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Lawyer outlines laws, gives advice

New beND campaign brings Lindsay to explain student rights when hosting parties

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

As part of its beND campaign in response to a recent spike in alcohol-related arrests off-campus, student government hosted a lecture Sunday evening titled "Alcohol, Parties, and the Law," presented by attorney C.L. Lindsay.

Lindsay, who left his New York law firm in 1998 after seeing the need for legal work concentrating on higher education, founded the Coalition for Student and Academic Rights (CO-STAR), which now receives 10,000 requests annually.

In his lecture, Lindsay detailed the specific state and federal laws affecting students, the consequences of infractions and steps students should take to minimize their risk before, and improve the outcome after, having a legal incident.

He said the reason most parties draw police attention is due to noise complaints from neighbors.

"The first thing to do is make nice with your neighbors. ... If you're going to have a party, talk to them,

have them call you, not the police," Lindsay said. "Set up your party, go outside and listen. If you can hear from a distance, it's probably too loud."

Lindsay also emphasized the importance of choosing a location unlikely to cause a nuisance and draw complaints from neighbors.

"Never have a party outside, there's just too much noise," he said. "The basement is the best place for a party."

Lindsay clarified the laws on when students can refuse a police search and how to avoid forfeiting the right. He said posting invites for the public to see, which can include online event postings, could leave the event legally open to anyone, including police.

According to Lindsay, police can enter a home when they have a warrant, receive permission from a resident, see a crime taking place in plain view or believe that waiting to enter would result in a loss of evidence.

To minimize hosts' liability for

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DAN JACOBS/The Observer

C.L. Lindsay speaks to students Sunday evening at his lecture titled "Alcohol, Parties, and the Law."

Professor emeritus conceives foundation

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Many professors might be ready to hang up their lab coats after 40 years of teaching.

But for Dr. Subhash Basu, retirement was an opportunity to do more work.

Basu, once a professor in chemistry and biochemistry, is working on establishing the Current Drug Delivery Research Foundation, a foundation located in Innovation Park researching methods for drug delivery for compounds to cure cancer and more.

"This May I became a Professor Emeritus," Basu

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RecSports Domer Run searches for cancer cure

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

While many on campus were taking advantage of the away football game to sleep in, about 350 students and community members participated in the 27th annual Domer Run Saturday morning.

Tim Novak, coordinator of special events and family programs for RecSports, said he thought the busy weekend caused the run's numbers to be slightly lower than usual.

"The run went very well," Novak said. "The numbers were a little lower this year than numbers in the past, but I think that has a lot to do with the football game at MSU today and the chariot races going on."

The run had three divisions: a three-mile race, a six-mile race and a two-mile family fun

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NROTC participates in "Mud Run"

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Marine and Navy options spent their Saturday morning deep in the mud.

The NROTC students participated in the sixth annual Marine Mud Run sponsored by the St. Joe Valley Detachment of the U.S. Marine Corps League. The event is an annual tradition for the Notre Dame NROTC students.

"We participate to show the community what their tax money is paying for, to show support for former, wounded and KIA [Killed in Action] Marines," Marine option First Class Dan Brennan said. "Also, to support Toys for Tots, which is an absolutely amazing charity that helps to bring happiness and joy to underprivileged kids every year. It's a lot of fun, and as future Marine officers, we absolutely love doing things that are both physical and can get us dirty at the same time."

The annual event, which returned from a one-year hiatus, has raised more than \$7,000 in total for Toys for Tots, a charity program spon-

sored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Ninety-five percent of the proceeds raised from each race's registration are donated to the program. The other five percent are used to cover the cost of the event.

"We enjoy it and it brings the Toys for Tots charity to the forefronts of people's minds," Commandant Rich Mullins of the St. Joe Valley Marine Corps League said.

Retired First Sgt. Sam Alameda introduced the course during a safety briefing for the more than 400 participants at 8:30 a.m. He noted a few differences in the race from those of past years — the course was slightly shorter than three miles due to safety reasons and, instead of yelling "words of encouragement" from the sidelines of the course as in years past, Marines of the Engineering Company B would be running with the participants.

Alameda asked participants in the Mud Run to keep the 10 deployed Marines from Engineering Company B on their minds while going through the course.

After explaining the course,

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MEGAN LONEY/The Observer

Members of Notre Dame NROTC participate in the sixth annual Marine Mud Run this Saturday.

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In the Sept. 15 issue of The Observer, the “Tuesday Variety Show” comic strip by Laura McGinn was incorrectly identified. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT’S THE FIRST THING YOU LOOK AT WHEN YOU OPEN THE OBSERVER?



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*“The front page,
let’s see what
the big deal is!”*



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*“The inside
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*“The opinions
and editorial.”*

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The Notre Dame Women’s rugby team, a new club sport on campus, plays Northern Illinois in a match Saturday at McGlinn Fields.

OFFBEAT

Greeks find skulls in luggage of U.S. tourists
ATHENS — Greek police charged two U.S. tourists with desecrating the dead on Thursday after they found six human skulls in their hand luggage at Athens international airport, a police official said.

“The skulls were found in a scanner check during a stop-over in Athens on their way back to the United States,” said a police official who requested anonymity. “The coroner confirmed they were human skulls.”

The two young tourists said they had bought the skulls in a souvenir shop on the island of Mykonos and believed they were fake,

the official said, adding they had been released pending trial.

Australian scientists find regional accents in bats
SYDNEY — It’s not just people who have different accents but bats as well, according to Australian scientists.

Researcher Brad Law of the Forest Science Center found that bats living in the forests along the east coast of the state of New South Wales had different calls.

Law said the different calls of about 30 bat species were used to develop a system so that scientists could identify the various bats along the coast, assess their numbers, and protect them.

Researchers took 4,000 bat calls and used a custom-made software program to develop identification keys for bat calls in different parts of New South Wales.

Bats use their calls to navigate and hunt using a process called echolocation in which high frequency ultrasounds, inaudible to humans, hit objects and echo back.

But the researchers said the development of automated identification keys for bat calls was in its infancy.

“The identification keys we have produced should undergo further testing,” said Law.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The International Summer Service Learning Program Information Session will be held tonight, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the McNeill Library in Geddes Hall. Information sessions conducted by past participants will provide information on the application processes.

The Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture will be showing a free screening of “Nine Days that Changed the World” tonight from 7 to 8:45 p.m. at Washington Hall. This documentary, presented by former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and his wife, Callista, follows Pope John Paul II’s historic pilgrimage to Poland in 1979 to support the Solidarity workers’ movement. This event is open to the public.

The Provost’s Distinguished Women’s Lecture Series features “Scented Gloves and Perfumed Buttons: Smelling Things in Renaissance Italy” tonight from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Snite Museum of Art in the Annenberg Auditorium. This free event is open to the public.

“Work Off Your Weekend” Personal Training Packages are available through RecSports. If purchased on any Monday until Nov. 29, a 10-percent discount will be given for any Personal Training package.

Tomorrow, Republicans, Democrats and Libertarians join together to discuss the Midterm Elections 2010 in Pizza, Pop, and Politics. This free event will begin at 6 p.m. at Geddes Hall Coffee House.

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

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Alameda expressed his gratitude to the participants.

“The more people I see here, the happier I feel,” Alameda said. “All of you will help two or three children this Christmas as a result of your entrance fee. Kids are our future, and this is our way to help them have a brighter future.”

Navy option Second Class Steve Schexnider said he believes giving up a Saturday morning to benefit a good cause is the least students can do.

“It’s gratifying to know that a few dollars and a few minutes of running around in the mud can help a few more kids have a merry Christmas,” Schexnider said. “It’s easy for us to take the happiness that surrounds the holidays for granted, and forget that some children have never experienced the Christmas that most of us are used to. At the same time, it shows support to Marines and all others in uniform who are overseas fighting for the freedoms that we cherish.”

The races began promptly at 9 a.m. with the individual males. The remaining race categories — team female, team male, team mixed, individual female, team ROTC/College, team military, team firefighters/EMT, team law

enforcement and children — followed at 15-minute intervals.

The course is physically demanding with around 20 obstacles including hills, climbs, swings, high crawl, ponds and mud — lots of mud, Mullins said.

“As you move through the course and the mud and water weigh you down, your boots feel like there’s lead in them,” Marine Option Second Class Kevin Brainard said. “Each step becomes a notable effort.”

Some obstacles proved to be more challenging than others.

“The high crawl at the end was the most challenging obstacle,” Brainard said. “You’re tired when you get there, it’s rough keeping your momentum, and there are plenty of rocks to find [in the mud].”

The Marines yelling “words of encouragement” added to the experience, Schexnider said.

“The Marines have a funny way of ‘encouraging,’ as they sound more like demands to ‘get up this hill right now!’ rather than ‘you can do it!’” Schexnider said. “Some of it makes us dig deep and push out those final few steps through the thick mud, and sometimes there comments make you laugh and remember that we’re out there to have fun.”

The mud aspect of the race should not be taken for granted, participants said.

“The Mud Run can be summed up in two words: fantastically filthy,” Schexnider said. “While

the mud run was physically challenging, the most challenging part was probably cleaning the mud out from my belt buckle, my pants, my shirt, my boots, my fingernails and my ears.”

Upon completion of the race, all of the participants were drenched in water and covered with mud. The local fire department was on hand with hoses to assist participants in cleaning off the mud.

The Notre Dame Marine and Navy ROTC students ran at 10:15 a.m. in five groups of four students. In years past, other college NROTC groups participate in the race as well, but they did not come this year. This was disappointing, Marine option First Class Bernardo Garcia said.

“Usually we race against Purdue and Michigan, but they must have been too scared to show up this year,” Brennan said.

Senior Dave Galiyas and juniors Mike McHale, Mike Martinson and Dave Simone placed first as a group in their category by competing the course in just less than 20 minutes. They received a plaque for their efforts.

For Marine option Fourth Class Mike Falvey, his first Mud Run was a positive experience.

“Something like a Mud Run really brings the [ROTC] unit together, because everyone is out there working hard and getting nasty, but we’re still having fun,” Falvey said. “It’s a cool experience, because you are out there with such a wide range of people—enlisted Marines, officers, veterans, the Naval ROTC guys and girls, and tons of motivated civilians.”

Falvey and Schexnider said they are looking forward to next year’s race.

“Next year should be just as good,” Falvey said. “Hopefully, Purdue’s ROTC unit shows up next year so we can beat up on some Boilermakers.”

“Hopefully even more midshipmen, cadets, and Notre Dame students can make it out there next year and support some good causes,” Schexnider said. “Plus, it’s an excuse for all those business majors to get out of the suit and tie and roll around in the mud.”

Next year’s Mud Run will be held on Sept. 10, 2011. The race is open to the public.

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Political clubs prep for fall campaigns

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

As the country gears up for mid-term elections in November, the College Democrats and College Republicans of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s are making preparations of their own.

“We’re fired up and ready to go,” Northern Indiana College Democrats (NICD) Chair Colleen Lowry said. “We have more than 3,000 people in the area working harder than ever on these campaigns.”

NICD, which includes students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, Holy Cross, Indiana University South Bend, Ivy Tech Community College and Bethel College, recently set up a campaign headquarters on South Bend Avenue, said Lowry, a senior at Saint Mary’s.

“It’s really close to campus, so students can walk or ride their bikes,” she said. “The headquarters is College Democrats-run and the entire community participates, so it’s very collaborative.”

Lowry said NICD is sharing the space with St. Joseph’s County Prosecutor Michael Dvorak, who is seeking reelection in November.

“We’re really just focusing on campaigning for candidates in northern Indiana,” she said. “We want to bring awareness to their campaigns and get our name out there as well.”

NICD will hold phone banks Monday through Thursday each week up until elections and will also canvas around neighbor-

hoods on Sundays, Lowry said. Senior Josh Varanelli, president of the Notre Dame College Republicans, said his organization is keeping its efforts on campus.

“We were considering door to door campaigning, but it just didn’t seem feasible,” he said. “Our big focus this election is on increased voter registration among students, as well as phone banking for swing states.”

Varanelli said he wants the group’s work to make maximum impact.

“This year, we’ve developed a campaign committee designed to research candidates and determine where Notre Dame students can be most efficient,” he said. “We really want to maximize our effectiveness.”

College Republicans will run phone banks every Thursday and Friday until the elections are over, Varanelli said.

The Notre Dame College Republicans are supporting Dan Coats for United States Senate and Jackie Walorski for Congress.

Meanwhile, NICD is working to support Dvorak, Congressman Joe Donnelly, Rosemary Mandrici for St. Joseph’s County Assessor and Dwight Fish for Indiana State Representative in District 21.

Both the College Republicans and College Democrats will sponsor ND Votes, a campus-wide bi-partisan voter registration drive that is scheduled to begin Tuesday.

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underage drinkers at a party, Lindsay suggested posting two signs, one stating that the party is private, and another reminding minors not to drink. He also advised party throwers to have two designated, sober hosts.

“If the police do show up, you

need one to talk to them ... the other to be a witness,” he said. “If you’re alone, it’s your word against two officers’. ... If you send two people out it changes the dynamic.”

While the hosts should be aware and take advantage of their rights, they should also be cooperative, and avoid arguing with officers, as it reduces the likelihood of leniency.

“The time you argue your case is in front of a judge, not a police officer,” he said.

Lindsay also warned against charging partygoers for alcohol.

“It’s illegal to charge for liquor, period,” he said.

While encouraging voluntary donations is legal, charging for cups, requiring “mandatory donations” and claiming the money is for a different part of the party unrelated to alcohol, such as a band, does not change the legality, he said.

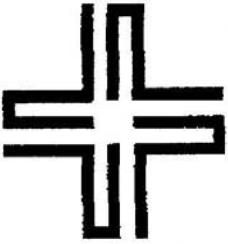
Lindsay touched on other alcohol-related issues relevant to students, including the use of fake identification, which has an extremely general definition in the law, that provides police with wide discretion when issuing citations.

There is not a legal difference between using a manufactured fake ID or using someone else’s legitimate license.

In addition to giving students advice on dealing with existing laws, students can and should take a more proactive role in changing the laws they disagree with.

“The US has the most paternalistic drinking laws in the world,” he said. “The best way to change the laws isn’t to go behind closed doors and break them.”

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Saint Mary's to host Hot Topic Tuesdays

By MIRANDA PERETTI
News Writer

Saint Mary's students can now get career advice over lunch.

Stacie Jeffirs, Director of the Saint Mary's Career Crossings Office, has initiated a program called Hot Topic Tuesdays, which invites students to sit down during their lunch and discuss career-related topics.

She decided to start the program after she noticed how many students were coming into the Career Crossings Office (CCO) with specific job-related questions.

"You're eating lunch, so why not just come and join us?" she said.

Jeffirs said she hopes to answer many of these questions in a format that makes sense to students.

During the first meeting, she explained the Go Belles job search database, which is available to Saint Mary's students. This database has students set up a profile so interest-specific information can be sent to them. The website provides listings of jobs and internships currently available in the South Bend area as well as different events going on through the career center.

Even though the Go Belles website is reserved for Saint Mary's students, Jeffirs said Hot Topic Tuesdays can be helpful for anyone interested in either find-

ing a part-time job for the school year or for starting their career.

Her plan is to host a meeting once a month from noon to 1 p.m. in the Saint Mary's dining hall. The idea is to reach a broader audience by offering the sessions during lunchtime.

Students who are unable to go to the meetings can come to the Career Crossings Office for personal assistance with building a resume, writing a cover letter or obtaining graduate school information by making an appointment with Stacie Jeffirs or Maureen Baska, assistant director of the CCO. The office also has many professional resources available, including book and study tools.

"All students are welcome to come even if they don't plan to participate in on-campus interviews," Jeffirs said.

Jeffirs said everyone is encouraged to join and learn about what options and resources they have available when going through the stressful search of finding a job and building a resume.

Jeffirs said she plans to talk about items like the professional database LinkedIn.com, networking with alumni and alumni clubs available to students. Projected meeting dates are scheduled for Oct. 12 and Nov. 16.

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Monogram Room, Joyce Center, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Career Fair

Heritage Hall, Joyce Center, 5:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 22

Interview Day

Flanner and Fitzpatrick Halls, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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114 Flanner Hall, 12:40 - 1:50 p.m.

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run/walk. There were 248 runners between the three- and six-mile divisions and about 100 runners in the fun run, Novak said.

Most people pre-registered, but about 60 runners registered Saturday morning, Novak said. The courses all began on the press box side of the Notre Dame Stadium and finished on Library Quad.

The races ended with a complimentary breakfast at Legends, where runners compared their finishing times and picked up their free T-shirts and bags full of coupons. There were also raffles with prizes such as apparel from the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore and gift certificates to Hot Box Pizza.

The proceeds from the event are given to the Notre Dame Alumni Association, which uses the money to support cancer research and education, a brochure on the event said. The Alumni Association shares the funds with the Gyna-Girls, an area women's gynecologic cancer support group. These two organizations have been receiving the profits from the Domer Run since 1997.

"I personally enjoy working on the run because it goes to such a great cause," Novak said. "Working with the students shows the commitment to service that Notre Dame has for the community around us."

Students and community members not only ran side by side, but they also worked side by side at the run. In addition to the RecSports staff and a handful of student volunteers, many children from South Bend helped out in various ways, such as stringing the outline of the course and handing numbers out at the finish line.

The atmosphere for the races

was competitive, while the family fun run/walk was much more relaxed, Novak said. Most people who participated in the fun run were either families of cancer survivors or families who have lost someone to cancer. Many survivors were there themselves.

"The survivors were a very big help today," Novak said. "They really stepped it up and came through for us."

Many students were touched by these survivors, as well as by those who had lost someone to cancer. Annie DeMott, a sophomore who ran the three-mile race, was moved by the words of a man who lost his wife.

"He told us to go out on the run hard, and if we start to feel tired or like giving up, we should think of his late wife and be inspired," DeMott said. "It's such a good cause. It was definitely worth doing."

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Basu

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said. "My goal is to do research."

The foundation will be listed as a non-profit foundation, independent from Notre Dame. However, Basu will continue much of the research he started at Notre Dame, and he will also work with graduate, postdoctoral and undergraduate students.

Since 2004, Basu and his research team have isolated five compounds known to be apoleptic agents — compounds that trigger the death of cancer cells. Betulinic acid, one of the compounds, is already used as an herbal treatment in China for cancer.

"Ordinarily, our normal cells are born and die," he said. "This is called 'programmed cell death.' Cancer cells get immortality."

He and his team discovered the cancer cells still have the "machinery" to have programmed cell death, but it is isolated and inactive in the cell. The compounds they have created trigger this cell death, eliminating the cancer cells.

"This could be beneficial in a drug," Basu said.

A synthetic liposome "bullet" was developed for the delivery of the drugs into the cells, he said. The bullet attaches to the cancer cells and delivers the medicine, triggering cell death.

Basu was recently invited to speak at the 8th Annual Congress of International Drug Discovery Science and Technology in Beijing in October for the second year in a row. At the conference he will speak on the compounds and possible delivery methods for treatment in breast and colon cancer therapy.

At the conference, Basu will also be working with Dr. Rui Ma, a 2008 graduate whom Basu taught.

Basu received letters from University President Fr. John Jenkins and President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh wishing him well on his research endeavors.

Basu said he and his team have published more than 250 papers on the treatment.

"The whole purpose [of the foundation and published papers] is to tell the world we've found different compounds," he said.

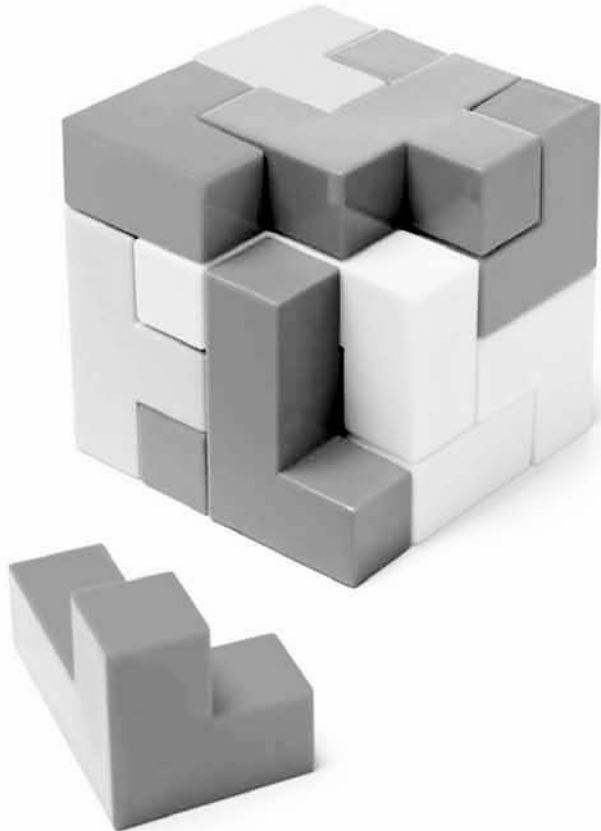
Once he arrives at Innovation Park, Basu said he would apply for a patent for the liposome bullet and continue research.

"We're going one drug at a time, to find the dose," he said. "Then we'll be testing intravenously to see them work. This phase will be done at the foundation."

All of this, he said, will be powered through national and international grants.

"We're going to make [the lab] bigger, establish patents," he said. "I've been working on this idea for 40 years."


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Make it count

Although the Nov. 2 midterm elections seem like they are months away, in reality, they are just a short six weeks from now. Are you ready to vote?

If not, it's time to get your ducks in a row.

As a political science major and a journalism, ethics and democracy minor, political activism and awareness are two things that are very near and dear to my heart. As a native of South Carolina, a state that is often the butt of many political jokes (Alvin Greene, anyone?), I'm even more concerned about the general political apathy that seems to plague our nation.

On a side note, if you don't know who Alvin Greene is (and you're looking for a good laugh), I recommend that you "google" him.

I was a bit stunned when, just last week, my Fundamentals of Journalism professor asked our class if we knew what the major races in each of our home states, and more importantly who the candidates involved in them, were. Needless to say, the overwhelming response was, "I don't know."

The ability to vote is a key tenet of our democratic government, and one that shouldn't be taken lightly. Citizens should participate in elections and make educated and informed decisions about the people they are choosing as their representatives.

If you aren't registered to vote in your permanent state of residence, I highly encourage you to do so. The process is virtually painless and it literally takes five minutes (and will probably provide a welcome distraction from that paper you're writing or the test you're cramming for!)

Most of the voter registration form can be completed online on the following website:

http://www.longdistancevoter.org/register_to_vote. It's so incredibly simple and straightforward that I think even the average Michigan State student might be able to figure it out.

Many states require that your voter registration form be postmarked at least 30 days prior to the election, so the good news is you still have at least two weeks to take care of it. For more information regarding the specific procedures in your state, I'd like to suggest you visit this website: http://www.longdistancevoter.org/voter_registration_deadlines. You can also find information about the absentee voting process on this site.

With the ability to vote, though, also comes a great deal of responsibility.

Participating in an election is meaningless if you don't know anything about the candidate you vote for and don't make an educated decision.

Just because his or her name sounds cool or it may come first alphabetically, that probably isn't the best reason to vote for someone.

You can easily find out more about a candidate and the issues they stand for by simply typing a few words and clicking a few buttons on the computer. Most candidates have their own websites and many news organizations will cover the elections more heavily as November 2 draws closer. There really is no excuse for not being informed.

So for those of you actually reading this, I really hope you do take my advice and decide to vote in a few weeks. It might just be the best decision you've made in awhile.

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When beliefs falter

I propose one overarching question, for which I hope that the Notre Dame community may have the answer.

Elie Wiesel said in his speech while accepting the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986 that we must "take sides. Neutrality helps the

oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented." It seems to me that the key here is that it is of utmost importance not to be indifferent. As a monument outside the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. states: "Thou shalt not be a victim; thou shalt not be a perpetrator; above all, thou shalt not be a bystander."

Now, I am a pacifist (See "An Argument for Pacifism," 9/6/10). I believe that all situations can be solved through diplomatic means. I believe in being my brother's keeper. I agree when Wiesel said to Richard Heffner in "Conversations with Elie Wiesel" that we cannot be brothers to everyone in the world, but even if "we can tell a story about a brother who is looking for a brother and finds one," that is enough. I think that although we may not succeed in being everyone's brother, we can try.

I feel that my beliefs on non-violence are firm. It sickens me, though, when events that have

occurred in my lifetime cause my beliefs, which I firmly believe to be morally right, to falter, even if only slightly.

On Oct. 27, 2009, a 15 year old girl in California was gang raped on her high school's property as people stood by and watched. She was left naked and unconscious under a bench on the school grounds. The horror occurred over a period of two hours, and no one notified the police, who were inside the school monitoring the homecoming dance. Richmond, Calif., has been shaken. America has been shaken. I and my beliefs have been shaken.

Police reports have said that more than 20 people stood by and watched over the two hour span. Because the girl was 15, by California state law, the bystanders were not legally responsible to report the rape. This is only the beginning of the problem. I believe those bystanders, who refused to report the rape, who watched, and took pictures and video, are equally as responsible as those who have been arrested by the police as perpetrators. When incidents like what happened to this poor girl occur, my profound response is to want the perpetrators and bystanders to suffer as physically and emotionally and long as she did and will. As a pacifist, how can I reconcile this? What world do we live in, in which people watch others gang rape a girl, videotape it and take pictures, and do nothing to stop

it? How can non-violence be an answer to the atrocities multiple men have committed against a 15-year-old girl?

It is sickening to me, and surely to all moral citizens of this world, that people could do such a thing, and others could stand by, probably with smiles on their faces. It sickens me that this has become a danger in our world. It sickens me that because of people like these who can have such an effect, I question my own views on the non-violence. But how can people stand by and do nothing? Do screams not matter? Do the pleas of a 15-year-old girl not matter? What kind of world is this? Seemingly, it is one that would be safer without people such as these perpetrators and bystanders living in it.

Many believe that it is the killers who must be punished. Are not those who stand by and do nothing also killers? I do not know how to reconcile my beliefs when instances like this occur. I may never know. There may, as Wiesel has said, always be exceptions to beliefs. But what punishment should be given to the bystanders?

This is my question to you in search of a solution, Notre Dame community.

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Alex Coccia

Shard of Glass

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Living is having ups and downs and sharing them with friends."

Trey Parker and Matt Stone
South Park creators

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When you have loved as she has loved, you grow old beautifully."

W. Somerset Maugham
English novelist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gingrich is not Obama

In response to Ryan William’s article (“Where’s the protest?” Sept. 16), I would like to clarify the motives of many of the 2009 Commencement protesters who will likely be absent for Newt Gingrich’s visit Monday.

Ryan is baffled that since Gingrich differs from the Catholic Church on issues such as the death penalty, he is not met with the same kind of protest that president Obama was met with during the 2009 Commencement. To be clear, abortion and the death penalty carry considerably different weight morally. As the Catechism states, abortion “is gravely contrary to the moral law,” (CCC2271), while the Church “does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor,” (CCC2267). Unlike abortion, the death penalty is not an intrinsic evil. It can be justified in certain scenarios of self defense or the common good.

Furthermore, when the numbers are examined nearly 50,000,000 abortions have taken place in the US since 1973, while fewer than 1,200 people have been executed. Certainly abortion is the far more important issue morally as well as politically seeing that every Republican and Democratic presidential candidate since 1992 has been on the same page in support for capital punishment.

Obama was protested in 2009 because he was unabashedly in favor of the most egregious moral evil of our time. He was unapologetically pro-abortion supporting things like partial-birth abortion, overturning the Mexico City Policy, and recently introducing a health care plan with government funding for abortion. Obama’s visit might have been acceptable if the abortion issue was simply ignored. But remember, Obama not only mentioned abortion in his Commencement address, he spent nearly five minutes justifying his pro-choice view on the Catholic platform that Notre Dame gave to him.

The abortion issue aside, Obama’s visit was protested because it was done in defiance of the authority of our local Bishop D’Arcy. As a Catholic university we must respect the authority of the Vatican as well as our local archdiocese. When D’Arcy made an official statement condemning the invitation of Obama, it became a closed issue. I am unaware of an official statement by Bishop Rhoades condemning Gingrich’s visit on Monday.

Newt Gingrich, while a political klutz with some personal baggage, is not in favor of legally slaughtering innocent children. I, like the Catholic Church, take abortion for the black and white issue that it is. Luckily Gingrich is on the correct side of that issue and that is why I have no problem with his visit Monday.

If Ryan can find me 83 bishops and three-fourths of Notre Dame’s alumni base to oppose Gingrich’s visit, I would probably change my mind.

Sean Mullen
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Sep. 16

The press box

This letter is written as a response to the column written by Mr. Chris Masoud on Sept. 16 (“Section 32”).

I’ll begin with a question: Of all the hundreds of universities in North America, did you choose Notre Dame?

I’ll return to that question in a moment. As a new student at the university, I’ve been asked all about life here by friends and family back home and at other universities. The most common question I answer is, “What’s football Saturday like?” As students and alumni know, the feeling of excitement that permeates the air as everyone rallies behind our beloved Irish is indescribable. A large part of what makes that feeling is the tradition on which football, alongside every other aspect of this university, stands. Tradition is more than the repetition of specific actions or phrases; it is the preservation of a meaning that unifies and inspires us. At Notre Dame, student leaders and faculty make it clear that integrity and self-respect are integral traditions that set this university apart.

It seems that you, Mr. Masoud, are under the impression that integrity is meaningless from 3:00 to 7:00 on Saturdays and that support of a different team is grounds for assault. It does not matter that the situation described in the article was perceived as playful or harmless; it was wrong. As an assistant sports editor, I’m sure you’re familiar with the nature of penalties in football games. When a player illegally holds an opponent, even if his intention from the beginning of the play was not to hold, he is still flagged. Why? Because holding is not acceptable in that situation. Similarly, shoving two girls off a bench in a crowded setting for wearing a different shirt is wrong and should not be tolerated, much less praised.

To return to the original question, why Notre Dame? Clearly your criteria of selection differ from mine. If you value making a fool of yourself in the name of hostility, head over and join the student body in East Lansing. I hear the Spartans do a great job of welcoming unappreciative transfers.

Chris Andrews
freshman
Keenan Hall
Sep. 17

The man in the arena

In 1910, President Teddy Roosevelt said:

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusi-

asms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

Go Irish!

Paul McCauley
alumnus
class of 1966
Sep. 19

Got it wrong

Ryan Williams’ article “Where’s the protest?” (Sept. 16) is a poor display of social progressivism trying to twist Catholic teaching to fit its own political agenda. His arguments are weak, faulty, and in need of correction.

Mr. Williams claims that Gingrich’s support of the death penalty and his views on health care reform are positions “opposed by the Catholic Church, just as some of Obama’s were when he came to speak.” Mr. Williams seems to suggest that the Church’s teaching on the death penalty and health care is the same with regard to abortion (which was the main reason for the protests against President Obama). This claim is patently false, and is easily refuted with a correct understanding of Church teaching.

The Church teaches that the death penalty, in and of itself, is neither a morally unacceptable practice, nor a violation of the sanctity of human life. As the Catechism states, “the traditional teaching of the Church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possibly way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor” (CCC 2267). Although many people believe that the

death penalty should not be used in the United States, the Church allows Catholics to have a legitimate diversity of opinion. This is not the case with abortion, which is, in and of itself, “gravely contrary to the moral law” (2271). Abortion is a morally grave act whereas capital punishment is not.

Regarding healthcare, the Church says that the state has a duty to ensure the “right to medical care for a citizen” (2211). However, like the death penalty, a diversity of opinion about how this can be achieved is permitted. Further, although Mr. Williams may be correct in criticizing Mr. Gingrich’s support of waterboarding, this is an issue of quality of life rather than of life itself. Capital punishment, healthcare and waterboarding are not on the same moral level as abortion, because the death penalty is not inherently evil and the gravity of the evil done in abortion is far greater than the gravity of torture and inadequate access to healthcare.

Andrew Lynch
sophomore
Morrissey Hall
Sep. 16

Stop the presses

Obviously the South Bend Tribune sports reporters will all disagree with me, but let’s start helping Notre Dame football with no more media interviews, except for the post-game ones.

When Brian Kelly honestly tells you, and the whole world, each week, what he thinks our weak areas are, what the opposing team’s strengths are, when he reveals that our special teams coach is out sick, tells the entire world how he likes to run his kick return (i.e., up the middle, and then look for a break outside), tells the whole world he is going to have to protect Crist by not having him run as much, etc., this is only hurting the team.

I can guarantee you that, for example, one of the reasons we could not get a decent kick return last Saturday night, one of the reasons Michigan State ran the fake field goal so successfully, one of the reasons Michigan State held our running backs in check,

etc. was the excessive interviewing of Brian Kelly on the world wide web.

Note, I did not say the only reason.

But when a team like Michigan State basically has nine months to prepare for the game, i.e., because they play only tune-up games the two weeks before, but we have only one week, we need every possible edge we can get, rather than give these edges to Michigan State.

Again, I know the South Bend and Chicago sports reporters will all disagree with me, given their job descriptions, but this is honestly the way I feel. I felt the same way with Charlie Weis.

Not the only reason we lose, but enough of a reason when we lose these very tight games vs Big 10 opponents.

Thank you.

Jim Blase
alumnus
law school class of 1981
Sep. 19

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by Maria Fernandez

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By MAC HENDRICKSON
Scene Writer

No one would have thought, when "Gigli" was hitting rock bottom and the "Bennifer" situation was becoming more cliché and annoyingly-addressed than tabloid culture in general, that Ben Affleck had more artistic style up his sleeve than had been revealed in his contribution to the "Good Will Hunting" screenplay. "Gone Baby Gone" was something of a grand re-entrance for Affleck. "The Town" is his way of confirming his directorial mastery and promise for more good films.

If there were flaws with the film, they reside in the story. The standard crime elements of insipid character contradictions, tasteless revenge sequences and morally vacant actions taken by supposedly morally redeemed characters all add up to make "The Town" less emotionally involving than it could have been.

These flaws don't make the story seem any less real, just less powerful an emotional tool.

"The Town," like "Gone Baby Gone," takes place in the crime side of Boston and focuses around a local bank

thief, Doug MacRay (Affleck). After the loose cannon of the group (Jeremy Renner) takes a bank manager (Rebecca Hall) hostage and leaves her blindfolded on the other side of town, MacRay decides to keep an eye on her. After following becomes interacting and interacting leads to "buying a drink," MacRay and Keesey begin a romantic relationship. Their love is heavily based on Keesey's vulnerability as a hostage victim, a point of irony that seems to affect MacRay surprisingly little. Of course, this romance convinces MacRay to change his life, though this change hardly amounts to much as the film progresses.

MacRay's character is the most flawed. His actions as a criminal become more and more abhorrent as his conviction to change increases. The events in the last 20 minutes of the film will loose any sympathy the audience has for MacRay if it hasn't been lost already. MacRay never redeems himself as the protagonist, though his letter at the end of the film would have the audi-

ence believe otherwise.

What the film lacks in story, in makes up for in almost every other angle. Affleck's vision is outstanding. Among numerous scenes of spectacular dialogue and intimacy are several edge-of-your-seat action sequences, delivered in the popular Jason Bourne realist fashion.

Almost exceeding Affleck's success in direction are Hamm and Renner with exceptional performances. Hamm is unfortunately given too little face time; Renner is given just enough. Hamm delivers the best line of the film: "This not [messing] around thing is about to go both ways," but it's Renner who delivers the best scene. When his character, Coughlin, surprises MacRay on a lunch date with Claire, he lingers a little too long and threatens to blow their cover. The scene becomes one of those great cinematic experiences where the audience feels compelled to scream at the screen in a desperate attempt to



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intervene in what they perceive to be a disaster waiting to happen.

As crippling as emotional disconnectness can be for a drama, "The Town" shines. Affleck presents a solid glimpse at a criminal's attempt to change and

the end of the film has something to say about responsibility, about how the past shapes who we are and will be forever. Perhaps redemption is almost entirely out of the question for someone as criminally involved as MacRay. Affleck knows a thing or two about redemption.

The Town
Warner Bros.

Produced By: Warner Bros.
Director: Ben Affleck
Starring: Ben Affleck, Jon Hamm, Jeremy Renner and Rebecca Hall



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Faked out

Michigan State's fake field goal in overtime drops the Irish to 1-2

By ERIC PRISTER
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EAST LANSING, Mich. — As Michigan State kicker Dan Conroy lined up to attempt a 46-yard field goal to send the game into a second overtime, he was preparing for his first field goal try of the night. He never got that chance.

Instead, holder Aaron Bates rolled to the left and threw a touchdown to back-up tight end Charlie Gantt, propelling the Spartans to a 34-31 overtime victory over the Irish in Spartan Stadium.

"I saw the placeholder go up to No. 24 and tell him something, and something clicked in my head," sophomore linebacker Manti Te'o said. "When does the holder ever go up and talk to somebody? But I just went down and tried to block a field goal."

The fake field goal capped off an offensively driven game that saw over 900 yards in total offense between the two teams. Despite the back-and-forth scoring, though, the game came down to one play.

"It's a difficult loss obviously," Irish coach Brian Kelly said. "It came down to one play, and Michigan State executed that play. We did not. It was a hard fought game that went back and forth, and we came up short."

Junior quarterback Dayne Crist carried the offense, completing 32 of his 55 passes for 369 yards and four touchdowns. Sophomore receiver Theo Riddick pulled in 10 of those passes for 128 yards and a score.

"[Crist] did some good things," Kelly said. "What he has to work on — some of the ball control, taking care of the football. We turned the ball over three times, twice in the red zone, one time on a fourth down situation when we're trying to pick up a first down."

Notre Dame got on the scoreboard first, capping off an 80-yard drive with a seven-yard touchdown pass from Crist to junior receiver Michael Floyd. Floyd had six catches for 81 yards and two touchdowns against the Spartans.

"I think [the offense took another step this week]," Crist said. "I think that when we watch it tomorrow, that will be one of the positives. But we're always going to look back and think 'What if we made a play here or there, or executed a little better, what would have happened?'"

After an interception in the end zone by sophomore safety Zeke Motta, the Irish drove down the field, only to have their drive cut short when Floyd fumbled in the



TOM LA/The Observer

Dayne Crist lets loose one of his 55 passing attempts. Crist had 32 completions, four for touchdowns, en route to 369 yards — all career highs — in Notre Dame's 34-31 overtime loss at Michigan State Saturday night.

red zone.

"I was just disappointed," Floyd said. "Disappointed with myself sometimes. I let the team down with my fumble and that was a play during the early part of the game I think it affected the team. You can't do stuff like that."

The Irish defense was able to force another three-and-out on Michigan State's next series, and Notre Dame took over on Michigan State's 27-yard line. They were unable to capitalize, however, as Crist's pass on the first play of the drive was intercepted by sophomore Johnny Adams.

Michigan State took advantage of the change in momentum, driving 94 yards down the field and scoring on a Kirk Cousins pass to Keshawn Martin, which tied the game at seven. The Spartans rushed for 46 yards on the drive, including three straight runs by Bell which moved the Spartans from Notre Dame's 42 to the 6-

yard line.

"We hung in and we kept playing," Spartan coach Mark Dantonio said. "Sometimes it wasn't perfect but we ran the ball effectively. I don't know how many times we have had three 200-yard rushing games in a row. So, we made quite a statement."

The Spartans started the second half where they had left off, scoring on the second play when sophomore Edwin Baker ran 56 yards for the score, putting Michigan State ahead 14-7.

Crist then came out and completed five of his first six passes, finishing a 74-yard scoring drive with a 10-yard touchdown pass to junior tight end Kyle Rudolph.

Not to be outdone, Michigan State responded with its own 73-yard scoring drive which gave the hosts a 21-14 lead. Cousins completed every pass of the drive, and Le'Veon Bell finished off the drive with a 16-yard scamper, his lone score of the game.

Notre Dame responded once more, driving 77 yards on 11 plays to tie the game. Riddick caught three passes for 42 yards on the drive, including a 15-yard grab for a touchdown.

After the Irish defense forced another three-and-out, Notre Dame scored again on a 24-yard Crist pass to Floyd to give the Irish their first lead since the first quarter. After trading punts, though, Michigan State responded with a four-play, 56-yard scoring drive, which tied the game at 28.

The Spartans won the overtime coin toss and chose to defend first. After an incomplete pass and an Armando Allen run for seven yards, Crist completed a pass to Rudolph, but he came up just short of the first down marker.

"I was definitely at the stake," Rudolph said. "I had the point in the corner of my eye and I thought I was right there when I caught the ball. But you know, they marked it short and we've

just got to make plays."

The Irish settled for a 33-yard field goal, and gave the Spartans their opportunity. Notre Dame's defense forced the Spartans backwards four yards in three plays, when Michigan State lined up for a 46-yard field goal attempt. Instead, Dantonio called the fake field goal, and seconds later the Spartans were celebrating their third win of the year.

"We actually put it in on Wednesday," Dantonio said. "It worked every time. We looked at all the different looks that they would have and felt like it was about timing. They lined up and tried to block it, and they had the first option covered. It was a great job by Conroy distracting the corner as he was coming up the field. To be honest, we made the call ... and I said a little prayer. I said 'Let's go.'"

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player of the game

Dayne Crist
Irish quarterback

Crist kept Notre Dame in the game with his 369 passing yards and four touchdowns.

stat of the game

92 yards rushing

The Irish only managed 92 yards rushing against the Spartans, on only 26 attempts for a 3.5 yards per carry average.

play of the game

Charlie Gantt's 29-yard game-winning touchdown reception

Gantt was on the receiving end of Aaron Bates' pass on the game-winning fake field goal.

quote of the game

"When does the holder ever go up and talk to somebody? But I just went down and tried to block a field goal."

Manti Te'o
Irish linebacker on the game-winning play

report card

- B-** **quarterbacks:** Dayne Crist carried the Irish Saturday. He made 55 passing attempts, completing nearly 60 percent of them, but he threw a costly interception that needed to be avoided.
- B-** **running backs:** Armando Allen averaged 5.5 yards per carry, but he only got 13 attempts. Once the Irish abandoned the running game, neither he nor Jonas Gray could affect the game much.
- B** **receivers:** Theo Riddick, Michael Floyd and Kyle Rudolph combined for nearly 300 yards and four receiving touchdowns, but Floyd fumbled away another opportunity in the red zone.
- C+** **offensive line:** The Irish only gave up one sack Saturday, but Crist routinely needed to evade pressure. Add in Chris Stewart's personal foul on the opening drive, and it was a sub-par day.
- C+** **defensive line:** The Irish did not create enough pressure on Kirk Cousins when he elected to pass, and holes were available for the Spartans to run through when they used the ground.
- B** **linebackers:** Manti Te'o led the Irish with 11 tackles, including 2.5 for loss. Darius Fleming added another two tackles for loss, and Carlo Calabrese had 1.5 as well, but the Irish folded at the end.
- C** **defensive backs:** The game-winning play worked because the Irish safeties lost their assignments, and Kirk Cousins was much more successful through the air than he should have been.
- C-** **special teams:** Ben Turk's punts helped the Spartans' field position more often than they hampered Michigan State, and the successful fake field goal was the difference in the game.
- C** **coaching:** Clock management at the end of both halves cost the Irish chances to score, and Notre Dame appeared sloppy as a whole, but the offense did show signs of strength, if sporadically.
- 2.41** **overall:** Inconsistency across the board cost the Irish. Glimpses of what the offense can do were tantalizing, but it stalled when it was needed the most.

adding up the numbers

- 55** Dayne Crist attempted 55 passes, a career high. Notre Dame quarterbacks have only attempted more on four occasions.
- 32** Crist completed 32 passes, another career high. The mark ties for the fourth-most in Notre Dame single-game history.
- 11** Sophomore Zeke Motta, starting in place of injured Jamoris Slaughter, led the Irish with 11 tackles. Motta also recorded an interception.
- 8** In its 11 overtime contests all-time, Notre Dame has now lost eight of them, including an 0-2 record against Michigan State.
- 42** Notre Dame only converted 42 percent of its third downs (5-for-12).
- 10** After converting his 33-yard field goal in overtime, David Ruffer has made all 10 of his career field goal attempts.
- 110** Armando Allen's six receptions raised his career total to 110, setting the Notre Dame record for running backs.
- 4** By throwing four touchdown passes, Dayne Crist set a mark for most touchdown passes in a Notre Dame quarterback's first road start.



GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

Senior safety Harrison Smith tackles Michigan State running back Le'Veon Bell during one of his 17 rushes for 114 yards. Bell led the way for the Spartans, who tallied 203 total rushing yards.

Consistency starts with veterans

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Irish coach Brian Kelly spoke Sunday of his “24-hour rule:” the players have 24 hours to think about a loss, and then need to forget and turn their focus to next week's opponents.

By that rule, junior receiver Michael Floyd has already forgotten about his fumble in the second quarter of Saturday's game. Senior safety Harrison Smith no longer remembers the blown coverage on the last play of the game that allowed the winning touchdown. Junior quarterback Dayne Crist has no memory of a costly red zone interception.

In reality, they probably still remember those mistakes. And they probably should.

These players are three of the most important and talented players on the team, and it's clear that they have high expectations for themselves. Through their play and work ethic, they have earned high expectations from coaches and fans as well.

After last week's game against Michigan, Kelly rightly took the blame for the mistakes made by backup quarterbacks Tommy Rees and Nate Montana. They weren't prepared as they should have been, and he took responsibility for that.

But he wasn't at fault for these, and he said as much.

Of the fake field goal, Kelly said the team knew it was a possibility.

“It was the same play that MSU ran

against Texas Tech,” he said. “It was well-executed, and our guy who was in coverage fell down.”

Of Floyd's lost fumble, which occurred at Michigan State's 11-yard line and killed Notre Dame's longest drive of the day, Kelly had a similar sentiment Sunday in his teleconference.

“We just clearly have to take care of the football,” Kelly said. “[Floyd's] a big kid. There's no excuse why the ball should be on the ground. And that's something he's got to do. We coach it every day.”

Of Crist's interception, which came as the Irish had an opportunity to start a drive at the Spartans' 27-yard-line, and of his fourth-and-two fumble, Kelly acknowledged his quarterback's shortcoming.

“Dayne did some good things, but what he has to work on is ball control and taking care of the football,” Kelly said.

Perhaps Kelly wouldn't be that frank with the media if he didn't think his players could handle it. But he certainly wasn't throwing them under the bus with his statements.

These three were not the only offenders — plenty of Irish made mistakes during the game.

But these errors stand out because of who made them.

Coaches have lauded Floyd and Smith as two of the hardest-working players on the team. Before the season started, Kelly told reporters Floyd had set the standard for work among offensive players. He talked of how Smith had become a leader for the defense.

Crist, of course, is the head of the offense.

So, when the leaders and standard-bearers are making costly errors, how can the team expect to function?

Floyd seemed to understand as much following the game.

“I let the team down with my fumble,” he said. “I think it affected the team. You can't do stuff like that.”

Mistakes can be written off when they're made by freshmen and coached away when they're made by inexperienced players.

But when juniors and seniors are making the costly errors, there's no way around it.

Floyd, arguably one of the most talented players in the stadium at any given game, has not been the constant fans have come to expect. The fumble was not the only play he should have converted.

Smith, the most experienced member of the secondary, needs to set a better example. The play on the fake field goal was not the only tackle he missed.

But as Kelly acknowledged, Crist played well on the whole. He had to carry the offense and did for much of the game.

Floyd and Smith had their bright points, too — Floyd scored two touchdowns, including a nice catch at the back of the end zone, and Smith effectively broke up a few passes late in the game.

Without these players, Notre Dame would be nowhere. They keep the team in the game each week and did so Saturday.

But they are also the ones who should be the most consistent for the Irish. If they can't play a complete game, how can fans expect any Notre Dame player to do so?

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

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Riddick relishes new role as receiver



Sophomore receiver Theo Riddick, a running back for the Irish before switching positions this spring, splits the Spartan defense after pulling in one of his 10 catches for 128 yards and a touchdown.

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Whenever Notre Dame’s offense was moving Saturday, it seemed sophomore receiver Theo Riddick had a hand in it.

Riddick, who totaled four receptions for 16 yards in Notre Dame’s first two games, led all players with 10 receptions and 128 yards at Michigan State.

His 15-yard touchdown reception in the third quarter, which tied the game 21-21, was the first score of his career.

“He broke out,” Irish coach Brian Kelly said. “He’s an exciting player. We knew that he was going to be able to add to our offense. It was just a matter of time.”

Riddick, who spent his freshman year as a running back and transitioned to receiver in the spring, opened the season on top of the depth chart at the slot position. But he caught just two passes against Purdue, with a long of seven yards, and two more against Michigan with a long of three yards.

“[Those games] weren’t frustrating at all,” Riddick said. “Just a learning experience.”

Against Michigan State, Riddick’s

longest catch was a 24-yarder in the third quarter, which brought the Irish to the Michigan State 10-yard line and set up a Kyle Rudolph touchdown on the next play.

Riddick was involved in all but one of Notre Dame’s scoring drives.

“That’s what we’ve been seeing out of Theo every day in practice,” Rudolph said. “I kept telling everybody, ‘We’ll see that on Saturday one of these weeks.’ He really came out and played well today.”

Riddick said the offense didn’t stray far from the original game plan, but some of his catches resulted from junior quarterback Dayne Crist finding him unguarded in the Spartans’ zone defense.

“They just gave me opportunities,” he said. “I would say my number was called more, but at the same time I was open a lot also.”

Michigan State’s defense concentrated mainly on Rudolph and junior receiver Michael Floyd, who had 80 and 81 receiving yards, respectively. That made Riddick an easy third option.

“Now he gives us that third weapon we had been looking for to balance off Rudolph and Floyd,” Kelly said.

Though Riddick caught six passes for 43 yards as a freshman, including a long of 16, he had struggled to be at ease in his new role.

“I guess the game showed I was very comfortable,” Riddick said. “Finally getting used to my position.”

He said he never doubted the switch, however.

“I always thought I could do it. That’s why I moved to this position,” Riddick said.

But in a way, Riddick isn’t through with his old position. He used his running back skills to evade defenders in open space on more than one carry, often turning a short pass into a long play.

“Once I got the ball in the open field I turned into a running back,” Riddick said. “Before the play I’m a wide receiver. After the catch I’m a running back.”

Theo Riddick
sophomore running back

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MSU coach suffers heart attack after win

By ERIC PRISTER
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EAST LANSING, Mich. — Spartans coach Mark Dantonio suffered a mild heart attack after Michigan State’s win Saturday night. He was hospitalized early Sunday morning after experiencing symptoms of heart problems, and had surgery to insert a stent to restore blood flow.

“The procedure was successful and blood flow to the heart muscle was restored,” said Dr. Chris D’Haem, an interventional cardiologist with at the Sparrow Hospital Emergency Room during a Sunday press conference. “I’m very pleased with the outcome of the procedure.”

D’Haem said that the damage was minimal and the surgery is “relatively common,” but that Dantonio will remain in the hospital for a few more days as a precaution.

“He is young, in excellent shape, and the damage to his heart was minimal,” D’Haem said. “Coach Dantonio made the right decision to come in and get checked out immediately.”

Nail-biters

Notre Dame’s 34-31 loss to Michigan State marks the ninth time out of the last 11 contests between the two teams that have been decided by seven points or less. Eight of those nine games have seen the game-winning score come either late in the fourth quarter or in overtime. In

2002, Irish receiver Arnaz Battle took a short pass for 60 yards and scored with 1:15 left to defeat the Spartans. Michigan State running back Jason Teague scored from 19 yards out in overtime in 2005 to give the Spartans a 44-41 win after Notre Dame had erased a 21-point deficit to force overtime.

Record breaker

With his sixth catch of the night, senior running back Armando Allen became Notre Dame’s all-time leading pass catcher among running backs. He passed Darius Walker, who previously held the record with 109 catches. Allen is only 171 more all-purpose yards to pass 1989 All-American Raghib

“Rocket” Ismail for fifth on Notre Dame’s all-time list.

Passing attack

Irish junior quarterback Dayne Crist set career highs in pass completions (32), pass attempts (55), passing yards (369) and touchdown passes (four). His touchdown mark was the highest for any Irish quarterback making his first road start. Junior receiver Michael Floyd has now scored touchdowns in three straight games against Michigan State. Floyd also tied Maurice Stovall for sixth all-time on Notre Dame’s touchdown list. Saturday was his fourth career multi-touchdown game.

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
ND	7	0	14	7	3	31
MSU	0	7	14	7	6	34

First quarter

Notre Dame 7, Michigan State 0
Michael Floyd 7-yd pass from Dayne Crist (David Ruffer kick) with 5:28 remaining.
Drive: 9 plays, 80 yards, 2:24 elapsed.

Second quarter

Notre Dame 7, Michigan State 7
Keshawn Martin 6-yd pass from Kirk Cousins (Dan Conroy kick) with 2:22 remaining.
Drive: 7 plays, 94 yards, 3:17 elapsed.

Third quarter

Notre Dame 7, Michigan State 14
Edwin Baker 56-yd run (Conroy kick) with 14:20 remaining.
Drive: 2 plays, 74 yards, 0:35 elapsed.

Notre Dame 14, Michigan State 14
Kyle Rudolph 10-yd pass from Crist (Ruffer kick) with 12:25 remaining.
Drive: 6 plays, 74 yards, 1:49 elapsed.

Notre Dame 14, Michigan State 21
Le’Veon Bell 16-yd run (Conroy kick) with 5:51 remaining.
Drive: 11 plays, 73 yards, 6:29 elapsed.

Notre Dame 21, Michigan State 21
Theo Riddick 15-yd pass from Crist (Ruffer kick) with 1:29 remaining.
Drive: 11 plays, 77 yards, 4:16 elapsed.

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 28, Michigan State 21
Floyd 24-yd pass from Crist (Ruffer kick) with 13:20 remaining
Drive: 5 plays, 52 yards, 1:29 elapsed

Notre Dame 28, Michigan State 28
B.J. Cunningham 24-yd pass from Cousins (Conroy kick) with 7:43 remaining
Drive: 4 plays, 56 yards, 2:12 elapsed.

Overtime

Notre Dame 31, Michigan State 28
Ruffer 33-yd field goal
Drive: 4 plays, 9 yards

Notre Dame 31, Michigan State 34
Charlie Gantt 29-yd pass from Aaron Bates
Drive: 4 plays, 25 yards

statistics

rushing yards

ND	92
MSU	203

passing yards

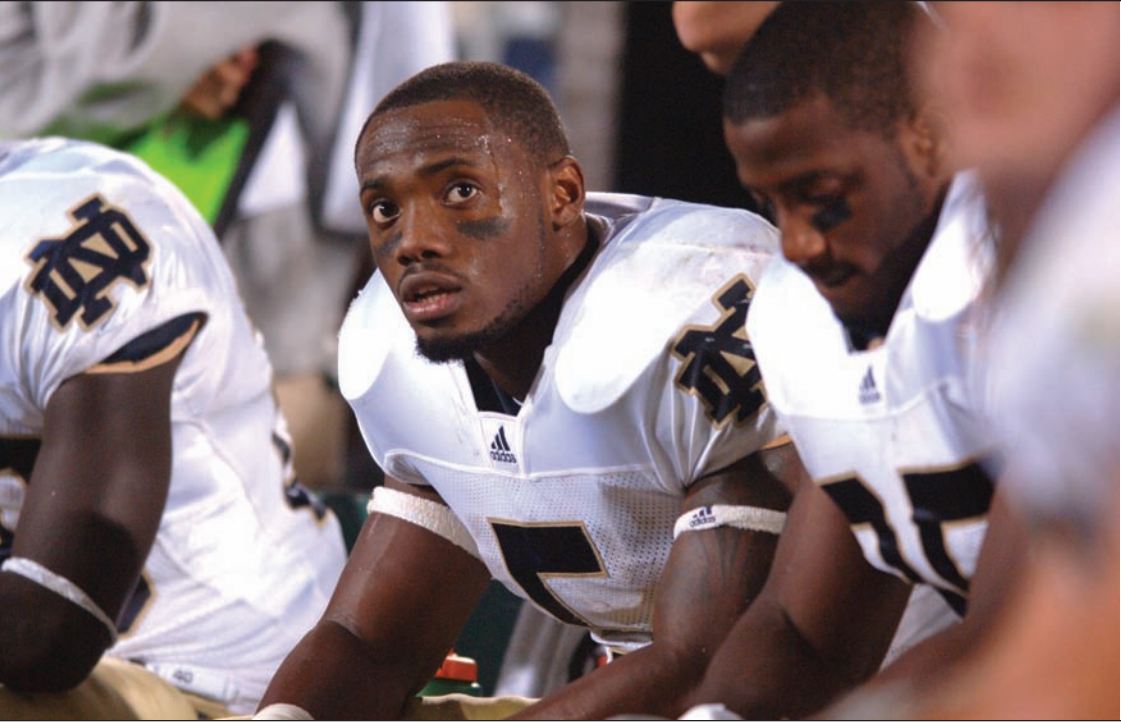
ND	369
MSU	274

Time of Possession

ND	25:36
MSU	34:24



passing			
Crist	32-55-369	Cousins	23-33-245
rushing			
Allen	13-71	Bell	17-144
Gray	3-12	Baker	14-98
Crist	6-8	Martin	1-4
receiving			
Riddick	10-128	Cunningham	7-101
Floyd	8-81	Martin	8-96
Rudolph	8-80	Gantt	2-41
Allen	6-70	Bell	2-18



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A tough way to go

Michigan State relied on a strong running game to amass nearly half of its 477 total yards Saturday, but in the end, it was a 29-yard touchdown pass from a punter to a tight end that cost Notre Dame a win, as Aaron Bates connected with

Charlie Gnatt in overtime on a fake field goal play. The trick play left the Irish looking for answers, coming off a game in which they amassed 461 total yards, including 369 passing courtesy of junior quarterback Dayne Crist. Crist completed passes to five receivers. Sophomore Theo Riddick led the way with 10 catches for 128 yards and a touchdown and junior Michael Floyd pulled in eight catches for 80 yards and two scores, including Notre Dame's first touchdown of the day.



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Clockwise from top: Running back Armando Allen looks up at the scoreboard during the game; receiver Michael Floyd pulls in one of his eight receptions for 80 yards; a Michigan State defender gets the only sack of Irish quarterback Dayne Crist of the game; the Notre Dame defense brings down a Spartan ballcarrier; Jonas Gray sidesteps a tackler.

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style spotter



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By COURTNEY COX
Scene Writer

Name: Sadie Olen

Spotted: In South Dining Hall

Sadie is wearing a chic headband, a light scarf and mid-calf boots as accessories to her cardigan-dress combination. She was dressed for Mass on a sunny Sunday morning.

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DEVIL

FAILS TO DELIVER

By ANKUR CHAWLA
Scene Writer

In the latest of “The Night Chronicles,” M. Night Shyamalan once again proves his inability to make a movie close to as good as “The Sixth Sense.” This supposed horror film was underdeveloped and, as usual, the classic Shyamalan twist lacked depth and insight. In fact, the biggest twist was hyping this movie only for it to, predictably, fail to meet expectations.

The movie begins with half a dozen shots of virtually the same footage, panning upside-down from the side of a city to the top of a building looking down. For a movie only 80 minutes long, burning four to five minutes on that seemed like quite a waste.

The entirety of the movie is narrated by a security guard who, for the most part, says everything that happens before it does. Shyamalan tried to build suspense and drama through the use of a ridiculous amount of coincidences, and the narrator repeats this at least 47 times through the course of the movie. Not only diluting the effect of the idea, this repetition is, more than anything, an annoying attempt to be poetic.

The role of Detective Bowden, played by Chris Messina (“Made of Honor”, “Away We Go”), is the focus of this film as he watches the five people in the elevator from the security room. After losing his wife and son in a car accident (like in most of Shyamalan’s movies) he is a cynic about the world and the decency of human beings. His character is supposed to show growth and development through the movie, but the actor portrays everything but. His stoic performance is almost as bad as the so-called twist.

As for the characters inside the elevator, the most interesting and bearable of the characters is a salesman who tries to sell mattresses to the others trapped in the elevator. The other highlight of the movie is an old woman, played by Jenny O’Hara (“The King of Queens”), who was carrying pepper spray noted to have expired in 1986. Her character was not only dynamic, but funny and accurate.

One of the worst qualities of the movie was that during every “scary” sequence, the screen is blank and viewers can only hear a young woman scream.

The most horrifying part of this movie was having to sit through the entirety of it. I almost would have rather been stuck in the elevator than stuck watching the people in it.

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Devil

Universal Pictures

Story By: M. Night Shyamalan

Director: John Erick Dowdle

Starring: Chris Messina, Bojana Novakovic and Bokeem Woodbine



NFL

Texans complete second-half comeback against Redskins

Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — Their quarterback threw for 497 yards. They overcame a 17-point third-quarter deficit. They've beaten Peyton Manning and Donovan McNabb back-to-back. They even won an overtime game for the first time.

Needless to say, these are not your older brother's Houston Texans.

Houston won a wild one Sunday, a game that produced nearly 1,000 yards of offense and wasn't done until Neil Rackers kicked a 35-yard field goal with 3:24 left in the extra period. The Texans knocked off the Washington Redskins 30-27 to move to 2-0 for the second time in the franchise's nine-year history, giving promise that this might be the year they finally make the playoffs.

"My thought coming into this week was that I knew that a lot of people was going to be questioning us, asking if we were for real," said Andre Johnson, who had 158 yards receiving and tied a career high with 12 catches despite leaving the game for part of the second half with a sprained right ankle. "I think we showed a little something today."

A week after Arian Foster rushed for a franchise-record 231 yards in an upset over the nemesis Indianapolis Colts, the Texans went back to the air. Matt Schaub completed 38 of 52 passes for 497 yards —

yep, another franchise record — with three touchdowns with one interception despite getting sacked five times.

Kevin Walter caught 11 passes for 144 yards. Foster had 69 yards on 19 carries and caught three passes for 69 yards. Mario Williams was the defensive star in a game without much defense, sacking McNabb three times.

Two of Schaub's completions stand out above the others. A fourth-and-10 heave turned into a touchdown when Johnson outjumped safety Reed Doughty in the end zone to snag a 34-yard touchdown pass that tied the game at 27 with 2:03 to play to regulation, Johnson's 601st career catch.

A similar throw led to Joel Dreessen's leaping, turn-around grab in overtime, a 28-yard pass to move the ball to the Washington 18 to set up Rackers' kick, giving the Texans their first overtime win in seven tries since entering the league in 2002.

"I'm just trying to give guys a chance to make a play," Schaub said. "The one to Andre was fourth down. He had two guys on him. I don't even know how he caught it. ... We got behind in a tough environment and we battled, and it just shows the resolve this team has."

McNabb was also cranking it out, hitting 28 of 38 passes for 426 yards with one touchdown for the Redskins, who are 1-1 under new coach Mike Shanahan. It was the first

time both quarterbacks threw for more than 400 yards in an NFL game since Drew Bledsoe and Dan Marino put on a show when New England played Miami in September 1994, according to STATS.

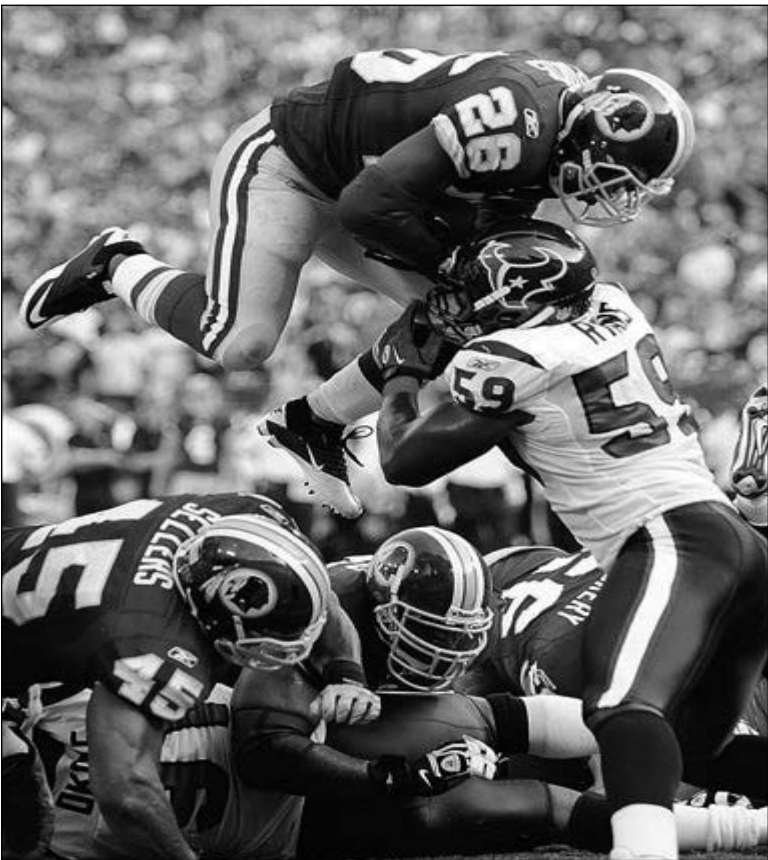
"That type of game is always tough to lose," Shanahan said. "You have your opportunities to put the game away, and you don't take advantage of it."

The overtime was just as crazy as the rest of the game. The Texans won the coin toss to get the ball and moved to the Washington 34, but coach Gary Kubiak opted to punt rather than try a 52-yard field goal because he didn't think the breeze was favorable. The punt went for a touchback, giving Washington the ball at its own 20.

The Redskins then drove to the Houston 34 — the same yard line as the Texans — and Shanahan opted to try the field goal. Graham Gano made the first attempt, but it didn't count because Kubiak called timeout just before the snap. Gano's second try was wide right, putting the ball back in Schaub's hands for the winning drive.

"I felt real good about the first one. I hit it real well. I maybe got a little more relaxed on the second one," Gano said. "I thought I was going to make it. Maybe next time I just won't relax as much."

Another key play came when the Redskins had a chance to take a 30-20 lead with 6:36 to play in regula-



Redskins running back Clinton Portis gets by Texans linebacker DeMeco Ryans for an early score in Houston's 30-27 victory Sunday

tion. Gano was set to kick a chip shot 29-yarder, but Bernard Pollard blocked it to keep the Texans within one score.

There were other oddities. Two of McNabb's completions in the second quarter went for 62 yards apiece, but neither scored a touchdown. He threw for 101 yards in one drive, a statistical anomaly made pos-

sible by a sack and a penalty. Clinton Portis had two 1-yard touchdown runs, but the Redskins rushed for only 18 yards overall.

"I told the team there probably wasn't a guy on our team that didn't have a bonehead play," Kubiak said. "But there probably wasn't a guy on our team that didn't make a great play in the game."

MLB

Werth's homer completes Phillies comeback

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Jayson Werth hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning after Ryan Howard had a two-run single to lift the Philadelphia Phillies to their seventh straight win, 7-6 over the Washington Nationals on Sunday.

Werth's homer off Drew Storen helped the Phillies maintain their three-game lead in the NL East over the Atlanta Braves. The teams begin a three-game series in Philadelphia on Monday night with Cole Hamels facing Jair Jurrjens in the opener.

Storen, who has blown two of six save opportunities, entered the ninth with a three-run lead. He gave up a leadoff single to Placido Polanco and a double to Chase Utley. Howard followed with his

hit to make it 6-5.

Werth, who had three hits, three RBIs and two runs scored, hit a full-count fastball over the 409-foot sign in center field for the second game-winning homer of his career. It is the fifth walk-off home run for the Phillies this year.

Down 3-1, the Nationals rallied against Phillies starter Joe Blanton for three runs in the sixth. Ian Desmond led off the inning with a single to right field. After a lineout to left, Desmond stole second and Adam Dunn walked. Roger Bernadina popped out to shortstop and Desmond, who was attempting to steal third, had to scamper back to second.

Mariners 2, Rangers 1

Doug Fister tossed seven

impressive innings, outpitching Tommy Hunter to help the Seattle Mariners beat the AL West-leading Texas Rangers on Sunday.

Ryan Langerhans hit a leadoff triple in the seventh and scored on a single by Josh Wilson, giving Seattle the lead and chasing Hunter (12-4).

Texas' magic number remained six for clinching its first division title since 1999. The Rangers have a nine-game lead over Oakland, which beat Minnesota 6-2.

Langerhans went 2 for 3 and drew a 12-pitch walk from Hunter in his first start in a week.

Fister (6-12) allowed one run and nine hits. David Aardsma issued a leadoff walk to pinch-hitter Chris Davis in the ninth but held on for his 31st save.

Nelson Cruz homered for the

Rangers.

Chone Figgins singled in the sixth on a ball that deflected off second base and crossed up short-stop Elvis Andrus. Franklin Gutierrez doubled to left field, scoring Figgins from first after the relay to the plate got away from catcher Matt Treanor.

Langerhans tripled down the right-field line in the seventh and scored on a sharply hit single by Wilson.

Hunter kept Seattle's anemic offense in check through the first five innings. He allowed just two hits and didn't let a runner into scoring position until Gutierrez's double.

The Rangers put the ball in play against Fister, but couldn't come up with a clutch hit. Vladimir Guerrero was thrown out by

Langerhans attempting to advance to second on a single off the left-field wall in the sixth.

Cruz then homered to left to give Texas a 1-0 lead.

Ian Kinsler and Mitch Moreland followed with singles, but the Rangers were unable to scratch out another run.

Giants 9, Brewers 2

Jose Guillen hit a grand slam and drove in six runs, Barry Zito won for the first time in two months and the San Francisco Giants regained first place in the NL West with a win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Sunday.

After a loss Saturday to fall behind San Diego in the West, the Giants moved a half-game up on the Padres, who lost to St. Louis 4-1.

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NASCAR

Bowyer tops Stewart to win Chase opener

Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H.— As the last seed in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, Clint Bowyer didn't land on many lists of legitimate title contenders.

Bowyer wasn't mentioned in the same breath as four-time defending champion Jimmie Johnson, and that spotlight on favorites Denny Hamlin and Kevin Harvick never drifted in his direction.

Bowyer was pressure-free as he headed into the Chase opener at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, and with nothing to lose, he swung for the fences.

Bowyer dominated Sunday until a series of cautions found him trailing Tony Stewart over the closing laps of the Chase opener. With both drivers trying to nurse their sputtering fuel tanks to the finish, Bowyer found himself in position to pounce when Stewart's tank ran dry a lap from the checkered flag.

It snapped an 88-race losing streak for Bowyer, jettisoned him from 12th in the standings to second, and sent the Richard Childress Racing driver into Round 2 of the Chase loving his championship chances.

"I had a lot of fun, it was kind of a relaxing weekend," he said. "I don't know if it's going to be that way from now on. But I'm telling you, we launched ourselves into the pressure cooker early. You've got to be able to continue to have as much fun as we did this weekend. If we can do that, we can continue to have the success and run at this pace."

And what a pace it was.

In arguably the best Chase opener since the format's 2004 debut, the championship contenders bounced all over the field Sunday as driver after driver faced various issues.

Hamlin, the points leader, was spun by Carl Edwards on a mid-race restart and rallied from 22nd to finish second. Harvick, the points leader for most of the "regular season," struggled through a series of bad pit stops to fall as low as 18th before finishing fifth.

Johnson was derailed by a loose right wheel late in the race to finish 25th, the lowest of the Chase drivers. And after stressing that New Hampshire was his biggest concern of the Chase, Matt Kenseth capped a weekend of struggles with a noncompetitive 23rd-place finish.

Then there was Stewart, who tried to stretch his gas the final 92 laps in pursuit of the victory.

When it backfired, he limped his car home to a 24th-place finish that cost him five spots in the standings.

"We went down swinging," he said, shrugging. "It's a tough way to start the Chase. I would have settled for second.

If you knew exactly how much gas you have, it would be different, but you never know. It's part of the sport, always has been. It's what makes it exciting when you never know until the last lap who's going to happen."

The Chase shifts next weekend to Dover, Del., where Hamlin takes a 35-point lead over Bowyer into one of his weakest race tracks.

"It gives me somewhat of a buffer," he said. "We all know how Dover is for me."

The race at the top of the standings is still tight, even for Johnson, who dropped five spots to seventh. But at only 92 points out and headed to a track where he's a five-time winner, Johnson didn't seem worried.

"We'll go home and get back to work and go after it again next week," Johnson said.

He'll now have to contend with Bowyer, who is looking for a repeat of the 2007 Chase.

He slid into the field that year and earned his first career victory with a breakthrough win in the New Hampshire opener. It set the tone for a strong run for Bowyer, who wound up a career-high third in the final standings.

Bowyer felt as if he was still capable of winning the championship that year as he headed into the season finale trailing Johnson and Jeff Gordon, and he hopes the momentum of his New Hampshire repeat helps him hang with the leaders the next nine weeks.

"This reminded me a lot of 2007," he said. "That first win of the season ... that confidence, the momentum, everybody, not just for me. Everybody has a major pep in their step right now and they are going to carry that through on to next week and if we can

continue to ride that momentum wave through this Chase, we can have a shot at it just like we did in 2007."

It could have gone very differently, though.

Bowyer was pressed by crew chief Shane Wilson to save his fuel, and the order frustrated him as he tried to run down Stewart. Bowyer knew if he couldn't run wide-open, he wouldn't catch Stewart, and he wanted the win after leading a race-high 177 laps.

He successfully managed his fuel, and Stewart ran out of gas right before he took the white flag.

Bowyer sailed past him, held off the hard-charging Hamlin, and never second-guessed Wilson's call.

"You dominated the race. You owe it to yourself to go out there and try and win the race," he said. "We are the 12th seed going in, those are the kind of chances you're going to have to take to beat these guys in this championship Chase."

"I had a lot of fun, it was kind of a relaxing weekend."

**Clint Bowyer
NASCAR driver**

SMC GOLF

Saint Mary's in fourth place on home course

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

Against the top 10 teams in the country, the No. 5 Belles currently sit in fourth place in the O'Brien National Invitational at the Warren Golf Course, the home course for Saint Mary's.

The Belles shot 324 collectively and are trailing Methodist (316), DePauw (317) and Wisconsin Eau-Claire (318).

Belles coach Mark Hamilton liked the way his team played late in the day, but admitted that they got off to a slow start.

"We bounced back well," Hamilton said. "We had a rough beginning, but we had a good back nine."

If anything needs to change for the Belles to climb into the lead today, Hamilton believes that the Belles just need to stay relaxed from the start.

"I wasn't expecting that we

would be quite that tense," Hamilton said. "But we've got young players and we're playing the best teams in the country so it's quite natural that we would be a little tense."

Freshman Marin Beagley handed in the lowest score of the day with a 74. Senior Mary Kate Boyce shot an 80, which was good for a share of 12th place on the day. Freshman Doyle O'Brien had an impressive outing, shooting 84, and freshman Paige Pollack shot an 86.

Hamilton seemed confident that if the Belles shake away some of that early-round tension, they can make a run at winning the tournament and show that they are the team to beat both regionally and nationally.

Play will resume at 8 a.m. today at the Warren Golf Course.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles split four weekend matches

By KATHERINE MACK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's broke even this weekend at the Manchester Invitational, winning a pair of opening matches on Saturday before losing the final two matches on Sunday.

The Belles (3-8) beat Franklin College, 3-1 (26-24, 25-10, 22-25, 25-19), to open the tournament, victory for Saint Mary's (3-8).

Sophomore Autumn Nelson led the team with 15 kills, while contributing five digs and two service aces. Sophomore Stephanie Bodien added eight kills, five digs and four aces. Freshman Hailee Leitz served a team-high eight aces.

"We really served aggressively against them, which allowed us to get them out of their system and help us run our offense really well," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said.

The next match for the Belles was on Saturday against Milikin University White squad. Prior to the tournament, Milikin split into white and blue squads to accommodate the absence of a previously committed team. Saint Mary's earned a 3-2 (25-19, 22-25, 24-26, 25-23, 16-14) victory over the Big Blue.

"In our match versus Milikin, again our outside hit-

ters really did a wonderful job for us — Autumn Nelson having 15 kills and Stephanie Bodien having 16," Kuschel said.

Continuing the tournament on Sunday, the Belles fell in a close match against Purdue North Central (15-4) by a score of 3-1 (25-13, 25-22, 23-25, 25-22). Contributors included Leitz with 33 assists and seven digs, senior Meghann Rose with a team-high 20 digs and senior Ellen Huelsmann with 10 digs.

"We were pretty close with Purdue North Central and went point-for-point," Kuschel said. "We just made some critical errors."

Saint Mary's faced the Milikin Blue team for the second and final match on Sunday and lost by a score of 3-0 (25-14, 25-13, 25-15). Freshman Christi Wyble had five blocks and Rose made 11 digs.

"There's no doubt in my mind that we're going to learn from our errors and come back strong this week in conference play," Kuschel said. "We have some big matches coming up this week. This weekend has definitely helped us see what we need to work on tomorrow at practice before Tuesday's match against Kalamazoo."

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Illinois

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Senior David Anderson, Talmadge, sophomore Michael Moore, senior Sean Tan, freshman Ryan Brandy and senior Bryan Kelly rounded out the win total for the Irish in West Lafayette.

Play was shortened on Saturday at the Olympia Fields Invitational in Illinois, and only one round of singles play was completed, as the Irish finishing with a record of 6-3.

Senior Tyler Davis, Havens, junior Samuel Keeton and Andrews all picked up wins for the Irish on the second day of play.

Junior Casey Watt also picked up a win for the Irish over Ricky Doverspike of the Crimson Tide.

At Purdue, Fitzgerald won two matches on Saturday before falling to Green Bay's Paul Swanson in straight sets in the Flight A singles consolation bracket.

In the Flight B bracket, Brandy made it to the finals before falling to Western Michigan's Casey Cullen in three sets.

The Irish will continue their fall season the weekend of Oct. 1 when they travel to Cambridge, Mass., to compete in the Harvard Invitational.

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Malette

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top talent in the country.

"We met all of our own expectations in this race, but we have much bigger goals," Jackson said. "We want to establish ourselves as one of the best teams in the NCAA, and we're confident we can do that."

Also turning in strong showings were sophomore J.P. Malette, who finished in fifth with a time of 24:53, and sophomore Jeremy Rae, who crossed the line at 25:00. Freshman Martin Grady turned in a time of 25:11 for a ninth place finish.

The women's team also had a successful race, capturing the crown for the eighth time in the last 10 seasons. The Irish fin-

ished with 41 points to claim the championship. Dayton finished in second with 86 points.

Freshman Meg Ryan won the individual title in her Notre Dame debut. She finished the five-kilometer race in 15:37.

"That was obviously the top performance for us, and a great way for her to begin her college career," Irish coach Tim Connelly said. "It should be a big confidence builder for her as we face more intense competition as the season progresses."

Senior Erica Watson (18:04) and junior Rachel Velarde (18:05) finished eighth and ninth respectively.

Both teams will compete next in the Notre Dame Invitational on Oct. 1 at 2 p.m.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles record strong times at invitational

By MICHAEL TODISCO
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's finished eighth this weekend at the Knight Invitational at Calvin College. The Belles were able to post many notable individual times, as four individuals set personal records at the event.

Ranked No. 15 nationally, host team Calvin College grabbed the victory with a score of 39. Other highly-touted programs also performed well at the invitational. No. 14 Ohio Northern (69) and NAIA competitor No. 21 Aquinas (121) took second and third respectively. The Belles were able to best conference opponents Adrian and Alma en route to their eighth place finish (208).

Belles coach Jackie Bauters said she was pleased with her team's showing at the Knight Invitational.

"I am very happy with the team's performance this weekend," Bauters said. "It was a great field of runners and the ladies went after it."

Bauters was particularly impressed by the personal improvements exhibited by her team, as four individuals

recorded their lowest career times.

"I am so thrilled for all of them," she said. "They really did the work over the summer to get them in a place to have very successful seasons."

Junior Joanne Almond, who obliterated her previous best time by 45 seconds, led the Belles. She finished with a time of 19:25 and was the medalist for Saint Mary's, taking 23rd at the event. Emma Baker (20:25), Kristy Kucharski (20:49) and Lauren Easton (20:50) also set personal records at Calvin this weekend.

"It's great to have Emma [Baker] healthy this year after an early injury

last year prevented her from having a strong season," Bauters said.

Bauters added her team's success is driven by motivation and fortitude.

"I really believe this is the most talented and hardest working team I've coached at Saint Mary's," she said. "I think they have a lot to be confident about and it translated into a great race — it's going to be a great season."

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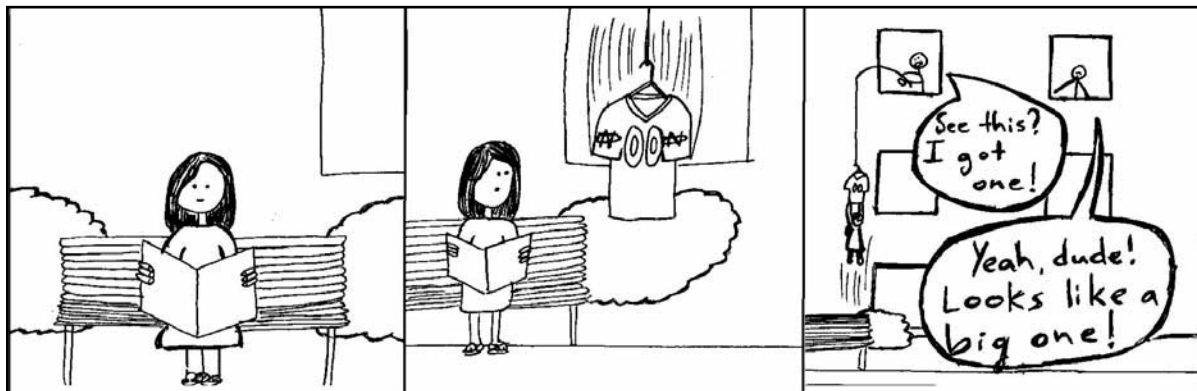
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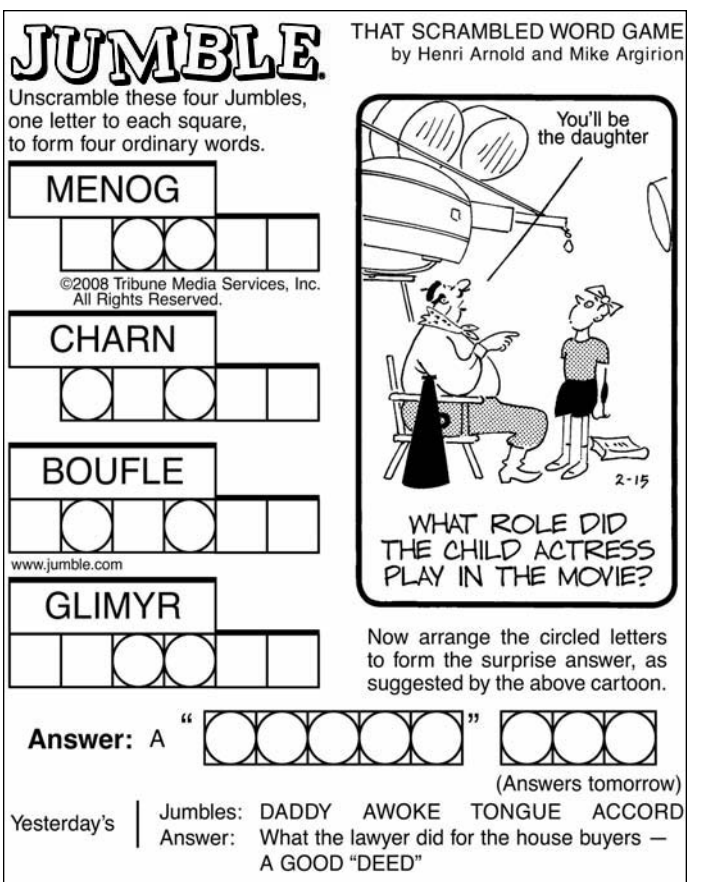
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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Freshman Footwork

Irish earn two wins in Chicago over weekend

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Although the transition from high school to collegiate soccer generally isn't a seamless transition, freshman midfielder Elizabeth Tucker is doing her best to prove otherwise. Tucker accounted for three of Notre Dame's four goals over weekend, lifting the Irish to a 2-0 victory over DePaul on Friday and a 2-1 win against Northwestern on Sunday.

Tucker netted both goals Friday to kick off No. 7 Notre Dame's conference season with a win, as the squad outshot DePaul (5-3-2) 13-6. Irish coach Randy Waldrum was especially pleased with his team's composure on the notoriously difficult Wish Field, a site Waldrum said the Irish (7-1) have struggled to find success in the past.

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Freshman forward Elizabeth Tucker controls a pass during Notre Dame's 2-0 win over Texas Tech on Sept. 5. Tucker netted two goals against DePaul and one against Northwestern over the weekend.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Both teams claim invite victories

By TIM SINGLER
Sports Writer

Both the men's and women's cross country teams captured their respective National Catholic Invitational titles Friday at the Notre Dame Golf Course.

The men's team claimed its 21st victory since the inception of the race in 1980. The team finished with 35 points, which was enough to stay ahead of second place Marquette, who concluded with 76 points. Bellarmine University captured both Division II titles.

Senior Dan Jackson led the men's team with a second place finish. He ran the five-mile race in 24:10, one minute less than last year's performance. After Friday's showing, Jackson is convinced that the team can jump into contention with the

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame drops three matches at home invitational

By MICHAEL TODISCO
Sports Writer

The Irish played a trio of matches this weekend at the Notre Dame Invitational, competing against Delaware, Santa Clara and Dayton. After sweeping a three game tournament last weekend, Notre Dame suffered the opposite outcome this week, dropping all three matches.

The weekend started on a

promising note, as the Irish (7-5) quickly seized a 2-0 lead in their match against Delaware (9-4) on Friday.

The Irish earned a 24-20 match point in the third set in what looked like a sure 3-0 win. However, Delaware stormed back with six unanswered points to capture the set 26-24. The Blue Hens won the next two sets, earning a 3-2 (18-25, 22-25, 26-24, 25-17, 15-11) victory over the Irish.

Although such a close loss is

particularly disappointing, Irish coach Debbie Brown viewed the match as an important learning opportunity for her team.

"We had so many opportunities to win the match and close it out," Brown said. "It was emotionally tough — everyone in the stadium thought we had the win wrapped up. As a team though, the lesson was that we can't count a game as over until the last point."

Saturday, the Irish lost their match against Santa Clara (8-5) in straight sets, losing 3-0 (25-18, 25-19, 26-24). The Irish were thoroughly out-hit by the Broncos, who had an attacking clip of .244 for the match. Brown explained the hitting disparity as a function of lacking a team rhythm.

"We were out of synch from the beginning against Santa Clara," she said. "Unforced errors and our inability to get kills really hurt us."

The Irish closed out the weekend Sunday afternoon against the No. 20 Dayton Flyers (9-3). Notre Dame lost in straight sets for the second consecutive match, losing 3-0 (25-12, 25-21, 25-20).

Notre Dame once again struggled with its hitting in the match. Led by tournament MVP Lindsay Fletemie, who had five blocks, Dayton held the Irish to a .104 hitting per-

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish offense held in check

By ERIC PRISTER
Associate Sports Editor

The No. 24 Irish had a difficult time scoring over the weekend, tying Michigan 0-0 Friday night before falling to No. 15 Michigan State 2-0 Sunday afternoon.

"We're not putting the ball in the net," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "I wish there was something we could do. We had 22 shots on Friday and 22 today, so you feel like we should be getting some goals out of these somehow. They're making their shots count. It's a concern obviously, but I don't know. We've been generating offense but we're not making it count."

Though both teams had 22 shots and seven shots on goal in

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Junior midfielder Adam Mena looks to advance the ball during Notre Dame's 2-0 loss against Michigan State on Sunday.

JULIE HERDER/The Observer

MEN'S TENNIS

Split squads travel to Purdue and Illinois

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The Irish opened their fall competitive season on Friday with half the team in West Lafayette at the Purdue Invitational and the other half at the University of Illinois.

The team opened play on Friday combining for 20 wins between the two split squads.

Irish coach Bobby Bayliss led the squad Friday in Illinois that claimed ten wins, including debut wins for freshmen Greg Andrews and Billy Pecor, as well as an impressive win from senior Stephen Havens over Abe Souza of Illinois.

"Greg Andrews has one of

the better forehands you will see this year and has become better moving forward and finishing at the net," Bayliss said. "Billy Pecor has a big game, hitting with power from both sides. All he needs to do is play within himself and continue to take advantage of his opportunities to move forward."

With associate head coach Ryan Sachire at the helm in West Lafayette, the Irish were just as successful with sophomore Spencer Talmadge and junior Niall Fitzgerald claiming back to back doubles wins over Dayton and Western Michigan.

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Michigan State 34, Notre Dame 31 (OT)

Faked out

Michigan State's fake field goal in overtime drops the Irish to 1-2

By ERIC PRISTER
Associate Sports Editor

EAST LANSING, Mich. — As Michigan State kicker Dan Conroy lined up to attempt a 46-yard field goal to send the game into a second overtime, he was preparing for his first field goal try of the night. He never got that chance.

Instead, holder Aaron Bates rolled to the left and threw a touchdown to back-up tight end Charlie Gantt, propelling the Spartans to a 34-31 overtime victory over the Irish in Spartan Stadium.

"I saw the placeholder go up to No. 24 and tell him something, and something clicked in my head," sophomore linebacker Manti Te'o said. "When does the holder ever go up and talk to somebody? But I just went down and tried to block a field goal."

The fake field goal capped off an offensively driven game that saw over 900 yards in total offense between the two teams. Despite the back-and-forth scoring, though, the game came down to one play.

"It's a difficult loss obviously," Irish coach Brian Kelly said. "It came down to one play, and Michigan State executed that play. We did not. It was a hard fought game that went back and forth, and we came up short."

Junior quarterback Dayne Crist carried the offense, completing 32 of his 55 passes for 369 yards and four touchdowns. Sophomore receiver Theo Riddick pulled in 10 of those passes for 128 yards and a score.

"[Crist] did some good things," Kelly said. "What he has to work on — some of the ball control, taking care of the football. We turned the ball over three times, twice in the red zone, one time on a fourth down situation when we're trying to pick up a first down."

Notre Dame got on the scoreboard first, capping off an 80-yard drive with a seven-yard touchdown pass from Crist to junior receiver Michael Floyd. Floyd had six catches for 81 yards and two touchdowns against the Spartans.

"I think [the offense took another step this week]," Crist said. "I think that when we watch it tomorrow, that will be one of the positives. But we're always going to look back and think 'What if we made a play here or there, or executed a little better, what would have happened?'"

After an interception in the end zone by sophomore safety Zeke Motta, the Irish drove down the field, only to have their drive cut short when Floyd fumbled in the



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Dayne Crist lets loose one of his 55 passing attempts. Crist had 32 completions, four for touchdowns, en route to 369 yards — all career highs — in Notre Dame's 34-31 overtime loss at Michigan State Saturday night.

red zone.

"I was just disappointed," Floyd said. "Disappointed with myself sometimes. I let the team down with my fumble and that was a play during the early part of the game I think it affected the team. You can't do stuff like that."

The Irish defense was able to force another three-and-out on Michigan State's next series, and Notre Dame took over on Michigan State's 27-yard line. They were unable to capitalize, however, as Crist's pass on the first play of the drive was intercepted by sophomore Johnny Adams.

Michigan State took advantage of the change in momentum, driving 94 yards down the field and scoring on a Kirk Cousins pass to Keshawn Martin, which tied the game at seven. The Spartans rushed for 46 yards on the drive, including three straight runs by Bell which moved the Spartans from Notre Dame's 42 to the 6-

yard line.

"We hung in and we kept playing," Spartan coach Mark Dantonio said. "Sometimes it wasn't perfect but we ran the ball effectively. I don't know how many times we have had three 200-yard rushing games in a row. So, we made quite a statement."

The Spartans started the second half where they had left off, scoring on the second play when sophomore Edwin Baker ran 56 yards for the score, putting Michigan State ahead 14-7.

Crist then came out and completed five of his first six passes, finishing a 74-yard scoring drive with a 10-yard touchdown pass to junior tight end Kyle Rudolph.

Not to be outdone, Michigan State responded with its own 73-yard scoring drive which gave the hosts a 21-14 lead. Cousins completed every pass of the drive, and Le'Veon Bell finished off the drive with a 16-yard scamper, his lone score of the game.

Notre Dame responded once more, driving 77 yards on 11 plays to tie the game. Riddick caught three passes for 42 yards on the drive, including a 15-yard grab for a touchdown.

After the Irish defense forced another three-and-out, Notre Dame scored again on a 24-yard Crist pass to Floyd to give the Irish their first lead since the first quarter. After trading punts, though, Michigan State responded with a four-play, 56-yard scoring drive, which tied the game at 28.

The Spartans won the overtime coin toss and chose to defend first. After an incomplete pass and an Armando Allen run for seven yards, Crist completed a pass to Rudolph, but he came up just short of the first down marker.

"I was definitely at the stake," Rudolph said. "I had the point in the corner of my eye and I thought I was right there when I caught the ball. But you know, they marked it short and we've

just got to make plays."

The Irish settled for a 33-yard field goal, and gave the Spartans their opportunity. Notre Dame's defense forced the Spartans backwards four yards in three plays, when Michigan State lined up for a 46-yard field goal attempt. Instead, Dantonio called the fake field goal, and seconds later the Spartans were celebrating their third win of the year.

"We actually put it in on Wednesday," Dantonio said. "It worked every time. We looked at all the different looks that they would have and felt like it was about timing. They lined up and tried to block it, and they had the first option covered. It was a great job by Conroy distracting the corner as he was coming up the field. To be honest, we made the call ... and I said a little prayer. I said 'Let's go.'"

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player of the game

Dayne Crist
Irish quarterback

Crist kept Notre Dame in the game with his 369 passing yards and four touchdowns.

stat of the game

92 yards rushing

The Irish only managed 92 yards rushing against the Spartans, on only 26 attempts for a 3.5 yards per carry average.

play of the game

Charlie Gantt's 29-yard game-winning touchdown reception

Gantt was on the receiving end of Aaron Bates' pass on the game-winning fake field goal.

quote of the game

"When does the holder ever go up and talk to somebody? But I just went down and tried to block a field goal."

Manti Te'o
Irish linebacker on the game-winning play

report card

- B-** **quarterbacks:** Dayne Crist carried the Irish Saturday. He made 55 passing attempts, completing nearly 60 percent of them, but he threw a costly interception that needed to be avoided.
- B-** **running backs:** Armando Allen averaged 5.5 yards per carry, but he only got 13 attempts. Once the Irish abandoned the running game, neither he nor Jonas Gray could affect the game much.
- B** **receivers:** Theo Riddick, Michael Floyd and Kyle Rudolph combined for nearly 300 yards and four receiving touchdowns, but Floyd fumbled away another opportunity in the red zone.
- C+** **offensive line:** The Irish only gave up one sack Saturday, but Crist routinely needed to evade pressure. Add in Chris Stewart's personal foul on the opening drive, and it was a sub-par day.
- C+** **defensive line:** The Irish did not create enough pressure on Kirk Cousins when he elected to pass, and holes were available for the Spartans to run through when they used the ground.
- B** **linebackers:** Manti Te'o led the Irish with 11 tackles, including 2.5 for loss. Darius Fleming added another two tackles for loss, and Carlo Calabrese had 1.5 as well, but the Irish folded at the end.
- C** **defensive backs:** The game-winning play worked because the Irish safeties lost their assignments, and Kirk Cousins was much more successful through the air than he should have been.
- C-** **special teams:** Ben Turk's punts helped the Spartans' field position more often than they hampered Michigan State, and the successful fake field goal was the difference in the game.
- C** **coaching:** Clock management at the end of both halves cost the Irish chances to score, and Notre Dame appeared sloppy as a whole, but the offense did show signs of strength, if sporadically.
- 2.41** **overall:** Inconsistency across the board cost the Irish. Glimpses of what the offense can do were tantalizing, but it stalled when it was needed the most.

adding up the numbers

- 55** Dayne Crist attempted 55 passes, a career high. Notre Dame quarterbacks have only attempted more on four occasions.
- 32** Crist completed 32 passes, another career high. The mark ties for the fourth-most in Notre Dame single-game history.
- 11** Sophomore Zeke Motta, starting in place of injured Jamoris Slaughter, led the Irish with 11 tackles. Motta also recorded an interception.
- 8** In its 11 overtime contests all-time, Notre Dame has now lost eight of them, including an 0-2 record against Michigan State.
- 42** Notre Dame only converted 42 percent of its third downs (5-for-12).
- 10** After converting his 33-yard field goal in overtime, David Ruffer has made all 10 of his career field goal attempts.
- 110** Armando Allen's six receptions raised his career total to 110, setting the Notre Dame record for running backs.
- 4** By throwing four touchdown passes, Dayne Crist set a mark for most touchdown passes in a Notre Dame quarterback's first road start.



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Senior safety Harrison Smith tackles Michigan State running back Le'Veon Bell during one of his 17 rushes for 114 yards. Bell led the way for the Spartans, who tallied 203 total rushing yards.

Consistency starts with veterans

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Irish coach Brian Kelly spoke Sunday of his "24-hour rule:" the players have 24 hours to think about a loss, and then need to forget and turn their focus to next week's opponents.

By that rule, junior receiver Michael Floyd has already forgotten about his fumble in the second quarter of Saturday's game. Senior safety Harrison Smith no longer remembers the blown coverage on the last play of the game that allowed the winning touchdown. Junior quarterback Dayne Crist has no memory of a costly red zone interception.



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In reality, they probably still remember those mistakes. And they probably should.

These players are three of the most important and talented players on the team, and it's clear that they have high expectations for themselves. Through their play and work ethic, they have earned high expectations from coaches and fans as well.

After last week's game against Michigan, Kelly rightly took the blame for the mistakes made by backup quarterbacks Tommy Rees and Nate Montana. They weren't prepared as they should have been, and he took responsibility for that.

But he wasn't at fault for these, and he said as much.

Of the fake field goal, Kelly said the team knew it was a possibility.

"It was the same play that MSU ran

against Texas Tech," he said. "It was well-executed, and our guy who was in coverage fell down."

Of Floyd's lost fumble, which occurred at Michigan State's 11-yard line and killed Notre Dame's longest drive of the day, Kelly had a similar sentiment Sunday in his teleconference.

"We just clearly have to take care of the football," Kelly said. "[Floyd's] a big kid. There's no excuse why the ball should be on the ground. And that's something he's got to do. We coach it every day."

Of Crist's interception, which came as the Irish had an opportunity to start a drive at the Spartans' 27-yard-line, and of his fourth-and-two fumble, Kelly acknowledged his quarterback's shortcoming.

"Dayne did some good things, but what he has to work on is ball control and taking care of the football," Kelly said.

Perhaps Kelly wouldn't be that frank with the media if he didn't think his players could handle it. But he certainly wasn't throwing them under the bus with his statements.

These three were not the only offenders — plenty of Irish made mistakes during the game.

But these errors stand out because of who made them.

Coaches have lauded Floyd and Smith as two of the hardest-working players on the team. Before the season started, Kelly told reporters Floyd had set the standard for work among offensive players. He talked of how Smith had become a leader for the defense.

Crist, of course, is the head of the offense.

So, when the leaders and standard-bearers are making costly errors, how can the team expect to function?

Floyd seemed to understand as much following the game.

"I let the team down with my fumble," he said. "I think it affected the team. You can't do stuff like that."

Mistakes can be written off when they're made by freshmen and coached away when they're made by inexperienced players.

But when juniors and seniors are making the costly errors, there's no way around it.

Floyd, arguably one of the most talented players in the stadium at any given game, has not been the constant fans have come to expect. The fumble was not the only play he should have converted.

Smith, the most experienced member of the secondary, needs to set a better example. The play on the fake field goal was not the only tackle he missed.

But as Kelly acknowledged, Crist played well on the whole. He had to carry the offense and did for much of the game.

Floyd and Smith had their bright points, too — Floyd scored two touchdowns, including a nice catch at the back of the end zone, and Smith effectively broke up a few passes late in the game.

Without these players, Notre Dame would be nowhere. They keep the team in the game each week and did so Saturday.

But they are also the ones who should be the most consistent for the Irish. If they can't play a complete game, how can fans expect any Notre Dame player to do so?

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Riddick relishes new role as receiver



Sophomore receiver Theo Riddick, a running back for the Irish before switching positions this spring, splits the Spartan defense after pulling in one of his 10 catches for 128 yards and a touchdown.

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EAST LANSING, Mich. — Whenever Notre Dame’s offense was moving Saturday, it seemed sophomore receiver Theo Riddick had a hand in it.

Riddick, who totaled four receptions for 16 yards in Notre Dame’s first two games, led all players with 10 receptions and 128 yards at Michigan State. His 15-yard touchdown reception in the third quarter, which tied the game 21-21, was the first score of his career.

“He broke out,” Irish coach Brian Kelly said. “He’s an exciting player. We knew that he was going to be able to add to our offense. It was just a matter of time.”

Riddick, who spent his freshman year as a running back and transitioned to receiver in the spring, opened the season on top of the depth chart at the slot position. But he caught just two passes against Purdue, with a long of seven yards, and two more against Michigan with a long of three yards.

“[Those games] weren’t frustrating at all,” Riddick said. “Just a learning experience.”

Against Michigan State, Riddick’s

longest catch was a 24-yarder in the third quarter, which brought the Irish to the Michigan State 10-yard line and set up a Kyle Rudolph touchdown on the next play.

Riddick was involved in all but one of Notre Dame’s scoring drives.

“That’s what we’ve been seeing out of Theo every day in practice,” Rudolph said. “I kept telling everybody, ‘We’ll see that on Saturday one of these weeks.’ He really came out and played well today.”

Riddick said the offense didn’t stray far from the original game plan, but some of his catches resulted from junior quarterback Dayne Crist finding him ungarded in the Spartans’ zone defense.

“They just gave me opportunities,” he said. “I would say my number was called more, but at the same time I was open a lot also.”

Michigan State’s defense concentrated mainly on Rudolph and junior receiver Michael Floyd, who had 80 and 81 receiving yards, respectively. That made Riddick an easy third option.

“Now he gives us that third weapon we had been looking for to balance off Rudolph and Floyd,” Kelly said.

Though Riddick caught six passes for 43 yards as a freshman, including a long of 16, he had struggled to be at ease in his new role.

“I guess the game showed I was very comfortable,” Riddick said. “Finally getting used to my position.”

He said he never doubted the switch, however.

“I always thought I could do it. That’s why I moved to this position,” Riddick said.

But in a way, Riddick isn’t through with his old position. He used his running back skills to evade defenders in open space on more than one carry, often turning a short pass into a long play.

“Once I got the ball in the open field I turned into a running back,” Riddick said. “Before the play I’m a wide receiver. After the catch I’m a running back.”

Theo Riddick
sophomore running back

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MSU coach suffers heart attack after win

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EAST LANSING, Mich. — Spartans coach Mark Dantonio suffered a mild heart attack after Michigan State’s win Saturday night. He was hospitalized early Sunday morning after experiencing symptoms of heart problems, and had surgery to insert a stent to restore blood flow.

“The procedure was successful and blood flow to the heart muscle was restored,” said Dr. Chris D’Haem, an interventional cardiologist with at the Sparrow Hospital Emergency Room during a Sunday press conference. “I’m very pleased with the outcome of the procedure.”

D’Haem said that the damage was minimal and the surgery is “relatively common,” but that Dantonio will remain in the hospital for a few more days as a precaution.

“He is young, in excellent shape, and the damage to his heart was minimal,” D’Haem said. “Coach Dantonio made the right decision to come in and get checked out immediately.”

Nail-biters

Notre Dame’s 34-31 loss to Michigan State marks the ninth time out of the last 11 contests between the two teams that have been decided by seven points or less. Eight of those nine games have seen the game-winning score come either late in the fourth quarter or in overtime. In

2002, Irish receiver Arnaz Battle took a short pass for 60 yards and scored with 1:15 left to defeat the Spartans. Michigan State running back Jason Teague scored from 19 yards out in overtime in 2005 to give the Spartans a 44-41 win after Notre Dame had erased a 21-point deficit to force overtime.

Record breaker

With his sixth catch of the night, senior running back Armando Allen became Notre Dame’s all-time leading pass catcher among running backs. He passed Darius Walker, who previously held the record with 109 catches. Allen is only 171 more all-purpose yards to pass 1989 All-American Raghib

“Rocket” Ismail for fifth on Notre Dame’s all-time list.

Passing attack

Irish junior quarterback Dayne Crist set career highs in pass completions (32), pass attempts (55), passing yards (369) and touchdown passes (four). His touchdown mark was the highest for any Irish quarterback making his first road start. Junior receiver Michael Floyd has now scored touchdowns in three straight games against Michigan State. Floyd also tied Maurice Stovall for sixth all-time on Notre Dame’s touchdown list. Saturday was his fourth career multi-touchdown game.

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
ND	7	0	14	7	3	31
MSU	0	7	14	7	6	34

First quarter

Notre Dame 7, Michigan State 0
Michael Floyd 7-yd pass from Dayne Crist (David Ruffer kick) with 5:28 remaining.
Drive: 9 plays, 80 yards, 2:24 elapsed.

Second quarter

Notre Dame 7, Michigan State 7
Keshawn Martin 6-yd pass from Kirk Cousins (Dan Conroy kick) with 2:22 remaining.
Drive: 7 plays, 94 yards, 3:17 elapsed.

Third quarter

Notre Dame 7, Michigan State 14
Edwin Baker 56-yd run (Conroy kick) with 14:20 remaining.
Drive: 2 plays, 74 yards, 0:35 elapsed.

Notre Dame 14, Michigan State 14
Kyle Rudolph 10-yd pass from Crist (Ruffer kick) with 12:25 remaining.
Drive: 6 plays, 74 yards, 1:49 elapsed.

Notre Dame 14, Michigan State 21
Le’Veon Bell 16-yd run (Conroy kick) with 5:51 remaining.
Drive: 11 plays, 73 yards, 6:29 elapsed.

Notre Dame 21, Michigan State 21
Theo Riddick 15-yd pass from Crist (Ruffer kick) with 1:29 remaining.
Drive: 11 plays, 77 yards, 4:16 elapsed.

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 28, Michigan State 21
Floyd 24-yd pass from Crist (Ruffer kick) with 13:20 remaining
Drive: 5 plays, 52 yards, 1:29 elapsed

Notre Dame 28, Michigan State 28
B.J. Cunningham 24-yd pass from Cousins (Conroy kick) with 7:43 remaining
Drive: 4 plays, 56 yards, 2:12 elapsed.

Overtime

Notre Dame 31, Michigan State 28
Ruffer 33-yd field goal
Drive: 4 plays, 9 yards

Notre Dame 31, Michigan State 34
Charlie Gantt 29-yd pass from Aaron Bates
Drive: 4 plays, 25 yards

statistics

rushing yards



ND	92
MSU	203

passing yards

ND	369
MSU	274

Time of Possession

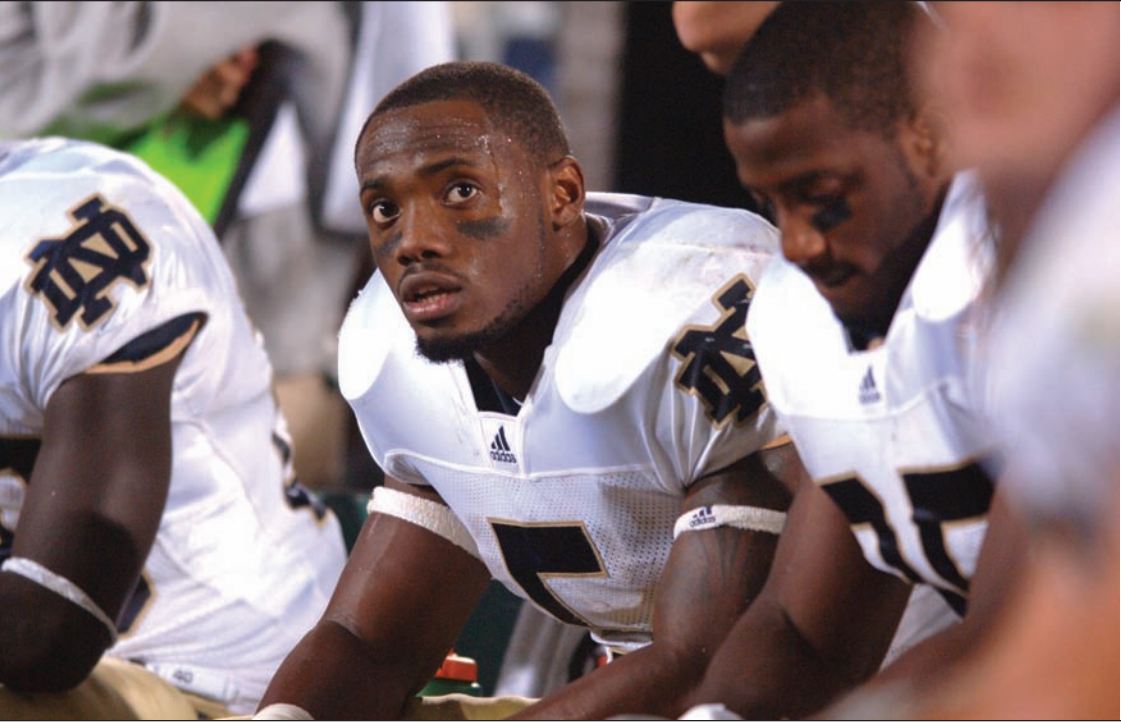
ND	25:36
MSU	34:24

	
passing	

Crist	32-55-369	Cousins	23-33-245
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rushing			
Allen	13-71	Bell	17-144
Gray	3-12	Baker	14-98
Crist	6-8	Martin	1-4

receiving			
Riddick	10-128	Cunningham	7-101
Floyd	8-81	Martin	8-96
Rudolph	8-80	Gantt	2-41
Allen	6-70	Bell	2-18



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A tough way to go

Michigan State relied on a strong running game to amass nearly half of its 477 total yards Saturday, but in the end, it was a 29-yard touchdown pass from a punter to a tight end that cost Notre Dame a win, as Aaron Bates connected with

Charlie Gnatt in overtime on a fake field goal play. The trick play left the Irish looking for answers, coming off a game in which they amassed 461 total yards, including 369 passing courtesy of junior quarterback Dayne Crist. Crist completed passes to five receivers. Sophomore Theo Riddick led the way with 10 catches for 128 yards and a touchdown and junior Michael Floyd pulled in eight catches for 80 yards and two scores, including Notre Dame's first touchdown of the day.



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Clockwise from top: Running back Armando Allen looks up at the scoreboard during the game; receiver Michael Floyd pulls in one of his eight receptions for 80 yards; a Michigan State defender gets the only sack of Irish quarterback Dayne Crist of the game; the Notre Dame defense brings down a Spartan ballcarrier; Jonas Gray sidesteps a tackler.