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Expectations lead to frustrating defeat

High confidence contributes to disappointment in four-overtime loss to Pittsburgh

By NORA KENNEY
News Writer

This week, many Irish fans entered the Notre Dame stadium feeling overconfident in anticipation of a game which ended in a loss that was grueling for both players and fans to endure. Part of this overconfidence was a result of Pittsburgh's loss to unrated Rutgers on Oct. 25, in which the Panthers lost 54-34 and were knocked off the polls from their previous position at seventeen.

The overconfident attitude wasn't just with the players, but the students also. "You are walking into the Stadium and you think we're going to

win because we haven't lost a game in our stadium yet [this year]," freshman Michelle Consiglio said.

"I thought we'd win, but we were insanely evenly matched which you could tell because of the four overtimes."

However, as the players left the field for halftime, the teams did not seem evenly matched at all, as seen in the Irish's 14-point lead.

"I felt pretty comfortable about it. It was pretty good I think. You know everyone is optimistic and had a lot of momentum going into the second half," senior Dan Fanuele said.

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Irish fans were disappointed by Saturday's loss to Pittsburgh, Notre Dame's first loss at home this season.

Producer, filmmaker speak on storytelling

By ROBERT SINGER
News Writer

During the "The Storytellers: Documenting Reality" presentation Friday night, Tom Bettag, Executive Producer of "Nightline," summed up what he believed to be the task facing journalists working in a society saturated by information.

"It's about people trying to help people dig out of an avalanche of information to find the path to understanding and even to caring," he said.

In an age when the global economy is becoming ever more complex and news is easily available, Bettag argues that "we're less and less inclined to care" about the issues affecting our world.

Globalization, international politics and environmental change are not easy subjects to understand, he said.

News has become "stacked in so high, so indiscriminately that we have diminishing returns," he said.

The more information we take in, the less we understand its significance, and the less we are motivated to become caring citizens, he said.

Contributing to the lack of understanding and the apathy that results, said Bettag, is a belief in "truthiness." Rather than attempting to grasp an

Modified pep rally format debuts



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Jon Bon Jovi, second from left, made a surprise visit at Friday's pep rally, which underwent changes after student complaints.

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Students that attended the pep rally Friday at the Joyce Athletic Convocation Center (JACC) might have sensed some changes in the rally. These changes are part of a new format for the pep rallies that will allow for greater unity between the team and the students. The changes are partly in response to Sorin College boycotting the Oct. 3 rally and the subsequent student reactions.

"Ideas for change have been on the table for a few years now, we've just never had a group that was proactive enough to make it happen," Hall

President's Athletic Co-Chair Laura Burdick said. "The dissatisfaction of the students just kept getting greater and greater and we didn't want to see that. The football team started to notice and we got on it and got the ball rolling."

While many in the Notre Dame community expressed disbelief at men of Sorin's actions, Burdick said that she was not surprised by the actions of the Otters.

"The Sorin boycott wasn't a shock," Burdick said. "People have been feeling that way for a while but have continued coming to the rallies. That was just the first time the dissatisfaction was

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Right to Life Week begins at College

Abortion issues in election increase relevance of annual event

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

With abortion as a hot button issue in the upcoming election, Saint Mary's Right to Life Week comes at an opportune time.

President of Saint Mary's College Right to Life club, senior Meg Ryan, has many events planned for the week. The RTL meets every Sunday in Reignbeaux Lounge in Le Mans at 7:30 as an active group of women who believe in supporting life in all of its stages from conception to death, she said.

"RTL has about 35-40

active women this year," said Ryan, "The most we've had in 4 years. It's been an incredible year. Everyone is so passionate about what we stand for."

The overall theme of this year's RTL week is celebrating life as a reminder of beauty in all dorms, she said.

"Tuesday night we will have a candle lit prayer vigil on the library green at 8 p.m. in memory of the many lives lost to abortion; all are welcome. On Wednesday night we will have a Celebration of Life party in Reignbeaux Lounge at 7 with cake and balloons, and then 9 mass in Le Mans chapel

following our celebration. Mass will be in honor of life," Ryan said.

One of the highlights of Right to Life week is the panel discussion that will be held on Thursday. The panel, entitled "Issues of Abortion," is a first time event on Saint Mary's campus, according to a College press release.

Speakers will include, Dr. Thomas Akre, an orthopedic surgeon from Mishawaka; Professor Kevin McDonnell, philosophy of law professor at Saint Mary's; Fr. Bob Roggenbuck, a priest from Michigan; and key note

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Web site markets to ND students

By ELLYN MICHALAK
News Writer

University of Pennsylvania sophomore, Jay Rodrigues selected Notre Dame as one of several schools nationwide to market his new college exclusive social networking Web site, Dormnoise.com.

Rodrigues, the Web site's creator, selected schools of different size and location across the nation to promote his new college exclusive Web site. Notre Dame Dormnoise.com representative and high school friend of

Rodrigues, junior Tim Durigan, will be handing out T-shirts to advertise the new Web site Wednesday afternoon outside of South Dining Hall.

"Dormnoise.com will allow Notre Dame students to know what's going on any day of the week without the hassle of future employers being able to see aspects of their private college life posted on the Internet," Durigan said. "It will let students connect with each other on campus in a college exclusive environ-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Negative ads

With the election only one day away, my father, who is running for the House of Representatives in Staten Island and Brooklyn, is holding a solid lead in the polls. Although he would never say that he is a sho-in, the early numbers do suggest that he will win.

Over fall break, while sitting at my kitchen table, my dad came home with some of the literature his consulting group had prepared. While all of his previous campaign pieces had focused on his accomplishment in the New York City Council, which he's been a member of since 2001, these new pieces were negative attack ads.

As soon as I picked up the print outs, my dad just shook his head, displaying his obvious disappointment with the pieces.

His opponent Bob Straniere, a former New York assemblyman who was ousted in a primary by his own Republican party in 2004, is a man that has been described as a "schlub" by Esquire magazine. According to the attack literature, he had sponsored only one bill which renamed a highway in his numerous years in the assembly, in addition to mentioning his shady business dealings and connections to high-powered lobbyists.

"You're not actually going to use these are you?" I asked him.

"Is that even a question?" he immediately responded.

In the four elections that he has run since 2001, my father has never gone negative, despite the actions of his opponents. This race — the biggest race of his life — wasn't going to be any different.

The problem with negative ads is they don't encourage voters to support you because of your ideas, because of your experience and because of your leadership skills. Negative ads encourage the people to vote against your opponent out of fear.

Since I started writing this article about 10 minutes ago, I have seen about five political ads, all of which have been negative. John McCain warns against voting for Barack Obama because he will "redistribute your wealth," while Obama's campaign paints McCain as four more years of George W. Bush.

Both of these ads do not make any mention of the laurels of the candidates which they are trying to support, and instead only attack the other candidate. The ads are vicious, but they tap into people's greatest motivator — fear. It's easy to say I won't vote for Obama because he'll redistribute your wealth, and it's even easier to say that you won't vote for McCain because he'll be another four years of Bush.







People should not be voting out of fear of one candidate, they should be voting because they actually like what their candidate brings to the table. That's why I'm proud of my father — he has never gone negative, because he wants people to vote for him, not against Bob Straniere. After all, that would be just too easy.

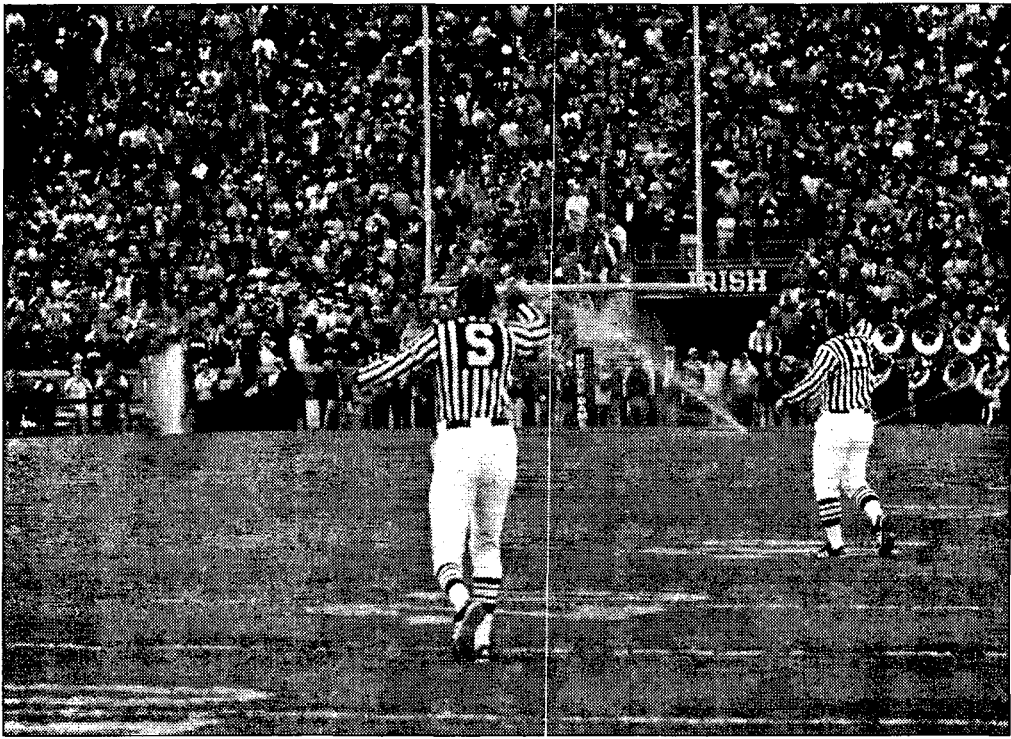
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT FOUR OVERTIMES?

					
Richie Blomstron	Isaac Godfrey	Chris Wynkoop	Robin Yim	Joe McBrayer	Courtney Piehl
junior Fisher	senior Morrissey	sophomore Fisher	senior Duncan	senior Morrissey	freshman Pangborn
"Historic..."	"Not as cool as seven."	"Make's the game exciting... maybe too exciting."	"That was four overtimes?"	"I wouldn't care if we had won."	"It was overkill."



Referees whistle and signal for the sprinklers to be turned off after they unexpectedly turned on during Saturday's game against Pittsburgh.

HY PHAM/The Observer

OFFBEAT

Police pick up streakers wearing pumpkin heads

BOULDER, Colo. — Boulder police have ticketed about a dozen people running naked on the street while sporting freshly gutted pumpkins on their heads as part of an annual Halloween event.

The citations for indecent exposure Friday night came as dozens of other costumed revelers, including a man with a red cape and a sword, chanted to police officers to let go of the streakers and "find real criminals."

The event known in Boulder as the Naked

Pumpkin Run has been held for 10 years. This year it drew a huge crowd, prompting concern from police.

Boulder police Chief Mark Beckner says officers "wanted to do something before (the event) got out of hand."

NYC couple travels around the world to vote

NEW YORK — A New York City couple has traveled halfway around the world in the name of civic duty.

Susan Scott-Ker and her husband arrived in New York on Wednesday after flying 9,300 miles to vote in

Tuesday's presidential election.

They have been working India but decided to return to New York when their absentee ballots failed to arrive. Their trip began in Bangalore with stopovers in New Delhi and Chicago.

It will be their first time voting in a presidential election. The New Zealand-born Scott-Ker and her Morocco-born husband became American citizens a year ago.

They estimate the trip will cost \$5,000.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The lecture entitled "Colored Men & Hombres Aqui: Hernandez v. Texas and the Emergence of Mexican American Lawyering" will be held Today at 4 p.m. in 208 McKenna Hall. Michael A. Olivas, William B. Bates Distinguished Chair in Law and Director, Institute for Higher Education Law and Governance, University of Houston Law Center will discuss the litigation history of Hernandez v. Texas.

Saint Mary's College Right to Life will sponsor Right to Life Week. It includes a candle lit prayer vigil on the Library Green at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, a Celebration of Life party in Reignbeaux Lounge in LeMans Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, and a panel discussion from 6 to 7 p.m. in Haggard College on Thursday.

A colloquium entitled "What the most metal-poor stars tell us about the early Universe" will be held Wednesday from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Dr. Anna Frebel, of the McDonald Observatory, University of Texas at Austin will present in 118 Nieuwland Science. The event is sponsored by the Department of Physics

Downtown Lunch & Learn/Eco Film Series: "Six Degrees Could Change the World" will be held at the Crossroads Gallery (Notre Dame Downtown, 217 S. Michigan Street, South Bend) on Thursday at 12:05 p.m.. The event is for a free environmental film series

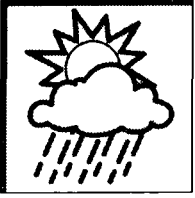

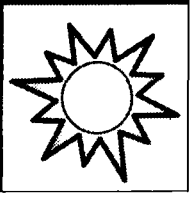



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	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 72 LOW 50	HIGH 50 LOW 48	HIGH 69 LOW 46	HIGH 68 LOW 47	HIGH 69 LOW 46	HIGH 50 LOW 35

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put into a student publication."

After the Sorin boycott on Oct. 3, many students voiced their concerns over the lack of connection between the football team and the students. Several students said that they were frustrated at having to be at the JACC for over an hour before the team arrived. In response, the arrival time of the students was modified.

"The biggest change is the amount of time the students are asked to be in the JACC," Burdick said. "Students aren't asked to get there as early as 5:15. Instead they are filtering in between 6:00 and 6:15 and will be followed very shortly by the football players."

At Friday's rally, students did not start entering the JACC until around 6:00 and the team had arrived by 6:30. By the time they had all taken their places, the building was almost booked to capacity.

The seating arrangements were also adjusted so that students could physically be closer to the football team. At Friday's rally, there were specially roped off sections on the floor for Notre Dame students, only a few feet away from where the football team sat.

"The students are going to be up much closer to the team so they feel like they are almost on the floor with them," Burdick stated.

Burdick said that much thought and consideration was put into getting the students fired up and keeping the energy going.

"We won't ask students to be wild and crazy, now quiet down, ok now be wild and crazy again," Burdick said. "Energy just doesn't work that way."

Before the students entered the JACC at the Oct. 31 rally, Chuck Lennon emphasized the importance of energy and the significance of the crowd's enthusiasm for not only the team but the students as well.

"This is a Notre Dame pep rally," Lennon said. "Not a

library, but a Notre Dame pep rally. I want you all on your feet and cheering for this team and for the students."

When Notre Dame Coach Charlie Weis got up to the podium he thanked the students and addressed them personally.

"We appreciate the great turnout and we want to see if we can make a lot of crowd noise in here," Weis said.

A lot of crowd noise was not a problem after Coach Weis introduced a surprise guest for the evening.

"We needed to add a little more pep to this pep rally so we incorporated a rock star from New Jersey," Weis said before introducing rock legend Jon Bon Jovi.

The screams of the students and the fans as Bon Jovi walked into the JACC with his two sons were deafening.

The band played "Living on a Prayer" over the screams of the students and the others gathered in the JACC. However, Coach Weis was not satisfied with just one rendition.

"I've seen Bon Jovi in con-



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Students dressed in halloween costumes for Friday's pep rally. The rally featured a costume contest between host dorms.

cert," Weis said, "and he doesn't quit after one song." This prompted the band to play two more Bon Jovi hits.

After the din died down slightly, fullback Asaph Schwapp, offensive tackle Sam Young, and linebacker Scott Smith spoke and then the team judged a costume contest put on by the students.

In his closing remarks, Coach Weis stressed the importance of the relationship between the students and the football team.

"There is no 'us' and 'them'," Weis said. "We, as a team, feel like we're part of the student body."

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Noise

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ment."

Rodrigues came up with the idea for DormNoise.com at the end of his high school career after one of his former teachers sent him a friend request on Facebook.

"Basically what happened was the year was wrapping up and I was getting excited to go to college. Two things started happening: I started getting friend requests from both teachers and freshmen that I used to mentor in my peer groups," Rodrigues said. "Now I was getting to start this new phase of my life, and these were people that I had a connection with, but I wasn't sure how much of my college life I wanted them to have access to."

Rodrigues immediately began brainstorming ideas for a college exclusive Web site. The summer before his freshman year of college, Rodrigues contacted several individual investors to help fund his Web site. With the money he raised, Rodrigues contacted Mediabarn, a software development firm, and began to develop the site.

DormNoise.com launched on Aug. 18 and is a new free, social Web site, exclusive to undergraduate college students between the ages of 17-24. He chose the name 'DormNoise' that stayed true to the college theme of the Web site.

"The name comes from the idea that whenever you walk into your dorm, either 8 a.m. or late at night, there's always noise. I really wanted to pick a name that stayed true to our college feel. Even in my dorm at any time of day or any time of night you always hear the drone of people talking, studying, doing their homework," Rodrigues said.

The Web site shares many aspects with Facebook, but allows college students to keep certain aspects of their

university lives exclusive. The core foundation that DormNoise is built on is the idea of event planning and bringing together student groups on a college campus. With calendars embedded in every group, students are able to see events in an organized and consolidated manner and personalize their own event calendars. They even receive e-mails when groups they are involved in add events to their group calendars. Since its launch, the Web site has acquired 2,700 active members.

"The point of DormNoise is in no way trying to take over or replace Facebook," Rodrigues said. "I am on the front line of Facebook, I love Facebook, and the whole point is for DormNoise.com to be used with Facebook. Facebook has 100 million users and consequently is not able to cater directly to the needs of college students. Basically the whole goal of DormNoise is to combine basic social tools with features customized to meet the needs of college students."

DormNoise offers several features that are similar to Facebook. The Web site allows users to share photos, write on other members' whiteboards, join groups, and chat via AOL Instant Messenger. As mentioned earlier, an innovative feature of the website is the calendar system, which includes a campus events calendar for each college/university across the country.

"The calendar system allows you to easily manage your personal and student group events, as well as all campus events. The system allows users to select events

they are interested in and then consolidates all of the information onto one simple calendar. With one click, it's all there, organized, concise, and uncluttered," Rodrigues said.

The Notre Dame network on Dormnoise.com currently has only 21 active members. The Web site's goal is to acquire as many possible members on each campus in order to make the calendar function's impact worthwhile.

"The site is about communicating in a secure environment but at the core DormNoise is really about student groups and event planning," he added.

Currently, the Web site offers a chance to win an all expense paid spring break trip to Cancun, Mexico as an incentive for users who signed up before Nov. 1. The winner will be chosen on Dec. 15.

"That's my favorite thing we're doing because that was something I was really adamant about and it is something I negotiated for," Rodrigues said. "When you work with investors they want to know where the money is going. I put money aside and I said 'when we launch this thing I want to do something special for the people who are signing up.' I wanted to do it because I think it's a really cool way to give back to users and Web sites don't do really do that. Hopefully it can differentiate us."

Rodrigues said he hopes that the spring break trip will inspire more college students to use his new Web site.

"It is a great tool and it is something that belongs out there. Once people go on and give it a chance they'll love it. If they're skeptical, it only takes a few minutes to sign up and they get an entry into winning a free spring break trip," he said.

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Unfortunately, the optimism and momentum in the student section was tainted when Pittsburgh scored a touchdown early in the second half, and continued to diminish, despite Clausen's 6-yard touchdown pass to sophomore Golden Tate in the fourth quarter and senior David Bruton's interception.

Senior Jeston Greenwood described "A growing sense of collective despair" amongst the students as the regulation game ended in a tie.

Throughout the four overtimes, the Notre Dame defense was able to prevent the Panthers from scoring any touchdowns.

The players did not leave the field without putting their arms around each other and singing the alma mater with the fans. For some freshman, however, this attitude was not completely expected, and came as a pleasant surprise.

"It was really neat that

the entire crowd stayed and that we rallied," Consiglio said.

In fact, students said they maintained a sense of optimism for next year's season as well, despite the loss.

Students are still optimistic about future seasons despite the loss. "Next year and the year after will be ridiculous, so this loss...I mean it's all right because we can still make a bowl game. We have a lot to look forward to," sophomore Justin Siler said.

Much of the post-game discussion focused on Brandon Walker, who was put under immense pressure when the Notre Dame offense was unable to score touchdowns during any of the four overtimes. Although his last field goal attempt was unsuccessful, many students felt proud of his efforts, and confident in his future on the team.

Freshman Javier Galán said, "He did a great job considering he made four field goals."

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Remember to bring
your government-
issued ID to vote
Nov. 4.
On-campus voting
takes place at
Legends.

Bettag

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issue's full complexity, people essentialize it, conveying what they feel to be true instead of an objective consideration of hard data, he said.

According to Bettag, Oliver Stone's latest movie "W" is an example of this kind of approach. Stone documented his perception of the Bush presidency, rather than analyzing it thoroughly for substantive meaning, he said.

However, this trend toward "truthiness" can be reversed, according to Bettag, if stories are told properly.

"Tonight is about the power of stories to make us care, to give life a deeper meaning," he said.

While not compromising the complexity of topics like international economics, a focus on the experiences of people can make journalism interesting as well as informative, he said.

To illustrate his point, Bettag played several clips from "The People's Republic of Capitalism," a program that airs on Discovery Channel, which he helps produce with Ted Koppel.

The clips gave a portrayal of how the lives of ordinary people affect one another across international boundaries — Mexican migrant workers, Chinese children, and unemployed Americans cause changes in each other's lives, even if they are unaware of it.

The film showed interviews with Americans and Chinese struggling to adapt to changing

economies as well as with their more fortunate counterparts, the variety of circumstances that people face under a global system that allows business' demand for labor to find its cheapest supply. Being able to relate to these experiences gives people the motivation to care about the effects of economic policy, said Bettag.

"Why didn't people care about the subprime mortgage mess?" Bettag asked. "It's boring. But with storytelling it's possible to make it interesting and significant."

Film producer Gita Pullapilly also presented some work from her new documentary, "The Way We Get By." She described the film as "a story that's defined by making you feel like you care about a subject."

The film follows a group of senior citizens in Maine who use hugs and handshakes to show their support to American troops fighting in the Iraq War. According to the film's Web site, it "is a raw and intimate look at three of these troop greeters as they confront their own health problems, depression, financial debt, and the loss of meaning in their lives."

Bettag emphasized that journalists and filmmakers should not compromise depth but embrace it while engaging their audiences through real human experiences.

"Gita and I believe that it's possible to be better than essentialists," he said. "Facts are important and we should strive to be documentarians."

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Life

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speaker, Rebecca Kiessling, an international pro-life and adoption speaker and pro-life family attorney. It will be held in Welsh Parlour of Haggard College Center according to a College press release.

Ryan said she is especially excited for Kiessling to talk.

"She was conceived in rape and comes to SMC to tell her story and testify to the evils of abortion. This panel will be a chance for students and members of the South Bend Community to discuss and ask questions about the issues of abortion in America today."

Kiessling's story, as described on her Web site, starts when she discovered that she was conceived in a rape at knife-point. When she found her birth-mother she learned that she was almost aborted twice but her birth-mother backed out of

both, mainly due to the fact that abortion was illegal at the time.

Her Web site also features some of her poetry and several essays on pro-life topics and "other conceived in rape stories."

The other panelists will be covering different aspects of the abortion issue, according to the College press release. Akre will discuss the "medical/psychological issues of abortion," McDonnell's talk will center on "the political/judicial issues of abortion," and Roggenbuck "will talk about Christian/Catholic views."

From Sunday to Sunday, there will be white crosses on the library green representing lives lost due, not only to abortion, but also to other issues of life as well such as genocide, euthanasia, and the death penalty, Ryan said.

"Life is sacred and it is our duty to protect all life at all stages", said Ryan, "These crosses serve as a visual reminder for those on cam-

pus so as not to forget the innocent lives lost and how precious life truly is."

Many other clubs are joining in the Celebration of Life party on Wednesday night, she said. The Daughters of Isabella, African Faith and Justice, the College Republicans and College Democrats will be joining the festive event, Ryan said.

"We hope to reach out to those women who are considering abortion as well as those women who have had an abortion and are now suffering from the post-abortion issues," Ryan said in a College press release. "As an all women's campus, the Right to Life organization opens its arms in support of women dealing with unplanned pregnancies or abortion. We want to create a system of support. The issues of abortion are extremely relevant and crucial to discuss on our campus."

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ELECTION 2008

Biden: Divisive politics must come to an end

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Democratic vice presidential candidate Joe Biden made fun of a small group of protesters Sunday, then told supporters that the raucous Republicans are the same people they need to embrace once the election is over.

About two dozen supporters of Republican John McCain waited loudly outside an event next to Florida State University's football stadium, causing Biden to stop and say, "I thought it was a siren, it's just a whine."

Acknowledging the group, Biden said he would speak louder so they can hear.

"The economic policies of the last eight years are the cause of the economic crisis we find ourselves in now," Biden said, his voice rising. "John — as my mother would say, God love him — continues to cling, cling to those same economic policies."

The event began a three-city swing through Florida, a must-win state for McCain. Democrat Barack Obama has erased the lead McCain had in the polls for much of the year, with most polls now showing a statistical tie. Obama has pumped a lot of money and staff into Florida, which has only supported one Democratic presidential candidate since Jimmy Carter in 1976, that being Bill Clinton in 1996.

More than 4.2 million votes have already been cast in Florida, with Democrats casting about 330,000 more early and absentee votes than Republicans through Saturday, according to figures compiled by the state Democratic Party.

While Biden made several references to the protesters as he criticized McCain, President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney, he told the crowd of about 1,000 that they need to unite with Republicans.

"We can't moan about the politics of division unless after this election's over, God willing we win, we reach out to the very people out in the outer parking. I mean literally, not a joke," Biden said. "I know you find some of that obnoxious, but ... we've got to end this. Somebody's got to be big enough to stand up and end it."

At the University of Florida in Gainesville later Sunday, Biden pointed out quieter protesters, particularly one waving a large flag with the Republican emblem.

"I also salute our Republican colleagues carrying that elephant out there," Biden said after thanking Florida Democratic Party leaders. As the crowd booed, Biden quieted them. "No, no! That's good, folks. Hey! Hey! Hey no! No, no. It's a good thing, man, it's a good thing."



Coffee at the Como

For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Questioning Students at Notre Dame

Tuesday, November 4
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
316 Coleman Morse

The Core Council invites gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning members of the Notre Dame family, along with their friends and allies, to an informal gathering at the Co-Mo.

Everyone is Welcome and Confidentiality is Assured

Coffee and Refreshments Will Be Served

Remember to vote Nov. 4, and
check out The Observer
for extensive post-election
coverage Nov. 5.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Gunmen kill Mexican police in attacks

TOLUCA, Mexico — Eleven policemen have been shot to death near Mexico City in a three-day string of drug-gang attacks, prosecutors said Sunday.

Mexico State prosecutor Alberto Bazbaz said 10 suspects believed linked to drug gangs have been arrested in the killings, which mainly occurred on highways and at police checkpoints in the state that loops around Mexico's capital. Some of the suspects were carrying rifles and grenades at the time of their arrest.

Bazbaz said that many of the suspects were from the neighboring state of Michoacan, a hotbed of drug violence dominated by a drug gang known as "The Family."

But he said evidence indicates that low-level traffickers and criminals, rather than organized cartel hit squads, were responsible for the attacks.

It was not clear if the killings were part of a coordinated plan.

Israeli official fears assassination plot

JERUSALEM — The head of Israel's internal security service said Sunday he is "very concerned" that Jewish extremists could assassinate an Israeli leader in an attempt to foil peace moves with the Palestinians.

There has been a recent increase in violence by hardline Jewish settlers in the West Bank, and this week, Israel marks the 13th anniversary of the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by an Israeli opponent of his negotiations.

"Just ahead of the anniversary of Rabin's murder, the Shin Bet sees in the group we're talking about on the extreme right a willingness to use firearms in order to halt diplomatic processes and harm political leaders," Shin Bet chief Yuval Diskin said. "The Shin Bet is very concerned about this."

NATIONAL NEWS

Marathoners honor ND alum Shay

NEW YORK — If Sean McManus could make it to the rock in Central Park where his friend Ryan Shay died last year, he knew he could finish the New York City Marathon.

"It was a little bit emotional," said McManus, one of 15 of Shay's Notre Dame teammates who ran Sunday's marathon in his memory. "I thought, if I can get to that spot it'll give me a boost in the last two miles."

A year ago, Shay collapsed 5 1/2 miles into the U.S. men's marathon Olympic trials, which were held in conjunction with the marathon. The 28-year-old was found to have had an irregular heartbeat because of an enlarged heart.

On Sunday, about 35 people ran the 26.2 miles in honor of Shay.

Mother abandons teenager at hospital

CHICAGO — Mourners in Jennifer Hudson's childhood church Sunday listened as the second-grade teacher of the entertainer's slain nephew read aloud from journals written by his classmates — including one who lamented that Julian King didn't live long enough to become president.

With three of Julian's classmates standing by her side, Carmen Williams of Gunsaulus Scholastic Academy remembered the 7-year-old as a smart boy who liked to tell knock-knock jokes.

LOCAL NEWS

Indianapolis to layoff 400 teachers

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's largest school district is poised to close six more schools and lay off as many as 400 teachers in a shake-up that would send thousands of students to different schools.

Indianapolis Public Schools Superintendent Eugene White said he also expects deep cuts in the district's central office.

"It's never easy to close schools, but our financial situation demands we make tough decisions," he said Friday. "We are determined to be good stewards of the public tax dollars."

IRAQ

Iraq wants security deal after U.S. vote

Prime Minister's aide indicates that security pact requires response after election

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq expects an American response to requested changes in a draft security pact soon after this week's U.S. presidential election, an aide to the prime minister said Sunday.

Another Iraqi official said the U.S. indicated it would accept all the proposed changes except one — greater Iraqi legal control over American soldiers and contractors.

Yassin Majeed said the U.S. response would come after Tuesday's vote so the president-elect — either Barack Obama or John McCain — could be briefed on the Iraqi proposals, which were submitted by Iraq's Cabinet last week.

Iraqi lawmakers say the changes are essential in order to win parliamentary approval for the deal, which would keep American troops in this country until 2012 and give the Iraqis a greater role in the conduct of U.S. military operations.

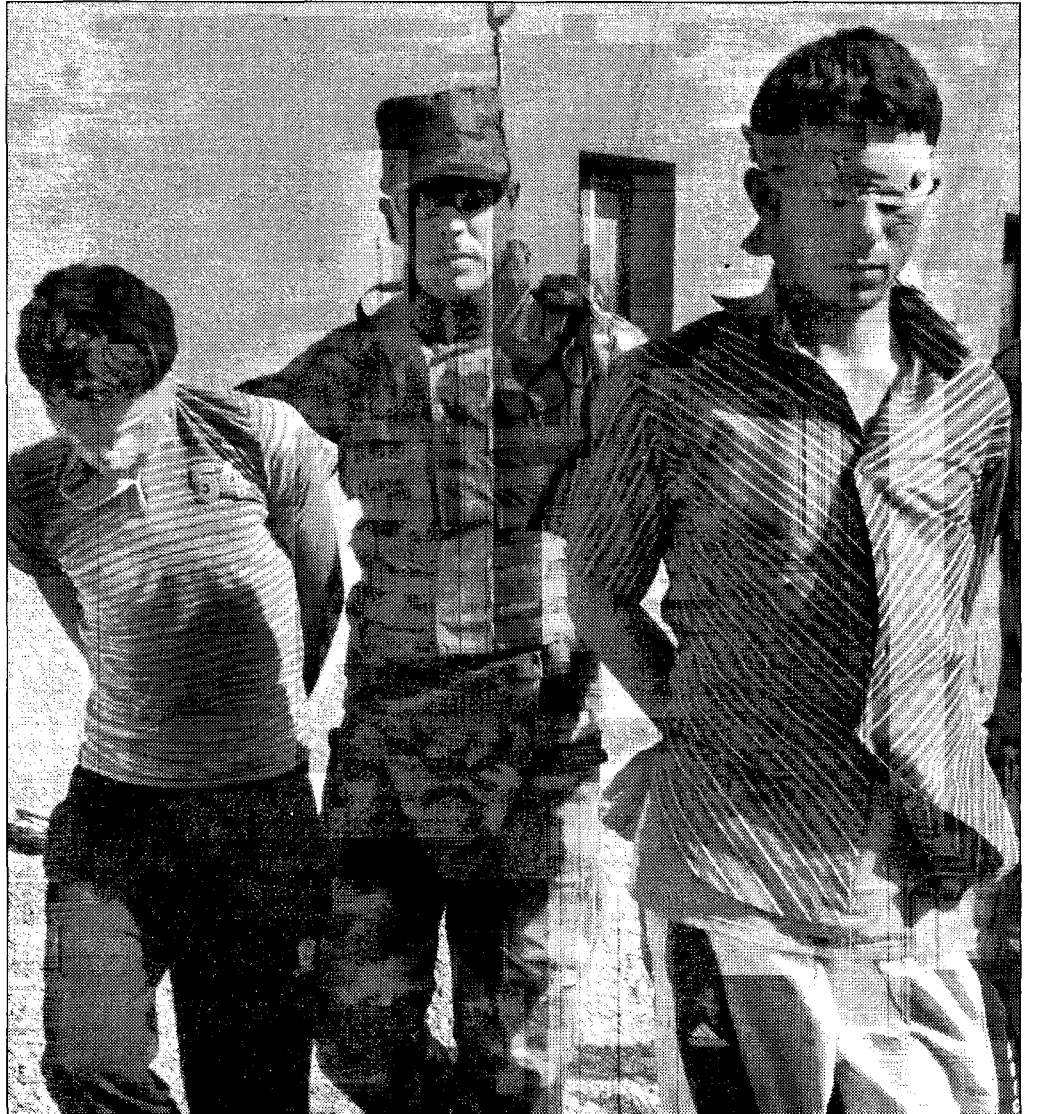
Parliament must approve the agreement before the year-end expiration of the U.N. mandate that allows coalition forces to operate here legally.

Without an agreement or a new U.N. mandate, the U.S. military would have to suspend its mission, and the U.S. military's future in Iraq would be up to the man who takes office in January.

McCain supported the 2003 invasion of Iraq and the troop surge which helped turn the tide.

Obama opposed the invasion and said negotiations on a security agreement should be conducted as part of a "broader commitment" to begin withdrawing the troops. Obama's campaign Web site says the Democratic candidate believes the agreement also should be approved by Congress.

Among other things, the Iraqis are now asking for a ban on using their territory to attack neighboring countries, removal of language that



An Iraqi soldier leads two blindfolded men in the Mansour neighborhood of western Baghdad Sunday. Iraqi officials said they expect a response to a security pact draft after the election.

might allow the U.S. to stay here past 2011 and changes in a clause providing limited Iraqi jurisdiction over U.S. troops.

The current draft provides for limited Iraqi jurisdiction for major crimes committed off post and off duty.

The Iraqis want a joint U.S.-Iraqi committee to decide whether accused soldiers were off duty or on authorized missions.

Another aide to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said he met with U.S. officials Saturday and was told that Washington was prepared to accept all those changes except the one involving jurisdiction.

The official said he urged the Americans to compromise on the jurisdiction request.

U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Susan Ziadeh said the U.S. was "still in the process of considering carefully the Cabinet revisions" and would respond soon. U.S. officials in Washington have described the jurisdiction demand as a non-negotiable "red line."

Iraqi President Jalal Talabani said there was "no Iraqi consensus" in support of the agreement, but he expected one to emerge in the coming weeks.

"If the American side agrees to our amendments to the pact, it will be a good pact and we can be proud of it," he

said in an interview aired Sunday night by government television.

Privately, many Iraqi officials say they need U.S. troops to guarantee the security gains of the past two years until Iraq's army and police are ready to do the job. Publicly, however, many lawmakers have been reluctant to declare a position on the agreement, fearing a backlash from Iraqis who want foreign forces to leave.

Iraqi authorities are feeling more confident since a sharp drop in violence in the country after the Sunni revolt against al-Qaida and the routing of Shiite militias in Baghdad and southern Iraq last spring.

FEMA official: Ike response slow

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A top official of the Federal Emergency Management Agency admits that the agency was sluggish in its response to Texans affected by Hurricane Ike's devastation, according to a published report.

Deputy FEMA Administrator Harvey E. Johnson Jr. said he intends to improve the help that the agency provides to Texans whose home were damaged or destroyed by the September hurricane. He said FEMA will deploy mobile homes to the hardest-hit areas more rapidly, review rules that might be causing premature denials of assistance and provide more

resources to Texas.

He said Friday he has put more personnel into Texas housing assistance programs. He invited energy company officials into FEMA's Texas field offices to help provide electric power to mobile homes housing storm victims, and he has started a review of procedures that result in relatively few families being approved for assistance when they first apply.

Ike came ashore near Galveston on Sept. 13, causing at least \$11 billion in damage to Texas.

Johnson met this past week with local officials in Galveston, the Beaumont-Port Arthur area and Houston.

"I think that I agree with the elected officials I met with," Johnson told the Houston Chronicle. "They all have called and expressed the concern that FEMA is moving too slowly. Within FEMA, there is a renewed sense of energy to redouble or triple our efforts, that we need to box some ears."

Officials in Beaumont, Port Arthur and Orange say they need thousands of temporary homes, particularly for refinery and chemical plant workers who toil in industries crucial to the local economy.

Johnson said FEMA's assessment shows that 2,800 to 5,100 mobile homes are needed in Texas.

ELECTION 2008

Third party candidates unlikely to affect vote

Associated Press

HARLOTTE, N.C. — It's lunchtime, and Mary Goode is leaning toward voting for Republican John McCain. By dinner, she admits she might be for Democrat Barack Obama.

But there's no chance that on Election Day she will be for any candidate from a third party.

"This election is too important," said Goode, a 43-year-old accountant from Charlotte. "That would just be like throwing my vote away. I'm not going to do that."

Without billionaire H. Ross Perot and his flip charts, Bill Clinton might not have won the White House in 1992. If Ralph Nader hadn't won 32,000 votes in Florida, Al Gore might have moved into the Oval Office in 2000.

But this year, neither Nader, former GOP Rep. Bob Barr — running as a Libertarian — or any of the other small-party candidates who have qualified for the ballot in some states appears likely to play the role of spoiler.

"In some sense, there are some purists who say you have to vote for what's right. You just can't vote for the lesser of two evils," said Dennis Goldford, a political science professor at Drake University in Iowa.

"But with the economy in the situation it's in, I don't think people feel like they have the luxury of just shopping around. They're saying: 'Somebody has to fix this in a hurry and you know it's not going to be one of these third-party guys.'"

There is a long history of third-party candidates in presidential politics, but few that could be called a success. Among those that connected with voters are two relics of racial politics: Strom Thurmond won 39 electoral votes in 1948 on the States' Rights Democrats ticket and Alabama Gov. George Wallace's 1968 bid on the American Independent ticket captured 46 electoral votes.

"Since 1832 — the birth of

the modern Democratic Party — only 13 times has a third-party candidate actually pulled better than 5 percent of the vote," Goldford said. "So as much as people complain about the two major parties, people tend to vote overwhelmingly for them."

Third-party candidates can affect the outcome.

While he did not win any electoral votes in 1992, Perot won 19 percent of the popular vote and helped push Clinton into office. Nader did not come close to Perot's level of support in 2000, but because it came disproportionately from voters who were otherwise likely to vote for Gore, it was enough to swing the outcome of a tight race to George W. Bush.

"It would have made a difference in Florida and New Hampshire," said Charles Prysby, a political science professor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. "If Nader had not been on the ballot anywhere, his 2.7 percent — a lion's share would have gone to Gore. And that would have put him over the top in those two states."

So is there any chance of that this year? Probably not.

Barr is on the ballot in the six states that are viewed as tossups heading into Election Day: North Carolina, Florida, Indiana, Missouri, Nevada and Ohio, worth a total of 89 electoral votes. Nader is on the ballot in four of them, and is eligible as a write-in candidate in North Carolina and Indiana.

But neither registers any significant support in recent polls conducted in those states. And unlike past third-party candidates who did well at the ballot box, neither Barr nor Nader are charismatic campaigners focused on a single issue.

"Do they represent a particular section of the country at this point? No. Have they managed to capture great popular discontent on a particular issue. No," Goldford said. "There's nothing particular that Barr or Nader is saying that resonates with these folks."

ELECTION 2008

Palin makes final push in Ohio



Vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin campaigned in Ohio at the Canton Memorial Field House Sunday.

Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin focused on tax and leadership issues Sunday as she opened two days of campaigning in this must-win swing state.

Palin told a crowd of more than 3,000 at a field house that she and Republican presidential candidate John McCain are committed to cutting taxes and limiting the size of government. She said Democratic candidate Barack Obama favors bigger government and that he has lowered the income threshold for those considered middle class and deserving of a tax cut from \$250,000 to \$120,000.

His votes for higher taxes, she said, show "he chose the side of bigger government and taking more from you."

At the same time, Obama

has proposed \$1 trillion in additional federal spending without specifying where the money would come from, Palin said.

"You could either do the math or just go with your gut," said Palin, standing in front of a huge U.S. flag and a blue and white "Country First" banner. "Either way, you can draw the same conclusion: Barack Obama, based on his record, is for bigger government and raising taxes."

Obama's tax plan calls for no tax increases on working families making less than \$250,000 a year or individuals making less than \$200,000 annually. He also has promised to cut taxes for the middle class.

Palin hammered home the same point during a later stop in the small southeast Ohio town of Marietta.

"The choice could not be

clearer. Our country faces tough times," Palin told the audience at Marietta College. "Now is the worst possible time to consider raising taxes on our residents and our businesses."

Palin said McCain, a former Navy pilot and prisoner of war, has the experience to handle tough situations.

"He knows how tough challenges are overcome," she said.

Similar remarks at a later stop drew raucous chants of "USA, USA, USA" inside an airplane hangar at Rickenbacker International Airport in Columbus. Palin said the country needs a leader who won't retreat from Iraq.

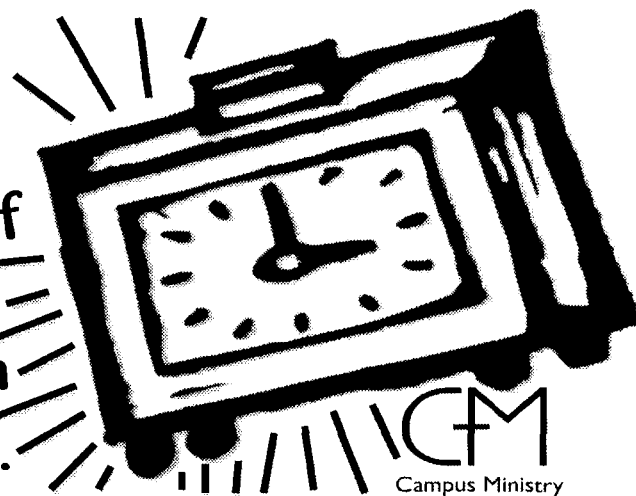
"We need someone who isn't afraid to use the word 'victory,'" she said. Democrats "can fill a stadium, but they cannot keep our country safe."

ELECTION 2008



Both presidential contenders attended the Alfred E. Smith Foundation Dinner in New York, Thursday, Oct. 16. From left is Republican candidate John McCain, New York Cardinal Edward Egan, and Democratic candidate Barack Obama.

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IN BRIEF

Machinists ratify contract with Boeing

SEATTLE — Machinists union members ratified a new contract with The Boeing Co. on Saturday, ending an eight-week strike that cut the airplane maker's profits and stalled jetliner deliveries.

The vote by members of the union, which represents about 27,000 workers at plants in Washington state, Oregon and Kansas, was about 74 percent in favor of the proposal five days after the two sides tentatively agreed to the deal and union leaders recommended its approval.

The workers are expected to return to Boeing's commercial airplane factories, which have been closed since the Sept. 6 walkout, starting Sunday night.

The union has said the contract protects more than 5,000 factory jobs, prevents the outsourcing of certain positions and preserves health care benefits. It also promises pay increases over four years rather than three, as outlined in earlier offers.

The union members, including electricians, painters, mechanics and other production workers, have lost an average of about \$7,000 in base pay since the strike began. They had rejected earlier proposals by the company, headquartered in Chicago.

Passenger trains gain favor with public

WASHINGTON — After half a century as more of a curiosity than a convenience, passenger trains are getting back on track in some parts of the country.

The high cost of energy, coupled with congestion on highways and at airports, is drawing travelers back to trains not only for commuting but also for travel between cities as much as 500 miles apart.

Californians are considering selling billions of dollars worth of bonds to get going on an 800-mile system of bullet trains that could zip along at 200 miles per hour, linking San Francisco and San Diego and the cities in between.

In the Midwest, transportation officials are pushing a plan to connect cities in nine states in a hub-and-spoke system centered in Chicago.

The public is way ahead of policymakers in recognizing trains as an attractive alternative to cars and planes, said Rep. James Oberstar, chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

SAUDI ARABIA

Brown asks Saudis to help fund IMF

British Prime Minister says that Gulf nations could aid struggling economies

Associated Press

RIYADH — British Prime Minister Gordon Brown made a direct plea on Sunday for Gulf states to contribute to the International Monetary Fund's reserves to bailout out struggling countries — promising that they would have a say in any future new world economic order.

Brown, who has drawn ire from some oil producing states for criticizing a recent decision by OPEC to cut production to lift prices, also told business leaders here that it was in everyone's interest to have a stable price for crude oil.

"I believe that your country has a crucial role to play and your voice must be heard," Brown told business leaders in a breakfast address on the first stop of a tour of the Gulf that includes Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

"I very much hope that as part of that you and other Gulf states will be willing to join with other countries to help stop the financial crisis spreading by helping to boost the international fund for distressed economies," he added. "I believe it is in all our interests to stop this contagion and to rebuild confidence in the financial system for the future."

Analysts have warned that Gulf states could be reluctant to bolster the funds of the IMF, a body currently dominated by the United States and other G-7 industrialized nations.

Kuwait's finance minister, Mostafa al-Shimali, told Al-Anbaa daily in comments published Sunday, Kuwait was prepared to listen to what Brown had to offer.

"The matter of supporting world markets depends on investment opportunities on offer and their possible returns," he said.

Any funds from Gulf states are unlikely to be pledged before a meeting of



British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, middle, visits King Saud University in Riyadh accompanied by faculty staff during his two-day visit to Saudi Arabia Sunday.

G-20 nations to hammer out potential reform of the global financial system to prevent a repeat of the current crisis, scheduled for Nov. 15 in Washington D.C., which will also be attended by Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah.

"I am delighted that Saudi Arabia will take its rightful place at the table in these discussions," Brown told an audience of the Saudi British Joint Business Council, including Mohammed Al-Mady, chief executive of petrochemicals manufacturer Saudi Basic

Industries Corp and other top business leaders.

Brown said that the meeting of oil producers and consumers led by King Abdullah in Jeddah in July "broke new ground in recognizing ... that we have common interests as producers and consumers in more stable energy prices and the need for a sustainable transition to a more low carbon emissions economy for the longer-term."

OPEC last month cut oil production by 1.5 billion barrels per day to lift the oil price, warning that

investment in key production was under threat because of the plummet in the price from a high of \$147 at the time of the Jeddah summit in July to under \$70 currently.

Britain is planning a summit in London in December to follow up that meeting. The London gathering was initially to be held at heads of state level, but amid controversy over whom had — or had not — been invited from the oil producing states, Downing St. said it would be held at ministerial level.

CEOs, famous investors hit by crisis

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Here's something that might provide a bit of solace amid the plunging values in your retirement accounts: Warren Buffett is losing lots of money, too. So are Kirk Kerkorian, Carl Icahn and Sumner Redstone.

They are still plenty rich, but their losses — some on paper and others actually realized — illustrate how few have been spared in today's punishing market when even big-name investors, corporate executives and hedge-fund titans are all watching their wealth evaporate.

The portfolio damage for some of these high-flyers has soared to billions of dollars in recent months. And they can't just blame the market's downdraft — some did themselves in with badly timed stock purchases or margin calls on shares bought with loans.

"It's always hard to beat the market no matter who you are," said Robert Hansen, senior associate dean at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business. "But when the ocean waters get that rough, it is hard for any boat to avoid getting swamped."

It has been a painful year for anyone exposed to the stock market. The Standard & Poor's 500 stock index, considered a barometer for the broad market, has lost about 36 percent since January, with every single sector — including once thriving energy and utilities — seeing declines of about 20 percent or more.

Such losses in the last year have wiped out an estimated \$2 trillion in equity value from 401(k) and individual retirement accounts, nearly half the holdings in those plans, according to new findings by the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. Similar losses are seen in the

portfolios of private and public pension plans, which have lost \$1.9 trillion, the researchers found.

As stocks have plunged, so have the value of chief executives' equity stakes in their own companies. The average year-to-date decline is 49 percent for the corporate stock holdings of CEOs at 175 large U.S. companies, according to new research by compensation consulting firm Steven Hall & Partners.

Topping that list is Buffett, who has seen the value of equity in his company, Berkshire Hathaway, fall by about \$13.6 billion, or 22 percent, so far this year, to leave his holdings valued at \$48.1 billion. Oracle founder and CEO Larry Ellison has seen his equity stake fall by \$6.2 billion, or about 24 percent, to \$20.1 billion, according to the research that ran from the start of the year through the close of trading Oct. 29.

New center opened for Vets

Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL — In a rush to correct reports of substandard care for wounded soldiers, the Army flung open the doors of new specialized treatment centers so wide that up to half the soldiers currently enrolled do not have injuries serious enough to justify being there, The Associated Press has learned.

Army leaders are putting in place stricter screening procedures to stem the flood of patients overwhelming the units — a move that eventually will target some for closure.

According to interviews and data provided to the AP, the number of patients admitted to the 36 Warrior Transition Units and nine other community-based units jumped from about 5,000 in June 2007, when they began, to a peak of nearly 12,500 in June 2008.

The units provide coordinated medical and mental health care, track soldiers' recovery and provide broader legal, financial and other family counseling. They serve Army active duty and reserve soldiers.

Just 12 percent of the soldiers in the units had battlefield injuries while thousands of others had minor problems that did not require the complex new network of case managers, nurses and doctors, according to Brig. Gen. Gary H. Cheek, the director of the Army's warrior care office.

The overcrowding was a "self-inflicted wound," said Cheek, who also is an assistant surgeon general. "We're dedicating this kind of oversight and management where, truthfully, only half of those soldiers really needed this."

Cheek said it is difficult to tell how many patients eventually will be in the units. But he said soldiers currently admitted will not be tossed out if they do not meet the new standards. Instead, the tighter screening will weed out the population over time.

"We're trying change it back," to serve patients who have more serious or multiple injuries that require about six months or more of coordinated treatment, he said.

By restricting use of the coordinated care units to soldiers with more complex, long-term ailments, the Army hopes in the long run to close or consolidate as many as 10 of the transition units, Cheek said during an interview in his Virginia office near the Pentagon.

In the past, a soldier with a torn knee ligament would have surgery and then go on light duty, such as answering phones, while getting physical therapy. But last October, the Army began allowing soldiers with less serious injuries such as that bad knee to go to the warrior units.

The expansion came in the wake of reports about poor conditions at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., including shoddy housing and bureaucratic delays for outpatients there.

Brigade commanders began shipping to the transition centers anyone in their unit who could not deploy because of an injury or illness. That burdened the system with soldiers who really did not need case

managers to set up their appointments, nurses to check their medications and other specialists to provide counseling for issues such as stress disorders.

The Army's goal now, as spelled out in a recent briefing given to Defense Secretary Robert Gates, is to screen out those who do not need the expanded care program, shifting them to regular medical facilities at their military base or near their homes.

Jon Soltz, an Iraq war veteran and chairman of VoteVets.org, said the Pentagon is making a fair argument. He acknowledged that some soldiers with less serious injuries might not need the units' services.

But he said commanders need to be able to move their soldiers who cannot deploy due to an injury to the units because that is the only way they can get a replacement before going to war. Otherwise, the brigade goes to battle without the forces needed.

"The larger concern here is that the problem that is driving this is the manpower problem," said Soltz. "The Army is overextended. We don't have enough guys."

It is vital, he said, that the medical system care for all the soldiers who need help and that any changes should not threaten that care.

Raymond F. DuBois, a former acting undersecretary of the Army and manpower adviser under then-Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, said the units address "a problem that was not made aware at the highest levels" and do it well. But he has worried for months that the units were overstretched.

"Guess what? They did it so well everybody wants in," said DuBois, now an adviser at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Cheek stressed that the new more stringent screening process will not deny care to soldiers in need or limit the treatment units to those with battle wounds.

"We don't really care about the source of the wound, illness or injury. We really care about the severity of the wound, illness or injury," said Cheek. "So if it's a severe, very acute condition that needs rehabilitation and a lot of management and oversight, regardless of where it comes from, that soldier needs to be in this program."

The latest data shows that it is working: The patient load is starting to inch down, from the peak of 12,478 in June to less than 11,400 in October.

Cheek estimates that the screening process will reduce the number to between 8,000 and 10,000.

As those numbers come down, the Army is also reviewing which units get more use. The list of potential closings include warrior transition units at Fort Rucker and Redstone Arsenal, in Alabama; Fort Leavenworth in Kansas; Fort Dix in New Jersey; and Fort Irwin in California. According to Army data, many of them either have only a dozen or so patients now, or can be combined with another nearby facility.

At Fort Campbell in Kentucky, however, more than 600 soldiers are in the treatment program. Staff there are

bracing for a surge of patients when the three 101st Airborne Division brigades start returning home in the coming months.

Gen. Peter Chiarelli, Army vice chief of staff, toured the unit in late October. He gathered more than two dozen staff around a long table to hear their concerns about how the program is operating. Afterward he marveled that they talked not about their own administrative complaints, but about specific problems they were trying to solve for their patients.

In a small office down the hall, Lisa Gaines was blunt about what the unit meant to her.

"It's done wonders for our family," said the mother of five.

Seated next to her, Spc. Sean Gaines nodded quietly as his wife talked about the strains his injury had on the family and how the staff worked to heal all wounds — physical and emotional.

Deployed to Iraq in 2004 with the 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, cavalry scout Gaines was shaken but not bloodied by the blasts of several car bombs and a house explosion. Yet when he returned home, he began having pain and his body went numb. The medical diagnosis was a crushed cervical disc — an injury he got either in Iraq or in training, only to surface later.

After surgery in October 2007, he came to Fort Campbell's warrior transition unit — but he needed more than physical therapy. He had been told he could no longer serve as a scout.

"He loves the Army, he loves the military. For them to tell him he could no longer be a scout, it was difficult. It was a strain," recounted Lisa Gaines. He was agitated, angry and withdrawn, she said.

In response, the warrior unit gave him underwater training as therapy for his injury, coupled with family counseling, budget management and career help.

"I realized I had options. I could continue to serve," said Sean Gaines, who soon will leave the transition unit and take on a new Army job doing transportation management.

The counseling gave him time to figure out his options, come to terms with the change, and understand that he could either "drive on or prepare to exit," he said.

He decided to go on, saying, "I am not going to be a scout, but I will still be part of a team."

According to Army data, the key struggle is keeping the transition units fully staffed. In many of the more remote locations, Army leaders have trouble finding enough nurse case managers. As of the end of September, 12 of the units based at military posts were short those case managers.

Other locations, such as Fort Drum, N.Y., do not have enough behavioral health specialists.

Closing some of the locations may help ease those shortages, Cheek said.

"It shouldn't be too surprising," he said. "We're 18 months old here, so now it's time for us to relook at how we're doing this, and where we can gain some efficiencies."

Supreme Court to hear RI tribe land dispute

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE — The Narragansett Indian Tribe bought a 31-acre lot in 1991, saying it would be used for "economic development" and housing for the elderly and poor.

However, the state of Rhode Island, fearing the tribe really wants to create a tax-free zone or build a casino, sued to block the Narragansetts from putting the land into federal trust, which would essentially free it from state and local law.

On Monday, their fight reaches the U.S. Supreme Court in a case being closely watched across the country because it could determine how tribes recognized after the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act are allowed to buy, govern and use land.

States' rights factor heavily into the case. The Bush administration sides with the tribe, arguing that the 1934 act allows it to take land into trust to benefit American Indians regardless of when their tribes were recognized.

Rhode Island and 21 other states want the Supreme Court to limit that authority because states lose control over tribal trust land within their own borders. They say trust lands can alter the character of surrounding communities, especially when casino income allows tribes to embark on major projects.

Rhode Island Attorney General Patrick Lynch said allowing the federal government to place the Narragansetts' land into trust would free it from state criminal laws and from safety and zoning rules, as well as allow operation of tax-free shops that undercut a financially struggling state's revenue collection.

"Criminals theoretically could go commit crimes in the rest of Rhode Island and hide on that land, and we'd be unable to go get them," Lynch said.

Narragansett Chief Sachem Matthew Thomas, leader of the 2,400-member tribe, scoffs at the notion that tribal land would become lawless and notes that many states have learned to coexist with tribal reservations. His tribe hopes to use its sovereignty as a bargaining chip to stimulate development.

"If you can give someone incentives to come to you and do business with you, that's how you draw them," Thomas said. "Where if you have nothing to offer, no one's going to come around."

The Supreme Court must decide whether the U.S. secretary of the interior can hold land in trust for tribes like the Narragansett, which was federally recognized after the 1934 law was enacted. The court also will have to clarify whether a 1978 land settlement between the tribe and Rhode Island puts limits on new trust lands in the state.

After buying the land in Charlestown, the tribe started construction on a housing complex for the elderly, but work stopped because of mismanagement and legal disputes, leaving a dozen empty houses. Thomas said he wants to complete the project and pursue some form of "economic development" on the site. He will not rule out gambling, and the tribe has unsuccessfully sought approval to build a casino in Rhode Island in the past.

Voters rejected a state constitutional amendment in 2006 that would have allowed the Narragansetts to open a casino in West Warwick.

Lawyers for the state and town leaders in Charlestown argue the Narragansetts cannot place their land in trust under the Indian Reorganization Act because the tribe was not recognized when it was passed. In their view, Congress wanted the act to help tribes that lost millions of acres during a forced assimilation campaign that began in 1887 — and the Narragansetts aren't one of them.

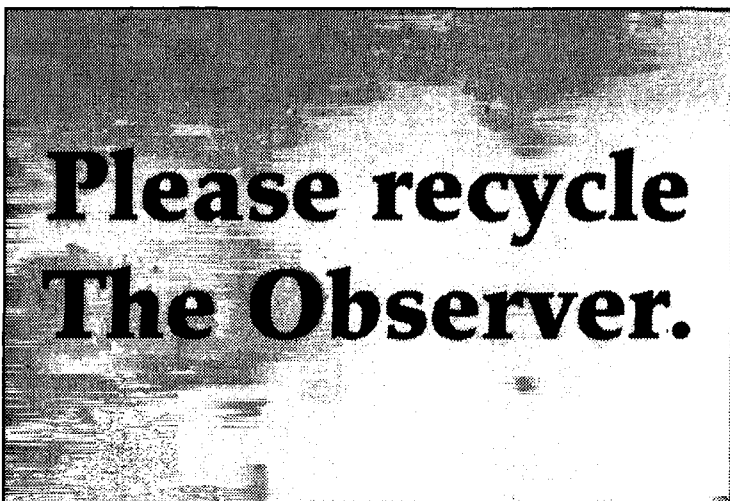
Disbanded by Rhode Island lawmakers in 1880, the Narragansetts sold off nearly all their remaining land in a murky deal and were not recognized by the federal government until 1983.

Indian rights advocates say Congress never meant to cut off tribes recognized after 1934 and say the act was supposed to set a template for future relations with tribes.

It is unclear how many tribes could be affected by a ruling in the Narragansett case. State and town attorneys estimate that several hundred tribes recognized after 1934 could find themselves unable to place new land into trust under the act if Rhode Island prevails.

Richard Guest, an attorney for the Native American Rights Fund, believes the number is more likely in the dozens. The legal fund wants to make sure any ruling does not go too far.

"We are concerned that they could reach broader decisions and reopen these challenges that go across the board," Guest said.



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CAMPAIGN NEWS

Obama manager sees paths to victory

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama's campaign manager says the Democrat has many routes to victory in Tuesday's presidential election. Republicans predicted a historic comeback for John McCain.

Campaign manager David Plouffe said Sunday that Obama has expanded the electoral map by aggressively campaigning in traditional Republican states like Virginia, Colorado and Nevada. Plouffe said he did not want to wake up on Election Day with only one way to win.

He told "Fox News Sunday" that they "wanted a lot of different ways to win this election."

With McCain down in the polls, his campaign manager, Rick Davis, says Pennsylvania is the most important state to watch Tuesday. The state is leaning toward Obama in pre-election polls.

McCain jokes about campaign on SNL

NEW YORK — Republican John McCain poked fun at his presidential campaign's financial shortcomings and his reputation as a political maverick in an appearance on NBC's "Saturday Night Live."

The presidential hopeful made a cameo appearance at the beginning of the show, with Tina Fey reprising her memorable impersonation of McCain's running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin.

McCain, who is trailing Democrat Barack Obama in most battleground state polls, also appeared during the show's "Weekend Update" newscast to announce he would pursue a new campaign strategy in the closing days of the campaign.

"I thought I might try a strategy called the reverse maverick. That's where I'd do whatever anybody tells me," McCain said.

And if that didn't work, "I'd go to the double maverick. I'd just go totally berserk and freak everybody out," the Arizona senator quipped.

Feds investigating Obama aunt leak

WASHINGTON — The government is investigating whether any laws were broken in the disclosure that Barack Obama's aunt was living in the country illegally.

Obama's half aunt, who is from Kenya, was ordered to leave the United States years ago after an immigration judge denied her request for asylum, a person familiar with the matter told The Associated Press late Friday. This person spoke on condition of anonymity because no one was authorized to discuss the case.

The woman, Zeituni Onyango (zay-TUHN on-YANG-oh), is living in public housing in Boston and is the half-sister of Obama's late father.

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement asked its inspector general and the Office of Professional Responsibility on Saturday to investigate whether any policies were violated when information about Onyango's case was publicly disclosed, ICE spokeswoman Kelly Nantel said.

The Homeland Security Department, which oversees ICE, cannot disclose details about an individual's immigration status.

Grassroot projects encourage voting

Candidates unleash get-out-the-vote campaign programs as Obama holds lead

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Barack Obama and John McCain uncorked massive get-out-the-vote operations in more than a dozen battleground states Sunday, millions of telephone calls, mailings and door-knockings in a frenzied, fitting climax to a record-shattering \$1 billion campaign. Together, they'll spend about \$8 per presidential vote.

With just two days to go, most national polls show Obama ahead of McCain. State surveys suggest the Democrat's path to the requisite 270 electoral votes — and perhaps far beyond — is much easier to navigate than McCain's.

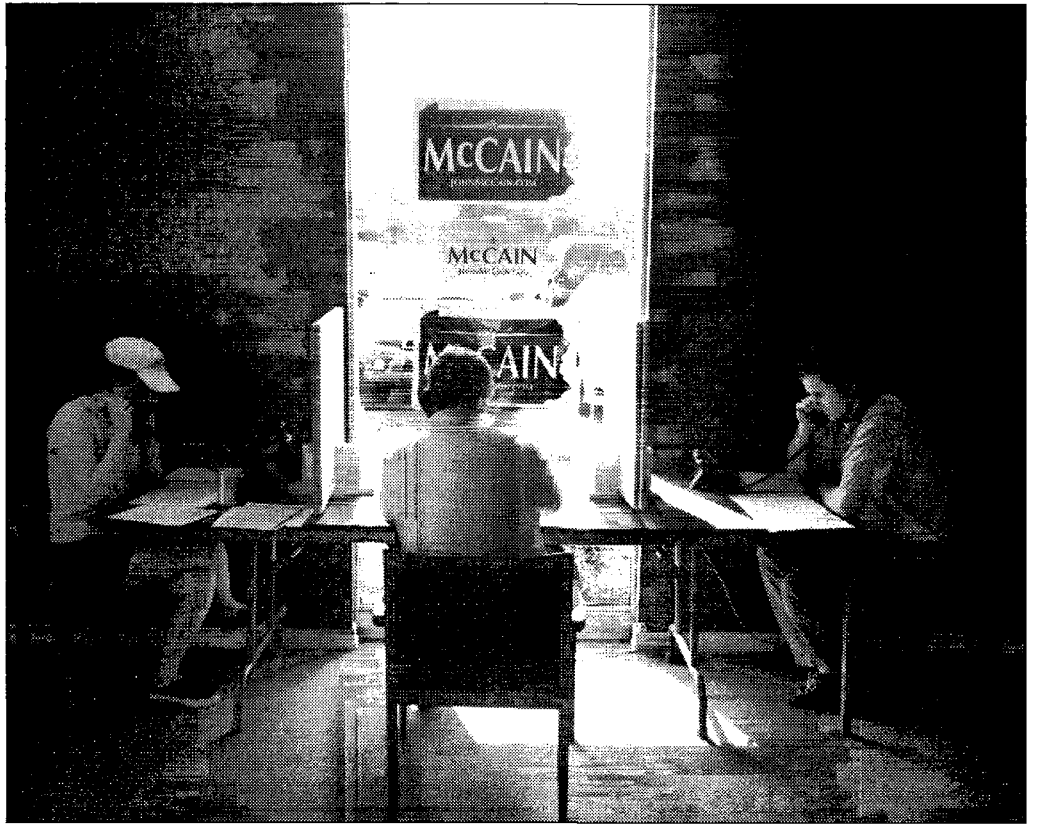
Obama exuded confidence. "The last couple of days, I've been just feeling good," he told 80,000 gathered to hear him — and singer Bruce Springsteen — in Cleveland. "The crowds seem to grow and everybody's got a smile on their face. You start thinking that maybe we might be able to win an election on November 4th."

In Peterborough, N.H., McCain held his final town hall-style event in the state that put him on the national map in 2000 and launched his GOP primary comeback eight years later. "I come to the people of New Hampshire to ask them to let me go on one more mission," said McCain, who is looking for an upset victory against Obama.

Polls show the six closest states are Florida, Indiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Nevada and Ohio. All were won by Bush and made competitive by Obama's record-shattering fundraising. The campaigns also are running aggressive ground games elsewhere, including Iowa, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Colorado and Virginia.

All that's left now for the candidates is make sure people vote Tuesday — if they haven't already.

Indeed, Election Day is becoming a misnomer. About 27 million absentee



Campaign volunteers make phone calls at the Republican National Committee and McCain-Palin campaign headquarters in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, Sunday.

and early votes were cast in 30 states as of Saturday night, more than ever. Democrats outnumbered Republicans in pre-Election Day voting in key states.

That has Democrats — and even some Republicans — privately questioning whether McCain can overtake Obama, even if GOP loyalists turn out in droves on Tuesday. Obama may already have too big of a head start in critical states like Nevada and Iowa, which Bush won four years ago.

As the campaign closes, voters were being inundated with a crush of television ads and automated phone calls.

In a new TV ad, Obama highlighted Vice President Dick Cheney's support for McCain. The ad features Cheney, an extremely unpopular figure among the general public, at an event Saturday in Wyoming, saying: "I'm delighted to support John McCain."

Not to be outdone, the Republican National Committee rolled out battleground phone calls that

include Hillary Rodham Clinton's criticism of Obama during the Democratic primary. She is heard saying: "In the White House, there is no time for speeches and on-the-job training. Sen. McCain will bring a lifetime of experience to the campaign, and Sen. Obama will bring a speech that he gave in 2002." A Clinton spokeswoman said she disapproves of the ad.

Another phone call to Pennsylvania and Ohio voters takes Obama's words about coal-burning technology out of context and claims he will "bankrupt the coal industry."

The Pennsylvania GOP also unveiled a TV ad featuring Obama's former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, declaring "God damn America!" in a sermon.

Obama and McCain campaigned on each other's turf Sunday. Obama was in Ohio, a bellwether state Bush won four years ago and where polls show Obama tied or winning. McCain visited Pennsylvania and New Hampshire, states won by

Democrat John Kerry in 2004. He trails in both.

McCain and the RNC dramatically ramped up their spending in the campaign's final days and now are matching Obama ad for ad, if not exceeding him, in key battleground markets in states such as Florida, Ohio, North Carolina, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

After months of planning, the Republican Party launched the last stage of its vaunted "72-hour program," when volunteers descend on competitive states for the final stretch. Democrats unleashed their "persuasion army" of backers scouring their own backyards to encourage people to back Obama in the campaign's waning hours.

Obama's campaign reported that Saturday was its largest volunteer day, with more volunteers showing up to work the phones and walk neighborhood precincts than ever before in the campaign. Said Obama spokesman Bill Burton, "Our volunteers are completely engaged."

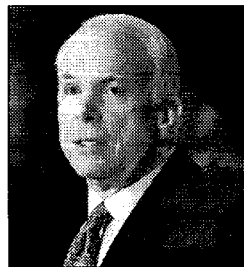
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McCain

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Politics vs. thinking

As a liberal arts university, Notre Dame's goal is, in the words of the Venerable John Henry Cardinal Newman, "training good members of society" through "the high protecting power of all knowledge and science, of fact and principle, of inquiry and discovery of experiment and speculation." Yet many educators believe that education and political engagement are anathema to one another, since political engagement today is all too often simply the regurgitation of partisan sound-bites, half-truths and innuendoes. Universities encourage thoughtful, critical, principled reflection on everything from medieval monasticism to quantum computing, Shakespearean sonnets to poverty in inner city urban areas; they should be equally unafraid to do the same for politics.

Everything about politics is, after all, designed to discourage open-mindedness. George Orwell observed in 1946 that "political language is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind," and it seems that the problem in 2008 is just as bad if not worse; it is certainly louder and more ubiquitous. People no longer need to analyze every issue and every candidate carefully; instead, they can just vote according to their party or however their particular ideological group dictates that they should. Political ads



Darryl
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take full advantage of our subconscious, since, with enough repetition, people will remember implication and misinformation rather than the fact that they are untrue, no matter how many times they are told otherwise. Political "analysts" on TV are typically just partisans who talk past each other in order to state the party line over and over, while giving both sides equal airtime has somehow become the antidote to bias. We ourselves have come to the point of trusting partisans and ideologues with a world-view comparable to our own — whether media commentators, political spokespeople or the candidates themselves — to give us the unprocessed truth. After all, just as it is easier to spend hours watching TV or playing Halo than to spend one single hour at the gym, it is easier to let ourselves trust the vast political machine than try to fight it, even though we know instinctively that one is better than the other.

In the face of this cycle of anti-rationalism and slavish obedience to parties and ideologies, why do academics (and more importantly, administrators) recoil at the thought of using the classroom to understand exactly how destructive it is and to begin to think our way out of it? Education is, essentially, the process by which people learn to find and evaluate information for themselves. Yet the insistence of academics in general, and scholars of the humanities in particular, to limit the subjects available for scrutiny is to reinforce the idea that academia is irrelevant. Obviously, no professor should reduce him- or herself to becoming a partisan hack; there are enough of those already. But students should be pushed to learn to deconstruct a stump speech alongside

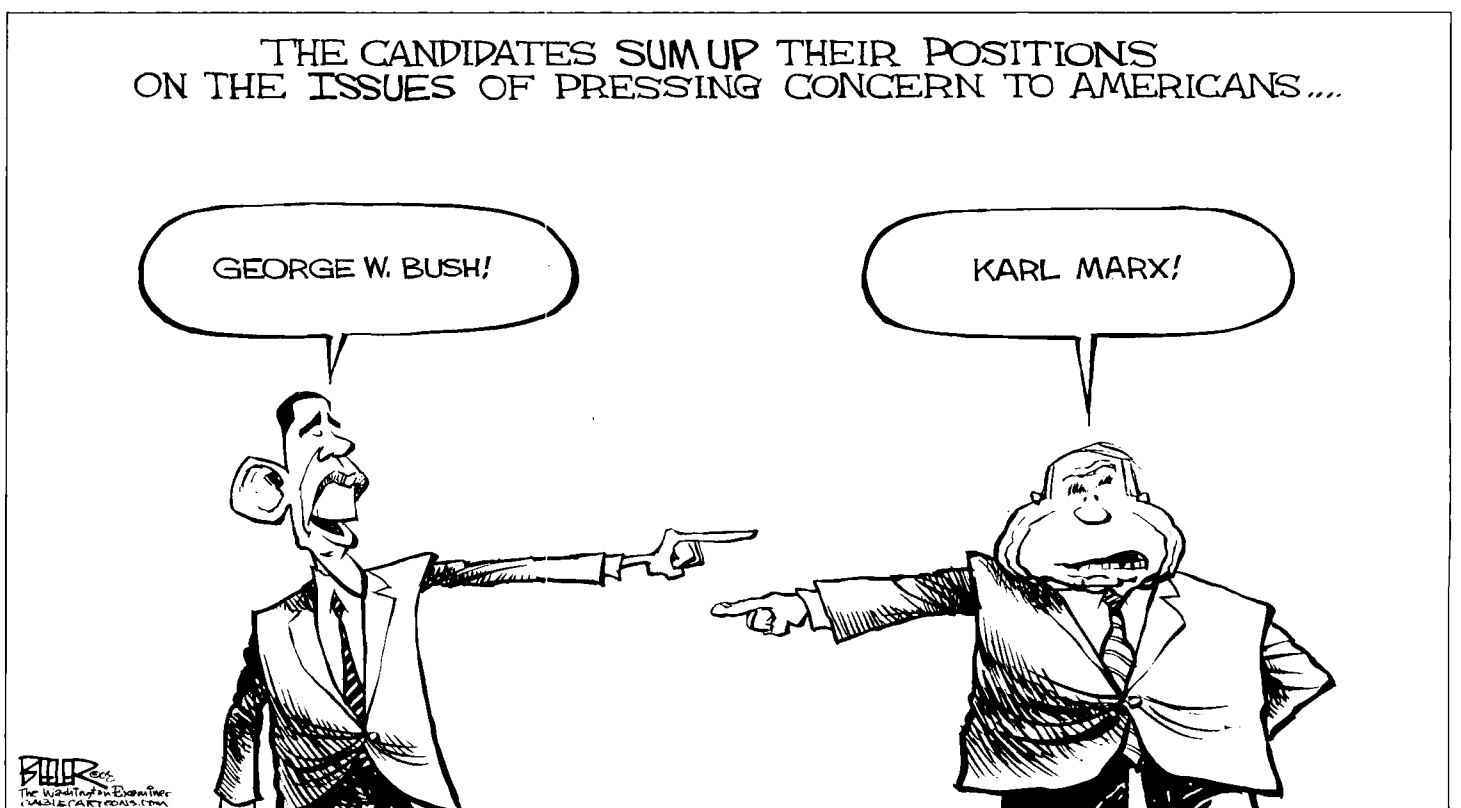
T.S. Eliot, to pick apart a political ad just like a French New Wave film, to understand party politics in the same way they understand the politics of gender. In short, they should learn first that the "intellectual curiosity and critical thinking skills" that they learn to develop in anthropology, biology or English classes should not — must not — be restricted to "academic" topics, and second, that no one who identifies himself with any political party or issue should be trusted. Even if you agree with them, you would be doing a disservice to yourself if you didn't at least try to understand their motives, biases and omissions.

There is, in short, no reason to trust anyone to make your political decisions but yourself. And, when you are deciding who deserves your vote, you might consider making a truly revolutionary step: Think long and hard not about their party affiliation, the recommendation of a newspaper columnist or even the promises and policy statements that have come out of their mouths, but about what they have truly revealed about the process by which they make decisions in the course of their campaign. To base your vote on anything else is to trust that someone else has done your thinking for you — the sort of belief that, in Cardinal Newman's estimation, would be unbecoming of a good member of society.

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"Things turn out best for people who make the best of the way things turn out."

John Wooden
basketball coach

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Notre Dame deserves more

After years of supporting and making excuses for a coach who wrote a book titled "No Excuses," I wonder whether Coach Weis is the man who ever gets us a National Championship. When he first appeared on a list of possible candidates for the job, I advocated him ahead of Urban Meyer. I gushed with pride when he visited the USC locker room after the 2005 game to congratulate them and when he told the team to go over to the Navy sideline for Navy's alma mater. Even when we were getting blown out by 38 points against Michigan and USC in my senior year, I blamed previous years' poor recruiting and inexperience rather than point the finger at our head coach.

Now, after this weekend's loss to Pittsburgh, I cannot say that I can do any more defending. This weekend's game against Pittsburgh is indicative of the problems that our team has continuously had during the Weis regime: a lack of killer instinct and motivation to put teams away. Two of the major declarations of the Weis Doctrine were once again debunked this weekend: that we would be a "nasty football team" and we would never be "out-coached." We fell flat in the second half and four overtimes. We gave up a 14-point lead to a team that had three times as many turnovers as we did.

Who does this team think it is to let up after being up 17-3? We went 3-9 last year. Every quarter, half, game, play, second should serve as motivation to erase the dark abyss that was last season. Our team thinks that the debacle of last season is clearly in the rearview window — in fact, Weis said never to bring it up again. For those fans that suffered through that sea-

son, especially my fellow 2008 classmates, I am sorry but it's not. If our team thinks it's fine to not put opponents away for good and simply coast until ensuring a loss, that's not fine either.

We cannot take the foot off the pedal ever purely for the fact that we should seek to get rid of that nasty taste of ridicule from last season on every single play and that inability to do so solely falls on the shoulders of the head coach. I thought I would never say this but look at the national championship-winning programs at USC and Florida. Their coaches never let go of the throttle and their players seek to not just win but dominate on every single play of every single game. Their coaches challenge their players to constantly compete and never let up — look at what Florida did to Georgia this weekend and what USC does to nearly every team except for Oregon State. Weis has recruited players of similar or of the same caliber yet they fail to simply put away or dominate opponents as they have.

Look, I know Coach Weis is a good man. I will never forget "Pass Right" or how he came around every dorm to answer questions. However, he has not shown that he is the coach that will get us past mediocrity to greatness. To quote The Dark Knight, "Sometimes people deserve more. Sometimes people deserve to have their faith rewarded." We as Notre Dame fans deserve more than what we saw this past Saturday.

Tae Kang
grad student
off-campus
Nov. 2

The Carroll Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged at Notre Dame
And sorry I could not travel both
I one traveler, and long I came
And looked down one, having perhaps the better claim,
To where it bent in the undergrowth
Then I looked at the other basked in sun
Much farther from the Golden Dome.
Because it was grassy where the Vermin run
This forested path, so often shunned,
Which a hundred men call their home.
And both that morning equally lay
To my right, campus, to my left, Carroll Hall.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet, knowing how way leads onto way
This path is all I need after all.
I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence
Two roads diverged at Notre Dame, and I —
And I took the one less traveled by
And that has made all the difference.

Mike Sobolewski
sophomore
Carroll Hall
Oct. 30

Stop talking and do something

To all the T-shirt idealists, if you want to get the entire student body to wear something unifying, get to work on it. People come up with ideas they want to implement all the time, but the problem between that idea and reality is their ability to work on it. If you want the student body to form the flag of the Republic of Ireland or make the stadium a (dare I say those three words) "Sea of Green," then start organizing something. Find a sponsor that would be willing to give out free shirts on game day and then you organize who gets what color etc.

I really don't care, I'm just starting to get sick of reading the Viewpoints about people who say this is what the student body should do and see nothing getting done about it.

Tim Staub
sophomore
Dillon Hall
Oct. 13

Something must be done

Over four years, we are 8-16 against teams with winning records; over the past two, we are 1-11, both including this year's victory against currently 5-4 Stanford. In OT games, we are 0-3 under Weis. Enough is enough. If Weis was not an alumnus, there is no doubt in my mind that he would have been fired, probably following last year's loss to Navy.

This is not to say that our most recent embarrassment should be laid entirely at his feet. Our offense, with about 10 yards in the third quarter and a pathetic showing in all four overtimes, should also receive a large proportion of the blame. But game-planning and halftime adjustments are the job of the coach, especially one who supposedly does not call plays. At the least, someone needs to pay the price for Saturday's poor second-half performance. Coach Weis may seem to be the most obvious and least deserving choice, but his history of poor halftime adjustments and worse record against good opponents show that he is not a good gametime coach. His recruiting has been a godsend to our University, but his coaching has been a disappointment. I vote that our football program needs a drastic change, and most change begins at the top.

Stephen Mann
junior
Stanford Hall
Nov. 2

Life most important issue in election

The current race for the president, which concludes this Tuesday Nov. 4, has gone on for more than a year, with much ink spilled on the views of the candidates. The positions of the candidates on the economy, on taxes, on foreign policy and on a host of other topics has captivated the attention of the American public. As a great and Catholic University, Notre Dame should be most interested in the most important and overarching consideration: the topic of life. It seems self-evident that without life, nothing else matters. Our country was founded on the principle that all men and women are created equal and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Without life, there is no liberty, and there is no pursuit of happiness.

Many politicians speak of life issues in the context of a "seamless garment" and involving many important issues, including abortion, euthanasia, our approach as a nation to war, the death penalty and several other important issues. A number of thoughtful recent letter-writers to this newspaper have also appropriately focused attention on issues which affect the quality of life, including health care, education and immigration. Again, these are important issues. But as a University committed to a "life of the mind," let us be clear about which of these issues dominates the others. More unborn children are destroyed in the wombs of their mothers each year in the United States than the total of all men and women killed each year in wars, than all men and women euthanized each year and than all men and women executed each year in the United States combined ... by a very substantial amount.

A number of prominent politicians who profess to be devout, practicing Catholics have spoken out in defense of our nation's abortion laws, claiming that the Church has "struggled" with this issue over the years. This is misinformation of the worst kind, because it deals with such a critically important issue and about such innocent and vulnerable persons. The Catholic Church has always and everywhere spoken with a clear and unambigu-

ous voice about how grave an evil abortion is. For those of you who wish to properly inform and form your conscience about this issue, I urge you — indeed I exhort you — to do so.

One particularly powerful recent statement is that of Edward Cardinal Egan, the Cardinal Archbishop of New York. In a beautiful witness to his teaching office as both a Bishop and a prince of the Church, Cardinal Egan posts a weekly column to the archdiocesan website in New York entitled "In the Holiness of Truth." In his most recent posting, Cardinal Egan describes in very clear terms that all can understand both the importance and clarity of the Church's teaching on when life begins entitled "Just Look." See <http://www.cny.org/archive/eg/eg102308.htm>

Another very recent teaching of an American Bishop is that of Bishop William Francis Malooly, the Bishop of Wilmington, Delaware, who six days ago published a Letter to the Editor in the "Delaware Online" which he entitled "Catholic Church has made no exception regarding abortion since ancient times." See <http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20081026/OPINION10/81025022/1004/OPINION>

Indeed, more than 50 of the nation's Catholic bishops have issued formal statements and pronouncements or given interviews in which they have declared that the most important issue for voters in their choice of a new president is the candidate's stance on abortion. See <http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2008/oct/08102412.html>

You cannot find a statement by any bishop in which they claim that abortion is an issue of conscience or open for debate or that there is a more important issue in the upcoming election. This of course does not mean that other issues are not important. They are. But none is more important than the beginning of life. Please form your conscience well in preparation for the election this Tuesday.

Peter Kilpatrick
Professor, Dean's Office
College of Engineering
Nov. 2



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By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Editor

Listening to the Legacy Records release "The Clash: Live at Shea Stadium" is like opening a time capsule from 1979. With the band's legendary body of work amplified by a live performance, the album feels spontaneous, electric and alive in ways that current alternative and post-punk bands dream of being.

"Live from Shea Stadium" is a recording of a 1982 concert that The Clash gave with The Who and David Johansen at Shea in New York City.

It opens with a recorded introduction from a radio executive, saying that Kosmo Vinyl was bringing Shea Stadium "a little bit of London" right in New York. The live factor electrifies the album, bringing new life to each classic Clash track.

It's fitting that the first track is "London Calling," which still sounds painfully good decades later. The performance feels raw and fresh, down to the occasional squeal of a microphone. In "London Calling" and the rest of "Live from Shea Stadium," the influence of The Clash on eighties, nineties and millennial rock is obvious.

At one point on "London Calling," Strummer howls at the audience, animalistic and raw. What really pushes the track and the rest of the recording over the top is the live element, especially here. The buzz of the crowd, Strummer's musings and the spontaneity of the music itself only compound how extraordinary the Clash really were.

If you're unfamiliar with the band's history, buy this album — you'll be surprised how much of the Clash library is integrated into pop culture. "Police on My Back," the third track, is a familiar youth anthem, with Strummer shouting "Help me/Police on my back." With the hum of Shea Stadium in the background, "Police on My Back" feels like a sprint through the streets of London on an angry summer night.

One of the tracks whose influence on

today's music scene is obvious is "Tommy Gun," whose live performance feels electric, pulsating and alive in ways that alternative rock today only dreams of being.

It's clear from this track in particular that bands like Green Day should thank the Clash in the liner notes of every album they've released. The chorus is piercing and memorable, and the lyrics' left-wing politics complement each gruff guitar strum.

"Rock the Casbah" feels aggressive, with heavier guitar and vocals than the original released recording. Strummer plays off of the audience with each spit-coated word he flings their way, right down to screaming "He hates that!" after "The Sharif don't like it" in the song's chorus.

"Guns of Brixton" highlights the band's signature style. The guitar is dark and playful, and jarring electric riffs juxtapose against Strummer's half-mumble, half-exclamation in each lyric.

There is no low point on "Live from Shea Stadium." Other excellent tracks include "The Magnificent Seven," "Train in Vain," which features lead vocals by Mick Jones, and "Should I Stay or Should I Go," which, here, is downright fantastic.

The Clash, borne out of 1970s London, consisted of Joe Strummer, born John Graham Mellor (lead vocals, rhythm guitar), Paul Simonon (bass, backing vocals), Mick Jones (lead guitar, vocals) and Nicky "Topper" Headon (drums, percussion) for most of their history. Dubbed "The Only British Band that Matters" by their record label (and later

"The Only Band that Matters" by their fans), they were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2003 and were named number 30 in Rolling Stone's list of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time in 2004.

In 2007 a documentary about Strummer's life, "Joe Strummer: The Future Is Unwritten," debuted at the Sundance Film Festival, and a film documenting Strummer's politics, the Tim Robbins-produced "Let Fury Have the Hour," is due this year.

Bob Gruen, a rock photographer, writes in the album's liner notes that the Clash always needed to be "in touch with their fans." At the 1982 Shea Stadium concert, though, Gruen writes that a security zone separated the band and their fans.

"I was surprised when The Clash broke up a few weeks later," he writes, "but I understood why. They didn't want to be so big that they couldn't reach the people."

While the event might have signaled the end of The Clash as punk lovers knew them, "Live at Shea Stadium" is only one way the band's legacy can still reach the people.

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Welcome to the Casbah Club: Experience The Clash with "Live at Shea Stadium"

A Brief History of the Clash

July 4 1976: The band makes its debut supporting the Sex Pistols at the Black Swan in Sheffield, England.

January 25, 1977: The Clash signs to CBS records for £100,000, ruffling feathers among the London punk elite.

April 1977: The band's self-titled first album is released. "White Riot," the album's first single, reaches number 34 on the UK charts.

November 1979: The band releases its second album, "Give 'Em Enough Rope." Sandy Pearlman, known for his work with Blue Oyster Cult, produces. The album reaches number 2 in the UK but only 128 on the Billboard chart in the US.

1979: "London Calling" is released. The album mixes punk rock, ska, rockabilly, reggae and rock elements, and reaches number 9 in the UK and 27 in the US. The album's title track will become a signature hit.

1980: The band releases "Sandinista!," a 36 song collection. The album experiments with sound and style again, including forays into rap music.

1982: "Rock the Casbah" reaches number 8 on the US charts, the only Clash song to reach the top ten in America. The song's low-budget music video, featuring an Arab man and an Hasidic Jew skanking together in the street, is put into regular rotation on a fledgling network called MTV.

1982: Topper Headon is asked to leave the band prior to the release of "Combat Rock," increasing tension within the band. The band tours with the Who, playing in New York's Shea Stadium.

1985: The band officially splits.

March 2 1991: A reissue of "Should I Stay or Should I Go" gives The Clash its only number 1 single in the UK.

December 22, 2002: Joe Strummer dies of a congenital heart defect.

March 2003: The band is inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.



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Pittsburgh 36, Notre Dame 33 (4 OT)

Here's the kicker

Pittsburgh's Conor Lee drills field goal in fourth overtime to hand Notre Dame its first home loss of the season

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

The longest overtime game in Notre Dame Stadium history ended too early for the Irish.

When Pittsburgh kicker Conor Lee's 22-yard field goal sailed through the north end zone's uprights in the fourth overtime, it ended Irish aspirations for a fifth overtime as the Panthers stormed the field to celebrate their 36-33 victory.

Pittsburgh entered its fourth overtime possession knowing a field goal would secure the victory. After two short running plays and an incompleteness, Notre Dame sent kicker Brandon Walker out for the fourth consecutive overtime possession, but the sophomore's 38-yard attempt went wide left.

Although Walker's miss opened the door for Pittsburgh, it was also Walker's leg that kept the Irish in the game. The sophomore kicker made three straight field goals to start overtime including a 48-yarder to force the fourth overtime. He made four of his field goals on the day.

"I know Brandon felt bad at the end," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "But he's a guy who's keeping us in the game all through the game right there. That's exactly what I told him walking off the field when he felt bad. I said, 'Feel bad, justifiable so, feel bad you missed a kick, but you do not take the onus, the responsibility of this loss on your shoulders.'"

The Notre Dame offense did have multiple opportunities in overtime to put the game away. Needing a touchdown to end the game after just one overtime, the Irish ran the ball three straight plays down to the Panthers' three-yard line, but the drive stalled with a one-yard run and incomplete pass on the following two plays.

On the first play of the second overtime, Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen had Michael Floyd open down the middle of the field but overthrew the freshman receiver. Clausen finished with 271 yards and three touchdowns on the day, but he was unable to lead the Irish to the end zone in any of the team's four overtime possessions.

"With four overtimes, at some point you've got to score," Irish receiver Golden Tate said. "We've got a good



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Panthers kicker Conor Lee, right, sends his 22-yard game-winning field goal through the uprights on the final play of Pittsburgh's 36-33, four-overtime win at Notre Dame Saturday.

offense. We should've scored early. Then the defense would have held them, and we'd have won the game."

Late in the fourth quarter, the Notre Dame offense did give the defense a chance to win the game, but the defensive unit was unable to protect the lead.

Tate was the offensive protagonist as his six-yard touchdown reception on a fade gave the Irish a 24-17 lead with 5:38 remaining. Tate finished with 6 catches for 111 yards and the one touchdown.

The Panthers immediately responded. A combination of Pat Bostick throws and LeSean McCoy runs set Pittsburgh up with a second and six from the Irish 10-yard line with under three minutes to play.

Bostick proceeded to try the same play on second and third down — a fade to six-foot-five receiver Jonathan Baldwin — but each attempt resulted in an incompleteness. With only one timeout remaining, Pittsburgh

coach Dave Wannstedt elected to go for it on fourth down, and the third time was a charm for Bostick and Baldwin. This time, the freshman receiver out-leaped Irish corner Raeshon McNeil securing the ball and the tie for the Panthers.

"I knew exactly what the play was going to be," McNeil said. "I got a little too high on the route and the receiver came back and made a good play on the ball. That's Pittsburgh's motto. They have a big receiver [Baldwin] and when they get into the red zone they like to throw it up to him."

That play was redemption for Bostick, who had struggled earlier in the game. Starting in place of an injured Bill Stull, Bostick completed only three of six passes in the first half for 24 yards and a McNeil interception that led to an Irish touchdown. His drives produced zero points as the only Panthers points came on the

one drive third-stringer Kevan Smith was in the game.

The second half was a different story.

Coming out of the locker room trailing 17-3, Bostick brought Pittsburgh back in the third quarter. The sophomore completed seven of nine passes for 70 yards in the third quarter, including a 37-yard completion to Oderick Turner on fourth-and-one that set up the Panthers' first touchdown.

Bostick was also helped by McCoy, one of the nation's finest running backs. Late in the third quarter, McCoy finished off a long Pittsburgh drive with a one-yard plunge, tying the game 17-17. McCoy, who entered the game leading the nation in scoring average, was a workhorse for the Panthers rushing 32 times for 169 yards.

"We just have to come out and make some plays," McCoy said of the offense's second-half success. "We came out the first drive of the second half

and went down and scored, and that shows a lot about our character. We still had faith in our quarterbacks, you know, Pat [Bostick] was confident."

The Irish offense was as inept as Pittsburgh's offense was successful in the third quarter. After scoring two touchdowns late in the first half to take a 14-point lead, the Notre Dame offense was unable to build on that momentum.

In the third quarter, the Irish offense ran 10 plays for seven net yards and failed to gain a first down. The tone was set by an ineffective running game as two of the three Notre Dame possessions started with a five-yard loss on a run play. After pounding Washington last week for 252 yards on the ground, the Irish managed only 115 yards on 39 carries against Pittsburgh for an average of 2.9 yards per carry.

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player of the game

Conor Lee
Panthers kicker

Lee was a perfect 5-for-5 on field goals, nailing all four of his overtime tries including the game-winner.

stat of the game

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The number of touchdowns scored by either team in the four overtimes. Pittsburgh kicked four field goals, Notre Dame three.

play of the game

Jonathan Baldwin's game-tying touchdown catch with 2:22 left

The Panthers ran the same play — a fade to Baldwin — three straight times and connected on 4th-and-6.

quote of the game

"It's a dagger in a way because we were so confident and we basically just gave them the game."

David Bruton
Irish safety

report card

- C+** **quarterbacks:** It's hard to blame Jimmy Clausen too much considering the stats he put up, but he missed Michael Floyd for a would-be TD in the second overtime.
- B-** **running backs:** Armando Allen was the focal point on the ground and ran well, especially in the first half when he broke off a few nice runs.
- A-** **receivers:** Floyd and Golden Tate each topped 100 yards and made a couple highlight-reel catches, but they were non-factors in overtime — through no fault of their own.
- C-** **offensive line:** Pitt got penetration and stuffed several running plays for big losses, and Clausen often didn't have much time to throw in the second half or overtime.
- C-** **defensive line:** There wasn't much back-side contain or pursuit, and LeSean McCoy made the Irish pay by reversing field for big gainers on multiple occasions.
- C** **linebackers:** The unit had two sacks, but Harrison Smith's third-quarter personal foul was the biggest play that people aren't really talking about.
- B+** **defensive backs:** Raeshon McNeil had two picks but was outplayed on the game-tying touchdown near the end of regulation. David Bruton also had an interception.
- B+** **special teams:** Brandon Walker kept the Irish alive with his clutch overtime kicking despite the final miss, but Eric Maust had a punt blocked early on.
- D** **coaching:** Another second-half collapse where the opponent made the adjustments and the staff failed to counter. The overtime play-calling was too vanilla and didn't utilize Floyd and Tate.
- 2.41** **overall:** Just a tremendously disappointing finish to a game the Irish looked to have won at half-time. They clearly haven't turned the corner.

adding up the numbers

The number of receiving yards combined between Golden Tate (111) and Michael Floyd (100). **211**

5 The number of times the Irish have scored on their opening drive this season, including Saturday's Brandon Walker field goal.

The number of total plays in the game. Notre Dame ran 83, Pittsburgh 77. **160**

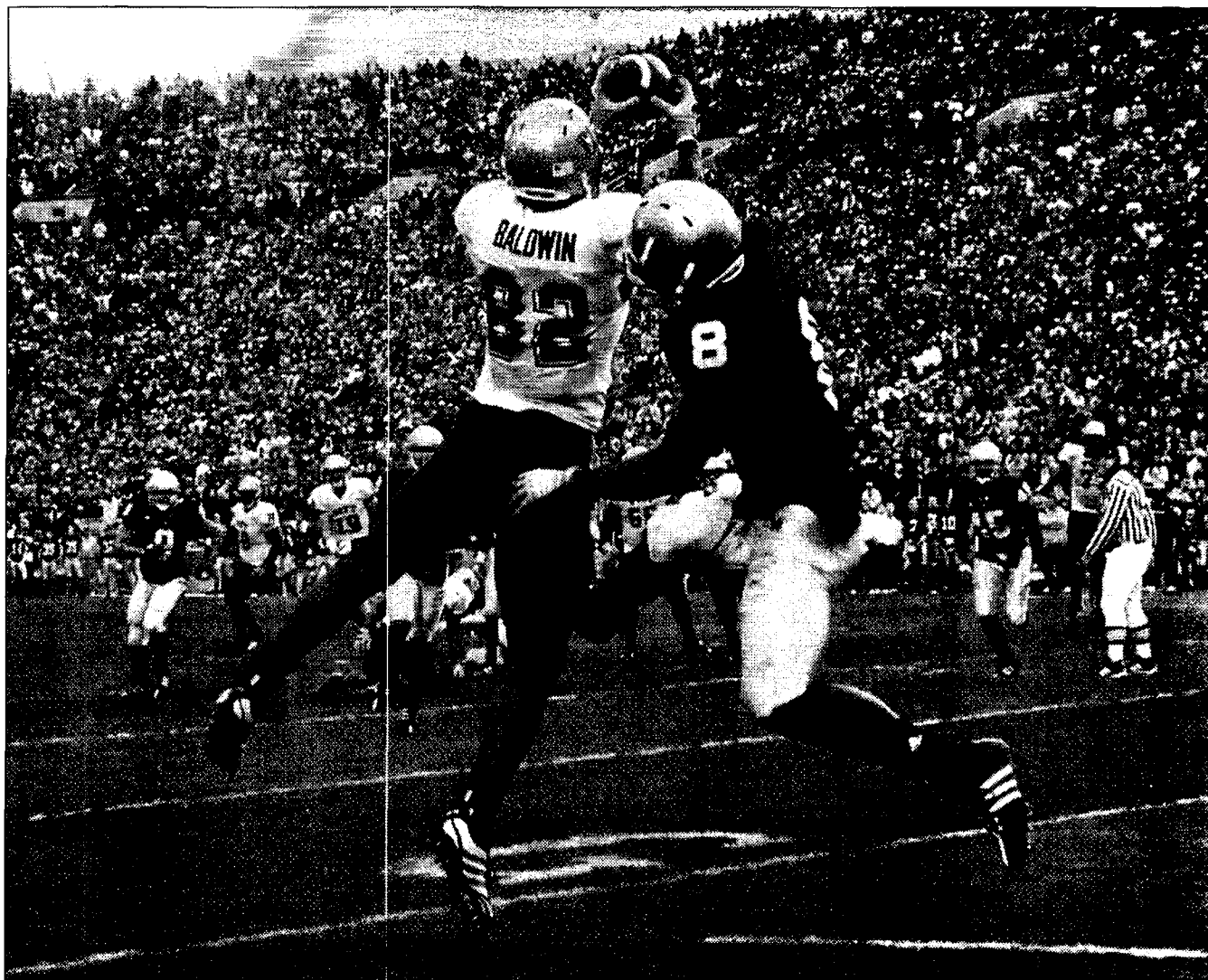
22 The number of touchdowns scored by Notre Dame freshmen and sophomores this year, out of a total of 27.

The number of passes of at least 20 yards Jimmy Clausen has completed this season. He had 17 all last year. **31**

7 The number of consecutive field goals Brandon Walker had made before missing in the fourth overtime.

The time it took Pittsburgh to earn its first first down of the game. **18:10**

184 The number of punts between Saturday's blocked punt and the last one Notre Dame had blocked by Michigan State in 2005.



Panthers wide receiver Jonathan Baldwin, left, makes a touchdown grab over Irish corner Raeshon McNeil with 2:22 remaining in regulation during Saturday's 36-33 Pittsburgh win.

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Irish look like horror flick

Halloween weekend carries a ton of traditions — pumpkins, lots of candy, an excuse for females to dress inappropriately — but most of all television's need to play every horror movie ever made.

You know the type. The kind of cheesy, predictable films that feature some masked nut job running around a small town, killing dumb co-eds until the hottest girl in the movie somehow narrowly avoids her death and the killer's shocking identity is revealed.

Maybe I'm just on FearNet overload, but after Notre Dame's quadruple-overtime loss to Pitt Saturday, I felt like I had just watched another thriller movie.

The worst part in any of those movies is the inevitable scene where our gorgeous protagonist looks like she will finally meet her fate. The killer slowly creeps up behind her, poses with his knife in mid-air and just as the music reaches its peak, she turns and runs to safety.

Pittsburgh was the hot chick. This is the first time Mark May — a Pitt graduate — has ever been associated with a hot chick, but it's true. The Irish were poised with their weapon of choice gleaming in a dark alley, but somehow the Panthers slipped away.

After an absurd circus catch by Golden Tate and an almost equally impressive double move by Michael "Franchise" Floyd to get open in the end zone, Notre Dame had a 10-3 lead and a heap of momentum with a few minutes remaining in the half.

Then our proverbial hot chick made it even easier. She ran up the steps instead of out the front door. Raeshon McNeil picked off a pass with under a minute to go in the half and ran it all the way down to the Pitt 13-yard line. Five plays

later Franchise scored again. With a 17-3 lead and a dominant defensive performance in the first half it looked like Notre Dame was ready to run away with a huge program win.

They just couldn't finish.

In a post-game interview senior safety David Bruton said there wasn't any one play that you could blame for the loss. That's because, as Irish coach Charlie Weis said, there were 50 you could blame for the loss.

The scene after a horror movie star escapes is equally as ridiculous and frustrating as the escape. She usually scrambles hysterically to squeeze through a window or start a car that always seems to be having engine problems. While that is going on, the killer is slowly walking towards her. I don't know if all mass murderers are lazy or maybe they have asthma, but I've never even seen one break into as much as a jog. All that adrenaline and emotion are apparently not enough to pick up the pace and finish her off.

Same goes for the Irish. There were countless opportunities to at least seal the win, let alone blow them out. Harrison Smith's personal foul which led to a touchdown, Pitt's fourth down fade pass to tie the game and four overtimes without crossing the goal line were only a few of the plays that Notre Dame let slip through their hands.

Three times Notre Dame forced Pitt to go for it on fourth down in key situations. The Panther picked up a fresh set of downs on all three. On the other side of the ball, the offense got too comfortable with the lead and stopped making plays in the second half.

Tate said after the game that he thought the offense had the tendency to get a little complacent with the lead in the second half. It sure

looked like it. The team could clearly move the ball if they wanted to. Pitt tied the score at 17 in the fourth quarter and Clausen marched them 75 yards down the field for a touchdown on the very next drive.

But for some reason they couldn't get it going again for the rest of the game. They instead relied on Brandon Walker's left foot. Walker nailed four straight including a career long 48-yarder to push the game to a fourth overtime period. That was kind of like the crazy, unexpected twist of fate that makes audiences think that the main character doesn't stand a chance. Notre Dame could lose yards in overtime and still keep pace.

How could Pitt possibly escape this time?

Of course, they found a way and Notre Dame's identity was revealed — a team much-improved from last year, but not experienced enough to win the big game yet.

All three of Notre Dame's losses this year have come against teams with winning records, all five wins have come against teams with

losing records. They have the talent and the chances to beat those better teams right now, but it may be another year before they have the killer instinct to close a game.

Weis and the Irish seem to be making a scary habit of giving away big wins that should have been theirs. This loss looked like it could've been a sequel to the heart-breaker against North Carolina three weeks earlier.

And everyone knows the only thing worse than a horror movie is the sequel.

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Weis concerned with team's psyche

By MATT GAMBER
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Irish coach Charlie Weis' first comments during Saturday's post-game press conference expressed his top concern following the gut-wrenching loss — and it had nothing to do with his team's inability to score an overtime touchdown or the fact that Notre Dame squandered a 17-3 halftime lead.

"Right now you're not worrying about closing out the game, you're worrying about the psyche of the team," Weis said. "I think the next 24-to-48 hours, you know, it's a trying time when you come off a disheartening loss."

So much so that Weis spoke with a visibly-upset Brandon Walker — Notre Dame's sophomore kicker who made three overtime field goals before sending a fourth wide left — on the field before heading to the locker room to address the entire team.

"You know, with kickers now, when it comes to that situation, you end up missing a kick, everyone blames you," Weis said. "I wanted to make sure before we got in that locker room he understood that not for one second I wanted him to hang his head. If he wasn't making all those other kicks, the game would already be over."

But Walker wasn't the only one who took the loss hard.

"It's a dagger in a way," senior safety David Bruton said of a game he thought the Irish gave away.

"I wish I could have that one back," sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen said of overthrowing freshman Michael Floyd on a would-be touchdown in the second overtime.

"We can taste it ... we let it slip through the cracks and it hurts," junior right tackle Sam Young said of a missed opportunity he compared to the Oct. 11 29-24 loss at North Carolina.

And Weis was still worried about his team Saturday night, "rolling around" in bed looking for the answer to one question.

"After you've already revisited every play in the game for a while, now you have to think, 'Okay, what can I do to shock their system, not be in that rut of just doing the same thing you do every day...'" Weis said at his Sunday press conference.

"We're doing things different for the next couple days because I think that if I just let them go into their normal routine, I could set it up for them taking a little bit longer to get out of the tank."

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Irish coach

Boston College's first and second down game plan. That will allow for fewer meetings and

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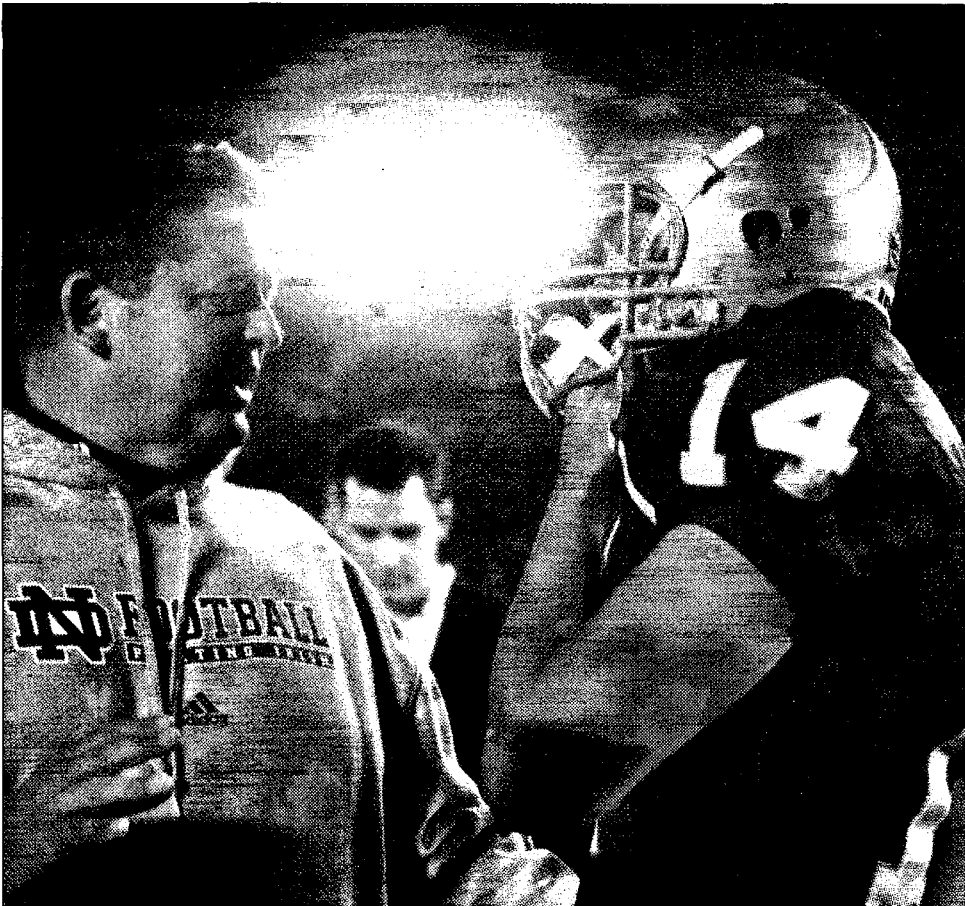
Weis said the Irish would run and lift at 6 a.m. today "to get things out of their system and get them moving forward." The afternoon session will be more mental than physical, he said, and will focus on

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David Bruton
Irish safety

"We've got a group of guys where everyone's in it, everyone cares," Bruton said. "Looking at everyone's faces, you can see the pain and the hurt, and that's something that lets me know as a leader that guys are starting to get it."

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Irish coach Charlie Weis, left, talks to sophomore kicker Brandon Walker before leaving the field after Saturday's 36-33 loss in four overtimes.

Stewart reinjures knee running onto field

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

Junior lineman Chris Stewart reinjured his knee running on to the field during the first overtime period.

"Chris doesn't look very good. His knee locked out on the way out to the field," Irish coach Charlie Weis said Sunday.

According to Weis, the knee locked up badly which means that it will need to be scoped and Stewart might be out for the remainder of the regular season.

Fellow linemen Eric Olson and Trevor Robinson were also injured during the game but Weis said they would be practicing Monday morning.

Kicking things off

Ryan Burkhart's second quarter kickoff following the team's first touchdown was Notre Dame's first touchback of the season. Prior to Saturday's game the Irish led the nation in kickoff coverage allowing an average of only 16.3 yard per return. Pittsburgh averaged 18.5 yards per return.

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es for 100 yards against the Panthers. Floyd now has 41 catches on the season.

The record was previously held by sophomore Duval Kamara who had 31 catches last year. Floyd also broke

Kamara's freshman touchdown record last week against Washington.

"He just keeps making plays," Irish sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen said. "That's what he's here to do, make plays. He's done a great job throughout the season making plays."

Long day's work

Saturday's game, which went to four overtimes, was the longest game in Notre Dame's history. The previous long of three overtimes was set last year in a 46-43 loss to Navy.

The Irish have had three overtime games with Charlie Weis as coach and have lost all three. The first loss came against Michigan State in Weis' first season.

Honoring legends

Former Irish coach Frank Leahy was honored at Saturday's game. Leahy won two national championships in 1943 and 1946. For the two seasons in between championships Leahy was not with the team because he was serving in the U.S. Navy.

Leahy's son and grandson, both of whom played for the Irish, took part in the coin flip. In Notre Dame's final home game against Syracuse on Nov. 22 the Irish will honor the last of five championship coaches, Knute Rockne.

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
PITT	3	0	7	14	12	36
ND	3	14	0	7	9	33

First quarter

Notre Dame 3, Pittsburgh 0
Brandon Walker 39-yd field goal with 9:38 remaining. Drive: 10 plays, 62 yards, 5:22 elapsed.

Notre Dame 3, Pittsburgh 3
Conor Lee 35-yd field goal with 5:58 remaining. Drive: 4 plays, 2 yards, 1:27 elapsed.

Second quarter

Notre Dame 10, Pittsburgh 3
Jimmy Clausen 18-yd pass to Michael Floyd (Walker kick) with 1:27 remaining. Drive: 9 plays, 91 yards, 4:39 elapsed.

Notre Dame 17, Pittsburgh 3
Clausen 4-yd pass to Floyd (Walker kick) with :04 remaining. Drive: 5 plays, 13 yards, :26 elapsed.

Third quarter

Notre Dame 17, Pittsburgh 10
LaRod Stephens 4-yd run (Lee kick) with 10:55 remaining. Drive: 8 plays, 71 yards, 4:05 elapsed.

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 17, Pittsburgh 17
LeSean McCoy 1-yd run (Lee kick) with 11:03 remaining. Drive: 15 plays, 70 yards, 8:28 elapsed.

Notre Dame 24, Pittsburgh 17
Clausen 6-yd pass to Golden Tate (Walker kick) with 5:38 remaining. Drive: 12 plays, 75 yards, 5:25 elapsed.

Notre Dame 24, Pittsburgh 24
Pat Bostick 10-yd pass to Jonathan Baldwin (Lee kick) with 2:22 remaining. Drive: 8 plays, 70 yards, 3:16 elapsed.

Overtime

1st OT: Pittsburgh 27, Notre Dame 24
Lee 22-yd field goal. Drive: 6 plays, 20 yards.

1st OT: Pittsburgh 27, Notre Dame 27
Walker 22-yd field goal. Drive: 6 plays, 21 yards.

2nd OT: Notre Dame 30, Pittsburgh 27
Walker 26-yd field goal. Drive: 7 plays, 17 yards.

2nd OT: Notre Dame 30, Pittsburgh 30
Lee 32-yd field goal. Drive: 4 plays, 9 yards.

3rd OT: Pittsburgh 33, Notre Dame 30
Lee 26-yd field goal. Drive: 6 plays, 16 yards.

3rd OT: Pittsburgh 33, Notre Dame 33
Walker 48-yd field goal. Drive: 4 plays, 4 yards.

4th OT: Pittsburgh 36, Notre Dame 33
Lee 22-yd field goal. Drive: 4 plays, 20 yards.

statistics

total yards

ND	384
Pittsburgh	346

rushing yards

ND	113
Pittsburgh	178

passing yards

ND	271
Pittsburgh	168

time of possession

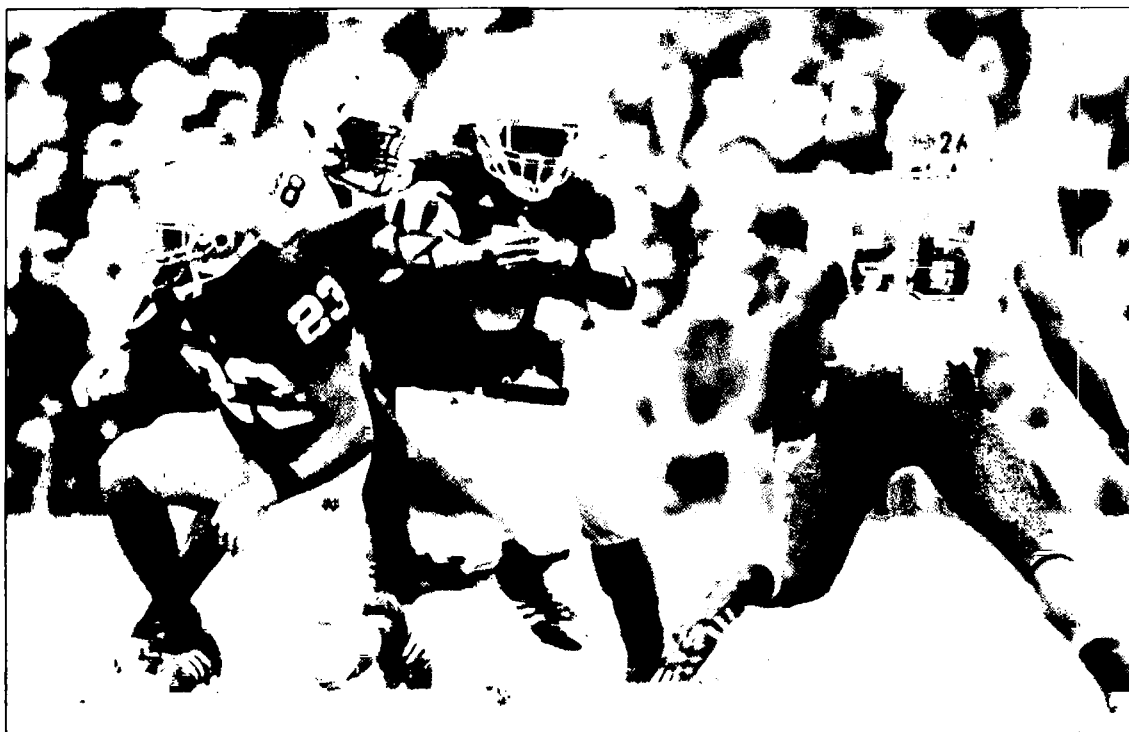
ND	28:41
Pittsburgh	31:16



passing			
Clausen	23-44-0	Bostick	14-27-3

rushing			
Allen Aldridge	19-73	McCoy Stephens	32-169
	8-25		8-23

receiving			
Floyd	10-100	Turner	2-42
Tate	6-111	Baldwin	2-31
Allen	3-13	McCoy	2-23
Rudolph	2-26	Kinder	2-10
Kamara	2-21	Pelusi	2-7



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Saturday was the Pitts

Embattled sophomore kicker Brandon Walker made three field goals in overtime but the Irish came up one short, as Pittsburgh's Conor Lee drilled a 22-yard field goal in the fourth overtime to beat the Irish 36-33. Notre Dame dominated the first half 17-3, scoring on a pair of Jimmy Clausen-to-Michael Floyd touchdown passes near the end of the second quarter and quieting the Panthers and their star running back LeSean McCoy. But a costly personal foul penalty extended Pittsburgh's drive of the second half, which would result in a touchdown. The

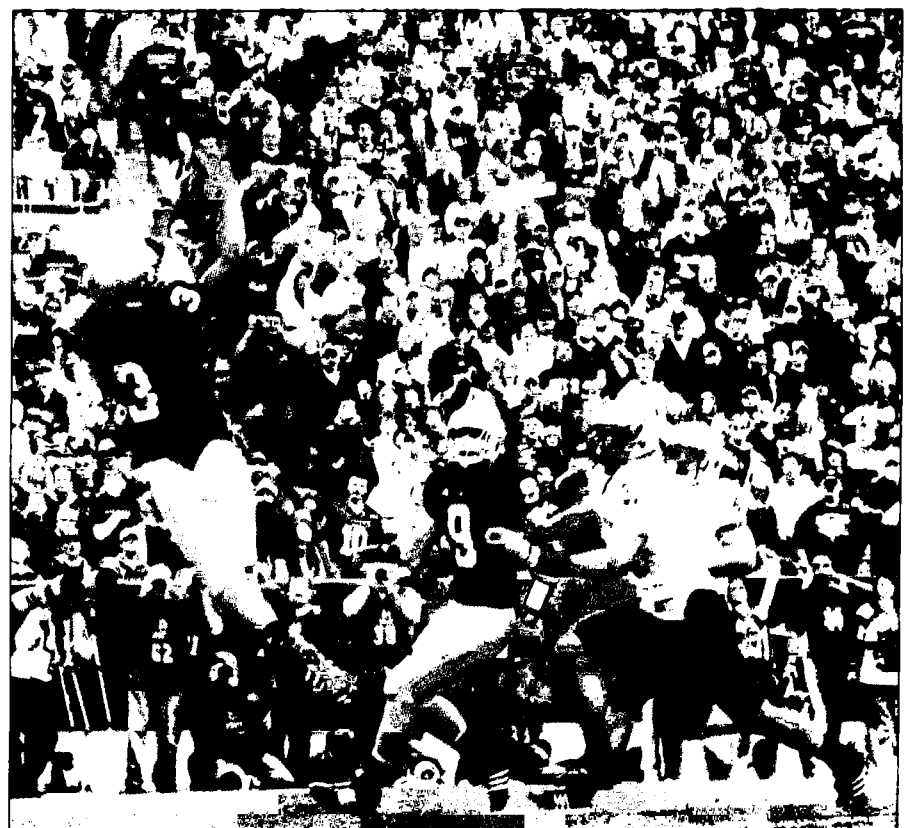
Irish offense couldn't get anything going in the third quarter, taking a 17-10 advantage to the fourth. McCoy got rolling and tied the game with a touchdown run, but the Irish marched back down the field as Clausen found Golden Tate for a score and a 24-17 lead. The Panthers scored on a 4th-and-6 from the Notre Dame 10-yardline on a fade pass to Jonathan Baldwin with 2:22 left, tying the game 24-24 to force overtime. Neither team could manage a touchdown in overtime, resting the fate of the game on Walker's left foot and Lee's right.



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Clockwise from top, Armando Allen tries to spring free from a pair of defenders; David Bruton hauls in an interception near the end of regulation; Ian Williams reacts on the field after the loss; Michael Floyd makes one of his two touchdown catches; Raeshon McNeil returns one of his two interceptions.



Kicking it Old School with *The Golden Girls*

If I had to describe myself, I'd say I'm a pretty typical college kid. I'm mildly obsessed with sleep — napping, snoozing, even that nap-jerk thing you do when you're feeling a mid-afternoon brain-fuzz. I wear sweat pants, sneakers and T-shirts on a fairly regular basis. And I usually wait to do laundry until I have four loads left and I'm running out of socks. I cook with my mom, watch football with my dad and text my sisters about "Project Runway."



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Scene Editor

Oh, and I think I've seen every episode of "The Golden Girls." Maybe those things don't jive at first glance. It'd be hard to picture Sophia Petrillo listening to MGMT on her iPod or swiping into the dining hall (unless she was doing the swiping). Or, for that matter, a 21 year-old Domer getting excited about time-shares in Boca Raton. Most college kids' televisions probably run on a steady diet of MTV, the news networks and "The Office," and most senior citizens' dials might be switched to "60 minutes," the news networks and "The Antiques Roadshow."

Right? Wrong. Because, well, I love "The Golden Girls." I hang out with Rose, Dorothy, Sophia and Blanche all the time — albeit, courtesy of the Lifetime network and the power of reruns. I've watched their highs, their lows, and their obsession with cheese-cake in episode after episode, and I love it.

The best way to get to know "The Golden Girls" is to do just that — get to know the four main characters: Dorothy Zbornak (Bea Arthur), Sophia Petrillo (Estelle Getty), Blanche Devereaux (Rue McClanahan) and Rose Nylund (Betty White).

The anchor of "The Golden Girls" is arguably Dorothy, a strong headed, independent divorcee with a sardonic sense of humor. Dorothy was hardly the popular girl in high school, marrying her clownish boyfriend Stanley Zbornak when she found out she was pregnant with his child. The specter of Stan (and his actual, annoying presence) haunts Dorothy through the show's earlier seasons, but she handily tosses

him aside with her signature wit.

Arthur, an alum of the groundbreaking series "Maude," is always at the top of her game in this role.

Blanche could probably shock a teenage viewer: once called "sexy Grandma" by her granddaughter, Blanche is the resident social butterfly of the group. While Sophia and Dorothy tease her about the virtual rotating door to her bedroom, Blanche, a Southerner by birth, thinks she's a lady. Here's a typical exchange between the three of them:

Blanche: "What do you think of my new dress? Is it me?"

Sophia: "It's too tight, it's too short and it shows too much cleavage for a woman your age."

Dorothy: "Yes, Blanche. It's you. You don't get writing like that today, folks. You just don't."

Rose is, to be totally honest, kind of a loon — but in a sweet, caring sort of way that almost makes you forget how ridiculous she can be. A native of St. Olaf, Minn., she's quick with a story, slow on the uptake and always a good friend.

But really, Estelle Getty's Sophia is the star of the show. Ready with a zinger at any moment, Sophia is a tough, Sicilian woman with smarts and spunk. She'll often start a story with the phrase, "Picture it: Sicily," and her biting humor belies a heart of endearing gold. She's by far the funniest cast member. Here's an example, from after one of Sophia's memorable life stories.

Rose: "Wow, Sophia, that was some story!"

Sophia: "Yeah — funny, touching and with a surprise ending. I wonder if it was true. Damn that stroke."

So why regale you with details about a show that made its debut before any of us were born? (Wow, by the way.) Because it's fun, and funny, and it's still refreshing to watch a show in which any character over fifty isn't immediately deemed useless.

Who knows? Someday I may be as cantankerous and as funny as Sophia Petrillo or her three housemates. (Hey, I'm also Sicilian. Anything's possible.) In the meantime, I'll catch the reruns on Lifetime again tonight. And tomorrow night.

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Rose (Betty White), left, and Sophia (Estelle Getty) have a late-night chat on "The Golden Girls." The show is in steady rotation on Lifetime. Image courtesy of starpulse.com

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NFL

Titans remain unbeaten in overtime defeat of Packers

Bengals come from behind to record first victory; Grossman's touchdown gives Bears sole lead in NFC North

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Rob Bironas wanted a chance at redemption.

The Tennessee Titans gave it to their All-Pro kicker, who made sure their run as the NFL's lone unbeaten team continues for another week.

Bironas kicked a 41-yard field goal with 9:36 to go in overtime that kept the Titans perfect with a 19-16 victory over the Green Bay Packers on Sunday. The kicker had a chance to win in regulation, but banged a 47-yarder off the upright, prompting him to yank his facemask down in anger at himself.

"I was hoping for exactly what happened," Bironas said. "We'd win the toss and get another shot at it. I don't miss many, so I definitely wanted another shot at it to put us in the lead and go home with the victory, 8-0."

The Titans (8-0) won the toss and drove 55 yards in 10 plays to give Bironas another chance. Going out on third-and-2, he swung through his fourth field goal that started the celebration as the Titans matched a franchise record by winning their 11th straight regular-season game.

"When you win eight games, you're going to on occasion need to win some like this, and that is just what we did," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said of his team's second game a week. "We hung in there."

The Packers (4-4), who showed some early rust coming off their bye, tied it at 16 on Mason Crosby's third field goal, a 38-yarder, with 5:30 left. Aaron Rodgers, fresh with his new contract extension, had plenty of time to end the Titans' winning streak as Tennessee went three-and-out for the fourth time.

Green Bay got to the Tennessee 45, but the Titans forced Green Bay to punt the ball away with 1:49 left. The Packers never got it back even as they downed the ball at the Tennessee 8.

Kerry Collins drove the Titans downfield by going 4-of-5 for 48 yards, and Fisher ran the clock down to 4 seconds in setting up Bironas for the chance to win in regulation. He said he scraped a cleat on the ground and missed it by a yard. Green Bay's Jarrett Bush said he scraped the ball with the tip of his glove.

"We felt good about it," Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy said. "We liked the position we were in and even kicking it off to them when we lost the coin toss we expected the defense to stop them. It didn't work out that way."

In overtime, rookie Chris Johnson took over. He caught a 16-yarder on third-and-6, then ran 14 yards for another first down. He finished with 89 yards on 24 carries and six receptions for 72 yards more. He also scored the Titans' only TD.

"To go right back out, I don't think it could have set up better for us," Collins said.

Green Bay outgained Tennessee 390-347 in total offense. The Packers also brought in a defense leading the NFL with 13 interceptions, but it was the Titans who made the big defensive plays in sacking Rodgers four times and forcing two turnovers, including Chris Hope's interception in the end zone.

"There are no moral victories," Rodgers said. "We wanted to get to 5-3. We felt like we had a good game plan and we were very aggressive. I just didn't throw the ball as well as I wanted to. I'm very disappointed about the way I played, but our resolve is strong and I'll come back next week and be ready to play in a big game against the Vikings."

Cincinnati 21, Jacksonville 19

Inspired by what passes for motivation around these parts, the Cincinnati Bengals found their resolve and got a win.

Finally. And barely.

Ryan Fitzpatrick threw a pair of touchdown passes to Chad Ocho Cincin, who celebrated by giving the head coach a kiss, and Cincinnati stopped a late 2-point conversion try Sunday, preserving a victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars.

With the losses mounting and history beckoning, several Bengals tried to fire up their teammates. Offensive tackle Andrew Whitworth talked to the offense after practice on Saturday, and receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh spoke up in the locker room before the game.

The message: Don't be a doormat.

"We're 0-8, but I think



Tennessee quarterback Kerry Collins throws a pass in the fourth quarter of the Titans' 19-16 overtime win over the Green Bay Packers Sunday.

we're a good 0-8 team, if that's possible," Houshmandzadeh said. "I was just telling them: Are we going to the playoffs? Probably not. But we're all men and play with pride. Basically, play with pride and let's try to make this thing look somewhat respectable."

For one day, they were.

At 1-8, the Bengals are no longer on pace to be historically bad. Now merely dreadful, they were too much for the stunned Jaguars (3-5), who fell behind 21-3 before making it close.

Montell Owens returned a fumble 18 yards for a fourth-quarter touchdown, and David Garrard led a late drive that culminated in Maurice Jones-Drew's 1-yard run with 1:17 to go. Garrard failed to squeeze a pass into double-covered Jerry Porter on the conversion try.

The game ended on one of those multiple-lateral plays that ended with the ball dribbling out of bounds. The 64,238 fans raised their arms in celebration of an unexpected win.

The Bengals were coming off the most lopsided back-to-

back losses in franchise history. One more would have left them 0-9 for only the second time in team history.

Chicago 27, Detroit 23

Rex Grossman dove into the end zone, then ran to the side and spiked the ball. He had something to celebrate and the Chicago Bears had reason to exhale.

Grossman came off the bench to replace injured quarterback Kyle Orton and scored the go-ahead touchdown with 5:36 left, helping the Bears rally from a 10-point deficit for a 27-23 victory over the winless Detroit Lions on Sunday.

"I always thought odds are I was going to play a little bit, so we'll see what happens," said Grossman, the former starter who lost his job in the preseason.

Matt Forte had 126 yards rushing for the Bears, who lost Orton to a right ankle injury and safety Mike Brown to a calf problem late in the first half. They didn't lose the game, though.

They can thank Grossman and Forte, who ran for 40 of Chicago's 55 yards on the go-

ahead drive. His 19-yard dash put the ball on the 1 and Jason McKie got it back there with a 5-yarder after an illegal procedure penalty, setting up Grossman's 1-yard plunge that put Chicago ahead 27-23.

"That was a fun play, I guess," Grossman said.

Did he feel any personal satisfaction?

"No. It was team satisfaction all the way," Grossman said.

It was also a big relief for the Bears, who moved ahead of Green Bay to take sole possession of the NFC North lead.

Lance Briggs forced and recovered a fumble by Detroit's Michael Gaines at the Chicago 44 with 2:17 left, but the Lions got the ball back and drove to the Chicago 32. The Bears (5-3) then broke up a pass intended for Calvin Johnson in the end zone on the final play, and Detroit's search for a win continued.

After building a 23-13 half-time lead, the Lions (0-8) were in good position for their first victory since they beat Kansas City on Dec. 23. Instead, they're now the lone winless team.

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2	Texas Tech	1,528	6
3	Penn State	1,525	3
4	Florida	1,398	5
5	Texas	1,353	1
6	Oklahoma	1,324	4
7	USC	1,250	7
8	Oklahoma State	1,198	9
9	Boise State	1,030	11
10	Utah	1,028	10
11	TCU	958	12
12	Ohio State	898	13
13	Missouri	830	14
14	Georgia	808	8
15	LSU	746	15
16	Ball State	594	18
17	Brigham Young	536	17
18	Michigan State	456	22
19	North Carolina	418	21
20	West Virginia	303	NR
21	California	288	NR
22	Georgia Tech	286	NR
23	Maryland	242	25
24	Florida State	128	16
25	Pittsburgh	96	NR

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4	Texas	.853	1
5	Florida	.826	8
6	Oklahoma	.822	4
7	USC	.755	5
8	Utah	.697	10
9	Oklahoma State	.666	9
10	Boise State	.653	11
11	Ohio State	.555	12
12	TCU	.544	13
13	Georgia	.536	6
14	Missouri	.493	14
15	BYU	.374	20
16	LSU	.371	19
17	Ball State	.356	16
18	Michigan State	.336	21
19	North Carolina	.264	22
20	Georgia Tech	.189	NR
21	California	.113	NR
22	Florida State	.087	15
23	Maryland	.082	NR
24	Northwestern	.081	NR
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NFL



Jets running back Leon Washington, left, tosses the ball to a teammate while being chased by Bills defensive end Ryan Denney in the second half of New York's 26-17 win over Buffalo Sunday.

Jets catch up in division with victory

Associated Press

RICHARD PARK, N.Y. — Abram Elam was growing tired while the New York Jets' defense was on the field for what seemed like forever: After all, 15 minutes off the game clock is a long time for any defender.

The impressive thing was, not only did the safety and has teammates prevent the Buffalo Bills from scoring during that prolonged stretch in the first half, they actually scored the go-ahead points in helping secure a 26-17 win Sunday.

"It was big," Elam said. "It was a big momentum swing to keep them from getting points and put

points on the board for our team."

It started with Elam, who returned an interception 92 yards for a touchdown. Barely having time to catch his breath, Elam was back on the field helping the Jets stop the Bills' on their next drive when Kris Jenkins stuffed Fred Jackson, who was attempting to convert a fourth-and-1 at the Jets 8.

It was a pivotal defensive stand that sparked a sudden turn of events in which the Bills went from threatening to build on a 7-6 lead, to finding themselves down 13-7 despite controlling the ball during a 15:08 span, in which they rattled off 27 plays

for 114 yards.

Jenkins registered two of the Jets' five sacks, while Darrelle Revis also had an interception.

"It was a tough situation," Jenkins said. "I'm going to be honest with you, I'm a pretty big guy. And you get kind of tired out there when you're out there for a long time. But we kept bouncing back and kept fighting."

And suddenly, the AFC East race is a whole lot tighter with the Jets (5-3) catching the division rival Bills (5-3). Things don't get easier for Buffalo, which was coming off a 25-16 loss at Miami, and completes its three-game intra-division stretch at

New England next week.

The Bills can only blame themselves. They have dropped three of four and squandered any of the momentum they had generated after getting off to a 4-0 start.

"Losing the last two games is hard. There's nowhere to hide," said Bills cornerback Jabari Greer, who briefly made the game close early in the fourth quarter, when he returned an interception 42 yards for a touchdown. "No matter what we've done before, having that two-game losing streak, the taste in your mouth can easily become something if that's not corrected. It can change the

IN BRIEF

Amaro Jr. to replace Gillick as Phillies' manager

PHILADELPHIA — Ruben Amaro Jr. will replace Pat Gillick as general manager of the World Series champion Philadelphia Phillies on Monday.

Amaro just completed his 10th season as assistant GM and was considered the front-runner for the job after Gillick said last year this would be his last season.

The Phillies will introduce Amaro at a news conference Monday, just five days after the team beat the Tampa Bay Rays to capture the second championship in franchise history.

Amaro got the nod over Mike Arbuckle, who spent the last 15 years with the Phillies. Arbuckle was the director of scouting for his first seven seasons in Philadelphia, and became an assistant GM in October 2001.

Brodeur to miss game, end consecutive start streak

NEWARK, N.J. — Devils goalie Martin Brodeur will miss at least one game with a bruised elbow, ending a career-high streak of 51 regular-season starts.

The team said Brodeur will not start Monday against the Buffalo Sabres after being injured Saturday in a 6-1 win over Atlanta. He was set to undergo an X-ray and MRI examination Sunday.

Brodeur's streak began Jan. 8 of last season. Goaltender Jeff Frazee, the Devils' second choice in 2005, has been called up from Trenton (ECHL) under emergency conditions to serve as back-up to Kevin Weekes.

Brodeur made five saves before leaving Saturday's game 6:38 into the second period. He was relieved by Weekes, who posted 14 stops as Brodeur picked up career win No. 544. The four-time Vezina Trophy winner needs seven victories to tie Patrick

Roy's career mark of 551. 81-year old finishes marathon in just over six hours

NEW YORK — Joy Johnson, the defending 80-and-over champion in the New York City Marathon, finished in 6 hours, 5 minutes and 58 seconds.

Johnson, 81, of San Jose, Calif., competed in her 21st consecutive New York City Marathon, and just missed her goal of running in less than six hours.

The official results for 80-and-over still weren't in by Sunday evening, but Johnson held off 80-year-old Bertha McGruder, who moved into the 80-90 division this year after completing the race in 6:15 in 2007. McGruder was still on the course after Johnson crossed the finish line.

Johnson took up running at age 58 during her days as a gym teacher. Three years later, she finished in her first New York City Marathon in 4:22. After another three years of training, she finished 3:55

NFL

Manning throws three TD's in win

Cowboys drop to last place in NFC East with third loss in four games

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — With injured quarterback Tony Romo watching from the sidelines, the New York Giants had no problem burying the Dallas Cowboys in more ways than one.

Eli Manning threw three touchdown passes, Brandon Jacobs rushed for 117 yards and a score and the Giants defense took advantage of Romo's absence to intercept three passes in a 35-14 victory on Sunday.

The win was the fifth straight at home for the Giants (7-1) and it allowed the Super Bowl champions to open a three-game lead over the defending NFC East champion Cowboys (5-4) in the division.

The loss was the third in four games for Dallas, which fell into last place in the division behind Washington (6-2) and Philadelphia (5-3), not something anyone expected from the team many considered the favorite to win the NFC.

Manning threw touchdown passes of 13 yards to Kevin Boss, 5 to Steve Smith and 11 to Amani Toomer, with the scores by Smith and Toomer being set up by Corey Webster's interceptions of Brad Johnson, Romo's replacement.

Jacobs scored on a 12-yard run two plays after James Butler picked off Brooks Bollinger's first pass in the opening minutes of the third quarter. Derrick Ward added a 17-yard touchdown run to ice the game in the fourth quarter.

Dallas showed little on offense without Romo, who missed his third straight game with a broken right pinkie. The Cowboys turned the ball over four times, with Terrell Owens adding a rare fumble in the second quarter at the Giants 10-yard line.

Cornerback Mike Jenkins scored Dallas' first touchdown with a 23-yard, second-quarter interception on a play that Manning and Plaxico Burress were not on the same page.

Bollinger, whose entrance into the game in the second half only helped the Giants add to their lead, added an 8-yard touchdown pass to Owens in the fourth quarter, a drive set up by a questionable roughing the passer call against Giants defensive end Justin Tuck, who had 2 1/2 of the Giants four sacks.

Steve Spagnuolo's pressure defense limited the Cowboys to 183 total yards, with 75 of those coming on the drive in which Tuck was penalized.

The game between the two long-time rivals was not much of a contest.

The Giants took the opening kickoff and went 75 yards in 11 plays with Manning (16-of-27 for 147 yards) hitting Boss in the corner of the end zone for a 7-0 lead.

Dallas had a chance to get right back in the game in the quarter when Johnson hit Roy Williams with a 28-yard pass for a first down at the Giants 25.

On the next play, Owens ran a look-in pattern and Johnson lead him too much with the pass. Webster caught the ball and returned it 57 yards to the Dallas 27. Manning found Smith in the middle of the field on a third-and-3 from the Dallas 5 for the touchdown.

Jenkins put Dallas on the board, catching a pass alone in the right flat and walking into the end zone. It came on the series following the Owens' fumble, his first since 2004.

Webster helped restore the 14-point lead late in the quarter picking off a poorly thrown ball by Johnson at the Giants 47 and returning it a yard.

Jacobs ran for 25 yards on first down and Manning eventually capped the drive with his TD pass to Toomer.

Cowboys coach Wade Phillips lifted Johnson after intermission and Bollinger made the move backfire throwing an interception right to Butler on his first pass.

NHL

Oilers end Flyers' streak with victory

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Ales Hemsky is rounding into form and the Edmonton Oilers are winning again.

Hemsky had two goals and an assist, and the Oilers held on to end the Philadelphia Flyers' four-game winning streak with a 5-4 win Sunday.

"He played unreal," Edmonton coach Craig MacTavish said after the Oilers won their second straight after dropping five in a row. "Those are all-world goals that he scored."

Hemsky put the Oilers ahead 2-1 at 12:27 of the first period on a nifty forehand-to-backhand move after skating in from center ice. Then at 4:26 of the second, Hemsky skated in from the blue line and went backhand-to-forehand to score again.

They were the first goals in 19 games dating back to last season for the sixth-year right-wing.

"I wouldn't have minded a couple of garbage goals, but I didn't get mentally down and the goals came," Hemsky said.

Sheldon Souray added a goal and assist, Erik Cole and Dustin Penner also scored,

and Tom Gilbert had three assists for the Oilers.

Mike Knuble and Simon Gagne each had a goal and assist, and Braydon Coburn and Jeff Carter also scored goals for Philadelphia, which outscored its opponents 19-7 during the streak.

"We just let them skate," Philadelphia coach John Stevens said. "There were some severe breakdowns. We also have to do a better job of checking."

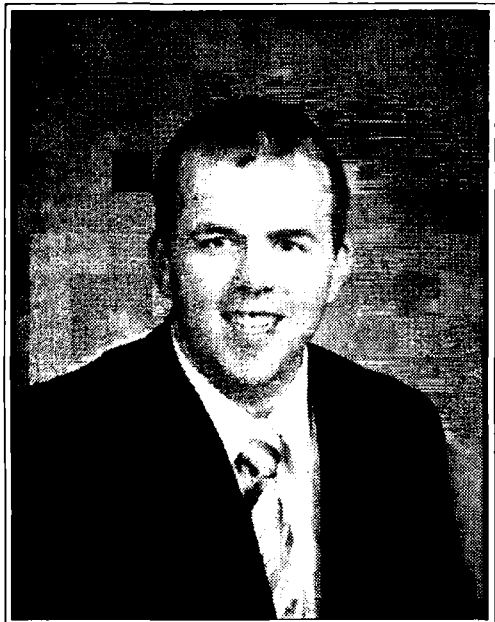
Dwayne Roloson stopped 22 shots as the Oilers built a 5-2 lead. He denied Scott Hartnell on a breakaway with 9:07 left in the third period and Edmonton leading 5-4.

"The Flyers are a great offensive team," Roloson said. "Their power play was firing pretty good today. They took advantage of some mistakes."

Martin Biron, who had 23 saves, said that the Flyers made it too easy for the Oilers' offense.

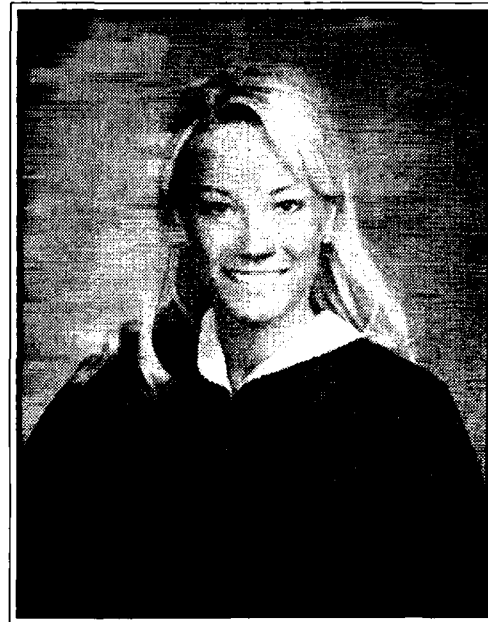
"We gave them a lot of room to execute their give-and-goes, their passes, and their three-on-twos," the goaltender said.

Edmonton went ahead on Cole's wrist shot from the right circle at 9:10 of the first period.



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NCAA FOOTBALL

Saban denies talk of return to LSU

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — New No. 1 Alabama is heading to LSU for a big game between two of the top teams in the Southeastern Conference. And Nick Saban is returning to the stadium he once ruled.

Guess which topic makes the Crimson Tide coach more than a little touchy?

With his team off to a 9-0 start and now at the forefront of the national title hunt after dispatching Arkansas State 35-0 on Saturday, Saban does not want to be the story line in his return to face No. 15 LSU. In fact, he bristles at the very subject.

"It's going to be about our players and about our team," he said after Saturday's game. "I don't care how hard anybody tries to make it about something else, it's not going to be. I'm kind of giving you a little forewarning."

"If somebody wants to get a you-know-what chewing this week, that'll be a good way to get it."

It's fairly certain Saban

will not be able to dodge questions about his return to Baton Rouge no matter how hard he tries. Another sure-to-be hot topic: The Tide's first regular-season No. 1 ranking since losing the top spot with a 6-3 loss to Mississippi State 28 years and a day earlier when Bear Bryant still reigned.

Saban coached the Tigers from 2000-05, going 13-1 in 2003. His homecoming to the school he spurned for a two-year stop with the NFL's Miami Dolphins just happens to coincide with what certainly appears to be his best team since then. Saban's return to an SEC West rival makes a warm welcome by LSU fans highly unlikely.

You know Saban wants to avoid such talk when he even brings up his team's record, the type of subject he normally avoids with his ultra-focused approach.

"It's not going to be about that," he said of facing his former team. "This team is 9-0 and has played extremely well all year long. LSU has a very, very good football team. They were national

champs last year, they've lost to two top-10 opponents this year, and we've got to play them on the road."

"And it's going to be about our players and their players and the players on the field. That's what it should be about. If anybody makes it about something else, then you're not really being fair to the players."

It could be about an Alabama defense that pitched its first shutout in nearly three years against Arkansas State and produced its fourth defensive touchdown on Rashad Johnson's interception return. The Red Wolves managed just 158 yards.

The Tide had not won its first nine games since 2005, a season that ended with losses to LSU and Auburn. The program's last top ranking came with the 1992 national championship after a Sugar Bowl win over previously No. 1 Miami.

Alabama has won its past two games, including a visit to Tennessee, by 55 points after a series of close calls or second-half letdowns.

NY MARATHON

Third straight win easy for Radcliffe

Gomes dos Santos wins dramatic men's race

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Paula Radcliffe glanced over her shoulder to see the competition lined up in single file behind her.

The world record holder was so dominant in gusty conditions at the New York City Marathon that she served in the dual roles of leader and windbreaker and still breezed to a comfortable victory Sunday, her second straight and third overall.

Radcliffe did not need a dramatic finish as in her previous two wins—that was saved for the men's race, in which Marilson Gomes dos Santos of Brazil blew past Abderrahim Goumri with about a mile to go.

Radcliffe led nearly the entire way, as none of her rivals seemed to want to brave the elements.

"It was like, 'Come on, we've got the whole road,'" she said with a laugh.

On a cool, sunny day, 38,377 runners started the race. Radcliffe became the second woman to win the event three times, pulling away from Ludmila Petrova in the 22nd mile. The Brit finished in two hours, 23 minutes, 56 seconds.

Crossing the line behind Radcliffe were a veteran proving she can still keep up with younger runners and a marathon rookie showing she can race with the best in the world.

The 40-year-old Petrova was second in 2:25:43, eight years after she won the NYC Marathon. She became the oldest woman to finish in the top two since Priscilla Welch of Great Britain won in 1987 at the age of 42. The Russian also set a Masters world record for runners 40 and over, breaking Welch's mark set in London in 1987.

Kara Goucher took third in 2:25:53, making her the first American to reach the podium since Anne Marie Letko was third in 1994. She posted the fastest time in a marathon debut by an American woman, breaking Deena Kastor's mark set in this race in 2001.

Goucher's coach has long believed that she's a natural for the marathon. He should know—Alberto Salazar won three straight NYC Marathons from 1980-82.

It was an emotional day for Goucher, running in the city where she was born and

where her father was killed by a drunk driver just before she turned 4.

"I was so excited to run here and sad that it's over," she said. "It was awesome."

Gomes has a special affection for New York, where he has won his only two major marathon titles. He was a surprise winner in 2006 before finishing eighth last year.

Goumri pulled away from Gomes in the 22nd mile and appeared headed to his elusive first major marathon title. Instead, the Moroccan was the runner-up for the second straight year, his fourth near-miss in 19 months.

Gomes won in 2:08:43. Goumri finished in 2:09:07, and Daniel Rono of Kenya was third in 2:11:22 in his NYC Marathon debut.

"I have seen many marathons that are decided at the last minute, so you never lose hope," Gomes said. "You have to keep trying, and I kept pushing even though it was six, seven seconds behind."

Goumri was left again to lament miscues along the 26.2-mile course. He said he missed the chance to hydrate several times.

Goumri had emerged as a pre-race favorite with defending champ Martin Lel of Kenya sidelined by a foot injury. When Goumri took the lead, he thought, "It's my day."

"But when it's finishing a marathon, I just turned back and I saw Marilson come back," he said. "I said, 'I think he's going to win today.'"

The NYC Marathon was again the site of a stirring comeback for Radcliffe, who is only a third of the way to Grete Waitz's remarkable record of nine titles. As in 2004, she rebounded from a disappointing Olympic performance with a victory. Last year, she won her first marathon since the birth of her daughter less than 10 months earlier.

Radcliffe has won eight of the 10 marathons she has started—all but her two Olympics, when she was thwarted by health problems both times.

"It does make it frustrating because you think, 'Why can I get it right all the time in New York and I can't get it right there?'" Radcliffe said. "But sometimes you have to take what life deals you."

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PGA

Palmer secures win with birdie on 18

Associated Press

PALM COAST, Fla. — Ryan Palmer made a 10-foot birdie on the 18th hole Sunday to break out of a six-way tie for the lead and win the Ginn sur Mer Classic, earning a two-year exemption on the PGA Tour.

Palmer, who was at No. 143 on the money list with two tournaments remaining, had to call a penalty on himself and made bogey on the 10th hole, then took double bogey on the next hole with a tee shot into the water.

But he rebounded with a birdie he desperately needed on the final hole at Ginn Ocean Hammock Resort for his second career victory.

Michael Letzig, the 54-hole leader, needed a birdie on the par-5 18th to force a playoff. But his wedge spun 35 feet down the slope and he had to settle for par and a 73 to finish one shot behind.

Also tying for second were George McNeill, Nicholas Thompson, Ken Duke and Vaughn Taylor, who was at No. 129 on the money list and earned enough to secure his card for next year.

The final tournament next week is at Disney, and the top 125 keep full privileges for 2009.

The fourth round twice was suspended because of bad weather, which didn't help anyone break out of the pack. Seven players had at least a

share of the lead at one point, and there was a six-way tie during the first stoppage in play.

Palmer appeared to have control with a two-shot lead until he reached the 10th green. He noticed his ball move slightly after he addressed his 30-foot birdie attempt, and after calling a rules official, assessed himself a one-shot penalty and made bogey.

He pulled his next tee shot into the water for double bogey to fall out of the lead, but rejoined the back with an up-and-down from the bunker on the par-5 13th. Palmer made pars the rest of the way, including a nervy two-putt from 40 feet on the

17th, then laid up on the closing hole and stuffed his wedge into 10 feet for the winning putt.

Palmer finished at 7-under 281 and earned \$828,000. It was the fifth time in six events during the Fall Series that a player outside the top 125 on the money list won a tournament. The exception was Zach Johnson, who was at No. 125 when he won in Texas.

As crowded as it was at the top, it could have been worse.

John Huston, at No. 168 on the money list, hit his tee shot into the water on the 16th and made bogey. Mark Wilson took two shots to get out of a greenside bunker on the 16th and made double bogey.

NBA

Marbury's future still uncertain

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stephon Marbury was inactive again Sunday, and Knicks president Donnie Walsh plans to speak with coach Mike D'Antoni and his point guard this week in hopes of clearing up an uncomfortable roster situation.

Marbury is so far out of the plans that D'Antoni tabbed Jerome James instead of Marbury to replace the injured Eddy Curry on the active list against Milwaukee, even though the 7-foot-1, 285-pound James played in just two games last season and would seem a horrible fit for an uptempo system.

Marbury, on the other hand, might be New York's most talented player. Yet D'Antoni does not want to play him sporadically, preferring to give limited backcourt minutes to players who are part of the Knicks' future.

Marbury is not. He is in the final year of a contract that will pay him more than \$21 million this season, and the Knicks surely will not re-sign him.

That salary, plus his history of clashing with coaches, makes Marbury difficult to trade. He has already made it clear he will not take a buyout for less than his full salary, so Walsh acknowledged there "aren't a lot of options out there," for getting rid of Marbury.

So with two days off coming up, Walsh will talk to Marbury and D'Antoni and see how to handle the situation, which has overshadowed everything else this season for the Knicks.

"I haven't talked it out with anybody. I want to talk to Mike, see where this is going to go because I'm unclear. I think like everybody is," Walsh said.

Marbury was active but did not play Wednesday in the season opener, with some fans chanting "We want Steph!" in the second half of a victory over Miami.

D'Antoni then placed Marbury on the inactive list Friday before a loss at Philadelphia, feeling that he would not have enough minutes for a player of Marbury's stature.

"I just don't think he's one of those guys that you can play with," D'Antoni said. "Oh get in for a sec, oh get out, oh get in." I think that's ... I don't want to use the word disrespectful because it's a privilege to play in the league, but at the same time I feel for him."

Marbury hasn't caused any trouble yet, saying he understands D'Antoni's decisions. That could change at any minute, since Marbury feuded with both Larry Brown and Isiah Thomas, his past two coaches.

Walsh said he could not envision a scenario where Marbury would be with the Knicks and inactive the rest of the season. He does not like buyouts, and said he is nowhere near asking the point guard to accept less money so he could be cut.

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ND SWIMMING

Lewis leads Ravens to win

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — His fiery, fearsome eyes scanned Baltimore's sideline looking for any teammate who didn't believe a comeback was possible.

Ray Lewis wasn't giving up, and he wasn't about to let the Ravens quit either.

"He told the whole team, 'We're going to win this game'," linebacker Terrell Suggs said. "You could see the truth in his eyes."

Inspired by their emotional middle linebacker's words, the Ravens scored 24 unanswered points in the final 16 minutes and rallied for a 37-27 win over the up-and-down Cleveland Browns on Sunday.

Matt Stover kicked three field goals, rookie quarterback Joe Flacco threw two touchdown passes and first-year running back Ray Rice ran for 154 yards to lead the Ravens (5-3), who seemed to be in big trouble when they fell behind 27-13 in the third quarter. But with Lewis leading the way, Baltimore bounced back and won its third straight.

"Ray Lewis is the greatest general, the greatest leader—hands down—of our time," said Suggs, whose 42-yard interception return for a TD with 2:43 remaining put it away.

Lewis refused to take credit for the comeback, but knew

his comments awakened the Ravens.

"I told every one of them, 'Look me in the eye'," Lewis said. "I told them we are going to win this game. We have to believe that. Adversity builds character."

The Browns (3-5) had built their 14-point advantage thanks to return specialist Joshua Cribbs' 92-yard kickoff return for a TD, two scoring passes by quarterback Derek Anderson and two field goals by Phil Dawson, who closed the first half by banging a career-long 54-yarder through the uprights.

But Cleveland collapsed and no play hurt more than wide receiver Braylon Edwards' drop of a certain long touchdown early in the fourth quarter with the score tied. By the time the ball slipped through his hands and fell

to the ground, the Browns' promising season had fallen into serious jeopardy. "We didn't finish," said running back Jamal Lewis, who was held to 49 yards on 19 attempts. "That's the lesson of the day—finish."

Stover, who ranks fifth in league scoring history, made field goals of 41, 32 and 22 yards.

Flacco, who threw touchdown passes to Mark Clayton and Derrick Mason, completed 17 of 29 passes for 248 yards. Mason, the sure-handed 13-

year veteran, had nine catches for 136 yards and Rice, filling in for the injured Willis McGahee, had a breakout game that included a critical 60-yard run in the fourth to set up Stover's last field goal.

Flacco and Rice are getting better with each game, just as the Ravens had hoped.

"When they get drafted by the Baltimore Ravens, we expect them to play like that," rookie coach John Harbaugh said. "Are we surprised? No."

After Stover's third field goal made it 30-27 with 5:36 left, the Ravens' defense pressured Anderson, who threw the ball directly to Suggs. The linebacker snared the gift and raced untouched to the end zone where he taunted Cleveland's famed Dawg Pound bleacher section with a spike and dance.

Anderson finished 17-of-33 for 219 yards but the Pro Bowler left the field with Browns fans screaming "Brady! Brady!" for popular backup Brady Quinn.

"I didn't want to hold onto it and take a sack," Anderson said of his ill-fated pass to Suggs. "I wish I would have handled that a little better, but I'm trying to win games."

Anderson may not have to worry about that pass if Edwards had come through.

After Flacco's 28-yard TD pass to Mason tied it at 27, Edwards got behind Baltimore's secondary on third down but the talented wide receiver failed to squeeze a perfectly thrown ball from Anderson while he was in full stride. It was the latest drop by the Pro Bowler, who has been plagued by them all season.

"Ray Lewis is the greatest general, the greatest leader — hands down — of our time."

Terrell Suggs
Ravens linebacker

ND SWIMMING

Irish take care of Pitt with sweep at home

By MICHAEL GOTIMER
Sports Writer

Pittsburgh may have gotten the best of the Irish on Saturday in the Stadium, but Friday in the RAC was a different story.

Notre Dame men and women both defeated the Panthers in dual meets this weekend.

The men's team pulled out a 152-148 victory against Pitt thanks to a late charge in a meet that came down to the final event.

"This was a very, very intense meet," Irish coach Tim Welsh said.

The meet was in doubt heading into the final two events, but the Irish finished in first place in the final two events to come away with the win. In the 200-yard IM, Irish sophomore Michael Sullivan and junior MacKenzie LeBlanc earned a close 1-2 finish while sophomore Christopher Wills finished in fourth. Their performance gave Notre Dame 15 crucial points heading into the final event.

With the meet in the balance, Notre Dame sent its team of juniors John Lyttle and Andrew Hoffman and sophomores Joshua Nosal and Thomas Van Volkenburg to the blocks for the 400-yard freestyle relay. After Lyttle got the Irish an early lead in the first leg, his teammates held on to defeat the Panthers by just over two seconds.

"I'm so proud of our guys," Welsh said, "When it absolutely, positively came down to the clutch, they knew the only way to win was to fight through those last events. I love that type of mental toughness and we can use that to build upon throughout the rest of this season."

The Notre Dame Women's team didn't disappoint either as the No. 24 Irish cruised to a 223-77 victory over the Panthers.

The Irish dominated throughout, winning all 16 of the evening's events. After sweeping every event at the Dennis Stark Relays, the Irish have yet to drop an event all year at their home pool.

"We're not backing down from the competition," Irish coach Brian Barnes said. "We came into this meet very tired and the team responded very well. At this point in the season, we're more excited about our potential than anything, but there are plenty of promising things going on the pool right now."

Five Notre Dame sophomores picked up two or more individual wins in the meet. Lauren Sylvester earned two wins in the distance freestyle events, winning by five seconds in the 500-yard freestyle and edged out Pitt's Katie Curtell by just over a second in the 1,000-yard freestyle. Her classmate Katie Casey also claimed two wins in both the 200 and 100-yard butterfly while Lauren Parisi won the 200 and 100-yard backstroke events. Amywren Miller accomplished a noteworthy feat when she won the 50 and 100-yard freestyle sprint events by more than a second.

Not to be outdone by her classmates, Samantha Maxwell earned wins in the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke and the 200 IM.

The Notre Dame men and women resume action on Saturday when they take on Purdue.

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HORSE RACING

Owners of Big Brown add top filly to stable

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The owner of Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Big Brown added the nation's top juvenile filly to his stable Sunday with a \$5.7 million purchase of Stardom Bound.

Michael Iavarone, co-owner of IEAH Stables, said it was a little more than he wanted to pay, but trainer Rick Dutrow, who was sitting beside him during the Fasig-Tipton sale, wouldn't let him stop bidding.

"Rick wouldn't let me say no," Iavarone said. "I guess if you were going to spend \$5 million, you can spend \$5.7 million."

The sale of Stardom Bound, coming off a victory at the \$2 million Juvenile Fillies at Santa Anita, marks the first time a horse was sold at auction in the same year as a Breeders' Cup victory.

Dutrow, who teamed up with Iavarone with Big Brown, said he sees similar potential with Stardom Bound.

"I love her," he said. "We

were at the Breeders' Cup and when she won, I said, 'Mike, we've got to have her.' She seemed so sweet and laid back. She's our kind of horse."

Iavarone did not disclose all the members of the ownership group that put in the winning bid for the filly, but he said some of them were celebrities.

The gray filly stood poised in the sales ring while the bidding skyrocketed.

"It truly is an awesome experience," Fasig-Tipton marketing director Terence Collier said. "What a classy, classy filly this is. She is a lovely lady. She is probably one of the highest class racehorses we've ever had to sell here."

Yet despite the filly's high sale price, she was not expected to be the sale topper. That distinction was expected to belong to the final horse through the ring Sunday night, broodmare of the year Better Than Honour, the dam of two Belmont Stakes winners.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish split pair of Big East thrillers

Marquette upsets ND two consecutive years

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

It was a weekend of extreme finishes for Notre Dame.

The Irish beat Syracuse in five sets only to see their promising weekend go up in smoke with a five set loss to Big East cellar dweller Marquette. It was the second year in a row and the second time in the program's history that the team has lost to the Eagles.

"There does not seem to be a logical explanation for the level of performance," head coach Debbie Brown said. "We did not have the right attitude or focus."

Barring a historic breakdown at the top of the Big East, the loss to Marquette all but eliminates the Irish (12-12; 7-4 Big East) from contention for the regular season Big East crown. The Irish now stand in sixth in the Big East, trailing St. John's (18-7; 9-1 Big East), Cincinnati (22-5; 9-2 Big East), Louisville (12-10; 8-3 Big East), Connecticut (18-7; 7-3 Big East), and Pittsburgh (15-10; 7-3 Big East).

The weekend started off great for the Irish when they earned a win against Syracuse (15-12; 6-4 Big East). Notre Dame notched a .377 hitting percentage to set the school record for a five-set match. The previous Notre Dame record was .346 set against San Francisco in 1991.

Five Irish players finished with more than 10 kills in the match. Junior outside hitter Christina Kaelin had 17 kills for a .343 hitting percentage, junior outside hitter Serinity Phillips had 13 digs and 16 kills for a .375 hitting percentage, sophomore outside hitter Kellie Sciacca had four blocks and 19 kills for a .577 hitting percentage, and senior middle blocker Justine Stremick and freshman outside hitter Kristen Dealy both had 11 kills.

The Irish more than doubled the Orange's point total in the first and final sets (25-12; 15-7) but found Syracuse a much tougher challenge in the middle sets. The Irish hit for an astounding .800 hitting percentage in the first set.

"That first set was the best set we have played all year," head coach Debbie Brown said.

The Irish dropped the second and fourth sets in close contests, but the team's balanced play allowed Notre Dame to hang in there for the five set victory.

The Irish again saw a match go to five sets only to fall to formerly downtrodden Marquette on a day that saw Phillips put in a performance that notched a place in the Notre Dame history books.

Phillips pitched in with 25 kills on a .375 average, 10 digs and a career-high nine blocks, narrowly missing the first triple-double for the Irish since 2004.

"There were some good matchups, but the whole team helped a lot. The team did great in the passing, the setting, and everything," Phillips said. "I was doing a lot of visualization. It really is mental. I was taking coaches' advice and talking to the team."

The first set started with the Irish jumping out to a 17-12 advantage on the power of eight kills and four blocks from Phillips. Marquette answered right back with an eight point run that put them on top. The Golden Eagles would hold on to win the set 28-26.

The Irish then seemed to take control of the match by winning the next two sets 25-22 and 25-20, but Marquette grabbed the momentum by building on a new-found intensity in the fourth set. The Golden Eagles won the fourth set and did not relinquish control.

Many of the starters did not start well for the Irish, according to Brown, who decided to try some new players out from the bench.

"Kaelin was playing bad, so were most of the starters," Brown said. "It was not fair to have our backups sitting when they were playing that poorly."

The loss was devastating for the Irish, who had hoped to win out in order to challenge for the Big East title, according to head coach Debbie Brown. They will now most likely have to rely on having a great performance in the Big East tournament.

"Honestly we did not take them for granted. We know how well they can play coming in from last year," Phillips said. "We know we can't take them lightly. Obviously they are always playing their hardest against us, and we have to keep strong and practice to do our best."

The bright spot in the loss is that the Irish may have some motivation to always bring their best play no matter who their opponent is.

"We'll forget about it for now, but we are going to keep it in the back of our mind for next year when we play them," Phillips said. "We are going to get over the hump and keep playing strong."

Brown knows that the team has a long road even to make the Big East tournament.

"We cannot think about the tournament right now," Brown said. "We need to focus on winning the rest of our matches."

The Irish will continue the Big East schedule next Sunday against Rutgers in Piscataway, N. J.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles finish fourth in conference

Junior Megan McClowry leads the way with 13th place finish

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

The Belles standout junior Megan McClowry led Saint Mary's to their second straight fourth place finish at the MIAA Championships on Saturday.

As McClowry has done all season, she led the Belles with a time of 23:55 — good enough for 13th place.

"The difference for me this season is due to summer training," McClowry said following a 12th place finish at the Manchester Invitational last month. "I was able to come in with a good base and then my teammates have helped push the pace at workouts this season."

Sophomore Clare McVey was the next runner across the finish line for the Belles finishing in 34th place with a time of 24:34.

The Belles ended the season in fourth place overall in the conference as well as the race. Those standings are a combination of the MIAA Jamboree finishes and the Conference Championships. The Jamboree was held at home on Sept. 26. The Belles finished in fifth place, but

were only 12 points behind the third place team.

"After finishing 12 points out of third place at the Jamboree, the team has really seen its potential," head coach Jackie Bauters said. "Since the Jamboree we've been able to compete and beat out the third and fourth place teams from conference and that's what we're hoping to do: Get competitive and make the small adjustments to come out on top."

Freshman Joanne Almond and sophomore Catie Salyer finished within one second of each other in 36th and 37th places with times of 24:44 and 24:45, respectively.

Senior Caitlin Brodmerkel rounded out the scoring runners for the Belles finishing in 40th place with a time of 24:46.

The Fort Wayne native spent her summer in Uganda and did much of her offseason

training on that country's dirt roads outside a rural village.

Freshman Arianne Rodriguez finished in 53th place with a time of 25:12. Fellow freshman Hanna Vicary finished in 61st place with a time of 25:23.

Bauters has been pleasantly surprised by the freshman's performance this season.

"I think if this is their first year, then we're in for great things over the next four years."

Jackie Bauters
Belles coach

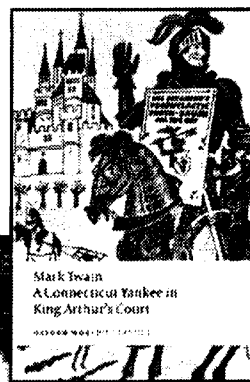
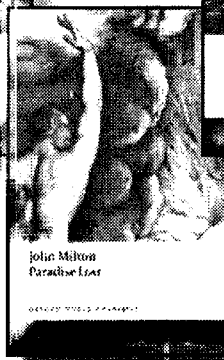
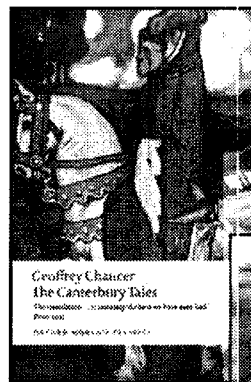
"I think if this is their first year, then we're in for great things over the next four years," Bauters said. "They are still adjusting to the longer race and getting used to a different arena — different

ent teams, etc. I am excited for all of them, and just want them to be confident and go get what they've worked so hard for—no need to be intimidated about leading because they are first years — go get it."

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SMC SWIMMING

Team picks up first victory

Belles win one, lose one at Chicago meet

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's picked up their first win on the season this weekend with a split in Chicago.

The Belles defeated Illinois Tech but lost to the host Maroons from the University of Chicago. The teams all met for a double dual meet rather than a tournament style scoring system.

Saint Mary's racked up 174

points against Illinois Tech who finished the meet with 61 points. Chicago edged the Belles 127.5 — 104.5.

This was the third meet of the year for the Belles, who finished fourth out of six at the Dennis Stark relays at Notre Dame and then lost to conference opponent Calvin College in their second.

Senior diver Leah Brocinsky led the way for the Belles, finishing first in both the 1m and 3m diving events, scoring a 190.15 in the 1m and a 184.29 in the 3m.

Freshman swimmer Audrey Dalrymple also picked up first place in the 100-yard breast-

stroke. She finished the race with a time of 1:10.44.

From that point the Belles stayed off of the top of the podium until the final race of the night. The 200-yard freestyle relay team made up of sophomores Laura Hartman and Maggie Williams, senior Kate Orbon and freshman Eva Cavadini took first place. Hartman led the foursome with the fastest split.

Saint Mary's will head to Alma College next Saturday for a MIAA conference showdown with the Scots.

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Big East

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we got outworked a little bit, but in the second half we took care of that side."

In just his second career start in net, junior goalkeeper Philip Tuttle earned his first collegiate win and shutout by making four saves. Tuttle replaced senior Andrew Quinn, the regular keeper, in the second half of Wednesday's 2-1 win over Georgetown when Quinn injured his shoulder.

Quinn underwent an MRI over the weekend and results were still pending, but Clark said the team planned to be without him for next Saturday's Big East quarterfinal against the winner of Wednesday's Louisville-West Virginia tournament match.

"[Tuttle] was very composed," Clark said. "It looked as though he'd been there all season."

Anything that came his way, he dealt with it in a calm, cool and collected manner."

Tuttle's ability to succeed in a big game was a result of his positive attitude after losing the pre-season position battle to Quinn, Clark said.

"He handled the situation very well," Clark said. "It was a tough decision [between Quinn and Tuttle], but I explained that the program needs more than one quality goalkeeper. Obviously he came

through."

Before Quinn's injury, Tuttle had played in just two games, allowing three goals in Notre Dame's Oct. 1 loss to Michigan in his only start.

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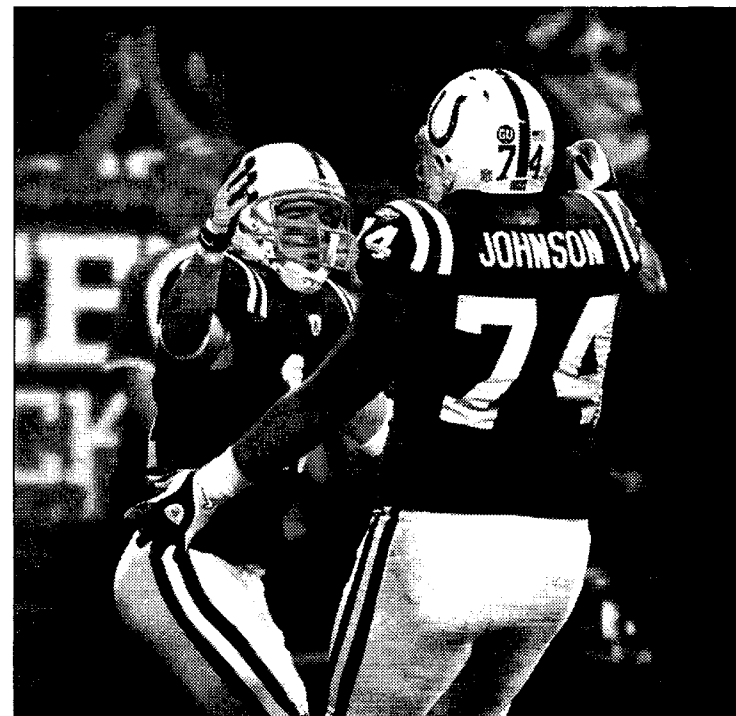
Bobby Clark
Irish coach

"Goalkeeping is a tough position for a backup because it's not a position where you sub a lot — only if you're getting beaten by a lot of winning by a lot," Clark said. "It's the toughest spot to be in as a backup, and when the opportunity comes, you have to be ready for it like he was."

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NFL

Indy's Vinatieri hits winner against Pats



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Colts' wide receiver Anthony Gonzalez and lineman Charlie Johnson celebrate Gonzalez's first quarter touchdown catch.

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Adam Vinatieri still has it.

The 36-year-old kicker showed his old team Sunday night that age hasn't sapped his distance, accuracy or proclivity for making big field goals. He hit a 52-yarder late in the game to give Indianapolis a desperately needed 18-15 victory over New England — and Vinatieri a measure of revenge.

"I've got all the respect and admiration for that team," said Vinatieri, who left New England as a free agent after the 2005 season. "I've still got a lot of good friends over there. I guess that's why it's that much sweeter when you have an opportunity to play well and help your current team beat your former team. I'm pretty happy about that."

The kick was Vinatieri's longest since a 57-yarder at Chicago on Nov. 10, 2002, and it should have come as no surprise to the Patriots, who used Vinatieri's right foot to win two Super Bowl titles.

But New England (5-3) couldn't simply blame Vinatieri for this loss.

Of their four time-consuming scoring drives, three resulted in field goals, and Jabar Gaffney dropped a sure touchdown pass late in the third quarter. Then there was tight end David Thomas, who drew a 15-yard dead ball penalty that pushed New England out of field-goal range with 4:45 to go in the game. It sealed the Patriots fate.

"It was a mistake by me," Thomas said. "Obviously, they called it, and I'll own up to it. I felt like that was definitely a critical mistake for me, and it really cost the team."

The result allowed Vinatieri, the Patriots career scoring leader, to show he's still the NFL's best clutch kicker.

Not that the Colts ever doubted him.

"When he kicked in pregame, he said he thought

he'd be good from 55 and he made it pretty high in the net," coach Tony Dungy said.

This year's rivalry game had none of the trimmings from recent years. There was no championship at stake, no hype about unbeaten teams or defending Super Bowl titles. Heck, Tom Brady wasn't even playing.

Yet players and fans responded as if this was still the league's best matchup on a day full of headline attractions.

Indy (4-4) used Marvin Harrison as a punt returner. Bob Sanders played the entire game after returning from knee and ankle injuries. Bill Belichick even had a direct snap to Kevin Faulk.

But with both teams facing unusual circumstances — New England is tied with the Jets and Bills atop the AFC East and Indy is just trying to stay in the playoff chase — this game carried big stakes.

"We felt we had to win because we had lost two games already, were coming off a difficult game, a short week and I thought our guys showed some resolve," Dungy said. "But we have to get on some sort of streak, so I'm not ready to call it defining just yet."

The new realities forced Belichick and Dungy into a classic chess match, with both reverting to old game plans.

Two-time league MVP Peyton Manning exposed the Patriots' soft middle early, and Indy's second possession produced the best drive of the season: a 15-play, 91-yard, 9-minute, 2-second march that ended with Manning hooking up with a wide-open Anthony Gonzalez down the sideline for a 12-yard TD pass and a 7-0 lead.

Manning was 21-of-29 for 254 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions, his best performance of the season.

New England countered with its old style dink-and-dunk attack, which never gave Indy a chance to pull away.

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play and we are so reliant on his energy and his voice and his juice. I watched him in the introductions and he was just so excited to play," Brey said of Jackson. "He missed guys in transition in the first half. He made some plays offensively, some turnovers, decision with the ball, I had not seen that in a year. It was almost like a freshman. I got on him in the one timeout and it was back to how he's been practicing. Easy plays, simple plays."

Jackson said Brey's words helped him refocus.

"I started off sluggish," Jackson said. "I was just happy to be back out there and didn't have my head in the game. Coach got on me, did what he had to do and I bounced back ... He got on me really bad, basically got me back together and I needed that."

Briar Cliff kept things close early, shooting 8-for-19 from 3-point land in the first half to head into halftime down 12. With 9:28 left in the first half, Briar Cliff was only trailing 20-19, but a 12-3 Notre Dame run put some distance between the Irish and the Chargers.

During that run and with

Jackson struggling, junior guard Jonathan Peoples came off the bench and added four points, grabbed two rebounds and had a steal.

"There's no question, if [Jackson's] not really in a good flow, we struggle a little bit. That's where [Peoples] came to the rescue," Brey said. "He's a veteran guard that can play either spot. He's a real calming factor."

To round out the scoring, McAlarney netted 11 on 4-for-12 shooting and senior forward Luke Zeller had 12 points and six rebounds.

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Tory Jackson
Irish guard

Notes:

♦ Senior forward Zach Hillesland did not play. He is out with plantar fasciitis.

♦ Hillesland, A y e r s , McAlarney and Zeller were named captains for this year's team.

♦ Brey said he tried to incorporate all the different defenses Notre Dame would normally play, but Briar Cliff's shooting ability limited how much zone the Irish could play.

"I would've liked to play a little more zone, but they were shooting the thing so well from so deep, I just said, 'You know what, we're going to be in man tonight,' and we played more man than maybe we would in a Big East game."

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Power

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scored two or three goals that were right in the paint, right in front of the crease area."

Notre Dame scored three power-play goals in Friday's 3-2 win, getting scores from Ryan Thang, Dan Kissel, and Christian Hanson, and two more in Saturday's 4-2 victory, from Kyle Lawson and Billy Maday.

"We moved a lot better, with and without the puck," Jackson said. "We weren't getting shots blocked as much, and we got a couple through that ended up being goals right off the shot or deflections."

Jackson also said that while he was happy about the high volume of special teams goals, he was more pleased that they came when the Irish needed them most.

"The timing from the power-play goal is just as important, if not more important, than how many you score on a given night," he said. "Like if you score a big goal to tie the game late in the game, or if you score a big power-play goal to go ahead late in the game."

The Wildcats opened the scoring Friday night at 5:47 of the first period when Irish netminder Jordan Pearce allowed Tim Hartung's shot to trickle through his legs and give Northern a 1-0 lead. The lead didn't last long, though, as less than seven minutes later Thang blasted a one-timer past Northern goalie Bill

Stewart to tie the game.

Kissel pushed in a rebound off a Brett Blatchford shot at 4:34 of the second period to give the Irish a 2-1 lead. Blatchford contributed on Notre Dame's third goal too, as his shot was deflected in by Hanson.

Blatchford tallied four assists on the weekend, three on the power-play. Jackson praised the junior defenseman's improvement running the offense with the extra man.

"We wanted him to develop into a better point man on the power-play and he's worked at it," Jackson said. "He was determined to prove that he could handle that kind of a role and I think he's done a good job in that."

Northern added an extra-attacker goal late, but could not complete the comeback.

Notre Dame started the scoring Saturday night at 5:14 of the first period when Lawson powered a shot from the right point past Stewart.

Three straight second-period goals from Maday, Ian Cole, and Calle Ridderwall all but put the game out of reach. Maday, a freshman, notched his third goal of the season, and is tied-for the team lead. Jackson said Maday's second year in junior hockey helped him adjust to playing at the collegiate level.

"Billy could have come after his first year of juniors, but we thought it would be better for him and for us that he play another year, just to get that additional year of experience and get some confidence," Jackson said. "We always

knew he was going to be a talented player, but I think the experience of playing at a tougher, higher level has done a lot to make the transition a little bit easier."

Northern added a goal in the closing seconds of the second stanza, and another at 14:58 of the third, but, once again, couldn't finish the rally.

Jackson said he was pleasantly surprised his team came away with two wins against the Wildcats.

"I was extremely pleased," he said. "I thought we played 60 minutes each night. I thought we played with a lot of determination and grit."

The Irish improved to 4-3-0 overall and 2-2-0 in the CCHA. Jackson said that it was still too early to start worrying about conference standings.

"It's awful early in the season to get too excited, just like after the Miami series it's too early to get too down," he said.

The Irish get back on the ice next Friday in a much-anticipated rematch of last year's national championship game against Boston College. Jackson said he thought the two wins this weekend put his team in a good position going into that matchup.

"It gives us a little confidence, let's put it that way," he said. "You find out a lot more when you're playing top teams from other conferences. So I'm just glad that we had a good weekend so we go into this weekend with some level of confidence before we play such a high-caliber team."

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Junior forward Michelle Weissenhofer performs one of her flip throw-ins during the 5-0 Irish win on Sunday.

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Shutout

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game on Friday so I think it was a great way to start off postseason play."

In a scary moment for the Irish during the second half, senior forward Kerri Hanks laid on the field for several minutes after injuring her knee on a Cincinnati foul. But preliminary assessments by Irish coaches and trainers indicated that Hanks had probably just strained her MCL.

"When you get somebody injured that's vitally important to your team, you always worry," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "And any time somebody's in pain with a knee [injury], you always worry that it could be the worst ... But that doesn't look like it's the case with her."

Hanks finished with two assists as the Irish offense shared the wealth against the Bearcats.

Weber, Courtney Rosen and Taylor Knaack each scored a goal and Cincinnati was charged with a pair of own goals.

"It was very exciting. The whole team played really well and it was definitely a team

effort, so it was a great win for us," junior forward Michele Weissenhofer said.

Waldrum said he was particularly proud of how the Irish defense played.

"It was a really good win. The thing I'm pleased with — everybody loved to see the five goals and see all the offense we had today — [but] the thing I'm really pleased about the most is...the way we handled things defensively today," he said.

The Irish allowed four shots, just one of which was on goal.

"We're gonna create chances offensively. I feel comfortable that we have enough talent to score goals, but we want to make sure everything's handled defensively," Waldrum said.

Waldrum said the blowout victory was beneficial to the team because it allowed him to give several key reserves playing time.

Freshmen Knaack, Molly Campbell and Ellen Jantsch each played at least 16 minutes.

"You see those kids come in and just keep getting better and better," Waldrum said. "It's nice to be able to get them on the field."

When she scored with 10:53 left in the first half, Knaack rewarded Waldrum's willingness

to use players with minimal experience.

After taking a pass from Hanks on the left side of the field, Knaack dribbled the ball to just outside the penalty area before unleashing a right-footed rocket into the top left corner of the net. The tally was Knaack's third of the season.

Weissenhofer chipped in a pair of assists in what Waldrum said was one of her best performances of the season. The junior's flip throw-ins gave the Bearcats fits all day and led to both Cincinnati own goals.

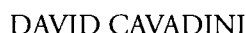
"Every time she threw it in, it was dangerous," Waldrum said. "It's just another added weapon she's got. I thought she played very well today ... one of her better games of the year."

The high-flying Irish will return to action in the Big East semifinals against Marquette Friday at Alumni Field.

"I think we're all in the right mindset right now for the post-season and we're just ready to get going," Weber said. "The season gets long after a while but now that we're in the post-season, I think everyone's excited to play."

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Flying High

Cincinatti shut out in Big East Tourney

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

After earning a bye in the first round of the Big East tournament, the Irish picked up right where they left off in a quarter-finals match against Cincinnati.

No. 1 Notre Dame looked like the team that went 18-0-0 in the regular season as it scored four first-half goals en route to a 5-0 win Sunday at Alumni Field.

The Irish had a week off before the conference tournament and appeared to have benefited from the extra rest, scoring less than a minute into the game.

"I think we just had our mind set right. We came in here ready to play and ready to win," Irish senior defender Elise Weber said. "We had a good week of rest because we didn't have a

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Freshman Taylor Knaack beats out a Cincinatti defender in Notre Dame's 5-0 win over the Bearcats in the Big East Tournament. Knaack scored her third goal of the season in the game.

IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish grad Kurz signs NBA deal

Special to The Observer

Forward Rob Kurz, who played for Notre Dame last season, signed on to play with the Golden State Warriors Sunday.

Kurz was undrafted out of college but played his way on to the team by averaging 4.5 points and 3.8 rebounds per game in the preseason.

He was the last man cut from the team on Oct. 27 but after guard Monta Ellis was placed on the suspension list Kurz got another chance.

Ellis injured himself in a motorized scooter accident and is suspended until December.

Kurz started 30 games last season for the Irish and averaged 12.6 points per game and hit exactly 50 percent of his field goals. He will join the Warriors tonight when they take on the Grizzlies in Memphis.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 9 Notre Dame starts season with blowout at home

Five players score in double digits Friday

By CHRIS HINE
Editor-in-Chief

Let the chest-bumping, fist-pumping and point-scoring begin.

No. 9 Notre Dame opened its season with a 103-64 exhibition win over Briar Cliff Friday

night in front of a half-packed Joyce Center.

Five Notre Dame players scored in double figures, with senior forward Ryan Ayers leading the way with 21.

Ayers shot 8-for-15 for the night, but unlike last year, when 64 percent of Ayers' field goals came from behind the 3-point line, a majority of his buckets, six, came from inside the 3-point line. And Ayers wasted little time asserting

himself — with the game tied at 2-2, Ayers drove to the hoop for a layup to give Notre Dame a 4-2 lead.

"I just want to be more aggressive out there," Ayers said. "I think that'll give me a good jump start if I can take it to the hole hit a pull-up or take it all the way. My three-ball didn't fall for me at times tonight."

Coach Mike Brey added: "I thought he was a little more

selfish about getting his shot. He's been a guy in the past that will turn stuff down, he'll turn shots down. We need him to be a little bit greedier."

Junior forward Luke Harangody put up his usual double-double — 16 points and 11 rebounds — while junior point guard Tory Jackson had 18 points, seven assists, seven rebounds and five steals. Jackson also knocked down a couple of mid-range jumpers,

something he said he worked to improve in the off-season. Most of Jackson's production came during a 23-4 Notre Dame run beginning with 11:53 in the second half that gave Notre Dame an 86-54 lead. Jackson said he began to play better after receiving a talking-to from Brey during a timeout in the second half.

"I think he was so wired to

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HOCKEY

Irish get first CCHA wins

Coach says players prepared for media

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

At one point last season Notre Dame went on a 0-for-39 power-play drought. After last weekend's 0-for-16 showing against Miami (OH), the Irish had many fans getting worried. Those fans can rest easy now.

Notre Dame netted five goals with the man advantage in 3-2 and 4-2 wins over Northern Michigan in Marquette, Mich., over the weekend. Irish coach Jeff Jackson said he thought the power-play outburst was due to good, old-fashioned hard work.

"I thought our guys played with more determination in and around the net," he said. "We

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Sophomore Ian Cole corrals a loose puck in Notre Dame's 2-0 loss to Miami (OH) on Oct. 24.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Squad notches second straight championship

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

Don't call the Irish greedy for wanting the Big East Blue title all to themselves.

No. 19 Notre Dame (11-5-2, 7-2-2) edged West Virginia 1-0 Saturday in the regular season finale to avoid tying Connecticut for the division crown for the second straight year. The Irish were named back-to-back regular-season champions for the first time in program history.

"We came through," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "It's nice that we could win it outright. Last year we had to win one of our last games [to clinch] and we weren't able to, but we took care of the problem by winning it outright."

The Irish were out shot 14-4, but freshman midfielder Brendan King put home the game's only goal in the 61st minute off a rebound of a Steven Perry header. Perry, a sophomore forward, knocked it toward Mountaineers goalkeeper Zach Johnson on a free kick from junior midfielder Dave Donohue.

"[West Virginia] came out with a 3-4-3 formation, put a lot of pressure on us and pushed it hard," Clark said. "They definitely caused us concern in the first half and knocked us out of our rhythm a bit, but in the second half we found that rhythm and upped our business."

"We almost expected [to take the lead] in the first half and

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