isban, who has been the team's strongest golfer throughout the season, finished in 14th place with a one-under par 213.

"Cole knows that he has to play well every time we tee off and he did (at the Prestige)," Kubinski said.

Senior co-captain Adam Gifford placed 25th with a personal-best score of four-over par 220. He also recorded the first under-par score of his career during the third round when he carded a two-under 70.

"With [Gifford] and [Sandman] playing like they did, I think we showed how good we can be," Kubinski said.

Rounding out the Notre Dame top five were freshman Doug Fortner and junior Greg Rodgers. Fortner carded a 16-over par 232 and Rodgers recorded a 21-over par 237.

The Irish, while not entirely pleased with the seventh place result, finished just two shots behind both No. 1-ranked USC and No. 27 Kansas.

"We're not too happy with seventh but we just needed a couple more shots to beat those teams," Isban said. Before this event, Kubinski had said that he was hoping for a top-5 finish in La Quinta. His wish was not realized, but he was optimistic after the strong closing round.

"I see [the result] as a way to build momentum," he said.

The Irish will be in action again on Nov. 6 and 7 at the CordeValle Collegiate, hosted by UCLA at the CordeValle Golf Club in San Martin, Calif.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles win two, lose one match over break

By SAMANTHA LEONARD

Saint Mary’s had a roller-coaster ride of a fall break. The Belles started it off playing Alma on Oct. 14, the second time Saint Mary’s met the tough conference foe that week. Alma came out strong, beating the Belles 30-19 in game one.

While the Belles took the second round with a 30-25 win, they couldn’t keep up the fight. Alma took game three 30-22 and game four 30-27 for the win.

Senior outside hitter Kristen Playko posted a team-high of 12 kills and contributed 26 digs. Senior libero Anne Cusack held the teams high in digs with 34, and junior setter Amanda David had 35 assists in the effort.

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The Belles will look to MIAA player of the week senior Kristen Playko for assistance in the conference win. Playko has been a key player in every game this fall, tallying 304 kills on the season with an average of 3.62 per game. She is also second on the team in digs with 364 and a game average of 4.31.

Playko will need to watch out for MIAA Specialty Player of the week Tri-State setter Rainbow Bednarski.

Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek was not available for comment.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY
Gray wins race; Belles get 3rd in Manchester

By BECKI DORNER
Sports Writer

The Belles head into the MIAA Championship meet this coming Saturday in Alma, Mich., with renewed confidence after an impressive performance in the Manchester College Invite Oct. 14 that wrapped up the team's regular season.

The Belles finished third of nine teams, behind Cornerstone and Manchester College, and had two runners place in the top 10. Saint Mary's junior Megan Gray won the individual title with a time of 18:42 for the 5K distance and teammate Sara Otto earned sixth place with a recorded 19:41.

"Megan [Gray] ran a phenomenal race and was the first overall win for a Saint Mary's runner — quite the accomplishment."

Jackie Bauters
Belles coach

"The team looked stronger than most other teams during the second half of the race and ran well together," she said. "In preparation for the MIAA meet, many of the team members remained near South Bend for fall break, which Bauters believes "benefited the team and allowed them to stay more in the flow of the season, rather than being totally out of sync a week before the championships."

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"The Belles hope to improve on last year's fifth place finish in the conference standings. Last year at the MIAA Championships, Otto was the squad's best runner with a time of 24:15 on the 6K course. Fellow senior Katie White recorded her best finish last year at the MIAA championship as well, clocking in at 24:45 to finish 33rd.

Bauters is optimistic about the conference meet this time around.
"This season has been wonderful thus far and I believe the team is ready for a great race this Saturday," she said.

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Saint Mary's shutout three times in three games over fall break

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's was held scoreless in three games during fall break as it dropped to 4-8-1 (3-3-1 in the conference) on the year.

The small skid drops the Belles into a tie for fourth in the MIAA with one game remaining this week before the conference tournament gets underway Oct. 28.

The team started the break with a 1-0 loss to Hope College in Holland, Mich. Sophomore Sonya Masghati scored with nine minutes left in the second half to break the scoreless tie and secure a win for the Flying Dutch.

In the game, Saint Mary's was held to just five shots — only one of which was on net — allowing Hope goalkeeper Holly Nestle to collect an easy shutout victory.

The Belles also dropped a 1-0 decision to No. 5 Calvin the following Saturday. Senior Jill Capel was the hero for the Knights as her seventh goal in conference play brought the team's unbeaten streak to 16 games. Capel beat goalie Laura Heline as she drove a high shot into the corner from 18 yards away.

Belles' coach Caryn Mackenzie opted to play a defensive-minded game slow down the quick, veteran offense of the Knights, a unit that put up six goals against Saint Mary's earlier in the season.

The plan worked but kept the team from registering a single shot on net and very few opportunities on the offensive side of the ball. Calvin got off 20 shots in the game, and Heline was able to stop six of the seven that made it on goal.

The senior goalkeeper captured her second shutout of the season as the Belles played to a 0-0 draw with Adrian College. She saved 11 of 12 shots she faced in the contest.

Senior Ashley Hinton and sophomore Mandy Thomson had two shots each on net for Saint Mary's, but once again the team was unable to find the back of the net against the Bulldogs.

The tie gives Adrian and Saint Mary's identical records in the conference, but the Bulldogs' overall record of 6-10-1 gives them the current edge in the standings.

Adrian will face Kalamazoo this afternoon at 4 p.m. and Saint Mary's needs a Kalamazoo victory in order to have a chance to finish in the top half of the conference.

The Belles conclude their regular season at home against Tri-State tomorrow afternoon. The Thunder has been outscored 31-1 in 2006 and is still in search of its first conference win.

Saint Mary's players were unavailable for comment following the games.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Maunu recovers from illness, finishes tourney

Sophomore finishes 31st as Irish take fifth at Taylormade Classic

By CHRIS MINE
Sports Writer

Notre Dame sophomore Lisa Maunu couldn't even walk to the plane. Maunu, who contracted a virulent infection and spent the night of Oct. 12 at Health Services, still managed to play the entire Taylormade Aztec Fall Classic at San Diego State University Oct. 16-17 and finished 31st, helping her teammates to a fifth-place finish.

"They did an athletic blitz on me, hooking me up to an IV and pumping me with drugs," Maunu said. "My teammates had to literally carry me to the plane on Friday because I was so sick."

Maunu had doubts as to whether she could complete all 36 holes.

"I didn't know if I could walk through the tournament, but I took it one shot at a time and made it through," she said. "I thought I played well. First day, I had a nine on a par-five and that killed me, but the second day I had to stay away from getting a nine, and I did that and I had more birdies."

Despite Maunu's Illness, the Irish expected to finish well in San Diego, where they were one of the highest ranked teams going in. "We were the third highest ranked team of the field coming in, so finishing fifth was a little disappointing," senior Nokko Nakazaki said.

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Parbhu advances to semis

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

For Sheeva Parbhu, taking on Ohio State’s Devin Mullings in the semifinals may seem like a case of déjà vu. The two faced off in the semifinals of the 2005 ITA Midwest Championships and are scheduled to do so again today. Parbhu, this year’s No. 8 seed, 6-2, 1-6, 7-5 in 2005.

Parbhu knocked off Ohio State’s Drew Eberly in a tiebreaker Monday, winning 1-6, 7-6, 6-4 on his way to securing a place in the semifinals.

Senior Stephen Bask — who won the event last year — fell to Ohio State’s Steven Moneke 7-6, 3-6, 6-4.

The Irish have been working on their doubles game all season and are scheduled to take on Ohio State’s Drew Eberly and Justin Koenispeck today at 2 p.m.

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Young team finishes fourth at conference championship tourney

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s wanted to win the conference title this year, but after a season filled with disappointment, illness and injury, the Belles came up short of their goal.

Saint Mary’s finished fourth at the MIAA Championship last weekend with a team score of 373 at the par-72 Bedford Valley Country Club in Battle Creek, Mich. First place Olivet posted a 248 to clinch the conference title for the first time in more than 10 years.

Tri-State and Albion also finished ahead of the Belles, the first time either school has done so in five years. Tri-State shot a 355, Albion a 362.

Hope did not compete as a result of an “automobile accident on route to competition,” according to the MIAA’s Web site.

The 2006 League Medalist, an award given to the best performer over the course of the season, was given to Kristy Latimer, an Olivet senior who placed sixth in the championship tournament (88). Belles captain Katie O’Brien shot three strokes better than Latimer for an 85 and placed second in the tournament. O’Brien tied for second with Kylee Ehinger of Tri-State. AnnMarie Jansenbeck of Albion was the individual runner-up posting an 86.

Earning 14th place was freshman Kate Doornbos who fired a 92.

Saint Mary’s sophomore Brett Helgeson advanced to the main event last year — fell to Ohio State’s Devin Mullings, this year’s No. 8 seed, 6-2, 1-6, 7-5 in 2005.

With senior partner Ryan Keckley to the semifinals of the Doubles Championship, the Irish have been working on their doubles game all season and are scheduled to do so again today. Parbhu, this year’s No. 8 seed, defeated Mullings, this year’s No. 8 seed, 6-2, 1-6, 7-5 in 2005.

The two faced off in the semifinals. Senior Barry King dropped a close match to Minnesota’s Basu Schwark, falling 7-6, 6-4.

“King had chances to win it and played very well, but could not quite pull it out,” Bayliss said. “I think he could have gone far in the tournament.”

Bayliss also praised the efforts of sophomore Brett Helgeson. Helgeson advanced to the main draw with a No. 17 seed only to fall to Louisville’s David Simon 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

“Brett has had a great fall and is hitting the ball very well,” Bayliss said. “He’s hitting better than anyone on the team right now.”

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“Brett has had a great fall and is hitting the ball very well,” Bayliss said. “He needs to step it up, to be more offensive,” head coach Bobby Bayliss said of Bass. “At whatever level he plays he needs to do it instinctively, to strike first.”

The rest of the Irish team also played very well, but could not quite pull it out,” Bayliss said. “I think he could have gone far in the tournament.”

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**ND Cross Country**

**Irish finish fourth at ISU**

Kurt Benninger and Patrick Smyth lead team with top-20 finishes

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

For the second race in a row, the No. 12 Irish men were able to shock higher-ranked teams in a big-time national meet, finishing fourth out of 36 in the Pre-National Meet Oct. 14 at Indiana State.

Notre Dame accumulated just 255 points in the race, better than five teams ranked ahead of them. The Fighting Irish were No. 21 Irish before the race — No. 9 BYU, No. 14 Michigan, No. 15 Virginia, No. 19 William and Mary and No. 20 Arizona State. The Irish finished behind only No. 5 Iona (100 points), No. 3 Stanford (106) and No. 25 Florida (217).

Senior Kurt Benninger (23:40) and sophomore Patrick Smyth (23:49) led Notre Dame across the line, finishing seventh and twelfth, respectively.

"I was good we ran together for about three-quarters of the race and went with a group," Smyth said. "I kind of fell off a little bit, but we were both pretty high."

Joining Notre Dame's top two runners were juniors Jake Watson (24:23) and Brett Adams (24:50) and freshman Jake Walker (24:51). Of the Irish qualifiers, four set career-highs for an eight-kilometer race while Smyth was a mere three seconds off his personal best set at the Notre Dame Invitational run Sept. 30.

Walker's finish was especially impressive as it was the freshman's first time in the team's top-five lineup in his Notre Dame career.

"As a freshman stepping into that role, I think he's going to be great and I think he's going keep it moving," Smyth said.

Despite the high finish, Smyth feels Notre Dame has the capability to do even better as the season continues.

"We have the Big East this Friday — we're just going to keep rolling," he said. "We had a real good training over fall break and we just keep rolling with it and hopefully the Big East goes well."

The race was an important stepping stone for Notre Dame's hunt for a national title because the NCA championship next month will be run at the same course in Terre Haute.

The Irish women also competed in the Pre-National Meet, finishing tied with Indiana for 15th out of 36 teams in the six-kilometer race with 441 points.

Defending national champion Stanford dominated the competition with a paltry 45-point margin, an incredible amount considering second-place Minnesota amassed 200.

Junior Sami Olding was the only Notre Dame runner in the top 50 finishers of the meet, clocking in at 20:38 for 19th place. Next for the Irish was junior Julie O'Fer (21:16), followed by senior Ann Mazur (21:15), sophomore Heidi Rocha (21:49) and freshman Lindsey Ferguson (21:51).

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After training during fall break and this coming week, the Irish return to action Friday at Boston College to compete for the Big East Championship.

**Notes:**
- Liberty's Josh McDougal won the men's race with a final time of 23:14. Wake Forest's Michelle Sikes took the top spot in the women's race at 20:16.

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Wednesday. Because the Bearcats lost to the Pirates on Sunday, they need to beat the Irish tonight to qualify for the tournament.

Notre Dame has clinched both a berth in the tournament and a first-round bye, but Waldrum said he is not concerned about Cincinnati's momentum in what could be the last game of the Bearcats' season because Connecticut, George-town and Villanova were in similar situations when the Irish played them.

"The last two or three games, we've run into teams that desperately need wins," he said. "When we played UConn, we were playing a desperate team. They were on the verge of missing the conference tournament, which is unheard of for them."

Waldrum also said the Irish have motivation of their own. "We've reminded our kids that we need to win as many games as we can to get home field advantage in the NCAA tournament," he said.

Notre Dame 0, Connecticut 0

The Irish and Huskies tied Oct. 13 in Storrs, Conn., giving Notre Dame the first blemish on its record and Connecticut a berth in the Big East Tournament.

"We ran into a UConn team that was ready to play, but we also ran into a little bit of the fatigue from midterms, from staying up late and studying," Waldrum said.

Waldrum said his players were upset immediately following the tie, but by their next game against Georgetown, the emotion had subsided.

"They were upset about it and they hope to get to play Connecticut down the road, but it's not something that's going to be in their minds the rest of the season," he said.

Irish junior forward Amanda Cinalli had Notre Dame's best scoring chance, a header on a cross from sophomore Brittaney Bock with only nine minutes left in the game, but the ball sailed just over the crossbar.

Notre Dame 5, Providence 0

The Irish bounced back from their tie against UConn with a scrubbing of the Friars on the road Oct. 15.

Sophomore Kerri Hanks became the youngest player in Irish history to reach 100 career points and 40 career goals with her score and two assists while Bock and Cinalli added goals of their own.

Notre Dame held Providence without a shot on goal or a corner kick in earning its 12th shutout of the season.

Notre Dame 4, Villanova 2

The Irish allowed multiple goals for the first time this season but managed a 4-2 win over the Wildcats in Philadelphia Friday.

The initial Villanova goal, the second allowed by Notre Dame in six games, came four minutes into the second half by freshman Erin Byrnes and tied the game at one.

"We had a little bit of a break down in the flank area," Waldrum said. "We turned the ball over and didn't over-pass enough and then the kid made a really good shot."

Byrnes also scored Villanova's second goal, a shot with less than a minute remaining. It was the first goal the Irish have allowed in the second half of a game this year.

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The last two games were named Defensive Player of the Week, which, with 19 points in the games (15 goals and four assists), earned him the honor.

The Irish center Erik Condra drives toward the net in Notre Dame's 6-1 win over Minnesota State Oct. 13 at the Joyce Center.

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great fan base," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "They're very appreciative. When we left the court after Tuesday there was a huge ovation. They like good volleyball."

Notre Dame defeated DePaul 30-22, 30-16, 30-10 at home behind nine-kill performances from freshmen Christina Kaeltin and Serenity Phillips.

Junior captain Adrianna Slaak led the team in digs with 11. The Irish dominated the first game and never relinquished the lead. They played a good game overall, Slaak said. "It's hard to say if we played our best game. We were fun experiences for the boys to take their first lead, on a kill from Krissif, and eventually the game. The team went on a 10-2 run after the score was tied 2-2. Joel Hanson and Karl Mauriellat put the Mavericks up 2-1 with goals in the second period, before both knotted it. Brown had 12 saves in the loss.

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tributed one of his two assists for the Eagles' 2-1 win over BC, which ran his team-leading assist count to 19 in conference play.

Junior forward Joseph Lapira increased his nation­led goals this season to 19 in 19 games, scoring the team's opening goal in the 32nd minute. It tied the Irish at 1-1, following the Eagles' 1-0 goal at Kelley Rink in the first period.

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**Hockey**

**Giant killers**

Irish jump to No. 11 with victory over BC

By KYLIE CASSILY
Sport Writer

Notre Dame played the David to Boston College’s Goliah — again — and upset the No. 1 Eagles 7-1 Friday in Chestnut Hill, Mass., the third time in three straight games the Irish have knocked off a top-ranked Eagles squad.

“It’s a big step for us,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “I’m happy with what we did this weekend — it’s a sign of where we can be, what we can be.”

The Irish (3-1-0) defeated Providence College 6-1 Saturday to sweep their two-game tour of the Hockey East, but lost 3-2 with seconds remaining in overtime Oct. 14 at Minnesota State-Mankato to split that two-game series.

With the Boston College boost — the ninth time in its history that Notre Dame has beaten a No. 1-ranked team — and the Providence victory, the Irish went from unranked to No. 11 in Monday’s USA Today/American Hockey Magazine Top 15. It is the highest the team has been ranked since it finished the 2003-04 season at No. 12 after a NCAA Tournament loss to Minnesota.

“Let’s be realistic about that,” Jackson said. “It’s October and there’s still 12-15 teams today ahead of us, and that doesn’t mean there won’t be more tomorrow.”

Three Notre Dame players were awarded CCHA honors Monday for their weekend efforts. Senior defenseman Wes O’Neill (two assists, plus-four in the season) and Irish center Mark Van Guilder, left, faces off against the Mavericks’ Zach Harrison in Notre Dame’s 6-1 win Oct. 13.

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

Squad falls out of first to Hawaii

By KYLIE CASSILY
Sport Writer

Notre Dame fell out of first place in the Big East with a 3-0 loss to St. John’s at home Sunday in a battle of the league unbeatens. It was the final match of five games Notre Dame played over fall break. The Irish (11-8, 7-1 Big East) went 2-2-1 sweeping DePaul and Connecticut but suffering back-to-back losses to No. 16 Hawaii.

Notre Dame lost to the Rainbow Wahine 3-0 and 3-1 on Oct. 16 and 17 in front of a crowd of 6,027 at the Stan Sheriff Center in Honolulu.

“Hawaii is just a great atmosphere to play volleyball, they get a

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**MEN’S SOCCER**

Offense gears up for battle against DePaul

Team wins 2 of final 3 regular season games

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sport Writer

Playing possibly its toughest three games of the season in a span of eight days, No. 6 Notre Dame more than held its own last week, picking up wins over Providence and No. 14 Connecticut while falling to No. 4 West Virginia.

“We could have won all three games,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said. “We played well at West Virginia, but we didn’t follow through with our chances.”

The results leave Notre Dame’s record at 12-4-2 (8-3-0 Big East) at the conclusion of the regular season.

With its 24 points, Notre Dame locked up the No. 3 seed in the Big East tournament, which begins Wednesday night when the Irish take on DePaul at Alumni Field. Notre Dame defeated the Blue Demons 3-0 in South Bend Sept. 10 in the teams’ only meeting this season.

Notre Dame 3, Providence 0

The Irish started the week with a decisive victory over Providence Oct. 14, running their winning streak to a season-high seven games — the program’s longest since an eight-game streak in 2003.

The victory left Notre Dame, who entered the game tied with Providence in the conference standings, in sole possession of second place in the Big East’s Blue Division one point behind both Connecticut and West Virginia.

With their shutout of the Friars, the Irish held their opponent scoreless for the fifth time in six games and ninth time for the season. Despite the impressive statistics, Clark downplayed the result.

“It was not an easy 3-0 game,” Clark said. “Until we scored in the final minute, we felt we were still in a game, it was a good clear win, but it wasn’t a blowout.”

Junior forward Kurt Martin scored the pivotal goal on a blistering shot with only 26 seconds remaining in the game. It was Martin’s first goal in the season. Senior midfielder Nate Norman, who contacted Pleasure Island in his own water to escape his ball from a defender, battled his way through to find Martin.

Notre Dame defeats DePaul 2-1 in the Big East semifinals Oct. 19 at Alumni Field.

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**ND WOMEN’S SOCCER**

Irish prepare for playoffs

Team looks to finish regular season strong

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Notre Dame is one game away from an unbeaten regular season.

After going 3-0-1 during fall break, the Irish take on Cincinnati tonight on the road in a makeup of Sept. 22’s game that was cancelled due to lightning.

No. 1 Notre Dame (16-0-1, 9-0-1 Big East) went three road contests last week, beating Providence 5-0 Oct. 15, Villanova 4-2 Friday and Georgetown 1-0 Sunday. The Irish also tied Connecticut 0-0 Oct. 12.

Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum said the week off from classes was a welcome opportunity to rest for the team after midterms.

“The hard part was coming off of midterms exams,” Waldrum said. “The week was used to not only train but to catch up academically a little bit.”

The Bears come into tonight’s game 7-6-2 and 3-6-1 in the Big East. They are

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