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Locals discuss ND neighbors

Residents say community relations improve when students reach out



MALCOLM PHELAN/The Observer

Deacon Brian Miller has lived in South Bend for 68 years. He said students in the neighborhood are usually well-intentioned and respectful.

By JOHN CAMERON and
MEGAN DOYLE
News Writers

South Bend is not a college town.

The fraternities, sororities and off-campus houses that line the streets of cities like Bloomington and Dayton are no where to be found on

Notre Dame Avenue, Eddy Street or Angela Boulevard.

Tensions sometimes do arise from a discrepancy between students' expectations of college town freedoms and local families' expectations for quiet neighborhoods.

A South Bend resident of 68 years, Deacon Brian Miller said he felt students needed

to understand the stereotypical Animal House college lifestyle does not fit the family neighborhoods of South Bend.

"The students, they need to try to be respectful neighbors. If they have a party they need to make sure there are parameters," he said.

Tensions rose when a spike

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Administrator writes book on financial aid

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

Joe Russo, director of student financial strategies, recently published his fourth book, and has found that a lot of people want to hear from him, he said.

He has seen interest from college students, families of college students, school administrators, high school guidance counselors, young financial aid officers, education policy makers and even researchers at Oxford.

His fourth book, "The Art and Science of Student Aid Administration in the 21st Century," is the book he said he hopes will be his legacy in the profession to which he has devoted his life.

According to Russo, this latest book is his most scholarly. The book was published by the National Association of Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA), and Russo said he will not make any money from sales of this book, but the proceeds will instead go toward a NASFAA scholarship fund.

"The more experience you have doing something, the more confident you become," Russo said. "So, I combined my knowledge and confidence with my writing skills ... to write this book. The science is the imper-

sonal but necessary budgets, formulas, numbers and structure.

"The art is the common sense, compassion and knowledge of when to make exceptions that must supplement the science. A successful administrator needs both art and science."

He said his book examines the history that led to the modern financial aid landscape. Russo said he systematically analyzes the policies and practices that have altered student financial aid programs over the course of his career.

"I believe you can know more about where we are today, if you know where we came from," Russo said.

This is Russo's 46th year working in financial aid administration, and the majority of his career has been with Notre Dame. He began working at Notre Dame in 1978 after working at two other institutions in up-state New York.

"The single biggest challenge of my career has been getting out good, timely, accurate information," Russo said.

Each year Russo works to dispel the myths and fallacies that prospective students and their families harbor about financial

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Memorial scholarship will honor Sullivan



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Junior Shannon Crotty hands pins to students to commemorate junior Declan Sullivan at the Nov. 13 game against Utah.

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

The University's Financial Management Board has voted to establish a memorial scholarship award in memory of junior Declan Sullivan.

The scholarship is through the Shirt Charity Fund, which raises funds with sales from the annual student football shirt.

"Part of the purpose of the Shirt Charity Fund is to set up a memorial award in the event of a stu-

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Irish to visit Yankee Stadium

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

Yesterday, the Irish left South Bend to take over Manhattan. Tomorrow, Notre Dame will take on Army in Yankee Stadium — this year's neutral territory.

Mike Seamon, head of Game Day Operations, said this year's eighth home game at an away location was revealed at last year's neutral territory game in San Antonio, Texas with certain goals in mind.

"This weekend's events were built around five main pillars," Seamon said. "Academics, faith, service, athletics and the celebration of the Notre Dame family."

In order to support these goals, Notre Dame sent the Marching Band, leprechaun and cheerleaders to New York to accompany the football team.

Senior Glynnis Garry, drum



Observer File Photo

The band performs at halftime during last year's neutral site game in San Antonio, Texas.

major of the Notre Dame Marching Band, said the Band left Thursday morning, stopped at Strongsville High School in Ohio for a rehearsal and then stayed in Glenn

Point, New Jersey for the night.

However this year's leprechaun, senior David

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THE HOT SEAT: FIVE QUESTIONS, ONE PERSON, INFINITE POSSIBILITIES



Ruth Riley

*former women's basketball player
2001 championship team*

Question: What was the best part of coming back for the team's 10-year reunion?

Riley: Just seeing each other and reconnecting with our teammates and catching up on where they are in their lives. Mostly re-living some of the memories we had here together.

Q: What was your first thought when your banner got unrolled in the Ring of Honor?

Riley: I was completely surprised. I had no idea. Appreciation for the University for honoring me.

Q: What do you think of the Purcell Pavilion?

Riley: Oh, it's beautiful. What an amazing arena here, and just knowing that we're a small part of building it to what it is today and the legacy of Notre Dame women's basketball.

Q: What are your thoughts on this year's team?

Riley: They look great. Obviously it's the first game of the season, but they look really good. You would expect nothing less from Coach McGraw's teams.

Know someone who should be in the hot seat? E-mail obsphoto@gmail.com



JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Leprechaun David Zimmer does a backflip during the Notre Dame men's basketball game against Chicago State. The Irish beat Chicago State 102-62 in the Purcell Pavilion Wednesday night.

OFFBEAT

California couple stand out as world's tallest

LOS ANGELES — Their height made Wayne and Laurie Hallquist seem like an ideal match when they met seven years ago, and on Thursday they were matched with something else — the title of world's tallest living married couple.

Guinness World Records bestowed that towering distinction to the Hallquists in a ceremony under the marquee at its Hollywood museum. The couple arrived in a white limousine, with Wayne sporting a tuxedo and Laurie in a white wedding dress.

The Hallquists, who live in Stockton, California, meas-

ure a combined 13 feet, 4 inches, or 407.4 centimeters, to be exact. He stands 6 feet 10.4 inches, she 6 feet 5.95 inches, the Guinness organization said.

"It's a whole different perspective up here, and we can find each other quite easily in a crowd," Laurie told Reuters.

All Russia invited to help name Putin's new puppy

MOSCOW — Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has invited Russians to help him come up with a name for his new puppy, which he received as a gift from his Bulgarian counterpart over the weekend.

"Anyone who wishes to can send their suggestion of

a male name for the prime minister's new dog to his site," a government statement said on its official website www.premier.gov.ru

After Moscow and Sofia signed a series of accords to boost the South Stream gas pipeline, Putin was all smiles when Bulgarian Prime Minister Boiko Borisov presented the Karakachan dog to the 58-year-old leader.

Putin, who has a black belt in judo and has cultivated a macho image, snuggled the fluffy, floppy-eared puppy of three months before gently planting a kiss on his snout.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Today, Student Players will present a staged reading of Notre Dame graduate student's Carina Finn's original play, **Thirteen Ways of Breaking**, in the Lab Theater at Washington Hall. Admission is free but ticketed, and seating is limited.

The Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture will present its 11th annual fall flagship conference today through tomorrow at 10 p.m., with 10 speakers and over 100 presentations. It will be in McKenna Hall and it is free for the tri-campus community.

The fair trade retailer **Ten Thousand Villages** will return to campus to host the annual sale of international handi-crafts. This year's sale will take place in the Hesburgh Library Atrium today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Comedian **Mark Lundholm** will perform his autobiographical one-man show at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center today at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$15 to \$30. Because of strong language and content, may be inappropriate for ages 16 and younger.

To celebrate the end of International Education Week, Saint Mary's College is holding an **International Cultural Fair**. Over 20 different countries will be featured for this cultural expo. It will be today from noon to 2 p.m. in the Student Center. It is being sponsored by Around the World Club, Student Government Association and the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership.

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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Professor receives German award

Kommers honored for service to Germany during ceremony in Chicago

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Germany's highest honor, the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, was awarded to political science professor Donald Kommers on Nov. 8.

The award is given for outstanding service to the country and is reserved for both Germans and foreigners.

"I [had] no idea who or what was behind this award," Kommers said. "It took me totally by surprise."

The award was presented to Kommers in a ceremony at the German Consulate office in Chicago. Onno Hückmann, the German Consulate General, presented the award. Hückmann

praised Kommers' academic success and his contribution to building a bridge between The United States and Germany in a way that few others have.

Kommers said he has been interested in Germany since he was a boy.

He grew up in a German area of Wisconsin, and was exposed to the culture at a young age. He studied the language for three years in high school and

then again in college.

After receiving his Ph.D. in political science at the University of Wisconsin, Kommers came to Notre Dame in 1967. After a trip to Germany in 1968 to study their high court, he decided to change the course of his academic life.

"I've always been interested in the judicial system, so I started comparing the U.S. system to courts around the world," Kommers said. "I decided to combine my interest

in the American constitutional law with German constitutional law."

In his 43 years of academic life spent at the University, Kommers has served as a professor of political science and law. In 1974, University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh named him the director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights.

It was under Kommers' service that the center changed

their goal from working toward civil and human rights domestically to a more international mission.

Through out his career, Kommers has written countless articles on the subject of comparative constitutional government.

One of his works, "The Constitutional Jurisprudence of the Federal Republic of Germany," is going into its third printing. This book helped to develop the field of comparative constitutional law, Kommers said.

"It brought the attention of the German courts to the English speaking world," Kommers said.

This is not the first time Kommers has been awarded by the German government for his academic work.

In 2008, he was awarded the Berlin Prize, which allowed him to continue his study of the German constitutional courts at the American Academy in Berlin and in 1998, he received an honorary doctorate of law from Heidelberg University.

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College holds high school choir festival

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

With 20 women's choirs from Indiana, Michigan and Illinois, the High School Women's Choir Festival held at Saint Mary's College promotes female chorus groups, Nancy Menk, director of choral activities, said.

"It's for constructive criticism and help," she said. "It's not a competition. It's just a festival."

Menk said the opportunity allowed feedback from a panel of three commentators. The festival, which began Thursday, also allowed each choir to listen to comparable women's choirs to gain insight.

The commentators this year were Paul Caldwell of Chicago, Sean Ivory of Grand Rapids, Mich. and Barbara Tagg of Syracuse, N.Y.

According to Menk, each choir performed for the other choirs and the commentators. Following each performance, one of the three commentators worked directly with the choir to provide feedback on their performance. The choir will receive written comments from the other members of the panel.

"They come here and each choir performs a short program for each other and for a panel of commentators that we bring in," Menk said. "These are experts in the field. Following their per-

formance one of the three commentators goes up on stage with a [microphone] and works with the choir, like in a workshop format, to improve some aspect of their performance."

The festival is a two-day event and will end today around 4:30 p.m.

Menk said the Saint Mary's College Women's Choir performed each day to provide an example for the high school students.

The annual festival is celebrating its 26th year.

Menk said the festival is mutually beneficial for the high school students and the College.

"It's important for Saint Mary's because it brings 800 prospective students to our campus, and its promoting good choral singing among high school women," Menk said. "It's promoting good quality repertoire for high school choirs, and it's giving them a chance ... to go to a festival and something that's geared just toward them."

According to Menk, the festival hopes to improve singing and pride within each organization.

"It should help them to feel good about what they're doing. It should give them an aspiration, something to aspire to with their choir, to be able to work at a higher level," she said.

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in arrests occurred earlier in the semester, but cooled, and arrests declined. Miller said he felt the student presence in the neighborhood to be largely positive.

"Most of the students are well-intentioned and respectful," Miller said.

But South Bend resident Jim Carter considers calling police to be a reasonable response if a situation warrants it.

"I suppose neighbors probably think it is their right to call if the students are being loud," he said.

Shirley McFarland, a local resident, said she felt some of the arrests might have been unwarranted.

"I think some of them could have been avoided," she said.

"I have phone numbers for the students so I would call them first."

McFarland moved into her house on Notre Dame Avenue in 1984. She said students back then were often problematic residents.

"Years ago, when my husband first died, I thought I was going to have to move out of the neighborhood," she said. "I would come home from work and

200 kids would be across the street, two cars would be parked in my driveway, and

when I asked them to move they drove through my yard. That was the worst time."

She said since the 1980s, students in her neighborhood have become significantly more considerate.

"After that, it got better, once the police started talking to them," she said. "Most of the time I don't even know when people are over there."

Good Neighbor Guides, distributed to off-campus students at the beginning of the year, suggest communicating with neighbors about upcoming parties and giving them contact information. Miller said while communication is helpful, parties need to be contained.

"It's just not acceptable to be having big keg parties. It's a recipe for trouble," he said.

In addition to forming relationships with their immediate neighbors, residents said student involvement in the community was also crucial to maintaining positive relations.

"I think the students are quite involved, I see pictures in the paper of them volunteering downtown," Carter said.

He said some parts of the city are on the decline and need help from students.

"I think the rest of South Bend is getting let go and getting pretty rotten," he said. "[Students should be] just trying to keep the neighborhood halfway decent."

Ben Cashman, a Notre Dame 1964 alumnus, said student and community relations improved along with an increase in student outreach.

"Students do a lot of volunteer work, so that has helped relationships. There was not much involvement with South Bend in my student days. We did not have chances to get involved with non-profits like Logan Center or the homeless center."

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MacFarland said student volunteers at the Robinson Community Learning Center helped her son and other local children with after-school programming.

"[Students should] continue to be involved at the Robinson Community Learning Center, because they have a lot of kids there who have no help in the afternoons."

Some residents said they saw the University's involvement in the construction of Eddy Street Commons as another positive way for Notre Dame to contribute to the community at an administra-



MALCOLM PHELAN/The Observer

South Bend resident Jim Carter said student volunteers make a difference in the community outside Notre Dame's campus.

tive level.

"I'm over there a lot, to me I think it's growth for the neighborhood," McFarland said. "It brings business, it's something for the community to look forward to, and people off campus can get jobs."

Miller said individual students could help maintain good relations with the community by continuing to be

active in South Bend and maintaining open lines of communication with neighbors.

"I think the students are great in helping the community," Miller said. "If you've got a problem you need to talk to the people involved."

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dent passing away, so it is normal for Financial Management Board to establish an award like this," Student Union treasurer junior Sarah Hurtubise, a junior, said.

Sullivan, a videographer for the football team, died on Oct. 27 after the hydraulic scissor lift where he was filming football practice fell.

According to Hurtubise, the Shirt Charity Fund was initially designed to assist undergraduate and graduate students who display extraordinary need in paying off medical expenses.

Hurtubise said the Financial Management Board voted on Nov. 2 to allocate the standard amount of \$25,000 from the Shirt Charity Fund for the Declan Sullivan Memorial Award.

"It will be an endowed award with an annual return of \$1,000," she said.

Hurtubise said the \$25,000 principal will remain untouched and the annual award given to a student will be \$1,000.

"Leaving the \$25,000 principal

untouched will allow the Declan Sullivan Memorial Award to continue from year to year, without anyone having to worry about running out of funds," she said.

Hurtubise said the Financial Management Board and student government are working together now to decide on the criteria for the award and to determine who will administer it.

"We hope to come to a decision on the specifics by the end of this semester," she said.

The Board has discussed the possibility of the award being given to a resident of Fisher Hall, where Sullivan lived on campus, or to a student in the Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) program, but no official decisions have been made, according to Hurtubise.

Student body president Catherine Soler said the Memorial Fund is an excellent way to remember Sullivan.

"It's wonderful that the Student Union can honor Declan in this way," Soler said. "This is a beautiful way to remember and celebrate Declan's life for years to come."

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Catherine Soler
student body president

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aid, he said. At the same time, he said he informs them of the many truths and demonstrates why a Notre Dame education is a good investment in a student's future.

Russo said he is proud that through the efforts of his department, a Notre Dame education remains reasonably affordable for all students.

According to Russo, the University provided approximately \$98 million this year, which is up from \$89 million last year.

He said all of this keeps him and the others in his department busy year-round. However, Russo said the feeling of pride that comes with helping to shape each new

freshman class validates the work.

"I was a student aid recipient, and I think that makes me a better administrator," Russo said.

According to Russo, the cost of attendance is being placed more and more on the individual rather than the government. Russo explained that tuition is increasing more quickly for state schools, but is increasing for private institutions as well.

Notre Dame is not exempt from this trend, but Russo said compared to similar institutions, Notre Dame has been successful at managing the sit-

uation. He said while other high profile institutions are going through layoffs, budget cuts and construction freezes, Notre Dame's "belt-tightening" has been less drastic.

Russo attributes this to the University's large endowment, conservative investing, diversified revenue streams, improved efficiency and an athletic program that pays for itself.

"We are conservative with our finances, and we're blessed with resources," Russo said.

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student financial
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Zimmer, beat the Band and football team to New York.

"I'm actually flying out early because I'm going to be on Live with Regis and Kelly on Friday morning," Zimmer said. "Then I'll be hanging out with the band for most of the rest of Friday."

Today, band members have the day to themselves to explore Manhattan.

"I've never been to New York City before. I've heard the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty take too much time," Garry said. "So I might just wander around the city."

Some might take a break around 3 p.m. to watch Bob Bernhard, vice president for Research, close the bell at NASDAQ Stock Market. Though there were initially rumors that the leprechaun would be closing the bell,

Zimmer and the cheerleaders will only be present as Notre Dame representatives, Seamon said.

The Band will then gather at 5:30 p.m. for the Pep Rally outside at Lincoln Center. Seamon said the Pep Rally will also feature Coach Brian Kelly, Notre Dame alumni and former player Justin Tuck — currently with the New York Giants, — representatives from the Yankees, Notre Dame Football Radio voice Don Criqui and other special guests.

Zimmer said he has mostly been looking forward to interacting with fans.

"It's definitely a big thing. I talked to last year's leprechaun, Dan Collins, about what it means to be a true Irish fan and about subway alumni," he said. "They originated in New York and there's a lot of history out there, which is really neat to be a part of."

Game day will begin with a

Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, where University Catherine Soler said while Army is bringing many cadets, Notre Dame will have a good representation in the stands.

"The online ticket lottery sold all 600 tickets right away. We actually ended up getting some more tickets since there was such a high demand."

Catherine Soler
student body president

At noon, the band will perform in Times Square, followed by a tailgate at the New York Sheraton Hotel. Garry said the concert will run 45 minutes, an extended version of the normal performance on campus.

"We're then going to Yankee Stadium on subway cars from Times Square that they've blocked off for the whole band," Garry said. "Then we'll quickly practice with the West Point Glee Club for our halftime show."

At 7 p.m., the game begins. Zimmer said this game is very special, especially after the big win against Utah.

"We have so much momentum behind us. With such a big opportunity on the lines, Notre Dame's going to be playing hard," he said. "I'm really looking forward to the atmosphere, playing it up and getting everyone pumped up for the game."

body president Soler said while Army is bringing many cadets, Notre Dame will have a good representation in the stands.

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Soler said the student unions had to really work to gain the

right-center field section in Yankee Stadium for Notre Dame students.

"The University has a policy that students don't get tickets to away games with distances that might be considered unsafe to drive. So we really had to push for this," she said. "Bottom line: This is a unique and special opportunity."

After the game, Garry said the band will perform at McColm's Park for anyone who couldn't go to the game. She said these trips are an

opportunity to inspire people, especially in young audiences.

"We hope to bring kids to Notre Dame so they can see how great of opportunities Notre Dame music in particular can bring," Garry said.

She said it has been an honor to be part of a group of such incredible people.

"It really has been one of the most amazing experiences of my life. To share this experience is so different and exciting," Garry said. "We're very lucky."

Soler agreed, saying neutral territory games truly demonstrate the Notre Dame spirit.

"It's a really positive experience for everyone to see that camaraderie in a totally different city," she said.

"There, we can see Notre Dame has a strong effect over the entire country. We visit so many landmark places and represent

who we are." The neutral-territory tradition will continue next year at FedEx Field in Washington, D.C., Seamon said.

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head drum major

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Magic that unites us

As an Arts and Letters major, I often get “interesting” ideas in my head which I usually attribute to my sporadic sanity. For instance, I was thoroughly convinced Fr. Hesburgh had an apartment on the 13th floor of the library (which apparently isn’t true). I am also afraid when I am swimming backstroke in a pool that a great white shark will come up from underneath and eat me. Crazy, I know.

Sam Stryker

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Editor*

One of the most comforting things in the world is when discovering the same crazy thought has been going through someone else’s head. This proves either I am not as crazy as I think, or someone is as crazy as me. This happened the other day in my Italian class when we were discussing “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.” A girl thought our generation had found such a connection with the series because with every book and film we were approximately the same age as the characters.

What J.K. Rowling has accomplished is amazing. As you have undoubtedly heard our generation has been accused of being too focused on iPods, computers, television and video games when we look for entertainment outlets. Yet her story of a school-age wizard and his journeys has captured the imagination of our age bracket. Some like to attribute this to the amazing world she created and her attention to detail. Others point to the mythology of the series. However, neither is able to explain why Notre Dame food services felt compelled to hold a “Harry Potter Dinner” on Wednesday night where students dressed up as their favorite characters to be sorted into one of the four Hogwarts houses.

The real reason is we grew up with Harry and his friends. His struggles were ours — as we were headed off to middle school for the first time, Harry was being introduced to the wizarding world. As our generation was going through our awkward teenage years, Harry and Ron were struggling to land dates to the Yule Ball. We are always able to relate to one of the characters — hardworking Hermione, noble Harry or loyal Ron. You didn’t just grow up with the characters on your own — part of the experience is talking about the books with your friends, and dressing up for the midnight premieres of the movies. Now, just as we are about to embark into adulthood, Harry is looking for Horcruxes, and becoming a man as he tries to defeat Lord Voldemort.

J.K. Rowling has gone on the record as saying she doesn’t plan on writing any more books, and with the film series drawing to a close, it looks like a chapter in the life of our generation is finally ending. Nothing will compare to the collective experience of growing up with Harry Potter. For me, seeing all the students dressed up in Gryffindor robes and scarves Wednesday night, lined out the door of the dining hall is just as powerful as seeing the student section wearing “The Shirt” on football Saturdays. Despite our crazy schedules and the technology that is drawing us apart, a little bit of magic can always draw us back together.

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Yankee Stadium face off

When Notre Dame takes on Army this Saturday night, it’s safe to say the game will be about more than just the action on the field. The matchup will be Notre Dame’s second off-site home game, an event the athletic department hopes to make an annual occurrence.

Last year, Notre Dame played Washington State in San Antonio. The Irish will play Maryland in Washington, D.C., next year, followed by Miami at Solider Field in Chicago in 2012.

The idea itself may be slightly flawed. Because it is technically a home game, Notre Dame has insisted on keeping all gate revenue from the games, and it will be difficult to consistently reach agreements with top-tier teams without agreeing to split the profits in some way.

That said, if the administration is set on keeping the off-site home games in their current forms, this weekend is a perfect example of how to do it right.

Notre Dame has a huge following in New York City, drawn largely from the previous 24 games the Irish have played at Yankee Stadium. While those games, 22 of which were against Army, were about the football — with the Irish and Black Knights consistently being top-five teams — this one is seen as an opportunity to bring the Notre Dame game day experience to New York. The band will still do its traditional “concert on the steps,” only this weekend it will be in the middle of Times

Square.

Even though Army and Notre Dame aren’t the national powerhouses they once were, both teams are still national brands with strong followings, and the venue of Yankee Stadium (even the new one) is one of the most hallowed in sports.

This weekend shows how the administration can keep these games interesting even if they aren’t necessarily relevant on the national college football stage. Last year’s game against

Washington State in San Antonio represented the worst-case scenario for games like this: a contest against an awful team in a seemingly random location.

While a perfect off-site home game would probably have a top-10 opponent, this weekend is just about as good as it gets. It’s a high-profile primetime game

that serves as a good reflection of Notre Dame’s tradition and why the Irish were able to play in these venues in the first place.

This weekend, Notre Dame won’t become famous for using the forward pass and Brian Kelly won’t implore his team to “win one for the Gipper.” But the game still affords an opportunity for Notre Dame’s famous subway alumni to see an Irish team that hasn’t played a game in the five boroughs since 1969. This weekend is about honoring all the things that have made Notre Dame football the unique entity that it is, and that’s the way it should be.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In Loco Parentis?

The administration of Notre Dame never hesitates to heap praise upon itself for its vaunted policy of “in loco parentis.” Personally, I know it comforted my parents greatly when the concept was described to them before they left me a thousand miles from home freshman year. They were told that Notre Dame would act as their son’s parent in their absence; giving guidance, support and protection while also demanding discipline and accountability.

Recent events have begun to shine a brighter light on a growing problem with the execution of the “in loco parentis” policy at Notre Dame. While the emphasis on discipline and accountability has increased, the other parental duties, especially protection, have been grossly and tragically neglected.

No parent would allow their child to operate a lift in the dangerous conditions that claimed Declan Sullivan’s life. If a student had died at a party or a tailgate, the University would have reacted swiftly and severely. They would not have waited for the results of an investigation to demand accountability from the people they deemed responsible. But, in the time since a student died on University property under the supervision of members of the administration, no action has been taken other than the promise of an investigation which will no doubt absolve all members of the administration of any personal responsibility.

Of far less importance, but similarly indicative of the administration’s failure as a parent, is the video from a tailgate last weekend that shows clear evidence of excessive police force on campus. No parent would allow hostile officers to repeatedly intimidate and abuse their child, but the University has routinely turned a blind eye to a local police force that is openly and admittedly hostile toward our students and alumni. This was only reinforced by Dennis Brown’s statement in response to the incident, which praised past cooperation with local law enforcement.

To our administration: You are failing miserably in your self-imposed role as a parent. We, the students and alumni, have long noticed this gradual shift, and every time another incident highlights these failures we grow more restless and upset. The response to these most recent incidents continues to show your preference for covering your own behind over protecting your students, and many people outside of the Golden Dome’s impenetrable wall of self-righteousness see this. If you, the leaders of our beloved Notre Dame, do not become more self-aware and begin to demand from yourselves the same level of accountability that you demand from those entrusted to your “care,” you risk losing this family that is so important to all of us. Please don’t let that happen.

Jonathan Umpleby
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Nov. 17

Fighting the wrong (magical) battle

Although Catholics should admire the faith of Ryan Williams, his condemnation of Harry Potter (“The evil lurking in Harry Potter,” Nov. 18) preaches the kind of ignorant fear that enables people of an otherwise good will to malign the Church as a whole. Were J.K. Rowling’s best-selling fantasy series better understood by those who fear it, it would hardly appear to be dangerous or blasphemous. Many of the real textual examples that Mr. Williams could have cited would have painted a much less malevolent picture of the entertainment franchise.

The protagonists of the Harry Potter series celebrate a very traditional Christmas. Harry receives critical guidance from his godfather. Death is treated with appropriate solemnity. Redemption and sacrifice are values, and love (cf. 1 John 4:16) is recognized as the ultimate power of the universe. Pagan and Satanic overtones seem more the domain of Voldemort and the Death Eaters — who are certainly not “the good guys.”

Cardinal Francis Arinze recently stated that he had not actually read any of the Harry Potter books, but that even with his concern, parents were ultimately responsible for making sure that their children do not blur the real world with the fictitious magical one of Ms. Rowling’s books. Fantasy makes for a great stage on which an author can set the morality plays of reality. J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis would likely agree.

Indeed, Rowling has received no president’s Medal of Freedom, her literary merit is dubious, but it trivializes the real evil in the world to suggest that Notre Dame’s Harry Potter activities are anything more insidious than youthful entertainment. Even and especially if President Obama’s involvement with the 2009 commencement really was such an outrage, we should be proud to celebrate the Boy Who Lived.

Jeffrey Gerlomes
freshman
Duncan Hall
Nov. 18

Thoughts on the new Harry Potter movie?
Write a Letter to the Editor.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Never do anything when you are in a temper, for you will do everything wrong.”

Baltasar Gracián
Spanish priest and author

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“In literature as in love, we are astonished at what is chosen by others.”

André Maurois
French author

Giving thanks for my bus stop characters

Typically, the third week of November uneventfully passes as Americans adjust to the dark days inherent to standard time zones and prepare for Thanksgiving gatherings or the predawn chaos of Black Friday's Christmas shopping season kickoff. We contemplate our reasons for giving thanks, but often-times mull through our daily routines without much of a reflection on our personal blessings until Thanksgiving Day abruptly arrives. In days long past, many at Notre Dame anticipated the match-up with those evil Trojans of Southern California or the Detroit Lions and Dallas Cowboys traditional Thursday gridiron clashes. Giving thanks had its place among our other events and festivities.



Gary Caruso

Capitol
Comments

This past week I was dragged into Thanksgiving reflections well before my usual routine with an unusually weird series of activities and characters at my local bus stop. Just yesterday, I had no bus service when several blocks surrounding my glass shelter at the corner of Rhode Island Avenue and 14th Street were closed to investigate a suspicious package. It dawned on me during my walk to the subway exactly

how starkly revealing the characters at Metro Bus Stop 1393 have been by prematurely shaking me to recognize the good works around me.

While it rained one morning early this week, commuters stood under umbrellas exiled outside the bus shelter where a homeless man camped with his many plastic bags and strummed an imaginary guitar. He repeatedly sang, "Da-dum, da-dum, da-dum, da-dum, da-dum, da-dum, da-da, da-da, da-da." The impromptu concert was too much for commuters to dare huddle with him in the glass enclosure, except for one — a federal employee commuter from a law enforcement agency as evidenced by the days he displays his badge on his lapel.

The officer walked into the bus shelter, closed his umbrella and while standing close to the homeless man said, "Sounds like Pink Floyd to me." The homeless man shook his head in disagreement without interrupting his repetitious arrangement. Finally, the shelter musician announced that he was playing cords that could be played with many types of songs including jazz arrangements, blues or hip-hop. The conversation ended when the bus arrived, but it was the event that sparked me to reflect on the officer's other engagements with homeless persons at stop 1393.

On two other occasions, I observed him walk up to a homeless person

slouched over on the shelter seat with a weary world's belongings in tow. Each time he held out a \$5 bill while saying, "Looks like you could use a cup of coffee." Both times the homeless person just stared downward without a response. He repeated by holding the money lower in their lines of sight. Both grabbed the money and dragged their belongings off toward the Seven-Eleven. One said nothing, but the other sheepishly replied, "Thank you."

Last spring, my fellow commuter encountered a homeless woman chatting into the air about going to North Carolina and finding a new home. He held out another \$5 bill and said, "Why don't you get some warm soup before your trip?" She chatted that sometimes she smokes, but she promised not to buy cigarettes this time in favor of warm soup. Each morning for weeks after that initial North Carolina discussion, the bus shelter was her home base.

Later that month she sported large sun glasses and a big floppy hat. The officer greeted her by noting, "You look like Greta Garbo today." She replied, "You look like Clark Gable." When he asked her why she wore sunglasses on an overcast morning, she removed them to reveal a swollen black and blue bruised face. "I ate something I'm allergic to," she explained. "Do you think I can get some soup this morning?" she asked.

Mysteriously, she disappeared from

the neighborhood throughout the summer only to reappear again at our bus stop last week. This time, her face was deeply tanned and leathery wrinkled. I nearly did not recognize her, but our resident officer commuter greeted her with a barrage of questions and a \$10 bill outstretched for her. I could see that he was thankful for her safe reemergence, and frankly, so was I.

As official Thanksgiving Day nears next week when families gather to stuff themselves, I am more aware of my blessings this year. I am thankful for the successes hard work at Notre Dame has afforded me. I am also thankful for family, friends and health. But I am especially thankful for witnessing the many encounters of my fellow commuter who engages everyone each morning, regardless of economic status or enslavement to smart phones. He has taught me how to better treat others. And this year, I better understand the genius behind, "Da-dum, da-dum, da-dum, da-dum, da-dum, da-da, da-da, da-da."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Who will be victorious?

The Notre Dame-Army game has an unparalleled history.

In 1913, unknown Notre Dame made news when it defeated powerhouse Army 35-13 with the forward pass, a little used gimmick perfected by quarterback Gus Dorais and his wide receiver Knute Rockne. Working as lifeguards at Cedar Point the previous summer, the two developed their new offense on the sands of Ohio's northern shores. A key play was a long touchdown pass to Rockne, who had been faking a leg injury until the Army defense neglected to cover him altogether.

In 1924, against a blue-gray October sky, celebrity sportswriter Grantland Rice penned his famous lines about Notre Dame's defeat of Army behind an illustrious backfield — Stuhldreher, Miller, Crowley and Layden. These Four Horsemen led the team to the school's first national championship. The \$52,000 prize from the 1925 Rose Bowl, Notre Dame's first bowl appearance, paid for the construction of Dillon Hall. The Irish's trip to the West Coast led to the beginning of a rivalry with USC.

In 1928, Notre Dame and Army were tied 0-0 at halftime. The team was having a down year and coach Knute Rockne sensed a need for motivation. He told his players the story of the greatest player he ever coached, who's life was cut short by a tragic case of pneumonia. The Irish returned to the field determined to win one for the Gipper, and held off a last minute drive from the Cadets to preserve a 12-6 victory.

In 1944 and 1945, Notre Dame lost to Army by a combined score of 107-0. Most of the stars of the 1943 Irish national championship team had enlisted in the military and were fighting overseas. Even Hall of Fame coach Frank Leahy joined the war effort, temporarily leaving his position to serve in the Navy. The younger players left behind struggled against the Cadets, but with the Allied victory in late 1945, a loaded 1946 roster returned bent on payback.

In 1946, No. 2 Notre Dame met No. 1 Army in Yankee Stadium in a "game of the century." The matchup featured eight players who would be named All-Americans that season, as well as eventual Heisman Trophy winners Doc "Mr. Inside" Blanchard (Army), Glenn "Mr. Outside" Davis (Army) and Notre Dame's Johnny Lujack. Lujack, the legendary T-formation quarterback, actually made the most famous play of his career on defense, toe-tackling Blanchard near the end zone to preserve a 0-0 tie. Coach Leahy wanted a touchdown so bad that he passed up a sure game-winning field goal chance — a decision that haunted him the rest of his career. Nonetheless, Notre Dame was voted No. 1 in the polls at the conclusion of the season, the school's fifth national title. No meeting between Notre Dame and Army had ever meant so much — and none has compared since.

With all their history on the line, the teams played to a scoreless tie. It's 2010, and this Saturday the Fighting Irish and the Cadets meet again in Yankee Stadium. Is it the powerhouse matchup of '46? No, it's not. Will the game played on the field reach the heights of the postwar classic? It probably won't. But this is two of history's biggest names on the biggest stage. This is Notre Dame vs. Army. This is college football.

Lee Marsh
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Class of 2010
Nov. 17

Inclusion-Response spirit

I would like to thank Alex Coccia for his viewpoint article ("Living up to the 'Spirit of Inclusion' at ND," Nov. 17). Notre Dame, as a Catholic university, has the mission of upholding Jesus' call to love thy neighbor as thyself, as well as Catholic Social Teaching, which upholds the intrinsic value and dignity of every human being, regardless of their sexual orientation.

People like to wear those wristbands that say, "WWJD," or "What Would Jesus Do," and in this case, I think Jesus would say that Notre Dame needs to rethink its priorities. Rather than denying AllianceND, Notre Dame's unofficial gay-straight alliance, official club status 14 times in a row, Notre Dame should recognize that a gay-straight alliance would foster intelligent discussion, understanding, tolerance, and love — all values that Jesus held as essential in how we treat our neighbor.

Adding "sexual orientation" to the non-discrimination clause would symbolically and legally protect LGBT students from discrimination — protection they now do not have, and for which they suffer. Discrimination and hate crimes targeted at gay students happen at Notre Dame, and homophobia has become an unfortunate part of Notre Dame culture in dorm life, Frosh-O and daily interactions among students. The worst part about this culture of intolerance is that most students don't realize it exists because it is so ingrained into every-day life. And just because it may not be intentional does not mean that it is any less hurtful to LGBT students, faculty and staff.

Mr. Coccia made a lot of good points in his viewpoint, and if the University wants to live up to its mission of being a Catholic University that espouses the values of Jesus, it should pay attention to his suggestions. It's high time we all put aside our preconceived notions and take a good look at the reality for LGBT students at Notre Dame. If we are truly dedicated to Catholic teaching, we have a lot of work cut out for us.

Bridget Flores
senior
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Nov. 18

No... He survived

After reading Austin Holler's ill-conceived and poorly researched "rebuttal" ("A rebuttal," Nov. 17) regarding the current status of the honorable Falstad Wildhammer, we decided a rebuttal of our own was in order. Not only did Falstad survive, in fact he was the leader of Aerie Peak in Vanilla WOW through "Wrath of the Lich King." Hopefully soon he will take his rightful place on the Council of Three Hammers and all will be right in the world... of Warcraft. I look forward to discussing these complex issues with you in person at Blizzcon 2011. Until then, it looks like you could use another reading of "The Shattering."

Yours in Kaldorei,

Dan Panzl and Jay Rowley
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Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

By JORDAN GAMBLE
Scene Editor

The first entry in the Potter movie franchise is basically a book-on-film. It carefully hits almost every single plot point and character detail from the book, and with good reason: Director Chris Columbus and screenwriter Steve Kloves had to please millions of fans and the bigwigs at Warner Bros., as well as set up six more movies (now seven, with the final book split into two parts). That being said, the slavishly faithful adaptation does get kind of stale in places, and the inexperienced kid actors and rushed CGI job probably could have benefited from a shorter film with fewer scenes. The later movies, freed up because they don't have to establish backstory, are much bolder in tweaking Rowling's narrative into something suitable for the screen while still retaining the spirit of the books.

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

By COURTNEY ECKERLE
Scene Writer

Ah the joys of book three, "The Prisoner of Azkaban." Where Harry's journey first begins to turn toward the darker path it will take in later books right from the time Trelawney peers into Harry's teacup and spots the grim. We also get to meet arguably the coolest animal character: Buckbeak the Hippogriff. On the movie version end of things, Harry, make that the entire teenage cast, is having a bad hair year, but we'll chalk it up to growing pains? Overall perhaps not the best translation acting wise, but mark that as growing pains as well. The development of the character of Sirius Black from book to movie is not Gary Oldman's best, and least not in this installment, and Harry's confusion over what is going on is infectious to the audience. However it would be negligent to forget the performance of the newest Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher, dearest Remus Lupin! David Thewlis is consistently brilliant.

And oh the sweet blossom of young love for Ron and Hermione, especially in the movie, where we can see the awkward hand brushes and glances between them. Classic double meaning mix up when they're in Hogsmead looking at the Shrieking Shack:

"Did you want to move a bit closer?"

"Huh?!"

"I mean, to the castle."

The movie and book both highlight with a brilliant revelation of Sirius as the good guy, with the scene in the Shrieking Shack, even though the movie takes two hours to get there. From that fantastic scene the movie takes a downward spiral in the weird CGI battle between animagus Sirius and werewolf Professor Lupin, which is more comical than suspenseful.

The third movie, for better or worse, gives us a great Dumbledore line, and one that should be remembered by all for the dreaded finals season, "Happiness can be found in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

By MAIJA GUSTIN
Scene Writer

Despite being the longest book in the "Harry Potter" series, "The Order of the Phoenix" is the shortest film. After Mike Newell, director of "The Goblet of Fire," declined an offer to direct the fifth film, Warner Bros. landed on the mostly-unknown David Yates. Up to that point, his most successful works were made-for-TV movies. Yates entered and immediately changed the tone of the films.

Though the plot had darkened due to events in the last two films, specifically, the return of Lord Voldemort, Yates took that darkness farther than any of his predecessors and lay the background for the rest of the series, all of which he has directed. Unfortunately, many key elements of the book had to be cut. A wonderful Quidditch story line was nixed for later revival in the sixth film. Though Yates did manage to capture much of Harry's inner turmoil, he missed the bit when Harry was a complete jerk through most of the book. Other minor, but key, details were left out in favor of a very specific overarching narrative. Also missing is much of the warmth and familiarity that draw fans back to Hogwarts time and time again.

That being said, Yates brought many wonderful new developments to the Potter films. The last chunk of the film as the main characters battle evil Death Eaters in the Ministry of Magic is stunning and easily the most exciting action sequence in any of the films thus far. Yates earns bonus points for casting some of the best characters of the films, notably Imelda Staunton as the pink-and-bubbly-yet-evil Dolores Umbridge and the superb Helena Bonham Carter as the maniacally evil Bellatrix Lestrange.

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Review Movies
from the Harry Potter Series

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

By ROSS FINNEY
Scene Writer

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets is a very faithful adaptation of the book. There are only a couple minor differences, and these don't detract drastically from the movie. The scene from the book where Harry sees Draco and his father in Knockturn Alley is noticeably absent from the movie. Given the importance of the scene later in the story, it's kind of surprising, but the movie is still easy to follow.

The most notable difference is the effect of the Polyjuice Potion, which in the book gives Harry and Ron the voices of Crabbe and Goyle. In the movie their voices don't change, but it sets up some laughs when Harry and Ron have to fake the voices.

The downside to the film's faithfulness to the book is its excessive length. Coming in at close to three hours, the film tends to drag on, and can be hard to finish unless you are really dedicated.

There are scenes where the kids' acting is hard to watch, but this is true for the first few movies. The supporting cast of teachers and adults is stellar as always.

In other regards, the movie is very good. The sets are fantastic and the overall tone is darker than that of the first film. It's more dramatic, and the visual and music cues all come together very well.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

By MARISSA FROBES
Scene Writer

Director Mike Newell tackled Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire in 2005. It is the fourth-highest grossing film of the series

to date, and highlights the story of Voldemort's return as an evil force in the wizarding world. With colorful, action-packed scenes at the Quidditch World Cup and during the tournament between the three esteemed wizarding schools, the film raises excitement. It is the first in the series with the imminent present of a clash between good and evil in the whole wizard world, even incorporating the first major death of the series: (SPOILER ALERT!) Cedric Diggory. These darker moments are possibly reasons it earned the series' first PG-13 rating.

Adapting the fourth book in the Harry Potter series presented a difficult task for everyone involved. Considerably longer than the first three novels, screenwriters had to cut much more material to prevent the length of the movie from getting ridiculous. They did so with finesse, focusing on the Triwizard Tournament, which ultimately lead him to a duel with Voldemort resurrected. The film itself earns an "A," but a "B-" for adapting from J.K. Rowling's book. Though the film chose the best elements of the book to focus on, it completely ditches Hermione's efforts with S.P.E.W. (Society for the Promotion of Elvish Welfare), fails to incorporate any scenes with the Dursleys and cuts down significantly on Harry/Sirius time (so rude, as Sirius' death looms!).



Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

By TROY MATHEW
Scene Writer

"Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" is an exceedingly dark novel, which highlights the increasing danger Harry and crew are under. The movie, directed by David Yates, dilutes this quality. Frequently referenced throughout the movie is the awkward relationship dynamic between Harry, Ron, Hermione, and their respective lovers. While some respite from the menacing storyline is necessary, this content is severely overused.

The film also has some baffling edits and additions. One is the seemingly unnecessary Death Eater attack on the Burrow. Not present in the book, this scene frustrated many a Potter-heads.

The film cuts a large portion of the climatic final scene as well. In the novel, a dramatic battle ensues when Malfoy and company gain entrance to the castle. In the movie, this scene is absent. Also, Dumbledore's poignant present in the novel is cut out. Instead, the students raise their wands to dissipate the Dark Mark, in an incredibly lame and cheesy fashion.

While it disappoints as a book adaptation, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince is a great movie. The film is visually stunning, and the main cast has matured into high quality actors.

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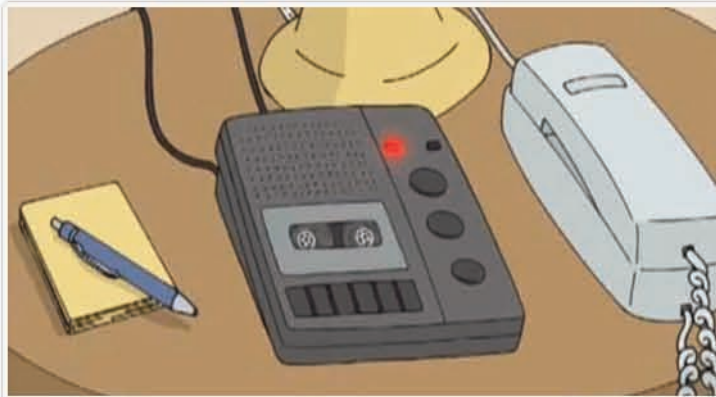
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Scene's Adrianna Pratt is spending her fall semester abroad in London and had the opportunity to go to the red carpet world premiere of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows." Go to The Observer website's Scene page to see her video of the event.



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MLB

Hernandez wins Cy Young

Associated Press

NEW YORK — For once, Felix Hernandez got all the support he needed for a big win.

The Seattle ace earned the AL Cy Young Award on Thursday despite a modest 13-12 record. His major league-leading 2.27 ERA and superior stats put him far ahead of Tampa Bay's David Price and the Yankees' CC Sabathia and their impressive win-loss numbers.

Victimized by the Mariners' poor hitting all season, Hernandez found ample backing with the voters in this pitchers' duel. They clearly recognized how little the last-place Mariners helped him—in 10 starts, they were either shut out or held to one run.

"This confirms the Cy Young is an award not only for the pitcher with the most wins, but the most dominant," a teary-eyed Hernandez said while celebrating with relatives at the family home in Valencia, Venezuela.

King Felix got 21 of the 28 first-place votes and 167 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. The 24-year-old right-hander led the league in innings (249 2-3), was second in strikeouts (232) and held AL opponents to the lowest batting average (.212).

Price, who went 19-6 with a 2.72 ERA, was second with four first-place votes and 111 points. Sabathia, who was 21-7 with a 3.18 ERA, drew the other three first-place votes and finished third at 102.

"I feel like they got it right," Price said on a conference call from Nashville, Tenn. "Felix, I thought he deserved it, even though he didn't have a lot of wins. You can't really control all that. You can't control the offense, and the hitters and stuff like that."

"The numbers he put up—those were pretty ridiculous numbers outside of the won-loss column," he said. "I feel as if Felix was on a different team—if he was on the Yankees or something like that—he's going to win quite a few ballgames."

The 13 wins by Hernandez marked the fewest for a Cy Young starter in a full season—Tim Lincecum set the record last year with 15 victories for San Francisco.

Fernando Valenzuela won the NL award in strike-shortened 1981 after going 13-7. His mark of six games over .500 had been the lowest for any Cy starter until Hernandez.

"It's not only the wins, it's the whole stats," Hernandez said.

A month after the All-Star break, Hernandez appeared to be a long shot for the award.



Mariners' Cy Young winner Felix Hernandez, who led the league in ERA, pitches against the Yankees on June 30.

He was 8-10 on Aug. 15 after 26 starts, but a debate had already begun to brew about his Cy Young candidacy. Many fans who rely more traditional numbers—win-loss record for pitchers—didn't think he rated at the top of the list.

Others who count on baseball's newer math pointed at how well Hernandez had done on the things he could fully command. He led AL pitchers in a stat that matters a lot to the sabermetricians of the sport—Wins Above Replacement.

Once the season ended, Hernandez started hoping.

"I didn't have the wins," he said. "But if you look at all the numbers ... wow!"

Hernandez thought he would get the Cy last year, too, after winning 19 games but finished second, beaten out by Zack Greinke's 16 victories and better showing with other numerology.

But no more sighs for Hernandez now. In the Year of the Pitcher, and in the voting for the 100th overall Cy Young Award, he came out No. 1.

"This is the first of many," he said. "Now I have to work even harder because I'm the best pitcher in the American League."

Hernandez said he started crying when he got the award and his family began jumping around.

"It was a great, great, great, amazing feeling," he said.

The Mariners finished with an AL-worst 61-101 record and their 513 runs were by far the fewest in the majors. They gave him barely more than three runs to work with each game and

weren't too sharp in the field, either—in his 34 starts, he got saddled with 17 unearned runs.

"They tried to do too much for me. I love my teammates," he said. "They would tell me, 'You did your job.'"

Hernandez might've ranked even higher overall had the Mariners decided not to skip his regular start on the final day of the regular season. He needed one more inning to match NL Cy Young winner Roy Halladay for most in the majors, and he finished one strikeout behind AL leader Jered Weaver of the Angels.

Halladay unanimously won his award in a year he led the NL with 21 wins, pitched a perfect game and a no-hitter, and topped the majors in shutouts and complete games.

"Obviously, Felix's numbers are very, very impressive," Halladay said earlier this week when asked about the AL Cy Young vote. "Ultimately, you look at how guys are able to win games. Sometimes, you find a way to win games," he said.

Hernandez said he felt vindicated that wins are only part of the equation.

"This is the proof," he said.

Hernandez went 7-4 against playoff teams and was at his best against the high-scoring Yankees, going 3-0 while holding New York to one run in 26 innings with 31 strikeouts.

Sabathia and Price each led strong staffs that pitched their teams into the playoffs. Both aces went 3-2 against teams that reached the postseason. Sabathia was listed on all 28 ballots, Price on 27.

NBA

Former No. 1 pick Oden out for season

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — For the third time in four years, Greg Oden's knees have betrayed him.

The Portland Trail Blazers hastily called a press conference Wednesday night to announce that Oden, the No. 1 pick in the 2007 draft, will miss the season after he has microfracture surgery on his left knee.

Oden's rookie year was postponed because of similar surgery on his right knee, and last season he broke his left kneecap early in December and again required surgery.

He was still rehabbing when the latest problem was discovered.

"As you can expect, this young man is devastated about not having the opportunity to play this season, being so close to getting back on the floor and just all of a sudden, this situation comes up and it's like, here we go again for him," Portland coach Nate McMillan said.

Oden's latest surgery is scheduled for Friday in Vail, Colo. The microfracture procedure will repair damaged cartilage that is not related to the kneecap injury, the team said.

Blazers trainer Jay Jensen said the latest problem with Oden's knee became apparent about two weeks ago when he experienced some pain and fluid in the joint. Soon thereafter, an MRI revealed the damage.

"We sat there and it was like we'd been kicked in the stomach," Jensen said, choking up. "It felt like hearing someone close to us had died."

The 22-year-old Oden has often been compared to former Portland center Sam Bowie,

whom the Blazers famously selected in front of Michael Jordan in the 1984 draft. The Blazers picked Oden instead of Kevin Durant, who went to the Oklahoma City franchise and has blossomed into one of the NBA's best players.

Another Portland big man, Bill Walton, was selected by the Blazers with the No. 1 pick in the 1974 draft, but he was dogged by a broken nose, foot, wrist and leg over his first two seasons before helping the team to the NBA championship in 1977.

Oden has seemingly been cursed since shortly before his rookie season, when trouble in his right knee prompted surgery the first time.

He showed promise the next season when he played in 61 games, averaging 8.9 points and seven rebounds.

But he really began to blossom last season when he became a starter and was averaging 11.7 points, 8.8 rebounds and 2.4 blocks in that role. Then he was hurt in a game against Houston, crashing to the floor with his kneecap visibly contorted.

Oden had just started easing into practices when the latest knee issue was discovered. He has played in only 82 games during his NBA career, missing 176.

Jensen said it was unclear what caused the latest damage.

The Blazers announced last month they would not offer Oden a contract extension. He was the first No. 1 pick since Kwame Brown not to get one at the end of his rookie contract.

Oden will be a restricted free agent next summer and Portland will be able to match any offers for him.



Portland center Greg Oden hasn't played since last December when he dislocated his kneecap.

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MLS CHAMPIONSHIP:
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MLB

Selig's playoff expansion plan sees little opposition

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Commissioner Bud Selig's plan to expand baseball's playoffs to 10 teams seemed inevitable after little to no opposition emerged during meetings this week with owners and general managers.

Because baseball's labor contract runs to December 2011, the extra round of playoffs is not likely to start until 2012.

Selig said his special 14-man committee will discuss adding two wild-card teams when it meets Dec. 7 during the winter meetings in nearby Lake Buena Vista.

"We will move ahead, and

move ahead pretty quickly," Selig said Thursday after three days of meetings concluded.

A change would have to be approved by owners, who next meet Jan. 12-13 in Paradise Valley, Ariz., and by the players' association, which has said it is open to the extra round. The additional games also would have to be sold to baseball's national television partners and slotted into a crowded schedule that already has pushed the World Series into November in the past two years.

"I'm not going to rule out anything," Selig said. "We'll just proceed and whatever we decide, then we'll just see how fast we can get it done. Once we

pass something, I'm always anxious to get it done."

Selig's committee includes managers Tony La Russa, Jim Leyland and Mike Scioscia, and former manager Joe Torre.

There would be two wild-card teams in each league, and the wild-card teams would meet to determine which advances to division series with the three first-place teams in each league.

"I think it's definitely worth looking at. I have no problem with that," Yankees co-owner Hank Steinbrenner said.

Some would have the new round be best-of-three, and others would have it as a one-game winner-take-all. The mechanics appear to be at issue more than

the concept.

"I pretty much know where all the constituencies are now," Selig said. "Eight is a very fair number but so is 10."

Before leaving the meeting, Texas Rangers president Nolan Ryan agreed with the premise that the extra round of playoffs was more a matter of how than if.

"I think that's right," he said.

Baseball doubled its postseason teams to four in 1969 and again to eight in 1995, a year later than intended because of a players' strike that wiped out the 1994 World Series. The vote to first add wild cards took place in September 1993.

"I got ripped and torn apart, and it was pretty bad," Selig said. "If I had defiled motherhood I don't think I could have gotten ripped any more than I did. But now it's fascinating to me. Now they not only like it so much, they want more of it."

The regular-season schedule will almost certainly not be reduced from 162 games.

"There's not much interest in that," he said.

Selig's committee also will discuss whether to expand video review of umpires' calls, which began in August 2008. Its use has been limited to whether potential home runs went over fences and were fair or foul.

"It doesn't hurt to expand it

some and have it for a few other things, like plays at first base," Steinbrenner said. "I've always been for as much instant replay as you can get in a sport. The NFL, at least, has that right."


Selig has said he's against an expansion but willing to consider it.

"There are opinions everywhere on that," he said. "Managers have opinions. General managers have opinions. Owners have opinions. I want to hear them all and look at them."

A consensus also appeared to have developed to propose a slotting system for amateur draft picks and possibly a worldwide draft when collective bargaining begins next year.

While there is a sense the NFL, the NBA and the NHL could be headed for labor strife, baseball players and owners anticipate stoppage-free bargaining. Baseball hasn't had a strike or lockout since the 7 1/2-month walkout in 1994-95, and Selig termed current dealings with the union "a constructive relationship."

"Nobody ever could have dreamed we'd have 16 years of labor peace," Selig said. "In American labor history, as I someday will say if I ever get around to writing my book, it probably was as bad a relationship as ever existed."



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SMC SWIMMING

Short-handed Belles are back in action in Phoenix

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

After taking almost a month off, the Belles will head to the University of Chicago to compete in the Phoenix Fall Classic this weekend.

Belles coach Mark Benishek said his team has a small roster.

"We have had some health issues within the last week and a half," Benishek said. "We have a small roster. We need to stay healthy the rest of the way and we will get the positive results we are hoping for."

The Belles had a strong opening to the season at Notre Dame's Dennis Stark Relays, finishing fourth behind three Division I teams, including Notre Dame.

"At the Stark Relays we all used our nerves to our advantage," junior Katie Donovan said. "We had been working hard and were confident in our abilities individually and as a team. It was the first time this team got to experience a meet together, so we all used our excitement to help us get going."

With the small numbers on the team, Benishek said the Belles are spending a lot of

time in the pool getting experience in different races.

"The team has really come together this year," Donovan said. "We are smaller in numbers this year so we all know each other well and know what kind of support and challenges we need from one another. Practicing hard together in the pool, cranking out some fast times, and occasionally changing things up with teamwork activities have all maintained a positive outlook on the rest of the season."

Benishek said he hopes the hard work will pay off this weekend in the Windy City, as he chose to take the team to the University of Chicago Invitational because of the many quick teams that will be competing.

"We wanted to set that bar high," Benishek said. "We were between this invitational and one in Indianapolis. We chose the quicker meet to get the girls to step up to the plate."

Saint Mary's will dive into competition tonight with a 6 p.m. meet start. The event will continue Saturday and Sunday with 10 a.m. scheduled starting times.

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Diggins

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offense with 22 points, followed closely by junior guard Natalie Novosel, who scored 19 points.

"We were able to rally together," Novosel said. "We were able to stop their game as well."

It looked like the Irish would pull away with the win at the end of regulation time, but a three-pointer from UCLA forward Christina Nzekwe tied up the game.

Notre Dame was also in a good position heading into the end of the first overtime as a basket from Novosel put the Irish up 79-77.

With the Irish down by one point and 19 seconds left, Diggins at point guard and the Irish waited out the shot clock in order to set up one final play and take the game. As Novosel attempted a shot, she was fouled and missed both free throws to end the first overtime.

The Bruins suppressed the Irish offensive drive well in the first half, as they maintained the lead for most of the first 20 minutes of play.

"I thought we shot ourselves in the foot in the first half," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Forward Jasmine Dixon led Bruins scoring with 21 points, followed by guard Darxia Morris with 14. UCLA headed into half-time with a 41-37 lead.

"We hit adversity, we stood together, nobody had negative talk. We kept encouraging each other. We knew we needed boxing out, rebounds and make our layups to win the game, and we did that," Morris said.

The Irish started to take over on



GRANT TOBIN/The Observer

Irish guard Natalie Novosel shoots over a UCLA player in Thursday's game. Novosel had 19 points in the contest.

the court at the beginning of the second half, with a three-pointer from Notre Dame freshman guard Kayla McBride that finally evened the score up for the first time since six minutes into the game. They tossed the lead back and fourth for the rest of the game.

"When we got the lead, we didn't make a defensive stand," McGraw said.

Defensively, senior forward Becca Bruszewski, with her third career double-double against the Bruins, raked in a career high 13 rebounds for the Irish. Bruszewski fouled out in the second overtime.

Senior guard Brittany Mallory left the game during the first half due to an ankle injury. She returned to the game with five minutes remaining in regulation time with her ankle taped and on crutches.

"We looked really young, and not having Brittany in the game, we're going to look young. She's definitely the calming force on our

team, and it hurt not having her there," McGraw said. "She the common force on our team, and we really hurt not having her in there."

McGraw said she is not sure on Mallory's health yet, but they will know soon whether the injury is serious.

"We didn't use the bench as much as we have. It was hard to take Skylar out with Brittany on the bench," McGraw said.

This game was only the first of the more competitive games for the Irish that are still to come on the schedule.

"Being a young team, we have to have a short term memory," Diggins said.

The Irish will travel to Lexington, Ky. Sunday to take of the University of Kentucky Wildcats at the Memorial Coliseum.

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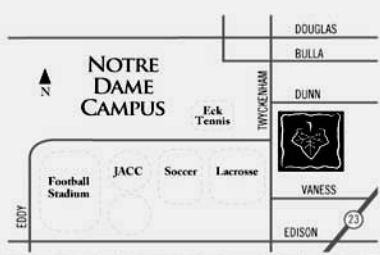
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Rivalry

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our programs are probably the two most storied programs in the country,” Irish coach Randy Waldrum said.

The Tar Heels, who enter the tournament as defending champions, are led by their explosive front line of junior Courtney Jones and freshmen Crystal Dunn and Kealia Ohai. The three forwards have scored 11, 8 and 14 goals, respectively, on the year.

“That tandem of three forwards they’ve got there is very, very good and probably as good as any in the country,” Waldrum said. “If we can contain and shut them down, I think that’s the strength of their team. I think it’s key that we keep those three players in check.”

While the Irish have lost their previous three battles with the Tar Heels, Notre Dame is one of the few programs in the country that has risen to the occasion against North Carolina on their home field, winning three out of four games at Fetzer Field, something that is not lost on Waldrum.

“I don’t know how to explain it, I really don’t,” Waldrum said. “It seems like we’ve always done well when we’ve gone there, and I think we’re one of the only teams that’s beaten them there on



Senior forward Lauren Fowlkes shoots on goal during Notre Dame’s 4-0 Nov. 14 NCAA second-round victory over Southern California.

multiple occasions. There’s just something about it — I think our kids just get psyched and get ready to play when they arrive on campus, so hopefully they’ll do that again Saturday because we’re [going to] need a good performance. I think if we play like we did this weekend and put that kind of effort in we’ll be in really good shape.”

The Irish are coming off dominant performances in the first two rounds of the tournament, outscoring New Mexico and No. 22 USC by a combined score of 7-0. They used that momentum to have another strong week of practice and prepare for their rivals once again.

“The energy level in the training was great again this week,” Waldrum said. “I think after that loss to Connecticut that seemed to really re-energize the team and get the team realizing that we’ve [got to] go perform every time we step on the field and those two weeks that we were preparing for New Mexico and USC were probably two of the best weeks of practice we had and then this week the kids were right back at it with a very high level in training again.

“I think we’ve prepared as well as we can for them, and we’ve watched a ton of video on them,” Waldrum continued. “I think we know their team pretty well, so I think now it’s just roll the ball out and see which one’s ready to go.”

The Irish and Tar Heels will kickoff at 5 p.m. Saturday at Fetzer Field in Chapel Hill.

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Irish players celebrate a goal by freshman forward Adriana Leon (19) during Notre Dame’s 4-0 Nov. 14 victory over Southern California.

FENCING

Irish travel to face nation’s best

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

The No. 1 Irish will travel to Milwaukee this weekend to compete in the United States Fencing Association’s North American Cup Nov. 19-22 in hopes of proving themselves once again the nation’s top team.

The North American Cup traditionally is one of the strongest fields of competitors in the country, and although Notre Dame will not compete as a team, they will have several individuals competing in this year’s competition. The tournament’s results will not affect the collegiate rankings, but it will give Notre Dame the opportunity to prove

their excellence across the division weapons.

The Irish are coming off of a weekend-long competition at No. 2 Penn State last weekend where sophomore Reggie Bentley earned a bronze medal in the men’s foil competition and junior Ewa Nelip finished 29th of 136 competitors. Freshman Lian Osler (women’s sabre) and junior Greg Schoolcraft (men’s epee) both finished fourth in their respective weapons.

Notre Dame made a strong standing at the Cup last year as sophomore Courtney Hurley finished 13th in a field of 168 competitors in the epee division. Her sister, Kelley, a 2010 graduate who went on to win the gold, eliminated Hurley from the competition. Now that her familial

foe is no longer in the competition, the Irish will look to Hurley to make a run at the gold.

In the FIE World Championships in Paris earlier this month, Hurley took 61st of 136 competitors. It was also announced at the World Championships that she won the World Cup Trophy for the best junior epeeist during the 2009-10 season.

Junior Diane Zielinski took 70th in the North American Cup last year in the women’s epee while sophomore James Kaull finished an impressive 33rd of 211 competitors in the men’s.

Competition will begin today and continue until Nov. 22.

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Brown

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back to health. We feel good as a team.”

Historically, the Irish have dominated Villanova. Notre Dame was victorious in each of the first 16 meetings between the two squads, but have since lost three of the last four matches.

Notre Dame last faced Villanova on Nov. 5, when the Irish fell in four games to the Wildcats, which was the team's final Big East loss of the year. After a furious comeback to win the first set, the Irish dropped the final three to fall (3-1 (23-25, 26-24, 26-24, 25-18) on Villanova's home court.

Although Villanova scored a convincing victory in the first meeting, Brown said the Irish had room to improve.

“In our first meeting, we didn't feel like we played our best,” she said. “There are definitely things we can do to improve the result.”

The game was marked by an outstanding performance by junior outside hitter Kristen Dealy who, along with 12

kills, recorded 34 digs, a career high and the most by an Irish player since 2006. However, the Irish offense was blocked, hitting only .131 for the game.

Brown said her team is prepped to make adjustments to take down the Wildcats this time around.

“We played really good defense but just not generate offense, specifically transition offense,” Brown said. “We focused on improving those elements of our game, and we feel like we got a lot better.”

A postseason berth for Notre Dame hangs in the balance of the Big East tournament as the winner of the Big East tournament receives an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

When asked what her team needed to do in the Big East tournament to qualify for the NCAA's, Brown's response was automatic.

“I think we need to win it,” she said.

The Irish and the Wildcats face off today at 10 a.m. in the Fitzgerald Field House at the University of Pittsburgh.

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Junior libero Frenchy Silva serves during Notre Dame's 3-0 Nov. 7 loss to Northern Iowa in the Purcell Pavilion.

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in the Big East tournament semifinals to No. 1 Louisville. Notre Dame played well in the loss and moved up in the polls despite the loss to the powerhouse Cardinals. Though the bitter loss is still fresh, Clark said the Irish need no extra redemption.

“I think they'll be ready. We've been ready since this time last year, when we lost to Northwestern in the tournament,” Clark said. “That was a learning experience. That was a tough game for us. We outshot them in shots on target 12 to 3, but lost 3-0. This group is totally aware of the task ahead of them.”

Strong seniors lead both teams

with Dartmouth featuring senior midfielder Daniel Keat, a brilliant passer who has drawn interest from the English Premier League team Blackburn Rovers during his brief professional career in New Zealand. The Irish will count on the goal scoring of senior forward Steven Perry, whose 12 goals were the most for any Big East player this season.

“Our seniors have set the right example all year,” Clark said. “I'm confident they'll carry that leadership into this game.”

Due to their high seed, the Irish will get the opportunity to host the second-round game at the friendly confines of Alumni Stadium, where they have played well all season.

The Irish are 9-1-1 at home this year, and the new student section — the Rakes of Mallow — has contributed to a tough atmos-

phere in many of the home games. Clark said he is counting on the students to show up and support the team Sunday.

“I really would just love to have a full student contingent on Sunday, and I know the players would too,” Clark said. “It's great to have the people in town come and cheer but I know that the students tend to make a lot more noise. It's a rare opportunity, with this tournament being played around Thanksgiving, that the students are on campus. I would say to all those on campus who play soccer, and all the others of course, to come out and cheer the guys on.”

The second-round game will be contested Sunday at 6 p.m. at Alumni Stadium.

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Spartans

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night.”

But if Notre Dame does get caught with a lack of focus, the Spartans could turn the tables on the Irish in a hurry.

“They're tenacious. They play hard and they're a pretty good transition team, so you have to be really smart with the puck against them,” Jackson said. “They're going to take advantage, get you into situations where you turn the puck over and then they transition well.”

Jackson said the home games will be crucial for his squad to stay atop the conference.

“It's absolutely essential that we play well at home,” he said. “We've done well at home thus far, and we have to continue to recognize that it's going to be a challenge all season long no matter who



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Freshman center Anders Lee handles the puck during Notre Dame's Oct. 29 3-2 victory over Western Michigan in the Joyce Center.

you play ... if we don't do a great job in our own building then it becomes more challenging. You have to take care of the business at home if you're going to be a top team.”

The Irish make their only

November home appearances this Friday and Saturday. The puck drops at 7:35 p.m. Friday night and 5:05 p.m. Saturday evening.

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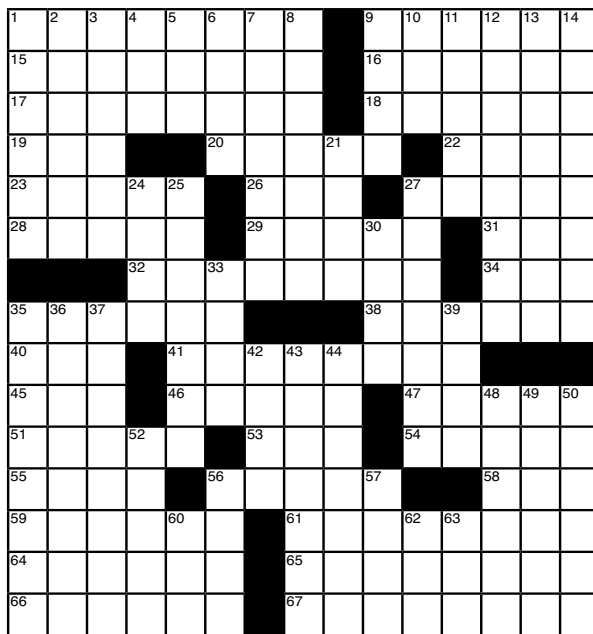
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- Across**
- 1 Party bowlful with zing
 - 9 Joint
 - 15 "No problem!"
 - 16 Bad way to carry something
 - 17 Pitchman who said "It has more seats than the Astrodome!"
 - 18 Peripheral, e.g.
 - 19 They may be fluid: Abbr.
 - 20 Covenants
 - 22 ___ Prairie, Minn.
 - 23 Sporty ride
 - 26 Its final production was released in 1959
 - 27 Cat of comics
 - 28 One of the Home Counties
 - 29 Thing picked up at a water cooler
 - 31 Year China's Liang dynasty began
 - 32 Part of some cultural nights out
 - 34 "___ Mine" (track on "Let It Be")
 - 35 Total bore
 - 38 Large pieces of cabbage?
 - 40 Humana offering, briefly
 - 41 Unlike a type A
 - 45 Letters for enlistees' letters
 - 46 "The Lamp-Lighter" painter
 - 47 ___ Spring
 - 51 Solidified
 - 53 Relative of "Apt."
 - 54 Paradigm of piety, in Pamplona
 - 55 Have down
 - 56 In the middle
 - 58 English composer/pianist Lord
 - 59 Pitcher Lopez or Vazquez
 - 61 "No problem!"
 - 64 Port named for a Norse god
- Down**
- 1 "I swear!"
 - 2 With 6-Down, gets bombed
 - 3 Parts of many role-playing games
 - 4 Technology for "Avatar," e.g.: Abbr.
 - 5 Noel syllables
 - 6 See 2-Down
 - 7 He had Atahualpa executed
 - 8 High-hat
 - 9 They're normal: Abbr.
 - 10 "Hop-Frog" writer
 - 11 Flame
 - 12 Controversial O. J. Simpson book
 - 13 Camera hog's concern
 - 14 Fans may be worked into them
 - 21 One with an extra-wide spine
 - 24 Half of oct-
 - 25 Let out, in a way
 - 27 Crick who co-discovered DNA's structure
 - 30 Cousin of a blackfish
 - 33 Eddie who inspired "The French Connection"



Puzzle by Peter Wentz

- 35 Nut
- 36 South-of-the-border snack
- 37 Grabbed the reins
- 39 Soup thickener
- 42 Childish rejoinder
- 43 Many went bust after booming
- 44 Cause for an alarm
- 48 What only a select few might get
- 49 Person firing a locomotive
- 50 Uses cajolery on
- 52 1992 Dream Team member
- 56 Ebenezer Scrooge's nephew
- 57 Noted reader of headlines
- 60 Official conclusion?
- 62 ___-hoo
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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Things are really cooking around you, so don't take time to rest when you should be in the middle of all the excitement. Getting together with people who can offer you interesting proposals or bring greater clarity to your plans will lead to a brighter future. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Spending unnecessarily will lead to worry and stress. Budget wisely and put your money into something that will grow in value. Tag along to a social event with someone who has a formal invitation and you will be invited directly to the next function. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll feel burdened by someone who doesn't enjoy the same things you do. Consider whether or not you are wasting your time and energy. Greater interaction with friends, neighbors or a group you would like to be a part of will lead to social opportunities. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you don't see any options, you aren't looking hard enough. There is plenty going on, so start sharing your thoughts and including people in your plans. You will get things going and start moving in a positive direction. ★★★

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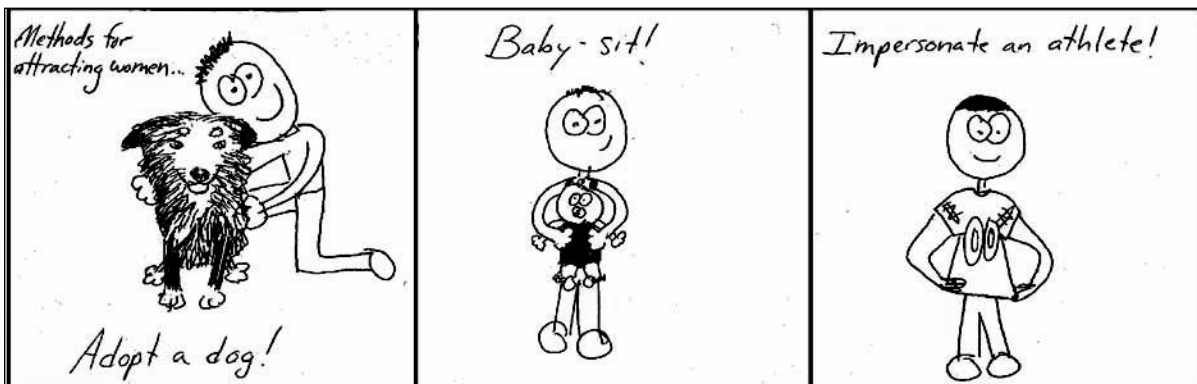
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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You should allow time for learning and applying what you have discovered. Someone will be quick to complain or criticize. Focus on something you can develop on your own that shows potential to become a moneymaker. ★★★

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LAURA McGLINN

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Just short

Irish fall to No. 15 UCLA in double OT

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Sophomore guard Skylar Diggins' half-court shot at the buzzer of Thursday night's second overtime hit the rim, but bounced out as the Irish fell 86-83 to UCLA at the Purcell Pavilion in the fourth double overtime game in program history.

"With three seconds left, I was just trying to get the ball up the court," Diggins said. "I thought it was going in. It's all we had."

No. 12 Notre Dame's last double overtime game was in a win 13 years ago against the No. 15 Bruins (3-0) in Los Angeles. The only games that have extended that far beyond regulation for UCLA have been these two contests against the Irish.

Diggins led the Irish (2-1)

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Irish guard Skylar Diggins breaks away from an UCLA defender Thursday night in a showdown at the Purcell Pavilion. Notre Dame fell 86-83 to UCLA in double overtime.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Conference title quest kicks off

By MICHAEL TODISCO
Sports Writer

The Irish will take on Villanova today at the University of Pittsburgh in the first round of the Big East Championship, with postseason hopes on the line.

The Irish are seeded fifth while the Wildcats hold the four seed.

The team is coming off a successful last weekend of play, where it swept through its final two Big East opponents, Rutgers and Seton Hall. Irish coach Debbie Brown said she believes her team is looking strong going into the conference championship.

"We have been in a good rhythm," she said. "We have executed well, performed well statistically, and our injured players have been nursed

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HOCKEY

Spartans provide only home opponent of November

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

The No. 11 Irish return to the friendly confines of the Joyce Center this weekend after a five-game road trip that returned mixed results.

Notre Dame (7-3-1, 5-2-1-1 CCHA) won two games, including a hard-earned 3-1 victory at No. 8/9 Michigan, tied one game (picking up the shootout point) and dropped two,

including a tough 2-3 decision at Bowling Green.

Rather than coming home to a respite, however, the Irish will take on No. 17 Michigan State in what will be Notre Dame's only two home games between Oct. 29 and Dec. 11.

"It's always fun to play in the JACC in front of your home fans," senior alternate captain Calle Ridderwall said. "It feels like we've been gone for a while so it's definitely exciting."

The contest against the Spartans (4-3-3, 2-3-1-0 CCHA) will have significant implications on the CCHA standings, atop which the Irish currently sit.

"It doesn't really mean much, but I can see as a younger guy it's nice to see that you're up there," Ridderwall said. "It's just a little bit of a mental thing seeing your name on top."

Michigan State, though currently in eighth in the league

standings, is considered by most CCHA observers to be a significant threat to the top of the league.

"They were expected to be a top-four team in our conference," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "It's still so early in the year you don't know how things are going to pan out, but I fully expect them to be in the hunt for a top four spot."

With arguably the toughest road trip in college hockey

ahead of them (a pair of games at North Dakota Nov. 26-27), the young Irish squad will have to focus on the task at hand. Ridderwall doesn't see that being an issue for his teammates.

"I think coming into this weekend, [the freshmen have] had enough games in their bag," he said. "They know what to expect and know what level we have to play at every

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MEN'S SOCCER

NCAA opener features foe familiar to Clark

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

From 1985 to 1993, Irish coach Bobby Clark bled green as the head coach at Dartmouth. On Sunday, the Big Green will line up opposite Clark's No. 9 Notre Dame squad as the Irish begin their NCAA tournament slate at Alumni Stadium.

Clark said that he has nothing but respect for his old team.

"We played them quite often when I was at Stanford," Clark said of his 1996-2000 career with the Cardinal. "I think we played them four times in my five years there. The year we went to the NCAA finals one of our few losses came to

Dartmouth. They're always good games, well-contested games."

Dartmouth (11-6-1) comes into the game fresh off a dominant 4-0 victory in the first round of the NCAA tournament over a Monmouth team that had previously lost only one game all season.

Clark said he was watching the opening round game, and saw a dangerous Big Green attack.

"I saw a very well-organized team. They have players that are very special," Clark said. "They can make things happen. We'll have to prepare for that as we prepare for the opponent."

The Irish (10-5-4) are recovering from a hard-fought 1-0 loss

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Team to face Carolina yet again

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

No 7. Notre Dame and No. 3 North Carolina will renew women's college soccer's biggest rivalry Saturday in the College Cup's round of 16 in Chapel Hill, N.C.

For the better part of the last two decades, match-ups between the Irish and Tar Heels have been the sport's biggest game of the year and often carries huge national title implications. This weekend's contest is no different, as the winner will advance to the next round as the clear favorite to reach the Final Four.

"I think arguably both of

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Senior forward Lauren Fowlkes finds the ball during Notre Dame's 4-0 NCAA second-round victory over Southern California Nov. 14.

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TOMMY REES LEADS THE IRISH INTO YANKEE STADIUM

Photo Illustration by Pat Coveney, Dan Jacobs and Blair Chemidlin

COMMENTARY

Recreating history isn't all that simple

In 1913, Notre Dame and its "forward pass" upset Army 35-13. After that game, people started to notice the blue-collar team from Indiana.

In 1924, Notre Dame and its "Four Horsemen" defeated Army, 13-7, on the way to the first of 11 National Championships. After that game, sports-writer Grantland Rice made sure everyone knew about the Irish.

In 2006, 48 games and nearly 100 years after the teams' first meeting, No. 5 Notre Dame and its green jerseys steamrolled Army, as expected, 41-9.

Not long after that game, people started wondering where the Irish had gone.

Any first-year theology student can explain that at Notre Dame, "Tradition" is spelled with a capital "T." It is the fabric of the University and, at least in theory, should be consulted as a major factor when deciding how to move forward.

This is true in a lot of areas at the school, but especially football. Traditions have flourished since the days of Knute Rockne (who, in 1928, at Yankee Stadium, against Army, asked his team to "Win one for the Gipper"). But it has been a while since those traditions have been something more than an exercise in remembrance, and fans want the whole thing back.

In a way, fans' wants have been met. Notre Dame is playing Army at Yankee Stadium. But the Yankee Stadium in question is noticeably shinier, while Notre Dame and Army are noticeably weathered.

The administration is doing all it can, and more, to bring attention to this match up, the 50th meeting between the two teams and the 22nd in the home of the Yankees.

What the administration fails to realize is scheduling games doesn't mean a return to the past.

This year it's Army. In 2012, it's Miami at Soldier Field in Chicago. In 2015 and 2016, the Irish and Hurricanes will play a home-and-home series, another wish granted for all who repeatedly bring up 1988's "Catholics vs. Convicts" game as the last real testament of Notre Dame's team and fans.

That win, of course, came soon before Notre Dame's last National Championship, now nearly 22 years ago.

And it will take much, much

more than playing Army or Miami to bring around another one.

Fortunately, Irish coach Brian Kelly knows this. After Notre Dame's 28-3 win over Utah Saturday, Kelly said his players "didn't have on their shoulders the traditions and reputations" that come along with playing here.

"We were just playing," he said. "We're back to playing the game of football the way it needs to be played."

It seems hard to imagine an Irish team under the lights in Yankee Stadium, playing Army in green jerseys, and not concerned about the past. But Kelly said there is a distinction.

"We want to know about our tradition. We want to embrace Notre Dame," he said. "We just can't carry all of the unfulfilled expectations."

Expectations were fairly low going into the game against Utah, which could explain why the team's metaphorical shoulders were lighter. But if the Irish continue to play like they did Saturday, they will probably start to pile up again, and quickly.

But Kelly doesn't want his team to feel that. He wants them to go out and play.

"Play the game of football," he said. "Enjoy it. Play it hard, play it fast."

The burden, then, may fall not on the team, but on the fans and the administration to allow the team to do just that.

Notre Dame's tradition is special and important. It is right to celebrate that tradition. Asking a team of young men, most of whom weren't alive in January of 1989, to emulate that tradition is different.

They know about the past, and they love the tradition. It's why they're here. They want to win against Army Saturday and against USC next week. They want to beat Miami in two years.

No matter what, though, this team can't bring back the past, and neither can games against historical rivals.

What this Notre Dame team can do, with its own offensive scheme, its own backfield and its own green jerseys, is win against Army. After that game, with a bowl game in the works, people will start to wonder if the Irish are bringing in the future.

Hopefully they'll keep those thoughts to themselves and allow the team to keep playing the game of football.

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

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Off-campus game brings pros, cons

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame may advertise Saturday's game at Yankee Stadium as a home game, but as far as recruiting is concerned, it is anything but. By holding the game off campus, the Irish are neither allowed to host recruits on official visits nor hold extended conversations with them, Irish recruiting expert Mike Frank said.

"What they can do is give recruits tickets to the games, so they can come to the game and see Notre Dame," said Frank, who runs the ESPN.com-affiliate Irish Sports Daily. "They can't really meet with them and have long conversations when it's off-campus."

Even without the official visits, Frank said the off-site games could serve a beneficial purpose for the Irish.

"It's a good thing because there is a lot of talent in the Jersey, Philadelphia area, all that area, including some in New York State," he said. "Just having them come to the game to actually see Notre Dame is a big deal. That was the whole idea of these off-site games, to increase the exposure."

Frank estimated 20 to 25

recruits could watch the game from within Yankee Stadium to get a better feeling for Notre Dame.

"I suspect [running back] Savon Huggins will come in. [Linebacker] Ishaq Williams will be there," Frank said. "And I think a bunch of guys in that area, class of 2012 kids, will come in and be introduced to Notre Dame football."

Huggins, a four-star recruit from Jersey City, N.J., holds scholarship offers from numerous schools, including Florida, Oregon and Rutgers, and all of those schools — including Notre Dame — will have to wait a few months to learn Huggins' final decision.

"Savon is going to visit a number of other schools," Frank said. "He doesn't plan to make a decision until Signing Day, so we won't have a decision out of him for quite some time, but I do think Notre Dame is very much still in the race."

"I certainly do think they have a great shot, and it would help if they ran the ball on Saturday. Obviously last weekend they were able to and that is a good thing to show to running backs."

Williams, another four-star recruit, from Brooklyn, N.Y., holds even more offers than Huggins — including Florida,

Oregon and Rutgers again — and will likely hold off on his decision as well.

While having two dozen recruits at a game is typically considered a high number, Saturday's game should affect many more Notre Dame recruits, Frank said. The 7 p.m. kickoff will increase the national audience, and catch the eyes of many potential Notre Dame players.

"Any time you can play in that type of environment, that is a good thing," he said. "There are a lot of eyes out there wanting to watch this game. A lot of times, 17-year-old kids, recruits, are out there during the day hanging out with their buddies. They aren't at home watching college football."

"You catch them at 7 p.m. before they go out in the evening, and show them something on the field, that can certainly have a tremendous effect."

For more on Notre Dame recruiting, check out Mike Frank's irishsportsdaily.com. E-mail Mike at mikefrank18@sbcglobal.net and tell him The Observer sent you.

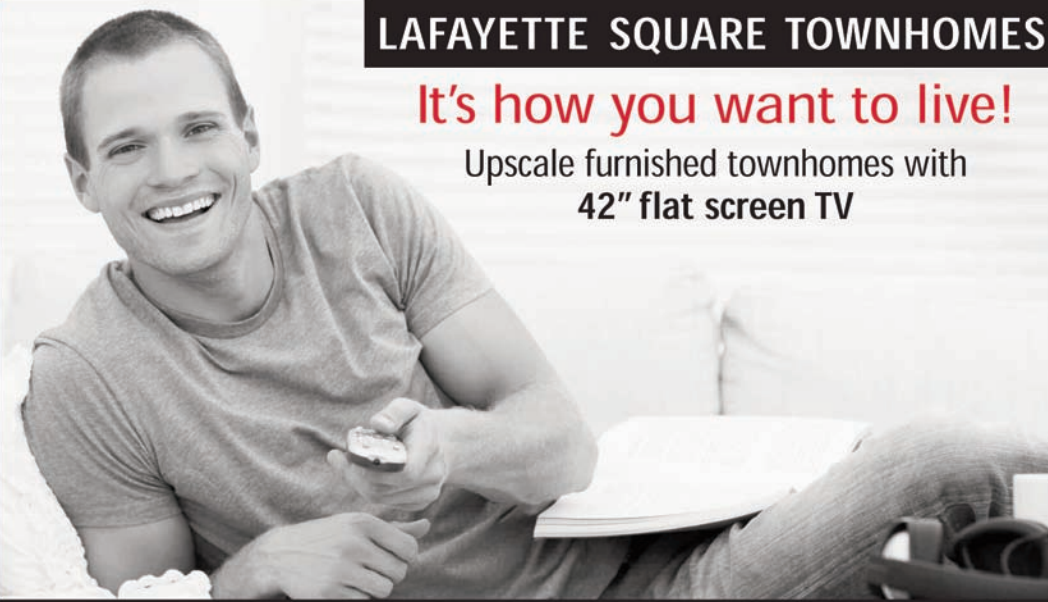
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Ready for Rees

After entering the season third on the depth chart, freshman Tommy Rees now holds Notre Dame's fate

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Tommy Rees walks into the interview room, and the assembled media immediately flock to the freshman signal-caller. For someone who was in high school just a year ago, he handles the situation with complete aplomb and nonchalance.

"It's a change of pace from what I'm used to since I've been here," Rees said with a smile. "It's kind of cool to have the attention, but at the same time it's not that big of a deal."

It's all part of the job description for the man who probably never expected to be here. Entering the season, junior Dayne Crist was firmly entrenched as Notre Dame's starting quarterback and Rees was competing with junior Nate Montana for the back-up spot. Suffice to say, the freshman has come a long way.

Getting a jump start

Last season, when it became apparent that former Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen could leave early for the NFL, the Irish coaching staff approached Rees about possibly enrolling in January. Seeing an opportunity to get a leg up on learning the Irish offense, the Lake Forest, Ill., native got his academics in order to get to South Bend in time for spring practice.

Even though he was initially recruited by former Irish coach Charlie Weis, Rees elected to stay committed — and follow through on his plan on early enrollment — when Weis was fired in December. Rees said new coach Brian Kelly's past success sealed the deal for him.

"The first thing that jumped out at me when I met [Kelly] last winter was how much of a winner he was and how committed he was to bringing Notre Dame back," Rees said. "That's something I really wanted to be a part of."

Throughout spring practices, Rees and Montana split prac-

tices reps with the second team. In the 2010 Blue-Gold Game, Rees completed all three of his pass attempts for 18 yards, but was outshone by Montana, who threw for 223 yards and three touchdowns.

Still, Rees said the experience he gained in spring practice was invaluable in preparing him for the real game action.

"[Spring practice was most helpful for] just the little things within the offense, like getting the footwork down, getting your reads down and all that," he said. "It's a little different [during the season] when you're game-planning for an opponent."

The experience Rees gained in spring practice would come into play earlier than anyone could have anticipated. In Notre Dame's second game of the season against Michigan, Crist went down with an apparent head injury and Rees was forced into action. On his first career passing attempt, Rees threw an interception to Wolverine linebacker Jonas Mouton. After one more incomplete, Rees was pulled for the rest of the half in favor of Montana. After the Irish lost 28-24, Kelly admitted he "did a poor job" preparing both backups.

For his part, Rees said he didn't let the poor first performance get him down.

"Against Michigan there were some butterflies going, some pre-game jitters," Rees said. "You've just got to keep working hard after that and keep preparing like you know you can play."

Even though he wouldn't admit it at the time, Rees said the trial by fire helped prepare him for the rigors of big-time college football.

"Now, I'd say yes, [it helped]," he said. "But at the time you obviously want to do a little better. In hindsight, it's probably helped out getting that out of the way."

All about confidence

After struggling in his first

action against Michigan, Rees began to work his way back up the depth chart. Against Navy, with the game out of reach, Rees came in to relieve Crist. Displaying a poise that was noticeably absent against the Wolverines, Rees went 6-of-7 for 79 yards. Even if it was in garbage time against a second-string defense, he said he could feel his confidence starting to build.

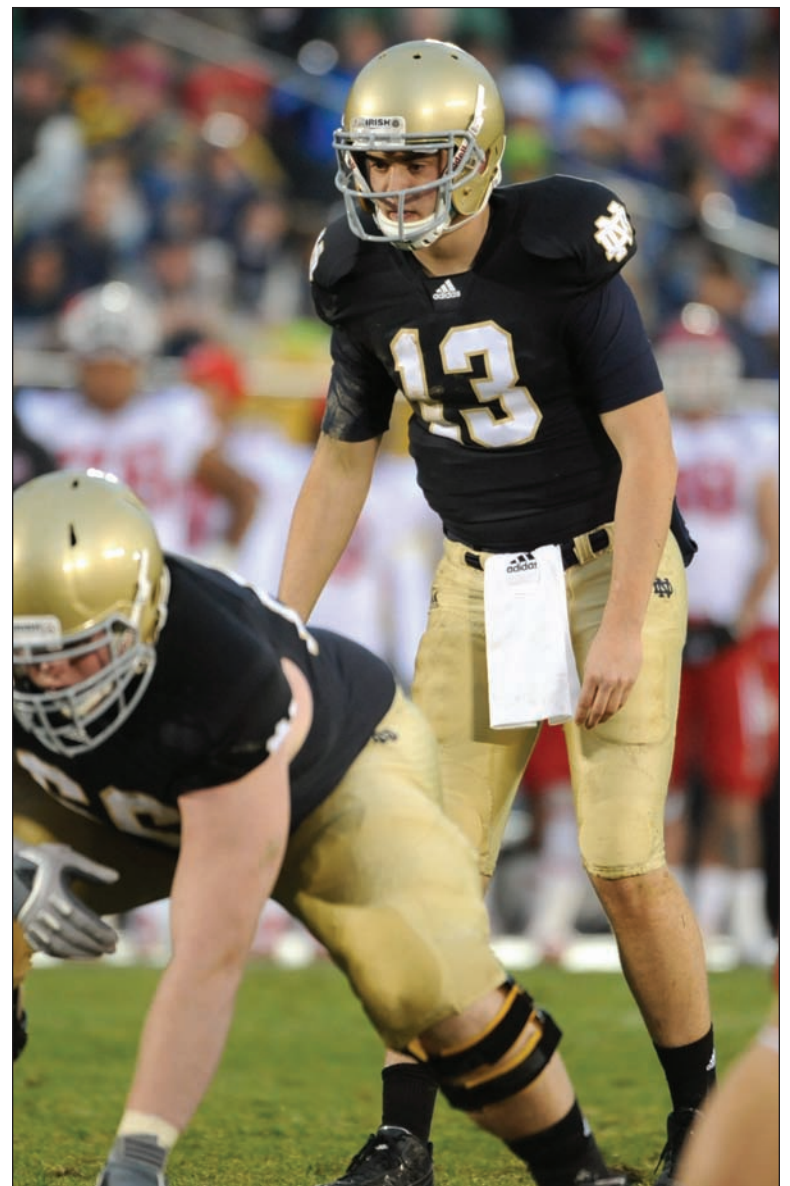
"Getting some more game experience along the way really helped," Rees said.

On Oct. 30 against Tulsa, Crist went down again — this time for the season. The game reps against Michigan and Navy appeared to have paid off, as the freshman played with maturity beyond his years. Crist's injury may have set off a panic among Notre Dame fans around the country, but Rees stayed cool under pressure, and became the first Irish freshman quarterback to throw four touchdown passes in a game. Even though the game ended on a costly interception, Rees drew rave reviews from Kelly after his 334-yard performance.

"Awesome," Kelly said of Rees in the post-game press conference. "Are you kidding me? I couldn't be more happy for the kid. True freshman going out there, hasn't played. He just competes. Took some big hits, got right back up. I don't know if he knew where he was a couple of times. Got right back up, said some things. I knew that he was going to compete again."

Rees admitted he surprised himself a little bit with his performance, but added that he felt prepared for the situation.

"I had a lot of confidence in what I can do going out there, and to play as I did is something I worked hard for and something I couldn't do without all my teammates' support and help," Rees said. "They should get a lot more credit than I have — the line, the receivers — they've done their job and adapted to a freshman quarterback being in there."



JAMES DOAN/The Observer

Freshman quarterback Tommy Rees waits for the snap during Notre Dame's 28-3 victory over Utah Saturday.

In his first career start against Utah, Kelly and the coaching staff implemented a slightly more run-based offensive system. Rees only threw the ball 20 times, but completed 13 passes for 129 yards and three touchdowns. More importantly, though, the Irish dominated the No. 14 Utes for a 28-3 win. After the win, Rees said he was shaking hands with Utah players when he noticed something unusual.

"I see a couple of students that I know, and I'm kind of confused as to why they're on the field, then all of a sudden the whole student section is out there going nuts," he said. "It was really great."

His team now

With the Irish now one win away from bowl eligibility, Rees said he was just focused on his job on the field.

"You stay with what you're doing in the program, stay within your offense and working hard through football and try not to let all the outside effects get to you," he said.

That could be difficult this weekend, with the pomp and circumstance surrounding Notre Dame's first game at Yankee Stadium since 1969. Kelly acknowledged that it is quite a way for Rees to start his college football career.

"Last year at this time he was in high school," Kelly said. "And he's going to get a start at Notre Dame, Yankee Stadium and the [Los Angeles Memorial] Coliseum. That's not too bad."

To be successful in such high-profile environments, Rees must be comfortable in his role as Irish starter. Even though it took a while, he said he finally

feels like it's his team now, and he's not just filling in for Crist.

"Dayne would probably say the same thing," Rees said. "That's kind of the mentality you have to have as a quarterback. You've got to come in, be in charge and be a leader."

Other players are buying into Rees' leadership, too.

"He sees the field very well, and I like him a lot out there," junior receiver Michael Floyd said. "And I feel confident with him — everybody out there does feel confident with him out there, too."

Rees said Crist has been more than helpful in his development both as a quarterback and a leader.

"He's been great," Rees said. "We watch film together and we talk after practice. He's been there for me every step along the way."

Another confidant for Rees has been his father, Bill, a former NCAA assistant coach at UCLA and Northwestern.

"We talk once or twice every day and the bulk of the conversation is football," Rees said. "It's great to have him there supporting me and it's great to have another person I can turn to to talk about the game."

The attention can be overwhelming at times, but Rees is keeping calm under pressure, both on and off the field. With so many possible external pressures, it's all about keeping an even keel.

"We've got to prepare just like we did last week, have a consistency with how we play and just try to stack some wins here at the end."

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In the past two games, Rees has thrown for seven touchdowns. Against Tulsa on Oct. 30, he became the first Notre Dame freshman to throw four touchdowns in a game.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 5-5

AP: NR Coaches: NR



Brian Kelly head coach

First season at Notre Dame

career record: 176-62-2
record at ND: 5-5
against Army: 0-0



Bob Diaco Def. Coordinator



Charley Molnar Off. Coordinator

2010 Schedule

Sept. 4	Purdue — W
Sept. 11	Michigan — L
Sept. 18	@ Michigan St. — L
Sept. 25	Stanford — L
Oct. 2	@ Boston College — W
Oct. 9	Pittsburgh — W
Oct. 16	Western Michigan — W
Oct. 23	@ Navy — L
Oct. 30	Tulsa — L
Nov. 13	Utah — W
Nov. 20	Army
Nov. 27	@ USC

Head-to-Head

ND OFFENSE	ARMY DEFENSE
Scoring: 26.20 ppg (68th)	Scoring: 24.40 ppg (56th)
Total: 387.40 ypg (58th)	Total: 329.0 ypg (30th)
Rushing: 114.80 ypg (100th)	Rushing: 140.40 ypg (45th)
Passing: 272.60 ypg (21st)	Passing: 188.60 ypg (22nd)
Turnovers against: 19 (76th)	Turnovers for: 22 (19th)
Fumbles lost: 6 (88th)	Fumbles rec.: 12 (12th)
Interceptions: 12 (91st)	Interceptions: 10 (48th)
Sacks Allowed: 19 (58th)	Sacks: 22 (44th)
T.O.P. for: 26:41 (117th)	T.O.P. against: 25:55 (3rd)

Statistical Leaders

ND OFFENSE	ARMY DEFENSE
QB TOMMY REES 52-83, 542 yards, 7 TD	LB STEPHEN ANDERSON 72 total, 8.5 TFL, 1 INT
RB CIERRE WOOD 78 rush, 345 yards, 2 TD	LB STEVE ERZINGER 61 total, 3.5 TFL, 1.5 sack
WR MICHAEL FLOYD 59 rec., 767 yards, 9 TD	DB DONOVAN TRAVIS 25 solo, 43 total, 4 INT
WR DUVAL KAMARA 9 rec., 106 yards, 2 TD	DE JOSH McNARY 39 total, 12 TFL, 9.5 sack
TE TYLER EIFERT 16 rec., 207 yards, 1 TD	DE JARRETT MACKEY 32 total, 4.5 TFL, 3.5 sack



Douglas Farmer

Sports Editor

I'm a Yankees fan. Have been my whole life. Thus, there is no chance I pick against the home team at Yankee Stadium.

Yes, I, the pessimistic one among us am picking Notre Dame this week. The Irish finally showed the competitive spirit they have lacked all season in their romp over Utah.

Against Army, Notre Dame will need that competitive edge again, if not more so than last week, as service academies are always ready to play. With that edge, that spirit, Tommy Rees and the Irish can outdo the Black Knights in all aspects of the game, for another rout.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31, Army 13



Matt Gamber

Sports Writer

One thing is for sure: Brian Kelly should have no trouble getting his Irish up for this game. Primetime, in the Big Apple, with a chance to become bowl eligible, against a historic opponent at Yankee Stadium? We'll get a good look at how Tommy Rees handles the brightest of lights on the biggest of stages, and if his solid performance against Utah was any indication, I think he'll be just fine. While I have concerns about Notre Dame defending the option, I believe the Navy game was such an abomination that it has effectively served as a wake-up call that has helped the Irish prepare.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 27, Army 14



Eric Prister

Associate Sports Editor

Which Notre Dame team will we see this weekend at Yankee Stadium? The Irish squad who lost back to back games to Navy and Tulsa and looked completely unprepared to face the Midshipmen triple-option attack? Or the one that dominated Utah in every facet of the game?

Notre Dame took a smashmouth attitude against Utah, and beat them in the trenches. Clearly they have that ability, and Army is another opponent with inferior talent and size on the line of scrimmage. As long as there isn't a Senior Day let-down, the Irish win big.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31, Army 10

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Irish Offense vs. Black Knights Defense

Specialists

ND OFFENSE: QB 13 Rees, RB 20 C. Wood, WR 3 Floyd, WR 19 Toma, WR 18 Kamara, TE 80 Eifert, RT 75 Dever, RG 78 Robinson, C 52 Cave, LG 59 Stewart, LT 70 Martin, SS 52 Cave, S 20 Trimbale, HLD 50 Kavanaugh, CB 14 Jackson, DE 44 McNary, DT 94 J. Mackey, DT 93 Gann, DE 96 Hilton, OLB 9 Erzinger, MLB 50 Anderson, OLB 25 Littlejohn, S 6 Travis, KR 86 Jackson, PR 81 Goodman, PK/KO 97 Ruffer.

ARMY DEFENSE: CB 3 Aaron, CB 31 Brown, DE 96 Hilton, DT 93 Gann, DT 94 J. Mackey, DE 44 McNary, OLB 25 Littlejohn, MLB 50 Anderson, OLB 9 Erzinger, S 6 Travis, S 20 Trimbale, S 21 Dixon, S 22 H. Smith, S 21 Dixon.

ND PASSING

Irish freshman quarterback Tommy Rees was effective, but certainly not spectacular, in his first start for Notre Dame against Utah. He threw three touchdowns and no interceptions en route to a blowout of the Utes.

Rees is still young and inexperienced, though, and likely will

not be able to be counted on to win a game for the Irish.

Luckily for Rees and Notre Dame, junior wide receiver Michael Floyd is playing up to his potential. He has nine touchdowns on the year, including seven in the last four games in which he has played. Senior Duval Kamara also played well against Utah, catching two passes for 38

yards, both for scores.

The Black Knights defense is 22nd in the NCAA in stopping the pass, partially because of their impressive time of possession. Notre Dame will need to keep control of the ball if they are going to have success passing the ball.

EDGE: ARMY

ND RUSHING

While the Irish have been a pass-heavy team for the majority of the season, they had a solid day against Utah without Armando Allen, putting up 127 yards on a Utes team that had the nation's No. 14 rush defense.

In relief of Allen, sophomore running back Cierre Wood led the Irish with 71 yards on 19

carries against the Utes for just 3.7 yards per carry, slightly below his season average of 4.4. Junior running back Jonas Gray, however, exploded for 44 yards on just three carries against the Utes and provides a spark for Notre Dame in relief of Wood.

Army brings the nation's No. 45 rush defense into the game presents a similar profile to Navy, whose No. 52

rush defense held Notre Dame to just 109 rushing yards in the Irish's 35-17 loss Oct. 23. The Black Knights' small, quick front seven could present matchup problems for the Irish once again. The Irish will need to beat Army's defenders off the ball in order to open up holes for their runners.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

ND SPECIAL TEAMS

Though he has not attempted a field goal in two games, kicker David Ruffer is still perfect on the season. A semi-finalist for the Lou Groza award for best kicker, Ruffer is 13-for-13, including a long of 50 yards. Notre Dame

should be able to count on him to come through in the clutch if need be.

Army ranks in the top 40 in kick coverage and the top 15 in punt coverage, which does not bode well for an struggling Irish return game.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

Brian Kelly's gameplan against Utah was superb. He led an unexperienced quarterback to success with a good mix of run and short passes that made it easy for Rees to play well. The Irish offense did not move the ball as well as they have in the past, but

they made the most of their opportunities, which has to be, in part, credited to Kelly's playcalling. He will once again need to help Rees along the way.

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

ND OFFENSIVE COACHING



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Black Knights Offense vs. Irish Defense



Army Black Knights Record: 6-4

AP: NR Coaches: NR
Second season at Army
career record 64-45:
record at Army: 11-11
against ND: 0-0



Rich Ellerson head coach



Ian Shields Off. Coordinator



Payam Saadat Def. Coordinator

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Oct. 2	Temple — L
Oct. 9	@ Tulane — W
Oct. 16	@ Rutgers — L
Oct. 30	VMI — W
Nov. 6	Air Force — L
Nov. 13	@ Kent State — W
Nov. 20	@ Notre Dame
Dec. 11	Navy

There's only one thing to know about the Army passing offense — they do not do it. The Black Knights rank dead last in the NCAA in passing attempts, yards and touchdowns. Sophomore quarterback Trent Steelman has a 138.93 passer rating, but is averaging less than 100 yards per game. Army is not a threat to pass often, but when they do, it

can be devastating. Steelman's main target this season has been junior wide receiver Austin Barr, who leads the team with 13 catches and three touchdowns. Three of his catches have gone for over 30 yards this season. The Irish rank 76th against the pass, giving up 225 yards per game. They were caught off guard by a

long pass for a score against Navy, who run a similar offense to Army's. Senior cornerback Darrin Walls and Gary Gray will need to keep their focus on the receivers while defending the run, or one of Army's few passes could go for a score.

ARMY PASSING

The Black Knights' offense begins and ends with their running game. Their triple-option style offense thrives on keeping possession of the ball and wearing out opposing defenses. Seven players on the Army roster average over four yards per carry, and eight players have scored a rushing touchdown this season. Sophomore

fullback Jared Hassin leads the team in rushing yards, with 858, and Steelman is top on the team in touchdowns with 11. Hassin is averaging 5.7 yards per carry and will be difficult to stop for a banged up Irish defense. Notre Dame's defense failed miserably against their other opponent which runs the triple-option — Navy.

They gave up 367 yards and four touchdowns on the ground to the Midshipmen in a 35-17 loss. With senior nose tackle Ian Williams and sophomore linebacker Carlo Calabrese injured, the rest of the Irish defense will need to step up to stop Army's rushing attack.

ARMY RUSHING

Kicker Alex Carlton has struggled so far this season, connecting on only 63 percent of his field goal attempts. His range has been good, making a kick from 49 yards out, but his consistency has been lacking. Punter Jonathan Bulls

ranks 77th in the nation in punting distance, but Army's return defense has been solid. Since the Irish will likely be looking for quick scores, the Black Knights must keep focused on special teams.

ARMY SPECIAL TEAMS

EDGE: NOTRE DAME



Sam Werner

Sports Writer

Against Navy, Notre Dame displayed a complete and utter inability to stop the option. Even still, unless Army does something Saturday they haven't shown on film this season, the Irish should be fine. Kidding aside, Army is not the same option team as Navy. The Black Knights are bowl-eligible, but have played one of the weakest schedules in the country. The venue alone is enough to get Irish players fired up for this game, and it's hard to believe that at least some of the momentum built up against Utah won't carry over to this week.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34, Army 13



Laura Myers

Sports Writer

As I began to think of my prediction, I couldn't remember the last time I had witnessed Notre Dame beat an Academy. I investigated and realized that's because I've never seen it happen. There's a first time for everything. And much as I hate to predict a win for the home team at Yankee Stadium, the Irish should take this one easily. The team is confident and knows the stakes involved. Plus, I'm pretty sure they're familiar with Army's offensive scheme.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 30, Army 16

ARMY OFFENSIVE COACHING

Coach Randy Ellerson made his mark on college football as the head coach of Cal Poly, a team which he led to prominence in the FCS division. His triple-option scheme is a staple of the

EDGE: ARMY

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	(7-3) W 27-16 @Purdue	Wisconsin
	(9-1) BYE	Purdue
	(9-1) W 17-13 @Arizona St.	@California
	(5-5) W 21-16 @Duke	Virginia
	(5-4) L 30-28 @UConn	@South Florida
	(4-6) W 45-30 Eastern Mich.	Kent State
	(7-3) W 38-37 Central Mich.	Arkansas St.
	(7-3) W 28-25 @Houston	UTEP
	(8-2) L 28-3 @ND	@San Diego St.
	(6-4) W 45-28 @Kent St.	@ND
	(7-3) W 24-21 @Arizona	@Oregon St.

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Army presents another triple-option challenge

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

Remember the last time Notre Dame played against a team that ran the option?

Saturday night's showdown with Army gives the Irish players and coaches a chance at redemption and an opportunity to erase the memories of a forgettable defensive showing against Navy. Notre Dame's game plan against the Midshipmen was clearly exposed and exploited, and while the Irish have certainly made adjustments, Irish coach Brian Kelly said Tuesday it still comes down to basic defensive concepts.

"Physical and mental toughness, controlling the line of scrimmage, those are all the things that I'm sure you've all heard a football coach talk to the media," Kelly said. "We have to do the same things we did against Utah, and we have to do it against an offense and a defense we don't see very much."

Navy fullback Alexander Teich gave the Irish defense fits, and Notre Dame will have to contend with another rushing threat at fullback in

Army's Jared Hassin. The Black Knights sophomore leads the team in rushing with 858 yards on 150 carries, for an average of 5.7 yards per attempt.

"He's somebody that obviously we're quite aware of," Kelly said.

The Black Knights know the

Irish will be more prepared following the disastrous results against Navy, Black Knights coach Rich Ellerson said in a press conference Tuesday.

"We know they'll adjust," Ellerson said. "We know they'll play better. We know they'll be motivated. They were hurt by that performance on the defensive side of the ball and they're going to respond."

Though Army's offense does most of its damage on the ground, quarterback Trent Steelman is a threat to throw the ball as well.

"[They have] great balance offensively in the sense that if you just try to take away one phase of it, as evident last week, nine-for-10 throwing the football with well over 100 yards, they can hurt you there as well," Kelly said. "Trent Steelman is a very tough, competitive guy. He's obviously very important to their offense. Their receivers are rangy, 6-foot-3 types that can go up and get the football."

Steelman is the team's second-leading rusher with 596 yards and 11 touchdowns, and he has thrown for 798 yards with five touchdowns to only one interception — good for an efficiency rating of 138.9.

Ellerson said the pass is important in keeping the defense off-guard.

"You defend the option with all 11 defenders, and one of the way



Army sophomore fullback Jared Hassin leads the Black Knights with 858 yards rushing on only 150 carries. By defeating Kent State 45-28 Saturday, Hassin and Army became bowl eligible. AP

you control that back row is with play-action pass," he said. "Being able to get the ball over their heads a few times is really important to the outcome of that game. People will pick their poison, but that should slow down the run support along the perimeter."

But defending the pass and various types of run plays that make

Army "a little bit more diverse than a typical option team" will be secondary to stopping what the Black Knights do best, Kelly said.

"It's still about defending the triple option. It's still about the same principles that you have to defend the entire width of the field in the running game, and

then obviously the passing game," Kelly said. "They do a very good job of getting the football out and can really make some plays in the passing game. But it's still about the principles of option football."

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Irish head to Yankee Stadium for 25th time

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

The Irish last played in Yankee Stadium in 1969. Then, Ara Parseghian and the Irish trounced none other than Army 45-0. The victory brought Notre Dame's record in The House That Ruth Built to 15-6-3.

More than four decades later, Notre Dame and Army return to the Bronx, but not much else has remained the same. Brian Kelly now fills Parseghian's place as Irish coach. Yankee Stadium has moved 100 yards north of its previous location. Nonetheless, the Irish have hardly contained their excitement about the primetime game in New York.

"They know they're going to New York," Kelly said in his Tuesday press conference. "I don't think I've ever had more injured guys ask me if they were traveling this week. They're all excited about that."

Notre Dame's history at Yankee Stadium is well-chronicled: from Knute Rockne's "Win

one for the Gipper" speech in 1928 to a 3-0-2 record under Frank Leahy in the 1940s, when Notre Dame won four national championships. In fact, two of those titles resulted largely from the outcome of the Irish match-up with Army. In 1943, top-ranked Notre Dame beat No. 3 Army 26-0, and in 1946, the No. 2 Irish tied the top-ranked Black Knights at zero.

"I think [this is] just a great atmosphere for college football," Kelly said. "50th meeting of Army versus Notre Dame, so there's a lot to the game. We're excited about that certainly."

The encounter may be the 50th in the historic series between the Irish and the Black Knights, but this version of Yankee Stadium, now two years old, has never hosted a college football game.

"Just to have the first game to be played there, it's an exciting time for us," Irish junior receiver Michael Floyd said.

The tradition the Irish will add to began in 1923, when the original Yankee Stadium

opened with Yankees slugger Babe Ruth sending a three-run home run over the fence in a 4-1 win over the Boston Red Sox. Up until its closing in 2008, the Stadium hosted event after historic event, including the first televised boxing match, when Max Baer defeated Lou Nova on July 1, 1939, the debut of soccer great Pelé in the North American Soccer League in 1976 and three Papal Masses, as Pope Paul VI (1965), Pope John Paul II (1979) and Pope Benedict XVI (2008) each said one. Thus, while the field may still be 100 yards long by 53.3 yards wide, playing at Yankee Stadium holds more weight than the average game, sophomore linebacker Manti Te'o said.

"Same size, same field goals, but of course it's going to be different playing in Yankee Stadium," Te'o said. "Similar to here, you can feel the tradition there, and it's going to be fun."

Amid the tradition, playing a football game in a venue designed for baseball brings its challenges. The end lines in the end zones will be closer to walls than usual Saturday, but Kelly said precautions have been taken to insure player safety.

"I know that has been a great concern of everybody involved," he said. "We have a lot of people that have been working on this for quite some



Notre Dame topped Army 7-0 in this 1937 match-up at Yankee Stadium. The two teams have met in the Bronx 22 times.

time. ... It's clearly something that has been at the forefront of every conversation that I've heard of, from moving a foul pole to making sure there's enough access on the sidelines."

Once on the field, and assured of safety, the Irish will have only one goal on their mind.

"We've just got to make sure we keep all the laughter and joy down and just make sure we compete on Saturday and

do everything we've got to do to win," Floyd said.


Although, junior defensive lineman Kapron Lewis-Moore did admit he wouldn't mind seeing some celebrities at the game.

"I'm pretty excited about it," he said. "Hopefully, it'd be kind of cool if some of the Yankees players were there, but you never know."

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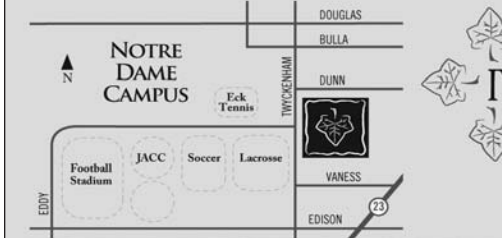
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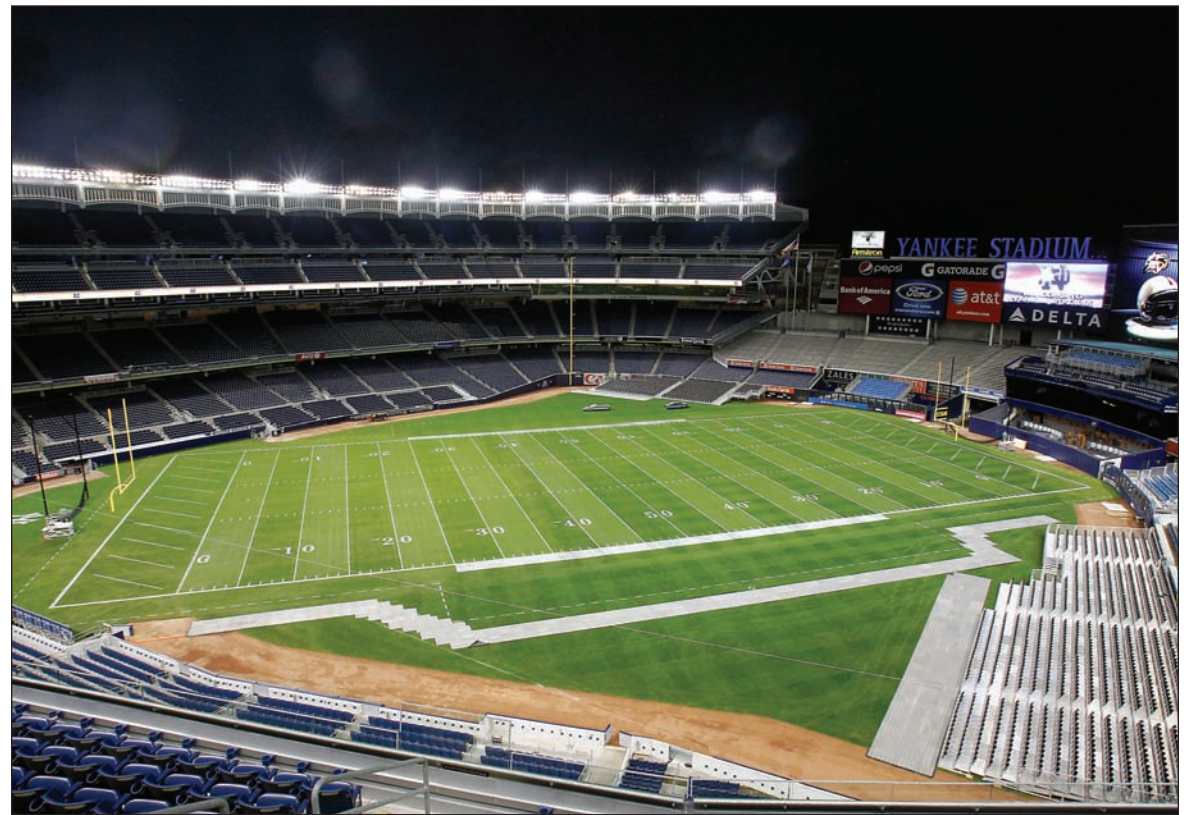
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