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Pickens discusses energy

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

The issue of how and where America acquires its sources of energy took center stage over other political issues as T. Boone Pickens, founder and chairman of BP Capital Management, hosted a lecture on his goals for American energy followed by a town hall session in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Monday.

Pickens focused on his "Pickens Plan," which lays out his energy policy ideas, aiming at reducing American dependence on foreign oil while shifting to other energy sources. The plan's Web site has had over 20 million hits and over 1.6 million citizens sign up in support since its inception in July of 2008.

Pickens said his plan was inspired by a lack of political

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T. Boone Pickens, founder and chairman of BP Capital Management, lectured on his goals for American energy Monday.

SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Fr. Jenkins chosen for second five-year term

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

The Board of Trustees has elected University President Fr. John Jenkins to a second five-year term, Board Chairman Richard Notebaert announced Oct. 16.

"I am humbled that the Board has expressed its confidence by electing me to a second term," Jenkins said in a press release. "With the support of our Trustees, I will continue pursuing the goals I cited at my inaugura-



Jenkins

tion four years ago — offering an unsurpassed undergraduate education, becoming even more pre-eminent as a research university and ensuring that our Catholic character informs all that we do."

Jenkins was inaugurated as the University's 17th president in September of 2005 after taking office in July of the same year. He had previously served as vice president and associate provost. University President Emeritus Fr. Edward "Monk" Malloy held the position from 1987-2005.

"The vision and leadership that Father Jenkins has demonstrated in his first four years in office have been inspiring and innovative," Notebaert said in the release. "Building upon the foundation

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Students get in car accident on service trip

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Senior Alan Geygan returned to Notre Dame feeling lucky to be alive after spending Fall Break on an Appalachia service trip.

On the second day participating in Notre Dame's Appalachia seminar in Tennessee, Geygan and three other students drove up a mountain to go hiking.

But during the drive, their van veered off the road and fell several feet down the mountain before flipping over.

"We were driving up a mountain road, and a car was com-

ing down the mountain in other direction so we pulled over to the side to get out of the way," Geygan said. "But the van tipped and slid down the side of the mountain, flipped over and slammed into a tree."

Geygan said the students as well as the four other passengers in the car sustained only minor injuries, but the University-rented car was totaled.

Junior Gabby Tate, the driver of the van, said the experience was "absolutely terrifying."

"The car was tipping so slowly, it seemed like," she said. "And then all of a sudden it flipped over. A tree luckily

stopped the car from rolling all the way down the hill."

Geygan and Tate said the accident was a result of the poor conditions of the mountain road.

"It was a gravely, muddy road and it didn't hold the car's weight," Geygan said. "And the road wasn't big enough for two cars to begin with."

Junior Nathan Hall, also a passenger in the van, said the mountain road had no guardrails.

"I was surprised at how loose the edges of the road were. Even under my own weight,

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Photo courtesy of Gabby Tate

Junior Nathan Hall and trip documenter Adam Bryant examine the accident scene after the van went off the road in Appalachia.

Fourteen arrested during BC game

Students hope the win will set the tone for the remainder of the season

By HONORA KENNEY AND
JOSEPH McMAHON
News Writers

Students said they recognized how critical Notre Dame's football game against Boston College on Saturday was, making the win all the more satisfying.

"For me, this game was crucial because we started last year's season with a 4-2 record as we have this year, but then ended 6-6. Another win was necessary to

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ANDREA ARCHER/Observer Graphic

Trustees talk about off-campus safety

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Student government leaders told members of the University Board of Trustees that off-campus crime continues to be a concern among students and highlighted their efforts to address off campus safety concerns in a meeting before fall break.

In a presentation to the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of

Trustees on Oct. 15, student body president Grant Schmidt, vice president Cynthia Weber and chief of staff Ryan Brellenthin said they are collaborating with University administrators and community leaders on a variety of projects related to safety off campus.

Schmidt emphasized that while local authorities say crime rates off campus have not increased

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INSIDE COLUMN

Girl gamers

I've spent the past two and a half years looking for other girls who play video games, and after much searching, I've decided to do as all Notre Dame students do and turn to The Observer to voice my frustration. I'm a junior, and in my time here I've only met three girls with video game consoles in their rooms, and two of those systems were used exclusively for party games like Rock Band and Wii Sports. By comparison, most of the ND boys I know have at least one gaming system in their room, and many of them have two. They also play them a lot more than the girls I know do.



Ellie Hall

Scene Writer

The apparent lack of widespread feminine interest in video games frustrates me, not only as an empowered woman and a more-than-casual gamer, but as a penny-pinching college student whose younger brother back in Virginia refuses to relinquish the Xbox 360. I'll be brutally honest—it's getting cold outside and I don't want to walk across campus to guy friends' dorms whenever I want to play Halo ODST or Left 4 Dead.

I'm a girl gamer, or a girl who plays video games for fun. Girl gamers can be casual players who break out Mario Kart and Guitar Hero when company comes over, hardcore competitive players who log hours daily and anywhere in between. Given the overwhelmingly male fanbase of all video games, female players often encounter hostility, ranging from insults about appearance, sexuality and gaming ability to criticisms about the games they choose to play. Even casual games of Mario Kart among friends can turn ugly when girls beat guys. We've all seen it.

I played World of Warcraft freshman and part of sophomore year, much to my roommate's chagrin, and observed not only the interesting and addictive world of massively multiplayer online games, but the ways in which openly female players can be harassed. Many of the girls I talked to online chose to play as male characters in order to avoid negative attention. This may be in large part due to the somewhat inhospitable conditions for females in the gamer world, and it's no wonder! One of the most popular themes of video games across platforms involves macho men rescuing pathetic/stupid females. Not exactly encouraging.

Thirty-eight percent of video game players are girls, according to the Entertainment Software Association in a report released last year. That means that there must be more girls at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's who game and just aren't out in the open about it. Why not? Video games are an excellent way to escape from papers and tests, as well as a great means of releasing pent-up aggression. Lots of colleges have campus-wide gaming clubs for this very reason, as well as to encourage the fun of multiplayer gaming. Girl gamers of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, teach other girls to play. Invite the freshman on your hall to play Super Smash Brothers or Mario Kart. Not only will you make new friends, you'll be helping other young women relax through cartoonish violence. It's not Aperture Science, ladies.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Ellie Hall at ehall4@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

An Oct. 13 Letter to the Editor about a house break-in incorrectly quoted a South Bend police officer in stating, "You guys should really invest in a gun." The house in question is outside of South Bend police jurisdiction. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR FALL BREAK?



Dominic Fanelli

junior
Saint Edwards

"I got to visit friends at other colleges."



Jennifer Burke

senior
Farley

"Tony's yard and Mafia."



Katherine Jones

freshman
Ryan

"Visiting my friends at their colleges."



Larissa Esmilla

senior
Breen-Phillips

"Having the flu ... but it wasn't the swine."



Matt Brown

senior
off campus

"Going in a haunted corn maze in Sagatuck, Michigan."



Serena Mathews

freshman
McGlinn

"Winning the BC game."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Band members from OK Go direct the 1812 Overture during the Notre Dame football game against Boston College Saturday, October 24, 2009.

OFFBEAT

Man gets high school class ring back after 57 years

AKRON, Ohio — An Ohio man was shocked to have his high school ring back after 57 years and was surprised by where it was returned: at the wake for his high school sweetheart. Joe Lepera, 75, had dated Sharon Coddington Gainer for two years, but they broke up when he joined the Air Force following his 1952 graduation from Akron Central High School.

He saw the obituary after her death earlier this month and went to the funeral home in the Akron area Oct. 11.

Lepera said he was tapped on the shoulder by Bill Gainer, the man who eventually married his old flame. Gainer handed over the class ring that his wife had been given by Lepera when the two were an item.

Gainer said his wife had instructed him to return the ring if Lepera visited the funeral home.

Residents pick up trash from Minnesota roadides

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn. — Motorists in Mendota Heights might have seen a group of residents picking up trash

while packing heat this weekend. About a dozen people spent nearly three hours picking up litter Sunday along a 2-mile stretch of highway. All legally carried guns on their hips. It was the inaugural trash cleanup event for the group that calls itself the Minnesota Carry Permit Holders.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation said the group is legal, and it appreciates their efforts to keep the roadside clean.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Nanovic Visiting Scholar Seminar: **Ecumenism and Peace Studies with Antoine Arjakovsky** will be presented in Geddes Hall Coffeehouse today at 11 a.m.

The Lunchtime Workshop Series **"The Secrets to (Academic) Success and Making Your (Academic) Life Easier!"** will be held in Madeleva Hall at Saint Mary's College today. The series will begin at 12:30 p.m.

"Seizure of Power: What We Know and Don't Know About When Coups are Attempted, When They Succeed and When They Fail" will be held in the Hesburg Center for International Studies, room C103. The lecture will begin at 12:30 p.m. today.

A seminar titled **"Approximate Dynamic Programming Based Learning Approach to Multi-stage Decision Making"** will be held in 129 DeBartolo Hall today at 3:30 p.m.

"Trends in Aeuroautics" will be held in 138 DeBartolo Hall today at 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Tony Bennett, Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction will give a lecture titled **"Educational Leadership for Indiana and Beyond: Discerning a Career Path With Passion and Purpose."** The lecture will be held in Madeleva Hall at Saint Mary's College today at 6:30 p.m.

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

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SGA reviews guidlines for club sponsorship

By NIKKI TAYLOR
News Writer

Saint Mary’s Student Government Association (SGA) reviewed updated guidelines for sponsorships at their board meeting Monday night. The new handout that was sent around to all recognized campus clubs at the College outlines the requirements and protocol for requesting sponsorships from SGA. The new format breaks sponsorships down into three categories: Service, Academic/Education, and Campus Programming, student body president Jenny Hoffman said. Clubs requesting money under Service or Academic/Education sponsorships can receive between \$200 and \$1,000 in funding. Requests under the Campus Programming category have no minimum requirement and can receive a maximum of \$2,000, Hoffman said. Clubs can only request sponsorship money to put on events that are open to the entire student body; SGA is not funding outings solely for the club members. Clubs are also required to state exactly what the money they are requesting will be used for, Hoffman said. SGA is also getting ready for the approval of clubs’ monetary

allotments. Voting was originally scheduled for Monday night but the deadline for clubs to request an allotment was extended until this coming Friday, so approval by the SGA board will take place next week, Hoffman said. The Navy Ball with the Midshipmen of the Naval Academy is quickly approaching. The dance will be held after the Notre Dame football game against the Naval Academy on Nov. 7. The formal dance will be open to all Saint Mary’s students on a first come first serve basis with admittance granted upon presenting a Saint Mary’s ID, junior class president Meghan Helmle said. SGA is seeking to secure Angela Athletic Facility as a venue for the dance, but this has not yet been confirmed. The SGA board also discussed possible ideas for a service project they could do as a group, in order to give back to the South Bend community. Possible ideas include Habitat for Humanity and a leadership conference for local high school girls. “I think that Saint Mary’s prides itself on making known the importance of service,” Hoffman said. “It only makes sense that we as a student government fulfill that.”

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Discipline, legal services discussed

By LIZ O’DONNELL
News Writer

The Campus Life Council (CLC) discussed the progress committees on student legal services and disciplinary action have made this semester during their meeting Monday afternoon. Sophomore John DeLacio, chair of the Student Legal Services committee, presented a Powerpoint to the council outlining the group’s findings. “We knew there was a lot of information out there, but that it was time to bring it all in,” he said. DeLacio reviewed the five options the group identified that Notre Dame has for incorporating some form of legal service to the student body. These include hiring a single attorney, using legal interns, creating a database of approved local law firms, soliciting volunteers to provide legal info and using the law school’s legal aid clinic. Of these options, he said the most economically feasible for the University would be to create an online database listing local law firms. “This option is appealing because it has no substantial cost to the University,” he said. DeLacio said the goal of the endeavor is to allow students to focus on education while at Notre Dame and to minimize outside issues. He said they are hoping to use the database as a

measuring tool to see if it is being used, and thus to look into other options, such as hiring a single attorney, down the road. “The goal is to determine the threshold value and monitor Web site hits until determined value is hit,” DeLacio said. “We will hopefully then take action if it is hit.” CLC members had various suggestions for DeLacio, who will be drafting a resolution on the subject sometime in the near future. Fr. Jim King, rector of Sorin College, said the idea is fine, but noted that down the road there may need to be an inclusion of Notre Dame’s law school in the process. Chief executive assistant Ryan Brellenthin suggested the committee look into other similar-sized Catholic universities to find statistics on the usage of student legal services at schools similar to Notre Dame. Also discussed at the meeting was the current development of the evaluation of student disciplinary records. Student body vice president Cynthia Weber said the task

force has narrowed their focus and will continue to work towards some form of removal for minor disciplinary infractions that occur during a student’s freshman year. “Discipline at Notre Dame is an educational tool and is not necessarily punitive,” she said. Since the student handbook du Lac lays out no separation between minor and major disciplinary actions, the committee identified a minor disciplinary infraction as one with a sanction of less than 30 hours of community service or its monetary equivalent. Weber said if that offense were the only one committed by a student, then they would have the option of removing it at the end of their sixth semester. While the process would not be automatic, it would not be as complex as an appeals procedure. The third CLC committee, advertising, said they are going to wait until the new version of agenda.nd.edu comes out to evaluate what still needs to be accomplished.

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Students take pilgrimage

Campus Ministry accompanies Saint Mary's students to Mexico

By BRITTANY VANSNEPSON
News Writer

While some students went home or relaxed on the beaches in places south of Indiana over fall break, one group of seven Saint Mary's College women went on a pilgrimage to Monterrey, Mexico.

Supervised by College Campus Minister Sr. Veronique Wiedower, the group met consistently over the fall semester in preparation for their journey. The goal of the pilgrimage was "to witness another culture ... and let their reality dialogue with our own," Wiedower said.

Since the group stayed with the Sisters of the Holy Cross during their stay, they were able to interact with people from several "chapels" or mission churches. Senior Mallory Price said she met people from all walks of life there.

"We met about 130 children ... who attend the Kids' Club after-school program," stated Price. "Teenagers ... who have their own club ... [and] about 15 women who have a women's club."

The women also visited different neighborhoods or "colonias" to partake in mass



Photo Courtesy of Mallory Price
Saint Mary's students stand at the riverwalk in Monterrey, Mexico during a pilgrimage taken during fall break.

and other ministries. Price said a memorable highlight was when the group also ministered to people and visited the sick.

"I learned that when you set out to change things or help the world, it is never just the people you are serving that are changed, but you, yourself are forever changed."

The group encountered cultural barriers such as customs and languages, but these differences did not hinder the women from learning from those around them.

"I had the opportunity to go with an elderly woman," said Price. "Marcia inspired me, even though I didn't know everything she said."

Not only were current Saint Mary's women involved in making a difference, but an alumna as well.

"It was like a mini-reunion," Wiedower said as she discussed the graduate student who is volunteering a year of service in Monterrey.

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Students find time to relax, rest during break

By JIM FERLMANN
News Writer

As students return to campus following fall break, many said they got much needed rest and relaxation following a difficult midterms week and a disappointing loss to USC.

"I drove back home to South Dakota right after the USC game," junior Miranda Fees said. "So, I really only got to spend about four days at home before I had to go back to Notre Dame in time for the Boston College game."

"I mostly hung out with my girlfriends and family, and then I had to drive back all the way to Notre Dame to catch the game. That's 15 straight hours on the road. Needless to say, I slept pretty well that night."

Not everyone ventured home for break. Others just remained on campus.

Senior Joe Crone, a Georgia native, was one of them.

"I was able to get a lot of cleaning done in my room, but mostly I went out to eat with some of my friends and got to catch up on some much-needed sleep. That is the most important part of break," he

said. Freshman Matt Keenan agreed.

"I got lots of sleep, and that was the biggest part of break for me. I just walked home, since I'm a South Bend townie. None of my friends had fall break at the same time we did, so I read a lot. I also got to see my family, who I don't see a lot of, even though I'm a townie."

Fellow area native Sarah Harker, a junior, said that her break allowed her to rest.

"I just went home and did a lot of relaxing. Both of my brothers are away at school right now and both of my parents work during the day, so I spent most of the time with my dog and boyfriend. It was a pretty good break."

Junior Ally Suding said her break was very productive. She went on a weeklong seminar with the Center for Social Concerns to Appalachia.

"I went to Appalachia this week. It was very fun," she said. "We had a good group. It was a great experience to go along with the group and get out and help people."

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"I got lots of sleep, and that was the biggest part of break for me."

**Matt Keenan
freshman**

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

UN: Gitmo detainees should be freed

UNITED NATIONS — A U.N. human rights investigator says all detainees at the Guantanamo Bay prison should be freed or transferred to U.S. federal courts for trial.

Martin Scheinin, who reports on the protection of human rights in the war on terror, said the prison can and should be closed by the Jan. 22 deadline set by President Barack Obama.

Scheinin told a news conference Monday that Guantanamo should not be closed by trying to prosecute detainees through military commissions, which do not meet international human rights standards.

He said all the remaining detainees should either be sent to trial by U.S. federal courts on the mainland or released — either in the United States or third countries.

German politicians begin coalition

BERLIN — Germany's political leaders have formally approved a new center-right coalition government led by Chancellor Angela Merkel, nearly a month after a general election.

The agreement was signed Monday night by the future government coalition leaders of Merkel's Christian Democrats, their Bavarian sister party the Christian Social Union and the pro-business Free Democrats.

The coalition has promised an overhaul of the health care system, more help for families and annual tax cuts of up to euro24 billion.

NATIONAL NEWS

Man takes pay where he never worked

SOMERVILLE, N.J. — An Illinois man has admitted banking more than \$470,000 in paychecks from a New Jersey company he never worked for. Anthony Armatys, 35, of Palatine, Ill., pleaded guilty Monday in New Jersey Superior Court to one count of theft.

Prosecutors say Armatys accepted a job with Basking Ridge, N.J.-based telecommunications company Avaya Inc. in September 2002, then changed his mind. But the company's computer system never removed his name from the payroll.

Paychecks were deposited into his bank account until February 2007, when Avaya auditors discovered the mistake.

Prosecutors are recommending a six-year prison term and restitution. Sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 8.

Researchers drink poisoned coffee

BOSTON — One of six Harvard Medical School researchers sickened after drinking coffee laced with a toxic chemical said Monday he does not see how the poisoning could have been accidental, but has no idea who might be responsible.

University police and other agencies are investigating the Aug. 26 poisonings, which were revealed in an internal memo to medical school faculty last week. The memo identified the substance as sodium azide, a common preservative used in school labs, but did not indicate whether officials believed the laced coffee to be accidental or intentional.

"I always thought it was a deliberate substance added to the coffee," said Matteo Iannaccone a postdoctoral fellow.

LOCAL NEWS

Delphi gets \$6.7 million for research

KOKOMO, Ind. — Delphi Automotive Systems will develop more efficient car batteries with help from a \$6.7 million federal grant.

U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., says the economic stimulus funds will finance research into technology designed to improve power delivery from batteries to electric motors.

Bayh's office says in a written release that the Delphi project is among 37 initiatives selected Monday by the Department of Energy's Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy program to invest in the energy sector.

Gay Brazilian denied asylum

Man unable to reunite with his American husband, fights the Justice Department

Associated Press

BOSTON — A gay Brazilian man has been denied asylum by the Obama administration and won't be reunited with his American husband in the U.S., the husband said Monday.

Tim Coco said Attorney General Eric Holder did not act on a Friday deadline in the case of Genesio "Junior" Oliveira, effectively denying the 30-year-old Brazilian man's request for asylum in the U.S. on humanitarian grounds.

"We needed the Attorney General to make a decision on whether Junior could come home," said Coco, 48, of Haverhill. "He didn't take this request seriously."

The Justice Department did not immediately return messages.

In 2002, Oliveira had sought asylum in the U.S. because he said he was raped as a teenager in Brazil. But an immigration judge denied his request, and Assistant Attorney General Ronald Weich said in a letter that Oliveira repeatedly remarked at his hearing that he "was never physically harmed" by anyone in Brazil.

The Associated Press does not typically name rape victims, but Oliveira speaks openly about his case and allows his name to be used.

Oliveira returned to Brazil in 2007 after losing an appeal. Before he left, he and Coco married in Massachusetts in 2005 and bought a house together.

According to federal immigration law, immigrants also can apply for residency if they marry U.S. citizens. But the federal government does not recognize gay marriages under the Defense of Marriage Act, and Oliveira's request to remain in the United States based on his relationship with Coco was denied this year.

In March, Sen. John Kerry asked Attorney



Tim Coco, right, poses in his Haverhill, Mass. office with his husband, Genesio "Junior" Januario Oliveira Jr., left. Coco said Oct. 26 that Oliveira has been denied asylum.

General Eric Holder to grant Oliveira asylum on humanitarian grounds.

Kerry spokeswoman Brigid O'Rourke said Monday that the senator will continue to work toward a solution that would reunite the couple for good.

"The fact is that if Tim and Junior were a heterosexual married couple, they would never have suffered through more than two years of separation," said O'Rourke.

Coco said he thought there was "no way" the Obama Administration would deny Oliveira's asylum request after Kerry made his plea to Holder.

"We are profoundly sad," said Coco.

The case comes as

Obama tries to smooth a rocky relationship with gay activists, who want him to end the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays, which he has pledged to do but hasn't given a timeline. Tens of thousands of gay rights supporters marched in Washington earlier this month, demanding Obama keep his promise to end the policy.

Coco said he has spent about \$250,000 in legal bills and hasn't seen Oliveira since January, though the two video chat online every night.

Oliveira was denied a visa to return to Massachusetts last year for the funeral of Coco's mother.

Oliveira now lives with his mother, helping her run a boarding house for stu-

dents.

Coco said the couple plans to launch a legal challenge against the federal Defense of Marriage Act as a violation of immigration laws.

"This is our last shot, if nothing else works," said Coco. "But we think we can pull this off with the right legal counsel."

O'Rourke said Kerry supports the couple's legal challenge to the Defense of Marriage Act, which limits how state, local and federal bodies can recognize partnerships and determine benefits. He also called for a law to extend benefits to domestic partners.

This month, Obama called on Congress to repeal the Defense Of Marriage Act.

AFGHANISTAN

Helicopter crash kills ten Americans

Associated Press

KABUL — A U.S. military helicopter crashed Monday while returning from the scene of a firefight with suspected Taliban drug traffickers in western Afghanistan, killing 10 Americans including three DEA agents in a not-so-noticed war within a war.

Four more troops were killed when two helicopters collided over southern Afghanistan, making it the deadliest day for U.S. forces in this country in more than four years.

U.S. military officials insisted neither crash was believed a result of hostile fire, although the Taliban claimed they shot down a U.S. helicopter in the west-

ern province of Badghis. The U.S. did not say where in western Afghanistan its helicopter went down, and no other aircraft were reported missing.

The second crash took place when two U.S. Marine helicopters — a UH-1 and an AH-1 Cobra — collided in flight before sunrise over the southern province of Helmand, killing four American troops and wounding two more, Marine spokesman Maj. Bill Pelletier said.

The casualties marked the Drug Enforcement Administration's first deaths since it began operations here in 2005. Afghanistan is the world's largest producer of opium — the raw ingredient in heroin — and the illicit drug trade is a

major source of funding for insurgent groups.

The U.S. has decided to target production and distribution networks after programs to destroy poppy fields did little except turn farmers against the American-led NATO mission.

In the past year, the DEA has launched an ambitious plan to increase its personnel in Afghanistan from about a dozen to nearly 80, greatly expanding its role.

NATO said the helicopter containing the DEA agents was returning from a joint operation that targeted a compound used by insurgents involved in "narcotics trafficking in western Afghanistan."

Pickens

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success in achieving energy efficiency in the country.

“I started to watch what politicians said about energy and I didn’t know if they weren’t telling the truth or didn’t know what they were talking about,” he said.

Pickens noted that since the presidency of Richard Nixon, candidates for the presidency have focused on the energy issue heavily in their campaigns.

Pickens focused on several key problems with U.S. energy sources. He said oil production cannot get any higher than its current rate and could see declines by 2012, right as industrialization in nations such as China and India accelerates.

“I’m convinced 85 million barrels a day is all you are going to get, meaning it is a peak,” he said.

Pickens also focused on the problem of importing oil from enemy nations, and asked the younger generations to change that.

“We cannot continue to import oil from people who hate us,” he said. “You are going to have to get control of energy in America.”

The “Pickens Plan,” as Pickens laid it out, emphasizes two important sources of energy for future American generations — wind power and natural gas, both of which are renewable energy sources.

Pickens spoke about the need to replace diesel trucks on the road with natural gas trucks. The model that he used came from southern California, where natural gas trash trucks replaced their diesel counterparts, taking the equivalent of 325 cars off the road. Pickens said great energy change could be achieved in this country by doing this on a national scale by replacing the current 6.5 million diesel trucks.

Pickens said this could be achieved cheaply with tax breaks. In addition, he noted that natural gas is cheaper than diesel, with America holding over a century’s supply within its borders. Pickens said the amount of natural gas America holds is roughly equivalent to one and a half times the amount Saudi Arabia holds in oil.

“This is a game changer,” he said.

Pickens also touched on his belief that the energy problem is much bigger than politicians realize. He mentioned a conversation he had with President Barack Obama over the president’s goal of getting a million plug-in hybrids on the road.

“I said our problem is bigger. It’s huge,” Pickens said.

Pickens closed his lecture portion with a reflection on the very issue of energy itself, noting its importance to all Americans in the future.

“This has no party,” he said. “It’s not political. It has to do with us Americans.”

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Jenkins

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set by his Holy Cross predecessors, he is making the aspirations of this University a reality.”

In his annual address to the faculty in September, Jenkins repeated his threefold goal of prioritizing undergraduate education, research and the University’s Catholic character while also noting that increasing student and faculty diversity and stabilizing the school’s finances are additional aims for the upcoming years.

Jenkins said in the address that the 2008-09 school year, his fourth year as University president, was the “most challenging and most rewarding” of his tenure so far, citing the challenges of the financial crisis and the controversy surrounding President Barack Obama’s Commencement

address at the May 2009 ceremony.

After the University announced in March the U.S. president would speak at Commencement and receive an honorary degree, Jenkins defended his decision when critics protested the invitation, stating Obama’s visit presented an opportunity for dialogue.

“We are not ignoring the critical issue of the protection of life. On the contrary, we invited him because we care so much about those issues, and we hope for this to be the basis of an engagement with him,” Jenkins told The Observer in an interview after the announcement. Jenkins gained national attention throughout

the controversy.

Jenkins also confronted the issue of academic freedom in the context of a Catholic university during his tenure.

In April of 2006, he released a statement titled “Closing Statement on Academic Freedom and Catholic Character,” which allowed the performance of the Virginia Monologues to

be held on campus, provided that an academic panel discussion follow the performance. The statement followed several months of debate over whether the controversial play should be performed at a Catholic university.

Among his other initiatives in office, Jenkins helped launch

the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative in 2006, a project in which the University works with international organizations to contribute to development in Uganda.

That initiative was announced in the second annual Notre Dame Forum, which Jenkins began during his first year in office. The Forum, which is typically held each fall, will again take place this year, but in the spring semester.

In a resolution, the Board of Trustees said they have “respect and full confidence” in Jenkins and his continued role as president of the University.

“The Fellows and Trustees look forward to continuing our work with him in service to Our Lady’s University,” Notebaert said in the release.

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AMEX	1,802.41	-31.72
NASDAQ	2,141.85	-12.62
NYSE	6,960.09	-106.71
S&P 500	1,066.95	-12.65
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	10,362.62	00.00
FTSE 100 (London)	5,191.74	-50.83

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CITIGROUP (C)	-4.26	-0.19	4.27
BK OF AMERICA CP (BAC)	-5.06	-0.82	15.40
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Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	+2.27	+0.079	3.55
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IN BRIEF

Manager accused of defrauding bank

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — A former kosher slaughterhouse manager accused of defrauding a bank had the final say on financial reports, a former chief financial officer testified Monday.

Mitchell Meltzer said the manager, Sholom Rubashkin, allowed him to shift expenses to hide purchases from St. Louis-based First Bank.

Rubashkin, faces 91 fraud charges in the federal trial, including mail, wire and bank fraud. Prosecutors claim Agriprocessors Inc. intentionally defrauded First Bank on a revolving \$35 million loan by faking invoices from meat dealers.

The Agriprocessors plant in Postville, Iowa, was the site of a major immigration raid in May 2008, when 389 illegal immigrants were arrested. After the raid, First Bank sent Agriprocessors about \$3.45 million to keep the plant afloat.

"Sometimes he would offer changes, and they made them," Meltzer said. "He usually wanted more income."

Scientists to testify in climate case

SALT LAKE CITY — Defense lawyers for a college student who disrupted the auction of oil and gas drilling leases on land around some of Utah's national parks outlined in court papers Monday a plan to put global warming on trial instead of their client.

The lawyers for Tim DeChristopher want to call some of the nation's pre-eminent climate scientists to testify about what they said are the dangers that heat-trapping gases have in store for the planet. Prosecutors have objected to widening the scope of the trial into a publicized philosophical discussion over global warming and environmental damage — points they said are irrelevant to the charges.

Last December, DeChristopher bid up prices by hundreds of thousands of dollars on some parcels and won 13 other parcels while acknowledging he had no intention or capacity to pay \$1.7 million for the leases. He was indicted in April on felony charges of interfering with a government auction and making false representations.

Newspaper circulation falls sharply

Daily circulation of U.S. papers sees a 10.6 percent decrease since last year

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Circulation at newspapers shrank at an accelerated pace in the past six months, driven in part by stiff price increases imposed by publishers scrambling to offset rapidly eroding advertising sales.

Average daily circulation at 379 U.S. newspapers plunged 10.6 percent in the April-September period from the same six-month stretch last year, according to figures released Monday by the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

It's the largest drop recorded so far during the past decade's steady decline in paid readership — a span that has coincided with an explosion of online news sources that don't charge readers for access. Many newspapers also have been reducing delivery to far-flung locales and increasing prices to get more money out of their remaining sales.

The latest decline outstripped a 7.1 percent decrease in the October 2008-March 2009 period and a 4.6 percent decline in last year's April-September window.

As both publications indicated earlier in the month, The Wall Street Journal surpassed USA Today as the top-selling newspaper in the United States. The Journal's average Monday-Friday circulation edged up 0.6 percent to 2.02 million — making it the only daily newspaper in the top 25 to see an increase.

USA Today suffered the worst erosion in its 27-year history, dropping more than 17 percent to 1.90 million. The newspaper, owned by Gannett Co., has blamed reductions in travel for much of the circulation shortfall, because many of its single-copy sales come in airports and hotels.

The New York Times stayed in third place at 927,851, down 7.3 percent from the same period of



AP

An unidentified employee of Out of Town News, in the Harvard Square neighborhood of Cambridge, Mass., holds a copy of USA Today.

2008. Its Sunday edition remained the top weekend seller at 1.4 million, a decrease of 2.6 percent.

Sunday circulation at all the newspapers covered in the ABC survey fell 7.5 percent in the latest six-month span.

The circulation numbers are just the latest sign of distress in the shrinking newspaper industry.

Newspapers are trying to recover from a steep drop in advertising revenue — traditionally their main source of money. The worst U.S. recession since World War II and the lure of the Internet have combined to make the industry's annual ad revenue \$20 billion less than it was three years ago.

To compensate, many of the nation's largest publish-

ers are raising the subscription rates and newsstand prices for their print editions.

Some newspapers also are planning to charge for access to at least some sections of their Web sites. Besides bringing in more revenue, the online fees could cause more people to keep subscribing to the print editions if fewer stories are available for free on the Web. But it would also threaten to shrink their online audiences, making it more difficult to sell the Internet ads that are gradually replacing some forms of marketing in print.

Although higher prices for print editions alienate some readers, enough of them are footing the bill to funnel more money to

newspapers.

For instance, circulation revenue at The New York Times Co. and another major newspaper publisher, McClatchy Co., climbed by 7 percent during the summer, even though they both lost subscribers.

Bringing in more money from readers is now more important than trying to preserve circulation, according to Mark Adkins, president of the San Francisco Chronicle. His newspaper suffered a nearly 26 percent drop in circulation in the April-September period to 251,782. But the remaining subscribers collectively pay the Chronicle more than its much larger audience did in the previous year, Adkins said.

NETHERLANDS

Experts: U.S. risky for eco-friendly investors

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — Investors wanting to put money in climate-friendly businesses would be wise to look at Germany, Brazil or even China rather than at the United States, an international investment group said Monday.

Other lower-risk countries among the world's leading economies are Australia, Japan and France, said a report by the Deutsche Bank.

Those countries have the most comprehensive and transparent policies that give greater certainty to investments in such businesses as renewable energy and energy effi-

ciency, and they are likely to attract the capital needed to reduce global emissions of greenhouse gases, said the report.

The riskiest country is Italy, which is short on regulation and enforcement, the group said. The United States has had "on-off" regulatory policies, and its future remains uncertain, it said.

It is the latest study to suggest that current policies and plans will fail to cut emissions by enough to avert serious changes in the world's climate. Scientists have warned that continued unchecked carbon emissions, mainly from burning fossil fuels, will disrupt weather patterns,

melt glaciers and the arctic ice cover to raise sea levels and spread pests and disease.

But it was unusual among the flurry of climate studies by activists, scientists and international agencies in taking the investors' viewpoint and examining countries according to their climate-favorable business environment.

The bank's researchers compiled 270 policies, regulations and mandated emissions targets to create a risk profile for investors. Its overall risk assessments, however, were general, ranking countries or regions on a scale of one to three and most listed as a two.

Transpo

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this year, “it seems to be a rising concern for many students.”

Among a variety of efforts, the trio pointed first to their work on transportation — including a new Transpo public bus route aimed at students and potential new taxi regulations — as one method of increasing safety off campus.

Brellenthin said student government leaders met with local cab companies during the summer to “relay a number of student concerns to the cab companies while getting their input” on issues, including safety.

Weber said she and Schmidt were able to review the taxi ordinance during the summer and, along with city officials, are “throwing around the idea of establishing a price ceiling to increase the reliability of the cab companies.”

She also said officials are considering requiring that taxis have a standard placard inside detailing passenger rights, cab owner information and taxi identification information.

Weber said in their work with cab companies, student govern-

ment leaders found there was “still a need for a reliably consistent method of transportation, because even if the taxi system in South Bend is really wonderful, there are still limitations.”

Schmidt told the committee the University, student government and local public transportation authority Transpo are finalizing a new public transportation route aimed at students.

“Transpo is a resource that’s already available to students; students can take this for free,” Schmidt said. He told committee members that students primarily use Transpo routes No. 7 and The Sweep, which offer service until approximately 1:15 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, which he indicated are peak times for students traveling to and from off campus locations.

“That’s when people are going off campus most often and that’s where the most problems occur,” Schmidt said.

The new route, Route 7A, is tentatively set to run from 9:20 p.m. to 3:20 a.m.

Schmidt said the route would take riders from library circle on the University campus past apartment complexes east of campus, throughout the northeast neighbor-

hood and into the downtown South Bend area.

“It’s an 18-minute trip as we have it set right now, one way,” he said, or about 35 minutes roundtrip.

The representatives also spoke about their efforts to increase police patrols in student housing areas off campus.

Weber said students have continued to raise the prospect of Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) patrolling off campus, and student government has researched the idea, she said.

“We absolutely understand the objections and obstacles to this,” she said, naming concerns about boundaries, limitations of NDSP resources and issues regarding jurisdiction.

But Weber said other Indiana schools have overcome jurisdictional issues, and said boundaries could be based on the concentration of students living off campus and their vicinity to campus.

Brellenthin also told the committee about the possibility of using a federal, state or local grant to fund increased patrol presence in specific areas during specific times.

“We are working with the South Bend Police Department and the University on finding, researching

and deciding which grant is the best option to pursue,” he said.

Schmidt, Weber and Brellenthin also took questions and heard comments from committee members during the presentation.

One trustee noted that should student government leaders request additional resources or different policies, they must have “a pretty compelling reason why you and your constituency should be treated differently.”

The Observer has a policy of not attributing quotes or information to specific members of the Board.

Another trustee stated that students living off campus should see themselves as “members of the community” and should recognize crime against any area resident — not just students — should be of

concern.

The trustee added that efforts on behalf of students to address crime concerns should be focused on “how can we make the city better, not how can we make this better for the students who live in the city.”

Schmidt told the committee members that he believes students are aware of their role within the community, and told the group that student government will continue to focus on student safety issues.

The presentation Oct. 15 was the first of three Schmidt, Weber and Brellenthin will make to the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees this school year.

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Accident

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bits of pieces came off,” he said. “I have a newfound respect for those roads and what the people have to deal with. I couldn’t imagine driving that road in snowy or icy conditions. It’s probably almost impossible.”

Geygan said the accident offered a learning experience in a way he would not have expected.

“This really brought us together as a group,” he said. “It was probably the best education we got during the trip. We saw how poor the infrastructure is in Appalachia.”

Geygan noted the neglected conditions of the road, and he said emergency personnel did not respond immediately to the

accident.

“The ambulance didn’t get there for about an hour and a half,” he said. “It put a lot of things in perspective to see how few resources the area has.”

Luckily, no one in the group required serious medical attention, Tate said. Tate injured her wrist and Hall burned his hand.

“I was climbing back up mountain after accident, but I slipped back down towards the car, reached my hand out and caught the exhaust pipe,” Hall said about his burn.

Geygan said several local people helped the group while they waited for the ambulance and tow truck.

“A couple of people who lived in the area were pointing to spots on the mountain saying if we fell there, it would have been 80 foot drop,” he said. “I

feel really blessed to be alive.”

Tate said the Center for Social Concerns has been supportive throughout the process.

“They said they don’t care about the car as long as everyone is okay,” she said.

In the future, Tate said she thinks the University should install an OnStar system or something similar in the cars to make the driving trips safer.

“It took so long for the ambulance to come and none of us got cell phone reception,” she said. “I felt so helpless. It was a really humbling experience.”

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Arrests

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secure our team’s confidence and set the tone for avoiding a finish like last season after starting with the same record as last season,” sophomore Kelly Nolan said.

Saturday’s game saw the arrests of 14 people both in and outside the stadium, director of Notre Dame Security Police Phil Johnson said. Johnson also said 21 people were removed from Notre Dame Stadium, mostly for alcohol-related violations.

Johnson said six people were arrested on campus outside the stadium, one of whom was detained for indecent exposure as well as public intoxication.

“Each was lodged in the Saint Joseph County Jail,” Johnson said.

Police also issued four summonses for underage drinking outside the stadium.

Inside the stadium, six people were arrested for public intoxication, one for public intoxication and disorderly conduct and one for public intoxication, disorderly conduct and resisting law enforcement.

After the game, students focused on how the 20-16 win ended a losing streak to Boston College that dated back to 2000.

“I think it’s a really great Catholic rivalry and I thought it was a really fun game. I can’t wait for them to come back senior year,” sopho-

more Didi Thekkethala said.

Students also said they fully expected an unpredictable game, based on the season thus far.

“It seems like you’re never sure which way the game is going to go, down to the very last minute,” freshman Liz Moore said.

Sophomore Tim Ryan expressed some reservations about the team’s performance despite the win.

“It’s great that we finally snapped the losing streak against Boston College but I was still a little worried because the team seemed a little flat,” Ryan said.

Freshman Joe Vanderberg agreed.

“I thought the game was closer than it should have been,” he said.

Other students disagreed and pointed out outstanding plays that led to the Irish’s close 20-16 victory.

“McCarthy’s interception gave hope to everyone and was a true turnaround in a close game,” freshman Sam Murphy said.

In the end, the team was able to make its way back into the rankings within the next 24 hours.

For both students and players, the cold weather did not deter post-game celebration.

“Despite the weather, Irish fans are always there until together we say ‘love thee Notre Dame,’” Moore said.

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Toys R Us to open FAO Schwarz shops

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ahead of the holidays, Toys R Us is opening FAO Schwarz boutiques in some of its stores and relaunching the iconic toy store's Web site.

The announcement gives the first clear indication of Toys R Us' plan for the brand best known for the scene in the 1988 movie "Big" in

which Tom Hanks danced on a floor piano. The largest U.S. toy-store chain bought the brand in May.

FAO Schwarz has two standalone stores, one in New York and one in Las Vegas.

This year, Toys R Us will open 585 boutiques within its own stores branded with the FAO Schwarz name beginning Nov. 1.

Casino group to build hotel

New hotel to be constructed within six months after gambling begins

Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kan. — A group hoping to build a casino south of Wichita promised Monday to open a hotel within six months after gambling starts, but a state review board remained skeptical of the project.

The announcement was designed to improve Chisholm Creek's chances of winning approval for its \$225 million project from the Kansas Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board. The group said it is making a firm commitment to open a 100-room hotel by March 2012 at its site outside Mulvane, about 20 miles south of Wichita.

Review board members had been troubled because both the Chisholm Creek plan and a proposal for a casino in Kansas City, Kan., hadn't included hotels during the first phase of the projects. Some of the board's consultants said during a day-long hearing Monday that the lack of hotels would hinder the new casinos' ability to draw tourists.

"We're trying to meet the concerns of the board," John Frieden, a Topeka attorney representing Chisholm Creek, said during a break in the hearing, shortly before its public announcement.

Chisholm Creek officials said they have a commitment from Topeka-based Double Down Development LC to build the

hotel. That firm, mostly Kansas investors, already is building a new casino in Dodge City.

Board members peppered Chisholm Creek representatives with questions, and Chairman Matt All told the group the board needs more information before deciding whether to allow the project to move forward. The board plans to vote on both the Kansas City and Wichita-area casino plans in December.

"We still have questions about this proposal," All said. "We're late in this process and so we need to have solid information that makes us comfortable."

Earlier, All had said the lack of a hotel would be a key issue for either casino plan, and several board members questioned whether casinos without hotels are true tourist destinations. A 2007 state law allowing the casinos contemplated "destination" projects and directed the board to pick projects to encourage tourism.

Last year, the board had multiple proposals for both Kansas City and the Wichita area and picked a developer for each, only to see them back away from their plans because of the economy. The Kansas Lottery — which will own the new gambling and contract with private developers to build and operate

the casinos — then reopened the application process.

The Chisholm Creek group includes Lakes Entertainment Inc., of Minnetonka, Minn., which has been involved in 11 Indian tribal casinos in seven states.

The proposed casino in Kansas City would overlook Kansas Speedway, the NASCAR racetrack already at the center of a tourist-drawing district of shopping, dining and entertainment sites. Kansas Speedway's parent company, International Speedway Corp., is partners with Penn National Gaming Inc., of Wyomissing, Pa., in the \$521 million venture.

Penn and ISC have said they expect to begin building a hotel by 2014, two years after opening their casino. They noted Monday that their proposed

contract with the lottery penalizes them financially if they don't deliver.

"Once the economy heals, we're committed to build," said speedway President Jeff Boerger.

Some of the board's consultants warned that holding out for better casino proposals — by rejecting either plan and forcing the lottery to take new applications — would be risky.

"I don't think it's worth the wait, frankly," said Bill Lerner, a founder of Las Vegas-based Union Gaming Group, one board consultant.

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New policy gives break to unlicensed divers

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco police are easing a policy that requires officers to impound the vehicles of drivers caught without a license — a move expected to help illegal immigrants.

The revised policy, which takes effect next month, gives unlicensed drivers 20 minutes after they are pulled over to have a licensed and insured driver move their vehicle. If not, the vehicle can be towed, but only with the approval of a supervisory officer.

"This is an attempt to try to enhance public safety," said San Francisco Police Chief George Gascon, who took over the department in August.

Gascon said the current policy can leave families stranded on the side of the road. It can also encourage unlicensed drivers to run from the police and buy cheap, unsafe vehicles.

Although Gascon said the policy change was not motivated by a desire to help illegal immigrants, he acknowledged it will have a "substantial impact" on them.

"There's no question in the communities where you have larger representations of people who are here (without documents), those folks cannot get a license," he said.

San Francisco would be among the first cities to implement the no-tow policy, although other

cities, including Oakland and San Jose, have looked into the change, said Mark Silverman, director of immigration policy at the San Francisco-based Immigrant Legal Resource Center.

Silverman, who was consulted about San Francisco's policy change, said towing and impounding cars "wreaked havoc" on undocumented workers.

"People need their cars to go to work, take their kids to school, to the hospital," he said. "Immigrants in general have limited income and to have to pay (thousands of dollars) is I think way out of proportion to the infraction."

But critics say the city should not make life easier for people who are in the country illegally.

"They need their cars to make a living in jobs they are not supposed to have," said Ira Mehlman, a spokesman for the Washington, D.C.-based Federation for American Immigration Reform. "San Francisco is admitting that they are aiding and abetting people in violating federal law."

Mehlman said the policy also puts other drivers at risk.

Police officials say it only applies to people who do not have a license, not those who have had their license suspended.

If the person is caught driving without a license again within six months, the vehicle will be impounded.

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Our first three columns this term discussed the Obama administration's takeover of the American private sector, including the automotive industry, banking, health care, student loans, etc. To avoid getting lost in details, let's note some controlling principles offered by Pope Benedict XVI in his third encyclical, "Love in Truth" (Caritas in Veritate) (CIV), issued June 29. CIV builds upon his first two encyclicals, "God is Love" (Deus Caritas Est, 2006) and "In Hope We Were Saved" (Spe Salvi, 2007). It carries forward Benedict's assertion in his first World Day of Peace message, on Jan. 1, 2006, that "Any authentic search for peace must begin with the realization that the problem of truth and untruth is the concern of every man and woman; it is decisive for the peaceful future of our planet." His first three encyclicals emphasize that love and acceptance of the truth about man and God offer the only hope for peace. "Jesus," said Benedict in that message, "defined himself as the Truth in person, and ... states his complete aversion to 'everyone who loves and practices falsehood.'"

CIV focuses on "integral human development," as urged by Paul VI in "Populorum Progressio" in 1967. CIV's opening words note the spiritual as well as material character of such development: "Charity in truth, to which Jesus Christ bore witness ... is the ... driving force behind the ... development of every person and of all humanity."

CIV deserves attention, especially within the Beltway and in the media. Don't hold your breath waiting for that. Let us, rather, note some unfashionable truths offered in CIV:

1. Solidarity. We are relational by nature. John Paul II described "the full meaning of freedom" as "the gift of self in service of God and one's brethren." Veritatis Splendor, No. 87. "The human being," said CIV, "is made for gift." No. 34. "Economy and finance ... can be used badly where those at the helm are motivated by purely selfish ends ... [I]n commercial relationships ... gratuitousness and the logic of gift as an expression of fraternity ... must find their place within normal economic activi-

ty." No. 36.

2. Subsidiarity. "[I]t is an injustice for a larger and higher organization to arrogate to itself functions which can be performed efficiently by smaller and lower bodies." Pius XI, Quadragesimo Anno (1931), No. 79. This principle insists on "the autonomy of intermediate bodies ... and is the most effective antidote against [an] all-encompassing welfare state." No. 56. Obamacare and other takeovers are at war with this principle.

3. The moral law applies to all human activity. "The conviction that man is self-sufficient and can ... eliminate ... evil ... by his own action alone has led him to confuse happiness and salvation with material prosperity and social action. [T]he conviction that the economy must be autonomous [and] shielded from 'influences' of a moral character [has] led to economic, social and political systems that trample upon personal and social freedom." (No. 34). Integral human development requires more than self-interest. It requires "upright ... financiers and politicians whose consciences are ... attuned to ... the common good." No. 71.

4. Consistent ecology. "The Church ... must defend not only earth, water and air as gifts of creation ... She must above all protect mankind from self-destruction ... [T]he decisive issue is the ... moral tenor of society. If there is a lack of respect for the right to life and to a natural death, if human conception, gestation and birth are made artificial, if human embryos are sacrificed to research, the conscience of society [loses] the concept of human ecology and, along with it, that of environmental ecology. It is contradictory to insist that future generations respect the natural environment when our educational systems and laws do not help them to respect themselves. The book of nature ... takes in not only the environment but also life, sexuality, marriage, the family, social relations: in a word, integral human development. Our duties towards the environment are linked to our duties towards the human person ... It would be wrong to uphold one set of duties while trampling on the other. Herein lies a grave contradiction in our mentality and practice." No. 36. Exhibit A for that contradiction is the pro-abortion politician who told Notre Dame's graduates last May that they "must decide how to save God's creation from a changing climate that threatens to destroy it."

5. Population growth is good. "[O]penness to life," CIV states, is "a rich social and economic resource. Populous nations have

[emerged] from poverty thanks not least to the size of their population and [their] talents ... [F]ormerly prosperous nations are [in] decline ... because of their falling birth rates; this [is] a crucial problem for highly affluent societies. The decline in births ... puts a strain on social welfare systems, increases their cost, eats into ... financial resources needed for investment, reduces the availability of ... labourers, and narrows the 'brain pool.' ... [S]maller ... families run the risk of impoverishing social relations, and failing to ensure ... solidarity. These situations are symptomatic of a scant confidence in the future and moral weariness. It is ... a social and even economic necessity ... to hold up to future generations the beauty of marriage and the family, and the fact that these institutions correspond to the deepest needs and dignity of the person ... States are called to enact policies promoting the centrality and the integrity of the family founded on marriage between a man and a woman ... and to assume responsibility for its ... needs, while respecting its ... relational character." No. 44.

6. Respect for life is essential to development. "In ... developed countries, legislation contrary to life [contributes] to the spread of an anti-birth mentality ... [A]ttempts are made to export this mentality to other States as if it were a form of cultural progress."

"Some ... [o]rganizations work ... to spread abortion [and promote] sterilization in poor countries, in some cases not even informing the women concerned. [D]evelopment aid is sometimes linked to the ... imposition of strong birth control measures. Further grounds for concern are laws permitting euthanasia as well as pressure ... in favor of its juridical recognition." No. 28.

"Openness to life," CIV concludes, "is at the center of true development. When a society moves towards the denial or suppression of life, it ends up no longer finding the ... motivation and energy to strive for man's true good." No. 28.

The Pope is the one universal voice showing the way to a Culture of Life built on love, Truth and hope. It is time even for politicians to give him a listen.

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Love in truth



Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity."

Dorothy Parker
U.S. author, humorist, poet & wit

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive."

Robert Louis Stevenson
Scottish author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Turn it up

As Ron Burgundy once said: “I wanna say something. I’m gonna put it out there; if you like you can take it, and if you don’t, send it right back.” As you know, recent opponents have called our stadium “quiet.” While this is no doubt attributable to the many wine-and-cheese alumni who enjoy nothing more than to tell other patrons to sit down during the game, our student section could improve. I propose two enhancements:

1. When the band plays the Celtic Chant, make noise. Waiving your arms in silence is not intimidating, nor does it contribute to home field advantage. During the game against UW in the fourth quarter, as soon as the band began to play the Celtic Chant the whole section around me became silent and pumped their arms skyward in unison. If we are to continue this “cheer” let us add some crowd noise. Yell along in unison with the band.

2. Make loud continuous noise from the end of the play to the subsequent snap of the ball. Many times our student section does not begin to cheer until the other team has broken the huddle and has come to the line. If we were to be loud from the end each play it could hamper the other teams ability to call the correct play in the huddle and lessen their time to make audibles and calls at the line of scrimmage. There is no shame in being unable to speak on Sundays.

Aaron Solem
law student
off campus
Oct. 14

True Fighting Irish

Dear Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, and Holy Cross students:
You are the most incredible, hardest-working fans on the face of the planet. And, how about that band of yours? Dead sexy, and they sound great too. Watching Saturday’s game on my laptop in Scotland, I could feel the electricity in South Bend from here.
I hope you indulged yourselves at The Backer. You rule.

Lauren Mangiaforte
senior
off campus
Oct. 17

Pro-life vs. pro-birth

In response to Christopher Damian’s letter (“Who we are,” Oct. 14), if you and all others who call themselves “pro-lifers” can honestly look at yourselves and stand before God and say that you are for the abolishment of capital punishment; that you are anti-war; that you are for a person’s right to a dignified death; that you care deep in your heart about the welfare of children born into houses of abuse (sexual, physical, emotional, substance, etc.), neglect, abandonment and poverty and are willing to fight for those children; if you consider adopting a child from a mother who doesn’t want it or is too young, or too stoned, or too inexperienced, or too lazy to raise the child; if you’re willing to pay for a child born with numerous physical disabilities that will require a lifetime of medical care; if you care about equal educational opportunities, access to medical care and other means and programs to help the child succeed and become a valued, productive member of society, and to prevent the same child from becoming a ward of the state either through foster care or the prison system, then you can stand on top of the dome, wave your flag and proudly proclaim yourselves pro-life

If you meet these qualifications and standards, I too will admit to you being pro-life.

Otherwise, you are just “anti-abortion,” or better still “pro-birth,” because that’s what most so-called pro-lifers really are. This is not sanctimonious validation on my part, just a definition. By your comments, you indicate to me that you are and will continue to be pro-birth. If you are, man up and accept that you are: there’s nothing wrong with that, and fight for that. I applaud your efforts in arranging the cemetery. But fight also for ways to reduce the number of abortions as President Obama told our graduating seniors back in May.

The responsibility of being a pro-lifer is so much more than just setting up a couple of crosses. You can’t consider yourself one until you reconcile your beliefs with your actions on what happens to the life of the child after he or she comes into this world, and how you and society at large will take care of that child. If you claim to be a follower of Christ, that is his charge to you and to me. “Christian” is not a title, it’s a responsibility.

You get to justify your “pro-life” beliefs before God, not only through words but actions as well.

I personally believe abortion is abhorrent and evil. But I also believe in the sanctity of all human life — from the womb to the tomb.

Eduardo Magallanez
alumnus
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U-WIRE

Fashion’s dangerous art

Every fashionista loves shoes, wants shoes and needs shoes. Even if those shoes are painful, it’s only a small price to pay for looking fabulous. Large heels and uncomfortable soles are normally what constitute painful shoes, but artist Omar Perez introduces different kinds of painful, but still fabulous, heels.

Perez is a self-trained woodworker who not only creates wicked high heels, but also crafts fine furniture. His shoe work is on display in the Artist’s Hall at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft through Oct. 25. Perez has used his experience in wood crafting to create a collection of shoes, which he calls “Stilett’O’s.” They are not only made of wood, but are also accented with random day-to-day elements one would never find on a pair of Manolo Blahniks.

There are 14 pairs of “Stilett’O’s” on display made with woods such as maple, ebony and walnut burl. Each pair has a story of its own. Some are influenced by cultures around the world, some by current trends and some by human emotions. Two pairs of the shoes have international elements from places like India and China. “Rupi” is made from cocobolo, maple, Indian currency and henna dye. “Tashi” features a Chinese theme with chopsticks, vine, paper and a Chinese coin. “Teteo Inian” features not only walnut burl woodwork, but also crocodile skin and feathers. With current trends focusing on animal skins and feather usage in handbags and headbands, the “Teteo Inian” mixes modern and ancient trends very well. “Serpentine Liaison,” the largest pair of shoes on display, is made from ebony, maple, snakeskin and band saw blades. The piece has a hint of red and silver, with the blades used as straps.

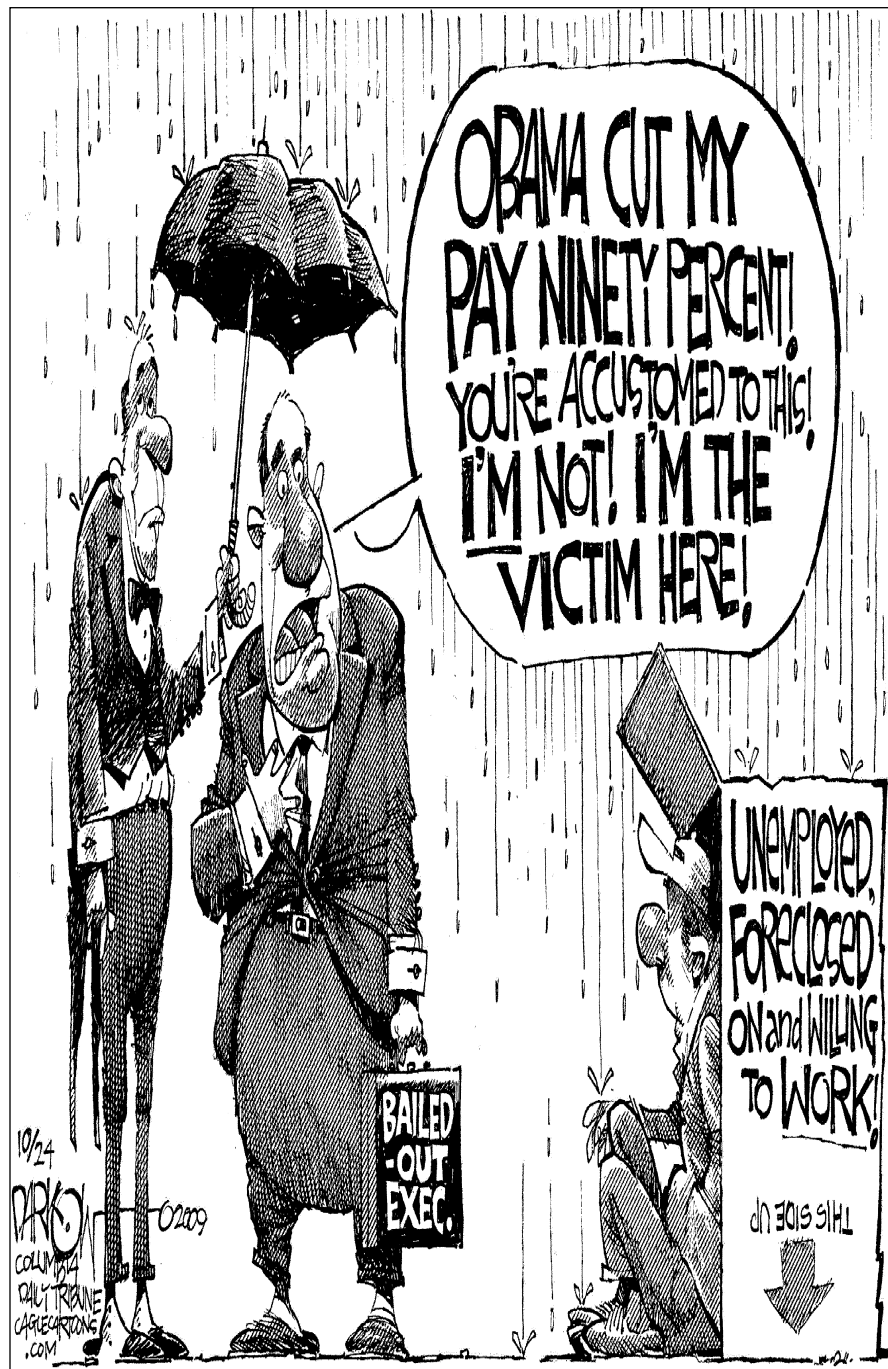
These days, a shoe isn’t only looked at for its color or heel size, but also for the details of its straps, and Perez has made them more noticeable than ever. From worldly elements to current trends, Perez has used his “Stilett’O’s” to convey emotion. “Trust No One” shows epic sorrow and anger. The pair was made from pau ferro, American dollar bills, a lizard and a 50 mm bullet. The U.S. currency used is visible in a triangular shape in the back of the shoes. The main attraction, the bullet, serves as the heel.

It’s amazing to see the abilities and imaginations of artists, but it’s even better to see these imaginations used for a fashionista’s most important accessory.

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This Week's Mix – Standing Still,
Watching the Swirl of Life and Leaves

by Jess Shaffer

1	✓	"Living For The City"- Stevie Wonder
2	✓	"Que Vida de Mia" - Reik
3	✓	"Maps" - Yeah Yeah Yeahs
4	✓	"If I Were A Free Fallin' Boy" - DJ Earworm (Beyonce v.Tom Petty)
5	✓	"Come Pick Me Up" - Ryan Adams
6	✓	"Girl Is On My Mind" - The Black Keys
7	✓	"Hate On Me" - Jill Scott
8	✓	"Falling" - Ben Kweller
9	✓	"Candy" - Paolo Nutini
10	✓	"Kids" - MGMT
11	✓	"First Love" - Adele
12	✓	"Ice Cream" - Muscles
13	✓	"Just Say Yes" - Ben Lee
14	✓	"Whatcha Say" - Jason Derulo
15	✓	"Where Soul Meets Body" - Deathcab for Cutie
16	✓	"Manos En El Aire" - Nelly Furtado
17	✓	"Fell In Love With A Girl" - The White Stripes

Fall is definitively upon us. Leaves are falling off the trees as quickly as the days seem to be flying off the calendar. It seems like everything is in a state of motion and change. But before life blows by you or you blow away with it, take a deep breath to enjoy the color of the trees and smell of the crisp autumn air. Here's a list of songs to help you be one with our quickly spinning ND universe, while still being static enough to drink in its glory. Hope it makes you want to live and want to watch life with the utmost awe and appreciation. Enjoy!

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By JOEY KUHN
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Three years after the Billboard No. 1 hit album "Decemberunderground," A.F.I. is back with their latest effort, "Crash Love."

The California gothic punk band's name is an acronym for "A Fire Inside." Their new album, however, might have fans wondering whether the fire has sputtered out.

In the 1990s and early 2000s, A.F.I. was more of a hardcore punk band, putting out albums with frantic drumbeats and shouted choruses on every song. Then, in 2003, the band achieved its first major success with "Sing the Sorrow," a dark, arching achievement of an album. "Sing the Sorrow" contained the perfect balance of fist-in-the-face punk songs, melodramatic and hauntingly gothic ballads, and more radio-friendly pop-punk fare such as "Girl's Not Grey."

With "Decemberunderground," A.F.I. started pursuing a more pop-oriented agenda. They never lost the dark, almost overblown emo sound that gives their music its appeal, but they continued to explore the world of catchy guitar hooks and lyrics that were actually able to be understood. "Crash Love" follows the same trajectory, going even further into mainstream post-punk territory similar to Green Day or Alkaline Trio.

It was produced by Jackknife Lee and Joe McGrath, who has worked with Morrissey, Alkaline Trio and Blink-182. The album has received mostly favorable reviews, although certain critics

compromised its artistry for commercial success.

"Crash Love" kicks off with powerful, crunching guitars and a delicious metal riff on "Torch Song," but the rest of the song falls somewhat flat. "Beautiful Thieves" is a fairly enjoyable post-punk anthem that alternates between U2-esque guitar effects and a pounding chorus, all in a minor key, of course. But by the third song, "End Transmission," it is clear that this album's aesthetic is going to be very different from "Sing the Sorrow." The guitars are jangly and almost cute, and the lyrics seem more aligned with summer fun than A.F.I.'s usual lustrous gloom.

"Too Shy to Scream" will probably be this album's "Miss Murder." With its bouncy beat and ultra-catchy chorus, it can't fail to become a radio hit. Unfortunately, at only four songs in, it is probably the high point of the whole record.

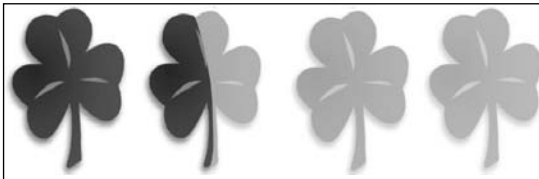
"Veronica Sawyer Smokes" is almost unbearably sappy, sounding like Dashboard Confessional without any of the sensitive singer/songwriter appeal. "Okay, I Feel Better Now," "Darling, I Want to Destroy You" and "It Was Mine" are all forgettable, downtempo chuggers.

Although A.F.I. is usually a lyrically poetic band, "Crash Love" as a whole is plagued with stale,

cliché lines such as "This night has only just

"Crash Love"
A.F.I

Best Tracks: "Too Shy to Scream," "Sacrilege," "Beautiful Thieves," "Medicate," "Torch Song"



begun" or "Nothing pure can ever stay." The trite lyrics would be forgivable if they were sung with extraordinary gusto, but most of the album is disappointingly lackluster in this respect. Almost none of singer Davey Havok's usual screaming and wailing is present. "Sacrilege," an angry challenge to religious dogma, is probably the only song on which Havok displays his old fiery zeal. That and "Medicate," the first single, are the album's best throwbacks to A.F.I.'s original punk style.

Even from the album's artwork, it is clear that "Crash Love" is a departure for A.F.I. Instead of wintry landscapes and gothic text, the cover of "Crash Love" features loopy cursive writing in the middle of a shiny heart. The lighter feel of "Crash Love" is understandable considering A.F.I.'s recent popular success with this approach. Still, it ends up making them sound like whiny, lovesick teenagers rather than the impassioned prophets of darkness and abandon.

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Notre Dame 20, Boston College 16

Burying B.C.

Interception on final drive seals ND's first win vs. Eagles since 2000

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Just send your blood pressure medication bill to the Golden Dome, Irish fans.

For the sixth-straight game, Notre Dame's fate was not decided until the closing minutes. Irish junior linebacker Brian Smith picked off Eagles quarterback Dave Shinskie's pass with 98 seconds left to capture Notre Dame's 20-16 win over Boston College.

"Anytime you're kind of backed up, it's a big attitude adjustment for the defense," Smith said. "We know it takes one play for us to get off the field, so we go after 'em."

The Irish (5-2) used a "dink and dunk" passing attack, featuring liberal helpings of star junior wideout Golden Tate, to chip away at the Eagles (5-3), whose five turnovers helped a struggling Notre Dame secondary.

"We're a high-wire act," Boston College head coach Frank Spaziani said. "There's no margin of error for us. There's no safety net. When we fall off the wire, it's not good. So five turnovers is hard to overcome."

Notre Dame junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen went 26 for 39, throwing for 246 yards and two touchdowns in the victory. Clausen hit seven Irish receivers on the day, connecting with Tate on both of his touchdown passes.

Tate finished with 128 receiving yards on 11 catches, a career high in receptions. Despite limping off the field in the first half after appearing to twist his ankle, junior tailback Armando Allen led Notre Dame in rushing with 98 yards on 21 carries.

"I know that I'm going to get hit every play whether I have the ball or not," Allen said. "I think putting on a couple pounds definitely allowed me to take a few more hits. But running behind an offensive line like ours and seeing them run down the field and make some extra hits is more important. My confidence has built every game because of that."

For Boston College, freshman quarterback Dave Shinskie finished with 279 yards, with a touchdown and three interceptions. Shinskie connected with receiver Rich Gunnell early and often, hitting the senior 10 times for 179 yards and a touchdown.

Sophomore Eagles running back Montel Harris, who ran for 264 yards last week in a victory over NC State, was held to only 38 yards on 22 carries for a 1.7 yards/carry average.

"Boston College rushed for 300 yards last week," Irish coach



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Irish junior wide receiver Golden Tate turns upfield after making a catch in the fourth quarter of Notre Dame's 20-16 win. Tate scored on the play for the game-winning touchdown.

Charlie Weis said. "We knew we had to stop the run, and our run defense was fantastic. We made big plays and forced turnovers to counteract their [big plays]."

Spaziani echoed Weis's sentiments, adding, "[Notre Dame defensive coordinator Jon] Tenuta is good at taking away your best players. They're a well-coached football team. We made some adjustments, but it wasn't good enough."

Despite shutting down the potent Eagles running attack, the Irish secondary was gashed repeatedly for big plays, and Boston College was able to extend many drives after converting third down through the air.

Weis appeared annoyed when questioned about his team's passing defense, but defended his scheme.

"You could say you want to play everyone in coverage, but this team ran for 300 yards last week," Weis said. "You want to take away what they do best, which is what we did."

Notre Dame took the lead on the opening drive of the game when freshman kicker Nick Tausch's 11th consecutive field

goal split the uprights from 37 yards out. A quick three and out from Boston College put the Irish offense back on the field, but senior defensive end Jim Ramella forced a safety after Clausen's throwaway pass from inside the Irish end zone did not make it back to the original line of scrimmage.

Notre Dame appeared to gain on its lead after a fake field goal in the second quarter allowed senior punter Eric Maust, who handled a high snap, to run untouched into the end zone, but the play was called back for holding on sophomore long-snapper Lane Clelland. The Irish were forced to settle for another field goal to bring the score to 6-2.

When asked whether Maust was improvising after a bad snap, Weis stated that the play was designed as a fake.

"That was a designed play," Weis said. "If we got a certain look from them — which we got — it was going to be a walk in touchdown. It was supposed to be snapped about six feet lower, though."

On the next drive, Boston College took the lead 9-6 after

Shinskie found Gunnell wide open in the end zone on a 7-yard touchdown pass. The score was set up by several deep strikes into the Notre Dame secondary earlier in the drive, including a 22-yard completion on third and twelve at midfield to freshman tight end Chris Pantale.

The Irish responded with a touchdown drive of their own, with Clausen hitting Tate in the corner of the end zone from 11 yards out to take a 13-9 lead with 36 seconds left in the half. The Eagles were content to take a knee to end the half after the ensuing kickoff.

Shinskie led Boston College down the field to open the second half with a touchdown on the back of 58 yards on two completions to Gunnell, who showed no problems in finding seams in the Notre Dame secondary.

After a delay of game call stalled the Irish's next possession, the Eagles looked poised to build on their 16-13 lead, driving the ball down to the Notre Dame 5-yard line. The Irish defense held, however, as senior defensive back Sergio Brown forced a goal line fumble from Harris.

The two teams traded the ball until early in the fourth quarter when Notre Dame lined up in the Wildcat formation at 4th-and-goal on the 1. Junior back Robert Hughes came up inches short from a score, however, and a turnover on downs gave Boston College the ball on its own goal line.

The Irish defense clamped down and forced a three and out, allowing the Notre Dame offense to take over at midfield after the Eagles punted from inside their end zone. On the next drive, Clausen floated a pass to Tate inches over a Boston College defender's outstretched fingers. Tate made a cut to shake the covering safety, and sprinted into the end zone for a 36-yard touchdown reception to take the lead 20-16.

"I saw Jimmy throw the ball with the guy covering the route underneath, and I was like 'uh-oh,'" Tate said. "But it was good throw. [Clausen] had confidence he could get it by him, and it worked out well."

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player of the game

Golden Tate
Irish wide receiver

Tate set a career high with 11 catches for 128 yards and two touchdowns in the Irish win.

stat of the game

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The number of turnovers forced by the Irish defense, which held the Eagles to only 16 points despite giving up 349 total yards.

play of the game

Brian Smith's interception at the Notre Dame 22-yard line with 1:38 left.

The third Irish interception of the day killed any hope of a Boston College comeback.

quote of the game

"It's just my nature. I always want to make more than just a catch."

Golden Tate
Irish wide receiver

report card

- A-

quarterbacks: Clausen turned in another spectacular performance. Even though Weis’ “dink and dunk” approach limited his yardage, the junior threw for 246 yards with two scores and no picks.
- B+

running backs: Armando Allen rushed for 98 yards, averaging 4.7 yards per carry. Aside from him, though, the Irish rushed for only eight yards and totaled 2.9 yards per carry.
- B+

receivers: Golden Tate had another career day with 11 receptions for 128 yards and two touchdowns. Freshman Roby Toma looked effective in his first action, catching two passes for 13 yards.
- B

offensive line: Clausen was only sacked once, on an intentional grounding call in the first quarter. Other than that, the line kept their quarterback’s jersey clean and paved the way for 106 rushing yards.
- B+

defensive line: Even though they didn’t get any pressure on Dave Shinskie, Ian Williams and Kapron Lewis-Moore were effective in stopping the run game, and combined for 13 tackles.
- B+

linebackers: Manti Te’o continued to prove that he belongs on the field, leading the Irish with nine tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss. Brian Smith also had the game-clinching interception.
- C+

defensive backs: It looked like another career day for an opposing quarterback, as Shinskie was shredding the defense, but three late interceptions saved the game for the Irish.
- B-

special teams: Nick Tausch continued to be Mr. Reliable for Notre Dame, nailing his 11th and 12th consecutive field goals. Freshman punter Ben Turk, though, averaged only 32.7 yards per kick.
- B+

coaching: Charlie Weis acknowledged the mistakes his team made against Boston College last year, and adjusted accordingly. The Irish continue to be slightly disappointing in the red zone, though.
- 3.13

overall: It hasn’t been pretty all season, but a win’s a win. The Irish eked out another close one to move to 5-2 heading into Washington State.

adding up the numbers

- Consecutive games the Irish have played decided by a touchdown or less. The Irish last played this many close games in 1983-84.6
- 9

Number of wide receivers who have seen action for Notre Dame this season. Freshman Roby Toma made his debut against the Eagles.
- Consecutive field goals made by freshman Nick Tausch, who has been perfect since missing his first career kick.12
- 13

Touchdowns Jimmy Clausen has scored (12 passing, one rushing) when Notre Dame has been tied or trailing this season.
- Number of fourth quarter comeback wins by the Irish this season, a Notre Dame record.4
- 1.7

Montel Harris’ yards per carry average against Notre Dame Saturday. Harris had rushed for 264 yards last weekend.
- The last time the Irish allowed a safety until an intentional grounding penalty gave BC two points in the first quarter.1999
- 27

Team-leading number of tackles made by freshman Manti Te’o since he was made a full-time starter against Washington.



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Sophomore defensive lineman Kapron Lewis-Moore points after the Irish defense recovers a fumble. Notre Dame forced five turnovers on the day with two fumble recoveries and three interceptions.

Defense does enough to win

When coach Charlie Weis heard that the top four tacklers in Notre Dame’s 20-16 win over Boston College didn’t play in the secondary, he started clapping.

“Hey, alright,” he said, a huge grin displaying his happiness.

That stat is one of a few that indicate how far Notre Dame’s front seven have come this season.

Jimmy Clausen, Golden Tate and Armando Allen can create the most explosive offensive unit in the nation, but I’m still a firm believer that defense wins games.

Quietly — or loudly, depending on how you look at it — the defense beat Boston College. Quietly because of how good the defense did despite the big plays. Loudly because the big plays exposed the weaknesses that still exist.

Quietly because position changes and blown coverage allowed Shinskie and wide receiver Rich Gunnell to exploit the gaps in the zone all game. Loudly because despite the numbers Eagles freshman quarterback Dave Shinskie put up, Notre Dame still intercepted him three times.

Boston College running back Montel Harris, who rushed for 264 yards and five touchdowns against North Carolina State last week, gained 38 yards on 22 carries. The defense made stopping the run its only priority, passing

attack be damned, and it worked.

Defensive tackle Kapron Lewis-Moore said the team’s goal was to allow less than 100 yards rushing. They allowed 70.

“We are getting better, not only as a defensive line but as a defense as a whole,” Lewis-Moore said.

A large part of that improvement came from freshman linebacker Manti Te’o, who has learned the intricacies of the defense, removed the training wheels and gotten down to destroying opposing players. He led the team with nine tackles and is the team’s best true tackler.

Not only did Te’o make big hits, he read the plays. More than once he shot the gap in the offensive line before the running back did and hit him in the backfield, and he laughed in the face of a screen pass as he blew it up for a loss.

The defensive line didn’t record a sack but had 10 hurries on Shinskie. His interceptions were in part forced because he threw before he was ready. The Irish also forced two fumbles.

The run defense looked gorgeous, like a well-written symphony might sound. The pass defense looked like the conductor fell off his stand and the musicians started playing to their own beat.

The Irish played zone, and the Eagles knew it. They ran routes right in the gaps in the zone: above the cornerback but below the safety outside the hash marks, and in the middle of the field between the safeties above the linebackers (the seams). Gunnell lived there Saturday, catching 10 balls for 179 yards and a touchdown.

“They just hit a seam in our coverage, which is one of the weak spots in our coverage,” said safety Kyle McCarthy, who had two interceptions in the game.

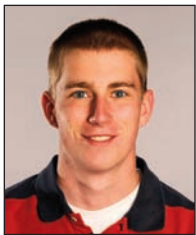
Gunnell had no one near him when he caught his seven-yard touchdown pass. Not one defender released outside with him on his wheel route. The Irish also allowed a fourth-and-17 conversion in the game’s final minutes.

Shake-ups in secondary personnel could explain the confusion. Safety Harrison Smith saw time at nickel back, and Sergio Brown, the usual nickel back, played some safety. Sophomore Jamoris Slaughter also played. In full fairness, the defense was entirely committed to stopping the run but still managed three interceptions.

Notre Dame is 117th in the nation in pass defense, allowing 282.4 yards per game in the air. Luckily for the Irish, next week’s opponent, Washington State, is 118th. But that’s got to change. True, stopping the run should be the first priority of any defense. But it can’t come at the expense of neglecting pass coverage entirely, especially in close games like Notre Dame has had this season.

Whether the problem is a schematic or personnel issue, the holes in the pass defense need some caulk. But the rest of the defense — the pressure from the line, the hits and the foresight from the linebackers — is now a viable threat, and was responsible for Saturday’s win.

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Sports Writer

The end is near.
10.29.09

Wide receivers step up in victory



Junior wide receiver Duval Kamara (18) runs down the sidelines during Notre Dame's 20-16 win over Boston College Saturday. Kamara finished with seven catches for 60 yards.

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Charlie Weis expected Armando Allen to come out as the leading receiver Saturday in what Weis referred to as a “dink-and-dunk” offensive game plan. However, the distinction went once again to junior wideout Golden Tate, and three backup receivers also had time to shine. Weis said that Boston College’s defensive strategy forced the Irish to tone down their usual aerial attack. “I didn’t think we would throw one ball down field,” he said. “That’s the way they play. They dare you to be patient. If you recall last year, we weren’t patient and we threw four interceptions. We’re not coming out and throwing the ball to them.” His new tactic: “We’re going to throw the ball flat, and we’re going to throw it short, and we’re going to throw it all day long.” And throw it they did. Junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen had 19 completions in the first half, a season-high for one half, and 26 completions overall. With that many passes, there had to be several targets. With sophomore Michael Floyd still out with a broken collarbone and senior Robby Parris unable to finish the game,

the Irish relied heavily on Tate and junior Duval Kamara. Sophomore John Goodman and freshman Roby Toma also saw action. “[Toma] has been knocking on the door here for the last week,” Weis said. “When Robby [Parris] went down early in the game and came up a little lame, the guys that were waiting in the wings were the guys that were going to go in there. And he was the guy waiting in the wings.” Tate had another career day with 11 catches for 128 yards and two touchdowns. He has now caught for over 100 yards in three straight games, a feat not matched by a Notre Dame player since Derrick Mayes in 1995. “Golden stepped up once again,” Clausen said. “That’s what we need out of Golden. The receivers all stepped up. Whether it was Duval, Roby Toma, Robby Parris was banged up, couldn’t really go. John Goodman — all the receivers stepped up today.” The Eagles spent much of the first half trying to defend against Tate, which led to extra opportunities for the backup receivers. “They know that I’m going to get covered up a bunch until Michael comes back, and there are guys stepping up,” Tate said. “Toma comes in and makes some key catches. Duval comes in and makes come catches. Goody comes in

and makes catches.” Kamara, who had a breakout freshman year in 2007 but struggled in 2008, especially benefited from the defense’s focus on Tate. He finished Saturday with seven catches for 60 yards. Five of those catches and 42 yards came in the first half. Goodman entered the game with just one career reception, but caught three in the first half for 22 yards. Toma also made his impact in the first half, grabbing two catches for 13 yards in his Irish debut. The use of so many weapons in the first half made it harder for the Eagles to defend Tate exclusively, allowing him a big second half. “In the first half, their linebackers were dropping where my routes were,” Tate said. “We made adjustments in the second half and gave me opportunities.” When Floyd returns from his injury, opposing defenses have one more weapon to worry about. “Whenever you can get one of the best players in the country back, that’s huge,” Tate said. But until then, the Irish have a big pool of backup receivers they can rely on. “It’s exciting to know you have those other guys,” Tate said. “That’s why they’re here, to catch the ball and make plays and they’re doing it.”

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Notes: Herzlich receives Irish jersey

By LAURA MYERS
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♦Prior to Saturday’s game, Irish coach Charlie Weis and receiver Barry Gallup, Jr. presented an honorary Notre Dame jersey to Boston College linebacker Mark Herzlich. Herzlich, the 2008 ACC Player of the Year, was diagnosed with Ewing’s Sarcoma, a rare form of cancer, in April and has been in treatment ever since. He has hopes to return to Boston College if he is able to recover fully. Charlie and Maura Weis donated \$5,000 to Uplifting Athletes, a non-profit that benefits athletes with rare diseases. ♦The win was Notre Dame’s

sixth consecutive game decided by seven points or less. This has not happened since 1983-1984 and has never happened in a single season. The previous single-season record was five games decided by seven points or less, which occurred in 1939. The Irish have also set the single-season record for fourth quarter comebacks with four. “Coach Weis says he’s getting old and tired, but I’m getting old and tired too,” junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen said. “We are going to keep trying as much as we can to get better, to get prepared better and not to have these close games anymore.” ♦Sophomore wide receiver Michael Floyd dressed for the game and even put on a helmet

and receiving gloves for the second half. He helped junior wideout Golden Tate to warm up before the second half began, playing catch but not throwing the ball back to Tate. Floyd will likely be able to play again in November. ♦Clausen’s intentional grounding penalty that led to a safety for Boston College was the first safety by a Notre Dame opponent since Oklahoma on Oct. 2, 1999. ♦Clausen had a brief encounter with Boston College wide receiver Rich Gunnell after the game, which ended in Clausen stiff-arming Gunnell and walking away. “To be honest I was just going up to him to say he’s a heck of a

receiver and if you saw out there, he was making plays left and right, and he’s a real good talent. I was just going to say good game to him, and he was just a little frustrated I guess. I was just trying to say good game to him.” ♦After the game, Weis said the field goal attempt that Eric Maust ran in for a touchdown, before being called back by a holding penalty, was an intentional fake. “Actually it was a snap to Eric, and if we got a certain look, which we got, okay,” Weis said. “It was a walk-in touchdown if we got the certain look.” Contact Laura Myers at lmyers2@nd.edu

scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Boston College	2	7	7	0	16
Notre Dame	3	10	0	7	20

First quarter

Notre Dame 3, Boston College 0
Nick Tausch 37-yd field goal with 10:08 remaining.
Drive: 10 plays, 53 yards, 4:52 elapsed.

Notre Dame 3, Boston College 2
Jim Ramella safety with 7:42 remaining.

Second quarter

Notre Dame 6, Boston College 2
Tausch 34-yd field goal with 8:44 remaining.
Drive: 10 plays, 36 yards, 2:31 elapsed.

Boston College 9, Notre Dame 6
Rich Gunnell 7-yd pass from Dave Shinskie (Steve Aponavicius kick) with 4:40 remaining.
Drive: 9 plays, 68 yards, 4:04 elapsed.

Notre Dame 13, Boston College 9
Golden Tate 11-yd pass from Jimmy Clausen (Tausch kick) with 0:36 remaining.
Drive: 12 plays, 74 yards, 4:04 elapsed.

Third quarter

Boston College 16, Notre Dame 13
Montel Harris 2-yd run (Aponavicius kick) with 12:14 remaining.
Drive: 6 plays, 56 yards, 2:46 elapsed.

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 20, Boston College 16
Tate 36-yd pass from Clausen with 8:12 remaining.
Drive: 3 plays, 49 yards, 1:04 elapsed.

statistics

total yards

ND	352
BC	349

rushing yards

ND	106
BC	70

passing yards

ND	246
BC	279

time of possession

ND	32:48
BC	27:12



passing

Clausen	26-39-246	Shinskie	17-35-279
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rushing

Allen	21-98	Harris	22-38
Gray, J.	1-6	Shinskie	3-19
Hughes	4-5	McCluskey	3-15
Maust	1-4		
Clausen	6-1		

receiving

Tate	11-128	Gunnell	10-179
Kamara	7-60	Larmond, Jr.	3-61
Goodman	3-22	Pantale	1-22
Toma	2-13	Jarvis	1-21
Rudolph	1-11	Anderson	1-2
Allen	1-9	Harris	1-(6)
Parris	1-3		



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Breaking another streak

Once again, the Irish won a game in the final minutes. After taking a 13-6 lead into the locker room at halftime, Boston College took a lead on a Montel Harris touchdown run in the third quarter. Golden Tate came up big again, though, hauling in his second touchdown pass of the day with just over eight minutes left in the game. The Eagles had chances to take the lead late in the game, but three Irish interceptions — two by Kyle McCarthy and one by Brian Smith — sealed the win for Notre Dame. Jimmy Clausen was solid, if not spectacular, throwing for 246 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions. Tate had a career-high 11 receptions for 128 yards. With senior Robby Parris hobbled due to injury, junior Duval Kamara stepped up with seven catches for 60 yards, and freshman receiver Roby Toma saw his first action of the season. Despite another sub-par performance, the defense stepped up big when it mattered, forcing five turnovers.

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Clockwise from top: Notre Dame senior safety Sergio Brown does a celebratory back flip before the alma mater, senior offensive lineman Eric Olsen finishes a block, junior wide receiver Golden Tate and sophomore John Goodman celebrate, junior safety Harrison Smith defends a pass, and Tate runs past a Boston College tackler.

By COURTNEY ECKERLE
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"I Told You I Was Freaky" is the latest project of Flight of the Conchords, New Zealand's fourth most popular folk-pop (and comedy, of course) group, following their 2008 self-titled debut, as well as their 2007 Grammy-winning "Distant Future" EP.

The tracks on this new album are pulled straight from the second season of their self-titled HBO show into an all-star group of parody tunes. The Conchords, Bret McKenzie and Jermaine Clement, shot into the comedy spotlight after ten episodes of their show aired and are now among the elite of other musical parodists — namely Weird Al Yankovic, The Lonely Island and

Michael Scott from "The Office."

Taking notes from The Lonely Island's outstanding earlier success, the flannel-wearing folk pair changes their forte and brings more hip hop beats to the forefront of their album, although the album contains no stand out hits like "I'm On A Boat," and certainly none that will create as much frenzy or a randomly emitted catchphrase. Also, T-Pain is no where to be found.

"I Told You I Was Freaky" opens with the hilarious R&B rip-off "Hurt Feelings," which starts out with the lyrics, "Some people say that rappers don't have feelings, we have feelings," and leads into Bret and Jermaine detailing different occasions when they've had their feelings hurt, a so-called "autobiographical rap," telling when someone called Jermaine a llama, or when Bret's friends went to go see the movie "Maid in Manhattan" without him. With a very serious melody and tone, if it wasn't flavored with such silly lyrics

(e.g. the word "llama"), it could almost pass as a legitimate hit on the R&B charts.

Calling back to the Police with the rasta-fied "Roxanne" knock off "You Don't Have To Be A Prostitute," Bret and Jermaine perfect the story line that made their series popular- two guys who take silly problems way too seriously. Because Bret overdraws on their account, Jermaine decides that being a prostitute is the only way to pay their bills. Luckily he isn't very successful, but that doesn't stop Bret's guilt (and his distaste for Jermaine bringing his clients home), which leads to a very soulful man ballad about his compromising the honor of his best friend, which includes the very touching lyrics, "You can say no, to being a man-ho" that bring a tear to the eye almost as much as the idea of Jermaine wearing tight red shorts.

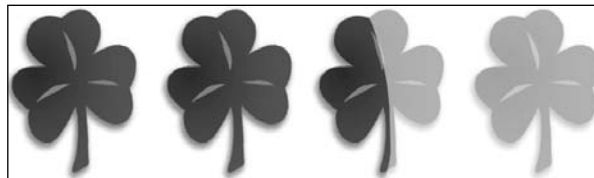
A not-so-shining track is the Russian sea-shanty diddy "Petrov, Yelyena and Me," which feels forced and too far off from the rest of the album, coming off not as funny, but as a desperate death rattle to finish the album and the season. On the other hand, synth-rock pleaser "Fashion is Danger" takes Frankie Goes to Hollywood to the mat and wins.

This CD is good enough to hold fans for a while, since the band announced that they are taking at least a yearlong hiatus (although perhaps indefinitely) due to the immense pressure the album put on them, since this season marked the first time in their ten year history that Flight of the Conchords actually had to sit down and write new material.

The CD is best sought out by fans of the show. With only a few exceptions, the jokes in songs are best when accompanied by the visuals of the show, and newcomers will find that the material falls short without a fanatic's spirit. While there are individual standout and absolutely stellar songs, it was ultimately forgettable as a whole, certainly not a proper farewell album if that's what it ends up being.

"I Told You I Was Freaky" Flight of the Conchords

Best Tracks: "Hurt Feelings," "Sugarlumps," "You Don't Have to Be a Prostitute"



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TICKET IN THE USA

Dear Miley Cyrus,

I fully expect you to pay my \$160 speeding ticket. It's your fault, after all, that I got pulled over Wednesday night and cited for going 14 miles over the speed limit.

On Wednesday night, I decided to be the oldest child that moms love and siblings are grateful for by picking up my 16-year-old sister and her pals from a Halloween party. It was enough of a good deed to take time out of my uber-packed (not) Wednesday night to run an errand, but to on top of that drive around seven teenage girls was Nobel patience-prize worthy. If I had to hear one more time how Betty* almost grinded with Bobby* but not quite because they didn't actually come within 10 feet of each other, I might have gone insane. (*Names have been changed to protect privacy.)

My one and only savior that quickly turned into the devil was "Party in the U.S.A." I was slowly but surely losing all hope in teenage-kind when, thank heavens, faint whisperings of Miley's song leaked through the car speakers. I desperately latched onto the volume dial and cranked it up, substituting my

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sister and her friends' screeches for Miley's.

My muscles relaxed, my mind relaxed and all was good in the world. My car's passengers (finally) stopped their chattering and joined in a unified singing of the chorus line. Miracles do happen. "Party in the U.S.A." might just be the solution for world peace. I bet if you put Kim Jong Il and Barack Obama in a room and blared this song over the speakers, something might just get accomplished.

Anyways, I might have maybe gotten just a little too into the song because, before I knew it, red and blue flashing lights danced in my rearview mirror as a "shark," as I so fondly call police officers, pulled me over. Chills of nervous anticipation ran through my body as I shakily turned down the volume of the radio and did a panicked search for my driver's license. It was nowhere to be found.

"License and registration," the cop barked through my rolled down window. I meekly admitted I had left my license at home and thrust my mom's car's registration at him. My mother would have been proud of the disappointed look he whipped out. He must be a parent.

I was too scared to roll up the window while he headed to his car to check that I wasn't a criminal, but I probably should

have taken the risk once I heard the suggestions coming out of my passengers' mouths. "A, you should cry!" was the most appropriate.

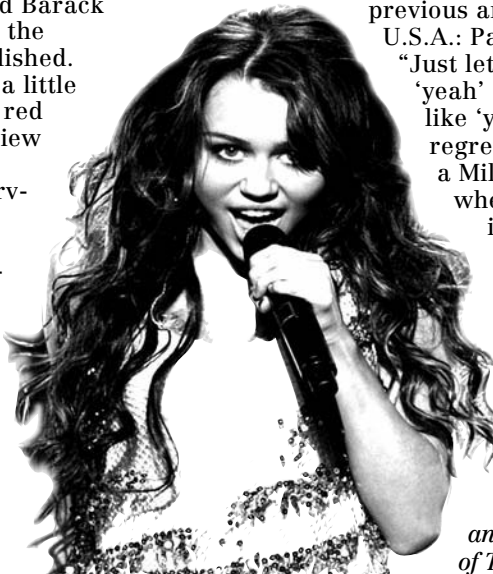
After what felt like an eternity and a half, the cop finally returned and handed me that white slip of glory, a.k.a. my first-ever speeding ticket. The neon green paper detailing the expense of my fine was an added bonus.

The irony of it all is that, just that very day, I had made my Facebook status, "Today is a "Party in the U.S.A." on replay kind of day." Miley, I don't feel like getting me a ticket was a very nice way to repay me for singing your praises.

"Party in the U.S.A." is supposed to evoke feelings of happiness, excitement and joy, taking you back to memories of cramped and sweaty dorm parties and boys proving just how cool they are by belting out every line. It is not supposed to rob you of your speeding-ticket virginity.

I was wrong when I wrote in a previous article ("Party in the U.S.A.: Party Starter," Sept. 29), "Just let your head nod like 'yeah' and your hips move like 'yeah' and you won't regret it." Losing yourself to a Miley song while at the wheel of a moving vehicle is not a commendable idea and unfortunately, you just might regret it.

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NBA

Barkley wants chance to be a GM

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Charles Barkley thinks he can do better than some of the general managers he criticizes on TV.

The Hall of Fame player and TNT analyst said Monday he'd like his chance to run an NBA team, though he's in no rush because he'd want the right job.

"I think that it'd be fun to try to build my own team," Barkley said at a luncheon, joined by studio partners Kenny Smith and Ernie Johnson. "We talk about it all the time. Sometimes we say, 'What is that guy doing? Why did he draft that guy? Why did he make a trade for that guy?'"

"Some of these guys have done a bad job, plain and simple."

Barkley was critical of the Minnesota Timberwolves, who under new team president David Kahn took point guards the Nos. 5-6 picks in the draft, then signed point guard Ramon Sessions in free agency.

He compared the Wolves' draft strategy to when the Detroit Lions kept spending high draft picks on wide receivers.

The 46-year-old Barkley planned to do TV for only a couple of years, but is now in his 10th season with TNT. He's in no hurry to leave for a team executive job that opened up, because some of them wouldn't give him an opportunity to be successful.

"Every job ain't a good job," said Barkley, who said he wouldn't take any position unless he was given complete control of basketball decisions, because some owners aren't interested in winning.

Smith also is interested and has interviewed for some positions. He doesn't think he or Barkley are hurt by not having previous experience working for a team.

"Every day you can hear what we say about your team, what your team is. You know our philosophy. If you follow basketball, it's not like you don't know Charles and myself.

You can't not know us and you can't not know how we think," Smith said. "We're just in a unique situation where we're interviewed every night."

Barkley has seen some of his contemporaries try and fail as team executives. Isiah Thomas was fired after a horrible tenure running the New York Knicks, and even Michael Jordan, Barkley's good friend, is regularly criticized for his inability to build a winner in Washington and Charlotte.

Nevertheless, Barkley said he's not worried about becoming another guy getting blasted on the air.

"I want that challenge, and honestly, this business, it ain't brain surgery," he said.

"I tell guys, this is never personal. If you win, they're going to write good things about you. If you don't, they're going to write bad things about you. That's just how it is. It ain't right, it ain't wrong, and some of my peers have not done a good job, and that's just the truth."

NCAA FOOTBALL

Miles welcomes break from SEC

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Les Miles figures there's little use in trying to ignore the fact that No. 9 LSU's game at Alabama on Nov. 7 is looming largest on the minds of just about everyone associated with the program.

He only hopes his players will see Saturday night's home game against struggling Tulane as a much-needed opportunity to get better before LSU (6-1) returns to its Southeastern Conference schedule.

"We understand that our greatest ally at this point is time — to improve, do better and play strong and play dominant against our next opponent," Miles said Monday. "Then we'll look around and see where we are at."

Tulane (2-5) is coming off a 43-6 loss at Southern Mississippi, its third straight loss, and Tulane hasn't beaten LSU since 1982.

line.

Miles said a number of young players who had not seen much action until the Auburn game "will play key roles during the rest of the season."

If the rest of the season goes as planned, LSU could re-emerge as a contender to win the SEC and compete for a national title. If LSU pulls out a victory at No. 2 Alabama, the Tigers would vault into first place in the SEC Western Division, setting up a potential rematch with Florida in the SEC title game.

"Our football team recognizes that if they do the things that they are capable of, we'll get to a position where we'll play for everything that we want," Miles said.

The timing of the bye week appeared to work in LSU's favor, giving the Tigers an opportunity to take a hard look at what went wrong in their 13-3 loss to the Gators on Oct. 10.

NFL

Delhomme's job in jeopardy

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — For the first time in seven years, Jake Delhomme is in jeopardy of losing his starting job.

After another abysmal performance Sunday left Carolina 2-4 and Delhomme with an NFL-high 13 interceptions, Panthers coach John Fox acknowledged he's contemplating benching Delhomme in favor of either Matt Moore or A.J. Feeley.

"I still believe Jake is our best quarterback. I have no reason to believe otherwise, truth be told," Fox said Monday. "But collectively we'll do whatever it takes for us to improve. What that is I can't honestly tell you at this second."

A day earlier, Delhomme threw three interceptions, two which were badly overthrown and directly led to 14 Buffalo points in the Bills' 20-9 win. The 34-year-old Delhomme, who received a lucrative contract extension in the offseason, can't seem to snap out of the worst stretch of his career.

It began when Delhomme threw five interceptions and lost a fumble against Arizona in the playoffs. Counting two lost fumbles this season, Delhomme has committed 15 turnovers and thrown only four touchdowns. His passer rating of 56.5 ranks 32nd in the

league and Carolina's minus-14 turnover margin is by far the worst in the NFL.

Sunday's loss ended Carolina's two-game winning streak and left Delhomme seemingly stunned. He said he was "numb" and added it was a "crushing" loss after Carolina outgained Buffalo 425-167.

"Last night I was numb and right now, you watch the film — I've watched it three times already today — I think it's more frustration," Delhomme said Monday.

Delhomme stood in front of his locker with Arizona game tape under his arm vowing to prepare to start as always. He said he met earlier in the day with the Fox, but declined to reveal details.

"I think my confidence is high, but it's easy to say it," Delhomme said. "You've got to get it done. ... I'm not trying to play the victim. I'm the one pulling the trigger."

While Fox said he sees no difference in Delhomme's arm strength or delivery, he hinted Delhomme's psyche will play into his decision who starts in Sunday's playoff rematch with the Cardinals.

"We'll do whatever it takes for us to start developing some confidence in that phase of the game," Fox said.

Trouble is, the Panthers have few good options behind Delhomme, who has been Carolina's starter since Week 2 in 2003, when the relative unknown led the Panthers to a surprising trip to the Super Bowl.

Moore started three games as an undrafted rookie in 2007 when Delhomme was recovering from reconstructive elbow surgery. Moore's only appearance since was when he completed 6 of 11 passes for 63 yards and an interception after Delhomme was benched late in the season opener against Philadelphia.

"I feel ready if needed," Moore said. "But I think we're 100 percent behind Jake."

The Panthers signed the journeyman Feeley on Sept. 15 after Josh McCown was placed on injured reserve with knee and ankle injuries. Feeley has since been scrambling to learn the offense.

"Do I think I can go out there and manage the game and play? Yeah," Feeley said. "Do I have a grasp of the offense like the other guys? Obviously that's not the case."

Delhomme still has the support of several teammates. Many came to his defense, including left tackle Jordan Gross, who is opposed to a QB change.

Miles nonetheless referred to the Green Wave as "dangerous," and said his players must continue to build on the substantial improvement they showed in a 31-10 victory over Auburn.

Jordan Jefferson passed for a career-high 242 yards and threw a pair of touchdown passes against Auburn, going a long way toward putting his miserable performance against Florida (96 yards passing, five sacks) behind him.

It was only the ninth career start for the sophomore, and it was the first time this season he looked comfortable throwing deep and trusting his receivers to make plays, something he'd pledged to do during LSU's recent bye week.

"What I think we're finding is, each game he continues to improve, he understands, he learns, he sees the field well, and I'm not surprised," Miles said. "There's no ability for a coach to take you beyond experience. ... You need as many snaps as you can get, and then, it helps him translate those plays in a game more effectively, especially for a guy that has the talent that he has."

A pair of freshman also emerged on offense, with Russell Shepard scoring on a 69-yard run and Rueben Randle hauling in a tough 31-yard catch along the side-

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Fall Break realizations, Part 1:

While walking in Central Park last Tuesday, my roommates and I realized that all kids from our generation are scared of Central Park, and New York City by extension, because of the Bird Woman from Home Alone 2.

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MLB



New manager Manny Acta, right, shakes hands with the Cleveland Indians vice president and general manager Mark Shapiro at a news conference on Monday in Cleveland. Acta replaces Eric Wedge as the Indians' manager.

Indians hire Manny Acta as manager

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Manny Acta had two choices for his second job managing in the majors. He picked Cleveland over Houston, where his baseball career began.

Acta, Washington's former manager who turned down a chance to return to the Astros, was introduced as Cleveland's 40th manager on Monday. Acta signed a three-year contract with the Indians, who outbid the Astros over the weekend for the 40-year-old.

"This is a perfect place for me," Acta said. "That's why I'm here. I'm attracted to all these talented young players. I'm looking for-

ward to teaching and leading them and helping this team win a championship."

Acta spent 2½ years with the Nationals, who fired him after a 21-61 start this season. He compiled a 158-252 record in Washington, but was confident he would get another chance.

Indians general manager Mark Shapiro said Acta's win-loss record became less of a factor as they learned more about him.

Cleveland began with an initial list of 35 candidates, which the club whittled to about 10 before inviting Acta, former New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine and Torey Lovullo, the Indians' Triple-A manager, to Cleveland for

second interviews. The team had also planned to interview Los Angeles Dodgers hitting coach Don Mattingly a second time.

But when the Astros made an offer to Acta, the Indians jumped in and negotiated with his agent before agreeing to a contract on Saturday night.

"I knew we might lose him because he got offered a job," Shapiro said. "They offered him a job first while we were still working through our process. We just sped up our time frame, since we were headed in that direction."

During the club's search, Shapiro said the team kept getting the same positive feedback on Acta.

"When you look at the resume and the characteristics of the person, you combine those and put them into our situation, he's the right man for this organization," Shapiro said. "He's the right man for this city and he's the right man for our team."

Acta said he didn't sense the Indians' strong interest in him until they offered the job.

"These people are very good poker players," he said.

Acta's losing record is a stain on his resume he would like to erase. But he's not the first manager to begin slowly and hopes he can one day be viewed as nothing but a winner.

IN BRIEF

Alex Smith to start for San Francisco 49ers

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Alex Smith is getting a big chance to resurrect his career. All but forgotten, the former No. 1 overall pick is the San Francisco 49ers' new starting quarterback — again.

"I don't know if I'd say surprised. I don't know if I was anticipating it, either," Smith said Monday after getting the news from coach Mike Singletary. "It's the opportunity I've been waiting for; happy."

Singletary made the announcement Monday after also sitting down with Shaun Hill, who was benched after the first half of the Niners' a 24-21 loss at Houston on Sunday.

Smith, who hadn't played in nearly two years, came in and gave the offense a much-needed jolt of energy and efficiency, and he nearly led San Francisco (3-3) back from a 21-0 deficit.

Jets' WR Edwards charged with misdemeanor assault

CLEVELAND — Authorities say New York Jets wide receiver Braylon Edwards has been charged with misdemeanor assault over accusations he punched a man outside a Cleveland nightclub.

Cleveland city prosecutor Victor Perez filed the charge Monday. It carries a maximum sentence of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

An arraignment was scheduled for Nov. 17 in Cleveland Municipal Court.

Patrick D'Angelo, an attorney for Edwards, says his client will plead not guilty.

Edwards is accused of punching promoter Edward Givens, a friend of NBA star LeBron James, following an argument Oct. 5. Two days later, the Browns traded Edwards to the Jets.

The Jets said in a statement that the team was aware of the allegations prior to the trade and will let the legal process to run its course.

NCAA delivers letter of inquiry to Michigan football

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The NCAA has joined the University of Michigan in an investigation into practices of college football's winningest program.

University president Mary Sue Coleman announced Monday the NCAA has given the school a notice of inquiry.

"It marks the beginning of an investigation," NCAA spokeswoman Stacey Osburn explained.

The NCAA's enforcement staff often looks into allegations, according to Osburn, but only sends school presidents a letter of inquiry when an initial review determines a violation may have occurred based on credible information.

The school started looking into allegations brought against Rich Rodriguez's program in August after a report in the Detroit Free Press cited anonymous players claiming the amount of time they spent during the season and in the offseason exceeded NCAA limits.

MLB

Yanks and Phils ready for Series

Associated Press

NEW YORK — They boast All-Stars all over the diamond, high-priced players decorated with coveted awards. They come loaded with October experience and shiny rings, expecting to win another World Series.

Impressive team ... these Philadelphia Phillies.

Hardly a bunch of slouches on the other side, either. Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera, Andy Pettitte and the New York Yankees are a model of postseason success, eager to include Alex Rodriguez in a championship celebration.

A pair of franchises separated by a 90-minute ride on the New Jersey Turnpike, with no real rivalry to speak of despite their century-long histories.

That could change starting Wednesday night. Ryan Howard, Jimmy Rollins and the defending champ Phils are set to dig in against CC Sabathia in Game 1 at Yankee Stadium.

"I think the fact that we're playing the Yankees and it's close to Philadelphia and how the fans and the media react to it and how both cities look forward to it, that puts more icing on the cake," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said Monday. "It does something for the game."

The Phillies worked out at Citizens Bank Park before hopping an Amtrak train for the hour-plus trip to Penn Station in Manhattan. Whether they ride back up next week will be decided later — none of the last five World Series has lasted more than five games.

In the meantime, all aboard!

How much of the country will tune into the all-Northeast matchup remains to be seen. The folks in Las Vegas already have taken a look — in spite of the Phillies' credentials, the Yankees are heavy 2-to-1 favorites.

Philadelphia is trying to become the NL's first repeat champion since the 1975-76 Big Red Machine. The Yankees return to the Series for the first time since 2003, having last won in 2000.

Cliff Lee opens for the Phillies, hoping to continue their run that includes a five-game romp over Tampa Bay in last year's World Series. At 16-4, Philadelphia has assembled the best record over a 20-game span by an NL team in postseason history.

Manuel hasn't shown any tendency to pitch around opposing sluggers, so Lee, Cole Hamels and Pedro Martinez figure to challenge

Rodriguez from the get-go. A-Rod hit .438 with five home runs and 12 RBIs through the playoffs. This is his first foray into baseball's big event.

"A lot of great players have never had the opportunity to play in the World Series," Rodriguez said Sunday night after the Yankees' clinching win over the Angels in Game 6 of the AL championship series.

"It's been a dream of mine since I was a 5-year-old boy to play in the World Series. In order to win the World Series, you have to get there and we've done that now," he said.

It's a power-packed matchup, marking the first time since 1926 the World Series pits the teams that finished 1-2 in the majors in home runs, according to STATS LLC. Back then, Babe Ruth and Yankees led with 121, followed by St. Louis with 90.

This year, Mark Teixeira and the Yankees hit 244 and the Phillies tied with Texas at 224.

Add in two homer-friendly parks, along with the teams that led their leagues in runs, and runs could flow. Then again, everyone knows that pitching rules the postseason — neither Manuel nor Yankees manager Joe Girardi has announced his plans, though New York seems to be leaning toward a three-man rotation of Sabathia, A.J. Burnett and Pettitte.

But what about Brad Lidge? A postseason star last year, the Phillies reliever was a bust this season. That is, until this October — he was the only closer in the playoffs who did not give up a run.

Also worth watching: the forecast.

After last year's World Series ended with a game suspended two days because of rain, more wet weather might be on the way.

AccuWeather.com said a storm was headed toward the Bronx and predicted rain and temperatures in the mid-50s for Game 1, with the drizzle possibly lingering for Game 2 Thursday night.

The first World Series game at the new, \$1.5 billion Yankee Stadium will be played across the street from the old ballpark, where a record 26 championship banners flew.

"There's definitely a special mystique when you walk into Yankee Stadium, new or old," Phillies outfielder Jayson Werth said. "It's the cathedral of baseball, where everybody wanted to play as a kid."

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Alex Rodriguez
Yankees third baseman

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Phillies right fielder

MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish victorious in first dual meet

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame won its first dual meet of the season against the Oakland University Golden Grizzlies with a score of 179-119.

The Irish placed first in eleven of the fifteen events Friday at Notre Dame's Rolfs Aquatic Center. They won nine of the thirteen swimming events and both the one-meter and three-meter diving events.

"Oakland is a very solid and well coached team," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "They beat us in a dual meet at their pool last year, and they outscored us in swimming at the Dennis Stark Relays (we outscored them in diving), so this win is a strong team performance from our men."

The Irish gained some early points in the 200-meter medley relay, composed of sophomore Petar Petrovic, junior Joseph Raycroft, freshman John McGinley and senior John Lytle. Freshmen Bill Bass and Christopher Johnson each received first places in their first collegiate dual meet. Bass was the first to finish in both the 500-meter freestyle and the 200-meter individual medley, and Johnson won the 100-meter breaststroke.

"I thought Bill Bass did really well, not only because he won two events but also because of the way in which

he won," junior Christopher Wills said. "Both events came down to the last stroke and he was the one who put his hand on the wall first."

On the diving side of the competition, the Irish took first place in both events. Junior Eric Lex (369.15) came in first place, senior Caleb Dunnichay (350.5) came in second place, and junior Wesley Villaflo (339.75) placed third in the three-meter five. In the one-meter event, Dunnichay fin-

ished first, followed by Lex and Villaflo, respectively.

"We measure our season by improvement," Welsh said. "Improving from the first meet to the second is exciting and encouraging. By winning the meet, the team can take credit for their improvement, but there is still much more to be done, and a lot of improvement we hope, plan, and strive for to come."

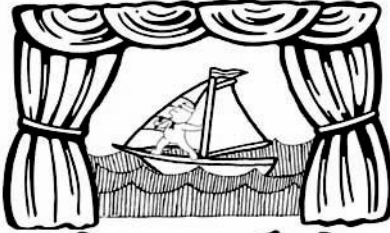
The team's next event is a home event against the Cleveland State Vikings and the Miami University Redhawks for a tri-meet on Oct. 31.

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NFL

Colts' defense off to strong start

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Defense is changing Indianapolis' image. Peyton Manning has only had to rescue the Colts from one fourth-quarter deficit this season. Shootouts have been replaced by blowouts, and the disparity between touchdowns scored and touchdowns allowed by the Colts seems to be growing with each passing week.

Yes, suddenly Indy's potent offense has found itself a perfect complement — a dominant defense.

"You look at the last eight quarters and we've not allowed a touchdown," coach Jim Caldwell said Monday. "The bottom line is can you keep them out of the end zone? And we're doing that."

The unbeaten Colts (6-0) succeeded on that front with remarkable regularity this season.

In six games, Indy has yielded just six touchdowns — including two by Seattle only after the Seahawks fell into a 34-3 fourth-quarter deficit. The last meaningful TD scored against the Colts came in the third quarter of Week 3 at Arizona. The last touchdown Indy surrendered in the first half: Sept. 21 at Miami.

No, this is not how most NFL observers view the Colts, who now have the league's No. 9 defense to go along with their high-scoring offense. Yet everyone from former coach Tony Dungy to the players thinks this defense may be the best of the Manning era.

"One thing that really strikes me is that on the first series of

games (last year), they (opponents) would drive down and get a touchdown and from that point, it would be very deflating," said middle linebacker Gary Brackett, the Colts' longtime defensive captain. "This year, when we start fast and you get our offense the ball two or three times in the first quarter, you get games like 42-6."

Of course, that's always been the game plan for the Colts. Execution was the problem.

This year, things have been different.

Indy has topped 30 points in four straight games, winning each by at least 17 points. Only two opponents have scored as many as 13 points in a game — Miami in Week 2 and Seattle in Week 4. Caldwell has joined Denver's Josh McDaniels as first-year head coaches to start 6-0, matching the best start since the merger in 1970.

Certainly, some of the reason for Indy's improvement can be attributed to a schedule that has pitted Indy against four teams that are 2-4 or worse. Yet Indy also has beaten the defending NFC champions, the defending AFC East champions, is 4-0 on the road and has faced four of the NFL's top nine running backs — Steven Jackson, Chris Johnson, Ronnie Brown and Maurice Jones-Drew.

And the biggest improvement can't be measured in numbers.

Under Dungy, the Colts rarely blitzed, opting instead to take away big plays and make opponents drive methodically, thereby risking more mistakes.

New defensive coordinator Larry Coyer has altered

Dungy's approach. He's taking advantage of the Colts' speed and versatility with more aggressive schemes. The combination of blitzes and pressure has given Pro Bowl defensive ends Dwight Freeney and Robert Mathis more one-on-one matchups, allowing them to create havoc more often.

It's working perfectly.

Indy has 16 sacks, tied for sixth-most in the NFL, and tied for No. 3 among teams who have already had a bye. The pass coverage, which allowed only six TD passes last year has given up only two this season.

"It's been a lot of fun," safety Antoine Bethea said. "Everybody is making plays, from the defensive line to the linebackers to the defensive backs. It's great when you can go out and have a good time and not have a lot of stress."

But the Colts aren't even at full strength yet.

Bob Sanders, the 2007 NFL defensive player of the year, made his season debut in Sunday's 42-6 rout at St. Louis and was in for only about 25 plays. Cornerback Marlin Jackson (strained ACL) isn't expected back until after this week's game, and cornerback Kelvin Hayden said he was not quite himself Sunday after missing three weeks with a hamstring injury.

"I think we can be so much better with getting Kelvin back, getting Bob back," Bethea said. "The guys we've had playing have stepped in and given us a lot of help and now that gives us a lot of depth along with a lot of experience and that will help us down the road."

SMC SOCCER

Saint Mary's out of MIAA tournament

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (4-13-1, 1-6 MIAA) dropped all three of their MIAA contests over fall break and were eliminated from the end of the season MIAA Tournament.

The Belles opened the week with a 3-0 loss to Albion Oct. 17.

Senior forward Sam Smogor made two shots on goal to lead the Belles in the loss, while senior goalkeeper Patty Duffy notched two saves.

On Tuesday, the Belles dropped their final home contest to Hope by a score of 4-2.

"Against Hope we put ourselves in too big of a hole to come back from," Belles' coach Ryan Crabbe said. "Being down 3-0 in the second half is tough. The team competed and brought the game back to 3-2; however, we fell victim to some bad officiating and Hope gained a late 4-2 advantage. The way the game was officiated was really unfair to both teams."

The Hope contest was close until halftime as Hope scored the first goal of the game in the 34th minute, and then again with less than four minutes until the half.

The Belles gave up another goal right after half time, then rallied when senior midfielder Colleen Ferguson scored to make the score 3-1.

Junior defender Corissa Hart brought the Belles within one goal of the Flying Dutch with a deflection shot past Hope's goalkeeper.

Hope put the Belles away with

a final goal, ending Saint Mary's chances to make it to the post-season MIAA Conference Tournament.

Duffy notched nine saves for the Belles in the contest playing all 90 minutes.

The Belles dropped their final contest of fall break to Kalamazoo by a score of 3-2.

"Against Kalamazoo we did well but again gave away the lead," Crabbe said. "Then fell behind 3-1. The team worked hard to get back 3-2. Again, too big of a hole and playing from behind is always tough."

Freshman midfielder Ashley Morfin put the Belles on the board first, notching a goal in the 20th minute. Kalamazoo rallied to knot the score at one 12 minutes later and the score would stay there until the half.

Kalamazoo took a lead in the 54th minute, and then followed it up with another goal in the 56th minute to give them a 3-1 lead.

The Belles cut the lead to one in the 80th minute, but were unable to score again in the game.

Freshman goalkeeper Adele Bruggeman made seven saves in goal for the Belles in 59 minutes of play in the game.

"She (Bruggeman) has worked very hard," Crabbe said. "Our goalkeeper coach Marc Colwell has done a tremendous job with both Adele and Patty this season."

The Belles will play in their final contest of the season against Olivet on Wednesday.

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NFL

Allen out for the year with left ACL injury

Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — Will Allen's season-ending knee injury will force the Miami Dolphins to go with two rookie cornerbacks beginning Sunday against the New York Jets.

Allen hurt the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in the third quarter of the Dolphins' loss to New Orleans and will require surgery, coach Tony Sparano said Monday.

He'll be replaced in the lineup by 2009 first-round draft pick Vontae Davis. Second-round pick Sean Smith has been starting opposite Allen.

Sparano conceded he was unsure whether the rookies were ready to assume such a load.

"They need to mature really fast," Sparano said. "I don't know if they're equipped for 10 games in a row of doing full-time duty without having Will Allen out there. But these guys are playing at pretty good levels."

The loss of Allen depletes a secondary already under strain. Miami (2-4) has allowed 73 points in the past two games,

with pass defense a big part of the problem. The Dolphins rank last in the NFL in yards allowed per completion.

Davis has seen significant playing time as a reserve and on special teams. He played 28 snaps Sunday against the Saints.

"I've been playing well and getting better and better," Davis said. "That's the biggest thing — improving. I'm comfortable in the defense."

Smith won a starting job in training camp. Since April, he and Davis have been projected as the team's cornerback combo of the future.

"We knew this day was going to come somewhere down the road," Smith said. "We didn't expect it to be this soon. Now that it's here, we have to step up and rise to the occasion."

Allen, who has missed only one game since joining the Dolphins in 2006, leads the team with two interceptions this year.

"He's the field general," Smith said. "Before the play, he would give us alerts and things to look out for. For the most part, he's always right. Losing a guy like that is definitely going to hurt us."

MLB

Steinbrenner will attend Game 1

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Once he was omnipresent at Yankee Stadium, micromanaging so much that World Series tickets could not be sent out until he revised the seating charts in his office. He raged at his players and celebrated them with equal gusto.

Now George Steinbrenner is 79 and frail. Still the owner but no longer the leader of his beloved Yankees, he saw just three regular-season games this season.

But he's coming back to New York just for the Series, and the Yankees can't wait.

"We're trying to do this for pops, Mr. Steinbrenner," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said.

George Steinbrenner was missing from the bubbly fueled celebration in the well-appointed clubhouse of the new Yankee Stadium on Sunday night, after the Yankees captured their first American League pennant in six years. He preferred to watch from home in Tampa, Fla.

But he was very much talked about.

His deeds were praised. Toasts were made in his honor.

"It means a tremendous amount to him," son Hank Steinbrenner said Monday. "And then winning the World Series would mean a tremendous amount to him."

Billions of dollars were spent to assemble baseball's priciest collection of talent, and they came from Steinbrenner's bank accounts. After erecting the fanciest ballpark ever seen, at a cost of \$1.5 billion, it could even be said that he laid the very foundation for the franchise's latest restoration.

Yet he's been more an absence than a presence at the new stadium, visiting from Florida only for opening day, a 10-2 loss to Cleveland. The other games he saw were in Tampa.

He speaks haltingly in public and walks with difficulty following the second of two fainting spells that required hospitalization in December 2003 and October 2006. When he's seen, most often during spring training, he appears withdrawn.

His trademark attire used to be a turtleneck and navy blazer; now it's dark glasses. George Steinbrenner largely has been silenced, at least for Yankees fans.

He's said to easily get emotional in recent years, a wave of sentimentality he fought to suppress during his younger days. Hank Steinbrenner said his father has singled out Mariano Rivera and Alex Rodriguez for special praise.

"This has taken him back 10 years, this team," Hank said. "It's very important to him. It's very special."

Heading a group that bought the team in 1973, Steinbrenner became famous on the back on front pages on New York's tabloids as "The Boss."

He fought with manager Billy Martin and lavished love and money on Reggie Jackson as the Yankees captured two World Series titles in the 1970s. His relationship with the 1990s teams was more tranquil, although losing streaks usually would bring back the old venom. He was a clubhouse presence into 2006, but by the time he attended the 2008 All-Star game at old Yankee Stadium, he was in a golf cart to deliver the balls for the ceremonial first pitches.

He didn't even go to the final game at the old place, wasn't there to hear Derek Jeter implore fans to "take the memories from this stadium, add it to the new memories that come with the new Yankee Stadium, and continue to pass them on from generation to generation."

And he wasn't there for the most important initial memories from the new ballpark, missing all 15 walkoff wins during the regular season and skipping the playoffs against Minnesota and Los Angeles.

"We want to win this whole thing. We're one step away. We want to do it for my dad," said son Hal Steinbrenner, who was doused by Jeter in the clubhouse. "I know we all feel the same."

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles can't stop slide over break

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's had a rough fall break, losing two matches to MIAA opponents. The defeats bring their losing streak to three in the middle of a stretch of nine straight conference games to close out the regular season.

The losses are even harder to bear due to the fact that the Belles (9-12, 5-8 MIAA) put up a better score in their first matchups against Hope and Olivet earlier this season.

In the first match on Oct. 20, the Belles were outmatched by No. 7 Hope College and were swept 3-0. The Flying Dutch controlled the pace and never allowed the Belles to score more than 13 points in a set. The Belles' main offensive threat, senior Lorna Slupczynski, was held to only six kills, but she along with sophomore Lindsey Stuss led the way for her team.

The Belles played Olivet much more closely Friday, but still only managed to win one set despite being able to sweep the Comets at home on Sept. 22. Slupczynski had a bounce-back game, leading all players with 23 kills. Stuss added 11 kills and junior Ellen Huellsmann stepped up on defense with 25 digs.

Belles Coach Toni Kuschel attributed much of the late-season struggles to injuries to key players, including middle hitter Andrea Sasgen, who is third on the team in kills and has been instrumental in their offense throughout the season. With Sasgen out for the matches against both Hope and Olivet, Kuschel has been forced to rearrange her lineup and bring an outside hitter to fill Sasgen's spot in the middle.

"We have had a very difficult last couple of weeks," Kuschel said. "We have a few girls playing all the way around for the first time this year."

Nevertheless, the team still has three important MIAA matches coming up that could potentially bring their conference record to .500. Kuschel remains positive as she has the entire season.

"I am very proud of this team for not giving up and taking on these new roles," she said. "I am confident that we can come up with a few big wins this week if we can all play together and communicate out on the court."

The Belles' next match will be senior night against Albion, which is scheduled for Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Welsh Family looks to continue playoff hopes against BP

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Welsh Family vs. Breen Phillips

Welsh Family (2-3) will play its last game of the regular season tonight when they face winless Breen Phillips (0-4), hoping for a win to stay in playoff contention.

"We are just going to play hard and play like this is our last game of the season," senior captain Tara Schimpf said. "We are going to have fun and enjoy every minute of it."

The game will be Welsh Family's first in two weeks, after beating Lewis 26-0. The victory saw huge strides from freshman quarterback Vicky Moreno as she led the team to four touchdowns.

Junior linebacker Samantha Miller led the Whirlwinds' defense in the shutout.

"We had to think on our feet and adjust during the game at times, but we have talented players that worked hard and kept fighting," Schimpf said of the dominating performance before break.

Breen Phillips has also been

working hard, hoping to improve both sides of its game. The Babes have narrowed their losses defensively and are working offensively, aspiring to put some points on the scoreboard.

The two teams will face off at 7 p.m. at Riehle Field.

Howard vs. Farley

Two undefeated teams will meet in what could be a playoff preview as Farley (3-0-1) takes on Howard (4-0) tonight.

Farley hopes that a long lay-off will not affect them in this important matchup.

"We think we are pretty well prepared," senior captain Caiti Shepherd said. "We had a bye last Tuesday and then break so we've had two weeks off, but the team is playing very well."

The Finest will face a tough challenge on the defensive side of the ball in stopping the Howard attack led by junior quarterback Kayla Bishop, junior wide receiver Kaitlin Robinson and freshman wide receiver Laura Coletti. The aerial attack of the Ducks has averaged more than 20 points per game, but Shepherd is supremely confident in Farley's defense.

"The defense is finally click-

ing," Shepherd said. "People know and understand where they need to be on the field."

On the offensive side of the ball, Farley relies on the talented arm of sophomore quarterback Megan Bastedo, who will attempt to compete with Howard's notorious passing attack by throwing to talented sophomore receivers Katie Smith and Laura Yoviene.

"Our offense has come together a lot more as the season progressed," Shepherd said. "We put in some new plays in practice."

The Ducks, who have already secured a high playoff seed regardless of the outcome against Farley, are not resting on their laurels, but rather are looking to end the season strong.

"We're focused on winning the game and keeping our undefeated record," Robinson said. "Every game is important and Farley has some strong players."

Howard hopes to rely on the strong offense and opportunistic defense that has brought them to a 4-0 start.

"We're going to play strong on both sides of the ball and go for the perfect season," Robinson said.

The two powerhouses will collide at 8 p.m. at Riehle Field in an important late-season matchup.

McGlinn vs. Pasquerilla East

McGlinn and Pasquerilla East will put their playoff hopes on the line when they square off tonight.

The Shamrocks (1-1-1) are coming off a crucial victory against rival Welsh Family. McGlinn outlasted the Whirlwinds 21-13 in a matchup of last year's championship game.

"Defeating such a high-caliber team has given us the confidence we need to return to last season's form," senior captain Emily Dore said.

In order to maintain their winning ways, Shamrock quarterback Lauren Miller must lead the charge. The dual threat quarterback will look to keep Pasquerilla East's defense on its heels by delivering the ball to talented receivers of junior Kathleen Stanley and sophomore Kate Tucker. Stanley and Tucker will need big games if the Shamrocks are to keep their playoff hopes alive. However, the team seems confident about their ability heading into the game.

"We're progressively improving and have had a lot of good practices lately," Dore said. "We're really starting to come together as a team."

Pasquerilla East will look to stop McGlinn's momentum and recreate some momentum of their own. The Pyros (2-2) lost to Howard in their last game. In order to have a chance against McGlinn, they will need a better effort from their defense.

"Our defense had a slight let-down last game," senior quarterback Tara Pillar said. "Other than that they've been a major strength of our team."

Pillar heads the Pyros offensive attack. She has an array of underclassmen receivers, led by sophomore Kristin Mannion and freshman Erica Chenard.

"Each game a different receiver has stepped up so far," Pillar said. "We'll see who it is this week."

Pillar will lead Pasquerilla East against the defending champion Shamrocks at 9 p.m. at Riehle Field.

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Kubinski

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was, a couple of loose shots and a couple of short putts that just didn't drop this week. It's not something we normally do, but honestly the last two weeks we've played that way."

Sophomore Max Scodro posted the lowest score for the Irish for the second straight tournament, finishing in a tie for 32nd place with a 219 over three rounds. Scodro came into the final round four-under, but struggled on the final day, recording a five-over 77 to finish three-over par. His three-under 69 in the second round was his best single-round score so far this season.

"[Scodro is] definitely an exciting player," Kubinski said. "He's got all the potential to be one of the best players in the country. The last round was the only round that he didn't make a birdie, which is so uncharacteristic of him. He started out with some patience, but as the birdies didn't come, I think he pressed a little bit and made some bogeys. He's one of our real bright spots, and I'm looking forward to basically two and a half years watching him contend for tournaments."


Fifth-year senior Josh Sandman finished in a tie for 45th place after shooting seven-over for the tournament, but could not recover from his first round, in which he posted a plus-eight 80. Junior Jeff Chen also had his score counted in each round for the Irish, finishing in a tie for 58th place at nine-over par.

No. 38 Georgia Tech finished the tournament 21-under par, which gave them the tournament victory. Behind the Yellow Jackets were No. 26 Virginia and Michigan, who shot 14- and 11- under, respectively. No. 16 Augusta State and No. 12 Tennessee also finished the tournament under par.

The Irish will attempt to regroup and put forth a strong showing Oct. 30 at The Match Play in Southern Pines, N.C.

"I think it's really just two or three shots per player that we just have to figure out and get rid of the looseness," Kubinski said. "We really have to buckle down and get some good practice in, and get back on the winning feeling that we had three weeks ago at home. I don't think the guys have lost too much confidence, but we have to get back to work."

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Seniors

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Georgetown on the Irish Senior Night.

Alumni Stadium bid farewell to the most accomplished senior class in program history.

"[Senior night] is hard every year because you get attached to that class and it is hard to see them go," Waldrum said. "This senior class in particular has been to three Final Fours, and we

hope to get back there for a fourth time for them."

The festivities honored all of the seniors, and the night was highlighted when Waldrum substituted senior Micaela Alvarez for sophomore forward Melissa Henderson with only a few minutes left in the game. Earlier in the week Alvarez suffered a season-ending knee injury, and without crutches, could only stand in place on the field.

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Boston

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Arena in Boston.

After a first period that could only be described as sloppy on both sides, the Irish took a 1-0 lead 15:27 into the second period courtesy of sophomore right wing Billy Maday. Sophomore defenseman Sean Lorenz got the puck at the point, and fed it to Maday at the top of the left circle. The sniper took his time and fired the puck past Terrier sophomore goalie Kieran Millan, who made 13 saves on the night.

The Irish didn't waste any time padding their lead, either, as just 12 seconds later Ben Ryan scored on a rebound to double the Notre Dame lead.

The Terriers came out determined in the final period, and certainly had their chances to score. With Notre Dame on the power play early in the stanza, Boston left wing Chris Connolly found himself with a shorthanded breakaway on Phillips. He was unable to get a shot off, though, and the Irish were able to move the puck up to junior left wing Calle Ridderwall, who launched a wrist shot that deflected off Millan's glove and into the back of the net 2:53 into the final period.

The Terriers continued to threaten as the third period progressed, including one stretch about halfway through the final period that featured heavy pressure on Irish junior goalie Brad Phillips.

"It was all a blur," Phillips said. "That one shift, I don't know how long it was, but it felt like forever."

Phillips was able to hold off the Terriers, making 34 saves en route to a shutout and 3-0 Notre Dame win.

The Irish were especially effective in shutting down the Boston power play, which went 0-for-8 on the evening.

"We've got a good group of forwards that understand how to kill penalties,"

Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "We're trying to break in a couple of young guys in that role. But it really boils down to your goalie and your defensemen."

Jackson said that, even though Phillips was shaky in his first two starts — both losses — he has confidence in the junior, who missed all of last season due to injury.

"I've said from the very beginning, this is Brad Phillips' job to lose," Jackson said. He lost his first two games,

but I thought we played horrid in front of him.

"He played big [against Boston.] I thought he did a good job for the most part controlling his rebounds."

The game also marked the return of the Ridderwall, Maday and Kevin Deeth line. The trio played together for most of last season, with good results. Jackson has been juggling lines since the season began, but put the three back together for this game.

"Going into a game like this, playing a team like BU in their building, we had to have some kind of chemistry," Jackson said. "I know that line has chemistry. Will they stay together forever? I couldn't tell you that. But I thought that we needed to establish some kind of chemistry."

The Irish returned to South Bend for a Friday night matchup against No. 14 Boston College. Notre Dame had won four the previous five meetings between the teams, including a 4-1 win in Boston last season. The only time Notre Dame had lost to the Eagles since 2003 was in the 2008 National Championship game.

The Irish struck first when Deeth found Ridderwall for the junior's third goal of the season just 4:21 into the game. Boston College rallied though, and evened the score 5:43 into the second when Ben Smith deflected a Phillip Samuelsson shot past Phillips. The Eagles took the lead just a few minutes later, at 9:11 of the second, when Brian Gibbons deked a defenseman and tucked a wrist shot past Phillips on the power play.

The Irish tied the game at two 11 seconds into the final period on Ben Ryan's second goal of the season, but were unable to hold on to the lead, as Joe Whitney scored for Boston College on another deflection with just 8:31 left in the game.

Notre Dame was able to mount pressure on a power play chance in the final minutes, but was unable to put the puck past Eagle junior goalie John Muse, who made 20 saves on the night. At the other end, Phillips saved 13 shots in the loss.

Note:

Despite the loss to Boston College, Irish junior goalie Brad Phillips was named CCHA goaltender of the week for the week of Oct. 19. So far on the season, Phillips is 1-3 with a 2.27 goals against average.

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19 at Alumni Stadium, and despite a dominating performance they were unable to pull out a victory as the Mountaineers slipped by them 1-0.

The Irish held every statistical advantage in the game but were unable to make a breakthrough and actually register a goal. Notre Dame outshot the Mountaineers 12-1 in the second half and 18-3 for the entire game. The Irish also held the edge in corner kicks over the course of the game 15-3.

The play of the game in the match was by West Virginia midfielder Alex Silva, whose goal in the 48th minute put West Virginia on top. The goal by Silva was the only shot the Mountaineers made in the second half, but it was the difference in the game.

"We out shot them 12-1 in the second half, yet the only one that counted was their shot," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "We played superbly well, but soccer can be a cruel game. The soccer gods did not smile down on us."

The Irish did not allow the disappointment of the 1-0 loss to West Virginia get them down as they took their show on the road, however, as they had two more Big East contests.

The momentum of the solid play against West Virginia propelled the Irish to a 2-1 victory over No. 16 Georgetown (9-6-1; 6-4-0 Big East) in overtime. Georgetown is currently third in the Blue Division behind Notre Dame and Connecticut.

"We have done very well on the road," Clark said. "The team was very determined to get the result. It took us a while to settle in, but we played well in the second half and overtime."

The match against the Hoyas saw the Irish pick up a couple of breaks, as junior defender Bilal Duckett registered the golden



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Junior defender Bilal Duckett dribbles during Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Seton Hall on Oct. 2.

goal in the first period of overtime to give the Irish a much needed win over their Big East rival.

Duckett launched a hopeful shot from 25 yards out that found its way past the Georgetown keeper and into the back of the net. The goal was the first of Duckett's career as a member of the Irish squad and marked the second time this year that Notre Dame has won on a golden goal. The previous time was off the toe of senior forward Bright Dike on Oct. 10 against Providence.

"If Duckett can improve his defense he can become a very good attacking fullback," Clark said. "He is doing very well."

Notre Dame's first goal came off of a header from senior midfielder Michael Thomas that was played to him from sophomore midfielder Brendan King off of a set piece. The goal was Thomas' fifth of the season and led the Irish into halftime with a 1-0 advantage.

The Irish finished their week with a 1-0 win over Big East cellar-dwellers Pittsburgh (1-12-2; 0-8-1) in Pennsylvania.

The lone goal of the game came

from sophomore midfielder Michael Rose in the 48th minute. Thomas fed Rose a cross that he was able to knock in for the score. The goal was Rose's first of his career at Notre Dame and was enough to secure the victory.

"This goal has been long in the cards for Michael," Clark said. "It was only a matter of time."

The Irish seemed about to let up on Pittsburgh in the waning moments, but the defense was able to hold and secure the victory.

With just two games left in the regular season, the Irish look to position themselves to get a NCAA bid.

"We need every win we can get to get into the NCAA tournament," Clark said. "We do not have the luxury of overlooking any team. We have to finish these two games well."

The Irish have one more non-conference tune-up at Michigan State (9-4-1) on Wednesday before Saturday's deciding game against Connecticut.

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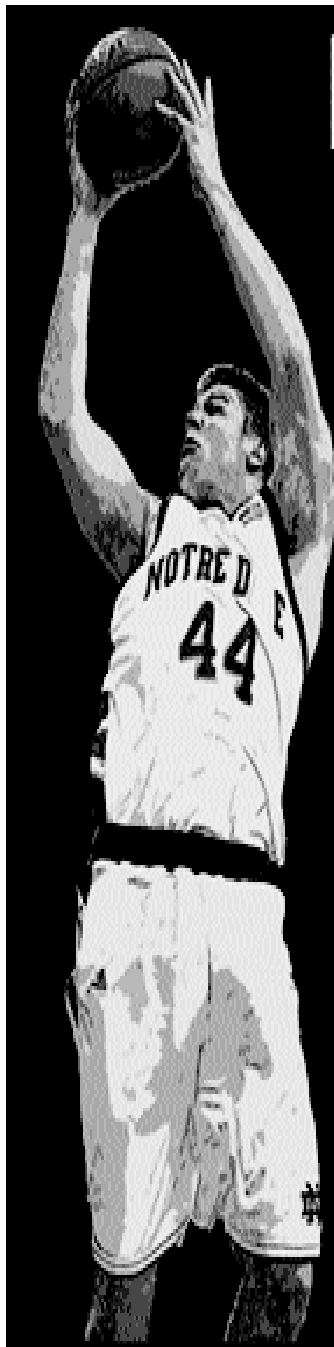
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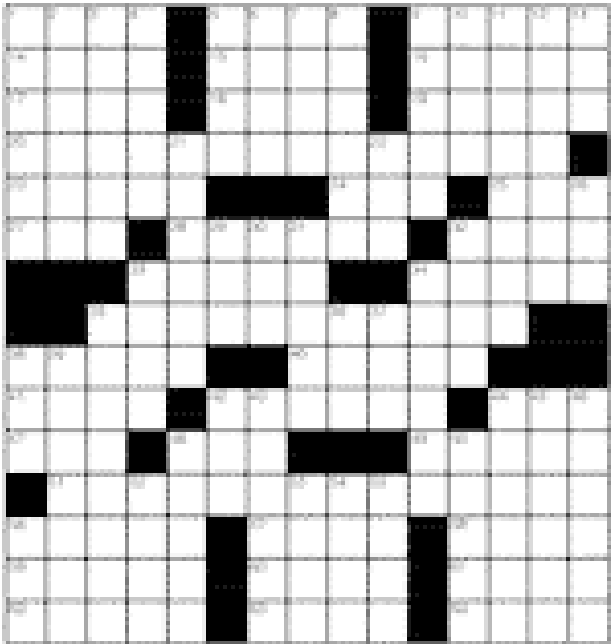
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Irish split games against east coast foes

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Before opening CCHA play this weekend against Ohio State, the Irish got a taste of east coast hockey with four straight games against Hockey East teams over fall break.

First, the Irish split a weekend series at home with Providence on Oct. 15 and 16, losing 3-2 and winning 2-0. The second game marked the debut for freshman goalie Mike Johnson, who notched a shutout in his first career start.

After the split against the Friars, Notre Dame hit the road to take on defending national champion No. 3 Boston University at Agannis

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Irish junior left winger Calle Ridderwall skates up ice during Notre Dame's 3-2 loss to Providence on Oct. 15. The Irish split the series with the Friars.

MEN'S SOCCER

Wins give team shot at Big East

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The Irish won two out of three games and improved their position in the Big East over Fall Break.

Notre Dame (9-6-1, 7-3-0 Big East) now sits second in the Big East Blue Division and may have a chance to win it in a deciding final game of the regular season against No. 10 Connecticut (10-2-3, 7-1-1 Big East) on Saturday.

For the Irish to have an opportunity to take first place, Connecticut would have to lose or draw with Marquette this week before taking on the Irish at Alumni Stadium.

Notre Dame first took on West Virginia (6-3-6; 5-2-2) Oct.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Squad nabs regular season conference championship

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Notre Dame (14-3, 11-0-1 Big East) ended the regular season on a 12-game unbeaten streak and a six-game winning streak to claim its 12th conference title in its 15 seasons in the league.

"[Winning the Big East title] is hard to put into words because we always talk about the standard that this program has set for itself," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "It is something we don't take for

granted by any means, but it is certainly one of the goals we have every year."

The No. 6 Irish hosted and beat four conference foes over the past two weekends by a combined score of 12-1. First Notre Dame topped Connecticut 6-1 and then Providence 2-0 last weekend. Then the Irish beat Villanova and No. 22 Georgetown, each 2-0, this past weekend.

"[The successful home stand] was fantastic just from a standpoint that it allowed to wrap up the conference championship which is always one of

the things we want to achieve," Waldrum said. "More important than anything is the fact that we started playing better in the last month of the season. We are coming together at the right time of the year."

Junior forward Taylor Knaack scored four goals in the four games, including two goals along with an assist against Connecticut.

"[Taylor] has been huge for us in the last four games in particular but it goes back a little earlier than that," Waldrum said. "She got the game-winner on the road at

West Virginia, and since then she has really started to gain some confidence in her goal scoring. She could not have picked a better time to get hot."

Junior forwards Rose Augustin and Erica Iantorno joined Knaack in scoring two goals apiece against Connecticut. Iantorno also scored against Villanova.

Junior goalkeeper Nikki Weiss may have appreciated the offensive outburst, but did not necessarily need it, as she closed the conference season with a conference record aver-

age of 0.15 goals against in nearly 600 minutes of game time.

"[Nikki] continues to do very well," Waldrum said. "We've got a player who is playing really consistently and is hot right now. That is a position where they really need a lot of confidence what they are doing and Nikki has that right now."

Weiss' shutout of Villanova was her fifth solo shutout of the season, all in the previous six games. She split time with senior Kelsey Lysander against

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish stay perfect in conference

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Notre Dame continued to dominate the Big East on the road over Fall Break as it swept Pittsburgh, West Virginia and DePaul to give the team an eight-game winning streak.

Irish coach Debbie Brown said she felt her team benefitted overall from the break.

"I think the team is in a good place in the terms of confidence we're developing and playing on a high level," Brown said. "We were able to play everyone on our roster and not many teams are able to do that."

The Irish (14-4, 8-0 Big East) remain the only undefeated team in the conference.

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TOM LA/The Observer

Senior outside hitter Serenity Phillips records a dig during Notre Dame's 3-0 sweep of Villanova on Oct. 4.

MEN'S GOLF

Struggling team last at tournament

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The Irish struggled to post consistent scores for the second tournament in a row, finishing in last place at the UNCG Bridgestone Collegiate Championship, a two-day, three-round tournament in Greensboro, N.C., held Friday and Saturday.

"It was definitely a big disappointment for us," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "We expected to really have a chance to be right up there in the last round and have a chance to win, based on having four or five guys playing well. We just didn't get any-

one playing three rounds, but really we didn't even get two good rounds out of our best players, which was definitely a disappointment."

After shooting a first-round 302, which put them 15th out of 15 teams, the Irish were unable to recover and finished the tournament at plus-24 despite a one-over second round.

"We missed a lot in that four- to six-foot range, and when you have just two or three of those per player, and you're counting four scores, you're talking about eight to twelve shots per round," Kubinski said. "That's really all it

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