ND senior killed in early morning car accident

By KATE ANTONACCI

A Notre Dame senior was killed in a car crash early Friday morning on Indiana State Toll Road near LaPorte, Ind., officials said.

Caitlin Brann, 22, was headed west on Interstate 80-90 at 2:13 a.m. EST Friday when her rear passenger-side tire blew out, causing her to lose control of her 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier, convertible, according to an Indiana State Police report.

Brann, a marketing major from Orland Park, Ill., entered the median sideways, just past mile marker 41.2. Her car rolled numerous times before becoming airborne and sideswiping the trailer of a semi-tractor, according to police reports.

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Candlelight memorial service held at Grotto in Brann’s honor

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‘Loyal Daughters’ debuts at DPAC

Jenkins withdraws endorsement from play, but supports goal of sexual assault prevention

By MARY KATE MALONE

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INSIDE COLUMN

‘Wow wow we wah’

“Borat” has drawn crowds to movie theaters across the nation since the movie’s release on Nov. 3, delighting many Americans and infuriating the nation of Kazakhstan.

But, maybe it should be the Laura Baumgartner other way around. While Kazakhstan is not portrayed in a positive light in the film, the claims against that nation are at least fiction. While there have been several reports of people believing British comedian Sacha Cohen’s characterization of the central Asian country, anyone would have to be gullible and lazy to seriously accept it as such.

A simple online search of Kazakhstan could easily inform any curious party about the nation and its citizens. Or better yet, visit a local library where you stock encyclopedias full of useful tidbits waiting to be absorbed into hungry minds.

Cohen’s movie has spiked worldwide interest in this formerly unheard of region of the globe, a great opportunity, in my opinion, for Kazakhstan to boost tourism and generate a buzz. It’s a publicist’s dream come true.

News outlets everywhere are running stories, and if Kazakhstan can spin them right, they could be a major form of free advertising.

Amend, on the other hand, are not so lucky.

The negative portrayals of our citizen do represent truths in our country, not blatant over-exaggerations. The fact that some who have seen the movie internalize the depiction of Kazakhstan as truth only serves as evidence of this fact.

I found parts of the movie to be hilarious and others incredibly grotesque, but overall I left the theater mostly in a state of shock.

Though the shock was partly induced by the graphic nature of certain scenes, it was primarily due to the reawakening I received about our country’s own shortcomings.

Certain details concerning the process behind the creation of the film remain foggy; however, the image of the United States in the movie is more believable and true than that of Kazakhstan.

The fact boys from South Carolina claim they were tricked into the on-screen anti-American stance anti-American mentality they provided in the movie, but it could certainly be argued that while they might not have been accurately portrayed, feelings and actions similar to what they expressed in the movie are not uncommon.

Neither is the presence of terrorists who travel the world “healing” the sick and “saving” the damned, or the belief that all Middle-Easterners are terrorists and should be killed.

Of course, every American cannot be categorized into the limited view Borat provides throughout his travels. So, maybe instead of focusing on Kazakhstan we should all take a closer look at the problems we have in our own society that “Borat” witlingly calls out without fear or shame.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What is your favorite dining hall food to eat and why?

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South Dining Hall staff

Hilda Boney
South Dining Hall staff

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IN BRIEF

Professor Thomas Goltz will present a lecture, video presentation and discussion entitled “The Chechen National Disaster and Other Conflicts in the Post-Soviet Caucasus” today at 4:30 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium at the Stilie Museum of Art. This event is free and open to the general public.

2006 Richard H. Driehaus Prize Laureate Allan Greenberg will present a lecture entitled “Architecture of Democracy” today from 4:30 p.m. to 6 in 104 Bond Hall. This event is open to the general public.

Travel writer and PBS personality Rick Steves will kick off International Education week with a lecture entitled “How to Travel Smart” today at 7:30 p.m. in the McKenna Hall Auditorium. He will lecture again at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Saint Mary’s junior class will sell $7 banana splits today from 5 p.m. to 9 in Reginhs Lounge in Le Mans Hall. All proceeds will go to S.O.S. International A.N.A., raise funds for a community in Uganda.

Kumar Venaganti, professor of industrial, nuclear engineering at the University of Cincinnati, will present a seminar entitled “Characterization of Modeling of Biomaterial and Tissue” Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in 138 DeBartolo Hall.

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

OFFBEAT

Hundreds blame dead guy, neighbor for tickets

SYDNEY, Australia — More than 200 Australian motorists have avoided parking and speeding fines by blaming either a dead man or an interstate resident for their errors in what police said Saturday may be a widespread fraud.

Under New South Wales state law, if a car owner signs a sworn statement that they were not driving the vehicle when an offense was committed, they can avoid paying speed camera fines, which arrive by mail, and parking tickets left under windshield wipers.

A recent government audit of the excuses given in those sworn statements revealed that 238 motorists had blamed one of two people — a dead man who had, when alive, lived in Sydney, or a person driving in neighboring South Australia state — Police Superintendent Daryl Donnelly said in a statement.

Beer free itself from Halloween bucket

CASCADE TOWNSHIP, Mich. — A deer whose head was stuck in a plastic Halloween jack-o’-lantern for nearly a week has freed itself and will be fine, animal rescuers said Saturday.

Two children found a desired, hair-lined plastic pumpkin in their yard Friday night, and other neighbors saw a thin deer running free, The Grand Rapids Press reported. It was rainy Friday, which rescuers think helped the young deer wriggle free.

Rescuers had planned to use a dart gun to tranquilize the yearling, then remove the bucket, meant for collecting candy.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

McGraff, Clancy the big Leprechaun and Notre Dame cheerleaders participate in a pickup game of smash ball during halftime of the women’s volleyball victory over West Virginia Saturday.

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Rain damps band, attendees, not spirits

By JOHN-PAUL WITT

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truck headed east, said LaPorte County Chief Deputy Coroner John Sullivan, who was on the scene. Brann's vehicle came to rest upside down.
"She either hit a piece of metal in the road or just plain had a blowout," Sullivan said Saturday. "Even though she did have her seatbelt on, it was what we call a "non-surivable" type of crash."

Brann was brought to LaPorte Hospital, but was declared dead on the scene of the accident by Sullivan due to "massive head injuries." A soft-top convertible like Brann's, Sullivan said, lacks structural integrity compared to a "four-door sedan that would have an actual hard top and steel pillars and a steel roof."

"(Such convertibles) just have steel cross-members and a vinyl covering for the actual roof. So in a roll-over accident you do not have near the protection or structural integrity," he said.
The Westville Fire Department assisted police on the scene.
Alcohol was also a factor in the crash, he said. It is illegal to operate a vehicle in Indiana with a blood alcohol level of anything over .08 percent, Sullivan said, putting Brann — whose tests showed a .249 percent blood alcohol level — three times above the legal limit.

"We even ran the tests twice because we didn't smell [alcohol] on the scene," Sullivan said.
Sullivan said he has "no reason" to think that Brann was driving faster than the legal speed limit, which on the Indiana Toll Road is 65 miles per hour.

While Corporal Michael Young of District 21 Indiana State Police told The Observer Friday that another person was in Brann's vehicle, Sergeant Keith Kopinski said Saturday that there is "no information about another person in the car."

"I have never heard of a mention of another person," Kopinski said, citing possible misreading of the police report by Young on Friday.
Sullivan said someone reported the crash as a "two-victim accident, so they had a helicopter coming from South Bend initially."

Indiana State Police Trooper Ryan Starnes was the first on the scene, after receiving word about the accident from a 2:14 a.m. 911 call, according to the police report.
The Observer could not reach Starnes Saturday afternoon.

The driver of the truck, Sean D. Garber, 35, was not injured, the police report said.
The eastbound lanes of I-80 were shut down for about three hours, Sullivan said, adding that traffic was not "heavy."

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statement that said he would not prohibit future performances of the "Monologues," but explained that he based his decision on two different initiatives to eliminate violence against women — "Loyal Daughters," and the creation of an ad-hoc committee made up of faculty, students and administrators that would foster "a wide-ranging discussion of gender relations, roles, and ways to prevent violence against women."

Senior writer Emily Weisbecker decided to let the committee, which Jenkins chairs and of which she is a member, read the script Oct. 2. Jenkins' last minute decision to stop endorsing the production scratches its purpose.

"We understand that it's a difficult decision for him, but at the same time, it was nerve-wracking for us because we weren't sure what 'withdrawing endorsement' meant in terms of financing and our ability to perform it on campus," Madison Liddy, senior director of "Loyal Daughters," said via email. "It's not like we had a 'no' vote. It was more of a 'what if they did?' type of feeling."

Brown, however, declined to define "endorsement," saying it was "getting into 'scheduling.' The key, Brown said, is that Jenkins is allowing "Loyal Daughters" to continue and supports its purpose.

Jenkins' decision to no longer endorse the production scratches the already-blurry line between sponsorship and endorsement at Notre Dame — a debate that reverberated through campus last spring as students and faculty grappled with the place of the "Monologues" on campus. Members of the Notre Dame community often clashed over whether sponsoring controversial events implied endorsing their content or message.

Without Jenkins' endorsement, Liddy said, "We are completely shut down. We are really not sure what to do with it."

Though the production has close ties to the administration, Weisbecker said her "academic freedom was completely protected" and that her decision to share her script with Jenkins was her own choice. Also, the idea for "Loyal Daughters" was entirely her own, she said, and came about long before Jenkins raised questions about "The Vagina Monologues."

Weisbecker said she knew Jenkins "had no editorial control" over the content of the play.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Hamas agrees to talks with Israel
CAIRO — The Hamas-led Palestinian govern­ment agreed Sunday to an international peace conference with Israel after the Arab League — angered by Israel's military offensive in Gaza — voted to end a financial blockade on the Palestinians.

Foreign Minister Mahmoud Zahar of Hamas endorsed a statement by Arab foreign ministers calling for the peace conference during a meeting in Cairo to respond to a U.S. veto of a U.N. Security Council resolution con­demning the Gaza offensive.

Israel responded by saying it would not hold talks with Hamas unless it agreed to demands, backed by the U.S. and Europe, that it recognize Israel, renounce violence and abide by existing agreements between Israel and Palestinians.

Zahar said the Palestinians had asked for the peace conference "in order to reach just and comprehensive solutions." The accept­ance marked the first time the Hamas-led government has indicated it would consider making peace with Israel.

Activists delay nuclear waste transfer

WASHINGTON — Repub­lican Sen. John McCain said Sunday he is taking the ini­tial steps for a White House bid in 2008, setting up a committee that allows a potential candidate to raise money and travel the coun­try to gauge support.

Democratic Sen. Joe Biden reaffirmed his inten­tion to seek his party's nom­ination, though an announcement about estab­lishing an exploratory com­mittee probably will not come until early next year.

The anticipated wide­open nomination fight for the first time since the 1928 race, the field will not include a sitting president or vice president — lost one possible participant when Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., decided against a long-shot run.

McCain, R-Ariz., said he is moving toward a 2008 bid by "doing things organizationally and legally" but will not make a final decision until early next year.

McCain, considered the front-runner for his party's presi­dential nomination, said he could create an exploratory committee as early as this week.

"Are we doing things organizationally and legally that need to be done? Yes, he said. "There are certain things legally you have to comply with in order to continue to raise money and set up an organization."

"The important thing is we will not make a decision until I sit down with my family, but we will be prepared," McCain said.

McCain said Saturday that his exploratory com­mittee has opened a bank account for the U.S. military to speed trans­fer operations to Iraq. Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, who said on Sunday that the U.S. military would not comply with in order to continue to raise money and set up an organization.

National News

Mixed reaction meets new memorial

NEW YORK — Hundreds of relatives and some victims' relatives were still coming to the memorial Sunday with mementoes and tangible remembrance of the crash, which killed 72 people.

The memorial marks years of effort to create a memorial park, rather than a seaside, park, where the jet fell.

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Last week Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack announced his can­didacy. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York is widely considered the front-runner.

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Hopefuls looking toward 2008

Sens. McCain and Biden, Gov. Vilsack plan presidential bids; Feingold opts out


McCain is a former Navy pilot who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam. He was elected to the Senate in 1986, and served in the House for four years before that.

The White House chief of staff, Josh Bolten, said Sunday the White House is trying to find the "right moment" to announce any decision to hold or keep the job.

McCain, who finished a race that was closed to the front-runners for his party's nomination, also said he would address the issue of "the mechanics of it at this point in terms of when to announce setting up an exploratory committee, but I plan on doing that," he said.

One potential challenger he will not have to contend with is Feingold, who said he wanted to focus on his work in the Senate. Feingold, 53, is an outspoken opponent of the Iraq war, the Patriot Act and other Bush administration policies.

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"What we actually need - which is a dream - in each and every country, all over the world, is proper, well-thought-out legislation, properly enforced," Moody-Stuart said. Right now, he said, corporations are fall[ing] short in creating sustainable development.

A UN commission in the mid-1980s defined sustainable development as "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs," he said. In the past, this kind of development was achieved, but the current state of the world threatens future generations.

The UN Global Compact promotes the development of a sustainable economy, Moody-Stuart said. In the 1910s and early 20th centuries, philanthropists like Andrew Carnegie created businesses that interacted with society by making a profit and donating it. That was the approach of the Global Compact today, with Warren Buffett and Bill Gates as examples, Moody-Stuart said, but the approach of the Global Compact is to look at how business is responsible to the society it affects.

The primary objective of a company should not be to make money, he said. The quality of its product and what their product does for customers, shareholders and employees should be the first concern, he said.

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh welcomed Moody-Stuart and the other guest to Notre Dame for the conference. In his speech, he thanked Thomas Aquinas, who described peace as the "tranquility of itself." "I suspect that as all of you talk about peace this week, you will be talking about justice, because without justice there is no lasting peace," Hesburgh said.

Moody-Stuart referred to Hesburgh's remarks when he talked about his former work as a field geologist in Oman. In the 1960s, Oman was a "truly medieval country" in terms of education, human rights, government and economy, he said. But now it has developed into a well-ordered society with good schools, a reasonably fair distribution of wealth and elected officials. "The wealth for that came from oil, but it also came from the order and justice which Father Hesburgh spoke about," he said.

Moody-Stuart closed his speech by asking conference participants to think about how businesses in weak governments can achieve the delicate balance of contributing to the building of stronger governments while keeping the business in the country. "We have, as business, a very strong interest in the sound workings of society," he said.

Moody-Stuart replaced Annan, who was unable to visit Notre Dame due to scheduling conflicts. Annan did send a message, encouraging conference participants to work together with the United Nations to achieve a "fairer, more stable world." Annan said the UN, civil society and business have worked together in the past, and he encouraged their future collaboration.

"Innovative partnerships with the private sector are helping to solve many of the world's most pressing problems including poverty, hunger, water supply and HIV/AIDS," Annan said. "Yet there is a great potential to do much more, to deepen these collaborations."

Conference participants included representatives from various companies, including General Electric, The Coca-Cola Company and Bristol-Myers-Squibb, as well as NGOs like Oxfam and the Initiative for Global Development.

University representatives from schools including George Washington University, Wake Forest University and University of Dayton also attended.

The three-day conference, titled "Peace Through Commerce: Partnerships as Values in Business, and Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies."

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Sir Mark Moody-Stuart delivers the keynote address Sunday during Notre Dame's three-day peace conference.

The Notre Dame Chapel Players
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PayStation 3 debuts in Japan

Consumers brave long lines and short supplies to be among the first owners

 Associated Press

Sony Computer Entertainment President Ken Kutaragi holds up a box containing a PlayStation 3 at the launch of the video game console in Tokyo Saturday.

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IN BRIEF

PG&E apologizes for desecrating site

Neil deGrasse Tyson, astrophysicist and educator, said he is "appalled" by the desecration of a sacred site of an American Indian tribe when it was built a $15 million water treatment plant, and it pledged to remove it as soon as another can be built.

California's biggest utility "regrets the spiritual consequences to the tribe" of building the plant at Topock Maze in the Mojave Desert west of the Arizona border, PG&E Chief Executive Thomas King said during a ceremony Thursday.

The apology was required under an agreement with the 1,100-member Fort Mojave tribe, which dropped a lawsuit against the utility and the California Department of Water Resources.

Topock Maze near Needles is claimed by the tribe as part of its heritage. The pattern of pebble burrows and furnaces forms a series of lines that tribe members believe were used either as a place of purification or as a pathway for spirits in the afterlife.

Much of the maze was destroyed by a railroad and a freeway, but about a third remains.

"We have a responsibility not only to the past and present but to the future," tribal Chairman Woman McCormick said. "It wasn't easy getting a corporation to understand, to recognize and to accept this."

"Borat" maintains box office lead

LOS ANGELES — A make-believe son of the glorious nation of Kazakhstan continues to rule the American box office.

Sacha Baron Cohen's "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan" took in $29 million to remain in the No. 1 movie for a second straight weekend, distribution company 20th Century Fox said Sunday. "Borat" raised its 10-day total to $67.7 million.

The top three movies remained unchanged from the previous weekend, with Disney's "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause" still in second place with $16.9 million and the Paramount-DreamWorks animated tale "Flushed Away" in third with $7.2 million.

Sony's Will Ferrell performs "Strange Thair Fiction" debuted as the best of the weekend's newcomers, placing fourth with $14.1 million. Ferrell plays a meek tax auditor suddenly able to turn the voice of a narra tor from the face of intense competition with Nintendo Co.'s Wii console and Microsoft Corp.'s Xbox 360.

Stocks stock up slightly after erratic day

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street closed out a profit-packed week with a modest advance Friday as investors awaited further signs about the economy, the unemployment rate and the possibility of a Federal Reserve rate increase.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 5.13, or 0.04 percent, to 12,108.43.

Broader stock indicators showed modest advances. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 2.57, or 0.19 percent, at 1,380.90, and the Nasdaq composite index was up 13.71, or 0.58 percent, at 2,389.72.

Bonds rose, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.59 percent from 4.63 percent late Thursday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices fell.

For the week, the Dow rose 1.02 percent, while the S&P added 1.22 percent and the Nasdaq gained 2.53 percent, advances achieved largely on the market's upbeat feeling about the election the first half of the week. That sentiment gave way to uncertainty Thursday about whether the Democrats would be sympathetic to business issues.

Light, sweet crude was down $1.57 at $59.59 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange after the International Energy Agency lowered its forecast for worldwide demand this year.
American college students are becoming more adventurous as they study abroad, showing less interest in English-speaking destinations such as Great Britain and Australia and more in such alternatives as China, India, Argentina and Brazil.

Britain remained the most popular study destination last year, according to annual figures due for release Monday by the Institute of International Education, followed by Italy, Spain and France.

But the number of U.S. students studying in Britain and Australia declined slightly, even as the number of American students abroad grew by nearly 5 percent overall to 205,983 in 2005. The growth came in non-English speaking European countries and in Asia, which still attracts lower numbers overall but is growing rapidly.

China is now the eighth most popular destination for American students, attracting nearly 6,400 last year, up 35 percent from the year before. Though still comparably small at around 2,000 students per year, Argentina and India saw increases of more than 50 percent.

"I'm sure my friends and family would say 'Why did you pick Africa, a poor country, why don't you go to Europe or somewhere more glamorous?"' said Xinh Pham, a Michigan State student who took part in a university-sponsored program to study nutrition in Tanzania last summer. The trip was "a great way to dip my feet into Africa," and "it totally changed my views of the world," she said.

Allan Goodman, president of the Institute of International Education, said a range of factors contributed to the trend, from growing awareness of globalization after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to programs such as President Bush's National Security Language Initiative, which trains soldiers, intelligence officers and diplomats in foreign languages.

"What Americans are doing is waking up and discovering there's a world out there," he said.

Still, it is not clear that most students are getting genuine immersion experiences. More than half (56 percent) who study abroad do so only for summer terms or other programs lasting less than one semester. Pham's program lasted just a few weeks. Only six percent study abroad a full year.

"Monologues" did. The 75-minute production will be performed at 7:30 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Each performance will be followed by a panel discussion consisting of representatives from South Bend's S.O.S. Rape Crisis Center, the theology, philosophy and anthropology departments, and the University Counseling Center.

The production is sponsored by the Gender Studies Program as well as the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, which provided grant money for Weisbecker as she conducted her interviews and research this summer. Though the content of "Loyal Daughters" is far less graphic than "The Vagina Monologues," the two productions have a shared goal of encouraging people to talk about sexual violence. "Loyal Daughters," however, is tied directly to Notre Dame, with students describing real-life experiences of sexual assault and rape on and off campus.

"Loyal Daughters" can manage to generate the "unparalleled" attendance, effect, controversy and dialogue that the "Monologues" did, then it could eliminate the need for Eve Ensler's play, Liddy said.

"We are waiting to see how 'Loyal Daughters' is perceived and to gauge student interest," Weisbecker said. "Only then will we be able to make the decision as to whether or not 'The Vagina Monologues' will continue."

Like "The Vagina Monologues," "Loyal Daughters" is prohibited from generating charity money — a frustrating fact for Liddy and Weisbecker, who said they were told they could not fundraise because the production is "an academic event," Liddy said.

"It's such a simple, obvious way to pay for our own expense and be able to donate to charity," Weisbecker said. Knowing they won't be able to do so, though, has made both students "not as intent" on organizing the "Monologues" again, Liddy said. However, she noted that she knew several students who would be interested in taking over the leadership of the "Monologues" in the spring.

Weisbecker said she hopes "Loyal Daughters" will "inspire people to be a part of the solution" to the problem of sexual violence at Notre Dame.

"These are issues that directly affect students at the University of Notre Dame," Liddy said. "Whether it be stories of their friends or even people they don't know. ... It's very necessary for [people] to see what's going on here."

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Palestine

Former leader remembered by inspired party members

Associated Press

RAMALLAH — Tens of thousands of Palestinians converged on Yasser Arafat’s grave site Saturday to mark the second anniversary of his death in a rally meant to reinvigorate his faltering Fatah Party.

Arafat’s successor, Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, told the crowd he expected to reach a power-sharing deal on forming a joint government with the militant Hamas group by the end of the month. Hamas officials also said a deal was close.

Abbas hopes the unity government will end crippling economic sanctions imposed by the United States and other Western countries for the Hamas-led government’s refusal to recognize Israel and renounce violence.

Fatah, whose January election loss to Hamas ended its four-decade dominance of Palestinian politics, bused thousands of people to the West Bank city of Ramallah for the Arafat memorial.

Carrying Palestinian flags, Fatah banners and pictures of Arafat, the crowd marched to the maqassat, the compound that served as the late leader’s headquarters and where he spent the last years of his life.

Top Palestinian officials laid wreaths at the glass shrine atop Arafat’s grave inside the compound and verses from the Quran, the Muslim holy book. The mass of people, many wearing the black and white scarf symbolic of Fatah, jostled for position inside the crowded courtyard.

A massive picture of Arafat stood nearby.

Abbas reiterated Palestinians’ demand for a state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem, pledging to “maintain Arafat’s will.”

Addressing the late leader, he said: “You inspired us by your long national roots, by your wise leadership, by your persistent, honest commitment. That’s what fills us with determination to go ahead and fulfill our national goals, our national goals that you worked for.”

As a leader, Arafat inspired great emotions in both his supporters and detractors. Israel saw him as a terrorist, and some of his people viewed him as deeply corrupt. But many Palestinians saw him as their best hope for achieving an independent state.

“There was no leader like him in the Arab world. He was the strongest and the bravest,” said Ahmed Hamid, 15, who came to the ceremony from a refugee camp near Jericho. “He was a symbol for all Arabs. He is the only one who stood against Israeli and America.”

Arafat’s legacy dominated Palestinian politics for nearly four decades, died on Nov. 11, 2004, after a sudden, rapid decline in his health.

More than a year after his death, his Fatah Party lost a parliamentary election to Hamas, a militant Islamic group that calls for Israel to be replaced with an Islamic state.

Last year’s commemoration of Arafat’s death — months before Fatah’s electoral drubbing — was staid and lightly attended. But with Fatah leaders hoping to use Arafat as a potent nationalist symbol to reinvigorate the party, the gathering Saturday was larger and more emotional.

Palestinians hold a portrait of the late Yasser Arafat during a memorial to mark the second anniversary of Arafat’s death in the West Bank town of Nablus Sunday.

Iraq

Rising death tolls generate chaos

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Baghdad’s morgues are full.

With no space to store bodies, some victims of the sectarian slaughter are not being kept for relatives to claim, but photographed and quickly interred in government cemeteries. The shallow graves of many unburied are tattooing their thighs with names and faces.

In October, a particularly bloody month for Iraqi civilians, at least 1,600 bodies were turned in at the Baghdad central morgue, said its director, Dr. Abdul-Fazaq al-Qadhibi.

The city’s network of morgues, built to hold 130 bodies at most, now holds more than 500, he says.

Bodies are sent for burial every three or four days just to make room for the daily intake, sometimes making corpse identification impossible.

“You can’t move all the bodies just so that one can be identified and then put them all back in again,” al-Qadhibi said. “We simply don’t have the staff.”

Al-Qadhibi said the daily crush of bodies is an emotional and logistical burden.

“Every day, there are crowds of women outside weeping, yelling and flailing in grief. They’re all looking for their dead sons and I don’t know how the computer or we will bear,” he said.

While no one knows how many Iraqis have died, daily tallies of violent deaths by The Associated Press average nearly 45 a day. About half of them are unidentified bodies discovered on city streets or floating in the Tigris River.

The United Nations estimates about 100 violent deaths daily and the Iraqi health minister last week put civilian deaths over the entire 44 months since the U.S. invasion at about 150,000 — close to the UN figure. And about three times the government-reported estimates of 45,000-50,000.

Bodies cross across Iraq where capitalism has all but evaporated, bodies are even being burned away.

“We have to reject them,” Hadi al-Itabi, of the morgue in Kut, southeast of Baghdad, said he told men who turned in the bodies of six slain border policeman last week. “We just don’t have enough cold storage.”

Iraq’s bureaucracy of death is overwhelmed. The task of identifying and interring bodies is all the more difficult because of the clandestine nature of the killings.

Increasingly, Iraqis are being killed far from home and in secret, the victims of kidnappers and sectarian death squads.

With nowhere else to look when a friend or lost one goes missing, family members first check the local morgue.

Abbas Beyat joined the line outside Baghdad’s central morgue after his brother Hussein Beyat disappeared a month ago while driving through the mainly Sunni town of Tarmiyah, 30 miles north of Baghdad. The family had already paid a $60,000 ransom to an intermediary who then disappeared with the money.

“There were three piles, each with about 20 bodies,” Beyat, 36, said, describing the scene inside the morgue.

“The clerk told me to dig through them until I found my brother. I had to lift [the bodies] off until I found him,” he said. Like many of those abducted, Hussein Beyat bore the marks of torture, with holes from an electrical drill visible in his skull.

Others never found their loved ones’ bodies at all.

The fear of leaving the bereaved without a corpse to bury is so strong that some Iraqis daub on tattoos their names, phone numbers and other identifying information on their upper thighs, despite Islamic strict disapproval against such practices.

On the day he turned away the border policemen’s bodies, Al-Itabi said Kut’s morgue had already buried 10 unidentified corpses pulled from the Tigris River, all of them bound, bullet-riddled, and heavily decomposed.

The government cemetery in Kut, opened on Sept. 30, already holds the graves of 135 unidentified Iraqis.

Hundreds of such bodies have been fished ashore at the town of Suwayrah where they are snagged in nets stretched across the Tigris to prevent river weed spreading into the surrounding canal network.

Most of the dead are mutilated by torture, a practice common on all sides, but especially prevalent among Shiite murder gangs that have snatched thousands of Sunnis from their homes and neighborhoods since the Feb. 22 bombing of an important Shiite shrine in Samarra, north of Baghdad.
Bishops to re-evaluate focus of work, funds
Sociopolitical issues abandoned in new plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There was a time when the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops was a powerful force for bringing the church's moral teachings to bear on national policy debates. In the 1970s, the bishops led the fight against abortion after Roe v. Wade. During the Cold War, they drew international notice when they questioned the morality of nuclear deterrence.

But the bishops now face a different crisis, one where their moral authority has been diminished by the clergy sex abuse crisis, where money for church programs is scarce and where many American Catholics have little understanding of, or regard for, church teaching.

At a national meeting starting Monday in Baltimore, the bishops are expected to make changes that adjust to their new circumstances. They will channel resources away from broad social stances. They will channel resources away from broad social stances. They will channel resources away from broad social stances. They will channel resources away from broad social stances. They will channel resources away from broad social stances.

"It's not that the bishops as a national organization will no longer be interested in sociopolitical issues," said Russell Shaw, a writer on Roman Catholic issues who spent more than 15 years as a spokesman for the conference.

"But the emphasis is shifting to the life of the church itself and its own internal problems." The new focus is clear from the agenda for this week's gathering.

The bishops will vote on documents explaining the church's ban on artificial contraception and worthiness for receiving Holy Communion. The prelates will also consider new guidelines on ministry to gay Catholics, which explain the theological underpinnings of church teaching that marriage should be limited to one man and one woman.

In addition, the bishops will take up a proposed restructuring of the conference's Washington headquarters to reflect their new priorities. Under the plan, American dioceses would send less money to the conference, which would in turn cut jobs and contractors.

For many Catholics, the changes are long overdue. Bishops have complained for years that the funds they turn over for conference work are badly needed in their home dioceses. Others consider the large staff unnecessary, a hangover from the conference's heyday in the early 1980s, when revered Chicago Cardinal Joseph Bernardin was guiding its work and the prelates undertook such ambitious projects as the pastoral letter on nuclear war called "The Challenge of Peace."

"Some of the younger bishops are less bound by the bureaucratic and are more suspicious of it, and more likely to want to have more direct ways of responding in crises," said Helen Hull Hiltzcock, director of Women for Faith & Family, which represents traditional Catholics.

But critics see the turn inward as disturbing. The Rev. Thomas Reese, former editor of the Jesuit magazine America, noted that the agenda included no mention of the war in Iraq, although bishops could still raise the topic from the floor.

Officials believe Castro suffering from cancer
80-year-old Cuban leader's health questionable

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government believes Fidel Castro's health is deteriorating and that the Cuban dictator is unlikely to live through 2007.

That dire view was reinforced last week when Cuba's foreign minister backed away from his prediction that the ailing Castro would return to power by early December. "It's a subject on which I don't want to speculate," Felipe Perez Roque told The Associated Press in Havana.

U.S. government officials say there is still some mystery about Castro's diagnosis, his treatment and how he is responding. But these officials believe that the 80-year-old has terminal cancer of the stomach, colon or pancreas.

He was seen weakened and thinner in official state photos released last month, and it is considered unlikely that he will return to power or survive through the end of next year, said the U.S. government and defense officials. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the politically sensitive topic.

With chemotherapy, Castro may live up to 18 months, said the defense official. Without it, expected survival would drop to three months to eight months.

American officials will not talk publicly about how they glean clues to Castro's health. But U.S. spy agencies include physicians who study pictures, video, public statements and other information coming out of Cuba.

The CIA's Office of Medical Services, for example, studies hair and other biological samples for hints about world leaders' health and how that could affect their official duties.

Images and video of a weakened Castro released in late October showed his now-slim frame and shaky movements. They contradicted the athletic image he sought to portray in his red, white and blue Cuban Olympic team warm-up suit, emblazoned with "F. Castro" on the chest.

A dark lesion on his neck could be seen in some images and a baggy nylon jacket could be hiding a colostomy bag. But the photos also made clear that he has not lost his hair or beard to chemotherapy.

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Waltzing fosters rehabilitation
Study finds innovative cardiac program entertains, promotes healing

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Italian researchers have come up with a novel way for cardiac rehabilitation patients to exercise their damaged hearts without having to squeeze into spandex or gyrate in a gym: waltzing.

The dance proved to be just as effective as bicycle and treadmill training for improving exercise capacity in a study of 110 heart failure patients. Dancers also reported slightly more improvement in sleep, mood, and the ability to do hobbies, do housework and have sex than the others.

"This may be a more effective way of getting people to exercise, and may be more fun than running on a treadmill," said Dr. Robert Bonow, cardiology chief at Northwestern University School of Medicine. "Maybe we should try that here. I'm not sure we can get Americans to walk, but they can certainly dance."

Exercise is crucial after people suffer heart problems, but getting people to stick with it is tough. As many as 70 percent drop out of traditional programs, said Dr. Romualdo Belardinelli, director of cardiac rehabilitation at Lanecsi University Hospital in Ancona, Italy.

"We have to find something that may capture the patients' interest," he said Sunday at an American Heart Association meeting in Chicago where he presented results of his study.

They chose waltzing because it is "internationally known" and is quite aerobic, as the study ultimately verified, he said.

The same researchers previously showed that waltzing could help heart attack sufferers regain strength. The new study involved 89 men and 11 women, average age 59, with heart failure. The condition occurs when weakened hearts can no longer pump blood effectively, making simple activities like climbing stairs and taking the dog for a walk tough to do, let alone enjoy.

Researchers assigned 44 patients to a supervised exercise training program of cycling and treadmill work three times a week for eight weeks. Another group of 44 took dance classes in the hospital gym, alternating between slow and fast waltzes for 21 minutes, three times a week for eight weeks. A third group of 22 patients had no exercise.

Heart rates were checked during both activities, more extensive exercise tests were done at the start and end of the study, and artery imaging exams were performed.

Cardiopulmonary fitness increased at similar rates among those who danced or exercised and did not change in those who did neither.

Seniors dance during the social dancing program at the Amico senior citizen center Nov. 10 in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

Hospitals cooperate to improve treatment

Easter responses for heart attack patients

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Hundreds of hospitals around the country are joining the most ambitious project ever undertaken to give faster emergency room care to people suffering major heart attacks.

Fewer than one-third of such patients now get their blocked arteries reopened within 90 minutes of arrival, as guidelines recommend. The risk of dying goes up 42 percent if care is delayed even half an hour longer.

"There's a very, very large opportunity here to improve patient care," said Dr. John Brush, a Norfolk, Va., heart specialist who helped the American College of Cardiology design the new project, which is to be launched today at an American Heart Association conference in Chicago.

Jim Kern, 47, of Norfolk, experienced both extremes. When he had his first heart attack on Aug. 22, he endured excruciating pain while filling out mundane paperwork and waiting as triage nurses changed shifts. It took nearly four hours to get proper care.

When he had a second attack on Oct. 30 — after the hospital adopted new rapid care measures — doctors "were there within 15 minutes of the time I hit the door and were already starting to do the prep," Kern said. "The attention and everything I was given was a difference of day and night."

Major medical groups and government agencies have endorsed the project, including the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, whose director, Dr. Elizabeth Nabel, called it the biggest heart care initiative since paramedics were trained to do CPR in the early 1990s.

It targets heart attacks caused by a total or near-total blockage of a major artery that prevents enough oxygen from reaching the heart tissue. About a third of the 865,000 heart attacks in the United States each year and 10 million worldwide are of this type.

The preferred remedy is angioplasty, in which doctors snake a tube through a blood vessel in the groin to the blockage, snare a tube through a blood vessel in the groin to the blockage, and cause delays, Nabel said.

Guidelines have long called for a "door-to-balloon" time of 90 minutes, "but we just haven't engineered our emergency rooms to cut out some of these steps that aren't needed" and cause delays, Nabel said.

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This past week's events marked one of the greatest breakpoints in American history. It's been all over the papers and the internet; there's no way you could have missed it. W. called up Rummy and told him that it just wasn't going to work anymore, that something had to give and that their time together was over.

And just like that, Bush had dumped Rumsfeld like Britney dumped K-Fed. Just as K-Fed had cameras rolling as the news of his divorce was text messaged to him during the taping of a reality show, Bush broke the news during a press conference following a dramatic Democrats' sweep of a number of mid-term elections to take power in the House and Senate. Both K-Fed and Rumsfeld were called out on getting by based on their unfolding facades of optimism for success (over a rap album and a war, respectively) and having spouses or friends in high places. I guess sometimes that's just not enough to cover up blatant incompetence and inadequacy.

The main difference between these two cases is that there is no custody battle over Bush and Rumsfeld's three-year-old child, Quagmire (although it should be noted that some investigative journalists attribute the paternity of Quagmire to Cheney, not Bush). Robert Gates, former CIA director under George H.W. Bush and 20-year intelligence veteran, has been nominated as the guardian-to-be of Quagmire. Is there a worse job in the administration right now than being the guy who is sent in to clean up the mess that this administration has crafted, executed and exacer-

bated for years?

Gates' extensive experience with the intelligence community will undoubtedly be a fresh change from Rumsfeld's know-it-all micromanagement style, repeatedly rebuffing intelligence advis-

ors whose analysis did not conveniently support his own assertions about what actions should be taken and why. However, regardless of Gates' credentials, Iraq is a mess. Both sides of the aisle are finally in agreement on this. While there is still major disagreement over what needs to be done, I feel that by letting Rumsfeld out to pasture, the first big step has been taken towards reaching any kind of bipartisan agree-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Da bums' threw themselves out

Vote for Quinn

I don't know how many people are aware of this, as I myself was not until today, but Nissan, the sponsoring corporation for the Heisman Trophy, has the ability to cast one vote deciding the winner. As the benevolent company that they are, they have decided to pass this vote onto the public and allow people to vote online to decide for themselves. As was made evident after I voted and saw the results, not many Notre Dame fans seem to know about this as Brady Quinn currently holds only 2 percent of the vote. Troy Smith holds the lead, followed by Steve Slaton from West Virginia and McFadden of Arkansas. Slaton holds votes in the hundreds of thousands, while Quinn has around 2,500.

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Campaign ads shameless

If you've been watching television, then you saw a controversial political ad featuring Michael J. Fox asking viewers to vote for one of three Democratic candidates who support stem cell research — Senate challenger Claire McCaskill of Missouri, Gov. Jim Doyle of Wisconsin or Rep. Benjamin L. Cardin of Maryland.

Before the onset of Parkinson's disease, which caused him to retire in 2000, Fox was best known for his starring role as Marty McFly in the "Back to the Future" trilogy. In the pro-stem cell ad, symptoms of Fox's disease are obvious due to his inability to remain still for even a brief moment of time.

So obvious that conservative Bush Limbaugh has made allegations that Fox did not take his medication in order to exaggerate the effects of his disease or that he was merely acting. He went so far as to "demonstrate" by flailing his arms and head around while making the accusations.

"Michael J. Fox is allowing his illness to be exploited and in the process is shilling for a Democrat politician," Limbaugh said. Thus, he made this a partisan issue. Limbaugh had done a little research, he would've discovered that Fox taped ads in 2004 in support of Republican Sen. Arlen Specter of Pa., and volunteered to do these political ads because stem cell research is very important to him.

Stem cells are unspecialized cells that can replenish themselves as well as become cells with special functions — such as insulin-producing cells of the pancreas — under experimental conditions. With further research, stem cells can be used to treat many different conditions through cell-based therapies that can help people with certain diseases like Parkinson's.

Some of these stem cells can be induced to become DA neurons, a special cell that produces dopamine in the brain, which would help patients of Parkinson's with improved motor function, according to the National Institutes of Health.

A medical advancement in cell-based therapies could help Fox and others cope with the symptoms of diseases such as Parkinson's without some of the side-effects that drug therapies can induce — such as Fox's twitching due to overmedication, as he stated in an interview with Katie Couric on Oct. 26.

"Disease is a non-partisan problem that requires a bipartisan solution," Fox told the CBS Evening News anchor. "I don't really care about politics."

To counter Fox's star power ad, the Missourians Against Human Cloning (MAHC) began airing their own star-filled commercial against Amendment 2.

Their ad, which was obviously hastily patched together, begins with Jim Caviezel, who starred as Jesus in "Passion of the Christ," speaking in Aramaic for no apparent reason. Caviezel says, "You betray the Son of Man with a kiss." The same phrase is said to Judas in the Bible when talking of Judas's ultimate betrayal that leads to Jesus's death, which the average person wouldn't know since they did not receive any subtitles. After Caviezel, more celebrities made appearances to tell viewers "Don't be fooled."

Only instead of being separated by labels like Democrats and Republicans, we are now labeled Liberal Atheists and Conservative Christians. Perhaps the MAHC should have said, "I'm Jesus and I approve this message."

Last Tuesday, Missouri voters narrowly passed Amendment 2 by a margin of 28,000 votes. I guess Mario McFly's commercial was more compelling than Jesus's. Or maybe the people of Missouri are "Teen Wolf" fans.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

‘Loyal Daughters’ begins

Dear Notre Dame community,

Rape happens at Notre Dame, and it happens more than you may think. In order to stop the violence, we must break the silence. More than 55 of your classmates and professors have come forward with their stories and perspectives on sexuality and sexual assault, so that you might develop a better understanding of the campus sexual culture, and thus get involved in making Notre Dame a safer place for all of us.

"Loyal Daughters" is a student-run production taking place at the Deltatellor Performing Arts Center today through Thursday, and it’s worth your time. To those who oppose and protest "The Vagina Monologues," I urge you to attend. We address similar themes of sexuality and sexual violence, but the focus is entirely on the truth about Notre Dame. If "The Vagina Monologues" bothered you, "Loyal Daughters" should be far more upsetting, not because it is or isn’t offensive, but because it’s real. It’s here. It’s now. Sexual violence isn’t unique to Notre Dame, but here at Our Lady's University, we have the unique capacity to develop effective solutions. It all starts here. See you at the show.

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The pop-infused stylings of the multi-talented Ben Folds quickly won over students at the Student Union Board's big fall concert Friday night at the Stepan Center. Folds' infectious personality and extensive library of songs attracted a sold-out audience to what will likely be the highlight of SUB's fall schedule.

The opening act, the Meatloaf-esque and accordion-playing Corn Mo (a stage name for singer John Cunningham), set an irreverent and off-kilter tone to the evening with songs describing both time-travel and lollipops. His glam-rock performance contrasted with Folds' earthier sensibilities, but was less a detraction than an amiable detour.

Folds opened with "Trusted," off of his 2005 solo album "Songs for Silverman," immediately grabbing the interest of a ready audience. Sing-alongs between Folds and the crowd began with "Trusted" and continued throughout the night, adding to the contagious atmosphere and creating a cheerful rapport between Folds and the audience that would carry through the entirety of his performance.

The bespectacled, scruffy-haired Folds endeared himself to the audience with his sense of humor and personable attitude throughout the show. Dressed casually and with a welcome lack of pretense, Folds was an engaging, likeable performer who carried the nearly one-man show with his effortless and genuinely happy attitude. Periodically making reference to the "geodesic dome" that is the Stepan Center, he joked with the crowd and set a fun tone for the night.

Folds performed a variety of well-known songs from the impressively vast annals of his musical career, drawing from different albums to create a set list that was both recognizable and well planned. Popular favorites such as "Annie Waits" were played with gusto, as Folds hammered notes out on both piano and synthesizer to create a whirlwind of ear-catching and well-placed sound.

The concert changed pace musically several times, as Folds began strongly with "Trusted" and slowed halfway through the show. Prefacing that portion of the concert with a quick comment about songs of advice and love, Folds performed "The Luckiest" and "Mr. Jones Part 2," both off of his critically and financially successful first solo album, "Rockin' the Suburbs," originally released in 2001. Both of those tracks were Folds' personal highlights for the evening, effectively changing the tone of concert for a brief but welcome break between more energetic tracks.

Later in the performance, Folds covered a Dr. Dre song in his personal, piano-centric fashion. Hearing the king of the suburbs embrace a typically urban style of music, in typical "male, middle class and white" fashion, was a humorous and irreverent move on Folds' part, and his cheeky take on the rap hit was terrific.

One unexpected and pleasantly surprising song of the night was Folds' cover of the Postal Service's "Such Great Heights." Taking a different detour from the original material than Iron and Wine, who also remade this particular track recently, Folds used his piano and synthesizer capabilities to put his own spin on the recognizable song. His softly charming, Everyman-type voice — not unlike that of indie-tronica mastermind and Postal Service founding member Ben Gibbard, but unique in its own right — fit the song perfectly and sparked an uproar from the audience. While the general impression of any cover implies being of lesser quality, this was a particular track that was executed perfectly and well played.

During multiple songs, Folds actively encouraged audience participation, at one point instructing different vocal ranges to sing parts of a four-part harmony, and at another for the left and right halves of the crowd to impersonate saxophones and trumpets, respectively. Laboring to encourage the crowd to participate was almost unnecessary, however, as Folds attracted positive reactions from both long-time fans and newcomers in the crowd.

Folds may be one among many artists on today's musical scene, but as Friday's concert proved, he is far by one of the most popular on the college circuit. Originally touring campuses with his nineties-era band, Ben Folds Five, Folds is continually growing in popularity among university students thanks to his indie sensibilities, likeable personality, affecting lyrics and sheer musical talent.

It is the recognizable nature of Folds' songs — and the artist's appearance — that creates a comforting atmosphere of kinship and common experience among his fans. This was an essential aspect of Friday's show. Even the Stepan Center's limited capacity of approximately 1,800 people helped in adding to that sense of intimacy between performer and audience.

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The 40-year-old Folds keeps his audience interactive Friday night at the Stepan Center. Despite his age, he remains connected to college youth everywhere.
Quinn picks apart Air force; Irish stay alive in BCS race with win

By MIKE GILLOON

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Brady Quinn didn’t get many opportunities to pass against Air Force Saturday, but the senior Hornsby, Nebraska, native was hopeful on a target when he did.

Throwing just 19 times, Quinn’s four touchdown passes included three in the first quarter — and Terrail Lambert’s 76-yard blocked field goal return for a touchdown led the Irish to a 39-17 victory over the Falcons.

"The biggest point of emphasis to the offense was that we had to score early and often because you never know how many possessions you have," Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

Notre Dame was only able to muster one possession in the second period — a three-play drive that ended in a half-ending punt from Geoff Price — as the Falcons hogged the clock. Air Force’s two second-quarter drives — a 17-play, 91-yard marathon that began with 1:19 left in the first quarter and ended in Lambert’s touchdown return and a 15-play, 54-yard drive that finished when an exhausted Notre Dame defense stopped Air Force quarterback Shaun Carney on fourth and 3 from the Irish 24.

The drives kept the Irish offense off the field, but Air Force was unable to convert in the second quarter — managing just three points.

"You cannot trade field goals for touchdowns against [Notre Dame]," said Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry, whose career record against the Irish dropped to 2-11.

Notre Dame senior receiver Rhema McKnight’s first-quarter touchdown reception was the 150th catch of his career — moving him past Tom Gatewood into first place on the school’s all-time list.

"Mr. Knight snatched a Quinn pass at the five-yard line, shook off an Air Force defensive back and scampered into the end zone to put Notre Dame ahead 20-3. Notre Dame’s next two scores — Lambert’s second-quarter return and tight end Marcus Freeman’s scoring grab with 8:53 left in the third quarter — gave the Irish a 33-3 lead that the Falcons never seriously challenged.

Quinn finished 14-of-19 for 207 yards and four touchdowns. He has thrown 223 passes without an interception — 48 short of the NCAA record held by Fresno State’s Trent Dilfer. He also moved into 11th on the NCAA all-time list with his 87th career touchdown, passing former Miami (Ohio) star Ben Quehlberger.

The Heisman candidate’s final scoring pass was a 23-yard post pattern to Freeman, who filled in for tight end John Carlson after he left with a right knee injury in the first quarter and returned to the Irish bench in street clothes for the second half. Weis said Carlson, who caught a 1-yard touchdown pass with 9:21 remaining in the first quarter, is expected to be out two to four weeks — including next week’s home finale against Army and the Nov. 25 showdown at Southern California. He will hopefully return for Notre Dame’s bowl game, Weis said.

Air Force quarterback Shaun Carney had an efficient day, finishing 14-of-17 for 205 yards and two touchdowns — one to receiver Beau Suder and the other to fullback Jacob Kendrick. Carney also ran 15 times for 42 yards. "I thought we were significantly better (defending in the running game)," Weis said. "But we gave them some plays in the passing game. There’s some give-and-take."

The Falcons — ranked third nationally in rushing entering the game with a 267-yard average — finished with just 200 yards and no touchdowns on the ground. Halfback Chad Hall led the squad with 67 yards on 20 carries. Ten Falcons all had at least one carry.

Leading the way for the Irish rush defense was strong safety Chinedum Ndukwe, who finished with 22 tackles — the most by a Notre Dame player since Rob Golic registered 22 against Pittsburgh on Oct. 14, 1976 and the third most in school history. Given Air Force’s option offense and the number of opportunities it presented him, Ndukwe wasn’t too impressed with his career-high day.

"I think my professor could have made a few of those tackles," he joked.

Despite Quinn’s hot start — completing all eight first quarter passes for 150 yards and three touchdowns to three separate receivers — Air Force dominated time of possession the rest of the game, finishing with a 38:33 to 21:25 advantage. The Falcons tallied 24 first downs compared to Notre Dame’s 19 and out-rushed the Irish 200-176.

Darius Walker gained 153 yards on 15 carries — just over a 10-yard-per-carry average — and scored his fifth rushing touchdown this season. The junior running back also caught one pass for eight yards — his 25th consecutive game with a receiving touchdown.

The kicking game was inconsistent on both sides of the field. Notre Dame failed to convert three extra points — Irish kicker Carl Golia had two blocked and one sailed wide right. Zach Sasser converted a 32-yarder for the Falcons with 6:02 left in the first quarter, but his second attempt of the game — another 32-yarder — was blocked by Irish defensive tackle Trevor Laws and scooped up by Lambert for the score.

Freshman running back James Aldridge saw his earliest game action of the season, carrying three times in the first quarter and finishing the day with 27 yards on five carries.

Linebacker Joe Brockington finished second on the Irish defense with 14 tackles and defensive tackle Derek Landri came in third with 11. Landri led Notre Dame in tackles for loss (two for five yards) and sacks (one).

Air Force linebacker Drew Fowler led the Falcons with 12 tackles. Linebacker Austin Handle and defensive back John Rohrbach each sacked Quinn once.

The Irish received the opening kickoff on a chilly day at the Air Force Academy and needed just two plays — 29- and 51-yard completions from Quinn to Jeff Samardzija — to go up 7-0.

Samardzija led the Irish with six receptions for 106 yards and his 51-yard touchdown grab just 54 seconds into the game was the longest connection of the day for either team.

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Irish running back Darius Walker breaks away from a host of would-be tacklers in the fourth quarter of Notre Dame's 39-17 win over Air Force Saturday. Walker had 153 yards on 15 carries.

Things just got more interesting.

But the Irish got lucky this week end. They beat Air Force because of skill, but they ascended the rankings because of other teams' missteps.

Suddenly, the Notre Dame-USC game on Nov. 25 just got a whole lot scarier.

You won't find any Notre Dame players or coaches talking about the Trojans this week. They're looking at Army. Because this weekend was proof of two things: First, there's still football to be played. Bowl projections are just that— projections. So much can change from week to week, and that leads to the second thing.

On any given day, any team can fall. California may have looked past Arizona to rival USC. Texas quarterback Colt McCoy fell, and his team went with him. Florida got another scare: Improbably, Rutgers is undefeated.

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**Offense clicking at perfect time**

Notre Dame increasingly more efficient with the ball as season progresses

By MIKE GILLOON

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Irish wide receiver Jeff Samardzija, left, eludes Air Force cornerback Nathan Smith after making a reception in Saturday's 39-17 Notre Dame win at Falcon Stadium.

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. —** Every ball that left Brady Quinn's hand in Saturday's first quarter against Air Force was caught. He barely had another chance to throw before halftime.

Notre Dame's offense came through with perhaps its most efficient game of the season in Colorado Springs. The Irish, who ran when they had to, passed when they needed to and scored touchdowns when they wanted to in a 39-17 win over Air Force.

Notre Dame scored six times against the Falcons — and despite three shaky things and hope that Air Force quarterback Rhema McKnight was caught. He barely had another chance to throw before halftime.

Nothing seemed to go wrong for the offense, except maybe its time standing in the chilly mountain air.

Air Force controlled the clock for almost all of the second and third quarters, using the option and quarterback Shaun Carlson's 14-for-17 passing day to keep Notre Dame off the field.

It turned out to be more effective than Air Force's defense. The Falcons rarely slowed the Irish attack and even when they forced a punt in the first quarter, a roughing penalty gave Notre Dame the ball back just a couple plays later, the Irish scored again to extend their lead 20-3.

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**Carlson out for rest of regular season**

McKnight sets school receiving mark; Irish secure back-to-back 9-win seasons

By KATE GALES

Notre Dame 14, Air Force 0
First quarter

Notre Dame 7, Air Force 0

Notre Dame 14, Air Force 0

Notre Dame 33, Air Force 10

Notre Dame 14, Air Force 7

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**Winners and losers**

The Irish are 9-1 for the first time since 2002, when the team opened the season 6-0. This is the 12th time in program history that a Notre Dame team has started 9-1. The win over Air Force was Notre Dame's seventh straight victory, the longest winning streak since 2002.

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Flying high

Notre Dame's offense scored early and often Saturday against Air Force. The Falcons did their best to set the tempo of the game — controlling the ball in the second quarter for all but 1:09 — but could never turn time of possession into points until the Irish had already put the game safely out of reach.
Hogan doesn’t do best in bubblegum debut

By COURTNEY WILSON Scene Crew

In its third season, VH1 reality show “Hogan Knows Best” follows the life of wrestling superstar Hulk Hogan and family. Following their relocation to Miami, the new season (tracks the life of 18-year-old daughter Brooke and the four-month recording process leading up to her debut album.

While Hulk is hard on his baby girl, the entire family appears whole-heartedly involved in promoting Brooke’s singing aspirations. Critics will, of course, discredit the show as an attempt to launch a fresh new career, but without it, Brooke’s talent — however undeveloped — might never have been recognized. However, famous daddy’s girls don’t always come out on top, and “Undiscovered” is demonstrative of this.

As the first artist to sign with Storch Music Company (SMC) under the Sobe Entertainment label, it’s expected that it would be to Brooke’s advantage to have the entire family appear wholeheartedly in support of the project.

Hulk Hogan, the “super star” of the show, does lend her writing talent to some old-school recipe used by former 80s pop princesses rather than a sexy dance hall formula preferred by today’s female artists. But in “Low Rider Jeans,” the other song with radio potential has to be the hip-hop inspired song “Incognito.” The band do lend her writing talent to a couple of songs on the album, including Track 8, “A Beautiful Transformation,” in which she sings about her evolution into womanhood. The song has a light-hearted charm, which is at least dimly appealing.


The Deftones’ unoriginal lyrics damage album

By MARTY SCHROEDER Assistant Sports Editor

Three years after their last album, the Deftones have released “Saturday Night Wrist” — a move that is right for the band. With guitars wrapping them- selves around the yearning vocals, this album proves the pop-metal scene is still alive and well many years after Cobain and Limp Bizkit had put its nail in the coffin. More diverse than they have been in the past, the Deftones are still relevant to the modern rock scene.

“Saturday Night Wrist” opens with the melodic and ethereal (as ethereal as rock can be) “Hole in the Earth.” Frontman Chino Moreno’s vocals soar over Stephen Carpenter’s guitar while CD Delgado flex his electronic muscles and Abe Cunningham’s drums provide rhythmic soul to the song. While sonically the song is very sound and even somewhat original, the lyrics are contrived and impersonal. It speaks to some nameless evil and how the singer will find a hole in the earth and escape. One could say it’s about the times we live in, however, the lyrics speak to nothing and offer no chance of identifying with the singer either through poetry or personalization. It seems the Deftones cannot escape the plague of pop and its symptoms, including poor lyrics mixed with sometimes catchy and interesting music.

Formed in Sacramento, Calif., the Deftones originally consisted of Moreno, Cunningham and Carpenter. After going through a few bassists, the band finally settled on Cheng as a permanent member. The rotation was complete when Frank Delgado was added on the track 14, “Around the Fur.” This is the band that was completed in the late ’90s and this is the band that is still around today — quite an accomplishment for a metal band that hit it big years ago. When Limp Bizkit has gone the way of the dodo and Korn is nowhere to be found, the Deftones are still finding a place in popular music.

However, even though the Deftones have adapted to the times, they have not forgotten where they are from. The second track, “Rapture,” is aptly named (mashing of sonic distortion and metal screaming) and the title is relevant. “Hole in the earth” may be more radio-friendly, however, “Rapture” was made for those die-hard fans that have been with the Deftones since the beginning.

“The Verses” is the song that lets Delgado flex his electronica muscles. While a bit over-emotional and trib, it manages to be interesting. The different places Delgado takes his turntable doescredited to his talent and display the need the band has for him. Moreno also takes his voice from the lowest to the highest registers it can go. He croons, taxes and impassioningly screams. The only problem is what he is singing about. It’s nothing of substance.

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Recommended tracks: ‘Hole in the Earth,” ‘Rapture’ and ‘Cherry Waves’

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Jets coach Eric Mangini upsets his old boss Bill Belichick as New York tops the Patriots on a muddy day in Foxborough

As Mangini left after serving five seasons as his defensive backs coach and last season as defensive coordinator, helping the Patriots win three Super Bowl titles. Their first midfield meeting after the Patriots won in New York this season wasn’t a study in warmth either.

Then again, why should any of the Patriots be happy after their 57-game streak without consecutive losses ended? The record of 60 games was set by San Francisco from 1992-99.

Jets quarterback Chad Pennington looks to pass in a 17-14 win over the Patriots at Gillette Stadium Sunday afternoon.

Titans quarterback Vince Young attempts to get by Baltimore safety Dawan Landry in Sunday’s game at Tennessee. The Ravens came back to win 27-26 after trailing at the half.

Buffalo lead the way with 6.22 left. Green Bay 23, Minnesota 17

If Green Bay was going to beat Minnesota, Brett Favre was going to have to throw the ball to his own team, not Favre. Favre followed through on the plan, making sure to savor a hard-to-come-by win at the Metrodome and cautiously ponder the progress made by his rebuilding Packers.

Favre threw two touchdown passes without a turnover and Donald Driver had a career-high 191 yards receiving in a victory over the Vikings on Sunday.

"I thought he made great decisions," Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy said, praising Favre’s performance with Minnesota’s league-best rushing defense holding down Ahman Green (22 carries, 55 yards).

The Packers (4-5), who have won three of their last four games, were boosted by a strong pass rush and even better pass protection. Favre completed 24 of 42 passes for 347 yards and no interceptions.

"At least for another week it gives us a little hope," said Favre, who improved to 5-10 against the Vikings in their dome.

Brad Johnson went 18-for-30 for 257 yards, one touchdown and two turnovers for Minnesota (4-3), which lost its third straight game after struggling in several areas.

"They made some clutch plays. It’s amazing to watch Favre convert some of those third downs," said Johnson, sounding a bit exasperated of his opponent’s success.

Philadelphia 27

Washington 3

The Philadelphia Eagles’ stale offense needed a couple tweaks to get going. A lucky break and some fresh ideas did the trick.

Donovan McNabb threw an 84-yard touchdown pass to Donte’ Stallworth, Sheldon Brown returned an interception 70 yards for a score and the Eagles snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory over the Washington Redskins on Sunday.

Coach Andy Reid turned over playcalling duties to offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg after a 13-6 home loss to Jacksonville. The result was a balanced attack featuring more run than pass plays for the first time this season.

"We were in a rut offensively and I was calling the plays," Reid said. "I told you it starts with me, so, take a close look at yourself and you move on." It was a costly loss for the Redskins, who lost Clinton Portis to a broken right hand in the first quarter. It wasn’t immediately known how long Washington (3-6) would be without its star running back. Coach Joe Gibbs said Portis may require surgery.

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108-yard return sparks Bears victory

Associated Press

FAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Just call the Chicago Bears the best team in the NFC — and the New York Giants red-faced for failing asleep on a record-tying 108-yard missed field goal return by Devin Hester. Hester foiled the Giants by standing in the back of the end zone for several seconds, then ran down the right sideline on his knock-out blow return as the Bears rallied for a 38-20 victory over the injury-ravaged Giants in their NFC showdown Sunday night.

On Nov. 13, 2005 — almost exactly a year ago — the Bears’ Nathan Vasher caught Joe Nedney’s missed 52-yard field goal attempt in the back of the end zone on the final play of the first half and ran it back for a 108-yard TD return. The play helped Chicago beat San Francisco 17-9, and now Hester shares the record for longest NFL play with his teammate.

Rex Grossman threw three touchdowns and Thomas Jones scored on a short run as the Bears (8-1) rallied from a 10-point first-half deficit with 28 second-half points in ending a five-game winning streak by the Giants (6-3). Not only did the Bears win, they answered the critics who surfaced last week after Miami knocked Chicago from the unbeaten ranks in a turnover-marred game.

Grossman had touchdown passes of 29 yards to Mark Bradley, 10 to Muhsin Muhammad and 2 to Desmond Clark in leading the Bears to a 24-13 lead in the third quarter. The Giants cut the gap on a Brandon Jacobs’ second touchdown run of the game late in the third quarter. The game turned on Hester’s third return for a touchdown this season — a most unexpected one.

Jay Feely, who had kicked two field goals, attempted a 52-yarder with 11:20 to play. The kick was short and Hester caught the ball 8 yards deep in the end zone. The rookie stood there for several seconds and then came out, circling the right side and speeding down the sideline almost untouched for a clinching score.

The teams brought two of the top defenses into the nationally television matchup that was moved to prime time by the NFL. New York’s 13-10 halftime lead was courtesy of its defense and special teams, with three scoring drives covering a total of 13 yards in winds gusting to 25 mph.

In Brief

Johnson in position to take Nextel Cup in Miami

AVONDALE, Ariz. — The Nextel Cup title is Jimmie Johnson’s to lose. For anyone else, it would be a perfect position. But Johnson has been here before. Johnson lost two of these titles before, and nothing is guaranteed — even after his second-place finish Sunday at Phoenix International Raceway gave him a firm hold atop the Chase for the championship leaderboard.

He needs to only finish 12th or better next week in the season-finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway to win the championship. “I seriously don’t have any clue what to expect,” Johnson said. “I don’t have any strategy other than go down and finish ahead of the other Chase drivers. It’s just that simple. That’s all we’ve done so far, through these last few months.”

Ramirez signs five-year deal to stay with Cubs

CHICAGO, Ill. — Aramis Ramirez decided to stay put.

Coming off a career year at the plate, the third baseman gave up a chance to explore the free-agent market, agreeing Sunday to a $73 million, five-year contract with the Chicago Cubs.

On the first day free agents could negotiate money with all 30 teams, oft-injured pitcher Kerry Wood also opted to stay with the Cubs, agreeing to a $1.75 million, one-year deal worth potentially up to $6 million.

Ramirez, who initially joined the Cubs midway through the 2003 season in a trade with the Pirates, had opted out of the final two seasons of a $42 million, four-year contract and filed for free agency on Oct. 30. His new deal contains a mutual option for 2012.

“When you leave $20 million or $30 million on the table, it’s where you want to go.”

Ochoa wins LPGA player of the year award with win

MOBILE, Ala. — Lorena Ochoa wrapped up the LPGA Tour’s player of the year award with a record-setting finish in the Tournament of Champions.

The 24-year-old Mexican star shot a 7-under 65 on Sunday for a 10-stroke victory and a tournament-record 21-under total. She ran her winning streak to three with her sixth victory of the year and earned $150,000 for a season total of $2,492,872.

“Winning this tournament was very special,” Ochoa said. “I think this is going to be a place I will remember for the rest of my life and just achieving my goal of being the best player in 2006.”

With Annika Sorenstam and Karrie Webb skipping the tournament, Ochoa locked up the player of the year honors before the season-ending ADT Championship.
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Twellman struck what appeared to be the game-winning goal for New England after Taylor Ching scored the tying goal for Houston on Monday, November 13, 2006.

Associated Press

Moving from San Jose, Houston wins championship in penalty kicks

Dynamo takes MLS Cup in first year after moving to Texas

The championship was won in 2001 and 2003. The Revolution lost in the finals that year to San Jose Earthquakes, which won in 2001 and 2003.

The loss was the third defeat in the league championship for the Revolution, who were beaten 1-0 in overtime to Los Angeles last year. New England also made the final game and lost in 2002.

“We’ve lost every possible way we can lose in the finals,” Twellman said.

The game was the first MLS Cup final to be decided on penalty kicks — though in the second overtime, the Revolution appeared just minutes away from victory.

In the 113th minute, Twellman charged up the field, split two defenders and shot the ball into opposite corner of the net past sliding Dynamo defender Kelly Gray. But as the ball came off Gray’s leg to celebrate, Ching headed in the tying goal off a long cross from Brian Mullan.

“I didn’t think we were going to get one,” Ching said, “but we were going to die trying.”

Ching later scored the winning penalty kick in the fifth set, stuffer-stepping on his approach before knocking the ball that skipped past New England’s Matt Reis’ out-stretched hand. Ching was named the game’s MVP.

Each team made its first two penalty shots before the Revolution’s Pat Noonan, one of New England’s top strikers all season, skinned his blast off the top of the crossbar.

Reis briefly saved New England by correctly guessing Brad Davis’ shot to the left side, but after Twellman forced a fifth set of kicks, Onstad pounced on Heaps’ shin-high shot to the left corner and was quickly buried under a pile of bollering and thrashing teammates who sprinted toward him from midfield.

Twellman especially didn’t like losing on penalty kicks — the same way Italy beat France to win the World Cup this summer.

“They should have just let us keep playing,” he said.

The Revolution lost another final in which they didn’t always play like big-gametested veterans, despite its two previous MLS Cup appearances and five straight Eastern Conference finals. In all, New England extended its scoreless streak in MLS Cup games to more than 236 minutes before Twellman’s goal, a drought that belies an offense that led all teams in the playoffs with 19 shots on goal.

Revolution midfielder Clint Dempsey, playing in perhaps his last MLS game if his desire to play in Europe next season comes true, didn’t start because of a strained right ankle. He entered the game in the 62nd minute — wearing yellow shoes perhaps a shade brighter than Houston’s orange jerseys — and energized New England’s attack in the second half.

That extra aggression resulted in Twellman breaking the scoreless tie, but the Revolution barely had a chance to celebrate before Ching found himself behind most of the defense and plunking a header past the arms of a diving Reis.

Houston finished second in the Western Conference, quickly finding a fan base after leaving San Jose because of low attendance. The city initially branded the team Houston 1836 before Hispanics complained the name excessively referred to the year Texas defeated Mexico for its independence.

The championship brought the first professional sports title to Houston since the NBA’s Comets won the last of four straight titles in 2000.
Double sweep for ND at Rolfs this weekend

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Michigan State and Pittsburgh had barely come up for air by the time the Irish turned the corner. Notre Dame won both of the 13 events on the afternoon, and the Belles finished first in both the 100-yard freestyle and 200-butterfly.

Notre Dame received contributions across the board as different swimmers picked up first place finishes Friday. Other than Thomas French, Louis Cavaindi, Sam Stoner, Andrew MacKay, Jay Vanden Berg, Michael Belfortin, and Tyler Angelo all won one event.

"I think one of our biggest strengths is the depth we have," Brown said. "So many guys can step up in so many events, and that's a credit not only to the coaches in their recruiting but also to the guys on the team because we mesh really well together.

On Saturday, the Irish returned to the pool easily dispatching of Pittsburgh 172-126. With the win, Notre Dame pushed their dual meet record on the season to 4-0, their best start in fourteen seasons. Brown cited the team's level of intensity as a primary reason for their strong start.

"Our team as a whole expects more from each other," Brown said. "We're raising the level of intensity in our practices, and it's carrying over into the meets. So far this season, the results have shown on our hard work and dedication."

Senior Tim Keigelman and freshman Cuyler Lyle each scored two wins. Keigelman took the 100 backstroke and 200-yard breaststroke. Lyle won both the 100 breaststroke and 200 freestyle. Both were part of the 200-yard relay and 200-yard freestyle relay teams.

Brown continued his strong weekend finishing with first place finishes in the 500-yard and 1000-yard freestyle. From the 50 backstroke and 100 breaststroke, MacKenzie LeBlanc also picked up victories for Notre Dame.

The Irish won't return to action until December 1st, but the Belles have plenty to work on in the coming weeks.

"We're swimming fast, but we want to be even better because we know our potential," Brown said. "We're a talented team, and if we combine that talent with hard work, special things could happen at the end of the season."

Like any other season, the No. 20 Notre Dame women's swimming & diving team enjoyed Michigan State and Pittsburgh this past weekend and maintained their spadeless dual meet record on the season.

With 10 of those 114 points accounted for by wins in individual events, Freshmen Sara Niemann, Kailey Ferguson, and Lindsey Nellis and sophomore Melissa Gerbeth all took first in at least one of their races.

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GREAT BOOKS

SMC SWIMMING

Belles win big over RHIT

Three freshmen win races in 114-77 rout for first victory of the year

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Impressive individual performances led the Belles to their first victory of the season, a 114-77 win over Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

ND splits with Mountaineers in Big East tune up

Irish finish regular season with a 16-11 record, 10-4 Big East

By DEVIN PRESTON

Notre Dame split the last two games of the regular season this weekend, allowing it to finish with a record of 16-11, 10-4 Big East. Although losing to Pittsburgh dropped the Irish below the post-season rank they were hoping to have, the win over West Virginia yesterday allowed them to stay within the pack as one of four teams now with a 10-4 conference record.

Pittsburgh 3, Notre Dame 1
Notre Dame dominated in the first game, but dropped the match 30-19, 30-21, 30-17 to Pittsburgh (12-8, 10-4 Big East). Freshman Serenity Phillips led the Irish attack with 15 kills at a hitting percentage of .265. Junior Adrianna Stasiuk also made a key contribution with 14 kills and 17 digs.

But the Irish defense was unable to slow down the Panthers' Stephanie Roso, who racked up a total 24 kills during the match. Notre Dame also had trouble from the line with an attacking error by Gina Andreyko followed by an attack error from Stasiuk would allow Pittsburgh to take the fourth game and the match.

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Irish middle blocker

Notre Dame would maintain their lead despite a late-effort made by West Virginia's Kristina Gallahan and Abby Tevis. After kill from sophomore Justine Stremick to give Notre Dame game point at 29-17, an attack error by Gina Cananelli sealed the match for Notre Dame.

"It was really nice to end the conference season in our home facility with a solid win as our lone senior said farewell to the Joyce Center," freshman Tara Enzweiler said about Notre Dame's flawless victory.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Gray makes school history; earns first ever NCAA berth

By BECKI DORNER

Junior Megan Gray won a spot in the record books this past weekend by becoming the first Belle cross country runner to earn a berth to the NCAA Championship.

Her personal best time of 22:52 on the NCAA Regional Championship 6K course at Hanover College was good for a 10th place overall finish.

"She looked strong the entire race and kept passing people from the start to finish," Belle coach Jackie Rauters said.

In addition to Gray's time, rounding out the top 5 for the Belles were Sara Otto with a recorded 24:43, Megan McClowry with a 26:01, Caitlin Stevenson with a 26:34, and Alison Miller with a 26:40. These times gave the Belles 524 total points for 29th place in the 31 team field, a slight improvement from previous years. Case Western University took the overall team title with only 53 points while the College of Wooster's Katie Wieferich earned top individual honors with a time of 22:07. NCAA champions Calvin came in second place and will advance to the national meet.

Despite being mostly good weather for the race, the wind started to pick up, affecting most of the runners.

"The strength and conditioning training that we do allowed me to feel strong enough to pass people, especially into the wind," Gray said. "It was a combination of having the physical upper body strength and mentally staying calm and running my own race.

Gray's strong performance is not only a testament to the coaching staff's dedication, but to her own as well. Gray was unable to compete during her sophomore year due to patella femoral syndrome, and was enrolled in intensive physical therapy less than a year ago after her injury forced her to stop running altogether that summer.

"I just feel that this season has been such a blessing because of all the road blocks that came before it," Gray said.

Gray says that she will be running mile repeats on Monday and 45-60 minute runs on Tuesday and Thursday, with Wednesday reserved for a speed workout for her NCAA training.

Gray's goals for the national championship race at Voice of America Park in West Chester, Ohio is under 23 miles, the junior said.

"There will be so many incredible runners there, I just want to well represent Saint Mary's and my team," she said.

Despite her individual accomplishments, Gray continues to credit much to her teammates.

"I want also to say how much the team has meant to me this season, I love all the girls and everyone has worked so hard," she said. "I know many of them are planning on traveling down to see me race at Nationals and it makes me so happy because without them, none of this season would be possible."

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MEN’S TENNIS

Pair clinches title in tiebreak round

Irish junior Sheeva Parbhu returns a serve against Wisconsin Feb. 12. Last season, Parbhu clinched a spot in the ITA finals this weekend.

Parbhui and Keckley defeat Louisville team to win ITA Doubles

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Notre Dame entered the fall season with hopes of improving both their singles and doubles games as well as proving that they had the potential to be one of the top teams in the nation. Junior Sheeva Parbhui and senior Ryan Keckley defeated No. 26 Slavko Radman and Damar Johnson of Louisville 9-8 (5) in the ITA Midwest Doubles Championship. The duo triumphed over five straight teams to reach the finals where the two were tested more than they had been the entire tournament. The match was driven into a tiebreaker in which Parbhui and Keckley were able to walk away with the win. The win in the regional tournament gave the doubles team a berth in the ITA National Indoor Doubles Championships.

Parbhui fell 7-6 (2), 6-2 to Ohio State's Steven Moneke for the second time this season. Moneke defeated Bass 7-6, 6-3 in the National Indoors and also defeated Bass 7-6, 6-3 in the semifinals of the ITA Midwest Regional Championship.

According to NCAA regulations, the team will be limited to eight hours a week of conditioning and skill instruction until January. Head coach Bobby Bayliss said it is up to the players to improve during this off time. “Every single will be on an individual basis,” Bayliss said. “It’s up to the guys to choose when to play.”

The Irish will open their regular season on the road at Charlottesville where they are scheduled to take on Virginia Jan. 27. Bayliss said that the team hopes to enter the season with a top-13 ranking so that the Irish will have a place at the National Team Indoor Championship in February. To reach that goal, the team intends to improve their overall strength and power.

“We are trying to get a little stronger right now,” Bayliss said.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish men headed to NCAAs

Hagerman, Ptacek key in second place finish

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

After the NCAA Great Lakes Regional, the Irish men have accomplished their goal, but the women's team still has to wait.

Notre Dame's No. 18 men team came out strong Sunday at Bowling Green, taking second place in the tough Great Lakes Region, giving them an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship Meet.

"Our goal was to get second place and get the auto bid to nationals so we don't have to go through the at large process, so I guess we accomplished our goal," Irish freshman Brock Hagerman said.

Notre Dame scored a meager 104 points in the meet, but this score was far off No. 1 Wisconsin's 52, but was just good enough to finish just ahead of No. 29 Butler at 111.

Senior Kurt Benninger (7th, 31:22.97) and sophomore Patrick Smyth (8th, 31:23.21) led the Irish across the line on Saturday, the more important finishes for Notre Dame were by Hagerman (11th, 31:52.24) and senior Todd Ptacek (25th, 31:53.94) to keep Notre Dame's score low.

"I think me and Todd both had pretty solid races. We worked together the whole time so it felt really good to run my first 10K," Hagerman said.

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"We were a little flat on offense, our offense wasn't as crisp," Wade said. "Yao hit some tough shots to give them the lead. They were good." — Yao Ming
Irish fans need Hockey 101

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4-0 at the Joyce Center to move into a tie for fourth place in the league standings — only three points behind first-place Miami, despite having played in four less conference games.

"I don't think that we're that much further ahead of teams than they were four, five, six weeks ago," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "I think we can be over time, but I think that we made a lot of progress [Saturday] over [Friday]."

The Falcons (3-6-1, 1-0-0 CCHA) split their netminding duties with sophomores Summer Minella (28 saves) and Ryan Thang, who scored Notre Dame's second goal of the game in a well-executed breakout.

"Secondly, as fun as Zamboni is to do," Brown said. "It really helps a lot. I just wish we didn't have to do it for the rest of the year."

But just as the team has plenty of work to do, the hockey 101 around campus needs a boost before the Irish can compete with the big boys at Moline and Minnesota.

So for those of you who base your knowledge of the sport on a trilogy starring Emilio Estevez, break out the notepads and pencils and we'll start with a few of the basics.

Noteworthy is the effective "Flying V" looked on the big screen, it doesn't fly on the ice. Instead a team will use a break out play to move the puck out of the zone and up the ice.

The break out consists of the defense controlling the "bustle" — hockey's name for "the puck" behind the net and moving it along the boards to the forwards who clear the zone.

Friday night, sophomore Erik Condra used a break out pass from defenseman Dan Wierd. Condra pushed it forward to freshman Ryan Thang, who scored Notre Dame's second goal of the game in a well-executed breakout.

"I was happy to see that," said Jackson. "It's going to help us win a lot of games to improve his national - conference games."

Brown said he expects to use the...
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Two freshmen — Hailey Ford and Amanda Clark — replaced Dew and Shaner. "As with any change, it's a bit of an adjustment," senior defender Kim Lorenzen said. "But they've played enough games that they're no longer freshmen." Ford and Clark played well enough to keep the ball out of the net, but couldn't keep the Panthers from getting off seven shots on goal — the second highest total the Irish have given up this year. Notre Dame keeper Lauren Karas said she wasn't fazed by the extra action. "It was definitely packed in our half the first half of the game, but I didn't have to make too many saves," she said. "It was mostly communication and pickups." The Irish also struggled in the midfield, where Panthers coach Michaele Mayhiahput four players — one more than Notre Dame plays. While the Irish had faced the formation several times this season, Waldrum said the players did not adjust as well as they should have. "They had a four-man midfield and we played with three," he said. "Our wings players weren't dropping back to help and our outside backs weren't moving up, so [midfielders] Amanda Cinalli, Jill [Krivaček] and Jen Burzakowski] were just chasing the game the entire time."

"We didn't get to go to Chili's like we usually do. They were closed."


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and five rebounds in just 15 minutes.
"I was so pleased with her performance today. She rebounded better in the second half. She took good care of the ball, [and] she shot well," McGraw said. "She played as a dominating presence inside. She took her shots down low. I thought at both ends of the floor she played well." While D'Amico's performance was key in the opening minutes of the game, Notre Dame pulled even farther away from the Chipewas following a 12-0 run led by Williamson. Williamson notched four early rebounds and two of her six points shortly after entering the game for D'Amico, who left due to foul trouble. Williamson was important immediately after entering the game the second time, registering two blocks, one rebound and a steal after only a minute and a half. Those two stretches with Williamson in were crucial to setting the defensive tone for the match according to McGraw. "Along with Williamson, freshman guards Abbey Barlow and Melissa Lechlitner also performed well in their college debut, each notching seven points and two rebounds. More importantly, both limited the offense effectively and joined in the defensive effort."

Notre Dame had advanced to the second round with a 1-1 win over Oakland Friday — an easy win on paper, but in reality, a major toll on the players' legs. A thunderstorm during the game reduced the field to a muddy slop and an almost-two-hour lightning delay meant the contest didn't end until about midnight. Even by the time Sunday rolled around the Irish were still feeling the effects of the game against the Grizzlies, Lorenzen said. "When the field got wet (on Friday), it was like running around in silt," she said. "We're looking forward to a fresh start next weekend."

But the Irish will need to solve problems with Friday's late ending, Waldrum said. "We didn't get to go to Chili's like we usually do," he said. "But they're replaced Dew and Shaner.

Notre Dame will face off against Northern Illinois at Alumni Field at 7:30 p.m. in the Round of 16. The Buffaloes beat Depauw 2-1 Sunday in Boulder, Colo. "With [three seniors — Milwaukee] is past us," Waldrum said. "We got the win, ugly or not."

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"I think all three [freshmen] are going to get a lot of minutes and are just going to keep getting better," McGraw said. "When they figure out what we're trying to do defensively when they start to understand the offense a little better." Another key to the Irish win was forward Chandra Smith, who came off the bench to tally four rebounds and a career-high 11 points within nine minutes. Smith was able to crash the boards and dominate in the paint against Central Michigan, driving to the lane to net easy baskets for Notre Dame. Smith was also a key part in Irish offense, as her ability to shoot well from the field (4-of-7) and from the line (3-of-4) helped the Irish extend their lead in the second half.

"Coach told me when I get the ball to look for my drive and try to fit myself into the offense," Smith said. "But despite scoring more than 80 points for the third straight game, McGraw is still not pleased with her offense."

"We're not close to where want to be offensively," she said. "We're going to get there though, I can see the potential, I can see the talent. We just need to tighten things up a little bit more."

Another problem for the Irish late in the game Friday was their three-point defense. Central Michigan was able to make 3-of-7 shots from behind the arc, with two of those coming from guard Candace Wilson, who led all scorers with 17 points.

The Chipewas' three-point shooting helped bring them within 14 points with 6:22 to play, but D'Amico extinguished the game and shut down Central Michigan with two early rebounds and four points. The Irish face off against Bowling Green, another tough Mid-American Conference opponent, tonight at 7 p.m. in the JACC. "I know [Bowling Green is an] excellent team — they were at Purdue with us at the subregional last year," McGraw said. "They've got everybody back from a team that was something like 25 and four. They're going to be a totally big test for us."

Notes
♦ The attendance for Friday's game was 6,702 — the second highest opening day attendance in the program's history. The only year with a larger season-opening attendance was Nov. 18, 2001 against Valparaiso, which was the day the 2001 National Championship banner was raised.

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CANCER (June 22-July 22): As long as you stick to what you know and plan an eventful day with the ones you love, everything will fall into place. Be sure to keep everyone away of what you are doing. 4 stars

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll be changeable today but that's a good thing. It will keep everyone around you on their toes and you in an excellent position. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone who promises to do something will probably let you down. Do the work yourself and you will not only pay yourself a dividend, if a winning position, you will gain popularity. 4 stars

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Answer: "by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion"
ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Two down, four to go

Irish advance with wins over Oakland, UWM

By CHRIS KHEROEY
Associate Sports Editor

Wisconsin-Milwaukee just wouldn't go away. No. 1 Notre Dame scored in the first five minutes but had to hang on to beat the Panthers 1-0 Sunday at Alumni Field in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. "I thought we got outplayed today," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "The intensity level of the kids was very poor. We made one good play — the goal."

Forwards Michele Weissenbacher and Kerri Hanks made that one play for the Irish, a give-and-go with Hanks finding Weissenbacher streaking past a defender for an open shot past Milwaukee keeper Erin Kane. After that, the Panthers turned up the heat. Milwaukee produced several chances in the first half and tested a depleted Irish back wall that was without injured sophomore Carrie Drew and senior Christie Shaner, who Waldrum said was out with an illness but would be back next week. "They created a lot of dangerous opportunities by dumping the ball in the box," Waldrum said.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame upends IPFW in season opener

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Guard Russell Carter led Notre Dame with 20 points and six rebounds, and forward Rob Kurz added 16 points and 12 rebounds as the Irish took a 32-point lead in the second half before holding off a 19-point run by the Mastodons to win 83-63. "I watched that tape over and over so many times," Irish guard Kyle McAlarney said after scoring nine points on 4-of-7 shooting and 7-of-7 free throws. "And I came out, just tried to really give it to them tonight. We did a good job of that."

Irish fans need to bone up on their hockey knowledge.

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Four score in double figures to beat CMU

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Guard Charrel Allen led the Irish to the NCAA Tournament for the first time, as Notre Dame defeated Central Michigan 88-66 on Saturday. "We came out on defense, we came out flying," McAlarney said. "We didn't want them to run their stuff and obviously they weren't comfortable on offense, so we did a good job of just disrupting everything they wanted to do." Notre Dame had four players in double figures — Carter, Kurz, forward Zach Hillman (11 points, 12 rebounds) and forward Luke Harangody (12 points, eight rebounds). "We outrebounded them in every quarter," McAlarney said.

For the third straight game — including Notre Dame's two exhibition contests — the Irish dominated their opponent from the beginning, using suffocating half pressure to force IPFW out of an offensive rhythm. Notre Dame forced two of its 14 turnovers in the first six minutes using its full court press, which not only led to quick transition baskets but allowed it to settle into its offense with a comfortable lead.

"They were seniors, they're older guys, they know how to play."}

Hockey

Irish take two from BGSU

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

No. 9 Notre Dame picked up two league wins against Bowling Green this weekend and extended its unbeaten streak to eight games on the eve of a crucial two-game series with No. 5 Michigan State that will have conference — and national — implications next weekend.

The Irish (8-1-1, 3-0-1 CCHA) defeated Bowling Green 5-2 and 4-1 in a game played on Friday at the Joyce Center. "I thought we got outplayed today," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "The intensity level of the kids was very poor. We made one good play — the goal."