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AllianceND hopes to gain club status

Group applies for official recognition for 11th time; members expect decision in April

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

For the 11th time in the past 13 years, AllianceND, the unofficial gay-straight alliance at Notre Dame, is applying for official club status.

The members submitted the application earlier this week and expect to hear if the group will be granted official status in April.

"I think even just in the time

that I've been here this is an issue that has come to the forefront," senior and AllianceND officer Jessica Mahon said. "We're really hopeful."

Despite the University's refusal to grant AllianceND official club status in the past, co-chair Emily Salvaterra said recent events, such as the softening of the administration's stance on adding sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause when it was pre-

sented to University President Fr. John Jenkins last March, have given many of the group's organizers hope for this year.

"The response that [the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA)] got to adding sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause from Fr. Jenkins ... was more than we've ever actually heard before," she said. "It's just another little thing."

Senior Patrick Bears, who has been involved with

AllianceND for the past four years, said he also noticed a shift since his freshman year in students' attitudes towards the GLBTQ community at Notre Dame.

"It's mostly been the student body that I've been seeing making the change. And I think the University needs to change with the student body," he said. "Just looking around the residence halls, I see a lot

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Committee to review provost

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

A committee composed of students and faculty is reviewing the performance of Provost Thomas Burish, who serves as the University's highest-ranking academic officer.

The performance review is part of a process mandated by the bylaws of the



Burish

University, according to committee chair Neil Delaney, who is also the director of the Arts and Letters Honors Program and a professor of philosophy.

"All academic officers have to be reviewed every five years," Delaney said. "Our job is to try to get an overall sense of the University's development under the provost's direction," he said.

Burish will be judged according to the job description University President Fr. John Jenkins has outlined. This description includes enhancing the University's standing as a research university, upholding the Catholic character of the University and maintaining high standards in undergraduate education.

The performance review committee plans to interview the

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Conflicts in developing world examined

Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies hosts panel to discuss peacebuilding tactics



MACKENZIE SAIN/The Observer

Professors Ernesto Verdeja, left, and Jackie Smith discuss peacebuilding techniques Thursday in McKenna Hall.

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

Addressing the fundamental causes of conflict in the developing world was the topic of discussion Thursday at a panel forum hosted by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

Professor Cecelia Lynch of University of California-Irvine and Professors Jackie Smith of Sociology and Ernesto Verdeja of Political Science met in McKenna Hall to present a panel entitled "Globalization, Social Movements and Peacebuilding."

"What are the causes of violence, the sources of peace?" Smith asked to start the discussion.

Smith cited a study that suggests nearly half of all post-war societies see a return of violence within 15 years. The problem, according to Smith, is that the causes of structural violence persist.

Smith said she believes one of the major problems with efforts thus far to work against conflict in the third world is in how scholars approach the issue of global violence.

"Much of the work in political science treats violence as based in national problems," she said. "But social conflicts are imbedded in a larger system of power relations."

Smith said failures to effectively relieve these

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Improvised play looks at issues of consent, rape

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

When the lines between coercion and consent are blurred, where are men and women supposed to draw the line? This question was addressed by a performance entitled "Sex Signals," which took place last night in the Jordan Auditorium at Mendoza College of Business.

"Sex Signals" is an interactive play created by Notre Dame alumnus Christian Murphy that is about dating, consent, sexual assault and rape. The Gender Relations Center, Student Government's Gender Issues

Committee, Men Against Violence and the Feminist Voice sponsored the production.

"Christian Murphy created this play as a way to reach out to students who confuse coercion with consent," senior Patrick Tighe, co-chair of the Gender Issues Committee said. "This production directly confronts the notion of pestering and the subsequent giving in to sexual advances that many students experience."

Senior Tim Latham, president of the Men Against Violence club, said that the production is especially pertinent to college

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Dance Marathon raises money

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Fundraising efforts are underway for Saint Mary's Dance Marathon as students work to put on the College's annual event to benefit the Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

The event will take place in March.

EMX — Greek for SMC — apparel and coupon booklets sales in addition to a Give-Back Night at Five Guys Burgers and Fries took place Wednesday night.

EMX sweatshirts, sweatpants and shirts are on sale this

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Observer file photo

Students dance at the 2007 Dance Marathon at Saint Mary's College. The group is currently fundraising for this year's event.

INSIDE COLUMN

Creative Halloween

Witches and monsters and ghosts! Oh my!

Unlike my fellow inside columnist earlier this week, Halloween has always been one of my favorite holidays. No other holiday encourages dressing up in costume to such a degree. Now, don't get me wrong. I enjoy free candy and the occasional scare, but nothing beats the opportunity to be anything you want to be for one night!

Megan Loney

News Wire Editor

Since we have reached an age at which Trick-or-Treating is no longer thought acceptable, Halloween on college campuses revolves around parties and events like Hip Hop Night at Legends. The only thing that sets this weekend apart from the average weekend is the decorations and percentage of students dressed in costume.

Halloween allows one to emulate the person or thing of their choice at least in appearance, without reprimand. The chosen costumes correlate with the wearers' ages.

Sitting in my dorm hallway Thursday night, I was visited by soldiers, superheroes, vampires, and various Disney characters alike. The younger the children, the more innocent were their costumes — as they should be.

That being said, I don't think that I will encounter the same innocence, which I met Thursday, this weekend both on and off the campuses.

The probability of female students wearing outfits that resemble what can only be described as Victoria's Secret versions of classic costumes is greater than those who will choose to be less revealing.

I'm not trying to pass judgment on my fellow women, but I must admit I am rather disappointed with the costume choices I saw last year. I am not disappointed in the lack of coverage, but rather the lack of creativity.

The naughty nurses and French maids may turn the eye of the guy whose attention you have been seeking for the better part of the semester, but I have a suggestion. Why not dazzle him with your imagination or wit instead of relying on your cleavage?

Homemade costumes never fail. Whether it's a two-year old sheriff with a drawn on mustache or the "Ash" costume my mom made for my younger brother during the Pokemon phenomena, these costumes have the "something" that separates them from the other costumes — creativity.

One idea is a personalized superhero. Wearing your own superhero attire is sure to grab someone's attention and the topic of your super powers is a nice ice-breaker.

The Internet is a good source for ideas if you find out that designing your own costume is easier said than done.

I propose that we bring the imagination and creativity back to the holiday. Let's make Halloween more than just an excuse to bare skin this year.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Megan Loney at mloney01@saintmarys.edu

CORRECTIONS

Due to a copy-editing error, a quote in the article "SMC students work with homeless" in the Oct. 29 edition of The Observer was attributed incorrectly to Mary McDougall. Cassie McDonagh should have been attributed. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD MARRY ANY FICTIONAL CHARACTER, WHO WOULD IT BE?

				
Bianca Leonardo	Eric Bernhold	Carolyn Sever	Lauren Enayati	Catherine Moore
sophomore Le Mans	junior Siegfried	junior Ryan	sophomore Le Mans	sophomore Le Mans
"Tarzan because he is the king of the jungle and wears a loin cloth."	"Pooh Bear because it is legal now, he is the coolest fictional character ever and likes to party."	"Billy Madison because he is really 'mature.'"	"Edward Cullen because he is sexy."	"Prince Eric from 'The Little Mermaid' because he has black hair and blue eyes."

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



Keenan resident Chris Anderson goofs off while helping set up a haunted house for The Great Pumpkin, an annual Halloween event put on by Keenan Hall that allows local kids to go Trick-or-Treating through the dorms and experience the terrors of a haunted house.

OFFBEAT

Teens cited for rap at McDonald's

AMERICAN FORK, Utah — A rap by four teenagers at a McDonald's has gotten them a bad rap in one Utah city. The teens were cited by American Fork police earlier this week for disorderly conduct after they rapped their order at a McDonald's drive-through.

The teens said they were imitating a popular video on YouTube. They rapped their order, which begins with, "I need a double cheeseburger and hold the lettuce ..." once quickly before repeating it more slowly.

Spenser Dauwalder said

employees at the restaurant told him and his friends they were holding up the line and needed to order or leave.

The 18-year-old said nobody was in line. He and his three 17-year-old friends left without buying anything.

Man stuffs live ferret in pants to steal it

JACKSONVILLE BEACH, Fla. — It's one thing for shoplifters to hide plunder in their pants. But a live ferret? Police said a homeless man in north Florida did just that. And he made it out the door before being challenged. Rodney Bolton, 38, was charged with theft over the

\$129 animal that police say he took from a pet store in Jacksonville Beach.

A 17-year-old witness confronted Bolton in the parking lot and was bitten by the animal after the man allegedly shoved it in the teen's face.

That confrontation makes the ferret a "special weapon" under Florida law. So Bolton also faces battery charges for dangerously wielding the animal.

Calls to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Department to see if Bolton has a lawyer were not answered early Thursday.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Architect Robert Davis will deliver a lecture, "Smart Growth Development: The Pursuit of Traditional Towns," today at 4:30 p.m. in 104 Bond Hall. Davis is the developer and cofounder of Seaside, Fla., the first and most influential new urban community in the United States. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Yamato, a drum performance group that plays traditional Japanese Wadaiko drums, will give a concert in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight at 7 p.m. To purchase tickets visit the performing arts Web site or call the ticket office at 574-631-2800.

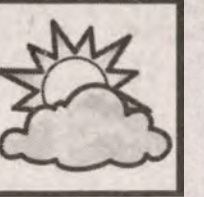
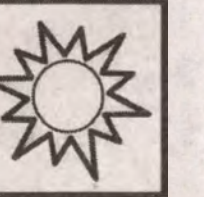
The Notre Dame hockey team will play Ohio State tonight at 7:35 p.m. and tomorrow at 5:05 p.m. in at the Joyce Center Ice Rink. For ticket information call the ticket office at 574-631-7356.

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday at 2 a.m. Adjust your clocks back one hour.

The Notre Dame volleyball team will play Rutgers at 1 p.m. Sunday, tentatively in the new Joyce Center arena. For ticket information, call 574-631-7356.

The Notre Dame men's basketball team will play the first game in the new Purcell Pavillion at the Joyce Center Sunday at 7 p.m. against Lewis. It is an exhibition game. For ticket information, call 574-631-7356.

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

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Saint Mary's hosts annual pumpkin carving contest

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

Many events have been occurring across Saint Mary's campus to get students in the Halloween spirit.

Saint Mary's Activities Board (SAB) held a pumpkin carving contest in the Haggard Parlor room Thursday night. SAB has been holding this event every year, according to the Entertainment Committee co-chair Katie Sperry.

This event is popular every year, Sperry said.

"There was a good turnout this year for the carving," Sperry said. "Our sign-up for teams filled up very quickly that we even had to turn a team away."

Sperry said pumpkins are judged for creativity.

"Every year we get new and creative pumpkins but we tend to keep the same categories for judging: Scariest, Funniest and Most SMC Spirit," Sperry said.

Ten teams were each given one pumpkin to carve as well as carving tools, and teams could

consist of three to five members. The teams had an hour to carve their pumpkin.

"We had some really cool designs this year," Sperry said. "There was a group that made one that looked like Katy Perry and there were multiple that went with the SMC Spirit category."

One winning design was a female pirate that said "we arrrr SMC."

A few carved Lady Gaga and other pop culture phenomena.

"There were some real artists working this year including a wolf howling at the moon," Sperry said. "That won in the scariest category."

The event also offered food.

Saint Mary's junior Jessica Doherty has participated in the event since she was a freshman.

"My friends and I look forward to this every year and we always try to think of creative designs," Doherty said. "We never win but always have fun."

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Katie Sperry
SAB Entertainment
Committee co-chair

Fundraiser completes 9th year

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Writer

Today marks the end of the ninth annual breast cancer awareness fundraiser, "Race to Raise the Most," which is sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters during the month of October.

"Over the past eight years we've made over \$52,000 and it's really a community outreach," Mo Marnocha, office manager of the Arts and Letters Dean's Office, said. "This was the biggest year ever."

United Health Services uses the money raised to fund mammograms for people in St. Joseph County who cannot afford them, Marnocha said.

"We know that our money stays right in the community," she said. "We know it's done nationally but we wanted to keep the funds here locally."

Marnocha said she had the idea to begin a fundraiser in 2000 when she saw an advertisement in a magazine that promoted breast cancer awareness month and thought that a fundraiser would unite the staff of the college.

The first year, the College hosted a day when the staff could wear jeans to work if they donated five dollars to breast cancer awareness. Marnocha said they raised \$1,200.

"Over the years we've fundraised and gotten more

money," she said. "It's a win-win. It's a win for the community, and a win for the staff."

The College breaks the staff into fundraising teams based on the buildings in which they work, and they compete to raise the most money and develop creative fundraising ideas, Marnocha said. Each department of the College also participates.

"One of the things I saw this year more than ever before was camaraderie between the staff that made up the teams," she said.

The funds raised this month have not yet been

totaled, Marnocha said, in part because the teams keep their totals secret until the competition is over.

As incentive for fundraising this year, the College sold note cards with scenes of campus, travel mugs and other items, she said.

They also offered pink hair extensions, which became popular among students.

"I would like for the students to become more involved," Marnocha said. "I would really like next year to have students made more aware of what we're doing."

The College also opened a blog Web site this year to feature fundraising opportunities and updates.

The Web site advertises photos of pink potholders, earrings, scarves and baked goods that were on sale as part of the fundraiser.

Before the Boston College football game, the College of Arts and Letters hosted a tailgate as part of the fundraiser, which Marnocha said attracted a large turnout. Fundraising at the tailgate included ice cream sundaes, tickets for gift baskets and pink manicures and face painting.

This week the Arts and Letters Dean's Office received a donation of 200 sandwiches from Jimmy John's, which they sold for two dollars as part of the fundraiser, Marnocha said.

Although the fundraising comes to an official close at the end of October, Marnocha said she hopes the staff will not stop planning and executing fundraising efforts as "Race to Raise the Most" continues to grow.

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"It's a win for the community, and a win for the staff."

Mo Marnocha
office manager
College of Arts and
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Design students develop new local currency

Michiana community money could benefit area economy and combat negative effects of globalization

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

A new form of currency is coming to the Michiana Area, and Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students are contributing to the design of the community money, which intends to place value on local goods and services while revitalizing the downtown areas in South Bend and the surrounding towns.

"Residents of the South Bend area are working to enrich community life in our region by developing a 'community currency' to serve this region," according to the Michiana Community Currency Web site. "Community currencies can give our cities more control over our choices of jobs and the quality of life in our communities."

Students in Professor Crispin Prebys' Graphic Design III class were asked to submit designs for a local currency that could be used in circulation, taking into account counterfeit measures, size and weight while repre-

senting the Michiana community.

"We all wanted to produce a simplistic yet beautiful set of bills that would look real and promote the local economy," Saint Mary's senior Theresa Tonyan said. "We were really inspired by the community, the people, agriculture and local history."

Professor Jackie Smith of the Kroc Institute for Peace Studies heads up the Michiana Community Currency organization and worked with the students to create a viable currency for the area with the intention of rebuilding the local economy. "What this program can do is put money into our local economy and keep it in our local economy," Smith said.

The idea for a community currency in the Michiana area originated after a lecture Smith gave about the effects of globalization on communities and the solutions cities similar to South Bend have come up with to combat local economic problems. "The community currency creates a multiplier effect,"

Smith said. "For every U.S. dollar spent at a chain store, just 15 cents gets reinvested in the community. With money spent at locally-owned businesses, more than half of that value comes back to the community. With community currency, all of that money has to be reinvested in the community."

Notre Dame product and graphic design student Vu Nguyen worked with Smith to submit designs for the Michiana Area Currency (MAC).

"A few months ago, a handful of classmates and I attended a meeting with Professor Smith," Nguyen said. "We discussed the idea of a local currency, gathered information about existing sets and spoke about what could make this currency unique."

The Michiana community currency is modeled after a successful local currency in Ithaca, New York, called Ithaca Hours, which encourages residents to shop at community-based, owner-operated businesses that keep the money in the community.

"I researched currencies from around the world and decided to focus on two in particular, the Ithaca Hours, arguably the most famous and longest lasting local currency in America, and the U.S. Dollar, to learn some of their strengths and weaknesses," Nguyen said.

When creating an original currency, the graphic design students had to deal with choosing an appropriate, usable size for the bills,

design counterfeit-proof elements to give the bills authority in the local market and craft a unique model that is representative of the community.

"To design a bill that has authority and is difficult to counterfeit is quite a task," Nguyen explained. "My bills reflect a combination of modern and traditional elements — the former to make it visually pleasing and the latter to lend some authority."

The students utilized barcodes and serial numbers, as well as intricate designs to prevent counterfeits.

"We worked a lot with blending colors, adding intricate lines, hidden details and a barcode and serial number," Tonyan said.

In addition, each student incorporated distinctive characteristics using pictures, words and symbols in their submissions to embody the nature and spirit of the Michiana area.

"A friend and I brainstormed for a long while and decided that 'trust, unite and build' would be the three main purposes and results of the MAC," Nguyen said.

"These three words are displayed prominently on both sides of the bill."

Nguyen also created a symbol of the MAC as a lowercase "m" with a line over it, intended to be used like the USD symbol "\$."

The Michiana Community Currency committee and community members have reviewed the student submissions and will vote to choose the MAC design. "A small group of volunteers met with the students and reviewed the designs, and they were very excited by them," Smith said. "All of them were very professionally done and made it look like a serious project. They did a good job of capturing local flavor and making designs that look professional."

The student submissions will be reviewed again on Nov. 4. "The design we pick will help celebrate and support what we think are the best aspects of our region," according to the Michiana Community Currency organization.

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**Michiana Community
Currency Organization**

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Irish historical society to honor University President

Associated Press

Fr. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame, will receive the 2009 Gold Medal award from the American Irish Historical Society (AIHS) at its 112th annual banquet Nov. 5 at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York City.

Previous recipients of the AIHS Gold Medal, which recognizes a special or unique contribution to American Irish life, include President Ronald Reagan, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the actor Liam Neeson, Cardinal John O'Connor of New York and

Donald Keough, chairman of the board of Allen & Company, former president and chief operating officer of the Coca-Cola Co. and chairman emeritus of Notre Dame's Board of Trustees.

Father Jenkins became Notre Dame's 17th president in 2005, after previously serving as vice president and associate provost. He has articulated a vision for the University that focuses on it becoming a pre-eminent research institution while maintaining its distinctive Catholic character and long-time excellence in undergraduate education.



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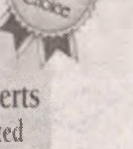
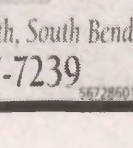
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Please join the Notre Dame family in our annual weekend-long prayer and welcome

Copies of the entire statement of the Spirit of Inclusion will be available following all Masses on October 31-November 1, 2009.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Gay marriage debated in Argentina

Is Argentina ready to become Latin America's first nation to legalize gay marriage?

Gay and lesbian activists think so — and they have a growing number of supporters in Congress, which opened debate Thursday on whether to change dozens of laws that define marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

"We can't expect social equality if the state is legitimizing inequality," said Maria Rachid, president of the Argentine Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Federation. "We now have the social and political context necessary to change the law."

Czech Republic seeks agreement

The European Union's stalled reform treaty overcame a crucial hurdle Thursday after EU leaders agreed to last-minute demands from the Czech Republic in return for the country's ratification of the ambitious deal.

The treaty would streamline decision-making and bolster the bloc's role on the world stage. It would also create the post of a fixed EU president, a job leading European figures are already jockeying for behind the scenes.

European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said the eight years of drafting and negotiating the treaty "reminds me of a marathon, but a marathon with hurdles."

"Tonight we have removed the last political hurdle," he said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Race hot topic in Atlanta election

A neighborhood activist with crossover appeal on the verge of making history. A city leader with a civil rights legacy. A native son seen by some as the heir apparent to the city's first black mayor.

Three of Atlanta's prominent political personalities are colliding in the race for mayor, which is on course for a runoff that could polarize the Southern capital along racial lines. With two formidable black candidates splitting the African-American vote amid a predicted low voter turnout, this predominantly black city could end up electing its first white mayor in a generation.

Giant rubber band ball built in Fla.

Look, over there. Under that blue tarp in a suburban driveway. That thing that's the size of a Smart car?

It's Joel Waul's rubber band ball.

Waul has spent the last six years carefully wrapping and linking and stretching rubber bands of various sizes into the ball shape. The Guinness Book of World Records declared it the world's largest rubber band ball in 2008.

On Thursday, Waul said goodbye to his creation. A team from Ripley's Believe it or Not came to his house with a crane and hauled the 6-foot, 7-inch tall, 9,032-pound behemoth away on a large, flatbed truck.

"It's a little bit sad to see it go, but it's going to be appreciated by thousands and hopefully millions of people in Ripley's museum to see and wonder, 'What was this guy thinking?'" Waul said.

The ball will eventually be displayed in a far-off museum yet to be determined, so folks can marvel at Waul's obsession.

LOCAL NEWS

Coach rejects IU Hall of Fame

Bob Knight just keeps telling Indiana no.

On Thursday, the former Hoosiers coach notified athletic director Fred Glass that he will not be attending the school's Hall of Fame induction ceremony next week in Bloomington — the second time in three days that The General has rejected an overture from the school.

On Tuesday, Knight said he would not accept a \$75,000 offer to settle a lingering lawsuit because the money came from alumni donors.

"I absolutely respect his feelings on that and very much appreciate his response, which in no way suggested he opposed being inducted," Glass said in a statement released by the athletic department.

BELGIUM

EU debates climate change aid

European leaders disagree on extent of assistance to be given to developing nations

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The European Union fought to live up to its self-proclaimed leadership on combating climate change, with the 27 EU leaders at odds over how much to offer poorer nations to join the global battle.

EU nations failed to agree on a figure for climate change funding for developing countries during a first set of talks on Thursday. Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt said, promising to make new efforts to strike a deal on the second day of talks here on Friday.

"On climate, we are not ready yet. ... We have not solved it," he told reporters after leading talks.

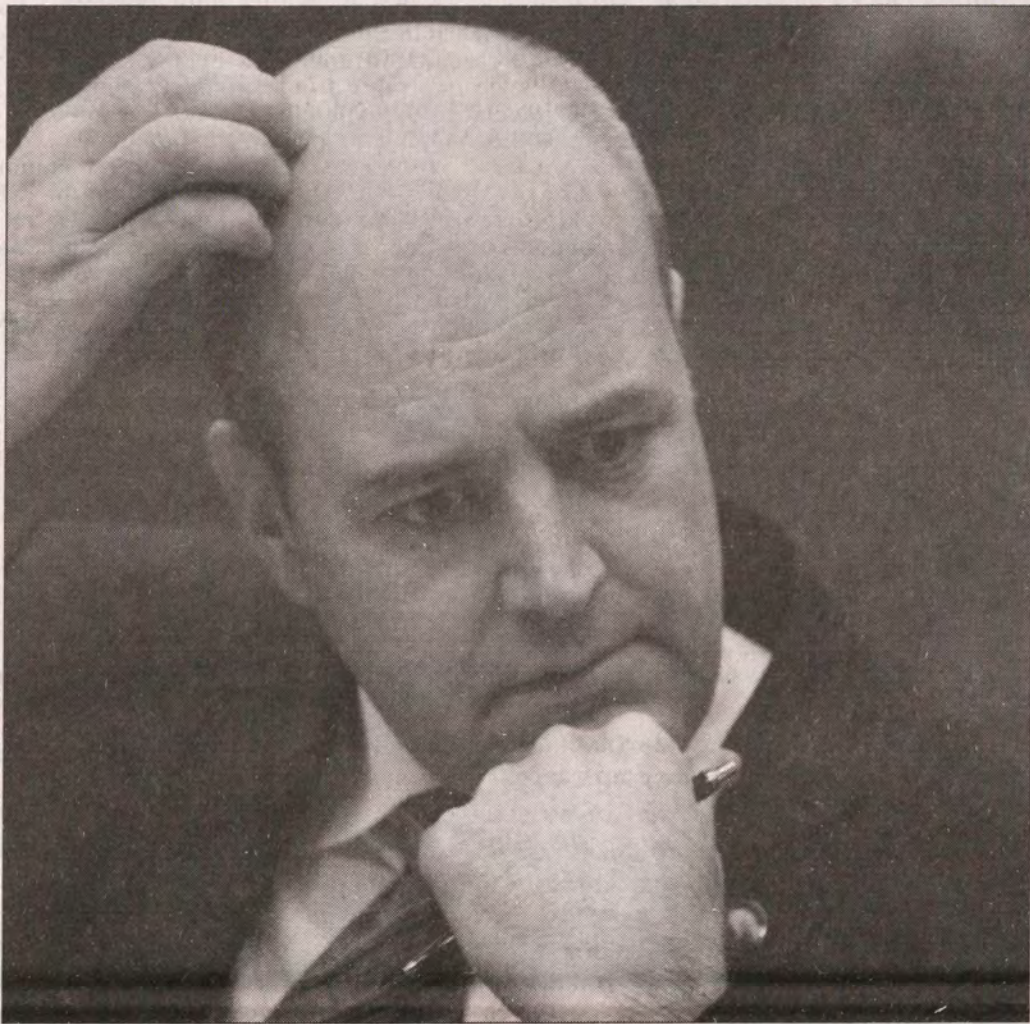
EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said EU leaders "have to achieve" agreement Friday on offering billions of euros to developing nations that would prove Europe's commitment to tackling climate change ahead of U.N. talks on a new greenhouse gas pact in Copenhagen.

The leaders did agree on a crucial issue for the union's future, diplomats said — concessions to the Euro-skeptic Czech president to persuade him to sign a reform treaty strengthening the bloc's diplomatic power and creating the post of a fixed EU president.

Nine eastern EU states said earlier that they would rather walk away from the two-day summit without an agreement than be forced into a deal for billions of euros that would stretch their budgets — even if that jeopardizes a global climate pact and hurts the EU's international image.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown warned against waiting for a deal, saying the stakes in the climate change battle are too high to bicker over who should shoulder how much of the burden.

"Unless we have a program for financing the action we're taking against



Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt participates in a media conversation at an EU summit in Brussels on Thursday.

climate change, then we will not get an agreement at Copenhagen," where the U.N. climate conference kicks off Dec. 7 aimed at replacing the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, Brown said.

The EU executive says developing nations would need annual help of euro100 billion (\$148 billion) by 2020, of which EU governments and companies should contribute up to euro40 billion (\$59 billion).

The latest draft declaration the leaders were discussing Thursday night had eliminated any mention of fund targets. Reinfeldt said EU nations needed to take account of how badly many of them have been hit by the financial crisis.

It is tough to reconcile current EU hesitancy with

Europe's early ambitions on the issue.

The Copenhagen summit is seen as a watershed moment for fighting climate change and for global cooperation, and for years the EU has been seeking out the moral high ground, challenging other powers such as the United States and China to match Europe's commitment.

An internal EU squabble over funding could weaken the union globally — and just look bad. U.N. officials say a European declaration on finance could go a long way toward breaking the stalemate in the climate talks. Developing countries are holding back firm commitments to slow the growth of their carbon dioxide emissions until they know how

much aid they can expect to adjust to changing climate conditions.

With the U.S. hamstrung by Congress, which has yet to approve U.S. emissions targets, poorer countries are looking to the EU to set the pace that they expect other industrialized countries to match.

The EU announced last year it would decide by spring how much it would contribute, and the delay has led to frustration among climate negotiators.

The debate goes to the core of the European Union's institutional quagmire. For years, the bloc has wanted to raise its international profile but is always held back by hesitant member states putting nationhood ahead of the continent.

Pornography law challenged by parents

Associated Press

DALLAS — A 1970s-era Texas law that allows parents to show "harmful material" to their children has come under fire after a prosecutor said he couldn't file charges against a man accused of forcing his 8- and 9-year-old daughters to watch hardcore online pornography.

Randall County District Attorney James Farren has asked the Texas attorney general's office to review his decision not to pursue charges in the case, which has prompted at least one lawmaker to vow to change the state's public indecency law.

"Our hands are tied. It's not our

fault. I have to follow the law," Farren said Thursday. "The mother of the victims in this case was less than happy with this decision, which I understand. We were less than happy with the statute."

The law apparently was meant to protect the privacy of parents who wanted to teach children about sex education, but it states clearly that parents can't be prosecuted for showing "harmful material" to their children.

Farren said police reported the incident to his office after one of the girls told a counselor in June that her father made them watch adults having group sex and various other acts at his home in Amarillo. The parents of the girls,

and their 7-year-old sister, are divorced and share custody.

The girls' mother, Crystal Buckner, wants her ex-husband to be jailed. She said she was stunned to hear from prosecutors and police that nothing can be done.

"I said, 'Are you kidding me?' There's no way. This can't be right," said Buckner, a 30-year-old stay-at-home mother.

The Associated Press typically does not publish the names of parents if it could identify children who might have been abused, but Buckner is seeking publicity about the case. She has printed out copies of the penal code, which she hands out to everyone she meets.

Club

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more progressive attitudes towards the issues than freshman year."

Bears said he was motivated when many students wrote to The Observer to argue against an Oct. 7 Letter to the Editor entitled "Don't ask, Don't tell," which advocated instituting the military's policy towards homosexuals at Notre Dame.

Officer Chris Collins said he knows of students who had decided to transfer out of Notre Dame because of the lack of support for the GLBTQ community.

"We know people who have left [Notre Dame] because they felt that it was hostile," he said.

Collins said he believes AllianceND can involve more students that the Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students, which is composed of eight stu-

dents and four University administrators.

"Your name goes in a pamphlet and it's a very public organization, but it's also a very limited organization and very few people can be involved in it," he said. "There's a lot of support on campus and people that want to get involved and AllianceND is a way we can channel that energy."

Currently, AllianceND's Facebook group has 213 members, and co-chair Melanie LeMay said "20 or so" people interested in joining the club have approached her.

Salvaterra said AllianceND would be promoting Catholic social teachings by expanding Notre Dame's spirit of inclusion.

"There's a lot in Catholic social teaching that people sometimes forget about like the dignity of the human person," she said. "What we are trying to say is there is a place in Catholic social teaching for

[everyone], and it's not something to be guilty about."

Bears said accepting the application would show that the University has made major strides.

"I think if we were given club membership it would show the University is trying to make some strides in the progressive movement," he said.

If their application is accepted, AllianceND would become an official club, complete with the ability to hold meetings, reserve spaces and fund events.

But if the application is denied for the 11th time, LeMay said the group would simply apply again next year.

"If we don't get club status this year, we will continue to apply in the coming years just to carry out the principle of the matter that we've been denied for so long in equality, in principle," she said.

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Provost

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University's current deans and former deans who served during Burish's tenure. The committee will also interview associate provosts and other University officers who interact frequently with Burish.

"We're going to focus on the people who would know what he's implementing first hand," Delaney said.

The committee distributed surveys about Burish's performance to faculty and students. Few of these surveys have been completed, according to

Delaney.

"There never is a big outflow of concern," he said.

Delaney said few students or faculty have any interaction with the provost.

"But we have a general view of how we think things are going," he said. "What we thought is that

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Neil Delaney
committee chair

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The committee does not expect that students would have personal opinions on Burish, Delaney said.

The performance review committee is composed of individuals elected from the Academic Council, plus several appointed by

Jenkins to balance the committee across the five colleges.

Delaney said the committee hopes to complete its review by the end of the semester.

Burish, the University's fourth provost, has held his position since 2005. He previously served as president of Washington and Lee University and as provost of Vanderbilt University. He is a 1972 alumnus of Notre Dame.

The Office of the Provost was established in 1970 to oversee the academic functions of the University.

Dr. Nathan Hatch preceded Burish as provost, serving from 1996-2005.

Burish deferred comment on his tenure as provost until after the completion of the performance review.

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issues are often based in false assumptions made by many regarding the consequences of globalization.

"Many assume that integration into the global economy will lead to growth ... growing the economy will automatically help address the causes of conflict," Smith said. "These policies [of globalization] systematically reduce the power of working people in order to attract foreign investment."

Smith emphasized the importance of social movements as they can often be the only way for popular groups to articulate their needs when they cannot do so through their government.

"Social movements are key to understanding the state and the ability of popular groups to change institutions," Smith said.

Lynch discussed the concept of a post-conflict society and emphasized the role of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) within them.

"The number of re-occurrences of violence are increasing," Lynch said. "The number of indirect deaths as a result of [previous] conflict remain high for 10 years."

Lynch said the number of NGOs in developing countries is increasing, but she noted their shortcomings.

"There are up to 40,000 transnational, non-government organizations working on these issues," Lynch said. "Why so many? Why isn't there less poverty and conflict?"

Lynch cited the gradual withdrawal of direct social welfare programs by governments as well as increased globalization as the causes for the rise in number of NGOs. The reduced effectiveness of these organizations is in part based on a false assumption and reluctance, Lynch said.

"There's an assumption that others should act as we do, want what we want," Lynch said. "Market systems create haves and have-nots ... we need more direct challenges to these market systems. We need to think more about whether there is a reluctance by humanitarians to take on market systems."

In the question-and-answer portion following the panel, Smith said the focus in developing countries should be on human needs.

"It's not about encouraging communities to engage with global economies," she said. "It's about starting with human needs."

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men.

"This event is important because it is very difficult to approach guys about issues about rape and consent," Latham said. "Guys often feel accused when these issues come up."

While the subject matter may be sensitive, the two professionally trained actors use improvisation, comedy and audience participation to present the issues in a manner that is more conducive to the student audience.

The performance opened with a comedic

sequence that put the audience at ease.

"The improvisation was incredibly helpful," Heather Rakoczy Russell, director of the Gender Relations Center said. "Comedy is one of the best models out there to inform people about important issues."

After the opening comedic commentary, the two actors turned to the more sensitive issues of sexual assault and rape. Russell said she believes the audience was more receptive to hearing about the difficult issues because of the relaxed environment.

"It starts with this funny interaction and they turn a corner at some point and begin to talk about assault," she said. "If they had opened up with talking about rape then I don't think the audience would have been as engaged."

Latham agreed that the comedic backdrop for the production makes it much more accessible for audiences to make connections to their own lives.

"The improvisation and techniques the actors use

allow the audience to recognize situations that they themselves have been in before and makes it hit a little bit closer to home," he said. "The comedy also breaks down a few of the walls a lot of people have."

Thursday's performance marked the return of "Sex Signals" after an absence of a few years. Recently, Notre Dame decided the play was a matter of importance for the entire student body.

"Notre Dame has sexual assault and rape just like any other college campus," Tighe said. "It's important to provide the opportunity for a different medium to inform students about these issues."

Russell said she hopes the production provided Notre Dame students

with a new outlook on issues of consent and sexual assault and gave the young men and women a sense of empowerment to step up in difficult situations.

"These issues can be very complicated and the actors made a point of showing that there is a lot of gray area," she said. "I think the production encouraged students to talk amongst themselves about being active bystanders and stopping these instances when they see them occurring."

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Mo. facility fined for violations

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff have proposed a roughly \$16,000 fine for three violations during the decommissioning of a former nuclear facility in eastern Missouri.

The agency said Thursday that a routine inspection found three violations at the Hematite Decommissioning Project in Festus.

It said an alarm was deactivated before the commission approved such a move, inaccurate information was submitted about the amount of uranium-235 in a building, and a technician was not given adequate training.

The Hematite facility processed uranium and made nuclear fuel for use in power plants from 1974 to 2001. Decommission work is expected to be done in 2012.

Westinghouse Electric Co. says the violations posed no safety risks, but that it has begun to correct them.

Ford deal faces opposition

Workers at two more United Auto Workers locals overwhelmingly rejected changes to their contract with Ford Motor Co. on Wednesday, casting further doubt on whether the deal will be approved.

Workers at a parts-making plant in Saline, Mich., west of Detroit, voted 75 percent against the deal, while research and engineering employees in Dearborn, Mich., voted roughly 90 percent against the deal, according to local union officials and tallies posted on a Web site.

An exact count of the votes so far was not available Wednesday night, but at least eight UAW locals representing about 12,500 workers have voted down the deal, many overwhelmingly. Only about four locals with a total of 7,000 members have favored the pact.

Ford sought the deal to bring its labor costs in line with Detroit rivals Chrysler Group LLC and General Motors Co., both of which won concessions from the union as they headed into bankruptcy protection earlier this year. If it fails, the Dearborn-based automaker will have higher labor costs than competitors and therefore a tougher time consistently turning a profit.

Boeing evaluates labor disputes

Tense relationship between union and company prompts talks about compromise

Associated Press

EVERETT, Wash. — Matt Gettmann began working in finance at Boeing Co. last year, and it wasn't long before he found himself watching, stunned, as union members prepared for what became an eight-week strike.

The work stoppage cost the company billions in deferred revenue and caused some of the delays in production of its new 787 at a time when Boeing was growing increasingly frustrated with labor squabbles.

"There would be a parade of people, thousands and thousands of them, making noises and screaming" — right in the factory, Gettmann said. "That's the employee-employer relationship? It's shocking."

On Wednesday, the union was dealt a crushing blow when Boeing decided to open its new 787 line with nonunion workers in South Carolina and not the Seattle suburbs where it has had a presence for generations.

It is another sign that it may be time for the Machinists union to reevaluate its relationship with Boeing, even as the union argues that its workers offer the best value for the company and that it is committed to making sure future work lands in Washington state.

"This looks very much like a company that's tired of dealing with this union, and they've found a way out," said Richard Aboulafia, an analyst with Teal Group. "The union needs to put aside the concept of who's right and who's wrong, and look at who's winning and who's losing. This is not going well from their perspective."

In the next three to five years, Boeing is expected to decide on replacement



A Boeing 787 sits in the paint hangar at the company's facility in Everett, Wash. in April 2009.

planes for its best-selling 737 and 777 models and where they will be built. It's also trying to land a contract to build a 767 tanker for the Air Force. Unless the relationship with organized labor improves, those jobs could wind up out of state — and out of union — too, analysts said.

Machinists District 751 President Tom Wroblewski said Thursday that since last fall's strike, the union has made efforts to improve the relationship, such as by softening the tone of its newsletter. Picking South Carolina for the second 787 line continues a failed policy of sending work away from its base

of skilled workers, he said.

Boeing could have labor peace if it would just stop trying to reduce workers' benefits, he said.

"They rile the members up so bad you can't control it," Wroblewski said.

Two Boeing negotiators, Doug Kight and Ray Conner, sent a memo to the company's managers Thursday detailing the talks with the union. It said the union offered not to strike for 10 years — two fewer than the company wanted — and demanded that Boeing promise to bring future work to the Puget Sound area, something the company couldn't stomach.

That said, the sides did

reach agreement on a framework for sharing future medical cost increases.

Alex Glass, a spokeswoman for Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., said that for months, Boeing CEO Jim McNeerney was telling the senator, "I want a stable work force, I want a stable workforce, I can't afford these strikes any more."

"That's what we and the union were working toward," she said.

South Carolina offered Boeing \$170 million in incentives and relief from sales taxes on things like fuel used in test flights, and Boeing's workers there voted to decertify their union last month.

Expedia reports third quarter profits

Associated Press

BELLEVUE, Wash. — Bookings are up at online travel company Expedia Inc., pushing its profit up despite prices for flights and hotels holding or softening.

The company said Thursday that the rise in bookings, which helped its third-quarter profit rise 23 percent, points to better days ahead for the rest of the travel industry, still hurting as consumers and businesses limit their spending during the recession.

The company said it earned \$117 million, or 40 cents a share, in the three-month period that ended Sept. 30. That's up from \$94.8 million, or 33 cents a share, a year earlier.

Excluding one-time items, the company earned 48 cents a share in the period.

Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters expected 43 cents a share. Analysts typically exclude one-time items from their estimates.

Shares rose some 4 percent when trading opened, but fell back slightly. Shares lost 4 cents to close at \$24.30 Thursday.

Revenue rose 2 percent to \$852.4 million, above analyst estimates of \$828.9 million.

Domestic revenue fell 2 percent while international rose 10 percent. The company, which operates sites such as hotels.com and its namesake site, said gross bookings rose 9 percent from the prior year, with a 26

percent increase in transactions.

Those bumps were offset by low airfares and hotel room rates. The travel slump has caused airlines, hotel operators and others in the travel industry to lower their prices to compete although it's widely expected that as the economy rebounds, these prices too will rise, and air fares are creeping up for the holiday period.

Expedia, too, has been cutting its fees to compete. CEO Dara Khosrowshahi said it appears to be working.

"Travelers are clearly responding to our improving value proposition, as we broaden our fee cuts and increase the depth and breadth of our global supply," Khosrowshahi said.

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week.

"Our EMX has always been a very successful fundraiser for us and this year is no exception," senior Kelly Deranek said. "We have had over 200 orders so far and we still haven't finished the sale as of yet."

The Dance Marathon organization is also selling coupon booklets for \$10 each that include over \$1,000 worth of savings for the South Bend and Mishawaka area. The books contain a free tanning session, a car wash, money for local restaurants and more, Deranek said.

According to Deranek, the Marathon's most successful fundraiser is the Letter Writing Campaign. When the dancers register for the Marathon, they turn in a list of addresses. The people on the list receive letters asking if they would sponsor that specific dancer.

This is one way, besides the actual marathon that will take place March 26 and 27 from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m., that the dancers can help raise money.

"Since our Marathon is a benefit event, we urge our Dancers to get involved in the cause and

to help fundraise themselves," Deranek said.

Dance Marathon will continue to raise money, although there is no set goal for this year.

"We don't have a goal for our total this year," Deranek said. "Any money we raise is money the hospital would not have had otherwise. Of course, we do hope to surpass last year's total of over \$91,000, but any check we could provide the hospital at the end of the year is a success on our part."

Other fundraisers for this semester include a White House Black Market on Nov. 8, a Give-Back Night at Hacienda on Nov. 4 and a Fannie May chocolate fundraiser.

A Salon Night, a Tie Dye Night and a Purse Party will take place in November.

In December, Dance Marathon will be holding a Santa Breakfast for students and the community.

The Dec. 12 Notre Dame Women's Basketball game is known as "Riley Day," and Dance Marathon will raise money at the game.

"We will be there passing out information about our organization, Riley Hospital, and helping out with a halftime fundraiser and event," Deranek said.

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Al-Qaida agent sentenced to prison

Associated Press

PEORIA, Ill. — A federal judge sentenced an al-Qaida sleeper agent to a relatively light eight years in prison Thursday because the man received what the judge called "unacceptable" treatment in a U.S. Navy brig.

U.S. District Judge Michael Mihm could have sentenced Ali al-Marri to as many as 15 years. But Mihm handed down the lighter sentence of eight years and four months in consideration of what he called "very severe" conditions under which al-Marri was kept during the almost six years he was held without charges in a U.S. Navy brig in South Carolina.

The judge's decision could be a factor in future cases because the United States still holds more than 200 people without charge at Guantanamo Bay. If convicted, they could argue their time in custody should be considered at sentencing.

A tearful al-Marri told the judge he was sorry for helping al-Qaida and would never hurt anyone. But Mihm rejected the idea that al-Marri wasn't capable of violence, saying by not changing course after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in New York City and Washington, al-Marri made it clear he intended to remain an al-Qaida.

"I believe based on everything that I have heard that you truly do not regret what you did and that you would do it again after you go home," Mihm said.

But in a stinging critique of government interrogation techniques that included threats to have al-Marri's family rounded up in Saudi Arabia, the judge also said he would

reduce al-Marri's sentence.

"My personal belief as a judge is that that was totally unacceptable," Mihm said. "That's not who we are."

Al-Marri, a 44-year-old Qatar native, pleaded guilty in May to conspiring to provide material support or resources to a foreign terrorist organization.

He wept through his 10-minute testimony Thursday.

"I am glad I have no blood on my hand and my assistance did not cause any bloodshed or lead to that either, nor would I have ever agreed to that," he said before asking for mercy so he could see his wife, five children and 80-year-old mother again.

He quietly thanked Allah in Arabic when Mihm delivered the sentence.

Al-Marri's relatives heard the news at about 11:20 p.m. in Saudi Arabia. They had been hoping al-Marri would receive probation.

"I don't know what to say," Naji al-Marri, al-Marri's brother, said by telephone. "Did they count the years he spent in prison?"

During the two-day sentencing hearing, defense attorneys showed videos and presented testimony to show al-Marri had endured cruel treatment — including sensory deprivation, lengthy interrogations, long periods of isolation, and threats to harm his family — in the Navy brig. In court documents, they argued that amounted to a sentence "beyond what our nation stands for and tolerates as a matter of respect for the law."

They said Thursday that Mihm's decision almost certainly would be cited in other cases.

"In the future, other lawyers, maybe even us, will cite this case," defense attorney Lawrence Lustberg said.

Al-Marri is expected to get credit for time spent locked up both before and after his stay in the brig, reducing his sentence to less than six years, Lustberg said. He will be deported when he is released.

Prosecutors had argued for the maximum sentence, presenting testimony to show al-Marri is still a threat to the U.S. They have 10 days to appeal the sentence but said no decision on that has been made.

Al-Marri admitted he trained in al-Qaida camps and stayed in al-Qaida safe houses in Pakistan between 1998 and 2001. He also acknowledged having regular contact with Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the man who the government said was the mastermind behind the Sept. 11 attacks, and with Mustafa Ahmad al-Hawsawi, who allegedly helped the Sept. 11 hijackers with money and Western-style clothing.

He was arrested in December 2001 while a graduate student at Bradley University in central Illinois. In 2003, President Bush declared him an enemy combatant, one of three held on U.S. soil since the 2001 attacks.

After the U.S. Supreme Court agreed in December 2008 to consider al-Marri's challenge of his status, President Barack Obama ordered him surrendered to civilian authorities in Peoria, where Bradley is located.

No evidence has been shown that al-Marri had a specific al-Qaida mission in the United States, and Mihm said he doubts there was one.

ENGLAND

Scientists debate flu vaccine for kids

Associated Press

LONDON — Dutch scientists made a controversial suggestion Friday that children might be better off skipping the seasonal flu vaccine this year — a proposal flatly rejected by other health experts.

Their commentary, based largely on animal studies, was published online Friday in the British medical journal *Lancet Infectious Diseases*. Yet many top health officials said there was no proof that children are more likely to avoid swine flu by passing on a seasonal flu shot.

"The best shot parents have at protecting their kids is to get them a shot in the arm or up the nose," said Dr. Michael Osterholm, director of the Center for Infectious Diseases Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota.

"Parents should get whatever vaccine is available and approved."

In the opinion piece, G u u s Rimmelzwaan of Erasmus University and his colleagues suggested that health authorities reevaluate the recommendation by countries like the U.S. and Canada to give all healthy children between 6 months and 5 years old a flu shot. The World Health Organization recommends that healthy children under 2

get a flu shot.

The theory is that children infected with seasonal flu acquire a certain kind of immunity that might protect them against new flu outbreaks like swine flu or bird flu.

In the 1957 Asian flu pandemic, the Dutch scientists noted that people infected with seasonal flu were less likely to catch the pandemic virus. They also cited data showing the same trend in mice and ferrets, the latter of which are believed to be a good model for flu in humans.

Other health experts said it would be dangerous to revise flu policies now for results based mainly on animal experiments.

"This is an interesting theory, but it does not reflect what we see in human populations," said Ville Peltola of Turku

University Hospital in Finland, who co-authored an accompanying reaction piece in same medical journal.

Peltola said the Dutch scientists' suggestion might also confuse parents.

"Skipping seasonal flu vaccine does not protect from swine flu, but it leaves the child with-

out protection against seasonal flu," he said. Children under 2 are among the highest risk group of developing complications from seasonal flu, which kills up to 500,000 people worldwide every year.

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Community college enrollment grows

Associated Press

Some are there because of the recession, and others despite it. Regardless, more young Americans than ever are in college — especially community college, according to a new report.

A record high of about 11.5 million Americans age 18 to 24, or nearly 40 percent, attended college in October 2008, according to a study of Census data released Thursday by the Pew Research Center. Virtually all the increase of 300,000 students over the previous year came at two-year schools, while attendance at four-year schools remained flat.

Community colleges almost certainly saw attendance go up at least that much again this year, though final figures are not yet available. The American Association of Community Colleges reports growth rates of 10 percent and higher have been common this fall on many campuses.

Overall college attendance has been going up for about 30 years; what's new is the sharp uptick at community colleges, driven in large part by recessionary bargain hunting and closer ties between two- and four-year colleges that give students more confidence they'll be able to transfer.

"It's not just middle-aged people coming back to school and very poor people any more," said Mike Grace, 24, a student at Wake Technical Community College in Raleigh, N.C., who plans to transfer to nearby North Carolina State next spring. "I'm seeing what I would consider to be relatively rich kids coming to school."

As a broader range of traditional-age college students choose a community college, "it doesn't have the stigma it once did," Grace said.

Last year, nearly 12 percent of all 18- to 24-year-olds, or 3.4 million, were enrolled in community colleges, up from 10.9 percent the year before.

The relative economic advantages of at least starting a degree at a community college have widened as prices at four-year colleges have shot up much faster.

Average tuition and fees at public two-year colleges ran just \$2,372 this year, according to a study released last week by the College Board, compared to \$7,020 at public four-year colleges and more than \$26,000 at private ones. Once government grants and other aid are factored in, community colleges are essentially tuition-free to the average student, though living expenses and books remain.

"People have less money," said Hope Davis, a spokeswoman for the Community College of Baltimore County in Maryland, where enrollment is up about 14 percent this year. "If you can go to community college and pay \$2,500 instead

of \$25,000 and get your general education credits out of the way and then transfer, it makes more sense."

For Grace, Wake Tech is about one-third the price of a public four-year college. By saving money up front, he hopes to stretch out his Montgomery GI Bill benefits long enough to cover a master's degree, too.

Wake's enrollment is up 11 percent this year, on top of a 14 percent increase in 2008. Classes are crowded, but rigorous. Grace thinks some are harder than at N.C. State because the community college is determined that its graduates succeed after they transfer. Grace's sister tried to persuade him he'd be missing out on dorm life and other experiences at a commuter college, but he disagreed.

"I've lived in barracks before," said the Afghanistan veteran. "I don't want to party my way through school. I just want to go through school and get my degree."

Richard Fry, the report's author, said another factor behind community college growth is the steadily increasing proportion of young adults who have completed high school, which hit a record high of nearly 85 percent last October. That means more students are eligible to pursue higher education, but most of the growth is coming from students whose academic qualifications make them more likely to start at two-year school.

While it's good news more students are enrolled in college, the Census figures say nothing about whether overcrowded two-year institutions will succeed in getting students the credentials

they seek or helping them transfer to bachelor's degree programs. Many are bursting at the seams, cutting some courses to meet budgets and holding others late at night. It's impossible to say how many have been turned away for lack of space (California estimates about 200,000 in that state alone).

Baltimore County colleges have turned student lounges into classrooms and asked students to take classes during more unpopular time slots — early mornings and Friday nights, for instance. At least one college, Bunker Hill Community College in Boston, is holding some classes between midnight and 2:30 a.m.

President Barack Obama has made community colleges the centerpiece of his goal for every American to have at least some higher education credential by 2020, and earlier this year proposed spending \$12 billion over the next decade to help community colleges graduate an additional 5 million people.

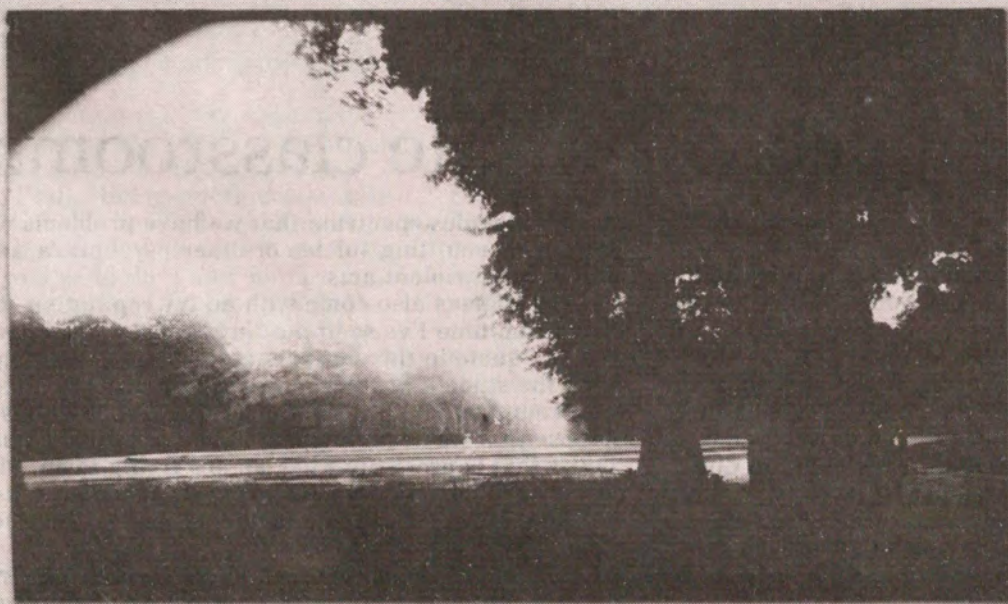
The House responded last month by passing a student aid bill that included about \$10 billion in initiatives directly focused on community colleges. The Senate has not yet taken up the proposal.

"I don't want to party my way through school. I just want to go through school and get my degree."

Mike Grace
student, Wake Technical
Community College

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A Notre Dame love story

In this column, "The Notre Dame They Know," I will interview individuals who have been influenced by the University of Notre Dame.

I will seek to discover the unique role that Notre Dame has played in their life and vocational journey.

It is hoped that this column will inculcate a deeper, more honest and more profound love for Our Lady and Her University.

Thomas Bounds

The Notre Dame they know

A cool autumn breeze rustles the yellowing leaves and blows the ebullient screams of children down an asphalt drive just north of campus. At the end of this road, a playground dotted with kids is surrounded by the brown brick apartments of University Village.

Turning right to building D and climbing two flights of stairs, a white door decorated with pictures of one of these tykes stands ajar.

Jacob Haley, every bit of four years old, grabs onto the doorknob and peers up through the opening. Inside, his mom Danielle, sporting a pink top and a big smile, is preparing dinner seven months pregnant. Kevin, her husband, a graduate student in the Theology Department, is helping get things ready around the house.

After a delicious dinner, and over the playful utterances and gestures of their son, Danielle and Kevin begin their story:

"Kevin and I both started here in 1999. We became good friends freshman year through folk choir.

"I fell in love right away. Kevin was discerning a call to the priesthood."

The two quickly formed a deep emotional and spiritual bond.

"Friendship was a great blessing for us," Danielle says, "but at the same time it warranted courage when I developed romantic feelings for him."

This deep friendship, until then possessing only a one-sided romantic interest, blossomed dramatically around

Easter of 2002.

Kevin recalls, "All of a sudden ... during one week, I started falling for her. Soon after ... I fell in love with her and wanted to marry her."

Reflecting on this great blessing, Kevin and Danielle express thankfulness that their relationship began as a friendship: "When we started dating romantically, it wasn't dependent on those fuzzy feel-good moments. In times when we weren't feeling especially romantic, our friendship carried us, and still does in our marriage."

Married in November of 2004, Kevin and Danielle reflect back on the changes in their relationship through its many stages.

"The friendship and our faith has stayed the same, and increased," Kevin observes.

Danielle comments, "Romance has changed in a lot of different ways ... there is now the thrill of domesticity ... we live together. We can make love. There is something to be said for whole companionship."

On the joys and struggles of married life, Kevin and Danielle observe, "It's a weathered romance. It's cured with the challenge of being parents, and graduate student life, and the sacrifices each of us make, which can contribute to and can also be a challenge to romance."

"Marriage is a constant self-sacrificing in joy, and in the self-sacrificing the joy is multiplied. You find that ... when you see your sacrifices bringing joy to your spouse and your child, it encourages you to sacrifice more."

Based on some of the unique aspects of their own lives, Danielle and Kevin are able to reflect on the value of purity and purity renewed in their relationship.

Danielle and Kevin explain, "Neither of us were virgins when we met. Both of us had had experiences in high school that were detrimental for us ... these experiences stay with you, but there is healing. And in a good way they stay with you because they are resurrected. Whatever wounds that I've carried and then some have been soothed and healed by married love."

"Because of those experiences we both had, it was imperative to both of us to protect our purity."

"We also shared an awareness of the profound treasure that God had given us in each other, and we desired to protect it."

To those interested in forming a relationship, Danielle advises, "If you are a person of faith, going to Mass and interacting with people in religious environments provide good opportunities to meet someone."

"You should look for someone who takes time out of their day to go to Mass, confession, adoration ... it says volumes of a person that the rhythm of their day is planned to make that important."

"Also, watch how they interact with others. Observe how they treat their parents and their siblings. They are their truest selves with those they have known most intimately."

On physical attraction, Danielle comments, "That just has to be there ... If there is no chemistry that's not a natural relationship."

For those in a relationship, Kevin recommends "faith, mutual respect and gentleness with one another." Danielle adds, "It is important to provide that safe space for open communication — taking each other seriously, even if it might be a challenge."

The marital union born out of a deep friendship has filled the Healy family with a palpable love.

Reflecting the beauty of their relationship, Jacob, balled up in the corner of the couch, whispers, "I love you, guys."

"Why do you love us, Jacob?"

"Because you're my best friends."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Intellectual debate outside classrooms

The perceived lack of intellectual discussion outside the classroom is just that: perceived. I'm not sure how student government measured the intellectual quality of dining hall conversations, but I think it would be safe to say they didn't.

I suppose I can't speak for all students, but I have had no lack of intellectual debates/yelling matches with my friends and roommates, covering such topics as health-care reform, foreign policy, international development policy, the existence of God, simultaneous belief in God and scientific findings, etc. But, since these conversations take place in dining halls and dorm rooms and no one makes sure to have a student government representative present at all times, I guess the fact that such discussions take place fell through the cracks.

If you do think there's a lack of constant intellectual debate, it's because of the type of student that applies to Notre Dame. We are smart, but we care about purely nonacademic things as well. We'll write a 10 page paper in six hours so we can go watch the basketball game against Georgetown and we'll still ace the paper, and that's why I love Notre Dame. We're smart but not so far

down the genius spectrum that we have problems with students committing suicide or other psychotic academically-related violent acts.

These stigmas also come with an Ivy reputation. This is the second time I've seen the "my Professor at Princeton says ..." quote in this newspaper, and I'm beginning to think the student government is suffering from an inferiority complex. Vice President Cynthia Weber claims in defense that we are not trying to become an Ivy, but in reality that is precisely what we are trying to do. This university is constantly comparing its academics, its endowment, the quality of its library, and so forth to those of Ivy League schools.

Those are our benchmarks and it's not a shame to admit it. But in our efforts to improve we don't need to gush over everything and anything Ivy to the point that we lose our character.

Paul Leuck
senior
off campus
Oct. 29

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You can tell a lot about a fellow's character by his way of eating jellybeans."

Ronald Reagan
40th President of the U.S.

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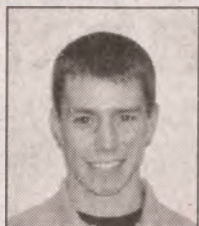
QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is not worth an intelligent man's time to be in the majority. By definition, there are already enough people to do that."

G. H. Hardy
English mathematician

My not very sophisticated view

Last November, two events occurred that nobody could have predicted a year (or two years, or three years) earlier. These two events have shaped the way that Notre Dame Fans, as well as all Americans, have thought about their current situation for the past year just as they have been instrumental in shaping the careers and hobbies of Glenn Beck and Tom Reynolds (a.k.a. Irish Linebacker).



Bob Kessler

The 17th Grade

The first event was the election of Barack Obama as President of the United States. Depending on your political disposition, his election was akin to either the second coming of the messiah or the beginning of the apocalypse (at least everybody agreed that it was the Book of Revelation).

The second event (or events, I should say) struck much closer to home for the Notre Dame community. A year ago this week the Fighting Irish football team was 5-2 and about to start a stretch of games that many thought could lead to a New Year's Day Bowl appearance (sound familiar). Reaching its climax with the team's monumental loss to Syracuse, last November's 1-4 record (one of the worst non-2007 months in program history) sent bands of alums to pull out torches and pitchforks after Swarbrick failed to give

Coach Weis the pink slip.

Just as these events transpired in unexpected ways, they also generated unanticipated responses from people that intimately follow and are interested in the issues of politics and Notre Dame football.

The election of Barack Obama, the man who emphatically spoke about bringing together a divided nation, further separated the two sides of American politics with the opposition party even more hostile than in previous years. While it's tough to dispute the notion that Democratic leaders in 2007 were rooting for our soldiers to fail during the Iraq surge, conservative leaders such as Dick Cheney and Rush Limbaugh have seemingly been rooting for terrorist attacks since the day Obama took office.

Likewise, while the abysmal results of last November's football games rightfully caused Irish Nation to question the coaching abilities of Charlie Weis; it is shocking to see the desire that some in the Notre Dame community have for our team to lose games. In the same way that partisan pundits have been senselessly rooting against recent administrations' efforts to help and protect Americans, many Irish fans are seemingly rooting for the football team to lose more games so that Mr. Swarbrick is presented with irrefutable evidence that Coach Weis must be dismissed.

Ground zero of this baffling movement is Rock's House at NDNation, where anti-Weis support has grown louder than the anti-Obama crusade at Fox News.

Supposed Notre Dame fans make ridiculous statements that indicate a hope for football losses just as news commentators such as Glenn Beck seemingly hope that the swine flu epidemic makes reality what ABC's "Fatal Contact: Bird Flu in America" made-for-TV disaster film made entertaining (lucky for me, I received my swine flu vaccine from the ever more trustworthy Chinese government).

The most upsetting similarity between our partisan political problems and rooting for Notre Dame losses, however, is the false premise that if the leadership fails now it is more likely to be replaced later, and the new leadership will have a better chance of succeeding given an even worse situation created by the very failure these groups are currently promoting (Are you confused yet, because I certainly am).

In actively rooting against President Bush, liberal commentators like Keith Olbermann placed unrealistically high expectations on President Obama that he has come nowhere close to fulfilling. If the Bush administration had failed to the degree that Olbermann was hoping for, Obama would have stepped into office facing even more difficult decisions to make regarding Iraq in addition to Afghanistan (decisions he doesn't seem pressed to make). Even Bush's small victories improved the situation for Obama just as each of our football team's victories this season will impact future seasons. The 2012 football season will be far more difficult for Weis, Brian Kelly, Jon Gruden or whoever is coaching the team by then if a

7-5 or 8-4 record this year results in recruiting deficiencies.

Our ability to foresee what coach, players, or schedule it will take to achieve a national championship is about the same as our ability to foresee the next kooky change that will be made to the Facebook interface.

Because of this I propose that we less ardent, flinching and undercaffeinated Irish fans refuse to treat Rock's House as a true fan's forum. The board often operates almost as either the research arm or the communications arm of the radical Irish contingent that believes Utah is a bad football opponent and hopes Coach Weis will develop medical issues forcing him to resign. We can't have the Blue-Gray Skies and Cartier Fields of the blogosphere basically be led by Rock's House. We should cheer for wins no matter how much some fans hope for losses, and we should be happy about wins regardless of the final score or quality of opponent (unless said opponent is Washington State or Western Michigan).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Scheduling perfect for BCS era

In a perfect world it would be great if you could play 12 great games as suggested in Associate Sports Editor Sam Werner's "Football Commentary: Schedule for 2010 not acceptable" (Oct. 29); however the current BCS format prevents that from being a reality. One loss and you are most likely out of the title consideration, two losses and you are holding onto your BCS lives.

The reality is that the Notre Dame football program, can't have a schedule that includes Alabama, Boise, TCU, Utah, Michigan, Michigan State and USC on a yearly basis. That is just asking your football team to go 9-3 at best and go to the Gator Bowl.

The purpose of the program is to win a national title and you have to set your team up for success. Look at the title contenders strength of schedule (SOS) this year, in the Colley

Matrix Rankings, which are a part of the BCS computer rankings, Notre Dame's schedule is currently the 13th hardest in the country. Alabama's is 37th, Florida's 36th, Texas 51st and BCS Buster and top five team TCU, is ranked 82nd. Now I want to look at the other pre-season BCS Title and BCS bowl hopefuls. Oklahoma has three losses already, granted this is partly due to the Bradford injury, but its SOS is currently 15th in the country.

Virginia Tech was a preseason top-five team which now has two losses, is out of title contention and needs help to reach the BCS. Their SOS is the second hardest in the country. In fact the lowest SOS that has a legitimate title shot is only the 25th strongest. In fact no team in the top 20 SOS has fewer than two losses. For Notre Dame to make themselves a title contender

they need to lower the SOS, and unfortunately that includes playing some non-BCS schools to boost your win total.

Granted the 7-4-1 system is not the best in the world but it would be workable if Notre Dame used it the correct way. Instead of using the one neutral site game on cellar dwellers Washington State or Army, we should use that game to take on a top level opposition. That way we don't have to return a road game, and we still get the great game on the schedule. This then gives us seven home games, of which four will be used on the traditional games, which gives us three home dates to pick teams.

As illustrated above you can't stack it with three tough games. If you do what Notre Dame has elected to do for the 2010 season and schedule two easier games (Western Michigan and

Tulsa) and another tough game (Utah), you've got yourself a pretty good schedule. You would be playing Utah, USC, Michigan State, Michigan, Pittsburgh and Alabama. While that in itself is probably too hard a schedule it would be in the mid-30s and give us a shot at the BCS.

In the 21st century of football in the BCS era, scheduling has to change in order to give your football team a shot at a BCS bowl and in a great season a shot at a national title. While its unfortunate that we can't play top 25 teams every week, the new schedule will make Notre Dame a better program in the long run and that is what we all want in the end.

CJ Kaltenbach
senior
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Oct. 29

Can't fight stereotype with stereoptype

Dear Meghan Dougher ("University of ugly girls," Oct. 28),

I'm sorry to be the one to tell you, but your attempt to combat the Notre Dame female stereotype will fail miserably. In addition to being incredibly cliché, your article is ridden with hypocrisy.

As a woman who claims to be opposed to negative stereotypes, it seems that your opposition only extends to stereotypes that include yourself. I'm sure the film majors at Notre Dame do not appreciate your assertion that "this last [opinion] needs to be taken with a grain of

salt, however, since the speaker is a film major. He might be more into woman's fashion than most other guys." Meghan, I do not personally know any film majors. However, from your article, I guess I should assume that they are all ignorant? Flamboyant? I'm not quite sure. Steven Spielberg was probably a film major. I don't think he is into woman's fashion. But you assumed I would know what you were talking about because apparently you have a presumptuous, overall idea of what a film major should be ... which is the definition of a stereotype.

You then blatantly stereotype Notre Dame guys. You say that we are "nothing special in the looks department" (a euphemism for unattractive, ouch!), and assume that all Notre Dame men are guilty of making negative remarks about Notre Dame girls' appearances. We all focus on "real or imagined physical faults" in females. Instead, we should "focus on the things that make Notre Dame girls awesome!"

Meghan, when I meet a girl, I usually focus on her as an individual. Since you tend to judge people as a group, howev-

er, I would love for you to enlighten me on the collective attributes that make Notre Dame girls "awesome!" In the spirit of being cliché, you cannot fight fire with fire. You cannot fight stereotypes with stereotypes.

And for the record, Meghan, I am male and attend Notre Dame, a "Notre Dame guy" if you will. And I am attractive.

Jimmy Petrocelli
senior
off campus
Oct. 28

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MYTHICAL MATCH-UPS: ROUND 4



MISCELLANEOUS

By MATT BROWN
Scene Writer

Godzilla def. Hellhound

Godzilla blasted his way to the Elite Eight using superior firepower to vanquish the Hellhound from this mortal plane. After being forced to field questions all Fall Break as to whether he truly deserved his No. 1 seed, Godzilla came out firing quickly reducing the arena to a molten glass surface with a tremendous display of laser beamage. The extreme temperature and harsh environment, however, did little to slow the hellhound as it closed in on Godzilla with a wolfish smile. The Hellhound leapt at Godzilla's throat and as he was about to latch onto the windpipe, Godzilla whipped his head to the side and crunched down on the

meaty morsel. "He burned a little on the way down," Godzilla said, "but it tasted like success."

Predator def. Gargoyle

Predator once again utilized his advanced technology to slice the competition. The alien metal that makes up Predator's blades proved to be extremely effective against the Gargoyle's stony hide, the first time a hole has been shown in the rock beast's solid defense. The Predator used his bladed disc to shear off a wing from the diving Gargoyle, rushed the site of the landing and made short work of the stunned building ornament with his arm blades. Removing his mask, the Predator stood proud in the middle of the field challenging all comers.

FOLKLORE

By NICK ANDERSON
Scene Writer

Paul Bunyan

Paul Bunyan has yet to break a sweat. After two first round matches without a scratch, the fierce lumberjack breezed through to the elite eight after the gremlin and werewolf were both destroyed in the previous round. "I'm pretty disappointed so far," admitted Bunyan, "I sharpened my axe for this. Babe even came to show her support. She wants to see a little competition." When asked about his next opponent, the Sasquatch, the flannel-cloaked fighter's mood remained sullen. "He hides in the tree. I chop down trees. What do you expect to happen?" roared the mountain of a man between bites of his flapjacks.

Sasquatch def. the Leprechaun

A fine mist rolled over the arena as the Leprechaun awoke center field in the same clothes as the night before. Sober for the first time in the tournament, he suffered a wee bit o' hangover following his fighting and drinking binge. The sasquatch, who's presence at his previous matches has been reported but not confirmed, remained a mysterious being, nothing more than quick movement and strong smells in the forest. After several hours of search for his misplaced pot of gold, the leprechaun was reported missing. Witnesses claimed he had gone into the trees muttering about the night before. After thoroughly examining the end of the rainbow, the leprechaun's disappearance was attributed to the Sasquatch.

LITERARY

By ERIC PRISTER
Scene Writer

Merlin def. the Balrog

Taking a page out of his fellow-wizard's magical book, Merlin did his best Gandalf impression by knocking off the top-seeded Balrog and sending the fiery demon to its doom. Merlin first did some lightning-fast spell-work and moved the field of battle to the top of a cliff. The Balrog had no choice but to follow and placed itself perilously near the edge of the cliff. Merlin then forcefully stuck his staff in the ground, breaking the cliff and sending the Balrog toppling to the depths below. With the lightness of a man 200 years younger, Merlin floated down the cliff's edge and stabbed the Balrog with his conjured sword, ending the championship run of the Literary bracket's favorite.

The Dragon def. Grendel

As he has done so often before, the Dragon used an aerial attack to neutralize the ferocity of Grendel, who was unable to land consistent blows on the flying lizard. The Dragon took off immediately as the match began, circling his opponent and waiting for the right time to strike. The impatient Grendel became frustrated, and attempted to climb the cliff to get closer to the Dragon. The path to the top of the cliff was somewhat treacherous, however, and the Dragon took advantage, catching Grendel off guard and knocking him over. Without the benefit of his speed and quickness, Grendel was unable to overcome the fire-breath and razor-sharp talons of the Dragon, who advanced easily.

MYTHOLOGY

By SZYMON RYZNER
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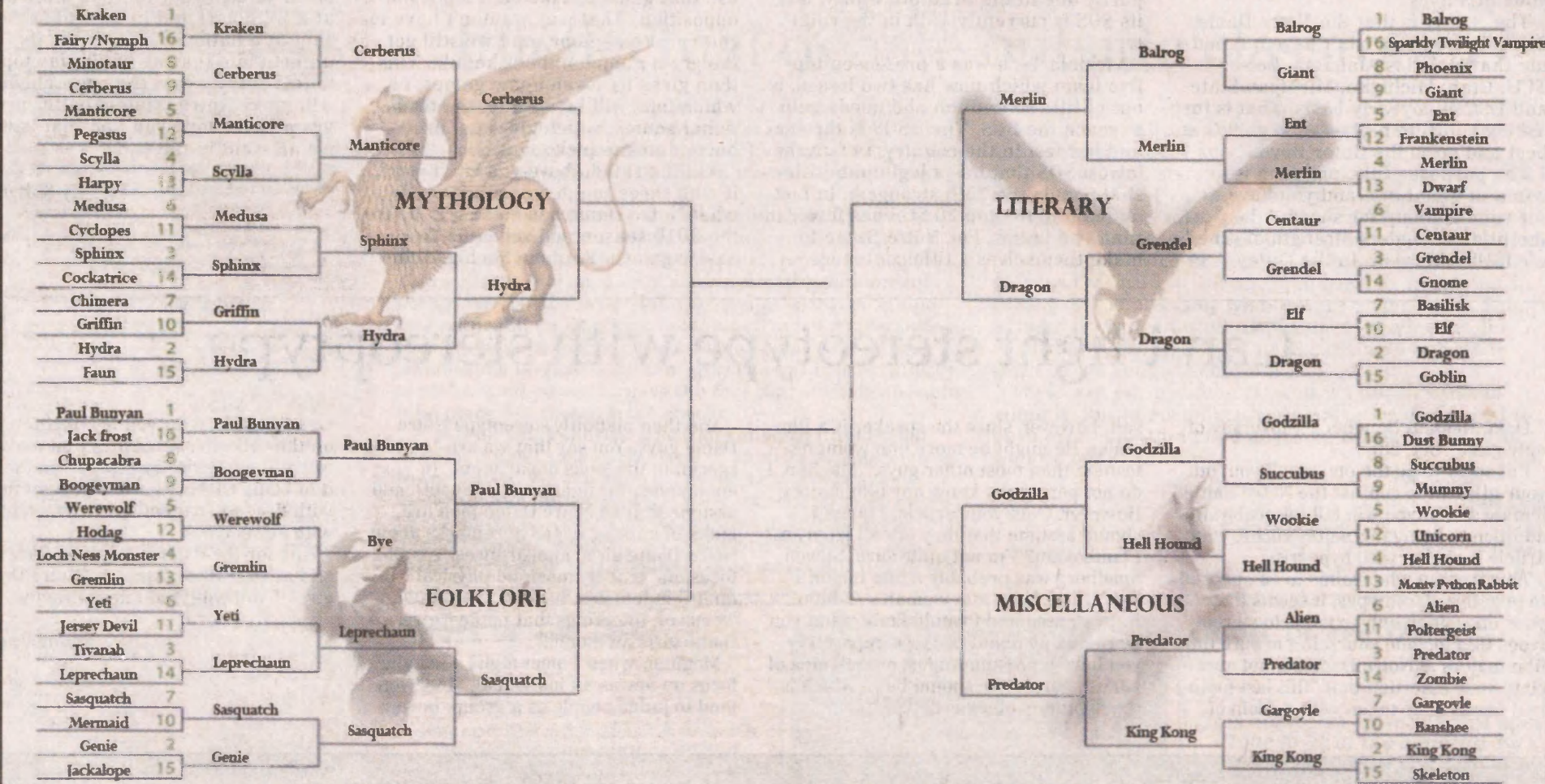
Cerberus def. Manticore

The battle was long, both seeds fought hard, but ultimately it was the resilient Cerberus who took home the "W." The Manticore had the advantage of flight but Cerberus was surefooted and knew the Manticore couldn't fly forever. The airborne assault was heavy and consistent, but with its three pairs of eyes the Cerberus never lost sight of the Manticore. Once the Manticore tired its wings, the mighty Cerberus mangled the frightful beast and on land it simply was no contest. Thus the great Cerberus, guardian of the underworld has reached the finals of the Myth bracket where it will encounter the Hydra.

Hydra def. Sphinx

Intellect and wit weren't enough to save the Sphinx from the plethora of craniums held by the opposition. Despite a prior knowledge of the Hydra's weaknesses' the Sphinx could not handle the headstrong attack of the mythical beast. The claws and fangs of the Sphinx couldn't cut off any of the Hydra's heads and the snappy strikes by the Hydra destroyed the Sphinx. It was quick and the winner was clear; the Hydra moves into the Myth bracket finals to challenge the unbeaten Cerberus in a showdown of the many-

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HALLOWEEN HORRORS

HOW MUCH BLOOD WOULD YOU SHED TO STAY ALIVE?

By CORNELIUS ROGERS
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As Halloween rolls around, movie buffs and scaredy cats alike have an occasion to curl up on the couch with a bowl of candy and pop in a scary movie. But there are so many to choose from. The nigh endless list of movies deemed appropriate for Halloween runs the gamut covering everything from B-list horror flicks to timeless classics. Here is a list of recommendations that offers a little taste of everything, none of which will leave you disappointed.

"Psycho"

This may not technically be considered a "horror" movie, as it falls more into the suspense/thriller genre. Nevertheless, this movie's shower scene is arguably one of the scariest moments in cinematic history. The plot of the movie revolves around Norman Bates, one of the creepiest villains of the silver screen, owner of an out-of-the-way motel. And to belabor the obvious the director of the movie is Alfred Hitchcock, the master of suspense. The suspense in the film gradually builds up into a wonderful climax that will have you leap off that couch and possibly spill your candy corn. From its first shot to its last, "Psycho" is an aesthetic masterpiece and any Halloween movie night is incomplete without it.

"Saw"

Don't let its five sequels fool you, the original "Saw" provides very good thrills. The movie was notoriously low budget, making it even more of a Halloween classic. If you think you've seen all of the plot twists possible in a scary movie, then think again. This movie's ending will have your jaw drop to the floor, alongside that bowl of candy corn.

"The Shining"

If you have not delved into the creative genius of a Stanley Kubrick film, then you are missing out. Like "Psycho," this movie features a creepy guy, Jack Nicholson, in a creepy hotel. Unlike "Psycho," this movie is full of rich colors ranging from blood red to ghastly white. This movie is sure to send shivers down your spine for no other reason than "Redrum."

"Nightmare Before Christmas"

Theoretically almost any Tim Burton film could be deemed appropriate for Halloween, but "Nightmare" takes a look at what the spooky holiday is all about. As its title implies, this movie is also a Christmas movie. What is unique about this film is that it asks the viewer to rethink Halloween and Christmas. The two have more in common than you think. While this movie may not be as scary as the others on the list, it still has the power to traumatize children. Unfortunately it does not have a similar effect on college kids that act like children.

"The Descent"

So you think modern horror movies are garbage and they just don't make 'em like they used to? Well think again. This movie's unique camerawork only adds to the thrills. Its plot is pretty straightforward — hot girls go spelunking and encounter a strange breed of predators.

The original "Thriller" video

OK, so it's not a movie, but the original video is about 10 minutes long and can be found on Youtube. Fun fact: It is directed by John Landis who also directed "The Blues Brothers."

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WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE REVIEW

By SHANE STEINBERG
Scene Writer

Undertaking the formidable task of transforming Maurice Sendak's timeless gem of a child's tale, "Where the Wild Things Are," into a film, visionary director Spike Jonze has managed to pull off a faithful yet refreshingly original adaptation in wondrous fashion. It beautifully frames the dreamy youthful spirit that its source material so vividly captures thanks to Jonze's acute eye for the mindset of a child afraid of the world but eager to master it nonetheless. The result here is an imaginative take on an already wildly imaginative story that in the end is not a children's movie, but a movie that examines childhood, explores it with such glorious precision, and will tug at the youth and sense of wonder in all of us.

The story follows Max (Max Records), a confused and sensitive young boy who feels neglected and misunderstood by his family and sets off on a journey to an island where the Wild Things are. These wild things, strange and curious creatures that capture the unpredictability and range of children's emotions, long for one thing: a leader. Coincidentally, or perhaps not, Max, at odds with his parents because he feels too controlled, hopes for a kingdom to rule. Crowned the king of the Wild Things, Max undergoes a personal journey that allows him to realize the true meaning of responsibility and the importance of family.

The real triumph here is the life interjected into each of the Wild Things. Designed with a perfect mix of high-tech CGI and fur and paper-maché bodies, Sendak's original illustrations are beautifully brought to life. And Jonze, hoping to put his own daring flavor into the equation, breathes life into each creature by giving each of them its own name, personality and voice. It's the life he breathes into the creatures that ultimately separates the film from the book, as each of the creatures takes on a tale of their own that meshes with Max's, culminating in a journey of self-discovery more grand and complex in scope than Sendak's version.

The film somehow manages to be an original take on an original story, which, in the end will divide audiences. Lovers of the children's book will either gaze starry eyed at scenes of young Max interacting with the mammoth-sized but children-at-heart Wild Things, or feel betrayed by the film's dissimilarities from the story and how they might detract from the overall experience.

It's amazing though, this new-age "Wizard of Oz" is, in its insight and trueness to what being a child in a dysfunctional family is really about. What Jonze captures here is not a story but a feeling and a realization that comes with life's true experiences: It's hard being a family and growing up in such a scary world full of uncertainties and imperfections, but in the end, it's all a journey of the self, accomplished with the help and understanding of those dear to us.

Take a classic child's story and put a faithful, yet new spin on it and you're taking a risk, but here, it's all gravy. Simply put, this is a true gem of a film.

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Where the Wild Things Are
Warner Bros. Pictures

Director: Spike Jonze
Starring: Max Records, Pepita Emmerichs, Catherine Keener, Mark Ruffalo, Forest Whitaker



WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Badin and Ryan struggle over playoff berth

Lyons hopes to break winless streak; Pangborn and Cavanaugh fight for postseason; Breen-Philips looks to earn first result

By LEX DANIELS, KAITLYN MURPHY, JOHN HELMS, TIM SINGLER, MATTHEW ROBISON and KELLY ZENERE
Sports Writers

Badin and Ryan are ready to play the final game of their regular season Sunday at 6 p.m. The Wildcats' reworked offense has allowed them to be competitive with league powerhouses, while a big win over Lyons will be the Bullfrogs' fuel in the upcoming contest.

Ryan's work ethic is very apparent on the field. They are organized and disciplined on the defensive side of the ball, and run a very balanced, efficient offense. The Wildcats previously faced Badin's squad in a preseason scrimmage. While both teams were rusty, Ryan hopes their reworked offense and stifling defense will break the momentum of the Bullfrogs.

"We're looking forward to seeing them again," said Badin senior captain Kelley Daniels. "They've improved for sure, but we've improved a lot too."

The last game was certainly an improvement for Badin. The Bullfrogs steamrolled Lyons 36-0, boosting their record to 1-3.

Daniels is confident in her team, her only concern being the long break.

"Getting back into the swing of things after the fall break is going to be tough," Daniels said. "We're going to shake off the rust at practice this week and try to repeat the outstanding performance we pulled off in our last outing."

Both of these teams are fighting for a possible playoff berth in the wide-open flag-football division, and the less than perfect records of these two make this game a must win for both.

Walsh vs. Lyons

Winless Lyons hopes to score their first touchdown of the season against Walsh (4-1) Sunday. Despite the difficult season that the Lions have faced, they refuse to lose their positive attitude.

"Although we haven't yet seen the last two minutes of a game due to our consistent losses by the slaughter rule, we always look fly," sophomore receiver Caroline Maroney said. "We'll make you feel really good about your defense, and our defensive line is guaranteed to bring the pressure."

Maroney lamented the loss of

senior quarterback and captain Claire Connell due to a season-ending knee injury.

The Whirlwinds hope to rebound after their season's only loss to Pasquerilla West. A win on Sunday could help improve Walsh's standings as they enter the playoffs.

Whirlwind's senior captain Meghan Hadley cited the importance of her team's consistent offense, particularly by junior quarterback Amy Langnecker.

Langnecker hopes to rebound from last week's scoreless game against the Weasels against a vulnerable Lyons' defense.

Defensive leaders for the Whirlwinds include senior Molly McCarthy and junior Amanda Speigelberg. Walsh's defense will hope to extend Lyons' winless streak.

Kickoff is Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Field.

Pangborn vs. Cavanaugh

Playoff implications are on the line as Pangborn and Cavanaugh face off Sunday afternoon. Both teams have been fighting for their playoff lives since before fall break, and both teams have fought their way back to .500 to have a chance to earn their way into the postseason.

Cavanaugh started out 0-2 with two quick losses, but seemed to have turned their season around with two wins in a row. The Chaos are led by a strong group of players, most notably two sophomores: quarterback Rebecca Cink and wide receiver Brittni Alexander.

"Rebecca has been able to scramble and run really well," Alexander said. "She's also made really good decisions with the ball all year long."

Much of the Chaos' turnaround this season can be attributed to a long layoff in the middle of their season, due to a bye week and a rained out game. During this break, the team revamped their offense and changed their defensive strategy. The girls have now been able to salvage the season.

"Now we've put ourselves in position to make the playoffs if we can win the next two games," Alexander said.

Pangborn finds itself in a similar situation. With a record of 1-2, the girls responded by getting a must win game against Badin, keeping the Bullfrogs winless. The Phoxes trailed for the majority of the game, but were able to come back keeping their play-

off hopes alive. They now find themselves at 2-2 and are faced with another must win game against Cavanaugh.

Cavanaugh and Pangborn will fight for their playoff lives Sunday at 4 p.m. at LaBar Field.

BP vs. Howard

As the regular season draws to a close, every game still matters as Breen-Philips looks to gain their first win and hand mighty Howard their first loss.

Howard has amassed a perfect 5-0 record this year. By maintaining a perfect record throughout the season, they climbed to the top of their division.

This game however, could damper their season. They would not only lose the perfect record, but would also lose some momentum going into the playoffs.

"Our final game against Breen-Phillips will set the tone for playoffs," Ducks junior captain Kayla Bishop said. "So we're looking to come out strong."

By winning the final game, Howard would lock up the top playoff spot in their division. This game cannot be overlooked otherwise the Babes will be ready to seize the moment and steal the victory.

While Breen-Philips enters the game as the underdog on paper, they expect nothing short of competing with the best and coming out with a victory. Despite experiencing a rebuilding year, the Babes look to end the season on a positive note.

"This game affects our season because we want to finish as strongly as possible," senior captain Stephanie Wuerdeman said.

The Babes will be looking to improving on past performances.

"In this final game look for a touchdown on the offense and some serious aggression from the defense," Wuerdeman said.

To help their team to victory, the Ducks however, plan to use a striking strategy to complete their season.

"We're going to look for our defense to put pressure on their quarterback and force turnovers, which our offense will hopefully capitalize on," Bishop said.

The Ducks and Babes will meet at 3 p.m. at LaBar Field.

McGlinn vs. Lewis

When McGlinn (2-2-1) and Lewis (1-4) square off on Sunday, the pressure will all

be on the Shamrocks, as Sunday's game is essentially a playoff game.

If the Shamrocks win, they are in the playoffs. If not, they can look to next year.

For the Chicks, Sunday is an opportunity to have fun as a team in the last game of the season.

"Failure is not an option," McGlinn senior captain and defensive lineman Emily Dore said. "I believe this is our finest hour. Win big or go home."

"We know we are probably not going to make the playoffs," Lewis senior captain Tara Gilbride said. "But the girls will be pumped and ready to go."

To prepare for the matchup, both teams have been practicing hard to work out the kinks.

"We've been practicing every week, running drills and such," Gilbride said.

"With the last game in the mud and rain, we had a problem with our aerial attack," Dore said. "But we're confident our schematic genius coaches will put together the right formula to let us play to our best potential this Sunday."

Both teams have also had to deal with a fair amount of adversity both on and off the field this season.

"Our quarterback is out," Gilbride said. "And injuries and sickness will keep a few of our players out as well."

On the other hand, McGlinn has faced on-the-field troubles.

"I think we've worked out our glitches. I don't care if we don't win according to the game plan we have designed," Dore said. "We make a few changes here and there; all that matters is what those girls can do on that football field. And what they can do is be full of heart and determination and that sure wins football games."

The Shamrocks and the Chicks will meet Sunday at 2 p.m. at LaBar Field.

PE vs. Farley

Sunday in the final match of the regular season, Pasquerilla East (3-2) will take on Farley (3-1-1). Both teams need this game to secure a spot in the playoffs, and who ever wins will knock the other out of contention.

Senior Pyros' captain Tara Pillai said the team is ready to win, and cannot wait to play Farley.

"This game is crucial for playoff positioning, so we will

be ready to go," Pillai said. "Pasquerilla East has not made the playoffs in a long time, so we are excited to make sure we secure a spot."

Some key players Farley will need to look out for are sophomore receivers Kristin Mannion and Shelly Fuhrman, who both can get down the field in the blink of an eye, and freshman receiver Erica Chenard, who has brought her talent to the Pyros.

Pillai has amazing confidence with these three receivers, and said that they will be scoring touchdowns.

"Every play could be a potential touchdown," Pillai said. "We have a lot of play-makers on the field."

The Pasquerilla East defense has also been working hard this year. Senior Liz Ruiz is a linebacker and anchor on defense. Also senior safety Anne Horst is a key player whose goal is to get down field and defend the long pass.

"Our defense has worked a lot on defending long passes this year," Pillai said.

Farley senior Caity Shepherd said that the Finest defense is going back to basics.

"Defensively we're working on keeping our shape and knowing our zones," Shepherd said. "Our defensive showing this week was nothing of what it will be this weekend."

The Finest offense has also been improving their routes in order to throw off the Pyros' defense.

"Offensively we're working on running perfect routes," Shepherd said. "We may try to mix it up and show Pasquerilla East a little something different."

The key players to look out for are captain Emma Klosterman, senior quarterback Megan Bastedo, and sophomore Katie Smith on defense. These three girls will keep Pasquerilla East on their toes in all aspects of the game.

"This definitely isn't our last game," Shepherd said. "We are focusing on winning our last regular season game and getting a good seed in the playoffs."

Farley and Pasquerilla East will meet at 1 p.m. at LaBar Field.

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2 Arizona St.	5
3 Washington	2
4 Florida St.	14
5 Stanford	3
6 Illinois	7
7 Tennessee	6
8 Florida	10
9 Southern California	9
10 Texas	22
11 North Carolina St.	16
12 Georgia Tech	8
13 South Carolina	17
14 Arkansas	11
15 SMU	NR
16 Texas A&M	12
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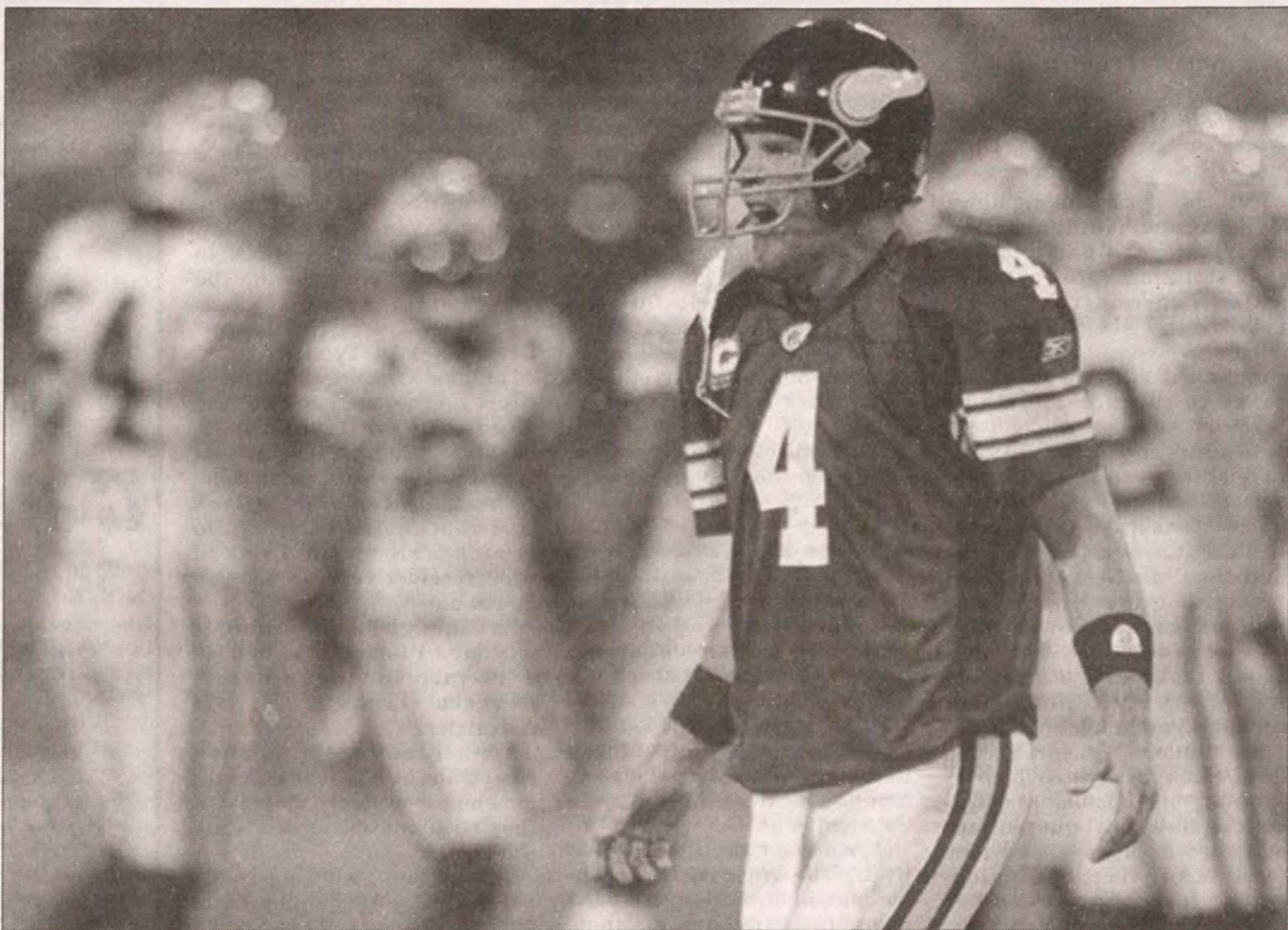
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3 UCLA	4
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5 NOTRE DAME	6
6 North Carolina	2
7 Boston College	8
8 UCF	11
9 Rutgers	9
10 Florida	12
11 Wake Forest	5
12 Maryland	13
13 South Carolina	10
14 Santa Clara	16
15 Ohio St.	19
16 LSU	17
17 Virginia Tech	15
18 Southern California	14
19 BYU	21
20 Texas A&M	20
21 Washington St.	23
22 Purdue	18
23 Indiana	24
24 Charlotte	25
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NCAA Women's Volleyball AVCA Division I Coaches Poll

team	points
1 Penn St.	1492
2 Texas	1448
3 Hawaii	1356
4 Stanford	1270
5 Washington	1209
6 Illinois	1139
7 Minnesota	1108
8 Nebraska	1011
9 Iowa St.	982
10 Florida	964

NFL



Minnesota Vikings' quarterback Brett Favre reacts during the second half of the Vikings' 30-23 victory over the Green Bay Packers in Minneapolis on Oct. 5. Favre makes his first return to Lambeau Field following his departure from the Packers.

Wisconsin ready for the return of Favre

Associated Press

GREEN BAY — For almost 20 years, Brett Favre was like a member of every Wisconsin family.

To be from Wisconsin is to be a Green Bay Packers fan, and the fun-loving quarterback rejuvenated the storied franchise, brought the Lombardi Trophy back to Titletown and turned "Cheesehead" from an insult into a boast. That he liked to hunt, fish and, in the early days at least, have a beer or two, well, his birth certificate may have said Mississippi but he was Wisconsin to the core.

No wonder an entire state is angst-ridden over Sunday's game at Lambeau

Field against the Minnesota Vikings, the Packers' loathsome rival — and Favre's new team.

"I have a real problem with that. It was hard enough to see him with the Jets. But to see him in purple?" Tammy Rainville asked, watching her 9- and 7-year-old sons collect autographs outside the Packers' parking lot Thursday afternoon. "I still believe he belongs to us."

There are no bystanders in the ugliest divorce in Wisconsin history, with the mere mention of Favre's name enough to start squabbles this week between old friends, husbands and wives, parents and children.

Those who support Favre

think he should be appreciated for all the fun — and victories — he gave Wisconsin in his 16 years here, and blame Packers general manager Ted Thompson for his departure. Those on the other side say no one person is bigger than any organization, and that it's no longer possible to be both a Favre and a Packers fan.

Especially if he's wearing a Vikings jersey.

"I'm a Packers fan, so as far as I'm concerned, whatever it takes to win the game. If it takes knocking him out to win the game, that's fine with me," Dave Meyer said as his wife, Phyllis, shook her head.

"I think that's horrible,"

she said. "Brett has done so much for the community over the years."

Wisconsin, and Green Bay in particular, has a bond with the Packers unlike anything else in pro sports. Oh, there are Bucks and Brewers fans across the state, and Wisconsin and Marquette each have their share of followers. But the Packers are like family, even for those who don't have stock in the country's only publicly owned professional team.

The waiting list for season tickets has more than 80,000 names on it, and parents often put their newborns on it. If they're lucky, they'll get tickets when they're, oh, about 30.

IN BRIEF

NBA to investigate Donaghy's accusations

NEW YORK — The NBA says it will review accusations by former referee Tim Donaghy that were posted online.

The league also says Thursday it has been reassured that an investigation found Donaghy to be the only official involved in criminal conduct. The referees say they are disappointed but not surprised by their former colleague's actions.

Donaghy admitted taking cash payoffs from gamblers for picks on games, including ones he officiated. He was sentenced to 15 months for conspiracy to engage in wire fraud and transmitting betting information through interstate commerce.

Donaghy accuses fellow referees of misconduct in excerpts that appeared on the Web site deadspin.com. The publisher, however, says it won't go forward with the book.

Pujols says he wants to finish career in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS — Calm down, Cardinal fans: Albert Pujols wants to stay in St. Louis.

"The fans know and the Cardinals know that I want to be a Cardinal for my whole career," Pujols told WXOS-FM on Thursday. "I love this city. The way that this city has embraced me and my family."

Pujols, who has one year left on his contract plus an option year, raised some eyebrows with his comments during an interview with a Dominican radio station earlier this month.

"I'm not desperate to sign a contract extension. I still have one year remaining in my contract for 2010 and a club option for 2011. I leave the rest in God's hands," Pujols told CDN 92.5 FM.

The two-time NL MVP said he wanted the Cardinals to concentrate on signing Matt Holiday and other free agents first.

Jeter's service honored with Roberto Clemente Award

NEW YORK — Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter has won the Roberto Clemente Award.

The Yankees captain was presented with the award Thursday before the start of Game 2 of the World Series between New York and the Philadelphia Phillies. The award is given annually to a major league player who combines community service with excellence on the field.

Jeter is being honored for his work with his Turn 2 Foundation, which supports programs that help young people recover from drug use to a healthier lifestyle. He hit .334 this season.

Clemente was a Hall of Fame right fielder with the Pittsburgh Pirates who died in a plane crash on Dec. 31, 1972, while trying to deliver supplies to earthquake victims in Nicaragua. He finished his career with 3,000 hits.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

PW earns win with defense

Pangborn dominates Ryan; Cavanaugh shuts out Lyons

By KEVIN BALDWIN,
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Sports Writers

With the clock winding down in the second half, it appeared as if Badin was going to pull off a stunning upset of undefeated Pasquerilla West. Trailing by six points, the Purple Weasels quarterback connected a 15-yard bullet pass to freshman Alice Yerokun, who then evaded a defender and ran 25 more yards for the improbable touchdown.

The Weasels' defense then rallied to shut down the Bullfrogs' on their final possession and they snuck away with the narrow 8-6 win.

"A lot of credit to Badin, they played really well, with intensity," Pasquerilla West senior captain Cynthia Curley said.

The Purple Weasels struck first, with quick senior Lindsey "McManimal" McMahon catching the Bullfrogs' quarterback off guard in her own end zone for a safety. This set a standard for the tenacious Pasquerilla West defense who would concede only one first down in the entire game, and recorded several more sacks.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Weasels used an effective option run for numerous short gains, but failed to put any numbers on the board until the end of the game.

"Offense had trouble producing early on," Curley said. "We relied too heavily on the run."

Badin's defense was in control for a large part of the game, holding Pasquerilla West at the goal line on two occasions. Sophomore Ryan Cooney returned an interception 40 yards up the field, dodging through a mob of defenders for the team's only touchdown.

"We were matching them play for play," Bullfrogs' senior captain Kelley Daniels said. "There was just one defensive breakdown and that was all they needed."

Freshman Ashley Okonta showcased the offensive side of the ball, running for many big gains supported by a solid offensive line that included the agile sophomore Carli Fernandez.

The Purple Weasels will likely get a first round bye in the playoffs but, never taking their opposition lightly, will continue

to prepare in the meantime.

"We're really happy with the undefeated season, but it means nothing now," Curley said. "It's all about the playoffs now, we're taking it one game at a time."

Badin has one more chance to go out with a bang with one more regular season game on their schedule without the pressure of competing for a playoff berth.

"We're out of the playoffs but we're not done playing," Daniels said.

The Bullfrogs will play their final game on Sunday against Ryan.

Pangborn 27, Ryan 0

Pangborn (3-2) notched a win over Ryan (1-4) Thursday at Riehle Fields.

The Phoxes came out swinging as junior quarterback Gabby Tate completed a 35-yard strike to one her favorite targets, senior receiver Megan Bescher. Pangborn never looked back on their way to the victory.

It was a rough night for Ryan. The Wildcats had trouble moving the ball against the powerful Pangborn defense. Defensively, Ryan had trouble containing the big play ability of Pangborn.

"Our defense wasn't able to get big stops, and our offense just wasn't clicking," Ryan senior captain Kenzie Bowen said.

On the other side, Pangborn Hall had no trouble executing their game plan. Dual-threat Gabby Tate had a big game, running for two touchdowns. She also connected with sophomore Liz Pawlak and Megan Bescher for the other two. Defensively, the Phoxes stymied the Wildcats offense. Junior Emily Wurtenberger led the way with a fantastic sack. What was more impressive was that Pangborn was missing a few players for the game and still won, showing their versatility.

"We really played fast tonight, moving down the field and winning back the ball quick on offense," Pangborn sophomore captain Julie Cooney said.

While Ryan may have struggled this season, they still have enjoyed it and look forward to their last game.

"We are going to have a lot of fun and end the season on a good note," Bowen said. "We have a lot of freshman with a

lot of talent. I think we will be strong the next couple of years."

Meanwhile, with their victory tonight, Pangborn has a chance to play themselves into the playoffs with a big game against Cavanaugh on Sunday. They are looking forward to the game and are ready for the challenge.

Cavanaugh 14, Lyons 0

Led by an inspiring defensive effort and key plays from the offense in the second half, Cavanaugh beat Lyons to win their third game of the season.

The Chaos scored the game's first touchdown early in the second half on an 18-yard wide receiver reverse pass on fourth down.

Cavanaugh added another touchdown later in the half on a 25-yard touchdown from Rebecca Cink to Brittini Alexander.

"The receivers ran good routes and it all comes together when everybody does what they're supposed to do," Cink said.

"We've been working really hard at it," Alexander said. "We've been running new plays. We communicated really well and it all meshed and come together."

The Chaos offense sputtered early, but the defense made sure they were not trailing heading into the half.

"The defense picked up our slack in the first half," Alexander said. "We didn't do anything and the defense picked us up, not allowing a first down at all. They were awesome."

After winning their third game of the season, the Chaos will try to keep it going Sunday when they play Pangborn.

"We're going to practice hard and we're going to bump up our intensity," Cink said.

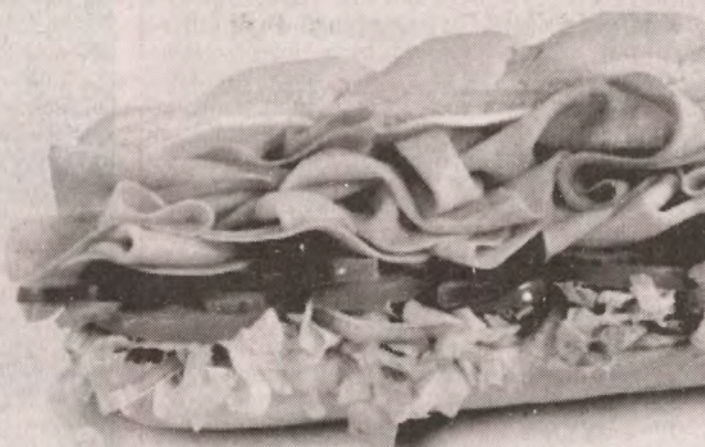
Lyons remains winless after losing to Cavanaugh. They were in it the entire game and feel they are playing their best football right now.

"We played a team game out there and gave it our all," senior captain Claire Connell said. "There was a lot of hope at halftime when it was 0-0. We played very well in the first half. It was an overall solid performance by Lyons Hall."

Lyons has been decimated by injuries throughout the season, but no members of the team had to leave the game against Cavanaugh. They hope they can get healthy enough to return some players for Sunday's game against Walsh.

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After Carroll's season ended before break with a 2-0-2 record after a scoreless tie against Sorin, the three teams were left tangled atop their division. St. Edward's only loss was 7-6 to Carroll.

After a close 7-0 victory to Zahm in their last game, St. Edward's is hoping to have a less nerve-wracking win this week. They plan to come out strong and make fewer mistakes than in previous games to eliminate errors that may hurt them.

The Gentlemen look to senior free safety Mark Costanzo to keep the defense solid, and rely on freshman Rob Dillard to take charge on offense for their running game.

"Our biggest problem so far has been losing to Carroll, but after that first game, we really came together well," senior captain Andy Nester said.

For this game, Sorin looks to its freshman quarterback, Ted Spinelli, to continue leading the offense. His rookie status has yet to show, and the Otters plan to keep it that way. Senior Rob Gallic has also proven his abilities in past games, helping the offense advance toward the end zone with skillful runs as he follows the bulldozer-like blocking of junior lineman Matt Gamber.

"Look, St. Ed's hasn't been through the trials and tribulations that the fine men of Sorin College have been through," Otters senior Casey McGushin said. "We have made it thus far, and there is no turning back, so we are going to end their season,

with a smile on our face."

The teams will face off for what will be one team's last game of the season at 2 p.m. at Riehle Field.

Fisher vs. Zahm

Fisher (0-2-1) and Zahm (0-3) will meet this Sunday in a contest that will leave one team celebrating its first victory of the season and the other agonizing over a winless season. Both teams, however, figure to look back on a 2009 campaign filled with what-ifs and a record that could be much better with just a few good breaks here and there.

"We've just caught a couple bad breaks," Zahmbie senior captain Jarred Carter said. "A handful of plays have killed us."

Zahm has lost two games by seven points or less and will try to jumpstart their still-scoreless offense this weekend, feeling confident thanks to the 27-point outburst Fisher yielded to St. Edward's, whom the Zahmbies held to only 7 points.

"The defense has actually played well," Carter said. "The offense has not been as good as expected." Zahm will need Carter to have a big game at running back behind strong blocking from junior offensive lineman Mark Pomeranke. Junior wide receiver Charlie Harig will also need to step up on Sunday to help the Zahmbie offense break through the Green Wave defensive unit.

Fisher has also had a tough season, including a disappointing 6-6 tie against Carroll.

Carter best summarized the overall tone of the game for both teams. "We're just trying to go out with a bang, that's all."

The Green Wave will battle the

Zahmbies on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Field.

O'Neill vs. Keough

On Sunday, Keough (1-2) and O'Neill (0-3) battle for bragging rights on West Quad. Although both teams are eliminated from playoff contention, they still have a lot to play for.

"You always play to win the game, but things get ramped up when you play your rival dorm," sophomore captain Ryan Cordell said. "Since we're playing O'Neill, it's not going to take a lot to get my guys motivated. They want bragging rights, so they're going to play their hearts out."

The Kangaroos aren't going to go quietly and take the rivalry just as seriously.

"We are playing Keough and it's our rival," sophomore receiver Julian Murphy said. "It's a pride thing and it's always good to beat Keough, so we have plenty of motivation."

The Angry Mob plans to spread the ball around offensively. They are led by senior quarterback Matt Bruggeman and senior center and co-captain Sean Mullins. The O'Neill defense takes pride on stopping the run. They are led by junior Brian Koepsel in the secondary and freshman Robert Toole and Blake Breslua in the front seven.

Keough has struggled offensively and will need to move the ball effectively to win. The offense is led by freshman quarterback Chris Delillo and senior wide out Tim Lang. The Kangaroos have been fairly dominant on defense however. Linebacker Brendan Mulhearn and senior defensive end Charles Johnson lead the defense.

Both teams face the challenge

of getting refocused and ready to go after a two-week layover due to fall break.

"It's definitely a challenge," Murphy said. "We have two weeks without practice and need to get everybody on the same page again and looking sharp."

Cordell agreed, citing the need to play fundamentally sound football.

"Coming off of break, we have to remain sharp in all three phases of the game," Cordell said.

Keough takes on West Quad rival O'Neill in a big game on Sunday at 3 p.m. at Riehle Field.

Stanford vs. Keenan

The legendary Battle of the Chapel is set to take place this Sunday, the annual football match over naming rights to the common lobby and chapel shared by Stanford and Keenan Halls.

This game will be a "must win" for the defending champion Keenan Knights, who need a victory of their own in addition to a loss by Keough this week in order to keep their playoff hopes alive. They will have their metal tested against an imposing undefeated Griffins squad, coming off a 10-0 shutout over O'Neil before break.

Though the Knights have relied heavily on their resilient defense, led by sophomore ball-hound PJ McHugh, throughout the season, their sophomore captain and quarterback Terry Mahoney is confident they have made the necessary improvements to bring the offense up to speed.

"We need to get the ball in the end zone," Mahoney said. "The rest will take care of itself."

Players to watch include run-

ning backs freshman Trevor Yerrick and junior Adam Weightman as well as wide receiver, junior Matt Spencer.

Stanford will try to build on their momentum from an already outstanding season to secure a coveted first round bye in the playoffs.

"We're pretty excited right now," senior captain Chris Gill said. "We're hoping to end the season 4-0".

The Stanford defense has played impetuously this year, allowing only a single touchdown in the last three games and intends to keep up the pace Sunday. Expect to see some big plays out of sophomore defensive end Kyle Obendorf.

"Our defense is going to try to force their quarterback into throwing the ball," Gill said.

Likewise the Griffins' offense has been known to dominate their side of the field, running back Dave Galiyas making highlight-reel plays on a weekly basis, but captain Gill emphasizes the importance of the offensive line.

"They will decide how the offense does," he said.

The only thing these teams are concerned with is the name that appears in the lobby that connects the two halls.

"Keenan's name is up there now and we hope to keep it that way," Mahoney said.

The Battle will commence at 3 p.m. at Riehle Field.

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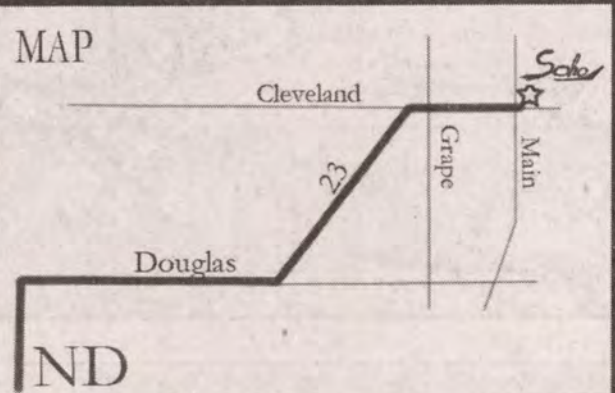


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MEN'S INTERHALL

Battle of perfect records to begin

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Sports Writers

Morrissey and Knott square off in a match of unbeaten Sunday that will determine two division playoff spots.

The Manor clinched a playoff spot last week by defeating Siegfried. However, if Knott falls to Morrissey, the Juggerknotts will concede their playoff bid to the Ramblers.

Knott (2-0-1) has had a surprisingly successful season and will be well rested for Sunday's game. The Juggerknotts are coming off an Alumni forfeit and a bye week.

"We've had a very encouraging season thus far," Knott senior captain Aidan Fitzgerald said. "We're well-rested and very ready for this game."

They will need to be ready in a game that determines their season. A tie to division foe Siegfried put them in this position.

"We were a little disappointed we couldn't pull off the win against Siegfried. We had a couple of opportunities that slipped by," Fitzgerald said. "I'm sure they were too. Both teams had their chances. We've got to win. This is a big game for us."

In their third real game and fifth week of the season, Fitzgerald believes the team is poised for a deep playoff run as the team is just hitting its stride.

"So far we've all clicked, it just hasn't been at the same time," he said. "I think we finally got it together. It's bound to happen sooner or later."

Morrissey (3-0) beat Siegfried 9-7 in a nail biter before break. The Manor looks to close out its undefeated season with a balanced offense led by senior quarterback Danny Deveny.

"We've used a successful aerial attack, but we'd like to mix it up with a run-pass mix to utilize talent more efficiently," Morrissey senior Phil Yuhas said.

The Manor defense stepped up holding the Ramblers to one touchdown last week. Freshmen led the charge as defensive end Taylor Stein and tackle Sean Baur made plays all over the field.

The Manor will need their defense to control a Juggerknott team just hitting their stride.

Undefeated seasons and playoff hopes are on the line when Morrissey meets Knott. Gametime is 2 p.m. Riehle Field.

Duncan vs. Siegfried

The last week of the regular season features a critical game as Siegfried (1-1-1) needs a win against Duncan (0-2-1) in addition to a Knott loss or their season is over.

Duncan, who is still searching for their first win in dorm history, is well aware of the game's magnitude.

"The goal is still to get Duncan's first win ever," Duncan sophomore captain Paul Scheel said. "That's the goal every week."

Beyond their quest for their first win, however, Duncan is more than willing to play spoiler to Siegfried's playoff hopes.

"The team is very much aware that [Siegfried] needs a win," Scheel said. "We would love to spoil their chances, especially

because they won the championship last year."

The Highlanders, led by freshman quarterback Chris Palmquist, have had a promising season for such a new dorm and Scheel believes there is a lot of momentum going into next year regardless of the outcome against Siegfried.

"Our season was a positive build toward next year already," Scheel said. "A win would certainly be better but we think this season has been a step forward, win or lose."

Siegfried, on the other hand, has no time to think about next season. The Ramblers will need a win and help to move to the playoffs and continue their title defense. They are confident heading into the final game.

"We're treating it like it's our biggest game of the year," senior captain Dex Cure said. "It's an early playoff game for us."

Siegfried is hoping to avoid overlooking the upstart Highlanders by matching their intensity.

"We know they're going to come out hard," Cure said. "They've been competitive in all their games so we're not going to be lackadaisical or complacent."

The two teams will meet at Riehle Field at 1 p.m. with the Ramblers hoping to hold off Duncan and set themselves up for a potential playoff berth.

St. Ed's vs. Sorin

For two teams this Sunday, more than a win is up for grabs. For Sorin (2-0-1) and St. Edward's (2-1) it will determine who goes to the playoffs. This weekend marks the last in the regular season, so both teams have been preparing to step up their game.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles to face Kalamazoo in MIAA

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Belles will finish out their regular season this weekend with a match against Kalamazoo Friday and a double-header Saturday against Calvin and Hanover.

The Belles (9-13, 5-9 MIAA) will attempt to snap a four-game skid and get back on track before the playoffs. Their first chance to do so will be against the Hornets (11-15, 5-9), a conference foe in a similar scenario as far as seeding goes. The Belles had no trouble with the Hornets in their first meeting Sept. 30, claiming a 3-1 win behind come-from-behind victo-

ries in the first and third sets. However, the Hornets have momentum after a 3-1 victory over Olivet, whereas the Belles are reeling from a 3-0 sweep at the hands of Albion on Senior Night. In that match, junior Stephanie Bodien and senior captain Lorna Slupczynski led the way with 10 and nine kills, respectively.

The Belles will remain on the road when they travel to Angola, Mich. Saturday for the conclusion of their conference schedule against Calvin. The Knights sit near the top of the MIAA standings with an impressive 12-2 record. Their only two losses came against undefeated Hope, who holds the top spot in the conference.

Immediately following the Calvin match, the Belles will finish the regular season with a non-conference showdown against Hanover. The Panthers (5-2, 12-13) come in with some momentum, having won their last five matches, most recently a 3-0 sweep of Transylvania. The first round of the MIAA playoffs is scheduled to begin Nov. 3. The Belles hope to improve on last season's performance when they were eliminated by Adrian in the first round.

Should the Belles advance, the semifinals and finals will be the following Friday and Saturday.

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SMC SWIMMING

Swimmers to face Kalamazoo

By BOBBY GRAHAM
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After a respectable showing last week at the season-opening MIAA Relays, the Belles look to get an early jump in the conference tonight as they face off against Kalamazoo.

Considering last week's relays were non-timed events, this will be the first official meet for the Belles this year.

Last season was a forgettable one for Saint Mary's, led by second-year coach Alicia Dombkowski. The Belles are

looking to rebound from a season where they lost six of their nine dual meets.

There is no doubt that the Belles want to start off the year with a win, but Kalamazoo has proven to be one of the conference's toughest teams, and that trend seems to have continued into this season. Last week, Kalamazoo consistently posted top-five times in each relay while Saint Mary's highest finish was third place in the 1,500-yard freestyle.

For Saint Mary's to be successful, it will need to get significant

production from its freshmen. The Belles' roster is currently composed of 21 swimmers, 13 of which are entering their first year.

For the team to develop into a conference power, something they have not been able to do for the past couple decades, these freshmen will need to play a big role early on.

Tonight's meet is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

MIAA to begin Championships

By MICHAEL BLASCO
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After a two week break, Saint Mary's will return to action this Saturday at the MIAA Championships in Adrian, Mich. The meet, hosted by Adrian College, accounts for two-thirds of the total points allotted by the

conference to teams vying for the top spots in the final MIAA standings.

The Belles took fourth place at the other conference tournament, the MIAA Jamboree, on September 26. No. 2 Calvin took the top honors in convincing fashion, sweeping the top-five individual honors.

Still, Saint Mary's is in a solid position for its best ever conference finish.

"It's the best finish we've had at Jamboree," Belles coach Jackie Bauters said. "Adrian definitely came out this season with some fresh talent, but I think we can come back and compete for that spot, though."

Saint Mary's is hoping that a combination of veteran leadership and young talent will be able to vault the team over its conference competitors. Leading the pack for the Belles will be senior captain Megan McClowry and breakout freshman Julia Kenney. The pair has led Saint Mary's in each of the Belles' six meets this season.

"The team is looking to improve upon [last year's fourth-place finish] in the MIAA," Bauters said. "We would like to compete for second if possible."

Saint Mary's will face its stiffest competition from No. 2 Calvin and No. 7 Hope, who each feature deep and talented lineups. The Belles will need to rely on a group of sophomore harriers behind Kenney and McClowry to make ground in the conference.

"I'd like to see our 3-6 [runners] close the gap a bit with our 1-2 [runners]," Bauters said. "If we can do that, we've got a great shot of achieving our goals."

The Bulldogs should be the X-factor this weekend. Adrian narrowly edged Saint Mary's at the MIAA Jamboree despite fielding a squad without any junior or senior harriers.

The 6-kilometer meet begins at 11 a.m. Saturday morning on the Championship Course of Lenawee Christian School.

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MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Team hosts celebratory meet

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of varsity competition in the Rolfs Aquatic Center, the Irish will host a double-dual meet against Cleveland State and Miami (Ohio) this Saturday.

"We love swimming in our pool," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "We love our pool. We love being at home. We have a lot of our friends and family coming when we're at home. There is always an advantage to swim at home."

The Irish are coming off of a 179-119 victory over Oakland University in their second meet of the year, after finishing second at the Dennis Stark Relays. Notre Dame recorded 11 first-place finishes in the meet against Oakland, including impressive performances from senior John Lytle, sophomore Peter Petrovic and freshman Bill Bass, who combined for eight first-place finishes in the meet.

"We don't depend on a single person, because there's just a lot of scoring positions," Welsh said. "It doesn't matter where you score the points as long as you score them. I think

we're just looking to see where we're strong. We're looking for people to step up, wherever that is and say 'Ok, I've claimed a spot here. Count on me.' So that what we're looking for, people that say 'Count on me, I'm going to be good this year.'"

The Irish diving team has been solid so far this year as well, sweeping the diving competitions in both the Dennis Stark Relays and the dual meet against Oakland.

Junior Eric Lex and senior Caleb Dunnichay have achieved top diving honors so far this year.

"We're still trying to learn what our teams about,"

Welsh said. "It's a large team and a large freshman class, so we're looking to see how we're improving, where we're strong, and what we need to do. It's definitely an educational meet for us and it's a chance to for us to re-evaluate our team before we go on the road next weekend."

The Irish have seen Cleveland State already this season, as they finished the Dennis Stark relays in fifth place. The Vikings bounced back after that last place finish, however, and went on to defeat Green Bay in their first dual meet of the

season. Cleveland State was also the first team to face the Irish in the Rolfs Aquatic Center upon its inception, which is why the Vikings were chosen to compete in this honorary meet.

"Cleveland State was here for the relay meet, but they will be much stronger Saturday," Welsh said. "They've got a good team and they like to win races. They will be very competitive."

Miami (Ohio) has competed in three dual meets so far this season, and come into the contest with a 2-1 record. After defeating Evansville in their first meet, the Red Hawks fell to Southern Illinois before gaining another victory over Xavier.

"Miami is always one of the stronger teams in the MAC, so we think it's going to be a very good meet Saturday," Welsh said.

The 25th anniversary double-dual meet will take place Saturday in the Rolfs Aquatic Center with races set to begin at 2 p.m.

"We race to see how fast we can go," Welsh said. "Cleveland State and Miami are doing the same thing. We try not to watch the score board. If we go fast enough, then the score-board will take care of itself, and if we don't, then it doesn't matter what the scoreboard says. We're just trying to go faster."

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish host first match at new Purcell Pavilion

By LAURA MYERS
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Notre Dame will bring its eight-game win streak into a brand new venue when they take on Seton Hall and Rutgers in the Purcell Pavilion this weekend.

Saturday's matchup with the Pirates will be the first athletic event held in the Pavilion, which has been under renovation since the spring.

"It's great to be back in our regular locker room," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "We get to practice in there for the first time tomorrow so we're excited about that."

But that's not all Notre Dame has to be excited about. The Irish (14-4, 8-0 Big East) remain undefeated in conference play with three weeks left in the regular season.

"We have high expectations," Brown said. "We're so excited about the start that we've had in the Big East and we want to keep it rolling. I think the team is ready to do that."

The Pirates (9-15, 3-5) and the Scarlet Knights (8-15, 1-7) have both struggled in 2009. Seton Hall is coming off of a 3-0 win Sunday over Rutgers, which has lost its last five games. Pirate outside hitter

Meghan Matusiak was named to the Big East honor roll Monday for her performance in the victory.

Brown said the Irish have continued to improve their service game, which should help out tremendously this weekend.

"I think in particular our serving has been good and this week in practice that's really stood out, so I think that puts a lot of pressure on the other team. We can run some points on our serve and it just makes it tough for the other teams."

Brown did not point to a specific focus for either game.

"The big challenge for us is just to continue to play at a consistently high level," she said. "That was one of our goals in the preseason, that we wouldn't have a lot of fluctuations in our play, and I've been really pleased with how the team has done that so we just want to continue that."

"I don't want to say that we're cocky about it. I think we're confident and we're playing on a good level. I think if we continue to execute we'll be in a good place."

The Irish will play Seton Hall Saturday at 2 p.m. and Rutgers Sunday at 1 p.m.

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"The last two weeks we got away from what makes us Notre Dame, the repetition, the preparation, discipline, and maturity," Kubinski said. "We started doing some stupid things out there — missing some putts we should make and hitting some loose shots. We are going to get back to how we play golf and how we started the season and focus on all those things that make us a good team."

The usual leaders of the Irish, seniors Josh Sandman and Doug Fortner, have been absent from the lead in the two disappointing tournaments. Sandman tied for 57th, fourth on the team, at The Prestige. Fortner's three rounds did not count toward the Irish score en route to a tie for 64th in that tournament. Sandman finished second on the team, in a tie for 45th, at the Bridgestone Championship. Fortner did not even compete at that tournament, the first lineup he has been left off of since arriving at Notre Dame.

"Doug is going back in the lineup this week, which is great," Kubinski said. "He had a good week at home getting some practice in, sorting out some issues with his swing. I think he's hungry. I expect him to play really well down in [North Carolina]."

The Irish will need Fortner at his best, along with Sandman, to compete in its first match play tournament since Kubinski's

arrival.

"[The competition] is right in front of you, which is a little different," Kubinski said. "You aren't playing for total score, you are playing against someone. You are still playing the golf course, but it is more of a man-to-man match."

Kubinski said maturity and confidence would be necessary to handle the challenges that match play presents.

"The guys can't get caught up in what their opponent does," Kubinski said. "If he hits a bad shot, you can't try to play more conservatively and get off your game. The best advice is you have to play the golf course and follow your plan and trust your plan and execution will be good enough to win."

Fortunately, the Irish do have some experience with match play, amongst themselves.

"The truth is we have settled a lot of our lineups at home playing matches against each other the last few weeks," Kubinski said. "Just the fact that you go eyeball-to-eyeball with your opponent makes it more exciting."

The Irish look to finish their fall schedule on a good note, with the hopes of heading into their three-month break with some positive momentum.

"We played three good tournaments, then we had a couple where we struggled a little bit so it'd be nice to head into this three-month break with some momentum," Kubinski said.

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Hillesland and Luke Zeller. McAlarney averaged 15 points per game and hit 42.3 percent of his 3-point attempts.

The new pavilion, located on the south end of the Joyce Center, cost \$25 million and adds a new entrance to the arena. It also houses a club seating area and a new varsity store and ticket office.

Senior forward Luke Harangody, who averaged 23.3 points and 11.8 rebounds per game last season, rejoins the Irish for his senior year.

UConn

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especially the seniors as it is senior day."

Notre Dame, who has already clinched a spot in the Big East Tournament, will learn its fate Monday after the conclusion of conference play. If the Irish finish first or second in the Blue Division, they will receive a first-round bye and host a quarterfinal match Nov. 7.

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Harangody was selected as the Big East's preseason Player of the Year. He'll be joined by senior guard Tory Jackson, who averaged 11 points a game last season.

Senior guard Ben Hansbrough sat out a year after transferring from Mississippi State but is eligible to play this season.

The Irish lost junior guard Scott Martin to a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) before the season. The most likely to play in his place are junior forwards Tyrone Nash and Carleton Scott.

Three freshmen joined the Irish roster this season. Mike Broghammer, Joey Brooks and Jack Cooley will supplement a

Notre Dame team that, due to Martin's injury, lacks depth.

Martin was a transfer from Purdue who sat out a year as well. He was expected to start.

Lewis finished 16-12 last season and 10-8 in the Great Lakes Valley conference. Junior guard Dennis Thomas, Jr. is the team's leading returning scorer, averaging 10.2 points per game last season.

The Irish scored 75 points per game last season and as a team hit nearly 40 percent of their 3-point attempts.

Tip-off for Sunday's exhibition is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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wbrink@nd.edu**ND CROSS COUNTRY****Teams travel to run in championship meet**By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The season's intensity is picking up for the Irish as they travel to Kenosha, Wisc. for the Big East championship meet Saturday.

"Like many years, the Big East is again one of the most competitive conferences in the country for women's cross country," Irish women's coach Tim Connelly said. "It obviously will be a huge challenge for us to compete well against great competition and have the chance to beat some of the top teams in the country."

The Big East championship meet holds much importance in comparison with the rest of the season, as an exceptional performance is necessary to be a competitive team at the NCAA regional meet in mid-November.

"I hope that we can run significantly better than we have at the pre-national meet and at the Notre Dame Invitational if we're going to take a team to the region meet," Irish men's coach Joe Piane said. "Anyone can go to the region meet, but I won't see a need to take the team to the regional meet if they're not going to be competitive."

The Irish women's team is ranked 30th in the country and expects to see tough competition from Villanova, West Virginia, Georgetown, Syracuse and Providence who all sit ahead of them in the national rankings.

In the men's competition, Georgetown, Syracuse, Providence, Louisville and Villanova all boast top-30 national rankings and will be pushing the men's team to run harder this Saturday.

To prepare themselves for the conference event, the teams held difficult practices during the mid-semester break.

"We trained very hard, and very well last week during the fall break," Connelly said. "It was nice to be able to focus on running without a lot of other stressors and distractions."

During this past week of training, the women's team is taking a rebuilding week to promote optimal health for Saturday.

"This week we are focusing more on getting recovered from that hard work and getting ready to race on Saturday," Connelly said.

The men's team has made some changes to the type of preparation they will be doing before the conference championships.

"We've done a lot of distance training," Piane said. "We're trying to do things a little more up-tempo than we have in the past and have introduced speed into our training."

One challenge the teams are both facing going into the Big East championship meet is the struggle with staying healthy.

"Many of our runners have battled the cold and flu illnesses that have been widespread on campus this fall," Connelly said. "We are hopeful that everyone will be able to line up healthy on Saturday."

At the team's last event, the pre-national meet where the men placed 15th of 35 teams, and the women finished ninth of 37. Each team hopes to improve on those placements to be able to have a competitive team at the Great Lakes Regional meet and be able to send as many runners as possible to the upcoming NCAA championship meet.

"We have yet to have a race where we felt that all five scorers ran as well as they possible could, so we are looking for that this weekend," Connelly said.

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Boston, where they defeated defending champions No. 3 Boston University 3-0. Notre Dame then returned to campus and was defeated by No. 14 Boston College on Oct. 23.

Last season the Irish won both the regular season and postseason CCHA crowns, and they hope to continue their success, instead of replicating the up-and-down pattern of late.

"In the CCHA, once you start your conference [schedule], games get even more intense because you are playing for points," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "Our conference is going to be really challenging this year, more than I can remember."

Ohio State, selected to finish fourth in the preseason CCHA rankings, began its CCHA slate with a weekend split against Lake Superior State.

"They are a tough, gritty team, definitely play a physical game," Thang said. "They compete very hard, and return some very good players. I know their goaltending will be tough to get some pucks by, and we've had trouble scoring this year so we have to get a lot of things going."

The Irish have indeed had trouble scoring consistently six games into this season. Whereas in the team's first three games last season Notre Dame scored 12 goals, the Irish have only netted 14 shots in twice as many contests this season.

"Until we get the guys playing the way they need to play [we'll make changes]," Jackson said.

"Until I find that one missing ingredient to get the power play really effective, or to make sure we have three lines that could potentially score, I don't like making changes all the time, but until we start executing the way we need to do things, I'm not going to stand back."

Thang is confident the Irish talent will shine through before long.

"It's just about doing the right thing, and they'll start go in," he said. "They'll go in eventually. We have too much talent in the locker room to not score four or five goals a night. We're just waiting."

While the Notre Dame offense works to find the back of the net with the puck, the mainstay of the Irish defense remains cloudy. Junior goalie Brad Phillips began the season as the Irish starter, but after an opening night 3-2 defeat, senior Tom O'Brien took his place in the net. Since then, Phillips has recorded three more starts, and freshman Mike Johnson has started one, a complete game shutout of Providence. Thursday Jackson said he did not yet know whom he would start against the Buckeyes.

"I am going to watch practice on tape tonight before I make that decision for tomorrow," he said. "I expect Mike and Tommy will both get a look here."

With so many questions still surrounding the Irish, Thang and Notre Dame will look to erase some confusion against the Buckeyes.

"Hopefully this weekend is our jump start," Thang said.

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Big East

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6 North Carolina and No. 14 Santa Clara, the Irish have been outstanding, allowing just four goals in the 12 matches since their last loss.

"For the most part, I've been pretty pleased with the way we've played [towards the end of the season]," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "Early on in the season we struggled scoring goals, but we made some changes to the lineup and, starting with the match against West Virginia, this team has started to play well and has really put all the phases of the game together."

According to Waldrum, the most important goal of this coming week will be to get his players healthy.

"The thing is, the Big East tournament just isn't as big a deal as saving our players for the NCAA tournament," he said.

Several Irish players have missed playing time over the past few weeks due to injury. Senior forward Michele Weissenhofer has missed time with a hamstring injury, while sophomore forward Melissa Henderson, the team's leading scorer, just returned from a two-game absence in Notre Dame's last match against Georgetown. Waldrum said that both players' minutes would be closely monitored this week so they would be ready to go for the NCAA tournament.

Also, senior defender Haley Ford, a key component of a strong Irish defense, figures to be out for the rest of the season with a torn ACL.

As much as Waldrum would like to rest his ailing players,

there will be more on the line in this season's conference tournament than in the past.

"If we hadn't lost [those games] early in the year, it would put us in a position not to have to win the tournament," he said. "But a couple of the other top teams in the country have lost recently so we are in good position to move up into the top-five if we can win this tournament. But if we lose, we might slip in the rankings and possibly have to go on the road in the early rounds of the NCAAs."

The Bulls are one of four Big East teams the Irish have yet to face this season. Last season, Notre Dame hammered South Florida 3-0.

"They are very similar to the team we faced last year," Waldrum said. "Defensively, they are organized and can create problems. They have a few very talented players and a good goalkeeper. They are winning a lot more games this season because of that."

South Florida knocked off DePaul 1-0 in the first round of the tournament Thursday night behind a late goal in the 84th minute. The Bulls are making their first ever appearance in the Big East quarterfinals.

Waldrum was quick to point out that this year's tournament will be no walk in the park for the Irish who have won 10 Big East titles in the team's 14 seasons as a member of the conference.

"The quarterfinal round has been relatively easy in past years, but this year it's going to be a tough one," he said. "The conference has definitely gotten much better over the past couple of years."

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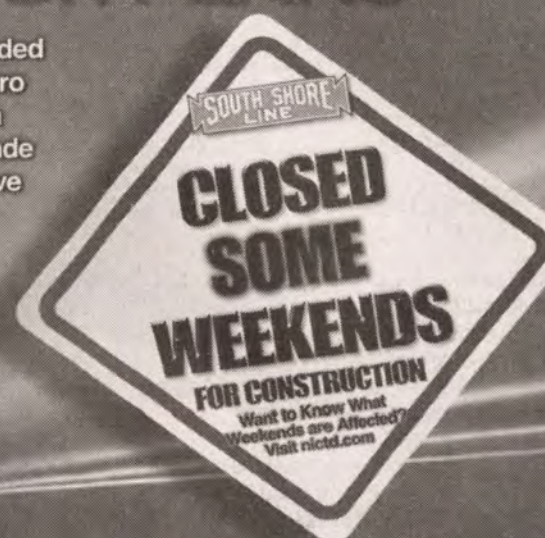
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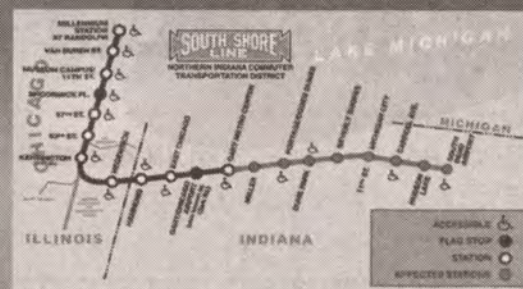
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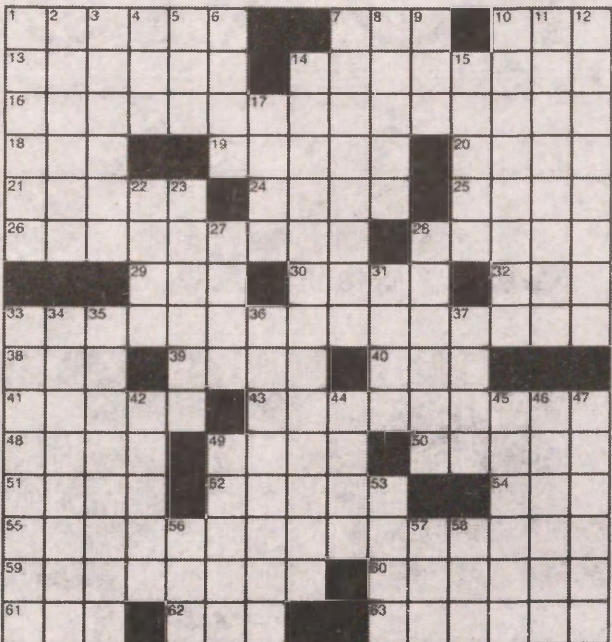
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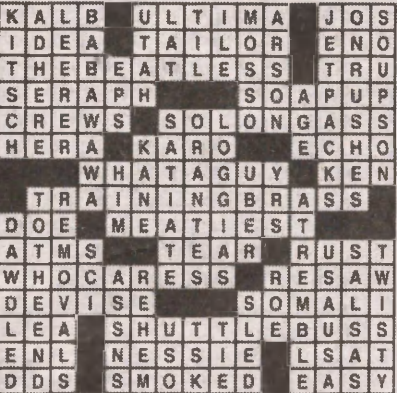
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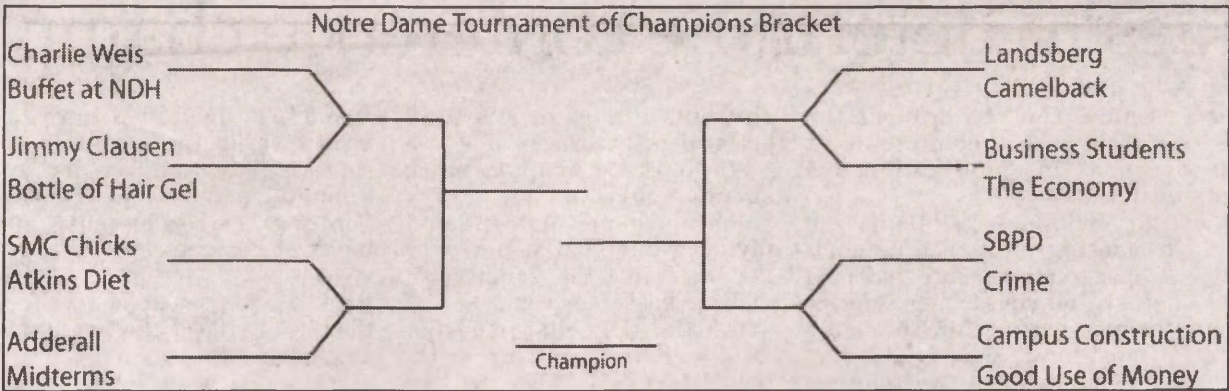
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HOCKEY

Seeing double

Irish host Buckeyes for two-game homestand

By DOUG FARMER
Assistant Sports Editor

The defending CCHA champions will open their season with two games against Ohio State (2-4-0, 1-1-0 CCHA) this weekend. No. 8 Notre Dame (3-3-0) hosts the Buckeyes today at 7:35 p.m. and Saturday at 5:05 p.m.

"It is going to be good to get the Friday, Saturday games going again, playing in the conference," senior captain Ryan Thang said. "Get back to the type of playing style the CCHA is ... Some of the teams we have played are very different, so it's good to be back."

The Irish opened the season with weekend splits against Alabama-Huntsville and Providence before traveling to



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Senior center Kevin Deeth shoots the puck towards the Providence goaltender during their match Oct. 15. The Irish fell 3-2 to the Friars, but bounced back with a 2-0 victory Oct. 16.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Team faces USF in Big East battle

By ALEX BARKER
Assistant Sports Editor

After rattling off six consecutive victories to end the regular season, the Irish will begin post-season play when they host South Florida in the quarterfinal round of the Big East tournament Sunday at Alumni Stadium.

Notre Dame (14-3-1, 10-0-1 Big East) earned a bye in the first round of the tournament after clinching the regular league title with an unbeaten record. The No. 5 Irish are riding an NCAA record 63-match unbeaten streak against conference opponents, which began against the Bulls back in 2005.

Since opening the season with tough non-conference losses against top-ranked Stanford, No.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Showdown with Huskies to determine conference champ

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Four days after enduring one of their toughest losses of the season, the Irish have to turn around and prepare for perhaps their most important match of the season.

Notre Dame (9-7-1, 7-3-0 Big East) will conclude its regular season against No. 8 Connecticut (10-2-3, 7-1-1) Saturday at 2 p.m. at Alumni Stadium in a conference showdown that could give the Irish a shot at the Big East regular sea-

son title. If Notre Dame wins and the Huskies lose or tie Monday against Marquette, the Irish will capture their third straight Big East title.

"I think the players will be fired up with the chance of winning their third straight title," ninth-year Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "It is always nice to get a trophy in the cabinet early."

Notre Dame is coming off a rough, 2-1 loss against Michigan State. A win would have meant a crucial non-conference victory for a team trying to build its NCAA Tournament

résumé. The loss dropped the Irish to a disappointing 2-4-1 record in non-conference matches.

In addition, Notre Dame will be looking to finalize its goalkeeper rotation before making a postseason run. Senior Andrew Quinn started for the Irish against the Spartans, giving up two goals on just two shots on goal in the loss. Quinn has a 3-4-1 record on the season, allowing an average of 1.23 goals against.

Fellow senior Philip Tuttle will start against Connecticut, carrying a 6-3-0 record with four

shutouts alongside his 0.65 goals against average.

While Tuttle has had more success this season, Clark remained non-committal on favoring one goalkeeper over the other when the team tries to make a postseason run.

"Tuttle will play against Connecticut as per our rotation," Clark said. "After that, we will assess the situation for the playoffs. We will not cross any bridges before we need to."

The Huskies come into Saturday's match in first place in the Big East Blue Division, ahead of second-place Notre

Dame. The Irish will have to keep their high-pressure offense in top gear against senior Connecticut goalkeeper Josh Ford, who carries an outstanding 0.44 goals against average with a .873 save percentage while starting every game for the Huskies. Ford also boasts 11 shutouts on the season.

"You can't wish for anything more than to be playing your last regular season match for the league title against the other contender," Clark said. "Everyone should be excited."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

ND hosts Lewis for exhibition

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

New season, new arena for the Irish.

Notre Dame opens the renovated Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center Sunday in an exhibition match-up against Lewis University.

The Irish finished last season 21-15 (8-10 Big East) and beat Rutgers in the Big East tournament before falling to West Virginia. They made it to the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) semifinals but lost to Penn State.

Notre Dame will need to make up for the loss of guards Kyle McAlarney and Ryan Ayers as well as forwards Zach



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Senior guard Jonathan Peoples dribbles past a Rutgers defender in last season's Big East tournament. The Irish won 61-50.

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ND MEN'S GOLF

Squad boasts top seed in tourney

By DOUG FARMER
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame only has two days of competition scheduled over the next three months, and those two days are Saturday and Sunday at the Pine Needles Golf Course in North Carolina for "The Match Play" tournament. All but one Big East team will be competing [St. John's] and the Irish have the No. 1 seed in the tournament.

"Going into it as the No. 1 seed, the expectation is we should be able to take care of business," Irish coach Jim

Kubinski said. "But it has been up-and-down this fall. If we do things we are supposed to do, I think it'll turn out well for us."

When Kubinski described this fall as "up-and-down" he was referring to Notre Dame's strong start capped off by a first-place finish at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic on Oct. 6. Since then, the Irish have finished 11th out of 13 and 15th out of 15 at The Prestige at PGA West and the UNCG Bridgestone Collegiate Championship, respectively.

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Beating the Curve

Mental improvements have taken Armando Allen's game to the next level

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COMMENTARY

ND in dire need of dominant showing

When it comes to the 2009 Irish, it's the journey, not the destination.

I hate clichés, so it pains me to start a column with one as much as it pains you to read it, but bear with me. Hey, at least I didn't use one like "Defense wins championships." That thought should cause more Notre

Dame fans to cringe, considering the Irish don't rank in the nation's top half in pass defense (117th), total defense (97th) or scoring defense (64th).

Sorry, I couldn't resist.

But anyway, the Irish will enter the Alamodome Saturday 5-2, right where many prognosticators predicted at the season's beginning. But would you say this season has gone as expected?

My point is that to evaluate Notre Dame solely on where it is — with five wins and the No. 23 spot in the BCS standings — would miss the boat on what's more important, which is how Charlie Weis and Co. have gotten there.

If you've been halfway cognizant over the last two months, you know Notre Dame's last six games have all gone down to the wire, for better or for worse. Watching the Irish has been as exhilarating as it's been maddening and as climactic as it's been unpredictable.

But isn't that why we watch in the first place? If these games were a sure thing, college football fans across the country wouldn't spend a dozen autumn Saturdays with their eyes glued to the television.

I'm still puzzled at how a team with such a dominant passing attack can be so consistently inconsistent when the offense is given the chance to bury a reeling opponent in the second half. I still can't understand how a secondary with as many touted, experienced players as Notre Dame's can make freshmen quarterback looks like calm, cool and collected seniors as they shred soft coverage. And I can't even fathom why it takes until the

fourth quarter's final minutes for the Irish to play their best football, week in and week out.

Seven games into the season, it appears this is the Notre Dame team we'll see all year. But if we've learned anything about this Irish team, it's to expect the unexpected.

In most respects, this is nowhere near the biggest game on Notre Dame's schedule. The Irish have no traditional rivalry with the Cougars and are nearly 30-point favorites over the Pac-10's worst team, and on a weekend full of major college football match-ups, this one isn't getting much national attention.

But in a way, those facts make this game even more important. Other than the obvious need to beat Washington State, Notre Dame also needs to dominate to build momentum for its final four games, all against bowl-bound teams with winning records.

"Obviously we've shown some resiliency at the end of the game," Weis said Tuesday. "[But] we haven't played a full 60-minute game across the board, either. And this gives us an opportunity to try to do that. We'd like to get on top of them early and go hard for the whole game and see if we can't put a game together — a full game together on offense, defense and special teams — where you can walk out of the game with everyone gaining confidence."

But back to that cliché: it's the journey, not the destination. There's still a lot of football to be played, and the Irish have plenty ahead of them, including an outside shot at a BCS game if they take advantage of both where they have been and where they can still go from here. Nothing would fast-track Notre Dame's journey more than a dominating performance over a Washington State team that is, by far, the worst on the Irish schedule.

And considering what the Irish have done over the last two months, that would be anything but cliché.

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

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Sports Editor

RECRUITING

H.S. juniors to flock to Alamodome

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

Calling Saturday's contest an "offsite home game" for Notre Dame is more than just semantics, at least for recruiting purposes.

Because the Irish are technically the host team in San Antonio this weekend, they are permitted to offer recruits tickets to the game. They may not, however, talk to the recruits after the game like they would after a normal home game at Notre Dame, Charlie Weis said at his Tuesday press conference.

According to Irish recruiting analyst Mike Frank, the Washington State game will be an important opportunity for several of the top high school juniors in Texas to be exposed to Notre Dame football, in person, for the first time.

"So many of those guys down in Texas know one thing, Texas," said Frank, who runs the ESPN-affiliated irishsportsdaily.com. "If you don't go to Texas, it's which other school around the area do you end up going to? There's certainly a lot of talent in the state, but [Texas coach] Mack Brown has done such a great job of locking up the talent down there before anyone can even find out about them."

Because the Irish coaches can't actually speak with players, and because most, if not all, the players set to attend are only juniors, Notre Dame won't expect to gain anything

near a commitment after Saturday, Frank said. But it may give the Irish program a head start in recruiting players in the Lone Star state.

"With this game, players can come find out a little about you, watch Notre Dame play, watch the fans. Notre Dame fans are unique — very friendly, very cordial, very welcoming," Frank said. "That puts a very positive image of Notre Dame out there for a lot of the players in Texas to get a chance to see what Notre Dame is about. It's a place they have heard of but don't know a whole lot about."

And while the players in attendance won't have the benefit of touring Notre Dame's campus and experiencing all that is game day in South Bend, Frank said just watching the team on the field should be enough to pique interest for several of the high school juniors.

"The players get a chance to be around that whole Notre Dame experience and get an idea of what the team is about," Frank said. "It's a chance for Notre Dame to show there's some athletes up here too and we're just a few away from competing with the big dogs down [in Texas]."

Though the class of 2011 will be the main focus this weekend, the Irish staff enjoyed one major recruiting win this week with the commitment of Giovanni Bernard, a four-star running back out of St. Thomas Aquinas (Fla.), the nation's No. 1 high school team.

"He runs a lot like [former Irish running back] Darius Walker. He's really instinctive and has great vision and a very nice burst," Frank said. "The one thing he does that Darius didn't really do is run for power. He'll run some guys over, and he's got a lot of ability catching the ball out of the backfield."

Bernard might also help the Irish gain commitments from a few of his highly touted teammates. Defensive backs Lamarcus Joyner and Cody Riggs and offensive tackle Brandon Lindner are also high on Notre Dame's list of priorities.

"[Lindner's] a guy I think Notre Dame's got a real good shot at," Frank said of the four-star prospect. "I think he really likes what [offensive line coach Frank] Verducci has done with the line and likes the progress they have made."

Frank also said Notre Dame has a good shot at the five-star Joyner, but probably not at Riggs, who has Florida and Georgia as his leaders.

"[Joyner's] one of the most explosive players in the entire country," Frank said. "He's a great corner back who loves to hit, has incredible acceleration and is just a really explosive player. I'm not sure if he's 100-percent qualified for Notre Dame yet, but he's pretty close and hopefully that won't be a road block for him."

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HOW ND'S OPPONENTS FARED



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Hawaii



(5-3) L 35-10 Penn St.

@ Illinois



(4-4) L 15-13 Iowa

@ Minnesota



(3-5) W 24-14 Illinois

@ Wisconsin



(3-5) L 43-19 Oregon

Bye



(6-1) W 42-36 Oregon St.

@ Oregon



(5-3) L 20-16 ND

Central Michigan



(1-6) L 49-17 Cal.

Notre Dame



(6-2) W 13-10 Wake Forest

Temple



(7-1) W 41-14 USF

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(4-3) L 28-24 W. Virginia

Rutgers



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Mind game

Junior Armando Allen has become a smarter — and better — running back

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

When the Irish coaches told Armando Allen and Golden Tate in the spring that the team would install plays from the Wildcat formation, Allen and Tate looked at each other and laughed.

"Like, 'Are we really doing this or is it a joke?'" Allen said. "But when we looked at the playbook, there it was, the Wildcat."

That's one new role for Allen. He's filled others this season, too, evolving from a shifty scat back his freshman year to a powerful yet explosive runner who averages 4.9 yards per carry this season. Aside from physical improvements and running backs coach Tony Alford's practice techniques, which contributed to his play, Allen's improvements came in the stereotypical Notre Dame fashion: he got smart.

"In high school the plays aren't as difficult as they are in college," he said. "You play the game but you don't understand the game. I think understanding the game helped me out as a running back."

Learning curve

Allen rushed for 1,095 yards and 12 touchdowns as a junior at Hialeah-Miami Lakes High School in Hialeah, Fla., even though he missed three games because of injury. In the pre-season before his senior season, he broke his fibula and missed the season.

Allen watched tape of games of himself in previous seasons and realized that since the broken leg he was leaving his knees low, making it all the easier for defenders to tackle him. This offseason, he ran stairs to improve his knee drive.

He also gained 10 pounds without losing speed.

"I think that's a tribute to him as a young guy who wants to get better," Alford said. "He wants to do things right. He's his own worst critic."

Alford wants big plays out of his running backs, he said, and he said he'll be needing some monsters, not 12-yarders. Allen has been on the cusp of breaking away a few times this season when the last man in his way snagged an ankle as he flew by, and Alford said the solution is simple.

"Pick your feet up," he said. "It's not rocket science. Pick your feet up."

And Alford has stressed that principle in practice.

"We've worked on that a lot. They have a lot of drills now that requires us to pick our feet up or we'll fall," Allen said.

"We've done a pretty good job at it in practice we just have to translate it over to the game."

Physical training, however, won't suffice. To successfully implement the skills acquired in practice, Allen said he needed to learn how the defender would attack him.

"If you know a person the only way they can bring you down is by grabbing your feet, then automatically your mind's thinking pick your feet up," he said.

Getting inside the defender's head helped him elsewhere as well.

"I'm not just getting the ball and running left and right, I understand where this ball should go and the type of things my defenders would try to do to bring me down," he said. "It helped me out as a runner."

Spring training

The Irish averaged 3.3 yards per carry last season, and critics of the program made sure they knew it. Allen took it to heart.

"We understand that part that we have a lot of talent, but from the outside looking in

nobody really knows how much talent that we have," he said.

Allen took it upon himself to display that talent. He asked Alford for tips to work on during the spring and summer.

"I said here are some things we need to work on and he took that to heart. It wasn't something magical that I did," Alford said. "The kid wants to be good. He was asking, 'Hey, what can I do better? What can I improve on?'"

That improvement is evident. In six games, he's rushed for 514 yards and three touch-

downs, good for 85.7 yards per game. Last year, he rushed for 585 yards all season, an average of 45 per game.

Like any smart running back, he's got his offensive line's back. Sick of hearing the criticism for how the linemen could-

n't block when he saw them working hard every day, he buckled down to prove that they could.

"When I see those guys working hard every day," he said, "whether it's in the weight room or on the field, we kind of take that to heart too."

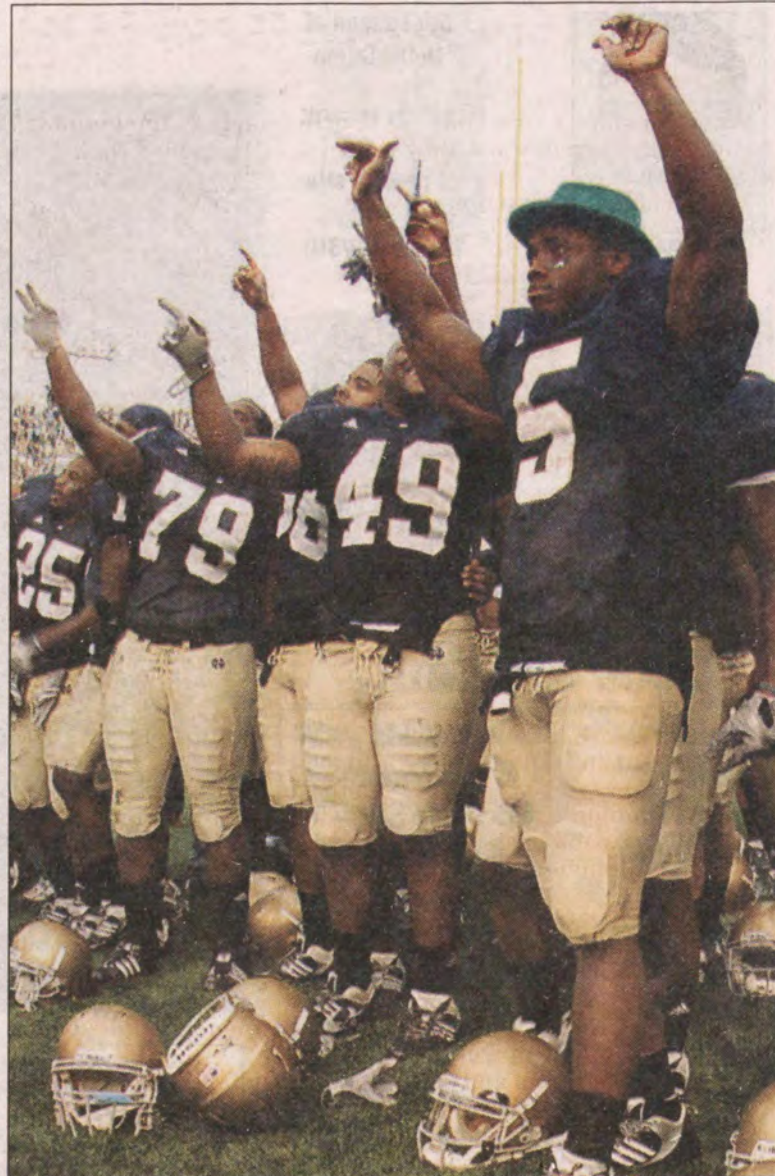
The Wildcat formation helped improve the look of the running game, which is averaging 3.7 yards per carry this season. Despite Allen and Tate's doubts, the Wildcat was real. Once they started running the plays in practice and picked up good yardage, the team started taking it seriously.

It also started a debate between Allen and Tate as to who got the glamorous position.

"I think when you're the Wildcat guy you're kind of like the quarterback," said Allen slowly, smiling. "That was the big debate."

"I said here are some things we need to work on and he took that to heart. It wasn't something magical that I did. The kid wants to be good."

Tony Alford
Irish running backs coach



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Irish running back Armando Allen sings the alma mater with his teammates after Notre Dame's season opening win over Nevada Sept. 5.

Catching a snooze

That's Allen's hobby. He sleeps whenever he can because of how tough Notre Dame's practices are.

"Whether it's 10 minutes or 20 minutes, you can always catch me trying to get a nap," he said.

Outside of football, Allen focuses on his family. He checks in with his parents and brothers often. He said he's humble by nature: When asked about individual goals against Washington State, which is currently 114th against the run and allows 215 rushing yards per game, he demurred.

He also demurred when asked about his biggest weakness — he hemmed and hawed for a minute, then, "Can we come back to that one?"

Again, Allen is smart. He referred to Washington State as a "trap game" despite its 1-6 record. He knows that on the road — or at home, as the case may be — anything can happen.

"It really doesn't matter where we play," he said. "We could play in the street. We play at our field, their field, just going out there and being focused and understanding the importance of no matter who we play, we're playing the football game."

A leg full of problems

Allen's had bad luck with injuries since high school. He broke his wrist in the first game of his freshman year and

missed half the season. He missed the three games in his junior season and his entire senior season.

This year, he's struggled to stay healthy while battling ankle, knee and thigh injuries.

His ankle has bothered him all season and kept him out of the Purdue game. Against Boston College, he took a helmet to the side of the left knee that knocked him out of the game, but coach Charlie Weiss said it was still his ankle, not the knee, which currently bothers him.

Allen wasn't too optimistic about his chances against Washington State this weekend.

"I'm just going with it day by day," he said. "I show up to practice every day like I

normally would and see how that goes, see what they allow me to do."

He called himself day to day. If there's a week where he might get some time off, this is it, because edge-of-the-seat victories notwithstanding, Notre Dame is expected to pile up a big lead against Washington State. Allen wouldn't be happy with that, but he has faith in his coworkers in the backfield.

"There's never a week where I'm okay with not playing but I also know that if that was the case we have great athletes to get the job done," he said.

A smart response from the smarter running back.

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Allen busts through the line during Notre Dame's 34-27 loss to USC on Oct. 17. Allen rushed 12 times for 51 yards against a Trojans defense that is among the best in the country against the run.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 5-2

AP: 25 Coaches: 25



Charlie Weis
head coach

5th season at
Notre Dame

career record:
34-23
at neutral site:
3-2
against WSU:
0-0



Jon Tenuta
Def. Coordinator
Assistant HC



Corwin Brown
Co-Def. Coord.
Associate HC

2009 Schedule

Sept. 5	Nevada — W
Sept. 12	@ Michigan — L
Sept. 19	Michigan St. — W
Sept. 26	@ Purdue — W
Oct. 3	Washington — W
Oct. 17	Southern Cal — L
Oct. 24	Boston College — W
Oct. 31	Washington St.
Nov. 7	Navy
Nov. 14	@ Pittsburgh
Nov. 21	Connecticut
Nov. 28	@ Stanford

Head-to-Head

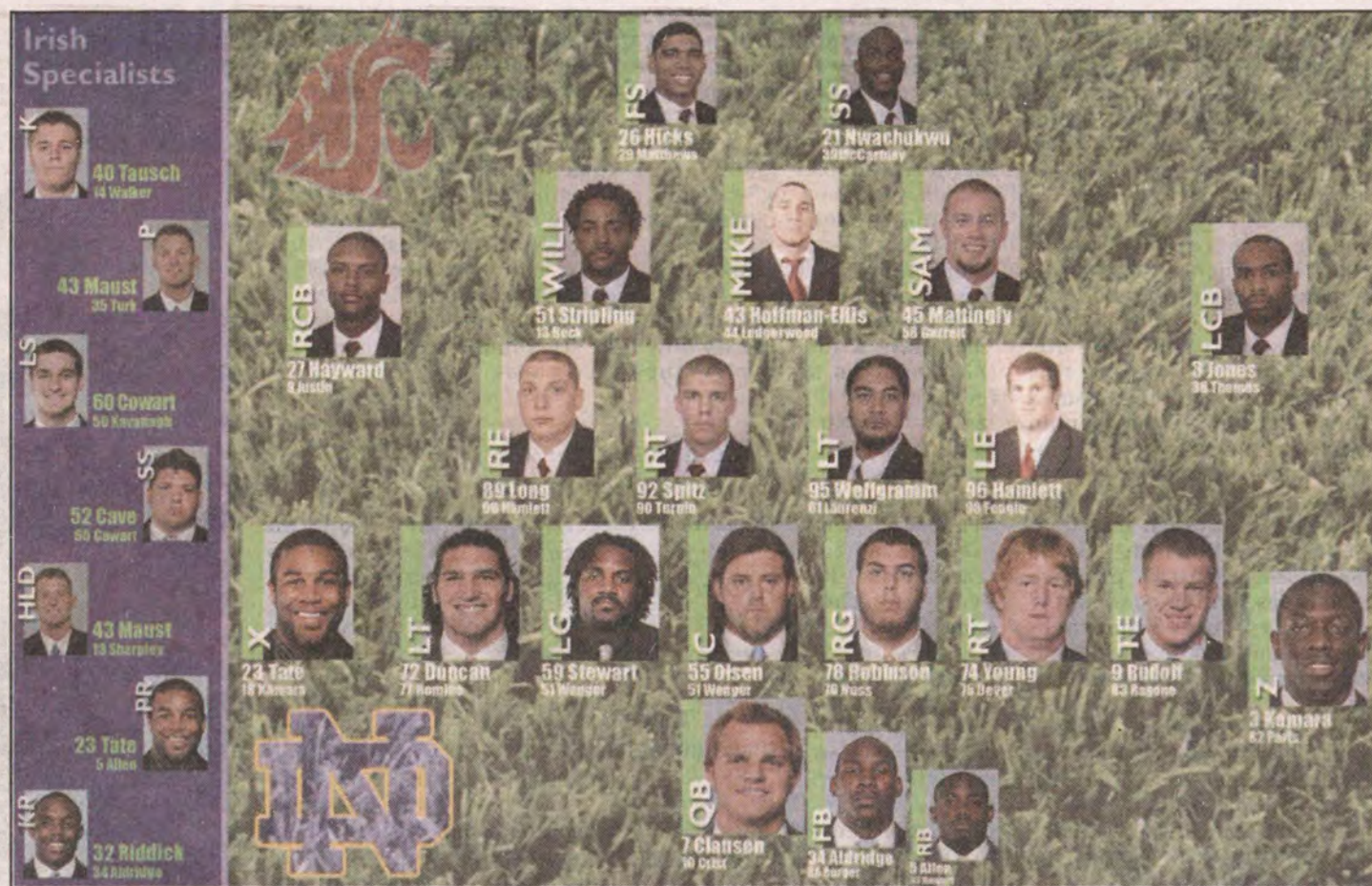
ND OFFENSE	WSU DEFENSE
Scoring: 30.00 ppg (36th)	Scoring: 37 ppg (115th)
Total: 438.43 ypg (15th)	Total: 499.57 ypg (119th)
Rushing: 132.57 ypg (76th)	Rushing: 215.43 ypg (114th)
Passing: 305.86 ypg (11th)	Passing: 284.14 ypg (118th)
Turnovers against: 5 (2nd)	Turnovers for: 19 (10th)
Fumbles lost: 2 (4th)	Fumbles rec.: 11 (6th)
Interceptions: 3 (10th)	Interceptions: 8 (41st)
Sacks Allowed: 15 (71st)	Sacks: 7 (112th)
T.O.P. for: 32:14 (16th)	T.O.P. against: 32:13 (90th)

Statistical Leaders

ND OFFENSE	WSU DEFENSE
QB JIMMY CLAUSEN 100-148, 1544 yds., 12 TD	SS C. NWACHUKWU 35 solo, 1 INT, 1.5 TFL
RB ARMANDO ALLEN 71 rush, 365 yds., 3 TD	FS XAVIER HICKS 23 solo, 1 INT, 2 TFL
RB ROBERT HUGHES 30 rush, 158 yds., 2 TD	DE TRAVIS LONG 20 solo, 4 TFL, 2 sacks
WR GOLDEN TATE 33 rec., 602 yds., 4 TD	LB MYRON BECK 17 solo, 2 INT
TE KYLE RUDOLPH 21 rec., 267 yds., 3 TD	CB BRANDON JONES 25 solo, 2 TFL, 1 INT

HEAD TO HEAD

Irish Offense vs. Cougars Defense



ND PASSING

Jimmy Clausen and Golden Tate have been two of the best players in the nation regardless of position, and should lead the Notre Dame passing game to a huge day. Robby Parris appears to be out for the game so it will be interesting to see if another young receiver will take advantage of the opportunity.

The Irish also should have great protection against the pass rush, as the Cougars have just seven sacks all year. This should be a great recovery game for a pass blocking unit that struggled at times against USC and Boston College. With time to throw and weaknesses in the secondary, Clausen should have a field day. Washington State's pass defense is

abysmal, allowing an average of 284 yards per game. The Cougars do have eight interceptions, but have been picked apart by quarterbacks far less talented than Clausen.

This should be a huge mismatch for the Irish, hopefully leading to some Dayne Crist throws in the second half.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

ND RUSHING

Despite nagging injuries Armando Allen ran the ball very well against Boston College and should be in for another big game in San Antonio. Robert Hughes also should be fine after taking a big hit to the head on a goal-line carry last weekend.

When healthy the running attack has been one of the biggest

improvements of this Notre Dame team. The Cougars have given up 215 yards rushing per game, so there should be open running lanes for Allen and Hughes to run through. The Wildcat could be an effective changup but may not be necessary if the Irish offense is rolling.

Washington State's top tacklers are all in their secondary, a familiar problem

for the Irish. Even worse, the Cougars will have to be wary of play-action with weapons like Tate and Rudolph, and will not be able to help in run support.

The Cougars will have to choose to key on the run or pass, and the pass seems more like with Clausen under center. If that's the case, it could be a career day for Allen and Hughes.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

ND SPECIAL TEAMS

As a freshman Nick Tausch has been everything most recent Irish kickers have not been — accurate and consistent. For the first time in the Weis era there is a dependable leg around to put three points on the board.

Ben Turk struggled against Boston College and Eric Maust should get some punts against the Cougars. Theo Riddick and Barry Gallup continue to do a solid job returning kickoffs, and Golden Tate had a nice punt return against the Eagles.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

Charlie Weis has the luxury of being able to lean heavily on the running or passing game against a porous Washington State defense. It will be interesting to see if Weis looks to establish the run early or spreads out the Cougars and puts up points quickly.

Jon Tenuta should be dialing up his usual set of blitzes against a Washington State offense that has struggled all season to put up points. Expect a few take-aways for the Irish.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

ND OFFENSE COACHING



Bill Brink

Managing
Editor

Finally, a week where Jimmy Clausen can prop his turf toe up during the fourth quarter, where Armando Allen can nurse his sore ankle and where the defense doesn't have intercept a pass to seal a game. Say what you want about the pass defense or the playcalling but it won't matter, because Clausen has to be salivating over this match-up. So, by the way, are Dayne Crist, Jonas Gray and John Goodman, who will see lots of second-half snaps after Clausen, Golden Tate and Kyle Rudolph blast open a big lead. The one statement that can be made in this game must come from the defense, who has a chance to dominate an opponent like they haven't done since Nevada.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34, Washington State 10



Michael Bryan

Associate
Sports Editor

Finally this will be a game that doesn't come down to the final minutes. It should be a happy Halloween and trip to San Antonio for the Irish, who face a Washington State team that has no real threats and holes everywhere on defense. The Notre Dame offense should be able to score however they want to, and the only thing that might stop Jimmy Clausen from putting up Hawaii Bowl numbers might be Weis putting in Dayne Crist. Look for the Notre Dame offense to run the ball early and often and for the defense to come up with several turnovers. Overall this should be a great game to gain momentum and hopefully learn how to put inferior teams away.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 40, Washington State 10

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HEAD

Cougars Offense vs. Irish Defense



True freshman Jeff Tuel will get the start at quarterback for Washington State over Marshall Lobbestael, who struggled early in the season. The Cougars have put up decent pass numbers, but much of that can be attributed to throwing the ball often while playing from behind. The two have combined to throw ten interceptions, and have not received much help from

their offensive line. Washington State is dead last in the nation in sacks allowed per game, giving up 35 through seven games.

The Irish secondary is vulnerable though, giving up 380 yards through the air to Matt Barkley and USC and letting Boston College convert many long third downs. Communication errors have hurt this unit and Notre

Dame has been unable to stop opponents on obvious passing downs.

The Irish defensive line has improved but has struggled getting pressure on passing downs without bringing extra blitzers. The secondary needs to tighten up its coverage against the Cougars.

EDGE: EVEN

WSU PASSING

The Notre Dame defensive line has dramatically improved against the run over the last several games, effectively limiting strong rushing offenses in Boston College and USC. Younger players like Kapron Lewis-Moore, Manti Te'o, and Ethan Johnson appear much more comfortable against the run and getting into the right position.

On the other side, the Washington State rushing offense has been virtually nonexistent, averaging just 72 yards per game. Redshirt sophomore Logwone Mitz will get the start in San Antonio, but Dwight Tardy should also play several series. The Cougars have not run the ball often since they've been trailing almost every game, but have only averaged

2.2 yards per carry when they have.

Darius Fleming and the line-backing corps have improved their tackling in recent games and relieved some of the pressure on the secondary to assist in run support.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

WSU RUSHING

Nico Grasu has been an solid kicker for the Cougars, converting six of ten field goal attempts this season.

Punter Reid Forrest may be the best player on his team, averaging 43.8 yards per punt including 14 inside the opponents'

20-yard-line. Forrest has been busy as the Cougars struggle moving the ball.

Jeffrey Solomon and the Washington State return game have been very average, and have not had any returns over 38 yards despite returning 36 kicks.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

Paul Wulff and the Washington State staff have struggled mightily during his first two seasons, but at this point it's hard to tell how much of that is the coaching versus the personnel. The Cougars have a number of upperclassmen starting and lack experience at most positions. The offensive

gameplans have been limited by trailing every game and defensively the Cougars are giving up nearly 500 yards per game. Overall this is a struggling program trying to get back to respectability.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

WSU OFFENSIVE COACHING



Matt Gamber

Sports Editor

This game should be a lot of treat without much trick for Notre Dame, right? It'd be nice if, for once, it could be that easy. I think this is a case where the Irish are just too much better than the Cougars, and despite Notre Dame's best efforts to play subpar teams down to the wire, Washington State just isn't good enough to hang around for long. I'd like to see Clausen, Allen and Tate all get their numbers and then get out — go enjoy some Halloween candy on the sideline, just don't get hurt. Even moreso, I'd like to see the defense show the potential to shut down an offense and shut the door on any thoughts of an upset early by coming up with turnovers that will kill Washington State's morale.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 45, Washington State 13



Sam Werner

Associate Sports Editor

It could get interesting if the Irish decide to make this one another nail-biter. Fortunately, that really shouldn't be the case. Even though they've had trouble with freshmen quarterbacks this season, expect the Irish defense to contain, if not completely shut down, Jeff Tuel and the Washington State offense. On the other side of the ball, a balanced attack will lead Notre Dame to a big early advantage. A finally healthy Armando Allen should have a big day on the ground, and, most importantly, Notre Dame will finally face a pass defense even worse than its own. Jimmy Clausen — and hopefully Dayne Crist — should have a big day as the Irish win handily.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 42, Washington State 10

Washington St.

Cougars
Record: 1-6

AP: NR

Coaches: NR



Paul Wulff
head coach

2nd season at
Washington St.

career record:
3-17

at neutral site:
0-0

against ND:
0-0



Todd Sturdy
Off. Coordinator



Chris Ball
Def. Coordinator

2009 Schedule

Sept. 5	Stanford — L
Sept. 12	Hawaii — L
Sept. 19	SMU — W
Sept. 26	@USC — L
Oct. 3	@ Oregon — L
Oct. 10	Arizona St. — L
Oct. 24	@California — L
Oct. 31	@Notre Dame
Nov. 7	@ Arizona
Nov. 14	UCLA
Nov. 21	Oregon St.
Nov. 28	@ Washington

Head-to-Head

WSU OFFENSE	ND DEFENSE
Scoring: 15.14 ppg (116th)	Scoring: 24.14 ppg (64th)
Total: 293.71 ypg (111th)	Total: 409.43 ypg (97th)
Rushing: 72.57 ypg (116th)	Rushing: 127 ypg (50th)
Passing: 221.14 (55th)	Passing: 282.43 ypg (117th)
Turnovers against: 20 (113th)	Turnovers for: 15 (38th)
Fumbles lost: 10 (104th)	Fumbles rec.: 6 (57th)
Interceptions: 10 (94th)	Interceptions: 9 (30th)
Sacks Allowed: 35 (120th)	Sacks: 12 (75th)
T.O.P. for: 28:47 (90th)	T.O.P. against: 27:46 (16th)

Statistical Leaders

WSU OFFENSE	ND DEFENSE
QB M. LOBBESTAELE	SS KYLE MCCARTHY
49-105, 475 yds., 2 TD	32 solo, 1 TFL, 3 INT
RB DWIGHT TARDY	FS HARRISON SMITH
57 rush, 186 yds., 1 TD	18 solo, 1.5 TFL
RB J. MONTGOMERY	WLB BRIAN SMITH
37 rush, 180 yds., 1 TD	18 solo, 4 TFL, 1 sack
WR JARED KARSTETTER	SLB DARIUS FLEMING
24 rec., 337 yds., 3 TD	7 TFL, 2 sacks
WR GINO SIMONE	DE K. LEWIS-MOORE
23 rec., 243 yds., 1 TD	11 solo, 3 TFL, 1 sack

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Freshman QB Tuel gives Cougars hope for future success

By SAM WERNER
Associate Sports Editor

To say things haven't been going well for Washington State this season may be a bit of an understatement. The Cougars are 1-6 and haven't looked any better than last season's 2-10 campaign.

The lone bright spot, though, may be the play of freshman quarterback Jeff Tuel.

"[Tuel's progress] is good," Washington State coach Paul Wulff said in a press conference after the Cougars' 49-17 loss to California Oct. 24. "I think he is

on a good pace. He needs the help around him. The receivers are young and the O-line is young, but all the parts need to do their job. The other 10 guys need to do their job, and he is only going to get better."

The Cougars began the season with an apparent position battle between senior Kevin Lopina and sophomore Marshall Lobbestael, but both were ineffective in Washington State's first three games before Tuel entered the picture.

Tuel made his debut in Washington State's 27-6 loss to USC. Since then, he has thrown for 662 yards, four touchdowns

and three interceptions.

"Obviously for an 18-year old playing his first football game he did a great job," Wulff said

in a press conference after the game. "He showed great poise. There were some mistakes but he did a nice job of not forcing throws or eating the ball or just taking off and running. He showed a lot out there."

After a promising first game against the Trojans, Tuel suf-

fered a hip pointer against Oregon in his first collegiate start. The injury knocked him out for the rest of the game

"Tuel can actually get it done."

Pat Wulff
Cougars head coach

against the Ducks, but the freshman returned next week to lead the Cougars against Arizona State.

Even though the Cougars lost that game 27-14, Tuel's progression continued. Last week, against Cal, Tuel had his most impressive game to date, passing for 354 yards and two

touchdowns and no interceptions.

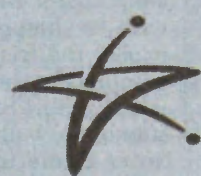
"Tuel can actually get it done," Wulff said in a press conference after the game. "Our protection has not been great. At times when we have had [good protection] we have been successful; when we didn't, it broke down. We have so many young guys playing at receiver they just haven't been working together long enough. They have been together three or four months. As we mature we are going to get a lot better."

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Defense hopes position changes are answer

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Associate Sports Editor

After weeks of struggling in pass coverage that concluded with 380 yards through the air for Matt Barkley and USC, the Notre Dame secondary needed some changes.

Beginning with the Boston College game and leading into this week's game against Washington State in San Antonio, the Irish made personnel changes on the depth chart.

Junior Harrison Smith, who had been the starter at free safety, moved down to outside linebacker and also played as a nickel back against the Eagles. Smith had four tackles, including one tackle for a loss and a forced fumble in his new role.

"He played significantly better," coach Charlie Weis.

"He's had some good production in the secondary, it's just that his confidence has gotten a little bit shaken, so we moved him down into a comfort zone to regain his confidence."

Following the Boston College game, Smith was listed as a co-starter at the Sam linebacker position with Darius Fleming, who has frequently moved to defensive end in nickel packages.

Smith said his experience last season at outside line-

backer made the move an easy transition. "I've been there before. I mean I played safety the first half of this year, but I'm using last year's experience," Smith said. "You do a lot of the same stuff and you blitz a lot, so it's not too different."

Smith said he was comfortable with the change and could rotate between positions.

"At this point, wherever the coaches want me to play is where I'm going to play, so I'm fine with that."

With Smith moving to linebacker for the foreseeable future, senior Sergio Brown has taken over the starting job at free safety. Brown had been primarily used as a nickel back in coverage and blitzing off the edge.

"[Harrison Smith] sort of flip-flopped with Sergio," Weis said. "With Sergio going back into

his positions and Harrison going down there working at Sam along with Darius and those other guys."

Defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta said the change benefits both Brown and Smith.

"Harrison, the first time he got in there he knocked the ball loose. The guy's a tremendous athlete and I'm going to use him more and more because he's an outstanding blitzer," Tenuta said. "Sergio did a good job, he's been the nickel for us from two years



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Irish safety Sergio Brown eyes the line of scrimmage during Notre Dame's 37-30 victory over Washington Oct. 3. Brown is one of a number of defensive players to have shuffled positions recently.

and playing in space so the alignment is a little different at times, but he did a good job."

Brown had four tackles, a forced fumble and a pass breakup against the Eagles.

Also seeing significant time at free safety was sophomore Jamoris Slaughter, who came in at times for Brown. Slaughter has seen time at both the corner and safety positions early in his career.

"Jamoris is a guy that we're going to cross train and cross train at both corner and safety this week. We're going to look at him in both positions, you

know, because he's been such a sound tackler," Weis said before the game against Boston College. "So we're going to take a good look at seeing if we can't get him on the field some. Not as a starter but we're going to see if we can't work him there."

At the cornerback position, junior Gary Gray has solidified his role as a starter alongside sophomore Robert Blanton. Gray had a crucial interception in the fourth quarter against Boston College.

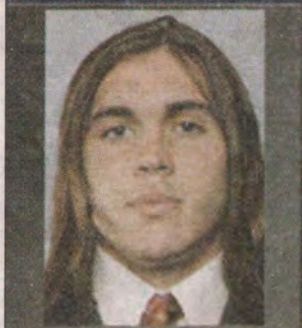
"I think Gary has played more because he was the one

guy that recently that as he started to get some time has been really competing for the ball," Weis said. "I think that that one of the areas that, you know, I've been saying we need to be competing for the ball and Gary's been competing for it."

With the Irish currently 117th in the nation in pass defense and allowing 282 yards per game, Tenuta and the Notre Dame secondary hope the changes show results.

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#22
HARRISON SMITH
JR. DB/LB 6'2" 207 LB.
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Halloween costume this year?

We don't really have much since we play that night. But I'll probably go out as a ninja. That's what I used to do when I was little.

Favorite Halloween costume as a kid?

I was Captain Hook once, that was good. And ... oh. One time, me and three of my friends were the Spice Girls. We did it pretty big.

Favorite Halloween candy?

Snickers.

Biggest fear?

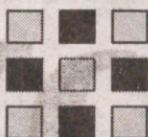
Probably drowning.

Scariest movie?

The Strangers. I couldn't drive home after that.

Which is worst: spiders, snakes or clowns?

Spiders.



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