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Fans still support Irish on road trip

Students will travel to East Lansing Saturday

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

The Notre Dame vs. University of Michigan "Game Day" T-shirts are on sale at the Bookstore at a greatly reduced price — perhaps an effort to get rid of the apparel as quickly as Irish fans want to get rid of the memory of last Saturday's devastating blowout.

Despite the loss to that Michigan school, many faithful Notre Dame students will flock to Spartan Stadium in East Lansing on Saturday to cheer Notre Dame to victory against Michigan State.

Senior Kari LeBlancq won the chance to buy tickets to the game through the ticket lottery sponsored by the

Student Union Board.

Regardless of Notre Dame's loss last week, LeBlancq is hopeful the Irish will get back on their feet and bring home a win.

"I'm still fully in support of the team and excited to go to the game," LeBlancq said.

LeBlancq, who is road tripping to the game on Saturday, has plans to tailgate before kickoff. LeBlancq and other students who won tickets through the lottery paid \$70 a ticket, she said.

Senior Preston Carter, who also won a ticket through the SUB lottery, said he is "extremely confident" about the outcome of Saturday's game and looks forward to watching the Irish in East Lansing on Saturday.

Carter said he is leaving for the game on Saturday and then spending the night at

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Observer file photo

Fans pack Notre Dame Stadium at the Michigan State game last September. This year, the matchup is in East Lansing on Saturday.

Freshmen win SMC elections

Gebert, Meade take race without runoff

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

Camille Gebert and Rebecca Meade dominated the Saint Mary's student government elections for freshman president and vice president Wednesday, winning 50.8 percent of the vote and avoiding a runoff by collecting the 50 percent-plus-one vote necessary to win.

It is uncommon for one ticket to win the majority in the preliminary election, but this year Gebert and Meade were able to secure an overwhelming amount of votes early.

"I was very surprised with the results because everyone running was more than qualified for the position," Gebert said.

Christin Molnar, Board of Governance elections commissioner, was also surprised by the early majority win.

"It is quite unusual to not have a runoff election when you have more than a few tickets running ... and with five tickets, I was surprised to have a winner in the first election," Molnar said.

Leslie Youngdahl and Katie O'Brien won 23.2 percent of the votes. Brianna Ryan and Natalie Bui came in third with 14.6 percent of the votes. Hilary Petcoff and Kathleen Collins and Jennie Hiatt and Lauren Kominkiewicz split the remainder of the votes.

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Students grapple with visual impairments

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

Junior Jim Lockwood is sitting on a bench in the lobby of the Hesburgh Library. Through the window Notre Dame Stadium looms above the pool reflecting Touchdown Jesus' outstretched arms. Lockwood's dog Scout gazes up at him affectionately.

But Lockwood has no idea. In fact, he's never seen the Stadium, Touchdown Jesus — or Scout (his dog) for that matter.

Lockwood is one of the visually impaired (including two blind) students feeling their way through their college careers at Notre Dame. Through a combination of their own skills and the University's support, they seem to be succeeding.

Dr. Tim Cordes, who is blind, felt his way right to the top of his class — he was the valedictorian of the Class of 1998, earning a 3.99 in biochemistry. He then went on to earn a medical degree from the University of Wisconsin.

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Junior Rachel Heneghan, left, helps blind sophomore Ashley Nashleanas read her biology book Thursday.

Honor Code violations high among first-years

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

Incoming University students who sign the Academic Code of Honor pledge — "As a member of the Notre Dame community, I will not participate in or tolerate academic dishonesty" — are assumed to be familiar with all the Code entails.

However, based on statistics collected by the University Honor Code Committee, that assumption may not be entirely correct — especially for first-year students.

Thomas Flint, faculty officer for the Honor Code Committee, said 58 honor code violations were reported during the 2005-

06 academic year. Of those, 40 were from 100- and 200-level courses — classes predominately populated by freshmen and sophomores, Flint said.

Of the remaining 18, 10 came from 300-level courses, seven from 400-level and one from a 500-level (an undergraduate taking a graduate level course).

"The vast majority of students found responsible for Honor Code violations at Notre Dame are first-year students or sophomores," Vice President and Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs, also co-chair of the Honor Code Committee, told The Observer in September 2005. Jacobs could not be

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Actress promotes persistence

'Selena' co-star, TV personality speaks at Hispanic Heritage event

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

The keys to success are persistence, the ability to stand up for yourself and having the courage to make your own decisions, said actress, author, TV host and jewelry designer Jackie Guerra, who spoke at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Wednesday as part of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Guerra, perhaps best known for her role alongside Jennifer Lopez in "Selena," described her transition from growing up as a "Mexican



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Actress, author and TV host Jackie Guerra talks about her personal experiences with her audience in the Hesburgh Center Thursday.

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INSIDE COLUMN

What are you running from?

"I ran until my muscles burned and my veins pumped battery acid. Then, I ran some more." There's a nice Fight Club quote for you. I know what Chuck Palahniuk was talking about with the burning muscles, although I would be lying if I said I had personally experienced battery acid going through my veins. There have been other harmful liquids in my bloodstream — and by that, of course, I mean that one time I drank pancake syrup as a child — but no battery acid thus far.

Allison Ambrose
Photographer

Honestly, I don't like running. I wish I did. I wish I could run five miles every day like it was nothing. The only redeeming part of running, I think, is finishing. That's really a good feeling. I have plenty of reasons why I don't run: I don't have time (I'm PLS; enough said), my friends are all going out to eat, I'd rather take a nap, "Anchorman" is on TBS ... and yet, last year I ran the Holy Half Marathon. It was the most uncharacteristic thing I have ever done in my whole life (if this statement is an exaggeration, it's a very small one). I did it for the cause (Hurricane Katrina relief) and the promise of ending on the 50-yard line of the stadium, a promise which was unfortunately later broken.

I called my father to tell him that I was doing it and the first thing he said was, "I'll pray for you next week at Mass." He hardly even believed me. Furthermore, since I've played basketball my entire life, I run like a sprinter, landing on the balls of my feet and not the heels. This is not the best skill to have when you have 13.1 miles to go. My feet burned, my legs ached — even my arms hurt from swinging back and forth so many times.

All I could think the whole 2 hours and 10 minutes was, "13.1 miles, 13.1 miles, 13.1 miles..." That was not an encouraging thought. But I finally finished, and then immediately collapsed on the grass outside Dillon. My supportive friends gathered around me and helped me trudge into SDH, where a waffle and copious amounts of syrup (I know, don't say it) may or may not have given me the energy to keep on living.

I have a friend who averages 30 miles a week. That's, like, a lifetime achievement. I am in awe of this kid. I am also in awe of the amount of free time he has. But I don't think I'd want that lifestyle for myself, if for no other reason than I'd rather watch from the bench and take pictures of someone else running. I'm a photographer; that's what I do.

I'd love to capture the muscles straining in a runner's legs, the sweat beading on his forehead and the expression on his face as he's just about to pass the finish line, half a second ahead of the runner behind him.

A little battery acid wouldn't hurt either.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: ARE YOU GOING TO THE MSU GAME THIS WEEKEND? WHY OR WHY NOT?



Rachel Stewart
sophomore
Badin

"No — it's pretty difficult without a car or any money."



Peter Kelly
sophomore
St. Ed's

"No, because I don't want to miss the Flipside bowling trip!"



Paul Macias
sophomore
St. Ed's

"No, because I don't want to miss Peter Kelly."



Kelly Short
sophomore
Lewis

"Yes, since I want to watch the Irish teach that state a lesson!"



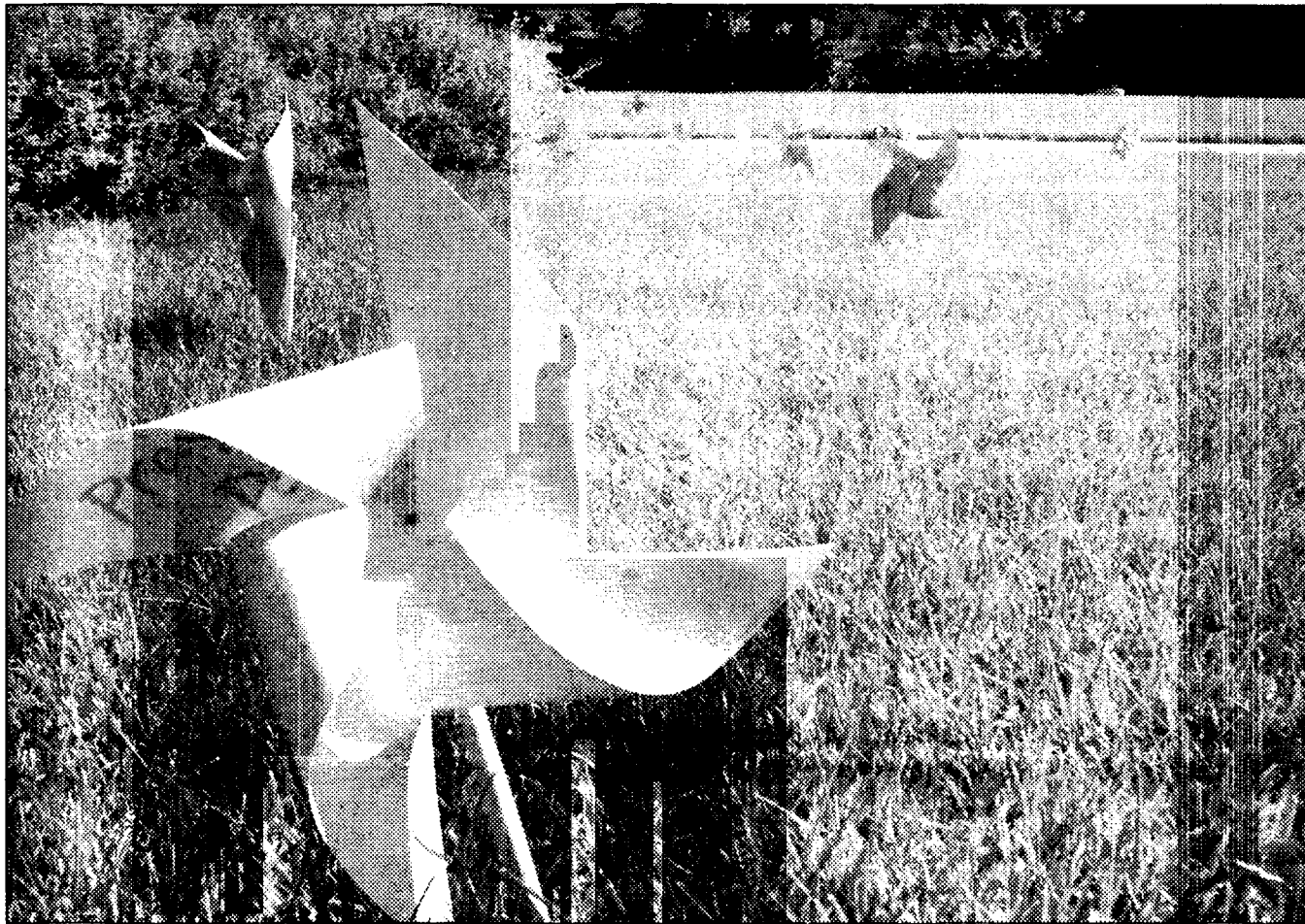
Lindsey Timpone
sophomore
Pasquerilla West

"Yes, because Kelly Short is my ride."



Paul Laughlin
junior
Alumni

"No. I'm going to watch a girls' swim meet at Rolfs, since they actually know how to beat teams from Michigan."



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Pinwheels filled Alumnae Green at Saint Mary's College Thursday as part of Pinwheels for Peace. Participants were asked to write either a prayer for peace or their idea of peace on the pinwheels. The event, sponsored by the Center for Spirituality, marked the end of 10 days of prayers that began on Sept. 11.

OFFBEAT

Auto theft tattoo tips off police

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — A Canadian man's apparent fondness for the video game "Grand Theft Auto" has led to his arrest in connection with an auto theft, police said on Wednesday.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said Shylo Kujawski — who has "Grand Theft Auto" prominently tattooed on his back — was spotted acting suspiciously in a Vancouver suburb where several stolen cars had been reported.

Using the tattoo to iden-

tify Kujawski as a convicted auto thief, police said they then set up a stakeout that nabbed him attempting to drive away in a stolen car.

Police said during the stakeout they also watched Kujawski thwart his own attempt to drive away in another stolen vehicle by accidentally disabling the car with the owner's steering wheel lock.

Teachers win suit over forced anthem singing

TOKYO — A Japanese court ruled in favor of teachers who objected to

being forced to sing the national anthem at school events, saying the Tokyo Metropolitan government's orders to do so infringed upon freedom of thought. The surprise ruling comes as conservative lawmakers, including Shinzo Abe, poised to become prime minister next week, seek to put more patriotism into classrooms in an effort to revive a Japanese sense of identity they see as lacking in modern-day society.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Dr. John Seely Brown, former Chief Scientist of Xerox Corporation and the Director of its Palo Alto Research Center will be speaking at the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza School of Business at 3 p.m. today. The workshop is entitled "High Tech, Higher Ed, and the New World Order."

Rising star and Chicago native comedian Sebastian Maniscalco will be performing tonight at Legends at 10 p.m. All ND, SMC and HCC students are welcome at no charge.

Legends will be having a Reggaeton Night starting at midnight tonight. All ND, SMC and HCC students are welcome at no charge.

The Domer Run will kick off on Saturday at 11 a.m. The event will benefit ovarian cancer awareness and education. The race start line will be on Moose Krause Drive. There will be 6-mile and 3-mile runs, as well as a 2-mile fun walk.

Morrissey and Welsh Family Halls will be hosting a Michigan State game watch starting at 7 p.m. Saturday on South Quad. There will be a live DJ, trivia, and prizes.

The CROP Walk will take place this Sunday at 2 p.m. at Howard Park in South Bend as parishes and community groups will raise money to battle hunger and poverty.

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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Bick nature trails at SMC fenced off

Area was often used for educational purposes

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

The nature trails that once offered Saint Mary's College and the surrounding community unique access to local wooded areas — for educational and personal benefits — have been blocked off this fall following the construction of a new fence that prevents access to the paths.

The city of South Bend has undergone construction of a new sewer line in the woods behind the Saint Mary's campus, which has resulted in the closing of the Bick Nature Area, facilities director Bill Hambling said.

The Bick Nature Area was named after two former biology professors — George and Juanda Bick — who created the nature trails and used the area as an instructional aid for students in their classes, according to the Saint Mary's Web site.

The fence around the nature area was installed during late summer and the area was closed to users beginning in September, Hambling said. The city will "be using heavy equipment, and a concern for the safety of everyone necessitated the closing of the trails," while construction of the sewer system is in progress.

"However, special consideration was granted to certain faculty and students to continue their academic activities in the woods," Hambling said.

Biology professors Dr. Richard Jensen and Dr. Doris Watt are two of the professors who have been permitted continued access to the trails. Chair of the biology department Dr. Thomas Platt said the professors were granted access on a "limited basis for educational purposes."

Platt said Jensen has been using the nature area "to study the local flora for more than two decades" as part of the field botany class he teaches. Watt "is working with students to document seasonal changes along the nature trail with the goal of providing an on-line pictorial guide," he said.

Due to the construction taking place, Jensen said he is no longer sure if he will venture into the woods with his class. However, according to Jensen, Watt will continue to access the trails to conduct field work with students.

The decision to construct the fence and close the trails during construction was made by the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

"We are grateful to the [Sisters] for recognizing the educational value of the nature area and allowing our faculty to continue to use this resource while construction is underway," Platt said.

Saint Mary's security is in charge of regulating and enforcing the closure of the nature area. Jensen said, "access must be arranged through [security], who must be on hand to unlock the

gates and then lock gates, both coming and going."

Hambling said the trails will be closed throughout the construction period, but the area is expected to be reopened to all users in January.

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A stop sign and fence keep people out of the Bick nature trails at Saint Mary's College. The trails are closed due to construction of a new sewer line in the area.

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Sophomore Lauren Bennett is also traveling to Michigan on Saturday to show her support for the Irish. Bennet, however, didn't have to pay, as a friend got a few tickets to the game for her birthday. Bennett said she has friends at both Michigan and Michigan State. "I turned my phone off during the Michigan game," Bennett said when asked if she experienced any harassment from her University of Michigan friends last Saturday.

Student government announced via e-mail early Thursday morning there would be a limited number of MSU tickets on sale to students at the LaFortune Box Office beginning at noon on Thursday. The tickets were sold at their face

value of \$70.

Brittany Williams, a student worker at the LaFortune Box Office, said there were about 30 tickets remaining as of 2 p.m. Thursday. Williams said she had been told the Notre Dame Alumni Association had made 100 tickets available for sale.

Notre Dame students looking for a ride to the game can catch the Student Activities Office sponsored buses. Tickets are \$20 and on sale at LaFortune Box Office, according to a notice posted on insideND.

This Saturday's game will mark the 70th face off between the Fighting Irish and the Spartans. The Irish lead the all-time series, 43-25-1, and have a record of 17-13-1 in East Lansing.

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"I'm still fully in support of the team and excited to go to the game."

Kari LeBlancq
senior

Elections

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185 students voted — equivalent to 43.1 percent of the freshman class.

The Board of Governance made changes to the voting process, which made Molnar wary about overall turnout. Students were originally scheduled to vote online via PRISM, but the system was switched to paper ballots near election time.

"I was concerned that we would have less voters due to the last-minute change to paper ballots," Molnar said. "It was wonderful that over 43 percent of the class voted."

The voter turnout gave Molnar confidence in the freshmen and their desire to participate at Saint Mary's.

"The women of the Class of 2010 clearly care a lot about their leaders, and that is a great sign for the future," she said. "I think that all of the candidates were enthusiastic and campaigned hard, which definitely urged their classmates to vote."

"Overall, I was just extremely pleased with the election."

Gebert and Meade have many ideas for the Class of 2010, such as themed events, appar-

el, spirit weeks and planning activities between Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross.

"We are hoping this will bring more school spirit and pride to our class," Meade said.

Both Gebert and Meade have prior experience in student government and hope to use that knowledge to lead the freshman class.

"I decided to run [for president] because I love being involved," Gebert said. "I love the responsibility my position entails."

Gebert and Meade campaigned rigorously for the past two weeks with signs, posters and going out of their way to meet other first year students.

"What I think set us apart was that we went door to door to first years in every dorm to remind them when voting was," Meade said.

While not all participants in elections concede gracefully, runners up Leslie Youngdahl and Katie O'Brien are already showing their support for the victors.

"I think that Gebert and Meade are very personable, motivated girls who are ready for the tasks at hand as president and vice president," Youngdahl said.

"They have a lot of good ideas for the Class of 2010 and will do a great job representing the freshman women."

Now that the presidential elections are over, there are still 13 positions to fill on the First Year Board. Platforms are due Monday at 5 p.m.

Youngdahl and O'Brien are already planning to be a part of student government in other ways. Youngdahl plans to run for freshman board to stay involved at Saint Mary's.

"I am enthusiastic and ready to help wherever I am needed," she said.

O'Brien also plans to run for the board, based on her past experience in high school.

"I love Saint Mary's and I love being involved," she said. "I know this year is going to have some great leaders."

"What I think set us apart was that we went door to door to first years in every dorm to remind them when voting was."

Rebecca Meade
freshman
vice president elect

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Guerra

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valley girl from Los Angeles" to becoming a public figure advocating for improvement in a variety of social issues, including racism, body image and self esteem as a remarkable learning experience.

Before starring in the WB's "First Time Out," making her the first Latina to star in a network sitcom, Guerra said that she "never planned on being in show business."

"It was never important to me," she said.

Guerra said she realized her calling when she entered a talent show in a bar, hoping to use her time on the stage to raise awareness of a boycott she was working on against a major hotel chain. After following "a drag queen that sung Gloria Estefan through his nose ... I stood on the stage and it was the most seductive experience I had ever felt in my entire life," Guerra said. "I thought, 'This is what I was born to do.'"

Following her epiphany, Guerra traveled as a standup comic for a year before landing her deal with the WB, but found herself truly tested when she vied for the part of Selena's sister Suzanne in the Jennifer Lopez film and was initially turned down based on the fact that she was too light-skinned and not Mexican enough.

"I've been Mexican my whole life and you're telling me I can't play a Mexican?" she quipped.

Guerra remained persistent, sending faxes and leaving messages with the director every hour until she was finally grant-

ed an audition, but the part was given to another actress. It was not until the real Suzanne saw Guerra on "Politically Incorrect" and called the director of the movie in Guerra's favor.

"There are so many times when someone is going to say 'No, you're not good enough' ... and if you listen to those people and you let them define what you're going to do in your life then you're always going to lose," Guerra said. "Those fools do not pay rent to live in your head."

Guerra also spoke of other obstacles in her life besides those concerning acting, including her struggle with weight loss. After

undergoing gastric bypass surgery, which she proclaimed to be "the best thing I ever did for myself," Guerra lost 170 pounds.

"[I did] every diet known to mankind," she said, including the color diet, which involved eating only one color of food for each day of the week. "Luckily M&Ms come in every single one of those colors," she said.

Guerra has recently been named spokeswoman for obesity health and has made a "deliberate decision" to move away from acting and more towards activism. She is currently the host of "Workin' It" on Air America Radio and has recently published the motivating book "Under Construction."

"You have to make the choices that are right for you and not the ones that will make someone else like you," she said.

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Jackie Guerra
actress

Holy Cross College is seeking comments from the public in preparation for its evaluation by the regional accrediting agency, the Higher Learning Commission.

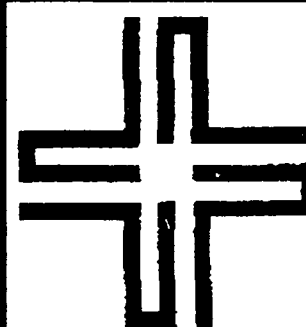
The college will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit by a team from the commission on October 23 to 25. The team will review the College's ongoing ability to meet the commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the College. Comments should be addressed to the following:

*Public Comment on Holy Cross College
The Higher Learning Commission
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, Illinois 60602*

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and signed, and will not be treated as confidential.

All comments should be received by September 23.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Christians executed in Indonesia

PALU, Indonesia — Three Christian militants were executed by firing squad early Friday for leading attacks on Muslims six years ago that left 70 people dead, police and relatives said.

The men were taken before the firing squad at 12:15 a.m. (2:15 p.m. EDT Thursday), said a senior police officer who asked not to be identified because he was not authorized to speak to the media. Family members later said they had received confirmation of their deaths.

In carrying out the death sentence, Indonesia ignored an appeal last month by Pope Benedict XVI to spare the men. A Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, told the Italian news agency ANSA that news of the execution "was very sad and painful."

Muslim clerics want Pope removed

LAHORE, Pakistan — About 1,000 Muslim clerics and religious scholars meeting Thursday in eastern Pakistan demanded the removal of Pope Benedict XVI for making what they called "insulting remarks" against Islam.

Benedict "should be removed from his position immediately for encouraging war and fanning hostility between various faiths" and "making insulting remarks" against Islam, said a joint statement issued by the clerics and scholars at the end of their one-day convention.

The "pope, and all infidels, should know that no Muslim, under any circumstances, can tolerate an insult to the Prophet (Muhammad). ... If the West does not change its stance regarding Islam, it will face severe consequences," it said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Six inmates escape from Texas jail

NEW ORLEANS — A doctor accused of murdering four critically ill hospital patients with injections in the harrowing days after Hurricane Katrina is defending herself publicly for the first time, saying in a TV interview that she gave them drugs simply to ease their pain.

"I have spent my entire life taking care of patients. I have no history of doing anything other than good for my patients," Dr. Anna Pou said in an interview to be aired Sunday on CBS's "60 Minutes." "Why would I suddenly start murdering people?"

Pentagon rejects 9/11 accusation

WASHINGTON — A Pentagon report rejects the idea that intelligence gathered by a secret military unit could have been used to stop the Sept. 11 hijackings.

The Pentagon inspector general's office said Thursday that a review of records from the unit, known as Able Danger, found no evidence it had identified ringleader Mohamed Atta or any other terrorist who participated in the 2001 attacks.

The report was ordered following the assertion last year that the unit had identified four of the 19 hijackers in 2000. That claim was made by a former intelligence officer who worked on Able Danger, Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer, and by Rep. Curt Weldon, vice chairman of the House Armed Services and Homeland Security committees.

LOCAL NEWS

Guard fired after rape accusation

INDIANAPOLIS — The state has fired a guard at the Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility after he was accused of sexual misconduct with a minor female inmate.

Octavious Tyler, 25, who had joined the Indiana Department of Correction in May 2005, was fired Wednesday by Steve McCauley, the facility's superintendent.

The agency's internal investigation began after the alleged victim told a second girl incarcerated there, who then reported it to the staff of the prison on Indianapolis's far west side, the DOC said.

UNITED NATIONS

Iranian president speaks at G.A.

Ahmadinejad tries to improve image amid controversy over nuclear program

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad seems to be enjoying the spotlight at this year's U.N. General Assembly, easing his way into the international arena and trying to improve his image amid the controversy over his nuclear program and remarks about Israel and the Holocaust.

When an Israeli reporter challenged him into answering a question at a news conference Thursday, Ahmadinejad at first stalled, whispered in Farsi to an adviser to skip the reporter, but then reluctantly gave his response.

He showed no such courtesy to an Israeli reporter during a news briefing here last year.

On Thursday, he explained that when he called for the destruction of Israel and dismissed the Holocaust as a myth, his issue was not with the Jewish people but with Zionists, "who are not Jews."

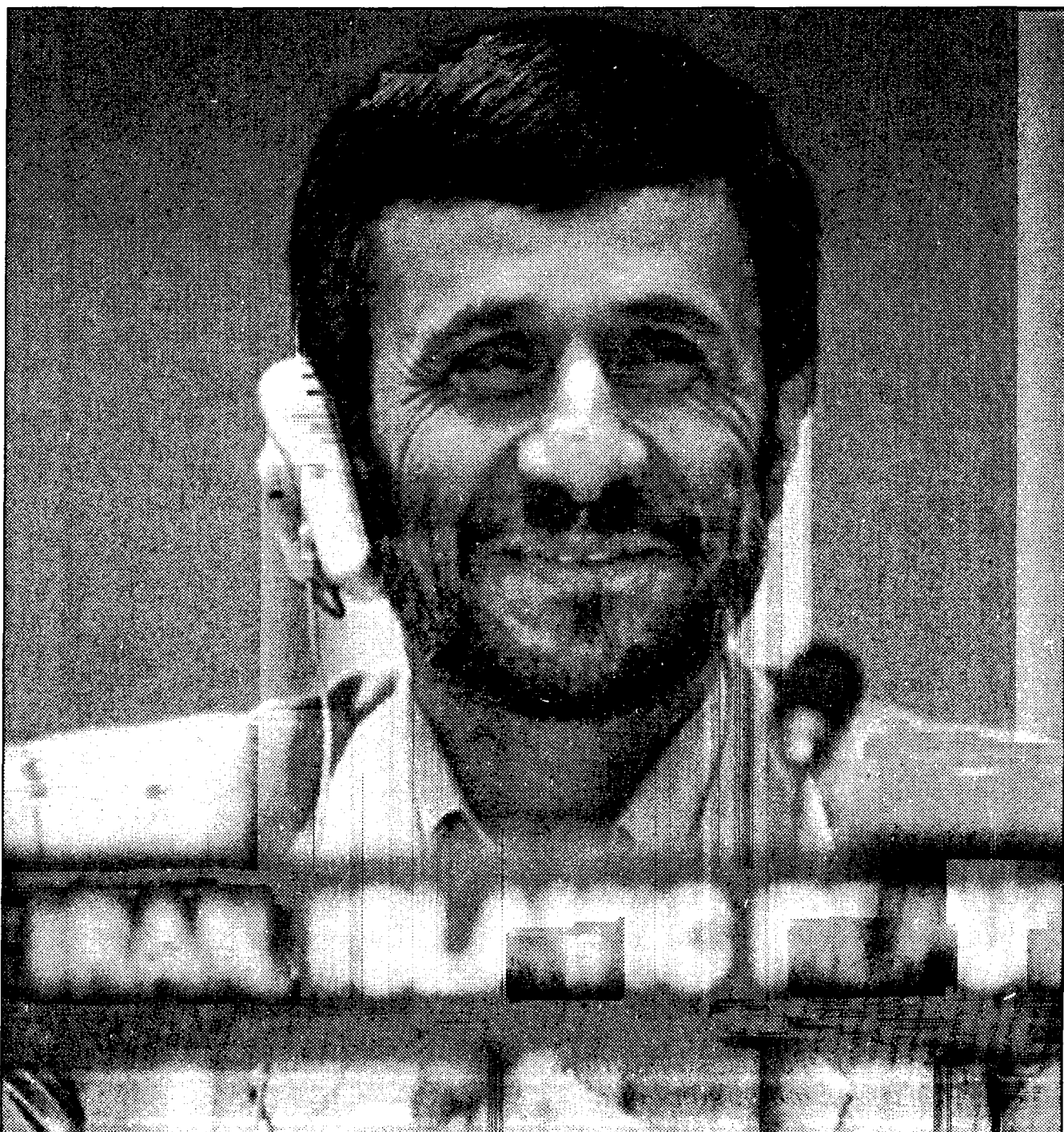
"We love everyone in the world — Jews, Christians, Muslims, non-Muslims, non-Jews, non-Christians," he said. "We are against ugly acts," he said.

"Everyone is respected. But I repeat, we are against aggression, occupation, killings. ... We declare this in a loud voice," he said.

But Yaniv Halily, a reporter with Israel's Yedioth Ahronoth was not impressed.

"He's trying to portray an image of a nice guy after all the things he said about Israel. Now he knows everyone thinks he's a bad guy," said Halily.

"He may sound nicer on the surface, but on the inside he's the same," said Kamran Dadkhah, an economics professor at Northeastern University in



Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad listens to a question during a news conference Thursday at UN headquarters while attempting to improve his image. AP

Boston.

Ahmadinejad was vague when asked if Iran would stop arming Hezbollah and comply with a U.N. Security Council resolution to disarm the Lebanese guerrilla group, which fought a 34-day war with Israel this summer. He said Iran gives only spiritual and cultural support to the Shiite Muslim group.

"We support ... peace and permanent stability in Lebanon, and we will fall short of no measure in promoting this goal. Whether it's in the cultural or spiritual support that we can render or whether it is the role that we can play in the international arena, we will do our best.

And this is the fundamental principle of our foreign policy, and it does not preclude Lebanon," he said.

At the news conference, Ahmadinejad also expressed love and affection for the American people, just as President Bush reached out to the Iranian people a couple of days earlier. Ahmadinejad said he wished he had more time here to spend with them in person.

"The people of the United States are highly respected by us," he said. "Many people in the United States believe in God and believe in justice." He thanked the New York City police and security forces for protecting him

during his stay here and apologized to New Yorkers for traffic disruptions from the arrival of world leaders to attend the U.N. General Assembly session.

He reserved his harsh words for the U.S. government — for its position on Iran's nuclear program and its role as one of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council.

"It's not the nuclear bomb that the American government is worried about, for there are countries in our region that are armed with a nuclear bomb and are incidentally supported by the U.S. government. Now, how is this?" said Ahmadinejad.

Detainee trial rules established

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House and rebellious Senate Republicans announced agreement Thursday on rules for the interrogation and trial of suspects in the war on terror. President Bush urged Congress to put it into law before adjourning for the midterm elections.

"I'm pleased to say that this agreement preserves the single most potent tool we have in protecting America and foiling terrorist attacks," the president said, shortly after administration officials and key lawmakers announced agreement following a week of high-

profile intraparty disagreement.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona, one of three GOP lawmakers who told Bush he couldn't have the legislation the way he initially asked for it, said, "The agreement that we've entered into gives the president the tools he needs to continue to fight the war on terror and bring these evil people to justice."

"There's no doubt that the integrity and letter and spirit of the Geneva Conventions have been preserved," McCain said, referring to the international treaties covering the treatment of prisoners in wartime.

The central sticking point had been a demand from McCain, Sen. John

Warner of Virginia and Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina that there be no attempt to redefine U.S. obligations under the Geneva Conventions.

The agreement contains key concessions by the White House, including dropping a provision that would have interpreted Geneva Convention obligations and another allowing a defendant to be convicted on evidence he never sees if it is classified. The legislation, however, makes clear the president has the authority to enforce the treaty.

CIA Director Michael Hayden has said the agency needed to be confident that its interrogation program for high-value terror suspects is legal.

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reached for comment Thursday.

Flint said while it was difficult to know for sure why younger students would be more prone to honor code violations, he had some ideas.

"Lower-level courses tend to be required of students. Every student is required to take Intro to Philosophy, but a lot of them might not have any interest, so it may be that the temptation to cheat is going to be a little bit greater," Flint said. "These intro courses also tend to be much larger than higher-level classes, so it could be that some students think their dishonesty will go unnoticed."

He also suggested freshmen might be coming to the University "having engaged in a lot of academic dishonesty in high school," according to statistics that suggest more cheating goes on in secondary schools than in college.

"Some students may be bringing bad habits with them, which they're gradually losing through the course of their college career," Flint said.

Assistant Dean of First Year of Studies Kenneth John DeBoer agreed with Flint's assessment.

"Most likely there was not a similar code of honor at the [students'] secondary school, so it's a new world for them," DeBoer said. "And upper-level students have been here longer, maybe have had classmates who ran into some [honor code] trouble earlier and know this is serious situation."

O'Neill freshman Alexander McShea had another idea.

"It's probably because we freshman are more careless when we cheat as opposed to the more thorough upper classmen," he said.

In the past, freshmen were sent the full Academic Code of Honor Handbook — "a long and imposing document," Flint said — and a statement to sign confirming they'd read it.

"We had heard from students on committee over the years that they didn't think anyone read the whole thing and our fear was that no one

was even looking at it, signing the paper without reading," Flint said. "This is a real problem, because this is already the first dishonest act by students, and besides that, people weren't getting familiar with important information."

So, to make this information more accessible, the essential details were condensed into a short student guide in 2005, which is sent to freshmen before they come to Notre Dame. Additionally, this past summer, students were asked for the first time to take an on-line test on the material presented in the guide.

The quiz, designed by the Honor Code committee, presents students with eight out of 33 possible 'real-life' situations where the honor code would be involved. Six of the eight must be answered correctly for the student to pass — and if they fail, they must wait 12 hours before they can access the quiz again.

"Well into the summer, about 85 percent of students were passing the tutorial on the first try, which suggests they were actually looking at the guide before doing it, and that reading the student guide was sufficient to pass the quiz," Flint said. "Only 10 first-year students who showed up without having passed it — but I don't know for sure what happened with them."

DeBoer said FYS was pleased with the effectiveness of the quiz — but supplemented it with their own advising. "We think the quiz gives heightened awareness of the Honor Code to students, but of course, [FYS advisors] cover [the code] as a topic in individual meetings with students," he said. "Personally, I always keep the student guide on my desk as sort of a reminder that this is an important thing."

Though this more student-friendly approach to teaching the Honor Code is aimed at

decreasing the number of violations per year, Flint said he expects to see numbers go up in the near future.

In 2005, the Honor Code Committee instituted a new violation reporting policy, which allowed professors and students to settle the problem without needing a hearing in front of a departmental honesty committee, instead submitting a simple report to Jacobs. In the past, a hearing was the only official way to address violations — so, Flint said, professors were far more likely to deal with the problem themselves and not make it known to the University.

In the 2002-03 school year, 41 honor code violations were reported — 17 less than last year. A visible increase, but not as dramatic as expected, Flint said.

"Some other schools that have changed their [honor code violation] reporting policy have seen numbers go through the roof," Flint said. "So, there is an increase in the numbers, but they're still very low, given that we know that there had to have been far more violations last year than 58, based on a survey of the faculty we did several years ago."

Flint said he thinks the numbers will see a spike once faculty members get used to the new system, as the vast majority of reports to initiate from them.

"It's rare that a student would report another student for academic dishonesty, which is disappointing, because it suggests that students here don't take the honor code here as seriously as they should," Flint said.

For many students, however, there are unspoken rules that override any Academic Code of Honor they sign.

"I'd lose respect for the [cheater], but turning someone in is really low," McShea said. "[But] if the person's score was going to really upset the curve, I'd go for it."

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"Some students may be bringing bad habits with them, which they're gradually losing through the course of their college career."

Thomas Flint
faculty officer
Honor Code Committee

Blind

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where he is now working on a doctorate.

He also holds a black belt in jujitsu and carried the Olympic torch in 2002.

Succeeding academically "was just a constant learning process," Cordes said. Eventually he learned what worked, and what didn't.

What didn't work, for example, were the molecular diagrams an organic chemistry professor drew on the chalkboard. What did work for Cordes were raised-line drawings — etchings on plastic sheets. He also listened to taped textbooks (or read them in Braille, when possible), had a talking laptop and employed a device called an Optacon, which features a tiny camera and pins to help his fingers "feel" images.

Where tools don't suffice, real people — like the students employed by the Office for Students with Disabilities — take over. Students serve as readers and writers for blind and visually-impaired students.

Sophomore Ashley Nashleanas is also blind and majoring in the sciences, though her focus is biology. She uses many of the same tools as Cordes — but those tools initially presented her with problems.

"When I first got to Notre Dame, I had all this equipment," she said. "Figuring out what to use, and what not to use was a real challenge."

Lockwood's visual impairment — a combination of glaucoma and another affliction that is a "mystery" to doctors — allows him to see things in very high contrast (like black on white), so

he can often read books once they're scanned into his computer (which boasts a king-sized screen).

Despite these tools and more, visually impaired students admit that at times, they've been lost.

Literally. "One of the first days after I'd trained Scout [Lockwood's seeing-eye dog], I was trying to go from DeBartolo to Siegfried and I got completely

"If it's a cold day and I need to find someplace I'm supposed to be, I can ask a complete stranger and they'll show me, just out of the kindness of their hearts. People are always happy here."

Ashley Nashleanas
blind student

lost," Lockwood said. "I got to St. Joe's Street and heard the sound of golf carts, and knew I was in the wrong place."

Cordes got lost so many times, he made a resolution during his junior year.

"I decided I was only going to take right-angle turns on campus, even if there was a diagonal going across the quad," he said. But for him, getting lost was "just part of the game."

With time-consuming academics and the long commutes across campus, is there ever time for anything else?

For Nashleanas, there's plenty, and she spends it in the pool — she's been swimming competitively since the age of 13. She's currently training for the backstroke and freestyle events at the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing, China, swimming six days a week (or five, if the pool's closed for a home football game).

The Office for Students with Disabilities has also provided

her with "tappers," or people to stand at either end of the pool and tap her head with a stick, telling her when to flip-turn.

Lockwood serves as Siegfried's senator, where he earned laughs during the candidates' spring debate. Asked to describe his campaign in one word, Lockwood replied, "Vision."

In all seriousness, Lockwood said, coming to college forced him to open up a little bit.

"I was never involved in high school," he said. "I realized here that becoming part of groups is a really good way of meeting people."

Part of getting involved, aside from being a dorm senator, includes his membership in Amnesty International.

Cordes, Lockwood and Nashleanas all said they were impressed by the kindness of the Notre Dame community.

"My favorite part about coming here was how everyone was so nice," Nashleanas said. "If it's a cold day and I need to find someplace I'm supposed to be, I can ask a complete stranger and they'll show me, just out of the kindness of their hearts. People are always happy here."

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IN BRIEF

Pension law includes tax reforms

NEW YORK — Americans are going to have to keep better records of their charitable contributions if they want to claim them as tax deductions in coming years. Older Americans, meanwhile, will get a break on taxes when they make donations from their Individual Retirement Accounts.

These are among the charitable tax reforms included in the huge Pension Protection Act of 2006 that was approved by Congress this summer. Although much of the legislation focuses on keeping workers' pensions safe and fully funded, there are a number of provisions aimed at encouraging charitable giving while, at the same time, tightening reporting requirements.

Diana Aviv, president and chief executive of Independent Sector, a Washington, D.C.-based lobby group for foundations and charitable organizations, said it was too early to assess the impact of the tax changes on charitable giving.

Marsh supermarket suit goes to court

INDIANAPOLIS — The Marsh family feud has spilled over into the courts days before the company's shareholders vote on a buyout offer from a Florida-based investment firm.

David A. Marsh, the former chief operating officer of Marsh Supermarkets Inc., sued the Fishers-based grocery chain Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Indianapolis, claiming it owes him thousands of dollars in severance and benefits. The family-run company ousted him in February as president and chief operating officer.

The lawsuit claims Marsh is entitled to severance pay based on his base salary and bonuses for three years following termination, totaling more than \$700,000 annually. The eight-page complaint alleges the company miscalculated his severance payments, underpaying him by more than \$33,000 a year.

The suit also alleges that the \$31,000 Marsh is receiving to pay for life, medical, dental, accident and disability insurance is not enough to pay for coverage comparable to what he received as chief operating officer.

The lawsuit is the latest in a series of troubles beleaguering the company.

British mogul invests \$3 million

'Rebel billionaire' Branson pledges funds to help Clinton Global Initiative

Associated Press

NEW YORK — British business mogul Richard Branson on Thursday pledged to invest about \$3 billion over the next decade to combat global warming and promote alternative energy, saying that it was critical to protect the environment for future generations.

Branson, the billionaire behind the multi-platform Virgin brand, said the money would come from 100 percent of the profits generated by his transportation sectors — trains and airline companies. It will be invested in efforts to find renewable, sustainable energy sources in an effort to wean the world off oil and coal.

The so-called "rebel billionaire" — wearing a dress coat with no tie and denim pants — made the announcement on the second day of the Clinton Global Initiative, an annual conference of business, political and nonprofit leaders hosted by former President Clinton.

"Our generation has inherited an incredibly beautiful world from our parents and they from their parents," Branson said at a news conference, with Clinton at his side. "We must not be the generation responsible for irreversibly damaging the environment. We must hand it over to our children in as near pristine a condition as we were lent it from our parents."

Clinton praised Branson, calling him one of the "most interesting," "creative" and "genuinely committed" people he had ever known.

Branson said he was inspired to contribute after a meeting with Al Gore, who served as Clinton's vice president and has been highly visible in raising awareness about global warming and environmental issues. Gore was scheduled to speak Thursday afternoon.



Richard Branson, right, passes the pen to Bill Clinton after signing a commitment to the Clinton Global Initiative Thursday to help promote alternative energy.

Branson's commitment assured that the Clinton Global Initiative conference would surpass its goal of matching last year's efforts. By early Thursday afternoon, initiative organizers said they had 114 commitments amounting to \$5.7 billion. In 2005, the conference resulted in \$2.5 billion in pledges.

About 50 current and former world leaders were expected to attend the summit, which is in its second year.

On Thursday morning, Afghan President Hamid Karzai joined Jordanian Queen Rania Al-Abdullah, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu for a panel discussion on managing diversity

in a globalized world.

All stressed the importance of cultural exchange and education.

Karzai said the West had, at times, exhibited a "lack of morality when it applies to dealing with the rest of the world" because it often did not realize how its intervention or lack thereof would affect itself.

He noted that he had urged Western governments for years before the Sept. 11 attacks to help the people of Afghanistan. "But no attention was paid because you in the West were not hurt," Karzai said. "It was only us and that didn't matter, and that is wrong. Seriously."

Asked about the furor

caused by Pope Benedict XVI's recent speech that quoted a medieval figure referring to Islam as violent, Tutu stressed the commonalities among all religions, but added: "I think that the pope probably wishes he hadn't said what he said and has tried to apologize. But it shows how very difficult it is to say sorry. ... To say sorry in public is one of the most difficult things."

The initiative began Wednesday with a slew of world figures, from first lady Laura Bush unveiling a plan to bring clean drinking water to Africa and Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf stressing the importance of Palestinian peace.

Wal-Mart lowers prescription costs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, plans to slash the prices of almost 300 generic prescription drugs, offering a big lure for bargain-seeking customers and presenting a challenge to competing pharmacy chains and makers of generic drugs.

The drugs will be sold for as little as \$4 for a month's supply and include some of the most commonly prescribed medicines such as Metformin, a popular generic drug used to treat diabetes, and the high blood pressure medicine Lisinopril.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. will launch the program Friday at 65 Wal-Mart, Neighborhood Market and Sams' Club

pharmacies in Florida's Tampa Bay area. It will be expanded statewide in January and rolled out to the rest of the nation next year, company officials said Thursday.

The news sent the shares of big pharmacy chains like Walgreen's and CVS slumping because of fears that Wal-Mart's price cuts could cost them market share. Analysts said consumers will save an average of 20 percent and up to 90 percent in some cases. Shares of prescription drug management companies and some generic drugmakers fell as well.

Analysts said the risks to Wal-Mart are slim because profit margins on most of the drugs already are low — and the program could help the

Arkansas-based retailer address an image problem stemming from its policies on health insurance coverage for employees.

"They are doing something that may be good for consumers, but they don't have altruistic motives," said Patricia Edwards, a portfolio manager and retail analyst at Wentworth, Hauser & Violic in Seattle. "They are capitalists. They still need to make a profit."

Tampa Wal-Mart pharmacy customer Pat Sullivan, a retired Massachusetts police officer, said \$4 generic prescriptions would be a tremendous help.

"I'm on disability and my benefits run out by the end of the month," he said. "It comes down to where do I go for a \$100 prescription?"

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Prepare for national election

Outside Notre Dame, there are some things more important than football.

The balance of power in the House and the Senate is up for grabs, and only those who speak soon will have their voices heard at all. With core issues like the War on Terror, the economy and health care — your voice matters. It is imperative for students to start the voting process now.

Across America, absentee ballot application deadlines are approaching for the most contested midterm election since 1994.

In an age when incumbents frequently win 95 percent of their Congressional races, political observers are astounded that up to 50 races in the House of Representatives and eight in the Senate are toss-ups.

Right here, in Indiana's 2nd Congressional District, incumbent Republican Chris Chocola trails Democratic challenger Joe Donnelly by 10 points, despite a huge early lead in funds.

And the story is the same across the country.

In Connecticut, three-term Senator Joseph Lieberman lost his Democratic primary to Ned Lamont but is mounting an independent campaign.

In Virginia, once-aspiring presidential candidate George Allen went from a fairly safe Senate re-election to a six-point

deficit in just two months.

In Pennsylvania, former state attorney general and pro-life Democrat Bob Casey leads two-term senator and conservative stalwart Rick Santorum by nearly 10 points.

But the true importance of the 2006 election is not in who will be elected, but what they will stand for. Even a shift in just one of the two houses of Congress or a decrease in the Republican majority in both could dramatically alter the course of the next four years.

Domestic policies like suspected terrorist interrogations, immigration and homeland security are in the balance. So are America's foreign policies with Iraq, Afghanistan and Iran.

This election means something — probably more than most.

And so do you. As an educated U.S. citizen, it's not just your privilege to vote — it's your job. No one else can do it for you. Now is the time to print your absentee ballot application and mail it in. Or else your state — and your country — won't hear your voice.

For more information on how you can apply for an absentee ballot, visit your home state's board of elections Web site or simply Google search your state and the words "absentee ballot."

The Observer Editorial

Surviving a most difficult week

Oh Charlie, say it was not nearly 50 points that buried the Irish. Bill, how could you get shut out as early as the second game after your Super Bowl victory — on no less than a Monday night?

For those of us Notre Dame graduates with roots in the Pittsburgh area, it has been an agonizingly long week of football shock and disbelief. In fact, I am still wearing the brown paper bag over my head as I type this column. Even the eye holes do not coincide with my line of sight. Agony knows no limits.

A football "expert," a.k.a. bookie, I know is wearing his paper bag as well — more to hide from his clients than face the world. In his profession's macrocosm last week, everyone favored the Jaguars over the Steelers. He likes to call his early season setback an "incentive" for his happy clients, one that returns many dividends later in the season. I am not certain that I have any incentives after last week.

At season's start I told my football "expert" friend that the football gods were teasing me with Charlie Weis. First he broke my heart when as a Patriots coach his team eliminated the Steelers from appearances in the Super Bowl. With his departure to Notre Dame, Head Coach Bill Cowher and the Steelers finally overcame the Weis obstacle. Charlie was now on my side, and I could hardly wait for the many wins and national championships he would shepherd to South Bend. But alas, last week he broke my heart again ... damn those football

gods.

Last weekend NBC offered a confusing, almost schizophrenic dilemma for my fellow Western Pennsylvania alumni with their airing of detailed comparisons of Weis protégés, the "Brady Boys." Both are so competent and excel in their overall performances. Yeah, I hate Brady. And yeah, I love Brady.

I've never been, like so many who can be called a "Domer," that Notre Dame alumnus with the special football talent of quoting every season statistic, every opponent record and every play of every game ever recorded in Irish history. It wasn't long ago that I finally learned how to spell, "Roethlisberger." I had scheduled another spelling study hour this week to learn "Samardzija." Now what's the use?

It occurs to me as my brain slowly sizzles from the steam caught within my brown paper bag that while sports plays a major role as recreation, it is only entertainment. The best efforts of those in the arena sometimes excel and sometimes fall flat. Gaining only a handful of rushing yards like both Pittsburgh and Notre Dame did last week is a game-defeating factor, but not the end of life. In fact, compared to the starvation, death and violence throughout the world today, embarrassment on the field is nothing.

Notre Dame alumnus, Vietnam hero and Steeler great Rocky Bleier taught me the value of leaving my brown paper bag under the sink. During the Steelers' Super Bowl dynasty of the 1970s, my 16-year-old neighbor lay dying of cancer. His wish was to meet Bleier. While on the road

with the team, Bleier called my neighbor before his death. Tears still well in my eyes as I recall the kind gesture.

Coach Weis is no stranger to selfless acts of kindness either, having called a young cancer patient's football play during a game. Weis knows that while his job is to win games and championships, the game still needs to be kept in its proper perspective. Last week's game reminds me of the scene in Tom Cruise's high school football movie, "All the Right Moves." The coach teaches

Cruise to defend against the pass by going after the opposing player, not the ball. In the game, Cruise tries to intercept the ball, misses and the man he was covering scores the winning touchdown. After the game, Cruise could have used a plastic bag over his head.

From all outward appearances last week, both Cowher and Weis reacted as a wise sage would in a similar situation. Cowher knows that a pass sailing a foot beyond Hines Ward's hands at the goal line is rust between a quarterback and receiver that will disappear. Weis knows that a pass tipped by his receiver into a Michigan interception that started a scoring snowball will melt in future games. Preparation, perspective and performance are hallmarks of both coaches and teams. For us fans, paper or plastic is never an option.

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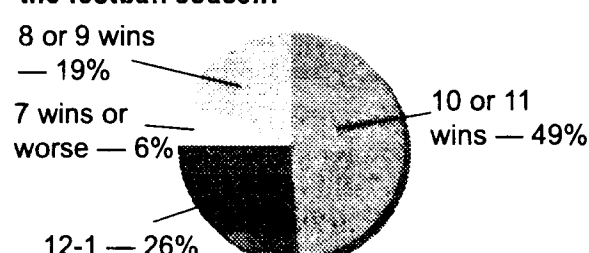


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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The best and safest thing is to keep a balance in your life, acknowledge the great powers around us and in us. If you can do that, and live that way, you are really a wise man."

Euripides
dramatist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defining Notre Dame football

Wins and losses not whole picture

It would be tempting to dismiss as spoiled children the five seniors who defended — perhaps a bit too defensively — their early departures from the Michigan game. “Winning is fun,” they declared. Apart from that original insight, they would appear to have benefitted in a limited way from their Notre Dame educations, and we all have to share that blame.

They obviously learned nothing of respect for their fellow man, the perspective that community is of value, and that there is more to life than their own vanities. Fortunately, Charlie Weis has included these values in his own curriculum.

The players, who may also have preferred to leave prematurely, showed respect for the student body by standing and singing the Alma Mater. The vast majority of students did likewise, like generations before them. They and all of us were hurting from an embarrassing loss, but years from now they and we will remember that Notre Dame is a special place where some things are, in fact, more enduring than wins and losses.

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Sept. 21

Leaving unjustified

I find it fitting that the authors of the Letter to the Editor (“Football is about victories,” Sept. 21) compared supporting the football team in defeat to receiving an “F” in school. That argument is just ridiculous. Sure, football is more fun when you’re winning. And of course every Notre Dame fan in his or her right mind would go to any game expecting his or her team to win. It doesn’t take a “fervent” fan to acknowledge that.

But to abandon your team, or, more specifically, your fellow classmates, when things aren’t going their — or, as they would argue, “our” — way, violates the very tradition about which they write. Forgive me for sounding like a sanctimonious alumnus, but when our class cheered on the Irish, it was also a tradition to stay through the entire game, win or loss, close game or blowout, until the alma mater had finished playing.

I’d like to think that hasn’t changed in the mere three years since my fellow classmates and I graduated (and believe me, there were plenty of opportunities to leave early in my Notre Dame career). Even if you don’t agree with that argument, look at it this way: you each paid a lot of money for the privilege to watch that game. I don’t know about you, but I’d take advantage of every second of the game that I paid a decent amount of money to see. Essentially, leaving early would be akin to wasting your money.

Perhaps “winning is what football is all about.” But it shouldn’t be what supporting our team is all about. Your classmates deserve better. Perhaps if staying through four quarters of defeat is too much to ask, we should give these seniors’ tickets to some of the many fans shut out of the ticket lottery who would have given a limb to sing the alma mater.

Bryan Kronk
alumnus
Class of 2003
Sept. 21

Notre Dame has special tradition

The unique loyalty of the Notre Dame family seniors opining that Notre Dame football is just about winning seems at odds with most legendary coaches and players. Obviously, nobody ever wants to lose, but real fans, like most Notre Dame fans, stand and support their team always, as opposed to jumping on and off of bandwagons. Beyond championships, Heisman trophies and gridiron legends, a unique loyalty of family is what raises Notre Dame and our football tradition above the rest. Lou Holtz, the last Notre Dame football coach to win a National Championship, was recently asked of which team or game he was most proud. He shocked many by saying, “our 1993 team against Boston College.”

For those who blocked out that painful memory, the ‘93 BC game was a hugely disappointing loss, costing an undefeated and number one Notre Dame squad a spot in the National Championship game. So why is a successful coach most proud of a losing game?

With tremendously famous victories over number one Miami in 1988, number one FSU in 1993, Penn State in the 1992 “Snow Bowl” and the 1988 National Championship game over West Virginia, one might think the ESPN gig had tainted the old ball coach. But Holtz explained, “That team didn’t give up, didn’t hang their heads and never quit on each other ... You always gotta believe.”

Great Notre Dame coaches have been overwhelmed by support shown even after crushing defeats. Knute Rockne’s teams were greeted by throng of cheer-

ing students and fans at the train station even after depressing losses. Ara Parseghian returned from difficult beatings and witnessed crowds of students rallied at main circle, welcoming home their trampled on team. Both of these men, famous for passionately wanting to win, and doing so very often in championship form, recognized and appreciated the great spirit of the Notre Dame students and fans, even in defeat.

Following a 37-0 ND loss to FSU, our own Darius Walker chose Notre Dame over Ohio State and Stanford, saying how special the Notre Dame students were in standing until the very end. Just this week a top high school recruit from South Carolina, Gary Gray, committed to Notre Dame over the University of Southern California after his Michigan game visit. He, too, mentioned the amazing game atmosphere and students as solidifying his decision.

The unique loyalty of the Notre Dame family does not go unnoticed. Supportive students (most, that is) staying until the bitter end and singing the alma mater makes Notre Dame different from the rest, but it isn’t for others as much as it is for us. To borrow again from Lou Holtz, Notre Dame is special — either you get it or you don’t. While the constant goal is obviously winning, as students, alumni and fans, we are always Notre Dame. As best I can write it, that is the special tradition of football at Notre Dame.

Dave Daley
junior
off campus
Sept. 21

Atmosphere sets Notre Dame apart

I’m writing in response to the self-righteous seniors who took such pride in leaving Notre Dame’s game against Michigan prior to the final whistle (“Football is about victories,” Sept. 21). Football is about victories, they say, and they think cheering for a team that is losing by a wide margin is “blind” and “disappointing.”

Before the quintet gets too wrapped up in its own strength of fandom, it may want to read the quotes of Gary Gray, a top-rated cornerback who was visiting for the Michigan game and verbally committed to play for Charlie Weis. The young man cites the strong student support for the team even in the face of a devastating loss as a major reason for his commitment.

Yes, wins are important in football, and my parents wouldn’t cheer a report card full of “F”s either. But they also wouldn’t kick me out of the house or forbid me from eating dinner until my grades improved. They’d tell me they loved me, but this result was unacceptable and needed to be improved, and then they’d do everything in their power to help me succeed.

That’s what the students did last Saturday. And as long as we’re going to talk about being disappointed, put me down as being disappointed that four Notre Dame students with multiple years of experience in Notre Dame and what it stands for weren’t capable of realizing that.

Mike Coffey
alumnus
Class of 1991
Sept. 21

Fight song tribute honors visitor

I’m not sure whether to take the letter written by Pat O’Brien as one of wit and sarcasm, or one reflective of his true feelings (“Limit visitor’s tribute to pre-game,” Sept. 20”).

With due respect to O’Brien, he needs to lighten up. The tradition of playing the opposing team’s song both before and after home football games is indeed a sign of sportsmanship and respect, aspects of modern college football that are woefully lacking at other schools (think trash-talking, felony records, and pitiful graduation rates — problems thankfully not present at Notre Dame).

To read comments such as “it sickens me inside to hear our own band, a source of inspiration and pride, play the worst fight song in the world” indicates to me and probably many others that the message Notre Dame is trying to instill in her students somehow got lost on O’Brien. It’s quite ironic that he would follow that statement with comments about singing the alma mater for a university you so love.

This kind of blind loyalty is dangerous because one loses the ability to put things in proper perspective. First, it’s only a game, and second, the University, through its band, recognizes a tradition our rival brings — its own school song. The message the band’s tradition conveys is simple — this is not war, it’s a friendly competition between two rivals and academic neighbors. In the end, we still respect each other, and we go on, eagerly anticipating the next meeting.

Years ago, after Texas, another school rich in tradition, played at Notre Dame stadium, I heard numerous comments on Austin radio stating what a classy place Notre Dame is to watch a game, from Longhorn fans who attended the game — in particular, the band’s playing the Texas fight song before, and yes, after the game. Many came back with a higher level of respect for Notre Dame because they have never experienced this at any other school. Comments like these from campus visitors

make me proud to be a Notre Dame grad. The class shown by Notre Dame, its teams, its community, and most of its students is one reason people love this place.

It’s also one of the reasons those who hate Notre Dame do so. And I hope this never changes, if for no other reason than to show the world that Notre Dame, despite its faults and weaknesses, is still a unique and special place.

Eduardo Magallanez
alumnus
Class of ‘83
Sept. 20

Notre Dame respects opponents

This is a brief response to Pat O’Brien’s Letter to the Editor (“Limit visitor’s tribute to pre-game,” Sept. 20). As a member of the Band of the Fighting Irish, I stand by our tradition of playing the opponent’s fight song at the end of a game. At Notre Dame, we do not leave all niceties at the door. We do not walk out of the stadium and rub a loss in anyone’s face or throw insults at them if they win. We, the band, student body, and everyone associated with Notre Dame welcome all visitors to our home and give them the full respect due to them.

It’s not “You’re welcome to come here as long as we still win,” it’s “Welcome to Notre Dame — we hope you enjoy your whole stay here and thank you for coming.”

Notre Dame isn’t about hating your opponents or trying to humiliate them or their fans in any way. It is about respecting others, respecting the game of football, and being gracious in victory or defeat. Playing their fight song embodies this respect and welcoming nature. In victory, playing the other school’s song is a farewell and appreciation for coming out. In defeat, yes, it sickened me inside to play “The Victors” after getting drubbed by Michigan, but at the same time it reminded me of what we’re about and why we are here — I was still proud to be a part of the

Notre Dame Family as I played that song. Michigan won handily and I tip my cap to them. But rest assured I will cheer, yell and play all the louder next time around.

John Cogill
president
Band of the Fighting Irish
Sept. 20

Rough times demand greater support

In response to Tom, Ricky, Tom, Rick and Kenny’s letter (“Football is about victories,” Sept. 21):

First off, let me say how cute it is that it took all five of you just to write one letter to Viewpoint. As far as the content of your group work, you shouldn’t walk out on something that you love just because they fail once.

Tom, Ricky, Tom and Rick, if you found out that Kenny had a drug problem, would you kick him out of your little love pentagon, leave him all alone, and just hope he gets back on his feet all by himself? No — you would stick with him and help him through his rough times.

The student section that stayed Saturday was not there cheering blindly for our team just to “have fun and hear the band play” even though we were losing. We remained there to show our team that even in the rough times, we still support them. We stayed there for our friends and classmates who are on the team. We stayed to show that we believe they will win the next game, even though this one didn’t go as planned. 80,000 people don’t pack the stadium every week just to watch their team win; they come to help their team win by showing their support for something they care about. If somewhere down the line, we happen to lose another home game, I hope the “Fab Five” doesn’t walk out on something they claim to love.

Tom Martin
junior
Siegfried Hall President
Sept. 21

INDIANA SPOTLIGHT

Old drive-ins offer nostalgia, entertainment



Photo courtesy of betweenthelakes.com

This drive-in was once active in Liberty, N.Y. Its run-down and defunct nature is indicative of many drive-ins that were spread over the United States in the '50s.

By ERIN MCGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

One of the latest fads appearing in new movie theaters is making going to the movies an experience once again.

In the National Amusements' Cinema De Lux theaters, there are full service restaurants and bars where patrons can order full meals and have them waiting before they even arrive at the theater. While this is becoming trendy as a high-end movie-going experience, going to the movies used to always be about the experience — as opposed to the carbon-copy theaters that dominate the American movie scene today.

There are still theaters, however, that since the 1930s have made going to the movies an experience that everyone can enjoy — the drive-in.

History of the drive-in

The drive-in movie theater was the product of a young sales manager, Richard Hollingshead, who, while working at his father's auto products store, had the idea to invent something that combined his two interests: cars and movies.

Hollingshead's vision was that of an open-air movie theater where patrons could watch the movies without leaving their own cars. He experimented with this idea out on his driveway by mounting a Kodak projector on the hood of his car, projecting the image onto a screen he suspended from trees in his yard and

using a radio behind the screen to produce the sound.

He then tested this prototype under various conditions. Sound quality issues stemming from changing weather were tested using a lawn sprinkler as trial rain. He also tested different ways to configure parking schemes as to allow each car a clear view of the screen.

Hollingshead first began by lining the cars in his driveway, which caused sight problems for cars lined up each directly behind the one in front of it. He then determined the spacing needed at various distances and where to place blocks and ramps under the front wheels of cars that were parked further away from the screen.

The first patent for the drive-in theater was issued in 1933, and with \$30,000 Hollingshead opened the first drive-in theater in New Jersey. This initial theater used speakers mounted next to the screen, as opposed to individual car speakers that would develop in later designs for these theaters.

Arguably, the most innovative theater to develop during this time was the one created by Edward Brown, Jr. who opened the first "drive-in and fly-in" theater for both cars and small planes. It had the capacity for 500 cars as well as 25 airplanes. An airfield was placed next to the drive-in parking grounds and the planes would taxi into the last row of the theater. When the movies ended, Brown would provide a tow for the planes to be brought back to the airfield.

In the 1970s, many drive-ins began to



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"Talladega Nights: The Legend of Ricky Bobby," starring Will Ferrell, will be showing at the Tri-Way Drive-In Theater this weekend along with "Gridiron Gang."

close. However, most drive-ins were still making money when they closed. The closings were primarily due to rising property costs in spaces occupied by the theaters.

Location, as well as seasonal operation, is often cited as the biggest problem to face drive-ins. By the 1990s, there were less than 600 drive-ins left operating in the nation. As of 2003, there are currently 432 drive-in theaters still operating throughout the country.

At the Tri-Way Drive-In

Indiana is known as the "Crossroads of America" due to the fact that more major highways intersect in the state of Indiana than in any other state in America. Indiana also contains more miles of interstate highway per square mile than does any other state — even though Indiana is only the 38th largest state in the country. This may help to explain the traditional popularity of drive-in theaters in the Hoosier state.

During the late 1950s, the heyday for the drive-in cinemas, there were more than 120 theaters located in Indiana alone. Over the years, more than 82 percent of those theaters have gone dark or have been demolished. Currently, Indiana is one of America's top ten drive-in states with 23 theaters still in operation. Located less than half an hour away from Notre Dame, in Plymouth, Ind., is one of these valuable movie theater treasures, operating every weekend and showing six new releases.

The Tri-Way Drive-In opened in 1953

with only a single screen. Tri-Way was the theater's original name — its name did not come from its now-three screens, but rather from its location near three major highways (30, 31 and 6). The Tri-Way can accommodate over 500 cars, has a full-service concession stand and features the famous vintage intermission trailers such as the "dancing hotdogs."

Alongside the movie theater is the popular Tri-Way Theater miniature golf course, which is the only championship realistic miniature golf course in the area. The golf course also includes an arcade room and a separate concession area.

The 2006 theater season is the 54th consecutive season for the theater. Their season runs April through the end of September and each of their screens is lit-up with double features of current releases. The Tri-Way Theater recently just installed new "technalite" technology on its screens — one of the first drive-ins in the country to undergo this installation — showing a picture two to three times brighter than regular drive-in screens.

With no home game this weekend, consider spending some time at the local drive-in and experience a pastime which is swiftly fading into obscurity.

The double features running this weekend are Gridiron Gang with Talladega Nights, Barnyard with How to Eat Fried Worms and The Covenant with Wicker Man.

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"Gridiron Gang," starring The Rock and Xzibit, will be showing this weekend at the Tri-Way Drive-In Theater as part of a double feature with "Talladega Nights."

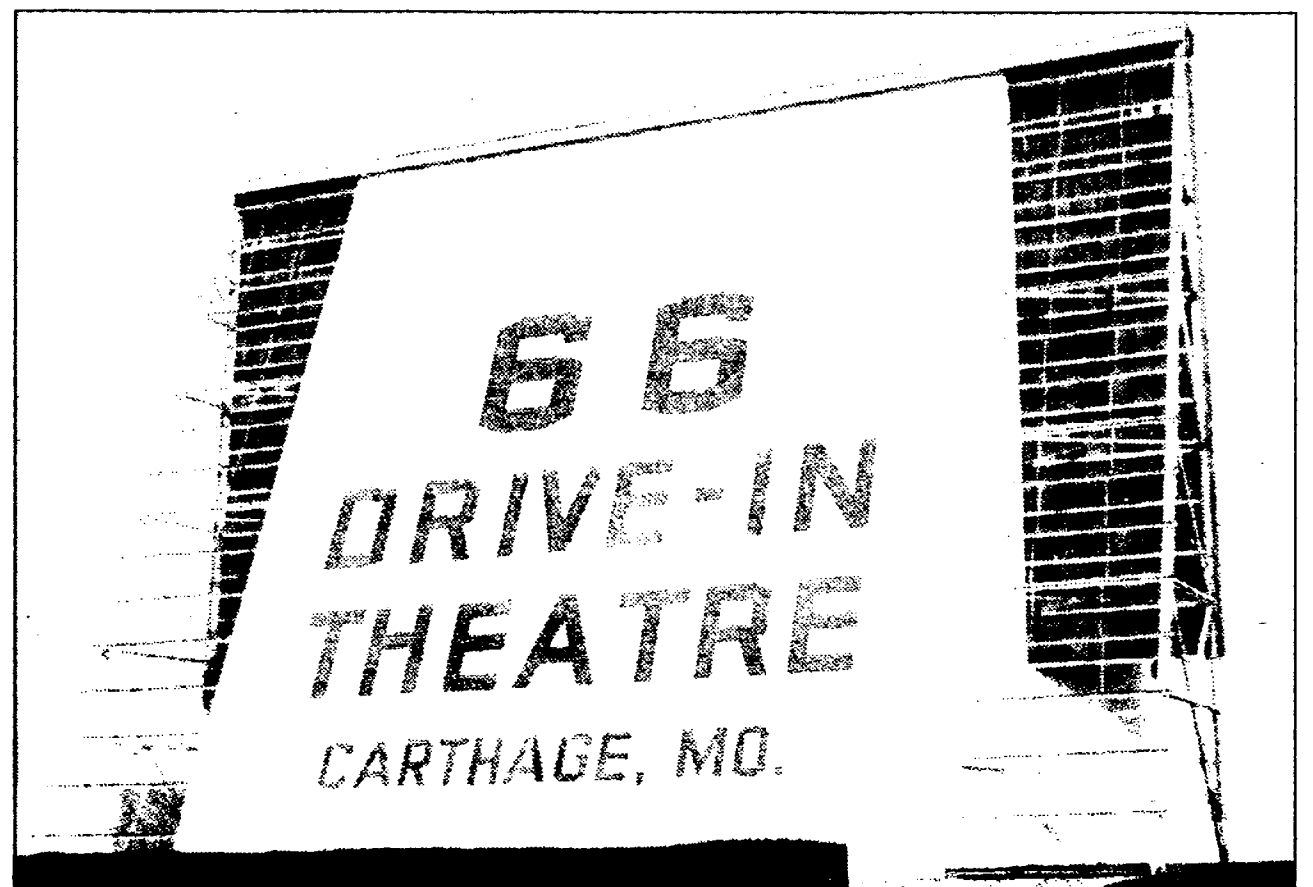


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The 66 Drive-In Theatre in Carthage, Mo. is one of the drive-ins that has been restored. It, along with the Tri-Way in Indiana, marks a resurgence of the drive-in.



Money, audiences drive major TV mergers

By BRIAN DOXTADER and MARTY SCHROEDER
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Anyone flipping through channels on the new cable in the dorms may have noticed something — two major networks, The WB and UPN, are no more. In their place is a single network, The CW.

A joint venture between CBS (who owns UPN) and Time Warner, The CW launched this fall with programming designed to draw from each respective channel. With its formal opening on Sept. 20, The CW aired the season premier of "America's Next Top Model."

This opener showcases The CW's target audience — the younger generation of America that are less interested in news and sports reports than sitcoms and reality television. However, The WB's top sitcom, "Reba," was picked up at the last minute even though it's outside of the CW's target audience. With shows like "Reba" lined up with the teen sleuth show "Veronica Mars" and the definition of machismo, "WWE: Smackdown," the fact that The CW has a target audience at all comes into question.

Who ultimately loses in these mergers? In most cases, it's the audiences the networks target.

The WB and UPN had very different audiences, and it's difficult to believe that the programming The CW chooses will appeal to both. Indeed, it's more likely that the network will have difficulty balancing its demographics — network mergers typically don't have the audience's desires as the foremost concern. No, the ultimate motivation in these types of deals is money.

Due to the fact that neither the WB nor UPN could compete with the big three (CBS, ABC, NBC) nor attain the miracle that Fox was able to muster, the parent companies for the two channels decided to merge and hopefully bring both audiences from their respective channels to the new network.

On a more positive note for the new network, the affiliates on board include 16 stations from the Tribune Company previously associated with The WB, which brings Chicago's WGN, Los Angeles and New York among others on board. Also, CBS Television Stations group has committed 11 stations previously associated with UPN. Of the 11, Detroit, Philadelphia and Atlanta are the biggest.

With these stations, The CW will reach about 48 percent of the American market — and this is only from 27 affiliates. This does not include many other affiliates, which hosted either UPN or The WB and will now be hosting The CW.



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Lauren Graham, left, stars as Lorelai Gilmore and Alexis Bledel stars as Rory Gilmore in the former WB sitcom "Gilmore Girls." The show is now part of The CW.

This new network will reach many people, but the only question is whether people will watch it.

Les Moonves, the chairman of CBS, may claim, "This new network will serve the public with high-quality programming and maintain our ongoing commitment to our diverse audience," but that same diversity means an uneven split

between programming.

After all, do CBS and Warner really believe that the people who watch "Gilmore Girls" are also interested in "WWE: Smackdown"?

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FILM REVIEW

'Crank' gives an adrenaline thrill-ride at a non-stop pace

By TAE ANDREWS
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You might say Chev Chelios is having a bad day. He wakes up feeling like death, then finds out he might literally be a dead man walking after watching a DVD left by an enemy, which reveals to him that he's been poisoned in his sleep.

The antidote? There is none. After consulting his doctor, Chelios finds out that the only way to for him to stay alive is to keep his adrenaline flowing in order to stave off the chemical compound which is not-so-slowly killing him.

Enter the world of "Crank." If you're asking yourself questions like, "Why wouldn't the bad guys just kill him in his sleep?" then you're asking the wrong questions and missing the point. This movie is a bullet-ridden joy-ride that apologizes for absolutely nothing and never slows down.

Chelios is a survivor, hell-bent on doing whatever it takes to stay on his feet long enough to dole out some punishment on those who poisoned him in the name of sweet vengeance.

The main idea for Chelios is to load up on enough stimulants (and "stimulating activities") to stay alive long enough to kill off his many enemies. As such, he self-medicates with copious amounts of drugs in a desperate attempt to prop himself up.

Crank



Directors: Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor
Writers: Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor
Starring: Jason Statham, Amy Smart

Chelios snorts cocaine, pops pills like Skittles, and drinks more Red Bull than sleep-deprived students pulling all-nighters.

Chelios also spends a lot of time running. In fact, the working title of "Crank" probably could've been something akin to "See Chev Run." And "See Chev Drive Around at 100 mph." And "See Chev Shoot Anything That Moves With a Massive Handgun."

In a movie like this, where the basic premise is absurd and the actor is basically placed on a revved-up treadmill with bullets flying everywhere and explosions going off every minute, the character is everything. And what makes Chelios work as a character is actor Jason Statham — he's perfect.

Clearly, Chelios is from the school of hard knocks and won't hesitate to use meat cleavers, guns, other assorted weapons and the two mitts he calls hands in his pursuit of bloody vengeance as he races against the clock.

Statham just looks the part. As the consummate man's man, he's balding on the top of his head, but makes up for it with ample body hair just about everywhere else, and practically oozes testosterone. Add in a blocky chin chock-full of stubble plus a pair of mean eyes squinting out from underneath his Neanderthal brow, and you've got what Isaac Hayes would describe as one "bad mother shut-your-mouth."

Directors Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor seem to have taken a page from Quentin Tarantino or attended Robert Rodriguez's 10-minute film school — in a style reminiscent of "Sin City" and "Kill Bill," hands are chopped off, blood spurts everywhere and lead sprays from ubiquitous firearms like celebratory champagne.

In addition to this "praise the Lord and pass the ammunition" filmmaking ethos, the directors also manage to mix in a lot of

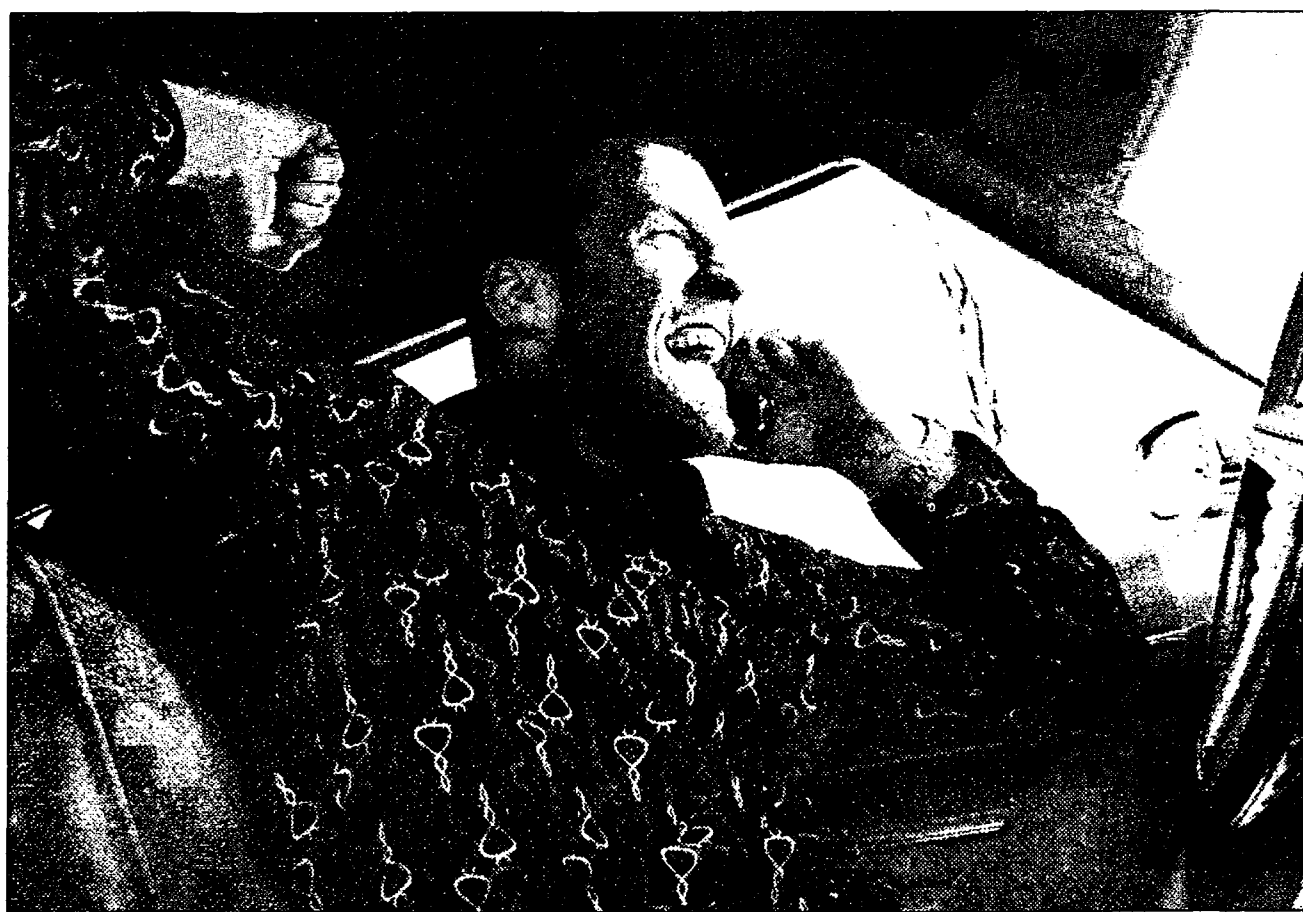


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Jason Statham brings his tough and gritty acting to "Crank." Although it does not have much in the way of narrative, the movie has plenty of fast-paced action.

ridiculously funny moments amongst all the car chases, explosions and general chaos, including a sex scene hilarious enough to rival that of the puppet love-making in "Team America."

Something new that Neveldine and Taylor bring to the table is that they crank up the speed, taking Tarantino's cinematic hyperbole and ratcheting it up to a blistering pace.

Unlike such previous winners of the elusive five-club review such as "Brokeback Mountain," the word "good" doesn't come to mind when assessing "Crank" as a film. This is not a movie that's going to win any awards. However, the words "awesome" and "sweet" do pop into one's head, as in

"That was awesome!" or "Dude, this movie is sweet" (two comments made several times during and after the viewing of "Crank").

So fear not, "Brokeback Mountain" fans — "Crank" doesn't threaten to join "Brokeback Mountain" in the annals of five-club mention. However, like the drug laden cocktail Statham throws down his throat to propel himself along, "Crank" has the perfect combination of adrenaline, testosterone, blood and sweat (no tears here) to propel itself along at its frenetic pace all the way to its heart-stopping conclusion.

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MLB

Oakland's win lengthens team's lead to seven in AL West

Detroit loses; Tigers tied for first with Twins in AL central

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Rich Harden wanted to keep going he felt so strong after 55 pitches. Yet Oakland's star right-hander knows he must pace himself in order to be on the mound in meaningful games come October.

The Athletics are in position to clinch the AL West this weekend against their biggest division rival and Harden is thrilled he helped his team take a step closer to that goal.

Harden struck out seven in an impressive return from the disabled list and Jason Kendall hit a pair of two-run singles in Oakland's 7-4 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Thursday.

"It felt great to be out there," Harden said. "I was a little nervous. I didn't know if my body would hold up."

It sure did.

The first-place A's reduced their magic number to four to win their first division title since 2003 and lead the idle Los Angeles Angels by seven games heading into the teams' key three-game series starting Friday night. Oakland watched the Angels win the West by clinching in the Coliseum each of the past two years.

"Win two out of three and we could be the team celebrating out on the field instead of them," Oakland's Nick Swisher said.

Chad Gaudin (3-2) pitched 1 1-3 innings for the win, Marco Scutaro and Milton Bradley both singled in runs and Mark Ellis added a sacrifice fly for the A's, who won for the seventh time in eight games. They moved 26 games over .500 (89-63) for the first time since Sept. 5, 2004, when they were 81-55.

Grady Sizemore hit a solo home run in the third against Harden and the Indians pulled within 4-3 on consecutive RBI singles by Victor Martinez and Ryan Garko in the fifth. But Oakland batted around in the sixth and added three more runs.

Harden pitched three strong innings in his first start since June 4, his sixth outing of the year overall and only his second since April 26 because of two stints on the disabled list. Harden, who won 10 games last season and 11 in 2004, will start again Tuesday with his

pitch count increased to 75.

He had five straight strikeouts during one stretch, striking out the last batter in the first and then the side in the second fanning Jhonny Peralta, Joe Inglett and Andy Marte on pitches of 95 mph, 96 and 95 that inning.

Harden allowed one run, two hits and walked a batter, then left for the clubhouse afterward to high-fives and handshakes from his teammates.

Closer Huston Street entered with no outs in the ninth after Jay Witasick allowed back-to-back singles to Marte and Kelly Shoppach, then the reigning AL Rookie of the Year finished for his 36th save in 44 chances. After a single loaded the bases, Street gave up a sacrifice fly to Jason Michaels to make it 7-4.

Fans cheered when Harden headed to the outfield to warm up more than an a half-hour before the first pitch and gave him another loud greeting when he was announced with the starting lineup.

He was reinstated from the DL before the game after recovering from a strained ligament in his right elbow.

The A's are hopeful Harden's health will hold up so he can pitch in the playoffs. Oakland has missed the postseason the last two years after four straight trips, all of which they lost in the first round.

"Having a healthy Rich Harden being able to go out and pitch seven innings is absolutely a tremendous plus for the club," manager Ken Macha said before the game of Harden's potential down the stretch. "Assuming that happens."

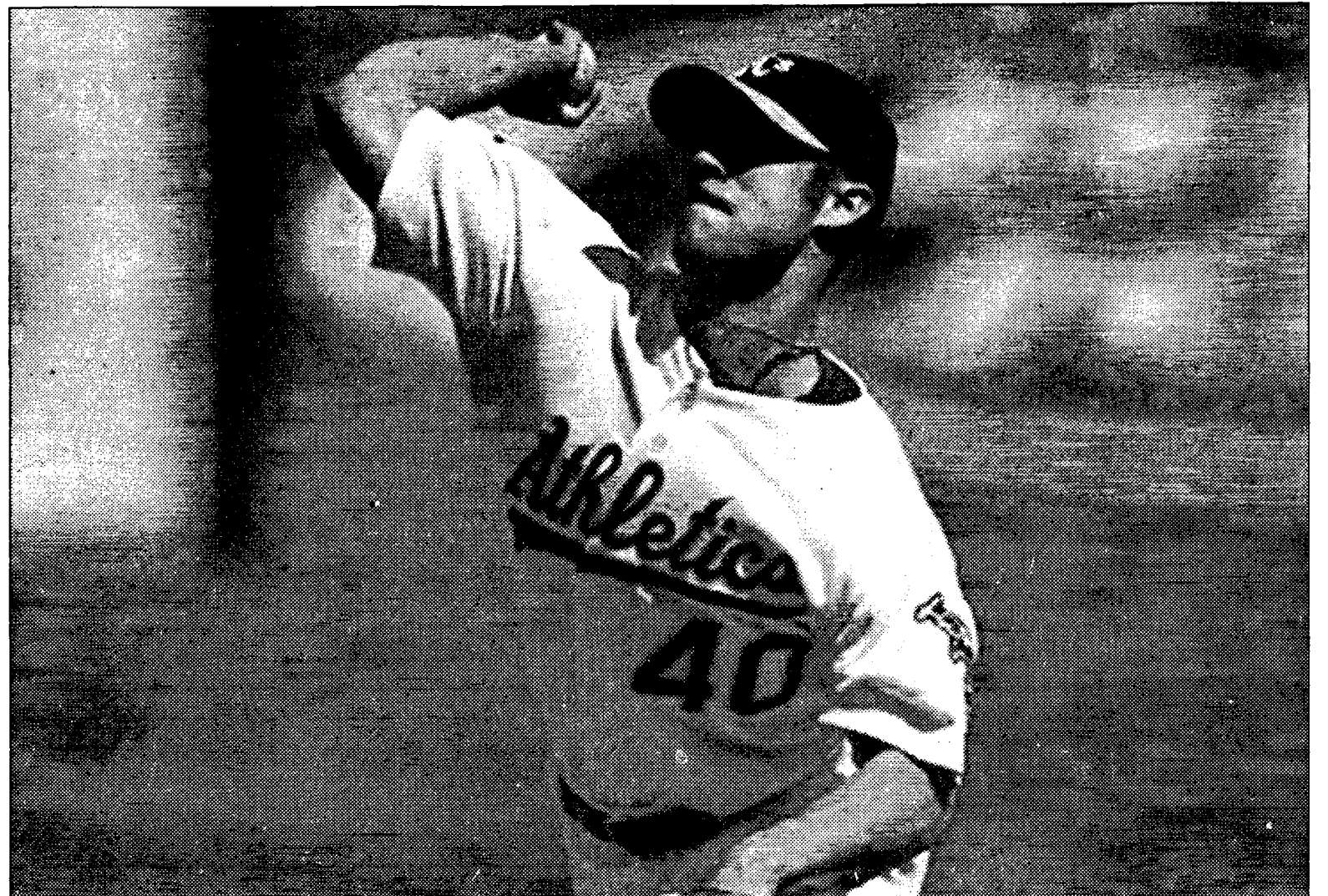
Orioles 4, Tigers 3

Melvin Mora doubled in two runs in the eighth inning, capping a comeback that carried the Baltimore Orioles past the Detroit Tigers Thursday.

The loss dropped Detroit into a tie atop the AL Central with the Minnesota Twins, who faced Boston on Thursday night. The Tigers were alone in first place since May 20.

Kris Benson (11-11) allowed three runs and eight hits in eight innings for the Orioles. He walked off the mound with Baltimore trailing by a run, but ended up earning his first win since Aug. 18.

Brian Roberts led off the eighth with a pinch-hit single off Fernando Rodney (7-4). David Newhan was hit by a pitch and replaced by Jeff Fiorentino. After Chris Gomez fouled out after attempting to sacrifice, the runners advanced



Oakland's pitcher Rich Harden struck out seven from the mound to help the Athletics secure their 7-4 win over the Indians Thursday. Oakland is seven games ahead in the American League West.

on a double steal before Mora hit a grounder inside the third-base line.

Chris Ray pitched the ninth for his 33rd save.

Nearly a thousand disgruntled Orioles fans walked out of the game in the fourth inning, culminating a demonstration aimed at team owner Peter Angelos, who has run the team during its club-record run of nine straight losing seasons.

Miguel Tejada had three hits for the Orioles and Gomez had two, extending his hitting streak to a career-best tying 14 games. Tejada moved within two hits of matching his career high of 204, set in 2002 with Oakland during a season in which he was voted AL MVP.

Magglio Ordonez and Curtis Granderson homered for the Tigers, who were forced to make a stopover in Baltimore to make up the rainout of May 11. Detroit played in Chicago on Wednesday and will open a three-game series against Kansas City on Friday.

Detroit went up 2-0 in the first inning when Granderson led off with a double and Ordonez hit his 24th homer with two outs. That gave Ordonez 100 RBIs, the first Tiger to reach that number since Bobby Higginson and Dean Palmer had 102 in 2000.

Granderson made it 3-0 in the third with his 16th home run.

Baltimore closed to 3-2 against Nate Robertson in the fourth. Tejada led off with his 200th hit, a single, and Ramon Hernandez walked before Kevin Millar hit an RBI double. After Robertson hit Corey Patterson with a pitch, Fernando Tatis delivered a sacrifice fly.

Detroit loaded the bases with no outs in the fifth, but failed to score. In the bottom half, the Orioles filled the bases with two outs before Patterson hit a routine fly to center.

Baltimore again loaded the bases in the seventh before Jamie Walker struck out Patterson for the third out.

Marlins 5, Mets 2

Pedro Martinez looked more comfortable in his latest playoff tuneup, but he was outpitched by Florida rookie Anibal Sanchez in the Marlins' victory over the New York Mets on Thursday night.

Miguel Olivo and Hanley Ramirez each drove in two runs during a four-run fifth against Martinez, and Sanchez (9-3) worked seven strong innings to win for the fifth time in six decisions.

Florida won its second consecutive game following a four-game slide that hurt its postseason chances. The Marlins open a three-game series Friday night in Philadelphia, which began the day tied with Los

Angeles for the wild-card lead. Florida was four games back entering Thursday.

New York already clinched the NL East title earlier this week, so Martinez (9-7) is just trying to get healthy and sharp in time for the playoffs.

He had a discouraging outing in Pittsburgh last Friday night, his first since missing a month with a strained right calf, and was nearly in tears in the dugout after lasting only three innings.

But Martinez got off to a good start in this one. He faced the minimum 12 batters through four innings, striking out five, and got help from his defense in the form of a double play and two diving catches in the outfield.

The three-time Cy Young Award winner ran into trouble in the fifth, when he gave up four hits and hit a batter with a pitch. Still, few balls were hit hard against him, and he struck out seven over five innings before leaving for a pinch hitter.

Martinez yielded four runs — three earned — and one walk, throwing 52 of 87 pitches for strikes. He is 1-3 in five starts since Aug. 3.

Sanchez allowed two runs — one earned — and seven hits in his third start since a no-hitter against Arizona on Sept. 6. He's beaten the Mets twice in those three outings.

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AROUND THE NATION

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Men's Soccer NSCAA/adidas Top 25

	team	record	previous
1	Clemson	7-0-0	2
2	Virginia	7-0-0	3
3	SMU	8-0-1	1
4	Washington	7-0-0	4
5	Duke	6-0-1	5
6	Maryland	6-1-0	6
7	Wake Forest	6-1-0	12
8	West Virginia	6-0-2	8
9	Illinois-Chicago	6-0-2	18
10	UCLA	4-2-1	RV
11	South Carolina	6-1-0	10
12	Fordham	5-0-1	14
13	Old Dominion	5-1-0	20
14	Northwestern	6-1-0	RV
15	Memphis	7-1-0	25
16	South Florida	4-2-2	21
17	San Francisco	5-1-1	11
18	North Carolina	6-2-0	16
19	Fairleigh Dickinson	3-2-2	17
20	Saint Louis	3-2-1	NR
21	Seton Hall	6-2-0	NR
22	Akron	6-1-0	NR
23	California	5-2-1	NR
24	Virginia Tech	4-2-1	24
25	UC Santa Barbara	4-3-1	22

Women's Soccer NSCAA/adidas Top 25

	team	Record	previous
1	NOTRE DAME	8-0-0	1
2	Florida State	6-0-0	2
3	UCLA	6-1-0	4
4	North Carolina	8-1-0	5
5	Santa Clara	7-2-0	2
6	West Virginia	7-1-0	7
7	Portland	5-2-0	8
8	Tennessee	4-2-1	10
9	Penn State	4-2-2	9
10	Wake Forest	8-1-0	11
11	Colorado	5-1-1	14
12	Boston University	6-2-1	24
13	Texas A&M	3-3-1	6
14	Cal State Fullerton	4-2-1	RV
15	Connecticut	4-3-1	13
16	Texas	6-2-0	23
17	Auburn	6-1-0	20
18	William & Mary	6-1-1	18
19	Illinois	4-4-0	18
20	California	5-1-2	15
21	Virginia	5-2-1	21
22	Missouri	7-1-0	16
23	BYU	6-1-0	RV
24	Florida	4-3-1	RV
25	Purdue	7-1-2	RV

MIAA Volleyball Standings

	team	league record	overall record
1	Calvin	5-0	12-1
2	Hope	3-1	8-5
3	Adrian	3-1	7-5
4	SAINT MARY'S	3-1	10-2
5	Tri-State	2-3	5-10
6	Kalamazoo	1-2	5-7
7	Alma	1-3	4-8
8	Albion	1-4	6-6
9	Olivet	0-4	0-12

NCAA FOOTBALL



Kansas State coach Ron Prince watches his team during the first quarter of the Wildcats' 45-0 win over Florida Atlantic Sept. 9. Prince was one of four black head coaches hired by Division I-A or I-AA schools this year.

Black coaches pleased with progress

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A leading group of black football coaches is pleased Division I schools are considering more minorities for coaching jobs, but it says improvement is too slow and applying civil rights laws might be a way to speed progress.

"I think we'll have to put a magnifying glass on searches," said Floyd Keith, executive director of the Black Coaches Association. "Change is not something that has been as quick as we'd like to see it."

There are now only 11 minority head coaches among the more than 200

NCAA Division I-A and I-AA schools that are not historically black institutions.

The BCA, in a report card released Thursday, says universities must appoint more minority coaches and more diversity search committees. The group says evidence shows more diverse consideration leads to more minority coaches.

And if that means applying Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which makes it illegal for employers to discriminate on the basis of race, so be it, Keith said during a conference call.

The third annual report card showed mixed results.

While a record 12 of the 26 Division I-A and I-AA schools that hired head coaches received overall grades of A, a record six schools also received F's, including five who received the failing marks for not reporting to the BCA on what steps they took to consider minority coaches. They included perennial Big Ten power Wisconsin and two other I-A schools, Rice and Boise State.

Among 414 coaching vacancies in Division I-A since 1982, only 21 blacks have been hired, a huge disparity given the number of minority athletes on the playing fields, the BCA said.

"The BCA wants the best candidate to be chosen irrespective of race," Richard Lapchick, director of the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida, said in the report's forward. "With only five African-American head coaches in the 2005 season, college football is emphatically the most segregated position in all of college sport."

Three of the 12 schools that received overall A grades this year — Buffalo, Columbia and Southeast Missouri State — hired black coaches. Kansas State, which also hired a black coach, received a B.

IN BRIEF

Braves ink Smoltz to \$8 million contract extension

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves have exercised the team's 2007 option with John Smoltz, ensuring the right-hander will return for his 19th season with the team.

The announcement was made before Smoltz started for the Braves at Colorado on Thursday night and is worth \$8 million. It came one day after the Braves agreed on a 2007 contract with closer Bob Wickman.

"I'm happy I know I'm going to be playing here next year," Smoltz said before the game.

General manager John Schuerholz said he told Smoltz on Wednesday of the team's plans to exercise the option.

"John has been a constant for this organization, both with his pitching and his leadership, and our plan to exercise this contract option for next season was never in question," Schuerholz said.

Dislocated shoulder leaves Malkin's availability in doubt

PITTSBURGH — Evgeni Malkin dislocated his left shoulder during his first preseason game with the Pittsburgh Penguins, knocking him out of practice Thursday and raising questions about his availability for the Oct. 5 opener.

Malkin attended practice but did not take part, and teammates said he looked much better than he did after getting hurt Wednesday night against the Philadelphia Flyers in an exhibition game in New Brunswick.

The Penguins did not say how long they expect the 20-year-old Russian star to be out or if he will be ready for their Oct. 5 opener.

Malkin, who had made several excellent passes earlier in the game, skated off the ice during the second period of a 5-4 victory over Philadelphia in Moncton after colliding with teammate John LeClair.

Hamstring may keep lineman Diem out of Sunday's game

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Colts tackle Ryan Diem injured a hamstring during practice Thursday and was listed as questionable for Sunday's showdown with AFC South rival Jacksonville.

The extent of Diem's injury wasn't immediately known.

The Colts, meanwhile, still awaited word on the availability of defensive end Dwight Freeney, kicker Adam Vinatieri and receiver Brandon Stokley, all of whom were hurt in last week's 43-24 victory over Houston and have not practiced this week.

"The guys that have played, it's not so necessary (to practice during the week)," coach Tony Dungy said. "For guys that haven't played, you want to see them go and you want to see them have some confidence."

Dungy said he hoped to know more about the status of Freeney (leg), Stokley (ankle) and Vinatieri (groin) by Friday or Saturday.

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Keough passing game to test O'Neill defense

By KATE DONLIN, JAY FITZPATRICK and SARAH THOMAS
Sports Writers

Keough vs. O'Neill

The Keough Kangaroos hope to rebound from a disappointing loss last week and upset the Angry Mob from O'Neill this Sunday at 2 p.m. The 'Roos will have their hands full, however, judging by the defensive dominance O'Neill demonstrated in its 7-0 victory over Dillon last week.

Besides seeking their first win of the season, the Keough players are especially geared up for this weekend's game because O'Neill ended their season last year. The O'Neill defensive line managed to stop Keough's 2-point-conversion attempt, allowing the Angry Mob to walk away with a close 14-13 victory and securing its position in the playoffs.

Last week the Keough offense had a tough time moving the ball down the field. In this week's matchup it will look for the open receivers and take advantage of holes in the Angry Mob's defense. The 'Roos plan to come out strong and put some points on the board early in the game.

But the men of O'Neill are ready. "This week's game is a rivalry game between us and Keough. It should be fun and exciting," O'Neill captain Pat Conley said.

Although the O'Neill team showed the quality of its defense in last week's shutout versus Dillon, Conley said there is always room for improvement.

"We learned a lot from last week's game," he said. "Our offensive and defensive linemen are the key players in our games. If they control the line of scrimmage, we control the game."

Alumni vs. Morrissey

Alumni is coming off a big win last weekend versus Stanford, and the team will look for similar results when it goes head to head with Morrissey on Sunday.

Morrissey had a bye in week one, so the team hopes to start the season on a positive note. The team has practiced for an extra week and feels prepared to take on the Dawgs.

"This week in practice we are focusing on getting ready to play with higher intensity to get ready for the faster speed of games compared to a practice," Morrissey captain Steve Klein said.

Last week, Alumni's defense led the team to victory. Stanford was unable to get any running game

going against the Dawgs' defensive line. One definite advantage Alumni has over the Manorites is that it has already played a game this season. Not only were the Alumni players able to see how things came together on the field, but they also learned what areas of their game need improvement. This week the Dawgs made a few minor adjustments to their game plan to fix issues they noticed during the first matchup.

Klein does not think the first week bye will negatively affect his team.

"We have high expectations for this year," Klein said. "With a lot of returning players and several strong additions to the team, we feel that we can play with anyone."

Stanford vs. Dillon

Stanford and Dillon both suffered losses in their season openers last weekend, and each squad has its eyes on redemption this Sunday at Riehle Field.

The stakes are high. Only one team can walk away with the coveted 'W,' and the other will have to settle for a 0-2 record.

Coming off a heart-breaking last-minute fumble last Sunday resulting in a loss to O'Neill, the Big Red are hungry for another chance to prove themselves. Dillon spent this past week's practices working in new plays and formations on both sides of the ball. Captain Justin Figueredo is confident the hard work his team put in all week will show on Sunday in an improved offensive execution.

The team is "excited because it's a new game," Figueredo said. "They have worked hard and [their] hopes are up."

The Big Red focused on their offensive attack this week putting in spread formation and utilizing the pass a lot more, he said.

Stanford coach Brandon McLeod said the Griffins will be much more prepared than they were for Alumni last week.

"We added some new plays and formations and we're going to try to be a little bit more balanced this week," he said.

While McLeod thought the Stanford offense did well last week, but the Griffins plan to play even better this week with an enhanced strategy.

Like Dillon, the Griffins had a disappointing loss last week to start off their season 0-1 against Alumni. They put up a strong defensive front in the second half, but an interception returned for a touchdown by the Dawgs in the third quarter was the last score of the game.

Sorin vs. St. Edward's

Sorin and St. Ed's square off in a God Quad showdown Sunday at 2 p.m. as both look to rebound from tough opening losses last week.

Although the two dorms are the only male dorms on God Quad, Stedsman captain Ge Wang said he feels there is no rivalry between the two.

"I don't think it really counts as a rivalry when they're a bunch of girls," he said.

The Otters lost last week to Carroll as the Vermin were able to pass all over Sorin's secondary for an opening week loss. It is this secondary the Stedsman, led by wide receiver Corey Fitzpatrick, look to overpower for a second straight week.

"[He] will have at least 200 yards this game," Wang said. "We are a very well-balanced team this year."

St. Ed's will have to go through the air if it hopes to beat Sorin. The team's running game was shut down last week against Siegfried. Wang, however, is still confident that his team will win Sunday.

"I don't think we need that much improvement," Wang said. "We are a very well-balanced team this year."

Overall, St. Ed's still believes it is the best team this season and has early championship hopes.

"We don't see the loss as a setback," Wang said. "We are shooting even beyond the stadium this season."

On the other sideline, the Otters will look to forget last week's drubbing. Their work has mostly focused on improving Sorin's passing game. The Otters have also tried to tighten up their defense and build their running game.

"We hope to rebound this week with a solid win," Sorin sophomore Preston Bennett said. "We will

probably go out and crush them."

Zahm vs. Fisher

Defending champion Zahm looks to rebound from a tough loss last week at the hands of Knott in a game against Fisher Sunday at 1 p.m.

Fisher has yet to play this season after an opening week bye, but captain Tom Bufalino is confident the extra week of practice will give it an advantage against the Rabid Bats.

The one main area the Green Wave hopes to improve from last season is their offense, which was largely ineffective when compared to what Bufalino considers a top-notch defense.

"We really want to establish ourselves offensively," Bufalino said. "We didn't have the best production last season, but with a new quarterback we hope to really set the tone offensively."

While the offense needed a lot of improvement from last year, the defense has made few changes this season.

"Last year we were effective at shutting down the run, and we've improved our passing coverage this year," Bufalino said. "We aren't doing anything special — just coming right at them."

But while Fisher was at home last week, the Rabid Bats were losing to Knott — a winless team a year ago. The game marked the Bats' first loss in more than a year.

Zahm captain Sean Wieland said although his team lost last week, it would still have the advantage Sunday.

"It all comes down to game speed," he said. "We have already played a game at full speed against an opponent and they haven't."

To recover from last week's tough loss, the Rabid Bats have worked on keeping better control of the ball,

since turnovers killed Zahm's offense against Knott.

Wieland was simple about his team's offensive needs.

"We just need to score points," he said. "We need to play better offensively, and that's one of the key parts."

Siegfried vs. Knott

Siegfried and Knott, both coming off big wins, will face off in what promises to be a tough game at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Siegfried dominated the Stedsman last week with a powerful rushing attack but was only able to put up seven points in the win. Looking to beat their Mod Quad rival this week, Siegfried plans to finish drives and put the ball in for touchdowns more often.

Senior captain Matt Wopperer led the Ramblers' rushing attack with 59 rushing yards.

Knott, on the other hand, soundly beat Zahm 12-0, a vast improvement from last season when it went winless. The Juggerknotts' offense was led by talented junior running back Trey Patrick, who put up 70 yards against a strong Zahm defense.

Knott's defense was also solid in the win, forcing three interceptions from Zahm quarterback Sean Wieland and recovering a fumble. Against the run, the Juggerknotts were dominant, stuffing most of the Rabid Bats' attempts.

Knott hopes to continue forcing mistakes on defense to give the ball to its talented offense this Sunday.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Runners prepare for first MIAA Jamboree

By BECKI DORNER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's has spent this week physically recuperating from a difficult weekend of racing and training for the MIAA Jamboree, which will be hosted by Hope College Saturday.

At the National Catholic Cross Country Invitational last weekend, Saint Mary's came in last among 34 teams. The top finisher for the Belles at the meet — which was hosted by Notre Dame — was sophomore Caitlin Brodmerkel with a time of 23:19.

For both of their last two meets, the Belles have faced a few internal challenges in addition to those presented by the fast pace of Division-I teams like Indiana University, Notre Dame and Marquette.

Many of the Belles were dealing with colds, soreness and injuries, including captain Katie White, who couldn't finish Saturday due to shin splints. The team also had to deal with conditions outside of its control.

"I think the weather played a factor this weekend, having it so cool and damp all week, only to race in 85 degrees and sunny," Belles coach Jackie Bauters said.

The Belles did hill workouts on Monday to prepare for Hope's inclined course and have been preparing all week to give themselves a better chance in the meet.

"[We're going to] pay closer attention to getting enough sleep, staying hydrated and eat-

ing healthy foods," senior Sara Otto said.

White, a senior, also commented on the importance of the Belles' training.

"This week we want to keep our intensity up during our workouts while trying to minimize stress, maximize sleep and stay healthy for one of the most important races of our season," she said.

The Belles will compete against all members of the MIAA at the Jamboree, giving them their first glimpse into the competition they face in competing for the league championship.

"Closing the gap for the top runners will not be easy, but it certainly can be done."

Sara Otto
Belles senior

Last year, Saint Mary's came in fifth out nine teams in the Jamboree, with Calvin taking the overall title. The overall individual winner, Camille Medema, led Calvin with a time of 18:43.

Otto had the best time of the Belles' returnees at last year's event, which she finished in 20:07. Kelly Biedron, who recorded a 20:47 last year, will help lead the Belles.

Strategy-wise, the Belles will continue to focus on their team goal of closing the gaps among the top five runners.

"Closing the gap for the top runners will not be easy, but it certainly can be done," Otto said. "I think right now our bodies are at various levels of health and training, and I suspect we will see the time gaps becoming much smaller in the next few weeks."

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SMC SOCCER

Belles will look to rebound

Team turns to Helene in pursuit of key win over Illinois Wesleyan

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

A fired up Saint Mary's squad will travel to Illinois Wesleyan this weekend for one final tune-up before beginning conference play.

The Belles (1-4) are coming off the most one-sided loss of their season so far to the Calvin Knights — a 6-1 blowout last Tuesday.

Earlier in the season, Calvin also came from behind to beat Illinois Wesleyan with two second-half goals Sept. 2. The loss dropped the Titans to 1-1, but they have since recovered, winning three of their next five games.

"The score against Calvin does not accurately reflect how I believe we played together as a team, and I expect the entire team to come out hard against Illinois Wesleyan this Sunday," senior Caroline Stancukas said.

The young defense will need to compete at full speed in order to shut down the Titan offense and give senior captain and goalkeeper Laura Helene assistance in the backfield. Helene made nine tough saves against Calvin as she was constantly peppered with quality shots from the Knights' top scorers.

Illinois Wesleyan will again test the Belles' defense. The Titans have outshot opponents 102-68 through their first seven games this season. Senior Lyndsay O'Brien



KHISTY KING/The Observer

Belles' goalkeeper Laura Helene clears the ball against Albion on Sept. 6. Albion defeated Saint Mary's 2-1.

leads a spread offense with three goals and two assists.

"Our goalkeeper, Laura Helene, is consistently one of our strongest players and I know she will come out Sunday with the intention of winning," Stancukas said. "However, soccer is not a one-woman show."

"If one player has a big game, it is merely a reflection of the team and how well the team connects with one another."

Saint Mary's will look to continue to improve that essential team chemistry in their last warm up before official MIAA play begins Tuesday. The young team has been working since August to find the right connections.

On offense the Belles' goal

is to push the ball forward as much as possible in order to put pressure on the Titan defense early and often. Sophomore Lauren Hinton leads Saint Mary's in scoring with five goals while senior Ashley Hinton has also added three goals and two assists.

The duo leads the team on offense for the second straight year, but can expect help from other underclassmen as they mature.

"With the amount of talent we possess in every area on the field, there is no telling where our goals will come from," said Stancukas, who also has one goal this season.

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than enough points on the board to win this weekend.

"(This week) we worked on better passing routes and just wanted our receivers to establish a better relationship with the quarterback," Riemersma said. "We just want a more polished offense."

Badin vs. Welsh Family

Badin has a lot on its plate this week as it faces off against Welsh Family Sunday at 2 p.m. on West Quad, attempting to make up for a sloppy 13-0 loss to Cavanaugh Tuesday.

"Tuesday night was tough, especially since the weather and slippery field gave us a few injuries, but we are excited to move ahead to the next game," Bullfrogs captain Meghan Charlebois said. "[Welsh Family] sounds like a solid team so I am sure it will be good competition and we are excited for the chance to have to step up our game."

The Bullfrogs (1-1) have confidence in their team — especially with their offense — which pulled off a 30-yard reverse for a touchdown in their first game. Badin's defense was also strong against Cavanaugh Tuesday, stopping red zone drives as well as picking off Chaos passes.

Welsh Family (2-0) has outscored its opponents 29-6 in its first two games — a tight 8-6 vic-

tory over Walsh and a 21-0 shutout of Lyons Tuesday.

Cavanaugh vs. Lyons

Lyons will look to gain its first win of the season Sunday when it takes on the Cavanaugh Chaos Sunday at 1 p.m. on West Quad after falling 21-0 to Welsh Family in its first game earlier this week.

"I think we had first game jitters," Lyons captain Cheron Wilson said of her team's performance against the Whirlwinds. "We have a lot of freshmen on the team and we were a little anxious."

This week, the Lions will practice staying in their zone on defense. Wilson said the team plans to adjust its game to Cavanaugh's on both sides of the ball. To do so, the Lions will try to show more patience against a Chaos squad who is capable of running the option.

"Last game there were some tough weather conditions which worked in our favor. We were able to exploit the run and run the option," Cavanaugh middle linebacker Kerri Bergen said. "We just work with what we're given. We try to be as diverse as possible in both the passing and running games."

Pasquerilla West vs. Farley

Pasquerilla West will look to add another win to its total Sunday in a Gold League contest with Farley at 4 p.m. at McGlinn Fields. The Finest already dropped a heartbreaking 6-0 game to last year's runner-up

Pangborn on Sunday. This Sunday, they are seeking the upset of the other half of last season's title game.

The Purple Weasels come in having dominated Breen-Phillips last week 20-0 and will be fresh off a championship rematch with Pangborn. As the defending champs, Pasquerilla West expects to see the best possible effort from its opponents week in and week out. Team captain Maureen Spring acknowledged the difference when playing with a target on her back.

"We definitely know that people are out to get us," she said. "We actually talked about the similarities between our team and Notre Dame, how we have to keep our egos in check, and not let what people say get to our heads."

The star receiver, who reeled in two receiving touchdowns in last Sunday's action, deflected praise for the team's offense, focusing rather on the defense as the team's mainstay.

"Our defense is our rock," Spring said, referring to a unit that did not yield a point in its opener. "They come to play every week, and we know that we can count on them."

"We all love coming out and playing everyday, so I think that not having a game Thursday would be more of a problem for us."

McGlinn vs. Breen-Phillips

The Shamrocks will look to earn a win against the pink-clad Babes of Breen-Phillips Sunday in a Gold League match up at 3 p.m. on McGlinn Field.

The Babes will be playing their third game of the season, while McGlinn will enter the game having played only a Thursday contest against Lewis. McGlinn cap-

tain Madeline Boyer said the extra time before the team's first two contests could work in its favor.

"It's good that we have extra time to prepare," she said. "We have a lot of freshmen, so we can use this time to teach them the rules and get them used to the game's style."

Meanwhile, Breen-Phillips will try to rebound from a 20-0 shutout loss at the hands of defending champion Pasquerilla West.

"We were definitely disappointed in the result," Breen-Phillips captain Melissa Meagher said. "We saw a lot of improvement from last year."

Meagher noted that the team focused on running tight routes during practice this week in an effort to improve an offense that failed to find the end zone.

"I tried to improve my movement in the pocket, and try and roll out a bit so that I could find my open receivers," Meagher said.

Breen-Phillips also focused on improving its pass defense, more specifically defending long passes. "We also have experienced coaches, and a lot of enthusiastic girls who are eager to play," Boyer said.

The pass-catching combo of Tara Johnson and Tara McCarron will test the freshman-laden Shamrocks.

Boyer hoped Breen-Phillips' struggles would continue — at least for another game.

"They're probably down after that loss," she said. "Hopefully, we'll be able to keep them down."

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SMC GOLF

MIAA year gets started

By BECKI SLINGER
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The Belles have a chance to show their new improved attitude coming into their first MIAA Jamboree conference tournament this weekend, the Comet Classic.

"These past few tournaments have been testing, but all of our issues should now be dealt with," sophomore co-captain Alex Sei said. "We've been practicing hard and it should show at the Jamboree."

With several disappointing finishes in non-conference tournaments this year, the Belles hope to record a low score to start strong at the conference tournaments.

Olivet will host the two-day, 72-par tournament at the Medalist Golf Club in Marshall, Mich. The tournament, which Albion originally intended to host, was rained out last week.

Three golfers on the team have played the course before, but it still will be a tough test for the relatively young team. Junior captain Katie O'Brien believes having played the course before doesn't provide too big of an advantage.

"Whether they have played it or not, all of the team will have an opportunity to play very well here," she said.

Head coach Mark Hamilton said the team would travel with eight girls, three of which will participate in the tournament as individuals.

"We have a lot of good skills on the team," Hamilton said. "It just seemed the wheels were falling off on some of the holes [the past few weekends]. We fixed those problems pretty easily and now we're ready to go."

The top of the lineup will include Sei, who will focus on personal goals as she sets the pace for the team.

"[I'll just] take one shot at a time," Sei said.

O'Brien has high hopes for the Jamboree and knows that the team has the ability and desire to finish strong.

"If we keep our heads in it this weekend, we are going to do very well," she said.

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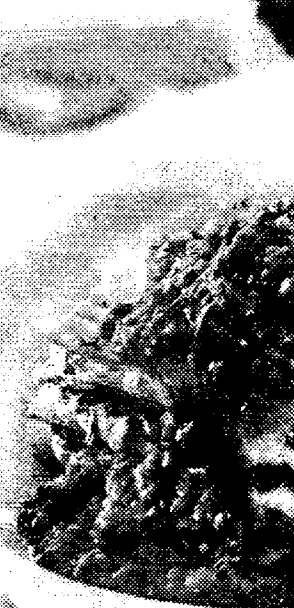
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good place to start. The Panthers are undefeated in their last four games and hold the fifth-place spot in the Big East — one spot ahead of Notre Dame.

Pittsburgh's conference record of 2-1-1 is good for seven points, one point better than Notre Dame's six conference points.

"This is a gigantic game for us," Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark said. "We're capable of winning every one of our nine remaining games, but we have to take them one at a time. That starts with Pitt."

The Panthers Big East resume includes wins over opponents that have given Notre Dame trouble this year — a 2-1 victory over Cincinnati, who defeated the Irish 2-1 last Saturday, and a 0-0 tie against South Florida, who beat Notre Dame 2-0 earlier this season.

Although Pittsburgh's overall record of 3-4-2 is not as impressive as its record in conference play, Clark feels that the Panthers' recent performances are more suggestive of their true quality.

"They started off very slowly, but they're on an upswing now,"

Clark said. "I don't know where they were at the beginning of the season, but they obviously have tons of momentum right now."

Momentum is something Notre Dame could use.

The Irish are 0-1-1 in their last two games, with their last win coming one Friday ago against Louisville. Notre Dame has only managed to win two consecutive games one time this season, and the team's start is taking its toll.

"We're doing what I call stuttering along," Clark said. "As a top class athlete, though, you can't let that affect your focus. I feel like there's some frustration, but I feel like we're going to stay focused on what we're trying to get done."

Notre Dame began this season with dreams of a conference title and a deep run into the NCAA Tournament. For Clark and the team, though, the focus is on the here and now.

"We're not giving [the Big East tournament or NCAA tournament] any consideration right now," Clark said. "You don't overly concern yourself with things that are months away. You concern yourself with what's right in front of you, and, for us, that's Pitt."

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can creep up if the Irish settle down too much in the Big East season — especially when facing unranked teams like Louisville and Cincinnati.

"There's still some disparity between the top and bottom teams [in the Big East conference]," Waldrum said. "It's difficult to get teams mentally prepared to play everyone. Sometimes you tend to play down to the team you're playing."

"But in non-conference season playing teams like USC and Santa Clara, you know the girls are going to be up for top ranked teams."

The Bearcat and Cardinal programs enter their respective games from different directions. Head coach Meridy Glenn of Cincinnati has tasted success in her 24 years coaching at Cincinnati. She has led the Bearcats to six NCAA Tournaments — including a second round defeat of Notre Dame in 2001 — while becoming the 10th winningest coach in women's collegiate soccer history with a 242-165-32 record.

However, the Bearcats have hit hard times recently, rebounding from a 3-11-3 campaign — and hoping to compete for a Big East tournament spot. Early wins this against Kentucky and Miami of Ohio indicate they are an improved team, Waldrum said.

"I don't think there's any doubt they're better [this year]," he said. "Years ago

Cincinnati had a very good program. We're another year or two away to see if they're going turn it in that direction but they're clearly on their way."

Top-ranked Notre Dame will clearly be the most important game on Cincinnati's schedule, as they are advertising a "C" of Red Night to encourage fans to watch them try to knock off the nation's top team.

With the protection of freshman standout keeper Andrea Kaminski, who ranks second in Big East saves, the Bearcats hope to pose a tougher challenge than they did in last year's 4-0 Irish victory.

Undefeated 6-0-1 Louisville, on the other hand, is a program on the attack. Its momentum was confirmed this week when Soccer Buzz awarded the Cardinals votes in its weekly poll — the first time the women's soccer program has received such honors from any national publication. But Waldrum wondered whether Louisville can continue playing at a level it hasn't experienced before.

"They have a lot at stake in this game. But so do we," said Waldrum, whose Irish beat the Cardinals 3-0 last year. "These are two very important games because of seeding at the end of the year, and they are conference games."

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Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

Waldrum said the Irish will look to stop Cardinals senior forward Jamie Craft, the reigning Big East Offensive Player of the Week after scoring two goals and an assist to defeat Cincinnati 4-1 in each team's conference opener. The Cardinals will also be backed by keeper Joanna Haig, a teammate of sophomore defender Carrie Dew and sophomore midfielder Brittany Bock during the U-20 World Championships earlier this season.

Since returning from the tournament in Russia, Dew has helped shore up an Irish back four that Waldrum and Lorenzen agree have made too many mistakes for championship defense.

"She brings a calming effect to the back line," Waldrum said. "When she's there, I think Kim Lorenzen plays better, Christie Shaner plays better and Ashley Jones plays better."

Jones earned Big East Defensive Player of the Week honors this past week next to Dew with her performance in Notre Dame's shutout wins over DePaul and Michigan. Jones is the second player to receive conference honors after freshman Michele Weissenhofer won Rookie of the Week status scoring or assisting five of seven Irish scores last weekend. Her 10 assists lead the nation, and her 20 points rank second.

Bock's two goals and assist helped the Irish to victory against the Blue Demons.

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chance to see the Irish up close for the first time.

"I was able to see the team play last week-end because we were paired together, which was a good thing for me," she said. "I was able to get a head start by seeing the team play. I feel we played well, but I think we can also do better."

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Susan Holt
Irish coach

The Irish will again be without junior captain Alejandra Diaz-Calderon, who will miss her second straight tournament with an undetermined back injury.

"There aren't any problems with the disc, but they still do not know what is wrong," Diaz-Calderon said.

Leading the Irish will be senior Noriko Nakazaki, who tied for the individual title last year with a 7-over-par 223, and sophomore Lisa Maunu, who tied for 20th at the Cougar Classic and tied for eighth at last year's Invitational.

"Playing on our own course definitely gives us an advantage of a couple of strokes. We already know what to hit off the tees."

Lisa Mauna
Irish player

"We want to break 300 all three rounds. We feel confident knowing the course," Maunu said. "Playing on our own course definitely gives us an advantage of a couple of strokes. We already know what to hit off the tees. It is a big difference from other tournaments when you only play one practice round. We've played this course hundreds of times."

Also teeing off for the Irish this weekend will be senior Stacy Brown, who finished tied for 17th in last year's tournament, and freshmen Kristin Wetzel and Annie Brophy, who all contributed scoring rounds for the Irish last week.

The first two rounds of the tournament will take place on Saturday, with the final round on Sunday. The top four scores from each team for each round will count toward their overall score.

Results will be posted on und.com after each day's play has concluded.

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than the young Irish — that earned a 6-8 Big East record and an 11-16 overall mark. The team's three wins this season have come against UNC-Asheville, James Madison and Maine.

Rutgers, however, has a potent offensive threat in senior outside hitter Lora Yankauskas. She was selected to the 2006 Preseason All-Big East Team and has averaged 4.03 kills per game, along with 3.39 digs. Freshman Christina Kaelin leads the Irish with 4.05 kills per game.

"We definitely remember [Yankauskas] from last year — she's a very good player," Brown said. "She's definitely their go-to player, but we feel pretty confident that we can slow her down."

Yankauskas is aided on her attack by senior setter Jocelyn Greenwald and sophomore Roxy Calder, who both average 5.28 assists per game.

On the defensive side, freshman Brittani Rendina leads the Scarlet Knights in digs per game with 3.97. Irish senior libero Danielle Herndon leads the team with 5.34 digs per game.

Villanova (5-8) hosts Notre Dame a day after the Wildcats open their Big East season against DePaul, while Rutgers will play DePaul at home a day after the Irish leave New Brunswick.

The Wildcats close out a six-game home stand against the Irish, and they have won the

first four games against Holy Cross, Sacred Heart, Maryland-Baltimore County and La Salle, after starting the season 1-8.

"When we play back-to-back matches like this, we really play it one game at a time," Brown said of her team's preparation for Villanova. "We watched video to see if there's one thing we needed to emphasize in practice."

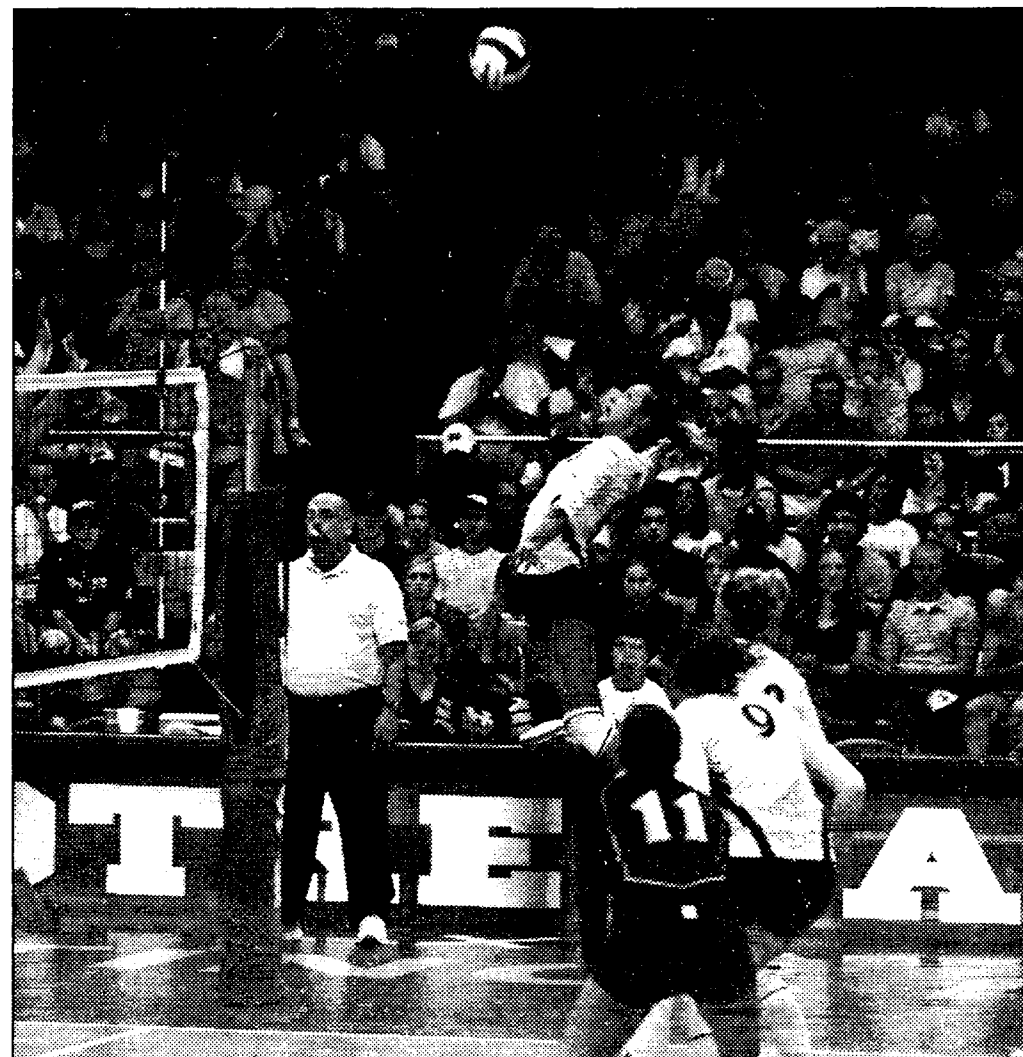
"Even though their record is bad right now, they've played a very strong schedule."

Villanova senior Adrian Semrau was named this

week's Big East Player of the Week for her efforts in the four-game win streak. Semrau was also named MVP of the Villanova Classic for her 52-kill performance — a .590 hitting percentage — in the three matches.

On the season, Semrau leads the Wildcats in kills (154) and blocks (43), while averaging 1.05 blocks per game. Villanova compiled an 8-6 conference record last season and was 21-11 overall.

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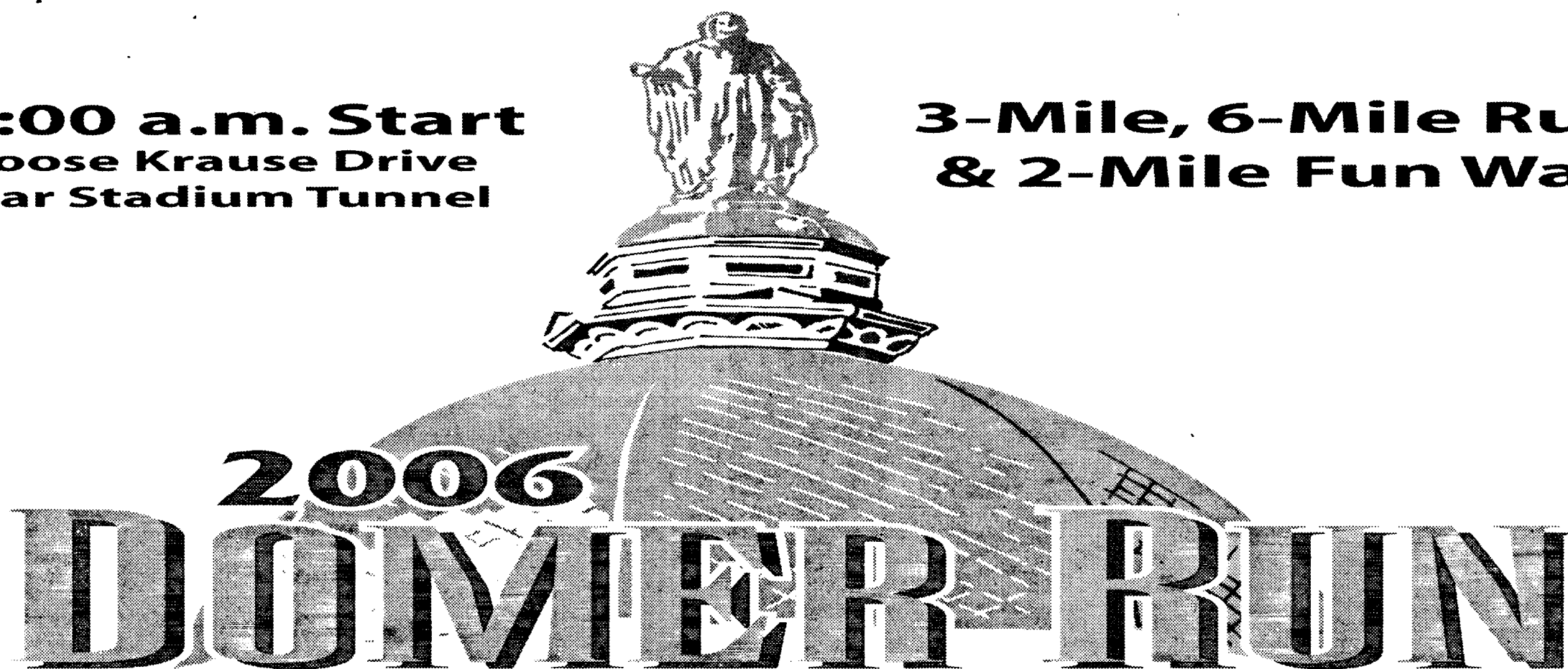
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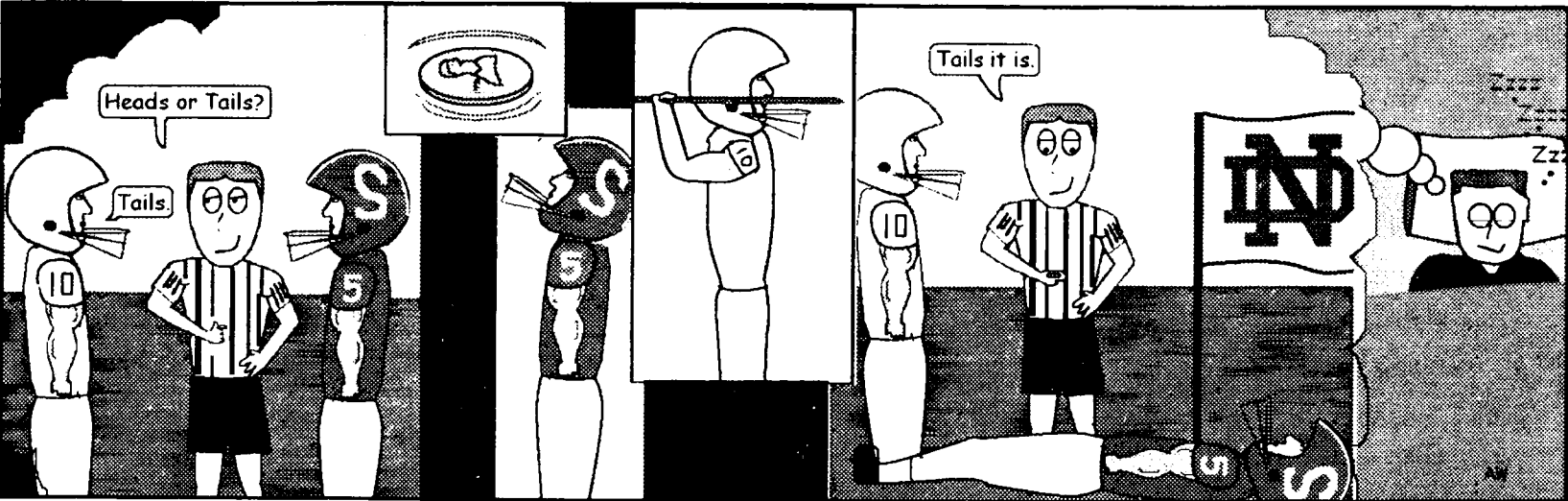
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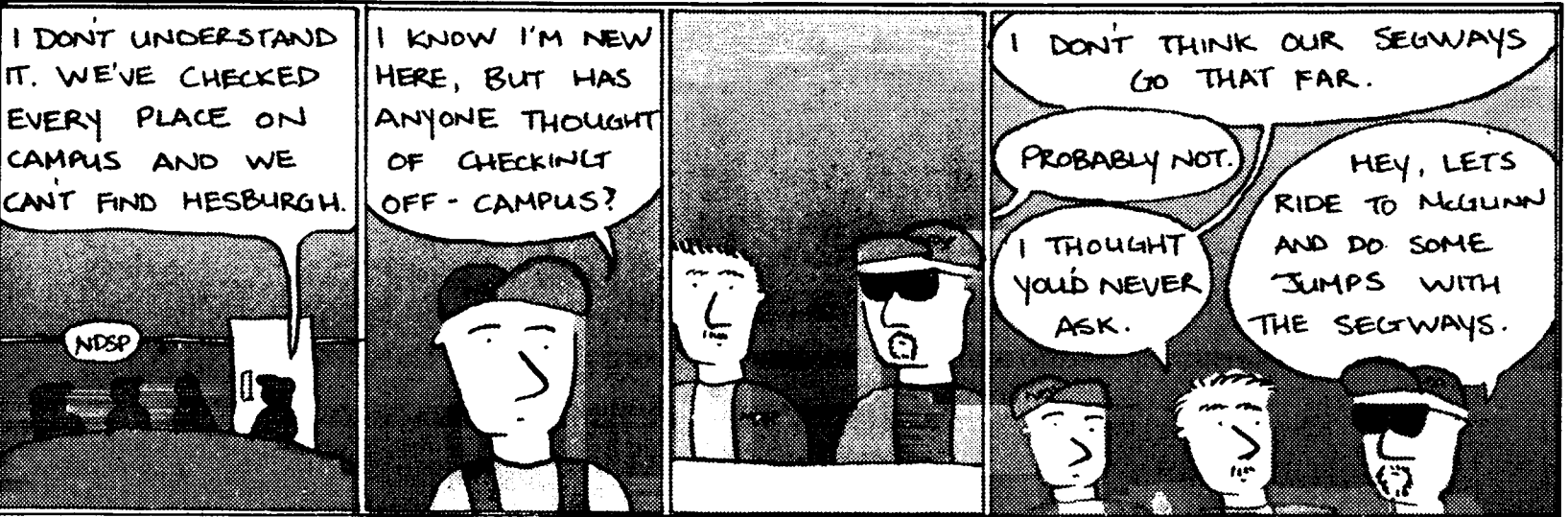
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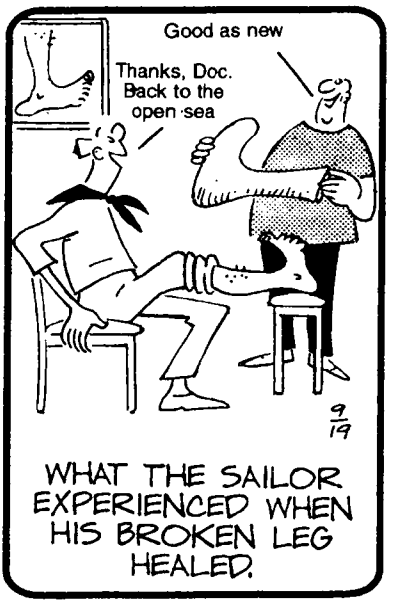
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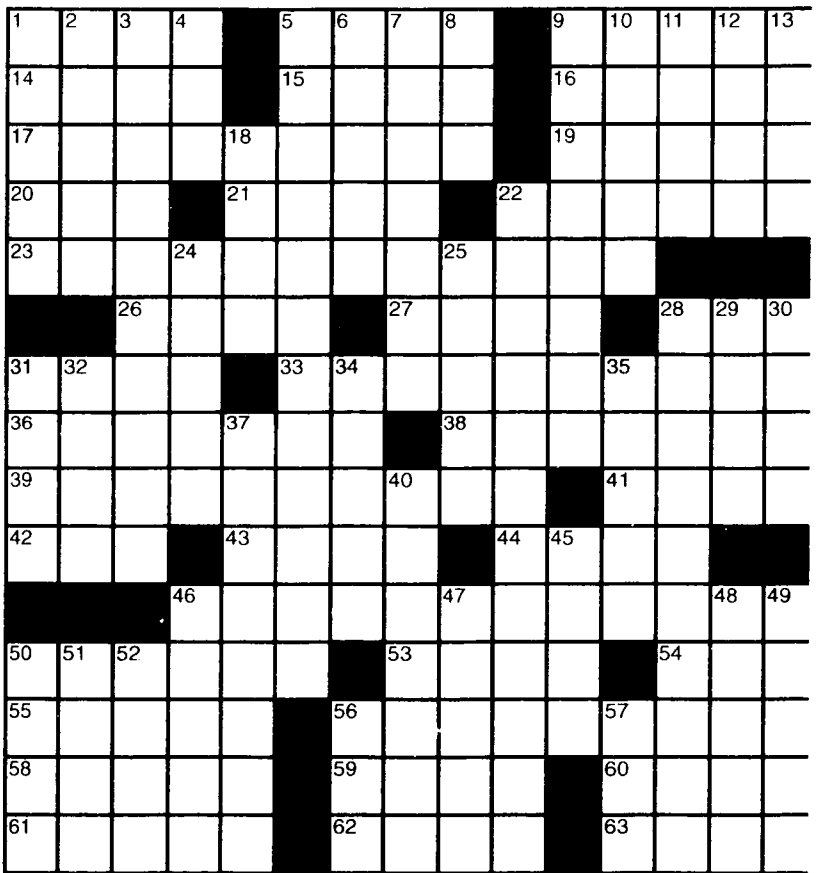
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27 Electronic music pioneer
28 Culmination
- DOWN**
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11 Like some troops
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28 They keep large flocks
29 Justice Fortas and others
30 Lighter, briefly?
31 Big Wheel rider



- ACROSS**
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35 Santa Claus feature
37 Poisonous ornamental
40 Not stay on deck
45 "Oh my!," for one
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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Queens of the hill

Irish finish road trip with game at Cincy

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Assistant Sports Editor

As No. 1 Notre Dame settles into its Big East schedule, the Irish travel to Cincinnati today to cap off a five-game road stretch before returning to play Louisville for their first home match in a five-game stand at Alumni Field.

Notre Dame dismantled its first conference foe DePaul last Friday 5-0 before edging out a sloppy 2-0 non-conference win against Michigan Sunday. From today until round one of the NCAA

Tournament, the Irish will only see their familiar Big East opponents.

As the Irish enter the second part of the season, captain and defender Kim Lorenzen hopes this consistency will help their concentration.

"[The different stages of the season] are kind of like gradual steps until the final NCAA Tournament," she said. "Now that we're into conference play, it'll help us focus on the end goal to get good wins against these teams [in order to earn a top tournament seed]."

At the same time, Irish coach Randy Waldrum espoused the dangers that

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Irish forward Kerri Hanks, right, tries to beat USC defender Lindsay Parker during a 2-0 Notre Dame win Sept. 1.

WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Pangborn to battle Howard

By ANDREW KOVACH,
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COLIN REIMER
Sports Writers

Two teams coming off very similar triumphs will match up this weekend with a clear path toward the playoffs on the line, when undefeated Pangborn and Howard both attempt to avoid their first loss this Sunday at 5 p.m. on West Quad.

Pangborn (1-0) beat Farley 6-0 in a defensive struggle last Sunday. The lone score of the game was provided by a Meghan Bescher reception in the back of the end zone. But despite the victory, captain Katie Riemersma knows the team still has much work to do.

"The defense played very well, but the offense struggled," she said. "We put enough points on the board to win but we need to play better."

Howard (1-0) also has strides to make on offense. Sheena Ketchum's pass to receiver Megan Savage was the difference in a 6-0 win over Lewis last weekend.

"We played well but could have done more offensively," team captain Catherine Krug said. "We would have liked to score more points."

This week in practice, both teams worked on their offenses, making sure they could put more

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish ready to open Big East schedule

By KYLE CASSILY
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame opens its Big East schedule this weekend with a two-game East Coast swing, hoping to start the new season like it ended the previous one — with a win over Rutgers.

In the final game before Notre Dame went on a three-game run to take the 2005 Big East championship, the Irish

defeated Rutgers 3-0 to share the regular season title with Louisville (both teams finished 13-1).



Brown

The Irish (6-5) travel to New Brunswick, N.J., Saturday for a mid-day match against the Scarlet Knights, before a Sunday

matchup in Pennsylvania against Villanova.

Rutgers (3-7) will play not only its first conference game of the year against the Irish but also its first home match of the season. Notre Dame is 13-0 all-time against the Scarlet Knights.

"I don't know that I even knew that — the team doesn't know that," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said when asked about Notre Dame's unbeaten record against

Rutgers. "Just in terms of practice, we thought we had so much to work on, on our side of the ball. We know what Rutgers brings, but probably more important than that, we know how we execute and how we play our way, focusing on the fundamentals."

The Scarlet Knights return only six letter-winners from their 2005 squad — one less

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MEN'S SOCCER

Squad hopes to change fortune



JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Notre Dame defenseman Ryan Miller clears a ball in the first half of Wednesday's scoreless tie with Northern Illinois.

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is in an unexpected and unfortunate position early in the 2006 season — outsiders in the top NSCAA/adidas top 25 for the first time this year and second to last place in the Big East's Blue Division.

But that could change shortly.

If the Irish are going to begin their ascent in the conference standings, Saturday's 7 p.m. matchup against Pittsburgh at Alumni Field is a

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

New coach debuts in home tourney

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

New coach Susan Holt will make her Notre Dame debut this weekend as the Irish try to defend their title in the seventh annual Notre Dame Invitational at the par-72 Warren Golf Course.

"This weekend I'm just looking for them to come out and play like they are capable of and the victory will take care of itself," Holt said in a statement released by the

University. "I just want them to shoot rounds that are indicative of their talent."

Notre Dame has won the event four out of the past six years and will have to compete against 13 other teams to reclaim its title.

The Irish opened their season at the Cougar Classic in Charleston, S.C. last week, finishing 12th out of 19 teams. At that tournament, Holt was still coaching her former team, Southern Florida, but had the

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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The Belles hit the road to play Illinois-Wesleyan in their last game before conference play begins.

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Saint Mary's runners prepare for difficult course at Hope.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Stanford coach Brandon McLeod says the Griffins are prepared to overcome a first week loss.

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The Enigma

Michigan State's
dramatic overtime victory
over then-unbeaten
Notre Dame in 2005
was just the latest
in a long line of Spartan
spoils since the 1966
Game of the Century.

Weis can earn his keep Saturday

Two weeks ago, Joe Paterno called Charlie Weis "one of the best" coaches in football at exploiting opponents' weaknesses. A week later,

Weis was helpless in the face of the Michigan onslaught.

But Weis can't dwell on what people say or what happened a game ago. Weis must put the past behind him and do what he does best — find a soft spot in Michigan State and attack it.

Weis did just that against Pittsburgh, Purdue, BYU, Tennessee, Navy and Syracuse in 2005. Calling swing pass after swing pass in the face of BYU's 3-3-5 defense helped Weis secure a 10-year contract extension worth somewhere in the neighborhood of \$30-40 million.

If there were ever a time to earn that salary, it's now.

Against Georgia Tech, the Irish offense struggled mightily with one main exception — the no-huddle offense. Notre Dame found comfort in the hurry-up attack again against Penn State. And when the offensive woes returned to Notre Dame Stadium against

Michigan, Weis' only successful strategy, limited as it was, amounted to sending Brady Quinn to the line in a no-huddle offense that moved downfield not because of a strong plan but because of the Wolverines' confusion.

At this point, Weis may have gone to the well too many times. So Weis' job is to figure out what this Notre Dame team can do to beat Michigan State.

On offense, he must figure out a way to neutralize Michigan State's speed rushers Justin Kershaw and Ervin Baldwin in the ends while not feeding into the hands of 300-pound behemoths Clifton Ryan and Ogendi Nwagbuo in the middle.

That might mean utilizing counters and misdirections against the Spartans — something the Irish have not done a single time this year. Or it could equal running out of a two-tailback set — another void of the Irish offense. Or maybe Weis will have Notre Dame's guards pull more than they have this year to help clear a path for a struggling Darius Walker.

Weis must make that call and figure out what will work best against a defense that has surrendered just 78.67 yards per game, No. 22 in the nation. It's what he's paid for.

But it's not the only thing.

On the defensive front, he faces the challenge of getting more pressure on the quarter-

back — Notre Dame is just No. 65 in the country in sacks — against a team that is in the top-25 in protecting its quarterback. And that quarterback just happens to be the elusive Drew Stanton.

To make the challenge even tougher, the average weight of Notre Dame's defensive linemen (277 pounds) is more than 30 pounds less than Michigan State's offensive linemen (309 pounds). Compare that to the 10-pound advantage the Irish offensive line maintains over the Spartan defensive line, and sit's easy to see the potential problem.

But Weis may have a solution. The Irish used "stunt" rushes more in their first two contests than they did in most of 2005. By creating a little confusion on the offensive lines of Georgia Tech and Penn State, the Notre Dame defense kept quarterbacks Reggie Ball and Anthony Morelli off balance enough to control the game.

Weis and his defensive staff — coordinator and linebackers coach Rick Minter, line coach Jappy Oliver and secondary coach Bill Lewis — must figure out how to stop Stanton's Spartans, who have gained a Herculean 506.33

yards per game, third best in the NCAA.

They can.

Weis, Minter, Oliver and Lewis shut down Michigan in September of 2005. They kept USC in check four weeks later. And they held Georgia Tech and Penn State to minimal production earlier this year.

Weis and Co. have beaten opponents almost singularly by using Xs and Os in nearly half of their games coaching at Notre Dame.

There's a reason why JoePa, college football's most revered leader, sang nothing but praise for Weis.

But like Heisman Trophy caliber players, coaches have bad games. Weis had one against Michigan.

And like Heisman Trophy caliber players, coaches must rebound from those bad games and put in one of their best performances.

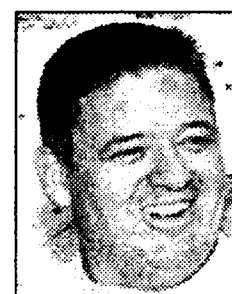
Weis has shown he can do it before, just ask BYU. The question is, will he do it again?

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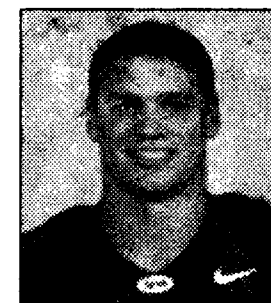
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Charlie Weis
Irish coach

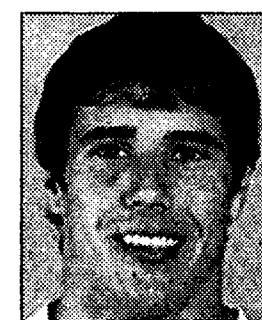
"This is why you come to Michigan State, to play in rivalries like this. This is what it's all about."

"This has to be a collective effort. It starts with my message to the players and to the coaches."



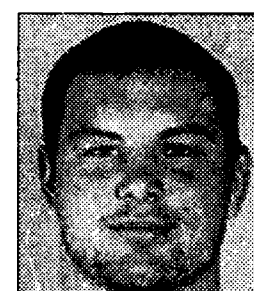
Drew Stanton
Spartans quarterback

"Win or loss, you got to move on, you got to handle things the same, move forward."



Brady Quinn
Irish quarterback

"I think people are ready to look forward; want to just get a win. That's what we're worried about."



Tom Zbikowski
Irish safety

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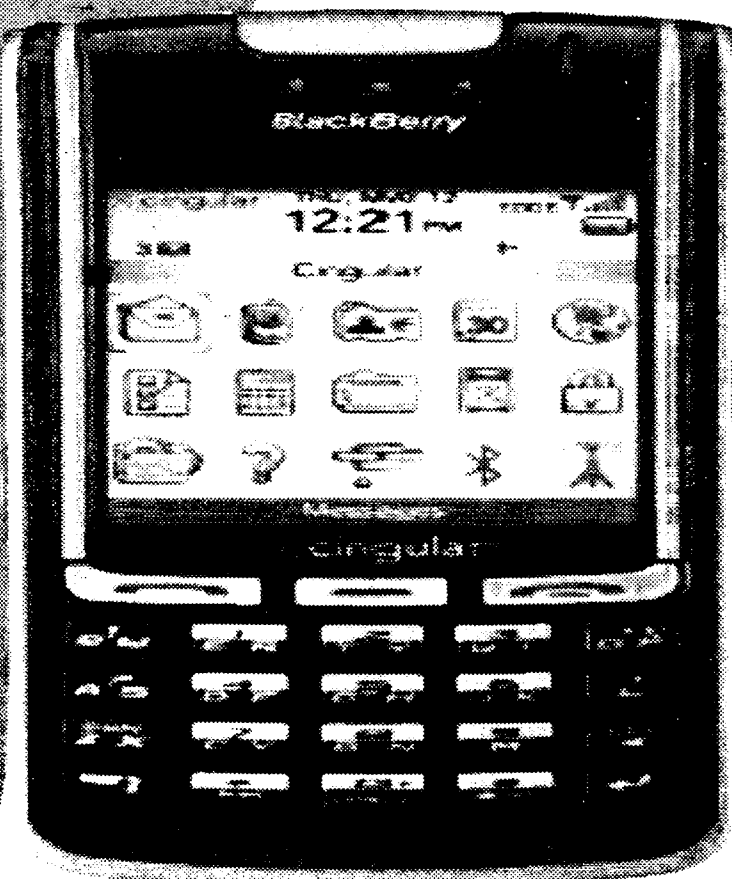
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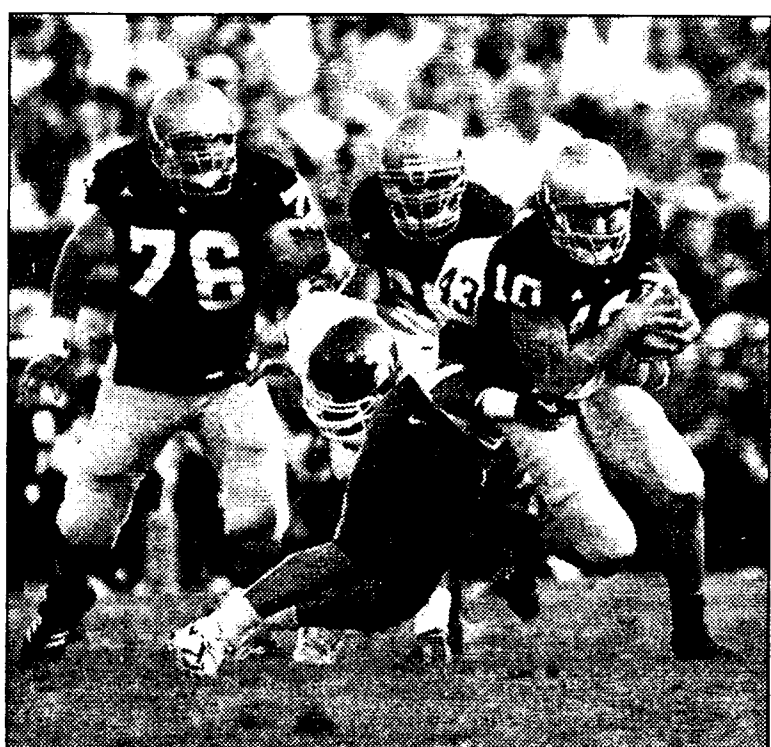


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At left, Spartans linebacker Kaleb Thornhill tackles Irish quarterback Brady Quinn in Michigan State's 44-41 overtime victory at Notre Dame Stadium in 2005. At right, Spartans quarterback Drew Stanton eludes former Irish linebacker Corey Mays.

Michigan State is now Notre Dame's nemesis

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Forty years ago, the Michigan State athletic department handed out 745 press credentials for a football game played on a dreary November day in East Lansing.

Forty years ago, seven consensus All-Americans played in that contest.

Forty years ago, Notre Dame ran out the clock on Michigan State as the game ended in a 10-10 tie.

This Saturday night, Notre Dame and Michigan State mark the anniversary of one of the greatest college football games ever played when the Irish and Spartans square off for the 38th time since their infamous deadlock.

And while Michigan State looks back on the 1966 matchup and cringes at a national title that slipped away, Notre Dame looks at more recent history with the thought that the team they so famously edged for the championship 40 seasons ago has finally gained the upper hand.

Immovable objects

Notre Dame was rolling in 1966. Three years into the Era of Ara, the Irish were No. 1 in the country, had outscored their opponents 301-28 through eight games and needed just two more victories to win Ara Parseghian's first national championship.

Michigan State wasn't doing so bad itself. The Spartans were undefeated, No. 2 in the country and fresh off a 12-3 victory at

Notre Dame one year earlier.

Notre Dame came one win from a national title in 1964. Michigan State almost won the championship in 1965, falling 14-12 to UCLA in the Rose Bowl. Now ranked first and second in all the major polls, the Irish and Spartans met to decide the national champion.

The Irish had four All-Americans on their side — defensive end Alan Page, offensive guard Tom Regner, halfback Nick Eddy and linebacker Jim Lynch (who would go on to win the Maxwell as the nation's best player).

The Spartans had three of their own in halfback Clinton Jones, defensive end Bubba Smith and defensive back George Webster. Smith, especially, was a force. Standing 6-foot-7 and weighing 283 pounds, he was a monster by 1966 standards. Comparatively, Page — who would become an NFL Hall-of-Famer — stood 6-foot-5 and weighed in at 238 pounds.

Simply put, the only squad in the country that could stop Notre Dame was Michigan State and the only squad in the country that could stop Michigan State was Notre Dame.

Unfortunally, neither went anywhere.

"Tie one for the Gipper"

It's hard to find anything bad about Ara Parseghian.

A legendary coach, charismatic speaker and head of a foundation searching for a cure to a disease that has taken the lives of three of his grandchildren, Parseghian is known, respected

and loved by millions.

If there is a chink in his armor, it could only come from one event.

The year — 1966. The opponent — Michigan State. The score — 10-10.

When Parseghian ran out the clock with the ball at Notre Dame's own 30-yard line and 1:10 remaining, he took plenty of heat.

Sports Illustrated writer Dan Jenkins wrote that Notre Dame had "tied one for the Gipper."

Michigan State fans howled, upset the Spartans were still stuck at No. 2 with no more games to play. (Though Big Ten champions, Michigan State could not play in the Rose Bowl that season because of conference rules against back-to-back appearances.)

Notre Dame exhaled — happy to win after losing Eddy and quarterback Terry Hanratty to injuries during the game — and went on to thump USC 51-0 and win Parseghian's first national title.

Of course, the tie would never happen today, as overtime was introduced to college football in 1996.

Spartan backers like to say Parseghian was afraid to lose. Irish fans point out he had a diabetic backup quarterback in Coley O'Brien and choosing to escape East Lansing without a loss and with the No. 1 ranking was a smart decision.

Neither side will ever agree.

No easy win

1966 was Michigan State's last serious run at a national title. While the Spartans struggled for the next 30 years, the Irish flourished, winning three more championships.

Notre Dame rarely lost to Michigan State after the famous tie, winning all but four from 1967 until the series took a two-year break, beginning in 1995.

That's where things get interesting.

Maybe Notre Dame just declined. Maybe the Spartans finally figured out a formula for beating the Irish. Whatever the reason, the Irish-Spartans series — whose most famous game is one only Notre Dame remembers fondly — has turned into one dominated by Michigan State.

It might be the years of beatings by Irish hands. It might be the national title they felt they should have won. It might be just that one program has gotten bet-



The front page of the Nov. 17, 1966 Observer guides students from South Bend to East Lansing before the "Game of the Century."

ter and the other has declined.

The fact is that Michigan State isn't just a pesky opponent Notre Dame must deal with before bigger games against Michigan and USC every season. Michigan State is now Notre Dame's biggest problem.

Upset no more

The Irish have entered their game with the Spartans as the higher-ranked team six times since the annual series returned from its hiatus in 1997. Notre Dame's record in those games? 1-5.

Overall, the Irish are 2-7 against the Spartans in that span. The only time Michigan State entered as the higher-ranked team was 1997, when Notre Dame lost 23-7 at home in former coach Bob Davie's first season.

After the 1966 matchup, Notre Dame could practically write in

the Michigan State game as a win. In more recent years, the same could be said for the Spartans.

Michigan State has found the formula to beat Notre Dame. It doesn't matter if Notre Dame is the favorite — which it almost always is — the Spartans consistently beat the Irish.

Unlike 40 years ago, Notre Dame enters this game far from the No. 1 spot after its 47-21 loss to Michigan last Saturday. Still, No. 12 Notre Dame heads to East Lansing in a more prominent position than the Spartans, who haven't cracked the AP poll, but do have 33 votes.

What's Vegas has to say about Saturday's game? The Irish by three.

The only sure thing is there won't be a tie.

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Irish quarterback Terry Hanratty cuts to the corner during Notre Dame and Michigan State's famous 10-10 tie Nov. 19, 1966.

by the numbers

Consecutive years Lou Holtz's Notre Dame teams beat Michigan State, from 1987-94.

8

Consecutive seasons in which Michigan State beat Notre Dame under Bob Davie, from 1997-2001.

5

Points both Michigan State and Notre Dame scored in their famous 1966 tie. The two teams will honor the "Game of the Century" this week by wearing a commemorative patch.

10

Wins Michigan State has against Notre Dame over the last 16 matchups in which the Irish entered with a higher ranking.

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Victories Michigan State earned against Notre Dame in the teams' annual meetings between 1966 and 1994.

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Touchdowns Irish quarterback Brady Quinn threw in Notre Dame's 44-41 overtime loss to Michigan State in 2005.

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 2-1

AP: 12

Coaches: 13

Notre Dame Fighting Irish



Charlie Weis
head coach

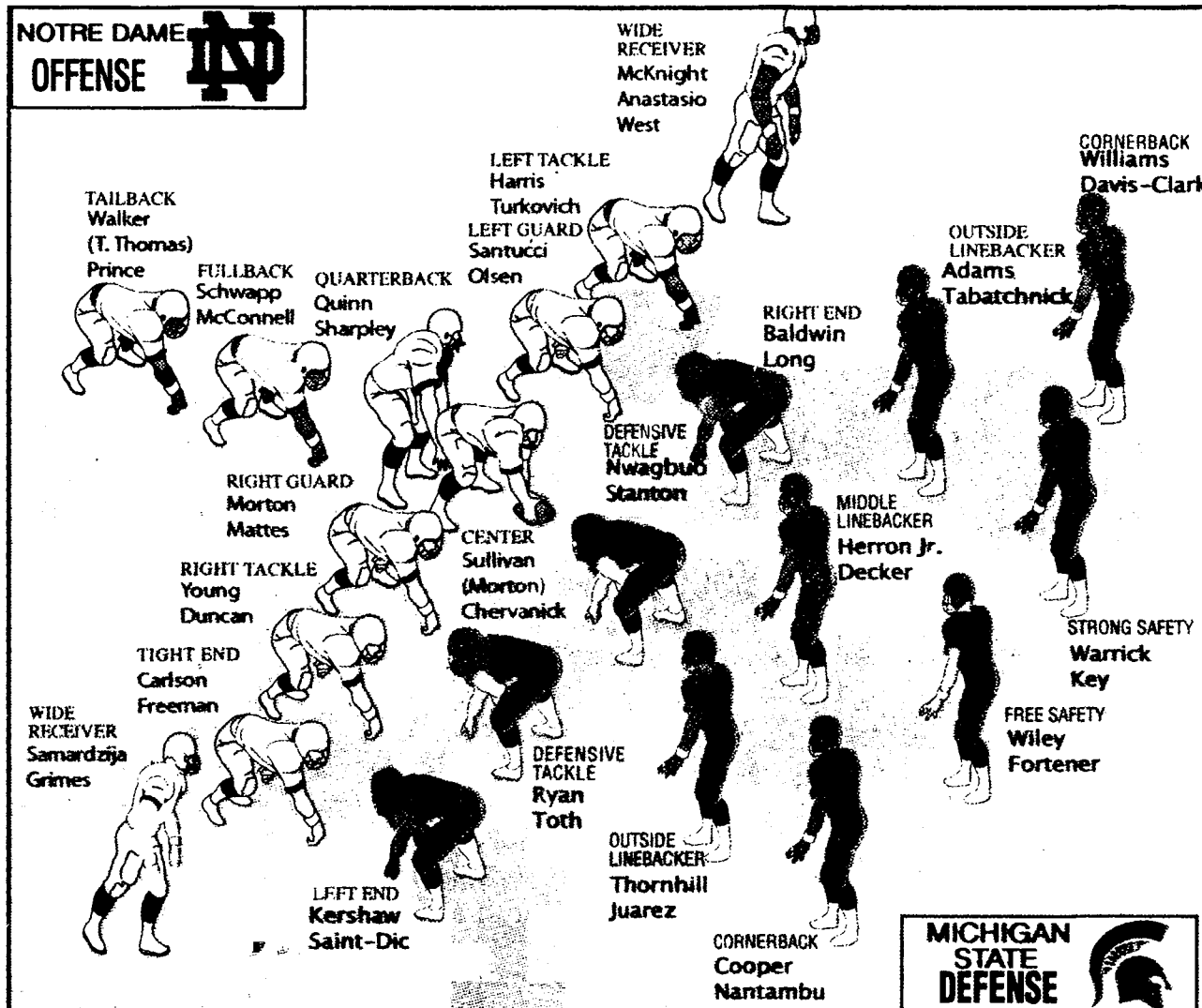
Charlie Weis
Second season at
Notre Dame
career record:
11-4
at Notre Dame:
11-4
against
Michigan State: 0-1

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	D.J. Hord	WR	6-1	192	SO
2	Darius Walker	DB	6-1	175	FR
3	Demetrius Jones	RB	5-11	208	FR
4	Rhema McKnight	QB	6-4	202	FR
5	Ray Herring	WR	6-1	212	SR
6	Craig Cardillo	DB	6-0	189	SO
7	Raeshon McNeil	DB	6-0	170	SR
8	Tom Zbikowski	QB	6-0	175	FR
9	Brady Quinn	QB	6-4	227	SR
10	David Grimes	WR	6-0	170	SO
11	Zach Frazer	QB	6-4	215	FR
12	Evan Sharpley	QB	6-2	207	SO
13	Bobby Renkes	K	6-0	195	SR
14	Leo Ferrine	DB	6-0	186	JR
15	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	186	SR
16	Dan Gorski	QB	6-3	196	SO
17	Chinedum Ndukwe	DB	6-2	219	SR
18	George West	WR	5-8	179	FR
19	Terrail Lambert	DB	5-11	188	JR
20	Barry Gallup Jr.	WR	5-11	175	FR
21	Ambrose Wooden	CB	5-11	197	SR
22	Chase Anastasio	WR	6-2	203	SR
23	W. David Williams	DB	5-10	170	JR
24	Brandon Erickson	WR	6-0	178	JR
25	Munir Prince	RB	5-10	175	FR
26	Wade Iams	DB	5-9	188	JR
27	Travis Thomas	RB	6-0	215	SR
28	David Bruton	DB	6-2	187	SO
29	John Lyons	RB	6-1	205	SR
30	Kyle McCarthy	DB	6-0	189	SO
31	Jashaad Gaines	DB	6-0	195	FR
32	Jake Richardville	WR	6-0	180	SO
33	Mike Richardson	DB	5-11	193	SR
34	Sergio Brown	DB	6-1	184	FR
35	Luke Schmidt	RB	6-3	230	FR
36	Nate Whitaker	K	5-9	165	FR
37	James Aldridge	RB	6-0	209	FR
38	Ashley McConnell	RB	6-0	247	SR
39	Tim Kenney	DB	6-0	180	SR
40	Dex Cure	RB	6-1	215	FR
41	Junior Jabbe	RB	5-11	190	JR
42	Nick Possley	WR	6-1	183	JR
43	Ryan Burkhardt	K	5-11	185	FR
44	Kevin Brooks	TE	6-2	230	FR
45	Maurice Crum, Jr.	LB	6-0	220	JR
46	Scott Smith	LB	6-3	234	SO
47	Kevin Washington	LB	6-1	231	SO
48	David Costanzo	WR	5-9	170	SO
49	Eric Maust	P	6-1	180	FR
50	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	180	SO
51	Asaph Schwapp	RB	6-0	250	SO
52	Kris Patterson	WR	5-11	174	SO
53	Carl Gioia	K	5-10	183	SR
54	Michael Planalp	TE	6-4	230	SO
55	Kyle Charters	LB	5-11	195	JR
56	Mitchell Thomas	LB	6-3	240	SR
57	Steve Quinn	LB	6-2	220	JR
58	Matt Augustyn	FB	6-3	220	SR
59	Toryan Smith	LB	6-0	230	FR
60	Dan Santucci	OL	6-4	290	SR
61	Dan Wenger	OL	6-4	285	FR
62	Joe Brockington	LB	6-1	212	SR
63	Morrice Richardson	LB	6-2	228	FR
64	Anthony Vernaglia	DB	6-3	221	JR
65	Eric Olsen	OL	6-4	290	FR
66	Nick Borsetti	LB	6-4	238	SR
67	Dwight Stephenson	OL	6-2	252	SR
68	Chris Steward	OL	6-5	340	FR
69	Casey Cullen	DL	6-1	238	FR
70	J.J. Jansen	LS	6-3	242	JR
71	Jeff Tisak	OL	6-3	305	SO
72	Dan Chervanick	DL	6-1	259	SR
73	Derek Landri	DL	6-3	263	SR
74	Ryan Harris	OL	6-5	288	SR
75	Neil Kennedy	DL	5-11	260	JR
76	Bartley Webb	OL	6-7	290	FR
77	Paul Duncan	OL	6-7	292	SO
78	Matt Carufel	OL	6-5	288	FR
79	Sam Young	OL	6-7	292	FR
80	Chris Frome	DL	6-5	268	SR
81	Bob Morton	OL	6-4	292	SR
82	Michael Turkovich	OL	6-6	290	SO
83	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	298	SR
84	Brian Mattes	OL	6-6	285	SR
85	Richard Jackson	WR	6-3	200	FR
86	Darrin Bragg	WR	6-1	192	JR
87	Robby Parris	WR	6-4	185	FR
88	Jeff Samardzija	WR	6-5	216	SR
89	Will Yeatman	TE	6-6	250	FR
90	Mike Talerico	TE	6-5	245	JR
91	Marcus Freeman	TE	6-3	245	SR
92	Konrad Reuland	TE	6-6	239	FR
93	John Carlson	TE	6-5	255	SR
94	John Ryan	DL	6-5	240	FR
95	Travis Leitko	DL	6-7	270	SR
96	Derrell Hand	DL	6-3	301	SO
97	Paddy Mullen	DL	6-5	265	FR
98	Justin Brown	DL	6-3	247	JR
99	Victor Abiamiri	DL	6-4	260	SR
	Pat Kuntz	DL	6-2	267	SO
	Kallen Wade	DL	6-5	220	FR
	Trevor Laws	DL	6-1	293	SR
	Ronald Talley	DL	6-4	261	JR

NOTRE DAME 2006 Schedule

Sept. 2	at GT — W
Sept. 9	PSU — W
Sept. 16	MICHIGAN — L
Sept. 23	at MSU
Sept. 30	PURDUE
Oct. 7	STANFORD
Oct. 21	UCLA
Oct. 28	at Navy
Nov. 4	UNC
Nov. 11	at Air Force
Nov. 18	ARMY
Nov. 25	at USC



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NOTRE DAME

Confidence in Charlie Weis is bruised but not permanently damaged. He understands how much is riding on this game and on this season. Weis needs to bring his team out ready for this game — the way they weren't ready against Michigan.

Brady Quinn had an off-game last week, but it was a total failure by the offense as well, with poor protection and some dropped balls by receivers. If anyone can take a confidence hit and then successfully rebound, however, it's Quinn.

After gaining just four yards on the ground against Michigan, the Irish have spent the week trying to get the running game back on track. Darius Walker has proven to be a dual threat both rushing and receiving, as well as blocking and picking up blitzes.

Notre Dame's totaled 774 yards through the air this season, with six passing touchdowns (all Quinn's). Rhema McKnight leads the receivers with 18 catches for 243 yards and two TDs. Tight end John Carlson is averaging 13.5 yards per catch and Jeff Samardzija has two scores.

MICHIGAN STATE

John L. Smith is in one of the best positions of his career as far as returning starters and veteran experience. He's shown he can play in big games, but teams tend to collapse later in the season. Smith is 14th among active coaches in career wins, with 128.

Drew Stanton is a dark-horse Heisman candidate with the possibility for a breakout year. With some of his favorite targets returning and superior mobility, he might have a chance to light up the Irish again. In three games, he's 56-of-82 for 677 yards and six touchdowns.

In three games, the Spartans have picked up five sacks and held their opponents to 236 rushing yards and two rushing touchdowns. They return six starters on defense, but just one is on the defensive line, tackle Clifton Ryan. A major strength is the linebackers.

Michigan State's three opponents have passed for over 600 yards this season and average over six yards per pass. The team has three picks, two by linebackers. Both the strong and free safety are new starters, but the two lead the team in tackles.

ANALYSIS

Weis has a lot to prove after last season's beating, and an experienced team like the Spartans to make a statement before the schedules cools off. Smith has talented players but lacks Weis' preparation and playcalling abilities, as well as the motivation he has for this game.

Two of the country's most accomplished and veteran quarterbacks face off in this game. Stanton battled injuries last year and has been able to exploit the Irish second year before. But Quinn is poised to again demonstrate the talent he's shown.

Walker needs to be able to turn the corner against a weaker defensive line than the Irish have seen so far this year. If the Spartan linebackers can stuff the run, the Irish will be forced to revert to the one-dimensional passing game that was ineffective against Michigan.

If Quinn and his receivers, including Walker, can click, they will be unstoppable. But if the Spartans are able to keep pressure on Quinn and limit the rushing game, they will see the same results as the Irish put up against Michigan last weekend.

Irish experts



Mike Gilloon
Editor in Chief

Anywhere but East Lansing. Anyone but Drew Stanton. Any team but Michigan State.
Notre Dame needs confidence after last week's Wolverine disaster. The problem for the Irish is they must face the Spartans — the one team they have had consistent trouble with for the better part of a decade. If Notre Dame plays to its potential, it will win by two scores. But if the Irish come out of the locker room flat, watch out.
FINAL SCORE: Michigan State 42 Notre Dame 30



Bobby Griffin
Asst. Managing Editor

It's funny how quickly things can change. Heading into Michigan, Notre Dame was the No. 2 team in the nation — poised for a BCS title run. But with one bad game, the Irish have become overrated and over hyped by the same national media who scratched their backs one week ago. Let's get serious. Notre Dame is still a very good team with a decided advantage on offense, defense and coaching over its opponent this week.
FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31 Michigan State 17

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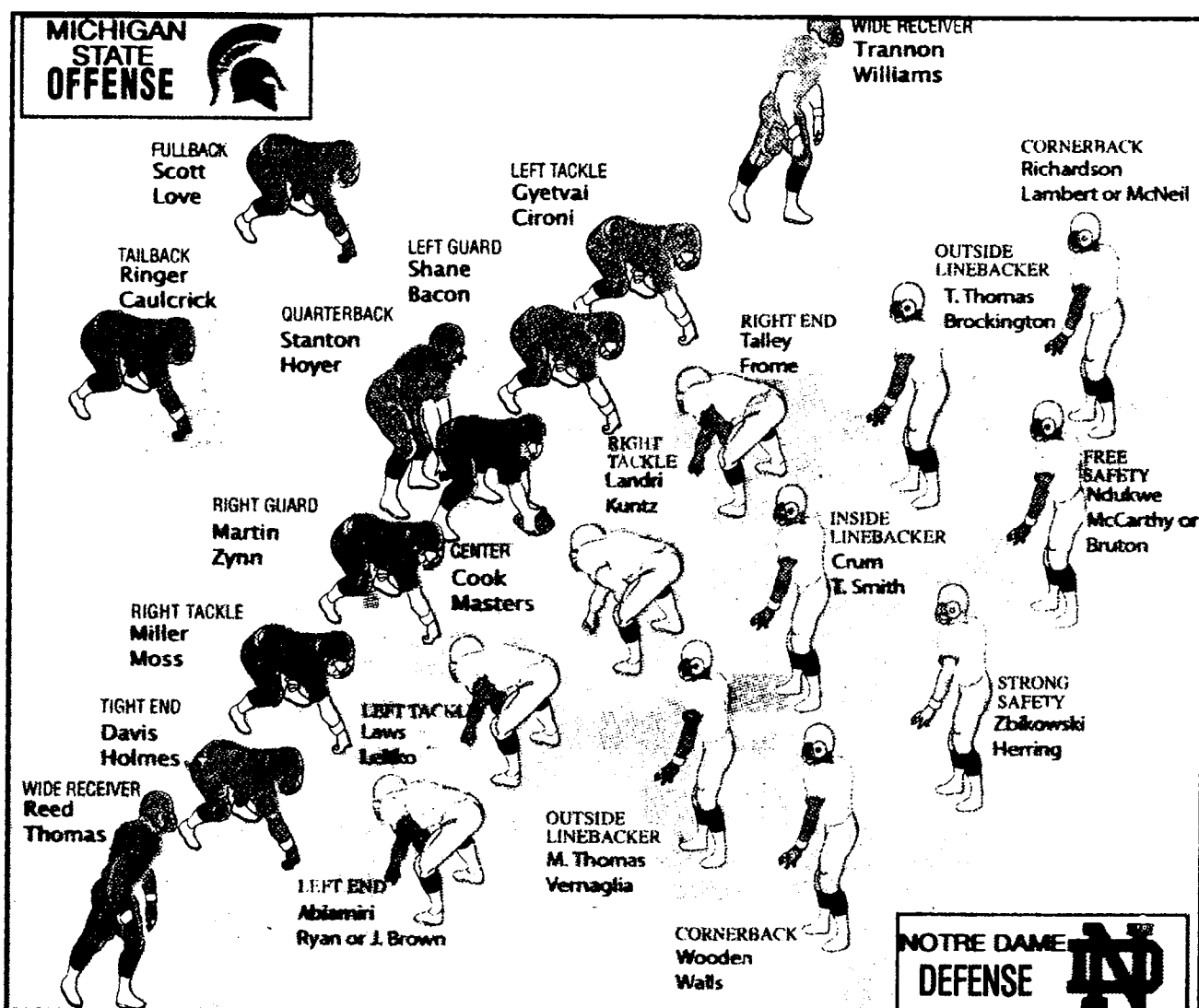
Michigan State Spartans

Michigan State
Spartans
Record: 3-0
AP: NR
Coaches: NR

John L. Smith
 4th season at
 Michigan State
 career record:
 128-78
 at MSU:
 21-18
 against Notre
 Dame: 2-1



John L. Smith
 Spartans coach



MICHIGAN STATE 2006 Schedule

Sept. 2 IDAHO — W
 Sept. 9 E. MICH. — W
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3	Matt Haughey	K	5-9	172	SO
3	Nehemiah Warrick	S	6-1	203	JR
4	Carl Grimes	WR	5-9	178	SO
4	Ed Wagner	P	5-11	226	FR
5	Drew Stanton	QB	6-3	230	SR
6	Matt Trannon	WR	6-6	235	SR
7	Brian Hoyer	QB	6-2	210	SO
8	Brandon Fields	P	6-6	235	SR
9	Marcus Webb	WR	5-11	203	FR
9	Demond Williams	CB	5-9	174	SR
10	Connor Dixon	QB	6-4	190	FR
10	Devin Thomas	WR	6-2	217	SO
11	Marcus Hyde	S	6-1	186	FR
12	Clay Charles	QB	6-1	203	FR
12	T.J. Williams	WR	6-3	184	FR
13	Travis Key	DB	5-10	185	JR
14	Cole Malatinsky	S	5-8	199	FR
15	Kerry Reed	K	6-2	151	FR
15	Todd Boleski	QB	6-6	214	SO
16	John Van Dam	QB	6-3	225	JR
17	David Stanton	DT	6-3	290	SR
18	Terry Love	WR	5-11	177	JR
19	David Williams	WR	5-9	168	FR
20	Ashley Beaudouin	S	6-1	221	JR
20	A.J. Jimmerson	RB	5-10	205	FR
20	Jason Teague	RB	5-9	193	SR
21	Jacob Ball	QB	6-1	202	FR
21	Otis Wiley	S	6-2	209	SO
22	Brandon Denson	RB	5-11	211	FR
22	Enrique Shaw	S	6-1	185	FR
23	Brett Kahn	RB	5-9	198	SO
24	Javon Ringer	RB	5-9	178	JR
25	Blair White	WR	6-2	195	FR
25	Jesse Johnson	S	5-10	173	FR
26	Kyle Mayer	K	6-1	220	SR
26	Tom Dance	S	6-1	211	SO
27	Sir Daeon Adams	DB	6-1	230	JR
28	Mike Bell	S	5-11	189	SO
29	Greg Cooper	CB	5-11	186	SR
30	Jehuu Caulcrick	RB	6-1	260	JR
31	Ashton Henderson	CB	5-11	181	FR
32	Mike Cordell	CB	5-9	182	SO
32	Jerramy Scott	WR	5-10	186	SR
33	Dan Fortner	CB	6-1	191	FR
34	Jelani Nantambu	CB	5-9	186	SO
35	Kiel Beltrick	DB	5-9	199	SR
36	Jon Misch	LB	6-2	210	FR
37	Ross Weaver	CB	6-1	202	SO
38	Kendell Davis-Clark	CB	5-11	195	SO
39	Mike Parrelly	RB	5-7	183	FR
40	Roderick Jenrette	DB	6-1	188	FR
41	David Herron Jr.	LB	6-1	245	SR
42	Rob Tabatchnick	DB	5-11	206	JR
43	Kaleb Thornhill	LB	6-1	239	JR
44	Josh Rouse	LB	6-3	222	FR
45	Andrew Hawken	LB	6-2	235	FR
47	Brandon Long	DE	6-4	244	SO
48	Eric Andino	TE	6-4	233	SO
49	Steve Iuarez	LB	6-1	232	JR
50	Jeff McWherson	LB	6-1	236	SO
51	Ervin Baldwin	DE	6-2	252	JR
52	Andrew Pandy	LB	6-1	225	FR
53	Derrick Johnson	LB	5-9	248	JR
54	John Masters	C	6-4	296	JR
55	Adam Decker	LB	6-2	240	FR
56	Brian Bury	SN	6-0	240	SR
56	Kyle Smith	LB	6-2	222	SO
57	Rocco Cironi	DE	6-6	288	FR
58	Reggie Graham	OT	6-4	217	FR
59	Eric Gordon	LB	6-1	215	FR
60	Mike Bacon	C	6-4	296	SO
61	Tramonte Pointer	DT	5-10	312	JR
62	Derrick Outlaw	DT	6-3	257	JR
63	Abre Leggins	OG	6-3	310	FR
64	Devin Pritchett	LB	6-2	247	FR
66	Brandon Moss	OT	6-6	289	FR
66	Joel Nitchman	C	6-3	275	FR
67	Mike Gyetvai	OT	6-7	307	JR
67	Brandon Bjerk	DE	6-6	248	FR
67	Alex Shackleton	SN	6-2	266	FR
68	Tom Kaczmarek	OT	6-5	316	SO
69	Ryan Connor	OG	6-2	286	SO
70	Joe Toth	DT	6-2	298	JR
71	Kenny Shane	OG	6-5	312	JR
72	Jason Diehl	OL	6-3	290	FR
73	Roland Martin	OG	6-5	325	SO
74	Kyle Cook	OG	6-3	295	SR
75	Pete Clifford	OG	6-7	300	JR
76	Mike Schmeding	OT	6-8	300	FR
77	Daniel Zynn	OG	6-2	317	SR
78	Jesse Miller	OT	6-6	306	SO
80	Kellen Davis	TE	6-6	253	JR
81	Dwayne Holmes	TE	6-1	277	SO
82	Ryan Allison	WR	6-3	210	FR
83	Charlie Gantt	TE	6-4	244	FR
84	Deon Curry	WR	6-1	210	SO
85	Travis Willard	TE	6-2	250	FR
86	Jeremy McGinnis	WR	5-11	177	SO
87	Kyle Sackrider	TE	6-2	245	JR
88	John Stipek	DE	6-5	251	FR
89	Colin Neely	DT	6-1	241	FR
91	J'Michael Deane	DT	6-5	295	FR
92	Clifton Ryan	DT	6-2	302	SR
93	Nick Smith	DE	6-3	280	JR
94	Jonah Saint-Dic	DE	6-1	260	JR
95	Justin Kershaw	DE	6-4	254	SO
96	Patrick Rigan	DE	6-5	236	FR
98	Bobby Jones	DT	6-4	302	JR
99	Ogemdi Nwagbuo	DT	6-4	297	JR

SPARTANS RUSHING

Notre Dame's defensive line has yet to have a breakout game. It gives up over 100 yards per game on the ground, and opponents average nearly four yards per rush. The play of the linebackers will be crucial to stopping new running back Javon Ringer.

Sophomore Javon Ringer is averaging 7.7 yards per carry on 46 rushes this season, and the Irish will struggle to contain a more mobile quarterback in Stanton. Jehuu Caulcrick is a 260-pound workhorse with three rushing scores.

The Spartans have three strong runners in Ringer, Caulcrick and Stanton. The offensive line returned just two starters but has given up only three sacks. If the Irish are unable to stop the running game, the Spartans could explode for huge rushing totals.

SPARTANS PASSING

The Irish gave up a 69-yard bomb early to Michigan quarterback Chad Henne, who passed for three touchdowns in just one half. Chinedum Ndukwe has two picks on the season and Tom Zbikowski had his breakout game in 2004 against the Spartans.

Stanton is entering his second year as starter with pressure to perform in the backfield. Matt Trannon is a dangerous receiver who has 19 catches and two scores this season. Jerramy Scott has a 41-yarder under his belt and Kerry Reed averages 13 yards per catch.

Michigan State has an explosive offense and will be able to threaten Notre Dame in the air and on the ground. Only bruising hits by the secondary will help quench the aerial firepower and force the Spartans to be conservative.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Charlie Weis and special teams coach Brian Polian have stressed to their players that they must protect the ball after David Grimes' fumble and Tom Zbikowski's muff against Penn State. Notre Dame is expecting to break a return for a score.

Michigan State's return game has been weak this season, but the team has punted just six times in 2006 thanks to its potent offense. Spartans punter Brandon Fields has boomed those few chances, accumulating a 49.2-yard average.

Averaging 48 yards a boot, Notre Dame punter Geoff Price is able to turn field position into Notre Dame's favor with long, hanging kicks. Punt returner Tom Zbikowski is always a danger to score, unlike the Spartan return men.

INTANGIBLES

After struggling at Georgia Tech, Notre Dame came out firing on all cylinders against Penn State. It remains to be seen how the Irish will react in their first regular-season loss since last year's USC game — a contest the Irish avenge with a 49-23 win over BYU.

The Notre Dame game is Michigan State's biggest every year. The Spartans can take advantage of the adrenaline they will have flowing — at home — much like Michigan did in South Bend last week. The Spartans are confident and are primed for an upset.

Michigan State has owned Notre Dame since Lou Holtz retired, winning seven of the last nine matchups, and every sign points to another Spartan victory. The Spartans' biggest advantage is Smith's desire to avenge a mediocre 2005 season with a win over the Irish.

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MICHIGAN STATE

ANALYSIS



Ken Fowler
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The wheels fall off the bus Saturday for Notre Dame. The Spartans will tear through the Irish defense and shut down the inconsistent Notre Dame offense in a blowout. Expect Drew Stanton to exit the game early in the fourth quarter and the Irish to score late to narrow an otherwise huge deficit.

FINAL SCORE: Michigan State 47
Notre Dame 21



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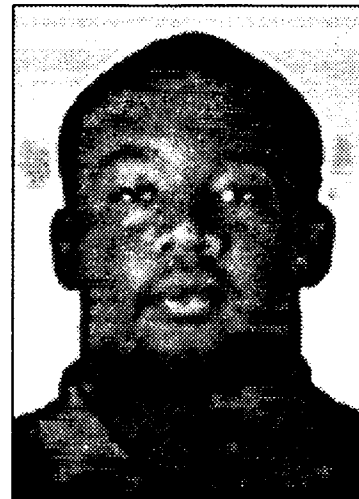
Another week, another must-win for the Irish. But Saturday, the Irish come out disciplined and focused. They eliminate drive-stopping penalties and are able to put together a balanced rushing and passing attack. The defense is able to adjust to Drew Stanton's unique game, as Victor Abiamiri and Ronald Talley exploit Michigan State's young offensive line.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 38
Michigan State 24

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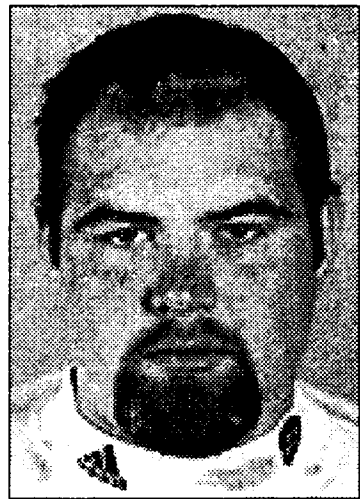
Sizing up the Irish and the Spartans

	Notre Dame	Michigan State
Points Scored	25.33	39
Points Allowed	24.67	20
Total Yards Gained	342	506.33
Total Yards Allowed	327.33	299.33
Rushing Yards Gained	84	258
Rushing Yards Allowed	132.33	78.67
Passing Yards Gained	258.0	248.33
Passing Yards Allowed	195	220.67
Turnovers Lost	5	3
Turnovers Recovered	4	2



MICHIGAN STATE
DEFENSIVE LINE

Michigan State combines speed and massive size on a defensive line that has held its first three opponents to 78.7 yard rushing. The interior of the Irish offensive line has struggled, which is where Spartans tackles Clifton Ryan (pictured) and Lgemdi Nwagbuo feast. Ryan and Nwagbuo have combined for 13 tackles this season, including 2.5 for losses. If Michigan State can control the line of scrimmage when Notre Dame is on offense, it will be an easy day for the Spartans.



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OFFENSIVE LINE

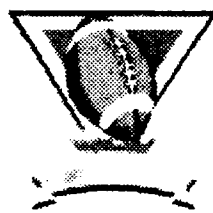
The Notre Dame offensive line must put in its best performance of the year to allow Notre Dame's offense to keep up with Michigan State's. Darius Walker has had no holes to run through, Brady Quinn has been pressured, and penalties are piling up on the unit. Center Bob Morton and guards John Sullivan and Dan Santucci have to control the inside of the line of scrimmage against the Spartans' 300-pound tackles. If the Irish can establish a running game, the offense can put points on the board.

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Notre Dame downplays rushing troubles

Walker says he will rally back after 25-yard performance

By KATE GALES
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There's more to a game than statistics.

Even so, the Notre Dame will have to generate a more potent rushing threat than the four yards they gained against Michigan last Saturday.

"Of course it was a hard time for us and a tough game that we went through," Irish running back Darius Walker said. "I definitely think we can rally back and be good."

After running for 138 yards against Georgia Tech and 110 against Penn State, the Irish could not establish any sort of a ground game against Michigan. Part of that may have been the Wolverines' early lead, and part of it may have been the strong Michigan defense. Either way, Notre Dame doesn't think it can afford a similar performance against Michigan State Saturday.

Toeing the company line, the Irish say they are worried about fundamentals — not what outsiders are saying about rushing yards last week.

"The opinions and the statistics I care about are the ones that are presented to me via Coach Weis, Coach Latina, and from the [players]," Notre Dame center Bob Morton said. "Outside of that ... as far as statistics go, I could real-

ly care less."

Walker, whose 25 yards made him the only player with positive net rushing yardage against Michigan, isn't discouraged either. The junior has rushed for over 2,000 yards in his career with the Irish.

"I can speak for myself and say that my confidence definitely isn't damaged," he said. "I definitely want to go into this next game and play."

His ability to block and catch passes out of the backfield has been a huge asset in Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis' offensive scheme. He has 18 receptions for 125 yards this season to go with the yards he generates on the ground.

But the running game is where Walker is a leader, and he is prepared to return to a level he knows Notre Dame is capable of playing.

"We've got to stay focused," he said. "We've got to work hard and understand blocking schemes and make sure we know who we're blocking. That's always something in the running game that can be difficult, because defenses like to jump around and juggle players in and out of fronts and whatnot."

Basics have also been a focus of the offensive line, Morton said.

"It's just a matter of practicing low pad level and working cohesively as a unit and that's what you really strive to do every single day, make sure that the hips stay loose," Morton said. "[We practice] helmet to helmet, what we call face-mask to face-mask, [to get] proper leverage."

Protecting the quarterback and



Irish running back Darius Walker looks for rare open space during Notre Dame's 44-41 overtime loss to Michigan State Sept. 17, 2005. Walker gained just 25 yards against Michigan last Saturday.

opening holes for the running backs are important jobs of the offensive line, Morton said. The two work together to create a balanced offense — usually a hallmark of Weis' schemes.

"It's important to have a balance," Walker said. "A balanced offense always keeps a defense off-balance and you never really know what to expect whether you're going to run the ball or pass the ball so it's definitely something that we can do."

As a veteran running back on a veteran offense, Walker understands that even if the Irish are

trailing, every play doesn't have to be an 80-yard dash. Although Notre Dame's deficit in the Michigan game changed the scheme slightly, panic can set in, and Walker knows the danger of that.

"You can fall into trouble thinking that you have to have it all in one play, and I think that's where experience and stuff comes in," Walker said. "You understand that football is still played play by play and you still have to do the necessary things to try to get another yard on the ball."

Walker, the line and the rest of

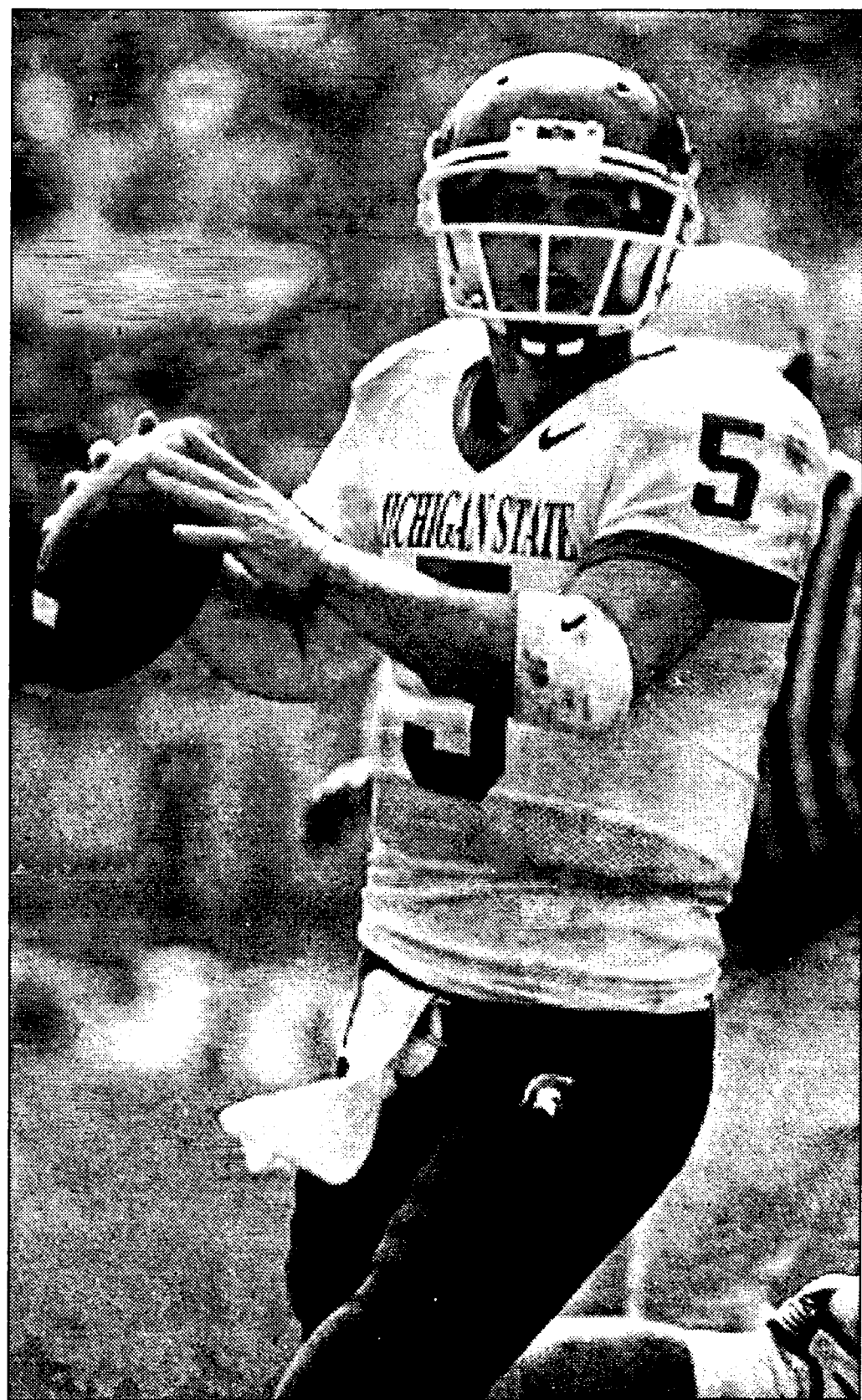
the running backs want to work together to make the rushing game more successful against a Michigan State defense that may be more susceptible to the run.

But after the game, Walker won't be checking the box scores. He'll just be looking at the scoreboard.

"I don't really get into the whole statistical thing too much," Walker said. "We're definitely just trying to focus on this next one that we've got to do."

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Stanton strikes dangerous pose for MSU



Spartans quarterback Drew Stanton prepares to pass in Michigan State's 38-23 win at Pittsburgh Saturday.

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It's taken four full seasons, and a unique progression from special teams standout to NFL quarterback prospect, but Michigan State senior Drew Stanton has finally made a name for himself on the national scene.

It was only a matter of time. Irish safety Tom Zbikowski recalled Wednesday his first memories of encountering the Michigan State quarterback, tracing back to Stanton's late-game entrance in 2004 against Notre Dame.

"I know two years ago getting ready for the game, they weren't sure who was their quarterback," Zbikowski said. "He came in late in the game and kind of started moving the ball, just taking over. Ever since then, they've had just a prolific offense that puts up a lot of points — a lot of yards."

No kidding. In 2005, Stanton became the second Spartans quarterback in the school's history to throw for over 3,000 yards (3,077), finishing the season with 3,415 total yards and 26 touchdowns (22 passing).

He is a dual-threat weapon who is equally dangerous scrambling as he is stepping up in the pocket — pretty good for a kid who as a red-shirt freshman in 2003 was mostly relegated to punt coverage.

"[Stanton's] definitely going to be one of the best we go against this year," Zbikowski said. "Any time you have that dual threat, that's why they're

so successful on third down. You have that run or throw option that he has, a lot of weapons around him, it's going to be a challenge for us."

Stanton has lived up to his billing this year. The quarterback has completed 68.3 percent of his passes for 677 yards and six touchdowns in three games. He also has 30 carries for 193 yards and three rushing scores.

To put that in perspective, Irish running back Darius Walker has carried the ball 52 times for 180 yards.

"Obviously the key person, the one who makes this all go, is Drew Stanton," Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said Tuesday in his press conference. "He's a heck of a player. He's a dual threat who can run, he can throw, he can throw in the pocket, he can roll from the pocket, he can throw across his body."

NFL scouts have noticed as well — Mel Kiper has him ranked as the No. 2 senior quarterback prospect in the nation (second only to Irish signal caller Brady Quinn). He is No. 4 overall on Kiper's big board, behind Quinn, Wisconsin offensive tackle Joe Thomas and Georgia defensive end Quentin Moses.

He was also a major reason why Michigan State had the luxury of planting a flag in Notre Dame Stadium after its

44-41 win in 2005 — an incident Weis adamantly denied using as motivation this week. Stanton finished 16-of-27 passing for 327 yards and four touchdowns (one rushing) against the Irish.

So how does Notre Dame go about ensuring it limits Stanton Saturday in what could be the biggest game of its season?

"I think Double D better get loosened up here today," Weis said referring to freshman quarterback Demetrius Jones, another dual threat who is being used to mimic Stanton this week in practice. "He might get himself a workout here this week."

Zbikowski expects Stanton and the Michigan State offense to spread the Irish defense across the

field by running various screens.

The senior said staying fundamentally sound and making open-field tackles will be the defense's major point of emphasis in limiting Stanton's effectiveness.

"You talk about them spreading it out, throwing the ball, then you look at how much they're rushing for," Zbikowski said. "We got to get ready for that, get in the film room and keep studying."

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