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ND looks to move past ordinance

Common Council members ask University to control student partying off campus

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

When the South Bend Common Council votes tonight on an ordinance intended to curtail raucous student parties in neighborhoods near Notre Dame, it will make a statement about the historically complex relationship between the University and the city.

University leaders have said they do not think an ordinance requiring students to pre-register off-campus parties is the best way to solve a problem they acknowledge exists.

Since he introduced the ordinance in July, Council member Buddy Kirsits has called for

the University administration to "step up to the plate" to address actions of its students off campus.

But University leaders have said the present situation is a chance to collaborate with students and city officials.

"I believe there's currently an opportunity for us to work constructively with the local community and the city to improve the legitimate concerns that people have — and

they are legitimate," University President Father John Jenkins told The Observer. "I think there are instances where Notre Dame students have not behaved as they should, and people feel that the quality of their life has been not as good because of that. ...

"I believe we can find a way to work constructively on it without ordinances."

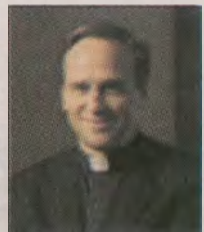
In its earlier form, the proposed ordinance required houses with two or more unrelated residents to apply for a permit 10 days in advance before hosting a party with 25 or more guests with access to alcohol. Now, the Council is considering a modi-

fied version that would create a coalition of leaders from the city and local colleges, including Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

While the current version of the ordinance still contains rules for party registration, they would not be implemented unless the Council voted to do so in the future — an action that city officials say could be necessary if students continue to host too-rowdy parties off campus.

It would not be the first time the behavior of Notre Dame students off campus spurred action by South Bend residents and officials."

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Jenkins

Energy events promoted

October week will address environment

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
News Writer

Responding to an advocacy group's report card that graded the University poorly for its sustainable policies, Notre Dame is aggressively promoting the upcoming Energy Week, which begins Oct. 7.

In February, the Sustainable Environmental Institute gave Notre Dame a D-minus — the lowest grade of 100 schools measured — for the University's greening and endowment policies.

The Student Senate on Sept. 19 voted 24-0 to endorse a commitment to promote carbon neutrality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions on campus. The measure was a "strong gesture to work towards [those goals]," Stanford senator Ryan Brellenthin said.

"The first step to improvement is to measure carbon emissions," he said.

Doing so would be an "eye-opener" that would encourage students to take small steps to reduce their environmental impact, such as using more efficient light-bulbs and turning off electronic appliances when they are not in use, he said. Brellenthin also said that the University's off-campus efforts, such as planting trees in Uganda, would move Notre Dame towards carbon neutrality.

Frank Incropera, former dean of the College of Engineering, will promote ecological awareness by leading a discussion on Thursday.

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University Club closes after 49 years

By JENN METZ and
MEG MIRSHAK
News Writers

Last spring, when the University announced the upcoming construction of a \$69.4 million engineering building in the exact location of the University Club, members and employees expressed their discontent.

Now that plans have been finalized, the Club, which was founded in 1958, is saying goodbye to its on-campus location, and its future remains unclear.

Joanne Johnson, whose husband is on the University faculty, moved to South Bend in 1993. Her family went to the University Club for lunch

for many years.

"We have sentimental feelings [toward the Club]," she said. "I hope that it will reopen soon."

For the Johnsons, the University Club was both an on-campus restaurant and a comfortable place with a personal touch.

"We knew the people who worked there and they knew our family," she said.

The Club building, next to McKenna Hall along Notre Dame Ave., was donated by former Indiana governor Robert Gore and designed by Robert Schultz, a former architect with the School of Architecture. The private, not-for-profit organization

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JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Members said goodbye to the University Club after dinner Saturday night. Many were sad to lose a traditional gathering place.

Students prompt recycling efforts

Tailgaters encouraged to dispose of gameday waste at new stations

By JOSEPH McMAHON
News Writer

While many of their peers tailgated or slept in before the Michigan State game Saturday, a number of Notre Dame students spent their pre-game hours setting up recycling stations around campus.

The 65 volunteers handed out blue recycling bags and manned recycling stations to collect any recyclables from the tailgates and concession stands that litter campus. Their efforts, which involved working shifts from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., were part of the University "It's easy bein' green at ND" environmental campaign.

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Photo Courtesy of Lourdes Long

Students gather before the football game Saturday to organize a campus-wide recycling initiative.

Expert: Irish language on verge of extinction

By PUJA PARIKH
News Writer

The Irish language is in danger of dying in part because no well-established body had led the fight to revive it, a historian said Friday.

"[The Irish] language appears to be on the brink of extinction," said Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh, professor of history at the National University of Ireland, Galway. "No sustained organization has made a stand against the abandonment of the language until recent times."

The talk, part of the annual "Why Irish?" lecture, was sponsored by the Department

of Irish Language and Literature to discuss this "language problem" in Ireland — the conflict between having both the Irish and English language as a large part of Irish culture.

"English has become the language of power from the 17th century," Ó Tuathaigh said in his speech, which was titled "Language Change, the State and National Identity in Ireland Since the Great Famine."

"In the 18th century, 45 percent of Ireland was Irish speaking. In the mid-19th century, that percentage dropped to 30. In the late 1800s, learning the Irish lan-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Andrew, we need to talk

Andrew, please know that we Domers may or may not follow current events in the shiny golden bubble-world that is Notre Dame, and that not everyone reading this knows your harrowing tale. Here's what happened: Andrew Meyer, who is a student at the University of Florida, got 70,000 volts in the chest during a Q & A session with John Kerry following a speech Kerry made to a large number of UF students.

Coleman Collins

Photographer

Andrew, you deserved every last volt. Please, don't get me wrong. Getting tased is probably one of the least pleasurable experiences ever. I wouldn't actively wish it upon anyone, but look at the situation here.

Did you really think that after making a scene to get to the front of a line just to make few cockamamie allegations about disenfranchised black voters, John Kerry winning the '04 election and Kerry's potential involvement with the Skull & Bones society, your supposed peers in the audience would think "Wow! You just changed my whole perspective, man!"

Did you really think the police, who followed you up from the back of the line as you pushed people aside to get your accusations out to the world, would hear you out and then go "Wow! That was enlightening and worthwhile. Please know we're sorry we wondered why you were rushing menacingly toward a high-profile government official?"

Let's suppose that getting ejected and potentially tased was not your primary objective. Let's suppose that you just wanted to teach some unenlightened UF students about the injustices that the Bush administration has imparted to the populous. I won't even ask why you tried to do this with made-up injustices, rather than the plethora of real ones. You must have realized the possibility of being tased. Was it worth it to you?

Look, Andy — is it okay if I call you Andy? — you chanced messing with the bull that is the overprotective security forces surrounding a high-profile official. You got the horns. And because of this, you're a martyr for free speech?

Wait a minute. How is this about free speech at all? Free speech means asking questions — even if they are unfounded and accusatory — but it does not mean pushing up to the front of the line and causing a massive scene to ask these questions. It does not mean causing an even greater scene when a cop, after allowing you to rant for a little bit, decides that you are causing too much of a scene and that it is now time for you to leave. It does not mean continuing to flail, fight and yell even after a cop has said "If you continue, you will be tased."

Give us a break. You're trying to milk your 15 minutes and make yourself into a martyr because you were out of hand and some cops were doing their jobs. I doubt it was fun getting 70,000 volts in the chest, but Andy, it was your own damn fault.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Coleman Collins at ccollin6@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD HAVE ONE WISH GRANTED, WHAT WOULD IT BE?



Laura Divel
freshman
McGlinn

"For everyone in this world, myself and my loved ones to be happy."



Nelson Way
sophomore
Alumni

"A win."



Ben Davies
sophomore
Alumni

"More wishes."



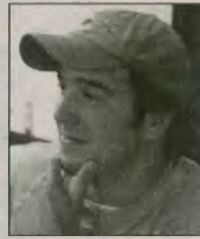
Luke Stavole
freshman
Fisher

"Browns to win the Super Bowl."



Jacob Nelson
sophomore
O'Neill

"Erena."



Michael Erena
sophomore
O'Neill

"Nelson."



ERIC SALES/The Observer

Members of the 1947 national championship football team were introduced during the first quarter of the Michigan State game Saturday.

IN BRIEF

A panel forum called "Confidence in Journalism: Regaining Public Trust" will take place today at 3 p.m. in 104 McKenna Hall. The forum is hosted by the Gullivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy. The event is free and open to the public.

"Between Figurative and Abstract," will feature paintings by Gao Xingjian. The exhibit will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in O'Shaughnessy Galleries West in the Snite Museum Tuesday. The exhibit will end Nov. 11.

"Solid Fundamentals and Flame: Applications" seminar will be held Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in 129 DeBartolo Hall. Alex S. Mukasyan, research professor in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, will speak about the fundamentals of solid flame (SF).

The rosary will be said Tuesday night at 6:45 at the Grotto. The rosary is said daily.

There is a Post Graduate Service Fair Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 8 at the Joyce Center. Representatives from over 70 service programs will be present for students who wish to commit to a year or more of full-time service after graduation. The event is sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns.

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

OFFBEAT

Man beholds tame duck behind hotel

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A man was in custody Sunday after police said he ripped the head off a tame duck that lived in a hotel lobby's ornamental pond.

Scott D. Clark, a guest at the Embassy Suites Hotel in St. Paul, cornered the duck early Saturday morning, grabbed the bird and ripped its head from its body while a hotel security guard and others watched, police said.

Clark then turned to onlookers and said: "I'm hungry. I'm gonna eat it." St. Paul police Sgt. John Wuorinen said.

"He was allegedly drunk," Wuorinen said.

Clark, 26, of Denver, was detained by hotel security guards until police came to arrest him.

He remained jailed Sunday on suspicion of felony animal cruelty and was scheduled to appear in court Monday to be charged.

A phone message left for Clark at the jail was not returned Sunday.

'God' gets attorney in lawsuit

LINCOLN, Neb. — The mystery of one response to a lawsuit against God has

been solved. Eric Perkins, an attorney in Corpus Christi, Texas, said Friday he filed a response to the lawsuit from Nebraska State Sen. Ernie Chambers. "It's kind of a turn on 'What would Jesus do?'" Perkins said. "I thought to myself, 'what would God say?'"

"Defendant denies that this or any court has jurisdiction ... over Him any more than the court has jurisdiction over the wind or rain, sunlight or darkness," according to Perkins' response.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 88 LOW 60	HIGH 78 LOW 50	HIGH 79 LOW 57	HIGH 80 LOW 63	HIGH 85 LOW 67	HIGH 80 LOW 58

Atlanta 83 / 66 Boston 70 / 63 Chicago 88 / 64 Denver 85 / 53 Houston 93 / 67 Los Angeles 68 / 58 Minneapolis 81 / 66 New York 81 / 67 Philadelphia 85 / 63 Phoenix 94 / 74 Seattle 65 / 51 St. Louis 93 / 67 Tampa 88 / 75 Washington 82 / 64

Scholar studies immigrants

Migration center director seeks to promote cultural understanding

Special to the Observer

Migration is a global economic process, not a new problem, according to anthropologist Karen Richman, director of the year-old Center for Migration and Border Studies at Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies (ILS) and fellow of the Kellogg Institute.

Migrants, a source of cheap labor, always will gravitate to areas where the cost of living is higher. It was true of Irish and Polish immigrants in the 19th century, just as it's true of Mexican, Haitian and Salvadoran immigrants today.

"Mexico is not always going to be a migrant-sending country," Richman said. "Another will take its place. It's a process that transcends national policies."

The challenge, she says, is to help people understand that, rather than making immigrants scapegoats.

U.S. workers, Richman points out, have not done well since the 1970s. Since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) came into effect in 1994, she said, many jobs have left the U.S., while American workers have stayed in place.

"Combine that with migrants on the corner, and you get anti-immigrant sentiment," she said.

But immigration has already

fundamentally altered the face of America, Richman said. "The children of immigrants are Americans," she noted. "They're here to stay."

As a cultural anthropologist, Richman's expertise is in explaining the human experience of migration. Her 2005 book, "Migration and Vodou," told the story of how and why Haitian peasants, descendants of the only successful slave revolution in the New World, were transformed into U.S. migrant workers. Her research detailed the ways the migrants maintained religious traditions and family connections to loved ones in Haiti through the use of technology such as cassette tapes. Nowadays, she says, video and cell phones help families stay in touch.

Richman's current research project focuses on a woman named Elena, a member of a Mexican trans-national migrant family.

"In 1984, she crawled through rat-infested water pipes and ran through fields being shot at, and chased by dogs, to come to the United States," Richman said.

A legal resident since 1986, Elena raised her family cleaning houses — it's how the two met. "She cleaned my house," Richman says.

Richman was drawn to Elena by her wit.

"She's a tremendously elo-

quent woman," she said, adding that she attended the "University of Life."

"What I've been doing over the past year and a half is interviewing her and writing her story."

Elena has strong views on the subject of immigration reform. Richman says, quoting her: "We clean their floors, and take care of their children so they can do other jobs. Why are they picking on us?"

Elena came to the U.S. as an undocumented immigrant. Today she is a successful American citizen. The third annual Notre Dame Forum on Oct. 8 will examine the question: 12 million undocumented workers reside in the U.S. Should the government ignore them, help them, or deport them ...or offer a pathway to citizenship?

Richman's views are clear. "Offer a path to citizenship," she said. "The government policies are a failure. There need to be sensible policies, based on a rational understanding of how migration fits into our economy, and our society."

Current policies, Richman argued, have the perverse effect of forcing migrants to stay in the U.S. longer than they intended, and forcing them to bring their families along, because of the difficulties of going back and forth to visit.

ND Press publishes Latino poetry winner

Special to the Observer

The University of Notre Dame Press has published "The Outer Bands," a first book of poetry by Gabriel Gomez, winner of the 2006 Andrés Montoya Poetry Prize awarded by Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies (ILS).

An expansive examination of language and landscape, voice and memory, where experimentation and tradition coexist, the book features poems that realize a dialogue between two worlds that employ an equally paradoxical imagery of the American Southwest and the marshes of southern Louisiana.

"The Outer Bands" concludes with its namesake poem, a 28-day chronicle of the period of time between Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which together decimated the Gulf Coast region in 2005. It is a re-con-

textualization of images, news stories and political rhetoric that Gomez completed during a two-month emergency residency at the Santa Fe (N.M.) Art Institute after his home in New Orleans was destroyed.

Also a playwright and music journalist, Gomez, who now lives in Santa Fe, has taught English at the University of New Orleans, Tulane University, College of Santa Fe and the Institute of American Indian Arts.

The Montoya Poetry Prize, which is the first of its kind in the United States, recognizes a full-length manuscript by a Latino/a poet who has yet to publish a book. It honors the late Andrés Montoya, the author of the award-winning collection "The Ice Worker Sings" and the son of the renowned Chicano artist Malaquias Montoya, who was one of the first ILS fellows.

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serves faculty, alumni, community members and staff who pay a membership fee. Its dining room contains a unique display of the steins and tankards of the Gore Collection

The struggle to preserve the University Club has been going on for many years. According to the Club's Web site, in 2004, University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy appointed a committee to determine the future of the Club. Members were notified of the University's intent to use the Club's location for its expansion at that time.

The Club then formed the Committee for the Future of the University Club, which gathered more than 400 signatures to petition against the relocation of the club, including that of University President Theodore Hesburgh.

Now, the Club's efforts seem wasted for disappointed members like alum Jack Sekula, Class of 1972, who goes to the Club once or twice a year when he gets a chance to visit campus.

"It's a nice campus place to come to," he said Friday during lunch at the Club. "People have a lot of memories here. This is a place that holds those memories for alumni, benefactors. ... We need to hold onto the old."

Dr. Kevin Poupore, Class of 1975, is one of the Club members upset by the clos-

ing. He said he was told the Michigan State home weekend was the last game for which the Club would be open.

"It was kind of nice to be able to go in there and eat dinner after the game ... it was kind of a luxury," he said.

He only eats at the Club once or twice a year — for example, after this year's home opener against Georgia Tech — but he said the members who use it every week are the most affected by the closing.

"[The University] just said, 'We're going to put a bigger and better building there' — I guess that's their right. They really haven't said they were going to build a new club on campus in the future, so the people that used the Club won't have a place on campus anymore," he said.

Poupore said the Club put out a newsletter to its members that contained articles about the Club's questionable future as a part of the University campus.

"There were letters and protests, but they didn't really give much credence to the group of people that frequently use the Club," he said.

When he was a student here, Poupore recalls meeting professors for lunch at the Club to talk about class.

"It's too bad we're losing this place so full of memories," Sekula said.

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Dr. Kevin Poupore
University Club member

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guage became more grudging than toleration," Ó Tuathaigh said.

In order to discuss the problem within Ireland, Ó Tuathaigh has focused his role as a historian and gatherer evidence to build his case.

In doing so, he has written "Ireland Before the Famine," "Thomas Drummond and the Irish Administration 1835-1841," "Community Culture and Conflict in Ireland," "Éirí Amach: 1798 in Éirinn," and "The Development of the Gaeltacht as a Bilingual Entity." In addition, Ó Tuathaigh is the co-author of two books: "The Age of de Valera" and "Irish Studies: A General Introduction."

Ó Tuathaigh is a fellow of the Royal Historical Society, former member of the USA-Ireland Fulbright Commission, visiting profes-

sor at the University of Toronto, University of Cambridge and New York University.

Ó Tuathaigh said the Gaelic League attempted to train teachers throughout Ireland who can teach young Irish children the language. The Gaelic League has sponsored the recruitment and training of these teachers.

Freshman Rachel Witty attended the lecture and found Ó Tuathaigh's conclusions disturbing.

"I didn't realize that there was a language problem in Ireland to begin with," Witty said. "But it's clear that there is a conflict of culture within Ireland.

"It seems very hard for the Irish to find a proper balance between preserving their culture and adapting to a modern way of life."

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"In the 18th century, 45 percent of Ireland was Irish speaking. In the mid-19th century, that percentage dropped to 30."

Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh
history professor

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Monks lead march for democracy

YANGON, Myanmar — The Buddhist monks and nuns gathered at a golden hilltop pagoda to lead 20,000 people in Myanmar's biggest anti-government protest in two decades. Plainclothes police trailed behind without intervening.

But when a small crowd of about 400 people split off and headed for the house of pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, security forces deployed in force to block them.

The march raised both expectations of possible political change and fear that the military might try to crush the demonstrations with violence, as it did in 1988 when thousands of pro-democracy protesters were killed nationwide.

On Saturday, more than 500 monks and sympathizers were allowed past barricades to walk to the house where Suu Kyi is detained. The Nobel Peace laureate greeted them from her gate in her first public appearance in more than four years — a meeting that symbolically linked the current protests to her struggle for democracy.

Israel releases Palestinian prisoners

JERUSALEM — The Israeli Cabinet voted overwhelmingly on Sunday to release 90 Palestinian prisoners in an effort to shore up the moderate Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas, in his power struggle with Islamic Hamas militants.

But the size of the release disappointed the Palestinians at a time when the two sides are feverishly trying to move peace talks into high gear.

A government spokeswoman said the prisoners could be freed by Tuesday evening.

Israel holds roughly 11,000 Palestinian prisoners, many imprisoned in the past seven years of conflict.

NATIONAL NEWS

Emancipation Proclamation tours

LITTLE ROCK — As she looked at the Emancipation Proclamation, Catherine Jewell-Gill recalled her days of picking cotton in Arkansas as a child and later becoming a teacher and principal.

Jewell-Gill was among more than 2,100 people who filed through the Clinton Library on Saturday to see the three-page document that declared the end to slavery. Jewell-Gill, 72, said having the document in Little Rock during the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of Central High School pulls history together.

"I think it coincides beautifully," she said. More than 10,000 people are expected to file past the proclamation during its four-day stay in the city, a rare trip outside the National Archive.

AIDS vaccine fails international test

TRENTON — In a disappointing setback, a promising experimental AIDS vaccine failed to work in a large international test, leading the developer to halt the study.

Merck & Co. said Friday that it is ending enrollment and vaccination of volunteers in the study, which was partly funded by the National Institutes of Health.

It was a high-profile failure in the daunting quest to develop a vaccine to prevent AIDS. Merck's vaccine was the farthest along, considered the most promising and was closely watched by experts in the field.

LOCAL NEWS

Man killed in Chrysler plant

KOKOMO, Ind. — A 48-year-old man was crushed to death by a machine at a Chrysler casting plant.

The Howard County coroner said John Kelly Wright, of Logansport, died instantly Saturday around 5:30 a.m.

The company could not comment on specifics of the death because it is being investigated, said Michelle Tinson, a spokeswoman for Chrysler LLC.

"It's very unfortunate," she said Saturday. "We express our condolences to the employee's family."

Blackwater tensions mount at U.N.

Rice, al-Maliki refuse to discuss security firm's shootout in Baghdad at meeting

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki kept a polite distance Saturday as they attended a group meeting and avoided discussion of a deadly Baghdad shootout involving guards from a U.S. company protecting American diplomats.

The two greeted each other before the meeting, but in a brief exchange of pleasantries, the issue of the shootout didn't come up, deputy State Department spokesman Tom Casey said.

With tensions soaring over the Sept. 16 incident, Rice and al-Maliki chose not to speak about it at a United Nations gathering at which they were among senior diplomats and officials from Iraq's neighbors, including Iran and Syria, weighing future assistance to Iraq.

Earlier, the State Department's Iraq coordinator, David Satterfield, said the two did not have any one-on-one contact. Satterfield testily told reporters that the issue of the incident was not on the agenda. He told reporters after the meeting that Rice had already spoken by phone with al-Maliki about the matter.

The U.N. meeting came as a senior Iraqi official in Baghdad said Iraqi investigators have a videotape that shows employees of Blackwater USA opening fire against civilians without provocation on Sept. 16.

At the same time, Iraq's Interior Ministry said it had expanded its investigation of the shooting to include six other incidents involving Blackwater guards over the past seven months.

The developments added to rising U.S.-Iraqi tensions, which shot up



Hassan Jabir, a 37-year-old lawyer, recovers from gunshot wounds suffered when Blackwater guards in a U.S. State Department convoy allegedly opened fire in Mansour.

following last Sunday's shooting that killed at least 11 Iraqis, including civilians.

Despite that, al-Maliki said before the session that he believed security was improving in Iraq and urged the United Nations to boost its presence in his country.

"The security situation ... has begun to develop tremendously, and the Baghdad of today is different from the Baghdad of yesterday," he said after a solo meeting with Ban.

The presence of Rice and al-Maliki at the same meeting here was the closest high-level encounter between the governments since the incident and since Rice on

Friday announced a full review of State Department security in Iraq.

They precede a meeting between al-Maliki and President Bush next week on the sidelines of the annual U.N. General Assembly.

The security review that Rice announced will examine the rules of engagement followed by security contractors as well as rules and regulations that govern their operations. That includes the jurisdiction in which contractors should be covered and the immunity from prosecution by Iraqi and U.S. military courts that they now enjoy.

A joint U.S.-Iraqi commission is also beginning

to look at widely conflicting accounts of last week-end's incident; the first session was planned for Sunday.

American witnesses have said the security guards were responding to an attack. Many Iraqi witnesses have told investigators the shooting was unprovoked. The prime minister has called the incident a "crime" and his government has suggested that the U.S. no longer use Blackwater for security.

But the State Department relies heavily on private contractors to protect U.S. diplomats and other civilian U.S. government personnel in Iraq because it lacks the means to do so itself.

CUBA

Photo of Castro released in youth paper

Associated Press

HAVANA — Cuba published a photo Sunday of a standing, smiling Fidel Castro looking heavier but still gaunt as he met with Angola's president, the first head of state to see the ailing 81-year-old since June.

The picture, which appeared on the front page of Communist Party youth newspaper Juventud Rebelde, shows Castro in a track suit, athletic pants and tennis shoes. The Cuban leader appears to have gained weight and wears a

warm half-smile as he shakes hands with Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos, who was in Cuba since Thursday on an official visit.

The image was released two days after Castro gave a surprise hour-long interview on state television, during which he answered rumors about his death that have swirled recently in the United States by saying simply, "well, here I am."

Sunday's photo was the first time Castro has been seen standing in months. He stayed seated during the interview, which aired Friday evening just hours after officials

said it was taped.

Held in an undisclosed location, the meeting between Castro and Dos Santos reportedly took place Saturday afternoon and lasted an hour and 45 minutes.

"I could see him recuperating," Dos Santos told Cuba's state news agency, Prensa Latina. "He's strong, with good enthusiasm."

Castro has not appeared in public since announcing on July 31, 2006, that emergency intestinal surgery was forcing him to step down in favor of a provisional government headed by his 76-year-old brother, Raul.

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'Occasional crises'

"You know, universities are not quiet places," said Father Theodore Hesburgh, who served as University president for 35 years. "Every so often, students get carried away, generally due to too much drinking. And that causes a crisis when it happens."

Hesburgh oversaw the University through occasional but repeated complaints from South Bend residents frustrated with their unruly student neighbors — like in 1986, when 65 people from the area south of campus signed a petition protesting off-campus parties.

"On numerous occasions the South Bend Police Department has been called to disperse large and sometimes unruly crowds which have assembled for the sole purpose of getting drunk," the petition read. "The University does not allow this kind of behavior on campus, why should it allow it in our neighborhood?"

These "occasional crises," Hesburgh said, "come and go, but they're not important."

"You've got to remember, we have been here since 1841," he

said. "That's a long time. And as South Bend has grown over the years, we've grown with it. That's been a concurrent growth, but it's not unrelated. ... South Bend, if you took Notre Dame out of the picture, you wouldn't know much about it."

The Notre Dame and South Bend communities necessarily overlap, former University president Father Edward Malloy said.

"Any university, we can't live in isolation," said Malloy, who served as president for 18

years. "We're not a fortress on a mountaintop. It's not a castle where you can pull the moats up. The quality of life on campus is going to always be impacted by the quality of

life of the surrounding neighborhoods. ... It's self-evidently clear."

Malloy noted that tensions between students and local residents are widespread in college towns.

"These issues are not peculiar to Notre Dame," he said. "If you went down to Bloomington, if you go to Evanston — just name all the places where there are campuses with large numbers of undergraduate students — and you're going to find this is going to be an ongoing debate."

The debate continues

through tonight's vote — and it's largely because Council members say student parties have grown louder and messier in recent years.

Associate Vice President for Residence Life Bill Kirk said the University has "consistently enforced" Notre Dame's student handbook, duLac, when violations happen off campus.

"What has changed is the frequency of it," he said.

But while Residence Life has received "more reports" of incidents involving students off campus during the past few years, "there is some behavior that may not amount to a violation of the law," Kirk said.

Those problems, he said, are "difficult for us to address if no police action" was taken.

Though Notre Dame asks its students to be good neighbors off campus, Jenkins said, the University is limited in its control.

"There are expectations for students' behavior, it's pretty clear. I don't think any of our students are unsure about that," Jenkins said. "We cannot, obviously, police their behavior 24 hours a day, wherever they go. But we can work with others in a cooperative effort to address this situation, and I'm optimistic this is an opportunity to do so."

A relationship in progress

Council members said they were also optimistic about the chance to develop a closer relationship with Notre Dame. But they said the city needs continued input from University administrators.

"Obviously, when people at the level of [Vice President for

Student Affairs] Father [Mark] Poorman and [Vice President and General Counsel] Carol Kaesebier are involved ... I think that indicates a positive and proactive movement toward the end," said Council member Tim Rouse, who co-sponsored the ordinance. "I think with any organization, there's always room for increased communications."

Council members questioned the University's oversight of its off-campus students two years ago, when the city amended its disorderly house ordinance to crack down on noise violations. The measure resulted in six student evictions.

In February 2006, when student government representatives asked Common Council members to rethink their changes to the disorderly house ordinance — which the city had passed during the summer, while few students were in South Bend — Rouse praised then-student body president Dave Baron for his presentation.

But he criticized the University's handling of the situation, citing "reluctance from the [Notre Dame] administration to assume its responsibility both in the area of students and the neighborhood."

Last week, Kirsits, the other sponsor of the current ordi-

nance, said Notre Dame administrators have taken a more active role in the debate.

"I've seen the University step forward more than they have before," Kirsits said at the Common Council meeting last Monday. "[In past years], they would say if it's off campus, it's not our problem."

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Al "Buddy" Kirsits
Common Council member

Like Rouse and Kirsits, Council member Ann Puzzello spoke to a "greater level of dialogue" between the Council and the

University. But as a resident of the neighborhood just south of campus, she said she experiences problems caused by "drunken students" on a regular basis.

"I wish that [University administrators] understood the situation much better than they do," she said. "... It's important to us that Notre Dame, if they're going to work with students concerning problems, that we have some idea what they're doing, that it's useful and helpful — because in the past it just hasn't seemed helpful."

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IN BRIEF

England fears food disease outbreak

LONDON — A new case of foot-and-mouth disease was confirmed in Britain Friday, the sixth such case in recent weeks, environment officials said.

As a precaution, authorities had already begun slaughtering around 40 cows on the farm, which was inside a 2-mile protection zone set up around the latest reported cases in Surrey, south of London, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs said.

"Positive test results for foot-and-mouth disease have now been confirmed at the site where it was decided that cattle should be slaughtered on suspicion earlier this evening," a spokeswoman said on condition of anonymity in line with department policy.

Two new cases were detected in Surrey last week and government vets confirmed the disease was the same strain found at three other locations where a foot-and-mouth outbreak began Aug. 3.

Deal to buyout Harman cancelled

WASHINGTON — Two private equity firms on Friday backed out of their \$8 billion buyout of upscale audio equipment maker Harman International Industries Inc., marking the latest such deal to sour amid tightening global credit conditions.

Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. and Goldman Sachs Group Inc.'s private equity unit told the company they are under no obligation to complete the merger because "a material adverse change" in its business had occurred, Harman said in a statement.

Harman, whose audio equipment brands include Infinity, JBL and Harman Kardon, said it disagreed, but did not make clear what action, if any, it would take.

Investors punished the stock all day long as word dripped out that KKR and GS Capital Partners were attempting to nullify the deal. By the end of the day, Harman shares had plummeted by more than 24 percent.

GERMANY

Women from old East go west

Youth leave eastern Germany to go to school, find work elsewhere in the country

Associated Press

WITTSTOCK — Silke Gawenda's hometown has its charms — ramparts and timbered houses from the Middle Ages, and quiet streets lined with linden trees.

A little too quiet for the bright 18-year-old, who is counting the days until high school graduation so she can leave Wittstock for college in the more prosperous west — joining an unprecedented exodus of young women from what used to be communist East Germany.

"Wittstock is so dull, I just want to get out of here," said the 18-year-old with a blond ponytail and blue eyes, who wants to study graphic design. "There's no future here for me — no jobs, no night life and no way to get a good education."

More than 60 towns in the east with populations above 5,000 have fewer than 80 women per 100 men, according to a study released this summer by the Berlin Institute for Population and Development. That compares to a ratio of 51.1 percent women to 48.9 percent men for all of Germany.

Why women? That's a topic of intense discussion. Steffen Kroehnert, the sociologist who did the report, points to female-headed households and a lack of male role models in education.

"Young men in eastern Germany don't have any male role models and are not encouraged to strive for a better education," Kroehnert said. "Much more than in the West, most kindergarten and school teachers are female and more often families are



These young girls are part of a larger exodus of women from eastern Germany who attend college and find jobs in the west.

raised by single moms."

Helga Berger, who works for the town's youth services office, said she finds Wittstock's young men passive. "The guys in rural East Germany are real mama's boys," she said. "If they don't have a strong alpha animal to tell them what to do, they won't do anything — the girls here are just so much more flexible and open-minded."

While the explanations are open to question — single mothers and female teachers are hardly just a

German phenomenon — the shortage of women is palpable.

The mayor of the small eastern town of Freital, near Dresden, is offering \$2,800 and help finding a job and an apartment for any woman aged 18 to 39 who moves there. And the town of Strehla had only one contestant this year for the title of Strehla Nixe, or Mermaid — the town's tourism ambassador.

More than 1.5 million people have left eastern Germany since the Berlin

Wall came down in 1989 — most of them to the former West Germany. In the early days more men left, but that changed quickly after German unification. Since then, two-thirds of those leaving were female, according to Kroehnert.

The government recently promised a \$5.5 million emergency program including improved libraries, public transport and medical treatment to stem the flow, but critics say what's needed is long-term investment to create new jobs.

GM close to concluding negotiations

Associated Press

DETROIT — Negotiators for General Motors Corp. and the United Auto Workers were close to finalizing the details of a new contract Sunday after 20 straight days of talks, according to a local union official who is being briefed on the discussions.

The two sides have wrapped up work on most issues and were down to determining how much money GM must put into a trust fund for retiree health care that will be managed by the UAW, said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the talks are private. The official expected a final deal could be reached as early as Sunday evening, although others said it could take longer.

"My sense is they are close. I think

this is the end game," said Harley Shaiken, a professor at the University of California at Berkeley who specializes in labor issues and has been closely following the talks. "They may be approaching a resolution, but if that's in the next two hours or the next two days, it's hard to say. There are a lot of complex issues yet to be resolved."

The health care fund — known as a Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association, or VEBA — would be a groundbreaking change for the auto industry and has been the major issue in this year's negotiations. GM has around \$51 billion in unfunded retiree health care costs, but the company isn't required to put the full amount into the VEBA. The UAW and GM have been wrangling over how much GM should put in and how much can be paid in cash or in stock.

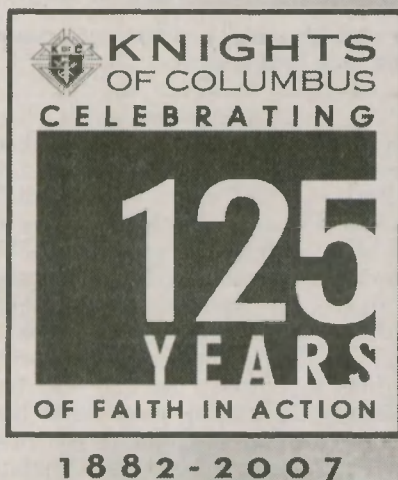
Talks resumed Sunday morning after negotiators recessed Saturday evening, GM spokesman Tom Wickham said. Sunday marked the ninth day since GM's contract with the UAW had been scheduled to expire. The contract has been renewed on an hour-by-hour basis since then.

A message seeking comment was left for UAW spokesman Roger Kerson.

Several local union officials said they had heard little about the negotiations as of Sunday afternoon and hadn't been told when the UAW will tell them about the deal. Once a tentative agreement is reached, local union leaders will meet for a briefing and then will present the deal to their members. Any agreement will have to be ratified by a majority of GM's 73,000 UAW members.

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The event, "Charting a Sustainable Energy Future," will focus on the world's dependence on nonrenewable "fossil fuels" and the effects of projected decreases in the output of oil and natural gas. It will also discuss the evolving role of nuclear energy and coal and whether shifting to a hydrogen-based economy is possible.

Energy Week will feature several contests and events designed by the Energy Club's student advisory board to create ecological awareness on campus — including energy quizzes published in The Observer that will award cash

prizes.

Students will also have the opportunity to win cash prizes in a video competition. Glen Water, the video contest coordinator, said the best 30 second and two-minute submissions that "motivate and inform viewers" about environmentalism will win at least \$100, though he hopes to raise enough money to offer \$500 prizes.

Water said the main obstacles to environmental goals on campus are that students do not know what they could do to help the environment — or even why they should.

"I was inspired by a seminar offered by the Center for Social Concerns over spring break, Energy and the Environment," he said.

Water called the course, which had only 12 students, "life-changing" and hoped that the video competition would offer the same experience to a campus-wide audience.

Junior Jon Poelhuis said that he might be interested in watching some of the videos, particularly if they were funny.

He said that An Inconvenient Truth, Al Gore's Oscar-winning documentary, "got people talking" about environmental issues. An Inconvenient Truth will be one of the environmentally themed films screened on campus during Energy Week.

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Recycle

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"The fact that 65 students were willing to wake up early and give up their time on a game day really shows the kind of dedication students have to this issue," said Colleen Kelly, one of the project's coordinators.

A proposal for the program was submitted the first week of August, and the University responded to the idea. The program was a combination of student and University efforts, with activities coordinated by the Energy and Environmental student task force and the Recycling Center and Business Operations office.

Amy Amoni, director of Project Management for Business, and Patrick O'Hara, manager of Warehouse Service, worked with the students throughout the Saturday efforts, making sure they had all necessary supplies. The students were recruited through Notre Dame's various environmental groups and dorm environmental commissioners.

Junior Lourdes Long, a student leader of the program, said the recycling efforts set a new standard for University environmentalism.

"This weekend's effort was the first time the University and students have come together to implement such an ambitious environmental strategy," she said. "Four dorms [Siegfried, Pangborn, Dillon and Welsh Family] even implemented recycling stations at their concession stands at various spots on campus."

In addition, blue bags accom-

panied by fliers detailing what could be recycled, were handed out to all tailgaters in the library parking lot.

"Contamination [for the mixing of recyclables with non-recyclables] was our major fear," Kelly said. "But most of the tailgaters were very friendly and willing to help."

Both Long and Kelly had concerns that tailgaters would simply ignore the recycling bins, but this proved unfounded.

"The response from tailgaters was positive and cooperative," Long said. "They followed the fliers and were just genuinely happy that this issue was being addressed at Notre Dame. Actually, because of them, the program has been recommended for expansion."

Past student environmental groups have tried to organize similar projects only to receive lackluster University support and hostility from many of the tailgaters.

"This time, the number of students organized, in addition to the support we received from Amy [Amoni] and Pat [O'Hara], really helped legitimize the project," Long said.

When they meet today, the program's organizers will analyze the data collected and try to decide how to best expand the program for Notre Dame's next home game.

"Saturday's effort was really just a test to see how people would respond and whether or not this program would be feasible," Kelly said. "Based on the preliminary data, we hope to eventually expand the program across the campus."

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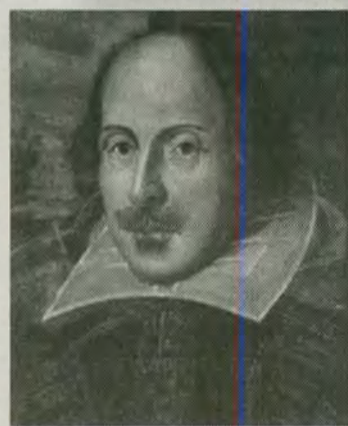


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hate is hate, no matter what color

I was deeply disheartened to read that Liz Brown openly supports the Jena Six protests this Thursday. For our student government to openly support the brutal, racially-motivated beating of a high school student is inexcusable. Don't get me wrong. The three white students who hung three nooses under the "white tree" at Jena High School engaged in despicable and cowardly behavior, and ought to have been punished to the fullest extent of the law. There is no excuse for racial hatred, especially when it is displayed in a threatening manner. Americans should be working to promote racial equality and fair treatment for all, both in the legal system and in society at large.

But since when do African-Americans get a pass on promoting good race relations? When six black students jump a white student and beat him so badly he ends up in the emergency room, isn't that crime also racially motivated and cowardly? If it went unpunished, wouldn't white students feel threatened?

Whether racial violence is perpetrated by white people or by black people, it ought to be punished as harshly as possible. Hate is still hate, no matter what the color of your skin. The Jena Six deserve to go to prison for what they did, but I'm all for a protest to prosecute the noose-incident perpetrators.

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senior
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Sept. 20

Don't ignore environment

The lack of concern for the environment at this university is disgusting. We are among the top universities in this country, yet we are embarrassingly behind the times when it comes to such a serious subject as recycling. This is even more surprising given the fact that we are a prominent Catholic symbol.

Along with a Catholic identity should come a level of respect for all of God's creation. We all need to consider how our actions influence our relationships with each other, with future generations, and with God. This includes a level of respect for the environment. We were not granted absolute power and discretion to do whatever we want with what God gave us. Rather, we were entrusted to cultivate and watch over all of creation, including the natural world. (GEN 2:15-16).

This being said, there are many ways to take action on campus. First, we need to revamp our extremely inadequate recycling system. The easiest way would be to simply place recycling containers next to every trash receptacle around campus. Easy access to recycling is needed at campus-wide events and on game days as well, during which large numbers of people throw things away.

Initiatives for dorms to recycle should also be considered, due to the abundance of aluminum cans that end up in the garbage every weekend.

A serious effort to take advantage of green architecture on campus must also be made. Green architecture is destined to become a very profitable industry in the coming years. Why not save the world and get rich at the same time? Not only should this field of study be taken seriously within our amazing Architecture program, but every new structure that is built on campus should be constructed using green architecture standards.

Plenty more action can and should be taken on this campus to get up to date with the changing world and enact our moral obligations as responsible Catholics. We need to start by changing our mindset as a university and by realizing that all of our actions have consequences within God's Kingdom.

Daniel Collins
sophomore
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Sept. 20

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Debate over role of University's Catholicism continues

Notre Dame more than just Catholic

Lately there has been a lot of talk about just how Catholic Notre Dame is and what constitutes being OK in the realms of the mission of Notre Dame (i.e. the debates over the CIA and Raytheon, and Greg Yatarola's article ["ND's Catholic — don't be surprised," Sept. 18]). I think that it's good to have differing opinions about different things, but I also think that it's pretty clear what Notre Dame stands for.

Notre Dame always has been and will be Catholic. From our founders to the recent goals of our current president, you can easily see that the Catholic tradition will always be a part of Notre Dame. Notre Dame has grown from its days in 1842, and is now a great university filled with students from varying religious and cultural backgrounds.

Notre Dame isn't just Catholic. If you didn't catch the word "varying" when I talked about the students here, let me reiterate: The religious and cultural diversity here is essential for the university's growth. It helps open all our eyes to different ideas and perspectives. Therefore, you will find people who will be for and against many different issues fac-

ing the University.

From Mr. Angulo to Mr. Ponzio and Mr. Clary about the CIA and Raytheon debate, there are pints of merit which each of them brings up. Then, between Mr. Yatarola and Miss Williams there are valid points about Catholicism at the University. But I don't think any singular idea is completely right. What they all do is bring more to the table of these debates, and if the University pays attention to these Viewpoint articles and letters, I think they would have to at least rethink some of the things that each person points out as there are many people passionate about these ideas.

However, I think that the character here at Notre Dame goes beyond all of these extreme ideas. Yes, it is Catholic, but it's about being more than just Catholic or just conservative — it's about being a family and opening our eyes and arms to the different ideas each of us has and are a part of who each of us are.

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Sept. 23

Use moral values to analyze society

God, Country, Notre Dame. When Nic Ponzio ("Keep the career fair unrestricted," Sept. 20) writes of that phrase as an ideal "embedded into our minds," he fails to really consider its implications. Notre Dame is a university dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and truth in the world. Notre Dame is a Catholic university and thus brings into this search a dimension of faith — faith in God, human dignity and justice.

In his autobiography, 'God, Country, Notre Dame,' Father Ted Hesburgh, clearly shows that the purpose of this university is to critically engage the great questions in society. In doing so, we are to apply our knowledge in service beyond Notre Dame. This sense of principle is behind that tripartite phrase, with the word "country" not meaning a blind support of U.S. policies, but rather a responsibility for the greater society, extending beyond our nation and across the world.

We fail as students if we accept information without critically evaluating it in light of our values. We cannot, as Mr. Ponzio does, equate criticizing unjust government policies with failing to support our troops. To question whether actions of the CIA and Raytheon are morally objectionable enough to discontinue their presence at the career fair is exactly what students should do. We should question. If we fail to use our intellect and values to critically engage society's problems, we are not living the university's purpose. I have asked myself these difficult questions, and as a concerned student, I do think we should consider any university affiliation with agencies and corporations in light of their actions.

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Sept. 20

Understand, don't dismiss

I must admit being a little puzzled by Stacey Williams's Letter to the Editor ("Catholic character more complex," Sept. 20). She seemed to posit that Notre Dame's Catholicity is unknowable, irrelevant and damaging all at the same time — quite an accomplishment for nothing more than the subject of a "tired debate." But the letter only demonstrates that its writer doesn't understand Catholicism, not that the rest of us can't or shouldn't.

The letter's closing exhortation to "make Notre Dame a better place, Catholic or not," demonstrates a complete lack of understanding not only of the Church, but of the dictates of reason. English author G.K. Chesterton once observed, "The difficulty of explaining why I am a Catholic, is that there are 10,000 reasons all amounting to one reason: That Catholicism is true." This is what Catholics have always believed about the Church, put into colloquial terms. Of course, you can accept or reject this assertion, or perhaps claim an inadequate basis for assessment, but it defies reason to say that you are ambivalent about it. If you work to improve something, you must as a matter of course do so in a manner that reflects and attempts to conform to the truth, to reality. Saying otherwise is akin to arguing that parents should help their children stay healthy by lacing their dinners with arsenic. The action simply doesn't comport with the realities governing the situation.

So maybe Catholicism is true, and maybe it is false — but does it have anything to do with a university? History and reason tend to suggest it does: The Church

invented universities, and Catholicism has great impact on the way one seeks and utilizes knowledge. This last observation makes the question of Catholicism relevant regardless of whether you regard it as true or false. On the one hand, it represents a necessary component to the work of education; on the other, it should be extirpated as an impediment to intellectual activity (unless it is somehow possible to improve academic endeavors by framing them within the context of a very big lie).

It also does not suffice to argue that Catholicism is simply unknowable or amorphously unquantifiable. No, the magisterium doesn't speak authoritatively on how to structure a Board of Trustees. If you regard this silence as making Catholicism irrelevant, you're probably misconstruing Catholicism as an ideology rather than a way of life. Ideologies answer little problems; Catholicism answers big problems in a way that allows us to reason through (and sometimes disagree over) many small ones. It is the stable that contains the entire universe.

So if we are going to disagree, that's fine — this is a university. But let's first be honest about the nature and terms of the debate, because standing up to say that the whole question doesn't matter boils down to little more than a thinly veiled attempt to stave off criticism of one's own position. And you don't have to be Catholic to recognize that as intellectually dishonest.

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Growing up within a comfortable reality

My Monday morning began like most in my college career. I woke to my alarm, showered and sat down at my computer while waiting to eat breakfast. I opened up Gmail and noticed another pesky "Inside Clemson" e-mail cluttering my inbox. Deciding it couldn't hurt to read the thing for a change, I double-clicked, read a line or two and felt my jaw drop. Although it was already nine o'clock in the morning, I still found myself having trouble believing what I was reading. A girl had been kidnapped on campus, forced to drive to an ATM and withdraw hundreds of dollars and driven back to a location on campus where her assailer could find time to escape. The man ran and was eventually caught after CUPD had time to search the area.

To me, this horrible event represents something that I'm finding more and more frequent as I grow older: That horrible kidnapping and strong-arm robbery represent yet another brush with the uncomfortable reality of being an adult. Now, before you begin thinking that I spend most of my time hopped up on LSD in an alternate dimension, I'd like to clear up this concept of reality. To be honest, I still view myself and my friends as a bunch of kids having a good time, and I still expect that my parents will be able to take care of the big problems I have in my life. However, it seems I somewhere made the passage to manhood without even noticing.

In the grand scheme of things, I'd never really thought of myself as an adult. I figured when I became an adult, it would be marked with fanfare, celebration and a cake in my honor. Instead, I've discovered that the passage to adulthood is marked not with momentous events but

instead little, itty-bitty reminders of your age. The steps are small. They begin with simple things, such as an allowance that you get as a 5-year-old for doing chores. You vacuum the living room and mop the kitchen floor, and your parents reward you with five dollars and a pat on the back.

As you grow older, the steps grow larger. You get a cell phone, your driver's license, and you probably find yourself facing the daunting task of applying for college. Eventually you might find yourself in a serious relationship, talking about politics over coffee and wondering where the time went. Unfortunately, this passage to adulthood isn't marked with something that I think many people in this world could do with (myself included I'm sure). The passage into adulthood, in my opinion, should be marked with a maturity test. Personally, I think a lot of problems in this world could be fixed with a simple test. In my mind, the test would be nothing more than a series of situations designed to determine whether you can handle living in the real world with the rest of us.

The first, easiest and most important test of all would be designed to test patterns of abuse. In this test, you have a cute, fuzzy puppy placed before you. If you pet or play with the puppy, you pass the test. If you kick, eat, or in other ways mutilate the puppy, you don't. It's simple.

The second test would be designed to test morality. We set up a situation where an old lady drops twenty bucks and a pack of gum. If you return the money and the gum, you're deemed relatively competent to subsist in normal society. If not, well, perhaps we can just stick you in prison for a few years and let you sort things out.

The final test is a bit more complicated. The test is

designed to measure your ability to act appropriately in social situations. A stand-in spouse steps before you. The spouse is told to make a mistake, and observers watch closely as you are forced to deal with the mistake. If you scream at, beat, or in other ways abuse the stand-in spouse, you are not permitted back to society with the rest of us.

OK, so in all honesty, the idea of a maturity test is as ridiculous as these problems seem. How could anyone in their right mind possibly abuse a spouse, hit a child or steal another person's money? Why do people feel such strong feelings of hate that they decide to kill another person? While we can't possibly give this test and hope for it to yield any real results, the simple fact that these problems exist is enough for us to search for a solution. While we can't possibly crack down on all of these problems, we as college students are still given a burden to bear.

It is important to find new means of counseling that help these people turn from their abusive and destructive ways. It is important to learn to recognize when problems are coming. Most importantly, however, we must realize that the comfortable reality we live on inside the campus dorms or apartments is something that the real world doesn't care about. We must grow up; we must become adults; we must find a way of dealing with this very real, very scary reality we have created.

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ERIC HUTCHINSON
FINDS SURPRISE
SUCCESS WITH
"SOUNDS LIKE THIS"

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By ELLEN COSTA
Scene Writer

Perez Hilton. Haven't heard of him? Well, then you probably haven't heard of Eric Hutchinson, either.

Perez Hilton, arguably the most famous of bloggers today, writes a gossip blog (www.perezhilton.com) that receives over three million unique visitors each day. Though we may not be quick to admit, quite a few of us can be counted among those three million.

So what does any of this have to with

Eric Hutchinson?

Quite a lot, actually. Earlier this month, Hilton posted a link and some fervent commentary on his site about Hutchinson's album, "Sounds Like This." It seems like Hilton's readers agree with his opinion — within days, Hutchinson had reached No. 5 on the iTunes best-sellers chart without even having a record label. Surprisingly, the instantaneous success was well deserved.

"Sounds Like This," released a little under a month ago, boasts a great collection of well-learned music. While Hutchinson's sound is a new and modern mix of pop and soul, his musical influences — the prime of pop's days gone by — are quite evident. The melodies are easy to pick up, sticking with listeners long past the end of each track. Hutchinson's lyrics catch you by surprise, though, at every changing line.

The songs "Rock & Roll" and "Food Chain" are Hutchinson's best example of this. At first they seem innocent, in a

Jason Mraz-type way, but the songs' meanings are much more pleasurable than banana pancakes. His lyrics are well thought out and meticulously placed, and they are packed with Hutchinson's personal sarcasm and wit. Once his listeners realize this, they instantly feel a connection to Hutchinson. More than just feeling his passion for music, they can get to know his personality and sense of humor.

Though "soul" might best describe Hutchinson's style, "Sounds Like This" works for anyone, anywhere — it is a great on-the-go track list. This is a rare occurrence for any artist's first full-length album, but Hutchinson pulls it off with the strong emotion of his tracks.

Even more than the emotion, though, Hutchinson is bringing something new to the scene. Not just another singer-songwriter in his twenties strumming his guitar and banking on his green eyes, Hutchinson shines because of his strong, soulful influences. "You Don't Have to Believe Me" particularly echoes classic 1970s soul music. Hutchinson's simple melodies and cleverly catchy lyrics, though, are what really make this album stand out among the multitude of other talented artists.

Hutchinson mixes guitar, piano, other vocals and more to achieve a diverse

sound. This makes the tracks layered and much more exciting to listen because they don't get repetitive too quickly. Some describe Hutchinson's style as "intelligent pop," and while this is lovable pop music, the instruments and vocals are layered and the music attains a certain depth that few pop artists achieve.

The album starts off with the sugar-coated "Ok, It's Alright With Me," an instant pick-me-up tune filled with anecdotes of silly love and everyday occurrences. Just as Hutchinson gives listeners a taste of his humor within his lyrics, each of the tracks tells some personal story.

While each song is unique and lovable, the last two tracks of the album become a bit tedious. They slow the album's pace, causing listeners to start losing the interest that the liveliness of earlier tracks held. But, given that "Sounds Like This" is Hutchinson's first album, some blips and errors are almost expected.

Craving celebrity gossip and crude yet hilarious comments? Go visit Perez Hilton. Craving a refreshing mix of funky folk rock with wonderfully clever lyrics that leave you feeling great? Eric Hutchinson's your guy.

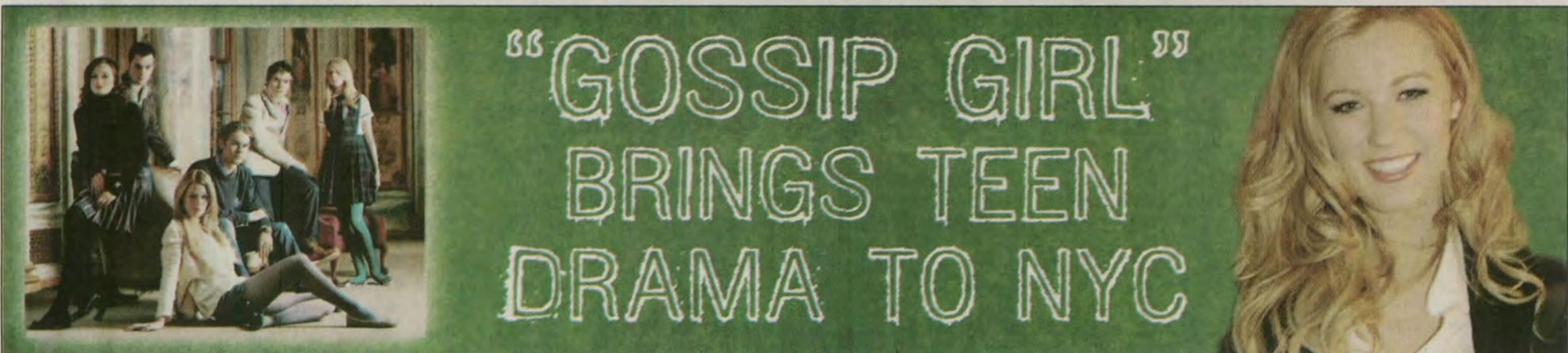
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Sounds Like This

Eric Hutchinson

Released by: no label; released on iTunes

Recommended Tracks: "You Don't Have to Believe Me" and "Rock & Roll"



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Scene Writer

"The O.C." has officially moved to New York. The high-scale drama, hot cast, fresh music and racy storylines are back in the C.W. series "Gossip Girl."

The first of 13 episodes of "Gossip Girl" premiered Wednesday night at 9, and the series is already being touted as the best new show of the fall. The show's motto — "You're nobody until you're talked about" — is true to its ratings. Based on the hit series of young-adult novels by Cecily von Ziegesar and created by the producers of "The O.C.," "Gossip Girl" promised to be the new

guilty pleasure for teens.

Drama swarms the lives of pristine prep-school teens on Upper East Side, and all of the inside dirt is revealed through the all-knowing narrator of the show, Gossip Girl (Kristen Bell). Gossip Girl's identity is unknown, but she blogs the latest news on her Web site and texts vital information to the student body, keeping all the characters in the show connected. Gossiping, shopping and partying are what the young heartthrobs do best, giving past "O.C." fans exactly what they've been longing for.

Black Lively plays the main character, Serena van der Woodsen. In the premiere, Serena returns to Manhattan from boarding school after exiling herself from her friends for unknown reasons — a move that created chaos in the otherwise privileged hotties' lives. Serena's "best friend," Blair Waldorf (Leighton Meester), hates that Serena has returned, and tries everything she can to keep her distance. Part of her anger comes from the fact that her studly longtime boyfriend, Nate (Chace Crawford), has an obvi-

ous attraction for and a secret past with Serena.

Adding to the complex circle is the "bad boy" of the bunch, Nate's friend Chuck (Ed Westwick), who scams on girls with his wealth and power and pushes Nate to do the same. The softer characters of the show are Dan (Penn Badgley) and his younger sister Jenny (Taylor Momsen), middle-class outsiders who only attend the prep school due to their father Rufus's (Matthew Settle) insistence on a high-class education.

Keeping the same style as "The O.C.," "Gossip Girl" includes the scandalous storylines of the parents. Rufus has a history with Serena's mom, Lily (Kelly Rutherford), potentially complicating the growing friendship between Serena and Dan.

If the drama-packed plots aren't enough to entertain, the catchy, club-like music and high fashion wardrobe are enough to keep fans talking. Some of the music airing in the first episode included: "What Goes Around... Comes Around" by Justin Timberlake, "The Way I Are" by Timbaland, "Hang me up to Dry" by Cold War Kids, "If It's Lovin' That You Want" by Rihanna and others.

Not unlike a music video, the stars are dressed in sexy school uniforms and extravagant party dresses and suits. The complex world of the wealthy Upper East Siders demands high fashion, glamorous teens with perfect complexions and supermodel bodies.

Of course "Gossip Girl," like "The O.C.," has unrealistic qualities that frustrate some viewers. One slight problem is that the high school prep students are shown at bars drinking martinis. The point of the soap opera-like show, though, is to entertain, and giving Serena a slight

drinking problem does just that. Here, reality is not nearly as exciting as fantasy.

The gobs of gossip revealed in episode one of "Gossip Girl" leaves many questions unanswered. Why did Serena return to from boarding school? Why did she leave in the first place? Will Blair get revenge on Serena for having a past with Nate? Will Serena choose Dan, or will Nate get in the way?

"You know you love me. XOXO, Gossip Girl."

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Gossip Girl

The C.W.

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Michigan State defeats Notre Dame 31-17; Irish fall to 0-4 for first time ever

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's anemic offense showed some signs of life, but its defense crumbled late, Michigan State won 31-14 and the Irish fell to 0-4 for the first time in program history.

The Notre Dame running back tandem of sophomore James Aldridge and freshman Robert Hughes ran for a combined 144 yards, but Michigan State countered with a more formidable two-headed rushing monster of its own and downed the Irish 31-14 at Notre Dame Stadium Saturday.

The loss sent the woeful Irish, who scored their first two offensive touchdowns of the season, to 0-4 for the first time in program history.

Michigan State quarterback Brian Hoyer threw four touchdowns, but it was the Spartans' running game that allowed them to control the contest. Spartans junior running back Javon Ringer ran for 148 yards on 26 carries, while fifth-year senior running back Jehuu Caulcrick added 83 yards.

"This is something that we are going to enjoy for the rest of the night on the bus ride, and we will probably still feel good about it in the morning," Ringer said.

The Irish trailed 17-14 at half-time, but Michigan State came out firing in the second half. The Spartans scored on the first possession of the third quarter, manufacturing a nine-play drive that culminated with a 30-yard, fourth-down pass from Hoyer to freshman wide receiver Mark Dell for a touchdown. On the scoring play, Boyer fumbled the snap but recovered the ball to hit Dell, who had managed to get behind the Irish secondary.

The Spartans never looked back after the score, racking up 354 yards of total offense in the contest, while the defense never allowed Notre Dame to get into a rhythm. The Spartans tallied four sacks and constantly pressured Irish freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen and junior signal-caller Evan Sharpley, who replaced Clausen on Notre Dame's first possession of the fourth quarter.

"Our scheme is built around pressure, so we pressure a lot," Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio said. "You know, our guys are active right now. They



Spartans wide receiver Devin Thomas, right, dives into the end zone in the first quarter of Michigan State's 31-14 win over Notre Dame Saturday. Thomas finished the game with 55 yards on four catches.

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are excited about it."

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis, meanwhile, said that his line has to work on establishing better protection for the quarterback.

"The bad news is I still think we had some problems, some fundamental problems in blitz pickup, which discouraged me because they weren't outnumbered situations," Weis said.

The game began auspiciously for the Irish, who scored on their second possession of the contest. After Boyer fumbled on the exchange with junior center Joel Nitchman and Irish senior defensive end Trevor Laws fell on the ball on the Michigan State nine-yard line, Hughes scampered for eight yards to the one. On the next play, senior running back Travis Thomas carried it into the left side of the end zone for Notre Dame's first offensive touchdown of the season.

But the Irish lead was short-lived. On Michigan State's next possession, the Spartans

marched down the field and scored on a seven-yard reception by junior receiver Devin Thomas, who had caught a 25-yard pass just three plays earlier.

"Thomas keeps coming through," Dantonio said. "He had a good catch, good protection and Brian put it on the money."

The Spartans took the lead for good at the end of the first quarter. A 26-yard scurry by Ringer set up a three-yard play-action touchdown pass from Boyer to senior tight end Kellen Davis. For Davis, it was the first of two receiving touchdowns in the game.

"They are running the ball so effectively that play action pass ends up being almost a slam dunk," Weis said. "You're selling out to try to stop the run and next thing you know, there's a guy wide open in the end zone."

And when the Irish appeared to build some momentum on their next drive and began to move the chains, they turned the

ball over.

After junior receiver David Grimes made a diving catch on third and seven to give the team a first down, senior defensive end Jonal Saint-Dic sacked Clausen. As the quarterback fell to the ground, Saint-Dic ripped the ball from Clausen to give Michigan State possession.

The Spartans took over on the Irish 14-yard line and scored on a field goal by sophomore kicker Brett Swenson to make it 17-7.

The Irish scored on the next drive, their most efficient of the season. It took the team only five plays in 1:38 to march 80 yards. Sophomore receiver George West caught a 14-yard pass before Aldridge broke out for a 43-yard run to the Michigan State 23. The next play, a carry by Hughes, put the Irish on the six-yard line and they used two more rushing plays to score and cut the Spartan lead to 17-14.

"If I want to pick one bright spot in the game, that would definitely have been the play of the running backs in the game

because there was some semblance of a running game," Weis said. "And I think that that's, you know, that's a start."

The score remained the same for the rest of the first half but the Irish would not draw any closer.

"We were ahead 17-14 at the half, very close game, we came out, scored immediately, made it 24-14 and our players took over from there defensively," Dantonio said.

Clausen was 7-of-13 passing for 53 yards but was replaced by the more experienced Sharpley, who completed 4-of-7 attempts.

"I think Jimmy was playing so-so," Weis said. "I didn't think he was bad. I didn't think he was good. You know, because we [were] about ready to go into a different type of mode in a game that he has not had as much repetition ... I didn't think he would have enough familiarity in doing that at that time."

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players of the game

Javon Ringer and Jehuu Caulcrick

Michigan State's running backs combined for 227 yards on 46 carries and killed any chances the Irish had of coming back in the second half.

stat of the game

219

Rushing yards for Michigan State. The ground game allowed the Spartans to control the clock and put the game out of reach.

play of the game

Devin Thomas' 19-yard reception on third-and-17 from Notre Dame's 40. The game was 17-14, but Thomas' catch led to a Spartans touchdown and hampered Notre Dame's chances of winning.

quote of the game

"I just think our performance in the second half wasn't nearly as good as our performance in the first half."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

report card

- C-** **quarterbacks:** Clausen fumbled the ball deep in Notre Dame territory, held onto the ball too long, again, and did nothing to distinguish himself.
- B+** **running backs:** James Aldridge had a career day, rushing for 104 yards on 18 carries. Robert Hughes added 33 yards on six carries, but in key short yardage situations, the Irish could not convert.
- C-** **receivers:** The wide outs had trouble getting open, again, which did not help Clausen. Carlson was a non-factor in the passing game.
- D** **offensive line:** The line improved over last week and helped Notre Dame develop a running game, but the Spartans still got pressure without blitzing.
- D** **defensive line:** Michigan State ran at will against the Irish. Even when Notre Dame appeared to have the Spartans stopped up the middle, Caulcrick or Ringer pushed the pile for extra yards.
- D+** **linebackers:** When Michigan State ran outside, the linebackers were slow to stop them and could not bring down runners on the first hit.
- C** **defensive backs:** Hoyer only threw for 135 yards and a pick to David Bruton, but he also threw for four touchdowns and burned the secondary on Michigan State's first scoring drive.
- F** **special teams:** Price had an inconsistent day punting — including an 11-yard boot in the third quarter. Travis Thomas, the special teams captain, committed another crucial penalty.
- C-** **coaching:** The Irish looked much better this week, and Weis' simplified game-plan yielded good results on the ground, but the Irish still have a lot to do on both sides of the ball before they win.

1.75 **overall:** The Irish found a niche on offense, but were still overmatched and outplayed by Michigan State in every other facet of the game.

adding up the numbers

- 6** Consecutive games Michigan State has won at Notre Dame Stadium.
- 4** Third downs Notre Dame converted on 15 attempts.
- 25** Average starting yard line, in their own territory, for Notre Dame.
- 43** Average starting yard line, in their own territory, for the Spartans. Michigan State began five drives in Notre Dame territory.
- 7** Passing touchdowns Notre Dame has allowed the past two weeks.
- 27** Sacks allowed by the Notre Dame offensive line this season. Michigan State sacked Clausen three times and Sharpley once.
- 36.6** Average punting yards from Geoff Price on his six punts.
- 2** Interceptions thrown by Notre Dame starting quarterback Jimmy Clausen in three starts this season. Clausen threw none Saturday.



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Irish safety David Bruton makes a tackle in Notre Dame's 31-14 loss Saturday to Michigan State. Bruton had 15 tackles and his first career interception Saturday.

Not as complicated as it seems

When a team is 0-4, usually there are a lot of problems.

That isn't the case here.

Notre Dame has talented running backs, a serviceable freshman quarterback, a big offensive line and receivers with good hands.

It also has athletic defensive backs, linebackers with a nose for the ball, and hard-nosed defensive linemen.

So why are the Irish 0-4?

It's very simple. Almost every time a Notre Dame player is in a one-on-one physical situation, be it a block or a tackle, the Irish player loses. Notre Dame is getting pushed around.

Michigan State ran for 219 yards Saturday, but it wasn't because the Spartans were gashing huge holes on every play. What happened was the Irish front seven struggled to get off blocks and then when they did hit Spartan running backs Jehuu Caulcrick or Javon Ringer, they were driven backwards for an extra three yards.

"It wasn't so much their athletic ability as we didn't do our job," Irish nose guard Pat Kuntz said.

Notre Dame managed 117 yards on the ground, a major improvement over previous games, but on multiple occasions the Irish had third or fourth-and-one and could not pick up the first down. On one possession, they had two plays to get less than a yard and couldn't do it.

Why is this happening? Every member of the offensive line was a highly regarded recruit, and while the defensive linemen weren't quite as sought after, they still have talent.

The problem doesn't seem to be effort. The players are clearly going all-out on the field, and they seem upset when they lose — but why can't they block and tackle?

Partially the issue may be scheme related. Coach Charlie Weis likes to confuse opposing defenses, but right now the offensive line looks confused about who to block. On defense, the Irish defensive line is undersized and not quick enough on the outside to run the 3-4.

But those schemes can both work and will work once the current players get older and next year's recruiting class comes in — they can't be blamed for the lack of fundamental physicality.

Notre Dame also has problems with technique. Tacklers hit too high and get driven backwards. Blockers, especially in open space (like pulling guards and fullbacks leading running plays), tend to bump into defenders or push them, rather than engaging and driving them backwards.

What really seems to be the underlying issue is the lack of hitting in Irish practices. Weis has started to correct this in the past week, but the fact that the team didn't hit in fall camp has set Notre Dame back weeks — and possibly years.

It's clear the Irish know their playbook well. Take for instance screen passes. Almost every time Notre Dame has run one this year, the defensive line has been fooled and a back — usually Armando Allen — has caught the ball with more blockers than tacklers in front of him.

But those plays are rarely getting more than five yards because the blockers in front don't actually block

the defenders.

Similarly, the defense has been very effective at stringing outside stretch plays this year. But it doesn't matter if there's no apparent hole, all the back has to do is charge at the first tiny opening he sees, knowing the Irish defender will try to arm tackle him and the play will gain solid yardage.

Even special teams has been hurt by this

lack of physicality. On returns, wedges set up beautifully, then collapse. On coverage, returners are hemmed in, then suddenly find a way upfield.

The simple fact is that Irish players know who to block and know where they need to be to make a tackle, but when they get there — they can't make the play.

Fortunately, Weis knows the only way to fix this is to practice blocking and tackling. And based on the Michigan State game, there has been improvement since Notre Dame went "back to training camp."

After the loss to the Spartans, offensive tackle Sam Young said the Irish were "on their way" to the proper blocking and tackling. "We want to be there as fast as possible," he said.

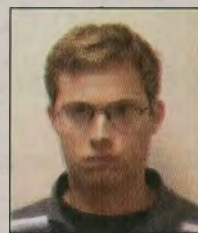
The problem is that the Irish should have "been there" before Georgia Tech. But 0-4 is the reality they have to live with, and it's time to start hitting people like a Division I team should.

Sometimes, football really isn't that complicated. Winning is all about blocking and tackling.

Notre Dame isn't doing those things right now. And until they do, they won't start winning.

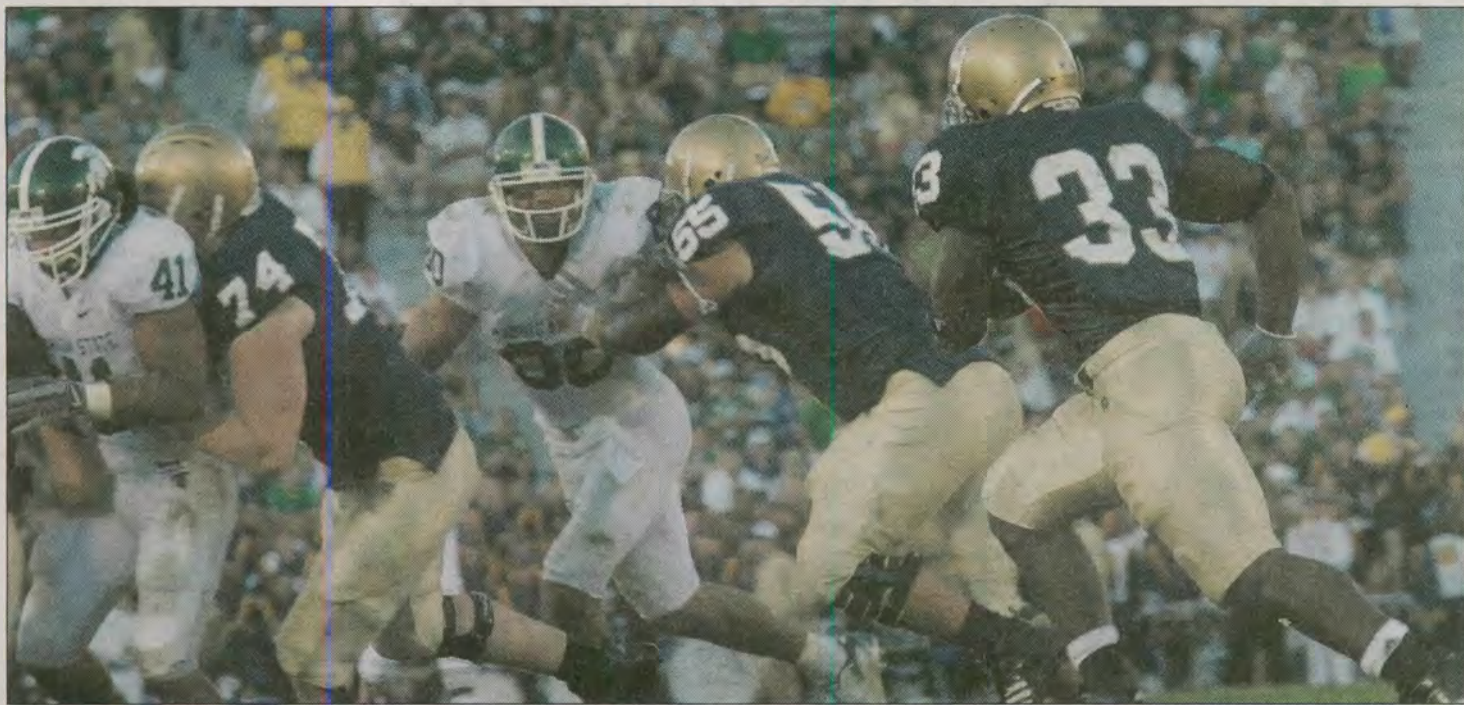
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Irish freshman running back Robert Hughes carries the ball in Michigan State's 31-14 win over Notre Dame Saturday. Hughes had his first career carry, an eight-yard run on second and goal from the Michigan State 9-yard line.

Aldridge, Hughes lead ground game

Aldridge has 108 yards to lead resurgent running attack

By MICHAEL BRYAN
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Running back Travis Thomas burst around left end and freshman Robert Hughes pounded the ball up the gut to score Notre Dame's first offensive touchdowns of the year and give the Irish one bright spot in an otherwise lopsided 31-14 loss.

The Irish entered the game against the Spartans with a running game that was nonexistent, churning up a grand total of -14 yards in its first three games.

While yardage lost on sacks was partially responsible for the grisly numbers, so was Notre Dame's inability to run behind a porous offensive line.

"We went into this game saying regardless of what was going to happen in this game, we were going to try to run the ball and run the ball with some power," Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

The power running game led the Irish offense into the end zone for the first time this season in the opening quarter, capitalizing on an early Michigan State fumble. Freshman Robert Hughes took the first carry eight yards on second and goal before being tackled just short of the goal line. One play later senior captain Travis Thomas bounced his only carry

of the day around the left end to put six on the scoreboard early.

Sophomore James Aldridge received his first career start and piled up a career high 104 yards on 18 carries as his combination of speed and power tore through the Michigan State defense.

Aldridge said he knew he would see the ball more against Michigan State and capitalized on the situation.

"I tried my best to respond," Aldridge said. "Coach calls my number, that's when I go in. I got my number called today, and I did my best to take advantage of it."

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James Aldridge
Irish running back

The running game also powered the second Irish touchdown, accounting for most of the yardage on the 5-play, 80-yard drive in the second quarter. After freshman Jimmy Clausen completed a 14-yard pass to sophomore George West, Aldridge broke through the Spartan secondary with a 43-yard run.

Hughes followed up the run with another big gain, rumbling 17 yards around the left side before being pushed out of bounds at the Michigan State six. Aldridge powered ahead once again with a three-yard carry on first and goal, and Hughes finished off the drive with his first career touchdown from three yards out.

After seeing playing time but not receiving any carries in the first three games, Hughes emerged as a tough inside runner against the Spartans.

The freshman rushed six times for 33 yards.

"I wanted to get [Hughes] into the mix, he brings an even bigger body than [Aldridge]," Weis said. "If you're going to try and play a slug-it-out mentality, you better have a couple of big bruising bodies who can handle that."

"If I wanted to pick one bright spot, that definitely would have been the play of the running backs in the game."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

Aldridge and the running game still provided a spark in the second half. Aldridge took toss plays for gains of 14 and 18 yards and first downs in the third quarter before a 17-point deficit forced Notre Dame to switch its focus to the passing game.

Weis said he was encouraged by the production of the running game behind an improved but still shaky offensive line.

"If I wanted to pick one bright spot, that definitely would have been the play of the running backs in the game," he said.

Freshman Armando Allen also had a positive impact in his short stints of playing time, rushing three times for 14 yards and catching a pass for a five-yard gain.

While Notre Dame had its best game running the ball so far this season, Aldridge said there is still room for improvement.

"It's good to have a good game, but it's not good enough," Aldridge said. "We've got to do more, so we're going to go back to practice tomorrow and hopefully get better, plugging away."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Michigan St.	14	3	14	0	31
Notre Dame	7	7	0	0	14

First quarter

Notre Dame 7, Michigan State 0
Travis Thomas 1-yard run with 10:01 remaining (Brandon Walker kick).
Drive: 3 plays, 9 yards, 0:54 elapsed.
Michigan State 7, Notre Dame 7
Devin Thomas 7-yard reception from Brian Hoyer with 7:05 remaining. (Brett Swenson kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 67 yards, 2:56 elapsed.
Michigan State 14, Notre Dame 7
Kellen Davis 3-yard reception from Brian Hoyer with 0:22 remaining (Swenson kick).

Second quarter

Michigan State 17, Notre Dame 7
Swenson 27-yard field goal with 12:19 remaining.
Drive: 4 plays, 5 yards, 1:24 elapsed.
Michigan State 17, Notre Dame 14
Robert Hughes 3-yard touchdown run with 10:41 remaining. (Walker kick).
Drive: 5 plays, 80 yards, 1:38 elapsed.

Third quarter

Michigan State 24, Notre Dame 14
Mark Dell 16-yard reception from Brian Hoyer with 12:05 remaining (Swenson kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 45 yards, 2:55 elapsed.
Michigan State 31, Notre Dame 14
Kellen Davis 30-yard reception from Brian Hoyer with 2:45 remaining (Swenson kick).
Drive: 10 plays, 67 yards, 4:15 elapsed.

statistics

total yards

MS	354
ND	203

rushing yards

MS	219
ND	117

passing yards

MS	135
ND	86

return yards

MS	126
ND	100

time of possession

MS	33:20
ND	26:31



passing

Clausen	7-13-0	Hoyer	11-24-1
Sharpley	4-7-0		

rushing

Aldridge	18-104	Ringer	26-144
Hughes	1-13	Caulcrick	20-83
Allen	3-13		
Thomas	1-1		

receiving

West	3-25	Thomas	4-55
Grimes	3-24	Davis	2-33
Carlson	1-16	Hawken	2-14
Kamara	1-9	Dell	1-16

tackling

Crum	16	Wiley	6
Bruton	15	Thornhill	6
Laws	9	Key	6
Brockington	7	Gordon	5
Zbikowski	5	Baldwin	5
Smith, T.	4	Adams	5
Williams, I.	4	Saint-Dic	4
Hand	3	Davis-Clark	4
Kuntz	3	Kershaw	4

Michigan State wins sixth straight at ND

Irish and Michigan State square off for their 71st meeting

By FRAN TOLAN and CHRIS HINE
Sports Writers

Michigan State became the first opponent to win six games in a row at Notre Dame Stadium.

Infamous record

Notre Dame is now 0-4, the first time the team has ever dropped its first four contests.

Scoring drought

The Irish have scored 27 points through four games. This total is the third-fewest ever in school history.

Mrs. Parseghian honored

Katie Parseghian, wife of former Irish coach Ara Parseghian, was presented with an honorary monogram by the Notre Dame Monogram Club.

The presentation was made by Monogram Club president Mark Kelly in the Monogram Room of the Joyce Center at the conclusion of Mass that was part of the dedication of a statue of Ara.

Old rivals

Saturday's matchup marked the 71st meeting between Notre Dame and Michigan State. The Irish have a 44-26-1 record against the Spartans. Only Navy, Purdue and USC have faced Notre Dame more times than Michigan State.

Bruton gets his first pick

Junior free safety David Bruton intercepted the first pass of his career Saturday. Bruton picked off Michigan State quarterback Brian Hoyer in Notre Dame's end zone in the second quarter.

Selling out

Saturday's game was the

194th consecutive sellout in Notre Dame Stadium.

Getting lucky

The Irish won the coin toss and elected to receive. Notre Dame has won three of the four coin tosses this season and has received to start each game.

Maust gets some work

Sophomore punter Eric Maust came in for Geoff Price at various times in the game. Maust had punts of 41, 38 and 50 yards.

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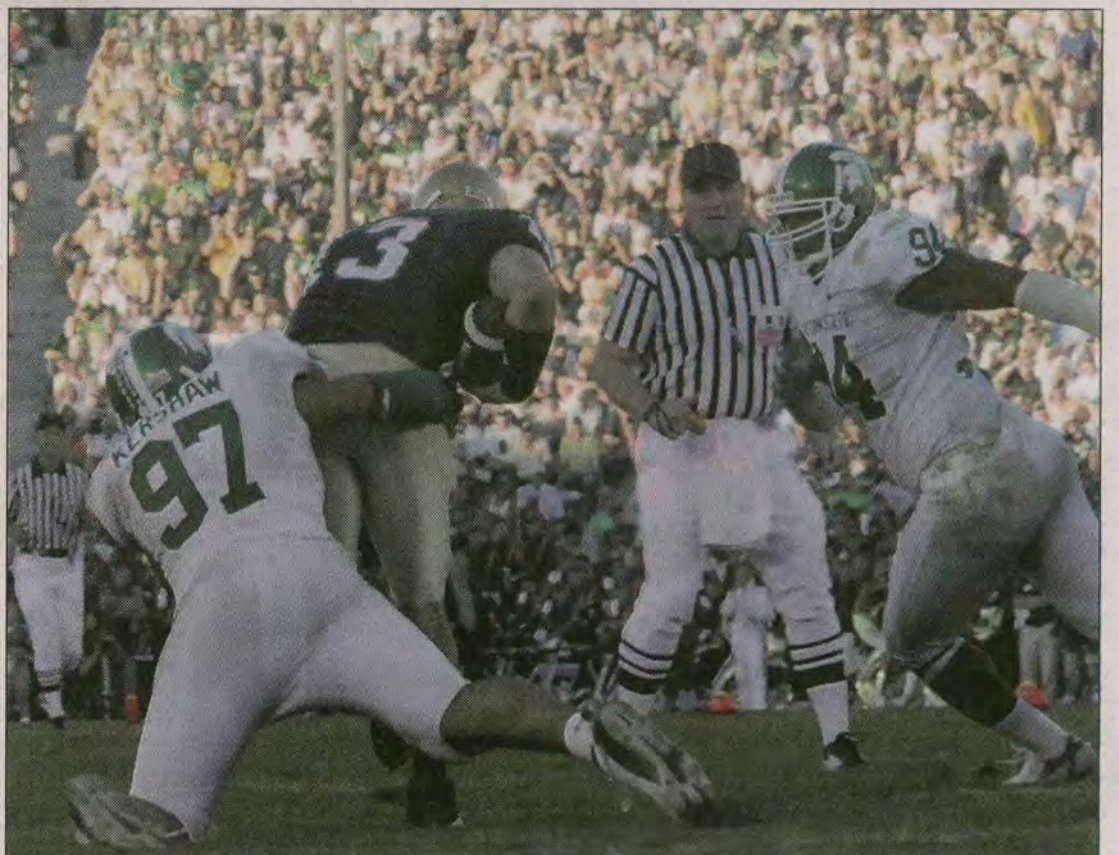
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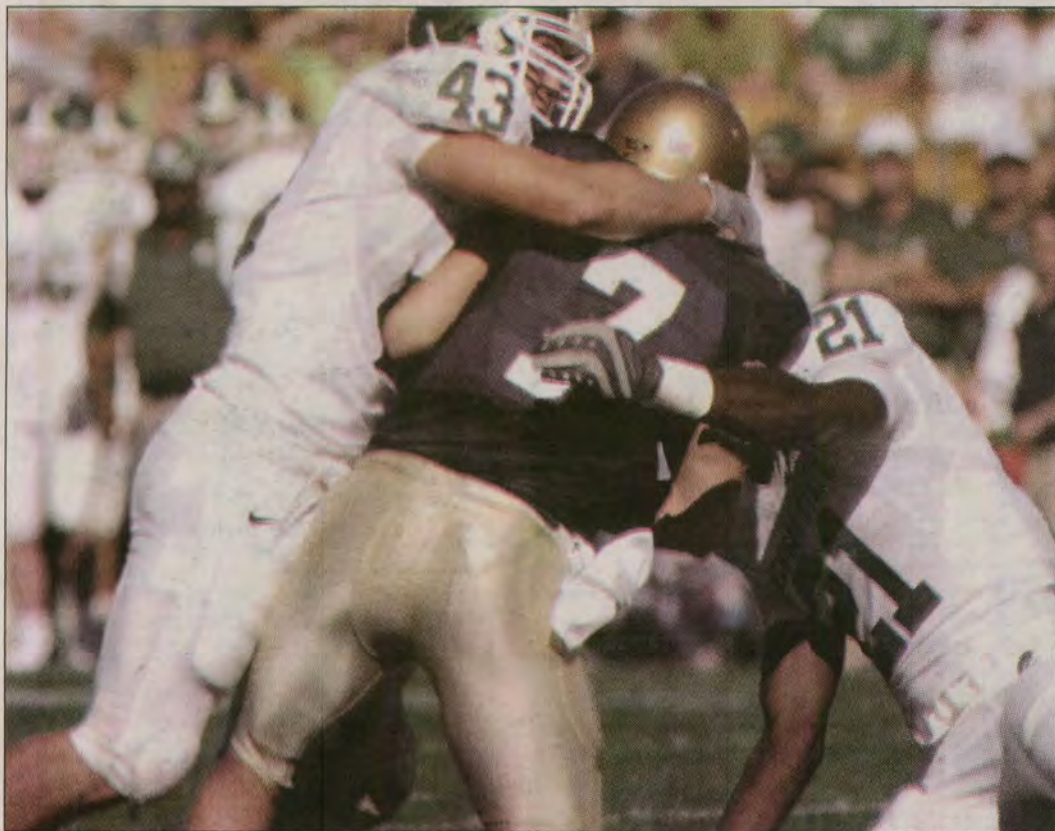
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Baby steps

After last week's demoralizing 38-0 loss to Michigan, coach Charlie Weis said he failed to create a "niche" for his offense. The Irish were able to gain 117 total yards rushing Saturday against Michigan State, but were outplayed in every other aspect of the game. The Spartans ran inside and outside Notre Dame's 3-4 personnel scheme at will, and Spartans quarterback Bryan Hoyer threw for four touchdowns to lead the Spartans to a 31-14 win — their sixth straight in Notre Dame Stadium. Michigan State's pass rush was able to generate pressure even without sending extra rushers, while the special teams did little to help Notre Dame win the battle for field position. There were positive signs in Saturday's loss, but they cannot conceal the fact that Notre Dame is 0-4 for the first time in school history. Next week, Notre Dame hits the road to take on Purdue (4-0).



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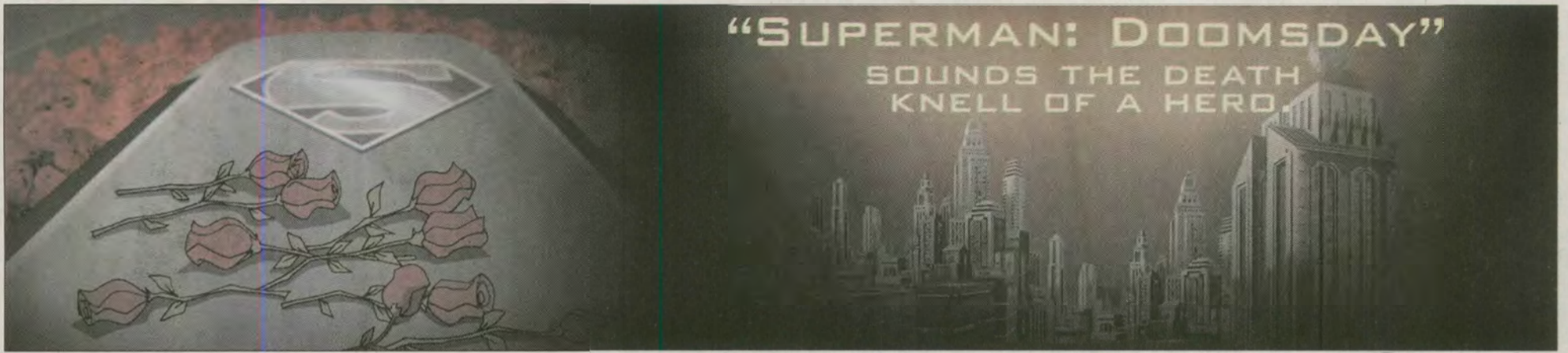


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Top left, Irish punter Geoff Price squibbs a punt; top right, Irish tailback James Aldridge tries to outrun Sir Daraan Adams; middle, Irish quarterback Evan Sharpley is tackled by Spartans defensive tackle Justin Kershaw; bottom right, Travis Thomas scores Notre Dame's first offensive touchdown; bottom left, Jimmy Clausen is sacked by Otis Wiley (21) and Eric Gordon (43).



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By DAMON JASON
Scene Writer

"Superman: Doomsday" is DC Comics' entry into a recent series of animated films based on some of the comic book industry's most popular characters and stories.

This particular film is based loosely on a number of storylines collectively known as "The Death and Return of Superman." While production values obviously aren't as high as last year's "Superman Returns," the film does a solid job at creating its own identity.

In an attempt to boost sales in the lagging comic book industry in the 1990s, DC crafted the "Death of Superman" story arc. In this storyline, an unstoppable alien named Doomsday terrorizes Metropolis

after taking out the entire Justice League. Superman goes to face Doomsday and a lengthy battle ensues. In the end, Superman fights until his dying breath, but not before killing Doomsday first.

The subsequent storyline, "Funeral for a Friend," deals with the world's reaction to losing the most powerful superhero ever. In their post-Superman world, four individuals attempt to step up and take the mantra of the "new" Superman.

As with many comics, through various machinations, DC does not allow its hero to stay dead for too long. These events conclude with the eventual and triumphant return of the original Superman.

In the end, Superman fights until his dying breath, but not before killing Doomsday first.

"Superman: Doomsday" is an interpretation that fuses together pieces of these various storylines.

The film is good — viewers can approach "Superman: Doomsday" with no previous knowledge of Superman lore and have a satisfying movie experience. The fight scenes are great, especially the final battle between Superman and Doomsday. Adam Baldwin ("Full Metal Jacket") and Anne Heche ("Nip/Tuck") provide solid vocal acting for Clark Kent/Superman and Lois Lane.

The only complaint with the presentation of



Photo courtesy of 2dvalley.com

Superman fights for his life in the new animated film "Superman: Doomsday." The film is based on the DC comic series "The Death of Superman."

the film is the animation. Something about the character models feels slightly off, but viewers can't expect everything in a direct-to-video film to be perfect.

The main problem with this movie is its targeting strategy.

It's rated PG-13 and has some very mature themes. Logic would lead one to believe that this movie would be targeted at a more mature audience — an audience, like college students, that read the comics growing up.

There are, however, too many discrepancies between the comic's original storyline and the film adaptation. It simply tries to accomplish too much in its 75 minute running time.

The film does a great job of creating an intelligible storyline that can be approached by all. However, this is not a

summer blockbuster like "Superman Returns," so "Superman: Doomsday" is unlikely to attract a lot of casual fans.

The DVD has excellent special features. There is the standard director's commentary, which is well done, as well as the standard "behind the scenes" look at the voice actors.

Perhaps the best extra feature is a vignette called "Requiem and Rebirth: How the DC Comics Team Decided Superman's Fate." The short highlights various members of the Superman creative team, giving viewers a sense of the passion and emotion that went into creating "The Death and Return of Superman." It makes the DVD a must-have for any hardcore Superman fan.

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Superman: Doomsday

Warner Home Video / DC Comics

Directed by: Lauren Montgomery, Bruce Timm and Brandon Vietti

Starring: Adam Baldwin and Anne Heche



Harry Potter debate prompts raised wands on campus

Dear Rover,

First off, I'd like to say thanks for getting back to me. Your biweekly publication took so long to respond that I wasn't sure if you guys even existed any more, or if general apathy and widespread ignorance of your publication caused you to give up the crusade. I'm glad to hear you're still around and kicking, however feebly.

Unfortunately, some of those wayward kicks have been targeted at my section. Like the Auror Mad-Eye Moody, I believe in a personal motto of constant vigilance. I leave no shot unanswered, especially when said shot is aimed at the most electric and beloved section of the nation's, if not the world's, hottest collegiate newspaper. And so I responded in kind, launching a spectacular salvo which rained destruction and despair on your paper.

Unfortunately, while I had intended to blast your lame-duck out of the water, in reality my comments had the opposite effect: impassioned readers, curious as to the remarks you had made, ended up flocking to pick up copies of the Rover gathering dust in the Dining Halls. I inadvertently created massive levels of new Rover readership, doubling and perhaps even tripling your subscribers to the point where they now number in the double digits.

Tae Andrews
Scene Editor

You're welcome, Rover.

(You'll notice that in my generosity, I haven't charged you a commission for spiking record new numbers in your circulation. Consider this an act of goodwill.)

As I sat in the dining hall on Friday, I read your Cheers and Jeers section and, as expected, I noticed your spirited, if weak, counter fire. However, as I continued perusing your paper, sifting through the layouts and pixilated graphics, what did my wandering eye spy but a full-page piece on none other than Harry Potter, the very topic which incurred your wrath and my subsequent return-fire in the first place. Apparently if you add a picture of a unicorn and toss in some "Harry Potter is Jesus" discussion of Christ-like metaphors in HP it's okay, but otherwise, it's not.

Hypocrisy, thy name is Rover.

As you write in your newspaper mast-head, it behooves a good watchdog to bark, but it behooves a bad, toothless little doggy to stop barking, roll over and play nice. Or perhaps play dead. Down, Rover. Bad dog.

Also, it might behoove you to notice that the word "September" is traditionally spelled with one letter b and not two as you had it printed on the cover of your paper. (And by the way, if you're going to insult our awesome football writers please use proper grammar and refer to the four of them as "gentlemen." It would make you look cowardly, instead of both dim-witted and cowardly.) It's not that I

mind so much; it's just that this is America and we speak English here, and so it pains me when you butcher my native tongue.

But in the words of brave King Leonidas from the hit film "300" as he and his soldiers go about the business of finishing off wounded enemy soldiers, "there's no reason we can't be civilized."

In fact, as disturbing as this thought is, we may actually share something in common. Apparently we both harbor a love for Harry Potter, although yours is more of a secret closet love, as you spend your free time playing make-believe with your wands in the privacy of intimate friends.

As for myself, my love for Potter lore is well known and well documented, to the point where I have engaged roommates and friends in mock duels in public.

However, as you entitled your piece "Let's Lower Our Wands," you're right; perhaps we should just bury the hatchet, instead of having me tomahawk it into your collective face time and time again. It just feels unsporting, like challenging a dyslexic to a free-style rap battle. As such, I accept your surrender plea.

Thanks again for writing, Rover. I look forward to hearing from you in two weeks.

The views expressed in Scene and Heard are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) has been a recent subject of debate.

NFL

McNabb throws four TDs in Eagles blowout

Arizona's comeback falls short with Stover's game-winning kick; Addai runs for two TDs in Colts win at Houston

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb, Brian Westbrook and Kevin Curtis treated Detroit's defense like a scout team.

McNabb threw for 381 yards and four touchdown passes, Curtis had 221 yards receiving and three scores and the Philadelphia Eagles beat the Lions 56-21 on Sunday for their first win.

In a stunning offensive display, the Eagles (1-2) scored touchdowns on their first five possessions and had a franchise-record 42 points in the first half. It was their most points scored since a 56-17 victory at the Chicago Cardinals in 1953.

Brian Westbrook had 110 yards rushing, 111 more receiving and scored three TDs before leaving in the third quarter with injured ribs. X-rays were negative.

"I'm not surprised by what we were able to do," Westbrook said. "It's a matter of guys continuing to connect. We're an explosive offense when things work out the way we want. We didn't have too many incomplete

balls in practice and that rolled over."

Jon Kitna threw for a franchise-record 446 yards and two TDs and Roy Williams had nine catches for 204 yards, including a 91-yard TD for Detroit (2-1).

Just six days ago, the Eagles were booed off the field after losing 20-12 to Washington on Monday night. A day later, it got uglier when McNabb said on HBO that black quarterbacks face greater scrutiny than their white counterparts.

McNabb spent a lot of time this week answering questions about his comment he made in August that aired Tuesday. He came under heavy criticism for his statement and heard a mixture of boos in pregame introductions.

It didn't help that the five-time Pro Bowl quarterback played poorly in his first two games since tearing a knee ligament in Week 11 last year. Some were calling for rookie Kevin Kolb or backup A.J. Feeley to replace him.

Kolb made his NFL debut in the fourth quarter, while McNabb rested after an outstanding per-

formance. McNabb completed 18 consecutive passes at one point, and finished 21-for-26.

Ravens 26, Cardinals 23

Steve McNair was ailing. Matt Leinart was awful. So Kurt Warner and Kyle Boller engaged in an unexpected fourth-quarter duel that wasn't decided until the game's final play.

After Warner rallied the Arizona Cardinals from a 17-point deficit, Boller moved the Ravens into position for a 46-yard field goal by Matt Stover as time expired, giving Baltimore a victory Sunday.

The Ravens (2-1) led 20-3 at halftime and 23-6 entering the fourth quarter, but wilted in the final 15 minutes in a second straight game. Although the New York Jets never did pull even one week earlier, Warner rallied the Cardinals (1-2) to a tie at 23 with 1:50 left.

Leinart was sacked only once but received pressure on almost every throw. The second-year quarterback went 9-for-20 for 53 yards before being replaced for good by the 36-year-old Warner, who also made a brief appearance in the first half.

The Cardinals had used Warner in no-huddle situations in practice, and first-year coach Ken Whisenhunt decided the veteran was the best man to engineer the comeback.

"We were down three scores and we knew that was the best way to move the ball quickly," Whisenhunt said. "It wasn't a situation where Matt lost a job. It was Kurt did better with this package."

Boller entered in the fourth quarter for an ailing Steve McNair. After the Cardinals pulled even, Boller went 5-for-5 for 32 yards to get the Ravens in position for Stover's winning kick.

"You just try and put your mind in a place where hey, it's showtime," Boller said. "I'm warm, the body is warm. Just go through it and take one play at a time."

The Ravens benefited from a questionable personal foul call on safety Adrian Wilson, who was called for a high hit on Todd Heap at the end of a first-down pass.

"We had an airborne receiver hit by a defender, who we called



Ravens kicker Matt Stover, right, watches his game-winning 46-yard field goal in Baltimore's 26-23 win Sunday over Arizona.

launched into him, and he had a blow above the shoulders into the head area," referee Jerome Boger said.

Colts 30, Texans 24

The Indianapolis Colts lost all three AFC South road games last season.

So winning two straight this year is encouraging, even if they didn't play as well as they'd like on Sunday.

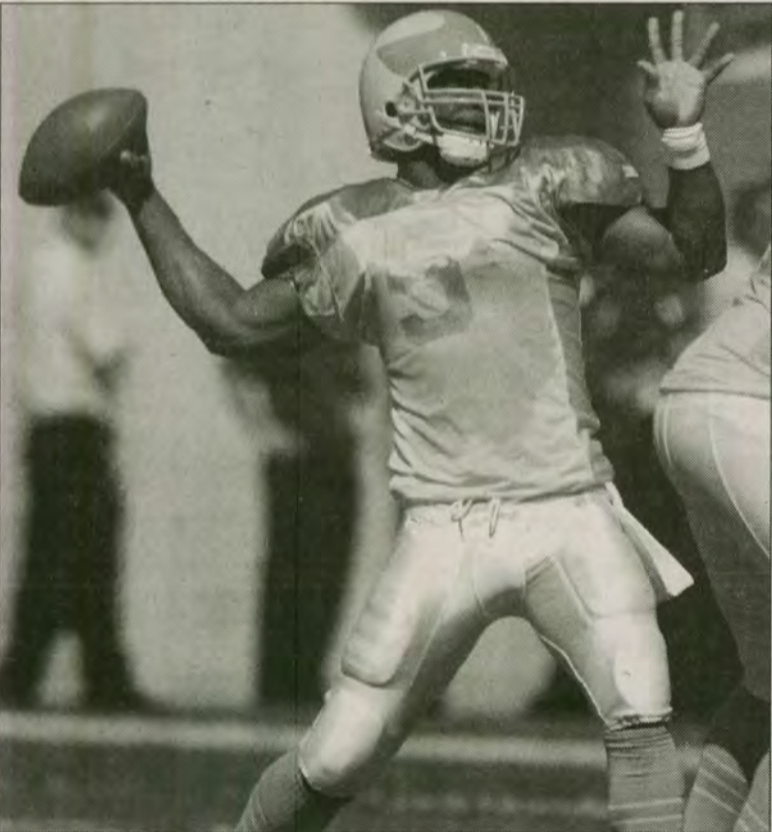
Joseph Addai ran for two touchdowns and Adam Vinatieri added three field goals to lead the Colts (3-0) to a win over the injury-ravaged and mistake-prone Texans to remain undefeated after beating Tennessee last week.

"As long as we're getting the wins, we can still correct that kind of stuff," receiver Dallas Clark said. "We'll take advantage of it down the road. That shows you what kind of team we have here. We haven't played great — it's always been something here and there — but we're still finding ways to win."

Houston (2-1) entered the game without star receiver Andre Johnson, who sprained his knee last week, and lost running back Ahman Green to a knee injury on the first series of the second quarter. Backup Ron Dayne was inactive because of bruised ribs, so the Texans had to rely on third-stringer Samkon Gado for the rest of the game.

Rookie Jacoby Jones, who started for Johnson, left in the third quarter with a separated shoulder, and center Steve McKinney left with a knee sprain in the fourth quarter.

And defensive tackle Cedric Killings was taken off the field on a stretcher after a headfirst collision with Indianapolis receiver Roy Hall. The 310-pound Killings, playing special teams, hit Hall on a block as Jerome Mathis was returning a kickoff in the second quarter. The Texans said Killings suffered a neck injury and coach Gary Kubiak said he was moving his arms and legs and talking on the field. Killings was taken to a hospital.



Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb passes during Philadelphia's 56-21 win Sunday over Detroit at Lincoln Financial Field.

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NCAA Football AP Top 25 Rankings

	team	record	previous
1	USC	3-0	1
2	LSU	4-0	2
3	Oklahoma	4-0	4
4	Florida	4-0	3
5	West Virginia	4-0	5
6	California	4-0	6
7	Texas	4-0	7
8	Ohio State	4-0	8
9	Wisconsin	4-0	9
10	Rutgers	3-0	11
11	Oregon	4-0	13
12	Boston College	4-0	14
13	Clemson	4-0	15
14	Kentucky	4-0	21
15	Georgia	3-1	22
16	South Carolina	3-1	12
17	Virginia Tech	3-1	17
18	South Florida	3-0	23
19	Hawaii	4-0	19
20	Missouri	4-0	25
21	Penn State	3-1	10
22	Alabama	3-1	16
23	Arizona State	4-0	NR
24	Cincinnati	4-0	NR
25	Nebraska	3-1	24

NCAA Football USA Today Poll

	team	record	previous
1	USC	3-0	1
2	LSU	4-0	2
3	Florida	4-0	3
4	Oklahoma	4-0	4
5	West Virginia	4-0	5
6	California	4-0	8
7	Texas	4-0	6
8	Ohio State	4-0	8
9	Wisconsin	4-0	7
10	Rutgers	3-0	11
11	Boston College	4-0	12
12	Oregon	4-0	13
13	Clemson	4-0	14
14	Virginia Tech	3-1	17
15	Kentucky	4-0	23
16	Georgia	3-1	21
17	Hawaii	4-0	18
18	South Florida	3-0	24
19	Penn State	3-1	10
20	Missouri	4-0	25
21	South Carolina	3-1	14
22	Nebraska	3-1	22
23	Michigan State	4-0	NR
24	Alabama	3-1	20
25	Arizona State	4-0	NR
25	Purdue	4-0	NR

NCAA Men's Soccer NSCAA/adidas Poll

	team	record	previous
1	Wake Forest	5-0-0	1
2	UConn	6-0-0	4
3	Virginia	4-1-0	6
4	NOTRE DAME	3-1-1	9
5	West Virginia	4-1-0	13
6	Northwestern	5-0-1	10
7	Creighton	3-0-2	16
8	Santa Clara	3-1-2	8
9	Harvard	6-0-0	15
10	Indiana	3-2-1	2
11	SMU	2-2-1	3
12	Duke	3-2-0	5

MLB



Cleveland's Grady Sizemore and teammates celebrate their American League Central Division title after the Indians defeated Oakland 6-2 Sunday. Cleveland finished 18 games out of first in 2006.

Indians wrap up AL Central crown

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — From shoveling snow to spraying champagne.

The Cleveland Indians, who slipped and slid around April's home opener during a freakish spring storm, capped an unforgettable season at Jacobs Field on Sunday with a sun-soaked championship.

Jake Westbrook struck out a career-high nine and Grady Sizemore had four hits as the Indians, fourth-place finishers a year ago, clinched their first AL Central title since 2001 with a 6-2 win over the Oakland Athletics.

The Indians became the

second team in the majors to clinch. The Boston Red Sox assured themselves of at least the AL wild-card spot Saturday night.

When reliever Rafael Betancourt struck out Oakland's Mark Ellis for the final out and his second save, the crowd of 40,250 erupted as one and the right-hander jumped into catcher Victor Martinez's arms as the Indians poured onto the infield to celebrate.

Moments later, led by ace C.C. Sabathia, the club walked to center field and watched as a 2007 championship banner was hoisted atop the center-field scoreboard.

Overlooked as a contender in one of baseball's toughest divisions, the Indians overcame a strange start and recaptured a crown they won six times in seven years from 1995-2001.

But for these Indians, little went as planned.

Their first homestand in April was postponed by snow, forcing the club to play three "home" games in Milwaukee's Miller Park against the Los Angeles Angels. Three other games against Seattle were made up at the Jake.

Technically, Cleveland still has one "home" game remaining — on Wednesday, 2,000 miles

away at Seattle's Safeco Field as part of a doubleheader with the Mariners.

The Indians, who finished 18 games behind Detroit last year, began 2007 with question marks around the diamond. They moved into first place on Aug. 15, stayed there by going 27-9 and running away from the defending AL champion Tigers, and now have a chance to finish with the best record in the majors.

And while much of their lineup looks as it did in April, the Indians made some major changes to snap them out of a midseason slump that threatened to spoil a season filled with thrilling comebacks.

IN BRIEF

Melee erupts over victory celebration

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Moments after North Carolina Central claimed victory over rival North Carolina A&T, the Eagle players decided on a celebration that would lead to a bench-clearing, helmet-swinging brawl.

The fight so enraged A&T athletics director DeLores "Dee" Todd that she said the two schools likely would take a "cooling-off period" from continuing the series.

"I'm disgusted. It's very disgusting," Todd told The News & Observer of Raleigh after seeing the Eagles players jump on the Aggies' midfield logo. "It's a game, why do that?"

The fight lasted several minutes and left dozens of players lying on the field. Police from both schools ran in after several minutes and broke up the fight using pepper spray. An NCCU player lay on the ground outside of the locker room vomiting after the fight as trainers worked feverishly to wash his eyes.

Landis stripped of Tour de France title

MONTREAL — Floyd Landis' defense that his drug tests weren't handled properly doesn't negate the findings, World Anti-Doping Agency chairman Dick Pound said Sunday.

Pound said that despite Landis' contention that the test procedures were less than perfect, there was no escaping the fact that banned substances were found.

By a 2-1 decision Thursday, an arbitration panel upheld Landis' positive doping test from the 2006 Tour de France. The decision means Landis is no longer the race champion and faces a two-year ban from cycling, retroactive to Jan. 30.

In its 84-page decision, the majority found the initial screening test to measure Landis' testosterone levels — the testosterone-to-epitestosterone test — was not done according to World Anti-Doping Agency rules.

Roddick leads U.S. to Davis Cup finals

GOTEBORG, Sweden — Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe couldn't beat Sweden in the Davis Cup in this city 23 years ago. Andy Roddick delivered this weekend.

Behind a roaring serve, Roddick defeated Jonas Bjorkman 6-2, 7-6 (3), 6-4 Sunday in a clinching victory over Sweden that carried the United States into the finals.

The U.S. will play defending champion Russia for the title Nov. 30-Dec. 3, with the Americans hosting the finals for the first time since 1992. Russia defeated Germany 3-2 in the other semifinal in Moscow.

Roddick didn't drop serve in two singles matches, winning both in straight sets as the Americans ended a three-match losing streak against the Swedes dating to 1984.

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Bradley hurts knee in Padres loss to Rockies

Brewers fall to Braves, Mets eke past Marlins

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A wild-card race that was already wild turned absolutely bizarre Sunday, and Milton Bradley was right in the middle of it for the San Diego Padres.

Bradley was ejected and then hurt his right knee when Padres manager Bud Black spun him to the ground in an attempt to keep him from going after an umpire.

The Padres were livid, claiming that first base umpire Mike Winters baited Bradley in the eighth inning, leading to a confrontation that overshadowed the surging Colorado Rockies' 7-3 win and an impressive three-game sweep of the wild card-leading Padres.

Bradley, whose volatile temper has overshadowed his talent during his career, called it "the most unprofessional and most ridiculous thing I've ever seen."

"It's terrible. And now, because of him, my knee's hurt," said Bradley, a second-half catalyst for the Padres who was in his third game back from an injury that sidelined him for nearly two weeks. "If this costs me my season because of that, he needs to be reprimanded. I'm taking some action. I'm not going to stand pat and accept this because I didn't do nothing wrong."

Asked about his knee, Bradley said: "I've got to get an MRI. It's killing me, though."

The punchless Padres retained their half-game lead over Philadelphia, which lost 5-3 to Washington, while the Rockies pulled within 1½ games by winning their season-high eighth straight.

San Diego stayed 2½ games behind first-place Arizona in the NL West with seven to play. Colorado is four back of the Diamondbacks with six games remaining.

An inning before Bradley was hurt, the Padres lost center fielder Mike Cameron after Bradley stepped on his right hand while the two pursued

Garrett Atkins' inside-the-park home run.

As Bradley walked to the plate in the eighth inning, he and umpire Brian Runge talked for about 25 seconds.

Bradley singled, then said something to Winters. Later on in Kevin Kouzmanoff's at-bat, it escalated into an argument, with Bradley going toward Winters. First base coach Bobby Meacham began to restrain Bradley and Black came running out. Bradley got away from Meacham, but Black grabbed him by the jersey.

Bradley was attempting to get free and, after a few seconds, Black spun Bradley around and the player collapsed. Bradley immediately grabbed his right knee and eventually had to be helped off the field.

"I was trying to pull Milton away from the argument," Black said.

Runge said that after Bradley struck out looking to end the fifth, he "flipped the bat about 5-10 feet in front of me."

Braves 7, Brewers 4

After manager Ned Yost lost his cool, the Milwaukee Brewers lost more ground in the NL Central.

Yost was ejected during Atlanta's four-run rally in the seventh inning, and the Braves sent the wobbling Brewers to their fourth loss in five games, on Sunday.

The Brewers dropped 3.5 games behind division-leading Chicago. The Cubs beat Pittsburgh 8-0.

Atlanta won for the seventh time in eight games in a late playoff push. The Braves moved within 3½ games of San Diego in the wild-card race and remained 5½ games in back of New York in the NL East.

The Brewers took a 4-1 lead into the seventh. Edgar Renteria doubled and scored on a two-out wild pitch by Claudio Vargas (11-5).

Mark Teixeira barely beat out an infield hit. Jeff Francoeur walked and Andruw Jones blooped an RBI single that made it 4-3. Francoeur rounded second base, made a headfirst dive back into the bag and was called safe by second base



Braves shortstop Edgar Renteria fields a ground ball off the bat of Brewers third baseman Ryan Braun during the first inning of Atlanta's 7-4 win Sunday over Milwaukee.

umpire Chris Guccione.

Yost argued that call and was tossed. He then gestured and appeared to vent anger at first-base umpire Jerry Layne, who made the call on Teixeira's infield hit.

Yost focused his postgame comments on what he said was poor umpiring throughout the series.

"With games of the implication of this right here, and we get this kind of effort," Yost said. "It's been the whole series. There's been a number of calls. Not one call has gone our way."

Francoeur thought that Guccione made the right call.

"He had a great angle," Francoeur said. "He was right there in front. I slipped my hand in there. The throw definitely beat me. I made a little juke move with my hand."

Matt Diaz hit a tying single that finished Vargas, and pinch-hitter Martin Prado's RBI single off Ray King put Atlanta ahead.

"I wasn't trying to get a big hit. I was just trying to get a good at-bat," Prado said.

Teixeira added a two-run double in the eighth.

The Braves' rally ruined a chance for Brewers starter Chris Capuano to end his franchise-record streak of 12 straight losses.

Capuano gave up one run in five innings while filling in for ace Ben Sheets, who is recovering from a hamstring injury. Capuano began the season 5-0 with a 2.20 ERA.

"I felt good out there throwing the ball. I've been working on stuff lately. I've been having problems all year missing spots and keeping the ball up, so I've been using my time in the bullpen to try and kind of get my mechanics going good," Capuano said. "I feel like I made a little progress."

Rookie Manny Acosta (1-1) pitched a scoreless seventh for his first win in the majors. Rafael Soriano, the sixth pitcher used by Atlanta, worked the ninth to earn his ninth save in 12 chances.

Ryan Braun hit his 32nd home run in the fourth. In the sixth, he chased starter Jo-Jo Reyes with an RBI single.

Royce Ring replaced Reyes and walked Prince Fielder. Reliever Peter Moylan gave up Corey Hart's RBI grounder that made it 4-1.

Corky Miller gave the Braves' 1-0 lead with an RBI single in the second.

Mets 7, Marlins 6

First baseman Carlos Delgado secured the final out and pumped his fist. Players watching on TV inside the New York Mets' clubhouse leaped from their chairs, and even manager Willie Randolph couldn't help but talk about celebrating soon with fans at Shea Stadium.

"This was a big one," Moises Alou said.

Sure was.

It was far from pretty, but the Mets got everything they hoped for Sunday. David Wright singled home the decisive run in the 11th inning to help New York pull out a win over the Florida Marlins, pushing them a giant step closer to the playoffs.

The NL East leaders moved 2½ games ahead of second-place Philadelphia, which lost 5-3 at Washington. The Mets now return home for their last seven games of the regular season, with a magic number of five for clinching their second consecutive division title.

"The way we've battled is very pleasing, to pick up a

game, knock another day off the schedule and just get back home," Randolph said. "We're looking forward to it. We get a chance to hopefully celebrate with our fans."

Delgado's three-run homer highlighted a four-run eighth that gave New York a 6-3 lead, but Florida rallied against Aaron Heilman and closer Billy Wagner to force extra innings.

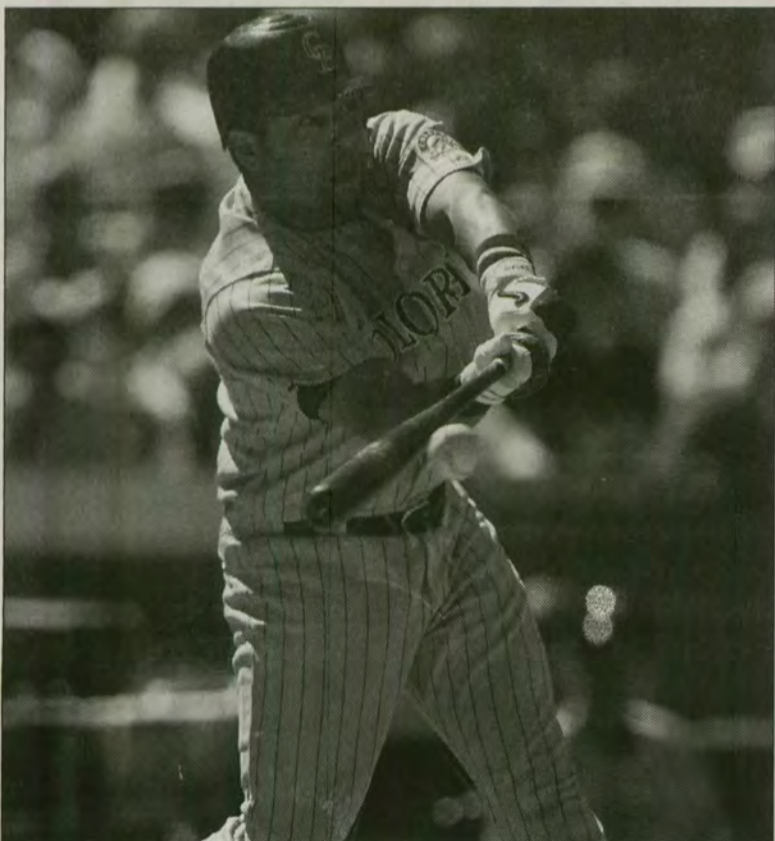
Dan Uggla's long leadoff homer against Wagner in the ninth tied it at 6, the latest late-season flop for New York's overworked and ineffective bullpen.

But the Mets regrouped. Jose Reyes drew a leadoff walk in the 11th from Harvey Garcia (0-1) and went to second on Luis Castillo's single before scoring on Wright's single to center.

New York failed to tack on, though, and still needed three outs from shaky relievers Aaron Sele and Scott Schoeneweis to close it out.

They came through.

Sele got the first two outs and Schoeneweis earned his second save. Each has an ERA above 5.00, but they needed only five pitches to combine for a perfect 11th in a game that lasted 3 hours, 59 minutes.



Rockies catcher Yorvit Torrealba knocks an RBI single in the fourth inning of Colorado's 7-3 win Sunday at San Diego.

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From left, Irish running backs Junior Jabbie and James Aldridge and Irish offensive lineman Jeff Tisak sing the alma mater after Notre Dame's 31-14 loss Saturday to Michigan State.

MLB

Washington plays final game at RFK

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It was a day for a bit of nostalgia at the old ballpark. Well, for some people, anyway.

The fans sure turned out Sunday to say goodbye for the season to the Washington Nationals and goodbye forever — when it comes to baseball, at least — to RFK Stadium, with an attendance of 40,519 making it the team's largest crowd of 2007.

And when D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty, backed by a group of city council members, called for a pregame round of applause for the stadium, the spectators obliged, loudly.

The players, however, did not. They're thrilled to be going from a leaking, creaking place that opened in 1961 to a new stadium slated to open in 2008.

"I'm not going to say we're going to miss it, because we won't," third baseman Ryan Zimmerman said before Washington beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-3 in the Nationals' last home game of the season. "But it's been a great place for baseball to come back to. They did a great job with what they had here to make it, I guess, as good as they could for three years."

This was a day to say farewell to the park originally called D.C. Stadium, then renamed in 1969 to honor the late Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. A multipurpose stadium, it hosted baseball's Senators until 1971 and football's Redskins until 1996.

And it was the first home of the Nationals, who brought baseball back to Washington in 2005, sharing the place with Major League Soccer's D.C. United, which will continue to play at RFK.

The Nationals went 122-121 at home the past three seasons, and first baseman Robert Fick called Sunday's victory "some kind of going away gift or something that [fans] can take with them."

Indeed, whatever complaints players or spectators might have

about the stadium, it was a site for sore eyes when the ex-Expos moved from Montreal. Nationals rookie manager Manny Acta, who was given a model replica of RFK by one of the team's owners, won't forget the place, either.

"It's always going to be a special place for me," Acta said, "because regardless of whatever I do or how long I'm going to stay on this earth, this was my first big league managing home."

He and players noticed and appreciated the larger-than-usual crowd. The Nationals averaged 24,217 fans this year, down from 33,728 in Year 1, and 26,581 in Year 2.

"I really, really wanted to win bad today," Acta said.

Did he sense that a farewell victory Sunday matters to the fans?

"It does. I could tell," he said. "Because all these people didn't show up to every game. Today was a very special day for them."

Seven former Senators took part in pregame festivities, walking out on the field alongside Nationals. The loudest ovation was for Frank Howard, the face of the Senators, who walked out to third base alongside Zimmerman, the face of the Nationals.

Standing on the infield dirt, Howard took a mock swing, drawing even bigger cheers. He was the slugger responsible for hitting balls so far that seats were painted white in the upper deck to mark where his homers landed. Zimmerman put one up in that section, too, and the stair his shot hit was recently painted red.

The past and present of D.C. baseball talked shop for a bit.

"He's a big guy. You don't really realize how big he is," Zimmerman said. "Now I can kind of believe those white seats a little bit more."

Zimmerman knows what RFK meant to local baseball fans, and what it meant to players who were with the Expos when they played before sparse crowds in Montreal and were forced to travel to Puerto Rico for "home" games.

He also is well aware what Nationals Park — or whatever it will be called once naming rights are sold — will mean.

"Not only is it going to be better for us, but it is going to be better for the fans. That's the bottom line. It's going to take our organization to the next level," said Zimmerman, who has visited the still-in-progress new place. "Everything's so much nicer. So we're going from, well, I don't know if this is the worst in the majors, but it's pretty bad, to one of the best."

On Sept. 30, 1971, when the Senators played their last game at RFK before leaving for Texas, spectators stormed the field during the ninth inning to rip out chunks of grass or bases. The game was declared a forfeit.

No such problems this time, although Bob Short, the owner of those Senators, was not forgotten Sunday: Someone unfurled three long banners that read, "Short Still Stinks." And there was property removed again, although this time it was supposed to go: Acta helped Nationals owner Ted Lerner dig out home plate, which will be moved to the new ballpark.

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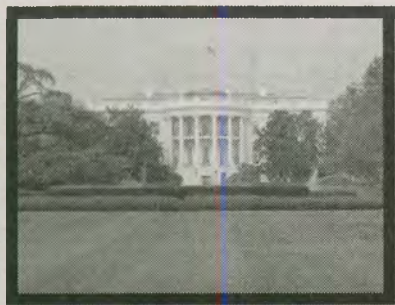


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MLB — AL EAST

Joba saves Yankees win, New York 1.5 games back

Wakefield struggles in loss to Tampa Bay

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joba Rules were made to be broken.

Toronto was threatening in the eighth inning, pulling within two runs and putting two men on. Even though Yankees manager Joe Torre had said Joba Chamberlain was unavailable, the sellout crowd of 54,983 started chanting "We Want Joba!"

Chamberlain jogged in from the bullpen on his 22nd birthday, threw five nasty sliders to strike out Adam Lind, then followed with a perfect ninth inning. With his first major league save, the rookie sensation preserved New York's 7-5 victory over the Blue Jays and Mike Mussina's 250th big league win.

Harlan Chamberlain, the reliever's polio-stricken father, watched from his motorized scooter and remembered back to his newborn son's bassinets at Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center in Lincoln, Neb.

"Twenty-two years ago today, I put a glove with a Velcro ball in the palm of the glove," he said. "If that glove could have spelled out the future and said 22 years from today, you'll be in Yankee Stadium, I would have thought that was the furthest thing that could ever happen," he said.

New York, close to clinching its 13th consecutive playoff appearance, pulled within 1.5 games of AL East-leading Boston with a week remaining in the regular season. The Yankees overcame a 3-0 deficit and reached 90 wins for the seventh straight year, the third-longest streak in major league history behind the 1947-58 Yankees and 1904-12 Chicago Cubs, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Mussina (11-10) won his third straight start since rejoining the rotation; backup catcher Jose Molina had three hits, three RBIs, a key tag play and a big pickoff; and Melky Cabrera threw out a runner at the plate for the second straight day, raising his assists total for the season to 16 — including a major league-leading 14 as a center fielder.

But the electricity was provided by Chamberlain, who has allowed one earned run in 16 appearances since coming up from the minors in early August.

With a 100 mph fastball and a 92 mph slider that drops at the plate like an Olympic diver, he's been unhittable most days. The Yankees have babied him — the Joba Rules stated he could only enter at the start of innings, he could warm up only once and that he would get at least one day off for every inning he threw. It was as if New York had an elixir it didn't want to dispense too frequently.

He had gone two innings and

30 pitches Friday night. But before Sunday's game, Torre spoke with general manager Brian Cashman and pitching instructor Nardi Contreras to clarify the amendments they all discussed during a conference call Friday.

Devil Rays 5, Red Sox 4

Tim Wakefield is still struggling, and the AL East race is up for grabs with a week remaining in the regular season.

Wakefield gave up a two-run homer to Delmon Young and Boston lost to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Sunday, cutting its division lead to 1.5 games over the New York Yankees.

"It couldn't have come at a worse time," Wakefield said about his first defeat at Tropicana Field. "We're in the postseason, but our main goal is try to win the division."

The Red Sox clinched at least the wild-card spot Saturday, but they're having a hard time holding off New York despite building a 14½-game cushion early in the season. The Yankees beat Toronto 7-5 on Sunday.

Boston is off Monday before playing its final six games of the season at home, two against Oakland and four against Minnesota.

New York hosts the Blue Jays again Monday before finishing up with six road games, three at Tampa Bay and three against Baltimore.

The Yankees, who trail Boston

by one in the loss column, are close to clinching at least the wild card as well. If the teams finish with the same record and both qualify for the playoffs, New York will win the division because it won the season series 10-8.

The Red Sox are looking for their first AL East title since 1995. The Yankees have won nine consecutive division crowns, beginning in 1998.

Wakefield (16-12) entered 9-0 at Tropicana Field and 19-2 overall against the Devil Rays, but the knuckleballer gave up four runs and seven hits in five innings.

"I felt fine today," Wakefield said. "Had good movement on my pitches. I just made one mis-

take to Delmon Young. Other than that, they did a good job of scraping some hits together in the holes."

In his past four starts, the right-hander has allowed 21 runs over 17 2-3 innings. The four outings have come after he missed a start with a sore back.

"I thought his ball was bouncing, moving," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "I thought he limited damage. A lot of pitches for five innings, but he pitched pretty good."

Wakefield threw 95 pitches.

Young put the Devil Rays up 2-0 with his homer in the second. The rookie right fielder, who had been 1-for-14 against Wakefield, has 13 homers and 93 RBIs this season.

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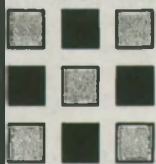
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WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Brazil, United States square off in semifinals



U.S. forward Abby Wambach, left, heads the ball against English defender Faye White during the United States' 3-0 win over England.

Associated Press

TIANJIN, China — U.S. coach Greg Ryan is bracing for Brazil. He knows the semifinal will be rough, smoothed a bit by the artistry of Marta, the game's best female player.

Brazil won its quarterfinal Sunday at the Women's World Cup, defeating Australia 3-2 on Cristiane's goal in the 75th minute, a rising drive from 20 yards off rapid-fire passes from Marta and Daniela.

The Americans have ambitions for a third World Cup title, following ones in 1991 and '99. Brazil is in the semifinals for the second time, matching its run in 1999.

"I believe finally we will add one more star on our jersey," Daniela said, a reference to the men's team, which has won a record five World Cups. "We will finally get the World Cup."

The Americans, top-ranked and undefeated in 51 games, advanced Saturday by beating England 3-0 on goals by Abby Wambach, Shannon Boxx and captain Kristine Lilly.

Germany defeated North Korea 3-0 that day, putting the defending champions into a Wednesday semifinal with Norway in Beijing's neighboring city of Tianjin. Three former champions will be playing in the final four.

Norway defeated host China 1-0 on Sunday in Wuhan before a crowd of 52,000 that stayed until the end, waving flags and lighting flares as the Chinese made a last offensive push.

Brazil figures to be quick and tricky Thursday when it meets the Americans in Hangzhou, the last step to the final Sunday in Shanghai.

The U.S. defeated Brazil 2-0 three months ago in New York, a physical game played without Marta. The Americans also defeated Brazil in the 2004 Olympic final — 2-1 in extra time — and 2-0 in a group game in the Olympics.

"Brazil's primary tactic was fouling us to break our rhythm," Ryan said, referring to the game three months ago. "We had more of the ball, and their response to that was just

to foul. Brazil has tried to break our rhythm by chopping our players down."

"The last time we played Brazil, they didn't even try to play football — they just kicked us from behind," Ryan added.

Still, Ryan is fully aware that Brazil can play. The women, in some respects, mirror the style of the famed men's teams led over the years by Rivaldo, Ronaldo and Ronaldinho. They also go by a single name, fashioning goals by duping defenders with backheel passes and start-and-stop fakes while hovering over the ball.

"I'm going to do whatever I can to request that we get a referee who understands the difference between a reckless foul and a hard challenge," Ryan said, a former defender himself in the now-defunct NASL.

Marta is the 2006 women's world player of the year, and the rest of the lineup isn't far behind with striker Cristiane and other up-front players like Daniela, Formiga and Maycon.

"They are all very creative," said U.S. defender Stephanie Lopez, who played against Brazil in New York. "Sometimes it's not very traditional, but it's very effective. Their offense is very special."

The Americans' best result of the tournament came against an England team that might have been weaker than any of the other squads in the U.S. group — North Korea, Sweden and Nigeria. The game turned on three goals in 12 minutes early in the second half.

"I think we've got another gear," Ryan said. "The concern isn't peaking; the concern is winning the next game. I think they can play even better but whether we see it or not just depends on the game, our opponent."

The United States is undefeated in 51 games, winning mostly in this tournament with defense, set plays and four goals from striker Abby Wambach.

"Every game we've been rising and rising," Boxx said. "We've defended so well in this tournament and now the possession part is coming."



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Irish defender Kerry Inglis clears the ball against DePaul in a 4-0 victory over the Blue Demons Friday at Alumni Field.

Hanks

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Cinalli's assist leaves her one shy of becoming the 12th Irish player with 30 goals and 30 assists.

Paul State junior forward Ashley Myers tied the game in the 55th minute with a curving left-footed shot that slipped past Karas' hands.

The Irish kept the ball in their offensive third for the final 20 minutes of the game and put pressure on the Nittany Lions, but were not able to score with their final 17 shots. Their best opportunity came on a Hanks corner kick and redirected in front of the goal and had all but under the upper right corner of the goal before Naehner made a diving save to keep the Irish from tying the game. Cinalli put two quick shots wide of the net. Hanks headed junior defender Elise Weber's cross high over the net.

The game became more physical near the end. Hanks, visibly frustrated, put her mark to the ground twice when chasing down deep passes. Dew received a yellow card for hitting Naehner as she played a shot. In the final minute, Hanks and Naehner collided while chasing a cross, and both fell to the ground after appearing to bump heads.

Waldrum said Hanks was shaken up but should be OK.

"They're very athletic as a team," Waldrum said of Penn State. "But they're a good team, and they're the kind of team that can punish you when you make mistakes."

Despite the loss, Notre Dame played up to the level of its opponents. Most of its passes were crisp and on-target, and the Irish had more possessions when creating offensive situations. Waldrum saw improvement but was still unhappy with their performance.

"I thought today we had periods of being good, but it's the same things that caught up to us in the second half," he said. "It's the same mistakes that we've been making."

Notre Dame 4, DePaul 0

The Irish extended their unbeaten streak at home against Big East opponents to 73 games with their win over the Blue Demons

Friday. Hanks opened the scoring in the eighth minute when Cinalli played a cross from the right corner into the middle of the box. Hanks headed the ball off the crossbar and into the center of the net.

"She's been fantastic," Waldrum said. "If we had all the other older players on the team living up to that standard, we'd be fine."

Hanks scored her second goal on a penalty kick in the 62nd minute after DePaul senior midfielder Jennifer Dyer fouled senior forward Susan Pinnick in the penalty box. Hanks took the kick and put the ball past Kelsey Hoinkes, DePaul's freshman goalkeeper, in the upper right-hand corner of the goal.

Five minutes later, DePaul freshman defender Janina Locascio committed an intentional handball in the penalty box. By rule, she received an automatic red card and the Irish got another penalty kick. Hanks put the ball in the same place she had earlier, and as before, Hoinkes had no idea where the ball was going.

Senior defender Ashley Jones scored Notre Dame's final goal in the 70th minute. Jones and freshman forward Erica Iantorno broke through the defense and created a two-on-one situation against Hoinkes. When Hoinkes committed to Iantorno, Iantorno sent the ball to Jones, who tapped it for the goal.

Waldrum was pleased with his team's play against DePaul.

"We were better overall defensively," Waldrum said. "I thought we were good all of Friday."

Waldrum said freshman Lauren Fowlkes, who usually plays midfield but played center back this weekend, helped strengthen the unit.

"I think we were a little more stable over the weekend with that lineup," Waldrum said. "It's probably the best we've been defensively since early in the season. It's one of those things that we've got to keep working with it now, because she's new back there."

Cinalli was pleased with the team's play at the beginning of its conference schedule.

"That was a great way to start off our conference play," she said.

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small groups, which I feel did help them mentally," Bauters said. "Almost everyone dropped a minute off their times from the beginning of September when we raced there — another great sign."

The MIAA season concludes

with the championship meet on Oct. 27.

"I really believe we can come within striking distance in October," Bauters said. "We still have a long way to go before then, and the girls are not nearly peaking yet — so we have a lot to look forward to."

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles rally to beat K'zoo

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

Facing a 2-1 deficit against Kalamazoo Friday, Saint Mary's battled back with a hard-fought fourth game win featuring three ties and lead changes.

Saint Mary's took the fifth game easily to defeat the Hornets 3-2.

The Belles split the first two games of the match 28-30 and 30-22. In game three, the Hornets were in control of the match, stinging the Belles with a 20-30 win.

The Belles (6-7, 3-3 MIAA) would not give up in the fourth game, which they won, 30-26.

A kill by freshman outside hitter Jacee Watson gave the Belles their first lead in the fifth game at 3-2, and they didn't trail the rest of the way as they knocked off Kalamazoo.

The win is the Belles' fifth consecutive victory over the Hornets.

The Belles were determined to win, coming off a painful loss Wednesday to last-place Albion.

"Our experience at Albion was very fresh in our minds, and we did not want a repeat of that night," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "A win is worth the fight."

Saint Mary's had four dif-



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Belles middle blocker Cathy Kurczak spikes the ball in a 3-0 win against Olivet Sept. 11.

ferent players post a double-double in the win over the

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Sophomore outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski had a match-high 22 kills and 11 digs. Junior middle blocker Kaela Hellman posted a team-best 25 digs in addition to her 11 kills.

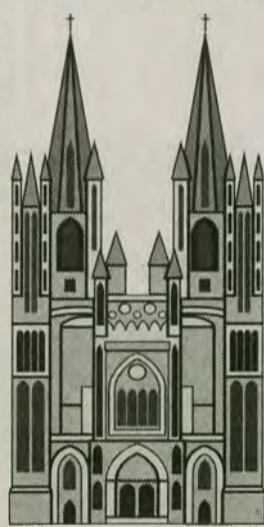
Freshman middle blocker Andrea Sasgen posted 12 kills and 15 digs to follow in the effort.

Senior setter Amanda David was the leader of the offense with 64 assists and contributed to the defense with 12 digs. This was the

second game in a row that the Belles had four players with double-doubles.

"It is so nice to have such balance in my starters," Schroeder-Biek said. "Everyone of my front line attackers in my double line attacks that play all the way around. Lorna [Slupczynski], Kaela [Hellman] and Andrea [Sasgen] were also double-doubles in kills and digs — that shows you how well Amanda David balances our attack and how effective all of our attackers are."

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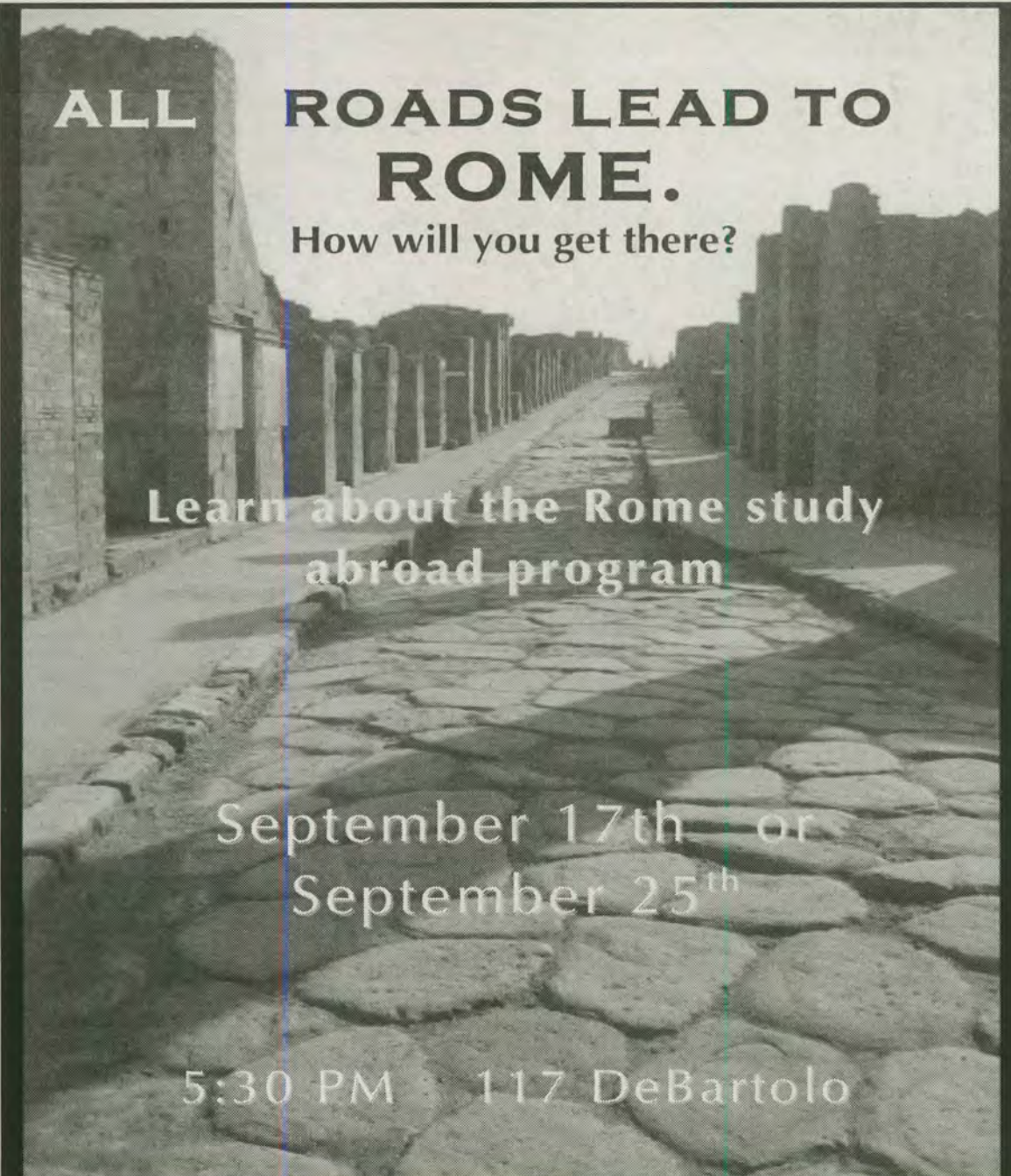
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Stasiuk helps lead Irish to weekend series split

Senior libero now fifth place in career digs in Notre Dame's history

By PAT O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame lost its Big East opener Saturday against Pittsburgh in four tough games but rebounded to beat West Virginia the next day in Morgantown.

The Irish forced every losing game against the Panthers into extra points in the 3-1 (33-31, 32-30, 23-30, 42-40) loss.

The fourth game included 27 ties and 15 lead changes — and 82 points between the two teams.

Irish senior Adrianna Stasiuk, starting the game at the libero position, tied her season best with 21 digs to go along with 14 kills. Freshman middle blocker Kellie Sciacca and sophomore outside hitter Serinity Phillips also added 14 kills each. Senior setter Ashley Tarutis paced the Irish with 45 assists and sophomore setter Jamel Nicholas added 21 helpers of her own.

Junior outside hitter Kelly Campbell's 30 kills led the Panthers offense. Senior outside hitter Diana Andreyko also played a major role in Pittsburgh's win, with 21 kills

and 19 digs. Junior setter Nicole Taurence paced the Panthers with 47 assists; she also added nine digs.

The Irish (5-7, 1-1) beat West Virginia 3-1 (30-19, 23-30, 30-27, 30-27) Sunday.

The game against the Mountaineers saw Stasiuk climb to fifth in career digs in Notre Dame history. She recorded 17 in another start at libero to put her total at 1,268.

But Phillips and Tarutis were the stars in the match. Phillips recorded a career-high and 23 kills and 11 digs, while Tarutis aided the effort with 44 assists, 13 digs and six kills. Sophomore outside hitter Megan Fesi added seven kills and nine digs of her own. Junior middle blocker Justine Stremick and Sciacca notched 8 kills each while Stasiuk also had nine.

West Virginia (9-4, 1-1) was led by the stellar play of senior outside hitter Abby Tevis who recorded 18 kills and 21 digs. Senior setter Kailee Goold also played well with 43 assists, 16 digs and 6 kills while freshman libero Bonnie West added 16 digs.

Notre Dame continues its Big East schedule at home Sept. 29 versus Seton Hall and Sept. 30 against Villanova.

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Irish midfielder Joseph Lapira dribbles the ball against Northern Illinois in a 1-1 overtime tie with the Huskies at Alumni Field Sept. 9.

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Matt VanOekel to put the Irish on the scoreboard.

Miller added a goal of his own 30 minutes later. He received a pass from senior forward Joseph Lapira on the right side, beat one of the Scarlet Knight defenders, and then snuck a low shot into the far corner for his first strike of the season.

"He is one of the best players in the country," Clark said. "He has pace, he has ability, and he is dangerous."

The entire Irish offense looked dangerous Friday night in Piscataway, N.J. Notre Dame outshot the Scarlet Knights 22-10 in the game and 12-1 in the first half. The team was able to keep constant pressure on Rutgers that led to a relatively easy night in net for Cahill. The senior had four saves in the game, which was shown on Fox Soccer Channel.

"I think we've built up a great reputation of being a very good team and everywhere we go we will play in front of a full house," Clark said.

Notre Dame 1, Villanova 0

The Irish ended the Wildcats' six-game winning streak Sunday in Philadelphia.

Notre Dame once again dominated the opening 45 minutes, holding a 14-3 advantage in shots on goal, but failed to score.

"We totally dominated both teams in the first half," Clark said. "We didn't do quite as well in the second half. We have to sit down with the video and come up with some answers for that."

The Irish scored their lone goal in the 51st minute when sophomore Jeb Brovsky took advantage of a chance sparked by Lapira.

Lapira pushed the ball forward to Donohue on the left side. Donohue passed up a shot of his own and fed the open Brovsky on the far side. The sophomore took his time then drilled a low shot past Wildcat keeper Jason Friel.

Brovsky saw a lot of action in the second half because senior forward Kurt Martin was nursing an injury from the Rutgers game. The team's depth has been clutch on many occasions so far this season.

"Key guys are out but the great part is that the younger guys have all been prepared to step up," Clark said.

Martin is expected to return to action next weekend when Notre Dame comes home to face Cincinnati at Alumni Field Friday night. The Irish will also play Sunday against another Big East opponent, Louisville.

The only two games Notre Dame has not won this season

have come on Sundays after playing earlier in the weekend. Clark hopes that the Irish put an end to that curse after Sunday's win over Villanova.

"I think it might be psychological more than anything else," he said. "Now we have broken that barrier and hopefully we should be fine from here on out."

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on goal, and the Hornets with seven.

"It was a better second half with some positive adjustments that helped get goals," MacKenzie said. "There was some miscommunication on the defense in the first half, but Amy responded well, with huge, timely saves."

Kalamazoo was physical and did their best to tire the Belles out in the second half, but they weren't able to get the ball past the Saint Mary's defense.

"We had a solid defense," MacKenzie said. "It was a huge game. [Sophomore defenseman] Katy Durkin had a great second half."

MacKenzie said Higgins, a defenseman, played strong on both sides of the ball.

"Justine plays defense for us, but she created all kinds of havoc for them, and they had no response for her," she said. "I am so proud that she had the game-winning goal."

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Belles midfielder Briana Cantu and goalkeeper Amy Mahoney look upfield against Calvin in a scoreless draw Sept. 12.

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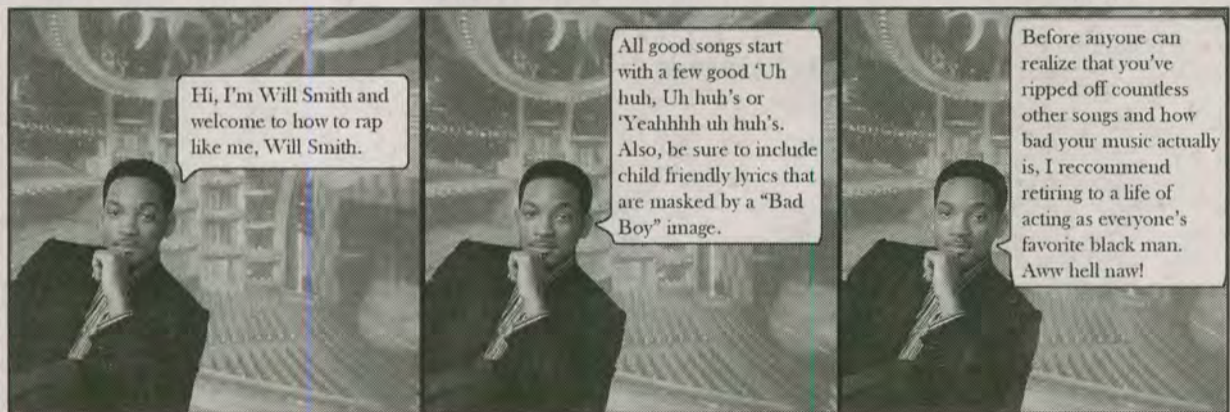
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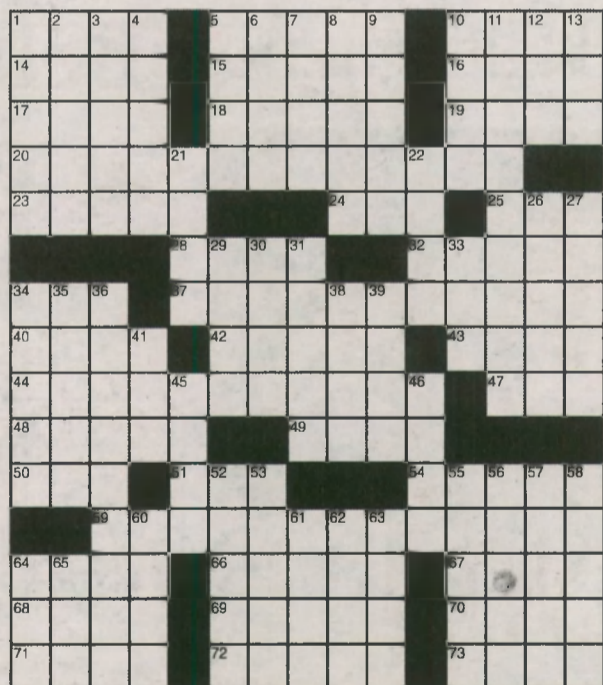
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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Lions' roar

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

After winning a conference match Friday with DePaul, Notre Dame lost its fourth game of the season Sunday to Penn State at Alumni Field.

The Irish hung tough with the Nittany Lions for most of the match, but mental mistakes cost them the match in a 2-1 loss.

Sophomore forward Michele Weissenhofer and sophomore defender Haley Ford missed both games because of injuries.

Penn State 2, Notre Dame 1

The Nittany Lions avenged last season's loss to Notre Dame in the NCAA Tournament quarterfinals thanks to sophomore midfielder Melissa Hayes' penalty kick to the right of Irish senior goalkeeper Lauren Karas in the 58th minute.

Junior defender Carrie Dew attempted to pass the ball back to Karas but struck it weakly. Karas came out of the box to play the ball and upended sophomore forward Katie Schoepfer, leading to the penalty.

"I think the pass back should have been harder," Irish head coach Randy Waldrum said. "[Dew is] as much at fault as Karas."

Notre Dame scored first in the 21st minute when senior forward Amanda Cinalli fed a cross from the left corner to junior forward Kerri Hanks in the box. Hanks controlled the ball, turned right, dribbled around her defender and put a shot on the ground past Penn State sophomore keeper Alyssa Naeher into the right side of the net.

"I just got a ball in and played it one-touch to Kerri and she made a beautiful touch in the box behind the defender and slotted it past the keeper," Cinalli said.

The goal was Hanks' sixth of the season, and

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Irish forward Kerri Hanks dribbles past a DePaul defender in a 4-0 win over the Blue Demons at Alumni Field Friday.

MEN'S SOCCER

Irish claim pair of road shutouts

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

No. 3 Notre Dame improved to 3-0 in the Big East with a pair of shutouts over Rutgers and Villanova on the road this weekend.

Irish goalkeepers Chris Cahill and Andrew Quinn have allowed only one goal since a 3-0 loss to Maryland at the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic on Sept. 2. Notre Dame (5-1-1) has yet to give up a goal in conference play.

"You can't really ask for a lot more than that," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "That is a perfect way to start."

Notre Dame 2, Rutgers 0

Fifth-year senior Ryan Miller picked up a career-high three points to lead Notre Dame past Rutgers Friday night in front of 6,309 fans.

Miller got things started 35 minutes in to the game when he crossed the ball to sophomore midfielder Dave Donohue. Donohue dove through the air and headed the ball past Rutgers goalkeeper

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SMC SOCCER

Pair of late goals beats Kalamazoo

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's freshman midfielder Julia Gragmans entered the game in the seventh minute to fill in for the Belles' injured leading scorer and 70 minutes later arced the corner kick that allowed the Belles to tie and eventually beat Kalamazoo 2-1 on Saturday.

Gragmans placed the ball in front of the net for sophomore Bridget Ronayne to put in for the 1-1 tie, after the freshman spelled top scorer Lauren Hinton, who left the game with an ankle injury that had sidelined her for the previous three games.

A minute later, senior Justine Higgins raced the ball down the right side of the field and scored the Belles second, and winning, goal. The Hornets tried, but couldn't come back to beat out Saint Mary's in the remaining 10 minutes.

"Julia had a great game in terms of energy," Saint Mary's coach Caryn MacKenzie said.

The Belles had a tough first half moving the ball forward, and failed to finish when they moved it up. Kalamazoo had only three shots on goal the first half, but managed to get one past senior goalie Amy Mahoney at 27:55.

The second half showed a different story for both teams. Saint Mary's came back with eight shots

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KATE FENLON/The Observer

Belles defender Justine Higgins controls the ball against Calvin in a scoreless draw Sept. 12.

SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles place fourth at MIAA Jamboree

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's entered Saturday's MIAA Jamboree with dreams of making this season the best in school history. It left with its goal one-third accomplished.

The fourth-place finish was the Belles' best in their nine years in the MIAA, and because the Jamboree determines a third of the conference championship standings, the Belles are on the fast track to beating the program's best-ever fifth-place finish from a season ago.

"[Saturday] was amazing," third-year coach Jackie Bauters said. "I think it was especially rewarding for our returners who understand how huge it was to see that jump in the rankings."

Senior Megan Gray, an all-conference runner, paced the Belles and finished sixth overall with a 20:00 time for the 5K course. She was the first runner not from Calvin — who swept the meet with the race's five fastest times — to cross the finish line.

The Belles had two other

runners finish in the top 20 — sophomore Megan McClowry (17th place, 21:10) and freshman Sam Wiczorek (20th, 21:23). Freshman Catie Salyer (25th, 21:55) and senior Olenka Bilyk (29th, 22:13) rounded out the scoring.

After Calvin's 15 points, Hope (70) took second and Albion (71) captured third. Saint Mary's 97 points were far clear of fifth-place Kalamazoo, which finished with 168 points.

"I'm thrilled that we were able to run as well as we did and accomplish our goal of finishing fourth," Bauters said. "After the meet, we did talk about how we can try to close the gap at our next conference meet."

After opening its season on the same course — in Angola, Mich., at Tri-State University — on Sept. 1 by winning the Tri-State Invitational, Bauters was confident her team's familiarity with the track would be an advantage. The Belles hoped to use a team strategy of packing together to overtake its competitors.

"Many of the girls ran in

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