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## ND develops strategies to achieve sustainability

*"Going Green" encouraged by a variety of factors*

By JOHN TIERNEY and AARON STEINER  
News Writers

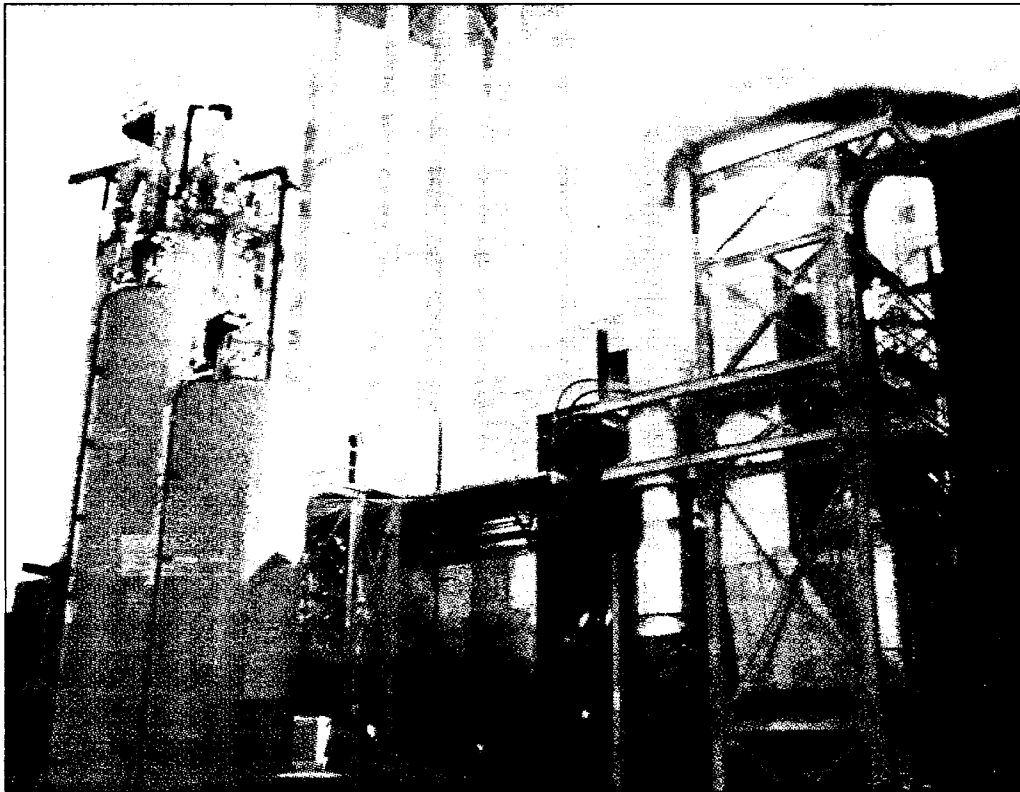
*Editor's Note: This is the third installment of a multi-part series examining sustainability at Notre Dame.*

To make the goal of sustainability a reality for Notre Dame, the University must pay careful attention to both economic and environmental factors, according to the Director of the Office of Sustainability Jim Mazurek.

"[We want to] balance environmental and economic parts as well as the short-term and long-term goals of the University," Mazurek said.

According to Mazurek, the campaign for sustainable energy is not solely an environmental movement. He said the University's motivations

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NICK PAXTON/The Observer

ND has made improving energy generation and consumption a top priority. Its power plant, shown above, generated 52 percent of the electricity used on campus during 2007-08.

*Sustainable practices considered, adopted*

By AARON STEINER and JOHN TIERNEY  
News Writers

*Editor's Note: This is the final installment of a multi-part series examining sustainability at Notre Dame.*

As the General Electric Chairman and CEO Jeff Immelt said at Wednesday's Forum on Sustainable Energy, "to do something, you have to do something." So how is Notre Dame becoming more sustainable?

According to Tracy Jennings, co-president of Students for Environment Action, achieving true sustainability requires making people feel uncomfortable.

"It's going to take a lot of change that necessarily won't be welcome," she said. It will take "a change in attitudes about what's necessary."

On campus, Jennings said there

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## Endowment valued at over \$7 billion in 2008

*Notre Dame has 5.8 percent return for previous fiscal year; Malpass predicts "tough year" ahead*

By KAITLYNN RIELY  
Associate News Editor

The Notre Dame endowment pool brought in a 5.8 percent return for the last fiscal year, but Vice President and Chief Investment Officer Scott Malpass said a "tough year" lies ahead, given the country's current economic problems.

The endowment pool grew to

just over \$7 billion by the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, Malpass said Thursday.

Notre Dame exceeded its benchmark return of up 0.8 percent, Malpass said, in a year when other indexes, including the S&P 500 and Dow Jones, were down in the same time frame.

"It just goes to show you what a tough year it was in the mar-

kets," Malpass said. "For us to be up anything is a great year given what happened."

The Observer reported last year that the Notre Dame endowment was \$6.54 billion, up from \$5.08 billion the year before.

Malpass credited the University's positive rate of return this year with its diversified portfolio, which is risk controlled and invests almost half

its funds in non-U.S. dollar assets. Malpass also praised his core investment team - 15 Notre Dame graduates - and 170 investment partners spread across the entire endowment portfolio with achieving a positive return in a "tough environment."

But Malpass said he was "downplaying expectations" for next June's return.

"I think it's going to be a

tough year," he said. "I don't know how it will end up, but I think it will be a tough year. If we are positive again this year, I think it will be a minor miracle."

The current uncertainty in the financial markets - from the problems stemming from the subprime mortgage crisis to the bankruptcy declared last week

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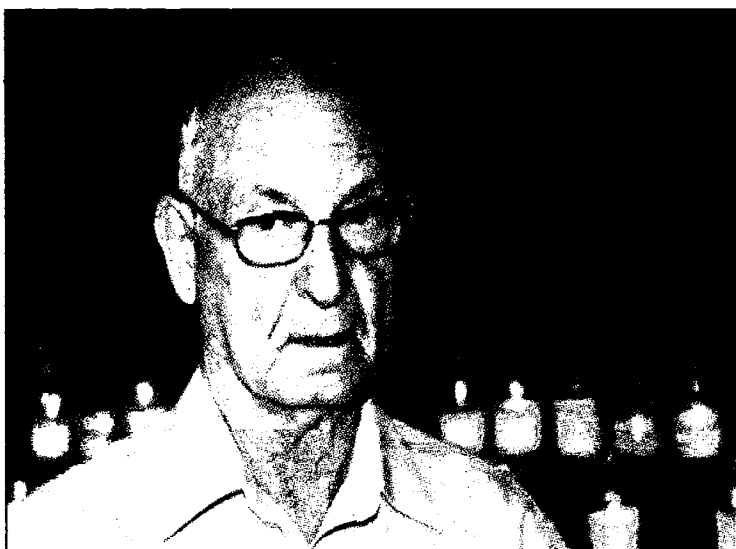
## Grotto groundskeeper retires at 75

By JOHN-PAUL WITT  
News Writer

The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes is a meaningful place for many people at Notre Dame, but perhaps for none more than Norbert Wiskotoni. Norbert, or "Norbie" as his friends call him, retired last month as groundskeeper for the Grotto, a position he held for the past 14 years.

"I loved working there at the Grotto. That's why I stayed there so long. That was the best job I ever had," Wiskotoni, 75, said.

Wiskotoni's favorite part about the Grotto was the people, especially the couples that proposed



COLEMAN COLLINS/The Observer

Norbert Wiskotoni, groundskeeper, stands in the Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes where he has worked for the past 14 years.

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## Students hope for third home victory

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA  
News Writer

Many optimistic Notre Dame students view Saturday's game against the Purdue Boilermakers as a chance for the Irish to prove their doubters wrong after last week's disappointing 23-7 loss to Michigan State.

In their last game, Purdue pulled off a 32-25 comeback victory over Central Michigan.

"I'm excited," sophomore Emily Murphy said. "I feel

like this is a chance to redeem ourselves."

West Lafayette, Ind., home of Purdue's campus, is only a short distance from Notre Dame. A large number of Boiler fans are expected to be present on campus this weekend, which will add to the charged atmosphere before and during the game, which kicks off at 3:30 p.m.

"The two schools are only two and a half hours apart, which definitely feeds into the rivalry," junior Justin

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INSIDE COLUMN

Stadium  
needs color

Last night I settled in to kick off the weekend by watching the USC vs. Oregon State game. In the first five minutes of the game, Oregon State had already put up a touchdown. But I was much more impressed with the Beavers in the stands than the Beavers on the field.

Dan Murphy

Sports Editor

As ESPN's camera panned through the crowd I could see nothing but orange. The overhead shots were just as impressive; it looked like it could've been a game in Tennessee.

Every Saturday boring, grey cement stadiums that lie dormant six days a week are painted by loyal fans who shuffle in all wearing their team's colors. The Horseshoe turns bright red, Colorado blacks out the Rockies, practically the entire state of Pennsylvania shows up in their White T's to cheer for their Nittany Lions.

Not to say that Notre Dame Stadium isn't one of the best places on Earth, but let's be honest the crowd could use a little bit of work. Our bland navy blue shirts — those that wear them — don't do much to stand out against the rest of the collage of colors strewn about the stadium.

Every week at the pep rallies we listen to Charlie Weis tell the students that we aren't intimidating, we're too friendly, and we're nowhere near loud enough.

Ever since The Shirt committee opted to get rid of the traditional green in favor of a mustard yellow four years ago, the student section has been underwhelming at Notre Dame Stadium.

It's time to make a change. It's time to show some Irish pride.

This isn't going to be easy and it may take a few weeks to really see the results, but keep the faith and you won't be disappointed.

Here's my proposal:

If you are in section 33 or 34 show up Saturday afternoon wearing an orange shirt, or the closest thing to orange you can find in your wardrobe. Knott, we're going to need your help here. Hopefully that freshman enthusiasm will be enough to make it happen.

Sections 31 and 32, you are responsible for showing up in white. This shouldn't be too tough, most of the student body can probably just show up shirtless now that South Bend has taken care of whatever tan you picked up over the summer. If not, grab a white t-shirt and throw it on.

Finally, everyone in 30 and lower it's time to pull out those old school greens from the Ty Willingham era. If you've been at this school for three years and still don't have a green shirt, you are doing something wrong.

Now just imagine sitting down Saturday night completely exhausted and flipping on SportsCenter to catch up on the scores from around the country. Imagine watching Michael Floyd running into the endzone with the backdrop of a 10,000 person, student made Irish flag painting the corner of Notre Dame Stadium. It's time to show our Irish pride.

Make sure to spread the word.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer  
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CORRECTIONS

The comic *The Dome Piece* in the Sept. 25 edition of The Observer should be credited to Pat Gartland and not David Cavadini. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE FICTIONAL CHARACTER?



Zach Reuvers

sophomore  
Alumni

*"Dora the Explorer. Vamos a explorar juntos!"*



Bert Hootsmans

freshman  
Duncan

*"I think Blair from 'Gossip Girl' is the perfect witch."*



Greg Klazora

sophomore  
O'Neill

*"T.J. from 'Recess' because he rules the school."*



Joanna Thurnes

sophomore  
Walsh

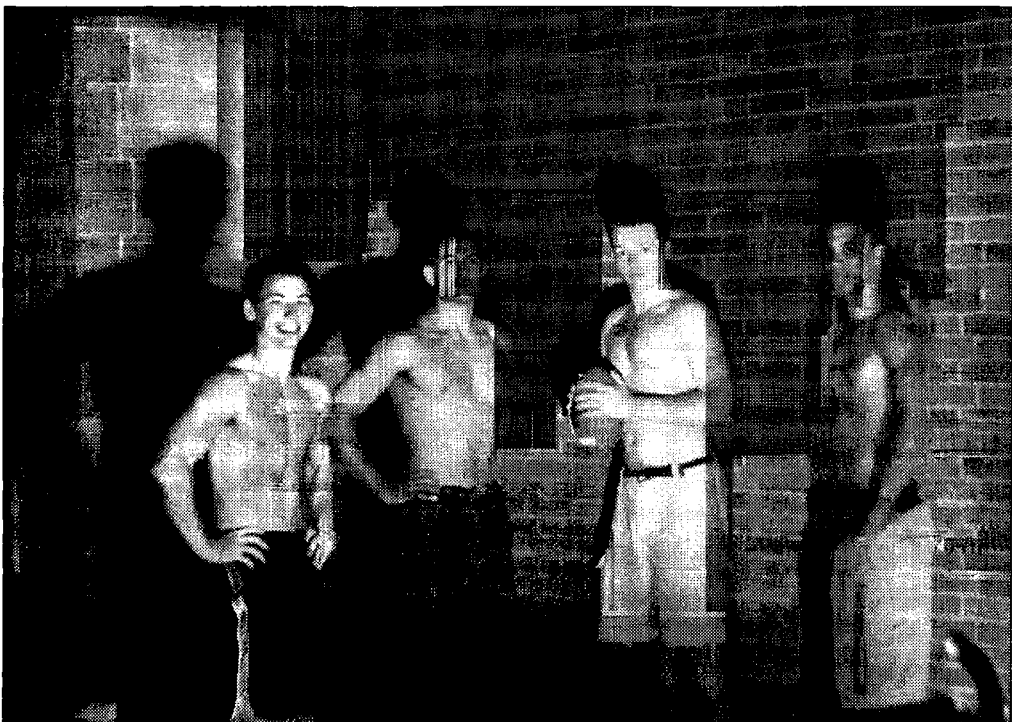
*"Pepper Ann because she rules the school."*



Rocky Stroud

freshman  
Duncan

*"Aladdin, because who doesn't love India?"*



JENN METZ/The Observer

Fisher Hall seniors (left to right) Matt Gelchion, Chris Carrington, John Busch, and freshman Maurice Baynard take time to pose during their dorm's 50-hour Roof Sit, a charity event in memory of Chad Sharon.

OFFBEAT

Charge dropped against man accused of farting

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A West Virginia man accused of passing gas and fanning it toward a police officer no longer faces a battery charge. The Kanawha County prosecutor's office requested that the charge be dropped against 34-year-old Jose Cruz.

According to a criminal complaint, Cruz passed gas and made a fanning motion toward patrolman T.E. Parsons after being taken to the police station for a breathalyzer test. Cruz denies fanning the

gas and says his request to use a restroom when first arriving at the station was denied.

An assistant says Magistrate Jack Pauley signed a motion to dismiss the charge Thursday.

Palin is carved into cornfield

WHITEHOUSE, Ohio — An Ohio farmer would like to invite you to get lost inside the head of Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin.

A 16-acre corn maze near the town of

Whitehouse has been carved in Palin's likeness, complete with her familiar updo hairstyle and eyeglasses.

Farmer Duke Wheeler says that Palin created a lot of excitement in the campaign and that he was hoping to generate some for this year's maze.

Wheeler says it took an artist from Idaho at least eight hours to mow down stalks for the maze.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Rescheduled due to rain, Cirque du Lac, hosted by Lyons Hall, will take place today from 1 to 4 p.m. on South Quad. The carnival will benefit Hannah & Friends.

Fortnight Productions will be performing a Silver Screen Review tonight at 8 p.m. and 10:30 in the LaFortune Ballroom. The show is free and no ticket is necessary. The show features musical performances from several movies.

The Student Activities Office will host "End Zone: The best of Chicago" Saturday at 10 p.m. in LaFortune Ballroom which will include free Chicago Deep Dish Pizza, Chicago Dogs and Italian beef. The event will also feature Chicago trivia.

The 3rd Annual Domer Doggy Walk will be Sunday from 12 p.m. to 3. There is a \$15 registration fee for all participants. The walk will be around St. Joseph's Lake. All proceeds will go to help the Humane Society of St. Joseph's County.

Mighty Clouds of Joy will be having a concert in Debartalo Performing Arts Center on Sunday at 2 p.m. The group sings gospel and worship. Tickets are available in Debartalo's box office.

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

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# Notre Dame inaugurates Kellogg's Ford Family Program

*Program lists teaching, research, community engagement as goals; economist Collier speaks at ceremony*

By JOSEPH McMAHON  
Assistant News Editor

At the Notre Dame World Heath Forum in 2006, University President Fr. John Jenkins announced the creating of the Millennium Development Initiative, which would encourage Notre Dame students become more involved in developing economies in Africa. Two years later, what originally started as a small initiative housed within the Office of the President has grown, with the help of a \$6 million dollar donation from W. Douglas and Kathy Ford, into the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity — a comprehensive academic institution which focuses on human development that was inaugurated Thursday.

"[The Millennium Development Initiative] was a great project with a lot of potential, but it wasn't an academic part of the University," assistant director of the Ford Program Tim Lyden said. "We were limited by our status as an initiative."

World-renowned Oxford economist Paul Collier, who recently published a new book titled "The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries are Failing and What Can Be Done About It," also spoke at the inauguration and praised the new program.

"[The Ford Family Program] offers the alliance between philanthropy and youth, and that is the alliance that is going to change the world," he said.

A new addition to the Kellogg Institute, the Ford Family Program "seeks to build a transnational and interdisciplinary alliance of scholars, public servants, conscientious citizens and institutional partners to address critical challenges confronted by those living in extreme poverty, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa," according to the program's brochure.

Director of the Kellogg Institute Ted Beatty said he welcomed the new program into the Institute because it shared in the common goal of promoting research that had a positive impact of the lives of others.

"The primary reason [the Ford Program] became a part of Kellogg is it fits exactly with

our long standing mission of promoting social science research," Beatty said.

Director of the Ford Family Program Fr. Bob Dowd said he had three main goals — teaching about extreme poverty, researching those conditions and engaging members of those communities.

"The very basic goal of the Ford Program is to realize Notre Dame's mission, and that is channeling the incredible power of the human mind towards promoting the common good," he said. "More specifically the Ford Program is devoted to, first of all, expanding and enhancing the opportunities that Notre Dame students have to study development in the classroom."

The efforts in the classroom will include the hiring of new faculty members and the introduction of a new interdisciplinary minor in international development studies.

"[The new courses] could fall into any major, but what we would like to do is explore the possibility of introducing an interdisciplinary minor in international development studies," Dowd said.

Currently, the Ford Family Program is building on the relationships previously developed by the Millennium Development Initiative in the Ugandan towns of Ruhira, a cluster of eight villages, and Nindye, a collection of 12 villages located 10 miles west of Uganda Martyrs University, the country's premier Catholic university.

"Uganda is an incredible country," Ford Family Program founder and member of the University Board of Trustees W. Douglas Ford said. Ford, along with his wife Kathy and son Matt, visited the country with Dowd in the early summer of 2007. "The thing that struck us most was that you have these people who, by American standards, are living very modestly to say the least, and you have the joy of helping the people out."

Kathy Ford said the family was looking to start a social justice program at Notre Dame for some time, and after visiting Uganda with Dowd, she and her husband decided to found the program.

"Being in Uganda was really almost life changing. The needs were enormous, but so was the spirit of the people, willing to

work with the [Catholic] Church and find ways within themselves to improve the lives that they're living. We have a lot of confidence in this program," she said.

Dowd said the Congregation of the Holy Cross has been involved with Uganda since 1958, making it the natural choice for the starting point for the Ford Program. Eventually, Dowd said he would like to see the program expand beyond Uganda into other parts of Africa and possibly onto other continents.

"We didn't spin the globe and just point to Uganda, we are involved with Uganda because we have strong ties there dating back to 1958," he said. "Our plan is to expand gradually over time. We do plan to expand within Africa, but it's quite possible that we would even expand beyond Africa sooner rather than later."

Lyden said the partnership with Uganda Martyrs and Nindye is a type of community engagement that is one of the cornerstones of the Ford Family Program.

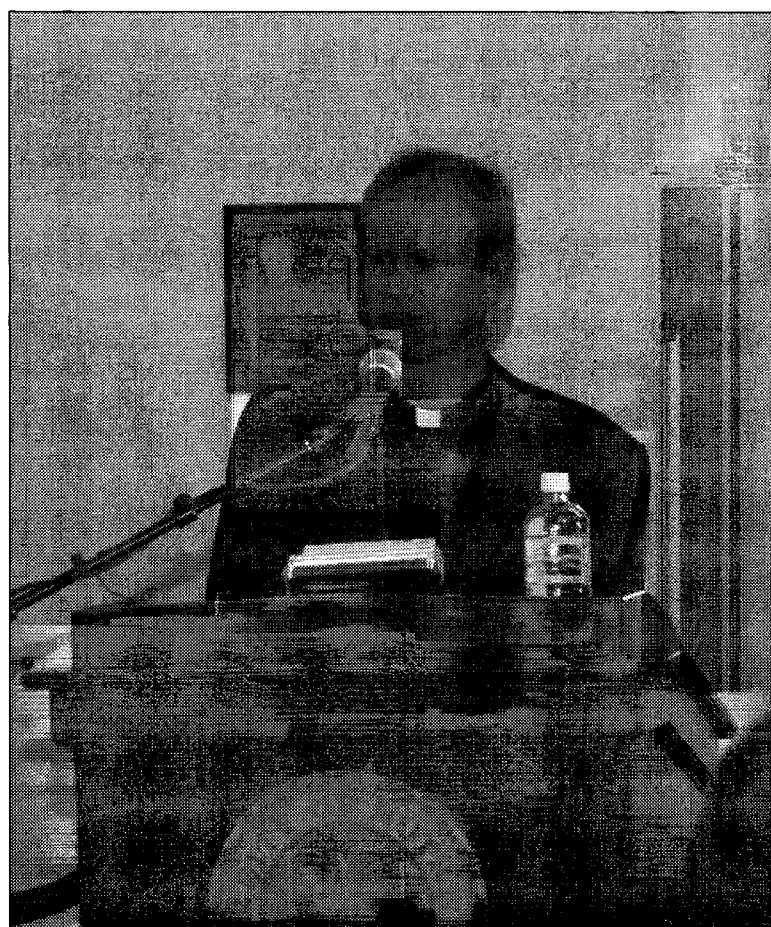
"Community engagement is partnering with local communities and people and working with them to come up with a plan to pull themselves out of poverty," he said. "Our most important partners are the people on the ground living and working in these villages."

However, because Notre Dame lacks an agriculture department, the Ford Family Program formed another partnership with Purdue University in order to help improve farming techniques in Nindye and Ruhira.

"I think it was mutual interest which brought us together," Purdue professor of Agricultural Economics Jess Lowenberg-DeBoer said. "The effort is really directed to create a partnership between Notre Dame, Uganda Martyrs University and Purdue, which would work on improving the standards of living in the country which is right around Uganda Martyrs and eventually in the rest of Uganda."

Dowd, however, was quick to note the majority of the work must be done by the villagers themselves if the Ford Family Program is to be successful, and the role of outsiders is simply to support the people living in poor conditions rather than directly intervene.

"Development projects that are driven by the agendas of outsiders almost always fail. One thing we have learned is that good intentions are not enough," he said. "We're devoted to working with people



JESS LEE/The Observer  
Director of the Ford Family Program Fr. Robert Dowd speaks at the program's inauguration at the Eck Center Tuesday.

at the grassroots level."

Angola-native Guerra Freitas, who is the director of the philanthropic group Share Circle, which is currently working to found Angola Central Highlands University, agreed with Dowd's point about Africans helping themselves. Freitas said one of the best agents for change was education.

"I like this philosophy of helping Africans help themselves, and one of the best ways to really do that is through education," he said. "You need to empower Africans to take up the destiny of their own country in their own hands."

Collier echoed this point in his lecture, arguing Africans themselves must be the agents for change.

"Our role is to help them in their struggle, not do it for them. ... We can make a difference, but to an extent," he said. "If we over-glamorize our role, we will fail."

Collier also said America and Europe each must change its policies towards Africa, which have helped destroy the country, and called for a plan to help rebuild Africa similar to the Marshall Plan used to rebuild Europe after World War II.

"Improper behaviors that have to be recognized as such and stop," he said.

Collier called on Notre Dame students to help create the political pressure necessary to force politicians into action.

"Until we get a more sophisticated citizenry, politicians will never be pressured," he said.

Last year, five Notre Dame students visited Uganda to do research on aspects of everyday life in the county, such as the poor quality of the drinking water, and described their experiences in a video shown at the ceremony.

The enthusiasm of students at Notre Dame was the chief reason the Fords wanted to endow a program at the University, Matt Ford said.

"I can't imagine too many other places where a program like this would be as welcomed as at Notre Dame, simply because of the student body," he said.

Lyden said this type of hands-on research would be a critical component of the Ford Program, and students will be able to apply for internships in Africa with the Ford Program through the Kellogg Institute.

"We want to conduct and promote serious research that will have a positive impact on people suffering in the developing world. It is research that attacks real problems," Lyden said.

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STUDENTS:  
JOIN THE CONVERSATION

We invite you to participate in a residence hall discussion on the topic of Sustainable Energy. See below for dates, times, and locations. All are welcome.

Date	Time	Place	Sponsored By	Faculty/Student Facilitators
Thursday Sept. 25	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Basement of Alumni Hall	Alumni and Lewis Halls	Professor Je Kantor, Connor Kobeski
Monday Sept. 29	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Howard Hall Green Lounge	Howard and Sorin Halls	Professor Richard Jensen, Nick Hittler, Kent Gonzales
	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Pasquerilla East 24-Hour Room	Pasquerilla East and Knott Halls	Professor Ed Maginn, Regina McCormack
Tuesday Sept. 30	7:00-8:00 p.m.	FOG Community Center	Fischer O'Hara Grace Graduate Residences	Professor Mark McCready, Patrick Brown
	7:00-8:00 p.m.	O'Neill Hall 24-Hour Lounge	O'Neill Lyons and Dillon Halls	Professor Joe Powers, Jackson Bangs
Wednesday Oct. 1	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Cavanaugh Hall Basement Lounge	Cavanaugh Zahm and St. Edward's Halls	Professor Paul McGinn, Courtney Haven
	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Welsh Family Hall 24-Hour Lounge	Welsh Family Pangborn and Fisher Halls	Professor Prashant Kamat, Connor Kobeski
Tuesday Oct. 7	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Carroll Hall First Floor Lounge	Carroll and Badin Halls	Ms. Rachel Novick, Michelle Byrne, Ann Kelley

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Pakistani troops fire at US helicopters

KABUL, Afghanistan — Pakistani troops fired at American reconnaissance helicopters near the Afghan-Pakistan border Thursday, and ground troops then exchanged fire, the U.S. military said.

No injuries were reported, but the incident heightened tensions as the U.S. steps up cross-border operations in a volatile region known as a haven for Taliban and al-Qaida militants.

Two American OH-58 reconnaissance helicopters, known as Kiowas, were on a routine afternoon patrol in the eastern province of Khost when they received small-arms fire from a Pakistani border post, said Tech Sgt. Kevin Wallace, a U.S. military spokesman. There was no damage to aircraft or crew, officials said.

### Shooting triggers fear of copycat crime

KAUHAKI, Finland — Panic spread among students in Finland on Thursday as threatening text messages and Internet postings raised fears of new attacks mimicking a deadly school rampage.

Worried children and parents jammed telephone help lines and scores of children stayed away from class after threats popped up against schools and students.

While most appeared to be hoaxes, police were taking every threat seriously to avoid a repeat of Tuesday's shooting, in which a 22-year-old gunman killed 10 people and himself at a vocational school in this town in western Finland. Kindergartens are considered an essential service, providing universal day care for children between ages 2 and 7 for parents who are typically forced to work to make ends meet.

It was the second school shooting in the country in less than a year. Last November, an 18-year-old man fatally shot eight people and himself at a high school in southern Finland.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Ike delays space shuttle launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA is delaying next month's shuttle launch to the Hubble Space Telescope because of problems stemming from Hurricane Ike and replacement parts for the observatory.

Space shuttle Atlantis is now set to blast off late at night on Oct. 14 for the last visit to the orbiting telescope, officials said Wednesday. Liftoff had been scheduled for the wee hours of Oct. 10, technically making this a five-day postponement.

Senior managers will reassess the launch date next week.

Atlantis' seven astronauts, who wrapped up a practice countdown at the launching site Wednesday, lost a week of training because of Hurricane Ike. The hurricane shut down the Johnson Space Center in Houston, which did not reopen until this week.

### Lawmakers receive free gasoline cards

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California lawmakers enjoy a perk not available to their colleagues in any other state: unchecked use of gasoline charge cards that stick taxpayers with the bill.

Through the first seven months of the year, California taxpayers have spent \$220,000 to pay for lawmakers' gasoline, according to a review of records requested by The Associated Press. That includes July, when lawmakers already were past their deadline to approve a budget and the state faced a \$15.2 billion deficit. friend, Ronald Goldman.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Man reunited with stolen legs

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — A pair of prosthetic legs were to be returned to a 68-year-old man after he reported them stolen from his garage.

Joseph Kopinski got a call late Wednesday night from a security guard at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, where he takes physical therapy, saying someone had turned the legs in recently.

A hospital security guard told co-workers that someone stopped her in the parking lot and gave her the prosthetic legs, hospital spokesman Mike Stack said.

"I'm still in shock at the whole thing," Kopinski told the South Bend Tribune for a Thursday story.

## CEOs escape crisis with millions

*Heads of leading banks leave before financial crisis, take away millions in severance.*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With a Wall Street bailout looming that will almost certainly limit CEO pay, some of the poster boys of the financial crisis have already fled the scene, taking millions of dollars in severance packages with them.

Stanley O'Neal walked away from Merrill Lynch with a package now worth about \$66 million. Less than a year later, the storied investment house was forced into a takeover by Bank of America.

Ken Thompson was ousted from Wachovia in June with a "golden parachute" now worth more than \$5 million, and Chuck Prince was forced out at Citigroup with a parting gift now valued at \$16 million.

They are among the best-known former CEOs in the American banking industry — an industry that, after they left, was brought to its knees in a crisis that had lawmakers warning about the possibility of outright panic or even another Great Depression.

"These guys took all this risk, and ultimately they won't have to suffer the consequences of their decisions," said Barry Ritholtz, who writes the popular financial blog The Big Picture and is CEO of research firm FusionIQ.

Congress and the Bush administration were working Thursday on a bailout package, perhaps with an ultimate cost of \$700 billion, that would have the government buy bad debt off the books of banks.

Those banks are staggering after the collapse of the housing market triggered a wave of foreclosures, thinned out the bloodlines of credit and left banks holding no-good mortgage-backed securities.

Under the government plan, the long-gone CEOs would not have to give anything back, said Steven W. Adamske, a spokesman for the House Committee on Financial Services. He said there was no constitutional way to recoup pay retroactively.

Recognizing a public outcry, lawmakers from both parties have been pushing to add curbs on executive pay to the



A protestor holds up a sign decrying corporate greed outside the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday.

bailout plan — meaning limits on what companies that take part in the bailout could pay their top officers from now on.

Those limits could include restrictions or even an outright ban on severance packages for current executives leading companies that go to the government for help.

"At many of these companies, there are new CEOs and they didn't cause the problems," said Lynn Turner, former chief accountant at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and now an independent business consultant.

Meanwhile, the former CEOs who accepted fat severance packages from the banks at the heart of the crisis are long gone.

For Citigroup's Prince that means \$10.4 million in cash, \$1.5 million in perks and stock

holdings valued at \$22 million that he received on his departure in November 2007. That was after the nation's largest bank announced far bigger-than-expected losses on mortgage-related assets and other risky debt.

Under Prince's watch, Citigroup built up its exposure to mortgage and consumer credit markets, and he was paid handsomely for the effort. In his last fiscal year at the helm, his total pay package was nearly \$25 million, according to an Associated Press CEO pay formula.

Responding to a request for comment by the AP, Citigroup spokesman Michael J. Hanretta said the "provisions of Mr. Prince's severance agreement reflected his contributions to the company over 30 years as well as retirement

benefits and prior equity awards to which he was legally entitled."

The CEOs and the former employers of the other executives either declined to comment or did not return telephone messages.

At Merrill Lynch, O'Neal's pay package for his final year as a CEO was \$46.4 million, according to AP figures. He was forced out in October 2007 following the investment bank's disclosure of \$7.9 billion in unexpected losses related to the credit market turmoil.

His severance package of stock, options and retirement benefits built up over a 21-year career was valued at the time at \$161 million. The market's downturn since then has driven the value down to about \$66.5 million.

## CANADA

## Man found guilty of terrorist plot

Associated Press

BRAMPTON, Ontario — A Canadian man accused of participating in military exercises and firearms training as part of a group authorities say plotted to storm Parliament and behead the prime minister was found guilty Thursday.

The man's attorney says the plot was a "jihadi fantasy" and that his client knew nothing about it.

A judge ruled Thursday that evidence of a terrorist group was "overwhelming." The man is the first person to be found guilty of a terrorist offense in Canada since the country enacted anti-terrorism laws in

2001.

The arrests of the 18 group members, known as the "Toronto 18," made headlines around the world and heightened fears in Canada, where people believe they are relatively immune from terrorist strikes.

Prosecutors said there were plans to truck-bomb nuclear power plants and a building housing Canada's spy service.

Seven of those arrested have since had their charges either withdrawn, or stayed. The trials of 10 adults, including the alleged ringleaders, have yet to begin. The young man was the first to go on trial.

Superior Court Justice John Sproat found the man guilty of knowingly participating in

a terrorist group. As the 94-page judgment was handed down, the defendant's mother wept quietly in the back of the court.

The man has not been identified because he was 17, a legal minor, when he was arrested in 2006. He is now 20.

Prosecutors argued he attended a training camp where he participated in military exercises and firearms training and that he knowingly participated in a potentially deadly conspiracy. He had pleaded not guilty to terrorism-related charges.

Sproat rejected the defense argument that the plot was a "jihadi fantasy" that the defendant knew nothing about.

"He clearly understood the camp was for

# Dorms hold sustainability contest

*Students come together to reduce energy consumption in residence halls*

By ROBERT SINGER  
News Writer

Notre Dame students who turned off the lights before heading to class this morning brought their dorms closer to winning this year's "Dorm Energy Competition," along with its \$500 prize.

Beginning yesterday and lasting until Oct. 19, the competition will pit residence halls against one another to see which can most improve its energy consumption. According to Rachel Novick, education and outreach coordinator for the Office of Sustainability, results will be compared against an average of each dorm's usage over the last five years to determine the winner.

"The purpose of the competition is to engage the students to participate in the University's sustainability efforts," Novick said.

The dorms that have more students unplugging appliances and turning off lights will be the more successful, GreeND president Lourdes Long said.

"The dorm that wins is the dorm that gets the most people involved," she said.

"It's not just about a month

long competition, it's about getting people to live more cautiously," GreeND student-coordinator Sarah Cline said. "If we can get people to change their lifelong habits, it'll definitely make a huge impact."

According to Novick, by powering down computers nightly, unplugging unused appliances, turning off lights when no one is around, and replacing incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs, students can markedly reduce their dorm's energy use.

Long also said cell phone chargers waste a lot of energy.

"Cell phone chargers are a good example of 'vampire technology,' which means they suck a lot of energy just by being plugged into the wall," she said. "95 percent is wasted; only 5 percent is used to actually charge the phone."

The coordinators are optimistic about the competition's

success.

"There's the misconception that what one person does doesn't make a difference in the long run," Long said. "But it really can. We expect a 10 percent reduction."

If dorm-wide energy use is cut by 10 percent, Novick said, then Notre Dame will save \$7,000 and prevent 95 metric tons of carbon from being emitted.

The competitive aspect and prize incentive are meant to energize students who would not ordinarily dedicate themselves to environmental issues.

"We want the kids that could-

n't care less about energy consumption, those who just want a piece of pizza," Long said. "Everyone likes competition, everyone likes prizes."

"I think there are very few things that get Notre Dame students more excited than competition," Cline said.

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# Small fire breaks out at power plant

By JENN METZ  
News Writer

A fire broke out and was quickly extinguished at the University of Notre Dame power plant early Thursday morning.

The fire was ignited at 8:25 a.m. in an area of the plant that is currently under construction, Paul Kempf, director of Utilities, said.

A tank of acetylene gas caught fire after hot metal from a steel pip being cut with a torch fell onto a hose connected to the tank.

"Thanks to the quick action of our staff and some contractors and the use of fire extinguishers, the fire was quickly contained,"

Kempf said.

A person present at the scene was able to shut off the valve to the tank, eliminating the source of the fire. Acetylene gas burns very quickly, he said.

"By the time the fire department got there, the fire burned itself out."

The plant reported no injuries or damages caused by the fire.

The blaze took place in an inactive area of the plant, so normal operations were not affected.

According to Notre Dame News and Information, fire fighters from Notre Dame and Clay Township responded to the scene.

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# ND Alumni Association holds online ticket sale

By JENN METZ  
News Writer

The Notre Dame Alumni Association's first online ticket sale for this weekend's game against Purdue lasted only three minutes.

More than 300 tickets were sold in that time period to nearly 125 students, Brad Goff, business manager for the Association, said.

"That was how in demand tickets were for this game," he said.

The Association sent out an e-mail to students through the Registrar's Office notifying students of the sale. The e-mail asked students to register for the Association's Web site, Irish Online, to ensure they would be able to access the sale.

"This is the first time we've had an online ticket sale for students," Goff said.

The Association decided to sell tickets online after student phone calls to the office showed demand. However, there was surprise at how quickly the tickets flew off the shelves Tuesday afternoon.

"I don't think anyone would have imagined they would have gone that quickly," Goff said.

The Association has sold nearly 1,000 tickets to students this year alone, Goff said. Tickets are sold in the Eck Visitor's Center for students, and also on home game days at Gate 3 of the Joyce Center four and a half hours prior to kickoff.

"We wanted to make it convenient for students so they wouldn't have to come to wait in line to purchase tickets," Goff said.

Also, the Association

"wanted to introduce students, and familiarize them with Irish Online and its many features as our future alumni," he said.

Tickets were sold online via credit card for face value, plus a \$3 processing fee per ticket. Goff said the Association makes no profit off the sale.

Goff said the Association is considering offering online ticket sales in the future. "It is unlikely we will have a sale period for Stanford, but it is anticipated for Pittsburgh," he said. It is still to be determined if an online sale will be offered for the game against Syracuse.

Alumni Association ticket sales are based on availability, Goff said. They receive tickets from alumni on a consignment program. "They send them in, and

we resell them," he said. Tickets are also received through other University allotments and from Alumni clubs nationwide.

Goff said the Association must have at least 300 tickets to have a student ticket sale.

The Association held an in-house ticket sale for the San Diego State game and sold approximately 450 tickets, Goff said.

This year, the Association also had accessibility to tickets for away games, a rarity, Goff said. "We sold over 100 tickets to Michigan State for students."

Goff said the Association attempts to provide tickets at every home game.

"That's another goal — we want to get the tickets in the hands of alumni, fans, friends and family members of the University," he said.

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# McKenna receives award

By MADELINE BUCKLEY  
News Writer

Well-known on campus for his friendliness and a talent for tap dancing, Dr. James McKenna, a professor in the anthropology department, accepted the Charles E. Sheedy award for excellence in teaching Thursday.

The Sheedy award has been given annually to a professor in the College of Arts and Letters since 1970, according to the College's Web site.

Sociology professor Dan Myers introduced McKenna as "the nicest guy in the world," joking that it is impossible to walk across campus with him in a timely manner because there are always numerous students and faculty who stop him to chat.

McKenna told the Observer he felt humbled, shocked and gratified when he heard that he was to receive the award.

"What could be better than being told that you do well at something for which doing well means pretty much everything," he said.

McKenna stressed the idea that teaching is a personal experience in which you have to transcend anonymity and make students realize that the teacher cares about them personally.

"For me, teaching is not a science, but a unique art form," McKenna said at the award ceremony held in McKenna Hall.

He said his teaching style involves getting to know every student on a personal level.

"I pretend I am teaching not to a class, but to one person, as if I am having a conversation," McKenna said.

His teaching philosophies are partly inspired by his fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Masimina Rose, he said. "Everyday she would greet us one by one, hug

us and whisper a personal message in our ear, telling us what a great day we would have," he said.

"Learning was just enormously enjoyable and rewarding which reflects this notion that we are sensitive to the relational aspects of learning," McKenna said.

McKenna began his teaching career at 25 at University of California Berkeley. The first class he taught was a large lecture class, he said.

"I looked 15 years old and every T.A. was older than me by 5 years...but I survived," McKenna said.

Thirty-four years later, McKenna said every class he teaches now is just as exciting, if not more, as the very first class he taught.

"I've often asked myself how could I not be tired of some of the fundamental information, but I never tire of it and I know why that is the case," he said. "You see on the faces of your students the very surprise, excitement and shock that was on my face when I first learned about some of the anthropological concepts, and its like I am learning it all over again."

Along with teaching Anthropology classes, McKenna teaches an Irish American tap dance class, turning his lifelong passion for dance into a University course.

A dancer since the age of two, McKenna has performed on the Lawrence Welk show as well as several other television programs, he said.

"The minute I saw Fred Astaire dancing on TV, I went to the nearest floor and moved my feet," McKenna said. "I was a dancer before I was anything."

The tap class combines Irish hard shoe dancing with American tap dancing, McKenna said. The course, which is avail-

able to faculty and staff, teaches several dances and ends with a recital in South Dining Hall.

Although a tap dancing professor is a strange image, it is good for the students to see that even faculty members have diverse hobbies and skills, he said.

McKenna's students and colleagues praise his personal teaching style and fun personality.

Sophomore Elizabeth Benson said she was impressed that McKenna made a point to get to know everyone her Honors Introduction to Anthropology class.

"He learned our names really quickly," she said. "You could tell he really loved teaching."

She said she did not know much about Anthropology before the course, but loved it by the end of the class.

"I am an anthropology major now because I liked his class so much," Benson said.

Senior Kelly Donley took McKenna's Irish American tap class as a junior and now is a T.A. for the class.

"He is good at communicating with the class and is always encouraging," she said. "He tap dances for us and has us do Irish Hard shoe dances as well as dance to a Michael Jackson number," she said.

"It is one of the best classes I have taken," Donley said. "He is like Fred Astaire."

Professor Dan Myers, last year's Sheedy award winner and the faculty member that nominated McKenna, said Professor McKenna is a mentor and teaching partner to him.

"Jim is the nicest person you would ever want to meet in your life... that niceness is part of his teaching," he said. "People love him."

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5-YEAR NOTE	+5.30	+0.153	3.042

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## IN BRIEF

### Lawyer: Stevens clueless about cost

WASHINGTON — Sen. Ted Stevens was clueless about the cost and scope of a pricey makeover of his Alaska cabin that led to federal corruption charges and threatened his lengthy career, his lawyer said Thursday at the opening of his trial.

Federal prosecutors allege that Stevens — one of Congress' most powerful Republicans and a patriarch of Alaska politics for generations — lied on Senate forms about more than \$250,000 in home renovations and gifts from a wealthy oil contractor and close friend, Bill Allen, who expected political favors in return.

But defense attorney Brendan Sullivan, in making the first public defense of the 84-year-old senator, shifted blame to Allen and responsibility to Stevens' wife, Catherine.

### Gold prices drop as investors sell assets

NEW YORK — Gold prices turned lower Thursday as an agreement in principle on a U.S. financial rescue package prompted investors to sell safe-haven assets in favor of stocks.

In other commodities, crude oil rebounded on hopes that the \$700 billion bank bailout plan would stabilize the teetering U.S. economy and boost domestic energy demand. The White House-backed initiative would take billions of dollars in risky assets off the books of troubled banks and other financial firms in a bid to pry loose locked credit markets.

Investors greeted the news as a hopeful sign of improved economic fortunes ahead, yanked money out of safe-haven assets like precious metals and plowed cash back into equities.

Gold for December delivery fell \$13 to settle at \$882 an ounce on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after earlier falling as low as \$868.80.

Other precious metals traded mixed. December silver fell 16.5 cents to settle at \$13.275 an ounce, while December copper rose 2.8 cents to settle at \$3.1345 a pound.

Jon Nadler, analyst with Kitco Bullion Dealers Montreal, said gold "made very little progress" as investors were wary of boosting safe-haven holdings after days waiting on the sidelines while officials worked out the bailout plan.

## \$700 billion rescue plan effort stalls

*Despite news of a deal, progress to create rescue plan appears to have halted*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Urgent efforts to lash together a \$700 billion rescue plan for the national economy appeared to be stalling Thursday night, hours after key lawmakers had declared they had reached a deal.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke sped to Capitol Hill to try to revive or rework the proposal that President Bush said must be quickly approved by Congress to stave off economic disaster.

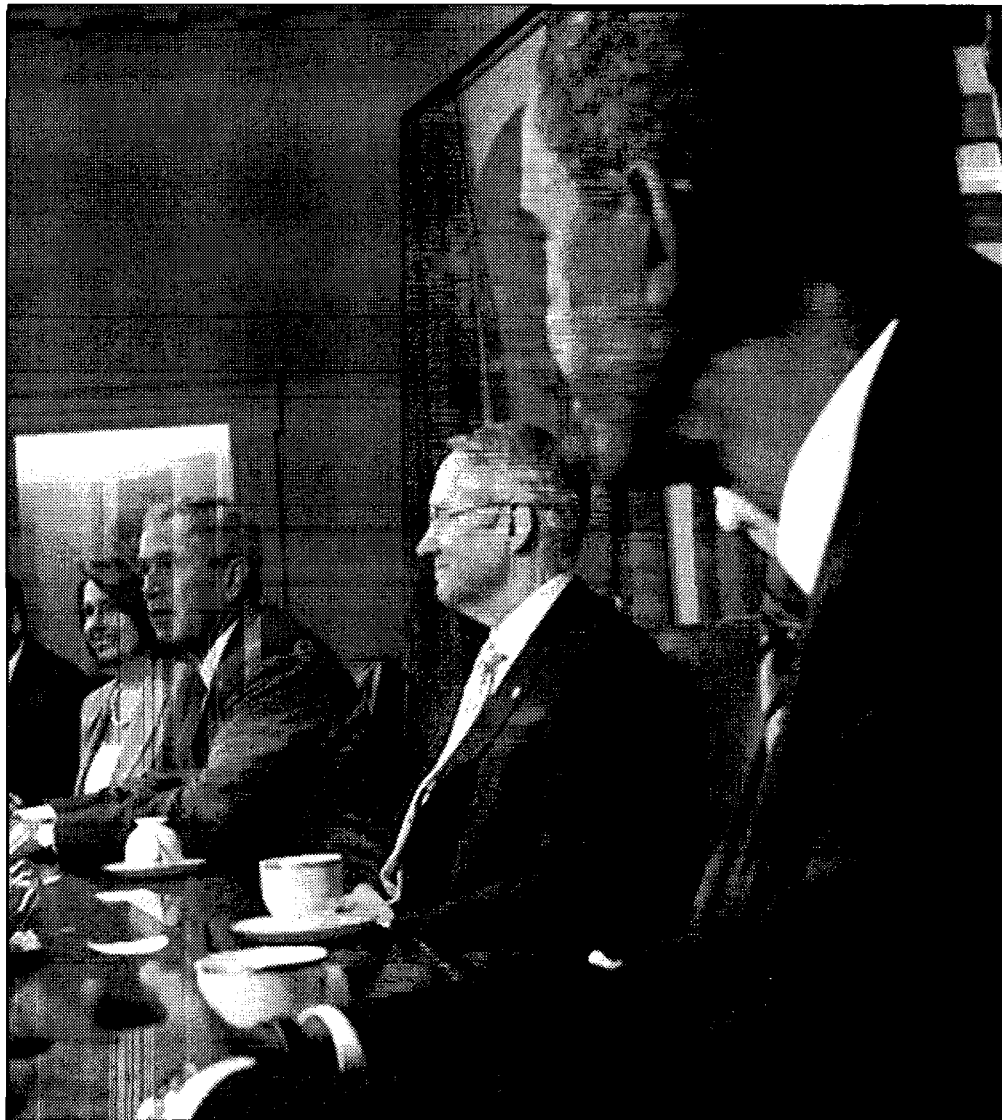
Congressional leaders were to meet with the economic chiefs into the night.

After six days of intensive talks on the unprecedented package proposed by the Bush administration, with Wall Street tottering and presidential politics intruding six weeks before the election, there was more confusion than clarity.

The day's earlier apparent breakthrough, announced with fanfare at midday, was followed by a White House summit bringing together President Bush, presidential contenders John McCain and Barack Obama, and top congressional leaders. But that meeting, aimed at showing unity in resolving a national financial crisis, broke up with conflicts in plain view.

Inside the session, House Republican leader John Boehner expressed misgivings about the emerging plan and McCain would not commit to supporting it, said people from both parties who were briefed on the exchange. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the session was private.

The earlier agreement by key members of Congress from both parties — but not top leaders — would have given the Bush administration just a fraction of the money it wanted up front, subjecting half the \$700 billion total to a congressional veto.



President George W. Bush meets with congressional leaders on Thursday to discuss the proposed bailout of the financial industry.

But conservatives were still in revolt, balking at the astonishing price tag of the proposal and the hand of government that it would place on private markets.

Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, the top Republican on the Senate Banking Committee, emerged from the White House meeting to say the announced agreement "is obviously no agreement."

One group of House GOP lawmakers circulated an alternative that would put much less focus on a government takeover of failing institutions' sour assets. This proposal would have the

government provide insurance to companies that agree to hold frozen assets, rather than have the U.S. purchase the assets.

Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., said the idea would be to remove the burden of the bailout from taxpayers and place it, over time, on Wall Street instead. The price tag of the administration's plan to bail out tottering financial institutions — and the federal intrusion into private business matters — have been major sticking points for many Republican lawmakers.

There is wide agreement the U.S. economy is in peril,

with financial institutions going under or near the edge and recession looming along with the resulting layoffs and increased home foreclosures.

There had been hopes for broad agreement, too, on a prescription by now, with a confident White House announcement by the president, McCain, Obama and congressional leaders.

But the best Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell would say afterward was, "It's clear that more progress is needed and we must continue to work together quickly to protect our economy."

## New home sales and factory orders fall

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Weekly jobless claims surged to the highest level in seven years, durable goods orders took a bigger-than-expected tumble and new home sales plunged to the slowest pace in 17 years, according to government data released Thursday.

The latest trifecta of bad news about the economy raised new worries about a possible recession and underscored the concerns that are driving Congress and the White House to reach agreement on an historic bailout of the financial system.

The Labor Department reported that jobless claims jumped by 32,000 to a seasonally adjusted 493,000 last week, the highest level since shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and far above what economists had been expecting.

Labor Department analysts said that Hurricanes Ike and Gustav added about 50,000 claims, but even discounting the adverse impact from job disruptions in Louisiana and Texas, the four-week average for claims rose to 445,000, the highest it has been since November 2001, the month the last recession ended.

In a second report, the Commerce Department said that new orders to factories for big-ticket manufactured goods fell by 4.5 percent last month, led by a big drop in demand for airplanes but also reflecting weakness in everything from autos to primary metals and machinery.

It was the largest setback since a 4.7 percent fall in durable goods orders in January and raised worries that the weakening economy was causing corporations to cut back on their investment spending plans.

The third weaker-than-expected

report showed that new home sales plunged by 11.5 percent in August, a much bigger decline than the 1 percent dip that had been expected. It pushed sales down to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 460,000, the slowest pace since January 1991.

The average price of a new home fell in August by 11.8 percent to \$263,900, the biggest one-month drop on record. The median home price was down 5.5 percent to \$221,900.

Analysts said the trio of bad reports meant the third quarter was ending on an extremely weak note and raised the risks that the October-December quarter will actually slip into negative territory. Many economists believe the gross domestic product will be negative in both the final three months of this year and the first three months of 2009, meeting the classic definition of a recession.



# Goals

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are far more strategic than to base to their policy on "doing things because they're environmentally friendly."

GreeND president Lourdes Long agrees that the Office of Sustainability, where she serves as a student intern, needs to make sure that they balance the checkbook with their concern for the environment. "There's a tension, but there needs to be an awareness," Long said.

She stressed the overlap between the two concerns — economic and environmental — of sustainable policies. "You can make a financial argument for a lot of these investments," she said. "The payback is staggering."

Georges Enderle, a professor of Business Ethics, says that being on the right side of moral issues often coincides with making a profit when it comes to sustainability. He pointed to General Electric Chairman and CEO Jeffery Immelt's comment at

Wednesday's Notre Dame Forum on Sustainable Energy that he justified launching Ecomagination, a GE division focused on developing green technologies, with two reasons — an expectation of profitability and because "it's the right

thing to do."

"You need to argue on both sides," Enderle said.

University Vice President of Business Operations Jim Lyphout said that whichever motivation for sustainability might be cited, the financial and environmental benefits come hand-in-hand.

"I don't think they're mutually exclusive," he said. "Because you do it for one reason doesn't mean you can't do it for the other."

Lyphout added that however one might justify the move towards sustainability, the University has an ethical obligation to act in environmentally friendly ways.

"We have a moral and an ethical reason to conserve our resources," Lyphout said, regardless if it is done for economic or environmental reasons.

Theology Professor Margaret Pfeil said Notre Dame's obligation is also influenced by the University's unique Catholic character.

"I think a commitment to sustainable living flows from the whole Catholic social tradition," she said, noting that the tension between economic and environmental motives is also

affected by Notre Dame's Catholic mission.

"Moving the University toward greater environmental sustainability may make good economic sense, but as a Catholic university, we can offer a much deeper moral and theological rationale for a 'green' ND," she said.

The one piece of rationale M a z u r e k rejects is the notion that Notre Dame is moving to sustainability purely based on improving its "image."

"It's a valid point," he said of the criticism, but he points to the quantifiable goals his office has set, and added that the University intends to be completely transparent about achieving those goals.

Mazurek conceded that he was a bit "surprised" at how eager University officials were to being so transparent, which should go a long way in proving their actions are not motivated by improving Notre Dame's image, he said.

"It's important to be transparent along the way, even about missteps and negative things," he said. "If we have a dip in recycling, because it's February and people aren't recycling as much, we're going to be transparent about it."

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Director of the Office of Sustainability

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University Vice President of Business Operations

# Game

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Bartkus, said.

Because of the short drive, many Purdue students are expected to make the trip to South Bend as well.

"A lot of my friends are coming up for the game," Purdue sophomore Peter Agostino said. Agostino will also be in attendance on Saturday.

The game is especially meaningful to Notre Dame students with ties to Purdue.

"I have friends at Purdue, so I'll have fun gloating if we win," freshman Shelly Birch said.

Some students are more excited for other aspects of a football weekend.

"I'll definitely be tailgating before the game," junior Anthony Logan said.

Although they say that Notre Dame has had consistently good defensive play this year, some students are worried about the offense.

"Purdue's quarterbacking and offense are solid, but I like our defense," Jason Miller said "We just need to put more points on the board."

Elizabeth Young, a sophomore, said that turnovers are the major issue.

"We need to stop giving the ball away so much,"

Young said.

Bartkus said that the game will be close.

"The game's basically a toss up," he said. "Purdue might be slightly better, but Notre Dame has the home field advantage. It should definitely be a great game."

Junior Adjoa Andoh also said that Saturday's match-up will be a close one, but predicted that a desire to rebound from last week's loss will give the Irish an edge.

"I think that it's definitely going to be a fight to the end," Andoh said. "But with the team being back home and wanting to prove themselves again, they will pull it out in the fourth quarter."

Junior Sara Seidler is looking forward to the pep rally and the game, and said that it will be a factor in the excitement level on campus this weekend.

"Hopefully the pep rally will make the team and the students forget about last week and get fired up for tomorrow," Seidler said. "We have a good chance to win if everyone is pumped up and cheering a lot on Saturday."

Today's pep rally will be held in the Joyce Center at 6 p.m.

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## Growth

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by global financial services firm Lehman Brothers, the collapse of other financial institutions and now, a possible Congressional bailout for many corporations, has caused what Malpass characterized as the biggest crisis in his 20 years at Notre Dame.

But the University invests with the knowledge that the stock market experiences downturns, he said. And crises have happened before in the financial markets, Malpass said, giving examples like the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, the oil embargo in the 1970s and the Sep. 11 attacks in 2001.

"It's really important to know that we are a long-term investor," Malpass said.

"We are an endowment, supporting Notre Dame in perpetuity. We know there's going to be crisis periods in the markets."

Malpass did not have numbers available, but he estimated Notre Dame's endowment is probably down two to three percent since the beginning of the fiscal year.

"We are down but it's a reasonable outcome given what happened in the markets," he said. "It's nothing extraordinary."

Notre Dame's investment team and managers are approaching the market situation well, he said.

"I don't like to be down ever, but you can't be up in this period. I don't care how diversified you are," Malpass said, with the caveat of investing solely in U.S. Treasury bills and bonds.

Regulation and oversight could have prevented the collapse of financial institutions on Wall Street, Malpass said, but Notre Dame has been able to protect and preserve its capital because of its investment approach.

Notre Dame's investments are more diversified than most, he said, and the University puts more in hedge funds that can go long and short. The University has also done well by investing in gold, Malpass said.

The 'financial lifeblood' of the University

At the close of fiscal year 2007, the rate of return on the

endowment pool was 25.9 percent, which placed Notre Dame in the top two among rates of return on university endowment. This year, the rate of return was substantially lower, but everyone else experienced the same weak markets, Malpass said.

Judging from the numbers he has seen from other schools, Notre Dame will probably rank in the top five or six in terms of endowment returns of the top 20 endowments, he said. Top five or six is an estimate, as the rankings have not been released yet and Malpass said he has not seen all the numbers from other schools.

The long-term goal of the endowment, Malpass said, is to beat inflation, and ideally gain a return of 5 to 6 percent above inflation. The endowment, he said, is the "financial lifeblood" of the University.

"It's supporting kids, students and faculty," he said. "So it's vital."

Notre Dame's endowment was the 14th largest educational endowment in the country last year, up from 25th largest 20 years ago, Malpass said. It

is the largest endowment for a Catholic university.

In the long run, Malpass said, with good fundraising through the Spirit of Notre Dame campaign and good investments, he thinks Notre Dame can break into the top 10 in endowment size rankings in the next 10 years.

Malpass, who marked his 20th anniversary at Notre Dame this August, said the senior leadership at the University, especially the investment committee of the Board of Trustees, have allowed him to build a strong team of investors. The team he built has had great stability and little turnover, Malpass said, with four of his six directors working with him for 10 years or more.

"When I came in 1988, the pool was \$425 million. Now we are just over \$7 billion ..." he said. "It's been a wonderful 20 years."

Twenty years ago, the endowment supported less than five percent of Notre Dame's operating budget, Malpass said. It now funds over 20 percent of the cost of running Notre Dame.

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# Energy

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are many difficult decisions to be made.

"Should we build another building, or should we make another building energy efficient? It's so wasteful to build a whole new building when ... the heating systems in a lot of the old dorms are so inefficient," she said.

Sustainability is about much more than choosing between economics and the environment on energy decisions, Jennings said.

"It's about not being wasteful," she said. "That's reusing coffee mugs, using reusable Grab-and-Go bags ...

"It means realizing how your role, however insignificant, does play a part in the larger environment."

Students can realize their role by taking the small steps, Jennings said.

"Every student should have the goal of taking out their recycling more often than their trash can," she said. "It's really the small changes — I can bike to Turtle Creek, I can walk to Meijer. Since the Transpo's free, why do I have to drive to the mall?"

Jennings urged students to see the economic impact in their own lives of taking these small steps. "You can see the economic and environmental goals become one and the

same," she said. "Transpo's free and you save on gas, so why not take the bus?"

For the Notre Dame community, sustainability relates to the University's emphasis on "tradition," according to GreeND president Lourdes Long. "The goal is to sustain the University for as long as it's been in existence," she said.

"We can think about it in terms of our kids, our grandkids going here," she said. "We can think about a University that has enough money to pay for [their] scholarships."

According to Jennings, taking action on behalf of the environment is about thinking in a new way. "The neat thing about the environmental movement is that it doesn't take much more than a changed mindset," she said.

Such a need for a changed mindset was echoed by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter in his closing remarks at the forum Wednesday.

"We have to think differently," he said.

For the University, despite Wednesday's announcement of a B- grade for sustainability after earning a D- two years ago, there are still more steps to take, according to Georges Enderle, a professor of Business Ethics.

"I think there is a kind of awakening out here in Notre

Dame," he said. "Those sustainability issues are very important and I'm very happy about that. But I don't know how far that reaches to faculty, students, and staff."

"I'm happy that something got started, but I think we can and should do much more."

Adopting, enacting sustainable practices

The Office of Sustainability is trying to do more about sustainability, having completed Director Jim Mazurek's 100-day plan, something he enacted upon his installment as director of the office in May.

One of the plan's goals was to begin the process of developing a set of baseline data to judge Notre Dame's environmental impact — including the recently calculated carbon footprint — and the plan also required that the Office of Sustainability begin to develop a set of quantifiable performance targets based on that data.

With those targets — and their recently developed mission and vision statements — the Office will begin to guide specific initiatives within seven core areas: energy, water, design and construction, waste, procurement, food services and transportation.

Already, the University's emphasis on sustainability is showing results in many of these areas.

For example, Senior Associate Director of Food Services Jim Yarbrough said Food Services worked to increase the amount of locally sourced food from 26 percent in 2006 to 40 percent in 2007. Any state that borders

Indiana is considered local, he said.

Yarbrough said he is working with the Office of Sustainability on another promising initiative, composting.

"We want to divert all the waste we possibly can from the landfills," he said.

In improving the design and construction component of Notre Dame's ecological impact, University Architect Doug Marsh said his office is incorporating Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards into all new construction. In fact, Stinson-Remick Hall, the engineering building under construction, and Ryan Hall, the women's residence hall under construction, will be LEED certified, he said.

Mazurek pointed out that Notre Dame is leading the state in LEED certified design. "There are only 19 LEED certified buildings in the state of Indiana [right now]," Mazurek said, and Notre Dame is planning to add five buildings to that list in the next few years.

"We are really one of the driving forces here," he said. In existing buildings, Paul Kempf, director of Utilities, said that the University is working to improve energy efficiency within 25 campus facilities.

"We are implementing

either HVAC improvements ... or retrofitting lighting to newer, more efficient light sources," Kempf said.

Facilities Operations Central Receiving Manager Pat O'Hara praised the University community's growing commitment to recycling, which has already made a noticeable impact this year, he said.

"Everyone is totally on board," O'Hara said.

One particular recycling initiative, the Game Day Recycling, has already proven successful, according to the Office of

Sustainability. The office reports that the weekend of Sept. 5-7, fans recycled over seven tons of waste, and during the weekend of Sept. 12-14, that number jumped to over eight tons.

In making sense of all the individual initiatives and specific targets the Office of Sustainability sets, Mazurek said his office will begin to develop a "multi-year roadmap for sustainability."

Already, though, he said he's seen success on campus and the community is on board, from students to top University officials.

"It's been 100 percent positive," he said, which is good, since sustainability is here at Notre Dame to stay.

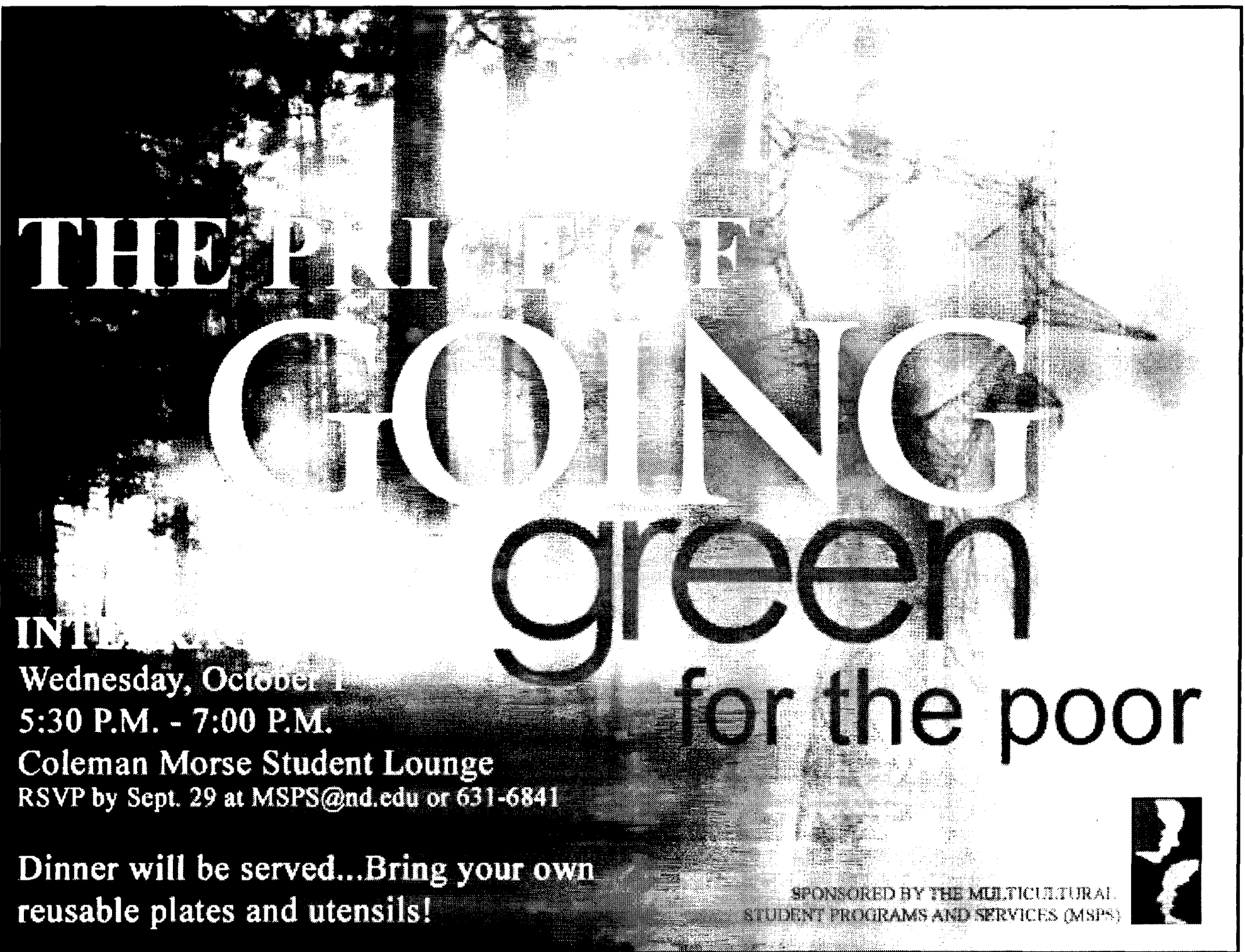
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## Grotto

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there.

"What used to get me," he said, "People would come down there, young people, and propose in the Grotto. That would always fascinate me; what better place to start your new life?"

People are also what Wiskotoni misses most about the Grotto.

"I have a lot of friends – a lot of friends I made at the Grotto. A lot of people who go to Church every morning, and football fans from all over. People were outstanding, and the students were great. I miss it. I miss the Grotto and I miss my friends, and the people that I worked with. I worked with some very nice people," he said.

Wiskotoni has lived in South Bend all his life, "except for three years in the service," he said. He served in the Army in the Korean War from 1951-53. He counts himself as a "life-long fan" of Notre Dame, due to his "strict Polish-Catholic upbringing" and South Bend heritage.

After the Korean War, Wiskotoni was 20, and began working and eventually raising a family of three daughters and a son in South Bend. He worked at South Bend Stamping making auto parts before he came to Notre Dame.

When he retired from Notre Dame due to health concerns, he also retired from two part-time jobs working as a sacristan at St. Matthew's Parish, and driving a flower truck with Country Florist in South Bend.

Wiskotoni began working at the Grotto permanently after being hired to help out part-time on football weekends, according to his supervisor John Zack, University Sacristan. Norbert was always "personally interested in the Grotto because of his devotion to his faith," and his absence has already been felt, Zack said.

"Norbie never missed a day of work. He had a nephew that died, and he came back to work after the funeral. When his brother and sister died, the same. He showed up no matter how cold or hot it was, Norbie showed up to work and did what he had to do. He was a great guy, a super guy. He never complained about anything, he took special pride in keeping the Grotto nice and stocked and clean. It was a matter of pride for him," Zack said.

"Devoted" is the word most used to describe Wiskotoni by his friends and supervisors, like Fr.

Peter Rocca, Rector of the Basilica.

"Norbie is one of the most conscientious workers I have ever known," Rocca said, "Norbie was totally devoted to Our Lady and to serving the many faith-filled people who would come to the Grotto to light a candle and pray."

Rocca also related how it's difficult to imagine the Grotto without Norbert, since he labored "from dawn until late at night," especially on football weekends.

"We will forever remember Norbie for helping to make [the Grotto] such a place of comfort and peace for the many who spent time there in prayer," Rocca said, "The Grotto is perhaps the most special place on the Notre Dame campus, and Norbie Wiskotoni helped make it so."

One of Wiskotoni's responsibilities was to remove old candles from the Grotto and replace them with new ones. Wiskotoni said it takes about three hours to change all the candles each morning.

Aside from the memories of the people he's met, Wiskotoni will take with him some humorous memories as well.

"A woman's hair caught on fire once, I was cleaning some wax at the time, and it's a good thing I was standing there because I put the fire out so she didn't get burned," he said.

Wiskotoni also told a story about finding students sleeping in the grotto. Often, students will sleep overnight on the benches in the Grotto and, "normally I let them go," he said, "But once, I came in early in the morning and there was a young couple sleeping down there inside the grotto. Sleeping against the donation box. It happened — I'm an old man, but I have a good memory."

Although he's been away from the Grotto for a month, Norbert plans to return as soon as possible.

"I should be coming back in the very near future," he said, "I miss it — the people I worked with, the University, the grounds. Everyone [at Notre Dame] does an excellent job."

As for the future, Wiskotoni said he wants to catch up on the fishing he's missed the last few years.

"It's a little late now, but next year, if I'm living, I'll be out on a boat three times a week. I love to fish. That time — it's so relaxing — you catch a fish and that's better yet," he said.

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## New mayor shuts down crime lab

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Detroit police crime lab was shut down by the city's new mayor and police chief after an outside audit found errors in some evidence used to prosecute cases involving murder and other crimes, officials said Thursday.

Wrongful convictions are a possibility, according to the audit, conducted by the Michigan State Police. Wayne County prosecutor Kym Worthy also noted that some criminals may have gone uncharged because of the lab's shortcomings.

"We have no idea how many people are walking around that have committed crimes that we don't know about," said Worthy, who blamed the problems on

human error, as well as a lack of funding, resources and training.

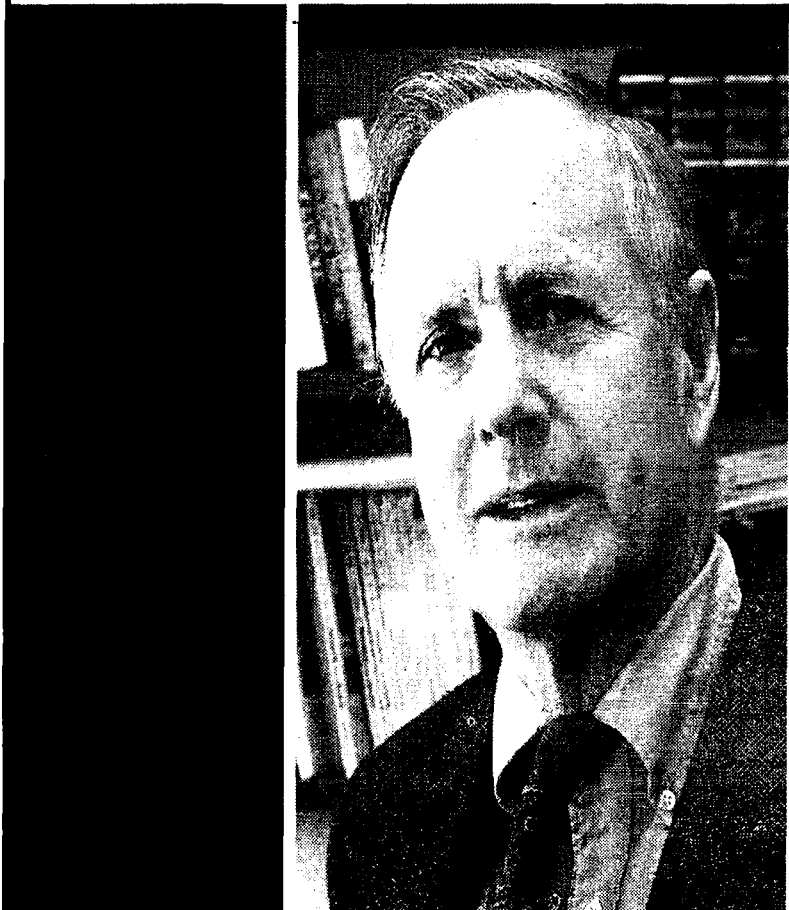
The audit found erroneous or false findings in 10 percent of 200 random cases and subpar quality control compliance at the lab, Worthy said.

The report revealed a "shocking level of incompetence" in the lab and constitutes a systemic problem, she said at a news conference. When it came to recognized work standards, the lab met only 42 percent of a required 100 percent, Worthy said.

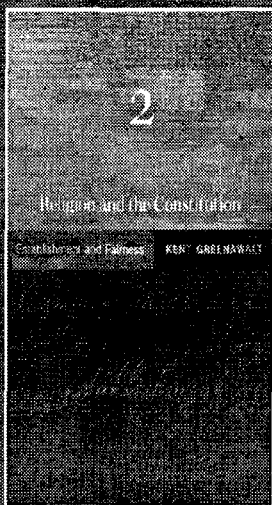
Mayor Ken Cockrel Jr. and Police Chief James Barren made the decision to shut down the Detroit lab and use the state police lab for all Detroit criminal investigations. The lab commander was also relieved of duty, Barren said.

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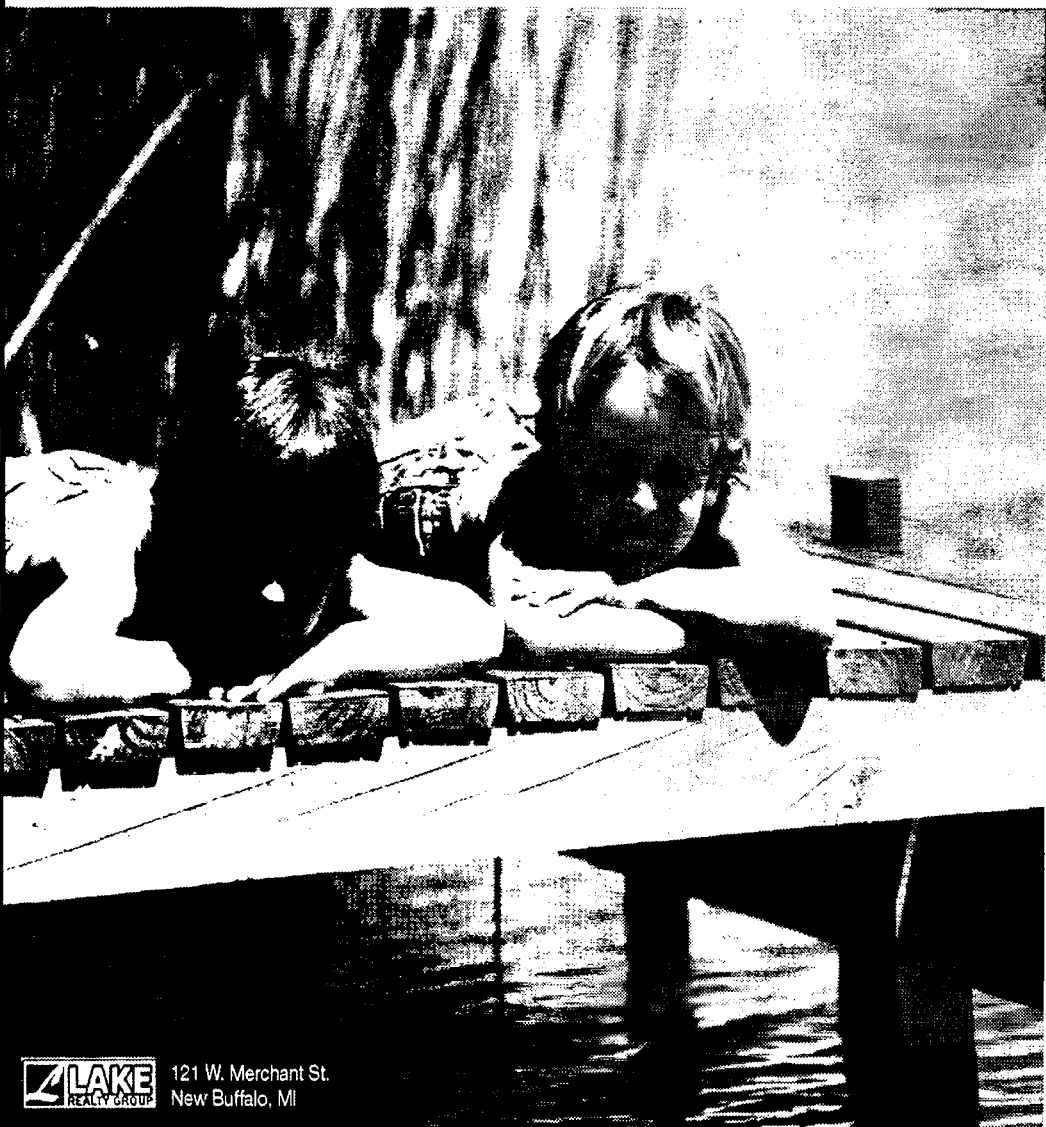
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# India looks to do business with U.S.

Associated Press

MUMBAI — Indian nuclear energy officials say they would like to do business with GE and other U.S. firms. But if they can't, there's always France and Russia.

Even as a landmark U.S.-India nuclear accord hangs in limbo in the U.S. Congress, the global gates of nuclear trade with India are now open.

Whether or not U.S. companies get the go-ahead to sell nuclear fuel and technology to India, the country's nuclear officials are confident they will get their uranium.

"If a deal with Congress doesn't happen, we will have business with other countries. So simple," said SK Malhotra, a spokesman for India's Department of Atomic Energy.

India reached nuclear trade agreements with Russia and France in January, though the government has held out on implementing them until a U.S. deal goes forward, said Shreyans Kumar Jain, chairman of India's state-run Nuclear Power Corp. Ltd., which runs all 17 of the nation's nuclear reactors.

The agreement before Congress would overturn three decades of U.S. policy by allowing nuclear trade with India, even though India has not signed a global treaty against the spread of nuclear weapons.

The deal enjoys broad support among leaders of both American political parties but, with other priorities on lawmakers' plates, there's no certainty it will get the nod before Congress adjourns this month ahead of November elections.

What would happen then is unclear.

Meeting Thursday in Washington, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and U.S. President George W. Bush expressed hope that Congress will approve the agreement.

Singh was to go on to France, where he was expected to ink India's nuclear agreement with that country.

American companies worry they could be shut out of the Indian market. General Electric Co. helped build India's first nuclear reactor in the 1960s, and GE would love to rekindle that relationship.

"It's a \$30 billion-plus market in India. There's a huge opportunity for a company like GE," said Kishore Jayaraman, regional head of GE operations in India, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh. "We have been pushing for it."

Today, India gets just 3 percent of its energy about 4,100 megawatts— from nuclear power. By 2032 the government plans to quadruple total generating capacity, to 700 gigawatts, with nuclear accounting for 63,000 megawatts.

That adds up to about 40 new nuclear reactors, worth some \$80 billion, according to Jain.

A key limiting factor on India's nuclear expansion has been access to uranium. Despite an aggressive hunt in basins, thrusts, and folds across the country, known domestic deposits will support only 10,000 megawatts of nuclear capacity.

"All reactors are going to be sourced from foreign vendors

and tied to fuel supply agreements," Jain said.

Previously, India was largely unable to buy nuclear fuel and technology from abroad, because of its refusal to sign the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and its testing of atomic weapons.

On Sept. 6, under heavy lobbying by the United States, the 45-nation Nuclear Suppliers Group made a historic exception for India. That opens the door for nuclear sales to India — but, in the U.S. case, Congress must approve.

Jain says Nuclear Power Corp. hopes to finalize contracts with GE, Westinghouse Electric Co., France's Areva group, and Russia's Rosatom State Nuclear Energy Corp. to build a first round of eight reactors starting in 2009.

The government, he added, plans to take a 30 percent equity stake in the new reactors, and borrow to raise the rest.

Rosatom is already helping India build two nuclear reactors, under an agreement that predates Russia joining the Nuclear Suppliers Group.

Areva has been active in pursuing business, with CEO Anne Lauvergeon joining French President Nicolas Sarkozy on his January state visit, according to three Indian officials.

If the deal doesn't go through Congress, said Ron Somers, president of U.S.-India Business Council, "we'll be the only one shut out."

"It's like sitting on our hands watching a football game, not being able to play," he added.

GE has been in close talks with the Indian government, Jayaraman said, but the company cannot, by law, enter into advanced discussions absent a green light from Congress.

"We have not had any detailed discussions," he said.

A lot of Indian companies are also hopeful.

Currently, private companies cannot operate nuclear reactors, but India is separating its civilian and military nuclear programs as part of the U.S.-India nuclear deal. That could pave the way for deeper private sector involvement on the civilian side, Montek Singh Ahluwalia, a top official in India's Planning Commission, said in a recent interview.

Jain, of the Nuclear Power Corp., said a raft of companies, including the Tata Group, Reliance Power Ltd., GMR Infrastructure Ltd., GVK Industries Ltd., the Essar Group, and the state-run National Thermal Power Corp. have expressed interest in running nuclear power plants in the future.

Parts suppliers and builders, like Hindustan Construction Co., Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., Larsen & Toubro Ltd., Gammon India Ltd. and Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. Ltd. could also benefit from India's nuclear build-out.

Deepak Morada, a spokesman for Larsen & Toubro, India's largest builder, said he thinks the capital and manufacturing requirements needed to help 400 million Indians who now live by candlelight switch on the lights, are simply too massive for the government to handle alone.

"We are ready to participate," he said.

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## Resolving the forum time conflict

Student attendance at this year's Notre Dame Forum on Sustainable Energy was impressive — at least at the beginning of the event. Throughout the two hours of discussion, however, the audience left in droves. Some may have lost interest, but others had to go to class.

The Forum is one of the events at the University that is done right — the organizers have come up with pressing issues to bring to campus that prompt discussion for the entire academic year. Top experts in the field in question are able to share their views, their ideas, and possible solutions, with students.

At least, that is, those students who were permitted to attend.

All freshmen at Notre Dame are given the option to attend the Forum, as all of their classes are canceled during the time of the event.

There is no policy, however, that classes for sophomores, juniors and seniors are required to be cancelled the afternoon of the Forum, leaving those students who have classes between 3 and 5 p.m. with a dilemma: Attend the Forum, and take a cut? Or don't attend the Forum, and miss the discussion?

Some professors were considerate to those students who wanted to attend, but others stood firm with their "you can take an absence" response. Other professors still required that their students did attend the Forum as part of the class.

What about those students whose professors fall in both categories — those that require Forum attendance, and those who would not allow it? In that case, students are penalized,

whether they chose to attend or not.

All students — not just the freshmen — should be given the option to choose to attend (or not attend) the Forum, which is, without competition, the biggest academic event at this University each year.

It is something highly publicized, all across campus, with fliers, desktop backgrounds in the computer clusters and light bulb stickers to put over light switches. This year's topic, especially, is popular with students.

Sustainability really is the buzzword around campus — and Energy Week events, leading up to Wednesday's Forum, also helped publicize the event.

Regardless of the amount of publicity, however, all students did not have the free option to attend without penalization, and others were forced to attend, whether they wanted to or not.

The University is a place of limitless opportunities for learning — limitless, that is, when it comes to everything else besides the most-publicized, most highly-anticipated academic event of the year. All students were invited to attend via an e-mail from the University president, but professors were not invited to allow their classes to be absent.

Next year's Forum, which undoubtedly will be just as well-organized, with just as many exciting panelists, will hopefully be better-attended by upperclassmen. Attendance should continue to be encouraged, but the hundreds of students who undoubtedly will have a class scheduled during its two-hour block, should not be penalized for wanting to join the conversation.

## THE OBSERVER Editorial

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Sequester this

I almost laughed out loud when Dr. Moniz began talking about sequestering carbon dioxide underground yesterday at the forum. Surely I was mistaken and he was really talking about storing dangerous nuclear waste material or something equally devious, but unfortunately he was not.

I was highly disappointed that all the panelists believed the man-made climate crisis theory and felt that it was the key motivator for alternative energy.

Hello!

The key reason to seek new forms of fuel is for peace and prosperity. It can be argued that many of the wars fought in the 21st century are linked to oil resources from the funding terrorist activities to the invasion of Georgia by Russia. We must stop this dependence on foreign energy as soon as possible to both create opportunity back home ("Drill, baby, Drill!") and to get our nation out of the global chess game for natural resources.

People are blaming greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide for causing a climate shift. That would be disconcerting if the earth's climate remained static at all times, but we know that the climate has shifted many times in its long history, way before humans were even here. God uses carbon dioxide and oxygen in a cycle to regulate the earth. As carbon dioxide increases, plants thrive and through photosynthesis convert and store the carbon and give off oxygen. As oxygen becomes more prevalent in the atmosphere, plant growth slows down and carbon dioxide given off by animals or released through fires (fires occur naturally due to lightning or dry weather) returns to normal levels.

It is all a natural cycle, an old idea that scientists think they just discovered because they have forgotten the power of God. He was even nice enough to store that energy for us underground to use when we had developed enough technology and knowledge.

There is nothing wrong with using oil and other natural resources like timber that God has given us to utilize. There are still many parts of the world with bad pollution problems such as China and India. These are the places environmentalist should be pushing the issue, not wasting their time on a simple theory that is unlikely something we can prevent and that will not have noticeable repercussions in our lifetime and probably for thousands of years (it takes a long time to melt an entire glacier). God is a little smarter about these things than He'll have you believe, so keep the faith in Him.

I look forward to the response letters.

Mark Easley  
freshman  
Keenan Hall  
Sept. 25

## Sustainability: It takes two

In the past year, the University of Notre Dame has: implemented single-stream recycling to increase the overall volume of material recycled; emphasized locally grown produce and energy efficiency in Food Services; expanded game day recycling initiatives campus wide; created an Office of Sustainability with three full-time professional staff and a \$2 million green loan fund; invested \$4 million to retrofit 25 buildings. And we've got a long ways to go.

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Lourdes Long  
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### Poll Results

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No	111	45%
Yes	76	31%
It will be a game time decision	62	25%

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You know what Dwight?  
You're acting like a dork."

Michael Scott  
world's best boss

## Why not serious?

As this school year started the student body participated in a wide array of annual traditions. Freshmen participated in Frosh-O, many students went to The Show, Dis-O events happened across campus, the football season brought many alums back to campus, and students were once again physically assaulted while they were minding their own business off campus.



Bob Kessler

Here in the northeast neighborhood of South Bend, we have serious problems regarding safety of persons and personal belongings. While the problems are not limited to the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community, we as students are targeted for robbery and assault. All too often we hear about students getting assaulted walking home from bars, being robbed of personal belongings and being mugged at gunpoint. These are serious problems that require serious attention.

The problem is that the students-residents of the northeast neighborhood do not have serious people looking out for them. Why should we? We only pay rent to live here, pay tuition to attend school here and contribute just as

much as anybody else does to the greater good of the community. For all intents and purposes we are members of this community. So why do I always feel so unsafe in this area?

Last weekend local police expended their forces raiding three local bars and breaking up a house party on Colfax Ave. While I have no doubt that the house party was probably out of control, I am fairly certain that the patrons of the Linebacker Lounge were doing nothing out of the ordinary. If local police forces have the capability to spend a good portion of their weekend night raiding local bars where nobody is causing any problems, why do they seemingly not have the capability to increase patrols in the increasingly dangerous northeast neighborhood?

What is even more confounding to me is that the police forces no longer seem to simply be targeting Notre Dame students. I have only heard of Club Landing because of my summer listening to Tommy and the Bartender on WAOR, and was completely unaware that Inferno Bar and Grill even existed. I could understand if the local police were interested in making a quick buck by fining students that do not permanently reside here, but the fact that they are seemingly prioritizing bar raids over resident safety is utterly mind boggling to me.

Not only were three bars and a house

party raided on Sunday morning, but, according to the South Bend Tribune, a 19-year-old woman was raped near Notre Dame Avenue, and a 19-year-old man was shot across town. One can only wonder if these two incidents would have occurred had local police been more concerned with patrolling troublesome areas as opposed to raiding bars that were not causing any problems. For an institution that claims their mission is to "seek and finds ways to affirmatively promote preserve and deliver a feeling of security, safety and productive quality services for all citizens in our community," the South Bend Police are certainly failing.

What makes matters worse is that University officials seem content to let this irresponsible behavior by our local police force continue unchecked. It appears that Fr. Jenkins has repeatedly refused to use his influence with local leaders to create a safer environment. When contacted about the recent student assault, he refused to discuss it. Fr. Jenkins seems to be more concerned about his 'Academic Forum' than about issues relating to student safety. It is horrifying to wonder what sort of tragedy must occur for him to finally step up and take action.

Furthermore, our trustees and contributing alumni do not seem to care one bit about these issues. They will bend over backwards to put their

names on buildings and ensure their football tickets are secure, but using their influence to create action where action is needed is not something that these former students are interested in.

I understand that the University as a whole does not want students to live or gather off campus, but these gatherings are unavoidable. At the very least our leadership should be working with community officials to create a sensible use of the police force and to promote a safer community as a whole. A certain level of danger will probably always be present in the Northeast Neighborhood, but it is clear to me that more could be done and more should be done.

I can only hope that this situation is addressed by University and community leaders before something dire happens. The last thing anybody wants is for the parents of a Notre Dame student to get a phone call saying that their child has been murdered. I am afraid, however, that with the blatant negligence of our local police and University leaders it is only a matter of time before this will seriously, and unfortunately, happen.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Time for Weis to go

"You are going to have a hard-hitting, intelligent, nasty football team."

These words, spoken in such a matter-of-fact way by Coach Weis at the beginning of his tenure, gave Notre Dame fans around the country hope. After three years, it is clear that we will never have a "nasty" football team with Weis running the show.

I don't hate Charlie Weis. He respects Notre Dame tradition, embraces student life and has touched many lives through volunteer efforts. The problem is simply that Charlie Weis is not a college football head coach.

While Weis displays a knowledge for the game and an uncanny ability to recruit talent, he is unable to combine the necessary skills to lead a college football team to a dominate level. In particular there are three main aspects of college football that Weis has been unable to grasp: motivation, game plan and putting his team in a position to excel.

Coach Weis is not a motivator. The team is semi-disciplined, but rarely come out of the tunnel with the determination to beat up good opponents. While Weis has a desire to win, the emotion of our players is more business than excitement. This probably stems from Weis' NFL pedigree, but college is different. Teams need motivation.

Secondly, Weis has failed to create a successful college football playbook. It is clear that he understands the Xs and Os of football, but the college game is dramatically different than the pros. When you don't have Brady Quinn's natural ability to lead your team to wins over mediocre teams, you need to adjust the game plan. The 2007 and 2008 seasons have displayed questionable coaching time and time again. Weis seems scared to run a misdirection or a cross-route now that his players aren't NFL caliber. We have seen enough bubble screens, HB dives and fly-routes to last us a lifetime. What happened to a slant, post or pitch?

Finally, Weis has failed to set his team up to win. We clearly have the talent to win football games. We have had back-to-back-to-back top-10 recruiting classes. While a select few of these players have relied on their God-given talent to excel, the team as a whole is underdeveloped. Do you think Pete Carroll or Jim Tressel would have allowed themselves to be put in a position to lose nine games?

Attrition rate and lack of collegiate development are what put us in a position to have consecutive "off years". Charlie Weis hasn't desecrated our program, but our tradition of winning is fading, and has been for some time. You simply cannot go 3-9 at the University of Notre Dame. You cannot lose to the Naval Academy at home. And you certainly cannot lose by a combined 76-0 to your two greatest rivals.

We used to compete for the National Championship on a yearly basis. This is certainly no longer the norm. Sorry Charlie, but I simply cannot picture you winning a National Championship. You're a good guy, a family man and a great recruiter. I'd certainly hire you as a quarterbacks coach.

You just are not a University of Notre Dame head football coach.

Michael Burdell  
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Sept. 23

## An open letter to the ND football team

By now just about everyone has heard that two of your teammates were arrested for underage drinking this past weekend.

I'm not angry because they were caught. I'm disappointed because they were drinking.

Now I'm not saying this because I expect you to be the face of our University. I'm not saying this because I think it's morally reprehensible for an underage person to drink. I'm saying this because I don't think that this shows a commitment to excellence.

I'm issuing a challenge because I think you are guys are good. Really legitimately good. I see Floyd and Tate wreaking havoc on cornerbacks, and Jimmy making some absolutely perfect throws now and then. I see a defense that plays with energy, makes solid strong tackles and creates big plays.

But here's the challenge: At the end of the day, this is the University of Notre Dame. And like it or not (and I think that athletes of your caliber look to these kind of challenges to get amped) we want a national championship here.

Sure we'd like a winning record, we'd like to beat Michigan, we'd like to win a bowl game. But The Shirt's back shows the picture of a player wearing a No. 12 jersey. That's what we're about. And that's a big part of why you came.

So here is why I am disappointed: Some of you drink. This is a fact. I've been to parties where you are nursing down your solo cup, and I've seen you at Recker's at 2:15 as a living tribute to Dionysus and Bacchus. My problem is that unfortunately for all of us, our bodies don't like alcohol. Our minds love it, but the next day if we aren't physically sick, we are fatigued and irritable. If I am erroneous on any of these counts I would love to be corrected.

I know you guys want to win every single game. I can't imagine the physical torment you endure during your prac-

tices and workouts. But I'm saying that's not enough. I'm saying, you gotta want it.

And I know every one of you says you want it. And I know every one of you plays like you want it. I want to see your off-field selves to live like you want it. Your physical condition is integral to how you do on the field, and if you want to win a national championship you can't expect your 95 percent to best someone's 100 percent.

It comes down to a commitment to excellence. A 100 percent commitment. Once you get through Bowl Season and return victorious from some glorious southern tourist location, I would love to see you guys imbibing with the rest of the student body. It brings us together. It gives us stories. You've earned it. But not in season. It's irresponsible to your teammates and it's irresponsible to yourselves.

I don't write this letter for me — I know that no matter how hard I yell, jingle my keys on third down or silently pump my arms to Celtic Chant it's you out there on the field. I'm simply asking that you put your best self on the field.

And that requires your body to run at peak condition. I know your trainers will tell you this, but even five beers on a Saturday night are going to affect your performance on Monday. It's just the way it is. And it sucks. But every day you walk around campus you're the man. Period. It doesn't matter who else is in the room.

So here's what my challenge is for the rest of the year: Don't drink until the off-season. You can still go to any party and have a great time. Play like a Champion, but prepare like one too. Don't do it for me. Do it for yourselves.

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## This Week in the Blogosphere: Movies in 15 Minutes

<http://community.livejournal.com/m15m/>

By JORDAN GAMBLE  
Scene Writer

The genre of movie spoofs has run rampant lately, and in that running has ultimately tripped, fallen, and died a sad, unfunny death. The Scary Movies 1 through 4, Disaster Movie, Meet the Spartans, Date Movie, the list goes on - they have all outstayed their welcome in theaters. Now that genuinely clever and funny cinematic spoofs have all but disappeared, wherever shall the parody lovers go?

A good refuge is a series of written spoofs at the "Movies in 15 Minutes" blog on LiveJournal (abbreviated "m15m") - and they don't require a two-hour trip to the theater or a DVD player.

The blog's author, Cleolinda Jones, started the script-style parodies on a whim in 2004 for her personal blog, but got such an enormous response through LiveJournal and the internet at large that she eventually got a book deal. The book's slogan is the same as the blog's: "The Biggest Movies Ever for People Who Just Can't Be Bothered."

The book has spoofs of the "classic" blockbusters, like Titanic, Lord of the Rings, and

Star Wars, but Jones continues to focus on new releases for the blog. Every few weeks a new spoof will pop up, usually of a high-profile film like The Prestige, Wanted, or the newest Harry Potter movie.

*Every entry is in the style of a film screenplay - although it often breaks down the fourth wall, including characters like "DISTURBED AUDIENCE," or, in the case of the Harry Potter movies, "SCREAMING FANGIRLS."*

Jones's ribbing isn't mean-spirited - it's just spot-on. (Well, except for the spoof of The Happening. But how can you be "nice"-spirited about that?) So spot-on, in fact, that they just are not that engaging without a viewing of the actual movie.

The entry for The Phantom of the Opera, for instance, would make little sense

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The blog's title refers to the

spoofs' abbreviated nature, and when entire scenes in The Day After Tomorrow are summed up in one line, sometimes less is more where humor is concerned. (A sample: "Sam: HURRY! WE HAVE TO OUTFRAN THE TEMPERATURE!" End scene.)

Continuity between spoofs with the same actors, like The Chronicles of Narnia and Wanted (both starring James McAvoy), is a regular occurrence. Every entry also comes loaded with screen captures from the movie paired with some of the more memorable one-liners from Jones's spoof scripts. Standouts include battle scenes from 300 with captions like, "We have three hundred of the mansomest men to ever man something. What do you have?"

Though filmed spoofs can go for cheap sight gags, gross-out jokes and pointless celebrity cameos, the "Movies in 15 Minutes" actually use clever phrases of overblown dialogue, pop-culture anachronisms and various forms of internet speak to actually make you "LOL" - no, seriously, don't try to read this in the

library, because the constant yet barely suppressed laughter will surely get you kicked out.

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## Other Blogs Worth Checking Out

ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY'S  
POPWATCH BLOG.

<http://popwatch.ew.com/popwatch/>

PEREZ HILTON'S CELEBRITY JUICE,  
NOT FROM CONCENTRATE.

[www.perezhilton.com](http://www.perezhilton.com)

CELEBRITY SMACK  
SMACKING CELEBS SINCE 2004!

[www.celebritysmackblog.com](http://www.celebritysmackblog.com)

On 9/25, Mike Bruno discussed "America's Got Talent," and wondered who actually had talent. Here's the opening paragraph:

Full disclosure: I was not a faithful America's Got Talent viewer this season. I do, however, like singing, dancing, and violin rock-outs as much as the next person. Plus, this is the show with Hasselhoff, and I am flesh and blood after all -- love the Hoff. Let's do this."

Hollywood's "Most Hated Website" recently plugged a new single written and sung by the blogger himself. Lyrics include "you'll see us on Oprah and we'll live happily ever after...and then she'll marry us and give us a free honeymoon to Hawaii because she's Oprah and that's what she does." It also asked fans if Madonna's Brother, Christopher Ciccone, and Jabba the Hut were imagined separated at birth. Tough question, indeed.

This site has "People"-esque articles detailing the latest in celebrity failure and weird-doing. A list of article topics include "Are Britney and Kevin reuniting?!", and "Katy Perry in a thought nightgown" They are mostly Oprah and links to other hot celebrity sources, but it offers a comprehensive list of what's happening and what you never imagined.



Welcome To

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Celebrity Smack  
Smackin' Celebs Since 2004!



By JESS SHAFFER  
Asst. Scene Editor

Eric Benét's most recent release, "Love & Life", seems an odd hybrid. One-third soul-gospel fusion. One-third, smooth jams, love ballads. And one-third nearly pornographic accounts of his sexual exploits. A winning combination? Not so much.

Not only is Benét creatively confused, he also suffers from generic vocals, uninspired instrumental, and lyrics that oscillate between unintentionally comical to cheesy to blatantly dirty. This is perhaps not surprising to those who know Benét from his two claims to fame. First, there's his acting debut in *Glitter*, Mariah Carey's raspberry winning flop. And there is his infamous marriage to Halle Barry, which ended in separation due to Benét's numerous extramarital affairs and alleged sex-addiction. Both career highpoints are clearly tragic.

The opening song, "Love, Patience, and Time," provides an interesting opening to album. With contrived, but smooth vocals

### Love & Life

Eric Benet

Released by: Warner Bros.

Not Recommended Tracks:

"Iminluvwichoo," "Spanish Fly,"  
"Everlove," and "Weekend Girl"

Benét testifies to the power of love and overcoming hardship. An un-extraordinary opening presents a solid set of Christian values that deserves to be called nothing better than nice. Ironically, this soulful Christian jam is preceded by "The Hunger," an egotistical account of Benét's psychological relationships complete with unnecessarily detailed make-out secessions and sex scenes.

This necrophilia soundtrack is then followed by "You're the Only One I Need," which is perhaps the most redeeming track on the album. Still, this stint of sweet monogamy seems out of place. And furthermore, its vocals fail to carry it through to its full potential. Benét has a tendency to sound more like a talented backup singer, and in this case particularly, lacks the power to deliver. In this way, he fails to bring anything new to the table, instead offering only mundane songs with oddly contrasting thematic qualities.

Though Benét attempts to follow in the great tradition of Marvin Gaye, he lacks the class, cohesiveness, and charisma to make it happen. There are no iconic love jams of "Let's Get It On" quality to be found on this album. A great example of this is "Everlove," a nauseatingly cheesy love song that sounds like background music for a 1970s preteen date at a roller rink. Something about it, much like the entirety of the CD, lacks freshness and just doesn't work.

Other album low points include the amazingly awful foursome of "Chocolate Legs," "Weekend Girl," "Iminluvwichoo," and "Spanish Fly." All are so explicit that they are nearly pornographic; these jams miss the mark of romance and instead admire the greatness of the something more along the

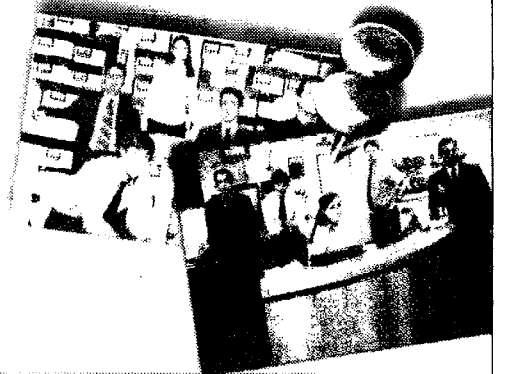
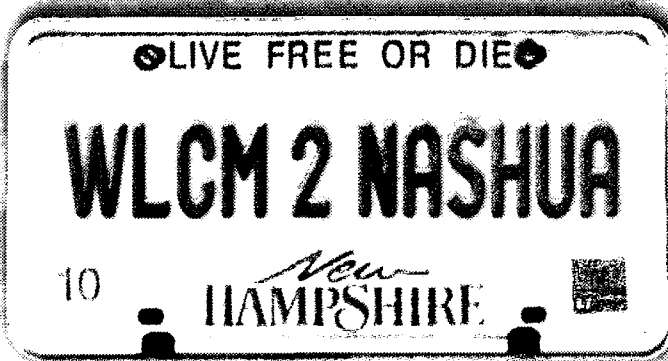
line of sexual favors. Equipped with cliché chimes, "Chocolate Legs" romantically explains that "I need something to feel so my spirit can heal. I need you to wrap your chocolate legs around me." That's the way to sweep a girl off her feet. Similarly in "Weekend Girl" Benét explains "I won't spend my whole life uncommitted, but a lovely weekend girl is what I need today." This song has the potential to become the theme song for sleazy guys everywhere with classy pickup lines like "I wanna do you." "Spanish Fly" shows an equal amount of classlessness with the indecent proposal of "Won't you use me baby?"

If all that's not bad enough, then there's "Iminluvwichoo." Yes, it's all an ungrammatical mess encapsulated in one word. This winner is the album's power jam, so to speak, equipped with full on funk. Perhaps the best part of this track, is when Benét's voice is electronically processed to sound like a chipmunk professing "Iminluvwichoo, hey!" You can't make this type of stuff up. This track, chipmunk and all, seems to be the anthem of players everywhere, teasing women with insincere sweet-nothings and professions of love. You'd think girls might start to doubt the seriousness considering the atrocious grammar and the chipmunk.

Overall, ND students are advised to avoid this album at all costs. That is unless you're looking for a good laugh. In conclusion, only the immortal words found in Happy Gilmore are appropriate. "I award you no shamrocks and may God have mercy on your soul."

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## The Office says...



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Scene Writer

It's rare that my home state, New Hampshire, gets a lot of attention in the media.

Every four years, the networks and newspapers roll out the big guns for the New Hampshire primary, the first in the nation, which means that the possibility of my meeting Brian Williams goes way up (score).

A few movies have taken place here, including "Animal House," at least if the source material, Dartmouth, is any indication; "Jumanji" (yep. Look it up.); and "The Hotel New Hampshire" (shocking, I know), among others. John Irving, the author, is a New Hampshire native, as is Dan Brown of "Da Vinci Code" fame. Somehow, Aerosmith has a longstanding connection to the Granite State, and Bruce Willis recently pirated our state motto for the title of "Live Free or Die Hard."

We've also got some sweet maple syrup.

When your state has one eighth the population of New York City, you tend to be kind of low profile. Unfortunately, this is especially true when it comes to all things entertainment.

Filmmakers and television producers love to trot out the small-town references when it

comes to shows aiming for "quirky," such as that CBS (I believe) sitcom from a few years ago, "The Brotherhood of Poland, New Hampshire," which was mercifully axed after less than six episodes.

Which is why, when I heard that Greg Daniels was planning on referencing my hometown of Nashua, New Hampshire on the season premiere of "The Office," one of my favorite shows, I kind of freaked out a little bit.

For a little background information, here's a brief history of the glorious Gate City. The second-largest city in the Shire, following Manchester, it was originally settled as the town of Dunstable. Fast-forward two centuries to the present day, when Nashua has grown to a city of 85,000 awesome Northern New Englanders. Our French-Canadian contingent is one of the strongest in the nation, which lends local cuisine a north-of-the-border flavor (and a whole lotta gravy). I've lived there since I was eight, and I'd have to say that I'm a big fan.

Obsessive fans of "The Office" may remember Daniels' previous mention of Nashua in an earlier episode. When the Scranton staffers were filming a commercial in the season 4 episode "Local Ad," the filmmakers from corporate showed them a previous ad featuring the Nashua branch. Michael's reaction was that the Nashua

branch "sucks."

Daniels has said that Nashua was one possibility for the setting of "The Office," and recently told the Nashua Telegraph that he has always liked the city's name for a northern branch of Dunder-Mifflin. Even new HR rep Holly (Amy Ryan) came to Scranton by way of the Nashua branch. Allegedly, a local candy company, Merrimack and Nashua-based Swan Chocolates, is due to get a shout-out in an upcoming episode.

This, plainly speaking, is awesome.

Some residents of the Great North Woods region might argue that Nashua is filled with "flatlanders" who don't understand the real New Hampshire.

It's true that I've only seen a few moose in my lifetime, one of which was strolling through the athletic fields at my high school. I've also never skied, but that's mostly because I have nightmares of that episode from "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" coming true.

Nashua, friends, is truly just as New Hampshire as any other part of the state, and I'm psyched to let it represent the Shire on "The Office."

Even if it's for less than thirty seconds at a time.

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## WOMEN'S INTERHALL

# Pasquerillas square off in battle of winless teams

*Farley hopes to remain unbeaten against winless BP; Bullfrogs, Phoxes face off for first victory of season*

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## Pasquerilla East vs. Pasquerilla West

This year's battle of the Pasquerillas will feature two teams looking for their first wins when Pasquerilla East takes on Pasquerilla West at 1 p.m. this Sunday at LaBar Fields.

Pasquerilla West (0-0-1) comes into the game fresh off a 0-0 tie against Cavanaugh this past Tuesday.

"0-0 is embarrassing on all accounts," said Pasquerilla West captain Cara Davies.

The Purple Weasels will have to find something to spark an anemic offense that didn't show up against Cavanaugh.

"We'll need to get our offense firing on all cylinders and get some points on the board," Davies said. "We'll sharpen up routes and find better spacing on the field."

Once this offense is sparked, Pasquerilla West could be threatening thanks to an already stingy defense. The Purple Weasel defensive line is dangerous and already has amassed several key sacks that held the Cavanaugh offense back.

"It was an ugly game on the offensive side of the ball, but our defense saved it from being a lot uglier," Davies said. "We'll play a sharper all-around game Sunday."

Similarly, Pasquerilla East (0-1-0) is reeling after a painful 20-6 loss to Howard on Tuesday night.

"We had some mix ups in coverage on defense and weren't able to get a consistent passing game going on offense," Pyro captain Tara Pillai said.

Pillai, though, recognized that much of these errors might have come from the fact that it was only the first game of the season and that

freshmen didn't know what to expect.

Pillai said that the Pyros would focus this week on playing tougher defense and that quarterback Caitlin Lynch and running back Kristin Mannion would try to play more aggressively.

"We need to work on consistency on both sides of the ball," Pillai said.

## Breen-Phillips vs. Farley

Breen-Phillips will try to get some momentum, and Farley just hopes to keep its going this Sunday when teams meet at LaBar Fields at 4 p.m.

Farley's 26-0 onslaught

over Walsh last Sunday was led by sophomore quarterback Emily Murphy and the Finest's passing attack. Team captain and wide receiver Jenny Rolfs caught two of Murphy's three

touchdown passes. "The Finest hope to continue moving the ball up the field offensively with some quick routes and runs while at the same time spreading out the defense with longer routes," Rolfs said.

Led by senior middle line-backer Brigid McGann and sophomore cornerback Emma Klosterman, the young Farley defense started the season well. Rolfs thinks the defense will continue "to be strong and aggressive in the next game."

On Sunday, Farley's defense will be tested. Breen-Phillips' lone points last week were off a 60-yard touchdown pass by senior quarterback and team captain Melissa Meagher. This dangerous deep-threat attack will surely look to take advantage of the youth on Farley's defense.

## Badin v. Pangborn

After winless efforts in their first few games, both Badin and Pangborn will look to ignite their offenses this Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

In their opening game last Sunday, Pangborn was stifled by Welsh Family, losing 14-0, and fell 19-6 to Walsh Thursday.

Pangborn captain Kathy Poploski acknowledged the team's offensive woes, but is confident that things will gel as the season progresses.

"We just need to settle down and let the quarterbacks get used to the receivers," she said.

Poploski also hopes they will be able to execute much better on Sunday.

"We rushed a little bit [in our first game]," she said. "The coaches said we beat ourselves."

The Phoxes won't have an easy time against the Bullfrogs, whose defense held Breen-Phillips in check in a 6-6 tie last Sunday.

Badin captain Katie Rose Hackney was pleased with her team's defensive effort in their first game, and will be looking for more of the same against Pangborn. "We have a lot of great leadership back there and I think the freshmen are stepping up really well," she said of her defense.

After having some problems defending the run against Breen-Phillips, the Bullfrogs are making run defense a focal point in practice.

"We are going to work [on] the defensive side, and reading the run a lot quicker," Hackney said. Hackney also said Badin has also been working in practice to improve their efficiency in the red zone.

"We have been working on a lot of goal line plays," she said. "We didn't really have many plays scripted for that."

While Pangborn's defense has already proven itself, it will need its offense to perform on Sunday. Hackney is confident that they can step up and do just that with the right game plan.

"I think we just want to spread the ball out a little bit more and utilize a little more diversity in our routes for our wide receivers," she said.

## Howard vs. Cavanaugh

As Howard looks to continue its momentum after a big win over Pasquerilla East, Cavanaugh hopes to rediscover its offense this Sunday when the teams face off at 2 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

Last week, the Ducks bounced back from an opening loss to Lyons to take down the Pasquerilla East.

"Our team played great last game," Howard captain Kayla Bishop said. "We really looked like a cohesive unit out on the field."

On the other side of the field, Cavanaugh continues to play well behind its stout defense, as the Chaos have yet to allow a point this season. Cavanaugh looked impressive moving the ball in an opening win over McGlinn, but their offense stalled in a 0-0 tie with Pasquerilla West Tuesday night.

Howard's gameplan focuses elsewhere as their offense racked up 20 points on Tuesday.

"We need to stay disciplined on both sides of the ball," Bishop said. "The defense can't give up big plays."

For both teams, this next

game is all about finding balance. The Ducks must continue to use a combination of young talent and experienced veterans while Cavanaugh has to improve its red zone efficiency on offense to support a so-far impregnable defense.

## Lewis vs. Walsh

After a blowout 26-0 loss against Farley to open the season, Walsh hopes to continue the momentum of its 19-6 victory Thursday over Pangborn when it faces Lewis at Riehle Field at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Captain Kehau Meyer told her girls to "be ready for anything."

"They're hungry for a win," she said.

She said she's been encouraged by the interest and intensity the Wild Women have displayed in practice, where they have worked on flag pulling and taking better

angles to the ball. They have also added some new drills that the coaches designed to keep their young players on their toes.

On offense, route running and studying the playbook

have been priorities. Meyer said that one of the problems against Farley was that some of the young players "weren't always sure about where to go with their routes."

Even though it can be a long season and the team has long-term goals, Meyer emphasized the old cliché of winning the game at hand first.

"We're taking it one game at a time," she said "When you start thinking about the championship or the playoffs you start forgetting what's in front of you."

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# AROUND THE NATION

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## NCAA Football AP Top 25

team	points	record
1 USC (62)	1,621	2-0
2 Oklahoma	1,484	3-0
3 Georgia (2)	1,475	4-0
4 Florida (1)	1,442	3-0
5 LSU	1,363	3-0
6 Missouri	1,360	4-0
7 Texas	1,174	3-0
8 Alabama	1,132	4-0
9 Wisconsin	1,091	3-0
10 Texas Tech	962	4-0
11 Brigham Young	919	4-0
12 Penn State	891	4-0
13 South Florida	798	4-0
14 Ohio State	790	3-1
15 Auburn	785	3-1
16 Wake Forest	711	3-0
17 Utah	574	4-0
18 Kansas	555	3-1
19 Boise State	363	3-0
20 Clemson	300	3-1
21 Vanderbilt	242	4-0
22 Illinois	224	2-1
23 East Carolina	201	3-1
24 TCU	117	4-0
25 Fresno State	105	2-1

## NCAA Football USA Today Coaches' Poll

team	points	record
1 USC (56)	1,517	2-0
2 Oklahoma (2)	1,424	3-0
3 Georgia (2)	1,388	4-0
4 Florida (1)	1,345	3-0
5 Missouri	1,284	4-0
6 LSU	1,247	3-0
7 Texas	1,143	3-0
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9 Texas Tech	944	4-0
10 Alabama	939	4-0
11 Brigham Young	931	4-0
12 Penn State	818	4-0
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## MIAA Women's Volleyball Standings

Team	Record
	league overall
1 Hope	7-0 12-3
2 Alma	5-1 13-5
3 Calvin	4-1 10-3
4 SAINT MARY'S	3-2 10-4
5 Albion	3-3 10-7
6 Adrian	2-4 6-8
7 Kalamazoo	2-5 5-12
8 Trine	1-5 4-10
9 Olivet	0-6 3-12

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### MLB



Los Angeles' Manny Ramirez waves to the crowd after hitting a two-run home run against the San Diego Padres during the sixth inning of a 12-4 Dodgers win on Wednesday in Los Angeles.

## Ramirez's Dodgers clinch NL West

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Dodgers clinched their first NL West championship in four years Thursday without lifting a bat.

Entering the day with a magic number of one, the Dodgers got what they needed when the second-place Arizona Diamondbacks lost 12-3 at St. Louis in the afternoon. That was several hours before Los Angeles faced the San Diego Padres in its final home game of the regular season.

Manny Ramirez found out the Dodgers officially qualified for the playoffs

from a reporter after he entered an elevator to the team's clubhouse with teammate Pablo Ozuna about an hour after the Diamondbacks lost.

"It's good, but it's just the first step," said Ramirez, who has played so well since joining the Dodgers less than two months ago that there's been MVP talk. "We're happy, but we're not going to go crazy about it. The goal is to go to the big dance, the World Series. This is not a championship yet."

"Not a lot of players get a chance to go to the playoffs in their career. I've been blessed. You want to win it

all. That's when you get that feeling you can't describe, like we had in Boston."

The Red Sox won their first World Series in 86 years in 2004, with Ramirez winning the MVP award, and won it again last year. But Ramirez wanted out a few months back, and got his wish, being sent to the Dodgers at the trade deadline.

"The sky's the limit. You never know," he said of the Dodgers' chances. "We're a pretty good team. Anything can happen."

The Dodgers have won just one postseason game since winning the World

Series 20 years ago, going 1-12 in four playoff appearances. They'll face either the Chicago Cubs, Philadelphia Phillies or New York Mets on the road to begin the first round next week.

The Dodgers were in trouble after losing their eighth straight game Aug. 29, a 9-3 setback at Arizona that gave the Diamondbacks a 4-game lead in the division. But with Ramirez leading the way, they entered Thursday night's game having won 18 of their prior 23 games, including five straight over the Diamondbacks.

### IN BRIEF

#### Favre's ankle appears to be healing quickly

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Brett Favre walked with only a slight limp Thursday. The 38-year-old Jets quarterback twisted his left ankle Monday night in New York's loss at San Diego. Though the ankle was tightly wrapped, Favre appeared to walk comfortably through the locker room before practice.

He took part in warmup jogs and threw with no noticeable discomfort in the half-hour of practice the media are allowed to watch. Favre took one awkward step on a handoff and appeared to grimace, but seemed fine afterward.

He was listed as limited at practice on the team's injury report for the second straight day.

"He was able to get a little bit of action" on Wednesday, coach Eric Mangini said before practice, "and I think it will be a little bit more today."

Asked if that included 11-on-11 drills, Mangini said: "Yeah, there's a little bit of that and we'll progress as he progresses."

#### NFL clears Browns after Ravens' inquiry

ERE, Ohio — The NFL found no evidence that Cleveland Browns defensive players intentionally gouged the eyes of Baltimore running back Willis McGahee during the Ravens' 28-10 win last Sunday.

Ravens coach John Harbaugh sent tapes to the league's office in New York earlier this week asking for a review of two separate incidents.

McGahee was cut on his right eyelid and was poked in the left eye. He was forced to leave the game twice.

League spokesman Greg Aiello said there was no evidence to support the Ravens' claims that the Browns tried to injure McGahee.

Harbaugh declined to name the names of the Cleveland players in question.

"I don't think we should say," he said. "I wouldn't want to comment on it, but you can see it on the tape."

#### Armstrong to be tested before rejoining Tour

LAS VEGAS — The anti-doping expert charged with monitoring Lance Armstrong said Thursday he would test the seven-time Tour de France winner for "everything" and keep frozen samples of Armstrong's blood to be analyzed in the future.

Don Catlin, who ran the first anti-doping lab in the United States at UCLA for 25 years, said testing details, including costs, still must be worked out with Astana, the Kazakhstan-based team that will pay for it.

But he expressed confidence the program would be complete in testing for banned substances.

"Everything that you've heard, and then probably some new ones," Catlin told The Associated Press after appearing with Armstrong in Las Vegas.

"I'm going further and I'm doing it because it's important for the world to recognize how to do these personalized anti-doping programs," Catlin said.



## MEN'S INTERHALL

# Rivalry game pits Knott against Siegfried

*Fisher, Carroll battle for first win of season; Duncan battles Alumni looking for first ever interhall victory*

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Sports Writers

## Knott vs. Siegfried

The across-the-quad rivalry between Siegfried and Knott will heat up once again this Sunday when the teams collide at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

The Ramblers will be looking to begin another playoff-bound season against the Juggerknotts, who are hungry to return to post-season play after a disappointing 2007 campaign.

Last week's bye gave Siegfried plenty of time to think about last year's semi-final disappointment.

"It obviously wasn't good enough and it left a bad taste in our mouths," Rambler captain Kevin Kelley said. "This year we look to go undefeated and win in Notre Dame Stadium."

Meanwhile, the Juggerknotts have been working hard to leave last year's 1-3 disaster in the past, starting the season with a 6-0 win over Duncan.

"Last year was overall a disappointing season," captain Aiden Fitzgerald said. "This year we have changed our whole outlook, and have been working on better execution."

Siegfried will rely heavily on a strong defense to stop the Juggerknotts. The Ramblers hope a significant amount of veteran experience can lead them to the win.

"We do not have key players, only a team that plays together looking to win and have fun doing it," Kelley said.

Knott hopes a fresh young offense will match up well with the Rambler defense. Sophomore quarterback J.T. Redshaw and junior receiver Jeff Skourup will be key the passing game, while sophomore running back Cameron Smith is likely to get most of the touches in the back-field.

"We're attempting to get away from the stagnant, mundane football we played last year and play with more excitement and speed," Fitzgerald said.

The gritty, experienced Rambler defense will be matched up against the flashy new-look Juggerknott offense this weekend in a game sure to have an impact on the playoff race, and Mod Quad bragging rights for the future.

## Fisher vs. Carroll

With both teams looking to avenge tough losses, Fisher and

Carroll will take to the field Sunday at 2 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

In their opening games, Fisher and Carroll were held to only one touchdown by Sorin and St. Ed's, respectively.

"After losing a heartbreaker to Sorin in the fashion we did, we are really looking to comeback strong and get a win," Fisher captain Brian Monson said.

The Green Wave will be counting on their strong defense, led by defensive end Patrick Hessert, linebackers Cameron Compson and Bill Whitaker and safety John O'Connell, to stop the Vermin offensive.

"Before allowing that incredibly unlucky final drive which allowed Sorin to score, they had barely allowed positive yardage all game and forced several turnovers," Monson said.

Fisher also suffered from many unnecessary penalties against Sorin, and will try to eliminate these on Sunday.

On the other side of the ball, the Green Wave are hoping to end more of their drives with touchdowns, and have made a few new additions and adjustments to their playbook.

Sophomore quarterback Mike McMahon showed great potential in his first start last week, scoring Fisher's only touchdown. As he continues to learn the offense, he will be a key player going into Sunday's game.

The Carroll offensive will be led by the duo of quarterback Kris Kast and wide receiver Tommy Mumford, who scored the team's only touchdown last weekend.

Defensively, the Vermin have been working hard at practice this week, and will be focusing their attention on a strong secondary.

"Since both teams lost their first games, the team that loses will most assuredly be out of playoff contention," said Monson.

## Duncan vs. Alumni

After both being shut out in their season openers, Duncan and Alumni will take to the field this Sunday looking not only for a win, but for a much-needed momentum builder.

For Duncan, a victory this Sunday would be their first ever win. For the Dawgs, a team with experience on its side, a win this week would mark the first time they've won in almost two years.

Duncan is led by freshman quarterback Chris Toups, who the team is very high on despite him not having playing football in high school. Other teams have

had years to grow into a cohesive unit, Duncan has only had a handful of practices to put a team together. Not to mention they're facing the hurdle of securing their first victory ever.

"It would be huge for us to get that first win," Duncan captain Garrett Burke said. "It would definitely be a big momentum builder for us."

For Alumni to come away with a victory Sunday, shutting down Duncan's long passing game is essential. Freshman safety Barrick Bellman could play a big role in this aspect.

"We're very high on him," Alumni captain Luke Betterman said. "He's very fast and hits hard."

On offense the Dawgs are led by quarterback Brian Baz, who will look to move the ball by opening up the pass and establishing a consistent running game.

Duncan will look to use a power running game to open up the field for Toups, who will be looking to his wide receiver core, especially Adam Zaabel and Mike Kearney, to finally establish a passing game after failing to do so in their first game.

## Sorin vs. Zahm

This Sunday, the Sorin Otters will look to continue their winning ways as they face off against the Rabid Bats of Zahm.

The Otters (1-0-0) defeated Fisher 8-6 last week thanks largely to a controversial penalty call.

Junior captain Rob Gallic seemed satisfied with their performance, especially that of the defense.

"Our defense was dominating, as was expected," he said.

Their opponent this week, Zahm, has yet to kickoff their 2008 season, as they had a first week bye. The Rabid Bats hope to improve on last year's 2-1-1 regular season record and a close loss in the first round of the playoffs.

According to Zahm senior captain Theo Ossei-Anto, the main issue this year will be their lack of experience.

"We have a lot of freshmen at key positions," Ossei-Anto said. "So we don't want to add too many kinks."

One of these freshmen is quarterback Greg Bennett, who will be leading the offense. Non-freshmen standouts this season are likely to be sophomore wide receiver Xavier Murphy on offense and junior linebacker Jarred Carter on defense. Anchoring the line will be senior Luke Derheimer.

In preparation for the tough Otter defense, the young Zahm team has been working in practice on the basics of throwing and passing.

Sorin, on the other hand, has been focusing their attention in practice to the victory formation and team endzone celebrations.

The teams kick off Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

## Dillon vs. Keenan

After both teams were shut out last week, Dillon and Keenan fight Sunday not only for victory, but for a chance to prove that they can put some points on the board.

"Keenan is considered the benchmark for inter-hall football," Dillon junior wide receiver Chris Cugliari said. "Most teams can look to Keenan as a way to measure their progress, and this Sunday should give us an opportunity to do so."

The game will be a match up of excellent defenses. Though Keenan was unable to score, its defense also shut out Keough to finish with a 0-0 tie. Dillon held a powerful O'Neill offense scoreless for the whole first half last weekend.

Keenan is working on a plan to prove its offensive game before Sunday.

"We need to be able to consistently run the ball, so we need to work on team run blocking," Keenan sophomore Bart Dear said. "Also, quarterbacks and receivers need to continue developing their timing."

Senior running back Alex Gonzalez and senior wide receiver Jim Zenker will be the players to watch this Sunday as the Knights try to put the ball in the endzone.

Dillon has a different approach towards bringing a better offensive game this weekend.

"We're definitely concentrating on eliminating our mental mistakes on offense," Cugliari said. "We feel if we just execute the way we can, we're a team that can move the football."

Dillon quarterback Joe Carigliano will be greatly tested come Sunday's game, and stand-out defensive players Ryan Shestak and Brett Barceau will try to stop Keenan's reworked offense.

The two teams face off Sunday at 3 p.m. at Riehle Field.

## Keough vs. Stanford

The defending champion Stanford Griffins will begin their quest for a second consecutive undefeated season this Sunday as they take on the up-and-coming Roos of Keough (0-0-1).

After posting a perfect record of 7-0-0 last season that ended in a victory at the stadium, the Griffins expect nothing short of a repeat.

"Last year we established ourselves as one of the premier dorms in interhall football," senior captain Brian Salvi said. "With most of our key players returning, we have our eyes on the stadium."

Led by Salvi at quarterback, the Griffins look to keep their offense simple but effective as they march downfield. Senior captains John Burke and Karun Ahuja will present a threat to the Roos in the trenches, while returning safety David Costanzo anchors the secondary.

The Roos are anything but intimidated by the versatility of the Griffins. Emerging last week with a tie against Keenan, Keough is hungry for its first victory of the season.

"I'm never satisfied with a tie, but I was pleased with the way we played last week," senior captain Kevin Laughlin said. "Our defense was spectacular, especially against a dynamic offense like Keenan's."

Holding Keenan to only fifty-two yards on the ground, the Keough defense looks to be just as stingy this week. However, they will be playing without freshman standout Patrick Gleason, who was injured last week during an interception return.

Junior quarterback Matt Brennan will be key to the Keough offense this season, bringing his speed and power to the gridiron. Senior captain Nazur Ahmed adds versatility to the Roos as both a running back and middle linebacker.

Both teams are confident they can emerge from Sunday's game as the favorite to win it all.

"Not only do we have the motivation, but we have the personnel and talent on offense and defense to run away with the division," Salvi said. "We'll be ready."

Keough captain Ahmed also believes his team will be fired up and ready to go against Stanford.

"Keough has been waiting for a team like this for years," Ahmed said. "This is the year we make a name for ourselves."

The two teams matchup Sunday at Riehle Fields at 3 p.m.

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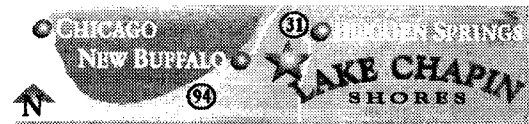


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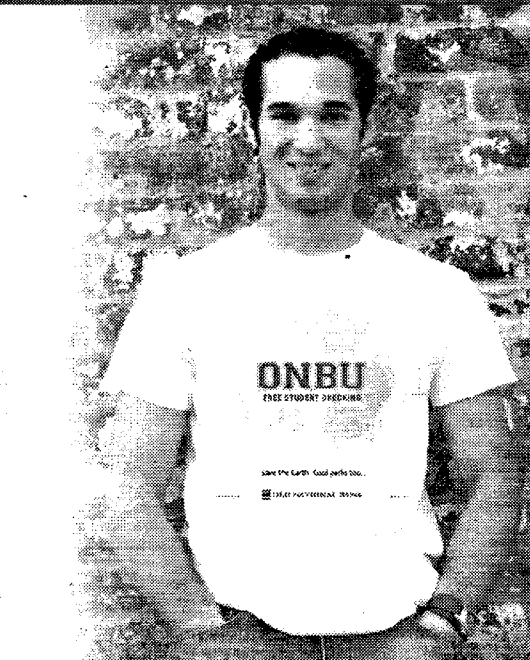


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## WOMEN'S INTERHALL

## Walsh grabs first win of season over Pangborn

By MATTHEW WILSEY, RYAN O'CONNELL and CHRIS WYNKOOP  
Sports Writers

## Walsh 19, Pangborn 6

Walsh earned their first win of the season last night with a victory over Pangborn.

The Wild Women (1-1) jumped out to an early lead aided by a punt return inside the 20-yard line. Following a reverse that brought the ball to the 1-yard line, Meghan Hadley scored Walsh's first touchdown of the season on a double reverse. On the next possession, Hadley gave Walsh a 13-0 lead with a 10-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Amy Langnecker.

The Phoxes (0-2) answered with a 5-yard touchdown pass to Cathy Poploski from quarterback Gabby Tate, making the score 13-6. The Phoxes threatened to score another touchdown right before the first half, but Gabby Tate's 20-yard pass was dropped in the end zone.

Walsh added a late touchdown on a QB sneak to make the score 19-6.

Last night's game was a major turn around for the Wild Women.

"We were timid in the first game," assistant coach Dan Brown said. "This week we were a lot more aggressive. While we had a lot more penalties, that's no a problem because it is more important that we were playing hard."

Part of the success may have been due to shifted coaching responsibilities. After last week's loss, head coach JJ Reyes took over both the offensive and the defense.

"We are focused on having more fun and that is translating on the field," Reyes said.

Missed opportunities prevented the Phoxes from scoring more points. The receivers couldn't hold onto the ball, dropping several passes, including two in the end zone. However, one highlight for Pangborn was the play of Tate. She had no problem throwing the deep ball or throwing rolling out of the pocket.

"She moved around in the pocket well and extended lots of plays," offensive coordinator Patrick Kirkland said. "She put us in a position to win the game."

Pangborn will look to get their first win of the season this weekend at Badin.

## Farley 14, Badin 12

In a heated game with two lead changes in the final minutes, Farley's Finest pulled out a close win against the Badin Bullfrogs.

Farley quarterback Emily Murphy and Badin quarterback Katie Rose each threw two touchdowns in the game.

The first few drives of the game left both teams scoreless thanks to each team's strong defensive play. Despite Farley's offense driving inside the Badin 20-yard line twice, Badin's red-zone defense prevailed and Farley was unable to capitalize on the good field position.

"Their defense stopped us a couple times on the 1-yard line and we kind of got sick of it," Farley captain Jenny Rolfs said.

Farley went on to score a touchdown and take the lead 7-6. But after throwing an interception, Badin was able to drive down the field and take the lead 12-7, thanks to a failed 2-point conversion.

With two minutes left in the

game, the pressure was on for Farley to score quickly, but there wasn't a sense of panic from the team.

"I knew that we had enough time and we had been moving the ball pretty successfully all game but hadn't put it in the end zone. It was a matter of determination and we got it done," Rolfs said.

On a series of great plays, Farley quarterback Emily Murphy had several great runs to pick up a first down when the team needed it. The drive resulted in a touchdown and sealed the win for Farley's Finest.

"[The win] was awesome. When we needed it, we brought it together. Our quarterback had some great runs and we ended up winning," Rolfs said.

"You have to give it to Farley, they played great at the end of the game and got the win," Rose said.

Despite the loss, the Bullfrogs' performance gave them plenty of reasons to be excited about the remainder of the season.

"I was really proud of our girls. I think this is the best I've seen us play offensively and defensively in the past few years," Rose said.

## Welsh Fam 19, Lewis 0

The Welsh Family Whirlwinds came out firing on all cylinders as they took down the Lewis Chicks on Thursday night.

Quarterback Jenni Gargula completed her first three passes, then threw a 20-yard touchdown pass and converted the extra point to give the Whirlwinds an early 7-0 lead.

"We really moved the ball well early," Gargula said. "Lewis was playing man-to-man coverage to start and we threw downfield to exploit that. Our receivers matched up well against them."

After the quick score, the first half settled down into a defensive battle as both teams had drives that ended in interceptions in the opposing team's end zone. The Chicks had their best opportunity to score late in the first half, after a good defensive effort gave them the ball in Whirlwinds territory. However, as they often did, Welsh Fam came up with another interception and went into the

half with the lead.

In the second half, the Whirlwinds dominated on both sides of the ball. The defense added two more interceptions to give them a total of four for the game. Senior Erin Fitzpatrick picked off two, senior Katie Rehberger added another, and sophomore Samantha Miller tallied one more. On offense, Gargula passed for one score and handed off the ball for another.

After the game, Welsh Fam

offensive coach Mark Mihalho had words of praise for his team.

"Overall it was a great win, we passed and ran very well," Mihalho said. "Still, all the credit has to go to our defense today."

"It was our second shutout of the year, our defense really stepped up. We stuck to our game plan and it worked for us. We have some work to do this week to improve some of our coverage schemes, but we're feeling good," assistant coach

David Costanzo said.

As for Gargula, she has her team focused on what's ahead.

"We're confident right now, but we have some tough games coming up," she said. "Ultimately, we have our minds set on going to the stadium."

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# Belles travel to face No. 16 Calvin, Adrian

*Saint Mary's hopes to ride momentum of three-game win streak as they compete in MIAA mini-tournament*

By MICHAEL BLASCO  
Sports Writer

Building on the momentum from its hard-fought victory over Kalamazoo on Tuesday, Saint Mary's heads to Grand Rapids, Mich., to face AVCA No. 16 Calvin and Adrian in a MIAA three-way mini-tournament on Saturday.

The Belles (10-4, 3-2 MIAA) are looking to add to their three-game conference win streak and contin-

ue their climb out of the MIAA cellar after beginning the season 0-2 in the conference.

Saint Mary's head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek, whose squad eclipsed the 10-win mark for the fourth straight season with Tuesday's win, considers the early success of her team crucial to making a run in the MIAA.

"We need to build on that success," Schroeder-Biek said. "The returning players are

well aware of what it will take to get to where we want this program to be. We want to be playing for a championship."

The Belles will begin Saturday's competition with a match against the Knights. Offensively, Calvin (10-3, 4-1) is lead by freshman hitter Rebecca

Kemp, who has tallied 210 kills with a blistering .413 attacking percentage this season. Junior defensive specialist Kelsey Sears leads the team with 217 digs, while Kemp con-

tributes defensively with a team-high 1.30 blocks per game. The Knights enter the match coming off a

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**Julie Schroeder-Biek**  
Belles' coach

hotly-contested, four-set home loss to Hope, who is undefeated in the MIAA.

In the late match, Saint Mary's will square off against the Bulldogs in their second meeting this season.

Adrian (6-7, 2-3) dismantled the Belles earlier this month, handing Saint Mary's a blowout, three-set home loss. The Bulldogs come into Saturday with a

five-game losing streak, having most recently dropped a close match to conference opponent Alma on Tuesday. Senior hitter Jenny Carlson leads Adrian's struggling offense with 131 kills on the season. Senior Samantha Mercy and juniors Courtney Sellers and Natalie Niblock power the Bulldogs' smothering defense, with each player having accumulated triple-digit digs.

The Belles begin play at 11 a.m. on Saturday against Calvin, concluding the day's competition with a 1 p.m. match against Adrian. The tournament is held at Calvin's campus in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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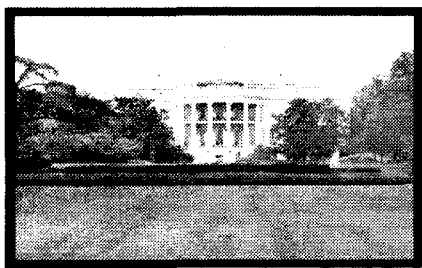
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## SMC SOCCER

# Comets to face Belles after layoff

By MIKE GOTIMER  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will return to the field for the first time in 10 days on Saturday when it takes on the Comets of Olivet College.

During the long layoff, the team has tried to keep a competitive edge.

"Due to the long lay off since our Hope match, our training sessions have been a bit shorter in length," Coach Ryan Crabbe said. "Rather than bum the kids out, we have used this time to do some teaching and mix in some competitive activities as well. It is really tough because it almost feels like going through pre-season all over again."

In their last match nearly two weeks ago, Saint Mary's lost a heartbreaker to Hope College, whose two goals in the final seven minutes lifted the Flying Dutch to a 2-1 win over the Belles. Despite the loss, the Belles are eager to return to the field for their first conference match of the year against Olivet.

"One of the easiest ways to get over a tough loss sometimes is to turn around and play another match," Coach Crabbe said. "The players have responded quite well."

Entering the match, Coach

Crabbe expects to have a full, healthy roster for the first time this season.

"We have actually gotten very healthy," the coach said. "For the first time all year, our full roster is training and healthy. This has allowed me to really look at players and develop our depth."

Entering this weekend's contest, the Belles know that the stakes have been raised as they begin conference play.

"This weekend we open conference play and really need to get out and get a positive result," Coach Crabbe said. "The players know every match has added meaning from here on out."

In Olivet, the Belles face a team that they should match up with very well. When the two teams met last season, the match ended in a scoreless tie. The previous season, the Belles beat Olivet 3-2.

Saint Mary's enters the match with a record of 1-4-1, including a championship in the Sal Vacarro tournament at North Central College. Meanwhile, the Comets enter the match with a 4-4-1 record on the season. This is the first conference match of the season for both squads. Play begins Saturday at Olivet at noon.

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## SMC CROSS COUNTRY

# Belles to host first race in five years

By KATE GRABAREK  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will look to continue its success this weekend when it hosts the MIAA Jamboree Friday on Saint Mary's campus.

The team is coming off a ninth-place finish at the Calvin Invitational last weekend, and back-to-back fourth week finishes before that.

"I thought the team was spectacular this past weekend," head coach Jackie Bauters said. "We had a very talented field, with ranked Div-III programs in the country and the ladies definitely brought their game. Although the overall team results did not seem to be great, the individual performances were right on."

Bauters noted that senior co-captain Caitlin Brodmerkel and fellow senior Erin Seidemann both achieved personal bests this weekend.

Brodmerkel added an interesting twist to her offseason training this summer.

"I actually spent my summer in a rural village in Uganda," Brodmerkel said. "Therefore my offseason training consisted of early morning runs on the dirt road of Uganda as the sun rose."

This is the first home meet for the Belles since the '02-'03 season.

"The Belles haven't run at home since the '02-'03 season," Bauters said. "It's been a while and I am so thrilled that we are hosting the Jamboree before this senior class graduates. This race is for them, and I hope it is a great memory for

years to come."

The Belles are looking to come out and show off their hard work from this season, which included 6 a.m. practices on a daily basis.

"The Saint Mary's Cross Country team is a great group of women," Brodmerkel said. "We have a difficult time getting people to see that since we compete so far from campus. I am so glad that we will finally be able to show our friends, classmates, and faculty what our hours of hard work have enabled us to do."

The Belles are coming off their best conference finish in school history, when they placed fourth last season and are looking to equal or best that finish this year.

Bauters noted that freshman standout Arianne Rodriguez is returning from being ill but is looking for her to have a good race at home.

"We are looking for our pack to close the gap with Megan McClowry and Arianne Rodriguez," Bauters said. "Rodriguez has been sick and we're hoping to see her feeling better and have an outstanding day at home. The Calvin team is ranked second in the nation and will undoubtedly lead the entire field, but I would like to see our ladies stick up there with some of the young talent at Hope."

After the Belles host Jamboree this weekend, they will head to the Adrian Invitational in preparation for the MIAA Championships on Nov. 1.

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## NCAA FOOTBALL

# Oregon State holds on to shock No. 1 USC

Beavers knock off the highly favored Trojans 27-21 for the third time in four tries at home in Corvallis

Associated Press

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Freshman Jacquizz Rodgers ran for 186 yards and two touchdowns, and Oregon State built an early lead and held on for a 27-21 upset victory over top-ranked Southern California on Thursday night.

The Beavers (2-2, 1-1 Pacific-10) also upset USC at Reser Stadium in 2006. This time, Oregon State took a 21-0 lead in the first half, then capitalized on a late turnover.

USC quarterback Mark Sanchez's pass was intercepted by safety Greg Laybourn on the 30 with less than 3 minutes to play. Laybourn ran the ball back 28 yards to put Oregon State on the 2, and Rodgers ran 2 yards to make it 27-14.

Sanchez hit Patrick Turner with a 14-yard scoring pass with 1:19 left, but time ran out on the Trojans (2-1, 0-1). Beavers fans, clad in orange, rushed the field when the clock ran out.

Oregon State's only other victory over a No. 1 team was a 3-0 win over USC and O.J. Simpson in 1967.

The last time the Trojans were in Corvallis, back in 2006, they were upset by the Beavers, 33-31. That loss snapped a 38-game regular-season winning streak for the USC, ranked No. 3 at the time.

Rodgers' rushing yards were the most by a Trojans opponent since Vince Young ran for 200 for Texas in the BCS national championship game in 2006.

Beavers quarterback Lyle Moevao completed 18 of 26 passes for 167 yards and two scores.

USC tailback Joe McKnight rushed for just 10 yards against the Beavers, after gaining 105 yards in the Trojans' 35-3 victory over Ohio State.

Sanchez completed 18 of 29 passes for 227 yards and three scores, with the one crucial interception.

The game opened with drama, as USC safety Taylor Mays was called for a personal foul on Oregon State receiver James Rodgers on an 8-yard touchdown reception.

Trojans coach Pete Carroll asked that the score be reviewed, because it did not look as if the ball had crossed the line. The touchdown stood, giving the Beavers a 7-0 lead.

The Beavers more than held their own through the first half, with the Trojans appearing confused about how to handle the 5-foot-7 Jacquizz Rodgers — James Rodgers' younger brother.

Jacquizz Rodgers, who ran for 117 yards in the first half alone, pushed through the defensive line for a 2-yard touchdown run to make it 14-0.

His big brother saw the

end zone again before half-time. Moevao's pass was nearly intercepted by USC cornerback Kevin Thomas, but the ball was tipped into the hands of James Rodgers to make it 21-0.

James Rodgers finished with six catches for 36 yards and the two scores.

USC answered on its first series of the second half with Sanchez's 26-yard scoring pass to Ronald Johnson.

Sanchez found wide-open receiver Damien Williams, who sprinted down the sideline — and narrowly avoided Laybourn's efforts to push him out of bounds — to narrow it to 21-14 with 2:56 left in the third quarter.

The Beavers squandered a chance to add to the lead

midway through the fourth when they tried for a field goal, but Sean Sehnm's 41-yard attempt was blocked.

The Beavers opened this season with two losses, at Stanford and Penn State, before returning home for a victory over Hawaii.

Despite their struggles, the Beavers had seen steady growth on offense and the emergence of Jacquizz Rodgers, who went into the game against the Trojans as the nation's leading freshman rusher with 87.7 yards per game.

USC had shown little vulnerability in victories at Virginia and then at home against then-No. 5 Buckeyes. But coach Pete Carroll noted earlier in the week that the familiarity of

Pac-10 play posed a danger.

The Beavers certainly seemed to have the Trojans figured out, holding them to 313 yards total offense. Stafon Johnson was USC's leading rusher with 48 yards. Williams had six catches for 94 yards.

USC was without cornerback Shareece Wright, who will miss several games due to a hairline vertebra fracture suffered in the Ohio State game.

Carroll had said Wright was being disciplined after being charged with felony resisting a police officer earlier this month, but would have played against Oregon State had he been cleared medically.

USC has lost three of its last four games in Corvallis.

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# Red Sox trump Indians behind Lester's effort

Boston's southpaw ousted Cleveland with six innings, allowing only a pair of hits working on just 86 pitches

Associated Press

BOSTON — If the Cleveland Indians hadn't broken up Jon Lester's bid for his second no-hitter this season, his own team would have.

"He was coming out," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "I told him that was the first time I've ever rooted against him. The only way you're going to see something like that, it would've had to have been a group effort."

Lester held Cleveland hitless through five before finishing with six innings of two-hit

ing Boston to a 6-1 victory. Making his final tuneup start before the playoffs, Lester was working on a pitch limit of about 85 pitches; he lasted 86 before leaving to the cheers of the crowd and the handshakes of his teammates.

"If it happens, it's nice. But we've got to get ready for the playoffs," said Lester, who no-hit Kansas City

plete game of his career. "If it ended up working out where I could have done it with not a lot of pitches, then great. If not, then no big deal."

Kevin Youkilis was 2-for-3 with his 28th homer for the Red Sox, who retained a mathematical chance of winning the AL East — if they win

their last three games of the season and Tampa Bay loses its last three. The Rays lost to the Detroit Tigers 7-5 on Thursday and hold a two-game lead and the tiebreaker in the division.

To Boston, that was more important than whether Lester (16-6) became the fifth pitcher in history with two no-hitters in a season. Francona was spared an uncomfortable situation when Josh Barfield lined a clean double into left field to lead off the sixth; Lester also gave up Jamey Carroll's RBI single before leaving with a 5-1 lead.

Lester said he wasn't worrying about where he fit into the playoff rotation. Instead, he's just happy to know he has a spot after going into last year's postseason as a mopup man before eventually getting the start in Game 4 of the World Series when Boston clinched its second title in four years.

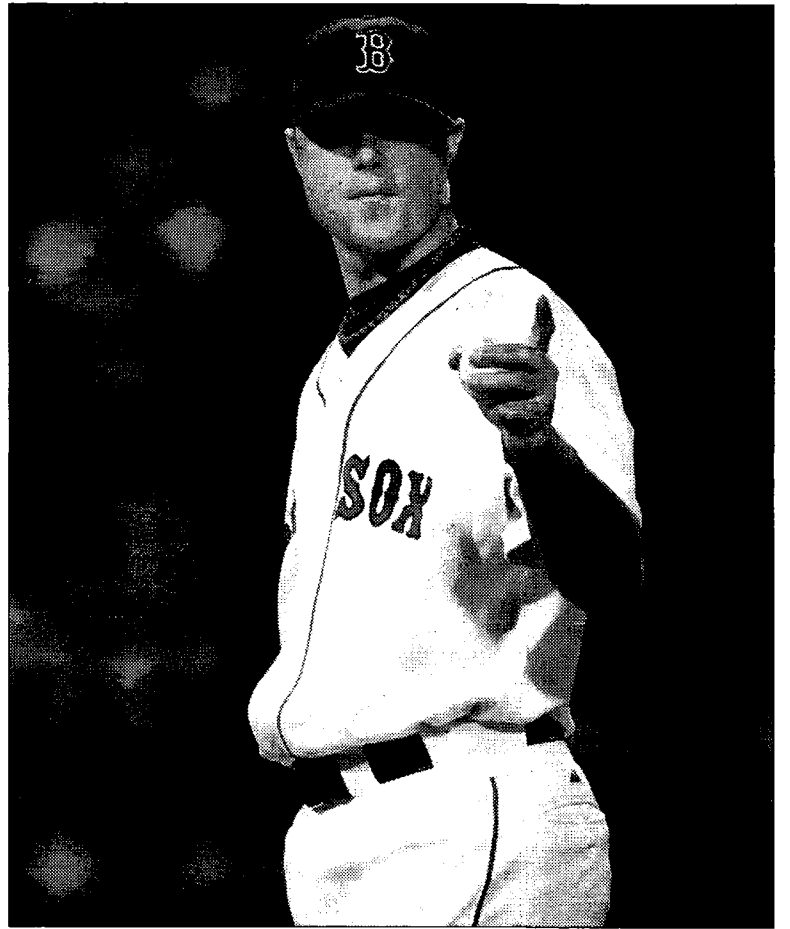
"I'm not worried about Game 1, 2, 4, 8," he said. "Whatever it is, give me the ball and I'll go pitch."

Three Red Sox relievers threw a perfect inning apiece to finish off the two-hitter, with Jonathan Papelbon pitching the ninth in a non-save situation to get ready for next week's playoffs. First comes a weekend series against the rival New York Yankees that is uncharacteristically meaningless.

"That's OK," Francona said.

*"Whatever it is, give me the ball and I'll go pitch."*

**Jon Lester**  
Red Sox pitcher



Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester gestures towards first base in a 6-1 Boston win Thursday.

"It's fine with us."

Jacoby Ellsbury and Jed Lowrie, the top two hitters in the Boston order, hit back-to-back singles in the first and back-to-back doubles in the second as the Red Sox opened a 5-0 lead after two against Jeremy Sowers (4-9).

Lester allowed just one baserunner in the first five innings, hitting Grady Sizemore with a pitch in the third. The Indians didn't get a hit off the 24-year-old lefty until Barfield, the No. 9 hitter who entered the game batting .160, led off the sixth.

Barfield took third on a balk and scored when Carroll singled under second baseman Dustin Pedroia's glove. But Lester got Ben Francisco on a weak flyball to right and struck on Johnny Peralta to

end his outing.

"He was as good a left-hander as we've seen all season," said Indians manager Eric Wedge, who said he wasn't thinking about being no-hit — yet. "He has to get a little deeper than that. But he had that kind of stuff."

Youkilis homered in the seventh to make it 6-1.

After spending the last five days at or above .500, Cleveland dropped to 79-80.

The Indians, who were eliminated from the playoffs by Boston last year after taking a 3-1 lead in the AL championship series, will finish the season with another chance to play spoiler. Cleveland has three games against the White Sox, who are fighting with the Minnesota Twins for the last playoff spot in the AL.



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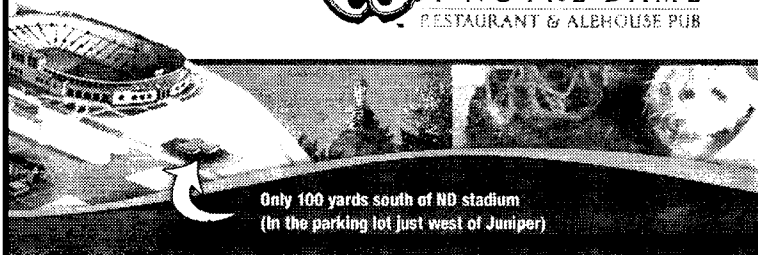
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## MLB

# Beltran's late inning hit pushes Mets past Cubs

*Braun's homer lifts Brewers past Pirates; Diamondbacks fall to Cardinals, knocking them out of playoffs*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With a desperate rally in the rain, Carlos Beltran and the New York Mets kept their playoff destiny in their own hands.

Beltran singled home the winning run with two outs in the ninth inning and New York beat the Chicago Cubs 7-6 on Thursday night for a huge win that halted its late-season slide.

"I was going to the plate thinking I have to come through," Beltran said. "We have three games left and it's going to be hard."

After trailing by three runs in the seventh, New York fought back to move within one game of NL East-leading Philadelphia with three to play. The Mets also stayed tied atop the wild-card standings with Milwaukee, which beat Pittsburgh 5-1 in 10 innings.

"The one thing about this team is it has responded to adversity," New York manager Jerry Manuel said. "Tonight was another example of that."

Rich Harden pitched six solid innings in his final playoff tune-up for the NL Central champions and lightly used rookie Micah Hoffpauir went 5-for-5 with five RBIs and his first two major league homers — including a tiebreaking shot in the seventh off Ricardo Rincon that gave Chicago a 6-3 lead.

"He put on a show tonight. It was fun to watch," teammate Derrek Lee said. "I think the Brewers and the Phillies, they couldn't be disappointed in our effort."

But the Cubs, resting most of their stars, couldn't hold on.

"From top to bottom on this roster, guys want to fight and guys want to win," Reed Johnson said. "We're not going to cruise."

The Mets play Florida in the final regular-season games at Shea Stadium this weekend. Philadelphia hosts Washington, while the Cubs visit Milwaukee.

Pitching what could be his final game for the Mets, Pedro Martinez struck out a season-high nine and left to a warm ovation with the score tied 3-all in the seventh. He pointed to the crowd and raised his fist high.

"I appreciate their support, in case this is my last game, my last start," Martinez said. "I wish I could continue and come back with the Mets. But this isn't the time to think about those things. ... I couldn't go by without saying thanks."

After he was gone, New York tied it in the eighth on big hits by a pair of unlikely players: spare part Ramon Martinez and third-string catcher Robinson Cancel.

Jose Reyes singled off Kevin Hart (2-2) to start the ninth and swiped second for his third steal of the game as David Wright fanned for the second out. Carlos Delgado was intentionally walked and Beltran lined a 2-0 pitch off the glove of a diving Hoffpauir at first base.

The ball trickled down the right-field line as Reyes scored easily, giving the Mets their second victory in six games since they grabbed the division lead with a win last Friday at Atlanta.

Beltran was mobbed by soaked teammates near first base, a sigh of relief — for one night, at least — as New York tries to avoid its second consecu-

tive September collapse.

Cancel doubled leading off the seventh and scored on Reyes' grounder. Then, with two outs and none on in the eighth, New York hit four straight singles to tie it.

Ramon Martinez, making his first start for the Mets after a helpful performance off the bench Wednesday, cut it to 6-5 with a single. Cancel, added to the lineup because of Brian Schneider's aching back, lined a 1-2 pitch to right off Bob Howry.

Kosuke Fukudome's strong throw home was up the line but it arrived ahead of Ryan Church, who danced around catcher Koyie Hill on the wet dirt. With both players struggling to maintain their footing, Church slipped to the ground, then lunged and touched the plate with his hand for the tying run.

Hill threw his arms up in disbelief and the crowd responded with a thunderous roar. A pulsing Shea Stadium shook under the feet of jumping fans.

Joe Smith (6-3) escaped a jam in the top of the ninth, and the Mets rebounded from a demoralizing, 10-inning loss Wednesday night.

Wright hit a sacrifice fly in the first for his 124th RBI, matching Mike Piazza's team record set in 1999.

Church's two-run double with two outs in the fourth tied it at 3. Church was 3-for-3 with a walk and his first extra-base hit since Sept. 9.

## Brewers 5, Pirates 1

That slashing swing and those 450-foot drives in batting practice tell Brewers interim manager Dale Sveum that Ryan Braun's ribs can't be bothering him that much.

Braun tells a slightly different story, but the slugger isn't using a lingering injury to his rib cage muscles as an excuse for an extended September slump. And after hitting a 10th-inning grand slam to beat Pittsburgh Thursday night and keep the Brewers tied atop the NL wild-card race, he might not need to.

"This is the most frustrating thing I've ever been through as a baseball player," Braun said. "I'd never make an excuse to try to justify my performance but just physically, I've been unable to do what I've been used to doing."

Until the Brewers needed it most.

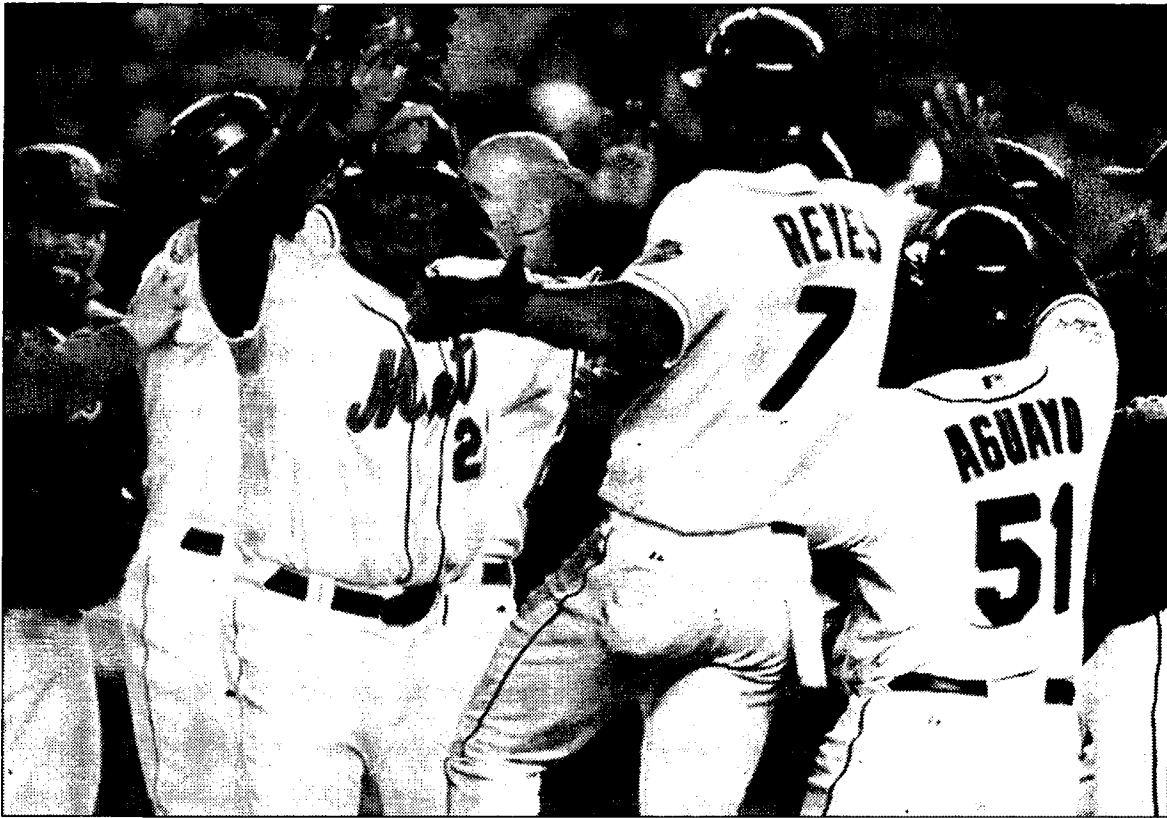
Milwaukee went into the 10th tied 1-1 and their fellow wild-card contenders, the New York Mets, having already had beaten the Chicago Cubs. The Brewers loaded the bases with two out to bring up Braun, who was 0-for-4 in the game and hitting just above .200 in September.

Braun clobbered a 2-2 pitch from reliever Jesse Chavez (0-1) deep to left field, holding up his bat and hollering at the Brewers' dugout as he began to circle the bases — celebrating the first grand slam of his career and the Brewers' first grand slam this year as a team.

"There's no better feeling in the world than a walk-off home run — especially based on the situation that we're in," Braun said.

Sveum attributed Braun's struggles to the pressure of a playoff race more than the injury.

"Sometimes, you've got to realize that a young man like



New York Mets shortstop Jose Reyes celebrates with teammates at home plate after scoring the game-winning run in the bottom of ninth inning to give the Mets a 7-6 victory over the Cubs.

that's never gone through any adversity in his life as an athlete," Sveum said. "That guy hit in little league, he hit in high school, he hit in college, he hit in pro ball, he hit in the big leagues. And then you're thrown into the spot and sometimes, people struggle."

Mitch Stetter (3-1) earned the victory after pitching out of a jam in the 10th.

Despite their slides in September, Braun and the Brewers have three games left against the Chicago Cubs with a playoff spot on the line.

And if they do make it, they might have an unexpected ace up their sleeve: pitcher Yovani Gallardo.

Making his first start since tearing a knee ligament May 1, Gallardo pitched only four innings but made them count. The Brewers' promising 22-year-old right-hander struck out seven while giving up a run and three hits.

"It's great," Gallardo said. "I spent four months watching this team go at it every day. And it hasn't changed. They still go out there, play hard every day, and they're going to find a way to get it done."

Gallardo cruised through the first three innings as Milwaukee took a 1-0 lead on an RBI double by Bill Hall, then appeared to run out of gas in the fourth, giving up a one-out homer to Steve Pearce that tied the game.

"I am sure he did a lot of work to get where he's at," Pearce said. "Kudos to him. Good job. He looked great out there."

Expected to be the Brewers' No. 2 starter behind Ben Sheets this season, Gallardo made only three starts before tearing a ligament in his right knee while trying to hurdle a baserunner against the Cubs on May 1.

Gallardo also had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee just before spring training, but said he didn't have any concerns about returning so quickly.

"They wouldn't be throwing me out there to pitch if everything wasn't the way it's supposed to be," he said.

Gallardo's return trumped a strong outing by Pirates starter Zach Duke, who held the

Brewers to a run and seven hits in seven innings.

"He threw the ball really well," Pirates manager John Russell said. "It's a big reason I sent him back out for the extra inning. It was a 1-1 game, and I really was trying to get him a win there."

Pittsburgh threatened to take the lead in the ninth, but reliever Salomon Torres got pinch hitter Doug Mientkiewicz to fly out with runners at first and second.

## Cardinals 12, Diamondbacks 3

The Los Angeles Dodgers clinched their first NL West title since 2004 before taking the field, thanks to three straight disappointing losses by the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Arizona was only two games out with six games to play. The defending division champions bowed out quietly in a rout by the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday.

"It was just disgusting," Conor Jackson said. "It was embarrassing. You can't pitch, you can't hit, you can't win games."

Arizona (79-80) led the division by 4.5 games before play on Aug. 29, then lost 11 of 14 as the Dodgers took control of the division. The Diamondbacks had rebounded by winning seven of eight to put the heat on the Dodgers, but began to fade Tuesday when the Cardinals scored four runs in the first inning off Randy Johnson in a 7-4 final.

"They hit a hot stretch, and we hit a cold stretch. Put that together and you get the Dodgers jumping around right now," Chris Snyder said.

Albert Pujols hit a three-run homer and finished with four RBIs to back Joel Pineiro (7-7), who allowed three runs and three hits over seven innings on his 30th birthday. St. Louis had been eliminated from postseason contention on Tuesday.

"You had an obligation to play like we've been playing all year," manager Tony La Russa said. "It's not enjoyable at all, but you have to compete."

Arizona third baseman Mark Reynolds set a major league record with two more strikeouts, raising his season total to 201. Philadelphia's Ryan Howard set

the previous mark of 199 last year — and Howard began the day with 196 this season.

"It's obviously something I have to work on for next year," said Reynolds, finishing his first full year in the majors. "Of course, it's not the greatest of records to have, but you move on. A lot of young guys struggle."

Reynolds has 34 errors and could become the first player to lead the majors in errors and strikeouts since Minnesota Twins shortstop Zoilo Versalles (122 strikeouts, 39 errors) during his 1965 AL MVP season. He's having a nice year even with the strikeouts with 28 homers and 96 RBIs, although he's batting .240.

The Diamondbacks led by as many as 6.5 games in April while going 20-8. The rest of the season, they've struggled for consistency.

"Obviously, it hasn't been the type of year we expected," Melvin said. "After the first month we couldn't put together any kind of an extended period that resembled the team that played in the first month."

"The expectations get raised and you don't follow through."

Pujols (35) and Ryan Ludwick (36) hit consecutive homers in a five-run seventh that opened an 11-3 lead. Troy Glaus walked four times to match his career high, and Felipe Lopez had three hits and two RBIs.

La Russa endorsed Pujols for the NL MVP earlier this week, adding he didn't think anyone else was close.

"Whatever he ends up with, he's had a monster season," La Russa said.

Pineiro matched his season best with seven strikeouts after going 0-2 with an 8.40 ERA in three previous September starts.

"It's a nice way to go out," Pineiro said. "You kind of wish you had more starts like that early in the year to try to help the team out a lot better."

St. Louis had 17 hits and nine walks against Doug Davis (6-9) and five relievers. The three-game winning streak follows a slide of 10 losses in 12 games that knocked them out of the Central race.



## Big East

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every match seriously. The non-conference and conference seasons build on one another. It's just another part of the season."

The Irish are looking forward to the Big East season and want to see a strong showing early.

"We are definitely going in with an intensity," Brown said. "We will be determined and fired up."

The Irish have been game-planning this week to fill the void left by junior outside hitter Serinity Phillips, who is out with an ankle sprain. Phillips was on the all Big East preseason team.

"It's a day-to-day thing," Brown said. "[Phillips] will definitely not play this weekend. She is going to stay at Notre Dame and we are going to try and get her ready for next week, but that is still uncertain."

To counter the loss of Phillips, the Irish have been experimenting with some different combinations.

"We want to try and get a rhythm with different lineups," Brown said. "We want to try and be balanced and move people around in the lineup. Our best two hitters [junior outside hitter Christina Kaelin and [freshman outside hitter Kristen] Dealy need to get the ball."

Brown also wants to utilize some formations that the team is not necessarily used to.

"We want to experiment with people for a better block and use different weapons," Brown said.

First up on Friday is a trip to

South Florida (9-5). The Bulls currently sit at third in the Big East thanks to a strong non-conference showing to start the season.

USF is led by junior outside hitter Marcela Gurgel who earned All-American honors last year. Gurgel currently ranks fourth in the NCAA in kills per set at 4.75 and ninth in aces per set at 0.63.

Gurgel had a season high 23 kills and four aces in their match last year against Notre Dame. The Irish pulled out the home match with a four-set victory.

"South Florida depends pretty heavily on their outside hitter Gurgel," Brown said. "We need to be concerned about Gurgel, but we can't just concentrate on her."

Sunday's match comes against a much-improved Georgetown (7-6) squad. The Hoyas sit at sixth in the Big East with a decent non-conference season.

"Georgetown will be much improved from last year," Brown said. "They were near the bottom last year and they have no returning players to carry them, but we are Notre Dame and we will have a target on our backs. We expect to be pushed."

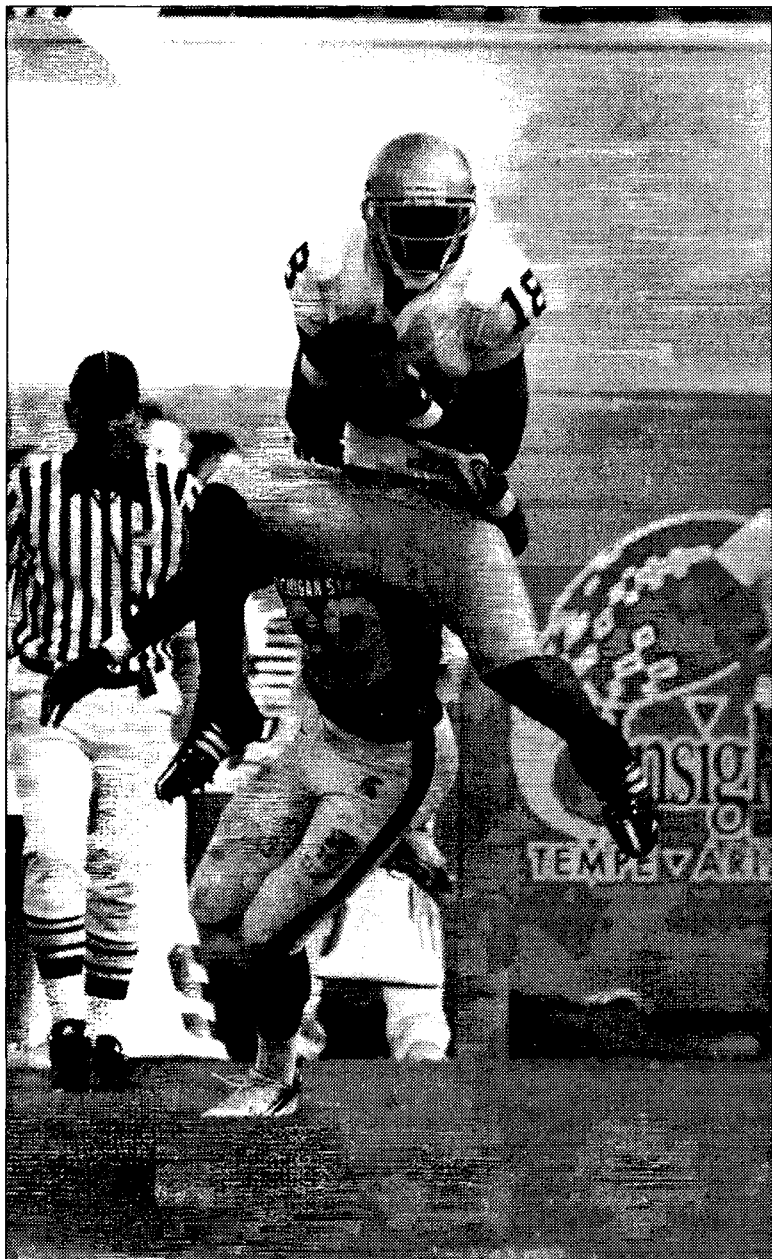
Senior setter Caitlin Boland is fifth in the Big East, averaging 10.78 assists per set.

The Hoyas rank fifth in the Big East and No. 60 in the nation with 1.64 service aces per game. Look for the Hoyas to try and exploit this advantage.

The Irish will continue Big East play next week with matchups against Louisville and Cincinnati.

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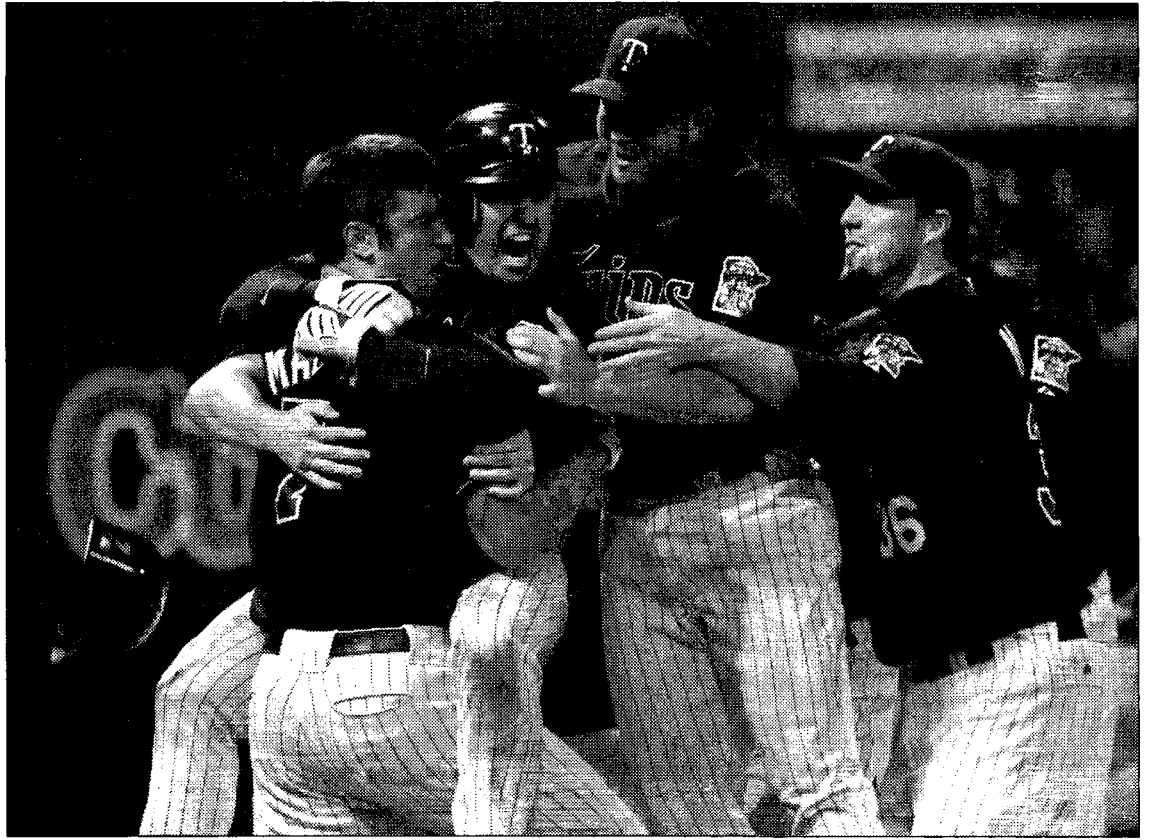
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Sophomore wide receiver Duval Kamara catches a pass in Notre Dame's 23-7 loss to Michigan State Saturday.

## MLB

# Twins overcome division rivals

*Alexi Casilla's 10th-inning single puts Minnesota back in first*



AP

Twins catcher Joe Mauer, left, hugs teammate Nick Punto, middle left, after he scored the winning run for the 7-6 Minnesota victory Thursday.

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The winning run reached home plate to put the Minnesota Twins back in first place, and Carlos Gomez and Denard Span still had plenty of energy to burn.

They raced from the dugout toward Alexi Casilla and tackled their teammate, in celebration of his 10th-inning single that capped a 7-6 comeback victory over the Chicago White Sox on Thursday night and gave Minnesota a half-game lead in the AL Central.

The Twins love to use their speed, and they ran circles around the wilting White Sox while sweeping this three-game series.

"They play their heart out, they show up to play against us this week, and the result was what you saw," Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said. "They never quit."

The White Sox led 6-1 after a six-run fourth in which Minnesota starter Kevin Slowey was knocked out with a bruised wrist and the Twins made three costly defensive mistakes.

"You think, 'Oh, boy, there they go.' But you know what? Not this ballclub," Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire said.

The Twins host the Kansas City Royals three times this weekend to finish their schedule, while the White Sox head home for a three-game series against the Cleveland Indians. If these teams are still within a half-game of each other after play is completed Sunday, Chicago must make up a rainout against the Detroit Tigers on Monday. Then, if they're tied, the Twins will have to travel to the South Side for a one-game playoff Tuesday to determine the division champion.

Save for that fourth, which Guillen called their only good inning of the series, the White Sox looked beaten all week. Missing Carlos Quentin

(wrist) and Joe Crede (back) from their lineup didn't help, but the rest of their sluggers contributed little.

Catcher A.J. Pierzynski was defiant.

"It sucks, but we're still alive," he said. "Hopefully we go home and win four games and we kick their (butt) on Tuesday. ... They found a way to get enough hits and scrape some across. (Stuff) happens."

Joe Nathan (1-2) pitched two perfect innings for the victory, part of a Minnesota bullpen that totaled 6 1-3 scoreless innings and surrendered only two hits.

Casilla's soft hit into short center off Bobby Jenks (3-1) scored Nick Punto and led to a wild party on the field at the Metrodome, where the Twins went 8-1 against the White Sox this year.

"We're going to give you nine tough innings no matter what. You can never count a team out that has heart like we do," first baseman Justin Morneau said.

Matt Thornton relieved White Sox starter Gavin Floyd and got four outs on 10 pitches, but Brendan Harris greeted him with a pinch double in the eighth and Guillen summoned Jenks after one out. Gomez made up for a fielding gaffe with four hits and two RBIs, singling in Harris and scoring on Span's triple off Jenks to tie it at six.

Span repeatedly pumped his fist and screamed toward his dugout, while Jenks walked around behind the mound muttering to himself. His streak of 15 straight saves converted ended.

"We've got a lot of confidence. We've got a lot of young guys here and ... if we keep playing like that, we make the World Series," said Gomez, who also made a sliding catch to end the ninth.

This was, of course, a delight for the crowd of 43,601, the second-largest in Minnesota this year.

"That was unbelievable.

The loudest thing I've ever heard in my life," Gardenhire said.

Slowey retired the first 13 batters he faced before Orlando Cabrera homered in the fourth, and the right-hander should have been on the bench long before he was hurt.

Gomez helped seal Wednesday's 3-2 win with a running catch in center of Pierzynski's drive for the second out in the ninth, but he overeagerly chased Jim Thome's one-out fly to the warning track Thursday and — failing to heed Span's call in right field — collided with his teammate as they both converged on the ball.

Neither player could hear the other above the din, and given the outcome the Twins didn't seem to mind the aggressive mistake.

"He thought I had a good bead on it. I thought I had a good bead on it. But sometimes too much speed, that'll happen," Span said.

Thome got a double, and Paul Konerko followed with an RBI groundout. Alexei Ramirez later hit a low chopper to third baseman Brian Buscher, who charged and bobbled the ball when he tried the glove-to-hand transfer. The ruling was a single, and the Sox led 3-1 before they broke it open on Juan Uribe's smash that nearly broke Slowey's wrist. X-rays were negative.

The Twins got two back in the bottom half on a two-out RBI triple by Gomez followed by a bloop double from Span. Gomez hit another triple in the sixth and scored on a sacrifice by Span, cutting the lead to 6-4. Guillen called for Thornton to get Joe Mauer, who's surging toward his second batting title in three years, to ground into a fielder's choice.

That was all Gomez needed to see.

"He said, 'If the bullpen can keep 'em at six, we're going to take this thing,'" Span said, "and he was right."

## Unbeaten

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are capable of staying in the game against top-tier opponents.

"What it looks like is they play to the level of their opponent," he said.

The Cardinals lost a heart-breaker in double-overtime to No. 9 Texas three weeks ago before falling 3-2 to No. 12 Oklahoma State on Sept. 12. Their most recent contest was a 2-1 setback at Ohio State in overtime last Sunday.

"They're coming off a tough loss to Ohio State," Waldrum said. "You almost wish they came in with a win so they weren't so hungry for a win."

After the home game Friday night, the Irish will travel to take on another Big East opponent in Cincinnati.

Under first-year coach Michelle Salmon, Cincinnati has been inconsistent this season, alternating wins and losses en route to a 4-4-0 record.

Bock said the tough early-season stretch for the Bearcats mirrors the experience Notre Dame had last year. In 2007, the Irish struggled to a 3-4-1 record to open the season.

"A team like that can be very

vulnerable; we were like that last year where every game you have to fight for it," she said. "We need to put the game away right away in the beginning. Hopefully we can do that and it won't even be close at the end."

Waldrum said the matchup with Cincinnati is a challenge partly because the Bearcats have a sub par playing field.

"It's not an ideal facility, it actually has a big garage next to it and it's AstroTurf," Waldrum said. "It's basically not the type of field that soccer should be played on."

Waldrum compared the field to DePaul's complex. Last Friday the host Blue Demons, who are just 2-7-0, kept the game close and lost just 1-0 on a late goal to the Irish.

Waldrum said the most important thing for the Irish this weekend is not to take either Louisville or Cincinnati lightly.

"Of course people on campus are talking about us being No. 1 and you see the '#1' sign [atop Grace Hall] lit up," he said. "But these girls have been through this enough to know that the ranking isn't winning the games for us. We still have to go out and win the games."

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## Rebound

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compete for wins when we do play well."

Although veteran juniors Doug Fortner and Carlos Santos-Ocampo had poor outings, three sophomores distinguished themselves for the Irish. Tyler Hock played with consistency to lead the team in

scoring, finishing five-over for the weekend, tied for 16th overall. Fellow sophomores Jeff Chen and Connor Alan-Lee also turned in respectable showings, illustrating the strength of the team's underclassmen.

Kubinski considers the development of the younger players to be key for Notre Dame's success this season.

"It's truly an thrilling time for our program," Kubinski said.

"Notre Dame is stocked with very hard-working and talented young players. We just need that breakthrough win. As long as we keep working and keep our goal in sight, it will come."

The tournament begins Sunday morning at the Poppy Hills Golf Club at 8 a.m., with play concluding Tuesday afternoon.

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Irish players huddle during a stoppage in play against Dartmouth in a 2-1 Notre Dame victory Sept. 5 at Alumni fields.

## Quinn

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East rookie of the week for his play last weekend. Maund has played every minute of all seven games for the Irish this season.

Notre Dame's decorated defense will have its hands full with Sunday's opponent, though, as the Cardinals hold a

3-0-1 record at home and are averaging 1.62 goals per game.

Senior Ryan McDonald and freshman Colin Rolfe each have scored three goals to lead Louisville.

The Cardinals finished last year in second place in the Red Division and lost in the NCAA Tournament's second round, 1-0, to eventual runner-up Ohio State.

"We are starting to come

together and make good progress," Clark said. "There's still a lot of soccer left to be played ... but it's always good to have a good start to a season."

After its two-game trip this weekend, Notre Dame will wrap up a three-game road stretch when it travels to Michigan Wednesday.

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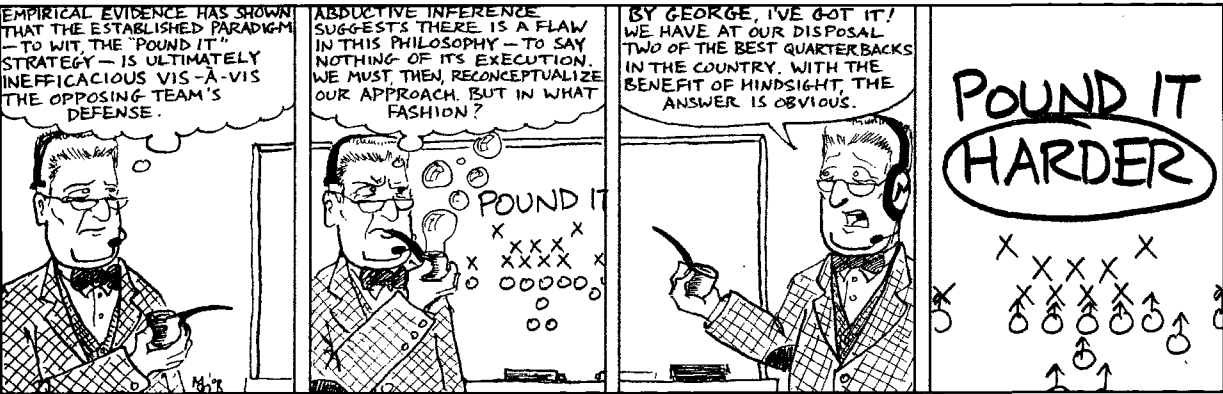
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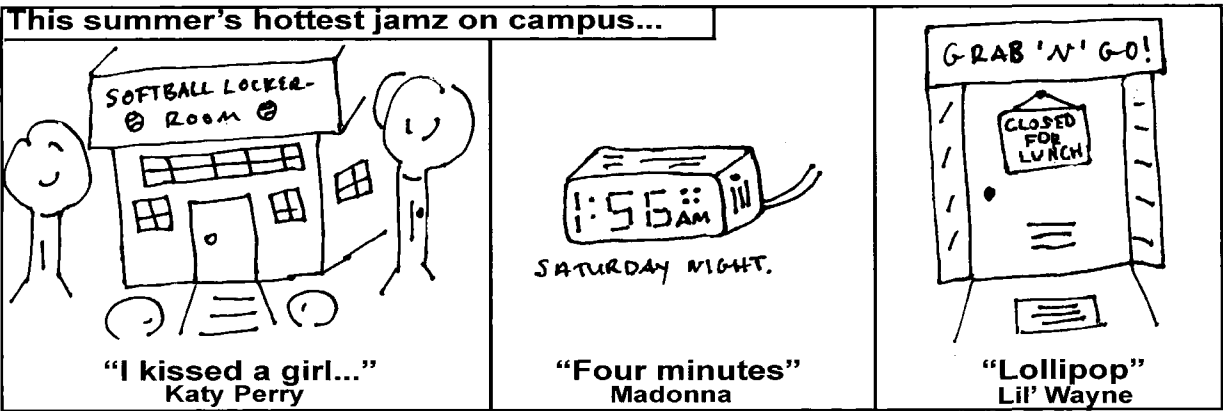
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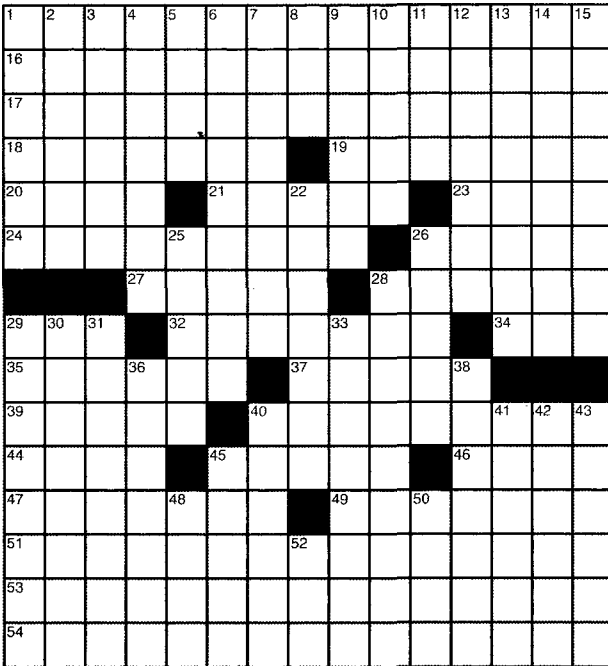
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You will be on edge, waiting for things to go wrong or backfire. Your overreacting will cause the biggest setbacks, so refuse to let anyone or anything get to you. Anger, jealousy and stubbornness will work against you. 2 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Take action and start the ball rolling. If there is someone you want to hook up with, put in a call or, if you want to make changes to your home or update your look, today is a great time to begin. Aim for whatever target you set. 4 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** There may be too much going on for you to stay in control. Give your undivided attention to what's most important to you. If you spread yourself too thin, you will fall short of your goals. Criticism can be expected. 3 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't let your emotions get the better of you when there is so much going your way. Love, intrigue, travel and a multitude of exciting activities should lead to a very interesting day. Get out and get moving. Plan a passionate evening that will please the one you love. 3 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Keep everything aboveboard. You don't want to be caught in a lie or questioned about something that may not have been done to proper specifications. Tread carefully, especially around partners or those who can influence your future. 3 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Doors are opening and favors will be granted. Mingle, run your ideas by friends, socialize and take an active role in your community. Love is in the stars and, if you put a little effort into making someone happy, you will get the same in return. 4 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You will cause a ruckus if you are too friendly with too many people. Loyalty will count for something today so don't play with other people's emotions. A personal loss is evident. 2 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** A creative twist will give you the edge you need. Don't let someone's emotional hold on you stop you from continuing with your plans. False information may deter you from doing what's right. 2 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** If you let others meddle in your affairs, it will work against you. Keep your personal thoughts and plans a secret. When the time is right, you can move forward without criticism. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You can stabilize your position, your finances and your plans to secure your personal and professional life. You will have some interesting ideas that, if launched properly, can make you a handsome profit. Someone from your past is still interested in a future with you. 3 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Forget about the things you can't change and put work and responsibilities on the backburner for a moment. Regroup and rethink your strategy. If you are creative and inventive, you will have a much better chance of achieving your goals. 3 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Roll out the red carpet for your friends and invite people over for some recreational fun. Your hospitality will help position you for deals, projects and future consideration. Love is in the picture and a passionate end to your day is likely. 5 stars

**Birthday Baby:** You are helpful, caring and persistent. You are friendly, engaging and incredibly charming. You know how to get what you want.

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## MEN'S SOCCER

# Squad riding six-game unbeaten streak into weekend

By MATT GAMBER  
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No. 3 Notre Dame will put its six-game unbeaten streak to the test as the Irish will play their first two true road games of the young season this weekend.

Cincinnati (2-3-2, 0-1-1 Big East) will host the Irish (5-1-1, 2-0-1) tonight at 7 p.m. before Notre Dame travels further south to No. 16 Louisville (6-1-

1, 1-1-0) for Sunday's 1 p.m. match.

"This is, without question, our hardest weekend of the season so far," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "We have two Big East games against two tough opponents. It will definitely be a challenge and I hope we're up for it."

Notre Dame has played its last five games at home after opening at the Adidas/IU Credit Union Classic in Bloomington,

Ind. The Irish did not play the host Hoosiers in that tournament, so both of Notre Dame's games there are considered to have been at a neutral site.

Cincinnati is coming off a 2-1 loss to No. 4 Connecticut on Sept. 21 and has struggled to score goals so far this season, tallying just five through seven games. Sophomore Branden Stelmak is the only Bearcats player with more than one goal — he has two.

That bodes well for an Irish defense that has dominated of late, shutting out a pair of Big East foes last weekend and giving up just one goal over their last four games — all against Big East teams.

Senior goalkeeper Andrew Quinn already has three shutouts in his first year as Notre Dame's full-time starter and has allowed just three goals over the last six games.

Quinn hasn't been at it alone,

though, as a pair of Irish defenders has already earned individual accolades this season.

Senior defender Matt Besler, a preseason All-American, earned a spot on the College Soccer News national team of the week and was named to the Big East honor roll two weeks ago.

Freshman central defender Aaron Maund was named Big

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## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# View from the top

By FRAN TOLAN  
Associate Sports Editor

As one of the four remaining unbeaten and untied teams in the country, No. 1-ranked Notre Dame will take on Louisville at home tonight then travel to Cincinnati to take on the Bearcats Sunday.

Despite their top ranking, the Irish said they do not feel any added pressure to remain unbeaten.

"I'd say [the ranking] is always in the back of your mind because other teams see you and there's a target on your back," senior co-captain Brittany Bock said. "But for us, we always take it one game at a time and play every game like we're 0-0-0."

But Notre Dame's record is in fact 8-0-0 and coach Randy Waldrum said his team is used to being the team to beat.

"I think it would be quite different if this was the first time we were ever No. 1," he said. "But I think we know how to handle it ... We've got players

like [Bock] who have handled this."

Waldrum also said that simply playing under the shadow of the Golden Dome makes his players comfortable with the national spotlight on them.

"I think that, just being Notre Dame, we're used to that," the coach said. "We're everyone's big game on their schedule and it's just this campus that does that."

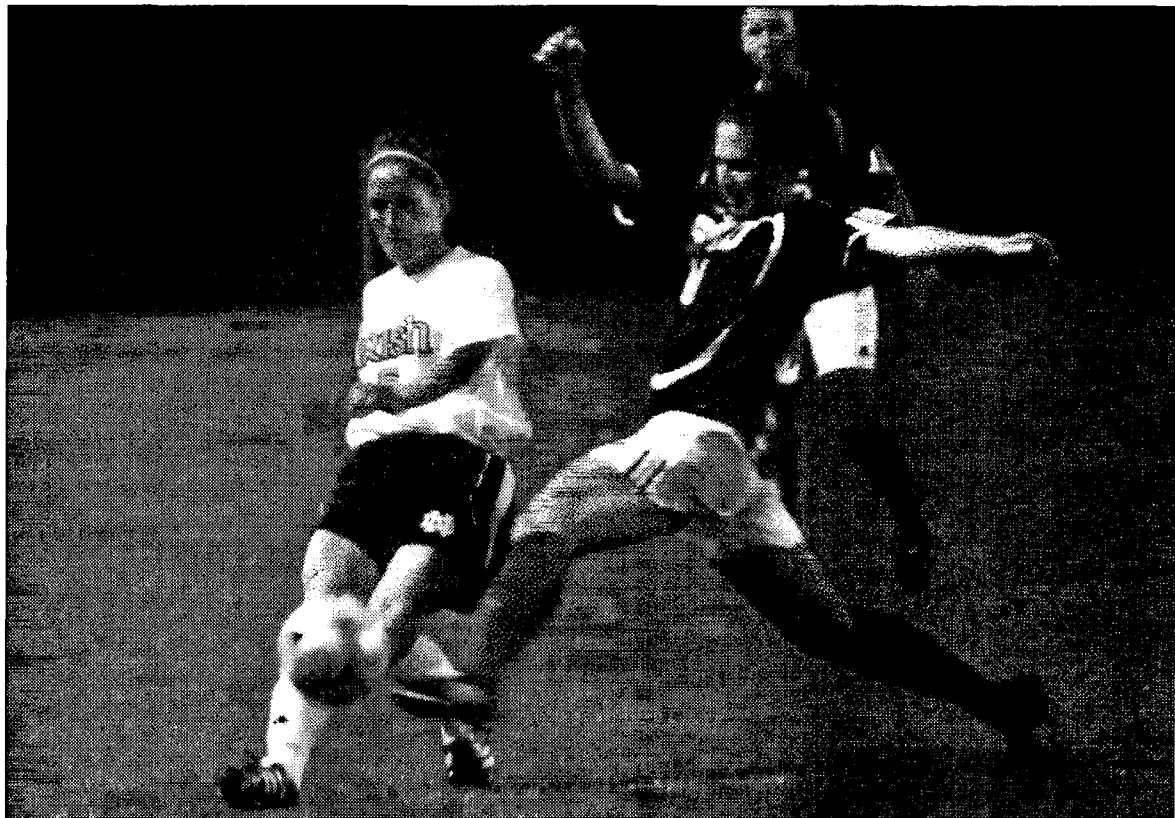
Tonight, Louisville will attempt to stop Notre Dame's unbeaten streak short of double digits.

Last season when the two teams met, the visiting Irish eked out a 1-0 win.

"With Louisville last year, we had a little bit of a difficult time ...," Bock said. "We just have to focus on coming in and playing aggressively. We need to respect them but at the same time play our game and take care of business."

Despite its 3-3-1 record, Waldrum said Louisville is a dangerous squad because they

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Freshman midfielder Molly Campbell passes around an SMU defender in a 5-0 Irish victory Sept. 12 at Alumni fields.

CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

## ND VOLLEYBALL

# Irish begin Big East play

Conference play to start with games against South Florida, Georgetown

By JARED JEDICK  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is prepared to begin conference play tonight and Sunday with two big matchups against South Florida and Georgetown.

Conference play is like a new start for the Irish (5-7), who have been hovering around .500 for most of the non-conference season.

Despite the heated nature of playing against familiar teams in the Big East and the games meaning more, Notre Dame's approach will stay the same.

"[Big East play] is not really different for us," head coach Debbie Brown said. "We take

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Freshman Beth Wildermuth sets a ball in a 3-1 win over Nevada Aug. 30 at the Joyce Center.

PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

## MEN'S GOLF

# Irish looking to rebound after tenth-place finish

By MICHAEL BLASCO  
Sports Writer

After a 10th-place finish at the USF Olympic Club Intercollegiate earlier this month, Notre Dame will try to get its season on track at the Saint Mary's Invitational this weekend.

The Saint Mary's College (California)-hosted event will be held at the Poppy Hills Golf Club in Pebble Beach, Calif.

Irish coach James Kubinski is not dwelling on his team's early struggles.

"I'm honestly not disappointed with the USF event," Kubinski said. "Like any team playing a first tournament or game, you're not sure what you have, or have to work on, until

you start competing. Coaches will always tell you it takes a couple games to reduce the turnovers and get in 'game shape.' It's the same here."

After outstanding summer seasons from several of its golfers and a roaring tour through Ireland early last month, Notre Dame had high hopes for its fall season opener at the USF Olympic Intercollegiate Invitational. However, the Irish were unable to recover from two disappointing opening rounds, and finished 10th in a field of 15.

"We'll be fine," Kubinski said. "We needed an event. I think, in not playing as well as we can, yet putting up reasonable, if not great, scores, we proved we can

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**DAVID BRUTON**

NEARLY GAVE UP FOOTBALL.

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OF AN NFL CAREER.



COMMENTARY

# Game depends on Irish psyche

Tomorrow's game could go either way, and which route it takes depends on how the Irish recover from their loss.

Last season, the losses eclipsed any hope of improvement. There were few redeeming qualities, and it became tough for Notre Dame to pull itself together after losses. So the question isn't really how good Purdue is or how good Notre Dame is. The question is how Notre Dame responds to its loss.



Bill Brink

Sports Editor

After the 38-0 loss to Michigan last year, Irish coach Charlie Weis said he started the season over. There's no need for that this year, but the team, both as individual units and as a whole, must regroup to have success in the rest of the season.

The offensive line could regress after Michigan State nullified its effectiveness. It could lose confidence. Should that happen, the running game will once again fail to produce yardage. The offense will again become one-dimensional, forcing Jimmy Clausen to throw. Interceptions follow, and there goes the game.

Or the offensive linemen could buckle down and play like they did in the first two games, when they didn't allow a sack and helped the running backs rush for more than 100 yards. They're bigger, stronger and better than last year, and they know it. The only question is how this loss affected them compared to last year.

What about the running backs, the horses who couldn't shed their reins against Michigan State? Will they believe the stat sheets' indications of their utility to the team?

They might.

Or they could remember the holes they've hit and the touchdowns they've scored in the first two games. They could force the defense into the box and move the chains. This opens the field for the play-action pass, which Clausen showed he can throw well against Michigan.

Clausen may let his interceptions get to him. He could have them in the back of his mind all game, forcing him to throw the ball away. Or he may remember his effectiveness in the four- and five-wide sets and continue to pass effectively. With the five-wide

set spreading the field, the defense follows suit, and here comes the run again.

Michael Floyd could think about his fumble every time a ball comes his way. Or he could realize that he needs to move on and learn from his mistakes.

What's important to remember about tomorrow's game is the relative equality of the two teams. Both are 2-1. Notre Dame beat an injured San Diego State team and a Michigan team that gave it the ball six times. Purdue beat up on Northern Colorado and barely snuck past Central Michigan. Notre Dame lost to a Michigan State team that played better, and Purdue, who hasn't yet played on the road, lost in overtime to Oregon.

Purdue quarterback Curtis Painter can still run the spread offense effectively, but he lost two of his primary weapons, speedy wide receiver Dorian Bryant and tight end Dustin Keller. Clausen has budding stars at receiver in Floyd and Golden Tate. Purdue running back Kory Sheets has a shade under 20 carries per game and averages 5.7 yards per carry. Notre Dame averages 2.6 per carry.

The game is, for all intents and purposes, a toss-up. One could make 10 arguments for both sides and wouldn't be able to declare a definitive winner. So it's up to the way both teams execute to determine the game. No one can execute without having confidence in what they're doing. And to have confidence, Notre Dame needs to believe — actually, to know — that last week was an aberration, a fluke, a one-time thing.

The offensive linemen need to know they will flatten their opponents. The running backs need to know they have the ability to hit the holes, move the chains and score. Clausen needs to know he can hit his receivers.

And they do. This isn't like last year, where each loss sunk the team deeper and deeper into despair. This is this year, where the team has proved it can produce on offense and halt production on defense. Michigan wasn't crunch time, and Michigan State wasn't crunch time. This is. Notre Dame has already proved it has moved on from last season. Now it needs to prove, by recovering from a loss, that the transition is complete.

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

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## 2008 Irish opponents

	Last week	This week
 (0-3)	Idle	vs. Idaho
 (1-2)	Idle	vs. Wisconsin
 (3-1)	W, 23-7, ND	at Indiana
 (2-1)	W, 32-25, C. Mich.	at Notre Dame
 (2-2)	W, 23-10, SJSU	at Washington
 (2-1)	L, Va. Tech, 20-17	at Miami
 (0-3)	L, 28-27, BYU	vs. Stanford
 (2-1)	W, 21-20, Iowa	at Syracuse
 (2-1)	W, UCF, 34-7	vs. Rhode Island
 (2-2)	W, 23-21, Rutgers	at Wake Forest
 (1-3)	W, 30-21, NE'ern	vs. Pitt
 (2-0)	Idle	at Oregon St.



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# Brute determination

Senior safety David Bruton works toward career in NFL

By CHRIS HINE  
Editor in Chief

This time last year, the NFL was still distant dream to senior safety David Bruton.

He was having a solid season in an otherwise miserable year for Notre Dame, but to Bruton, the idea of playing on Sundays was still unfathomable.

But to some people, it wasn't so incomprehensible. Bruton started to notice these people showing up to watch him play. Bruton may have not have known them, but they certainly knew who he was. They were NFL scouts.

This season, Bruton has given those scouts a lot to praise — he recovered a fumble in the fourth quarter on Notre Dame's 1-yard line against San Diego State. And against Michigan, Bruton forced another fumble and had an interception inside the Notre Dame 5-yard line. Bruton, now playing in his final season for Notre Dame, has developed a knack for getting turnovers at key times — certainly something that will help him get to NFL.

"I realized it wasn't that far," Bruton said. "I'm in my final year here, and I have a really good chance to go to the next level."

But just a few years ago for Bruton, getting to that next level meant going somewhere other than the NFL — the Olympics.

## Finding football

In high school, Bruton dreamed of becoming an Olympic sprinter, much like his cousin, Tyson Gay.

"I wanted those 200- and 400-meter races," Bruton said with a smile.

Football was merely an afterthought.

Bruton, who played wide receiver and safety for Miamisburg High School in Miamisburg, Ohio, hardly saw

the field in his freshman year and prior to his sophomore season, he was close to giving it up for good.

"My heart wasn't really set on football," Bruton said.

"I didn't play much freshman year and I wasn't a big fan of being a receiver and not getting in any looks at defensive back. I felt like I'd never play anyway or see the field."

But Notre Dame fans can be thankful Bruton had a conversation with his friend and teammate, Kelly Lewis. Lewis, his coach's son, convinced Bruton to give football another shot. Bruton saw some action early in the season at wide receiver due to an injury to one of the starters. Then, Bruton earned the starting spot at safety his junior year and parlayed that into a scholarship at Notre Dame.

Now, the Olympics were an afterthought.

But even a free-ride to one of the most storied programs in college football history wasn't enough to give Bruton the kind of focus he needed to make it to the NFL.

## Getting his priorities straight

In November 2005, during his freshman year, Bruton's son Jaden — who Bruton affectionately calls "Knucklehead" — was born.

When interviewed for a Sept. 28, 2007 article by The Observer's Jay Fitzpatrick, Bruton said Jaden's birth caused him to make the decisions in his personal life that

it was time to grow up.

"Am I going to college to have fun, or am I going to college to support Knucklehead?" Bruton said last year. "And I narrowed it down to 'I'm going to school and playing football to support Knucklehead.'"

Without Jaden, Bruton said he wouldn't be the man — or the football player — that he is today. And the NFL would just be something he watched on TV every Sunday.

"It put my life in perspective," Bruton said. "I'm zeroed in a lot more than I was. Of course it wasn't easy first becoming a father; you don't know left or right anymore and your head's just spinning, but I found a way to turn it into a positive and use it as a motivational force."

Bruton is not one to go out much on the weekends. He said he doesn't go to many house parties. Instead, he said he does work, watches TV or, in keeping with his love of the Olympics, play "Mario and Sonic at the Olympics" on his Nintendo Wii.

"I feel like that's only fair," Bruton said. "Jaden's mom is taking a whole lot of responsibility on herself and that kind of hinders her from going out. It feels like the right thing to do. I'm not here to just shoot the crap. I'm here to provide and hopefully get a good future for my son."

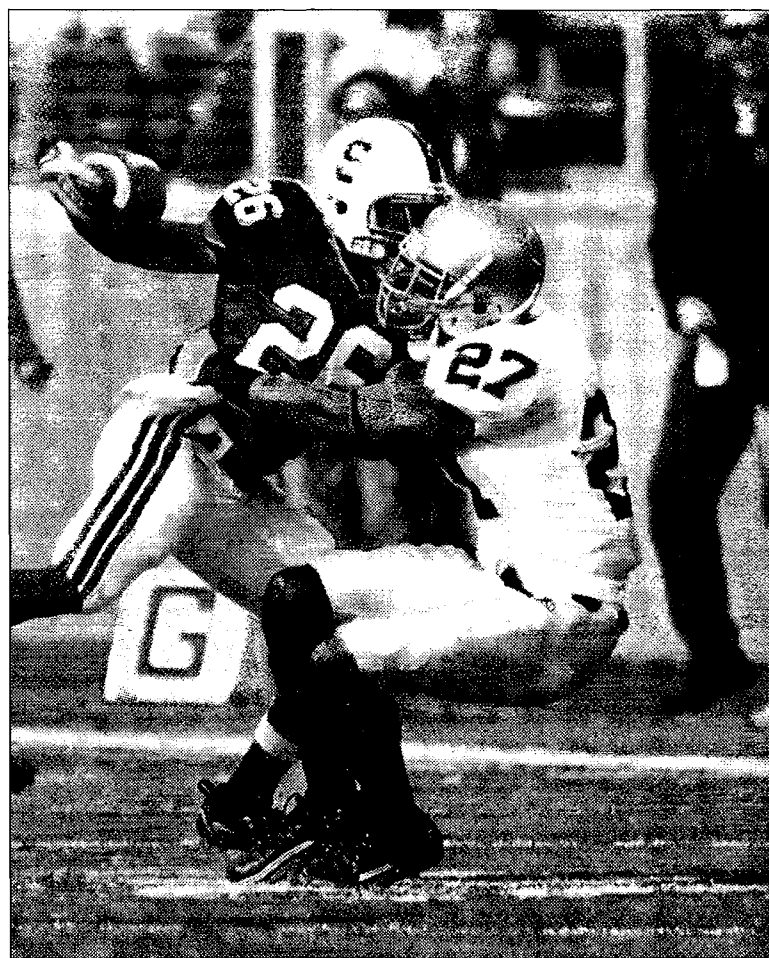
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## Getting ready for the future

But before Jaden can see his father play on Sundays, Bruton has to go through the laborious and highly-scrutinized pre-draft process where every bench press and 40-yard dash time could raise or lower your value in the draft.

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Irish safety



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Safety David Bruton brings down a ball carrier during Notre Dame's 21-14 win at Stanford on Nov. 24, 2007.

Still, Bruton said that doesn't worry him too much.

"I plan to be a lot more ready than I am now when I go to train," Bruton said. "My 40-time will drop. I'm not really worried about that. My vertical jump, I'm really not worried at all because that's me, I just jump. The bench might be the only thing that's suspect but when you train you can always put on weight and up your reps."

And if he ever needs advice he has former teammates now in the NFL — John Carlson, John Sullivan and Tom Zbikowski — to ask for advice. He also can call up a new friend of his that he made at last year's Blue-Gold game — former Tampa Bay and Denver safety John Lynch.

"He told me to just be aggressive," Bruton said. "You have to showcase your abilities, show you can hit and get your respect that way."

Bruton has taken the Pro-Bowler's advice to heart. His teammates respected him enough to make him captain this season, a distinction he carries with pride.

"You're not just a guy who made plays and got voted because of popularity, you were voted because you were a hard worker and you've made plays and you have guys' respect," Bruton said.

On the field, his teammates in the secondary play a little differently because they know

Bruton is there to back them up.

"He's got range back there that not a lot of safeties have," cornerback Raeshon McNeil said. "It allows me,

*"I'm here to provide and hopefully get a good future for my son."*

David Bruton  
Irish safety

Terrail Lambert, Robert Blanton, Gary Gray, whoever's in there, to play with a little more confidence and be a little more aggressive ...

because you know anytime on a deep ball, Bruton's going to be in the vicinity."

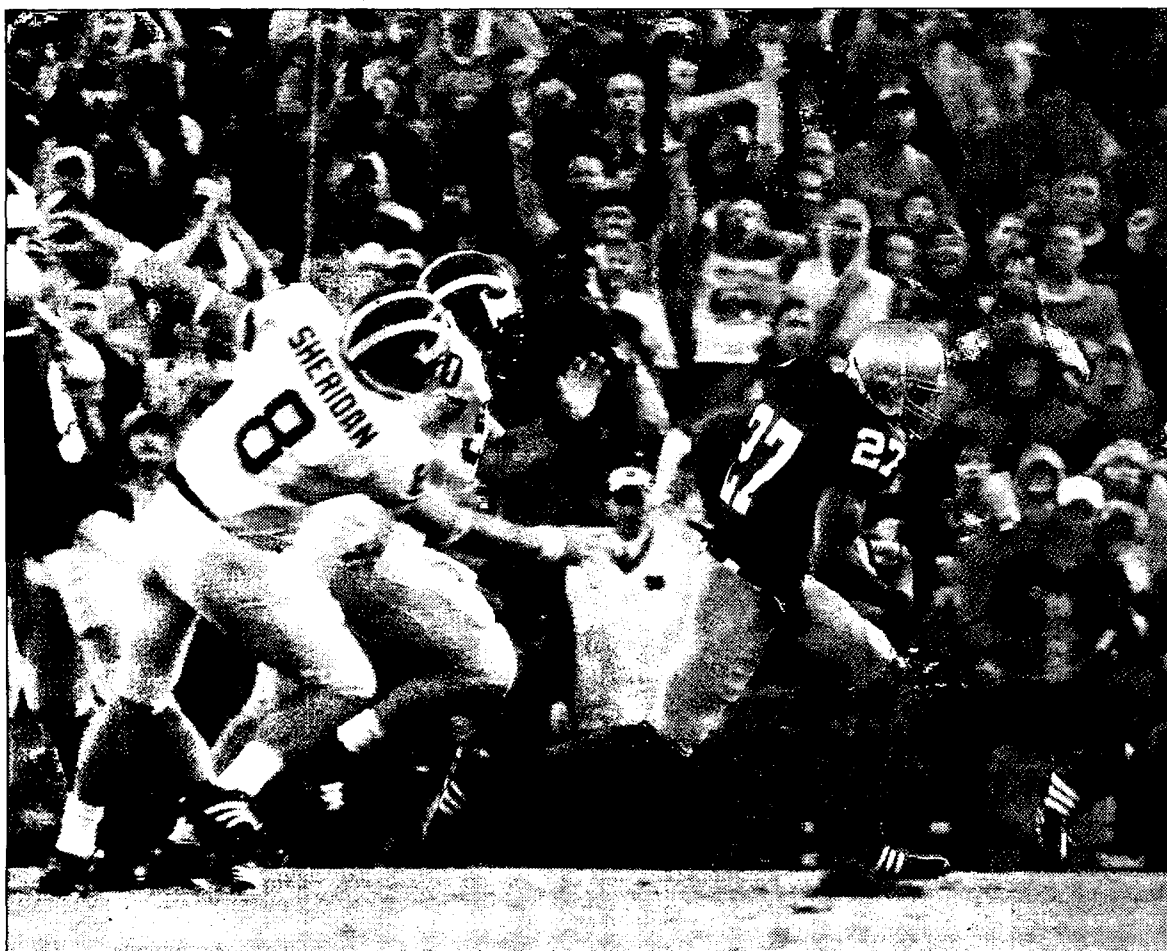
And if Bruton has anything to say about it, he'll be in the vicinity of a lot of deep passes for years to come after his final season at Notre Dame is over.

But Bruton in the NFL is something Irish defensive coordinator Corwin Brown doesn't want to imagine right now.

"Oh, I'm not going to go down that road," Brown said Wednesday. "But I will say that I've been around guys and I've seen guys that have done it at a pretty good level and if he does things the right way he can do it. I'll just leave it at that. I want to focus on him being a good college player right now. I don't want to put him in Canton."

Canton may seem far away for Bruton at this point, but a few years ago, so did the NFL.

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Irish safety David Bruton runs the ball back after recovering a turnover during Notre Dame's 35-17 win over Michigan on Sept. 13 at Notre Dame Stadium.

# Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 2-1

AP: NR

Coaches: NR



Charlie Weis  
head coach

Charlie Weis  
Fourth season at  
Notre Dame  
career record:  
23-15

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Purdue: 2-1

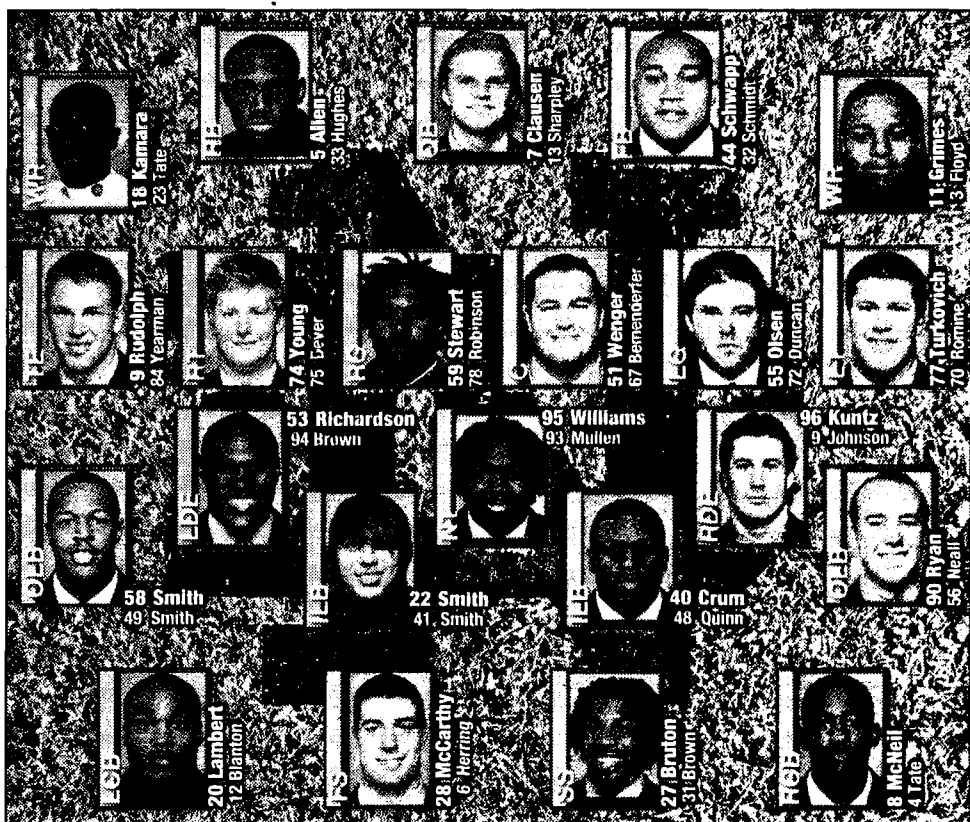
## Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht	Wt.	YR
1	Deion Walker	WR	6-2	188	FR
3	Michael Floyd	WR	6-3	215	FR
4	Gary Gray	DB	5-11	188	SO
5	Armando Allen	RB	5-10	195	SO
6	Ray Herring	DB	5-10	198	SR
7	Jimmy Clausen	QB	6-3	217	SO
8	Raeshon McNeil	DB	6-0	190	JR
9	Ethan Johnson	DE	6-4	275	FR
9	Kyle Rudolph	TE	6-6	252	FR
10	Dayne Crist	QB	6-4	233	FR
11	David Grimes	WR	5-10	177	SR
12	Nick Lezynski	QB	5-8	157	SO
12	Robert Blanton	DB	6-1	180	FR
13	Evan Sharpley	QB	6-2	215	SR
14	Brandon Walker	K	6-3	202	SO
15	Brian Castello	QB	6-2	191	SO
15	Dan McCarthy	DB	6-2	200	FR
16	Nate Montana	QB	6-4	200	FR
18	Duval Kamara	WR	6-5	219	SO
19	George West Jr.	WR	5-10	196	JR
20	Terrill Lambert	DB	5-11	195	SR
21	Barry Gallup Jr.	RB	5-11	200	JR
22	Harrison Smith	DB	6-2	206	SO
23	Golden Tate	WR	5-11	195	SO
24	Leonard Gordon	DB	5-11	187	JR
24	Brian Coughlin	WR	6-0	172	JR
25	Jonas Gray	RB	5-10	230	FR
26	Jamoris Slaughter	DB	6-0	182	FR
27	David Bruton	DB	6-2	212	SR
28	Kyle McCarthy	DB	6-1	203	SR
29	Jashaad Gaines	DB	6-0	202	JR
29	Michael Garcia	WR	6-1	178	SO
30	Steve Paskorz	DB	6-2	235	SO
31	Sergio Brown	DB	6-2	205	JR
32	Luke Schmidt	TE	6-3	246	JR
33	Robert Hughes	RB	5-11	237	SO
34	James Aldridge	RB	6-0	225	JR
35	Kevin Smith	LB	5-8	200	SR
35	Kevin Brooks	TE	6-2	241	JR
36	Joe Bizjak	K	6-2	165	JR
36	David Postuszny	LB	6-0	220	FR
37	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	170	SR
37	Eras Noel	RB	5-8	190	SO
38	Chris Bathon	DB	5-10	192	JR
38	Christopher Gurries	WR	5-10	181	SO
39	Ryan Burkhardt	K	5-11	190	JR
40	Maurice Crum Jr.	LB	6-0	235	SR
41	Scott Smith	LB	6-3	235	SR
41	Nikolas Rodriguez	RB	5-11	205	SR
42	Kevin Washington	LB	6-1	250	SR
42	Dan Franco	WR	5-10	188	JR
43	John Leonis	DB	5-9	169	SR
43	Eric Maust	P	6-2	177	JR
44	Asaph Schwapp	FB	6-0	257	SR
45	Darius Fleming	LB	6-1	236	FR
45	Kris Patterson	WR	5-11	185	SR
46	Steve Filer	LB	6-3	236	FR
47	Joe Vittoria	LB	5-11	244	JR
47	Mike Narvaez	FB	5-11	231	JR
48	Steve Quinn	LB	6-2	225	SR
49	Toryan Smith	LB	6-1	244	JR
51	Dan Wenger	C	6-4	302	JR
52	Braxton Cave	C	6-3	315	FR
53	Morrice Richardson	DE	6-2	255	JR
54	Anthony McDonald	LB	6-3	225	FR
55	Eric Olsen	OG	6-5	303	JR
56	Kerry Neal	LB	6-2	246	SO
57	Mike Golic Jr.	C	6-3	280	FR
58	Brian Smith	LB	6-3	245	SO
59	Chris Stewart	OG	6-5	337	JR
61	Martin Quintana	LB	6-1	242	JR
62	Bill Flavin	C	6-3	352	SO
63	Jeff Tisak	OT	6-3	306	SR
64	Tom Burke	LB	5-10	242	JR
65	Mike Hernandez	OL	6-2	275	FR
67	Tom Benemaderfer	C	6-5	300	SR
69	Carl Brophy	OL	6-4	278	FR
70	Matt Romney	OT	6-5	292	SO
71	Dennis Mahoney	OL	6-6	290	FR
72	Paul Duncan	OT	6-7	308	SR
74	Sam Young	OT	6-8	330	JR
75	Taylor Dever	OT	6-5	308	SO
76	Lane Clelland	OT	6-5	281	FR
76	Andrew Nuss	DE	6-5	304	SO
77	Mike Turkovich	OG	6-6	305	SR
78	Trevor Robinson	OG	6-5	301	FR
79	Halis Williams	DE	6-2	302	FR
81	John Goodman	WR	6-3	197	FR
82	Robby Parris	WR	6-4	210	JR
84	Will Yeatman	TE	6-6	265	SO
85	Sam Vos	WR	5-10	199	JR
86	Paul Kuppich	TE	6-3	232	SR
87	Joseph Fauria	TE	6-7	245	FR
89	Kapron Lewis-Moore	DE	6-4	257	FR
90	John Ryan	LB	6-5	264	JR
91	Emeka Nwankwo	DE	6-4	295	SO
93	Paddy Mullen	NT	6-3	300	JR
94	Justin Brown	DE	6-3	277	SR
95	Ian Williams	NT	6-2	310	SO
96	Pat Kuntz	DE	6-3	283	SR
97	Kallen Wade	LB	6-5	255	JR
98	Sean Cwynar	DE	6-4	283	FR
99	Brandon Newman	NT	6-0	310	FR

## Notre Dame Fighting Irish

### Notre Dame 2008 Schedule

Sept. 6 SDSU—W  
Sept. 13 MICHIGAN—W  
Sept. 20 at MICH. ST.—L  
Sept. 27 PURDUE  
Oct. 4 STANFORD  
Oct. 11 at UNC  
Oct. 25 at WASH.  
Nov. 1 PITT  
Nov. 8 at BC  
Nov. 15 NAVY  
Nov. 22 SYRACUSE  
Nov. 29 at USC



### COACHING

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#### NOTRE DAME

Weis and his staff made a good adjustment at halftime last week and seem to have the team believing that a repeat of 2007 isn't going to happen. It will be interesting to see how they handle this week's off-the-field activities.

Clausen looked comfortable in the five wide receiver set last week but made a few bad throws and questionable decisions that cost the Irish big time. He needs to continue to spread the ball around and remain accurate on intermediate routes.

After a poor showing last week against the Spartans, the Irish will continue to try to establish themselves as a well-balanced offense. The "pound it" mentality might be toned down but expect to see plenty of all three backs, at least in the first half.

The Irish proved last week that they can throw the ball. Allen looked good catching passes out of the backfield and Floyd, Tate and Rudolph all played well. As long as it can avoid mistakes, the pass attack should roll against the Boilermakers.

#### PURDUE

Joe Tiller announced at the beginning of this season that this is his final go-round. Tiller has brought the Purdue program a long way since 1996 and can finish his career with a .500 record against the Irish with a win on Saturday.

Fifth-year senior Curtis Painter has the wisdom of a veteran and the confidence to do well after having his way with the Irish last season in West Lafayette. He's looked good so far this season but only has three passing touchdowns thus far.

Purdue has given up an average of almost 200 yards per game on the ground against teams like No. Colorado and C. Michigan. Purdue has managed to dig its feet in near the goal line with only three rushing touchdowns given up this season.

The Boilermakers' athletic secondary have picked off two passes in each of their last two games — including two inside the red zone to stay in the game against Oregon. But the Chippewas did put up almost 300 yards against them last week.

#### ANALYSIS

Both teams are currently sitting at 2-1. Weis has revived the team slightly, but Tiller's troops were one big play away from being undefeated and ranked. Whoever can make the better adjustments as the game goes on will likely win.

Clausen continues to improve on a weekly basis, but Painter's experience and proven ability to run an offense make him the best quarterback in South Bend this weekend.

Notre Dame completely abandoned the rushing game in the second half last week and right fully so. It's tough to say exactly where the problem lies, but the Irish backfield has some things to still sort out.

The Irish have plenty of guys who can catch the ball and a quarterback who is talented enough to make the throws he has to make. Veteran David Grimes returns to the lineup this week to add yet another weapon.



Bill Brink  
Sports Editor

The name of the game is rebound for Notre Dame. The offensive line can't be as bad as they were last game, so the running game will turn around. Jimmy Clausen will throw two TDs and a pick. Purdue's spread offense will

nullify Notre Dame's blitzes. Kory Sheets will have his fun, but Notre Dame's D-line can handle him.  
**FINAL SCORE:**  
Notre Dame 21  
Purdue 20



Jay Fitzpatrick  
Managing Editor

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Notre Dame 24  
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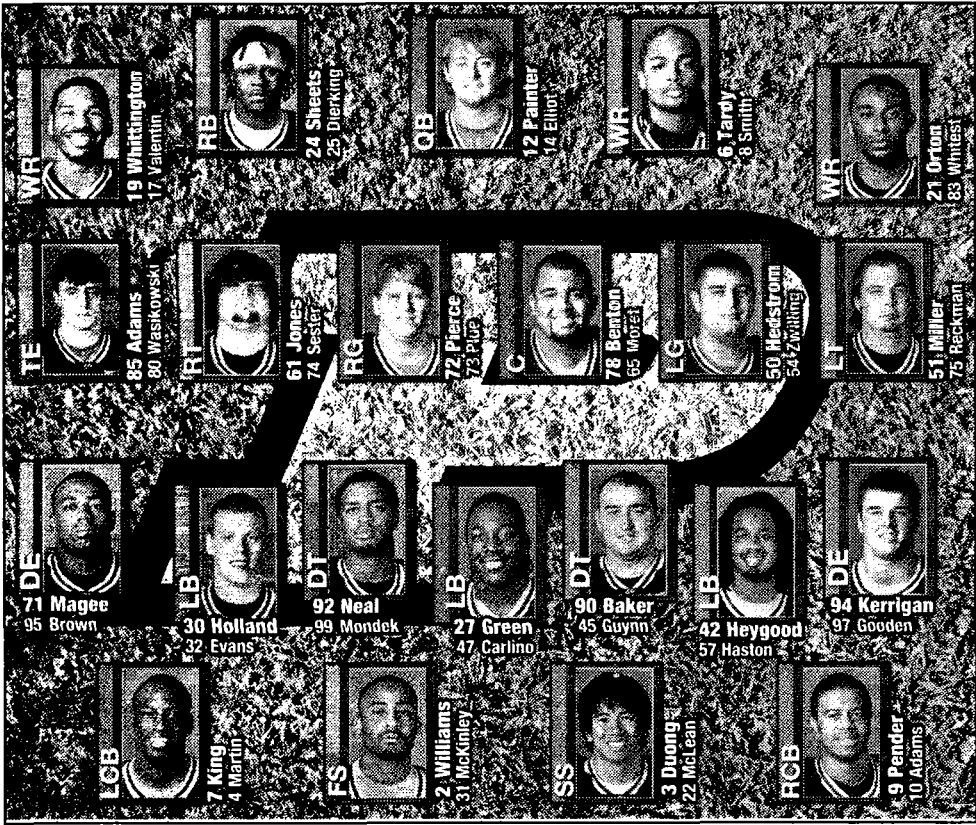
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## Purdue Boilermakers



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Joe Tiller  
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6	Desmond Tardy	WR	6-1	199	SR
6	Kevin Green	CB	5-10	185	FR
7	Brandon King	CB	5-11	192	JR
8	Keith Smith	WR	6-2	226	SO
9	David Pender	CB	6-1	180	JR
10	Royce Adams	CB	6-0	190	JR
11	Arsenio Curry	WR	6-4	217	SO
12	Curtis Painter	QB	6-4	230	SR
13	Chris Summers	K	6-1	179	JR
14	Joey Elliott	QB	6-2	211	JR
15	Charlton Williams	CB	6-2	200	SO
16	Jeff Panfil	QB	6-5	226	SO
16	Mike Mathews	QB	6-2	185	FR
17	Chris Bennett	QB	6-3	205	SR
17	Aaron Valentin	WR	6-1	205	JR
18	Nnamdi Ezenwa	LB	6-2	210	FR
18	Roberto McBean	WR	6-0	192	SR
19	Caleb TerBush	QB	6-5	210	FR
19	Brandon Whittington	WR	6-2	213	SR
20	Gavin Roberts	S	6-1	196	FR
21	Greg Orton	WR	6-3	199	SR
22	Dwight McLean	S	6-1	203	JR
23	Ralph Bolden	RB	5-9	185	FR
24	Kory Sheets	RB	6-0	206	SR
25	Dan Dierking	RB	5-10	186	SO
26	Patrick Carroll	WR	6-1	181	FR
26	Tommie Thomas	S	6-2	175	FR
27	Alvin Blackmon	WR	6-1	200	FR
28	Kevin Green	LB	6-2	236	SO
28	Cory Kemps	P	5-11	220	FR
29	Jason Werner	LB	6-4	221	JR
30	Joe Holland	OLB	6-1	211	FR
30	George Brigandi	RB	5-8	198	FR
31	Josh McKinley	S	6-1	218	SO
32	Albert Evans	S	6-0	195	FR
33	Jaycen Taylor	RB	5-10	180	SR
35	Logan Link	S	6-1	218	FR
36	Walter Williams	S	5-10	201	JR
37	Carson Wiggs	P	6-0	194	FR
38	T.J. Barabarete	WR	5-6	160	FR
39	John Humphrey	LB	6-1	237	SO
40	Derek Jackson	LB	6-2	230	FR
40	Sean Matti	RB	5-11	229	FR
41	Mike Conway	CB	5-11	189	FR
42	Anthony Heygood	LB	6-2	230	SR
43	Adam Wolf	S	5-11	204	SR
44	Frank Halliburton	FB	6-3	251	JR
46	Mark Thompson	S	6-0	200	FR
47	Chris Carlino	LB	6-2	215	FR
48	Jared Crank	FB	6-2	235	FR
48	Zach Heiniger	LB	5-11	197	FR
49	Nickcaro Gólding	DE	6-5	225	FR
50	Eric Hedstrom	G	6-6	292	JR
51	Garret Miller	T	6-8	275	SR
52	Jarrod Shaw	LB	5-11	221	SR
53	Dan Barry	G	6-2	309	FR
54	Jared Zwilling	OG	6-4	293	JR
55	Mike Chacksfield	OT	6-5	292	FR
56	Monroe Brooks	DT	6-6	277	FR
57	Tyler Haston	LB	6-3	222	SO
58	Robert Maci	DE	6-4	225	FR
59	Adam Brockman	DE	6-3	241	SO
60	Andrew Brewer	C	6-4	289	FR
61	Zach Jones	T	6-5	300	JR
62	Andy Huffman	LS	6-3	287	JR
63	James Shepherd	T	6-6	309	FR
64	Connor McCulley	G	6-1	265	FR
65	Austen Moret	C	6-2	282	FR
67	Peters Drey	T	6-6	284	FR
68	Dennis Kelly	OT	6-8	270	FR
69	Kris Cooke	DT	6-1	320	SO
70	LaSalle Cooks	DE	6-3	243	FR
71	Alex Magee	DE	6-4	295	SR
72	Justin Pierce	G	6-4	314	SO
73	Ken Plue	T	6-7	361	FR
74	Sean Sester	T	6-7	325	SR
75	Zach Reckman	G	6-6	308	JR
76	Rick Schmeig	G	6-3	312	FR
77	Ryan Prater	T	6-5	286	SO
78	Cory Benton	C	6-3	287	SR
79	Jermaine Gwynn	DT	6-1	288	SR
80	Jerry Wasikowski	TE	6-4	255	SR
81	DeVarro Greaves	LB	6-2	208	FR
82	Kurt Lichtenberg	WR	6-1	179	FR
82	Crosby Wright	TE	6-3	241	FR
83	Joe Whitest	WR	6-2	195	SR
84	Eric Mebane	DE	6-4	198	FR
85	Kyle Adams	TE	6-5	251	JR
86	Josh Hicks	WR	5-7	165	FR
87	Kris Staats	WR	6-1	197	SO
88	Jeff Lindsay	TE	6-4	238	SO
89	Colton McKey	TE	6-5	256	FR
90	Ryan Baker	DT	6-5	280	SR
91	Preston Numa	DE	6-3	275	FR
92	Mike Neal	DT	6-4	293	JR
93	Kawann Short	DT	6-4	318	FR
94	Ryan Kerrigan	DE	6-4	255	SO
95	Keyon Brown	DE	6-3	241	SR
96	John Finch	TE	6-3	245	SO
97	Gerald Gooden	DE	6-3	235	FR
98	Corey Chapman	DE	6-2	234	JR
99	Nick Mondek	DT	6-6	275	FR

### PURDUE RUSHING

The run defense has given up back-to-back 100 yard rushing games to McGuffie and Ringer. They struggled to stop the run against Michigan's spread, which Purdue also runs. It will be tough to shut down the ground game if they stay with a nickelback.

Kory Sheets torched the Irish for 140 yards and two touchdowns last year. The fifth-year senior is on the verge of breaking a slew of Purdue rushing records and has looked impressive as a workhorse back so far in his last year with the team.

For the third week in a row, Notre Dame faces a tough, fast back and one with proven success against the Irish front seven. Sheets is going to do damage. It's just a matter of how much.

### PURDUE PASSING

Despite their first game without an interception, the Irish secondary continued to impress by locking down the Spartan receivers, for the most part. Sergio Brown and Gary Gray are both emerging as playmakers along with the rest of the veteran defensive backs.

Curtis Painter brings plenty of experience and has been spreading the ball out well after losing his favorite target in Dorian Bryant last year. Tardy has filled in well and broke through with a big touchdown against Central Michigan last week.

Painter has experience on his side but the Notre Dame secondary has proved themselves to be up to any challenge so far this year. The nickel package should be able to keep up again on Saturday.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Scoring outside of the red zone is not an option with our kicking unit. Whether you blame the snap or the kick, something has to change. Tate's late kick return showed a little hope, but the special teams have been generally unimpressive thus far.

Desmond Tardy is a dangerous returner averaging over 30 yards per return including a 70-yarder in the season opener against No. Colorado. Chris Summers is a respectable 5-for-7 on field goal attempts.

Tardy has the potential to make a game changing play especially with the weak kickoffs from Burkhardt recently. The field goal unit also makes this an easy decision in Purdue's favor.

### INTANGIBLES

Notre Dame looked flat out of the gates in their first loss this season. The team seems determined to prove that they are for real this year and should be ready early on. But they have to overcome off-the-field problems with Yeatman and Golic, Jr.

Purdue will be looking to send Coach Tiller out with a big win over their in-state rivals. The verdict is still out on the Boilermakers and a win in South Bend could prove that they are the real deal in 2008.

Notre Dame has had a distracting week, but they seem to be focused enough after last week's loss to the Spartans to get ready to go. Purdue is also on the road for the first time this season after three games in West Lafayette.



Dan Murphy  
Sports Editor

will be a non-factor for Purdue, as long as Sheets can be contained ND will remain unbeaten at home.

**FINAL SCORE:**  
Notre Dame 27  
Purdue 21

### Celebrity Pick



Each week The Observer asks a well-known celebrity to sound off on ND's chances.

As a journalist, Bill Plaschke, in his 18th year with the Times, has been named National Sports Columnist of the Year by a variety of organizations.

Plaschke is also a regular panelist on the ESPN daily talk show, "Around The Horn" and made his film debut with three lines in the Will Smith movie, "Ali."



Bill Plaschke  
L.A. Times  
Columnist

Notre Dame wins on a touchdown catch by the favorite player of my daughter Tessa and her buddies at Farley and PE, some Domer named Golden.

**FINAL SCORE:** Notre Dame 24,  
Purdue 17

The last I looked, which was honestly about a decade ago, Purdue's nickname was, "The Boilermakers." I'm sorry, but I just cannot pick a team whose mascot is a shot of liquor accompanied by a beer. What, was "The Keggers" taken?

## Irish experts



# Crunching the numbers

## 2008 SEASON AVERAGES PER GAME

ND points scored	<div><div></div></div>	
PU points scored	<div><div></div></div>	33.3
ND points allowed	<div><div></div></div>	
PU points allowed	<div><div></div></div>	22.3
ND rush yards	<div><div></div></div>	
PU rush yards	<div><div></div></div>	233.3
ND rushing allowed	<div><div></div></div>	
PU rushing allowed	<div><div></div></div>	192.3
ND pass yards	<div><div></div></div>	
PU pass yards	<div><div></div></div>	251.3
ND passing allowed	<div><div></div></div>	
PU passing allowed	<div><div></div></div>	254.7

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*Where is your favorite place to eat off-campus?*  
I love McDonald's. Chicken nuggets, Double Cheeseburger... Dollar Menu.

*If we looked at your iPod, what's the most played song?*  
I listen to a lot of Young Jeezy's new album, Gucci Mane. I'm from the South so I pretty much, T.I., Jay-Z.

*What's the hardest class you've had at ND?*  
I gotta say philosophy with Ms. Jensen. Intro to Philosophy.

*Who's the toughest guy you've ever played against?*  
I went against Jake Long, but I would say the tackle from Boston College [Gosder Cherilus]. He was huge. Once he put his hands on me, I chopped his hands as hard as I could and they didn't move.

*What's your favorite TV show?*  
The guys and me have been hooked on "Heroes" lately. With the new series just starting to come out, so "Heroes" right now.

*If you had a super power, what would it be?*  
To be able to fly. I wouldn't have to sit in traffic or anything like that.

*Did you pick number 56 for a reason?*  
That was just the number they gave me. I had 12 in high school, so I was expecting to get 12 but Coach [Weis] don't play that. Coach do the number system like the NFL.

*Do you have a pre-game ritual?*  
Not really. I just put my headphones on and listen to my music. Just get in my own zone, my own little world.

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# Turkovich eases into left tackle position

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Managing Editor

So far this season, Notre Dame's offensive line has given up three sacks, which is as many as it surrendered in the first quarter of last season. On major part of that is the personnel changes made in the trenches, especially at left tackle.

Senior Mike Turkovich took over the duty of protecting quarterback Jimmy Clausen's blind side this season, replacing senior Paul Duncan.

Turkovich played all of last season, starting every game at left guard, before making the transition in the spring. He said the transition was a result of the rotation the offensive linemen did during training camp to find the best fit.

"In the spring, we were rotating guys around and [offensive line] coach [John Latina] said, 'Could you go in at left tackle today?' And I was working with [the backups] because I was getting back in the rotation [after] an injury," Turkovich said.

Turkovich said he felt comfortable with the switch to the outside of the line right away.

"I thought, 'Hey, this is your chance. Just play with reckless abandon.' You can't be thinking out there. Just do your job and do it fundamentally sound," he said.

Latina said that the transition from guard to tackle is a more difficult one than from tackle to guard because you are more isolated and facing a different kind of rusher. Playing in what the coach called "a phone book amount of space," a guard is generally matched up against a large defensive tackle. But an offensive tackle has to block speedier defensive ends and linebackers one-on-one.

One main reason Turkovich has been able to transition so easily is because he has played the position before. His first two years at Notre Dame were spent as a tackle before he moved inside last season. Turkovich said he made the switch to guard because Latina said it would be his best fit.

Turkovich also played tackle in high school, but started his football career as a tight end.

"In high school I was a tight end that ate himself into the tackle position," he said. "I weighed 215, 210 my junior year of high school, bulked up my senior year."

Turkovich also credited his teammates with easing his transition back to tackle, especially left guard Eric Olsen.

"When you play next to a guy like Eric [Olsen], he's a good player and he makes it easier on you. You know he's going to do his job," Turkovich said. "You can trust him. Same thing with

tight ends, you can trust them. It's made the transition easier."

This season, Turkovich has been a solid performer on the line, as evident by the fact that Clausen has yet to be hit from his blind side. And during last week's 23-7 loss to Michigan State when the line surrendered its only three sacks of the season, the Spartans blitzed when the Irish were in empty backfield formations, putting the offensive line at a disadvantage.

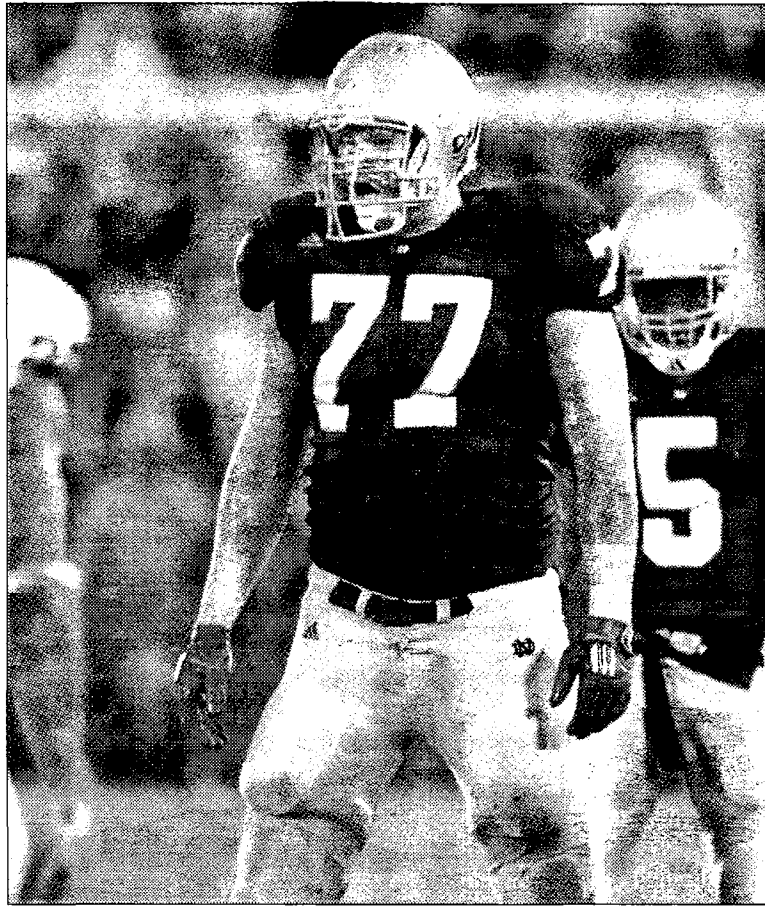
Turkovich said the offensive line is better than it was last season, but still has room for improvement — especially after netting only 16 yards rushing against the Spartans.

"We can get better as far as the run game and get better with our fundamentals," he said. "... Last game they were getting pressure and getting sacks and we can't win if that happens."

But even with the line's marked improvement this season, something Turkovich has been a major part of, he remains his own harshest critic.

"Even if I make a block on a play, I'll still [thinking] I could have done better," the senior said. "I think that I've done good things, but there's definitely room for improvement still."

Turkovich said the most important thing for him this year is to make sure he leaves Notre Dame on a high



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish tackle Mike Turkovich looks downfield during Notre Dame's 35-17 win over Michigan on Sept. 13.

note After last season's debacle for the linemen, he wants to make sure his last days in an Irish uniform are his best.

"[There was] definitely was a sense of urgency [this season]. I said to my family, 'This is my last year, I have

to make an impression. I have to go out there and play my hardest because if you don't go out there and you don't play, it's going to be the end of your career," he said.

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# Irish look to slow down Purdue RB Sheets



Purdue running back Kory Sheets attempts to outrun defenders during a Boilermakers game last season.

By DAN MURPHY  
Sports Editor

Last Saturday Purdue trailed Central Michigan 25-24 with just over a minute left of the clock. A loss would drop the Boilermakers to 1-2 with two consecutive losses.

That's when they handed the ball to Kory Sheets. Sheets broke through the line, juiced past a linebacker and ran the rest of the 46 yards to victory.

"He definitely has some moves. I think we all saw that last week," Irish defensive coordinator Corwin Brown said.

The juke, which was shown on virtually every sports highlight reel last weekend, left the Central Michigan linebacker scratching his head and looking for his jock strap.

"Kory has done a heck of a job being the full-time guy," Irish head coach Charlie Weiss said. "The guy's got good speed, he's got good quicks. He likes to run north and south, which is the sign of a good runner."

Sheets has rushed for 352 yards and six touchdowns in three games this season. He averages about 20 carries a game, but his biggest threat is the ability to change the game every time he touches the ball.

Two weeks ago against then-No. 17 Oregon, Sheets took the second play of the game 80 yards to put his team up 7-0 right out of the gates.

"If you give him a hole he can hit it and he can take it all the way," Brown said. "He's been around, he's not a rookie."

The fifth-year senior certainly isn't lacking in experience.

Sheets ranks in the top ten in Purdue's history in attempts, yards per rush, all-purpose yards and rushing yards. He is also tied for second all-time with 37 career touchdowns.

Even before getting to Purdue, Sheets was no stranger to the record books. He was named the Hartford Courant's Player of the Year in his final year at Bloomfield High School in Connecticut. He rushed for over 250 yards in a game four times his senior year including a 400-yard effort in three quarters of the state semifinal game.

Sheets red-shirted his freshman year, but since then he has played in every single game in the past four years for the Boilermakers.

Notre Dame has faced some impressive backs so far in 2008, but none have the experience that Sheets brings to the table.

"We're expecting to stop him as much as we can; he's a good athlete," senior defensive tackle Pat Kuntz said.

In its past two games Notre Dame has struggled stopping the run, giving up 131 yards to Michigan's Sam McGuffie and 201 yards to Michigan State's Javon Ringer. The defense believes that they know how to keep Sheets from running wild this Saturday.

"We just have to make tackles," defensive end Justin Brown said. "If we make tackles, sometimes they won't make those big plays."

Making sure tackles has been easier said than done for the Irish against premier backs. There were 16 missed tackles

against the Wolverines and 17 more last week in East Lansing. The team has spent a good deal of practice this week working on their technique.

"I think we just have to take what we've learned in the past two weeks and apply it on the field this time," said Irish safety and leading tackler Kyle McCarthy.

Kuntz said that the best way to avoid missed tackles is to get as many gold helmets to the ball as possible.

"Definitely wrapping up and gang tackling. It's going to take a lot of running to the football," he said.

Last year in Purdue's 33-19 win over Notre Dame in West Lafayette, Ind., the defense had some problems getting Sheets to the ground. He racked up 141 yards and a touchdown on his 27 carries.

Corwin Brown said Sheets is so dangerous because of the great balance that the Purdue offense shows. With fellow fifth-year senior Curtis Painter at quarterback, the Boilermakers are able to keep defenses guessing by spreading the ball around the field and then making sure Sheets gets the touches he needs.

"First and foremost in our defense we have to stop the run. That's what we prepare for every week," McCarthy said.

The Irish said they aren't out for revenge after giving up the 141 yards last season, but they could make a statement by playing a complete game on defense this week.

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