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Club 23 attempts to rebound after shooting

Students wary of patronizing South Bend bar where two seniors were shot and wounded Aug. 21; attendance remains low

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Club 23, the popular South Bend bar where two Notre Dame students were shot and wounded Aug. 21, has been making a slow comeback after facing dwindling popularity in the shooting's aftermath.

The bar's longtime owner, Mahmoud Hussein, fears that Notre Dame students are "boycotting" the club, located at 744 N. Notre Dame Ave., because they no longer feel safe in the neighborhood.

"The last few Mondays have been bad," said Hussein, who was working at Club 23 the

night that seniors Matthew Collins and Mitchell Depree were shot outside the bar's front door while they were waiting for a ride.

Hussein had gone outside to speak with Collins and Depree five minutes before they were shot, he said, to make sure they weren't violating the open-container law. The boys told Hussein they were waiting for a ride, and Hussein, satisfied, went back inside.

Soon afterwards, Hussein heard the windows rattle.

"We went outside and both kids were on the ground," Hussein recalled. He moved Collins and Depree inside the entrance and called 911.

Collins, who sustained life-

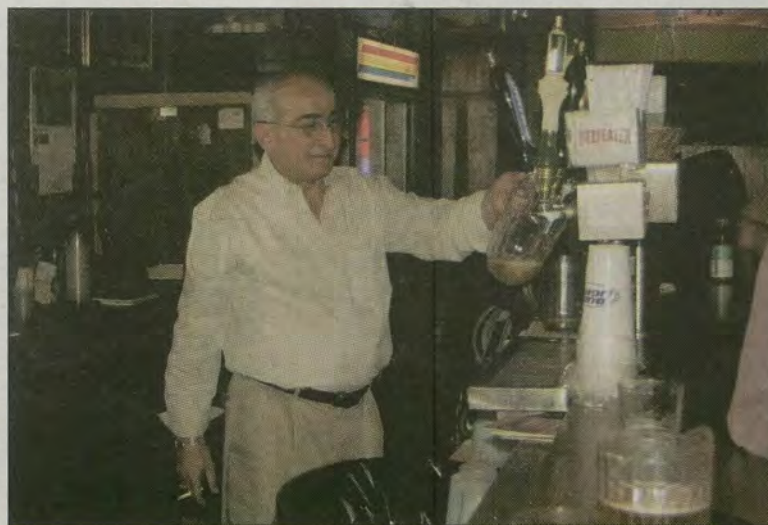
threatening injuries, was shot in the abdomen and leg. Depree was also shot in the leg. They have recovered and are attending class, but did not want to comment.

Now, nearly four weeks after the incident, South Bend police are still searching for the shooter, and many Notre Dame students are wary about returning to the former Monday night hotspot.

"Clearly the shootings have changed people's opinions," said off-campus senior Dan Ott, who has been trying to recruit students to join him at Club 23 on Mondays.

"People don't feel comfort-

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Mahmoud Hussein, owner of Club 23, fills a pitcher of beer Wednesday. The nightclub has seen lower attendance since the shooting Aug. 21.

Facebook, way to 'meet' new roommate

Some freshmen ask for roommate change based on summer profile impressions

By THERESA CIVANTOS
News Writer

As the Office of Residence Life and Housing set up housing arrangements for nearly 2,000 freshmen this summer, they received a few unusual phone calls — parents who, after seeing the Facebook profile of their child's future roommate, wanted the selection changed.

"We receive two or three such calls every year," said Scott Kachmarik, associate director for the Office of

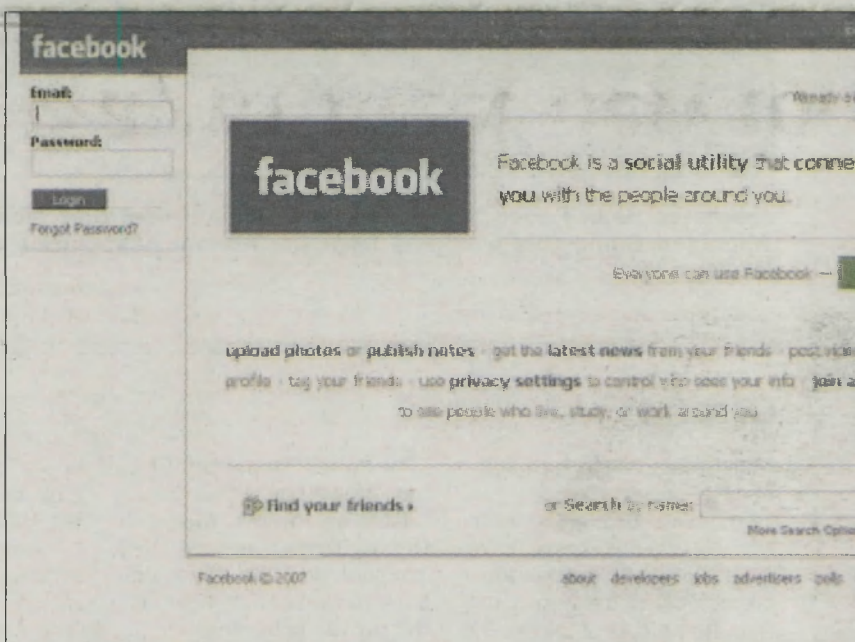
Residence Life and Housing.

"People think they know their roommates based on a Facebook profile, and they make judgments before even meeting," he said.

These calls are not purely the result of Facebook's growing popularity, Kachmarik said.

"It's been going on for eight or nine years," he said. "Even before Facebook, judgments would be made based on web pages or e-mails. In the old days it was phone calls."

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Incoming freshmen can 'friend' new roommates on Facebook and see personal profiles, before even meeting in person.

NFL ad features B. Quinn

Spots offer positive portrayals of players

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
News Writer

Former Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn appears prominently in a new NFL advertising campaign designed to show a warm and friendly side of football players.

The campaign features five players, including two of Quinn's current teammates on the Cleveland Browns. According to NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy, the ads were designed to show aspects of players that fans don't necessarily see at games. Quinn was selected, McCarthy said, because he was well-spoken and a good role model.

Quinn focused on academics during his 30-second appearance in the commercial. He mentioned his degree in finance and said he plans to attend law school. He also mentioned the academic rigor he found at Notre Dame.

"I studied every hour of every day," Quinn said with a smile on the commercial. "That's how it works in Notre Dame."

McCarthy said Notre Dame was included in the ad because the University appeals to a diverse national audience and is generally held "in high esteem, academically and athletically." Notre Dame is the only

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Vodafone chairman gives China perspective



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Vodafone chairman Sir John Bond speaks Thursday in the Mendoza College of Business.

Bond sees bright economic future for country he has lived, worked in; says growth won't threaten U.S.

By JOSEPH McMAHON
News Writer

China, a country he has lived and worked in most of his adult life, will develop an economy the size of the United States, predicted Sir John Bond, chairman of the Vodafone Group, the world's largest mobile telecommunications company.

Bond spoke about China to a mixed group of undergraduates, MBAs, professors and entrepreneurs from the South Bend area Thursday in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

Bond first traveled to China when he was 21 to take a job as an international manager at HSBC Holdings, one of the largest banking and financial services organizations in the world. He said he fell in love with the people and the culture.

His interaction with the people and his time in the country, he said, support his view that the country's economic growth will continue.

"China is in the middle of a steady period of growth, much like the 40-year period seen by Japan after the end of World War II," he

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INSIDE COLUMN

The love of the game

When I was a kid I hated football. There are seriously no words to describe how much I disliked it. I was never really a big sports fan, but football was just awful. I thought it was a stupid and violent sport and that anyone who watched it was out of his or her mind.

Vanessa Gempis
Photographer

My dad is a huge football fan, and when I was a kid, I would always tell him how dumb I thought football was and laugh at him for liking such a stupid sport.

He would always try to convince my little sister and me that football was awesome. There were even times when he'd be able to convince us to watch a few games with him. Whenever that happened, my sister and I came up with a couple of little things to keep us amused.

The first was the "root-against-whoever-daddy-is-cheering-for" game. It was fun because it annoyed my dad, but after a while we stopped because we didn't know what was going on, and we got bored.

The second game was much more entertaining. My sister and I would pick out a player from each team and throughout the course of the game, we would count how many times our players got hit. Whoever's player got hit the most won the game. This definitely made football more diverting, but I still didn't like football.

All that changed last year. When I got here, I still didn't like football. I didn't hate it as much as when I was younger but I still couldn't stand it. I went to the first game watch of the year on North Quad because I didn't really have anything else to do.

I could feel a sense of excited anticipation building up in me, if only to see what football at Notre Dame was all about. And I fervently hoped that we would win because the only thing worse than watching a football game would have been if I had to watch a football game that we lost. As I was watching our team play Georgia Tech, I came to a shocking realization ... football was a beautiful sport. It wasn't the disgusting display of testosterone and violence I once thought it was. There's grace, strength and skill (and watching men running down the field in tight pants doesn't hurt, either).

There's determination, tenacity and strength of heart. Football is beautiful and amazing. Right then and there, I fell in love with the game, and I've been in love ever since.

Any given Saturday or Sunday — and sometimes Monday and Thursday nights — in the fall, you can find me sitting somewhere in front of a TV watching a game. It doesn't matter who's playing. If there's football on, I'm watching it.

My dad finds this hilarious considering my previous view on the sport. Now, if he calls me on the weekend I won't pay any attention to him because I'm too busy watching the game.

The point of this story is that I love football. I love our team. And however our season goes this year, win or lose (although I hope we win), I'm behind our team 100 percent as long as they're leaving it all on the field.

Because it's not just the wins and losses that count. It's the heart and determination. It's the love of the game.

So go Irish! Beat Wolverines!

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOUR PREDICTIONS FOR THE ND-MICHIGAN GAME?



Jessica Shott
freshman
Saint Mary's

"I think it will be close, but ND will pull through."



Lauren Lassus
junior
Holy Cross

"ND is going to win the turnaround of the season and the biggest upset in Michigan history."



Laura Cronmiller
junior
Holy Cross

"Hopefully one of them will win, and hopefully ND had a heart to heart with Charlie and will be inspired."



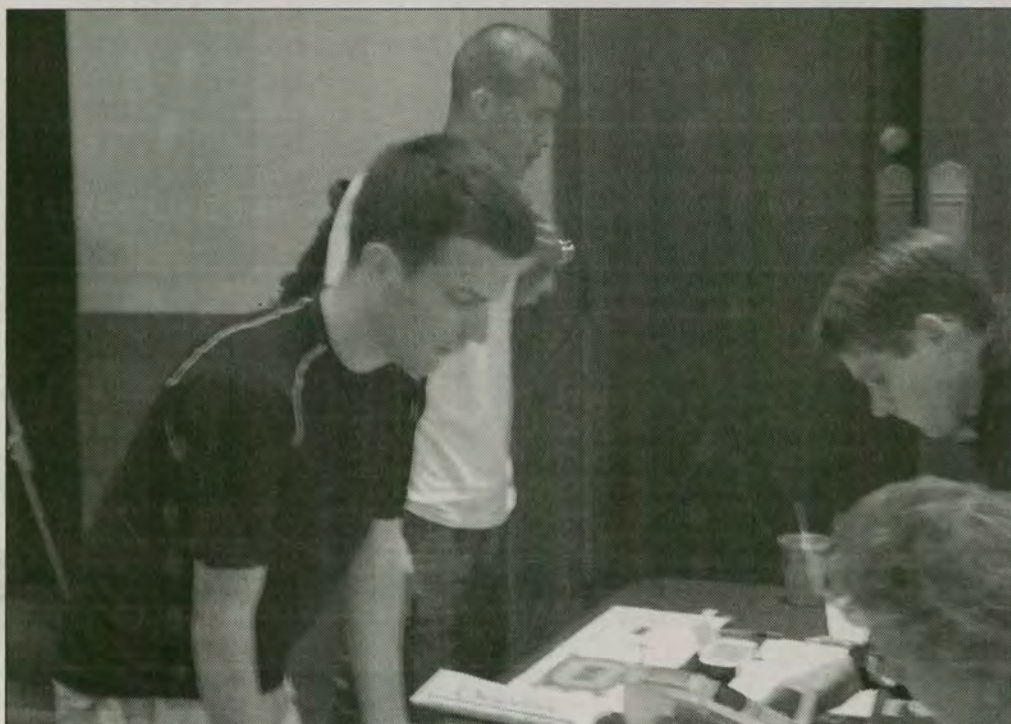
Chris Green
sophomore
Sorin

"If we can get the offense clicking we can win, because Michigan has shown they have no defense."



Jake Beaulieu
grad student
off campus

"It will be an ugly first half for ND but the tide will change in the 3rd quarter, and we will come back in the 4th for an exciting game."



CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

Freshman Sean Rober, foreground, and junior Rafael Diaz pick up tickets to the Michigan Game this weekend from the Alumni Association at the Eck Center Wednesday.

OFFBEAT

Man steals car to turn self in

GENEVA, N.Y. — A western New York man faces grand larceny charges after being pulled over in a car that he said he stole so he could turn himself in on another charge.

Ontario County sheriff's deputies say they pulled over Vincent Estrada Junior, 29, and found that the car he was driving had recently been stolen from a parking lot.

Police said Estrada was wanted on a family court warrant, and he told deputies he stole the car so he could drive to the Geneva

City Police Department to turn himself in.

But he never made it there. Deputies say they arrested him and drove him back to Canandaigua to face the car-theft charges.

Boy shoots himself in leg at McDonald's

PITTSBURGH — A 17-year-old boy accidentally shot himself in the leg while standing in line at a McDonald's restaurant and now he faces an illegal weapons charge.

The boy was fiddling with the .25-caliber pistol tucked in his waistband when it fired, wounding him in the

upper thigh shortly before 9 p.m. Wednesday, city police Sgt. William Gorman said.

"Some days you deal with a victim, some days you deal with an actor," Gorman said. "But it's a strange day when the actor is the victim."

The boy was in good condition at Mercy Hospital. He was to be charged with illegal possession of a firearm, because he is not old enough to lawfully have a gun, police said.

Police were also trying to determine if the gun was stolen.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Thomas Malone will give a speech entitled "The Future of Work" today from 12 p.m. to 1:15 in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

Actors from the London Stage will present "Macbeth" at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Washington Hall. Tickets can be purchased by calling (574) 631-2800.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will show the movie "Sunshine" tonight at 7 and 10 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will play Princeton in the ND Inn at Saint Mary's Classic tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The Snite Museum of Art will host a reception for its fall exhibitions Sunday from 2-4 p.m. Various talks about each exhibition will begin at 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Josh Kaplan in the political science department will give the Constitution Day lecture Monday at 4 p.m. in room 126 of DeBartolo.

Author Ann Cummins will read from her latest work, "Yellowcake," Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room in Reckers.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will show the movie "A Decent Factory" Wednesday at 7 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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Irish fans ready to take on Michigan

SUB sells tickets for Ann Arbor matchup

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

Notre Dame and Michigan fans alike will be glued to their television sets Saturday to see which team comes away with a win and which team adds another game to its losing streak.

Some Notre Dame students will travel to Ann Arbor to watch the drama unfold in the Big House.

Sophomore Tom Robertson will drive to Michigan this weekend with three of his friends. He does not have a ticket to the game yet, but he hopes to purchase one once he arrives at the University of Michigan campus.

"I don't think they will be that expensive," Robertson said.

The Irish and the Wolverines both have 0-2 records this season, a figure quite different from the 2-0 record both schools had coming into the matchup last year. Last year, Michigan defeated Notre Dame 47-21 in Notre Dame Stadium.

Sophomore John Gallagher plans to travel to Ann Arbor for the game with a few of his

friends.

"I'm not sure how we are getting there," Gallagher said.

The Student Union Board (SUB) provided students like Gallagher the chance to purchase tickets through a lottery held Sept. 3 at Legends. Over 1,700 students entered the lottery and 98 winning tickets were randomly selected, SUB manager Phil Ross said.

Tickets that were unsold through the lottery went on sale to the general student body Thursday on a first come, first served basis.

The Student Activities Office has been selling bus tickets to Ann Arbor for \$10. Coach buses are scheduled to depart at 9 a.m. Saturday and will return around midnight Saturday. About 41 bus passes remain. Students may purchase the passes at the information desk in LaFortune.

Lewis freshmen Jenna Stagliano and Victoria Braga plan to use the bus service this weekend with two other friends. The girls have tickets in the Michigan student section with a Michigan friend. Although they will be surrounded by Wolverines fans, the girls plan on sporting The Shirt.

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St. Mary's crime rate stays low

Security presence, late-night transportation keeps students safe

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

Crime is an infrequent occurrence on Saint Mary's campus, according to an annual report released by the College that discloses last year's crime statistics.

As in previous years, the crime rate at Saint Mary's is very low, said David Gariepy, director of security at Saint Mary's.

For the 2006 academic year, Saint Mary's reported three burglaries on campus.

Students most frequently report stolen clothing, computers and other electronics, Gariepy said.

"Sometimes, these thefts are just mistakes," Gariepy said. "Girls leave their backpacks and jackets outside the dining hall and someone grabs the wrong

one. We get that sort of thing worked out pretty easily."

Saint Mary's reported no aggravated assault, incest or forcible rape last year. It is required that Saint Mary's Security reports incidents of sexual assault to South Bend Police, Gariepy said. In incidents of sexual assault, he said, the suspect is usually known to the victim, such as a boyfriend or other male acquaintance, and alcohol is usually a factor.

Saint Mary's has taken measures to educate women about alcohol abuse and personal safety, Gariepy said. At freshman orientation

students are informed about alcohol awareness and are encouraged to make smart decisions. Gariepy said the effects of alcohol can lead to disputes among

women, but those rarely reach the level of physical abuse. Women, Gariepy said, do not tend to get as physically aggressive when intoxicated as men do.

To prevent crime, Saint Mary's Security provides transportation options for students during the week and on weekends.

"We would not want students walking home that late at night," Gariepy said.

Students may utilize the Sweep, a bus that runs between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's weeknights until 2:30 a.m. and weekends until 4:30 a.m. They can also use the late night van known as "Blinkie," which runs from the Grotto back to Saint Mary's for two hours after the Sweep stops its runs.

Saint Mary's also has security officers on campus to ensure student safety.

The card access system within the dormitories promotes safety by making it more difficult to enter residence halls, especially on game weekends, Gariepy said.

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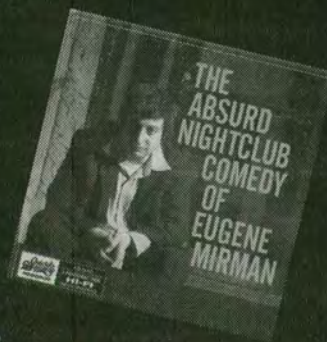
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Spokeswoman leaves St. Mary's for ND job

McDonald will begin Law School position

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

Melanie McDonald, director of media relations at Saint Mary's, will leave her current post today to become director of external relations at the Notre Dame Law School. She will assume her new position Monday.

McDonald, who has been at Saint Mary's for eight years, said she is taking what she learned at Saint Mary's into her new position, which she describes as "a positive next step professionally."

"I have learned more than I have given at my time at Saint Mary's," she said. "The student body is growing, the faculty is fantastic and [College President Carol Ann Mooney] and her cabinet are the strongest I've ever seen it. It's the sum of all the parts that is going to bring Saint Mary's to great heights."

At Saint Mary's, McDonald was charged with public and external relations.

"I believe in transparency," she said. "People want and need to know what's going on. My job is to communicate to them what's great."

At the Law School, McDonald's duties will be threefold. She is responsible for alumni relations, media relations and publicity and publications.

While her responsibilities have grown from her job at Saint Mary's, McDonald is ready to take on the challenge, she said.

"With any new job, there is learning and skills I'll need to sharpen, but my time at Saint Mary's lets me go into this well-prepared," she said.

McDonald is using the new position as "the next step" in her professional career.

"I never planned to leave Saint Mary's, but when this opportunity presented itself, it was something that I needed to do ...," she said. "And I am happy that I did."

McDonald hopes for continued success at the Law School.

"This is a great thing because it's a new canvas," she said. "It's a fresh start for them and me. I am just going to try and make it my own."

Karen McDonald, acting associate vice president for communications at Saint Mary's, will serve as interim director of media relations until the position is filled.

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external relations
Notre Dame Law School

CSC will celebrate 25th anniversary

Center chooses theme of solidarity for year

Special to The Observer

Theologian Rev. Michael Himes will open the 25th anniversary year of the University of Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns (CSC) at 7 p.m. Sept. 18 in 101 DeBartolo Hall with a lecture titled "Communion and Solidarity."

A priest of the diocese of Brooklyn, Father Himes is a professor of theology at Boston College. He was involved in the early years of the CSC's history while serving on the Notre Dame faculty from 1987 to 1993. He is the author of numerous books, including "Doing the Truth in Love: Conversations about God, Relationships, and Service" and "Fullness of Faith: The Public Significance of Theology."

He also has produced a video series, "The Mystery of Faith: An Introduction to Catholicism."

To reaffirm its commitment to the common good worldwide, the Center for Social Concerns chose "solidarity" as the theme for its silver anniversary year. Since the center opened in 1983, more than 15,000 undergraduate students have participated in its courses and programs, taking an active role to contribute to the communities in which they serve.

Through the efforts of the center's faculty and staff, Notre Dame has been recognized nationally for offering one of the leading service-learning programs in the country. It also is becoming increasingly known for its work to advance the field of community-based research.

Other events planned for the 25th anniversary year include a lecture by former Irish President Mary Robinson, a lecture by Harvard sociologist William Julius Wilson, concerts celebrating the music and culture of Appalachia and Uganda, a student conference, and the Solidarity Film Series.

Walsh puts on 'Football 101'

Players speak, cheerleaders teach cheers at dorm's annual event



Girls gather on South Quad in preparation for Walsh Hall's annual 'Football 101,' where cheerleaders and players made appearances.

By SARAH MAYER and
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News Writers

For five years, Walsh Hall's "Football 101" has explained the rules of football and Notre Dame traditions to a crowd of mostly freshmen and transfer students.

But some students may come just for the chance to catch an up-close glimpse of football players.

Quarterback Evan Sharpley, cornerback Terrail Lambert and defensive safety David Bruton arrived after practice Thursday

night ready to answer all the questions the women of Walsh Hall and their guests threw at them on South Quad.

Sharpley, a junior who lives in Dillon Hall, said his reasons for coming to Notre Dame had a lot to do with sports. In addition to football, he said he is an avid baseball player.

Sharpley said the celebrity he relates to most is Channing Tatum. He admitted that he's seen Tatum's movie, "Step Up," several times.

Lambert, who lives in Sorin, said his main focus on the field is making the opposing receiver's life dif-

ficult. He said he practices five to six hours a day, which includes watching the game film.

Before answering questions, Bruton sang a song from New Edition, his favorite boy band. He said the celebrity he relates to the most is Chris Rock.

Junior Vanessa Viloria said the best part of the event was the football players.

"Their singing was quite entertaining," she said.

Chuck Lennon, executive director of the Alumni Association, kicked off "Football 101" by quizzing the crowd about Notre Dame football trivia. He talked about the Grotto and the significance of the teams' golden helmets and blue and gold colors.

Lennon explained how the helmets will always remain gold due to the significance of the Golden Dome. He said the color yellow stands for truth and blue for faith.

Lennon reminded the audience that "every game is the big game" and that all students are recruited into Charlie's Army.

"We never give up, we never give in," Lennon said.

Lennon said the stadium crowd is the twelfth man on the field at a football game.

"The team hears you when you are in the stands, they hear you when you do cheer, and they hear you when you don't," Lennon said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Pakistani suicide bomber kills 15

ISLAMABAD — A suicide bomber rammed an explosives-laden vehicle into a mess hall inside a high-security base used by a Pakistani counterterrorism force, killing at least 15 soldiers, officials said.

The militants' ability to penetrate the elite force's headquarters about 60 miles south of the capital was a severe blow to the army. It came hours after visiting U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John D. Negroponte met in Islamabad with President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, a key ally in Washington's war on terrorism.

The army reported, meanwhile, that it had killed as many as 50 militants in a battle in the South Waziristan tribal region near the Afghan border.

Prime Minister resigns, hospitalized

TOKYO — Japan's ruling party rushed to fill a power vacuum left by the resignation of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who was hospitalized Thursday for exhaustion but defended his snap decision to step down.

Despite plunging popularity ratings and a series of scandals in his Cabinet, Abe's announcement Wednesday that he would quit after one year in office caught even his ruling Liberal Democratic Party off guard.

A party meeting to vote on a successor was set for Sept. 23. Some officials wanted to hold the vote earlier, but it was put off to allow prospective candidates time to prepare.

Abe, diagnosed with abnormal problems caused by stress and fatigue, will continue to hold the post until his successor is named. But his hospitalization— expected to last three or four days— deepened the sense of confusion that his departure has fomented.

NATIONAL NEWS

Pentagon releases edited audiotape

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has released a censored audiotape of suspected Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed — deleting a part officials said could be used to recruit future terrorists.

The tape of Mohammed's 40-minute hearing before a U.S. military proceeding in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was edited to exclude a 10-minute passage about the kidnapping and beheading of U.S. journalist Daniel Pearl and Mohammed's explanation for why Islamic militants are waging jihad against the United States, as well as information the government said was classified.

Fundamentalist charged with rape

ST. GEORGE, Utah — The leader of a polygamous sect insisted a 14-year-old girl surrender her "mind, body and soul" to an older cousin, despite her objections to being married, a prosecutor said Thursday.

Warren Jeffs, leader of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, is charged with rape by accomplice in the case. As his trial opened, prosecutors said he told the girl she risked salvation if she refused to enter a religious union with her 19-year-old cousin.

The girl first had sex with her cousin months after their ceremonial marriage in a Nevada motel, Washington County prosecutor Brock Belnap said. When she later complained to Jeffs, he replied: "Repent. Go home and give yourself mind, body and soul to your husband." And she did," Belnap said.

LOCAL NEWS

Authorities debate release of 911 tape

RICHMOND, Ind.— The local newspaper and authorities are in a dispute over whether the tape of a 911 emergency call and other records involving two teenage sisters found dead six days apart in their family's home should be made available to the public.

Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Shipman said the records were part of the investigation into the deaths of Erin Stanley, 19, and her 18-year-old sister, Kelly, in Centerville. For that reason, he has refused to release the tape and the Centerville police log of calls.

Wayne County Attorney Ron Cross defended Shipman and denied the Palladium-Item's request to obtain a tape of the 911 call involving Erin Stanley's death.

Bush defends Iraq war in address

Critics want deadline for withdrawal, Bush plans on reductions pending operational success

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, defending an unpopular war, ordered gradual reductions in U.S. forces in Iraq on Thursday night and said, "The more successful we are, the more American troops can return home."

Still, Bush firmly rejected calls to end the war, saying the insurgents who threaten Iraq's future are a danger to U.S. national security. American troops must stay in the battle, Bush said, and more than 130,000 will remain after the newly ordered withdrawals are completed in July.

"The principle guiding my decisions on troop levels in Iraq is: return on success," the president said.

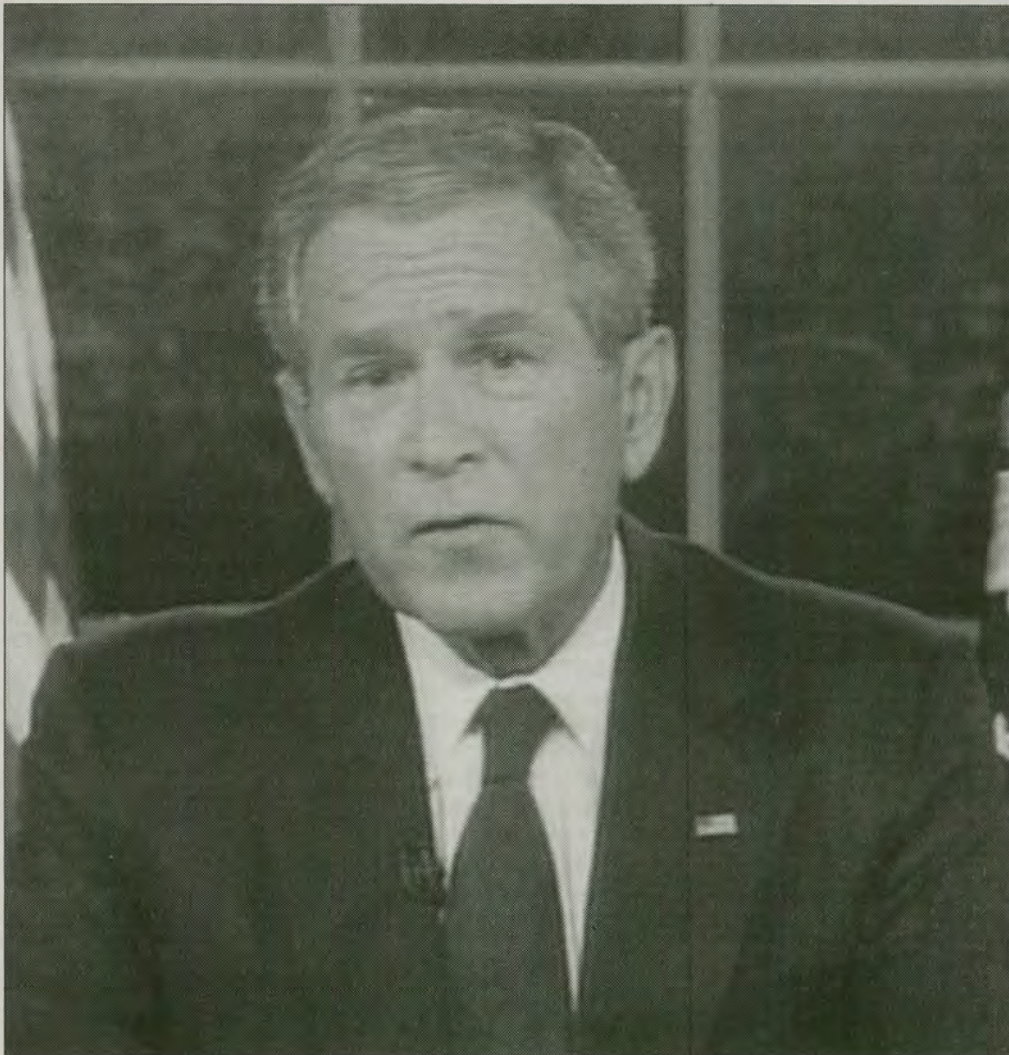
Bush said 5,700 U.S. forces would be home by Christmas and that four brigades — at least 21,500 troops — would return by July, along with an undetermined number of support forces. Now at its highest level of the war, the U.S. troop strength stands at 168,000.

With no dramatic change in course, Bush's decision sets the stage for a fiery political debate in Congress and on the 2008 presidential campaign trail. Democrats said Bush's modest approach was unacceptable.

Sen. Jack Reed of Rhode Island, a former Army Ranger who delivered the Democratic response, said that "once again, the president failed to provide either a plan to successfully end the war or a convincing rationale to continue it."

Reed said Democrats would work to "profoundly change our military involvement in Iraq."

The reductions announced by Bush represented only a slight hastening of the originally scheduled end of the troop increase that Bush announced in January. When the cutbacks are



President Bush defends the Iraq war in his address to the nation Thursday night. Bush firmly rejected entreaties from Democrats for an immediate end to the war.

complete, about 132,000 U.S. forces will be in Iraq.

Bush's speech was the latest turning point in a 4 1/2-year-old war marred by miscalculations, surprises and setbacks.

Almost since the fall of Baghdad, in April 2003, U.S. commanders and administration officials in Washington mistakenly believed they were on track to winding down U.S. involvement and handing off to the Iraqis. Instead, the insurgency intervened and the reality of a country in chaos conspired to deepen the U.S. commitment.

Bush said the U.S. engagement in Iraq will stretch beyond his presidency, requiring military, financial and political support from Washington. He

said Iraqi leaders "have asked for an enduring relationship with America."

"And we are ready to begin building that relationship in a way that protects our interests in the region and requires many fewer American troops."

Bush described the withdrawals, and the U.S. forces still fighting in Iraq, as a compromise on which war supporters and opponents could agree.

"The way forward I have described tonight makes it possible, for the first time in years, for people who have been on opposite sides of this difficult debate to come together," Bush said.

That appeared highly unlikely, however, based on the reaction of Democratic leaders who want dead-

lines for withdrawals.

"The American people long ago lost faith in the president's leadership of the war in Iraq because his rhetoric has never matched the reality on the ground," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. "The choice is between a Democratic plan for responsible redeployment and the president's plan for an endless war in Iraq."

Majority Democrats in Congress are unable to muster enough votes to force an end to the war. So they are hoping to win Republican support with legislation to limit the mission of U.S. forces to training Iraq's military and police, protecting U.S. assets and fighting terrorists.

Hurricane Humberto surprises U.S. coast

Associated Press

HIGH ISLAND, Texas— A trailer can handle a little rain, and when Jerry Green went to bed Wednesday, a little rain was what he was expecting.

"By 10 p.m. I had heard that it was expected to fizzle out and go away," he said.

The storm, initially expected to be not much more than wet, strengthened from a tropical depression to full-scale hurricane landfall faster than any storm on record: just 16 hours.

Hurricane Humberto surprised the Texas-Louisiana coast early Thursday with 85 mph winds and heavy rain that knocked out power to more than 100,000 customers, killed at least one

person and scattered debris along the southeast Texas coast. In the town of High Island, which took the biggest punch, three small trailers in Green's RV park flipped over.

"Everybody else in the RV park left," the 60-year-old said. "I would have left also if I had known what was going to happen."

Jack Payton, 72, said he was asleep when the hurricane hit, knocking his High Island house seven feet off its foundation and tearing off the roof. A small tree from his front yard was blown in through his bedroom window.

"I won't say I'm lucky. I'm blessed. I feel like if it wasn't for the Lord, we might have gotten it worse than what we got," Payton said Thursday, as

friends and family loaded up furniture and other belongings they were able to salvage from his home.

Streets in High Island, a town of about 500 known for its sanctuary where exotic migratory birds rest each spring and fall, were littered with uprooted trees and other debris.

Power lines and telephone poles blocked streets and roofs were torn off a convenience store and several homes. The K-12 school's football field was a wreck: The scoreboard and press box were blown over and all four stadium lights destroyed.

"We just assumed, as the weather service was saying, that there would only be rain," Principal Audie Tackett said. "We never dreamed we were going to wake up to this."

Club 23

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able there," Ott said. "Every time I try to tell someone, 'You know, you should go to Club 23,' they ... say, 'There's no way I'm going there anymore.'"

Ott lives across the street from the bar and has known Hussein, who goes by "Mo," "for a while."

"Mo and Club 23 have been here for so long. ... I'd hate to see it go out of business [because of] an incident that

couldn't have been stopped," Ott said.

Meanwhile Hussein, who prides himself on owning a safe and friendly establishment, has lingering questions about what exactly happened the night of the shooting — and why Collins and Depree were targeted.

"This is not a violent place," said John Veit, a Club 23 bartender and Notre Dame alumnus. "This is not a place where fights happen."

Hussein said he spoke with investigators frequently in the days following the shooting, but they have not returned

his phone calls recently.

"I want the police to find (the shooter)," Hussein said. "I want to know what's really causing this."

Veit said he has heard scores of rumors about the motives of the shooter.

"I've heard it was over a girl, a gang initiation, a random drive-by," he said.

According to Matt Collins' mother, Karen, the shooter — described as a short-haired black male of average build — fired at Collins and Depree several minutes after they refused to give him a ride. The shooter yelled out,

"Thanks for the ride, you [expletive] Notre Dame students" before shooting from the passenger seat of an SUV as it drove by, Karen Collins said her son told her.

South Bend police have confirmed that a "harsh" conversation preceded the shooting and that it was not random, but they did not return phone calls Wednesday seeking comment on the investigation's progress.

Hussein does not have cameras outside Club 23, and, unlike CJ's Pub on Michigan Street, he does not pay South Bend Police officers to patrol

it on busy weekends. But the bar does have bouncers, and Hussein said he can spots non-regulars immediately.

"When someone is not a regular ... I keep my eye on them," Hussein said. "If they're misbehaving, I make them leave. I'm very protective of my clients."

Contrary to campus rumor, the bar is not closing. Hussein said there had been talk of selling the bar to "a local," but the deal recently fell through.

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said.

Bond spent much of the seminar reviewing the history of China.

"For 18 of the last 20 centuries, China was the preeminent economy in the world," he said. Pointing out that China is by no means a backwards society — they did invent steel and the alphabet hundreds of years before Westerners, he said — he painted a portrait of a people who are finally recovering from 100 years of revolution and oppression.

But, Bond said the transition has been hard.

"It is a very difficult thing to move a state-planned economy to a free-market one," he said.

Unemployment is a pressing

problem for the country, Bond said. Many people that work at state-run companies do not do anything at all, but are simply employed as a way to keep them off the streets.

"The government remembers what happened last time people were left sitting on the curb," he said. "It doesn't want to see another communist revolution."

Bond said people are migrating in droves from the rural inland to the coast, where they can see profits in much higher numbers.

"You may not think it's a lot, but to a farmer that makes one hundred dollars a year, fifty cents an hour sounds very good," Bond said.

Despite China's problems, he said, the country has shown great progress since the days of Mao's cultural revolution. They have made trips into outer space, explored the South Pole, are planning to hold the World Fair in Shanghai in 2010 and are finishing up preparations for the Olympics next year — an event that Bond says "will be staged in an incredible way."

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China has also become much more involved in world trade markets, something that is necessary for a country that has 21 percent of the world's people and only 7 percent of the world's arable land.

But China's economic boom is not only due to its people making cheap gadgets in crammed factories for extremely low wages. Rather, technological innovation is moving at an incredibly rapid pace in China.

Bond recounts one time when, as chairman of Vodafone, he went around the world to see who could produce headsets for only 20 dollars. The only factory that was able to manage the task was in China. Vodafone immediately placed an order for 600 million.

For a country that has 1.2 billion people and only manages to rake in 4 percent of

the world's GDP, it's natural to see this kind of competitive growth, Bond said.

Although the dispute of currency inflation continues to flare up, Bond assured the audience that China's growth will not diminish America's power.

"America will still be strong," he said.

Many wonder about what the future will hold for China.

"Either you believe China will overcome challenges and become a superpower," Bond said, "Or you think China will find it impossible to hold it together and implode. Personally, I believe China wants peacefully to return to a state of stability and regain the place it occupied for eighteen of the previous twenty centuries."

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But Kachmarik cautioned against asking for a roommate change before meeting a person.

"You really can't judge a person by what's on Facebook," Kachmarik said. "People tend to boast more, to try to be something they're not. ... A parent may complain that a roommate is 'too much of a partier', and I tell them, 'That may have been the student's high school graduation party. It may have

been the only time he's had alcohol in his life.' You really can't go by what's there."

For this reason, Kachmarik said, Residence Life would not allow roommate changes based on perceptions formed by Facebook pages.

For some students, going on Facebook made their transition into college easier, since they could "meet" friends before arriving on campus.

"Making friends with my roommates on Facebook over the summer helped me a lot," freshman Erin McNeill said. "I was way less nervous. It gave me a sense of what I was going into."

Freshman Anna Hing said she spends about two hours a day on Facebook, and used it this summer to get to know her roommates before she met them during Freshman Orientation.

"Contacting someone over Facebook is easier than over an awkward phone conversation," she said.

Students were able to meet

plenty of classmates besides their roommates via the Facebook group. "Notre Dame Class of 2011."

Getting to know future classmates over Facebook was not possible for freshmen of years past, however, who instead relied on the freshman photo directory, more commonly known as the

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freshman

"Dogbook," to scope out their future classmates at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross.

Although Facebook has become the most popular way of contacting future roommates, the number of Dogbooks sold each year has not changed, said Valerie Tanke of Walsworth Publishing Company, which publishes the Dogbook.

"I have not noticed a change in sales," Tanke said, although she said she also has a Facebook page.

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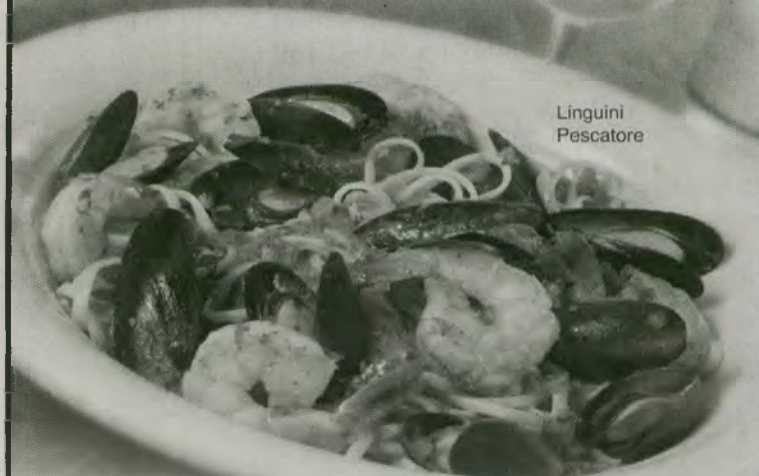
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Chinese toy prices set to increase

NEW YORK — American consumers will be bearing the cost of safer toys, but not until after this year's Christmas season.

Shoppers can expect price increases up to 10 percent next year to pay for increased vigilance by toy makers and stores after more than 3 million lead-tainted toys from China were recalled worldwide since June. That means a \$6.99 Barbie doll could go up to about \$7.70, or a \$70 child friendly digital camera could retail next year for almost \$80.

A 10 percent average price hike in toys in several years, analysts say. And it's more than twice the government's measure of consumer inflation of 4.7 percent during the first seven months of this year.

Consumers could also see higher prices on other Chinese imports like fish and children's apparel, but the big price gains in toys could be more jolting.

Labor market steadily weakening

WASHINGTON— The number of laid off workers filing claims for unemployment benefits rose last week in another worrisome sign that the labor market is weakening.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that new claims for unemployment benefits rose by 4,000 last week to 319,000. It marked the sixth increase in the past seven weeks and was a further sign that the economy is feeling the impact of a steep slump in housing and a spreading credit crisis.

The government reported last week that employers cut 4,000 jobs from payrolls in August, the first monthly job decline in four years.

The net decline in payroll jobs in August came as a surprise. Analysts had been expecting an increase of 110,000 jobs, in line with growth this year. In other bad news, the number of jobs created in June and July was trimmed by 81,000, indicating the labor market was not performing as well as had been thought.

The surprisingly bad report increased worries that the current economic recovery, now in its sixth year, could be in danger of falling into a recession.

Americans take wellness vacations

As baby boomers age, lifestyle-changing resorts increasingly popular

Associated Press

NEW YORK— Don't just take a vacation. Change your life.

That's the concept resorts are selling to a growing number of people for whom an exotic getaway just isn't enough. The purveyors of yoga and wellness vacations promise more than mere relaxation; they promise transformation.

Ask why someone would choose a yoga vacation—and the meditation, body contortions and discipline that goes with it—and the answer repeats: People go for life-changing experiences.

Three years ago, Tiffanie Archie, a senior project manager at an online financial services firm in Washington, D.C., decided to take a vacation to the Miraval resort outside Tucson, Ariz. Miraval—in which AOL co-founder Steve Case bought a majority stake in 2005—aims to take the spa experience into something more spiritual and holistic. For \$500 a night including lodging, meals and services, Archie said she found what she was looking for: “An opportunity to go somewhere and be quiet and focus on myself and let the stress melt away for a bit.”

Archie, 31, says she returned annually to Miraval for the horseback riding, spa and adventure activities but she didn't try a yoga class until earlier this summer. Hooked, she took a second, monthlong vacation.

Now Archie says her vacation has become about more than de-stressing from work and daily life. It's as much about “finding inner peace.”

From luxury hotel resorts to rustic retreats, yoga offerings and yoga-centric vacations have increasingly



Adults enjoy a yoga retreat at the Feathered Pipe Center Sept. 6. More Americans are taking wellness vacations that include meditation, yoga and spa trips.

become a carrot to lure vacationers that want more than a fabulous place to stay and entertainment. The past five years have seen growth in yoga vacations that is emblematic of a larger trend in the travel industry, says Allen Kay, spokesman for the Travel Industry Association.

“Wellness and fitness fits right into that pattern of an ever-broadening array of niches that the travel industry is catering to,” Kay

said. And, like so much in marketing today, it's driven by retiring Baby Boomers concerned about their wellness and with the income to do something about it, he said.

Marketing and research firm Ypartnership said its latest survey of affluent travelers—the top 7 percent of U.S. households, or those that bring in more than \$150,000 a year—showed 30 percent of respondents named yoga as

their favorite spa program or service. Massage was the most popular with 65 percent.

Yoga vacations come in many incarnations. The high end can range from packages at luxury resorts to all-inclusive vacations to India, Chile, Bali or elsewhere. The spectrum of choices includes more austere retreats that offer the bare bones—more meditation than amenities—and cost much less.

Small businesses struggle for credit

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The signs can be subtle, like a change in reporting requirements on a line of credit, or they can be quite blatant—the denial of a loan application.

Some small business owners are finding that credit has become harder to come by or that lenders have imposed more stringent requirements in recent months, the likely result of an overall shrinking of credit amid a continuum of mortgage failures.

Roy DiMarco, president of Harrison Leifer DiMarco Inc., a Rockville Centre, N.Y.-based marketing and public relations firm, said that since his company's line of credit came up for renewal recently, the bank is requiring monthly instead of quarterly financial updates.

“They don't want to extend themselves too far. They want to keep their finger on the pulse,” DiMarco

said. “I guess I don't blame them.”

He's also noticed that banks are requiring another layer of scrutiny on applications. A bank employee “now needs to get another second approval from his or her supervisor. They are being much more strict internally ... for obvious reasons, based on the last three or four months.”

Getting credit can be hard for a small business, even in more secure times, and new enterprises often find it's impossible to get financing from a bank. DiMarco has found smaller, community banks more welcoming for a small business than big national banks; he said they seem more willing to lend.

A nationwide survey by the National Federation of Independent Business of its members found that 7 percent of respondents reported loans were harder to get in recent months. That's up from 5 percent in July, but NFIB Chief Economist

William Dunkelberg noted that this is still a very low percentage.

“We can't find anything that says people are having trouble,” he said.

Still, talk to some individual business owners, and they can supply anecdotal evidence of tighter credit.

Doug Lewis, owner of Allen Creek Farm in Burkesville, Ky., said it was taking so long for a bank to approve a loan for him to buy eight furnaces for the houses where he raises chickens that he had to turn to a leasing company that was willing to finance the purchase of four of the furnaces.

Lewis said he's been paying off a loan he took out nine years ago when he started the business, but the bank so far hasn't given him an OK on his latest request. “I guess they just got to be careful,” he said.

He's still hoping the bank will come through with a loan; if not, he'll go back to the leasing company and seek financing for the rest of the equipment he needs.

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University mentioned in the ad campaign.

Other players mentioned how playing football brought a significant mental and physical workload.

In the commercial, Seattle Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck tried reading his encyclopedia-sized playbook to his daughters and explaining what sort of codes the players had to learn. He joked that it was a great way to make his children fall asleep.

Quinn also mentioned how complicated his playbook was, particularly at the professional level.

The ad also focused on the importance of family to the players. Tennessee Titans quarterback Vince Young described tattoos as a way to demonstrate his love for his mother and grandmother.

Browns linebacker Willie McGinest recalled how his mother encouraged him to pursue success in football, even when living in a poor area.

McCarthy said the ad campaign was not related to the highly publicized prosecution of Atlanta Hawks quarterback Michael Vick. He said the ads were first conceived in January 2007, before Bad Newz Kennels came into the public eye.

McCarthy said the NFL has been historically committed to the values of its fans. The NFL has aired over a 1,000 commercials to promote the United Way charity since 1974, he added.

McCarthy said the most recent ad campaign is stylistically distinct. The ads were done in black and white and "the music is a bit edgier than what has been done in the past," he said.

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Graham's grandson describes faith struggle

Prodigal son story told in Tchividjian's book

Associated Press

MARGATE, Fla. — The pastor's hair is spiky, his beard is scruffy, his skin is tan. He talks of his youthful forays into drugs and sex.

Meet the grandson of evangelist Billy Graham.

Tullian Tchividjian cuts a far different profile than the man he grew up calling Daddy Bill. At 34, back in the fold, with a book just out and a congregation to lead, he says the spiritual path he's forging is all his own.

"I'm not sure that carrying my grandfather's torch is what I or any other young evangelical would want said about us," he said in an interview at his office. "There's a distinction of what God has called me to do and what God has called him to do."

That struggle — between who he is and what his family represents — has been playing out throughout Tchividjian's life.

The middle of seven children born to Stephan Tchividjian and Graham's eldest daughter, Gigi, the young minister said he couldn't figure out where he fit in growing up. So he turned to familiar distractions.

"I rebelled against everything my family stood for," said Tchividjian (his name rhymes with religion).

At 16, unable to obey his parents' basic rules (like not bringing drugs in the house), he was escorted by police from his home. He dropped out of school and spent the next five years partying on South Beach, trying to pick up girls and getting high.

"I was a wild man. I lived a no-holds-barred lifestyle," Tchividjian said. "If I believed it would bring me maximum pleasure in the moment, I did it, no matter what it was."

Eventually, he said, he botched out. He arrived home late one night, coming down from a high, and literally fell to the floor.

"God, I have tried my best to ignore you and to do things my way," he remembers praying. "I'm broken. I'm broken and in need of fixing."

A classic prodigal son story

followed. Tchividjian recommitted himself to Christ, entered the seminary, became a minister. He married and had three children. He started the New City Presbyterian Church, a 450-member church in Coconut Creek. He wrote a book, "Do I Know God?" It was released last month and asks readers to ponder the title's question.

New City's music director Brandon Wells, a college friend of Tchividjian, said he sees similarities between grandfather and grandson. Wells said Tchividjian is a traditionalist who stays close to the podium when delivering a sermon, uses notes and takes his message very seriously. New City is a congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, a theologically traditionalist denomination.

"Their gifts are different but they both possess a unique gift of communicating the Gospel simply," Wells said of Graham and his grandson. "Tullian has a more scholarly approach to his preaching ministry than I think his granddad did, but he takes his learning and he's able to sort of distill it into language that I think everyone can understand."

Friends from Tchividjian's youth often stop by Sunday services at New City and are amazed at his turnaround. Sometimes he is too.

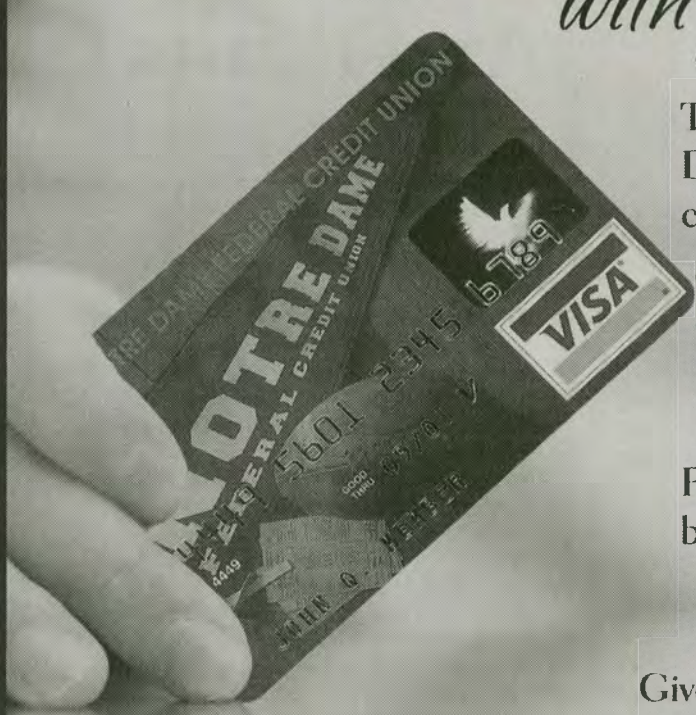
Now he contemplates his own voice among evangelicals, one he hopes is known among his congregants for voicing what he is for as much as what he is against. He sees it as a positive message — and an apolitical one.

"Evangelicals, by and large, began to believe that the way to change the world we live in was through the political process," he said. "While we need to remain culturally engaged, the political process is not the only way."

As for his grandfather, Tchividjian calls him one of his closest friends and one of his most reliable counselors. As a kid, he spent about six weeks at Graham's North Carolina home each summer, and a couple more when his grandfather visited Florida around Thanksgiving. He didn't always recognize how important Daddy Bill was.

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Churches recruit Latin American clergy members

Growing Hispanic population in United States increases need for priests to minister to newly immigrated parishioners

Associated Press

PHOENIX — They're in a new country, working a new job and living a new life, but for the Latin American immigrants who come to the United States every year, going to church doesn't have to be any different from worshipping back home.

Churches across the nation are actively pursuing clergy from Honduras to Argentina to meet the demands of an ever-growing number of Hispanic parishioners.

Some Roman Catholic dioceses send recruiters to Latin America to bring priests or seminarians to the United States. The Episcopal Church, through its Central and South American Province, has a direct connection to Latin Americans who want to serve here. And Southern Baptist churches rely on word of mouth to find Latin American ministers.

The reasons go beyond merely finding someone to conduct

Spanish-language services. Churches also want to connect with congregants on a cultural level, and Latin American clergy can tailor services to immigrants from specific countries.

"I was an immigrant myself," said Pastor Hector Llanes, a native of El Salvador who leads a Baptist church in Phoenix. "I have a great deal of sympathy for immigrants, and even though there are cultural differences between Mexicans, Central Americans and South Americans, there is a way in which we feel part of the same community."

"We talk about the same things — the customs, the food, soccer," he added. "It's just a natural bond."

Making a connection is vital, said Edwin Hernandez, program director of the Center for the Study of Latino Religion at the University of Notre Dame.

"It's about the nuances of cultural identity that immediately create a bonding that can never

be replicated by anybody else," he said. "The cultural identification and bonding that occur when a person of the same background is leading them, serving them and overall providing spiritual leadership is a big draw, and it sustains people's faith."

The recruitment wasn't necessarily needed in the past. When waves of Polish, German, and Irish immigrants were coming to the United States in the 19th and 20th centuries, for example, their Catholic priests followed them.

That's not happening anymore. Churches now need to actively seek out clergy and seminarians, said Bill D'Antonio, a retired sociologist who has taught at the University of Connecticut and at The Catholic University of America.

According to recent estimates by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, in Washington, D.C., Hispanics comprise a third

of all Catholics and 6 percent of evangelical Protestants in the United States.

The group predicts a continued rapid growth of Hispanic Christians, 68 percent of whom are Roman Catholic and 15 percent of whom are born-again or evangelical Protestants.

With the growth, coupled with a competition for congregants among Christian faiths, church leaders realize they can't afford to fail to meet the needs of Hispanic believers.

Veronica Raya, an immigrant from Mexico City living in New York City, said she switched churches several years ago because she didn't feel a cultural connection with her previous pastor, who was born in the United States and spoke Spanish as a second language.

"It makes you feel more like you are in a strange country and you cannot bring your own customs and worship like you're used to," she said.

Raya said she now feels more

fulfilled at St. Gregory the Great on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, where the priest is from the Dominican Republic.

"They're really reaching to your heart," she said. "It's more to our style, our culture than the American culture."

But some religious leaders warn against over-reliance on foreign clerics at a time when the ranks of U.S. priests are shrinking.

Monsignor Edward Burns, executive director for vocations and priestly formation at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said it's important that young men attend American seminaries and get ordained in the United States.

"You have to wonder why we would not want to support priestly vocations coming from our own parishes," he said. "Are we so wrapped up that we say, 'Let somebody else do it for us,' and think that would be OK?"

"Our brothers and sisters in South America have a real need for priests," he added. "The impact of fewer priests impacts them more than us."

The Rev. James Lobacz, vocations director at the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, which recruits Latin American priests and seminarians, said the diocese only sends recruiters to Mexico, Colombia and Venezuela, which have a higher number of vocations than other Latin American countries.

"I do not feel that we are so-called raiding dioceses," Lobacz said. "There is an abundance of vocations in those countries. That's very different from going to a bishop and saying, 'Give me some priests.'"

Unlike some Catholic dioceses, the Episcopal Church doesn't send anyone to Latin America to recruit priests, said the Very Rev. James Lemler, director of mission at the church.

He said U.S. dioceses do partner with dioceses in Latin American countries to try to train clergy, and to provide a path for priests who want to come to the United States.

"We are very strategic about the growth of Latino congregations and have a number that are growing, and we're planting new ones all the time," he said.

Roger Oldham, a spokesman for the Southern Baptist Convention, said each church has its own method of finding Latin American ministers, but that in general, they rely on word of mouth.

"Someone from a local church may go to Mexico, Nicaragua or Honduras on a mission, and they may meet a local indigenous pastor and have that knowledge in the back of their mind when they need someone," he said.

Or, he said, it could be as simple as a church calling around to existing congregations and asking if they know someone who would fit their U.S. church.

Aidee Cardenas de Garcia, who came to the United States from Sinaloa five years ago, said going to her Baptist church in north Phoenix is like going home.

"The language, and coming from the same country and being able to share 100 percent with everyone, it's like a feeling of tenderness, a feeling of love," she said in Spanish. "I feel complete."

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Ordinance offers no solutions

The members of the South Bend Common Council should finally make a statement Monday night against a major black mark on the community by voting down the proposed party permit ordinance.

The ordinance, vigorously supported by Council Member Al "Buddy" Kirsits, has two forms. The Council's proposal is the most radical; people living in houses with two or more unrelated people would have to apply for a permit 10 days in advance to host 25 people and serve alcohol.

Mayor Stephen Luecke's version is somewhat reasonable; those same people would have to notify the police of their intention to host such a gathering 24 hours before it would begin.

The two proposals are of differing mentalities but equal uselessness.

Police have the ability to enforce on-the-books disorderly house and noise ordinances without either addition. And a spokesman for the South Bend Police Department has questioned the enforceability of a new ordinance.

Kirsits argued, with dubious empirical evidence and unconvincing statistics, that the ordinance would help reduce the number of alcohol-related hospital visits by students. Kirsits' logic appears to be that the party application requirement would limit the number of student drinkers. Ironically, all it would do is move them and their spending dollars to unincor-

porated St. Joseph County and Mishawaka. And if they did get sick, they would still end up in one of South Bend's two hospitals.

Still, there are far more important reasons than that to vote down the ordinance.

Diverting resources from the most important task — fighting violent crime — of a unit stretched thin and reportedly low on morale is inane. Council members in support of the ordinance, like Kirsits, are using the non-voting, easy-target students as a way to deflect questions from residents about the biggest problems in South Bend.

Like the series of bank robberies.

And the slew of shootings in recent weeks.

And the rampant drug use in multiple parts of the City.

The list goes on. All this ordinance would do is shield Council members from attacks on their failure to guide the city in the right direction.

Passing the ordinance will only widen the communication and cooperation gaps between students and South Bend — a gap that should not exist in the first place. City leaders should not think that their deliberate and politically motivated targeting of Notre Dame students will go unnoticed. Passing the ordinance would be tantamount to encouraging young men and women with disposable income and bright futures to spend less time and money in South Bend.

That is not the way to pave a fruitful future for the area.

THE OBSERVER Editorial

Give a little back

As part of our family's humble effort to go a little green, we get most of our produce through a small local farm. We know the owners from our parish and school, and we like the fact that our eggs and vegetables only have to travel 10 miles to get to our

Kate Barrett

FaithPoint

plate, instead of the national average of 1,500 miles for the food which makes up a family meal.

At this time of the year, the wooden basket Brett or his wife Kathy brings over each week is absolutely overflowing with their harvest. Just this past week we received beautiful tomatoes, zucchini, summer squash, several kinds of cucumbers, carrots, green beans (and, in fact, purple beans), leeks, onions, lettuces and rainbow swiss chard. My initial reaction to their deliveries lately has been delight, mixed with mild panic. I imagine not being able to close the refrigerator door once I have unloaded it all (sometimes I don't even have to imagine it as I watch the door insistently swing back open). I spent a good part of last Friday prepping and freezing zucchini for zucchini bread, carrots for carrot cake, and vegetables for soup, so that we can enjoy some of this September goodness in the gloom of January and February.

Maybe the door to the little fridge in your room won't stay closed after you've loaded it up with Diet Cokes or

Mountain Dew (or other beverages of choice), or maybe the extra granola bars or Pop-Tarts keep falling off the shelf ... or maybe you brought too many clothes, or some bigger items to school with you, forgetting just how small 10' x 10' really is. On our way to a Mass in the Alumni Hall chapel the weekend before school started, my husband and I walked down the halls and found ourselves surprised all over again at just how, well, challenging it would be to fit two guys and all their stuff into one of those rooms. When I lived in Farley, the rooms seemed bigger (sorry, Alumni guys), but maybe that's just because the standard sizes and quantities of what we were trying to squeeze in were smaller. Every so often somebody had a little TV in their room; nobody had their own computer; most roommates just shared those little boom boxes that played cassette tapes. When my brother was a senior and moved off-campus, he and his six roommates all went in together and bought a "house VCR," because no one had their own. I believe their one video was "This is Spinal Tap," which they watched over and over.

Now, this is not meant to be one of those "I walked to school in the snow, three miles, uphill both ways" essay/lectures about how good you have it now compared to the late 1980s. But maybe your room looks a little like my fridge: You can barely get the door closed for all the abundance that's within. The lines

between what we need to have in college — or our post-college homes — and what we just want to have in college — or in our family room — have been blurred. Do you really need everything you brought with you this year? Would your room actually be more pleasant without so many possessions? Would you actually be more pleasant? I have found that, faced with an abundance of anything, whether food, clothes or even time, the most satisfying option is to give some away. Give heaps of it away, in fact. In my own family, we are grateful to be able to bring non-perishable foods to church each week for our parish food pantry. I'll certainly be sharing some of those carrot cakes (at least until my friends start running away when they see me coming).

The rooms aren't getting any bigger, and you haven't even brought out your winter gear yet. You can complain that these halls were built when people hardly brought any stuff with them, or you can release some of what you don't need. Which, for most of us is, let's face it, almost everything. So lighten up. You'll be glad you did.

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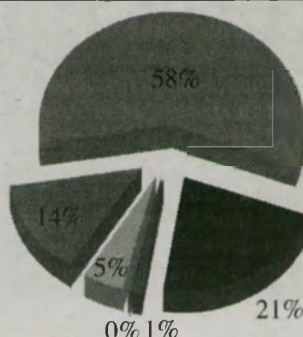
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Observer Poll

When will Notre Dame win its first football game?

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Michigan State	274	14%
at Purdue	101	5%
at UCLA	7	0%
Boston College	24	1%
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I wish people who have trouble communicating would just shut up."

Tom Lehrer
U.S. humorist

Greeting our wounded warriors on American soil

Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3:55 p.m. the Mississippi Air National Guard lands a massive C-17 Globemaster military cargo jet outside of our nation's capital at Andrews Air Force Base. They return our injured military personnel who have shed blood in Iraq. A dozen highly skilled military medical staff unload the wounded into busses for Walter Reed, Bethesda Naval and Andrews hospital facilities. Twice now, I had the honor to be one of a select few civilians allowed to climb into the plane and first welcome our combat heroes back home. The task is both humbling and horrific.



Gary Caruso

Capitol
Comments

My visits brought me face to face with men and women who have endured much. The first soldier I saw was an African-American who looked like a professional football tackle. The left side of his face was severely burned, and his left arm and leg were in casts. Along the shell of the plane sat traumatized soldiers peering out of blankets on their heads with what is commonly called "the stare." In two rows along the middle of the fuselage others lay on gurneys stacked three high, with only a foot clearance.

These cargo planes land on time with clockwork regularity like they have now for more than four years. The integrated health care delivery system begins on the ground in Iraq, transports the injured to Ramstein Hospital in Germany and returns to Andrews. On average, depending on their condition, the wounded arrive on American soil 36 hours after an injury. The operational efficiency and world-class care provided is always beyond reproach, even when conditions last Sunday warranted an additional aeromedical evacuation flight.

Returning the wounded quickly back to American soil is a two-part story — first, of those who care and transport the injured, and secondly, of the personal stories of the wounded. In August, I accompanied Deputy Surgeon General and Air Force Major General Charles "Bruce" Green to meet a medical transport plane. The process was choreographed with such precision that the injured had left the tarmac within 45 minutes.

Upon arrival, customs officials cleared the plane. Doctors then boarded to check every patient's status while senior officers personally greeted each of the troops. After removing the luggage, medical personnel used thumbs-up and crossed forearms signals to deplane the patients. Others stood along the side of the plane's ramp to prevent a misstep off the edge.

I watched unconscious, intubated warriors half-covered with medical life support equipment carried off on hospital litters (gurneys) by eight people. Six carried those with less severe injuries while the least injured required four personnel. Uncharacteristic of protocol, a full-bird colonel assisted the lowest ranking airman as they moved patients down the ramp to the busses.

I could easily see who had lost legs or feet. One soldier's arm wrapped in an ace bandage oozed with yellow fluid and red blood. As a litter came headfirst towards me, I noticed that a foot in a cast had red toe nails. Forgetting that women also get wounded, I thought that someone had played a joke by painting those toenails. Finally, those who were mobile walked to the Andrews busses.

At the Andrews Hospital intake area the injured left their helmets and armor. It struck me that the dried sweat rings around the collars had been fresh just two days prior. It interested me that one was solid tan, some were of a green camouflage design, but most were of a desert tan camouflage pattern. I could hardly lift a set of gear that weighed nearly 50 pounds with side armor. I noticed the names of a few who had walked off the plane: Peck, Coats, Smith, Halderson and Reyes.

Last Friday I met David, an active duty soldier from Wyoming stationed out of San Antonio, who wanted to tell his story. His lumberjack build reminded me of a mountain man typical of the western states. His head lay at my eye level on the top row of gurneys near the front of the plane. The skin on his forehead, nose and cheeks had peeled from burns. David's hand and arms were heavily bandaged while each of his fingers on his right hand had been individually wrapped. David also broke his leg when thrown free of his humvee during a roadside explosion.

The explosives were laced with an accelerant that created a Napalm effect. The driver and David, in Iraq for about a year, rode with two others in Iraq for about a month. As the driver sat trapped in the burning humvee, David crawled back to save him, but to no avail. Watching David approach, his friend smiled and sat back to die. The fire raged so intensely that the humvee interior extinguishing system and attempts from four others with extinguishers failed. David lay without rescue while the hand grenades from his vest ... also ripped from his body ... exploded nearby.

We huddled our heads close together and spoke of personal things while tears streamed from our eyes. David wanted to tell his story, partly to seek comfort from others, partly to understand his survival, but partly to hear that his friend's death was not his fault. He will heal and eventually see his four-year-old daughter because of great medical treatment and a quick evacuation.

For David and his fellow heroes Peck, Coats, Smith, Halderson and Reyes, the journey has temporarily paused. Regardless of whether we support or oppose the invasion of Iraq, only once are the injured greeted on American soil. I am proud to have been there to share a word and a tear.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wednesday Lunch Fast easy way to help

Tomorrow is the last day for Notre Dame students to sign up for the Wednesday Lunch Fast. By joining this program, you can really make a difference by giving up what would otherwise be "just another dining hall lunch." Money from the Lunch Fast goes to local charities like St. Vincent de Paul and the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, as well as international organizations like Oxfam. Proceeds also go to fund the distribution of hundreds of turkeys, bags of potatoes, pies, loaves of bread and canned goods to needy South Bend families twice a year so they can comfortably celebrate Thanksgiving and Easter.

Here's how it works: All you have to do is not go to the dining hall on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. In other words, there is absolutely no time commitment. You will still have 13 meals to enjoy during the rest of the week. The dining halls save money when they make less food on Wednesdays and give this amount to us at the World Hunger Coalition. We then pass this money on to people who may otherwise be unable to eat.

We hope that you will join us in this effort. You can sign up at nd.edu/~whc.

Jessica Pillarella
senior
off campus
Sept. 13

\$12.5 million gift 'admirable'

I am writing in response to Kyle Cassily's article about the anonymous donor ("Unnamed donor pledges \$15 million," Sept. 13). While I do agree that it is great for the unnamed donor to do something so generous without the recognition, I find it unfair of Kyle to chastise Mr. Purcell's gift. How do we know that Notre Dame did not make him go through the fanfare? Even if it was his idea why does it matter? The man just gave away \$12.5 million to help our University's basketball program and that is admirable no matter whose name is attached.

His conclusion that "it wasn't just about getting a name on the building" is both unfair and startlingly inappropriate. All donors at Notre Dame should be proud of what they have done and what they have given. We should respect the O'Neills, the Keoughs, the DeBartolos and numerous others for giving us the chance to attend this University with top-notch facilities. It's important not to bite the hand that feeds your mouth. If it bothers you that much, then don't use the facilities. See how hard it is to graduate then.

Matthew Frey
alumnus
Class of 2006
Sept. 13

Apologies for fan behavior

To the Notre Dame administration, alumni and students:

As a Penn State alumnus, it was painful to read all the accounts of current Penn State fan behavior towards the Notre Dame Marching Band during halftime's performance. No matter how much I wanted the Nittany Lions to exact revenge from last year's game in South Bend, I never want to see or hear of fan obscenities such as those displayed last Saturday at Beaver Stadium. Yes, it was pleasing to see Penn State beat Notre Dame, but our fans should have behaved in a dignified manner.

I apologize to the entire Notre Dame family for the actions represented by some distasteful students. They do not represent the entire scope of Penn State as a respectable, reputable university. We are always proud to play Notre Dame and know that outside football, your university is a leader in research, and a mold of our future generations. I hope we get to see each other on the football field again.

Thanks for your time.

Kyle Greenwood
Easton, Pa.
Sept. 13

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EMMY PREDICTIONS



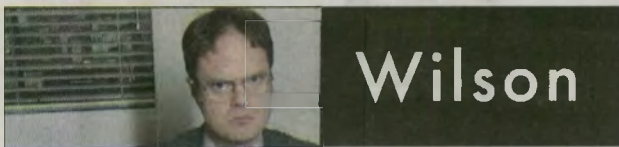
Even though Ryan Seacrest is hosting and "Friday Night Lights" failed to garner any nominations, there will be two die-hards still watching the Emmys Sunday night — assistant scene editors Cassie Belek and Analise Lipari. Here are their picks for who will take home the Emmy in the categories they give a hoot about. Their only expertise comes from watching hours and hours of television instead of writing papers or throwing a Frisbee on the quad. Copy their picks for your ballot at your own risk.

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series

Jeremy Piven, "Entourage"
Kevin Dillon, "Entourage"
Neil Patrick Harris, "How I Met Your Mother"
Rainn Wilson, "The Office"
Jon Cryer, "Two and a Half Men"

Cassie's Pick: Rainn Wilson and Neil Patrick Harris are equally deserving of the Emmy, but the win will go to Wilson. His character, Dwight Schrute, is one of the most popular characters on television today, and we can only hope that Wilson will take note of his character's speech-making skills for his own acceptance speech.

Analise's Pick: While "Entourage" may be "so hot right now," I'll put my money on Wilson. After three seasons as the Assistant (to the) Regional Manager, Dwight, Schrute deserves his due. My dark horse pick, though, is Jeremy Piven. I wouldn't want to get on Ari Gold's bad side if he loses.



Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series

Jaime Pressly, "My Name is Earl"
Jenna Fischer, "The Office"
Conchata Ferrell, "Two and a Half Men"
Holland Taylor, "Two and a Half Men"
Vanessa Williams, "Ugly Betty"
Elizabeth Perkins, "Weeds"

Cassie's Pick: Sorry Jenna Fischer, but Wilhelmina Slater is nastier and more glam than even Karen Walker. Vanessa Williams has brought us the most laughs and the best quips of any character on television this season.

Analise's Pick: After a weaker season of "Earl," the once-formidable Pressly is less of a threat, and "Weeds" may be too obscure to get Perkins a nod. This time around, I'll go with Wilhelmina "Did he just point at me when he said 'Kwanzaa?'" Slater, too.



Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series

Alec Baldwin, "30 Rock"
Ricky Gervais, "Extras"
Tony Shalhoub, "Monk"
Steve Carell, "The Office"
Charlie Sheen, "Two and a Half Men"

Cassie's Pick: My sentimental favorite is Ricky Gervais, whose character, David Brent, still outshines Steve Carell's Michael Scott. But this season belonged to Alec Baldwin. I only ask that Tony Shalhoub not win again or else I just might set my TV on fire.

Analise's Pick: "Monk" holds a place in this heart, but after several previous wins, I think Shalhoub is finally out. After a solid season of "The Office," my guess is that Steve Carell will take home Emmy gold.

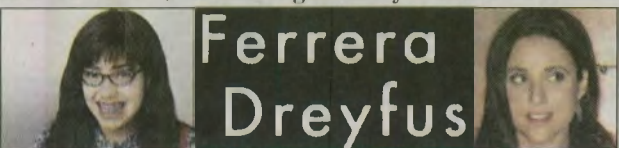


Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series

Tina Fey, "30 Rock"
Felicity Huffman, "Desperate Housewives"
Julia Louis-Dreyfus, "The New Adventures of Old Christine"
America Ferrera, "Ugly Betty"
Mary-Louise Parker, "Weeds"

Cassie's Pick: America Ferrera won the Golden Globe and she just might walk away with the Emmy as well. Of course, Julia Louis-Dreyfus is always a strong nominee so it really comes down to whether or not Emmy wants a new winner. It's a toss-up.

Analise's Pick: Seeing as she defeated several of the "Desperate Housewives" at the Golden Globes way back when, I could see the Emmys picking Mary-Louise Parker of the critically-adored "Weeds." My sentimental favorite? America Ferrera, heroine to girls everywhere.

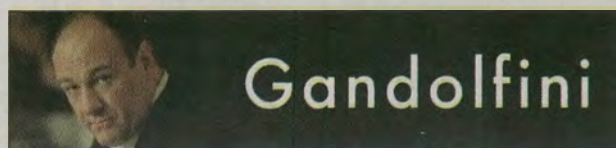


Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series

Kiefer Sutherland, "24"
Boston Legal, "James Spader"
Hugh Laurie, "House"
Denis Leary, "Rescue Me"
James Gandolfini, "The Sopranos"

Cassie's Pick: Is there really any question here? After being snubbed in the Emmy nominations last year and not winning since 2003, James Gandolfini will take home the win for playing Tony Soprano, the ruthless mobster that we all love.

Analise's: Unless they want to sleep with the fishes, the suits upstairs had better pick the ever-impressive Gandolfini. This season was series creator David Chase's swan song, and leaving Tony Soprano in the lurch just wouldn't be right.

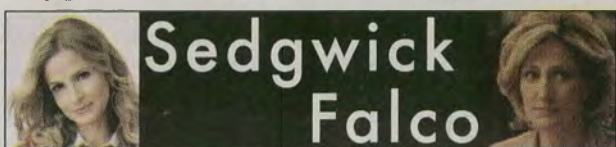


Outstanding Actress in a Drama Series

Patricia Arquette, "Medium"
Minnie Driver, "The Riches"
Edie Falco, "The Sopranos"
Sally Field, "Brothers & Sisters"
Mariska Hargitay, "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit"
Kyra Sedgwick, "The Closer"

Cassie's Pick: Everyone but Kyra Sedgwick and Minnie Driver has won in this category before. Sally Field is getting good buzz and is an acting powerhouse, but after nabbing the Globe, Sedgwick will finally get recognized for her brilliant work on "The Closer."

Analise's Pick: If the voters side with that sentimental drab-fest known as "Brothers and Sisters" and pick Sally Field (despite her being a superbly talented actress), I'm sending someone a Howler. Tony and Carmella will stick it out for one final awards ceremony, and Edie Falco will win Emmy gold.



Outstanding Drama Series

"Boston Legal"
"Grey's Anatomy"
"Heroes"
"House"
"The Sopranos"

Cassie's Pick: Its series finale was one of the most controversial finales in television history, but when has "The Sopranos" ever shied away from controversy? The final episodes were as close to perfection as you can get, and David Chase solidified a win for his series as soon as the screen cut to black.

Analise's Pick: "Grey's" got too depressing, "Boston Legal" is the dramatic equivalent of "According to Jim," and "Heroes" is just too new to make it to the top. I'm going to side with Cassie and pick "The Sopranos" for this year's top dramatic series.



Hine - Sight...Emmy Predictions From a Sports

Writer

By Chris Hine

Sports Editor

Drama Series: Sopranos (should be "Friday Night Lights")

Comedy Series: 30 Rock (should be "The Office")

Drama Actor: Gandolfini (should be Kyle Chandler)

Drama Actress: Falco (should be Connie Britton)

Comedy Actor: Baldwin (should be Carell)

Comedy Actress: Ferrera

Comedy Supporting Actor: Piven

Comedy Supporting Actress: Fischer

Variety Series: The Daily Show

Variety Performer: Bennett (should be Colbert)

Outstanding Comedy Series

"30 Rock"
"Entourage"
"The Office"
"Two and a Half Men"
"Ugly Betty"

Cassie's Pick: By the time it worked out all its kinks, "30 Rock" became the funniest and best show of the year. Unlike "The Office," it avoids all those soap opera moments and sticks strictly to the comedy. Throw in Alec Baldwin and Kenneth the Page and you've got comedy gold.

Analise's Pick: It's refreshing to see that the majority of the comedy nominees have only been around for three years or less — despite my love for "Frasier," seeing veterans step down and newbies step up is downright fantastic. In the spirit of the new, I'll go out on a ridiculously long limb and pick Globe-winning "Betty" for the top spot.



Outstanding Reality-Competition Program

"American Idol"
"Dancing with the Stars"
"Project Runway"
"The Amazing Race"
"Top Chef"

Cassie's Pick: My heart goes out to Tim Gunn and "Project Runway," but this category is and always will be dominated by "The Amazing Race." "American Idol" has no chance after its lackluster season filled with Sanjaya overkill.

Analise's Pick: Bravo has consistently shelled out high-quality reality shows in which the main object never involves eating bugs or traversing the globe for cash. In other words, "Make it work, people!" With the class and style of "Project Runway," Bravo can't go wrong.

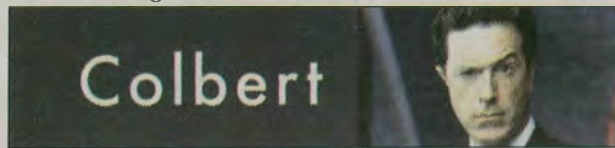


Outstanding Individual Performance in a Variety or Music Program

Ellen Degeneres, "79th Annual Academy Awards"
David Letterman, "Late Show with David Letterman"
Stephen Colbert, "The Colbert Report"
Jon Stewart, "The Daily Show with John Stewart"
Tony Bennett, "Tony Bennett: An American Classic"

Cassie's Pick: First Manilow, now Bennett. Stephen Colbert will never escape those jazzy singers who try to one-up him in their classy concert specials, but I say this is Colbert's year anyway.

Analise's Pick: Decisions, decisions. With Colbert and Stewart both vying for the top spot, Comedy Central fans are tuning into the Emmys for probably the first time. Score! I'll also go with Colbert, because that's the WÖrd.



Outstanding Variety, Music or Comedy Series

"Late Night with Conan O'Brien"
"Late Show with David Letterman"
"Real Time with Bill Maher"
"The Colbert Report"
"The Daily Show with Jon Stewart"

Cassie's Pick: As a member of Colbert Nation, I may be biased as a member of Colbert Nation, but I think it's time for the Emmys to recognize that Colbert and his show have exceeded "The Daily Show" in quality and humor.

Analise's Pick: Despite my deep love for the fantastically-coiffed Conan O'Brien, I'll go with Cassie's pick of "The Colbert Report." Few shows are as funny, fresh, and ridiculous as this modern classic, and it's high time that the Emmys took notice.



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HEY THERE, PLAIN WHITE T'S

OBSERVER GRAPHIC | Julie Grisanti

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Scene Editor

By now, if you haven't heard "Hey There Delilah" you either: a) hate listening to the radio, b) live under a rock or c) are deaf. "Delilah's" melancholy, twanging guitar chords underneath lead singer Tom Higgenson's lyrics made it the runaway song of the summer, strumming away on the radio air waves for the better parts of June, July and August. At the same time lovelorn and desperate, Higgenson's lyrics portray a picture of a young man persistently trying to convince the titular girl of his dreams that he will make it playing his guitar and acknowledging the probable impossibility of their making it together. It's a song dedicated to overcoming the hardships of that most dreaded of all romantic connections, the long distance relationship.

Whatever its magic may be, "Hey There Delilah" struck on a chord on the heart strings of America: lead singer Tom Higgenson's soft, sad lyrics propelled the smash track to the #1 spot on the Billboard Top 100 charts on July 28 this past summer.

Interestingly enough, this story is already old news: the CD "All That We Needed" came out two years ago, in 2005. Studio executives at Fearless Records decided to re-release "Hey

There Delilah" on a whim and ended up landing themselves a #1 Billboard Top 100 hit for rolling the dice.

Interestingly enough, unlike the acoustic "Hey There Delilah," all of the other songs off "All That We Needed" have a little bit more spirit to them, although by no means would anyone characterize their music as 'hard rock.'

The band carries a pleasant, feel-good rock vibe which is actually much different than their hit smash "Hey There Delilah." Singing songs about typical teenage troubles, romantic highs and lows and the bright moments and blues of adolescence, the boys in the band from Villa Park, Illinois, wear their hearts on their simple sleeves.

With their clear vocals and resonating harmonies, the Plain White T's carry the sort of stripped-down, pure sound that acts as a soundtrack for the young adult life. Lead singer Tom Higgenson, guitarists Dave Tirio and Tim Lopez, bassist Mike Retondo, drummer De'Mar Hamilton have crafted great songs about unrequited love, small towns, big dreams and people trying to make it in the wide world of music.

Recommended Songs

All That We Needed

Plain White T's

Released by: Fearless Records
Recommended Tracks: "Take Me Away," "Breakdown" and "Faster"



"All That We Needed"

The CD starts off strong with the album's namesake song, a piece about a guy trying to keep his girlfriend after a presumed heated argument.

"Revenge"

"Revenge" is a slightly darker jam featuring a militant, pounding drumbeat, scorned lyrics and a musical quest for vengeance, in addition to a guitar solo sequence near the midway point that's just begging for some air-

guitar imitation "Take Me Away"

A sad if spirited song about unrequited affection, "Take Me Away" is one of the best tracks on the album. Despite lyrics such as "Take me away / I'm gonna hurt somebody / take me away / right now," it's hard to imagine these guys actually hurting anyone due to their sweet crooning harmonies.

"My Only One"

"My Only One" features jarring, back-and-forth guitar grinding interspersed with schizophrenic and sweet but sad interludes, lamenting lost

love.

"Breakdown"

With its cascading guitar chords, "Breakdown" is a hard-driving song about a young man packing up his things and putting his town in his rear view mirror for good. Sample lyrics: "I'm gonna drive and never ever slow down / I'm gonna drive until I break down."

"What More Do You Want"

This song rocks out with awesome guitar riffs and a spirited fever for cowbell. Enough said.

"Sing My Best"

This is a great song about the thrill of performing and the band's desire to tear up the stage and put on a show for the ages.

"Faster"

With lyrics such as "This is what it looks like / this is what it feels like / and this is your heart beating faster, "Faster" actually starts off somewhat slow, then speeds up into a charged, conflicted song about an ex-boyfriend desperately trying to win back his woman.

With their Number One single, a nationwide tour kicking off in October, and a rapidly-blossoming fan base (not to mention a quick campus concert at our very own Legends tonight), it's clear that the Plain White T's have made it. Maybe that will make Delilah reconsider things.

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Legends



Friday September 14th



Doors: 9PM Show: 10PM



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Tom Higgenson, Dave Tirio, Mike Retondo, De'Mar Hamilton and Tim Lopez of the Plain White T's play at Notre Dame this weekend.



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The Plain White T's attending mtvU's Woodie Awards last October, where they took home the prize in 2006.

MLB

Wells exacts revenge on former team in 6-3 win

Boomer wins his third start as a Dodger and pulls his club within 1.5 games of wild-card leading Padres

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — David Wells got just what he wanted — a shot at the San Diego Padres.

He made the most of it.

Wells burned his former team by beating Greg Maddux in a matchup of 40-something pitchers, and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat San Diego 6-3 on Thursday night to move within 1 1/2 games of the Padres in the NL wild-card race.

Released by the Padres last month, Wells (8-8) allowed four hits and three runs in six innings with one walk and three strikeouts. He also had two hits off Maddux for the first multihit game of his 21-year career.

"They gave up on me, I didn't give up on myself," said the portly 44-year-old left-hander, who went 0-3 with a 14.33 ERA in his last four starts for the Padres before being designated for assignment on Aug. 9, and released four days later.

"I threw poorly. I can't blame them," Wells said. "It's nice to go out there against them and pitch solid. I know what I'm doing out there, it's just a matter of going out there and doing it."

"I've never doubted my ability to pitch. I'll take the ball any given day — I enjoy it. I love the game."

Wells was 5-8 with a 5.54 ERA for the Padres. He's 3-0 with a 3.75 ERA in four starts since joining the Dodgers on Aug. 24.

The Dodgers won the final two games of their three-game series against the Padres thanks mainly to the excellent pitching of Wells and Chad Billingsley and James Loney's timely hitting.

Philadelphia also trails San Diego by 1 1/2 games, and Colorado is 2 1/2 back. The second-place Padres trail NL

West-leading Arizona by four games and Los Angeles is 5 1/2 behind. The Dodgers and Diamondbacks begin a three-game series Friday night.

The Padres had only two baserunners in the first five innings against Wells, who earned his 238th career victory. He tired in the sixth, but the Dodgers had the game well in hand.

"Boomer has a lot of self-confidence," Maddux said. "There's nothing he can't do if he puts his mind to it. He's the kind of pitcher who can step it up a notch when he has to."

Scott Proctor, Jonathan Broxton and Takashi Saito each pitched a perfect inning, with Saito striking out two in the ninth for his 38th save in 41 chances.

The last player older than Wells to have his first career multihit game was Hall of Fame pitcher Satchel Paige, who was 45 when he did it in 1952, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

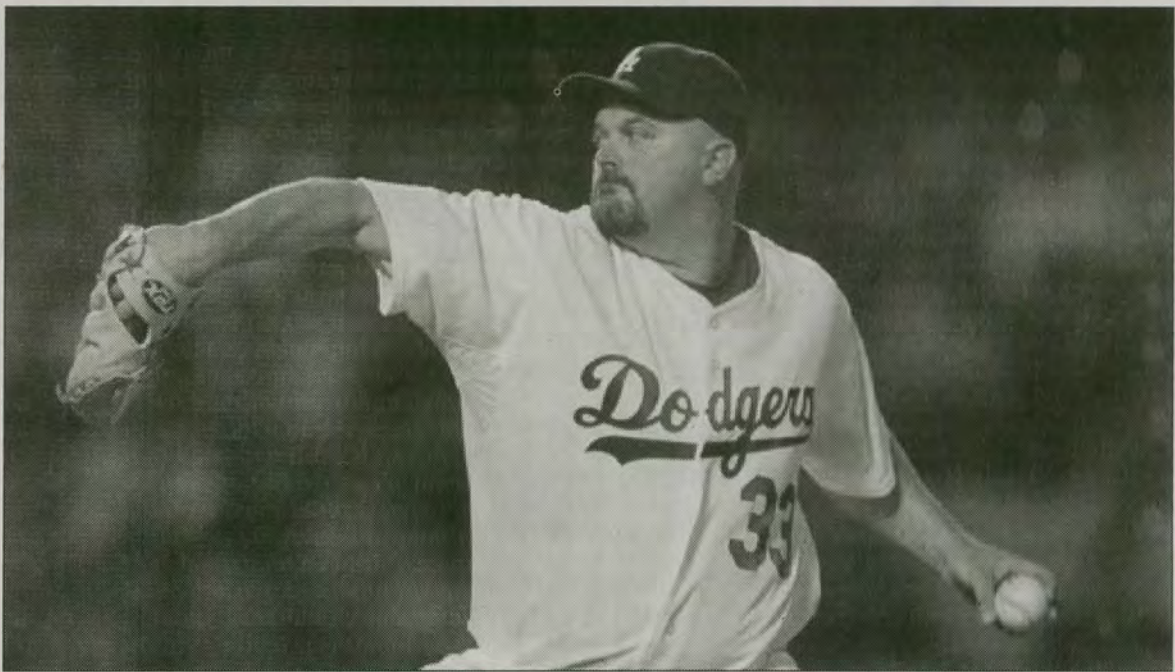
"I'll keep a little clipping. I'll clip it out," Wells said with a smile, referring to the box score.

Maddux (12-10) entered having allowed three runs or fewer in 11 straight starts, but that streak ended decisively as the Dodgers scored six runs on 10 hits in Maddux's 3 1-3 innings — his shortest stint of the season.

The 41-year-old right-hander, a winner of 345 games to rank ninth on baseball's career list, did extend his streak of not walking a batter to nine starts and 57 2-3 innings. The loss snapped a personal five-game winning streak.

"They hit a few balls pretty good and a few balls that found some holes," Maddux said. "When you combine it, it looks bad. But you kind of let it go and tip your hat. They were better tonight."

Loney tore up the Padres in



Dodgers pitcher David Wells throws in Los Angeles' 6-3 win Thursday over San Diego. Wells allowed four hits and three runs in six innings.

the series, going 9-for-13 with eight RBIs, raising his batting average to .329. The 23-year-old rookie has five of his 11 homers and 12 of his 52 RBIs in his last seven games. He has played in 80 games this season.

"I'm having fun right now," he said. "I don't put too much pressure on myself. They put me in there to produce."

Said Maddux: "I knew he was good, I played with him last year. He's not sneaking up on anybody."

The Dodgers took a 1-0 lead in the first on Loney's one-out RBI double. Jeff Kent followed with an infield hit that glanced off Maddux to put runners at first and third, but Maddux speared Luis Gonzalez's hot shot up the middle and started an inning-ending double play.

The Dodgers made it 4-0 in the fourth, scoring on a two-run single by Loney and an RBI single by Gonzalez before Kent tried to score from third on Russell Martin's fly to cen-

ter and was thrown out by Mike Cameron for another inning-ending double play.

Oakland 6, Texas 5

The Oakland Athletics wanted to do whatever they could to get Chad Gaudin back in the win column after a rough outing last time against Texas.

Nick Swisher hit a two-run homer, Jack Cust doubled in two runs and the A's withstood the Rangers' late rally for a victory Thursday night.

Gaudin (11-11) struck out eight in six innings to end a three-start winless stretch in which he was 0-2, leaving the game with a 6-1 lead.

"That was big for Chad to go out there and have a great start," Swisher said.

Cust gave the A's a 2-0 lead in the first. Swisher hit his 20th home run, a shot to left-center in the third inning, after Daric Barton's leadoff double. Jack Hannahan added an RBI double and Marco Scutaro had a sacrifice fly in

the fifth to give Oakland, which ended a three-game losing streak to the Rangers, a 6-0 lead.

Michael Young had three hits, including a two-run double in the Rangers' four-run seventh that pulled them within 6-5 in the opener of a four-game series between the bottom two clubs in the AL West.

"No one wants to finish last," Swisher said.

Young's two-out single in the third extended his career-best hitting streak to 13 games — the longest this year by a Ranger — but Texas saw the end of its three-game winning streak in the season series. The Rangers swept a series in Texas last weekend.

"We were close, real close," Texas outfielder Marlon Byrd said. "We kept fighting, kept battling and have a chance to win this series. We're going to. We're coming out and going to win this series and finish up strong like we've been playing all year."

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Go Niners! It was ugly last week, guys, but we pulled it out.

Alec Baldwin does not deserve the Emmy he will so woefully win on Sunday. That Emmy belongs to Steve Carell. Carell's character is much more complex to play than Baldwin's. Not to mention he's funnier. Baldwin is good, don't get me wrong, but nowhere near the level of Carell in this instance. Plus, Baldwin calls his daughter a pig and Carell is the nicest guy in show business. If Tony Shalooob wins that Emmy again, however, I'm boycotting the ceremony next year. I'm serious this time

Why did you not nominate "Friday Night Lights," Emmy Awards? You're stupid.

Hey Thomson, it's OK to be jealous.

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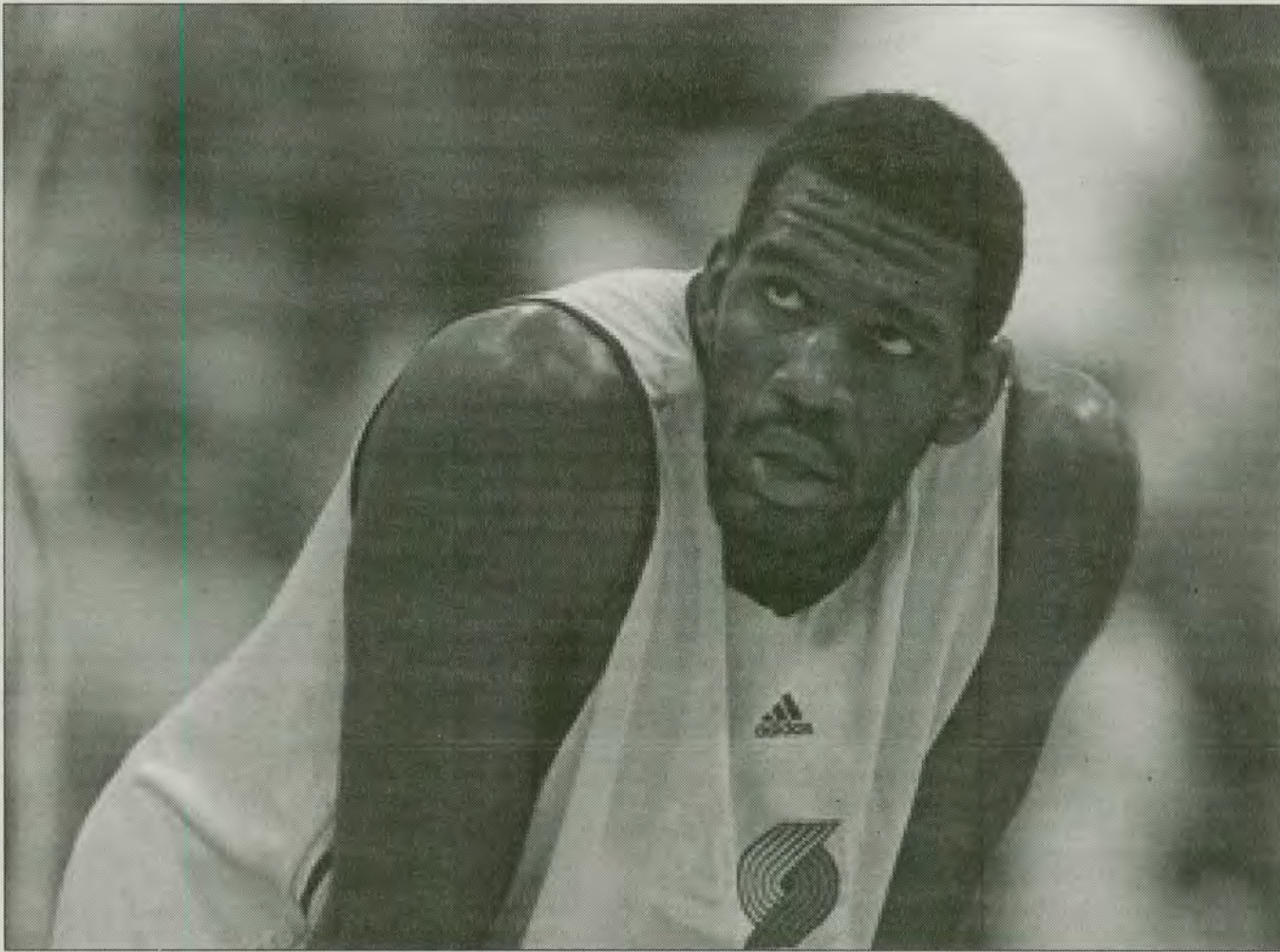
NCAA Men's Cross Country USTFCCA Rankings

	team	points	previous
1	Wisconsin	379	1
2	Colorado	369	2
3	Iona	363	4
4	Oregon	362	5
5	Arkansas	329	3
6	Stanford	320	6
7	UTEP	292	20
8	Oklahoma St.	277	12
9	Texas	258	16
10	NC State	249	7
11	Providence	240	11
12	William & Mary	231	21
13	NOTRE DAME	215	14
14	Portland	205	9
15	Louisville	177	25
16	Georgetown	169	13
17	Alabama	153	15
18	Minnesota	145	NR
19	BYU	139	8
20	Northern Arizona	137	NR
21	Michigan State	132	26
22	UCLA	130	30
23	Cal Poly	126	NR
24	Florida State	95	10
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26	Michigan	68	NR
27	Princeton	61	NR
28	Florida	51	18
29	Virginia	51	29
30	Washington	46	22

NCAA Women's Cross Country USTFCCA Rankings

	team	points	previous
1	Stanford	384	1
2	Michigan	368	10
3	Colorado	366	6
4	Arkansas	344	2
5	Wisconsin	340	8
6	Illinois	308	5
7	Arizona State	294	11
8	Minnesota	292	9
9	Providence	290	21
10	Michigan State	249	4
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17	Duke	160	12
18	Colorado State	151	22
19	Washington	145	28
20	Virginia Tech	143	20
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22	Baylor	135	30
23	BYU	123	17
24	Oregon	111	NR
25	Texas Tech	97	13
26	Tennessee	76	25
27	NOTRE DAME	67	NR
28	Boston College	66	16
29	Florida	56	23
30	Weber State	51	26

NBA



Trailblazers center Greg Oden looks on during a summer league game against Dallas on July 8. Oden underwent surgery on his right knee Thursday and will miss the entire regular season.

Blazers lose Oden for entire season

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Greg Oden's rookie season with the Portland Trail Blazers ended before it started when the 7-footer had knee surgery Thursday.

The top pick in the June draft went in for an exploratory procedure on his right knee and ended up having microfracture surgery, which means he will sit out the season.

"Greg looked at me as he was coming out of his surgery, and he and his mom, Zoe, probably said 'sorry' 20 times," Blazers general manager Kevin Pritchard said.

"I could feel the weight of the world on his shoulders.

And as a leader and as leaders of this organization, my first thought was how lucky we were to have a guy that cares about the organization that much."

Dr. Don Roberts performed the surgery to repair the damage, which Pritchard described as the size of a fingertip. Oden is expected to be on crutches for up to eight weeks. Full recovery likely will take six to 12 months, the team said.

"At this point in time, we don't see him coming back this season," Pritchard said.

Oden averaged 15.7 points and 9.6 rebounds last season as a freshman at Ohio State.

The loss of Oden before the season was a blow to

the organization. There was much fanfare when the Blazers got the first pick in the draft, and even more when the team chose Oden.

A huge, stories-tall jersey with the name Oden and a No. 1 hangs on the Rose Garden Arena. Across the street, a building is plastered with a huge billboard proclaiming "The Road Back to Rip City" with larger-than-life photos of Oden and teammates Brandon Roy and LaMarcus Aldridge.

"To know that Greg wouldn't be with us, it was disappointing," coach Nate McMillan said. "I was really looking forward to working with him, and developing this team. You know we will

still get that opportunity, but it will just come a year from now."

It was Oden's second health problem since the Trail Blazers drafted him. He had a tonsillectomy in July after struggling in two Las Vegas summer league games.

Oden recovered and had been working out in the Portland area. The MRI was taken Thursday after he had some swelling in the knee.

Despite being hampered by a wrist injury at Ohio State, Oden led the Buckeyes to the national championship game. He had 25 points and 12 rebounds in the loss to Florida.

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IN BRIEF

Goodell pays visit to injured Everett

BUFFALO, N.Y. — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell visited injured Bills tight end Kevin Everett on Thursday morning, spending 90 minutes with the tight end who sustained a severe spinal cord injury.

Goodell flew from New York City to Buffalo to meet with Everett and his mother, Patricia Dugas, in the player's room at Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital, hospital spokesman Mike Hughes said.

Bills general manager Marv Levy also was in the room.

Hughes said Goodell requested permission to make the visit Wednesday, hours after Everett's doctors expressed "cautious optimism" that the player might be able to walk again. Everett sustained a life-threatening spinal cord injury in Buffalo's season opener against Denver on Sunday.

"He just wanted to go up to see him," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said.

Patrick voted most popular in Indy Racing League

INDIANAPOLIS — Danica Patrick is the most popular driver in the IndyCar Series for the third year in a row.

The award was determined by fan voting at every IRL event throughout the season. Patrick and Sarah Fisher, who won in 2001-03, are the only three-time fan favorites in the series' 11-year history.

"I'm very flattered," said Patrick, whose 11 top-10 finishes in her first season with Andretti Green Racing included a pair of thirds and a career-best second place behind teammate Tony Kanaan at Detroit.

"Every person has the ability to pick their favorite driver and it can change, so it's a real honor to receive an award from the fans," she said. "I hope I can keep giving the fans something to be excited about and they enjoy watching IndyCar Series races as much I enjoy being in them."

F1's McLaren fined \$100 million for spying

PARIS — The McLaren team was fined \$100 million and stripped of its points in the constructors' standings Thursday in the spying scandal that has rocked the sport.

McLaren, which leads the current drivers' and constructors' standings, was punished by the World Motor Sports Council for allegedly using leaked secret technical documents belonging to F1 rival Ferrari.

Team drivers Lewis Hamilton and Fernando Alonso, currently 1-2 in the championship standings, were not punished and can continue to compete for the season title.

"Ferrari is satisfied that the truth has now emerged," the Italian team said in a statement.

The \$100 million penalty includes McLaren's expected loss of income, and McLaren still could be penalized for the 2008 championship, FIA said in a statement after a hearing.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Air Force deals TCU its second-straight loss

71-yard run on fourth down propels Falcons

Associated Press

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — TCU coach Gary Patterson knew the option was coming Thursday night, just not on fourth-and-1 from the Air Force 29.

Jim Ollis took Shaun Carney's pitch and rambled 71 yards down the Falcons' sideline to tie it in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter and Ryan Harrison's 33-yard field goal in overtime sent Air Force past the stunned Horned Frogs 20-17.

Harrison's game-winner on second down, which kept the Falcons unbeaten under new coach Troy Calhoun, followed a miss by TCU kicker Chris Manfredini, whose 36-yard attempt hit the left upright on the first possession of overtime.

The senior has missed just six times in his career and two of them were on this night.

The Falcons (3-0, 2-0 Mountain West), who overcame a 14-point fourth-quarter deficit, were swarmed on the field by thousands of cadets who hadn't had this much to celebrate in a long, long time.

The Frogs (1-2, 0-1), still smarting from their 34-13 loss at Texas on Saturday and their subsequent removal from the Top 25, were well within Manfredini's range with the wind at his back going toward the south end zone in the final minute of regulation.

Instead of playing the percentages, they went for the

touchdown on first-and-10 from the 22 only to see cornerback Carson Bird snare Andy Dalton's underthrown pass to Jimmy Young in the end zone with 49 seconds left.

"I was surprised he threw the ball," Bird said. "I was surprised by the throws he made all game long and the decisions he made."

Although Calhoun said he liked the gutsy call and insisted "we would have done the exact same thing," Patterson blamed the curious call on his offensive coordinator, Mike Schultz.

"We shouldn't have went to the end zone," Patterson fumed after falling to 9-1 against the service academies. "We should have run the football. Why we threw the football, I don't know. I don't call that side of the ball. We made a mistake."

After saying all week that he expected the Falcons to run the option as much as they did during Fisher DeBerry's 23 years at the academy, Patterson had his defense pack the interior on fourth-and-1, never anticipating the option at that time.

"I got a little antsy looking at our play call," Ollis said. "Because I knew if we could get the play off, get it out and get the pitch, get them outflanked, that we'd have a chance."

Calhoun, the first Air Force coach to start 3-0 since Buck Shaw in 1956, figured the Horned Frogs wouldn't know what was coming because the Falcons had shown a tendency to run up the gut on third- or fourth-and-short, either with the tailback or fullback.



Air Force kicker Ryan Harrison is carried off the field after kicking the game-winning field goal in overtime of Air Force's 20-17 win over TCU Thursday. TCU has lost two straight games.

"Again, they're extraordinarily well-prepared and were packed down in there, so we had a chance to get the ball to the perimeter," Calhoun said. "And once we did, we're in pretty decent shape. We had it sealed off. Chad Hall got enough of the safety and Ryan Williams got just enough of the corner."

"And Jimmy showed a little bit of speed there, too."

Patterson, who wouldn't allow any of his players to speak with reporters after the game, said simply, "They had a good play called. We were in a defense to stop fourth-and-1 and they got to the edge and

we couldn't catch them."

Despite two turnovers in the red zone, two missed field goals, six penalties, including three false starts by lineman Nic Richmond, the Frogs led 17-3 in the fourth quarter after Andy Dalton hit Walter Bryant for an 11-yard score with 13 minutes remaining.

Carney responded by hitting Travis Dekker for 50 yards, setting up a 9-yard touchdown strike to Keith Madsen and then came the 71-yard run by Ollis with 5:55 left.

Ollis finished with 138 yards on 16 carries, the second straight tailback to gain 100 yards on TCU, which had gone

19 games without allowing a 100-yard rusher until their trip to Austin last weekend.

"We finally showed up," Carney said. "I thought the offense played terrible. TCU's defense is outstanding. There's no secret about that. There's a reason they were No. 3 in the country last year. They have amazing players. Coach talks about a bunch of them going to the NFL. (But) we just weren't playing well."

"Finally we just said, hey we've got about 13 minutes left in the fourth quarter, we've got to do something and we started throwing the ball a little bit and starting making plays."

WNBA

Pondexter keeps title hopes alive for Phoenix



Phoenix guard Belinda Snell, left, battles Detroit guard Shannon Johnson for a loose ball in Phoenix's 77-76 win Thursday.

All-Star tallies 27 to send series to game five

Associated Press

PHOENIX — With the poor-shooting Phoenix Mercury on the verge of elimination, coach Paul Westhead decided to run the offense through Cappie Pondexter.

It was a wise move.

Pondexter scored a game-high 26 points, including a driving bank shot with 21 seconds to play, and the Phoenix Mercury defeated the Detroit Shock 77-76 on Thursday night to force a deciding fifth game in the WNBA finals.

The finale is Sunday afternoon in Auburn Hills.

"I'm a winner," said Pondexter, an All-Star in each of her first two seasons. "When the game's on the line, I feel like I can win every time."

Now the Mercury will try to become the first team in WNBA history to win a title on the road.

Detroit, which won championships in 2003 and 2006, goes home to the Palace of Auburn Hills, where it is 5-1 this postseason. The only loss was a 28-point rout by the Mercury in Game 2.

Detroit coach Bill Laimbeer said his team was doomed by 18 turnovers, many against a zone defense.

"You have to be more focused than that," Laimbeer said. "If we had been taking care of the ball, we would be celebrating right now. But we didn't and we move on and play another game."

Plenette Pierson, a former Mercury player, scored 23 points in a reserve role for Detroit.

Diana Taurasi added 20 points for the Mercury, who have not lost consecutive games since the two games before the All-Star break.

The Mercury used a run-and-gun attack to reach the finals. But when their shooting slumped for a second straight game, Westhead decided to go with a half-court offense.

And that meant putting the ball in Pondexter's hands — and the game on her shoulders.

"It was all going through Cappie's hands," said Westhead, whose team won despite shooting only 38 percent from the floor. "We made that decision because we have great faith in her ability to take the ball hard to the basket and make something happen. She's just a tireless player going to the rim. She's just a tenacious player."

Pondexter turned in one big

play after another as a tense, tight game moved into the final minutes.

With 1:55 to play and Phoenix trailing 74-70, Pondexter found Kelly Miller for an open 3-pointer to pull the Mercury within a point.

Detroit was still ahead 74-73 when Pierson turned the ball over with 51 seconds to go.

On the next possession, Pondexter hit a 5-footer from the left baseline to put the Mercury up 75-74.

After Detroit's Deanna Nolan answered with a 16-footer, Pondexter barreled into the lane and scored to give Phoenix a 77-76 lead.

"She's a closer," Taurasi said. "She's been doing it all year."

Pondexter said she welcomed the pressure.

"I just love having the ball and making things happen," she said. "And I just thank the Coach for just giving me the confidence to allow me to do that."

The Mercury still hadn't survived until Detroit's Shannon Johnson missed a 12-footer at the buzzer, sparking a wild celebration on the floor.

It almost looked as if Phoenix had won the title. It only won a chance to keep playing. But that was good enough on this night.

MLB

Cards lose seventh straight

Two-run homer puts Reds over St. Louis

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The season has brought one setback after another for the St. Louis Cardinals — manager Tony La Russa's drunken-driving arrest, reliever Josh Hancock's death, a series of injuries to everyday players.

The defending World Series champions may be running out of resilience.

Joey Votto hit a two-run double and David Ross followed with a two-run homer Thursday, sending the Cincinnati Reds to a 5-4 victory that completed the Cardinals' road trip to ruin.

The Cardinals lost all seven

games on their trip, capped by their first three-game sweep in Cincinnati since July 1998. It's their first winless trip of at least seven games since May 1972, when they went 0-7 in Cincinnati and Pittsburgh.

It's a bad time to be making historical references.

"We're a little flat, things aren't going our way, and we're not playing good baseball," outfielder Jim Edmonds said. "All those add up to losses. It's really no different than it was at the beginning of the year. It's just a bad time for it right now."

The Cardinals had surged from 10 1/2 games out at the end of June to within a game of first place in the NL Central before hitting the road and hitting the skids. They are five games behind first-place Chicago, which

beat Houston 6-2 on Thursday night, and 4 1/2 games behind Milwaukee, which was idle Thursday.

"It's just been — I don't even know how to word it," said Kip Wells (6-17), who lost his fourth straight start. "It's just been tough. We haven't caught any breaks."

Votto doubled home a pair of runs in the fifth off Wells, and Ross followed with his first homer since July 23. The catcher had been 1-for-15 since returning from a concussion on Aug. 28.

Aaron Harang (15-4) gave up three hits and three sacrifice flies — two by Albert Pujols — in seven innings. David Weathers gave up Edmonds' RBI single in the ninth before becoming the ninth Cincinnati closer to reach the 30-save mark.



Cincinnati's Norris Hopper dives safely back to first ahead of the attempted pick-off throw during the Reds' 5-4 win over the St. Louis Cardinals Thursday.

NFL

NFL fines Belichick, Pats for stealing signs

Team will also forfeit next year's first-round draft pick if they reach the playoffs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bill Belichick should be able to read this signal clearly:

Spy on your opponents, and it will cost you.

The New England coach was fined the NFL maximum of \$500,000 Thursday and the Patriots were ordered to pay \$250,000 for stealing an opponent's defensive signals.

Commissioner Roger Goodell also ordered the team to give up next year's first-round draft choice if it reaches the playoffs and second- and third-round picks if it doesn't.

The videotaping came to light after a camera was confiscated from Patriots video assistant Matt Estrella while he was on the New York Jets' sideline during New England's 38-14 win last Sunday at Giants Stadium.

The NFL said the camera was seized before the end of the first quarter and had no impact on the game.

"This episode represents a calculated and deliberate attempt to avoid longstanding rules designed to encourage fair play and promote honest competition on the playing field," Goodell said in a letter to the Patriots.

He said he considered suspending Belichick but didn't "largely because I believe that the discipline I am imposing of a maximum fine and forfeiture of a first-round draft choice, or multiple draft choices, is in fact more significant and long-lasting, and therefore more effective, than a suspension."

Goodell's hard line on discipline has been aimed so far at players — most notably Michael Vick and Adam "Pacman" Jones.

By penalizing a coach and a team he showed that no one, not even management, was immune.

Reached at his home, Patriots owner Robert Kraft declined to comment.

The New York Jets said: "We support the commissioner and his findings."

New England, strengthened by the addition of Randy Moss, two other first-rate wide receivers and linebacker Adalius Thomas, is considered one of the favorites to win the Super Bowl for the fourth time since the 2001 season. If the

Patriots lose their first-round pick next season they still will have a first-round pick, obtained from San Francisco in the deal that brought Moss from Oakland.

NFL rules state "no video recording devices of any kind are permitted to be in use in the coaches' booth, on the field, or in the locker room during the game." They also say all video for coaching purposes must be shot from locations "enclosed on all sides with a roof overhead."

That was re-emphasized in a memo sent Sept. 6 to NFL head coaches and general managers. In it, Ray Anderson, the league's executive vice president of football operations wrote: "Videotaping of any type, including but not limited to taping of an opponent's offensive or defensive signals, is prohibited on the sidelines, in the coaches' booth, in the locker room, or at any other locations accessible to club staff members during the game."

The NFL statement said Goodell believed Kraft was unaware of Belichick's actions.

But it said the commissioner believed penalties should be imposed on the club because "Coach Belichick not only serves as the head coach but also has substantial control over all aspects of New England's football operations. His actions and decisions are properly attributed to the club."

On Wednesday, Belichick issued a one-paragraph statement 10 minutes before his regular availability, saying he had spoken with Goodell "about a videotaping procedure during last Sunday's game and my interpretation of the rules."

"Although it remains a league matter, I want to apologize to everyone who has been affected, most of all ownership, staff and players," he said.

NFL coaches long have suspected opponents of spying. In the early 1970s, the late George Allen, coach of the Washington Redskins, routinely would send a security man into the woods surrounding the team's practice facility because he suspected there were spies from other teams there.

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PGA TOUR

Clark ties course record in Tour Championship

Softened greens from storm made course ideal for low scores

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Tim Clark tied the course record at East Lake with an 8-under 62 and hardly anyone was surprised Thursday at the Tour Championship, the final playoff event that felt more like preseason with such easy conditions.

The greens, already soft as officials tried to nurture them back to life from a heat wave, turned into sponges after a three-hour storm delay and the top 30 players in the FedEx Cup took aim at every flag.

No one did it better than Clark, at least among those who finished.

Only 10 players completed the first round, and there was no guarantee his 62 would hold up.

Tiger Woods, who can win the FedEx Cup with a victory at the Tour Championship, birdied his first three holes and was at 4 under with seven holes still remaining and conditions not expected to become any tougher Friday.

Clark wouldn't even be at East Lake if not for a 67-67 weekend at the BMW Championship, where he tied for fifth and barely cracked the top 30 to qualify for the Tour Championship. He kept right on rolling, or at least slogging, through rain-softened conditions.

"Having a good Sunday round last week, I had a bit of confidence," Clark said.

His 62 tied the record set by Bart Bryant in the first round of the 2005 Tour Championship.

Padraig Harrington, in the first group off when the greens were at their smoothest, birdied his last four holes for a 63, while John Rollins rode a 3-iron into 20 feet for eagle on the 15th hole for a 64.

Steve Stricker and Phil Mickelson, who are chasing Woods in the FedEx Cup, probably need to find another gear. Stricker was at 1 over through 11 holes, one of only five players over par, while Mickelson was 3 over through his first five holes until he birdied the last three holes of the front nine to get back to even, then picked up a birdie at No. 12 to reach 1 under when play was stopped by darkness.

The first round will resume at 8 a.m. Friday.

Woods managed to get off two shots — a 3-wood to the fairway and a wedge to 8 feet — when the sirens sounded to stop play, rain deluged East Lake and play was stopped until 5:20 p.m.

He returned to make the birdie putt, made another from about 12 feet on the par-3 second, then knocked it a third straight birdie from 30 feet on the third hole, after barely getting onto the green from the rough.

Woods held out both arms when it wobbled into the cup, unsure how it got there.

"That putt was bouncing all over the place," he said. "It bounced to the right. I thought I missed it. Then it bounced left. I thought I was going to miss it left. And then somehow, it wiggled back to the right up the hill

and it went in."

He nearly picked up an ace on the sixth when his tee shot plopped behind the hole and grazed the cup rolling back.

The greens were almost dead three weeks ago because of record heat and no rain in the Atlanta area. Tour officials, with help from superintendents of neighboring golf clubs, did a noble job getting them ready for the FedEx Cup finale. They sodded some areas of the greens, tried to fill in barren patches with green sand and let the grass grow as much as possible.

They were running considerably slower than most PGA Tour events, and players were predicting low scores even before the rain.

It didn't take long for them to be proven right.

Clark was 3 under after four holes, made a 20-foot par save on the par-5 ninth, then allowed a 59 to enter his thinking when he holed a chip for eagle on the 15th that put him at 8 under

with three holes remaining.

"Unfortunately, they're not birdie holes," Clark said. "I was certainly trying, but I hit a few loose shots coming in. Overall, I knew if I parred the last few holes I was going to be pretty happy with the round."

Usually, a few shots under par at East Lake is cause for celebration.

Not on this course, or on this day.

"With these conditions, the greens are like a dart board," Rollins said.

Harrington felt as if he was at home — Ireland in the spring, when the grass is just starting to grow and the greens are still hairy and slow, when a sledge hammer works as well as a putter.

"You've got soft greens, the greens are at a pace that you can really be aggressive on them and run the ball at the hole," he said. "So yeah, I would think it's a good week for scoring."



Tim Clark tees off on the second hole during the first round of the Tour Championship at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta.

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish begin season with two tourneys



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Sophomore Carl Santos-Ocampo was featured in Sports Illustrated, along with teammate sophomore Doug Fortner last season, for firing holes-in-one in consecutive tournaments as freshmen.

By **MICHAEL BRYAN**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will kick off its fall season with a split squad this weekend, traveling to play in the Gopher and Rutgers Invationals.

The Irish will face a tough field at the Gopher Invitational that includes top-ranked Stanford, the defending national champion. The field also includes No. 16 Lamar and strong teams from Michigan State, Minnesota, Northwestern and Ohio State.

Success at the Gopher Invitational has boded well for teams in the past — Minnesota won the inaugural tournament in 2005 and went on to finish third at the NCAA Championships the next spring. Stanford edged Minnesota to take last year's Gopher Invitational en route to capturing the NCAA Championship in June.

"We're excited to be making our third trip to the Gopher Invitational at the Spring Hill Golf Club," coach Jim Kubinski told und.com. "It's a supremely-conditioned golf course that offers a great variety of shots and always has very fast and very undulating greens."

Minnesota will host the event, which will begin with 36 holes of continuous play Saturday and conclude with the final 18 holes Sunday.

Meanwhile the Irish B Team will be in New Jersey this weekend, competing at the Rutgers Invitational Sept. 15 and 16. The tournament will feature 18 universities and consists of two rounds played Friday with the third and final round Saturday.

The Irish are coming off a strong campaign in 2006 that ended with a second-place finish at the Big East championship. Other highlights of last season included second-place finishes at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic and Triumph at Pauma Valley.

Notre Dame will do its best to continue that success despite the

loss of Cole Isban and Adam Gifford to graduation. Isban, a three-time all Big-East selection, led the Irish last season in scoring average, rounds under par, and top-10 finishes. Gifford, also an all-conference selection in 2006, finished tied for fifth in the Big East championship and was third on the team in scoring average.

Josh Sandman is expected to lead the team this season. Sandman earned all-Big East honors last year after a 10th-place finish in the conference championship. Sandman had two top-10 finishes in 2006 and was second on the team with a 73.91 scoring average.

"It's a supremely-conditioned golf course that offers a great variety of shots and always has very fast and very undulating greens."

Jim Kubinski
Irish coach

Senior Greg Rodgers also returns and should be a big contributor. Rodgers averaged a score of 76.21 and finished the season with an 11th-place finish at the Big East championship in one of the top performances of his career.

Sophomore Doug Fortner was able to contribute to the team as a freshman last season, and his play should be key to the team's success. Fellow sophomores Olavo Batista, Kyle Willis and Carl Santos-Ocampo will also play bigger roles this season.

"We're obviously a very young team this season with eight of our twelve players being underclassmen," Kubinski said. "I like what I've seen thus far, we haven't played young in qualifying. We've already had several scores in the 60s, including a couple of 64s."

Freshmen Dustin Zhang, Connor Alan-Lee, Tyler Hock and Jeffrey Chen round out the Irish underclassman and will make their collegiate debuts this weekend.

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SMC SOCCER

Sal Vaccaro awaits Belles

Saint Mary's plays twice more before opening conference play

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's heads to North Central College in Naperville, Ill., to play in the Sal Vaccaro tournament Saturday for its final tune-up before beginning its conference schedule.

The Belles, who have compiled a record of 3-1-1, will square off against Mount Mercy (3-2-0) at 11 a.m. and then against North Central (2-2-0) at 12 p.m. Sunday.

Mount Mercy, which competes in the NAIA Midwest Classic Conference, finished last season with a record of 6-8-4 and placed sixth in its conference standings. North Central finished 7-11 overall and finished last in the competitive College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin.

In the 2006 Sal Vaccaro

tournament, Saint Mary's lost the tournament-deciding game to North Central in overtime 2-1. The Belles had defeated Mount Mercy 4-1 in their first tournament game.

Saint Mary's will look to avenge that overtime loss with a depleted roster, but if Wednesday's 0-0 tie with Calvin is any indication, there will be plenty of Belles with varying levels of experience ready to step up and fill those spots.

Senior defender Justine Higgins may be called on again to fill in for Saint Mary's missing forwards — one of whom is injured and another who is sick. She performed well with freshman Corissa Hart on Wednesday, so the two of them could cause trouble for opposing defenses this weekend.

These two contests are also the final non-conference

games for the Belles. The MIAA season begins one week from Saturday against Kalamazoo, and these tournament games are the last chances for Saint Mary's to improve before starting play in the MIAA.

If there are any in-game kinks that need to be worked out, these two games provide excellent opportunities to do just that. Once the conference season opens, it runs straight through the next seven games on the schedule.

With only non-conference game left on the schedule in late October, the Sal Vaccaro Tournament marks the conclusion of a promising pre-season and may lead the Belles into a potentially successful MIAA season.

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MELISSA HIGGINS/The Observer

Senior midfielder Justine Higgins, 3, fights for the ball with an Albion defender during the Belles' 2-1 loss on Sept. 5, 2006. Saint Mary's is currently 3-1-1.

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish host championships

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame's Burke Golf Course will host the 28th annual National Catholic Cross Country Championships today at 4 p.m.

The event, which was inaugurated by Irish coach Joe Piane and run at Notre Dame, has been dominated by the host squad in the past. The men's team has won 16 of the

last 19 championships, while the women have 13 of the last 15, including the last four.

The Irish men's lineup features several runners who did not compete in the season-opening Crusader Invitational in Valparaiso, Ind., including seniors Brett Adams and Mike Popejoy, sophomore Greg Kiley and junior Chris Rodriguez, who took the individual title at the Crusader Invite, will also run for Notre Dame.

The women's lineup features two freshmen — Marissa Treece and Theresa Cattuna — in addition to upperclassmen like senior Ann Mazur.

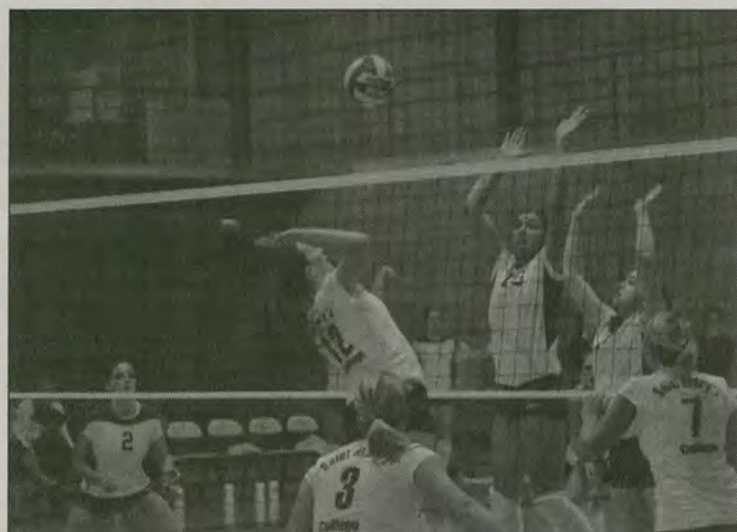
The National Catholic Championship is one of two home meets for the Irish this season. Notre Dame will also host the Notre Dame Invitational Sept. 28.

The women's race will begin at 4:15 p.m. The men's race will follow at 5 p.m.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

SMC needs just three games against Alma

Saint Mary's puts up 18 kills in first game



GRETCHEN MOORE/The Observer

Junior middle blocker Kaela Hellmann, 12, goes up for a spike during the Belles' 3-1 win over Tri-State Sept. 26, 2006.

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Belles made quick work of Alma last night, sweeping the Scots in three games.

Saint Mary's took the first game 30-14. The Belles offensive effort was tough to beat — the team compiled 18 kills in the first game. The defense was equally impressive and unstoppable, posting five blocks in the first game.

In the second game, sophomore outside hitter Sara Scow fought hard for the Scots and put up a total of 14 kills and 12 digs in the match. It seemed that her efforts would pay off, but after tying it up at 20, the Belles pulled ahead and captured the game 30-28.

The Belles freshmen blocking squad of middle blocker Andrea Sasgen and outside hitter Jacee Watson had a combined 10 blocks out of the Belles total of 16, and the two freshmen aided in capturing the final game. The Belles led the entire game, but the Scots tried to mount a comeback, pulling the game to 23-18. It

was not enough, however, and the Belles took the deciding game.

It was all about the battle for the Belles, and they came out strong. Head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek was impressed with her team.

"Tonight, I really liked our fight," Schroeder-Biek said. "I felt that the team really bonded together with their drive to win."

The Belles were aggressive, and Schroeder-Biek wants her team to keep it up. "The only thing that I saw that I disliked was that, sometimes, we played it too safe and didn't hit as aggressively as I want them all to hit," she said.

The Belles had a standout match and played together as a team. Sophomore outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski posted her fourth straight double-double with 19 kills and 12 digs. Junior middle blocker Kaela Hellmann had a team-high 18 digs.

The Belles play again Wednesday in a conference match at Albion.

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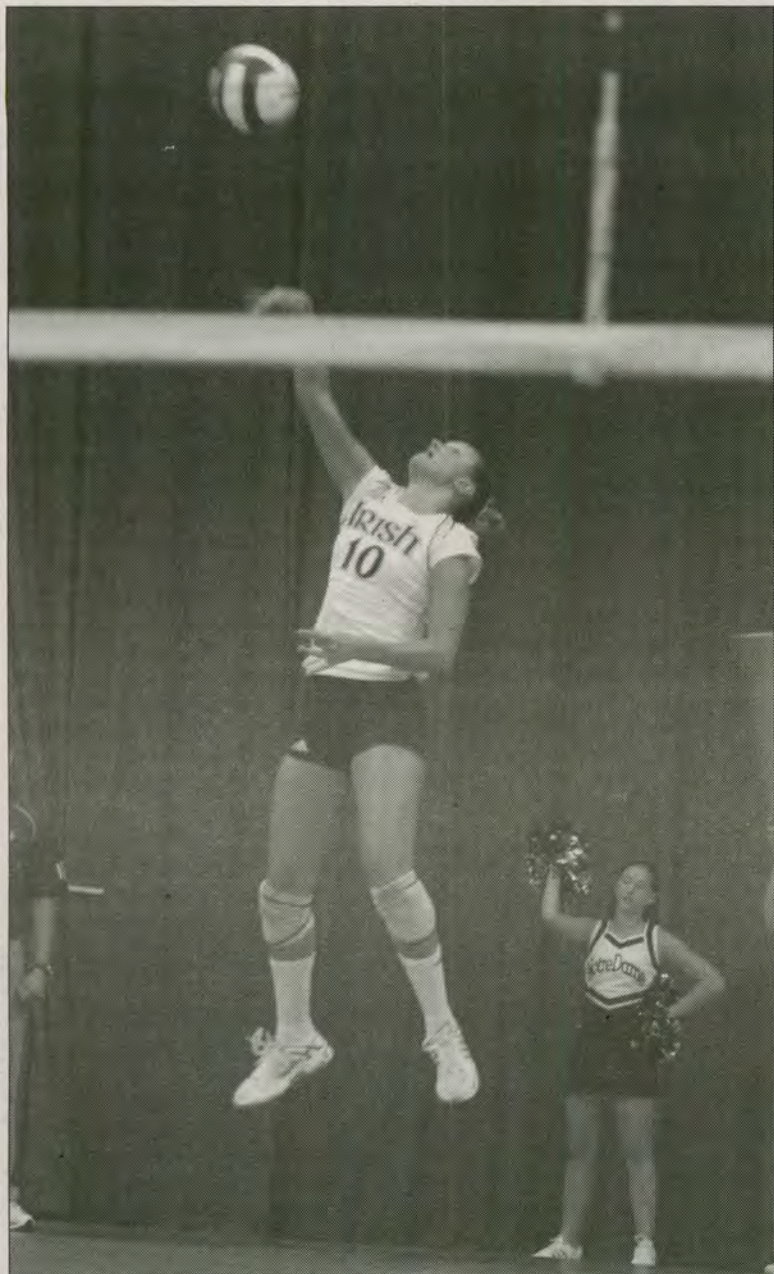


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Senior outside hitter Adrianna Stasiuk returns a ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 win over the College of Charleston on Sept. 7.

Bronco

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"This weekend we are really excited to play such good competition because both Cal and Santa Clara are top-25 teams," Stasiuk said.

The Irish will first face Santa Barbara who currently hold an overall record of 2-7. The Gauchos recently lost 3-1 to Virginia. The match will mark the first time Santa Barbara has played Notre Dame.

The Irish will take on No. 11 California on Saturday. The last time the two teams faced each other was 1991, when the Irish won 3-2. The Golden Bears currently boast an 8-1 overall record with a win over No. 13 Minnesota. Their only loss this season was to Colorado.

In last year's contest, the Irish

fell 3-0 to No. 22 Santa Clara. The Broncos are undefeated (3-0) in their series against Notre Dame and are 6-3 overall in the 2007 season with losses to No. 6 Florida and No. 15 Hawaii.

After the Bronco Invitational, the Irish will commence its conference season play when they travel to Pittsburgh Sept. 22. Last season the Irish fell 3-1 to the Panthers. The Panthers, who are currently unranked, hold an overall season record of 5-5.

"We love playing at such a hard level of competition because competing with tough teams will prepare for Big East opener against Pittsburgh,"

Stasiuk said. "Hopefully we can pull off a couple of upsets this weekend."

This weekend's matches begin today at 4:30 p.m. when the Irish face Santa Barbara.

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Marquette

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1) finished 2006 at the bottom of the conference with a 1-15-1 record.

Clark, however, believes Marquette will be a bigger player in the Big East this year. Golden Eagles head coach Mark Bennet is settling into his second year at the helm with a slew of top recruits.

The Golden Eagles have a young team this year — defender Mike Carlson is the team's only senior, and he is joined by only a handful of juniors.

Notre Dame will have a clear advantage in experience with several seniors on the pitch and fifth-year senior Chris Cahill in net.

"Experience only works if

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Bobby Clark
Irish coach

experience plays well," Clark said. "You have to be careful, you can have a good young team."

Notre Dame will be hungry for a victory this weekend after a disappointing scoreless draw with Northern Illinois that capped off the Mike Berticelli Memorial tournament Sunday.

The Irish started the weekend by taking down Rhode Island 3-0, but could not get the offense to click against the Huskies.

"We didn't quite function somehow, and it's hard to say why," Clark said. "It certainly wasn't a

lack of effort, some days it just doesn't work for you."

Marquette will at least have

home field advantage on their side. The game will be held at Valley Fields, which generally draws a big crowd when the Irish come to town. The stadium is expected to be packed, especially in "the birdcage" — Marquette's student section, which is located directly behind the east end goal.

The Irish will have to travel for the next three games. After Marquette, Notre Dame will head to the east coast to take on Rutgers and Villanova before returning home the following weekend.

Clark doesn't mind being on the road. The coach believes that being away from campus life gives his players a better opportunity to focus on the task at hand and come together as a group.

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Immediately following the tournament opener between Washington State and Oklahoma State, the Irish will take on Princeton. Despite the Tigers' 0-2-1 record, Notre Dame knows they will still provide a formidable challenge. Princeton allowed just two goals in its three games, all against ranked opponents. The squad is coming off a scoreless tie against No. 25 Villanova last Friday.

"Princeton's a very solid team," Waldrum said. "They're well-coached and they're perennially one of the top Ivy [League] teams."

On Sunday, the Irish will have to reload in preparation for an undefeated Oklahoma State team that won its own event, the OSU Invitational, last weekend. The Cowgirls defeated Xavier 5-0 Friday then beat Louisiana-Monroe 7-0 Sunday.

"Oklahoma State looks very good," said Waldrum. "We've seen them on video and they're very strong."

After allowing countless scoring opportunities last

weekend, the Irish have made defense a priority and hope to play like the back unit that surrendered just .40 goals per game last season.

Waldrum said his team will focus specifically on stopping a pair of Cowgirls foreign attackers, Swedish senior midfielder Yolanda Odenyo and German senior forward Adriane Radtke.

"We've been working really hard to get rid of some bad habits we developed," Waldrum said. "We've been so dominant on the offensive end [in recent years] that we could get away with not being as sharp defensively as we should have."

Even though they may be without sophomore defender Haley Ford, who has an injured hamstring, Waldrum said he would be "shocked" if his back line did not perform better this weekend.

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Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

But while the Oklahoma State game is important for the Irish as a team, it holds special significance for Waldrum. Oklahoma State assistant coach Karen Hancock played for Waldrum at Tulsa, where he coached from 1989-1994.

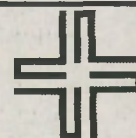
Hancock eventually became the Cowgirls' head coach, and later married Oklahoma State sports information director Will Hancock. The couple gave birth to a daughter, Andrea, in November 2000. But Will Hancock was killed in a plane crash in 2001 while traveling with the Oklahoma State basketball team.

In order to spend more time with her daughter, Karen Hancock stepped down as head coach and took on the role of assistant this season.

"It's going to be great to have her here," Waldrum said. "She's just amazing."

Hancock had a 110-89-19 record as head coach and has helped lead this year's squad to a 4-0-0 record.

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going to run. Their strategy for the past week, though, followed that of Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis - everything tactical is kept under wraps. The team's objective, however, is quite clear.

"We're not going to give anything away," Gargula said. "We're just focused on beating Pangborn."

The Welsh Family captains said last year's offense was primarily based on the pass. Anything more in depth than that, though, and Bushelle acted like Weis has in the past, keeping mum about anything remotely related to strategy.

"We're just going to do whatever works for us," she said. "We'll see what they give us and attack their weaknesses."

McGlinn vs. Howard

The Shamrocks and Ducks will face-off Sunday at 2 p.m. on Riehle Field in a matchup of two up-and-coming teams in the Blue League.

High hopes and lofty expectations swirl around these two squads who have not had a dominant season for some time.

Coming into the new season, the Shamrocks are confident they can have the kind of success they have long craved.

"We have a good mix of veterans and new people," senior captain and defensive back Taryn Lewis said. "I don't want to make any predictions for the coming season, but I think we can handle Howard. I think we can win."

The Shamrocks have good reason to be confident, with strong quarterback play expected from junior Sarah de Groot and veteran presence on the line from junior Katie Zedler. Mixing the veteran presence with their freshman additions has the Shamrocks excited to bounce back from a disappointing season last year, a year Lewis said she and her team are eager to forget. Lewis said the team hopes to unleash "an explosive offense," and have that offense carry them deep into the postseason.

Standing in the way of that Shamrock offense is a veteran Howard defense. Two years removed from a winless season, Howard is looking to build on a much improved outing last season and ride their defense to a strong performance. The Ducks boast a healthy squad of returning veterans on both sides of the ball, highlighted by athletic juniors Kate Sylvia, Christina Sensbaugh and Maddy Zollo.

But the question marks on this team lie with the offense, in particular, with its unsettled quarterback situation.

"We are hoping to bring in some strong and accurate throwers to replace our former quarterback of the past three years," Sylvia said.

To be successful, the Ducks are going to need to play to their strengths and have some of the new faces on the team to step up. No starting position has been completely decided or set in stone. The Ducks hope this competition will bring out the best in their squad.

Making a fast start is important to both squads, but they have not lost sight of what the game of football is all about and are certain to provide a captivating matchup.

"I think it's going to be a good game with both teams trying very hard," Sylvia said. "It's going to be fun."

Pasquerilla West vs. Breen-Phillips

Defending champion Pasquerilla West begins its quest toward another title this Sunday against the Babes of Breen-Phillips.

Pasquerilla West was able to finish its season in the stadium for the second straight year, and the expectations are no less for the team this year. Senior Tina Martinek said the Weasels have to resolve their biggest concern, which rests on the offensive side of the ball.

"We have to make sure to establish a new quarterback," Martinek said. "We need to make sure that she feels confident and comfortable back there."

Martinek is also happy about the experience her team has.

"The seniors are providing some good leadership for the freshmen who haven't played before," she said.

Martinek highlighted senior Anne Fournie as a defensive stopper but refused to reveal any more of her secret weapons.

"You will have to wait for Sunday," Martinek said.

The Weasels face a stern test from the Babes, who return many offensive starters from a disappointing finish last season, in which they lost their final game to Welsh Family 19-0. However, Breen-Phillips captain junior Melissa Meagher believes the defense is ready to step up and lead the Babes to victory.

"We are young on defense but every player is intense and aggressive," Meagher said. "They are fast and go for the ball."

Meagher said her team plays sound, fundamental football.

"[Our players] cover their positions the way the coaches taught them to, and our girls remember their assignments on offense and defense."

Both teams are confident they had sufficient time to implement their plays and have the personnel to challenge for the league title, but Martinek said the Weasels have the experience to do it again.

"[Breen-Phillips] didn't win [the league title] last year," Martinek said. "We did."

Badin vs Lyons

With a win in Sunday's season opener against Badin, Lyons can match last year's win total - but they will have to do it against a Bullfrog team coming off consecutive Gold league playoff appearances.

Despite last year's struggles, which included a loss to Badin, Lyons senior co-captains Katie Mackin and Judith Kaczmarek have seen encouraging signs in the limited time they have had with their squad.

"We've only had two practices, so I don't really know what to expect," wideout Mackin said. "We do have a lot of leadership, so we should be

pretty strong."

The Lions, according to Mackin, will have a senior-dominated roster but do return sophomore quarterback Claire Connell. Kaczmarek, a mainstay at middle linebacker, should be a force on the defensive side of the ball.

This cast of returnees, which is under the leadership of four new coaches, will be accompanied by a lightning-quick freshman Mackin called her "secret weapon."

To counteract the Lions' attack, the Bullfrogs will rely on a host of youngsters making their Interhall debuts.

"Our juniors and seniors have some good experience, but we have a lot of talented freshmen," junior quarterback and co-captain Katie Rose Hackney said. "A couple of them played flag leagues at home, though, so it's definitely nice to have girls who have actually had experience."

One of the Bullfrogs biggest receiving threats will be senior co-captain Kristen Sobolewski, but Hackney will utilize the array of skilled players at her disposal.

"We should be pretty well-balanced," Hackney said. "In the past, we've had one or two good receivers, but this year we have a lot of different options and targets we can hit on any play. Hopefully we'll use that to our advantage."

While both teams have high hopes heading into a fresh season, only Hackney jumped at the opportunity to voice a prediction.

"We're definitely planning on finishing in the top four of the league and at least going 4-2," Hackney said. "I'd say that's pretty bold for us."

Pasquerilla East vs. Walsh

Both the Wild Women and the Pyros hope to get their respective seasons off to a good start Sunday when they face off at 1 p.m. at Riehle Field.

Walsh looks to build on a team that, last season, came within a point of defeating eventual champion Pasquerilla West. Senior quarterback Mary Sullivan and receivers Megan Hadley and senior captain Marie Brenner return to the Walsh offense.

Defensively, cornerbacks senior Julie Campbell and junior Cindy Brenner hope to shut down any opposing passing attacks this year. For these returning players, the ultimate goal is simple.

"The seniors would like to return to the stadium," Brenner said. "The seniors were there as freshmen and would really like to get back there this year."

In addition to the returning upperclassmen, a number of talented freshmen and sophomores hope to contribute to the team this fall. Brenner is confident the Wild Women will use this youth to their advantage

"We want the juniors and seniors to be the leaders to this team and demonstrate how to play Walsh football," Brenner said.

Brenner noted that although last season's tough loss to Pasquerilla West is in the back of their minds, they hope to use it as a confidence booster and a reason to be optimistic about the new season.

"We have a new and fresh outlook for a new season," Brenner said.

Pasquerilla East hopes that, after a few disappointing seasons, an influx of young talent will revitalize the Pyros.

"[We want to] get the Pyros back on track," senior captain Caroline Nally said.

Despite the relative inexperience of her team, Nally is optimistic about the upcoming season.

"We hope the younger players can draw from the wisdom of our upperclassmen," Nally said.

The group of younger players includes the eventual starting quarterback for the Pyros. The

team is still trying to decide between three freshman signal-callers for their opening game.

No matter who the starter is for Pasquerilla East, she will be aided by the return of sophomore receiver Tara Pillai, P.E.'s top receiver last year, and senior Laura Hansen, who anchors both the offensive and defensive lines.

These players are vital to the Pyros success this season, as the team's main goal is to inject more life into an offense that struggled for the past few seasons.

"Our defense has always been pretty consistent," Nally said. "But this year we hope to get our offense going early. We want to become a threatening scoring force."

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17 County whose seat is Redwood City

18 "Ya got me!"

19 Union in D.C., e.g.

20 Sets up

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25 Dismiss as unworthy

26 "Well, I declare!"

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51 Gabrielle's sidekick, in a TV series

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53 Undercover wear?

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2 Stuff in a bomb

3 Flower named for a German botanist

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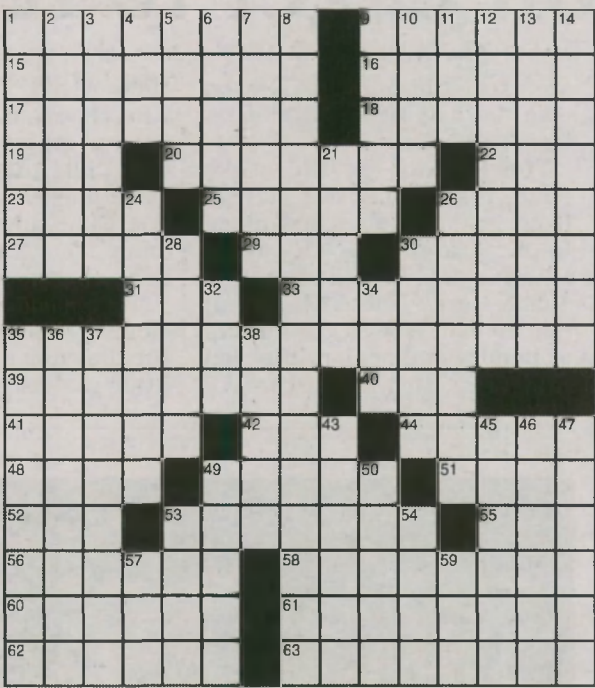
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34 Hope offerer: Abbr.

35 They might follow the drill

36 Wobbly

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38 Information holder

43 Help in getting up

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Climbing the Ivy

Irish face Princeton and Oklahoma State

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is relieved to be on familiar soil after last weekend's trip to California, which resulted in two losses to Stanford and Santa Clara.

The Irish take on Princeton tonight and No. 16 Oklahoma State on Sunday at the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic. Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he focused on helping his squad regain its composure this week after it dropped two straight games.

"I've been really trying to make sure psychologically they're doing okay," Waldrum said.

The coach said he told players that, including two preseason games, they are 2-2-1 against teams ranked in the NCAA top 10 this season.

"We've played a really tough schedule, and when I tell [the players] our record, they start realizing we're doing okay," Waldrum said. "We've done well against a lot of good teams. It just shows there's some parity."

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Senior forward and captain Amanda Cinalli attempts to block a kick from Wolverine defender Emily Kalmbach during Notre Dame's scoreless draw with Michigan Aug. 31.

ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish to play three in California

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

The Irish finished last weekend's Shamrock Invitational with a sense of accomplishment, as senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk surpassed her 1,000th career hit.

The Irish dominated against both the College of Charleston and Alabama, 3-1 (30-24, 24-30, 30-26, 30-19) and 3-2 (25-30, 30-28, 24-30, 30-19, 15-9), respectively. After falling 3-1 (26-30, 30-25, 28-30, 23-30) in a competitive match against No. 17 Ohio, the Irish matched the Crimson Tide with a 2-1-tournament record.

The Irish now hold a 3-4 overall record, with losses only to ranked teams or teams receiving votes in the CSTV/AVCA Coaches Poll.

This weekend, the Irish head to Santa Clara, Calif., for three matches — two against ranked teams — in the Bronco Invitational, their final tournament before the conference season begins.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Phoxes open season eager to return to finals

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI, JARED JEDICK, PETER REISENAUR, MATT GAMBER and SAM WERNER
Sports Writers

Last season's two regular season undefeated teams face off in the opening weekend of women's interhall football as Welsh Family battles Pangborn

Sunday at 5 p.m.

Both the Whirlwinds and the Phoxes finished their 2006 seasons with perfect 4-0 records. Welsh lost in the semifinals, while Pangborn made it to the final where it lost to Pasquerilla East — the team they defeated for the title in 2005.

Led by their co-captains, senior Kelly Bushelle and junior Jenni Gargula, the Whirlwinds

are excited to begin the season with the majority of last year's team still intact.

The Phoxes, on the other hand, return only two players from last year's second-place team — sophomore captain Meghan Bescher and junior Ashley Hardy. These two are all that remain from a core group of juniors and seniors that led Pangborn to an impressive

2006 season.

Bescher said the team is comprised mostly of freshmen, something that she thinks will make the season, especially the first game, interesting. For one thing, the Phoxes' strategy will be one based on fundamentals.

"We're simply trying to implement a basic offense and just get that down," Bescher said. "[Our goal] is to just be efficient

and try to win. Honestly, this first game we'll have to see where we are. We have a good group of athletic girls and a ton of great coaches helping us out ... The freshmen are just really excited to play that first game."

The Welsh captains, on the other hand, said they are very secure in the system they're

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MEN'S SOCCER

Vets have advantage over younger Eagles

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Some people get caught up in preseason polls, but not Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark.

"I don't really look at those polls," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "Where we end up at the end of the year is really all I am concerned with."

Clark's squad was picked second in this year's preseason Big East poll. Last season the Irish finished third and lost in the second round of the Big East tournament to

Rutgers 2-1 in double overtime.

Two players, senior forward Joseph Lapira and junior defender Matt Besler, were named to the preseason all-conference team. Lapira was also selected as the preseason offensive player of the year. He has racked up a goal and one assist so far in Notre Dame's first four regular season games.

Last year, Lapira scored two early goals against Marquette to lead the Irish to an easy 4-0 win. The Golden Eagles (1-2-

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Freshman midfielder Matt Armstrong chases down a ball during Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Rhode Island on Sept. 7. The Irish were picked to finish second in the Big East this season.

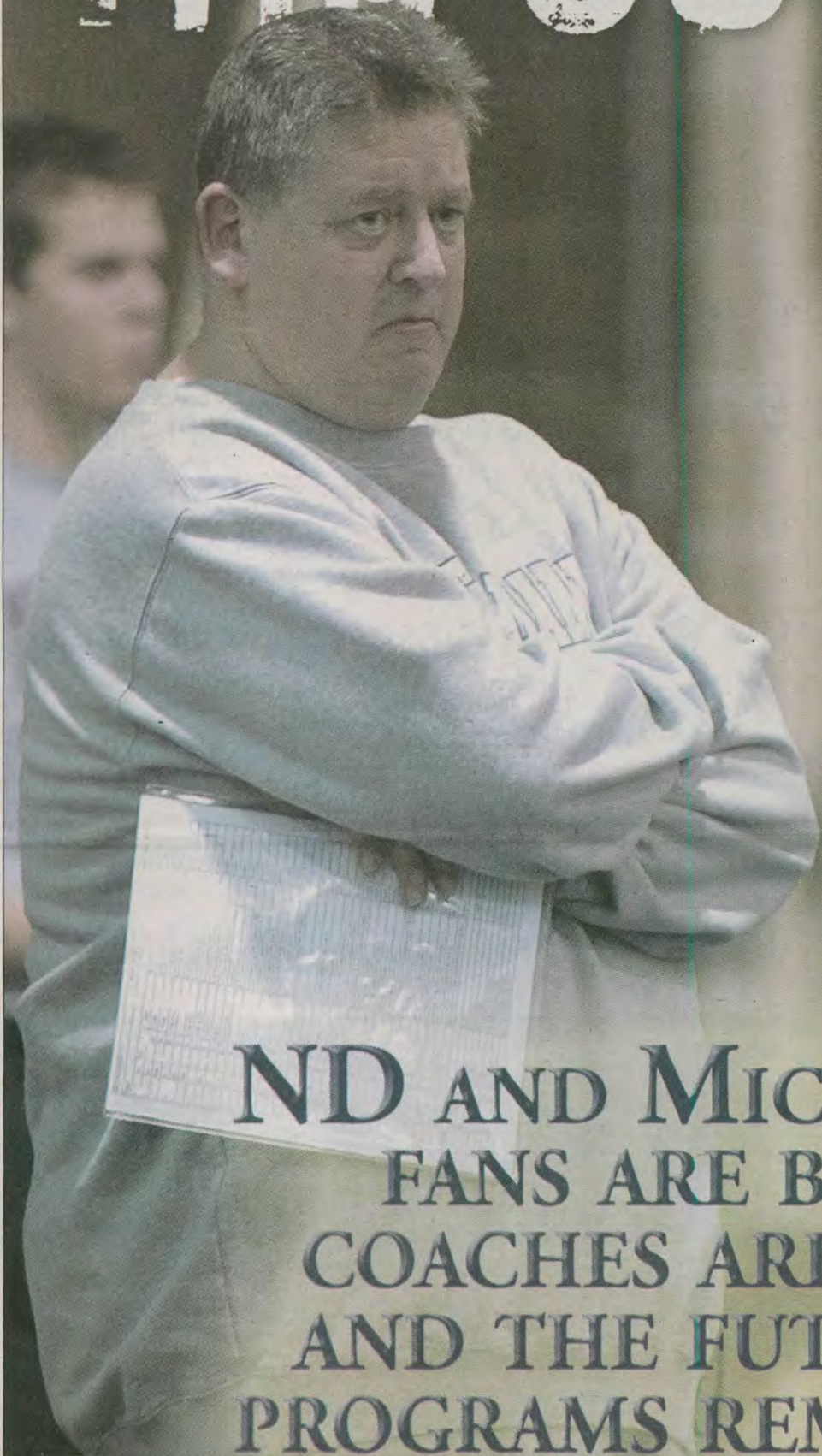
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COMMENTARY

Time for Weis to raise the curtain

Something needs to change. Michigan and Notre Dame are in the dumps, and it's not good for either. One of these teams will win Saturday, and everyone will know its first victory was over an underperforming giant.



Ken Fowler

Sports Writer

Lloyd Carr may be on his way out at Michigan, but to think Notre Dame's problems aren't similar to Michigan's is simply false. The truth is, both schools' coaches need to do some soul searching.

We've heard Charlie Weis say he wanted to keep it close against Georgia Tech and go into halftime with "a chance to win" against Penn State.

But Weis wasn't hired to give Notre Dame a chance to win. He wasn't hired to keep it close. And he wasn't hired to run a mediocre program.

Mediocre programs go 6-6 against tough schedules. "Six and six" isn't good enough, and mediocre coaches at the most tradition-rich football school get fired.

Luckily, Weis isn't a mediocre coach; he's just harnessing his thespian side and playing one. He's convinced himself that he's a director of a long-term play with a short-skilled cast. He figures his actors will develop, but he's resigning himself to dress rehearsals instead of debuts because he's unsure when the players will be ready.

This week, it's time to raise the curtain.

Weis has no excuse for handicapping the offense again. He's been trying to avoid blowouts, and he has failed twice.

Weis' star, Jimmy Clausen, is ready, and so are most of the supporting players. Weis should view the game like this: Right now, trying to beat Michigan is like trying to please the parents of third graders in a school play. Most scenes can be fumbled, but one or two crisp acts will overcome everything. Michigan seemingly wants to be beat, so long as you show a little effort — at least, the Wolverines' loss to Oregon made it feel that way.

But, with Weis trying to minimize turnovers, Notre Dame hasn't shown any true effort to win. With the lone exception of a no-huddle drive in the fourth

quarter against Penn State, Notre Dame has played eight quarters of the most boring and conservative, frustrating and painful football you'll ever see. Strong defense finally crumbled because of the ineffectual offense against Georgia Tech, and the same fate befell the squad in Happy Valley. It must change.

There are conflicting camps about Weis' flaws this season. One says either Weis' game planning or his play calling have been terrible. To those who ascribe to this view, Weis has an uninhibited up-side as a coach.

The other says Weis' offense requires too perfect execution for uninterrupted offensive productivity. To this camp, Weis' problem is systemic: His offenses will always struggle badly in rebuilding years.

In truth, the two arguments are not mutually exclusive. Weis probably has a little of both flaws.

Sure, his offense is complex, but he's also admitted to dumbing down the schemes and play calling against Georgia Tech and Penn State. Unless his complex offense consists of a dizzying array of swing passes to Armando Allen, we haven't seen how these young and inexperienced players can execute an offense some claim is the problem.

Of course, the logical counterargument is that he's had to dumb down the offense precisely because it is too complex. But that argument fails insofar as Weis needed only a spring and summer to implement his offense with new players when he first arrived. Demetrius Jones, Evan Sharpley and all but a few freshmen have had at least one full season in Weis' offense.

Weis simply hasn't given his offense a chance to show if it can execute his plays. On Saturday, that must end. On Saturday, Weis must tell his players he trusts them. On Saturday, Weis has to coach to win — not coach to try (futilely) to avoid a blowout.

Notre Dame doesn't have to win. But Weis needs to let the Irish try. Good things only happen when you're willing to take a chance.

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

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	Last week	Next week
	(2-0) W, 69-14, Samford	vs Boston College
	(2-0) W, 31-10, ND	vs Buffalo
	(0-2) L, 7-39, Oregon	vs. Notre Dame
	(2-0) W, 28-17, BGSU	at Pittsburgh
	(2-0) W, 52-6, E. Illinois	vs Cent. Mich.
	(2-0) W, 27-17, BYU	at Utah
	(2-0) W, 37-17, NC St.	at Georgia Tech
	(1-0) Idle	at Nebraska
	(1-1) L, 24-41, Rutgers	vs Ball State
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Avoiding futility

Winless rivals face long road back to the top of the college football world

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

This was hardly the way they planned it.

Notre Dame and Michigan are 0-2 and have fallen, at least for now, from the elite. Irish fans and coaches scratched their heads trying to find ways to explain Notre Dame's inefficiency on the offensive side of the ball. Michigan fans wanted to bury their heads following the Wolverines' 34-32 loss to would-be-patsy Appalachian State on Sept. 1.

"Our players are cognizant of the fact that their players are going through the same thing we're going through," Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said. "And I think that the team that stays together the best and doesn't finger-point and accepts accountability and handles adversity will, in all likelihood, be one that plays the best on Saturday."

For Michigan, the slow start came as a shock. The Wolverines began the year with national title hopes after compiling an 11-2 overall record last season. Ranked No. 5 in the polls to start the season, the

Wolverines opened up at home against Appalachian State — a Football Championship Subdivision team (formerly known as Division I-AA), and a seemingly easy win for the Wolverines.

But the Mountaineers forgot they were supposed to lose. Appalachian State shocked the college football world with its defeat of Michigan on a blocked field goal. The win marked the first time a Div I-AA team defeated a ranked team in the Associated Press Poll. Michigan's woes continued last week with a 39-7 thumping at the hands of Oregon. To add injury to insult, the Wolverines lost four-year starting quarterback Chad Henne to a lower-leg injury. Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said Henne will not play Saturday against Notre Dame,

and freshman Ryan Mallett will start in his place.

Michigan fans are in disarray. A season that looked so promising has quickly turned into a seemingly unsalvageable tailspin of uncertainty. The rest of the season appears bleak. The Wolverines have lost their starting quarterback and their first two games. All this has happened before Michigan has played a game in the Big-10.

In Notre Dame's case, the slow start caused disappointment — not panic. After graduating most of its top offensive players from a year ago, Notre Dame entered 2007 without an offensive identity. Two weeks into the season, it is still searching for one. The offense has not scored a touchdown in Notre Dame's first two games and has managed a net of negative-eight rushing yards. The lack of offensive efficiency has surprised many fans given Weis' pedigree as an offensive coach.

Freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen will make his second start of his career Saturday against a Michigan defense that looks nothing like the top-rated defense of a year ago. Saturday's game represents a chance to heal

for both teams, but more importantly it will reveal a glimpse into the future of both squads.

Michigan blues

For Michigan, the questions about the future begin with its head coach.

Carr's future at Michigan is up in the air because some have questioned his ability to win big games. The Wolverines have lost four straight bowl games and three straight to rival Ohio State — including a 42-39 loss last season with the Big Ten title and a berth in the BCS National Championship game on the line. While a win against 0-2 Notre Dame will not completely silence his critics, it would certainly help soften their harsh words — at least for a week.

"Our players are cognizant of the fact that their players are going through the same thing we're going through."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

"And there is nothing, there is nothing that can keep me down — not a loss to Appalachian State, not a loss to Oregon, not 100 losses — and not the loss of my job."

Lloyd Carr
Wolverines coach



JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Nittany Lions running back Austin Scott scores a touchdown in Penn State's 31-10 victory over Notre Dame last Saturday in Happy Valley.

"Those who do know me, friend and foe, I think would agree that I'm a tough-minded competitive guy and there isn't anything that comes my way that I can't handle professionally," Carr said following Michigan's loss to Oregon. "And there is nothing, there is nothing that can keep me down — not a loss to Appalachian State, not a loss to Oregon, not 100 losses — and not the loss of my job."

In order to beat Notre Dame, Carr will turn to the arm of his backup quarterback. Mallett, who will make his first start as a Wolverine Saturday, was listed as the second-best quarterback in last year's recruiting class behind Clausen.

"I can guarantee you, he's not intimidated by anything," Carr said. "I think that's one of the things I like about him. He's got a lot of confidence. He's got a great arm, and yet he's got to go into this week and play within himself and within the context of the game plan, because it's really about winning. And it's not about Ryan Mallett. It's about doing the things that will help this team win."

One thing Michigan has that can ease their new quarterback into the game that Notre Dame does not is a consistent rushing attack. Senior Mike Hart finished in the top five in the Heisman voting last season and has rushed for 315 yards and three touchdowns in two games this season. Hart made waves this week when he guaranteed that Michigan would defeat the Irish.

"I think Mike Hart is a fierce competitor, and I think he's trying to fire up his team. And I think you take it in its proper perspective," Weis said. "Will we bring it up to the team and say, 'Hey, he guaranteed a win?' Yeah, we'll say that because anyone would. But in reality, I think that Mike Hart is trying to be a leader. I think that's what he's trying to do. So, I think Mike Hart is doing what any leader for a team would be saying."

Michigan also has two experienced receivers in Mario Manningham and Adrian Arrington. Manningham torched Notre Dame's secondary last September for three touchdowns and 137 yards, and has 183 yards so far this season. But Carr expects more from his junior wideout.

"I don't think he's played as well as he can," Carr said. "I think he's done some very good things. I just think that he's capable of playing better, and I'm confident that he will."

Another question mark Michigan must address is the play of its defense, which is one of Michigan's biggest liabilities this season. The Wolverines lost seven starters from a defense that was first against the run and tenth overall. In their first two games, the Wolverines had trouble defending against the spread offense that features a mobile quarterback. In two games, Michigan's defense has allowed 491 yards on the ground and 520 yards through the air. The Wolverines probably will not see Notre Dame try to run the ball with Clausen as quarterback, but Carr is covering his bases anyway.

"I think it's much different except they had a quarterback at the start of the season for them; they have some plays that we have to prepare for. I know I wouldn't be surprised to see some of that," Carr said.

"And yet, traditionally, their offense going back the last two years, there's a lot of similarities in what we do offensively and what they do. And so that makes the preparation not easier, but certainly it enables us to work more against our own defense in practice this week."

For Michigan, one of the problems that plagued their defense the past two weeks was an inability to tackle the ball carrier on the first hit.

"I mentioned this earlier, our basic inability to be a good tackling team has been because we have not leveraged the ball. Somebody in every defense is

responsible for containing the ball," Carr said. "If you contain the ball, now you've got more people to get in on the tackle. That's what they call gang tackling. ... Now, there were some missed tackles in there, and part of that is those were two outstanding backs [for Oregon.] But most of it was because we either didn't get off our blocks or we left the ball outside."

Searching for answers

While the present at Notre Dame is not as bleak as Michigan, the future is just as unpredictable.

The Irish returned just four starters on offense and have not scored a touchdown in two games. Weis has come under fire for his offense's lackluster performance — most specifically the performance of the offensive line. So far, the line has allowed 15 sacks, which have contributed greatly to the negative rushing total. Weis said the problems with his line are not that easy to solve.

"There are some questions that are easier to fix, and some questions that are harder to fix. There are some things I don't understand either," Weis said. "But once again, it's not all just the offensive line. What you end up doing, by qualifying that too much there, is you put the onus all on them. Have they played great? No, they haven't played great. As a unit, they haven't played great. So what my job then to do is to keep on working to find a way to fix it."

Without an effective offensive line, it will be hard for the young talent Weis has at quarterback, running back and wide receiver to develop.

Notre Dame's future on the other side of the ball looks brighter. The defense has been able to keep in its games so far. Cornerback Darrin Walls scored Notre Dame's only touchdown on a 73-yard interception return against Penn State. The Irish have allowed fewer yards through the air (252) than they have thrown for this season (274), but have allowed 423 yards on the ground — though most of those yards came late in the games.

Despite the questions on both sides, one thing is for sure Saturday: Someone is finally going to win.

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Irish tailback Armando Allen runs in Notre Dame's 31-10 loss to Penn State. Notre Dame has negative-eight yards rushing in two games.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 0-2
AP: NR
Coaches: NR



Charlie Weis
head coach

Charlie Weis
Third season at
Notre Dame
career record:
19-8
at Notre Dame:
19-8
against
Michigan: 1-1

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	D.J. Flord	WR	6-1	196	JR
2	Darrin Walls	DB	6-1	180	SO
3	Demetrius Jones	QB	6-4	213	SO
4	Gary Gray	DB	5-11	180	FR
5	Armando Allen	RB	5-10	190	FR
6	Ray Herring	DB	5-10	197	SO
7	Jimmy Clausen	QB	6-3	207	FR
8	Raeshon McNeil	DB	6-0	187	FR
9	Tom Zbikowski	DB	6-0	207	SR
11	David Grimes	WR	5-10	177	JR
12	Darrin Bragg	QB	6-1	188	SR
13	Evan Sharpley	QB	6-2	216	JR
14	Brandon Walker	K	6-3	197	FR
15	Leo Ferrine	DB	6-0	189	SR
16	Justin Gillett	QB	5-11	180	SR
17	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	208	SR
18	Duval Kamara	WR	6-5	222	FR
19	George West	WR	5-10	197	SO
20	Terrail Lambert	DB	5-11	191	SR
21	Barry Gallup Jr.	WR	5-11	185	SO
22	Ambrose Woodlen	CB	5-11	196	SR
23	Golden Tate	WR	5-11	188	FR
23	W. David Williams	DB	5-9	173	SR
24	Leonard Gordon	DB	5-11	194	SO
25	Munir Prince	DB	5-10	184	SO
26	Travis Thomas	RB	6-0	216	SR
27	David Bruton	DB	6-2	207	JR
28	Kyle McCarthy	DB	6-1	207	SO
29	Jashaad Gaines	DB	6-0	203	SO
29	Jake Richardsville	WR	6-1	180	SO
30	Harrison Smith	DB	6-2	205	FR
31	Sergio Brown	DB	6-2	196	SO
32	Luke Schmidt	RB	6-3	248	SO
33	Robert Hughes	RB	5-11	238	FR
34	James Aldridge	RB	6-0	222	JR
35	Nate Whitaker	K	5-9	165	FR
35	Kevin Smith	DB	6-0	180	SR
36	Dex Cure	DB	6-1	220	SO
37	Junior Jabbie	RB	5-11	205	SR
38	Wade Jams	WR	5-9	183	SR
39	Ryan Burkhart	K	5-11	196	SO
39	Kevin Brooks	TE	6-2	241	SO
40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	LB	6-0	230	SR
41	Scott Smith	LB	6-4	235	JR
42	Kevin Washington	LB	6-1	241	JR
43	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	170	JR
43	Eric Maust	P	5-10	177	SO
44	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	180	SO
44	Asaph Schwapp	FB	6-0	261	JR
45	John Leonis	DB	5-9	169	JR
45	Kris Patterson	WR	5-11	185	JR
47	Aaron Nagel	LB	6-1	229	FR
48	Steve Quinn	LB	6-2	231	JR
49	Toryan Smith	LB	6-1	245	SO
50	Steve Paskorz	LB	6-2	235	FR
51	Dan Wenger	OL	6-4	287	SO
52	Joe Brockington	LB	6-2	240	SR
53	Morrice Richardson	LB	6-2	244	SO
54	Anthony Vernaglia	LB	6-3	234	SR
55	Eric Olsen	OL	6-4	303	SO
56	Kerry Neal	LB	6-2	245	FR
57	Dwight Stephenson	DL	6-2	272	SR
59	Chris Stewart	OL	6-5	339	SO
61	J.J. Janssen	LS	6-3	242	SR
63	Jeff Tisak	OL	6-5	306	JR
67	Tom Benenderfer	OL	6-5	285	JR
69	Neil Kennedy	DL	5-11	266	SR
70	Matt Romine	OL	6-5	279	FR
71	Bartley Webb	OL	6-6	305	SO
72	Paul Duncan	OL	6-7	308	JR
73	Matt Carufel	OL	6-5	295	SO
74	Sam Young	OL	6-8	310	FSO
75	Taylor Dever	OL	6-5	289	FR
76	Andrew Nuss	DL	6-5	292	FR
77	Michael Turkovich	OL	6-6	301	JR
78	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	303	SR
80	Richard Jackson	WR	6-3	204	SO
82	Robby Parris	WR	6-4	209	SO
83	Mike Ragone	TE	6-5	230	FR
84	Will Yeatman	TE	6-6	264	SO
85	Sam Vos	WR	5-10	199	SO
88	Konrad Reuland	TE	6-6	255	SO
89	John Carlson	TE	6-6	255	SR
90	John Ryan	LB	6-5	253	SO
91	Emeka Nwankwo	DL	6-4	283	FR
92	Derrell Hand	DL	6-3	287	JR
93	Paddy Mullen	DL	6-5	290	SO
94	Justin Brown	DL	6-3	261	SR
95	Ian Williams	DL	6-2	300	FR
96	Pat Kuntz	DL	6-3	285	JR
97	Kallen Wade	DL	6-5	257	SO
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-1	296	SR

Notre Dame 2007 Schedule

Sept. 1 GA. TECH — L
Sept. 8 at Penn State — L
Sept. 15 at Michigan
Sept. 22 MICHIGAN ST.
Sept. 29 at Purdue
Oct. 6 at UCLA
Oct. 13 BC
Oct. 20 USC
Nov. 3 NAVY
Nov. 11 AIR FORCE
Nov. 18 DUKE
Nov. 25 at Stanford

COACHING

QUARTERBACKS

IRISH RUSHING

IRISH PASSING

NOTRE DAME

Charlie Weis went 19-4 in his first 23 games at Notre Dame, but he's lost his last four by an average of 24.5 points per game. He needs to find the old magic, especially offensively, before the wheels completely come off this season.

Jimmy Clausen did a good job of finding receivers last week when they were open, and when he wasn't getting sandwiched by Penn State linebackers. He is still a freshman though, and a game-changing mistake could come at any time.

The Irish have a big offensive line and five talented running backs, so the running game should be effective on paper. But it hasn't been. In fact, Notre Dame is last in the nation in rushing, averaging -4 yards per game.

When Clausen had time last week, he usually found receivers, although they weren't often very far downfield. He has the ability to throw intermediate to deep routes, but only if the line gives him time and the coaching staff is willing to be aggressive with its playcalling.

MICHIGAN

Lloyd Carr has a national championship under his belt, but it was 10 years ago. A 7-5 record in 2005 put him under fire in Ann Arbor, and, like Weis, he's lost his last four games — and he may have lost the confidence of his team in the process.

With Chad Henne injured, the Michigan starting job falls on freshman Ryan Mallett, a 6-foot-7, 252 pound freshman who played most of the second half against Oregon. Mallett completed 7-of-16 passes last week.

Like Notre Dame's running game, Michigan's rush defense should be good on paper. But once again, it isn't. The Wolverines gave up over 300 yards rushing to Oregon and are averaging giving up 245.5 yards per game.

Michigan's secondary has given up several big plays already this year, including a 68-yard touchdown by Appalachian State and scoring passes of 85, 61 and 46 yards by Oregon — all of this with three senior starters.

ANALYSIS

Notre Dame has really struggled in its first two games this year, but the Irish are very young and this was expected to be a rebuilding year. Michigan, on the other hand, is senior laden and has high expectations. Its struggles fall squarely on Carr.

This game will probably come down to which quarterback makes the fewest mistakes. Clausen may not be a finished product yet, but he's farther along than Mallett, who looked confused at times against the Ducks.

This is a matchup of two of the worst units in the country thus far. In the end, both teams will probably be encouraged by their ability to run the ball/stop the run, but how much will be attributable to the ineptitude of the other squad?

Michigan's secondary is awful, but it remains to be seen whether the Irish offensive line can give Clausen the time to exploit it. And while the Wolverines have given up long touchdowns right and left, do the Notre Dame receivers have the speed to take advantage?



Irish experts



Ken Fowler
Sports Writer

Something has to go right for one of these teams. It just has to. Two weeks have resulted in four losses, five quarterbacks and countless embarrassments for the teams combined. On Saturday, someone has to win. One of these currently awful teams will escape with a victory, thanks to the complete and utter ineptitude of the other. Luckily for the Irish, they'll have the benefit of facing the most heartless program in football.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 20
Michigan 8**



Chris Khorey
Sports Editor

Neither offense will be able to move the ball early, but a big play on defense or special teams will give Notre Dame a lead and boos will rain down on the fragile Wolverines, who will quit in response. The Irish running game will be suddenly effective against the demoralized Michigan defense, and Notre Dame will come home with the win that this team — and this campus — so desperately needs.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 21
Michigan 10**

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Michigan Wolverines



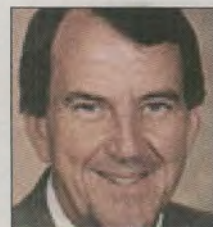
Michigan 2007 Schedule

Sept. 1 APP. ST. — L
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 Sept. 15 NOTRE DAME
 Sept. 22 PENN STATE
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 Oct. 6 E. MICHIGAN
 Oct. 13 PURDUE
 Oct. 20 at Illinois
 Oct. 27 MINNESOTA
 Nov. 3 at Mich. State
 Nov. 10 at Wisconsin
 Nov. 17 OHIO STATE

Michigan Wolverines

Record: 0-2
 AP: NR
 Coaches: NR

Lloyd Carr
 13th season at
 Michigan
 career record:
 113-36
 at Michigan:
 113-36
 against Notre
 Dame: 4-4



Lloyd Carr
head coach

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
2	Shawn Crable	LB	6-5	243	SR
3	Stevie Brown	DB	6-0	205	SO
4	Brandon Minor	RB	6-0	212	SO
5	Charles Stewart	DB	6-1	203	SR
6	Donovan Warren	DB	5-8	173	FR
7	Chad Henne	QB	6-2	226	SR
8	Jonas Mouton	LB	6-2	235	SO
9	Anton Campbell	DB	5-11	194	SR
10	Steve Threet	QB	6-5	228	FR
12	David Cone	QB	6-6	214	SO
13	Greg Mathews	WR	6-3	231	SO
14	Matt Hornaday	DB	5-10	200	JR
14	Morgan Trent	CB	6-1	184	SR
15	Ryan Mallett	QB	6-7	252	FR
16	Adrian Arrington	WR	6-3	195	SR
17	Toney Clemons	WR	6-2	205	FR
18	Antonio Bass	WR	6-0	204	JR
20	Mike Hari	RB	5-9	202	SR
21	Junior Hemingway	WR	6-3	202	FR
22	Jamar Adams	DB	6-2	214	SR
23	Carlos Brown	RB	6-0	209	SO
24	Kevin Grady	RB	5-9	224	JR
25	Johnny Sears	CB	6-0	185	JR
26	Zion Babb	WR	6-1	180	FR
27	Shakir Edwards	DB	6-0	206	SR
27	Brandon Harrison	DB	5-8	193	JR
28	Jordan Reilly	DB	5-9	178	FR
29	Jon Conover	WR	6-2	198	SO
29	Troy Woolfolk	DB	6-0	174	FR
30	James Rogers II	DB	6-1	169	FR
31	Brandt Englemont	DB	5-11	206	SR
32	Vince Helmuth	FB	6-1	248	FR
33	Marell Evans	LB	6-3	224	FR
34	Jason Gingell	K	5-9	190	SR
35	Doug Dutch	DB	5-11	199	SR
37	Chris Graham	LB	5-11	225	SR
38	Artis Chambers	DB	6-1	185	FR
39	Will Heintinger	DE	6-5	223	FR
39	Ankit Kachhal	P	6-1	192	Sr
40	Michael Williams	DB	5-11	178	FR
41	Zoltan Mesko	P	6-4	242	JR
42	Chris McLaurin	TE	6-3	232	JR
43	Bryan Wright	K	6-1	218	SO
44	Mark Moundros	FB	6-1	231	SO
45	Obi Ezech	LB	6-2	243	SO
46	Brandon Logan	LB	6-0	220	JR
49	John Thompson	LB	6-1	237	SR
50	David Molik	OL	6-2	280	FR
50	Ohene Opong-Owusu	LB	6-1	235	JR
51	Max Polock	LB	6-1	218	Sr
52	Stephen Schilling	OL	6-5	298	SO
53	Ryan Van Bergen	DE	6-5	260	FR
54	Austin Panter	LB	6-2	232	SO
55	Brandon Graham	DE	6-2	270	SO
57	Zac Ciullo	OL	6-0	270	FR
57	Adam Kraus	OL	6-6	295	SR
58	Brandon Herron	LB	6-2	199	FR
59	Sean Griffin	LS	6-2	238	SR
60	David Moosman	OL	6-5	290	JR
61	Patrick Lyall	OL	6-0	277	SR
62	Tim McAvoy	OL	6-4	290	JR
62	John Saigh	DL	6-4	294	SR
63	Brendan Lopez	LS	6-0	244	FR
64	Gant DeBenedictis	OL	6-5	304	SR
65	Justin Boren	OL	6-3	310	SO
66	William Bostic	LB	5-9	211	SO
67	Terrance Taylor	DL	6-0	308	JR
68	Bryant Nowicki	OL	6-8	305	SO
69	Michael Ramirez	OL	6-2	277	SO
70	Jeremy Ciulla	OL	6-5	295	SR
71	Mark Ortmann	OL	6-6	297	JR
72	Mark Huyge	OL	6-6	286	FR
73	Alex Mitchell	OL	6-5	324	SR
74	Brett Gallimore	DL	6-4	280	SR
75	Cory Zirbel	OL	6-5	295	JR
77	Jake Long	OL	6-7	315	SR
79	Perry Dorrestein	OL	6-7	299	SO
80	Martell Webb	TE	6-4	349	FR
81	Stev Watson	TE	6-4	239	FR
82	LaTerryal Savoy	WR	6-2	205	JR
83	Mike Massey	TE	6-4	231	SR
84	K.C. Lopata	K	6-2	226	SR
84	David Middleton	Wr	6-2	202	SO
85	Carson Butler	TE	6-4	247	JR
86	Mario Manningham	WR	6-0	178	JR
88	Andre Criswell	TE	6-1	257	JR
89	Tim North	DE	6-1	261	JR
90	Tim Jamison	DE	6-3	266	SR
91	Tom Pomarico	OL	6-3	246	FR
92	Greg Banks	DE	6-4	262	SO
93	Jason Kates	DL	6-3	234	SO
94	John Ferrara	DL	6-4	279	SO
95	Renaldo Sagesse	DL	6-4	303	FR
96	Mike therman	TE	6-3	238	SO
97	Will Johnson	DL	6-5	290	SO
99	Adam Patterson	DL	6-2	256	SO

WOLVERINES RUSHING

Notre Dame's run defense improved last week, allowing less than 60 yards in the first three quarters. But the Irish wore down late in the game, allowing 111 fourth-quarter rushing yards and a touchdown consisting of all running plays.

Mike Hart has been the lone bright spot for the Wolverines this season, running for over 100 yards in both losses. His determination to keep his teammates focused and his willingness to play through injuries make him crucial to Michigan's success.

Hart is closer to Tashard Choice than he is to Austin Scott, so the Irish rush defense will probably struggle to stop him. Notre Dame's best hope is to move extra defenders up near the line of scrimmage and make Mallett pass.

WOLVERINES PASSING

Notre Dame's secondary is one of the few bright spots in this young season. They are allowing an average of less than 130 passing yards per game, and cornerback Darrin Walls scored the only Irish touchdown of the season on an interception return.

Mallett has a cannon arm, but he didn't look ready for college football against Oregon. He routinely threw into coverage and often looked confused. Manningham and Arrington are still dangerous wide receivers.

The Irish pass defense has stifled both passing attacks they've faced and Mallett is the least experienced quarterback they've seen. On the other hand, Manningham had a huge game last year, scoring three touchdowns on the Notre Dame secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Notre Dame special teams have been a mixed bag this year. Zbikowski, Allen and Tate are dangerous return men, and Price, Walker and Whitaker have all looked good kicking the ball, but the Irish gave up long kick and punt returns last week against Penn State.

Zoltan Mesko is a very good punter, and Michigan's kick and punt returning have been solid. But kicker Jason Gingell is just 2-for-5 kicking field goals, and he had two blocked in the final minute against Appalachian State.

Both groups have looked great at times and had complete break downs at others. Like other facets of the game, the team with better special teams will be the one that avoids the disastrous mistakes they have endured in the past two weeks.

INTANGIBLES

Notre Dame has looked awful, but its bevy of young players are learning something new every week. The Irish have to go on the road in front of 100,000 people again, but The Big House will seem tame after a fired-up Beaver Stadium.

The senior-laden Wolverines are struggling — but no one seems to know why. Mike Hart guaranteed victory, but he was last seen yelling at his own offensive linemen. Discord reigns in Ann Arbor.

Michigan came into this year with high expectations and those are already out the window. Notre Dame's struggles are surprising as well, but the rebuilding Irish can still achieve their goals, whereas the Wolverines cannot.

NOTRE DAME

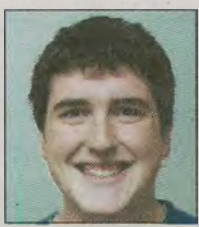
MICHIGAN

ANALYSIS



Chris Hine
Sports Editor

Notre Dame is finally able to move the ball against Michigan's weak pass defense and score a couple of offensive touchdowns. Meanwhile, the rushing game breaks double digits. The defense continues its strong play and is able to hold Michigan late in the game thanks to the offenses's ability to finally move the ball and eat up some clock. Clausen leads Notre Dame down the field in the closing minutes to give the Irish the victory.
FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 21 Michigan 14



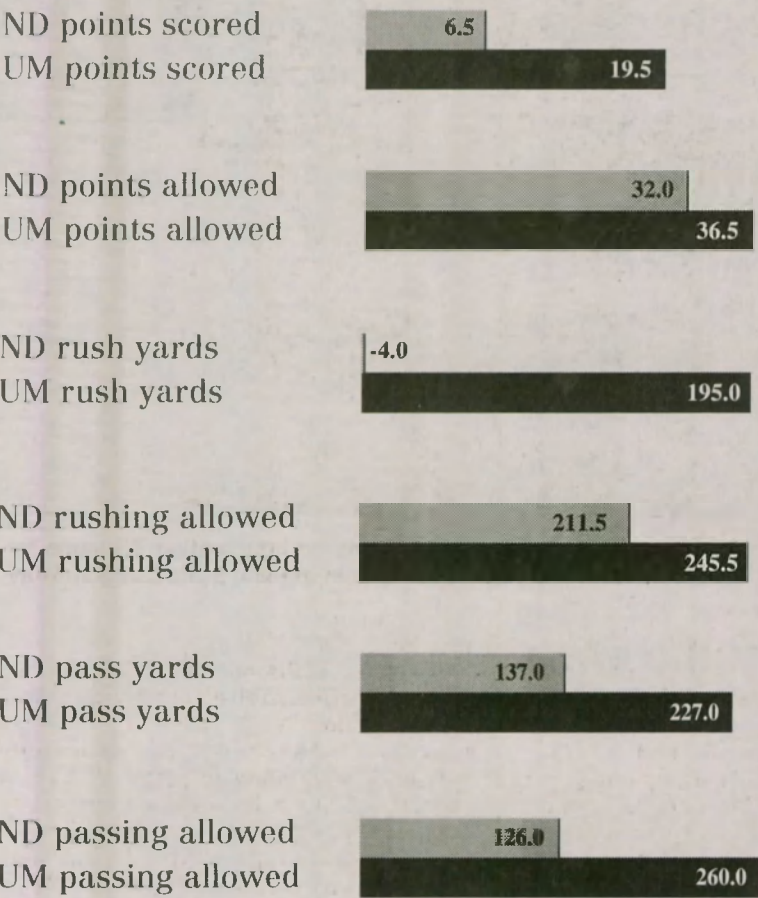
Jay Fitzpatrick
Associate Sports Editor

This game comes down to heart. If every player on Notre Dame isn't ready to humiliate the Wolverines after last year's debacle, something is terribly wrong. And what could be more embarrassing for Michigan than losing in the Big House again? Weis and Clausen finally get the offense clicking against the inept Blue defense, while the defense will shut down Mallett and Hart.
FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 28 Michigan 7

Irish experts

Crunching the numbers

AVERAGE PER GAME



Saturday Pick ‘em

	<u>Khorey</u>	<u>Hine</u>	<u>Fowler</u>	<u>Fitzpatrick</u>
Season Record:	(29-8)	(29-8)	(33-4)	(32-5)
No. 1 USC at No. 14 Nebraska	USC	USC	USC	UN
Middle Tennessee at No. 2 LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
Utah State at No. 3 Oklahoma	OK	OK	OK	OK
No. 22 Tennessee at No. 5 Florida	TN	FL	FL	FL
No. 6 Texas at Central Florida	TX	TX	TX	TX
The Citadel at No. 7 Wisconsin	WI	WI	WI	WI
La. Tech at No. 8 California	CA	CA	CA	CA
No. 9 Louisville at Kentucky	UL	UL	UK	UK
No. 10 Ohio State at Washington	WA	OSU	WA	OSU
No. 11 UCLA at Utah	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA
Buffalo at No. 12 Penn State	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU
Norfolk State at No. 13 Rutgers	RUT	RUT	RUT	RUT
No. 21 BC at No. 15 Georgia Tech	GT	GT	GT	GT
No. 16 Arkansas at Alabama	AL	AR	AL	AL
S. Car. State at No. 17 South Carolina	SC	SC	SC	SC
Ohio at No. 18 Virginia Tech	VT	VT	VT	VT
Fresno State at No. 19 Oregon	FS	UO	UO	UO
Furman at No. 20 Clemson	CU	CU	CU	UC
Western Carolina at No. 23 Georgia	UG	UG	UG	UG
No. 24 Hawaii at UNLV	UNLV	UH	UH	UH
Louis.-Monroe at No. 25 Texas A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M

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Confidence breeds improvement for DBs

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame's defense has given up 32 points per game this season, but Irish coach Charlie Weis said his secondary still has the most important component for a solid defense — confidence.

"There are scheme changes, we're playing a whole bunch of combination coverages, but I think that the one thing that [Irish defensive backs] coach [Bill] Lewis and [defensive coordinator Corwin] Brown have done is instill confidence in that group," Weis said.

The new confidence has come with the new 3-4 personnel scheme this season, spearheaded by Brown.

"We've been able to play multiple personnel groups that we haven't been able to play with such confidence before," Weis said. "So now we've been able to put more DBs on the field against multiple receiver sets and we don't get mismatched."

The new scheme helped the defensive backs regain their confidence. In the past two seasons under former defensive coordinator Rick Minter, the Irish struggled against the pass, surrendering 203 yards per game in 2006 and 264 yards in 2005 — 103rd in the country.

The secondary has performed above expectations in the first two games this season, holding opponents to only 126 passing yards per game — good for

14th best in the nation.

Weis said the main reason for the improvement in the pass defense game is the emergence of talented players.

Sophomore cornerback Darrin Walls is one of those emerging players for the Irish.

He scored the team's only touchdown in the first two games — a 73-yard interception return in the first quarter against Penn State last Saturday.

"It was an exciting play," Walls said. "Basically I just followed my blocks, my teammates made a wall, and I followed them. We practiced it all week and it happened in practice. I pictured it happening in a game and it did."

Walls has played well enough in practice to earn a starting job at cornerback in both games this season, although Brown said every player in the secondary has improved during the preseason and the first two weeks.

"They've really challenged each other," Brown said. "They've challenged themselves. The things that we've asked them to do, they've made. They've really worked hard at trying to get those things done."

The touchdown was a prime

example of improvement in the Irish secondary. The team's practices helped them mesh as a team and have spilled over into games.

"We got a lot of confidence just working with each other, getting used to each other on

the field, and being consistent," Walls said. "The confidence level has been building in practice and in games so it's been great to the level of play."

Even though the touchdown added to the unit's confidence, it was also a result of the teamwork and bonding the secondary has worked on all season.

"Attitude [has changed] — we've been more aggressive and more physical," Walls said. "We hang together on the weekends. The camaraderie between us brings us a lot closer on the field."

Brown said the team's closeness is obvious in practice. The defensive backs, Brown said, work hard to improve their teammates.

"They really support each other," Brown said. "They really do support each other and nobody gets jealous. It's pretty cool."

The secondary will face a tough test Saturday with Michigan receivers Mario Manningham and Adrian

"We've been able to play multiple personnel groups that we haven't been able to play with such confidence before."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach



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Irish cornerback Darrin Walls returns an interception 73 yards for a touchdown in Notre Dame's 31-10 loss to Penn State last Saturday.

Arrington. The Wolverines wide outs have not been as dominant as in recent years, but they have combined for 21 catches and 304 yards. Moreover, Manningham had four catches for 137 yards and three touchdowns last season against Notre Dame.

But this season, Michigan will be without four-year starting quarterback Chad Henne. Instead, the Wolverines will start freshman quarterback

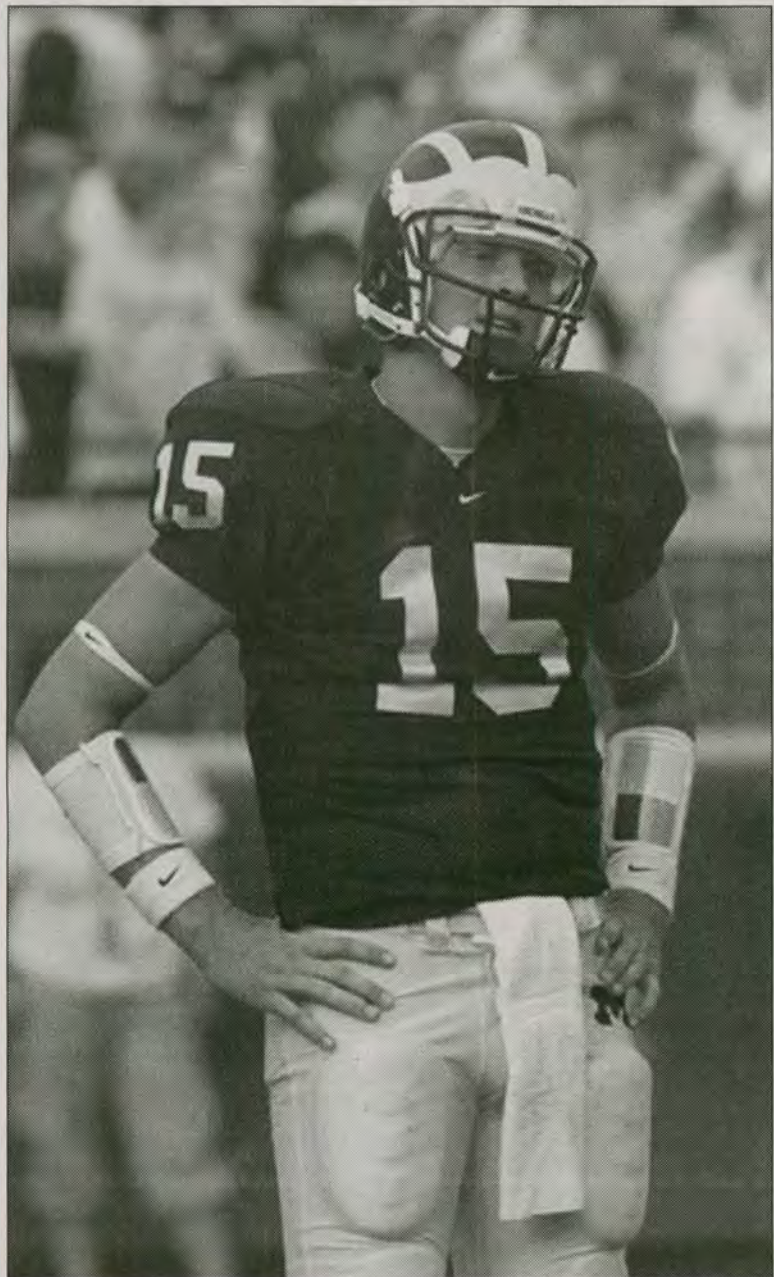
Ryan Mallett.

Walls doesn't think that will affect Notre Dame's concentration.

"Our mindset is as if Henne was going to play," Walls said. "Their freshman quarterback has a great arm, we watched a lot of tape on him. He can make any throw on the field. We just go in there and prepare."

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Mallett gets first start for injured Henne



AP
Michigan quarterback Ryan Mallett reacts after throwing an incomplete pass during Michigan's 39-7 loss to Oregon last Saturday.

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When Ryan Mallett came to Michigan in January, he had visions of one day becoming the Wolverines' starting quarterback.

He had no idea that day would come so soon.

Mallett, a freshman who arrived in Ann Arbor a semester early to get a jump on classes and attend spring practice, was thrust into the lineup when senior Chad Henne suffered a leg injury in the second half of last week's 39-7 loss to Oregon.

Henne did not return to the game, and he will not be available Saturday when winless Michigan takes on 0-2 Notre Dame at Michigan Stadium.

Instead, the 6-foot-7, 252-pound freshman from Texarkana, Ark., will be under center against the Irish.

"I think he's a bright guy," Wolverines coach Lloyd Carr said of Mallett. "He comes from a football family. His dad is a high school football coach. He's been in great competition at Texarkana, comes from a great program."

Three years ago, Henne was in a similar boat, having won

the starting job in fall camp as a true freshman.

But Carr said his current freshman is further along than Henne was at that point.

"Chad Henne came in, in July, and spent a month with us as far as conditioning," Carr said. "Ryan was here throughout the winter. He had spring practice. And so from a standpoint of being able to do some more things, certainly he has more experience than Chad had at the same time."

But even with that extra spring practice under his belt, Mallett will have a simplified playbook to work with,

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Carr said.

"The reality is that it's a fine line," he said. "You can do too little and not give us a chance, or you can do too much and make it impossible. So our job as coaches is to give him a plan that he feels good with and that gives us a chance to put points on the board."

In his freshman year, Henne completed more than 60 percent of his passes for over 2,700 yards, including a 25-of-40, 240-yard performance in a 28-20 loss to the Irish in his second start.

Last week, Mallett completed

seven of his 16 pass attempts for 49 yards with an interception. Senior wide receiver Adrian Arrington said he and junior wide out Mario Manningham will need to use their experience to help the youngster under center.

"As receivers, we just have to be in the right place at the right time," Arrington said. "He hasn't had enough experience to fake on the move like we can with Chad, so we just have to be in the right place at the right time."

Senior offensive tackle Jake Long said that Mallett took control of the huddle immediately, and that his completion percentage will improve with experience.

"Ryan stepped out there; he didn't hesitate and took charge," he said. "I think in practice he is going to get better, too."

Coming out of high school, Mallett was known for a strong arm and was ranked second in the nation among quarterbacks by several recruiting services — with only Notre Dame starting quarterback Jimmy Clausen ahead of him.

"We did a lot of work on Mallett coming out of Texarkana," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "He's a really big guy ... with a cannon arm. He can make all the throws. He was that way in high school. And I'm sure that this week, now that he's a starter, they'll have an opportunity to build the offense around what he does the best."

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