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Jenkins inauguration underway

Panelists discuss the global role of religion

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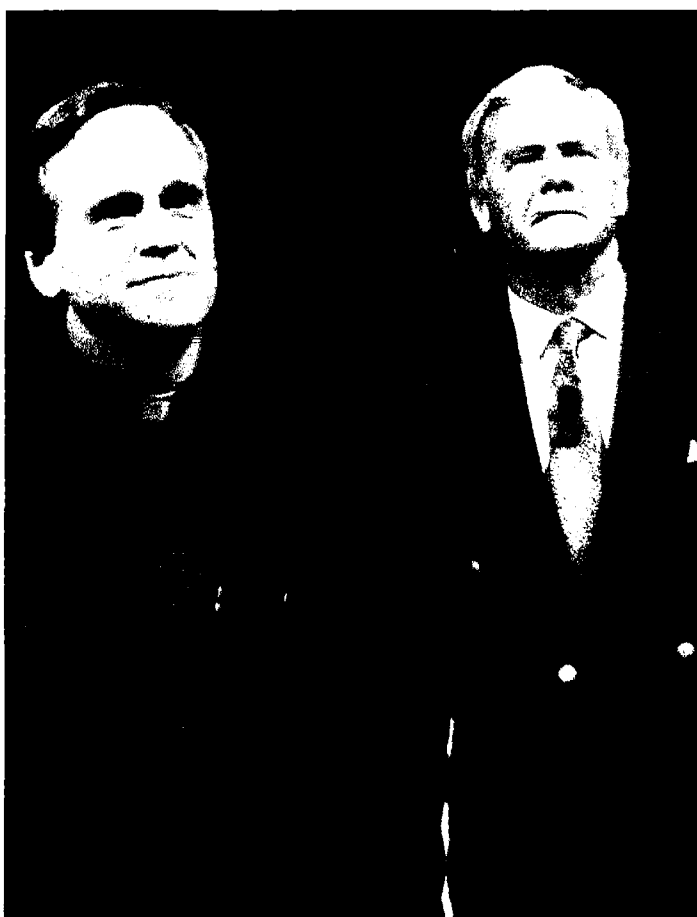
As part of the inauguration of Father John Jenkins, the University hosted the Notre Dame Forum Thursday at the Joyce Center to join international religious leaders with Notre Dame representatives and discuss the role of faith in the modern world, in what organizers hope will become an annual event.

Former NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw moderated the forum, entitled "Why God? Understanding Religion and Enacting Faith in a Plural World".

"I believe the issues that are before us, these are the most critical issues not just in this country but in the global community," Brokaw said.

The forum began with an hour-long discussion among four

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Above, Father John Jenkins greets staff members. At left, Jenkins stands with Tom Brokaw at the Notre Dame Forum.

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Jenkins speaks to ND staff at morning meal

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

University staff members started Thursday bright and early with jelly, jam and University President Father John Jenkins in the Joyce Center.

"You are the foundation of what we do," Jenkins told staff at a breakfast that kicked off his inauguration weekend. "Notre Dame is you, the people who work here."

Jenkins recalled letters written by University founder Father Edward Sorin about the six Holy Cross brothers who served as his staff.

"He realized that they were critical to what Notre Dame would become," Jenkins said. "You are the successors of those people who worked so hard to build Notre Dame."

He focused on "the spirit of

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Protesters gather outside J.A.C.C. to make statement against cardinal's presence at forum

By MADDIE HANNA
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Five hundred leaflets protesting Cardinal Oscar Andres Rodriguez Maradiaga's presence on campus were quietly distributed to the throngs of people who flocked to Thursday's Notre Dame Forum at the Joyce Center.

The Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) president Barbara Blaine said members wanted to make a statement against Honduran

archbishop Rodriguez, who accused U.S. media in 2002 of covering the Church's sex abuse scandal in ways "reminiscent more of Stalin and Hitler."

"We are really concerned that Cardinal Rodriguez is being honored to speak here on Notre Dame's campus," Blaine said, criticizing Rodriguez for never apologizing for his "disparaging remarks."

Blaine said Rodriguez's presence at the Forum was made worse given Notre Dame's character.

"Notre Dame is holding itself out as a university that fosters or values inquiry or discussion," she said. "We believe that statements like Cardinal Rodriguez's do just the opposite. It's deterred other victims from coming forward."

R. Scott Appleby, Forum organizer and director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, said Rodriguez was chosen by the Inaugural Committee as a representative from the internal Catholic hierarchy.

Appleby said Rodriguez, "a

friend of the University for some time," had not been expected to create controversy.

"It's unfortunate that the comments he made in 2002 have obscured a lifelong commitment to social justice and care for the poor," Appleby said.

Although Appleby said Rodriguez' past comments did not pertain to the Forum's topic, "Why God? Understanding Religion and Enacting Faith in a Plural World," Blaine disagreed. "It's interesting," Blaine said.

"There is a concern for Catholic

values outside of the Church, but not within the Church ... We are the faithful Catholic sons and daughters who were raped and sodomized by priests that our parents trusted."

Blaine said SNAP, a national organization with 5,700 members and chapters in 60 cities, did not contact Notre Dame directly about its plans, but did inform Appleby "out of courtesy."

University spokesman Matt Storin said "while in an ideal

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County Council votes against coal company

By SARAH WHEATON
News Writer

"Thank God our government still works!" was the exulted cry of New Carlisle resident Bonnie DeMyer after the Saint Joseph County Council voted 7 to 2 Thursday to block the building of Tondur Corporation's proposed integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC) coal plant.

In what one member called the most difficult decision he had to make in his 25 years on the Council, the group made a surprisingly strong stand against the plant that was slated to be built in New Carlisle.

One councilman in particular shocked residents by switching

his vote at the last minute to help defeat the plant.

The highly controversial issue attracted strong public interest, and the Thursday meeting was so full that people had to sit in the hallway and strain to hear. The meeting was called to order several times after spontaneous bouts of applause broke out after each council member who voted against building the plant.

Several councilmen said they had heard the people's "pleas" and cited strong public opposition as a reason for their vote. Those who did support the plant cited the possibility of decreased pollutants over time

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SMC to hold Vatican II conference

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

To commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, Saint Mary's will be holding a two-day conference today and Saturday focusing on the Council's legacy, leadership and its unfinished agenda.

Sister Kathleen Dolphin — coordinator of the Vatican II conference — said the forum will be comprised of conversation groups led by various speakers who will present the audience with opening commentaries regarding gender issues in the church, the role of the



Woodruff

Church in today's world and intercultural issues.

The first discussion group will begin today at 9:30 a.m. in Moreau Little Theater, followed by a second group set to begin at 1:30 p.m. The discussion groups will continue on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Both will be held in Carroll Auditorium in Madeleva Hall.

"This is a very important event for both Catholics and non-Catholics interested in ecumenism — especially during these thread-baring years of Catholicism," Dolphin said.

The keynote event will take place tonight at 7 p.m. in O'Laughlin Auditorium, where CNN journalist Judy Woodruff will be hosting "In Conversation with Council Participants." Guest speakers at the event will include Bishop Remi Joseph De Roo, a voting participant at the Council. He is one of approxi-

mately eight surviving bishops of the 2,500 who voted at the Council.

Also participating in tonight's conversation will be Father Gustavo Gutierrez, an observer at Vatican II and Notre Dame theology professor; Father Robert Pelton, advisor to Cardinal Suennens at the Council and Fellow at the Kellogg Institute; Sister Carmel McEnroy, author of "Guests in Their Own House: The Women of Vatican II;" Gregory Baum, official observer of the Council and faculty of religious studies at McGill University; and Martin Marty, official Protestant observer at the Council and Lutheran minister.

Choosing Judy Woodruff to lead the central conversation was a primary goal for Dolphin, who worked to secure a high-profile female proctor highly

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INSIDE COLUMN

Embrace the alternative

The one piece of advice my grandmother gave to me before I left for college was this: Don't let girls hit on you. Going into college, my worries involved handling the workload, making new friends and adjusting to life away from home for the first time.

Kaitlynn Riely

The idea that I would arrive at Notre Dame and be barraged with girls interested in more than friendship never crossed my mind, though it was a worry that obviously plagued my grandmother.

Wire Editor

I went to a fairly liberal Catholic high school, so I believe I have been exposed to people from a wider variety of backgrounds than my grandmother had been at the same point in her life.

In high school, I had several gay male friends, and I enjoyed the dimension they brought to my life. I spent many Friday nights checking out guys with my gay male friends in Washington, D.C., and though at times I felt like my social life was an episode of "Will and Grace," the friendships I made in high school with those living "alternative lifestyles" enriched my own life and taught me how to embrace those with lifestyles and views contrary to my own.

My grandmother does not need to worry about any uninvited advances by girls at Notre Dame. The societal preference towards heterosexual relationships is announced first at Frosh-O as the guys' dorms run around serenading the girls' dorms. Students made painfully aware their lack of tolerance and respect for the gay community at the pep rally by showing their distaste toward Zahm by calling it gay.

A gay or lesbian lifestyle may be tolerated, but perhaps not embraced and is certainly not a common sight on the Notre Dame campus. I have heard people joke that parietals encourage homosexuality, but I can testify that the orgies do not break out when the boys leave — at least not in my dorm.

But the University does make an effort to encourage its students to tolerate the alternative lifestyle. Like all freshman, I recently attended a presentation given by the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. Two students related their stories of how they "came out of the closet" and shared the experiences they have had as homosexual students at Notre Dame. I am sure that other homosexual students attend the university, and I hope that all students can work towards embracing these members of the ND family so we can move down from the No. 2 spot on The Princeton Review's "Alternative Lifestyles Not an Alternative" List.

Perhaps one day Notre Dame will be comfortable with the situation my grandmother warned me of.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

CORRECTIONS

In the Sept. 21 edition of The Observer, specifics regarding the inauguration ceremonies of Father John Jenkins were reported inaccurately. The investiture will take place in the Joyce Center and not in front of the Main Building as a front-page article indicated. Additionally, 100 priests — not 10 — will concelebrate at today's inaugural Mass at the Basilica. The Observer regrets these errors.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: If you could study anywhere in the world, where would you and why?



Juan Ousset
sophomore
Siegfried

"Mexico — the real land of the free."



Gillian Wiescher
junior
off campus

"Sweden because my best girlfriend lives there and I want my children to be taller with blue eyes."



Ray Fast
sophomore
Stanford

"Australia because it's right on the ocean."



Matt Donnelly
junior
Stanford

"Austria because Lukas Madersbacher is God-like and beautiful."



Patrick Brown
sophomore
Morrissey

"Michigan, because it's been exiled to Canada."



Ben Wilson
senior
Sorin

"Rome because just like Saint Peter's it rocks."



Brenna Burn performs at an intimate coffeehouse-style concert featuring guitar solos and literary readings at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Thursday as part of the festivities surrounding the presidential inauguration of Father John Jenkins.

OFFBEAT

Baker writes 'Da Vinci'-based diet book

PORTLAND, Maine — A baker who lost half his business to the low-carb craze has written a book based on the mathematical principles of the Golden Ratio, a formula used by Leonardo Da Vinci and made popular in the best seller, "The Da Vinci Code."

Stephen Lanzalotta created what he called the "Da Vinci Diet" in response to the decline in bread consumption brought on by the popularity of the Atkins Diet.

The diet consists mostly of Mediterranean foods, including bread, fish, cheese, veg-

etables, meat, nuts and wine.

He signed a deal last year with Warner Books, a division of Time Warner Book Group, that included a six-figure advance.

France offers money to third-time parents

PARIS — France announced financial incentives Thursday for parents to have a third child, hoping to boost its fertility rate by helping people to better juggle the demands of work and family life.

A new measure will award \$916 a month to parents who take one year's unpaid leave from work

after the birth of a third child, Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin announced at the close of a national conference on families.

It will take effect in July 2006. De Villepin said he believed the measure will appeal to "numerous parents" and allow for a "better reconciliation of professional and family rhythms."

"We must do more to allow French families to have as many children as they want," the prime minister said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Hammes Mowbray Hall, the new building of the ND Security Police and the campus post office, will be dedicated today at 9 a.m. by Father Theodore Hesburgh.

More than 100 visiting priests and bishops will concelebrate the inaugural Mass today at 10 a.m. in The Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Tickets are required for seating.

Domer Run will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. Runners can choose between a 6-mile and a 3-mile race. There is also a 2-mile walk. Race day registration and check in is at Legends.

The classic 1941 film "Citizen Kane" will be shown Saturday at 3 p.m. in Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$6 for faculty and \$3 for students.

The Notre Dame women's volleyball team faces off against Seton Hall Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

Farley Hall will present "What Would You Do for 2 Purdue Tickets?" on Monday at 5 p.m. on North Quad. Students can register proposed acts in both dining halls before Sunday night or on the first floor of Farley. All acts must be approved at the time of sign up.

Pulitzer Prize winner Steve Coll will present a lecture titled "Inside the Hunt for Osama Bin Laden" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29 in the Jordan Auditorium.

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

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Football fans hopeful for Washington game



Students are hoping for a win at this weekend's football game. Some will see the game firsthand by flying to Seattle for the game.

By SARAH WHEATON
News Writer

While many students will tune into Saturday's game at Washington from various television sets around campus, others are making the 2,000 mile-long trek as a testament to their support for the team.

Mike Marchand and Mike Santos are just two of a number of loyal Irish fans making the journey to Seattle for this weekend's game against Washington. Both seniors, they plan to stay the weekend with their former roommate, Notre Dame alumnus Dave Redenbaugh, who now lives in Seattle.

Since planning the trip last summer, they — like many students — look forward to seeing Notre Dame's first game against former coach Tyrone Willingham.

"I hope Ty has a good season and that his team plays well and makes it a good game, but in the end, we'd better win," Marchand said.

Most fans are eager to see Weis play Willingham for the first time, and like Marchand, wish the former head coach luck while still hoping for a solid Irish victory.

"As nice as Ty is, I can't wait to see the Irish crush

Washington," Junior Jenn Sayers said.

For students who are traveling to Washington, the Notre Dame Club of Western Washington is holding a full weekend of football-related events, including a pep rally Friday night and a large tailgate Saturday before the game. The Notre Dame cheerleaders will perform at both events.

Though the majority of Notre Dame students are not able to travel with the team to Seattle, they are eager to watch the game from campus.

"I'm watching it on my satellite in my middle room," Junior Jim Theiss said.

Sayers plans on having a small party in her room.

For students who wish to join a large number of other fans while cheering on the Irish, Legends will host a game watch complete with free food provided by the Class of 2006.

Many students are optimistic about the upcoming game given Notre Dame's sound 38-3 victory over Washington last year. Marchand predicts an Irish win by a "21-point spread."

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SMC announces election results

Johnson and Kistka win more than 60 percent of the freshman votes

By MEGAN O'NEIL
St. Mary's Editor

After a week of intense campaigning, Francesca Johnson and Pauline Kistka were elected Saint Mary's first-year class president and vice president in a runoff election Wednesday.

Voting ran until midnight and elections commissioner Danielle Lerner called the pair Thursday morning to inform them of their victory.

Winning 60.82 percent of the votes, Johnson and Kistka finished well ahead of their opponents Mary Conroy and Katie Connolly, who garnered 38.14 percent.

Participation was high with 194 out of 404 first-year students casting votes via Prism, a College computer network, Lerner said. There were two abstentions.

Johnson and Kistka won the preliminary election Monday

with 49.73 percent of the vote.

"I was really surprised and I was so excited," Johnson said. "I had always wanted to do something like this ... so to find out people thought we would do a good job was exciting."

Campaigning under the slogan "Your energizer bunnies — we will keep going and going for you," Johnson and Kistka spent hours knocking

"I was really surprised and I was so excited."

Francesca Johnson
freshman class
president

on dorm rooms over the weekend and then again Tuesday night trying to win their classmates votes.

They passed out cookies and stickers and promoted their idea of staging a dance marathon to raise money for charity. The two women also proposed creating the position of dormitory representative, which

would function as a liaison between the various residence halls on campus.

Before Johnson and Kistka can embark on their year in office, however, they will face with the immediate task of assembling a first-year class board. Composed of 12 students, the board will advise and assist the president and vice president with class events.

Johnson and Kistka will spend the following weeks accepting and reviewing applications. They are looking for women with a passion for Saint Mary's, Johnson said.

"I think [we will choose] people that really want to help and that obviously have energy for doing activities," Johnson said.

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Professor backs culture theory

Special to the Observer

The recent discovery of changes in two genes thought to regulate brain growth has some scientists convinced that the human brain is still a work in progress, but a Notre Dame anthropologist says that these findings need to be interpreted in a cultural context, and that not only the brain, but every aspect of the human being is still evolving.

"Changes in the forms of genes in the brain may be correlated with changes in human behaviors," said

"Changes in the forms of the genes in the brain may be correlated with changes in human cultural behavior."

Agustin Fuentes
ND professor

Fuentes, associate professor of anthropology. "This is suggesting that changing patterns of manipulating our environments may be affecting the evolutionary pressures we humans put on ourselves — and thus changing the genetic structures in our brains."

Scientists tracked changes in two brain genes unique to humans — one appearing some 6,000 years ago and now found in 30 percent of the population, and the other evolving some 37,000 years ago and found in

more than 70 percent of the population. Since the appearance of the first modern humans dates back more than 200,000 years, it appears that these changes in brain genes developed well after that period, and evolved at the same time the creative explosion of modern humans began to spread across Europe and when civilizations flourished.

"Human cultural adaptation seems to be changing the landscape of evolutionary challenges, so it appears that we are, in essence, building our evolutionary future," Fuentes said.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 2002, Fuentes' areas of specialization include biological anthropology, primatology, and evolution of social organization and behavior.



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panelists — Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez, the archbishop of Tegucigalpa, Honduras; Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, founder and chief executive officer of the American Society for Muslim Advancement; Naomi Chazan, a resident of Jerusalem and former deputy speaker of the Israeli Parliament; and John Danforth, former United States senator from Missouri and former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Discussion focused on the entanglement of religion and government in the Middle East, the worldwide emergence of fundamentalism and the global need for a greater acceptance of other faiths.

Panelists debated the issue of fundamentalism — primarily its definition and its negative effect on world politics.

"If there is something that causes me not to sleep at night, it's the fundamentalists," said Chazan, who has devoted 30 years to pursuing peace between Israelis and the Palestinians. "They believe they have all the answers to all the questions and that terrifies me and it should terrify everyone. Do not profile religion, profile those who is the name of religion assert truth because religion is about having faith."

Rauf has spent much of his life trying to break down the barriers between the Muslim and Western worlds. He explained the Muslim viewpoint to the panelists.

"When people are dissatisfied they use their deepest value to express what is wrong. In the U.S. we say, 'this is unconstitutional,'" Rauf said. "Well, when Muslims feel they have been wronged, they say 'this is not Islamic.' They look in fundamental texts and say this is unjust."

"In spite of all the hostility done by bin Laden and so forth, there have been far more innocent Muslim lives that have been taken as the result of sanctions, American invasion on Iraq and the war in Afghanistan. This is what fuels animosity in the Muslim world for Americans."

Brokaw said the gap between the U.S. and the Islamic world is perhaps wider than ever since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Danforth said he believes the rift is due to the debate over the true meaning of the word religion.

"The loudest voices are the people who advocate divisiveness, conflict and differences," Danforth said. "The people who believe religion has an entirely different meaning have been strangely silent. Which is why this forum at a Catholic university is so important."

The question of religion and politics spurred debate over whether the United States should be considered a Christian nation — a thought Danforth found troubling.

"It's important for religion people to be involved with politics," he said. "Faithful people believe it is their responsibility to participate in government. But for people to say this is a Christian nation?"

The answer has to be no ... The separation between Church and state, I believe, is essential."

One hour into the forum, four Notre Dame participants joined the discussion to add their own commentary. The discussion focused on

Martin Marty's book, "When Faiths Collide." Panelists were in agreement with Marty's belief that hospitality, as opposed to tolerance, is the key to uniting people of different faiths.

Lawrence Sullivan, a professor at Notre Dame with a deep understanding of native religions in South America, described how tolerance does not necessarily promote mutual understanding.

"Tolerance is based on 'let's all get along, let's not bring up anything serious,'" he said. "But people in their guts live on serious issues. So tolerance means not turning up those issues that bands groups of people together. But if we promote hospitality, we are welcoming the other in, and presenting

oneself for a deeper exchange."

Lack of understanding can be seen in the way the Western world views the role of women in Muslim cultures.

"The veil head covering has become a visible symbol of the assumed repression of women in Islamic society," said Notre Dame professor Asma Afsaruddin. "But many women find it a sign of liberation. The overwhelming conception we get from the media is that a woman in a headscarf is a very oppressed person."

Brokaw did not shy away from the controversial questions. He asked Cardinal Rodriguez for his thoughts on the soon-to-be-published document from the Vatican stating homosexuals will not be accepted into the priesthood.

"People that are afraid of flying will never be a pilot," Rodriguez said. "If someone has a fear of blood, they will never be a surgeon. The same is true for ordained ministry ... I am aware that the priesthood is not for people oriented in that [homosexual] direction."

Despite their differences, each panelist shared a belief in God. Rauf said Muslim Americans do not feel isolated when politicians say "God bless America."

"We believe the God of Moses, the God of Jesus and the God of Muhammed are all the same God."

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Protest

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world" protests would not happen during University President Father John Jenkins' inauguration, the University was not concerned.

"It's perfectly within their [SNAP members'] rights to do so," Storin said. He noted that SNAP was not targeting Notre Dame or Jenkins.

While SNAP members did not enter the Forum — "We don't disrupt," Blaine said — they thought it was necessary to get out their message.

"I would hope that Catholics who are committed to peace and justice would demand that the University do something," Blaine said.

Students who received the leaflets seemed largely confused, many crumpling and tossing the pieces of paper into a trash can while laughing to friends. "I thought this had to do with the forum!" or "He owes me a personal apology."

Others studied the leaflets carefully and offered their opinions.

"I agree that the media has definitely been skewed in many ways, and I don't doubt that all these scandals happened," graduate student Levente Borvak said. "But I support [the inclusion of Rodriguez on the panel] fully."

Freshman Ashley Williams, who had not heard of the controversy before Thursday, said she had "mixed feelings" due to the Forum's topic.

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Coal

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if Michiana's other power plant were closed and noted the economic benefits a new plant would bring to the area.

"Cancer Ally" is the term some scientists used to refer to the heavily polluted Indiana-Michigan border corridor, and citizens were worried that the new coal power plant would make things even worse. But the new plant would have used cutting-edge technology to gasify coal instead of burning it — a supposedly much more efficient and clean process.

Some residents were convinced that the method proposed by the plant is a clean and efficient way to meet Indiana's energy needs. Some concerned citizens, however, founded the Michiana Quality of Life organization and were dedicated to halting construction of the plant.

Organization members claim in their mission statement that the plant would have "a long-term, severely negative impact on the health, future job opportunities, small business viability, property values and overall quality of life in Michiana." The group also worried the plant would release 3 million tons of carbon dioxide gas per year — the equivalent of 10,000 cars running continuously each day.

Others believe the plant would be environmentally safe. Joan Brennecke, Notre Dame professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering and director of Notre Dame's Energy Center, will not endorse any particular company or project, but said she supports the technology.

"I think [the technology] is

vital to meeting our country's energy needs in an environmentally responsible fashion," Brennecke said. "The proposed IGCC would produce less nitrogen dioxide and sulfur dioxide than our current eight megawatt Notre Dame power plant."

Professor Allert Brown-Gort, an associate director at Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies and a resident of New Carlisle, has been actively campaigning against the proposed plant. Brown-Gort called the technology "incredible."

"If it were replacing the existing plant I would probably be all for it," Brown-Gort said.

However, because the proposed plant would be used to supplement — not replace — Michiana's current energy plant, Brown-Gort is against the new plan.

"The bottom line is, I just don't understand what we're getting in exchange for putting our water and the health of our citizens at risk," he said.

Tondu Corp., on the other hand, said even with significant improvements in energy efficiency and conservation, more power plants will be required in Indiana. Based on Department of Energy forecasts, Tondu projects Indiana will need 3,000 new megawatts by 2010.

Besides environmental concerns, Brown-Gort also worried about the corporate citizenship of Tondu Corp, saying Tondu has a history of suing the communities with which it conducts business. In Michiana's case, Tondu had been pushing for a rush approval so that they can take advantage of subsidies from the federal government made available to energy companies in the latest energy bill, he said.

Brown-Gort says he is not convinced of the need for such urgency and said the town "can't trust them."

Notre Dame professor Christopher Welna agreed and said Tondu's history shows they are not good corporate citizens.

"[Tondu] looks for economically disadvantaged areas where they can go in, promise a lot, take advantage of federal subsidy programs and depreciation costs, then pull out and leave communities with white elephants," he said.

Coal is the country's most plentiful fuel resource, but burning it is also one of the most impure processes available. Coal gasification, an alternative to coal burning, supposedly reduces the harmful environmental effects of burning.

Professor Frank Incropera, dean of engineering at Notre Dame, said there is no disputing the fact that ICGs provide the cleanest approach to utilization of coal for power generation.

"They are far superior to conventional coal-fired power plants in terms of their overall efficiency, as well as their significant reduction of atmospheric pollutants," he said.

Despite this endorsement, opponents of the Tondu plant were adamant in their stance.

"I think it would be a giant step backwards for this formerly industrial town to allow Tondu to build a dirty plant that doesn't bring jobs or tax benefits," Welna said. "As a parent, I do not want my children breathing even more pollutants."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Germany yet to choose chancellor

BERLIN, Germany — Conservative leader Angela Merkel and Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder failed Thursday to resolve their battle over who should lead Germany's new government but agreed to meet again to explore forming a right-left coalition to steer efforts to revive Europe's largest economy.

Both Merkel and Schroeder have laid claim to building Germany's next government after neither party won a clear majority in parliamentary elections Sunday, leaving the country, the world's third-largest economy, in political crisis.

The deadlock means Germany could spend weeks without leadership at a time when it desperately needs clear direction to push through badly needed economic reforms. Germany also wants to maintain its strong leadership role within the European Union, particularly in the wake of the EU's failed constitution effort and on the eve of membership talks with Turkey.

Low voter turnout in Kabul election

KABUL, Afghanistan — Only about one-third of Kabul's registered voters cast ballots in legislative elections, an official said Thursday — a turnout that suggests disillusionment with the U.S.-backed government and the pace of rebuilding after a quarter-century of war.

Reports from nearly all polling centers across Afghanistan indicate some 6.6 million voters cast ballots, which would put national turnout at about 53 percent, said Peter Erben, chief electoral officer of the U.N. — Afghan body that organized the polls. But he estimated turnout in Kabul and the surrounding province was just 36 percent.

NATIONAL NEWS

Roberts wins committee approval

WASHINGTON — John Roberts' nomination as chief justice cleared a Senate committee on a bipartisan vote of 13-5 Thursday, with next week's confirmation so certain that Republicans and Democrats turned increasing attention to President Bush's choice to fill a second Supreme Court vacancy.

Before the committee vote on Roberts, Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., said, "I will vote my hopes and not my fears, and I will vote to confirm him." Kohl was one of three Democrats on the Judiciary Committee who supported Roberts' nomination along with all 10 Republicans on the panel.

Five Democrats voted against Roberts, questioning his commitment to civil rights and expressing concern that he might overturn the 1973 court ruling that established the right to abortion.

Indictment in California terror case

SACRAMENTO — One of five men from a Lodi mosque arrested earlier this year was indicted Thursday on federal charges alleging he intended "to wage jihad in the United States."

Hamid Hayat, 22, was already charged with lying to the FBI about attending a terrorist training camp in Pakistan. The new indictment adds the more serious charge of providing material support to terrorists.

Hayat "intended, upon receipt of orders from other individuals, to wage jihad (holy war) in the United States," the indictment alleges.

LOCAL NEWS

Fatal Gary fire ruled an accident

GARY — A disregarded match or cigarette in a bedroom sparked a fire that killed six people, including four children, investigators say.

Indiana fire marshal's office investigator Jeff Roseboom said the pre-dawn fire Wednesday appeared to have ignited above floor level, probably in bedding.

Two adults and three children ages 1 to 12 were pronounced dead shortly after the blaze. Another victim, an 11-year-old boy, died Wednesday afternoon at a Chicago hospital. A 7-year-old boy and an adult female relative remained hospitalized Thursday.

Rita closes in on Texas Coast

Hundreds of thousands of residents caught in slow exodus; oil refineries threatened

Associated Press

HOUSTON, Texas — Hurricane Rita closed in on the Texas Gulf Coast and the heart of the U.S. oil-refining industry with howling 145 mph winds Thursday, but a sharper-than-expected turn to the right set it on a course that could spare Houston and nearby Galveston a direct hit.

The storm's march toward land sent hundreds of thousands of people fleeing the nation's fourth-largest city in a frustratingly slow, bumper-to-bumper exodus.

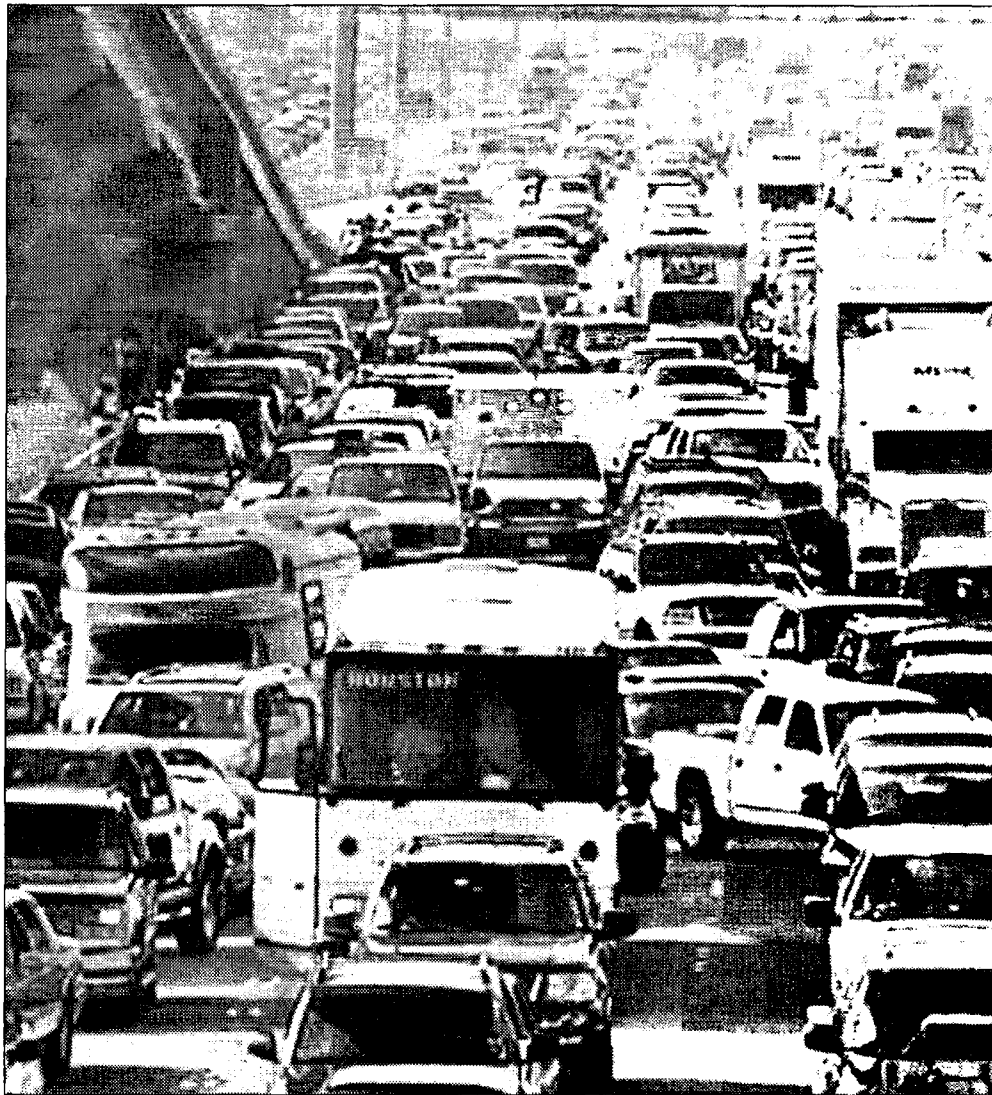
"This is the worst planning I've ever seen," said Judie Anderson, who covered just 45 miles in 12 hours after setting out from her home in the Houston suburb of LaPorte. "They say we've learned a lot from Hurricane Katrina. Well, you couldn't prove it by me."

In all, nearly 2 million people along the Texas and Louisiana coasts were urged to get out of the way of Rita, a 400-mile-wide storm that weakened Thursday from a top-of-the-scale Category 5 hurricane to a Category 4 as it swirled across the Gulf of Mexico.

The storm's course change could send it away from Houston and Galveston and instead draw the hurricane toward Port Arthur, Texas, or Lake Charles, La., at least 60 miles up the coast, by late Friday or early Saturday.

But it was still an extremely dangerous storm — and one aimed at a section of coastline with the nation's biggest concentration of oil refineries. Environmentalists warned of the possibility of a toxic spill from the 87 chemical plants and petroleum installations that represent more than one-fourth of U.S. refining capacity.

Rita also brought rain to



Hundreds of thousands of motorists jam northbound Interstate 45 as they attempt to evacuate Thursday in advance of Hurricane Rita.

already-battered New Orleans, raising fears that the city's Katrina-damaged levees would fail and flood the city all over again.

At 5 p.m. EDT, Rita was centered about 405 miles southeast of Galveston and was moving at near 9 mph. Its winds were near 140 mph, down from 175 mph earlier in the day. Forecasters predicted it would come ashore somewhere along a 350-mile stretch of the Texas and Louisiana coast that includes Port Arthur near the midpoint.

Forecasters warned of the possibility of a storm surge of 15 to 20 feet, battering waves, and rain of

up to 15 inches along the Texas and western Louisiana coast.

The evacuation was a traffic nightmare, with red brakelights streaming out of Houston and its low-lying suburbs as far as the eye could see. Highways leading inland out of Houston, a metropolitan area of 4 million people about an hour's drive from the shore, were clogged for up to 100 miles north of the city.

Drivers ran out of gas in 14-hour traffic jams or looked in vain for a place to stay as hotels filled up all the way to the Oklahoma and Arkansas line. Others got tired of

waiting in traffic and turned around and went home.

Service stations reported running out of gasoline, and police officers along the highways carried gas to motorists whose tanks were on empty. Texas authorities also asked the Pentagon for help in getting gasoline to drivers stuck in traffic.

Rather than sit in traffic, some people walked their dogs, got out to stretch or switch drivers, or lounged in the beds of pickup trucks. Fathers and sons played catch on freeway medians. Some walked from car to car, chatting with others.

IRAQ

Shiite cleric backs draft constitution

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The country's most powerful Shiite cleric endorsed the draft constitution Thursday, rejecting opposition voiced by two popular leaders of Iraq's majority sect and underlining a rift also on display in anti-British violence in the southern city of Basra.

Two officials in the Shiite Muslim hierarchy in Najaf said Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani called senior aides together and told them to promote a "yes" vote among the faithful during the Oct. 15 national referendum on the constitution.

The officials refused to be identified because they are not authorized to speak for al-Sistani, who only issues statements through his office and makes no public appearances.

Iraq's minority Sunni Arabs, who lost power and privilege with the fall of Saddam Hussein in the U.S.-led invasion, are deeply opposed to the constitution. They form the bulk of the country's violent insurgency and have stepped up attacks on Shiites in advance of the vote.

Some saw a Shiite split in play during the violence this week in the predominantly Shiite city of

Basra, where British troops clashed with mobs and smashed into a jail while rescuing two soldiers.

Anthony Cordesman of the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Affairs, said the escalation of tension in Basra underscored the simmering rift among Shiite factions ahead of the referendum and parliamentary elections in December.

"In large part, this is a reaction to a struggle between hard-liners and more moderate religious elements," he said.

Brunch

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Notre Dame" and the importance of positive attitude, "of warmth, of welcome, of dedication, a sense of community amongst yourselves."

"When we work that way, all our jobs become easier, more pleasant," he said.

Both Jenkins and new Provost Thomas Burish have professed lofty goals for the future of the University, preaching themes like "advancement" and "greatness." But Jenkins assured staff of their integral part in the process.

"Whatever we do, we will always try to remember, is made possible because of what you do," he said. "We can only do what we do and bring Notre Dame ahead because of that, what you bring to this job. I just want to thank you in advance."

Staff members reacted very positively to the speech and expressed excitement for the inauguration of Jenkins, who spent most of the breakfast circulating from table to table, introducing himself to guests.

"It's an historic event," Mendoza College of Business advisor Jennifer Dujka said. "There haven't been that many [Notre Dame] presidents — hopefully we'll have him for quite a while."

Morris Inn rooms manager Sherri Tubinis compared the weekend to University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy's inauguration, which she recalled fondly.

"I still remember all the details of that," Tubinis said. "I think the staff, faculty and students should take advantage of the opportunities."

For Tubinis, the most stand-out of Malloy's events was the

most traditional — the inauguration ceremony.

"The main event I remember was the actual inauguration at the Joyce Center. It was totally full. It was just a very moving, inspirational [ceremony], and I'm sure this one will be just as eventful," she said.

Tubinis emphasized the "inclusive" nature of Jenkins' inauguration.

"They have planned so many events for staff, students and faculty," she said. "This staff breakfast didn't happen before."

Both Tubinis and Morris Inn reservation sales employee Shannen Mears said they felt comfortable with Jenkins as president.

"I thought he seemed very warm, friendly, down-to-earth," Mears said.

"We like his smile," Tubinis said.

Mears said "30-something" members of Jenkins' family who traveled to Notre Dame from Omaha and checked in at the Morris Inn Wednesday. She mentioned how they all smiled at the check-in desk.

All of Jenkins' family members, Tubinis said, "are just as friendly as he is."

Even with so many family members and activities to attend to, Jenkins said he

was not stressed, but excited about his jam-packed two days.

"I think the biggest challenge will be to keep my energy up," he said.

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knowledgeable in the Catholic religion.

Woodruff will field questions to the guest speakers, who will be seated in a more casual set-up on stage than normally found in a conventional panel discussion. Dolphin said the speakers are slated to discuss "tough topics that question Vatican II experiments."

"One of the key themes of this celebration has been the examination of the changing role of women in the Church and world since 1965," Dolphin said in a statement. "Saint Mary's College

just completed its 160th year as a leader in higher education for women, so there is a double reason to focus on this theme. It seems to me that if such exploration can't happen at a place like Saint Mary's College, with its strong mission and vision, I would say then that it probably is not possible anywhere," Dolphin said.

The event was scheduled to air live on C-SPAN, however producers contacted the College and said they were no longer able to broadcast the event. Grassroots Media will film the conference for archival purposes.

All events of the conference are open and free to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross faculty, staff and students.

Only the Judy Woodruff conversation session will be free to the public. Anyone not a member of the College community who wishes to attend conference events must register with the SMC Center for Spirituality. Organizers estimate 100 registered participants will come from throughout the Midwest to attend this weekend's conference.

"Attending events such as this allow students and all participants involved to become a leader in both the world and Church at a time when they both need [leaders] very badly," Dolphin said.

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More colleges offer game theory

Associated Press

TROY, N.Y. — Down the hall, college students study steel design and software engineering. In Shawn Lawson's classroom, they learn how to digitally animate a ball bouncing through a flaming hoop.

"We need to give him a real squish when he lands," Lawson advises his Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute students.

More and more, courses like Lawson's are being offered in colleges around the country in response to the digital media industry's appetite for skilled workers and the tastes of a new generation of students raised on Game Boy and Xbox.

Animation I, Cognition & Gaming and Computer Music are being offered as part of the year-old minor in game studies at RPI, one of dozens of schools that have added courses or degree programs related to video gaming in recent years.

RPI, which plans to offer a major in the field next year, graduated 27 gaming minors in its first year and expects a jump this year.

"The concept of designing good video games, or designing good human-computer interactions — that's what I'm interested in," said Chelsea Hash, a senior with a video game minor and a major in electronic arts.

From Brooklyn's Pratt Institute to the University of Colorado, at least 50 schools around the country now offer courses in video game study, development or design, according to industry groups.

Some of the schools offer full-blown academic programs. The University of Washington offers a certificate in game design; the Art Institute of Phoenix gives a bachelor of arts in game art and design; and the University of Pennsylvania has a master's in computer graphics and

game technology.

Jason Della Rocca, executive director of the International Game Developers Association, said the high number of schools adding programs in the past few years shows how the game industry is maturing.

Della Rocca said that in the early "Space Invader" days of game development, one developer could mentor a handful of workers. Now, games can cost \$10 million to develop and require 200 workers, making the industry hungrier for specialized skills.

RPI humanities dean John Harrington said the idea of teaching about video games in college "brings out the Puritan in some people," but he said the technology-oriented school can't afford to ignore the booming field of digital media.

Administrators at RPI say they developed a serious academic program that marries technology and creativity.

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IN BRIEF

Sony seeks turnaround with job cuts

TOKYO — Sony Corp.'s Howard Stringer, the first foreigner to head the Japanese electronics and entertainment company, promised a decisive turnaround Thursday centered on cutting jobs, closing plants and shedding unprofitable businesses.

But many analysts said his plan lacked creativity and vision for a world in which consumer electronics companies are being forced to adapt nimbly to shifting information and entertainment consumption patterns brought on by the Internet and wireless revolutions.

Those same analysts did not, however, deny the need for cost cuts, which included slashing 10,000 jobs, or about 6 percent of Sony's global work force, by the end of March 2008.

The shakeup also calls for closing 11 of Sony's 65 manufacturing plants and shrinking or eliminating 15 unprofitable electronics operations by the same deadline. Sony refused to say what those businesses were.

Stringer, a British-American dual citizen, acknowledged that times have changed. Unlike the old days when Sony ruled electronics with its manufacturing finesse, it now faces tough competition and cheaper prices that are turning Sony products into mere "commodities," he told reporters at a Tokyo hotel.

New York crude drops below \$67

NEW YORK — Crude-oil futures fell Thursday, as Hurricane Rita weakened and followed a track running east of the Houston-area refineries.

At the New York Mercantile Exchange, benchmark light, sweet crude futures for November delivery fell 30 cents to \$66.50 a barrel after trading as low as \$66 and as high as \$68.14 a barrel.

While still an "extremely dangerous storm," Rita was downgraded to a Category 4 hurricane Thursday afternoon.

"To the extent that it's not going to be a direct hit on Houston and Galveston, it won't affect the Houston Ship Channel or the locus of the refining in the region," said Marshall Steeves, an analyst at Refco, a brokerage in New York.

Uncertainty over Rita's track and the evacuation of Houston kept many traders out of the market, leading to light volumes and sharp price swings.

Stocks rise as Rita weakens

Hurricane downgraded to category 4 ; Wall Street rebounds from four day loss

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street lifted itself out of a fourth day of losses Thursday, closing higher as Hurricane Rita weakened slightly and veered away from many oil refineries.

Investors bid stocks up as oil prices declined. Stocks that had been doing poorly for weeks, such as retailers and consumer goods companies, rebounded.

"Maybe it's one of those things where the balloon was pushed under water so far that it's bounced to the surface," said Jon Brorson, head of growth equities at Neuberger Berman in Chicago.

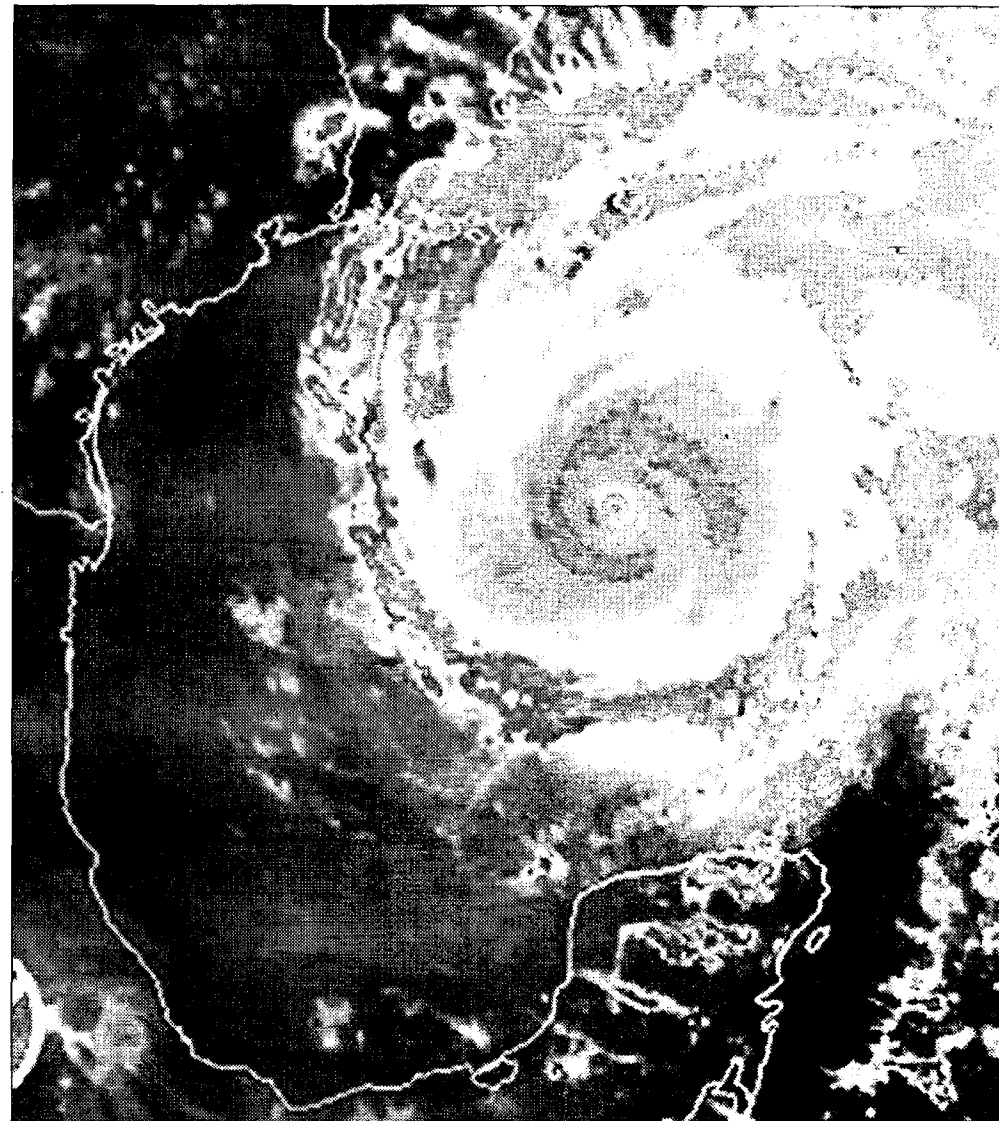
Investors still feared that Rita could compound the damage done by Hurricane Katrina, leading to higher oil prices and a dramatic drop in consumer spending. "It's all about oil," said Paul McManus, senior vice president and director of research, Independence Investment LLC. Traders sent their clients weather updates and lists of oil rigs at risk Wednesday morning.

But as the National Hurricane Center downgraded the storm to Category 4 from Category 5, some investors relaxed a little and started searching for bargains after three down days.

"Everyone is just sitting back and watching their weather maps," McManus said.

Crude oil futures fell as fears about the storm lost some intensity. A barrel of light crude settled at \$66.50, down 30 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 44.02, or 0.42 percent, to 10,422.05 after losing nearly 264 points since Monday. Gains by Dow components



Hurricane Rita over the Gulf of Mexico. Rita closed in on the Texas Gulf Coast and the heart of the U.S. oil-refining industry with howling 145 mph winds Thursday.

McDonald's Corp. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. led the index higher.

Broader stock indicators also closed up. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 4.42, or 0.37 percent, to 1,214.62, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 4.14, or 0.2 percent, to 2,110.78.

Bonds dipped, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.18 percent, up from 4.17 percent late Tuesday. The U.S. dollar was mixed against

other major currencies in European trading. Gold prices were lower.

The Labor Department reported that the number of Americans thrown out of work by Katrina shot up by 103,000 last week, bringing the total seeking jobless benefits because of the storm to 214,000.

Meanwhile, the Conference Board said its Index of Leading Economic Indicators fell for the second straight month during August as

consumer sentiment weakened. The data for the index was collected before Katrina's devastation of the Gulf Coast, and it is likely that the September reading for the index will be even weaker.

Nonetheless, some investors were optimistic that the Fed, despite its decision on Tuesday to continue raising rates, will decide to change its strategy if evidence continues to point to a slower economy.

Rewrite of U.S. Bankruptcy Code

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The most sweeping rewrite of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in a quarter century, making it harder for debtors to erase credit card and other obligations in court proceedings, goes into effect Oct. 17. The legislation was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bush in April after an eight-year campaign by banks, retailers and credit card companies.

A major provision of the law sets up an income test for determining whether people can have their debts canceled in exchange for forfeiting certain assets or if they must repay them under a court-ordered plan. The change will affect an estimated 30,000 to 210,000 people a year, and there already has been a rush to the courthouse by those wishing to file for bankruptcy under

the current law, which generally allows federal bankruptcy judges leeway to determine the fate of debtors' assets and how much they must repay.

Financial services companies and other proponents of the change have maintained that the bankruptcy process has been abused by gamblers, compulsive shoppers and multimillionaires who buy mansions in states with liberal homestead exemptions to shelter assets from creditors. They say the abuse has resulted in higher interest rates for everyone else.

Opponents have said the new law will fall especially hard on low-income working people, single mothers, minorities and the elderly and will remove a safety net for those who have lost their jobs or face mounting medical bills.

Among the changes made by the

new law:

It sets up a new test for measuring a debtor's ability to repay. People with insufficient assets or income can still file a Chapter 7 bankruptcy, which if approved by a judge erases debts entirely after certain assets are forfeited. But those with income above their state's median income who can pay at least \$6,000 over five years — \$100 a month — will be forced into Chapter 13, under which a judge orders a repayment plan.

In calculating income, people filing for bankruptcy may deduct various expenses as defined by the Internal Revenue Service, including food and clothing, and some health and disability insurance expenses.

People seeking bankruptcy protection are required to take credit counseling courses within 180 days, or about six months, of filing.

Mobile music proves lucrative for industries

Wireless carriers and record labels bank on big advancements in cell phone technology

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When someone dials Leah Balecha's mobile phone, it doesn't ring. It jams with the sounds of 50 Cent, OutKast, Gwen Stefani and Kelly Clarkson.

Like a growing number of mobile phone users, the 30-year-old videographer and student has taken to customizing her handset, sometimes paying more than \$3 for just a snippet of a single song to turn it into an audible fashion accessory.

"I love the reaction I get when people hear my phone ringing," Balecha said. "All of my girlfriends have a different ring."

With U.S. mobile phone users like Balecha already spending hundreds of millions a year on ringtones, wireless carriers and the music industry are banking on taking music lovers to the next step: using the phone as a portable music player.

They're taking advantage of the fact that mobile handsets and the data networks that

feed them are becoming more sophisticated.

Consumers in Japan, South Korea and Great Britain are already transferring songs directly from their computers to their phones, a practice known as sideloading, or downloading full-length tracks over their mobile networks.

Ringtones may be big in the United States now, but full-track downloads and sideloading are the future, said Thomas Hesse, president of global digital business at Sony-BMG Entertainment.

Still, there's some doubt about whether U.S. music fans — who have grown accustomed to using their home computers to buy, listen and organize their digital music — will fully embrace the phone as their music device of choice, said Charles Golvin, principle analyst for Forrester Research in Los Angeles.

Balecha has purchased about 15 ringtones in the past three months but isn't sold yet on full-length songs.

"It would depend a lot on how much it costs and how

easy it was to use," she said. "The sound quality on my cell phone when it plays the song is not like listening to my stereo."

Sprint Nextel Corp. will likely be the first carrier to offer downloads of full songs over its wireless network. It plans to launch the service in the United States this year. Separately, Sprint recently struck a deal with RealNetworks Inc. to offer music videos, news and music streamed over its network.

Verizon Wireless, which is affiliated with a British carrier that already offers full-song downloads in Britain, is also planning a similar U.S. service.

Online music retailers including Napster Inc. and Apple Computer Inc. are also vying to capture download sales by promoting handsets that users can hook up to their personal computer. The idea is to get users accustomed to sideloading before plunging into pay-per-song downloads.

Earlier this month, Apple

unveiled its ROKR, a mobile phone by Motorola Inc. that holds up to 100 songs and comes with Apple's iTunes software. It's being offered through Cingular Wireless, which is planning a separate download service next year.

Napster has partnered with handset maker Ericsson to launch a mobile music service under the Napster brand. Slated to launch in Europe within a year and in the United States eventually, the service would allow users to purchase individual tracks and download them wirelessly.

The growth of the U.S. mobile music market has been encouraging.

Ringtone sales are now estimated at about \$400 million and projected to double by the end of the decade, said David Card, an analyst with Jupiter Research in New York.

Sales of mastertones — clips from an actual recording label release — have in some cases eclipsed sales of full versions of the same song in other formats like CD.

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mobile music user

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Scripture course unveiled

Associated Press

An interfaith group released a new textbook Thursday aimed at teaching public high school students about the Bible while avoiding legal and religious disputes.

The nonprofit Bible Literacy Project of Fairfax, Va., spent five years and \$2 million developing "The Bible and Its Influence." The textbook, introduced at a Washington news conference, won initial endorsements from experts in literature, religion and church-state law.

American Jewish Congress attorney Marc Stern, an adviser on the effort, said despite concern over growing tensions among U.S. religious groups, "this book is proof that the despair is premature, that it is possible to acknowledge and respect deep religious differences and yet still find common ground."

Another adviser, evangelical literature scholar Leland Ryken of Wheaton College, called the textbook "a triumph of scholarship and a major publishing event."

The colorful \$50 book and forthcoming teacher's guide, covering both Old and New Testaments, are planned for semester-long or full-year courses starting next year.

The editors are Cullen Schippe, a retired vice president at textbook publisher Macmillan/McGraw-Hill, and Chuck Stetson, a venture capitalist who chairs Bible Literacy. The 41 contributors include prominent evangelical, mainline Protestant, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Jewish and secular experts.

Religious lobbies and federal courts have long struggled over Bible course content. To avoid problems, Bible Literacy's editors accommodated Jewish sensitivities about the New Testament.

Kate Moss cocaine saga reveals fashion's flaws



Supermodel Kate Moss went from icon to pariah when she admitted to cocaine use and claimed "full responsibility" for her actions.

Associated Press

LONDON — Barely a teenager and posing topless in a Calvin Klein underwear ad, Kate Moss sashayed her way onto magazine covers 15 years ago amid criticism of her uber-thin "heroin chic" image.

Now recent pictures of Moss allegedly snorting cocaine in a London studio have turned the 31-year-old fashion icon into a pariah, with fashion companies

canceling or not renewing contracts worth millions of dollars.

Moss issued an apology Thursday, taking "full responsibility for my actions." Her dramatic fall has forced a re-think on fashion's role models, and has raised questions about how an industry notorious for its drug-fueled party life can cultivate Moss' bad-girl image, then turn on her once that image matches reality.

"It's hypocritical," said pop

culture lecturer Cary Cooper of Lancaster University. "The industry saw the warning signs. Others saw the warning signs. Something should have been done sooner."

Moss was dropped by Burberry, Chanel and Swedish clothing giant H&M. The British cosmetics company Rimmel London said Thursday it was "reviewing" her \$2.3 million contract.

In her statement, Moss said, "I also accept that there are various personal issues that I need to address and have started taking the difficult, yet necessary, steps to resolve them."

Originally from the unglamorous south London suburb of Croydon, Moss was discovered in 1988 by Storm agency founder Sarah Doukas at New York's John F. Kennedy airport. Two years later, topless pictures of the 14-year-old were splashed across billboards amid condemnation of Moss' waifish appearance, blank stare and emaciated figure.

The talk intensified as Moss entered adulthood. She boosted her stock by dating actors such as Johnny Depp and most recently Pete Doherty, the 26-year-old former Libertines frontman who has been in and out of drug rehab.

In 1998, she made headlines when she checked into a London rehab clinic for what was termed "exhaustion." Two years later, she was hospitalized again, reportedly for a kidney infection. In 2003, the chain-smoker was diagnosed with a "sleeping disorder." Allegations of her cocaine use never let up.

French fashion consultant Anne de Champigneuil said Moss should have been more careful. "People are lucky to have such great contracts, and they need to respect them ... It's a shame to

give [fans] this example. Everyone identifies with a star."

Icelandic fashion designer Helga Vjornsson thought differently.

"It's really unfair," said Vjornsson, who lives off the legendary Parisian shopping street Rue du Faubourg St Honore. "She may be a product but she's a human being, too. The media are responsible for her loss of success or work."

It was the media that fueled Moss' rise with constant shots of the wide-eyed, 5-foot-6 beauty — and the paparazzi were just as quick to help her fall.

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Anti-war group plans a giant demonstration

Protestors want Bush to bring troops home

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Anti-war groups are using a \$1 million ad campaign and a demonstration they say will attract 100,000 people to try to re-energize their movement and pressure the Bush administration to bring troops home from Iraq.

Organizers of Saturday's protest, which will take marchers past the White House, say it will be the largest since the war began more than two years ago.

Cindy Sheehan, the woman who drew thousands of protesters to her 26-day vigil outside President Bush's Texas ranch last month, is among those planning to participate.

"We want to show Congress, the president and the administration that this peace movement is thriving," said Sheehan, whose 24-year-old son, Army Spc. Casey Sheehan, was killed last year in Iraq. "We mean business and we're not going to go away until our troops come home."

On Thursday, Bush said withdrawing troops right now would make the world more dangerous.

"The only way the terrorists can win is if we lose our nerve and abandon the mission," he said. "For the safety and security of the American people, that's not going to happen on my watch."

Bush did not plan to be in Washington on Saturday, but he will have support on the streets. The groups FreeRepublic.com and Protest Warrior plan their own demonstration on Saturday, with hundreds expected to join in.

"We made a vow after Sept. 11 that we would not allow the anti-American left to do to us this time what they did during Vietnam, which was wear down the morale of the American," FreeRepublic spokesman Kristinn Taylor

said.

Taylor said a larger rally Sunday on the National Mall would honor military families.

The public has grown uneasy with the war throughout the summer, and the financial pressures of recovering from Hurricane Katrina, and possibly Rita, could add to that.

Almost two-thirds of those surveyed said they thought the U.S. was spending too much in Iraq, according to an AP-Ipsos poll taken after Katrina. About the same number of respondents said they were not confident how the money would be spent. Almost six in 10 said the U.S. made a mistake in invading Iraq, but less than half wanted to withdraw all forces immediately.

The anti-war effort gained notice last month with Sheehan's protest in Crawford, Texas. But the devastation caused by Katrina, and the government's slow response, have dominated the news the past several weeks.

Still, Brian Becker, national coordinator for ANSWER (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism), says people have not forgotten about the war.

"People are very angry at the Bush administration," Becker said.

The anti-war groups began an advertising campaign Thursday, sponsored by the Win Without War coalition, with an advertisement in The Washington Post and other newspapers. The left side of the double-page ad pictures Bush and administration officials with quotes about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq under the headline "They lied." The right side lists the names of American military personnel killed in Iraq with the headline "They died."

A television spot, sponsored by Gold Star Families for Peace, is running on Fox News Channel and local cable TV. The TV ad features Cindy Sheehan and other relatives of soldiers killed in Iraq.

Police are prepared for a large demonstration, said Sgt. Scott Fear of the U.S. Park Police.

Inventors vie for \$2 million prize

Robot-makers and their robots will face off in rugged Nevada desert

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Wanted by the Pentagon: A muscular, outdoorsy specimen. Must be intelligent and, above all, self-driven.

When 20 hulking robotic vehicles face off next month in a rugged race across the Nevada desert, the winning machine (if any crosses the finish line) will blend the latest technological bling and the most smarts.

The military sponsors the race to speed the development of unmanned vehicles for combat. The project had an inauspicious start: Last year's inaugural contest ended soon after it began when the robots careered off course or abruptly stalled. One even got tangled in barbed wire.

Fast forward 18 months, and double the prize to \$2 million.

Newcomers have joined a handful of last year's teams to form a motley mix of garage tinkerers, academia and corporations. All hope that their machines — fitted with the latest sensors, cameras and computers — have aged a generation since last year.

Teams have beefed up their vehicles' artificial intelligence through improved computer algorithms that will help them avoid pitfalls such as ditches and boulders strewn across the roughly 150-mile-long course. To get there, the robots must compete in a semifinal showdown that starts Wednesday.

Entrants include several converted SUVs, souped-up passenger sedans, a modified all-terrain vehicle, a behemoth military truck and even a motorcycle.

This year's race shows signs of being extremely competitive. Some vehicles have logged hundreds of self-guided miles in the Southwest desert during summer practice runs. Several even tested

on last year's course, which spanned the Mojave Desert between Barstow, Calif., and Primm, Nev.

The ramped-up preparation reflects the higher stakes for the so-called Grand Challenge. While sweetening the purse, organizers promise that the course, which this year loops from and to a casino town on the Nevada-California border called Primm, will be tougher and meaner.

Vehicles will have to drive on dirt and gravel, maneuver mountain switchbacks, squeeze through choke points and avoid man-made and natural obstacles.

The sponsor of the Grand Challenge is the research arm of the Pentagon known as the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA,

whose best-known success story is the Internet. The Pentagon wants one-third of the military's ground vehicles to be unmanned by 2015.

DARPA Director Anthony Tether hopes that a robot will be able to traverse the course in under 10 hours and snatch this year's prize.

"It's going to be a long day out in the desert," Tether said.

On Wednesday, 40 teams and three alternates compete for a spot in the Oct. 8 race during the semifinals at the California Speedway in Fontana.

The vehicles must negotiate a 2-mile stretch of the track using on-board computers, global positioning satellites and various lasers and radar. The top 20 performers will advance to the final starting line.

Last year's semifinals were disappointing. Only seven entrants completed a flat, 1.4-mile obstacle course. Even so, organizers let 15 vehicles compete in the finals.

One of the favorites again this year is the Red Team

from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, led by robotics professor William "Red" Whittaker.

During last year's finals, Carnegie Mellon's converted Humvee, nicknamed Sandstorm, traveled the farthest — all of 7 1/2 miles — before breaking down. This year, the school entered two robots — an improved Sandstorm and a converted Hummer named H1ghlander.

The Carnegie Mellon team already has subjected both vehicles to extreme off-roading and hairpin driving in the desert outside Carson City, Nev.

"I'm so hungry for race day," Whittaker said.

Among the newcomers: the Stanford Racing Team, whose modified Volkswagen Touareg, Stanley, recently drove 200 miles without interruption or human help in the Arizona desert.

Team leader Sebastian Thrun, a computer science professor at Stanford University, declined to reveal how long the journey took.

"That's our best kept secret," he said.

The autonomous robotic vehicles use "drive-by-wire" technology, in which on-board computers control steering, braking and other movement. As a result, many of the mechanical linkages to the engine are absent.

The vehicles also have sensors that pinpoint their location and determine whether obstacles lie ahead. The sensors feed data to computers that, with the help of a three-dimensional camera, let vehicles distinguish a boulder from a tumbleweed and calculate whether a chasm is too deep to cross.

Participants generally agree that the sturdier the vehicle, the better it can handle curves and maneuver rocky terrain. But the secret weapon, many say, is each robot's computer brain. It must have all the right algorithms and programming to gather information, plot its path and change course to avoid danger.

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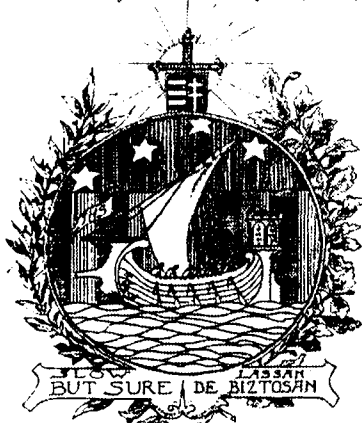
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Museum founders plead with city

The International Freedom Center wants to stay at ground zero

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Founders of a museum devoted to freedom pleaded Thursday to stay in a proposed cultural building at ground zero, saying their center would explore the core American values that were attacked on Sept. 11, 2001.

The International Freedom Center "will help the world understand and appreciate the sacrifices made on Sept. 11," the group said a report to the Lower Manhattan Development Corp., the rebuilding agency that is reconsidering the museum's place at the World Trade Center site.

Relatives of trade center victims have vehemently opposed the center, saying it

would overshadow and take space from a separate memorial museum devoted to the 2,749 dead and would dishonor them by fostering debate about the attacks and other world events.

"The International Freedom Center has now confirmed that it plans to take the memory of 9/11 and use it to flog their own personal ideology," Anthony Gardner, whose brother, Harvey, died at the trade center, said Thursday. "Politics left, right or in the middle do not belong on sacred ground. Ground zero should not be used as a public square."

Development corporation spokesman John Gallagher said Thursday that the agency will use public

response from workshops scheduled next week "to inform the upcoming discussions and decisions" on the Freedom Center.

A mediator has been recruited to help the family members opposed to the center communicate with museum officials. Museum leaders include one family member — Paula Grant Berry, who lost her husband, David, on Sept. 11. An advisory council of nine family members also supports the museum.

In its report, Freedom Center organizers said visitors would first see a display on the international response to the attacks. Each of the more than 90 nations that lost victims on Sept. 11 could contribute,

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Words for Father Jenkins

Today, you will humbly accept the Presidential Medal and the University Mace. Today, you'll proudly turn to trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, alumni and guests, and articulate your vision for Notre Dame in the 21st century. Today, as your predecessor Father Edward Malloy put it, is full of "pomp and circumstance."

After 85 days in office, you know well that being Notre Dame's 17th president is about more than symbols and speeches. But your inauguration is still the symbolic launch of your presidency, and therefore the right occasion not only to speak but to listen. Especially to the hopes of another vital University constituency — students.

So, Father Jenkins, what do students expect from a University president?

More, and less, than you might think.

◆ Student Life

Notre Dame's revered traditions of residence life are what distinguish it from all the other universities in the country. The single-sex dorms, while often a source of complaints, also produce powerful bonds and hall pride. The chapels in every dorm, and the pajama and flip-flop filled Masses there each Sunday night, knot the college living experience with faith. The signature dorm events, SYR dances and interhall sports bring students together not only as groups of Dawgs, Ducks or Purple Weasels, but also as smaller, tighter families within the Notre Dame family. Clearly, the list of dorm-based traditions is rich and extensive, and there are three things, as president, you should do about it.

First, don't change a thing. Though four new dorms are on the horizon, and rules like parietals are always worth review and debate, the core of the Notre Dame dorm living experience should be respected and preserved.

Second, make sure you participate in it. Your schedule is packed with commitments, and it may seem impossible or illogical to squeeze in time for the dorms. But if you step on the sidelines of a women's interhall football game or wind through crowds at the Fisher Regatta, you'll come to face-to-face with the best elements of Notre Dame residence life — a refreshing reminder that is worthy of your attention.

Third, consider moving back into an undergraduate residence hall. When your presidency was announced in April 2004, you planned to live in Keenan, and you lived in Sorin before that. But in the ensuing months you chose instead to live in the privacy and relative peacefulness of off-campus graduate student housing. Solitude is important, and living situation is a personal choice. But living in a dorm isn't just about being accessible to undergraduates — you can always close your door — it's also about living the way the University exemplifies and is so proud to associate with its students. It's a powerful statement that very few college presidents nationwide choose to make. You'd be wise to reconsider it.

◆ Catholicism

Fittingly for a University steeped in Catholic tradition, your inauguration has been punctuated by acknowledgments and celebrations of faith. Integrating faith into your presidency — as you have with your life — likely also won't prove much of a challenge. But actually operating a Catholic university is less a melting pot than a balancing act, and you will inevitably be forced to choose between certain aspects of faith and academics. And because this is Notre Dame, the entire Catholic community will be hanging on your words.

When these situations arise, you should draw on all the resources available at Notre Dame — faculty, administrators, Catholic, non-Catholic, Malloy, Hesburgh — and solicit their views about the specific dynamic you're confronting. But after doing so, you should trust yourself to make the right decision. Your two predecessors didn't have a lot in common, but they did share a stubborn streak and it generally made them better leaders. Take a page from their book, and don't be afraid to stand up for exactly the kind of Catholic university you envision. Honest, articulate leadership will earn you the respect of the student body, Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

◆ Academics

As a professor, you surely became acquainted with the needs, wants, questions and quirks of a classroom full of Notre Dame undergraduates. You surely learned how best to guide, to respond, to punish, to reward. Keep those lessons in mind when you set a tone for your administration's hiring and promotions practices. The best professors are those who engage their students in ways that push their buttons and their boundaries. The best professors eagerly schedule one-on-one sessions outside of class. They make a point to learn not only the names but the passions of each student sitting in front of them.

These are the professors who deserve a coveted place at Notre Dame, and these are the professors your administration should recruit, hire and retain. You have been in the classroom, and you know it is the nucleus of the University. Notre Dame's classrooms should be filled with those who don't think twice about making students their highest priority.

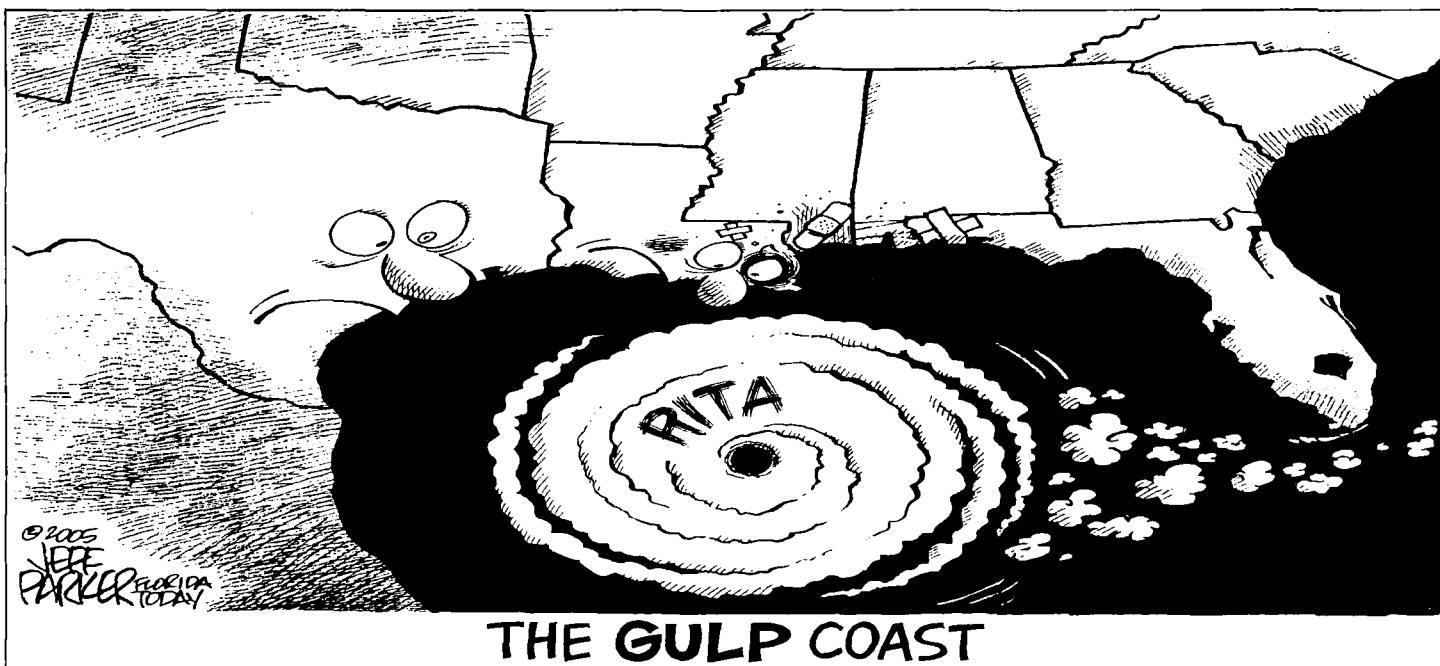
◆ Our Best

While Notre Dame students are clearly concerned with more than residence life, Catholicism and academics, these three areas are the most fundamental places to make your mark on the student body. And while there's more to Notre Dame than undergraduates, recognizing, reflecting on and fulfilling their hopes for these categories will contribute to a successful term as president.

Best of luck, Father, as you embark on one of the most difficult — and most wonderful — jobs in academics. Enjoy the "pomp and circumstance" of today. If you respect and listen to the students who stand behind you, we are confident you will show you deserve it.

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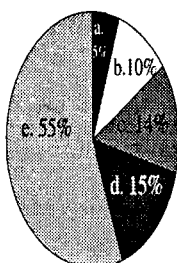
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Don't be too timid and squeamish about your actions. All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better."

Ralph Waldo Emerson
author

An open letter to President Jenkins

University President John Jenkins' installment today is certainly a time of celebration. This writer is among the most sincere of Notre Dame alumni wishing Jenkins the wisdom and courage to lead as though he was walking through Galilee, not on Wall Street. Jenkins faces many of Notre Dame's most pressing challenges that stem from years of self-denial and neglect. Jenkins alone must preserve true academic freedom, restore the morale of campus staff, dispel rather than enforce a myriad of negative perceptions nationally against Notre Dame and desist from equating campus social conservatism with Catholicism.

University functions glide like an ocean liner's course, steady on its approach and slow to alter direction. Jenkins is correct when he describes Notre Dame as having a distinct place in American education with no need for radical change. Yet a course correction is in order if Jenkins is to attain true diversity while changing misperceptions of Notre Dame.

To outside critics, Notre Dame's message has been largely inconsistent with its actions, giving rise to the "Catholic Disneyland" label. One need only to step back months when, for the first time in generations, the University outright fired a head football coach — ironically its first minority head coach ever — while professing to cherish academics over athletics. Resentful sports writers denied Notre Dame the national title in favor of Florida State due in part to Notre Dame's perceived self-righteous attitude. Jenkins should insist that the University's goal of the "highest possible academic standards" for athletes never be called "our standards," implying that other universities have lesser programs.

Jenkins has a daunting task in battling such long-standing sentiment. Decades ago bigots hurled fish and whiskey bottles interrupting a Dan Devine coached game. Fr. Joyce, representing the University at NCAA meetings, faced more covert bigotry when his proposals were regularly defeated by coalitions of anti-Notre Dame factions. Eventually Joyce quietly asked others to introduce his initiatives which were

adopted.

Unfortunately, academic and social hostility also simmers against the University. If not for the now bulging endowment, Notre Dame would still fail to qualify for U.S. News and World Report's top-ranked universities as it often did a decade ago. The University countered that it could not compete with medical schools like Georgetown. However, a personal conversation with the reporter revealed that other provosts and deans consistently rank Notre Dame academically low. Ironically and embarrassing, Notre Dame now repeatedly tops the Princeton Review's list of most homophobic campuses.

Jenkins' first task is to choose his personal gatekeepers wisely and to resurrect the sense of family among the clerical and support staff. Several longtime staff, both retired and near retirement, lament how they were cast aside by the past governing group who were self-absorbed in their leadership roles.

Jenkins' team must cultivate and renew the feeling of family throughout the Dome and at the most basic staff levels across campus. Jenkins himself should imitate the path of Galilee and make time to walk with those who are the least paid on the University payroll.

Diversity is more than just an acceptable ethnicity percentage of the overall campus population. Where are the blue collar students embodied in Rudy's personal story? Diversity embraces social and economic differences, religious differences, political differences as well as academic differences. In fact, academic freedom is the constitution of diversity.

President Jenkins must encourage all points of view on campus regardless of how reprehensible the message may seem to the Vatican. It is especially wrong to exclude publicly elected Catholics who refuse to impose their religion on those whom they represent. It is also wrong to spurn pro-choice Democrats while embracing Republicans who favor capital punishment and war. Should a Catholic John Roberts, as Supreme Court Chief Justice, hold true to his statement that *Roe v. Wade* is settled precedent, will Notre Dame also snub him?

We all lead lives of imperfection, and it seems that in rejoicing over the perceived Catholic character of some, the University finds itself in a position where it does not walk its talk after the revelation of personal shortcomings. Notre

Dame's history is littered with embarrassing moments caused by overarching celebrations for flawed beings once held as icons. Jenkins can learn from the awkwardness of Tom Dooley's sexuality, of GE Chairman Jack Welch's divorce and extramarital affair or the remorse of presenting George Gipp's monogram sweater to Ronald Reagan. Graduates like current Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice deserve a hearty and appropriate welcome on campus, but without such over-the-top Catholic rhetorical exuberance that neglects the possibilities of her personal thoughts and lifestyle.

Internally, Notre Dame needs to socially evolve with coeducational housing on campus. The notion that the University is more socially in line with Catholic character is reminiscent of the self-flogging monk in the movie, "The Name of the Rose." Catholicism is no better served by traditionalists than progressives. If the Vatican can condone conflicting standards within the Eastern Orthodox wing of the church, Notre Dame need not hide behind Bob Jones University's "bible rule" of keeping male and female students at least a bible's length apart at all times.

Pope John XXIII initiated long overdue changes to the Church. Jenkins should likewise embrace the 21st Century after three decades as a coeducational institution. Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., is no less Catholic for its parietals and selective coeducational housing. Notre Dame's character will be no less Catholic with a coeducational dormitory.

Today while the campus celebrates the transition of University management and prays for wise guidance, support for President Jenkins justifiably overflows. His future is unclear, yet hopeful that he can restore a sense of family and modernize social attitudes on campus. His path is difficult but not impossible as he combats the culture of bigotry seething at the gates of campus. His success lies in every quarter of the Notre Dame community as we together combat self-serving inconsistency with the humility of Galilee.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A shirt solution

After reading the endless stream of letters that have flooded the pages of The Observer over the last several weeks concerning the color of The Shirt, we feel that most students have come to realize that this nagging debate is a thorn that will never leave our sides.

We have turned to the Viewpoint section week after week looking for a letter to propose a satisfactory solution to this problem that can appease all sides, and yet, all we find is constant bickering over which color is better without anyone providing any possible solutions.

This letter hopes to provide a final answer that can resolve the conflict that currently plagues our student body. Our answer, we will admit, is a little ridiculous, but at least it is an attempt to appease both sides. The Shirt lovers and detesters. It will allow for continued sales of the new Shirt, which go to worthwhile causes, and it will allow the student body to keep their sense of unity during games. In addition, it will permit those who hate The Shirt to have their turn to express their distaste without causing the student body to look like a kaleidoscope of colors, while potentially starting a new tradition that will be unique to our University so we will no longer have to worry about appearing like our hated enemies.

Now that the benefits of the plan have laid a foundation for our proposal, we would now like

to present our idea to the student body. We feel that before students leave for the game on a Saturday afternoon they should wear two shirts, the new yellow Shirt overtop of a green one. Now, for the first half, we will be a student body united under "the color of the dome."

When the band comes out on the field to play for halftime, we all then proceed to break out of our golden shells and expose the sea of green. This will be the color for the second half, and it will keep the student body in one uniform color while allowing Shirt detesters to have their chance to express their anger at the ugliness of this year's shirt. Even though this may seem like a completely asinine proposal, it will prevent us from looking like a discombobulated mess on national television, instead of one student body that is united behind its team. This solution will end the debate over The Shirt by allowing both colors a chance to shine, while achieving the true purpose of the Shirt, which is to express our unity as a student body.

In the end, this idea may seem a bit farfetched and more of a whimsical approach to the matter, but you'd have to admit it'd be pretty sweet.

Jake Badke
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Sept. 22

Faith in the team

Like the rest of the student body on Saturday, I was crushed as I watched Michigan State run the ball into the end zone for the winning touchdown. We were down and out in the middle of the game. We made a great comeback, tied and brought the game into overtime and then all of a sudden the glory of a victory was snatched from our hands and unjustly given to the classless Michigan State.

Perhaps what made the victory all the more heartbreaking, aside from game being so close, was also the fact that I've been here for three years and I've seen the football team lose way too many times. When we beat Pittsburgh and Michigan at the beginning of the season I couldn't help wrapping myself up in the hype and dreaming of actually experiencing a national championship season. I've been a football fan ever since I was little girl, from the time my dad would drag me to the Eagles games up through high school when I first became a Notre Dame fan.

The game has become an important part of my life and I know that the majority of students at Notre Dame feel the exact same way about the team. Sure the comeback on Saturday was great, but as Weis himself said a loss is a loss and it's certainly not something to celebrate.

That being said, here are the reasons why as time goes on, I've decided not to let this football game bother me. Rather than looking backward I am now fully prepared to look ahead.

First of all, a heartbreaking loss against Michigan State provided the perfect atmosphere for the true spirit of Notre Dame to filter through the student section. When Michigan State ran in for the touchdown, no one in the student section left. I couldn't help thinking back, as I stood there singing the fight song and swaying to the Alma Mater, to the Pittsburgh game I had attended two weeks before when all of the Pittsburgh student section was gone before the half. The fact is that something like that would never happen at Notre Dame. We support each other and we

support our team until the very end no matter what.

A student section that remains in their seats after their football team has lost is rare and unique in the world of college football today and every single student here should be proud of that fact. The remaining student section makes an impression and people take notice. We are even rumored to have secured a couple of four and five star recruits up here on unofficial visits just because we stayed and supported our team even when they ended up down 41-43.

Despite the loss, I am nothing but optimistic about the games to come. True, we have the toughest schedule in the nation, but maybe that's because we're the toughest team in the nation. Maybe that's because our fans would do anything for our football team, including driving six or seven hours to attend the away games.

I've heard of a number of Notre Dame fans who are actually flying to Washington for the game and I'm positive that a good deal of the student body will be headed down to Purdue in two weeks.

I'll definitely be watching Farley's "What Would You Do For 2 Purdue Tickets?" on Monday night. I've seen people signing up in the dining hall who would do anything from swallowing a goldfish to chugging ungodly amounts of milk just so that they can get a Purdue ticket, drive to Lafayette and support our team.

The point is that I still have complete faith in our football team and I hope that everyone else on campus does too. I have faith because the Notre Dame spirit is unlike anywhere else, because the Notre Dame fans would do anything for their team and because our team has already proven that they have the skill, the athleticism and the coaching needed to win.

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CD REVIEWS

Band shows it is time to join 'The Fray'

By CHRIS McGRADY
Assistant Scene Editor

Discovering a new great band is like finding money in the pocket of your old favorite coat: You slip on the sleeves of that worn old jacket that has been hanging in your closet since last April and feel the smooth touch of a folded bill. When you withdraw your hand you feel that happy worn caress and look down to see the wrinkled visage of Andrew Jackson smiling back at you, whispering, "spend me."

This is the same feeling one gets when first listening to The Fray; surprise, nostalgia and above all, a feeling of discovery as your ears are opened to a musically complete, talented and great band. Despite releasing its first CD under the Epic label on Sept. 13, The Fray's first tracks are just now hitting the airwaves.

Although it's still premature to compare this band to the likes of greats such as U2 and Coldplay, The Fray possesses that same rare quality of undeniable musical talent and classic sound.

Joe King's guitar, Dave Welsh's bass and Ben Wysocki's drums accompany Isaac Slade's powerful vocals and deft-handed piano skills. Together the band forms a musical ensemble than can rival, if not outplay, the bulk of superficial and ultimately run-of-the-mill musical groups that flood today's airways and radios.

Clean and uncompromising in their musical background, The Fray choose to use guitar and piano as the cornerstone of their music and largely stay away from synthesized affects that can detract from the true harmonically strong flavor of their music.

The band's sophomore album, "How to Save a Life," could have instead been entitled "How to Make Good Music," as this disc is impressive.

The album opens with the upbeat song "She is" and continues into the incredibly catchy tune "Over My Head." This is the type of audio nicotine that will have you humming all day but the catch is, unlike the annoying pop ballads you're used to crowding your cranium, you'll want it to get stuck there.

The Fray is so aptly skilled at writing that they seem to have mastered reaching out to their audience — their songs are filled with emotion and feeling and you can hear this in every word of lead singer and pianist Slade's vocals. The band has the innate ability to sound both new and familiar, inspiring a warm sense of fresh nostalgia.



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The Fray formed in 2002 with Isaac Slade (right) and Joe King (middle left) and has a loyal following in Denver, Colo. The band has toured recently with Ben Folds.

The Denver-based troupe already has a fiercely loyal following in the Denver metro-area and is quickly expanding their horizons — after performing sold-out shows across the state they are now on tour with Ben Folds.

Their first CD "Reason EP," was an instant classic in the Denver community and The Fray instantly became an area favorite, winning the Best New Band Award given out by Denver's Westward Magazine.

The Fray recently opened for popular band The Killers at Red Rocks Amphitheatre in Morrison, Colo. However, if you walked in late you might not have realized who was opening for whom, as it seemed at times like Fray

fans outnumbered the homicidally-inclined in the crowd. This intense following is sure to follow the group across the country.

Put this money-maker in your pocket and keep it; this is one CD that is a welcome addition to any music lover's collection.

The only thing holding this band back from a perfect rating is the feeling that there is still something more to offer — this band is capable of something amazing.

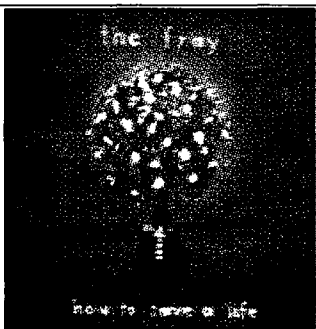
The battle has begun, my friends. It's time we all joined The Fray.

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How to Save a Life

The Fray

Sony BMG



Recommended tracks: 'She Is,' 'Over My Head,' 'All at Once,' 'How to Save a Life' and 'Trust Me'

Indie rock band releases new album and plays Notre Dame

By JOE LATTAL
Scene Critic

So many things have contributed to the eruption of the indie rock genre in the past few years. The iPod helped. The staleness of the abused nu-metal and alt-rock genres helped. The surprising amount of exposure given to the genre by typical mainstream outlets such as MTV and commercial radio helped.

But what stole the spotlight for today's indie rock heroes, such as Interpol, Franz Ferdinand and The Decemberists, is the amount of imagination that the best bands in the genre have put into each verse, lyric and note.

Clap Your Hands Say Yeah is the next example of a band in the genre that put out their album at the right time. The explosion of indie rock and its accessible stepchild, Pitchfork Media, are the primary explanations for the New York band's impressive success.

Don't believe it? Try getting a ticket to see the band in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston or anywhere in Canada. All shows are sold out. But if you're looking for a chance to catch Clap Your Hands, you are in luck. They will be on campus Saturday night.

Once you hear the album, it's easy to understand why everyone is clapping and saying "yeah." By the end of the opener "Clap Your Hands," you are unsure whether you just walked into a circus or a Baptist preacher's sermon. Backup voices and organ sounds spiral around Alec Ounsworth's voice commanding to "clap your hands." The simple-minded track is not the group's greatest achievement, but it serves the purpose of pulling any listener into the album.

The next track, "Let the Cool Goddess Rust Away," answers one of these questions. Clap Your Hands Say Yeah wants to have fun in an unconventional way. Ounsworth's voice takes center stage as percussion is simply tambourine and kick drum and rhythm is the same two chords for three minutes.

"Over and Over Again (Lost and Found)" continues the exercise in simplicity but adds a more active bass line as well as an actual chorus, though it just consists of a few repeated syllables. The songs grow progressive-



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Clap Your Hands Say Yeah will play a free show at Legends Saturday. The band has recently sold out shows in Chicago, Boston and New York.

ly catchier with the addition of keyboards that dig up memories of past Grandaddy and Talking Heads records.

The swift strumming at the start of "Is This Love?" provides a pleasant contrast to the rest of the album's more deliberate introductions. The song features an addicting, sing-a-long chorus that repeats the song's title and a celebratory, anthem-like climax at its conclusion.

When the sounds of harmonica and tambourine can be heard in the first measures of a song by the name of "Heavy Metal," it's quite a treat. The swirling backup vocals on the track serve as instruments, focusing more on dynamics and melody versus cliché lyrics. The busy chorus flashes in and out between upbeat and catchy verses.

The listener has to dig deep to find the definitive Clap Your Hands song, "In This Home on Ice." The relaxing chord progression lays over delicate cymbals and

drums. The stream of consciousness vocals comfortably complement a tranquil melody: "Now that I'm so sad and not quite right, I could dance all night ... let's just take it slow in this home on ice."

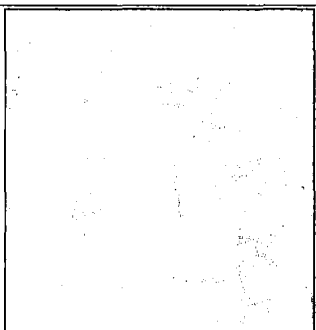
While Ounsworth doesn't display much in the way of a vocal range, his soothing voice provides a pleasing contrast to a brilliantly structured and produced album. Each of the 12 tracks is unique and addicting in its own way. From music boxes to conventional indie pop, Clap Your Hands Say Yeah displays the imagination that earned the genre exposure in the popular music spectrum in the first place.

Students at Notre Dame have a unique opportunity to experience the band this Saturday night. Clap Your Hands Say Yeah will play a free show at Legends Sept. 24 at 9:30 p.m.

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Clap Your Hands Say Yeah

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Recommended tracks: 'In This Home on Ice,' 'Is This Love?,' 'Heavy Metal' and 'Over and Over Again'

DPAC SPOTLIGHT

'Citizen Kane' is a rare find



A poster advertises the release of "Citizen Kane" in 1941. Orson Welles, who directed the film was also nominated for Best Actor at the 1942 Academy Awards.

By VINCE LABRIOLA
Scene Critic

Modern American cinema has created a countless number of films, spanning nearly a 100 years in the process. Yet, so few possess that undeniably timeless quality that truly defines a "classic" film.

Film theorists write articles, critics debate and the average viewer simply returns again and again to these films

— a testament to their greatness. Orson Welles' seminal 1941 work "Citizen Kane" is one of these films.

For anyone interested in the cinema, it is a required screening, a film so monumental, both technically and aesthetically, that its tremendous influence on film is felt to this day. Deceptively simple, yet incredibly complex, "Citizen Kane" not only established Welles as a master of his craft but has since become recognized one of the most enjoyable theatre-going experiences ever.

The story is simple enough. Charles Kane (played by Welles himself), a fabulously wealthy newspaper baron, dies one night after uttering a single word: "rosebud."

In an effort to uncover the meaning of this utterance, a local reporter proceeds to interview the people closest to Kane during his life.

What ensues are a series of flashbacks that tell the story of a man with a turbulent past, and how he rose to become one of the most ruthless businessmen in the world.

Welles, making his cinematic debut with this film when he was only 25 years old, makes masterful use of his medium.

Every shot is expertly composed, beautifully lighted and perfectly acted. In fact, it's difficult to give the film enough credit here and now, although it has been the subject of countless numbers of articles and critiques.

"Citizen Kane" is a film that simply

must been seen. Nothing else can do it justice.

On paper, it is a story of a complex man, his success and failures, his many personal contradictions and the impressions he left on those closest to him.

Onscreen, however, Welles presents his story with such flair and talent that it becomes that rare film which keeps your eyes riveted to the screen from beginning to end.

Being a modern audience member, it's almost as much fun watching what Welles does with the camera and thinking of the more contemporary films that have emulated it like the deep, shadow-filled lighting of "The Godfather." Welles does it here first.

The twisting camera shots in "Fight Club" - Welles did it nearly 60 years prior, without the aid of computer effects.

"Citizen Kane" was a film that truly defines what

American cinema is all about — pushing to the absolute limits of storytelling and technical craftsmanship, and the result is a spectacular film that will remain one of the most prominent landmarks in the history of cinema.

It should come as no surprise, then, that "Citizen Kane" was chosen as one of DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts' "Classic 100 Films," where it joins the ranks of such memorable movies as Fritz Lang's "Metropolis," Federico Fellini's "La Dolce Vita" and Jean-Luc Godard's sublime New Wave classic "Breathless." It certainly deserves to be ranked in the midst, if not above all these films.

Make it a point to head over to the DPAC this Saturday at 3 p.m. for the screening of "Citizen Kane." If this is your first viewing or just the first time seeing it on the big screen, you can rest assured it will be a cinematic experience not soon forgotten.

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BY OBSERVER PHOTO STAFF



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Jake McDonald, a junior in Zahm hall, is an attendant in the Brother Gorch pool hall in the basement of Lafortune. He can listen to music and play pool while on the job.



Jim McMahon is an off-campus senior who likes his job because he gets to hang out with his friends while working as a bartender at Legends.

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MLB — NATIONAL LEAGUE

Phillies chop Braves, keep wild card berth alive

Lieber blanks Atlanta through eight, Philadelphia downs Hudson in ninth

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Philadelphia Phillies are hanging tough in the wild-card race — and they aren't giving up on winning the NL East, either.

Keeping the heat on Atlanta, Jon Lieber pitched eight scoreless innings and the Phillies scored four runs off Tim Hudson in the ninth to take another series from the Braves with a 4-0 victory.

Jimmy Rollins led off the afternoon with a single, extending his hitting streak to a post-1900 franchise-record 27 games. Philadelphia finished strong, too, as pinch-hitters Michael Tucker and Shane Victorino came through with two outs in the ninth.

Tucker hit an opposite-field RBI single to break up the scoreless duel, and Victorino followed with a three-run homer to right.

"When I saw [Jeff] Francoeur stop running, I knew I had hit my first major league homer," said Victorino, a September callup. "It couldn't have come at a better time."

Indeed, The Phillies won two of three at Turner Field, closing within four games of the Braves with nine left. Philadelphia has at least made things interesting by beating Atlanta five times in seven games over the last week and a half.

"Our whole thought process" is on winning the division, Lieber said. "That's all that's on our minds."

As for the backup plan, Philadelphia remained two games behind Houston in the wild-card race. The Astros completed a sweep in Pittsburgh with a 2-1 victory over the Pirates.

"It's more or less just winning games at this point," Tucker said. "If you win games, it doesn't matter who you're playing — at least you give yourself a chance. That's all we're trying to do right now."

Manager Bobby Cox was booed when he came out to make a pitching change after Victorino's homer. The home fans were upset that he let Hudson (13-9) hit in the bottom of the eighth with the potential

go-ahead run at third and only one out.

Hudson grounded out weakly in front of the plate, and Rafael Furcal's sharp liner was backhanded by David Bell to end the threat. Then, the Phillies took advantage of a fading Hudson, who threw 116 pitches.

Houston 2, Pittsburgh 1

With one eye on the Weather Channel and another on the Pittsburgh Pirates, the Houston Astros managed to win an important game on a day filled with distractions.

Brandon Backe made his second successive strong start and the Astros, scurrying by long distance to get family members out of Hurricane Rita's path in Houston, held their lead in the NL wild-card race by beating the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Backe limited the Pirates to one run and two hits over seven innings and Brad Lidge preserved the lead, getting the final four outs. Lance Berkman drove in two early runs against rookie Zach Duke, and the Astros made them stand up for their eighth win in nine games.

The Astros stayed two games up on Philadelphia in the NL wild-card race with nine games remaining. Houston starts a series Friday afternoon at Wrigley Field against the Chicago Cubs.

Backe made perhaps his best start of the year — he struck out six and walked none — despite having matters on his mind despite baseball. A native of Galveston, Texas, he has been spending most of his waking hours making sure his parents and other family members were safe before the hurricane.

Washington 2, San Francisco 0

In what amounted to an audition for next year, rookie Ryan Zimmerman, career minor leaguer Rick Short and fill-in starter Hector Carrasco all came up big for the Washington Nationals.

With little to play for other than finishing above .500, Washington used a lineup of rookies and reserves and still managed a victory over the San Francisco Giants, who rested

Barry Bonds and missed a chance to gain ground in the NL West.

Zimmerman, the No. 4 overall pick in June's draft, hit two singles and scored, Short delivered two doubles and an RBI, and Carrasco threw 5 2/3 shutout innings to help Washington (78-75) end a four-game losing streak.

Another rookie, left fielder Brandon Watson, threw out Moises Alou at the plate in the second inning.

"You feel especially good inside when the kids go out there and do a job for you," Nationals manager Frank Robinson said. "This team is probably going to have a different face on it by the time we see it next year opening day."

Carrasco — who had a grand total of one start in 557 appearances in the majors before this month — declared that he wants to be a member of the rotation, not the bullpen, in 2006.

"I'm not afraid to say, 'Give me the ball,' because I know what I can do," he said after lowering his ERA to 1.15 in three starts necessary because of injuries to other pitchers.

Said Robinson: "He was good his first time out, excellent his last time out, and super today."

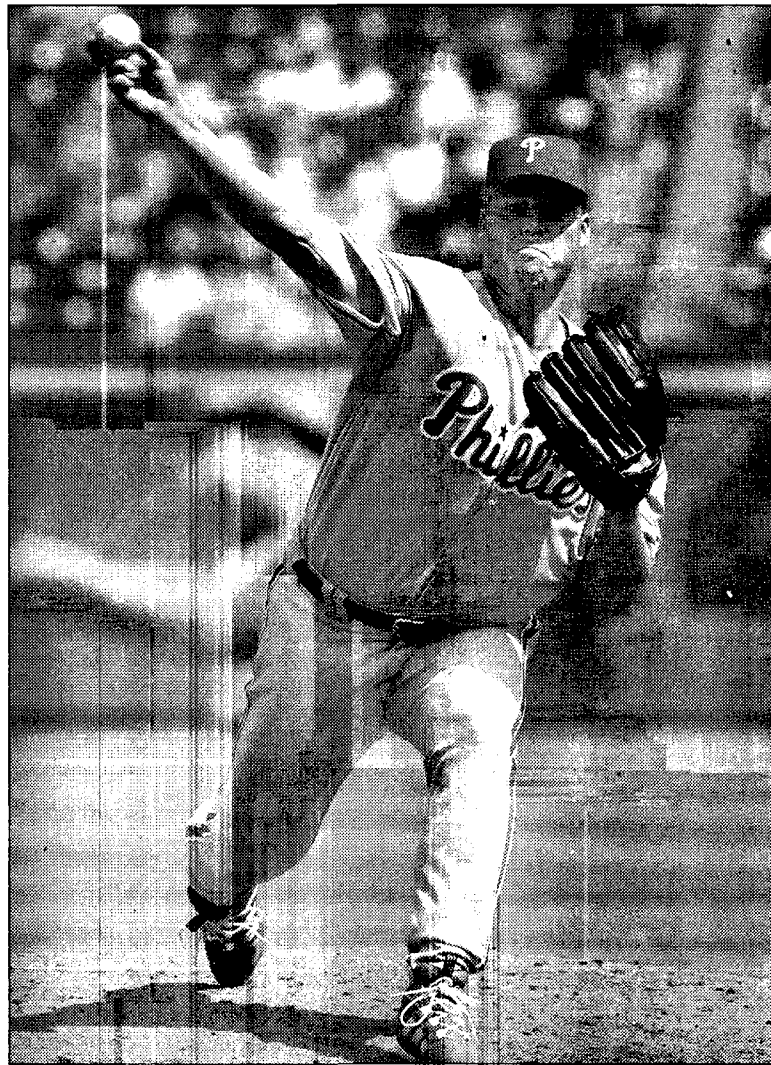
Four relievers finished up the four-hitter, with Jon Rauch (2-4) getting the win for a 1-2-3 seventh, and Chad Cordero pitching a perfect ninth for his major league-leading 47th save.

Colorado 4, San Diego 2

A year ago, it was unclear when — or even if — Aaron Cook would take the mound again for the Colorado Rockies, let alone almost throw a shutout at Coors Field.

But after missing most of last season after doctors found blood clots in his lungs in 2004, Cook did just that, winning a career-high and franchise-record sixth straight decision and leading the Rockies to a victory over the NL West-leading San Diego Padres.

"Initially we just wanted him to be able to get healthy," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said. "And now for him to come back and be able to pitch,



Philadelphia pitcher Jon Lieber throws during the second inning of the Phillies' 4-0 win over the Braves Thursday.

that's a plus."

The Padres' second loss in three games to last-place Colorado dropped them back to .500 (76-76) and saw their lead over second-place San Francisco drop to 4 1/2 games in the NL West. The Giants played at Washington on Thursday.

San Diego, which has struggled to score runs as it tries to hold on to the lead in the weak West, lost 20-1 Tuesday night and could muster only a series split of the four-game series in Denver.

"It's a tough loss," Padres manager Bruce Bochy said. "I thought Adam [Eaton] threw the ball well. We just couldn't quite cash in on a couple of opportunities there."

The Giants open a three-game series at Coors Field on

Friday, followed by a four-game home series against the Padres starting Monday. San Diego opens a three-game series at Arizona on Friday.

It has been a long recovery for Cook since Aug. 7, 2004, when he left a game complaining of dizziness and shortness of breath. Doctors discovered the potentially life-threatening blood clots, forcing Cook out of baseball until July 30.

Since his return, he's been the Rockies best pitcher, allowing 14 earned runs in his last seven games.

For eight innings on Thursday, Cook seemed unstoppable. He allowed eight hits and retired the side in order in the first, third, fifth and eighth innings. He got 15 ground ball outs and had to work out of a jam only twice.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Rested Belles travel to jamboree

Conference meet will test runners against MIAA competition

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

The Belles travel to Grand Rapids, Mich. Saturday to compete in the five-kilometer MIAA Jamboree hosted by Calvin College.

Saint Mary's participated in the National Catholic Championships Friday and slightly lightened the intensity of its practices this week.

"We ran hills a little this week but it was a mini-workout," head coach Jackie Bauters said.

She said the Belles are healthy for the most part and "excited" for the event.

"I think the atmosphere will be excited," she said. "I don't want [the runners] to have anxiety."

The race is the only MIAA meet during the regular season and is traditionally the biggest event of the early year for the nine teams in the league.

The race accounts for one third of the league championship, with the MIAA Championship Meet on October 29 in Kalamazoo deciding the rest.

Bauters said that the past few days of training leaves her optimistic for the weekend.

"It was a good week ... for all of us," she said.

According to Bauters, the meet will be a homecoming of sorts for some of the runners. Junior Jessica Andrusiak went to Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School, and Bauters said junior Katie White had family in the area.

Bauters said the team expects Calvin and Hope College to be the toughest competition in the meet, with the Belles and Albion following closely.

Before Hope won the conference title last year, Calvin had won 16 consecutive league crowns. No team besides Hope or Calvin have won the title since 1984, when Alma won the

last of its four consecutive crowns.

Albion and Alma tied for the league title in 1981.

Bauters said her team is can be compared to Albion.

"Albion, their situation is similar to ours," Bauters said, noting each have young squads. "It will be really good competition."

Bauters said she hoped for strong races from freshmen Alicen Miller and Caitlin Stevenson for Saint Mary's, along with good results from veteran standouts Sara Otto and Becky Feauto.

Feauto and Otto led the Belles last weekend at the Burke Memorial Golf Course on the campus of Notre Dame with five-kilometer times of 20:31 and 20:32, respectively.

Notes:

♦ Bauters said sophomore Megan Gray began practicing with the team again this week. Gray was the Belles' top finisher in six of their eight races last year but was sidelined for the beginning of the season with injury. "Her physical therapy is going well," Bauters said.

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SMC SOCCER

Explosive Calvin to challenge SMC

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will face its toughest conference opponent of the year this Saturday when the Belles travel to Calvin College to play in a MIAA grudge match.

Calvin is the best that the MIAA conference has to offer; it currently holds down the top spot with an unblemished 4-0 record (5-1-1 overall). In the four league games, Calvin has netted 24 goals while surrendering a lone tally to Olivet College in the season opener.

During the four-game winning streak, Calvin has come away with victories of 6-1, 7-0, 7-0 and 4-0 over Olivet, Adrian, Tri-State and Kalamazoo, respectively. The Belles' defense will have their hands full as they must deal with the dual Calvin attack of Sarah Weesies and Jill Capel.

The duo has accounted for the majority of Calvin's offense. Weesies has put away all four MIAA game-winning goals.

But Saint Mary's has shown a resiliency against most offensive schemes thrown against it this year, and hopes to contain the Calvin playmakers.

"It is going to be a tough game, since their team has not really changed at all

from last year and we have lost a ton of players," attacker Lauren Hinton said.

Last year the Belles dropped both games against Calvin.

"I just think we really need to play as a team and play quicker; just need to talk more," Hinton said. She and the rest of her team are fired up and ready to knock off the best. The Belles are spending a lot of time in preparation, including an extra-long practice on Friday, to make sure they have every obstacle covered.

Saint Mary's may have its hands full on defense, but Calvin will be on its heels as well if the Belles show up with the offense that has dominated their past three opponents. The Belles have outscored opponents 7-1 in their last three games behind the drives of attackers Lauren Hinton, Ashley Hinton and Colleen Courtney.

Carrie Orr has been outstanding at keeping opponents in their own zone, along with Mary Esch and Sarah DuBree on defense.

With a win the Belles would move into a tie for first with Calvin, in the process jumping over twice-beaten Olivet College. The Belles go into action at noon on Saturday playing on Calvin's home-field.

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL — BLUE LEAGUE

Zahm takes on Sorin in battle of unbeatens

By COLIN REIMER and
DAN MURPHY
Sports Writers

A clash of Blue League unbeatens will take place Sunday at Riehle Field as Zahm and Sorin square off. Both teams are coming off of hard-fought victories this week, and are hoping to carry their momentum into this contest.

Zahm, fresh from a come-from-behind 14-12 victory over Carroll last week, is looking to build off of its win.

"We were missing some key guys last week on the line," said Zahm captain Pat Gourley, referring to several injuries that his team experienced prior to last week's game. "Our guys really stepped it up last week to get the win. Hopefully with those guys back, we won't die out as much in the fourth quarter."

Gourley also said depth could become an issue Sunday, and feels that with the return of those linemen, the Bats will possess an advantage in terms of depth and size that could be the difference in the contest.

However, Zahm's offense, which put together a late fourth-quarter drive last week for the winning score, will face a stiff test in the Otters' stifling defense. Sorin captain Pete Lavorini described his defense, which posted a 7-0 shutout last week against St. Ed's, as "quick and speedy."

"Our defense played really well last week," he said. "They're tough, and don't take crap from anyone."

Sorin, which forced three turnovers last week, will need to continue its dominant play against the Bats' potent passing combo of quarterback Sean Wieland and wide receiver Kris Patterson. Receiver/running back Jake Richardville, who caught the

winning touchdown last week against Carroll, also figures to be a key contributor to Zahm's offensive attack.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the ball, Lavorini expects big things out of running back Pat Lopez. It seems that Zahm shares the same sentiment, as Gourley mentioned that stopping the run will be a major priority Sunday.

"Last week we had some defensive breakdowns, especially in communication, and we addressed that in practice throughout the week," Lavorini said.

Should the Bats stack the line in hopes of stopping Lopez, expect Sorin quarterback Stu Mora to have a big day. The Otter signal-caller went 7-for-15 with one touchdown and two interceptions last week, including a 40-yard strike that proved to be the game winner.

"We definitely want another shutout this week, and we'd like to put up a touchdown each quarter," Lavorini said.

Though offensively, those are lofty goals, another strong defensive effort could easily lead to the victory. Sunday's game appears to be very evenly matched, and one mistake likely could decide the winner. The game is also pivotal in terms of seeding for the playoffs, as the winner will put itself in good position to qualify for the postseason.

Knott vs. Fisher

Fisher opens up its 2005 interhall football campaign against Knott Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Riehle West field. Both teams have high hopes for the year and are gearing up for a physical battle this weekend.

The Juggerknotts are looking to rebound from their opening loss to perennial powerhouse Siegfried.

Despite the 9-0 loss, the team looked promising, keep-

ing its opponents from scoring a single offensive touchdown. With the defense running on all cylinders, Knott focused most of its attention on simplifying the offensive game plan this week in practice.

"The offense was a little too complex in our first week," said captain Dan Grady. "We're going to try to go back to basics this week."

The revamped offense looks to end its scoring drought as the defense continues its dominance under the leadership of reigning MVP Joe McCarthy.

Although Knott is excited to get back on the right track, the team knows Fisher will not go down easy.

"Fisher always comes to play," Gray said. "They are a big team who loves to hit."

Jeremy Moreno, captain of the Fishermen, responded by saying his players were ready to come out and play a tough game to kick off the year.

Last year Fisher was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs after a 3-1 regular season record. The team, which lost seven seniors from last year, has most of its firepower back and looks to bring a balanced attack on game day. Moreno stressed the importance of everyone doing their job in order for the team to succeed.

"We're just going to take things one week at a time and see how we go from there," Moreno said.

He feels that last week's bye allowed the team the extra time needed to scrimmage and work out some of the kinks in its game plan.

Although it's early in the season, the game is an important one for both squads. Fisher would like nothing more than to start off the season with a big victory, and Knott needs this game to keep from falling behind the eight ball. Otherwise, they will need to win their two remaining games in order to make the playoffs.

Both teams seemed to be focused and ready for an early season showdown between the two possible playoff contenders.

Siegfried vs. Carroll

Carroll and Siegfried will face off on Sunday at 3 p.m. and both teams understand the significance of this game.

Carroll dropped its first game, a 14-12 heartbreaker to Zahm, and realizes that this game could make or break them.

"All the guys were disappointed with our performance on both sides of the ball," Vermin captain Kory Wilmost said.

As a result, they have made steps to improve their performance.

Wilmost cited the squad's intense practices throughout the entire week.

"We all now understand the importance of each and every game of this short season," the Vermin captain said. Indeed, should Carroll lose on Sunday, the team would have only two more games and its playoff hopes would take a severe blow.

Meanwhile, Siegfried is looking to building on a strong

defensive effort in a 9-0 shutout of Knott.

Captain Matt Wopperer provided the majority of the offense, returning an interception by Knott quarterback Matt Whittington for a first quarter touchdown and an early 7-0 lead. The Ramblers rounded out the scoring with a safety in the fourth quarter.

While Wopperer was pleased with his defense, the offense — shut out on the afternoon — was an area of concern.

"We didn't play as well [against Knott] as we would have liked," Wopperer said. "I was very happy with the defense, but we're hoping to make some improvements on offense this week."

Wopperer points to solid practice time as a cause for optimism heading into Sunday's showdown with Carroll.

"We've had a good week of practice, and we have some confidence going into the game this week," Wopperer said. "They beat us last year, so we have our work cut out for us."

Although the defense was rock solid against Knott, Wopperer and the Ramblers have continued to emphasize its importance, especially if they hope to knock off the Vermin.

"We have been working on our defense in practice," Wopperer said. "Our defense will have to be strong to win — defense is the key."

SMC GOLF

Belles take on MIAA rival team Bulldogs

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Saint Mary's will play in the last of three conference jamborees this season at 1 p.m. Saturday. The tournament, to be held at Lewanee Country Club in Adrian, Mich. is a final tuneup for the Belles before the MIAA championships in two weeks.

The team finished second in last week's jamboree with a 346. Megan Mattia and Katie O'Brien paced the Belles, both shooting an 82 to tie for first place.

Kirsten Fantom and Nicole

Bellino finished 19th as both shot 91.

The squad shot a course-record 332 at the first conference jamboree Sept. 14. Mattia finished first in that tournament as well with a 79. Fantom was close on her heels with a third-place 82.

Saint Mary's carries a 4.5 stroke lead over Olivet through two jamborees. Hope is in third place, 12.5 strokes back.

The MIAA jamborees lead up to the conference championships, to be held Oct. 7-8.

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INTERHALL — WOMEN'S BLUE LEAGUE

Valdez, Lewis hungry for win after dropping first two

By JAMES FEGAN AND
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Sports Writers

Lewis has to be very glad to see the Chicks on its schedule. After playing the two participants in last year's title game in its first two games, Lewis can't help but be enthusiastic for a relative break.

The Chicks have suffered two tough losses where they have seen their offense struggle to produce and turn the ball over frequently.

Against Cavanaugh, the Chicks were shut out, and quarterback Elisa Valdez's last eight passes of the game fell incomplete. Tuesday, Valdez was intercepted three times as Lewis lost a heartbreaker to Walsh.

Despite the powerful defenses they've faced, things might not be getting any easier for Lewis as the Chicks face Lyons, which features an aggressive defense with tons of speed.

"Our defense is definitely the strong point of our team," Freshman receiver Jene Emery said.

Lyons is looking for answers on Sunday about its team after a bipolar performance so far this season. After looking like championship contenders in a 20-0 thrashing of Howard, the Lions looked stagnant in a 12-0 shutout loss to Badin. The most confusing part of their loss was the complete disappearance of a seemingly high-powered offense.

Lyons is going to continue to platoon at quarterback with Kim Murphy and Lynn Truitt, and hope to get the production out of stud receiver Jenni Delaney that mysteriously disappeared versus Badin.

Lewis counters with a gritty defense that will feature a strong pass rush from Meaghan McGarr, who recorded two sacks in the team's opener.

The Chicks' offense has been their Achilles heel this year.

They've been flat, unproductive and occasionally turnover-prone. However, they have talent, and are capable of lighting

up the scoreboard if strong-armed quarterback Valdez gets hot.

There is talent and experience at receiver in co-captain Kara Bailey, and Valdez needs to continue to develop a rapport with her offensive weapons to be successful.

However, the Lions' defense might not give Lewis a chance to get situated.

At their worst they can be susceptible to the big play, at their best they can cause a turnover every time out and give quarterbacks fits.

Lewis is going to have to be ready for a challenge every bit as tough as Walsh and Cavanaugh.

For Lyons, it's going to determine which of their performances so far this season was an aberration.

Badin vs. Walsh

Badin and Walsh will continue their 2005 interhall football seasons this Sunday when they

face off at 1 p.m. at West Quad field.

Both Walsh and Badin come into the game with confidence after well-played victories against Lewis and Lyons, respectively.

Badin hopes to knock off the defending interhall champions with the kind of intensity that helped them triumph over Lyons 12-0 Tuesday night. After two early touchdowns thrown by freshman Katie Rose Hackney at quarterback, it was the experience and confidence of a strong defensive line that held the Lions scoreless.

Despite a solid performance, the Bullfrogs are very cognizant of the threats of a strong Walsh team.

"[We've been] working on some plays that we've designed specifically for Walsh's style of play," Badin captain Meg Charlebois said. "We can't wait to put them to good use."

However, the scrappy defensive play of the Wild Women of Walsh will certainly keep even the most prepared offense on their toes, seeing that it was three interceptions that contributed to much of the team's

success in their past game. Even though their defensive play was stellar, credit must be given to quarterback Mary Sullivan, who is very effective on the ground as well as in the air, and the entirety of the Walsh offense for capitalizing on the opportunities given to them.

"It was a team effort," Sullivan said.

The Walsh women will need that same kind of teamwork and raw determination against Badin if they wish to continue in their winning ways. They will have to contend with a hungry Badin team that hopes to secure its second win of the year.

The Bullfrogs are eager to "get back to playing at the championship level that we reached two years ago," Charlebois said.

A game versus the defending champions who remember the feeling of winning in Notre Dame Stadium will be a gauge of the potential of both teams.

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INTERHALL — WOMEN'S GOLD LEAGUE

North Quad neighbors to lock horns Sunday

Finest, Babes look to rebound after tough losses last weekend

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Sports Writers

Bragging rights are at stake as neighbors do battle on Sunday at 5 p.m. on the West Quad fields when the Breen Phillips Babes take on the Farley Finest. While being located next to each other on the North Quad may make for a rivalry, neither team is interested in creating locker room material.

What they are interested in, however, is putting one in the win column.

The Babes, losers to Welsh Family in their first game, hope that the large number of experienced returnees they have will help them make a quick turnaround.

"While we still have a lot of freshman," Captain Shannon Swanigan said, "we do have a number of returning upper-classmen. It adds up to a lot of experience."

Swanigan went on to say how the team's chemistry has really developed this year through time spent at practice.

"While I know we'll have people step up in the coming games, we are, at the heart of it all, a true team," she said.

Farley suffered a tough 6-0 loss in their opening game against Pasquerilla West. Captain and quarterback, Katie Popik, still supported the team's defensive unit.

"They're doing a great job," she said. "All they have to do is keep up the intensity."

But being strong on side of the ball doesn't satisfy Popik, as she is intent on making the offense

just as potent. "At practice this week, we've really focused on the offense — getting all the plays down, adding a couple of new ones. We will be a force to be reckoned with."

Crucial to the offensive improvement are halfback Kim Crehan and two junior wide receivers, Diane Duran and Annie Parrel.

"Diane and Annie are two of the team's veterans. They're my go to girls," Popik said.

Welsh Family vs. Pasquerilla East

Fans of defensive showdowns will want to mark their calendars for Sunday when the Pyros of Pasquerilla East (0-1) take on the Whirlwinds of Welsh Family (1-0) on the West Quad at 4 p.m.

It promises to be a struggle as both teams profess great faith in their respective defensive units.

History buffs may remember that three years ago Pasquerilla East won the football championship, the first team besides Welsh Fam in three years to do so. Neither team is interested in past meetings, however. They are both extremely focused on the upcoming game.

PE, who lost to McGlinn last week, will rely on a newly installed offense led by dual QB/wide receivers Caroline Nally and Leslie Follmer in an effort to put points up on the board.

"[Obviously] we want to score points," said Megan Wysoki, captain of the Pyros.

Wysoki's squad may have difficulty doing that as the Whirlwinds didn't let Breen-Phillips, their previous opponent, score in 24-0 shutout win.

"Of course, our defense," captain Melissa Sands said when questioned about the strength of her team.

Sands also talked about the athleticism of her team.

"Our defense is athletic, but

and our wide receivers are also very athletic too," she said.

The Whirlwind wideouts had better be ready — PE, Wysoki reports, focused intently on improving defensive pass coverage this year.

The Pyros will also be looking for their freshman to get experience in only the second game of their career.

"We have a young team," Wysoki explained, "especially on defense, but they played well last game."

Along with player inexperience, the Pyros also have five new coaches this year.

But Wysoki isn't worried. "It's great," she said. "There's so much enthusiasm."

The Whirlwinds expect to temper that enthusiasm.

"Our goal is always getting back to the Stadium," Sands said. "It's still the beginning, though. We're focusing on fundamentals at this point."

Fundamental to both teams, however, is coming away with a win.

McGlinn vs. Pangborn

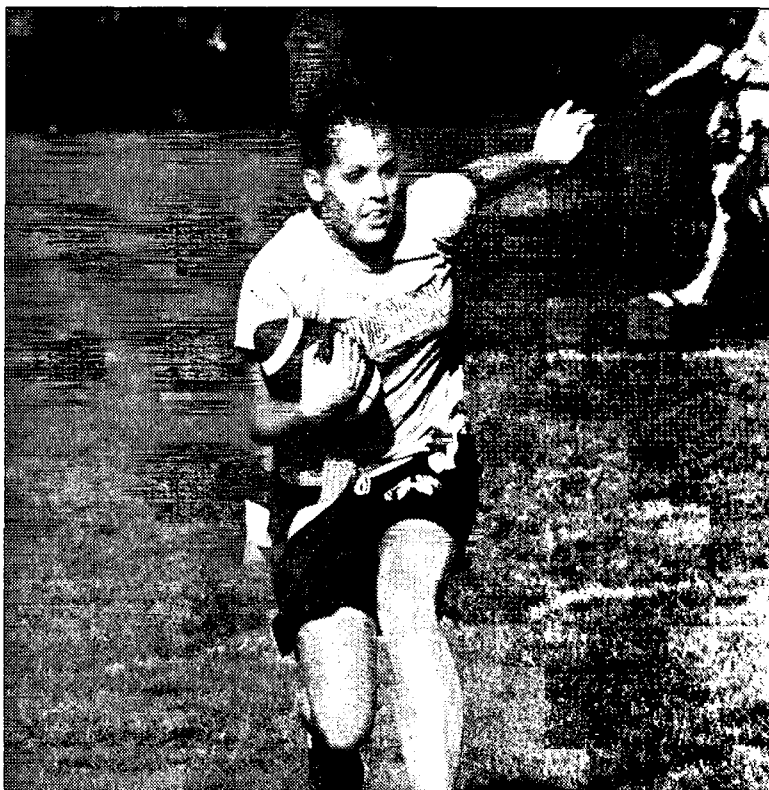
Pangborn and McGlinn will both be coming out strong as they continue their 2005 interhall football seasons this Sunday on West Quad.

Pangborn and McGlinn both come into the game with confidence.

Pangborn will be stepping onto the field for the first time this year, but will do so with the knowledge that they still have the depth and strength that carried them into the semi-finals last year.

The Pangborn Phoxes enter the beginning of their season with strong senior leadership and the skills to lead them to another successful season.

"Our ultimate goal for this season is a trip to the stadium, but we're focusing on each individual game," said Pangborn captain Katie Murray.



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Purple Weasel receiver Diane Duran carries the ball during Pasquerilla West's 6-0 win over Farley Sunday.

It is with this confident attitude that Murray and her experienced team hope to defeat McGlinn.

"We only lost two starters from last year and gained quite a few quality freshman," Murray said.

The Shamrocks of McGlinn have a foot up on Pangborn, for they have already had the experience of one game this season.

Their 20-0 victory over Pasquerilla East has left them with the confidence that they can continue on their victory strike.

However, they are aware of the threats that Pangborn possesses.

"[Pangborn's] quarterback, Katie Mooney, is really athletic," captain Bridget Meacham said. "We want to contain her and force the other players to step

up."

The Shamrocks will be relying on the experience of their seniors to take on this task. "Our greatest asset is the senior class," Meacham said. "They're really athletic and understand the game."

McGlinn will have to utilize this knowledge in hopes of continuing their so far undefeated season.

Both teams have a lot at stake. McGlinn needs another win to prove that they are not a team to be taken lightly.

A win for Pangborn would insure that they are coming into the 2005 season just as strong as they left that of 2004.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish host pair of weekend exhibition contests

Fall tournament gives team an opportunity for tougher practice

By ANNA FRICANO
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There is a long winter to get through before the softball season officially starts, but the Notre Dame women will have a chance to test their skills this weekend in a pair of exhibition games. The Irish will host both Wayne State University and Detroit Mercy at Ivy Field on Saturday in a tournament that was officially announced with the fall exhibition schedule in late August.

The tournament will begin at 10 a.m. with a matchup between Notre Dame and Wayne State.

The Irish will finish the day with a 2 p.m. game versus Detroit Mercy, and the two visiting teams will play each other at noon.

The records of the exhibition games will not count toward the 2006 season, nor will any of the stats. What the events will do is to give the team a better idea of where everyone stands on the field. But how big are these games to the members of this year's team?

"Well, they're very important because they're games," catcher Mallorie Lenn said. "We want to see where we're at for next season. Coach is taking them as seriously as any other game."

After graduating five starters last spring, players are seeing plenty of opportunities for playing time. With the official start of the season so far off, few definite decisions have been made as to who will be playing where on the field. Lenn, a First Team All-Conference player for the Irish, noted that no one on the team is too preoccupied with the eventual necessity of a starting lineup.

"We're actually not sure [who's starting] yet," Lenn said. "Everyone is playing, and everyone gets equal chance to play each position."

These exhibition tournaments are an opportunity for the team, which returns only four starters and has seven freshmen, to see where certain players will fit on the field and in the batting lineup.

As far as the level of competition goes, it may be too early in the year to know exactly what the Irish will be facing on Saturday. At this point in the season, everybody is bat-

ting 1,000, and no one has yet made an error. For that reason, players and coaches alike are of the mindset that the competition is going to be there.

"Anybody is going to be good competition at this point in the year," Lenn said.

Saturday will not only mark the unofficial beginning of the softball season for the Irish, but it will also mark the first time that 2001 Notre Dame

graduate Lizzy Lemire will step onto the field as something other than a player. Lemire fills a spot on the coaching staff vacated when former assistant coach Charmelle Green accepted a position in the University's student-athlete development office, and former second-assistant Kris Ganeff moved into the first-assistant spot. Lemire won two Big East Championships with Notre

Dame and made three consecutive NCAA appearances, before graduating and earning a spot on the U.S. National Softball team. Lemire joined the staff on Aug. 11, and has been warmly welcomed by everyone in the program.

"[Lemire] is a great person. She loves Notre Dame and she loves the program," Lenn said. "She definitely has a drive for the school just like

all of our other coaches."

The team is anxious to get the season rolling, and although the Irish only have a few opportunities to play this fall, everyone is excited about the prospect of getting started.

"I think we look great and we are ready to go," Lenn said.

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NSCAA Men's Soccer Poll

	team	record	prev
1	Indiana	4-0-2	1
2	New Mexico	6-0-0	NR
3	North Carolina	5-0-1	2
4	Virginia	4-0-1	3
5	California	5-0-1	6
6	Maryland	5-1-0	8
7	Akron	6-0-0	9
8	St. John's	4-1-1	10
9	Creighton	4-0-1	15
10	Fairleigh Dickinson	5-0-1	7
11	Duke	4-1-0	21
12	Connecticut	4-2-0	5
13	Santa Clara	4-2-0	13
14	Missouri State	4-0-2	11
15	Wake Forest	4-2-0	14
16	Ohio State	5-1-1	NR
17	Clemson	3-1-1	12
18	NOTRE DAME	4-2-0	18
18	Seton Hall	4-1-1	16
18	Old Dominion	3-1-1	22
21	Binghamton	5-1-1	20
22	UC Santa Barbara	3-1-1	NR
23	New Hampshire	5-0-1	NR
24	Washington	4-1-0	NR
25	NC-Wilmington	5-1-0	NR

NSCAA Women's Soccer Poll

	team	record	prev
1	North Carolina	8-0-0	1
2	Penn State	8-0-0	2
3	Portland	8-0-0	3
4	UCLA	7-1-0	6
5	Santa Clara	5-1-1	4
6	NOTRE DAME	7-1-0	5
7	Duke	6-0-1	7
8	Wake Forest	5-1-1	10
9	Boston College	6-0-0	9
10	California	6-1-1	8
11	Pepperdine	6-0-1	11
12	Florida State	7-0-0	16
13	Virginia	5-2-1	12
14	Texas A&M	5-1-1	14
15	Brigham Young	8-0-0	NR
16	Wisconsin	5-2-1	15
17	Florida	5-2-0	13
18	Connecticut	5-2-1	18
19	Cal Polytechnic	6-0-2	17
20	Marquette	7-0-1	23
21	Texas	3-1-1	21
22	Arizona	4-1-2	22
23	West Virginia	3-3-2	20
24	Yale	6-2-0	NR
25	Cal State Fullerton	6-2-0	NR

Division III Women's Soccer

MIAA Conference Standings

team	record	points	GF	GA
Calvin	4-0-0	12	24	1
Hope	4-0-0	12	10	1
SAINT MARY'S	3-1-0	9	7	4
Olivet	3-2-0	9	11	8
Alma	2-3-0	6	5	8
Albion	1-2-0	3	7	6
Adrian	1-3-0	3	3	13
Kalamazoo	1-3-0	3	1	7
Tri-State	0-5-0	0	4	25

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PGA



Retief Goosen, top, helps International teammate Adam Scott line up a putt at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Presidents' Cup action on Thursday. Goosen and Scott beat Tiger Woods and Fred Couples in match play.

Internationals take lead in Presidents' Cup

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Va. — Adam Scott watched his 25-foot eagle putt from the fringe curl into the left side of the cup for a 3-up lead against Tiger Woods and Fred Couples, a serious blow that set the tone for the International team Thursday in the opening match at the Presidents Cup.

Retief Goosen extended his hand, as if to tap fists with Scott to celebrate such a big putt in alternate shot.

But all Goosen wanted was the ball. It was his turn on the tee.

"I think I got a 'Good putt' out of him," Scott said with a smile.

With quiet precision, Goosen and Scott turned in a tag-team performance that buried Woods and Couples and sent the International team into truly foreign territory at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club, in the lead.

Mike Weir and Trevor Immelman brought up the rear, making four birdies in the first five holes to crush David Toms and Stewart Cink.

In between, the International team did enough right to take a 3 1/2-2 1/2 lead.

One point isn't much, especially with 28 matches left until the cup is awarded.

"It's like a mile race and you're 50 yards ahead," International captain Gary Player said. "This is as close as it can be without being a tie."

But considering how the International team typically starts at RTJ, it was cause for optimism. In three previous trips to this golf course on the shores of Lake Manassas, the Americans have twice led 5-0 and once led 4-1 after the opening day.

"Scott and Goosen beating Tiger and Freddie was

a big thing for the International team," U.S. captain Jack Nicklaus said. "It set the stage for them being ahead. It's the difference in them being ahead. We were hoping for exactly the same situation. I thought we could match up against them and do well. I was wrong today."

The Americans didn't have a lot of things go right for them.

Jim Furyk's first swing of the day aggravated a rib injury, and he had to get therapy between shots just to finish his match.

He and Fred Funk scratched out a halve against Vijay Singh.

IN BRIEF

Palmeiro turns on Oriole, season may be over

NEW YORK — Rafael Palmeiro's season with the Baltimore Orioles might be over.

Orioles interim manager Sam Perlozzo said that if the first baseman had disclosed the name of a teammate who supplied him with the substance that led to Palmeiro's suspension for steroid use, it probably would be best that Palmeiro not return to the team this year.

The Sun in Baltimore, citing unidentified sources, reported Thursday that Palmeiro had identified a teammate by name when he testified before baseball's arbitration panel in an attempt to overturn the suspension, which followed a positive test for stanozolol.

"If in fact that was true, then it probably would not be a good idea" for Palmeiro to return, Perlozzo said Thursday before the Orioles played the New York Yankees.

"It's all speculation as far as I know."

Rita could force Saints to make more changes

SAN ANTONIO — The TV sets just installed in the New Orleans Saints' locker room at the Alamodome drew a gripped audience Thursday, with players in disbelief as the bright radar colors of Hurricane Rita headed toward Louisiana.

While they're concerned about the city they left behind, they're also wondering whether a pounding in Baton Rouge would force another change in a season already severely altered by Hurricane Katrina.

"Just about everywhere we go a hurricane hits," quarterback Aaron Brooks said. "You just can't believe it. What the hell is going on? It's like a black cloud. We may not be able to play in Baton Rouge if it hits like that."

It's been less than four weeks since Katrina wrecked New Orleans and

damaged the Superdome, forcing the Saints to move their headquarters and practice facility to San Antonio.

The team is scheduled to play three games at the Alamodome and four more at LSU's Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge.

Bench-warmer Bennett to start for Georgia Tech

ATLANTA — Taylor Bennett spent most of his high school career on the bench.

Once he got to Georgia Tech, his chance to play came a lot quicker.

The redshirt freshman filled in last week for the 15th-ranked Yellow Jackets, getting his first start at quarterback after Reggie Ball became ill with viral meningitis. Bennett didn't make any major gaffes in a 28-13 victory over Connecticut.

With Ball still recovering, Bennett may have to go again Saturday — and this time the stakes would be infinitely higher.

MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL — GOLD LEAGUE

Morrissey takes on O'Neill in season opener

By JAY FITZPATRICK, JASON GALVAN and GREGORY ARBOGAST
Sports Writers

The O'Neill Angry Mob (1-0) and Morrissey Manor (0-0) will begin the second week of games in the men's gold division Sunday at Rihle Fields at 1 p.m.

The Manorites had a bye in Week One and hope to get their season started with a win against O'Neill. To prepare for the game, Morrissey captain Nick Klein has decided not to work on more complex schemes and plays in the weeks prior to the opener. Instead, Morrissey has returned to the fundamentals and has hoped to have perfected the basic plays that Klien hopes will get his team the victory.

Part of the reason for this simplified game plan is that Morrissey hopes to contain the O'Neill offense with their perennially good defense. Learning from O'Neill's Week One opponent Alumni, the Manor hopes to force O'Neill to be one-dimensional on offense.

One problem Morrissey may have is their team's youth. After having graduated many stand-out players on both sides of the football, Klien said he hopes "to see a lot of new stars out there this weekend."

"We know that O'Neill has already beaten Alumni, who is usually a good team every year," Klein said. "We are prepared for a tough game."

The Angry Mob has already defeated one good team, Alumni, last week by holding them to only six points while scoring twice through the air.

"The defense's ability to keep them to a minimum was key to the victory," said O'Neill captain Matt Hughey. "It allowed the offense to drive down the field and get some points on the board."

In preparation for this game against Morrissey, Hughey has been working to improve his team's defense and has expand-

ed the offense's playbook so the Mob will still have some tricks up their sleeves for the Manor.

Since this is Morrissey's first game, O'Neill will have to base their game plan more on intuition than actual game play, a definite advantage for Morrissey.

But Hughey still believes that this week has been enough time to prepare for the game.

"It's going to be a tough battle," said Hughey. "Both teams will be ready to win."

Dillon vs. Keenan

The Keenan Knights look to continue their winning ways against the Dillon Big Red this Sunday at Rihle Fields at 2 p.m.

The Knights are coming off a shutout performance against Keough, where they also connected on two big touchdown passes to seal the victory.

The defending champs were impressive in their victory over the Kangaroos, but still face a long road ahead, which continues with a major contest against the Dillon Big Red. Knights captain Vince Lyzinski was quick to point out that, despite their strong performance in last week's game, they must stay focused and not allow themselves to grow complacent.

"We did get the win, but there is still a lot of room for improvement," Lyzinski said.

The Knights are coming off a victory where they were able to completely shut down the Keough offense. In addition, the Knights sport a potent offensive attack centered on a solid offensive line and a talented running back.

"Alex [Staffieri] is a big ol' work-horse running back," Lyzinski said. "We're looking to run the ball and establish the ground game with him, and work in our passing attack, and pretty much continue from where we left off last week."

The Knights will be facing a Dillon team that, despite losing its first contest, still brings a very solid football team to the field. The Big Red defense held the Stanford offense in check

throughout the entire game before surrendering the final game-winning touchdown.

"Dillon's a solid team, if we take them for granted, they'll beat us," Lyzinski said.

"We'll be facing a tough Dillon defense and we'll have to pick up the intensity."

The Big Red are coming off a tough loss to the Stanford Griffins in which their offense was able to march up and down the field throughout the game but was unable to convert any of their offensive production into points. Senior captain Romeo Acosta was quick to point out that his team has some issues that need to be addressed.

"We're working on the same problem from last year, which is getting our offense moving," Acosta said. "We're trying to implement a new offensive system right now and we just need to keep working to get things together."

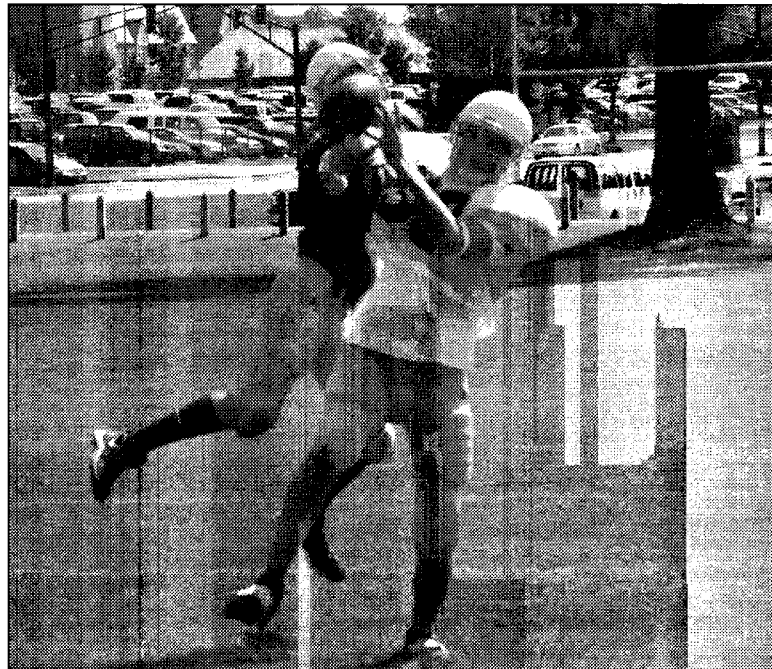
Keenan and Dillon each have a long way to go in the season and a win at this stage is of the utmost importance for both teams. Romeo Acosta is confident that his team is ready to face the defending champs.

"They're probably the best team in the league and the team to beat, but we're definitely up to the challenge," he said.

Alumni vs. Keough

Sunday afternoon's game between Keough and Alumni will feature two teams still trying to work out early-season difficulties.

Both teams are coming off losses in their first games, and both teams struggled mightily to move the ball. In fact, Keough was not able to make a first



A Dillon wide receiver runs against Stanford on Sunday in a season-opening loss. Dillon plays Keenan on Sunday.

MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer

down until the second half of its game with Keenan in which Keenan dominated 14-0.

The Kangaroos struggled to contain Keenan's running game behind tailback Alex Staffieri.

In Alumni's game, the Dawgs were defeated 13-6 by the Angry Mob of O'Neill. Alumni scored the first points of the game on a touchdown pass from Kerger Truesbell to Ryan McGettigan, but the offense was silent the rest of the way, particularly with the running game. On defense, the Alumni secondary struggled allowing two touchdown passes to O'Neill's Alex Fortunado.

"We had some confusion on assignments and exact responsibilities, so we have addressed these issues in practice this

week," said McGettigan.

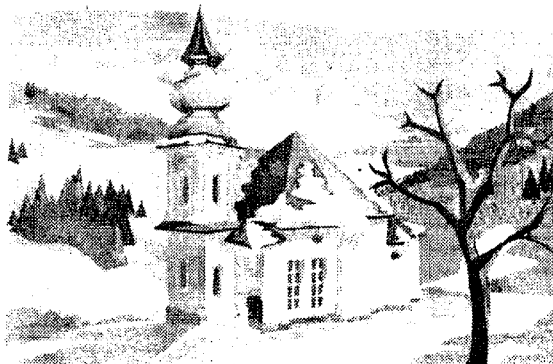
Both teams are expected to rely on their running game this weekend in the hope of jump-starting their struggling offenses.

"We know that Keough runs a 5-2, so we have been working a lot on running against that type of defense," said McGettigan.

That strategy in mind, each team's success will likely be determined by the performance of their running backs and offensive lines.

The teams face off at 3 p.m. at Rihle West.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish delve into Big East schedule

Squad tries to bounce back from close defeat at LSU last Sunday

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

The quest to defend their title begins this weekend.

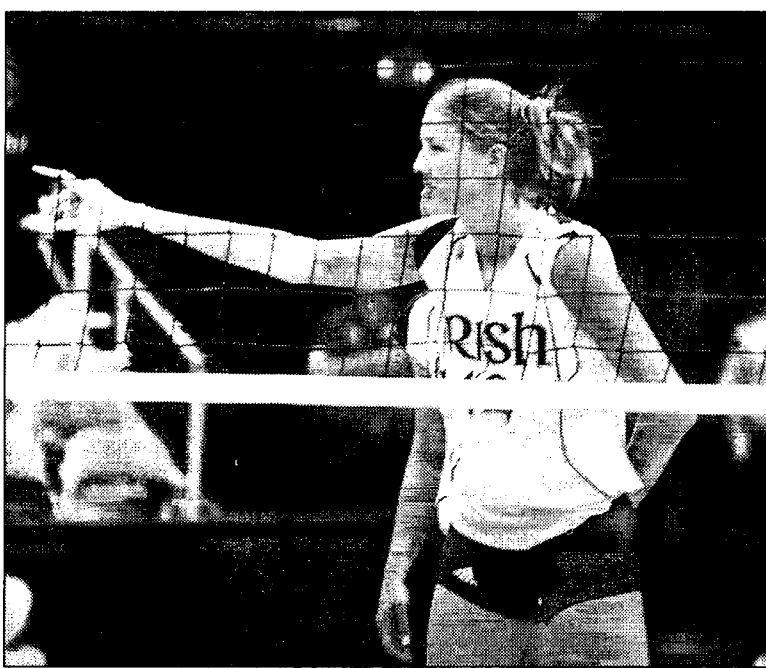
Sunday at 1 p.m. the Irish (7-1), the defending Big East tournament and regular-season champions, take on the Seton Hall Pirates (6-6) in Notre Dame's first conference match of the season. Since the Pirates have played so many matches, Irish coach Debbie Brown has prepared her team well but doesn't know exactly what to expect of her opponent.

"We were able to see a little bit of what their system is [through tape]," she said. "We were comparing them with their season stats. They might have been playing people in different positions because they have had lots of matches, so we don't know for sure what we're going to see."

"But we have a pretty good idea."

Notre Dame, coming off a five-game loss to LSU, is hoping to bounce back with a solid match. It will be important for the Irish to take the Pirates out of their comfort zone. They won't have played a match with of Pennsylvania yet this season, until tomorrow's match in Chicago against DePaul.

Seton Hall has played some tough competition, though, including fourth-ranked Penn State (9-2). The Pirates gave



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Captain Lauren Brewster directs the Irish during Notre Dame's 3-2 victory over Arizona State Sept. 4.

the Nittany Lions a run in a few games but were swept three games to none.

Brown and the Irish are excited to get the conference season underway after a testing non-conference slate.

"I think it's kind of like three different seasons — the non-conference, conference and hopefully the postseason," Brown said. "We think we've prepared ourselves really well for the conference."

While Notre Dame has defeated two top-10 teams and still ranks 11th in the polls, Brown is still a realist. When asked if she was pleased with the accomplishments thus far, she replied succinctly.

"Yes and no," she said. "Obviously, we had some really,

really good wins. We're not pleased with our loss, not to say we don't think we should ever lose, but we just felt we didn't play very well last weekend."

She thought the team prepared well this week in preparation for the conference season.

"I think this week ... just get back in the gym, picking it back up, I think the team has responded well," she said.

The team clearly has used the first loss of the season as motivation.

"Each day in practice it's been a little bit better and a little more competitive," Brown said.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

King flattered by IU tourney berth

Tough Big Ten foes present challenges in dozen-team field

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

Coming off a win at home in the Notre Dame Invitational, the Irish women's golf team will travel to Bloomington this weekend for the Lady Northern Invitational, hosted by Indiana University.

Traditionally a Big Ten tournament, the Lady Northern will feature each team from that conference except Ohio State, plus Notre Dame and Illinois State.

Irish coach Debby King said being invited to the Lady Northern is a compliment to teams from the Great Lakes Region.

"We are very fortunate that in the last two years they've invited Notre Dame to [the tournament]," King said.

King said the top teams in the tournament are Michigan and Michigan State, followed by Purdue and Northwestern. The Irish are ranked just behind the Wildcats.

"We're going into the tournament probably fifth," King said. "But it's close. It's anyone's game. It's a matter of will."

Notre Dame was relatively successful against the Big Ten last year, going 28-20-1. Indiana and Illinois competed in the Notre Dame Invitational two weeks ago.

The Illini finished seventh, while the Hoosiers finished 10th. Indiana, however, features senior Shannon Johnson, who tied for first on the individual scorecard.

The Irish last played in Bloomington last spring at the Indiana Invitational. Notre Dame won the event as then-sophomore Noriko Nagazaki earned her first career collegiate individual victory.

Nagazaki will lead the Irish into competition again this weekend.

Two weeks ago she paced Notre Dame with a score of 223, which tied her with Johnson for first and earned her an exemption into the Lady Northern.

Five other golfers — Laura Maunu, Katie Brophy, Lauren Gebauer, Jane Lee and Suzie Hayes — earned their way onto Notre Dame's competing team this week through a series of qualifiers. The top four finishers will have their score count toward their team's total.

"With 10 players on the team, usually you can only take five or six to a tournament," King said. "You have qualifiers and that decides who competes each week."

Junior Stacy Brown was the next best golfer in qualifying and will compete as an individual in Bloomington.

Nagazaki earned her exemption for this week by finishing in the top six of the Notre Dame Invitational. Due to stiffer competition, the exemption range will be larger for the Lady Northern.

"The exemption status for this tournament, because it's a tougher field, is easier," King said. "Last week it was the top six, this week it's the top [twelve golfers]."

Last year's Lady Northern was held in Ann Arbor, Mich. The Irish finished tied for eighth in that tournament.

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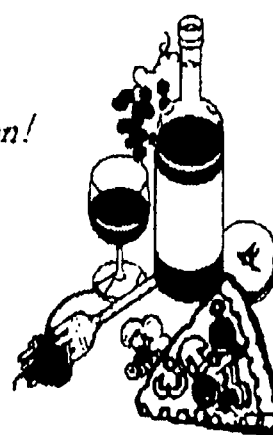
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22-30, 30-21, 28-30, 30-26, 15-11. The win marked the Belles' third win in a row with all matches going five games. It was the Belles' seventh win of the year, surpassing their total from all of last season.

Saint Mary's (7-7, 1-2) used scrappy defense and timely hitting to put together the decisive run. Libero Anne Cusack had two spectacular digs during a lengthy point that tied the fourth game at 26. Belles Coach Julie Schroeder-Biek identified this point as critical to the Belles' turnaround.

"Anne's digs sparked our team," she said. "We needed that spark. The whole team rallied after that."

Saint Mary's also played tough defense at the net. Shelly Bender anchored the defense in the middle and came up with timely blocks throughout the match. Schroeder-Biek acknowledged Bender's vocal leadership on the

court.

"At one point Shelly said 'Nothing is coming over this net.' It's amazing what happens when one person steps up like that, the whole team responds," Schroeder-Biek said.

The win was hard-fought for Saint Mary's. Manchester, despite its 2-10 record, played a very solid match, especially on the defensive end. The Spartans dove to the floor countless times, foiling certain Belle kills. Schroeder-Biek credited her hitters for staying aggressive despite the Manchester defense.

"Manchester always has a scrappy team," she said. "We talked about that coming in ... We needed to have the persistence and drive to continue hitting. Tonight we did that and we kept the ball alive long enough for our hitters to find holes."

The Belles started the match slowly, losing the first five points. A seesaw first game saw Manchester come up with several kills that put the Belles on their heels. After tying the game at 12, Saint Mary's

lost two consecutive points and trailed for the remainder of the first game.

Saint Mary's used a 10-4 run to take a 14-10 lead in game two. Manchester would not relent, however, forcing the Belles to come up with precisely placed kills to win points. The Belles played some of their most aggressive volleyball late in the second game, scoring the last five points to level the match.

Game three was the closest of the match, with no team gaining a lead of more than three points. Manchester led 23-20 late but proceeded to miss three of their next five serves into the net, allowing the Belles to get back into the game. But the Spartans did not break, combining their tough defense with solid passing to produce an efficient offense and take game three.

The Spartans engineered a 10-0 run to build a 12-6 in the fourth

game. They would not relinquish the lead until the Belles tied the game at 26. Manchester would not lead the rest of the night.

Saint Mary's is playing some of its best volleyball of the season. The Belles are playing with confidence and energy that had been absent earlier in the campaign.

The Belles will need to be in top form this weekend as the MIAA's top two teams from last season, Calvin and Alma will visit the Angela Athletic Center Saturday. The Belles are eager to face their biggest test of the

season thus far.

"In the huddle after the game the girls were already talking about this weekend. They said they were ready," coach Schroeder-Biek said.

The Belles will have to turn around recent history if they hope to win Saturday. In five matches combined against Calvin and Alma

last season, the Belles did not win a single game.

Schroeder-Biek said that Alma lost several key contributors from last year, but also added that they are still a strong team. Alma is just 2-12 this season but 2-1 in the MIAA.

They have lost to several nationally ranked teams.

Calvin was undefeated in conference last year, but suffered a loss to Hope earlier this season. Their record stands at 9-4, 2-1 in conference.

Schroeder-Biek felt there was no clear cut favorite in the conference and that the Belles could establish themselves at the top.

"It's up for grabs. It's anyone's conference right now," she said.

The most important thing for Schroeder-Biek was that her team was playing with energy and confidence heading into the crucial weekend.

"So many people stepped up tonight," she said.

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The Irish will look to continue their strong play through the offensive power of Katie Thorlakson and Kerri Hanks. Hanks leads the Irish with 13 goals this season, and Thorlakson was named Big East player of the week for the fifth time in her collegiate career.

Christie Shaner was named to the Soccer America National Team of the Week after her defensive performance against DePaul and Michigan, becoming the fourth Irish player to receive that award this season.

The Irish are scoring 5.13 goals per game, and giving up 0.63 goals per game. They are also getting 21.4 shots per game, while giving up just 3.8. They are also 4-0 at home.

Cincinnati has struggled so far this season, compiling a 2-4-2 overall record, 0-1-0 in conference play. Its conference loss came against the same Louisville team that Notre Dame will visit Sunday.

Shaner spoke about the team's preparation the day before games, noting that their practices usually consist of going over how teams attack and defend.

"One way to have an advantage on a team is knowing what they are going to try to do in a game in order to take advantage," Shaner said.

Despite being a new addition to the Big East, the Bearcats have a history with the Irish dating back to 2001.

In the second round of the 2001 NCAA tournament, the visiting Cincinnati upset a heavily-favored



Katie Thorlakson is pursued by a defender on Sept. 4 against Maryland in a 6-0 victory for the Irish.

Notre Dame squad.

Candace Chapman was the only Irish player around at that time, but did not play in that game due to illness.

The loss was uncharacteristic for the Irish, as they are 56-3-2 against opponents not ranked in the top 25, and 35-3-0 in post-season play.

Besides Chapman, current Irish players were not around at the time and it is not something on their minds heading into Friday's game.

"We just kind of take one game at a time, and sort of concentrate on playing that day or night," Shaner said. "That kind of stuff is not really in the back of our mind."

Louisville is 6-2-0 on the season, and 1-0-0 in the Big East. Their

losses came against UAB and Xavier.

Given Notre Dame's success so far this season, the Irish expect to get two wins this weekend. With that said, Shaner explained the difficulty in mentally preparing for these types of games.

"Sometimes it is harder to get up for those games because we know that we should come out with a win," Shaner said. "But we have to take the mindset that it is going to be like a Santa Clara or Virginia because when we play big, big teams that are ranked top in the country ... our team knows how to mentally prepare ourselves."

Notre Dame will host Cincinnati at 5 p.m. today.

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still prepared for challenges.

"It's always nice to play at home," he said. "The field is still the same size and you're still playing against the same guys."

The Irish will face Louisville on Friday at 7:30 p.m. immediately following a women's matchup against the Cardinals.

The Cardinals are currently fifth in the Big East and coming off an upset victory against Big East foe No. 5/1 Connecticut.

On Sunday, the Irish will face Cincinnati — who also upset top-ranked Connecticut last weekend in a 2-0 victory before tying Providence, 1-1.

"Both of these teams come off very good weekend," Clark said. "Both teams beat the No. 1 team in the country last weekend, so they're feeling pretty good about themselves coming in here this weekend."

Cincinnati is leading the Red Division of the Big East.

The Irish (4-20, 1-1 Big East) have worked to come together as a team, with Chris Cahill a pleasant surprise in goal and the midfielders scoring crucial goals. A week of

recovering and practice should have the Irish back on track.

"It's important to do well in practice but it's even more important to do well in games," Clark said. "I think the team is coming together."

One highlight for the Irish has been the emergence of senior tri-captain John Stephens in the midfield. After notching only two points all last season, he has already recorded a goal and an assist. Stephens' assist went to forward Justin McGeeney, who scored his first goal of the season against Syracuse after leading the Irish in points last year.

On defense, junior Ryan Miller has been crucial for Cahill. Miller was named to the Top Drawer Soccer Team of the Week last week.

The home crowd should be treated to some good soccer this weekend, as the Irish realize that these games are crucial to goals of winning the Big East regular season crown for the second year in a row.

"This is a very, very big weekend for us because this gives us the opportunity to get us a little bit ahead," Clark said.

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includes Alabama, Tennessee, Florida, SMU and Georgia State.

"Alabama and Florida would be the two teams, as well as SMU, that would be the most talented teams," Isban said.

"But I don't think we really approach it as watching out for the teams, we're just gonna down there and play our best."

Notre Dame's success will rest on how well the Irish putt this weekend, and how smart they play when it comes to attacking holes.

"Obviously an adjustment to the green becomes more crucial with the trickiness of the greens," Isban said. "You have to

focus on being attentive to that. Essentially it's just finding the best way to know when to attack a certain hole and when to lay off."

The Irish anticipated a better finish in their first tournament of the season when they traveled to Minnesota for the Gopher Invitational, but difficulty adjusting on the first day made it difficult for the Irish to recover in the second and third rounds.

This week, that should not be a problem. Isban attributed the adjustment to several factors, all of which were out of the team's control.

The practice round was not productive because of the team's delayed flight, the absence of a putting green and the fatigue that comes along with a three-hour sleep. It was also the team's

first round of the season.

"I think it will be a lot better this time," Isban said. "I don't think we should anticipate a problem like that again."

"No matter what happens travel wise, we will have plenty of time to prepare."

Despite Isban's first-round 80 in Minnesota, he is confident heading into this tournament, excited that he has been hitting the ball well and knowing what he needs to do to keep his scores low.

"For myself, I'm hitting the ball pretty well and have no reason why I shouldn't expect to compete for the win as long as we get a good practice round in and get well adjusted," Isban said.

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Cardinal directions

Home conference play begins tonight for men

By KATE GALES
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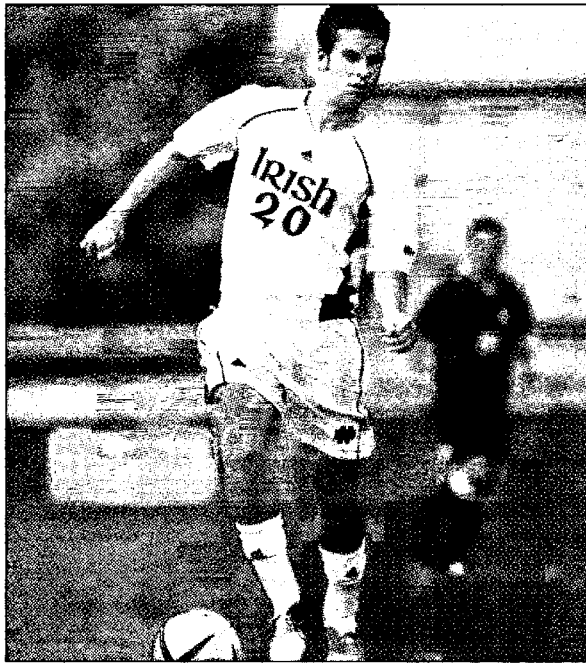
After playing two tough teams on the road, the Irish return to face new Big East competitors Cincinnati and Louisville this weekend.

The team finished 1-1 in its road trip last weekend, which also featured a cancelled flight.

"We had a pretty long weekend," coach Bobby Clark said. "[We had] quite difficult travel last weekend, with two canceled flights, so we didn't actually get back until Monday."

Although returning to a friendly home crowd is a plus for the No. 18 Irish, Clark is

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Nate Norman, left, and Jen Buzkowski have anchored the midfields for the Irish this season. Both the men's and women's teams play Louisville tonight at Alumni Field.

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Women can rebound from first loss of year

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associate Sports Editor

After defeating DePaul last weekend, the No. 5 Irish are now entering the thick of the Big East season — and they will take on two new faces this weekend when they host Cincinnati Friday and travel to Louisville Sunday.

With the new configuration of the Big East conference, the Irish will have many new opponents this year, including the Bearcats and Cardinals.

Notre Dame (7-1-0) has steamrolled its opponents for the most part this season, with the one exception its road loss against Santa Clara.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Three recruits join top-notch class for Weis

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis received three more verbal commitments this week, upping the number of Irish recruits in the class of 2006 to 16.

The most recent commit of the group is George West out of Northeast Academy in Oklahoma City, Okla. He is joined by a pair

of safeties: Leonard Gordon and Jashaad Gaines, who committed to Notre Dame on Sept. 17 and Sept. 20 respectively.

West committed to Notre Dame Thursday and, according to Mike Frank of Irisheyes.com, could play either cornerback, wide receiver or kick returner for the Irish.

"West is really one of my favorite players in Notre Dame's entire class this year," Frank

said. "He's a really explosive kid."

Gordon hails from Fort Campbell High School in Kentucky and could also play cornerback in addition to his regular safety.

"He's a really physical kid, a big kid for a safety," Frank said.

Frank was also impressed with Gaines, a safety who he said could fit nicely at the apache backer position for the

Irish.

"He's very fast and very physical," Frank said. "He plays full-throttle all the time."

Gaines, from Las Vegas High School in Nev. is listed at 6-foot, 205 pounds and ran a 4.67 40-yard-dash this summer at the Nike recruiting combine.

West is the smallest physically of the trio at 5-foot-8 and 165 pounds. However, he runs a 4.65 40-yard-dash and has already

returned three punts and two kickoffs for touchdowns as a senior for his high school this season. As a junior, he made nine interceptions and tallied 900 yards receiving.

Gordon chose the Irish over Vanderbilt and Kentucky after making 128 tackles his junior season.

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MEN'S GOLF

Alabama awaits Irish for Shoal Creek play

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
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After a fifth-place finish in the Gopher Invitational, the Irish will travel to Birmingham, Ala. today to participate in the Shoal Creek Intercollegiate, an event that will be played on Sunday and Monday.

Seniors Scott Gustafson, Mark Baldwin and Eric Deutsch, junior Cole Isban, and sophomore Greg Rodgers will make the trip this weekend for the Irish.

"I haven't actually been [to Shoal Creek]," Isban said. "But it's hosted a PGA championship, and it's supposed to be a phenomenal place. It's supposed to be pretty tough so it should be a great test."

"No matter if the course makes the scores higher or not you definitely just want to play great courses, and this is definitely one of them."

Notre Dame will be competing against an impressive field that

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles take five-game win

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Scoring 15 points in a row is impressive in basketball.

In volleyball it's almost unheard of.

But not for Saint Mary's.

Down two games to one to Manchester College and trailing 26-21 in the fourth game, the Belles stormed back with a 15-0 run, taking game four and jumping out to a 6-0 lead in game five.

The Belles hung on to win the fifth game and take the match,

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KATE FENLON/The Observer

The Belles' front line sets up against Kalamazoo on Sept. 20. Saint Mary's defeated Manchester Thursday.

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The Irish open their Big East conference play at home on Sunday.

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The Manorites start their season against the Angry Mob.

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The Orioles said that Rafael Palmeiro might not return for the rest of the season.

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Irish host two exhibition games

Although the season doesn't start until spring, the Irish play this weekend.

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Lewis vs. Lyons

After starting 0-2, Lewis looks for a win against the Lions.

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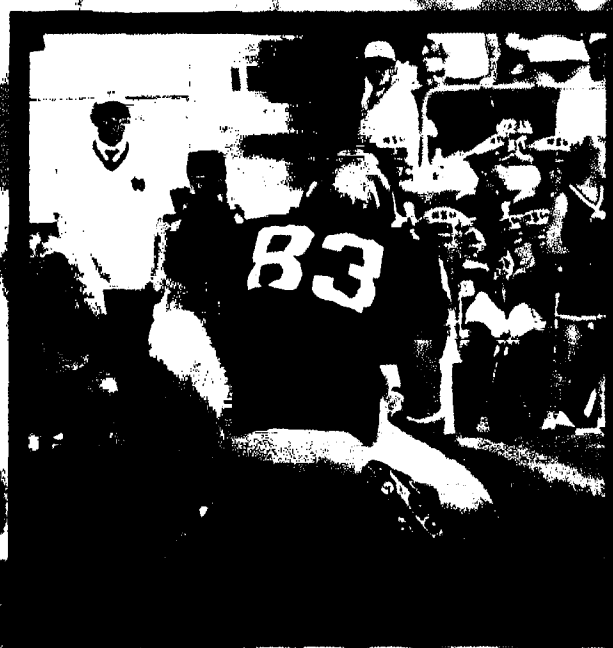
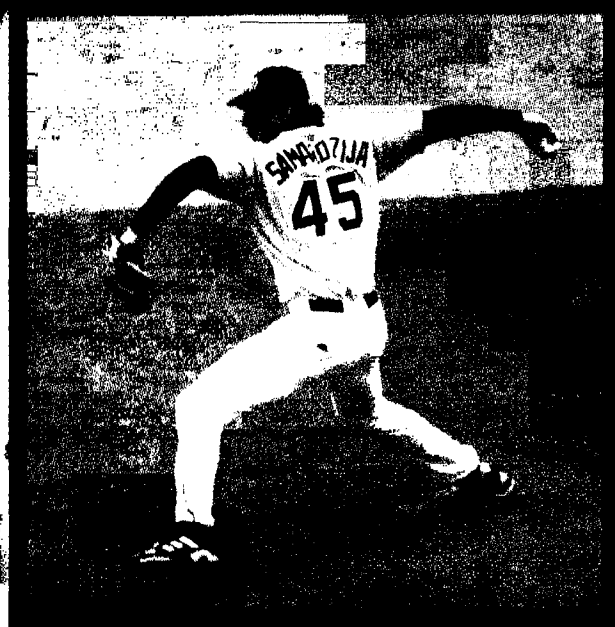
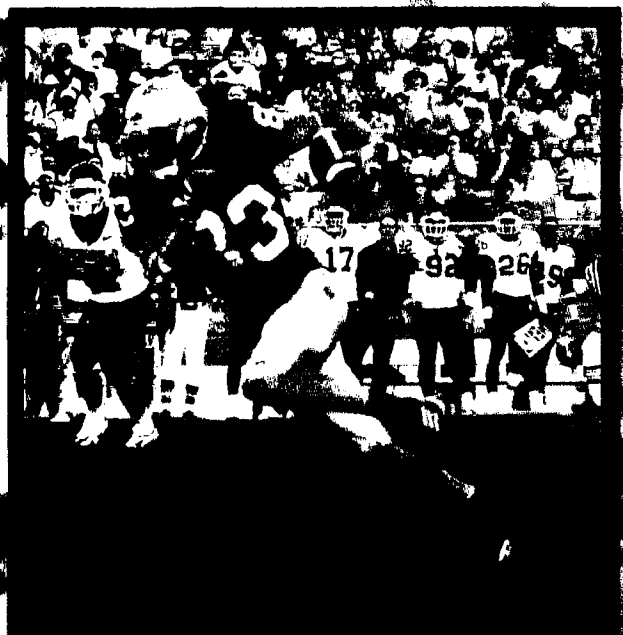
The Phillies keep their hopes for the Wild Card and NL East titles alive with a shutout win.

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THE ONE-MAN HANDS TEAM

CATCHING TOUCHDOWNS, HOLDING FIELD GOAL KICKS —
AND EVEN PLAYING A LITTLE BASEBALL — JEFF SAMARDZIJA
HAS BECOME NOTRE DAME'S MOST VERSATILE THREAT

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Remembering, then moving on

Just a year ago, Notre Dame fans were chanting his name: "Ty! Ty! Ty!"

They meant their words in earnest. They were supporting their head coach, the man who every player on the roster answered to.

And this Saturday, Irish fans — and players, too, perhaps — will do a double-take when they see Tyrone Willingham wearing a purple polo shirt. There's nothing wrong with feeling something — a slight memory-jog of what was.

Sure, the game itself is about football, and only football.

But the event, the meeting of Willingham and the players he recruited for the Irish, is much more.

Imagine this scenario: you are a standout high school player being recruited by 40 to 50 schools, maybe more. A coach from your dream school calls, talks to your parents, visits your house, offers you a scholarship, brings you to campus, introduces you to the team,

involves you in practice, teaches you life lessons, begins his tenure with eight straight wins and after three seasons ... he's gone.

Understandably, any athlete with a heart in addition to 4.3, 40-yard-dash speed would be at least affected by such a decision.

Last season, some Irish players displayed shock, disappointment and confusion.

But there was a time for those feelings to show themselves.

And even though players like Darius Walker say Willingham taught them some of their most important lessons — in football and in life — Walker and the rest of the Irish know what they have to do Saturday on the field.

Perhaps strong safety Tom Zbikowski, a Willingham recruit, himself, said it best Wednesday when asked about the distractions of facing his old tutor.

"I'm lining up against their receivers," he said, "not their coaches."

Critics hear comments like that and throw up red flags.

'Notre Dame is a football factory,' they say. 'All they care about now is winning.'

Well, one thing is for cer-

tain. Football factories don't hire people like Tyrone Willingham and Charlie Weis. They hire people regardless of character or history, as long as they win.

When Willingham was hired at Notre Dame on Jan. 1, 2002, then-University President Father Edward "Monk" Malloy cautioned all who were listening.

"This is a very difficult job, maybe one of the most difficult jobs in the sporting area," Malloy said, "and yet there's a lot of rewards that go along with it, as well."

That is why Willingham is no longer head coach of Notre Dame: not because of discriminatory hiring practices or because he isn't a good person.

It is because being head coach of Notre Dame is a difficult task.

And that is why Charlie Weis, in this week's Tuesday press conference, began by immediately broaching the subject of Willingham and giving it due credit and respect.

Then his tone changed.

Willingham gave everything he had while at Notre Dame, as a person and a coach.

"Washington, since 1981, [is] 47-7 at home versus non-PAC 10 teams," he said.

Weis was acknowledging that Willingham means something to the Irish players but was saying, in his own, indirect manner, 'Let's move on.'

That's his way. Weis is all business when it comes to football, which is how it should be.

Willingham gave everything he had while at Notre Dame, as a person and a coach. Everyone associated with the program and the University respects him for that.

But for every football Saturday as far as the Irish eye can see — and the Irish ear can hear — chants of "Weis! Weis! Weis!" will ring from Notre Dame Stadium.

That's how Notre Dame does it. Willingham got his chants, and now, Weis does, too, because they are both men who epitomize what Notre Dame is about, one not more so than the other.

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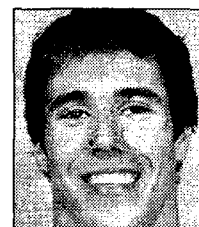
game hype



Charlie Weis
Irish head coach

"When it comes down to it, we're just playing football, and that's what we're going out there to do."

"Our coaching staff and our team [have] the utmost respect for Coach Willingham."



Brady Quinn
Irish quarterback

"We're going into it focused on starting fast and getting into it a lot quicker than we did last week."



Chinedum Ndukwe
Irish safety

"I think the emotions for those games are extremely high and will be extremely high for this one."



Tyrone Willingham
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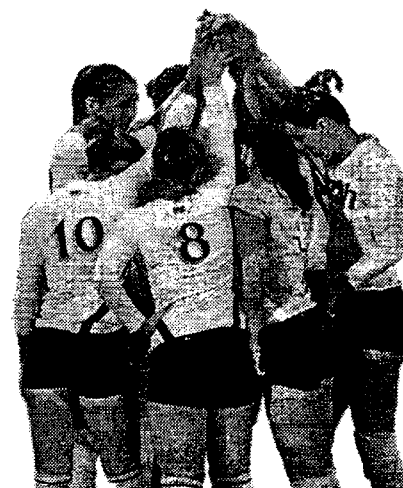
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Two-sport star

Jeff Samardzija excels in the end zone and on the pitcher's mound for Notre Dame

By HEATHER
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Sports Writer

Jeff Samardzija was just waiting for an opportunity.

The opportunity to catch a pass in the end zone.

The opportunity to play two sports in college.

And now that he's finally caught not just one, but five touchdown passes, after not finding the end zone for two years, and now that he is a key member of the Notre Dame baseball team as well, he's just looking for more opportunities.

"If they were going to throw the ball my way five times in the end zone I would have expected to have five touchdown receptions," the junior wide receiver said. "You've got to think you're going to make those five catches. It's just a matter of personnel and being in the right place at the right time, and then just taking advantage of the opportunity."

A slow start in the fall

Samardzija came into Notre Dame as a highly touted recruit from nearby Valparaiso High School after excelling in football, basketball and baseball. Samardzija never missed a start in his four years.

He was an all-state center-fielder in baseball, he finished second in the voting for Mr. Football in Indiana and he was named the top receiver in the state of Indiana.

However, his freshman year at Notre Dame, he was hidden behind then-sophomores Rhema McKnight and Maurice Stovall as well as then-senior Omar Jenkins. Samardzija played in all 12 games but caught just seven passes for 53 yards.

Last year, although he emerged as quarterback Brady Quinn's go-to receiver on many third down conversions, he was still a quiet player for the Irish, catching 17 passes for 274 yards on the season, but still no touchdowns.

"If you're a receiver, just throwing the ball your way [is what helps you succeed]," the 6-foot-5, 216-pounder said. "I guess that's all it comes down to is getting the opportunity to make plays, and when you do get those opportunities, just to come through and make the plays to keep that confidence going within the team."

But he didn't have that opportunity — that is, until this season.

This year Samardzija has caught 13 passes in just three games, including five touchdowns, three against Michigan State, and at least one in every game, tying a school record.

Irish coach Charlie Weis attributes these numbers to not only throwing the ball more, but Samardzija's skills as well.

"You would expect receivers to have big numbers when you throw it 60 times," Weis said. "I think that Jeff's a very dependable, reliable receiver with great hands and good ball skills. He's been the recipient of being open. We don't ever design plays just to go to a guy. We try to throw it to the guy that's open based off of coverage and progression. He's been the recipient of being in the

right place at the right time."

Stovall wasn't surprised to see his counterpart put up big numbers thus far this season.

"It doesn't surprise me at all," Stovall said. "I know the ability that Jeff has. The things that you see in the game are the things he does in practice, so it wasn't a surprise to us at all."

Samardzija says he's just getting more opportunities to have the ball than he was in the past — there's nothing more to it.

"I don't think there's too much of a difference," Samardzija said of this year and previous years. "It's just getting the opportunity to [make a play]. If you're in the right area and the ball's coming your way — I think last year there were a couple chances I may have let slip away and I didn't make the plays, and I think this year maybe I made a play or two early that gave the coaches confidence to put me out there in different situations."

The "other" sport

When Irish baseball coach Paul Mainieri read an article that said new Notre Dame football recruit Jeff Samardzija wanted to play college baseball if he could, he immediately talked to then-coach Tyrone Willingham, and he said it was alright to look into the possibility of him playing baseball as well.

"So I started asking some professional scouts about him, and they said they'd seen him play, and he's not bad," Mainieri said.

So Mainieri sent his pitching coach at the time to watch Samardzija. And after scouting him, Mainieri called him to ask him if he wanted to play baseball for the Irish.

And with Willingham's blessing, Samardzija became a two-sport athlete. Mainieri said now he and Weis have also come to an agreement to let the pitcher/wide receiver play both sports.

"Charlie's been great as far as supporting Jeff," Mainieri said

of Weis, who he said attended one or two of the games in which Samardzija pitched.

As far as Samardzija, he is just glad he got the opportunity to play both college baseball and football.

"It kind of just worked out for me," Samardzija said. "There were some places who said I could do both, and there were other places that said I couldn't, so that had a little bit to do with [what school I went to], but it's kind of nice that it just worked out."

And so Samardzija has become a force on the diamond as well. As a freshman, he earned freshman All-American honors after posting a 2.95 ERA, the second-best among Big East pitchers. Last spring, Samardzija posted a 3.89 ERA with a record of 8-1 in 15 appearances and ten starts.

"One of Jeff's most successful traits is that he's a competitor," said Irish assistant Terry Rooney, who works with pitchers. "He's a competitor both on and off the field. I think that's what makes him so successful in both baseball and football. He knows how to compete, he loves to compete, and he plays both sports with a tremendous amount of confidence."

But it goes beyond just baseball and football. Both Mainieri and Rooney emphasized Samardzija's importance as a person to Notre Dame.

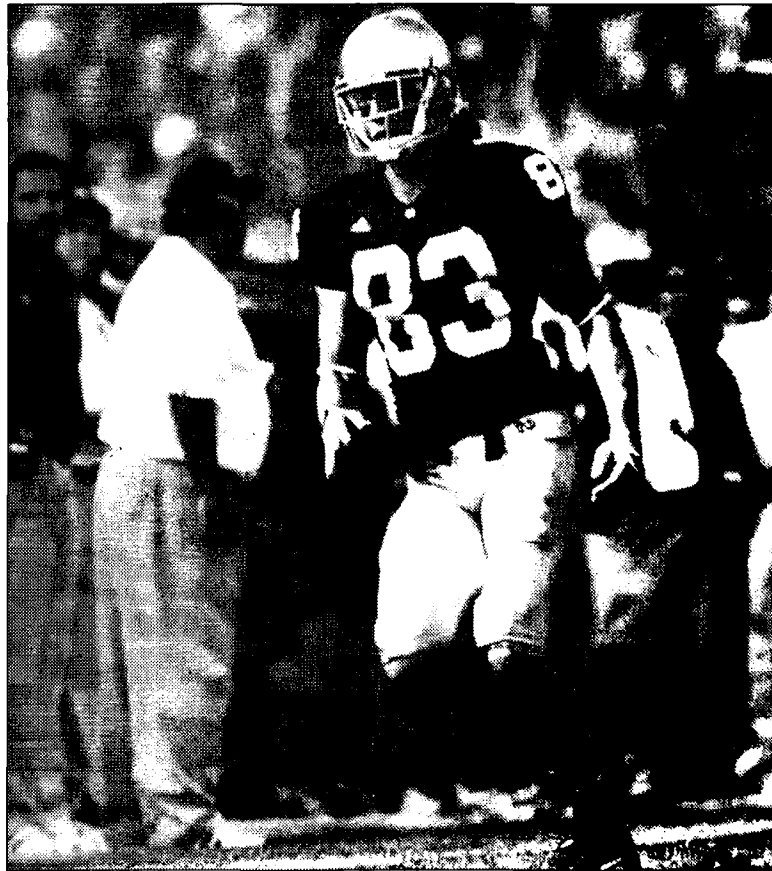
"Jeff Samardzija is one of those guys you don't see very often," Mainieri said. "He has such a competitive side to him, I don't care what sport he's playing or what he's involved in, he wants to win so badly."

Rooney echoed Mainieri's comments.

"He's an extremely likable, coachable young man," Rooney said. "He's someone that all of us here in the baseball program have grown extremely fond of."

And both coaches said they think Samardzija could play baseball at the next level.

"I think he's got potential," Mainieri said. "There's no ques-



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Jeff Samardzija caught three of his five touchdowns this season against Michigan State Sept. 17.

tion in my mind when he's out on the mound that he looks like a Major League pitcher."

Balancing act

Although these two sports keep Samardzija plenty busy, he has not had to miss a spring football practice due to his baseball commitment. His days, however, are scheduled to the fullest, balancing sports as well as a marketing major.

"I think balancing, it just comes down to time management," he said. "I think my schedule's pretty much down to the half hour. A lot of it comes down to just before it happens, be ready to go to whatever that day's calling for."

Rooney said he is impressed with the way Samardzija is able to balance all of his commitments.

"It's a real credit to Jeff for

the self discipline and the time management skills that he has," Rooney said. "Obviously he has a challenging schedule for both sports, but it's a credit to Jeff and the way he goes about his business. He's a very determined guy. He has a very structured routine that he does everyday."

But even with all the scheduling, Samardzija sometimes finds that 24 hours is not enough to fit everything in a day.

"Sometimes there's not enough time in the day to do everything you want," he said. "Just getting it all in is pretty tough sometimes."

And what's his best sport? "Whatever he's playing," Mainieri said.

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Notre Dame receiver Jeff Samardzija, center, is grabbed by Michigan State safety Eric Smith, left, and linebacker David Herron Jr. in the Spartans' upset victory.

by the numbers

Number of Notre Dame victories in the four all-time matchups between the Irish and the Huskies. **4**

487 Passing yards Irish quarterback Brady Quinn threw for last week, the second-highest total in program history.

The margin of victory in Notre Dame's 38-3 win over Washington last season. **35**

47 Washington wins in 54 games against non-PAC 10 teams at home since 1981.

The number of points Washington allowed in the second game of the season against California, the most by an opponent at Husky Stadium. **56**

320 Rushing yards by running back Darius Walker in his first three games this season, good for No. 17 nationally.

The last time a Notre Dame coach lost his home opener, when Lou Holtz fell to Michigan, 24-23. **1986**

16 Losses by the Willingham-coached Irish in 29 games after an 8-0 start in 2002.

Notre Dame
Fighting Irish
Record: 2-1
AP: 16
Coaches: 18



Charlie Weis
head coach

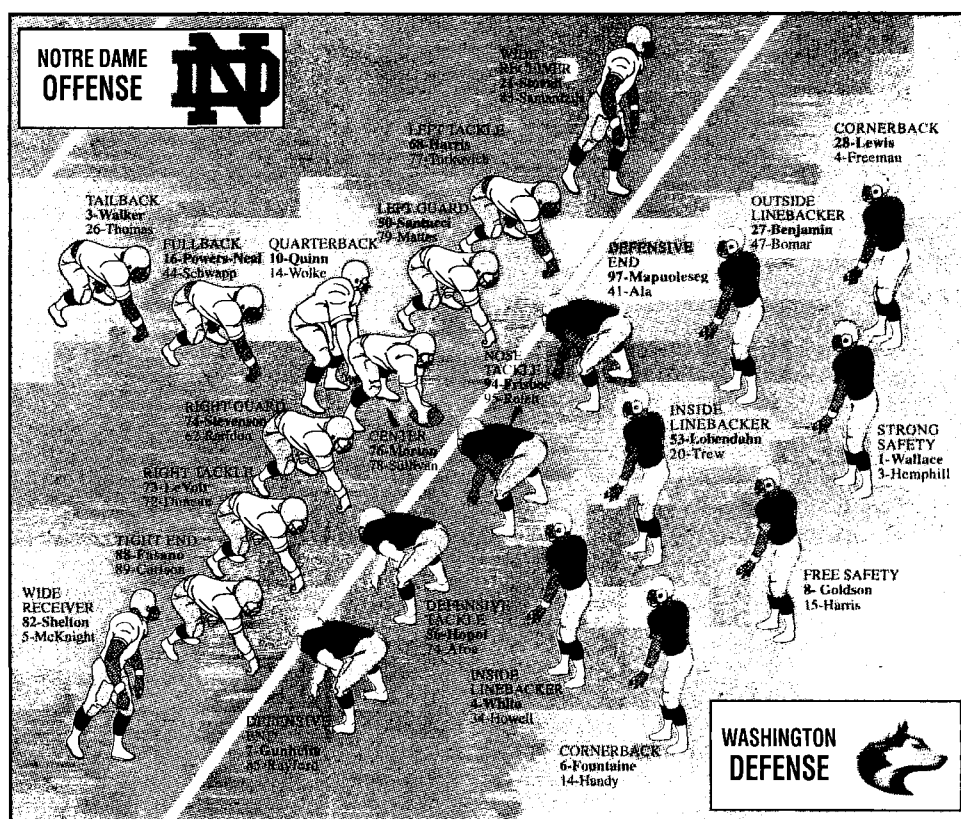
Charlie Weis
first season at
Notre Dame
career record:
2-1
at Notre Dame:
2-1
against
Washington: 0-0

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	D.J. Hord	WR	6-1	198	FR
3	Darius Walker	RB	5-11	200	SO
4	Anthony Vernaglia	DB	6-3	221	SO
5	Rhema McKnight	WR	6-1	215	SR
6	Ray Herring	DB	6-0	199	FR
7	Darrin Bragg	WR	6-1	192	SO
8	Junior Jabbie	RB	6-0	188	SO
9	Tom Zbikowski	DB	5-11	203	JR
10	Brady Quinn	QB	6-4	231	JR
11	David Grimes	WR	6-0	170	FR
12	Marty Mooney	QB	6-2	207	SR
13	Evan Sharpley	QB	6-2	207	FR
14	David Wolke	QB	6-2	196	FR
15	Leo Ferrine	DB	6-0	186	SO
16	Rashon Powers-Neal	RB	6-3	238	SR
17	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	186	SR
18	Dan Gorski	QB	6-3	196	FR
19	Chinedum Ndukwe	DB	6-2	219	JR
20	D.J. Fitzpatrick	K/P	6-2	206	SR
21	Terrail Lambert	DB	5-11	188	SO
22	Maurice Stovall	WR	6-5	222	SR
23	Ambrose Wooden	CB	5-11	197	JR
24	Chase Anastasio	WR	6-2	203	JR
25	W. David Williams	DB	5-10	170	SO
26	Brandon Erickson	WR	6-0	178	SO
27	Nate Schiccatano	DL	6-2	237	SR
28	Wade Iams	DB	5-9	188	SO
29	Travis Thomas	RB	6-0	215	JR
30	David Bruton	DB	6-2	187	FR
31	John Lyons	RB	6-1	205	JR
32	Kyle McCarthy	DB	6-0	189	FR
33	LaBrose Hedgemon	DB	5-9	190	JR
34	Mike Richardson	DB	5-11	193	SR
35	Jake Carney	DB	6-0	187	SR
36	Jeff Jenkins	RB	6-0	232	SR
37	Alvin Reynolds	DB	5-10	180	SO
38	Justin Hoskins	RB	5-10	186	SO
39	Tommie Lee	DB	6-2	200	JR
40	Ashley McConnell	RB	6-0	247	JR
41	Tim Kenney	DB	6-0	180	JR
42	Brandon Harris	DB	6-0	198	SR
43	Junior Jabbie	DB	5-11	190	FR
44	Matt Mitchell	DB	5-8	187	SO
45	Nick Possley	WR	6-1	183	SO
46	Brandon Hoyte	LB	6-0	220	SO
47	Maurice Crum, Jr.	LB	6-3	234	FR
48	Scott Smith	LB	6-1	231	FR
49	Kevin Washington	LB	6-2	233	SR
50	Anthony Salvador	RB	6-0	250	FR
51	Carl Gioia	K	5-10	183	JR
52	Rich Whitney	DB	6-2	213	R
53	Cory Mays	LB	6-1	234	SR
54	Mitchell Thomas	LB	6-3	240	JR
55	Steve Quinn	LB	6-2	220	JR
56	Matt Augustyn	FB	6-3	220	JR
57	Dan Santucci	OL	6-4	290	SR
58	Joe Brockington	LB	6-1	212	JR
59	Joseph Boland	LB	6-2	242	SR
60	David Fitzgerald	OL	6-4	293	SR
61	Nick Borsetti	LB	6-4	238	JR
62	Dwight Stephenson	DL	6-2	252	JR
63	Abdel Banda	LB	6-1	220	SO
64	James Bent	OL	6-2	265	SR
65	Casey Cullen	DL	6-1	238	JR
66	J.J. Jansen	LS	6-3	242	SO
67	Scott Raridon	OL	6-7	304	SR
68	Jeff Tisak	OL	6-3	305	FR
69	Derek Landri	DL	6-3	263	SR
70	Ryan Harris	OL	6-5	288	JR
71	Neil Kennedy	DL	5-11	260	SR
72	James Bonelli	OL	6-5	280	SR
73	Paul Duncan	OL	6-7	292	FR
74	Mark LeVoi	OL	6-7	311	SR
75	Dan Stevenson	OL	6-6	292	SR
76	Chris Frome	DL	6-5	268	SR
77	Bob Morton	OL	6-4	292	SR
78	Michael Turkovich	OL	6-6	290	FR
79	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	298	JR
80	Brian Mattes	OL	6-6	285	SR
81	Rob Woods	WR	6-2	208	SR
82	Matt Shelton	WR	6-0	172	SR
83	Jeff Samardzija	WR	6-5	216	JR
84	Michael O'Hara	WR	5-10	180	SR
85	Joey Hiben	TE	6-4	253	FR
86	Mike Taleric	TE	6-5	245	SO
87	Marcus Freeman	TE	6-3	245	SR
88	Anthony Fasano	TE	6-5	255	SR
89	John Carlson	TE	6-5	255	SR
90	Brian Beidatsch	DL	6-3	294	SR
91	Craig Cardillo	K	6-0	174	JR
92	Derrell Hand	DL	6-3	301	FR
93	Dan Chervanick	DL	6-1	259	SR
94	Justin Brown	DL	6-3	247	SO
95	Victor Abiamiri	DL	6-4	260	JR
96	Bobby Renkes	K	6-0	195	JR
97	Pat Kuntz	DL	6-2	267	FR
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-1	293	JR
99	Ronald Talley	DL	6-4	261	SO

NOTRE DAME
2005 Schedule

Sept. 3	at Pittsburgh - W
Sept. 10	at Michigan - W
Sept. 17	MICHIGAN ST. -L
Sept. 24	at Washington
Oct. 01	at Purdue
Oct. 15	USC
Oct. 22	BYU
Nov. 5	TENNESSEE
Nov. 12	NAVY
Nov. 19	SYRACUSE
Nov. 26	at Stanford



COACHING

QUARTERBACKS

IRISH RUSHING

IRISH PASSING

NOTRE DAME

After a 21-point comeback effort against Michigan State fell short, Charlie Weis has a new challenge as head coach: helping his team rebound from the heart-breaking loss. After a unimpressive game in Ann Arbor, Weis' offense is back on track.

Brady Quinn was all he could be last weekend, tossing a Notre Dame record five touchdowns and a career-high 487 yards. Currently ninth nationally in passing yards (854) and tied for fourth in touchdowns (9), Quinn is on his way to a career year.

Darius Walker produced his third-straight 20-carry, 100-yard game against Michigan State. Fullback Asaph Schwapp struggled in short yardage situations last week, losing a yard on five carries, including a fumble at the goal line and a failed attempt to convert a crucial fourth quarter fourth down.

With Rhema McKnight out, receivers Jeff Samardzija and Maurice Stovall and tight end Anthony Fasano all stepped up their game last week. Stovall racked up 176 receiving yards and Samardzija found the end zone three times in the loss.

WASHINGTON

To say the Irish know Ty Willingham would be an understatement. After an 8-0 start to the 2002 season, Willingham struggled, losing 16 of his last 29 games, including record blowout losses to Michigan (38-0) and Florida State (37-0).

Isaiah Stanback enters the contest ranked 29th nationally in passing yards (688). After appearing in 11 games in 2003 as a receiver and kick returner, Stanback switched to quarterback last season, playing in seven games and posting 389 passing yards.

The Huskies are struggling at stopping the run, yielding 166.7 yards a game — an average that would be much worse without last week's 34-6 win over doormat Idaho. Both Air Force and California ran for over 200 yards against Washington.

Free safety Dashon Goldson is tied for the team lead in tackles with 24. As a unit, the Huskies are giving up 222.7 passing yards per game and have three interceptions on the year. The secondary was torched for 271 yards and four touchdowns in week two against California.

ANALYSIS

This is the game Willingham has been waiting for since he signed on with the Huskies this winter. In an emotionally-charged contest, Weis' superior play-calling abilities should help the Irish take care of Willingham's Huskies.

After a record-breaking game against Michigan State, Quinn is ready to break out for good. Look for more of the same against a mediocre Huskies pass defense, except this time, Quinn's efforts result in a win for the heavily-favored Irish squad.

After the Irish offensive line punched holes at will against Pittsburgh in the season opener to the tune of 275 yards, they may have an even easier time this weekend. Walker is still looking for that first huge game, and the Huskies' weak run defense is the perfect victim.

Even without McKnight, the Irish passing game flourished last week. After using his height to dominate the Spartans, Stovall could be ready to become the threat that made him a high school All American. Samardzija's nose for the endzone will continue paying dividends.

Irish
experts



Pat Leonard
Managing Editor

Notre Dame scheduled this game perfectly. The Irish need a win, even though 2-1 is a respectable record with their schedule. And Washington will give Notre Dame a fight but ultimately stands little chance. The Irish win convincingly but slow the offensive barrage late out of respect for Willingham.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31
Washington 6



Heather Van
Hoegarden
AME

Notre Dame is going to take out all of its frustrations from last week's overtime loss to Michigan State on Washington and head coach Tyrone Willingham. Washington will be pumped up to win one for Ty, but Notre Dame's talent and experience will prove too much for the Huskies to handle.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 38
Washington 17

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Washington Huskies

Washington

Huskies

Record: 1-2

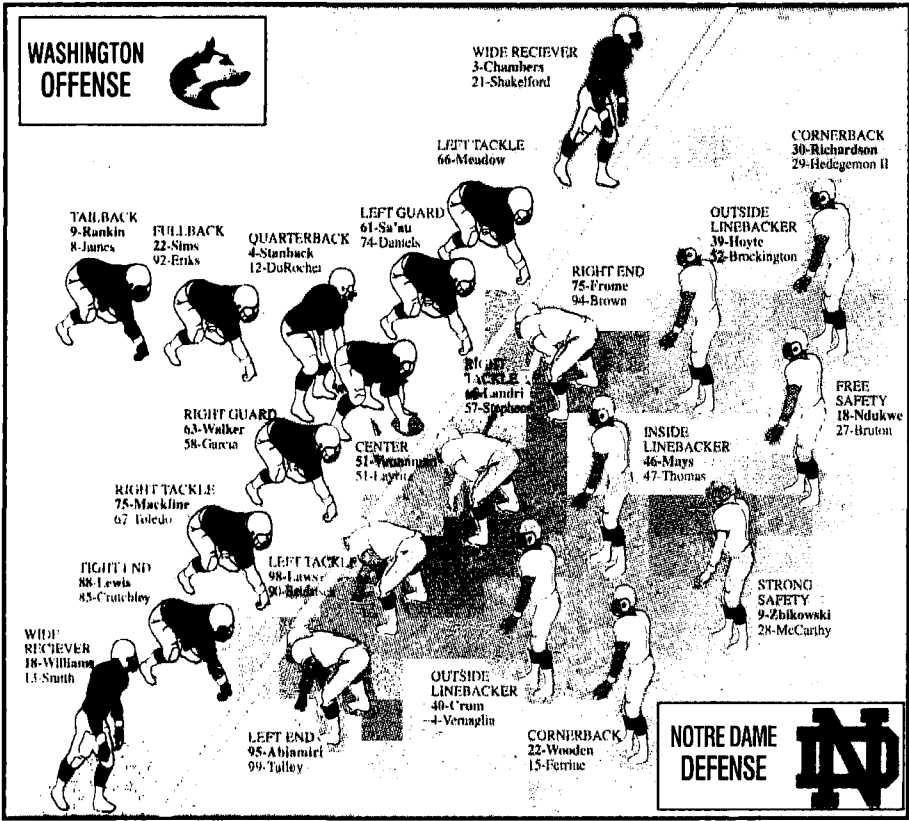
AP: NR

Coaches: NR

Ty Willingham
first season at
Washington
career record:
66-53-1
at Washington:
1-2
against Notre
Dame: 0-0



Tyrone Willingham
head coach



WASHINGTON 2004 Schedule

Sept. 3	AIR FORCE - L
Sept. 10	CAL - L
Sept. 17	IDAHO-W
Sept. 24	NOTRE DAME
Oct. 1	at UCLA
Oct. 15	at Oregon
Oct. 22	USC
Oct. 29	at Arizona State
Nov. 5	OREGON STATE
Nov. 12	at Arizona
Nov. 19	WASHINGTON STATE

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	C.J. Wallace	SS	6-0	205	JR
2	Craig Chambers	WR	6-3	205	SO
3	Chris Hemphill	SS	6-6	215	SO
4	Isaiah Stanback	QB	6-3	205	JR
5	Anthony Russo	WR	5-11	185	SO
6	Dorrell Moss	DB	6-1	215	SO
7	Matt Fountaine	CB	5-11	180	JR
8	Ty Eriks	FB	6-2	245	SR
9	Shelton Sampson	RB	5-11	210	JR
10	Grevson Gunheim	DE	6-2	245	SO
11	Kenny James	RB	5-10	215	JR
12	Dashon Goldson	FS	6-2	195	JR
13	Louis Rankin	RB	6-0	195	SO
14	Evan Knudson	PK	6-0	175	SR
15	Carl Bonnell	QB	6-3	200	SO
16	Michael Book	PK	6-3	195	JR
17	Johnny Durocher	QB	6-4	215	SO
18	Josh Okoebor	CB	5-10	175	JR
19	Ryan Perkins	PK	6-0	185	FR
20	Charles Smith	WR	6-0	195	SO
21	Wade Gurnett	CB	5-11	185	FR
22	Michael Braunstein	PK	5-8	185	SO
23	Casey Paus	QB	6-5	225	SR
24	Darin Harris	FS	5-11	200	SO
25	Steve Horan	SS	5-11	190	JR
26	Felix Sweetman	QB	6-2	225	JR
27	Sean Douglas	P	6-1	215	JR
28	Cory Williams	WR	6-2	190	JR
29	Carlos Serrano	FS	5-9	180	JR
30	Mesphin Forrester	SS	6-2	185	FR
31	Kyle Trew	ILB	6-2	220	SO
32	Troy Perry	WR	5-11	200	JR
33	Sonny Shackelford	WR	6-2	180	JR
34	James Sims, Jr.	FB	6-1	205	SR
35	E.J. Savannah	LB	6-2	215	FR
36	Desmond Davis	DB	5-11	190	DB
37	Quintin Daniels	WR	6-0	195	JR
38	J.R. Hasty	RB	5-11	200	FR
39	John Gardenhire	CB	6-0	205	JR
40	J.R. Wolfork	WR	5-10	185	SR
41	Chikh Davis	RB	5-10	205	FR
42	Roy Lewis	CB	5-11	185	SO
43	Cody Ellis	WR	6-0	185	SO
44	Chris Stevens	LB	6-0	195	FR
45	Kim Taylor	CB	6-0	180	JR
46	Luke Kravitz	FB	6-1	225	FR
47	Daniel Howell	ILB	6-1	215	SO
48	John Kirtin	RB	6-2	280	FR
49	Joshua Gage	OLB	6-2	215	FR
50	Brandon Ala	DE	6-3	245	JR
51	Chris Singleton	RB	6-0	205	SR
52	T.J. Poe	OLB	6-1	205	FR
53	Brian Tawney	ILB	6-2	230	SR
54	Clarence Simpson	CB	6-3	190	JR
55	Tahj Bomar	OLB	6-2	215	JR
56	Ryan Campbell	OLB	5-10	210	JR
57	Ben Warren	ILB	6-0	210	JR
58	Brad Vanneman	C	6-3	305	SR
59	Brandon Levritz	C	6-3	315	SR
60	Joe Lobendahn	ILB	5-10	230	SR
61	William Kava	OG	6-3	275	SO
62	Tui Alailaileula	OG	6-4	335	SR
63	Manase Hopoi	DT	6-4	290	SR
64	Trenton Tuasosopo	ILB	6-2	230	FR
65	Juan Garcia	OG	6-3	310	JR
66	Darrion Jones	ILB	6-3	225	FR
67	Jasper Henry	DT	6-2	280	FR
68	Tusi Sa'au	OG	6-2	325	SR
69	Robert Lukevich	C	6-2	250	FR
70	Clay Walker	OG	6-4	300	JR
71	Jason Benn	DT	6-5	265	FR
72	Daniel Te'o-Nesheim	DL	6-4	235	FR
73	Joe Toledo	OT	6-6	290	SR
74	Robin Meadow	OT	6-6	295	SR
75	Morgan Rushborough	OT	6-6	390	FR
76	Jovon O'Connor	OT	6-5	315	FR
77	Casey Bulcy	OG	6-5	315	FR
78	Ryan Bush	OG	6-2	285	FR
79	Wilson Afoa	NT	6-3	290	SO
80	Chad Macklin	OT	6-8	300	SO
81	Nathan Flowers	OT	6-3	335	FR
82	Erick Lobos	DT	6-3	300	SO
83	Mike Nahl	OG	6-2	300	FR
84	Ben Ossai	OL	6-6	290	FR
85	Matthew Smith	WR	6-0	170	JR
86	Alex Mercier	WR	6-1	190	JR
87	Andy Heater	DT	6-3	275	SR
88	Tim Williams	TE	6-6	230	FR
89	Marion Wood	WR	5-10	180	SO
90	Sho Yoshinaga	WR	5-9	175	SO
91	Caesar Rayford	DE	6-6	225	SO
92	Dash Crutchley	TE	6-6	255	JR
93	Michael Gottlieb	TE	6-5	240	FR
94	Jason Goodman	TE	6-4	225	SO
95	Robert Lewis	TE	6-5	230	SO
96	Chris Rohrbach	WR	6-0	180	SO
97	Donny Mateaki	DT	6-5	285	JR
98	Walt Winter	DE	6-5	245	FR
99	Michael Russell	DT	6-2	260	SR
100	Jordan White-Frisbee	NT	6-6	335	SO
101	Jordan Reffett	NT	6-6	2295	SO
102	Mike Mapuolesega	DE	6-3	270	SR
103	Dan Milsten	NT	6-5	290	JR
104	Jared Bronson	TE	6-5	235	SO

HUSKIES RUSHING

HUSKIES PASSING

SPECIAL TEAMS

INTANGIBLES

Co-captain linebacker Brandon Hoyte (29 tackles, eight for loss) leads a Notre Dame rushing defense allowing 126 yards a game. Corey Mays and Victor Abiamiri have both been effective at catching runners in the backfield — both have three tackles for loss.

After holding the vaunted Michigan offense and Heisman hopeful quarterback Chad Henne to 10 points on the road, the pass defense took a step backward against Michigan State, allowing 327 passing yards and three touchdowns through the air.

Kicked D.J. Fitzpatrick hit a clutch, go-ahead 44-yard field goal in overtime to give the Irish a chance, but his miss on a 48-yarder earlier in the game proved to be the difference. Zbikowski looked good returning punts, picking up 22 yards on two returns.

The Irish enter the contest on the heels of a heart-breaker and are anxious to erase the memories of a tremendous comeback that almost was. The Irish have looked good on the road, knocking off two defending conference champs in Pittsburgh and Michigan.

Sophomore running back Louis Rankin is ranked 29th nationally with 265 yards and has gone over 100 yards in two of three games, including 115 yards and a touchdown against Idaho last week. Stanback is also a threat to run, picking up 70 net rushing yards.

Led by receiver Sonny Shackelford (12 catches, 199 yards, one touchdown), Washington uses five receivers to varying degrees. Craig Chambers only has five catches this season, but went over 100 receiving yards in three of the five games he played.

Kicker Evan Knudson has hit 4-of-5 field goals this season. Punter Sean Douglass is averaging 44.5 yards per punt, and has pinned the opposition inside the 20 five times. The Huskies have struggled returning punts, averaging a meager five yards per return.

After a pair of disappointing losses to open the season, including a blowout versus California that saw the Huskies give up the most points at home in school history (56), Washington bounced back to rout Idaho 34-6 last week.

Rankin is a solid running back, but nothing more than the Irish have already seen so far this year. A talented Notre Dame defensive line coupled with the linebacking of Hoyte, Mays, and Maurice Crum Jr. could make it long day for Rankin and the Huskies.

Stanback has some options on offense, but the Irish secondary will be eager to prove that last week's break down was the exception instead of the norm. Look for Tom Zbikowski to lead a fired up young secondary looking for some redemption against a decent passing offense.

Knudson and Fitzpatrick have both been solid this year, but the Irish tower over the Huskies in punt return potential. While the Irish shouldn't have much trouble containing the Huskies punt returners, Zbikowski is a threat to score every time he touches the ball.

The atmosphere in Seattle will be electric this weekend when the face of Notre Dame's past in Willingham meets its future in Weis. Even casual college football fans will be tuning in for this one. The Irish badly need a victory to validate the much criticized coaching change.

NOTRE DAME

WASHINGTON

ANALYSIS



Mike Gilloon
Sports Editor

While Tyrone Willingham may very well turn Washington into a winner again, it won't be this year. The Irish are bigger, faster and more talented than the Huskies, but playing on the road won't be easy for Notre Dame. Washington would love to win this for Willingham but Notre Dame just too good.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 36
Washington 20



Matt Puglisi
Associate
Sports Editor

An already-critical national media would have an absolute field day if Notre Dame and new coach Charlie Weis fail to underachieving Washington and former leader Ty Willingham. Fear not Irish faithful, the Huskies' bite is as weak as their bark. Quinn and Walker star in a laughter.



FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 44
Washington 17

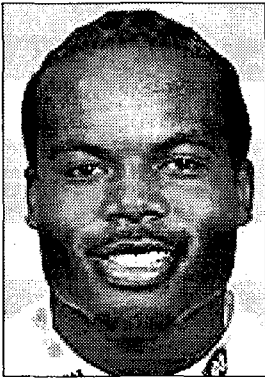

Irish experts

Sizing up the Irish and the Huskies

AVERAGE PER GAME	NOTRE DAME'S OFFENSE VS WASHINGTON'S DEFENSE	WASHINGTON'S OFFENSE VS NOTRE DAME'S DEFENSE
total yards gained	446.7	360
total yards allowed	389.3	382.7
rushing yards gained	162	129.7
rushing yards allowed	166.7	126
passing yards gained	284.7	284.7
passing yards allowed	222.7	222.7
kick return yards gained	48.3	60.3
kick return yards allowed	60.3	92.3
punt return yards gained	21.3	13.3
punt return yards allowed	18.6	12.3
yards per punt	39.9	44.5
punts blocked	0	1
turnovers lost	4	3
turnovers recovered	5	7
total points scored	33.3	22.7
total points allowed	27.3	25.0
Notre Dame yards penalized	69.0	
Michigan yards penalized	46.7	

KEY MATCHUP

NOTRE DAME RUNNING BACKS

Running back Darius Walker, above, has been a workhorse for the Irish this season, racking up 320 rushing yards and 98 receiving yards on 13 receptions. Walker has found the end zone three times this year.

Fullback Asaph Schwapp was ineffective in short yardage situations last week, fumbling at the goal line before being stuffed on a crucial fourth-and-one late in the fourth quarter.

After scoring three times against the Panthers in the season opener, fullback Rashon Powers-Neal didn't see action last week.

WASHINGTON RUN DEFENSE

After allowing over 200 rushing yards in each of its first two games against Air Force and California, Washington was dominant against the run last week.

Senior defensive tackle Manase Hopoi, above, leads an experienced central defense that held visiting Idaho to -4 rushing yards in the Huskies' 34-6 win.

All three Washington linebackers and both safeties are returning starters.

If Washington hopes to have a chance, they need to shut down the elusive running of Walker.



Information Meeting

Perth, Australia

For students in the Colleges of Science and Engineering Only

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2005

Room 129 DeBartolo Hall

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Application deadline: November 15, 2005 for Fall 2006 only
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Ndukwe thriving as the starting free safety

Safety attended games while in eighth grade

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Chinedum Ndukwe has been attending Irish football games for a while. His older brother was a student at Notre Dame when he was in the eighth grade. But his parents didn't get too excited about football, so they would let Ndukwe and a friend use their tickets and come up for a game.

The Notre Dame free safety had no clue that just a few years later he and his friend, current Irish quarterback Brady Quinn, would both be starters for the very team they used to watch as kids.

"In eighth grade we used to come up, it was random, we weren't being recruited or anything," Ndukwe said. "We used to party at Turtle Creek after the games. It was fun. We always had a good time."

Ndukwe credits those experiences with Quinn and his older brother as a big reason he ended up coming to Notre Dame.

"When it came time to make the decision [about what college to attend] it was a lot easier," Ndukwe said. "I was

always comfortable here, and I still knew a lot of people that I met coming up. It was a really easy decision."

That comfort level is visible on the field this season as Ndukwe has established himself as a standout on a surprisingly stiff Irish defense. He has three fumble recoveries, one interception and 12 tackles through three games.

These are impressive statistics for a player in his first year as a starter. But Ndukwe believes his return of 14 yards after an interception against Michigan State last week wasn't good enough for someone who caught 150 passes for 2,174 yards and 24 touchdowns as Quinn's favorite target at Dublin Coffman High School in Ohio.

"I felt like I [was on offense] but I didn't look like it," Ndukwe said. "It was nice to actually get out there and make a big play, but I should have taken it back for a touchdown. Hopefully this week it will happen."

Ndukwe and his secondary teammates — strong safety Tom Zbikowski and cornerbacks Ambrose Wooden and

Mike Richardson — present a challenge to the Washington offense this week as they have developed a knack for making the big play. Richardson recorded a sack against the

Spartans. Zbikowski has two interceptions, a forced fumble and 24 tackles while Wooden leads the team with three pass break-ups.

Ndukwe credits the strong bond he shares with his teammates off the field as the reason

behind their solid play this season.

"We're always together," Ndukwe said. "Even if we go out at night after a game, we always end up meeting up with each other. Being the guys we are, we're always having fun together."

The bond is comparable to the feeling Ndukwe shared with Quinn when they starred together in high school. "In high school, it was just me and him, and everybody in the world knew it was going to happen," Ndukwe said. "I'm just finally excited to get out there and play and hopefully someday be as big an impact player as [Quinn] has been here. I just want to make plays and have fun."

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Irish safety Chinedum Ndukwe looks to bring the ball upfield after recovering a fumble in Notre Dame's 44-41 loss to Michigan State.

Stanback, Washington offense ready to bite

By MATT PUGLISI
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Like Michigan State, Washington enters tomorrow's game against Notre Dame on the heels of a big victory over a perennial doormat—the Spartans routed both Hawaii and Kent State before knocking off the favored Irish 44-41 at Notre Dame Stadium, while the Huskies thumped a weak Idaho squad, 34-6.

However, while the Irish loomed as the first real test for the Spartans, the Huskies have already sat for that exam.

They failed miserably.

Hosting PAC 10 rival California at home, Washington was trounced 56-17, yielding the most points at home in the history of the program and showing the college football world that while a new coach in Ty Willingham patrols the sidelines, little has changed thus far—at least in terms of on-the-field results—since Washington wrapped up a dismal 1-10 season last November.

However, if there was ever a time for the Huskies to make a statement and right the ship, tomorrow is it.

With his former team—including many of the players he personally recruited—coming to town, Willingham acknowledges the fanfare surrounding tomorrow's contest, as well as the impact a Husky victory could have on the rebuilding program.

"This is a big game," Willingham said at Monday's press conference. "It will be

highlighted and hyped to a great extent by a lot of people around the country. So that means a lot of attention will be on it, a lot of eyes on it and you get excited when you have those kind of venues to perform for."

And oftentimes in hyped games, it isn't just the stars that make the difference, but the more unheralded players.

While he hasn't quite matched Irish quarterback Brady Quinn's numbers this season, Huskies quarterback Isaiah Stanback is 29th nationally in passing yards (688) and has tossed four touchdowns over the season's first three games.

In addition, Stanback provides a dual threat with his legs, picking up 70 yards and touchdown over 19 carries.

"[Stanback's] a converted wide receiver, very athletic, big arm," Weis said at Tuesday's press conference. "Last week he showed how he can run an efficient game."

While none of his targets boast big numbers—receiver Sonny Shackelford is the only member of the team with more than nine catches or 150 yards, leading the squad in both categories with 12 and 199, respectively—Stanback nevertheless has some options.

A highly touted receiving recruit coming out of high school—he was ranked 11th nationally at the position by recruiting website rival.com—Craig Chambers provides the Huskies with a deep threat, a particularly valuable commodity against a young and vulnerable Irish secondary.

Starting only four games last

season, Chambers racked up 408 yards and a pair of touchdowns on 19 catches, including a big eight-catch, 189-yard performance against California.

This season, Chambers has mostly been a non-factor, grabbing only five balls for 129 yards and a touchdown.

Although his talent isn't immediately evident in his 2005 numbers, Weis and the Notre Dame coaching staff aren't fooled.

"He's somebody that won't sneak up on us," Weis said.

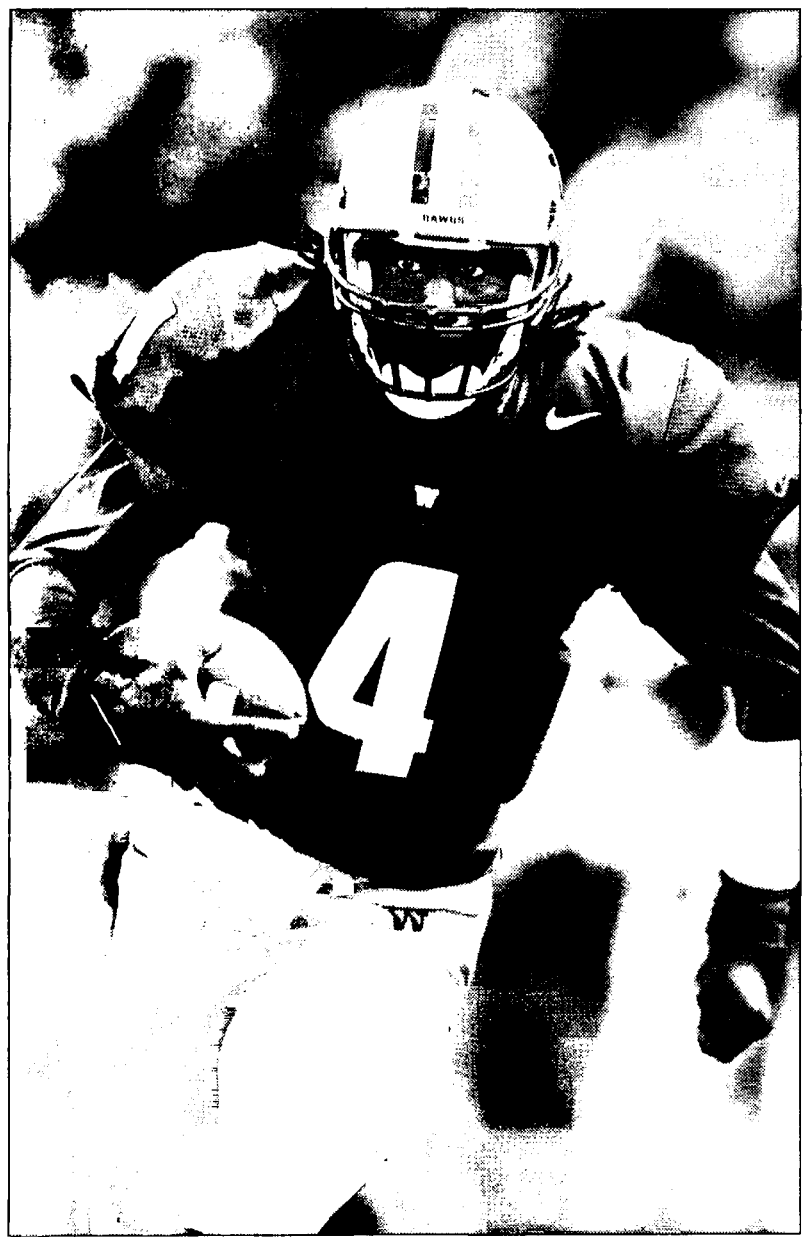
On the ground, running back Louis Rankin has posted respectable numbers, rushing for 265 yards on 55 attempts. Rankin paced the Huskies offense last week, grinding out 115 yards and a touchdown in the victory.

Like Chambers, Rankin was a well-respected recruit. In his senior year of high school, the sophomore found the end zone 41 times and posted 2,245 rushing yards.

Rankin's 41 total touchdowns (35 rushing) were the second highest total in California during 2002 and nearly carried him to the Cal-Hi Sports California Mr. Football player of the year award—he finished as one of 10 finalists.

While the visiting Irish have the edge over the Huskies in almost every category, the games are played for a reason, and the Huskies can't wait to show the Irish their bite is much worse than their current soft whine of a bark.

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Huskies quarterback Isaiah Stanback runs for a touchdown in Washington's 34-6 win over Idaho Sept. 17.



Inaugural Ball

Friday, September 23, 2005

South Quad

7:00–9:30 p.m.

CONCERT ON THE QUAD & FIREWORKS



Students, please join in the
celebration of the inauguration of
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