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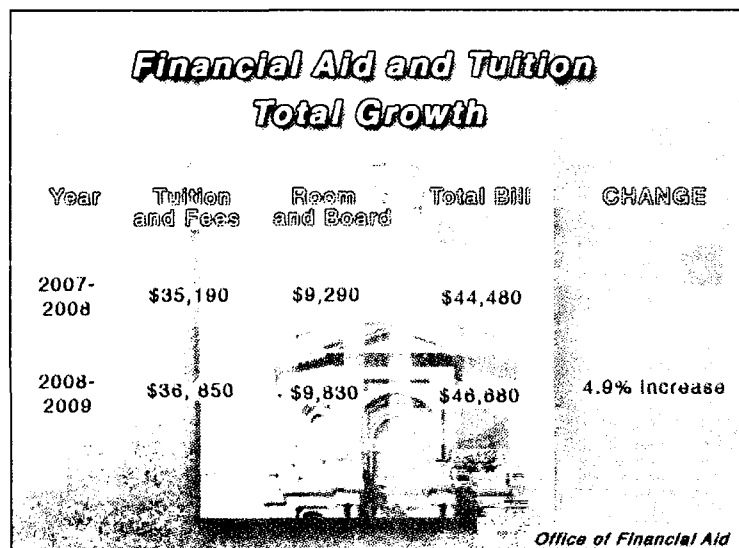
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ND to continue need-blind admissions

As economy worsens, University financial aid office says policies will remain the same



By JENN METZ
News Editor

With the stock market down, college affordability has become a significant issue for families across the country. Recent articles in national newspapers like The New York Times have examined the state of financial aid and the feasibility of a need-blind admissions process in today's economy.

The University of Notre Dame will remain committed to two of its admissions' goals — accessibility and affordability — and will respond to the economic crisis facing the

United States in "typical Notre Dame fashion," Joseph Russo, Director of Student Financial Strategies in the Office of Student Financial Services told The Observer.

"We're staying steady, focused in a positive direction ... we're typically very deliberate and pretty conservative," he said. "In terms of our finances, we're one of the most stable institutions in higher education."

Russo said he agrees with representatives from other colleges and universities who say college affordability is becoming a concern.

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Guzmán discusses Pinochet

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Juan Guzmán, the Chilean judge famous for indicting dictator Augusto Pinochet, discussed the human rights violated during Pinochet's dictatorship and how some human rights continue to be violated in Chile, at the Hesburgh Center Thursday.

Guzmán, who is currently the director of the Center for

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NBC to host Green Week battle for last home game

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Notre Dame Stadium is not the only place that the Irish will have a chance to defeat Syracuse next week, as students, alumni and fans will be playing an important role in NBC Universal's Green Week.

"NBC had their first Green Week last year, but they've never collaborated with Notre Dame before," president of GreenND Lourdes Long said. "We have a close corporate relationship with them, so they have invited us to play a role this year."

NBC challenged both Notre Dame and Syracuse to get as many people as possible to join their Carbon Rally teams.

"You basically sign up and you can elect to take personal challenges," Long said.

Challenges may include making sure tires are properly inflated and driving more "delicately," without pushing the gas pedal more than necessary, Long said. The school that gets the greatest number of people to join its team wins \$10,000, Long said.

Students, alumni and fans can all join Notre Dame's Carbon Rally team, Long said.

"Everyone can go to the Office of Sustainability Web site and join the Irish team there," Long said.

NBC will also be sponsoring an ad competition between Notre Dame and Syracuse. Students from both schools can create 30-second films about sustainability

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University alums participate in ACE program

Students forgo job opportunities in order to give back to community through teaching

By HONORA KENNEY
News Writer

Acting on the University's core values of faith, service and education, some recent graduates are choosing to postpone their job search in order to participate in Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program.

Brendan Ryan, who graduated from Notre Dame last year with an engineering degree, is currently teaching Algebra I and Geometry at Holy Family Cristo Rey High School in Birmingham, Ala.

"I have been fortunate to go to Catholic schools my whole

life," Ryan said. "When I got to college, I finally understood what a huge blessing and opportunity these schools have been in my life."

Ryan said his parents served as his example when deciding to participate in ACE.

"I know my parents made huge sacrifices to put everyone in my family through Catholic schools, so I felt that this was an opportunity for me to give this chance to someone else," he said.

Ryan's twin brother, Brogan, is also part of the program. Despite a degree in accounting and a job offer from a Big

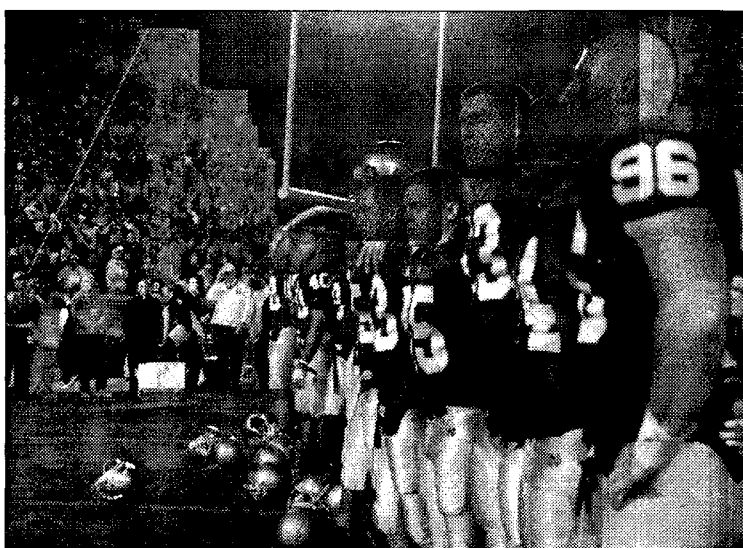
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Photo courtesy of Sadiera Hooks
Sadiera Hooks, third from left, and the ACE community in Jacksonville, Fla., teach at Catholic schools.

Students excited for Navy game

Despite disappointing losses, many plan to flock to Annapolis for Saturday's showdown



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer
Members of the Fighting Irish football team line up to sing the alma mater after an overtime loss to Pittsburgh on Nov. 1.

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Despite Notre Dame's shutout loss to Boston College last Saturday, students are excited for the matchup with Navy Saturday. The Midshipmen come into the game fresh from a bye week.

Sophomore Katrina Corcoran, whose brother is a senior at the Naval Academy, will be attending Saturday's game. Corcoran said she believes the Irish will be able to win on Saturday.

"I believe the talent of our team will come together as one to defeat the

Midshipmen," Corcoran said. "If we don't win, I'll be hearing about it for a long time."

Some students said the game against Navy will be a chance for the Irish to rebound from their recent losing streak.

"I think this is the week we finally get back on track," junior Sara Seidler said.

Students said the team might have added incentive to defeat Navy this weekend, since a win will give Notre Dame bowl eligibility.

"We're one game away from being able to go to a bowl game," sophomore

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INSIDE COLUMN

On Phillies and Phamily

It's been over two weeks since the Philadelphia Phillies clinched the decisive game 5 of the 2008 World Series, to win the team's first championship since 1980.

It's been an eventful two weeks, during which we elected a new president and saw gas prices fall dramatically. (I saw gas at \$1.87 at the Marathon by the Toll Road the other night ... crazy.)

But if you can remember back two weeks ago, the World Series was pretty eventful itself. The inclement weather that postponed game 5 in the sixth inning for two days led many pundits to call 2008's Fall Classic the most disastrous in memory.

The 2008 World Series may have been messy, gross, and somewhat anticlimactic, but led to great joy for the winning side.

The Phillies' victory was especially joyful for a certain 85-year-old lady of Jeffersonville, Pa., who just got cable this year so she would be able to watch all 162 games. This certain lady would be my grandmom, Mrs. Rita M. Tierney, formerly of Conshohocken.

Grandmom Tierney had talked about upgrading her cable package to get all the Phils' games pretty much for as long as I can remember. But she never did it.

But this year, she finally decided to make the switch. And boy, was she glad she did.

Grandmom Tierney got so into her Phils this summer. One day, I was talking to her and she said that she was almost embarrassed by her passion for baseball. "I should be too old to care who's in first place, but darn it, I do," she said.

Grandmom Tierney has experienced a lot of the less than pleasant sides of being old — she takes more medications in one day than an entire summer camp of middle schoolers takes in a week.

(That's a legit fact. I worked at a summer camp and saw how many meds we were responsible for in a week, and I also stayed with Grandmom for a weekend. She wins that contest in a runaway.)

But the Phillies helped give Grandmom a chance to experience one of the best parts of being old. "Being old isn't all bad," she told me. "I get to annoy people and watch the ballgames."

On the night of Oct. 29, Grandmom gathered all five of her kids in her apartment in building number three of the "Green at Westover" complex, and they watched the Phils, the losingest team in sports history, become world champions.

I grew up in Phoenix and I'm a Diamondbacks fan. But nothing in baseball could have made me happier this year than to see the Phillies win it all.

The victory isn't going to change the nation, but it did spread joy in the Tierney family. And really, what more can I ask for?

John Tierney

News Writer

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WOULD YOU MISS MORE, YOUR CELL PHONE OR LAPTOP?



Allison Hickey

senior
off-campus

"My cell phone because I can always steal roommate's computer."



David Unuscheck

senior
off-campus

"My cell phone because I love text messaging and blackberry messaging."



Katie Demantini

senior
Welsh Family

"My laptop because I'm a Youtube fanatic."



Tim Scallen

senior
off-campus

"Phone because I need to be able to text during class."



Seniors Mark Skylling and Agata Michalskav examine the works at the Isis Exhibit for the Ted Neal Ceramics Gallery.

OFFBEAT

Prisoner, too large for cell, released early

OTTAWA — Canadian prison authorities were forced to release a 450-pound (205 kg) drug gang member this week because he was too large for his cell, the Journal de Montreal newspaper reported on Wednesday.

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Michel Lapointe --

known as Big Mike -- was arrested in September 2006 and received a five-year sentence in May this year. The paper said he could not fit on the chair in his Montreal prison cell and when he went to bed, his body protruded six inches on either side.

Preacher with 86 wives gets court reprieve

LAGOS — A Nigerian court said an 84-year-old Islamic preacher with 86 wives should be released from jail after he was held for failing to heed a call by local lead-

ers to divorce all but four of the women, his lawyer said.

The authorities in central Niger state had charged Mohammed Bello with "insulting religious" creed and "unlawful marriages" after local chiefs and Muslim leaders gave him a September 7, 2008 deadline to comply with sharia, Islamic law, which allows a man to have no more than four wives.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Flipside is holding a screening of "The Breakfast Club" in the Montgomery Auditorium of LaFortune Friday at 11 p.m. Breakfast food will be served. Admission is free and all are welcome.

The Department of Film, Television, and Theatre will be showing the play "The Dispute" tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The play is a comedy that explores the question of whether men or women are more inherently unfaithful. Tickets are \$15 for the general public and \$10 for students.

The Class of 2012 will be having a service project called "Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang" in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Volunteers will be making sandwiches and bag lunches for the South Bend homeless shelters.

Health and Recreation will be holding a Camp Kesem 5k Run from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday around the campus lakes. Registration is in Fieldhouse Mall and there is a \$10 registration fee. The run will raise money children whose parents have been diagnosed with or have died from cancer.

Religious Life is holding Diwali: The Festival of Life on Sunday from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Washington Hall. The event will celebrate the Hindu New Year. It is open to the public and free to everyone.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mailed detailed

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SMC sends letters to soldiers in Iraq

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

In a way to show support for the men and women currently stationed overseas, the Saint Mary's College Office of Civil and Social Engagement sponsored a letter writing campaign for the troops in Afghanistan this past week.

"We are writing letters of appreciation for our troops over in Afghanistan," Saint Mary's senior Erin Seidelman said. "I started by just asking a few people I knew on campus to write letters, but there seemed to be a lot of interest so it grew into a Campus wide event thanks to Carrie Call, the director of the Office of Civil and Social Engagement at Saint Mary's."

Students were prompted to write a letter of any length with words of encouragement, prayers or gratitude. Letters were for both men and women, and could include quotes or images. Cards will be sent in time for the holidays.

"The goal is to send some love from home to our troops that work so hard to keep us safe," Seidelman said. "My cousin is currently fighting over in Afghanistan, and I

thought it would be nice to send him and the troops he works with letters."

Letters have been collected at the front desks in all of the College's residence halls, as well as at the welcome desk in Saint Mary's student center.

Call said the campaign would help students and faculty connect with family members who are currently stationed in Afghanistan.

"Saint Mary's College is participating because we rarely have the opportunity to do something so direct that would benefit our troops," Call said. "Many students, and faculty and staff, have siblings, cousins, and children serving overseas. This is a way to reach out to those serving and send our support and love overseas."

However, Call said the ultimate goal of the letters is simply to provide support to the troops.

"I hope to achieve some comfort for those who are far from home, and allow our students to express their support and gratitude to some folks that they don't even know," Call said.

Letters are due today.

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"Saint Mary's College is participating because we rarely have the opportunity to do something so direct that would benefit our troops."

Carrie Call
director of
Office of Social and
Civil Engagement

Students ship packages to troops

Seminar on disabilities joins autistic teens to assist soldiers

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Notre Dame students taking a seminar about mental and physical disabilities will put their classroom learning into action Saturday when they join local autistic teens to put together packages for American soldiers in Iraq.

The class, a college seminar called Disability taught by Professor Essaka Joshua, collaborates with the LOGAN Center in South Bend, which offers resources for the disabled, Bridget LeFevour, a member of the class, said. While educating students about the social and medical aspects of being disabled, the class also requires students to perform a minimum of three hours of service work with the LOGAN Center and hold an event at the center, she said.

LeFevour said a LOGAN Center worker suggested the class hold a service event for the students to do with the clients, 22 autistic teenagers.

"What is most beneficial for the clients is a full circle event, with us helping them, but also having them give back to the community," she said.

The students will meet with the autistic teens on Saturday at the LOGAN Center for lunch, and then they will

assemble the packages together, LeFevour said. The Notre Dame vs. Navy football game is during the event and it inspired the theme of the event, she said.

"The football game will be on in the background which is where we got the title of the event, 'Respect on and off the Field,'" LeFevour said.

"I'm hoping that I can learn how to relate with them and build some kind of relationship with them where it doesn't seem as if I'm helping them, but more as equals."

Bridget LeFevour
student

The class brainstormed about possible service projects to do with the clients and decided to hold an event in which the classmates and the clients put together packages with cards, games and food items to send to soldiers serving a broad, LeFevour said.

"We looked online and found a Web site that provided information on what soldiers want in packages sent to them," she said. "We narrowed the list down to ten items, which ranged from socks, a certain kind of shirt, beef jerky, sunflower seeds, crossword puzzles yo-yo's, and things like that."

The students and the clients will also write cards to the soldiers to put into the packages, LeFevour said.

"What they really want is cards," she said.

LeFevour said the costs of the packages, postage and items going into the packages add up to about \$2,275, so the class had to apply for grant

money from the University. The class received half of the funds from the President's Circle and half from Learning Beyond the Classroom, she said. They also received some money from the Center for Social Concerns, and the class members asked their dorms to donate an item to go into the packages.

"We knew of the President's Circle and Learning Beyond the Classroom so we wrote proposals to both of those about how doing the service project is a learning project for us," she said.

While the event offers the opportunity to give back to the community, it also allows the class to experience the real life context of their studies in the classroom, LeFevour said. The central focus of the class is the different gazes, or ways people look at the disabled, she said. Doctors look at the disabled in a certain way and ordinary people look at the disabled in another specific way, she said.

"We are going to see how the gazes work, now that we have talked about them," LeFevour said. "It will be interesting to see how we will interact and relate with them now that we are taking the class."

LeFevour said she looks forward to getting to know the teenagers as well.

"I'm hoping that I can learn how to relate with them and build some kind of relationship with them where it doesn't seem as if I'm helping them, but more as equals," she said.

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Guzmán

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Human Rights at the Universidad Central de Chile, investigated potential human rights violations by Pinochet's regime and spoke extensively with torture survivors.

"I don't remember one that didn't cry. Everyone cried. And I cried with them," Guzmán said.

Guzmán began his lecture with a description of the coup Pinochet staged on Sept. 11, 1973.

"La Moneda, our White House, was bombed theatrically," Guzmán said. "The president was killed. Pinochet gave the order to have him killed."

Guzmán also described the consequences of the coup, which he described as "human sacrifices." According to official figures, over 3,000 people were assassinated, over 1,200 people are still missing and over 2,500 people were exiled. Guzmán said the actual numbers, however, are much higher than the numbers given.

The methods of torture were particularly gruesome, Guzmán said. People were tracked down, shoved into unmarked cars and taken to concealed prisons.

"They were tortured in the most terrible forms," he said.

Guzmán also said water torture, sexual abuse, asphyxiation and electric shocks, among other methods, were used to torture prisoners. The tortured men and women were always naked.

"When I asked the people who survived what was the worst thing for them, they said the worst thing was to be naked in front of so many people," he said. "Being naked was the ultimate humiliation."

After the end of Pinochet's regime, impunity ran rampant through Chile. An amnesty law that applied to the harshest years of the regime prevented the prosecution of violent crimes such as homicide and torture.

Advances in human rights came in the 1990s, Guzmán said. A new criminal procedure put all power in the judges' hands, and an investigation provided judges with the names of those killed, abducted and tortured, as well as who committed the crimes against the victims.

"The investigations began with lawsuits in 1998 against Pinochet — for assassination, for abduction, for torture," Guzmán said. "Nobody ever thought Pinochet was going to be subpoenaed."

While the investigation was going on, Pinochet was in London, but an order was filed that he be extradited to Spain. A court found that Pinochet was mentally unfit and could not be tried in Spain.

"He returned to Chile and walked around showing everyone how well he was," Guzmán said.

Guzmán filed an order to lift Pinochet's immunity, which won a majority vote and was implemented. Guzmán indicted him in three cases, but the Supreme Court overruled two of them.

Guzmán said although Chile has made great advances and achieved great progress, human rights are still being violated. Indigenous people, students and other groups are being silenced, and when they mobilize, they are imprisoned.

"After four governments that are called democratic governments, we are still violating different human rights and impunity continues to rule in Chile," Guzmán said.

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NBC

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issues, and the winning ad will be broadcast during the Notre Dame-Syracuse football game.

"I think there will be some highlighting of Notre Dame sustainability initiatives during the football game," Long said.

Another component of Green Week will be that the football game will be carbon neutral — a first for the University.

"This is Notre Dame's first game that will be carbon neutral. It's actually one of the first in NCAA," Long said.

Long said emissions from fan travel, team travel and any activities at the stadium on game day will all be taken into account in determining how much carbon

needs to be offset in order to have a carbon neutral game.

Carbon emissions will be offset with different programs students and the Office of Sustainability have done this semester, Long said.

Game day recycling, which has consistently collected over 10 tons of recyclable products each game day, will help offset carbon emissions, Long said.

The energy competition that challenged dorms to conserve energy is another program to that will contribute to the offset of emissions. On average, dorms reduced their energy use by eight percent, according to Long.

"Walsh Hall won and they had over 30 percent reduction over the course of the competition," Long said.

Students will have the opportunity to exchange their light bulbs for compact fluorescent light bulbs as another

way of offsetting emissions. Long said 1,400 bulbs were exchanged several weeks ago, and another 3,000 will be exchanged this Sunday with the help of volunteer students.

"I think the really exciting thing is that we're going to be exchanging 3,000 light bulbs. It's a concrete way students can help out," Long said.

The Utilities office has also trained 100 students to conduct brief energy audits in the dorms, Long said. During the audits, students will check to see that heaters are running efficiently and that computers are set to energy efficient standards, Long said.

The Office of Sustainability will host a tailgate before the game for all students and faculty who have participated in sustainability initiatives, Long said.

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Navy

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Mary Kelly said. "Hopefully that will get the team fired up."

Another factor motivating the team this weekend will be Navy's triple-overtime win over the Irish last year, which ended Notre Dame's 43-game winning streak over the Midshipmen.

"Navy beat us last year when everyone expected us to win," Seidler said. "So that'll be good motivation for the team."

Sophomore Ashley Herrmann, who will also be attending Saturday's game, said Notre Dame's loss to Boston College did not hamper her excitement for the game against Navy.

"The Boston College game was a tough loss, but I love Notre Dame and I love Notre Dame football," Herrmann said. "I am so happy I have the chance to go and support the team at the Navy game. The players are great guys and deserve our support."

Irish coach Charlie Weis has announced he will be in charge of calling plays for Saturday's game, a

development that has excited students.

"The play calling hasn't been the best lately. It'll be interesting to see how Weis does having assumed control of the offense again," junior Keith Ruehlmann said.

The trip to Baltimore will be Herrmann's first away game, and she is eager to see what Notre Dame football is like outside of South Bend.

"I think it will be great to see and experience the Notre Dame community outside of our own stadium," Herrmann said. "There is nothing like Notre Dame football and the fans it draws."

The game kicks off at noon and takes place at the MT Bank Stadium in Baltimore, Md.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Synagogue bombing suspect detained

MONTREAL — Canadian police on Thursday arrested a sociology instructor suspected in the 1980 bombing of a synagogue in Paris that killed four people and injured 20 others, officials said.

Hassan Diab, 55, was taken into custody on a provisional extradition warrant issued at the request of French authorities, Justice Department spokesman Christian Girouard said.

On Oct. 3, 1980, a bomb containing the powerful explosive pentrite hidden in the saddlebags of a parked motorcycle exploded outside the synagogue as hundreds of worshippers were gathered inside for a Sabbath service.

Prince Charles celebrates 60th birthday

LONDON — Talk about an apprentice. By the time he turns 60 Friday, Prince Charles will have spent a lifetime in line to become king.

That's put him in quite a bind. The longest-waiting heir in British history only ascends to the throne when his beloved mother dies or decides to step down.

Queen Elizabeth II hosted a birthday party for her son Thursday at Buckingham Palace. The Philharmonia Orchestra, of which the prince is patron, played for invited members of his extended family, European royalty and assorted society figures.

His sons William and Harry addressed the guests, describing Charles as an inspiration — but also poked fun at their aging father, joking that an electric stair lift would be installed at his country home in Gloucestershire, in southwest England, to mark his birthday.

NATIONAL NEWS

Seven rescued in Oregon flood

TILLAMOOK, Ore. — A woman and two young children were rescued from the top of their SUV as floodwaters swept over the vehicle's roof on a coastal Oregon road.

Seven people were rescued from their vehicles south of Tillamook on Wednesday night, after a two-day storm washed out a culvert and a stretch of county road above it. No one was seriously hurt.

Fire Capt. Charles Spittles in Tillamook County said Stephanie McRae and her three children were in a Ford Expedition that was swept a quarter-mile downstream and lodged against a tree. Her 11-year-old daughter managed to crawl through the broken front window and shimmy across a branch of the tree to get to safety and seek help, he said.

Photos of alien planets now available

WASHINGTON — Earth seems to have its first fuzzy photos of alien planets outside our solar system, images captured by two teams of astronomers.

The pictures show four likely planets that appear as specks of white, nearly indecipherable except to the most eagle-eyed experts. All are trillions of miles away — three of them orbiting the same star, and the fourth circling a different star.

LOCAL NEWS

Court overturns mayoral election

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Court of Appeals threw out the 2007 mayoral election in Terre Haute on Thursday, declaring the office vacant because winner Duke Bennett's former job running a federally funded mental health network made him ineligible to run.

The court ruled 2-1 in favor of former Mayor Kevin Burke, who claimed after the election that Bennett's candidacy had violated the Hatch Act prohibiting political activities by federal workers.

ELECTION 2008

One million expected at inauguration

Hotels booked, lawmakers stop taking ticket requests as Obama's inauguration nears

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President-elect Barack Obama's inauguration is expected to draw 1 million-plus to the capital, and already some lawmakers have stopped taking ticket requests and hotels have booked up.

Some people are bartering on Craigslist for places to stay for the Jan. 20 ceremony when the Illinois senator takes the oath of office. They are offering cash or even help with dishes for residents willing to open up their homes.

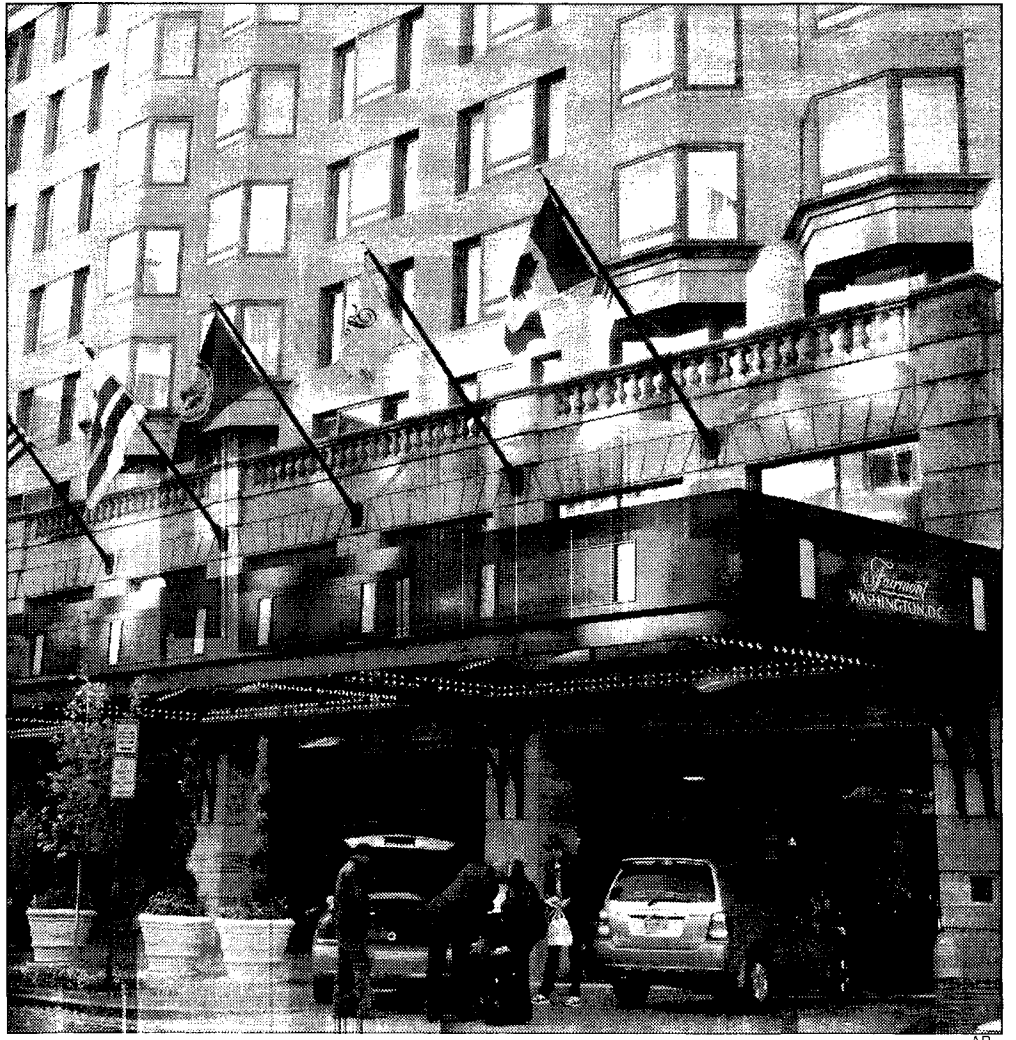
The National Park Service, which is planning for an inaugural crowd of at least 1 million, will clear more viewing space along the Pennsylvania Avenue parade route. Jumbo TV screens will line the National Mall so people can watch the inauguration and parade, park service spokesman David Barna said Thursday.

The District of Columbia's delegate, Eleanor Holmes Norton, is urging planners to use arenas and stadiums to help with overflow crowds wanting to view the ceremonies on big-screen TVs. She is also urging churches to hold viewing parties.

"You can't judge by past inaugurations. It's going to break all the records," Norton said. "They're going to come with or without tickets. ... It's each man and woman for himself."

The city's police chief, Cathy Lanier, said organizers brought in an additional 3,000 officers from forces around the country to help with the last inauguration. This time, the request probably will be for about 4,000 officers.

Because of a lawsuit, people should have more standing room along the



Washington's Fairmont Hotel is offering a \$40,000 "inauguration package," including use of a Lexus hybrid vehicle and his and her spa treatments.

crowded parade route. War protesters sued after President George W. Bush's last inauguration, forcing the government to open up more free public viewing space between the Capitol and White House.

U.S. District Judge Paul Friedman ruled in March that the park service violated its own rules by giving preferential treatment in ticketing for bleacher seats along the parade route for supporters of the government over its critics. Friedman wrote the inauguration "is not a private event."

New rules to be issued Monday will lower the number of ticketed bleacher seats along the

parade route from 20,000 seats to 8,700, leaving much more of the route open to people without tickets, Barna said.

Seat tickets had sold for between \$15 and \$150 in 2005 to help pay for the inaugural parade. Details for the 2009 parade tickets have not been set because Obama's Presidential Inaugural Committee, which organizes the parade, is being formed.

There will also be designated "free speech" areas for protesters along the parade route, Barna said.

The inauguration has been designated a National Special Security Event, giving the U.S.

Secret Service the lead in coordinating all law enforcement agencies to secure the event. There are 58 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies working together.

The largest crowd ever recorded on the National Mall was for President Lyndon B. Johnson's 1965 inauguration. At the time, the park service estimated 1.2 million people descended on the area. In 1981, President Ronald Reagan's inauguration drew about 500,000 people, and President Bill Clinton's 1993 inauguration drew about 800,000 people, according to park service estimates.

Nebraska parents abandon teenagers

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — The mother was running out of more than patience when she abandoned her 18-year-old daughter at a hospital over the weekend under Nebraska's safe-haven law.

She was also running out of time: She knew that state lawmakers would soon meet in a special session to amend the ill-fated law so that it would apply to newborns only.

"Where am I going to get help if they change the law?" said the mother, who lives in Lincoln and asked to not be identified by name to protect her adopted-child.

To the state's surprise and embarrassment, more than half of the 31 children legally abandoned under the safe-haven law since it took effect in mid-July have been teenagers.

But state officials may have inadvertently made things worse with their hesitant response to the problem: The number of drop-offs has almost tripled to about three a week since Gov. Dave Heineman announced on Oct. 29 that lawmakers would rewrite the law.

With legislators set to convene on Friday, weary parents like the Lincoln mother have been racing to drop off their children while they still can.

On Thursday, authorities searched

for a 17-year-old girl who fled an Omaha hospital as her mother tried to abandon her. Her 14-year-old brother was taken into state custody, health officials said.

Child welfare experts said the late deluge of drop-offs was probably inevitable. After all, they said, some date had to be picked to begin changing the law.

But some of them said lawmakers and the governor missed chances to change the law early because they underestimated the number of desperate families looking for help. Heineman called the special session only after a spate of five drop-offs in eight days.

Aid

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"It has for families, it has for policy makers, and it certainly has for the media," he said.

Families, he said, are now wondering if they can still realistically aspire for their children to attend four-year private institutions, like Notre Dame, or if they need to look at four-year public or two-year community schools. Likewise, policy makers — both governmental and institutional — are concerned with trying to constrain the rising cost of college, he said.

"How can college costs continue to rise at this rate, and what will they be like in 50 years? These are legitimate concerns," Russo said.

According to a report recently released by The College Board entitled "Trends in College Pricing," college price increases have generally kept pace with the rising inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

In the 2008-2009 academic year, the average tuition and fee listed prices for undergraduates currently attending four-year private, non-profit postsecondary institutions increased by 5.9 percent.

The average price increase was higher than the 5.8 percent increase in CPI as of July 2008.

Tuition, fees, room and board prices at four-year private, non-profit institutions increased by 5.6 percent, according to the report. According to a companion report, titled "Trends in Student Aid," also released by The College Board, the total grant, work-study and education tax benefits to college students rose to a record high in the 2008-2009 academic year — \$143.4 billion.

Annualized over the period of the last 10 years, University tuition has gone up, on average, 6 percent each year. The 2008-2009 amount of \$36,850 is a 4.8 percent increase from 2007-2008's \$35,190.

Taking into account tuition, fees, room and board, equaling the total bill, this year's figure of \$46,680 is a 4.9 percent increase of last year's \$44,480.

Notre Dame financial aid: A profile

Financial aid is determined at Notre Dame by first figuring out the amount a family is able to pay, Russo said, and then calculating their financial need.

Need is measured "very carefully," he said.

Depending on the resources in question, need is calculated by two different methodologies — federal and institutional.

The federal government is a "big provider of student aid — through federal grants, federal loans and work study," Russo said.

The federal methodology "drives eligibility for need-based federal student aid," he said.

For Notre Dame dollars, the University uses a similar methodology called institutional methodology, a product of The College Board, which many schools subscribe to.

"This is not a perfect science — we gather as much information as we can from the family, we verify it with tax documents and we review the initial reading that The College Board sends us, and sometimes make adjustments

to that, and in the end, we come up with a number that we think is reasonable for the family," Russo said.

These calculations make several assumptions — including the family's willingness to contribute, he said.

"There's clearly going to be, for a lot of families, a lot of sacrifice ... and a lot of hard work."

A combination of work and/or loans and University Scholarships may be added to the financial aid package, to cover the family's need and to reach what the Office of Financial Aid calls the "Cost of Attendance." This figure takes into account tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, as well as personal and transportation expenses.

The average freshman scholarship this year will be between \$22,000 and \$23,000, Russo said, and roughly 45 percent of students receive University scholarships. Athletes and the children of University employees who receive educational benefits are not included in either of those figures, he said.

About three quarters of all Notre Dame undergraduates receive some sort of financial help from some place — including athletes and children of University employees.

During the 2007-2008 academic year, over \$270 million dollars were given to all Notre Dame students. Of that total, \$167 million was given to undergraduates, and specifically \$39 million was given to freshmen.

These percentages are comparable to peer institutions such as the Ivy League schools, Duke, Northwestern and Stanford, Russo said.

The University is one of the charter members of an organization called the 568 Presidents' Group — comprised of 27 institutions committed to need-blind admissions and to addressing "some real serious issues that created divergence in how families ability to pay was being calculated," Russo said.

Russo is a member of the Group's technical committee working to solve these problems and come up with a consensus approach to determine a family's ability to pay.

"We're all going to do it the same way — that's the consensus approach," he said.

'Affordable and accessible'

Notre Dame is committed to meeting 100 percent of students' demonstrated need, Russo said, and the University plans on continuing its previous admissions and financial aid policies, even though the economy may negatively affect its financial situation this year.

Notre Dame is need-blind during the admissions process — "which is referenced by a couple of presidents in recent articles as something that is very difficult to do," he said. "But we will remain that way."

Being a need-blind institution is the University's "premier policy" in terms of admissions and financial aid, Russo said. A Need-blind institution does not consider an applicant's financial situation when making admissions decisions.

"There are not a lot of high-cost private institutions that have this policy, and those that do are going to be looking hard at it this year," he said.

Notre Dame, however, will be keeping this policy.

"We want to be accessible to anybody, we want the admissions decision to be based on applicants' credentials as they compete with other students, not on whether they can afford to come here," Russo said. "Only a handful of high-priced privates can say that. If you're admitted, we can look anyone in the eye and say, 'We can make this happen.'"

"We can make it affordable — we want access and we want affordability," he said.

The University has a "very generous" policy dealing with the treatment of outside scholarships — that is, scholarships from outside groups like a local Rotary Club or the National Merit Scholarship. Part of this policy has to do with being competitive with peer institutions, Russo said.

Notre Dame allows the money received in outside scholarships to count toward the amount of work and/or loans in a student's financial aid package.

"That's very generous. Most schools haven't met families' need, and that gap needs to be filled with outside scholarships, and those who have met need might not be as generous in the way they treat outside scholarships," he said.

Scholarships awarded by about 140 of the world's roughly 280 Notre Dame Alumni

Association Clubs fall under the category of outside scholarships, Russo said. These figures added up "to the tune of over \$2.7 million this year."

"That's very special for Notre Dame and I don't see that changing — I see it growing," he said.

Although the University does not currently plan on cutting out loans for all students, Russo said that might someday be a possibility.

"There will be students, in the end, who don't have any loans," he said.

Where does the money come from?

Russo said money for University scholarships come from three places — the University endowment, private donors and tuition.

The first two sources provide what Russo called "real money" to pay students' bills. Twenty-five percent of the University endowment is allotted for scholarships.

The third source, called tuition discounting, is the single-largest source of University Scholarships, he said. Tuition discounting uses what Russo called "funny money."

This method reduces the student's bill "behind the scenes," which creates an expense that has to be offset by revenue. The primary source of revenue for the University is tuition, "so everybody's tuition has got to

come up a bit to pay for this reduction," Russo said.

The national average tuition discount rate is 40 percent, he said. Some schools have reached their limit as far as tuition discounting goes, and are currently running into trouble, he said.

"We would like to have most of our scholarship dollars be real dollars and to not put the burden on tuition," Russo said. "We'd like the tuition discount rate to be zero — that's a tough goal to reach."

A \$1.5 billion fundraising campaign is currently underway, he said — the third University fundraising campaign in the last 15 years. The No. 1 priority of these campaigns has been undergraduate scholarship endowment.

Reviewing packages

No immediate changes are planned to the University's policy of reviewing or re-evaluating financial aid packages.

Russo said there has been "nothing out of the ordinary" in terms of circumstances brought to the Office of Financial Aid's attention, like a parent losing his or her job or the death of a parent. In these cases, the University does re-evaluate aid packages.

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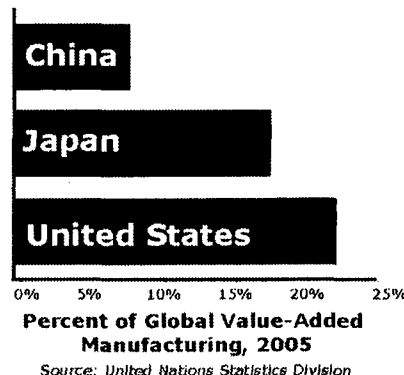
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IN BRIEF**EPA coal-burning permit blocked**

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency was blocked Thursday from issuing a permit for a proposed coal-burning power plant in Utah without addressing global warming. The ruling by an agency appeals panel means the Obama administration probably will determine the fate of other similar plants.

The panel said the EPA's Denver office failed to adequately support its decision to issue a permit for the Bonanza plant without requiring controls on carbon dioxide, the leading greenhouse gas.

The matter was sent back to that office, which must better explain why it failed to order limits on carbon dioxide. This is "an issue of national scope that has implications far beyond this individual permitting process," the panel said.

EPA spokesman Jonathan Shrader said the agency was reviewing the ruling by the appeals panel, which traditionally gives great deference to agency decisions. He declined to say how many other coal plant permits might be affected.

Family, Medical Leave Act Finalized

WASHINGTON — The Labor Department on Thursday announced final revisions in the Family and Medical Leave Act, including new rules defining how families of wounded service members will be able to take unpaid leave to care for them.

While the addition of military families to the landmark law received positive reviews, the Labor Department's other revisions to the Act caused concern among labor and employee advocates.

The AFL-CIO's Cecelia Counts said the new regulations dealing with military families were "fair" but called the rest a "rather stingy reading of the law."

Rep. Lynn Woolsey, D-Calif., said letting military families use the FMLA was necessary "to help military families balance work and family." But the "other changes to the Family and Medical Leave Act look like they will, on balance, benefit employers at the expense of workers," said Woolsey, a member of the House Education and Labor Committee.

Bush defends free enterprise system*Prior to this weekend's global economic summit, Bush praises capitalism*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — President George W. Bush fervently defended U.S.-style free enterprise Thursday as the cure for the world's financial chaos, not the cause. He warned foreign leaders ahead of a weekend summit not to crush global growth with restrictive new rules.

"We must recognize that government intervention is not a cure-all," Bush said from Wall Street, setting his own tone for the two-day meeting that begins Friday in Washington seeking solutions to the economic crisis that has spread around the world.

"Our aim should not be more government," he told the business executives. "It should be smarter government."

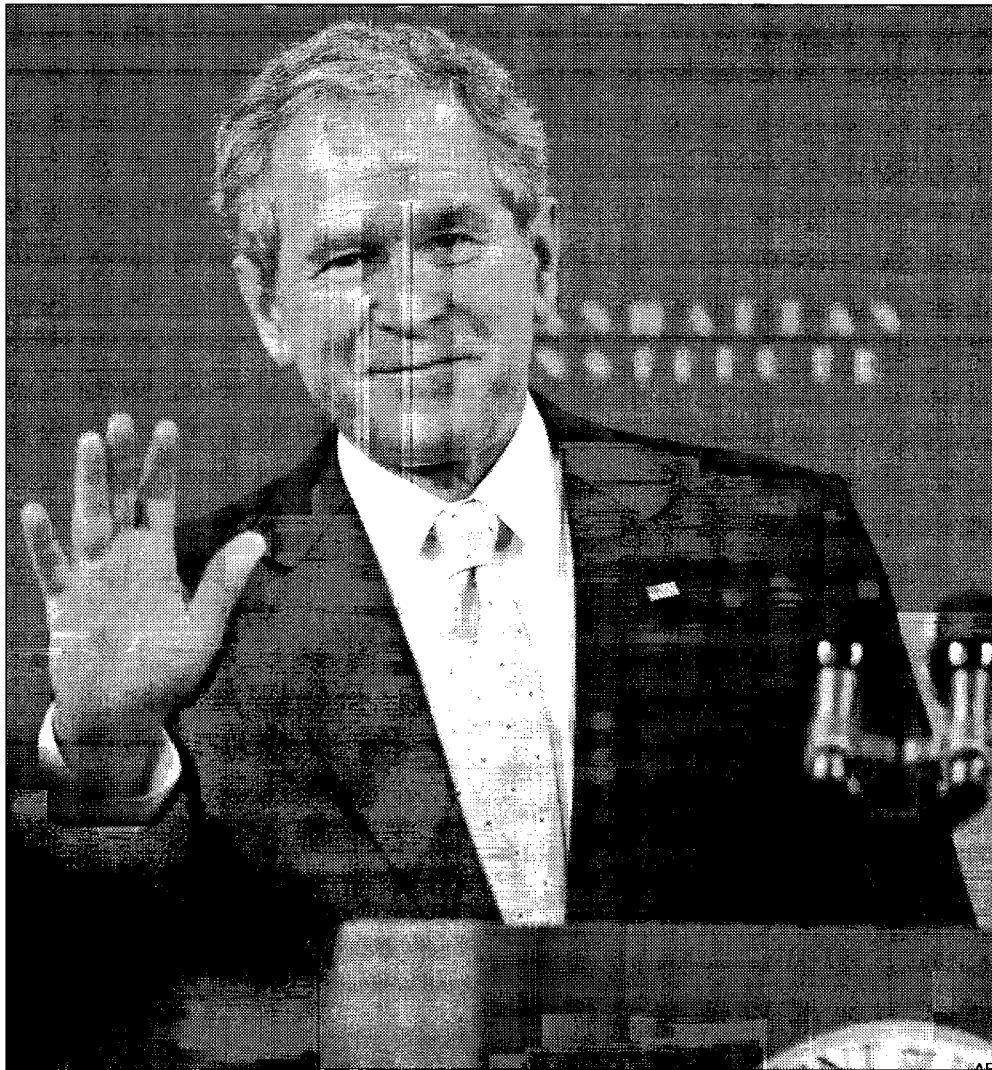
The president acknowledged that governments share the blame for the severe economic troubles that have hit banks, homes and whole countries.

He spelled out his prescription, which includes tougher accounting rules and more modern international financial institutions. But he stopped short of the tighter oversight and regulation that European leaders want. All his ideas came with a warning: Don't disturb capitalism.

"In the wake of the financial crisis, voices from the left and right are equating the free enterprise system with greed, exploitation and failure," Bush said.

"It is true that this crisis included failures, by leaders and borrowers, by financial firms, by governments and independent regulators," Bush said. "But the crisis was not a failure of the free market system. And the answer is not to try to reinvent that system."

That warning about the dangers of too much government intervention came not long after he championed the biggest bailout in U.S. history: a \$700 billion taxpayer-funded plan to



President George W. Bush speaks about financial markets and the world economy at the Financial Institute Thursday.

rescue the financial industry. His government has also signed off on costly rescues for housing, insurance and other financial institutions.

The U.S. wields enormous clout in any global response to the economic crisis, and Bush is host for the weekend gathering, bringing together heads of state from the world's biggest economies as well as emerging nations. It is intended to be the first in a series.

But Bush's personal influence is waning.

In about two months, Democrat Barack Obama will take over as president. Though the president-elect does not plan to attend this summit, he has authorized former Iowa Rep. Jim

Leach and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to represent him. Obama's transition team says they will primarily be listeners on the periphery of the meetings.

The world leaders come to Washington with their own ideas for change. French President Nicolas Sarkozy, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and others are advocating a broader overhaul of financial regulations than Bush wants. The Europeans also want a pledge for concrete changes in just 100 days.

The stated goal for this weekend is to examine the causes of the crisis and begin mapping out principles for a response.

But Britain's Brown, on his way to the summit, declared, "There is a need for urgency."

It was fitting that Bush's argument against regulatory overreach was delivered not in Washington but on Wall Street. His speech venue was venerable Federal Hall, home to the first Congress and within shouting distance of the New York Stock Exchange.

There was freshly sobering news on the U.S. economy: The number of newly laid-off people seeking unemployment benefits jumped to a level not seen since just after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Still the Dow Jones industrial average surged 553 points at the end of the trading day.

Democrats set to vote on auto bailout

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The auto industry and business groups mounted a lobbying onslaught Thursday to thwart GOP opposition to a Senate vote next week on Democrats' plan for a \$25 billion emergency loan plan for U.S. carmakers.

Senior Democrats are drafting legislation that would carve out part of the \$700 billion Wall Street bailout for loans to the three major U.S. auto companies in exchange for a government ownership stake in the companies.

They hope to push the measure through during a postelection session of Congress that begins Monday.

General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC are lobbying feverishly for Congress to approve the aid, citing an economic downturn that has choked off sales and frozen credit.

But the idea is running into resistance from Republicans and President George W. Bush, who are reluctant to back any additional money for the struggling industry. House GOP leader John Boehner of Ohio issued a statement Thursday promising to oppose any new auto industry loans.

"Spending billions of additional federal tax dollars with no promises to reform the root causes crippling automakers' competitiveness around the world is neither fair to taxpayers

nor sound fiscal policy," Boehner said.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky — home to a General Motors and two Ford plants — has been noncommittal about new aid. His office says Congress should instead speed release of \$25 billion in loans approved by Congress last month to help automakers develop more fuel-efficient vehicles.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has yet to schedule a legislative session to consider the new loans as Democrats keep hunting for the votes to pass it.

"Right now, I don't think there are the votes," said Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., chairman of the Senate

CONGO

Violence in Congo separates families

Children search for parents in refugee camps; thousands homeless

Associated Press

KIBATI — Rebecca Nyiringindi scanned the sprawling refugee camp in eastern Congo, searching for just one person among the thousands of hungry and homeless.

"My mother's name is Alphonsine," the 10-year-old said softly, sucking her thumb. "She's short. She's very dark."

Rebecca was among more than 150 children searching for their parents Thursday in a camp in Kibati, just miles from where soldiers and Tutsi rebels guarded a tense front line, raising fears that fighting would resume in this mineral-rich region.

Some 70,000 refugees have fled to Kibati since fighting intensified in eastern Congo in August, displacing at least 250,000 people despite the presence of the largest U.N. peace-keeping force in the world.

Aid agencies took advantage of a lull in fighting this week to return to camps near the front line and resume registering children who were separated from their parents during the conflict in Congo's North Kivu province.

Some were clearly traumatized. Zawadi Bunzigiye, 6, stared down at her grubby blue dress and said, in a voice barely above a whisper, "I'm afraid of bullets."

Many children fled with only the clothes on their backs. When fighting erupted Oct. 27 in the rebel-controlled town of Kibumba, about 12 miles from the camp, Rebecca said she fled on foot, accompanied only by the family's goat.

"But I lost it," she said. "It was a chocolate-colored goat. It was a big goat."

She said her parents sent her to the camp, believing she'd be

safer there.

"The military came in. I was afraid," she said. "I hid next to the radio tower. My parents said, 'Go, we'll come after you.' I went along the road and I didn't see them again."

There are no schools in the camp, and young children run underfoot all day, dodging waves of new arrivals. At night, say residents speaking in fearful whispers, drunk soldiers rampage through, raping women and girls.

Neeema Maombi, 8, fled the northern town of Nyanzale, about 60 miles from the provincial capital of Goma, in early September with

her sister Solange, 16. Her account of being caught in this complicated conflict is simple.

"I heard bullets," she said. "I ran."

Asked to describe her parents, the child plucked at her tattered blue shirt and said: "My mother is small. My father is short."

"My mother makes good food, like potatoes and beans," she added with a shy smile. "She makes banana beer."

UNICEF says hundreds of children have been separated from their families since fighting flared in August, and that overall more than 1,600 children in the province are seeking their parents. Just 17 have been reunited with their families in the last three days in Kibati.

Those who have not are taken in by other families — and they wait.

"Children who are separated

are particularly vulnerable to abuse, exploitation, violence and recruitment into armed groups," said UNICEF spokesman Jaya Murthy.

The youngest child registered at Kibati is 3 and the oldest 17, according to Save the Children.

Their young ages and inability to give detailed information — plus the lack of official records in the Congolese countryside — make it even more difficult to track down the children's families.

"We're doing everything possible to find the families of these children," Murthy said. "But we're talking about tens of thousands of people who have fled. It's just not that easy to find where these people have gone."

Aid workers said they plan to take photos of the children and post them at the camp to try to help them reunite with their families.

Congo's conflict has been fueled by festering hatreds left over from the 1994 Rwandan genocide in which half a million Tutsis were killed. More than a million Hutu extremists who participated in the slaughter fled Rwanda for the safety of Congo.

Rebel leader Laurent Nkunda, an ethnic Tutsi, accuses the

Congolese government of not doing enough to protect minority Tutsis from the Hutu militias. A corrupt and ineffective government, and rival claims to the country's vast mineral resources, have fanned the violence.

Aid agencies say they are concerned about the children's vulnerability to malnutrition and disease.

Squatting by a muddy stream Thursday, a young boy used a plastic bag to draw water, then drank the opaque contents. Downstream, other children played in the murky water.

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Kings want share in shirt proceeds

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Zealous guardians of his words and his likeness, the family of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. is demanding a share of the proceeds from the sudden wave of T-shirts, posters and other merchandise depicting the civil rights leader alongside Barack Obama.

Isaac Newton Farris Jr., King's nephew and head of the nonprofit King Center in Atlanta, said the estate is entitled to hundreds of thousands of dollars in licensing fees — maybe even millions.

"Some of this is probably putting food on people's plates. We're not trying to stop anybody from legitimately supporting themselves," he said, "but we cannot allow our brand to be abused."

But while Obama's election as the first black president may be the fulfillment of King's dream and could yield a big windfall for his estate, policing his image and actually collecting any fees could prove to be a legal nightmare because of the great proliferation of unauthorized King-Obama paraphernalia, much of it sold by street vendors.

King's writings, likeness and voice are considered intellectual property, and almost any use — from graduate thesis papers to TV documentaries — are subject to approval by his estate, now administered by his surviving children, Martin Luther King III, Dexter King and the Rev. Bernice King. (Because Obama is an elected official, his words and image are in the public domain and can be used without permission.)

Farris said he expects to announce deals in the coming weeks to license some items featuring images of King and Obama, and may sell some in the King Center bookstore alongside recordings of his speeches, postcards, calendars, mugs bearing images of King, and other licensed merchandise,

which nets the center about \$800,000 annually.

The family is protective of how King is depicted, and Farris said any items that are inconsistent with his uncle's message and image would not be approved.

Any proceeds from King-Obama merchandise would also go to the King Center, said Farris, a member of the estate management team that reviews intellectual property issues.

The family, which refuses to divulge details of its licensing deals, is also discussing how to go after violators.

King's estate sued CBS over its sale of a video documentary that used excerpts of his 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech. An appeals court ruled in 1999 that the speech was covered by copyright and was not public domain, but the estate ultimately settled out of court for an undisclosed sum.

"They are probably one of the most careful, concerned and on-top-of-it groups of image protectors I've ever met," said Philippa Loengard, assistant director of the Kernochan Center for Law, Media and the Arts at Columbia University.

Realizing the value of his ideas, King himself copyrighted several of his speeches during his lifetime. After he died, that duty fell to his widow, Coretta, and, since her death in 2006, to their children. Some scholars have complained about the family's aggressive pursuit of moneymaking opportunities.

But the Kings have never faced a challenge quite as big as this. Vendors across the country have capitalized on connecting Obama to King, mostly without permission and without a penny of the proceeds going to his estate.

"We realize the historic nature of events surrounding President-elect Obama and we are seeking an elegant solution to address the commercial use of Dr. King's image in connection with our newly elected president," Dexter King said in a statement.

Solidarity Sunday

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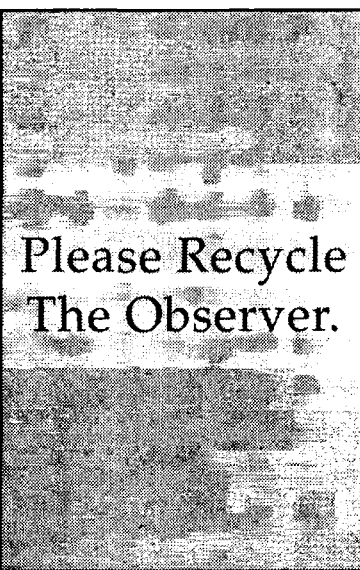
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Emergency drill used to test preparedness of emergency responders

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — People across Southern California on Thursday looked like they had stepped out of a disaster movie. Children ducked under their desks. Victims with fake blood lay on the ground. First responders sprang into action to treat the "wounded."

The controlled chaos was all part of a mock "Big One" — an earthquake drill billed as the largest in U.S. history and aimed at testing the preparedness of governments, emergency responders and residents.

At 10 a.m., a cast of millions dropped to the ground, covered their heads and held onto furniture. Local television stations interrupted their regular programming to announce the drill and covered it as they would a major earthquake, though with continual reminders that the emergency wasn't real.

Thursday's drill was based on a fictional magnitude-7.8 event on the southern San Andreas Fault. If such a quake occurred today, scientists estimate it would kill 1,800 people and cause \$200 billion in damage. Some high-rises would fall, sections of freeways would crumble and gas pipes would crack.

The dress rehearsal served to remind Californians that they live on shaky ground that can rupture without warning. That southern San Andreas has not popped in more than three centuries, and scientists fear stress buildup could unleash a big quake.

"We're really taking a step forward toward earthquake safety," said Lucy Jones, a U.S. Geological Survey seismologist who has long urged residents to prepare.

At Bishop Alemany High School, a San Fernando Valley campus badly damaged by a 1971 quake and destroyed by the 1994 Northridge disaster, the football field was filled with hundreds of mock mass casualties who wore colored wristbands indicating the severity of their fake injuries.

Many of the students posing as faux victims said they were too young to remember

Northridge, the last damaging quake in Southern California, which toppled bridges and buildings.

Olivia Paluch, 17, who sported a fake gash on her head and cheek, pondered the "Big One" as she waited for firefighters to take her away by stretcher.

"It's really scary seeing all my friends like this," Paluch said, gesturing to her fellow students painted with gruesome injuries on their bodies. "It's overwhelming."

Another student, Emily Loren, 17, lay on the ground nearby with a bandaged head. Loren said she was pretending to be a student who was studying in the library and got hit by a falling book during the shaking.

"It's exciting. It's better to be prepared. At the same time, it's nerve-racking," said Loren, who had a fake IV attached to her arm.

Even California's governor-actor played a role. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger arrived by helicopter at the football field triage center in the late morning to survey the situation. He thanked the federal government for funding the drill and praised the agencies that cooperated.

"It's one thing to talk about being ready for an emergency, but it's another thing to actually test it," Schwarzenegger said.

Some people, however, remained blasé.

"I live under the assumption that the engineering going into these buildings is pretty sophisticated," said Grant Casner, who works on the ninth floor of a downtown high-rise and who didn't take part in the drill.

Although the statewide drill was scheduled to start at 10 a.m. Pacific time, Schwarzenegger surprised his staff by practicing the drill at 5 a.m. The governor said he was pleased by his staff's response.

Organizers said about 5 million people had signed up to participate. The exercise coincided with an annual disaster preparedness exercise held by the state. Unlike previous years, the simulation involved scores of governments, first responders, schools, businesses, churches and residents, all fol-

lowing the same script.

Under the scenario, the southern San Andreas suddenly awakens near the Mexican border, sending shock waves marching toward Los Angeles and eventually stopping in the high desert. The 200-mile rupture would leave a path of destruction. Shaking would last about three minutes.

The minimum participation called for people to dive for safety. Firefighters and other emergency responders staged full-scale exercises complete with search-and-rescue missions and medical triaging of people posing as casualty victims.

It was business as usual at Bishop Alemany High until sirens sounded shortly after 10 a.m. and a soundtrack simulating earthquake noise blared through the loudspeakers.

Spanish teacher Fiorella Linares, who had been checking homework, ordered her approximately 20 students to "cover," and they dove under desks and grabbed onto the legs of chairs.

Some of the teens giggled and joked. "I'm dying," one shouted in mock horror.

"Don't laugh," Linares scolded. "You have to think about what if this really happened."

Despite decades of research, scientists still cannot predict when an earthquake will strike.

California sits atop two of Earth's major tectonic plates and is the most seismically active state in the continental U.S. More than 300 faults crisscross the state including the mighty San Andreas, which spawned the monstrous 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

Less than half an hour after the exercise began, a small quake — magnitude-3.2 — hit central California, but it shook little and injured no one.

Scientists have long warned about the possibility of a "Big One." They recently calculated a 99.7 percent chance that a magnitude-6.7 quake or larger will rock the Golden State in the next 30 years. The chance of a magnitude-7.5 or greater was 46 percent during the same period with the epicenter more likely in Southern California.

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Four firm, he chose to teach math and religion to 7th and 8th graders at St. Jude Educational Institute in Montgomery, Ala.

"I had always thought about doing a year or two of service after graduation to work on integrating service into my life after college," he said. "I looked at several of the programs that recruit at Notre Dame but was drawn to ACE because of how well it integrates the service, spirituality, community and work aspects of the program."

Brogan Ryan said ACE's selling point was the fact that it is a faith-based program.

"ACE separates itself from other programs because it emphasizes not only service and spirituality, but also professional development and community life," Ryan said.

Members of the ACE program teach in under-resourced Catholic schools for two years while living with other ACE program teachers in community and growing spiritually. During the summer, the teachers study education at Notre Dame, and typically earn a Masters degree in education after their two-year tenure.

Like the Ryans, Saderia Nicole Hooks also graduated in 2008. Now teaching at St. Pius V in Jacksonville, Florida, she said the spiritual and communal values fostered by the program served as her motivation to teach.

Hooks said she thought it "would be a great way to begin a career in education ... ACE not only offered me the opportunity to teach, but also to earn a Master's Degree in education simultaneously."

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FRANCE

Russia seeks new start for U.S. ties

Associated Press

CANNES — Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said Thursday that U.S. President-elect Barack Obama's move to the White House is a chance for a fresh start between the two powerful, nuclear-armed nations, whose ties have deteriorated over the past decade.

"We are ready to develop really good-neighborly relations with the U.S.," Medvedev told business leaders in Cannes, France. "I'm very glad the president-elect looks at these problems ... as a priority for U.S. foreign policy."

"For us, relations with the U.S. are a foreign policy priority, too ... given the special role and mission of our two countries," Medvedev said.

"The new administration will have the chance, if not to start with a totally clean slate, then at least to look at the issues without prejudice," he said.

Last week, as congratulations poured in to Obama from around

the world on his election victory, Medvedev gave a stern warning about U.S. plans to base missile defense units in Eastern Europe, saying Russia would react by basing short-range missiles in the western territory of Kaliningrad.

Medvedev and other Kremlin officials have backed off slightly since then, however. In an interview with French journalists broadcast Thursday, Medvedev again suggested that if Washington halts its plans, Moscow would do the same.

Medvedev said he had had a good telephone conversation with Obama last week and that the two men had agreed they should meet face-to-face as soon as possible.

"I hope... we'll be able to find a way out of these (difficult) situations, which we haven't been able to do with our current colleagues," he said in the televised interview.

"The new president has a big reserve of good will. He was elected during a very difficult period. I wish him success in dealing with what lies before him," he said.

United Nations conference rejects religious terrorism

Declaration by 80 nations express concern at serious instances of intolerance, discrimination, and hatred

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Countries attending a U.N. interfaith conference Thursday rejected the use of religion to justify acts of terrorism and other violence that kills and injures innocent civilians.

A declaration by 80 nations expressed concern at "serious instances of intolerance, discrimination, expressions of hatred and harassment of minority religious communities of all faiths."

But it promoted dialogue among nations and called for understanding and respect for diverse religions and cultures.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon read the declaration near the end of the two-day meeting which was initiated by King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia and brought 14 world leaders to New York including President Bush, the heads of Pakistan and

Afghanistan, and Israel's president.

"King Abdullah's initiative has come at a time when the need for dialogue among religions, cultures and civilizations has never been greater," Ban told a news conference. "The challenge now is to go beyond the powerful, positive words we have heard."

Many speakers spoke out against religious extremists, while defending tolerance and freedom of religion.

President Bush, who likely delivered his last address at the U.N., echoed this theme saying: "We believe God calls us to live in peace — and to oppose all those who use His name to justify violence and murder."

Bush said expanding democracy is one of the best ways to safeguard religious freedom and promote peace.

"People who are free to express their opinions can chal-

lenge the ideologies of hate," he said. "They can defend their religious beliefs and speak out against those seeking to twist them to evil ends. They can prevent their children from falling under the sway of extremists by giving them a more hopeful alternative."

Among the leaders brought together — at least in the same room — were the Saudi king and Israeli President Shimon Peres.

Peres had rare praise for the Saudi monarch, saying Wednesday his initiative to end the Arab-Israeli conflict inspired hope that all countries in the Middle East could live in peace.

But Saudi Foreign Minister Saud Al-Faisal expressed disappointment Thursday that Peres only talked positively about parts of the Arab peace plan — and didn't mention others.

The plan calls for Arab recognition of the Jewish state in

exchange for a full Israeli withdrawal from all lands captured in the 1967 Mideast war. But Israel objects to relinquishing all territory and the right of all Palestinians to return, and it wants to keep a unified Jerusalem as its capital.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown stressed the importance of peace in the Middle East, telling the conference Thursday that the creation of a Palestinian state side by side with an Israeli state "can be achieved by goodwill."

Saudi Arabia has been criticized by Human Rights Watch and others for refusing to allow the public practice of any religion other than Islam and restricting those who do not follow the strict Wahhabi interpretation of Islam.

In light of its sponsorship of the conference, Saud was asked whether Saudi Arabia would now allow the freedom of reli-

gion and tolerance called for in the final declaration.

The Saudi minister said this was "an important question" for his country but indicated that the process must be gradual.

"If you bring people together so that they understand that they have the same ethics, they have the same values, this will open the hearts and minds of people for further progress," Saud told reporters. "But to say from the beginning you have to transform yourself into something which you aren't now or nothing else can be achieved is, I think, carrying the argument too far."

In the declaration, "participating states affirmed their rejection of the use of religion to justify the killing of innocent people and actions on terrorism, violence and coercion, which directly contradict the commitment of all religions to peace, justice and equality."

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Honoring ROTC

A couple times per week, they train while the rest of us sleep. They aren't training for their shot at glory in Notre Dame Stadium, they aren't practicing their jump shot and they aren't getting ready for the big game. These students are honing another kind of ability — their ability to be a soldier.

Early wake-up calls and grueling workouts are no deterrent to the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students enrolled in the ROTC programs on campus. They spend weeks over their summer vacation, doing more training, preparing for their lives after college. When they're on campus, they are just like every other Notre Dame student — they are our classmates, our dorm mates and our friends.

But they are hardly ordinary.

Some of us will leave this University and enter a career, others will continue their education in graduate school, but some of our fellow students will head to the deserts of Iraq or Afghanistan, be stationed on a submarine or a ship, or fly the skies in defense of the United States. They will protect the freedoms of our country — the freedom to chase our dream jobs, the freedom to raise a family in peace and even the freedom to say a football coach should be fired.

As a country and at Notre Dame, we commemorated Veterans Day this past Tuesday. University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh spoke at the ROTC's Tri-Military Veterans Day Ceremony and said he stands "in awe, respect and gratitude to our armed forces."

We share that sentiment.

As students at Notre Dame, it's easy to get caught up in the pressures and demands that come with attending this University and sometimes other issues — especially the poor performance of the football team — can cloud our judgment of what's truly important. But as we watch the Irish suit up against Navy this weekend, we should take time to pause and reflect. We should reflect upon the sacrifice and courage of our fellow classmates, of the men on the opposing sideline and of the men and women stationed around the globe. These men and women are fighting two wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — wars that began when most of us weren't old enough to drive a car.

Back then, as many of us watched the world change before our very eyes, never could we imagine that soon, people our age, our friends and classmates, would be fighting in those wars for us.

That bitter reality has come, but we should not be afraid for them. We should be comforted knowing they will leave this University and take its values, its morals and its teachings with them into this world, a world where peace can sometimes seem unattainable.

They train to enter that world with us, in the classroom and in the community. But unlike us, they also train to go out into that world before the sun comes up, while the rest of us sleep. And we sleep safe, thankful that they are there to protect us.

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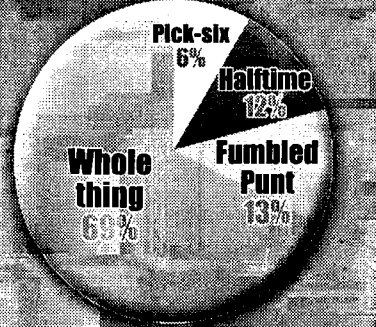
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Observer Poll

When did you stop watching the game on Saturday?

	Votes	Percentage
Watched the whole thing - I'm a sucker for punishment	619	69%
Golden Tate's fumbled punt	116	13%
Halftime	107	12%
The pick-six	58	6%



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"ARCHITECTURE, n: The art of how to waste space."

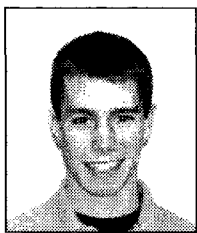
Philip Johnson
architect

Forde ounces to freedom

Forty names, beers, schools and minutiae making news at Notre Dame (1), where the Leprechaun Legion (2) is the second best student body of all the basketball schools in the nation [no criticisms of Fr. Jenkins (3) for firing Tyrone Willingham (4) included].

The Flash (me, of course) would like to send a huge Notre Dame congratulations over to president elect Barack Obama (5). The first black president certainly deserves a nice Samuel Adams Winter Lager (6) on me, but I can't seem to send liquids to the future leader of the free world, so he'll have to stop by The Linebacker Lounge (7) sometime so I can treat him.

While on the topic of politics, The Flash would like say happy trails to Rachel Maddow (8) and Keith Olbermann (9). While these two were highly entertaining in the lead up to the election, they will most likely be unwatched for the next four years. Especially Olbermann, who made a second name for himself as the biggest



Bob Kessler

House of Stix

critic of the Bush Administration (10). As consolation gifts for these two I would like to send Ms. Maddow a Busch Light (11) and Mr. Olbermann a Jaeger Bomb (12).

Speaking of news media, The Flash would also like to send a shout out to ESPN (13), which proclaimed this week that Weis Watch (14) was beginning. I don't know about everybody else, but it seems like firing Charlie Weis (15) would truly signal the end for Notre Dame football. When I look around campus, it seems most of the student body does not care about the sport like we once did. The seniors remember the agony of the MSU Flag Planting (16) and the heartbreak of the Bush Push (17), the juniors remember comebacks against UCLA (18) and Michigan State (19), but the sophomores and freshmen only know embarrassing losses. When the student body runs through Stonehenge (20) after a sloppy win against a mediocre Bruin team it is evident that we have seen better days. The Flash thinks that this school needs a marquee victory soon or we could lose the student body indefinitely. A new coach is probably not going to bring that next year and we can not afford to enter another phase of rebuilding.

Sticking with the football theme for a

moment, The Flash still has not gotten "Viva La Vida" (21) out of his head. The Boston College band (23) played the song incessantly and I now know how losing away fans must feel after leaving Notre Dame Stadium (24). If I can't get the Coldplay (25) song out of my head, I have no clue how fans of Florida State (26) could have gotten the Victory March (27) out of their heads after the 1993 Game of the Century (28).

Speaking of Florida, don't we wish we were in Florida now. With the temperatures falling, we are now in a critical time of the South Bend Fall that is perfect for two things: a power running game (29) and sweatpants (30). Since the only place we've been able to find the first in recent memory has been in dorm showdowns at Stepan Fields (31), I'd like to take some time to ponder the second.

As The Flash walks across campus in this weather, he often notices that you can tell where people come from by what they are wearing. Somebody wearing shorts and a hoodie is probably used to the weather. I'm guessing Minnesota (32); those people can handle levels of cold like none other.

Anytime I see a person wearing a dress coat and a scarf, I immediately think they are from the East Coast (33) — I

don't know why, just seems like urban attire. Then there are those of us from the Chicago Suburbs (34). I think a lot of us love to sport the hoodie under jacket look in this late fall period. The Flash likes the look because it makes it seem like he can take the cold by not wearing a full on coat [like all those people from Florida (35)] but keeps him warm inside.

Speaking of keeping you warm inside, The Flash would like to thank Flashettes Olga Kurylenko (36) and Gemma Arterton (37) who everybody will know by tomorrow as the Bond girls in "Quantum of Solace" (now in a theater near you).

The Flash would like to thank several people for their unknowing help with this column. Barry Allen (38) and Wally West (39) have been real troopers for unknowingly letting me use their alias.

Finally, I could take some time to mention how Notre Dame officials are racist for firing Tyrone Willingham, but I wouldn't want to imitate ESPN.com writer Pat Forde (40).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tolerate mediocre coaching

Regarding mediocre or worse coaching, it should be obvious that better coaches have not wanted the Notre Dame head coaching job. If the administration had found better coaches than Davie, Willingham and Weis who were willing to take the job, we would not be in this mess. Has anything changed in that regard? No, and it probably won't. The job is a huge pressure cooker and too many fans and students only make matters worse by calling for Weis to be fired ASAP. We should be patient and tolerant while requiring excellence at the same time. A little more patience and tolerance by fans and students would help in attracting a future top caliber coach. Think about it, no elite coach would come to a school which has a track record of firing two consecutive coaches after only three or four years on the job. Even though he may not deserve it, we need to have patience with Weis for at least a couple more years. Who knows, he might even get his act together in that time.

Jackson Davis
alum
class of 1967
Nov. 12

Still not laughing

Unfortunately I have not have had the "pleasure" of seeing the movie "Tropic Thunder" like my fellow student Colin Keeler has. However, I have had the pleasure of knowing both Mary Forr and Mary Conroy and all I can say is that I thank God their siblings have them as sisters. Maybe it is necessary to know someone with a physical or mental handicap personally in order to truly appreciate that they are a gift from God, but for those of us who don't, it is certainly never acceptable to degrade or put down any of God's children in any way.

I'm not sure if anyone else had the same reaction I did when I read Colin Keeler's Nov. 12 Letter to the Editor, "Learning to Laugh," but I could not disagree with it more. Not only was he defending a stupid movie over human beings, but his only valid argument in its defense was, "I hate to break the news, but many comical movies do have jokes concerning race and religion ..." This statement is completely ignorant. First of all, he is assuming that all disabled people can defend themselves to the degree that one who is fully able can. I am not saying this to insinuate that the handicapped are completely incapable but is it fair or right to pick on someone who cannot defend themselves the way you can?

In his Letter, Keeler also calls upon

examples such as "Van Wilder" and "Legally Blonde" in defense for his unwarranted appreciation for degrading comical movies. Yet, the last time I checked none of these movies were even close to being respected in the industry. So why should anyone respect them as arguments in defense of the film industry?

Lastly, I'd like to point out the fact that Colin claims Mary Forr went on and on about the use of the r-word in the movie. Not only is the overuse of the word completely uncalled for, but there's also a point in the movie when Matthew McConaughey, who plays Speedman's agent Rick Peck, seems to have a child who is in some way disabled. In one scene the child stands beside his father, who's talking on the phone, and says, "At least you get to pick him," referring to adoption. This is just baffling to me. How would you like it if your parents said that about you?

Just because some people find making fun of people with mental and physical handicaps hilarious does not mean that Our Blessed Mother has a sense of humor ... sorry, Colin.

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Nov. 12

Lighten up

This letter is regarding Robert Scully's Nov. 12 Letter to the Editor ("Offensive comics are back"), which was a response to the Nov. 10 edition of "The Dome Piece." How unintelligent does it make one if he doesn't realize that his intelligence is being insulted? I frankly enjoyed this particular issue of the Dome Piece very much, even to the point that I, God forbid, laughed at a joke about an erection. Far from insulting the readers' intelligence, I found it was an ironically self-aware and palatably mild jab at the obvious Quinn fan-boy mentality that so dominates the current Notre Dame communal psyche. Do we really take ourselves so seriously that we're unable to recognize those foibles that make us uniquely Notre Dame? Are we really that uncomfortable with ourselves that a mention of something sexual — that a mention of an erection — makes a joke juvenile and not worth reading? I laud Cavadini and his attempt to make us take ourselves a little less seriously. Scully, if you want unfunny comics and visual stimulation, I recommend going and reading Family Circus in the Snite. I'll be laughing with everyone else at The Dome Piece.

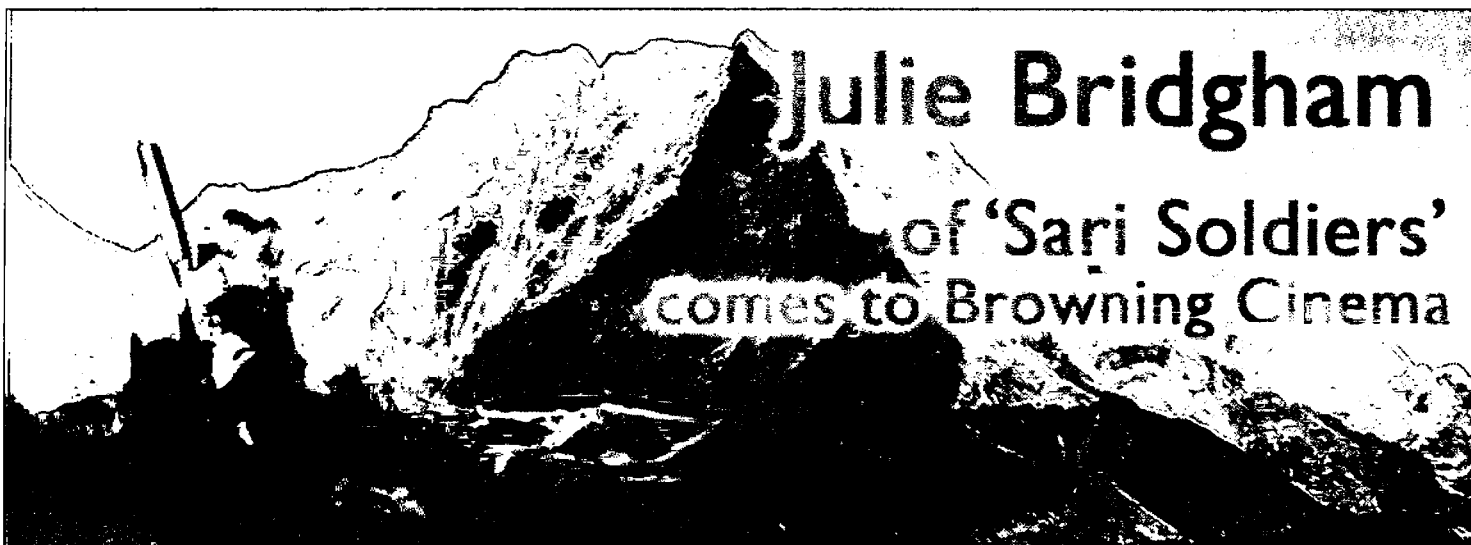
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Learn where to draw line

In Colin Keeler's Nov. 12 Letter to the Editor titled "Learning to Laugh," he claims that all motion picture comedies can "seem 'degrading' if viewed in some manner" but they are actually funny to people with a good sense of humor, and can serve to "highlight" the trials that discriminated groups face. Unfortunately, Keeler's remarks only address what he believes "degrading" represents. The controversy about Tropic Thunder arises from the film's repeated use of the r-word. For example, one of the film's characters, Tugg Speedman (Ben Stiller) plays an actor who starred as a farm boy with a mental impairment in a movie "Simple Jack ... Once upon a time there was a [r-word]."

Use of the r-word perpetuates negative stereotypes and dehumanizes people with intellectual disabilities. It is an extremely offensive word for those familiar with the challenges of the intellectually-disabled community. Many people fail to understand that the "r-word" connotes the same level of discrimination as other awful words used to denigrate people, such as members of various racial and ethnic groups. I will not list these words, but I think it is obvious which words I mean. Would it be appropriate for SUB to show movies including any such hateful words? Hate speech is not acceptable, especially at a Catholic university. I applaud Mary Forr, and especially her sister Marita, for their courage and their influence on the Notre Dame community. I also urge everyone to please check out an editorial by Dr. Tim Shriver, head of Special Olympics International, whose cogent words on this issue were published in August in the Washington Post. The Special Olympics is one of over 20 disability advocacy groups to boycott Tropic Thunder.

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Nov. 12



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JORDAN GAMBLE
Scene Writer

Nepal has fascinated director and producer Julie Bridgham ever since her elementary school principal talked about doing Peace Corp work there in the 1960s.

Bridgham comes to Notre Dame's Browning Cinema on Friday with her documentary "Sari Soldiers," about women fighting on both sides of Nepal's brutal 10-year civil war, which killed nearly 13,000 and displaced at least 100,000 by its end in 2006. The film won Bridgham the 2008 Nestor Almendros Prize for courage and commitment in human rights filmmaking at the Human Rights Watch Film Festival.

Bridgham traveled with her producer Ramyata Limbu (herself a Nepali woman) for three years through war-torn Nepal, following the lives of six women in the struggle between the government of Nepal's king and the Maoist insurgents. These women included: Devi, whose daughter was kidnapped by the Royal Nepal Army; Maoist Commander

Kranti; Royal Nepal Army Officer Rajani; Krishna, a monarchist from a rural community who leads a rebellion against the Maoists; Mandira, a human rights lawyer; and Ram Kumari, a student activist with the hope of helping to reestablish democracy.

"There's a distinct sense of empowerment they feel as women being armed. Many see it as an opportunity to have some kind of power," said Bridgham in an interview with a reporter from Duke University in 2006, as the footage for the documentary was being assembled. Still, the film's ultimate message is that if women had their way, most of them would bring a war to its end as soon as possible.

Initially, Bridgham was wary about showing the film in Nepal for fear that it would endanger the six protagonists, as she explained in an interview with Saathie Magazine, a publication for the South Asian community in the Carolinas region of the United States. "It was important to all of us that the women felt comfortable having the film shown, and to wait to show it in Nepal until things

were more stable. Amazingly, the political climate changed during the course of the filmmaking, and so we have been able to show the film in Nepal, and the women have been very supportive and encouraging of its being widely shown throughout Nepal," she said.

Since first visiting in 1993, Bridgham now calls the country her second home. She spent most of the last six years there, making other documentaries for the Nepalese Youth Opportunity Foundation and the United Nations' World Food Program as well as the independent features "At the Edge of Sufficient," about two families in Nepal's rural region, "Indentured Daughters," a documentary on Nepali girls sent into bonded labor, and "Children of Hope," about Nepali orphans given new opportunities through education.

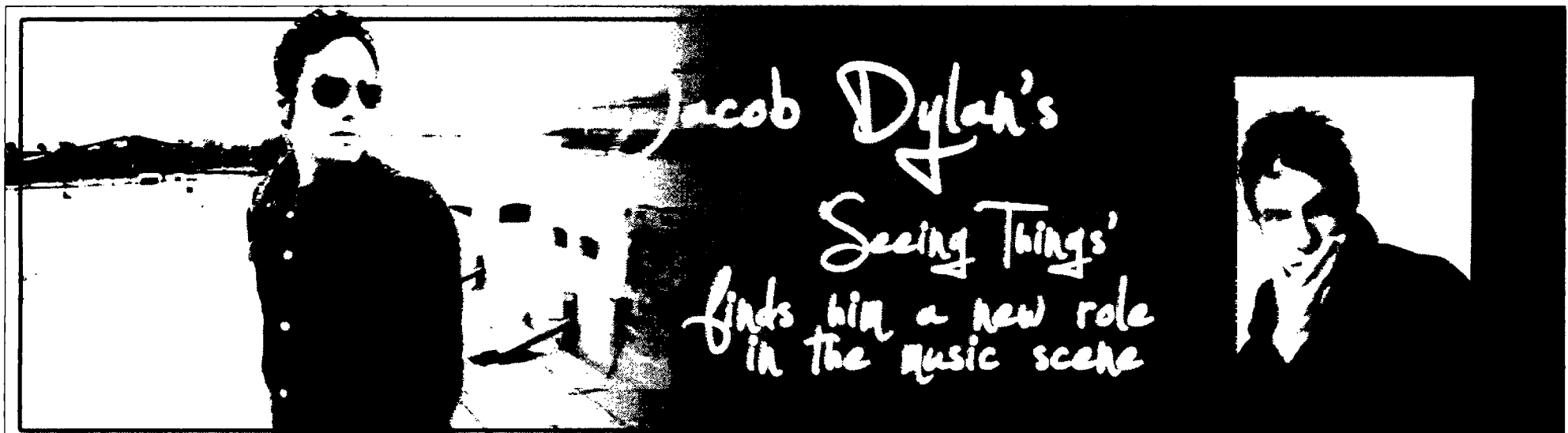
Bridgham, a graduate of the University of Colorado, Boulder, has used her degrees in International Affairs and Environmental studies for projects outside Nepal, crafting documentary series for the BBC, Discovery Channel, and TLC about global issues. Before she got into

documentary-making, she worked in Costa Rica on a U.N. environmental project and in Bolivia as a researcher for the Andean Information Network human rights organization.

"As individuals, we can make a difference by making sure these issues are made public and that we pressure our governments to hold those responsible accountable," Bridgham told Saathie Magazine. "I really think that widespread exposure is a key element to making people accountable, but at the end of the day, we need to make sure that the courts follow through on the rule of law, as well as accountability."

Sari Soldiers will run Friday night at 6:30 and 9:30 pm at the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, with Bridgham scheduled to be present at the screening. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for faculty and staff. For more information about the film and its director, go to performingarts.nd.edu.

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JAMES DUBRAY
Scene Writer

In the The Band's famous Civil War themed tune, Levon Helm exclaims, "Like my father before me/I will work the land." Jakob Dylan, known for his time as lead singer for The Wallflower's, seems to have borrowed the Bob Dylan associated group's sentiment with his debut solo album, "Seeing Things,"

which is a gutsy record on many levels.

First, much like his father before him, Jakob has the confidence to accompany his songs with sparse instrumentation, allowing his lyrics to come to the forefront. And unlike his fellow acoustic peers, Dylan's lyrics overcome childish sentimentality and banal quips. Banana pancakes are tasty once in a while, but certainly don't need a song written about them.

In an equally audacious move, Dylan not only signed to his father's lifelong friend Columbia records, but also released his record in daddy's staple Red CD format. Despite the not so subtle trademarks, Jakob's record here seems more akin to Johnny Cash's work or even Helm's recent solo album than to Bob Dylan's work.

Paired with famous producer Rick Rubin, Dylan and Columbia put out the 38 minute solo record on June 10th. The album is largely meant for Sunday morning reflection — the instrumentation contains itself to Dylan's acoustic guitar and voice, with a muted drum and bass heard on a few songs. The beauty of the record is its thematic focus, which provides a sense of Pete Seeger populism that

acknowledges the darkness in the world, but ultimately finds a sense of hope in the value of work and companionship.

During the "Valley of the Low Sun," Dylan comments, "I know that soldiers are not paid to think/But something here is making us sick." While the Bush bash is not so subtle, Dylan employs a Colin Meloy sense of Americana infused imagery in the tune to discover a notion of meaning within the horrors of an endless war, "Of snow covered beaches and junkyards of diesel/And bombers named after girls."

Dylan's voice sounds world-weary throughout the record. His lyrics reveal a man who seems much older than his 38 years. The album tells stories of, "Boarded mansions and ghost filled yards," that contain, "... a boy in a water tower counting cards," and, "... an outlaw now standing at the foot of infinity." These sorts of tales and images may seem somewhat out of place on a record made by a guy from L.A., yet Jakob Dylan has always sounded much more comfortable talking about anything but his personal life.

The highlight of the album is the single "Something Good This Way Comes." On

this mid tempo, upbeat ditty, Dylan lets go of the rustic backrooms and takes his characters on a highway, which leads to the redemption of their souls. The record that began with the declaration, "...evil is alive and well," shifts to greener pastures where there is, "...sweet apple pie on the stove." Jakob's voice seems much more at ease in this song as he sits back and sings about this apple pie and a "...good woman by my side."

The album ends with a lyrically brilliant song, "This End of the Telescope," which reveals the former Wallflower in an unusually personal light. Jakob closes with an ode, "Companions we made didn't last/Lousy lovers do well with their hands/But I'll reach you like nobody can."

Jakob Dylan's solo debut is not earth shattering. Yet, after the three albums that followed the Wallflowers' commercial success, "Bringing Down the Horse," were marked by critical indifference, the singer songwriter clearly needed a change. Jakob Dylan's return as an acoustic troubadour proves to be a treat to fans of lyrical strength of beauty.

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Seeing Things Jakob Dylan

Released by: Columbia Records

Recommended Tracks:

"Something Good This Way Comes,"
"This End of the Telescope"



A goodbye to

When we were kids, my sister and I did not agree on much.

Every day, we would come home from school, grab an afternoon snack of a brown sugar cinnamon Pop Tart, hers frosted, mine not, pour ourselves a glass of milk, hers skim, mine one percent, and sit down in front of the television. We fought over that, too, because I wanted to watch Sailor Moon and she wanted to watch Pokémon. Then came 1998, and a little show called "Total Request Live."

Laura Myers

Scene Writer

I was in fourth grade and she was in sixth. We were too old to watch Pokémon (you're never too old to watch Sailor Moon), and we needed something we could agree on.

TRL soon became a fixture in my life, just as it did in the lives of almost everybody in our age group.

And after 10 years, music video lovers will stop traffic at Times Square for the last time Sunday during "Total Finale Live," MTV's tribute to the monumental show.

When he announced the scheduling of TFL in September, Executive Producer Dave Sirulnick said the show would not be ending for good, but simply, "taking a break." Whether that will hold true remains to be seen.

The finale will bring back popular host Carson Daly as well as many stars, including

P. Diddy, who appeared on TRL a record 36 times, members of 'N Sync, Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, Fred Durst, Eminem, Marilyn Manson, Travis Barker and others. The Backstreet Boys will be performing, as will 50 Cent and Fall Out Boy.

TRL is the third longest-running show produced by MTV, behind "The Real World" (14 years) and "120 Minutes" (17 years). It is the longest-running live show.

The top-10 countdown, which was voted on by viewers who could call 1-800-DIAL-MTV or vote online, encompasses every genre of music, from bubblegum pop to hip-hop and even country. It helped launch the careers of many artists and continues to do so. It has also helped the careers of its VJ's, or Video Jockeys. Daly left the show in 2003 to host NBC's "Last Call." Since then, other VJ's have come and gone, including One Tree Hill's Hilarie Burton, Damien Fahey and Lyndsay Rodriguez currently host the show.

The program will be remembered for its outrageous moments, including the time MC Hammer married two fans during the telecast and the interview in which Elton John asked Justin Timberlake some very personal questions about his dreams the previous night.

It also had its share of awkward moments. After the debut of one of the "Harry Potter" movies, Daniel Radcliffe made an appearance on TRL and was greeted by a fan in Times Square who was wearing nothing but a towel.

In another uncomfortable moment, Daly had to interview actress and ex-girlfriend Tara Reid just days after their very public breakup.

Through its news portion of the program, TRL was able to give its viewers a glimpse of the world look outside of entertainment. It was a part of MTV's Rock the Vote movement, which encouraged young voters to become active in the political process.

For the most part, though, TRL is about the music, one of the only shows on MTV that can say that (other contenders: "Making the Band 27," and... no, that's it). It has always catered to its audience with current hits and popular performers.

When it first started, TRL aired five days a week at 4 p.m., making it perfect for its demographic — teens and pre-teens who could come home from school to watch the show. In 2005, it began airing only four days a week at 3 p.m., which made it harder for many to tune in and could have led to producers' decision to halt the show. "Total Finale Live" airs Sunday at 8 p.m. I plan to grab a frosted brown sugar cinnamon Pop Tart, pour myself a glass of skim milk, and say goodbye to the show that informed, entertained, and united my generation.

The views expressed in Scene and Heard are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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'N Sync - Tearin' Up My Heart 1998

Eminem - My Name Is 1999

Britney Spears - ...Baby One More Time 1998

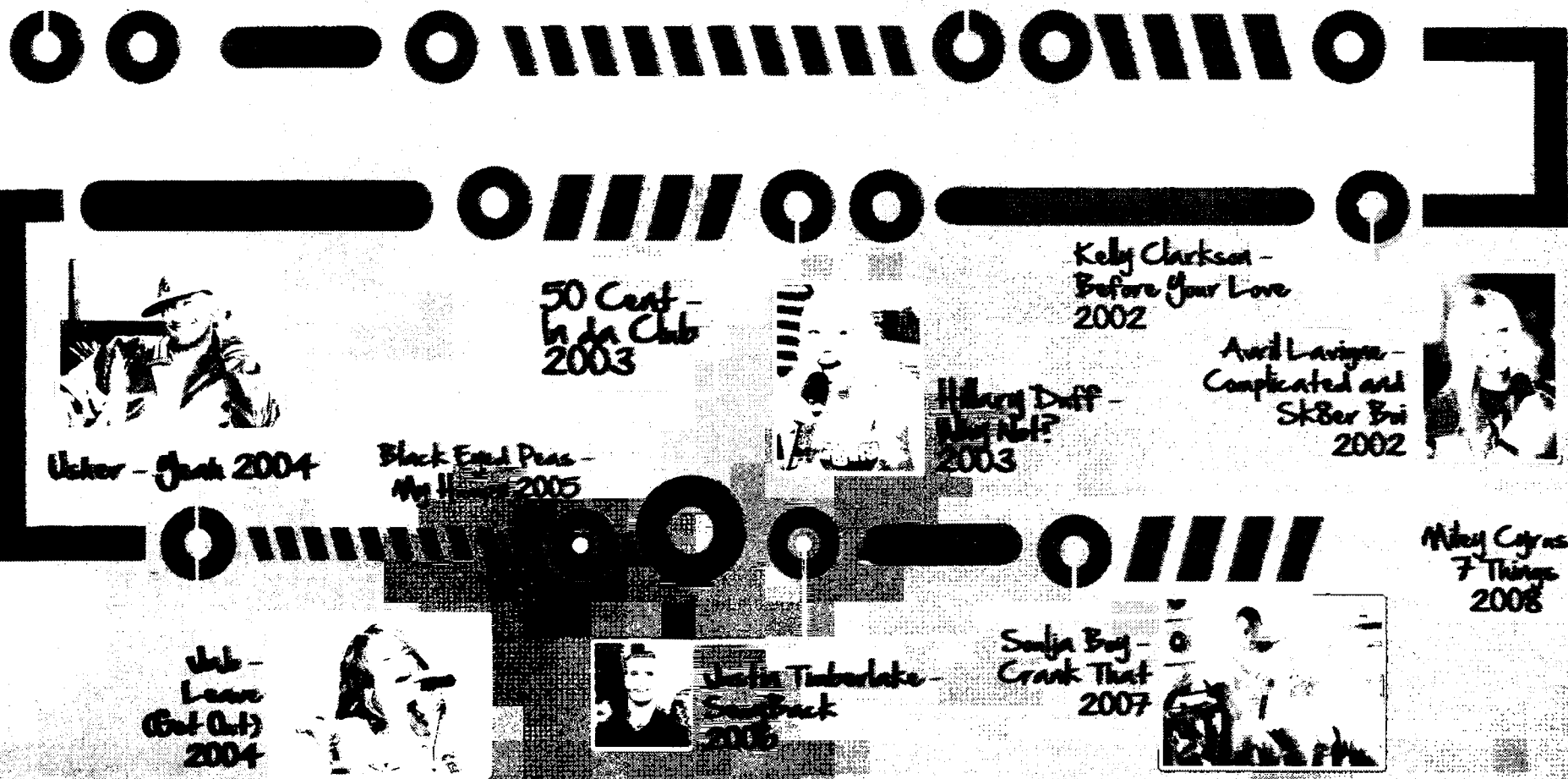


Linkin Park - In the End 2001

Destiny's Child - Bootylicious 2001

Christina Aguilera - Genie in a Bottle 1999

TRL Timeline



NHL

Bruins end 12-game losing streak against Canadiens with win

MacDonald makes 29 saves as Islanders defeat Senators; Penguins win Pennsylvania battle in shootout against Flyers

Associated Press

BOSTON — Marco Sturm and Stephane Yelle each scored two goals and the Boston Bruins snapped a 12-game losing streak against the Montreal Canadiens with a 6-1 victory Thursday night.

On a night when most of Boston focused on the NFL game between the New England Patriots and the New York Jets, the Bruins extended their winning streak to five games and won for the eighth time in nine contests. They had gone 0-10-2 against the Canadiens in the previous 12 meetings.

Manny Fernandez made 27 saves and is 4-0-1 in his last five starts. Boston's tandem of Fernandez and Tim Thomas has allowed only nine goals in eight games.

The Bruins led 3-0 in the first period on goals by Shawn Thornton, Yelle and Sturm. Thornton took advantage of Mike Komisarek's turnover to make it 1-0 at 2:31. Yelle doubled the lead with 3:00 left in the period. Sturm added a power-play goal with about six seconds remaining.

Montreal netminder Carey Price struggled throughout, and he hit a low point when he was whistled for a delay of game early in the second. Sturm capitalized with his second man-advantage goal of the night, redirecting in Patrice Bergeron's shot for a 4-0 lead at 3:44. The crowd followed with a derisive "Carey" "Carey" chant as frustrated Canadiens coach Guy Carbonneau looked on.

Saku Koivu cut Boston's lead to 4-1 when he spun around the back of the net and beat Fernandez, who was out of position after mishandling the puck with 6:26 left in the second.

The surprising Bruins (10-3-3) are three points behind the New York Rangers for first place in the Eastern Conference and have outscored opponents 28-13 over the last nine. Boston will visit New York on Saturday night.

New York 3, Ottawa 1

Kyle Okposo and Trent Hunter scored power-play goals, and Joey MacDonald made 29 saves to lead the New York Islanders to a win over the Ottawa Senators on Thursday night.

Bill Guerin also scored for

New York, which had lost three straight (0-2-1).

Islanders rookie Josh Bailey, who made his NHL debut on Tuesday, recorded his first point when he set up Okposo's second goal of the season 12:42 in, a power-play tally that tied it at 1.

Hunter gave New York a 2-1 lead with an unassisted effort on another man advantage 17:30 into the second. Guerin scored his sixth of the season early in the third.

Filip Kuba netted his first goal on a power play 1:53 in for Ottawa, which lost its third in a row after a 4-0-1 spurt.

MacDonald made his sixth straight start for the Islanders. He has started eight of nine games since No. 1 goalie Rick DiPietro was injured.

Ottawa's Alex Auld made 29 saves in his eighth start in nine games.

Islanders defenseman Thomas Pock was given a major penalty and a game misconduct 15:44 into the third period for elbowing Ottawa's Ryan Shannon. Shannon, who made his Senators debut, had to be helped off the ice to the dressing room.

New York's Richard Park was called for slashing with 45.2 seconds remaining but Ottawa, which had pulled Auld, was unable to score with a 6-on-3 skating advantage.

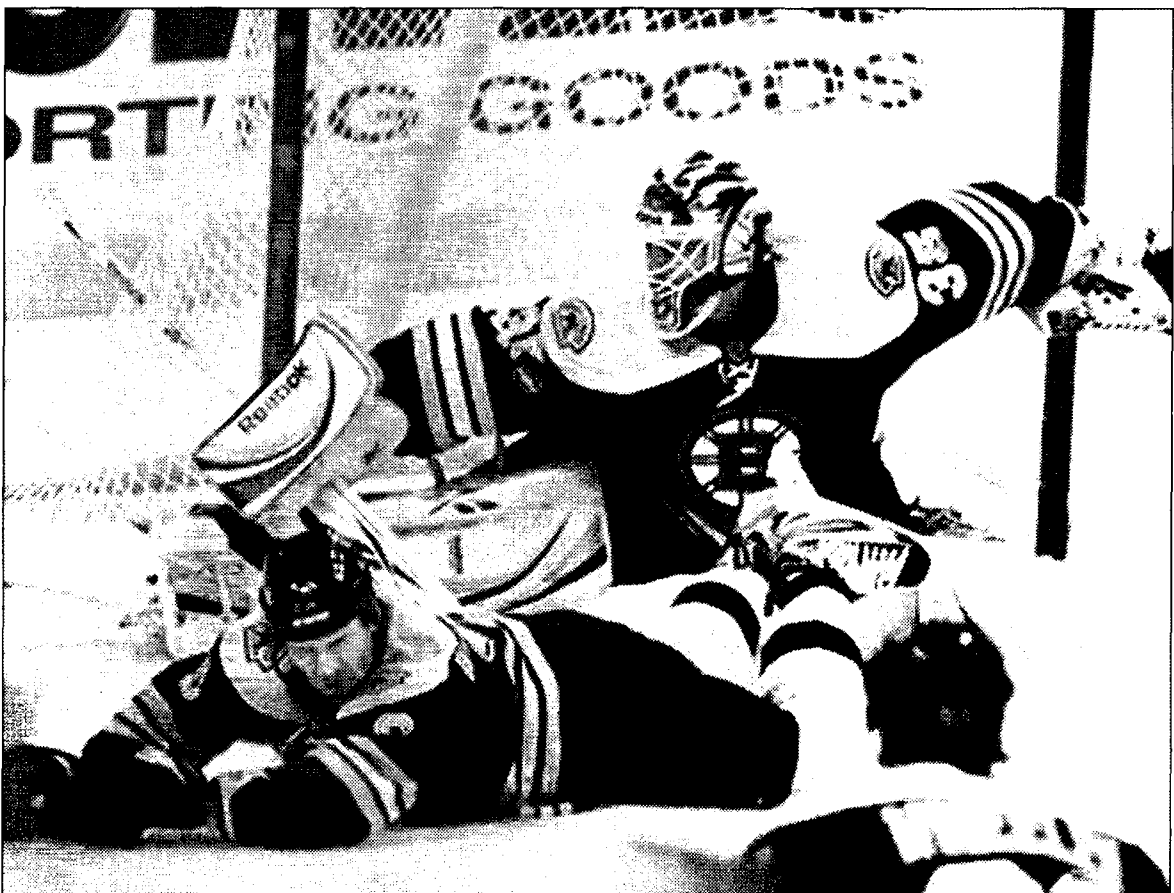
Senators forward Jarko Ruutu began serving a two-game NHL suspension for elbowing Montreal's Maxim Lapierre in the head Tuesday in Ottawa's 4-0 road loss. Ruutu will also sit out Saturday against the Islanders on Long Island.

New York held a 16-5 shots advantage in the first, including four before Islanders forward Sean Bergenheim was called for hooking at 1:09.

Ottawa took advantage on the power play when Kuba scored his first goal in 16 games on the Senators' first shot. Kuba, who leads the Senators with 14 assists, one-timed Jason Spezza's pass from the left side, driving a slap shot past Joey MacDonald from the high slot 1:53 in.

Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 4

Penguins rookie Alex Goligoski scored on his first shootout attempt after Sidney Crosby tied it late in the third period with his second goal, and Pittsburgh rallied to beat the Philadelphia Flyers after



Bruins defenseman Denis Wideman, front, drops to the ice to help goalie Manny Fernandez block a shot during first period of Boston's 6-1 win over Montreal.

blowing a three-goal lead Thursday night.

Simon Gagne scored twice short-handed during a four-goal second period that put the Flyers up 4-3, but the Penguins came back to win two nights after they rallied from three goals down in the third period to beat Detroit 7-6 in overtime.

Goligoski, the sixth and final Pittsburgh shooter, shifted the puck from backhand to forehand before sliding it along the goal line and past goalie Martin Biron, who made 27 saves but couldn't preserve the 4-3 lead.

Backup goalie Dany Sabourin, who replaced Marc-Andre Fleury to start the third, stopped 11 shots before turning aside all six Philadelphia shooters in the shootout.

Evgeni Malkin scored and set up Crosby's tying goal as the Penguins, winning their fifth in a row, went into overtime for the eighth time in 16 games. They are 6-2, 3-1 in shootouts.

Crosby tied it with 2:33 remaining with his sixth goal of the season and 18th in 22 career games against the Flyers. He cut toward the net from the left circle and scored when Malkin got the puck out from behind the net.

Crosby and Malkin scored on bad-angle backhanders less than three minutes apart early in the second before the Flyers surged, only to lose their eighth in a row in Pittsburgh—including three Eastern Conference finals games last spring.

Philadelphia's Jeff Carter started the comeback at 7:46 of the second. Barely a minute later, Gagne cut through Goligoski and Malkin on a short-handed breakaway and, with Malkin draped on his shoulder, put a backhand past Fleury.

Detroit 4, Tampa Bay 3

Henrik Zetterberg, Mikael Samuelsson and Johan Franzen scored third-period goals and the Detroit Red Wings beat the Tampa Bay Lightning on Thursday night.

Pavel Datsyuk also scored for the defending Stanley Cup champions, and Chris Osgood had 15 saves to improve to 17-0 against Tampa Bay.

Mark Recchi, Jussi Jokinen and Matt Pettinger scored for the Lightning, who were outshot 39-18 and lost their third straight.

The Lightning paid for three penalties taken in an 18-sec-

ond span during the final half-minute of the second period. Zetterberg and Samuelsson scored on the advantages to give Detroit a 3-2 lead early in the third.

Zetterberg tied it during a two-man advantage with an in-close goal at 1:38. Detroit went ahead on Samuelsson's shot from the top of the right circle at 2:30.

Franzen extended the lead to 4-2 at 9:21 before Pettinger cut the Lightning's deficit to a goal with 4:18 left.

Tampa Bay, which had scored just 30 goals in its previous 15 games, took a 2-0 lead in the first on goals by Recchi and Jokinen.

Recchi put the Lightning ahead from the right circle at 14:09 with his 1,392th NHL point. That moved him past Brett Hull into 20th place on the league's career list.

Jokinen doubled the lead with a power-play goal with 1:41 left in the period.

Detroit dominated the second, outshooting the Lightning 18-3, but scored just once on Olie Kolzig when Datsyuk pulled Detroit within 2-1 at 1:33. The Red Wings outshot Tampa Bay 13-1 during the first 15 minutes of the period.

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Women's Soccer NSCCA/adidas® Rankings

team	points	previous
1 NOTRE DAME (34)	850	1
2 UCLA	794	2
3 Portland	780	2
4 North Carolina	761	4
5 Stanford	718	6
6 Florida State	660	5
7 Oklahoma State	620	8
8 USC	618	9
9 Florida	570	7
10 Boston College	527	10
11 Virginia	463	12
12 West Virginia	422	13
13 Missouri	402	20
14 Texas A&M	367	11
15 Colorado	365	16
16 Wisconsin-Milwaukee	306	19
17 San Diego	301	14
18 Duke	254	17
19 Texas	249	15
20 Penn State	228	23
21 BYU	179	22
22 Minnesota	155	21
23 Wake Forest	137	18
24 Washington State	83	24
25 Virginia Tech	76	RV

NCAA Football AP Rankings

team	points	previous
1 Alabama (46)	1604	1
2 Texas Tech (12)	1574	2
3 Florida (6)	1567	4
4 Texas (1)	1437	5
5 Oklahoma	1375	6
6 USC	1311	7
7 Penn State	1161	3
8 Utah	1157	10
9 Boise State	1110	9
10 Ohio State	1009	12
11 Oklahoma State	963	8
12 Missouri	913	13
13 Georgia	880	14
14 Ball State	677	16
15 TCU	623	11
16 BYU	602	17
17 North Carolina	597	19
18 Michigan State	584	18
19 LSU	552	15
20 Florida State	380	24
21 Pittsburgh	318	25
22 Cincinnati	269	NR
23 Oregon State	124	NR
24 South Carolina	117	NR
25 Tulsa	84	NR

CHAA Hockey Conference Standings

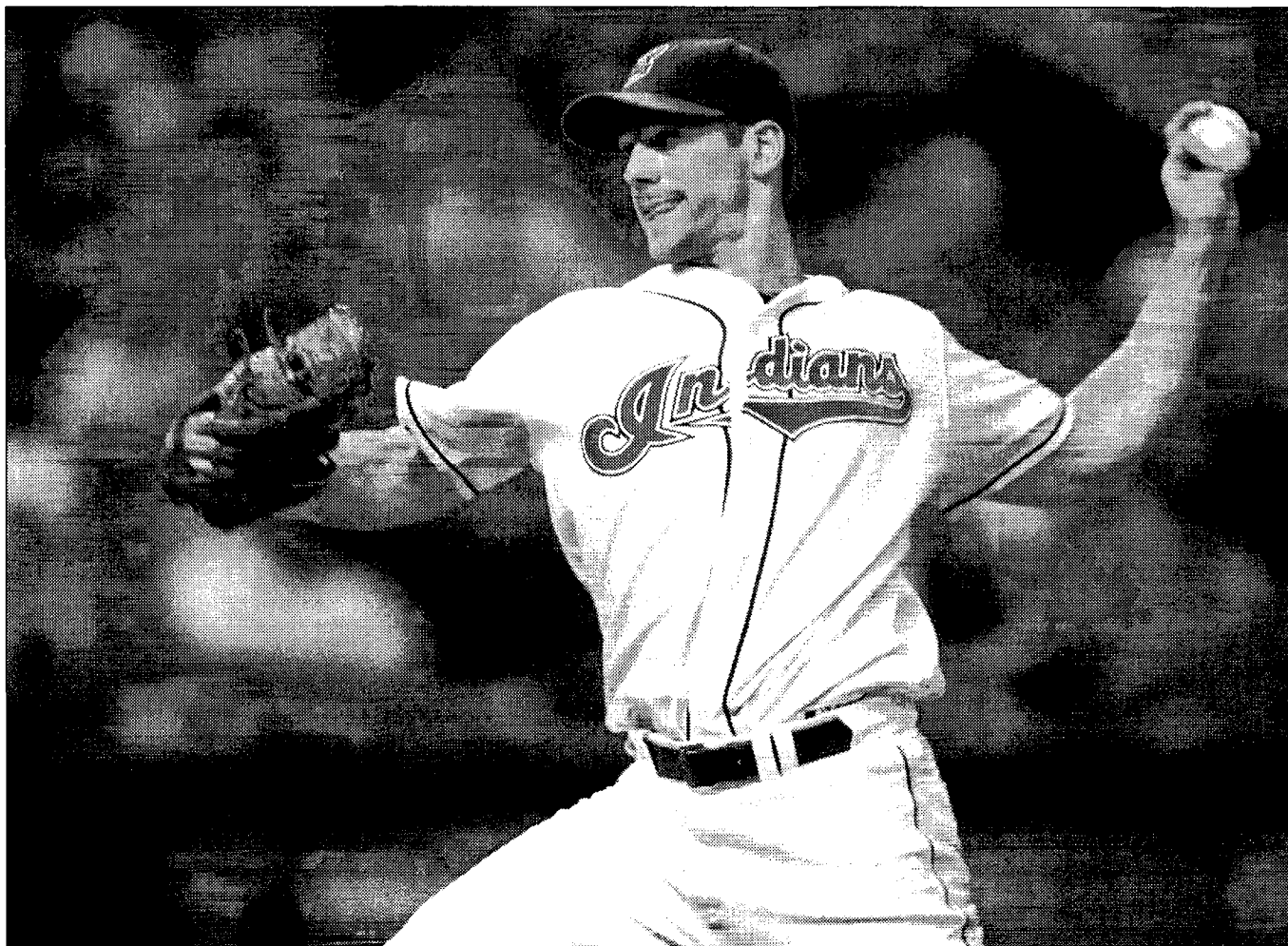
team	conference	overall
1 Miami	4-2-2	4-3-3
2 Ferris State	3-1-2	4-3-3
3 Lake Superior	3-2-1	3-3-2
4 Michigan	4-2-0	7-3-0
5 Michigan State	2-2-2	4-4-2
6 Ohio State	3-4-1	4-5-1
7 Nebraska-Omaha	2-1-1	6-1-1
8 Alaska	3-3-0	5-4-1
9 Bowling Green	2-3-1	3-5-2
10 NOTRE DAME	2-2-0	6-3-0
11 Western Michigan	0-3-3	1-6-3
12 Northern Michigan	1-4-1	2-5-1

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8:00 p.m., ESPN2

NBA BASKETBALL
Detroit at LA Lakers
10:30 p.m., ESPN

MLB



Indians pitcher Cliff Lee throws a pitch during his Sept. 12 start against the Kansas City Royals. Lee's 22-4 record and 2.54 ERA won him the 2008 American League Cy Young award.

Lee wins AL Cy Young in a landslide

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Cliff Lee went from the minor leagues to the pinnacle of pitching in one fantastic year. Now, he's eager to repeat his award-winning performance.

Lee took the American League Cy Young Award in a runaway Thursday, capping a dominant comeback season that made him the second consecutive Cleveland Indians lefty to earn the coveted prize.

"It feels a lot better than it felt in '07," Lee said on a conference call from his Arkansas home. "I want to win this Cy Young again. I want to make a habit of it."

Demoted to the minors last year, Lee went a major

league-best 22-3 this season with a 2.54 ERA. He received 24 of 28 first-place votes and 132 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Toronto ace Roy Halladay was a distant runner-up with four first-place votes and 71 points. Record-setting closer Francisco Rodriguez of the Los Angeles Angels finished third with 32 points.

Lee became the third Cleveland pitcher to win a Cy Young, following Hall of Famer Gaylord Perry in 1972 and CC Sabathia last year.

"We are pretty close friends, and there's a lot of things I picked up from him and I'd like to think there's a

few things he picked up from me," Lee said. "I've tried to help him out in situations and he's tried to do the same for me. Apparently it's worked. We've turned into pretty good pitchers."

Trudging through a disappointing season and cognizant of budget constraints, the injury-depleted Indians traded Sabathia to Milwaukee on July 7. He is expected to fetch a huge contract this offseason after filing for free agency.

"I definitely miss him being around on the team. He's someone that I leaned on," Lee said. "I saw how he did it in '07 and I watched everything he did. I knew what it took because I'd seen it. It definitely was a benefit

to watch it right in front of me."

An 18-game winner in 2005, Lee was hurt in spring training last year and struggled so badly he was sent to the minors. He returned to the big leagues and finished 5-8 with a 6.29 ERA, then was left off Cleveland's post-season roster.

"I was kind of pushed to the side," Lee said. "That was tough."

The Indians asked him to visit pitching coach Carl Willis in North Carolina last offseason, and Lee said their chat helped. Determined to re-establish himself, he won a spot in the rotation during spring training and was the league's top pitcher from April on.

IN BRIEF

Vick plans to return to NFL after prison sentence

NORFOLK, Va. — Michael Vick's bankruptcy attorneys say the imprisoned NFL quarterback expects to return to football.

Attorneys wrote in a disclosure statement that Vick "has every reason to believe" he will be reinstated by the NFL once he completes a 23-month sentence for a federal dogfighting conviction last summer. The attorneys filed the statement before a hearing Thursday in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Virginia.

Vick still has a contract with the Atlanta Falcons. But NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell would have final say on his return.

The attorneys also lay out a plan for Vick to pay his creditors based on his expected NFL earnings and possible signing bonuses.

Aquisition of Gregg ends Wood's career with Cubs

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs acquired reliever Kevin Gregg in a trade with the Florida Marlins on Thursday, a move that appears to end Kerry Wood's career with the team.

Wood, the 1998 NL Rookie of the Year who saved 34 games this year, had been the longest-tenured player on the Cubs. General manager Jim Hendry said Wood was deserving of a three- or four-year deal and the Cubs are not prepared to offer him one.

In addition to the right-handed Gregg, who was the Marlins' closer until the final month last season, Chicago also has a talented setup man in Carlos Marmol, who could close.

"We're just in a situation — and Kerry fully understands — that length of deal for the kind of salary that he could command right now is not our first priority," Hendry said during a conference call.

Yankees acquire Swisher from White Sox

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees started their offseason makeover by acquiring Nick Swisher from the Chicago White Sox on Thursday.

Swisher, who can play first base and all three outfield spots, was obtained for pitching prospect Jeff Marquez and infielder Wilson Betemit. The teams also swapped a pair of minor league right-handers as part of the deal, with Chicago receiving Jhonny Nunez and New York getting Kaneoka Texeira.

Swisher, who turns 28 on Nov. 25, hit just .219 with 24 homers and 69 RBIs last season.

"He's selective," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said. "He's got power."

Still, Swisher's .332 on-base percentage was the lowest of his career. "We felt it was a risk worth taking," Cashman said.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish to play best of Big East

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Having clinched a spot in the Big East tournament, the Irish are now poised to finish their season strong against two of the elite teams in the Big East — St. John's and Connecticut.

The Irish (13-12, 8-4 Big East) earned their spot in the tournament with a dismantling of Rutgers last weekend in three sets (25-13, 25-16, 25-8). This win had the largest margin of victory for the Notre Dame program since the modern 25-point set era began.

Riding this momentum, the Irish will run into the best team in the Big East, St. John's (20-7, 11-1), and the team just ahead of them in the standings, Connecticut (20-7, 9-3). A couple of victories this weekend could have a great effect on Notre Dame's seeding in the tournament.

"There's a strong sense of excitement on the team right now because this is a huge weekend for us as we prepare to head into the Big East tournament," coach Debbie Brown said. "Each match is really important for us not just in terms of tournament seeding, but because we want to be playing our best volleyball towards the end of the

year as we head into the post-season."

The Irish could leapfrog Connecticut in the standings with a weekend sweep or a head-to-head win with a Connecticut loss against DePaul. The Irish could also drop behind Pittsburgh in the standings if the Panthers can win one of their games and the Irish go winless this weekend.

Notre Dame has been riding its potent offense all season long, which it hopes will carry it through the stretch run. In the Big East, Notre Dame is second in hitting percentage (.277), assists per set (13.27) and kills per set (14.18). Sophomore outside hitter Kellie Sciacca is second overall in the conference with a hitting percentage of .415 while junior outside hitter Christina Kaelin holds the second spot with 3.82 kills per set. Jamel Nicholas holds the third spot in the conference with 11.13 assists per set and Kristen Dealy is ranked sixth with .390 aces per set.

St. John's currently holds the top spot in the Big East conference and is sitting atop a nine-game winning streak, including last weekend's victories over South Florida (15-12, 5-7) and Georgetown (12-

13, 5-7). The Red Storm won the Big East tournament last year and were picked to go second in the Big East preseason coaches' poll.

Red Storm senior setter Wioleta Leszczynska pitched in last week with 68 assists and eight kills in the two wins.

The Huskies will present an equally formidable challenge to the Irish, as they are riding a six-game winning streak, including sweeps of Georgetown and South Florida.

The Huskies have been bolstered by a strong freshman corps. Freshman outside hitter Jordan Kirk had an outstanding match with 12 kills against the Hoyas and freshman setter Annie Luhrs led the Huskies through USF with a match-high 28 assists.

The Irish will begin the Big East tournament a week from Friday at a time and location yet to be determined.

Note:

◆ Hilary Eppink of Indiana and Marie Roof of Michigan signed letters of intent to play for Notre Dame next season.

"We're very excited have these exceptional student-athletes join the program," Brown said. "Both Hilary and Marie have the potential to step in and contribute to the overall success of this team."

The two players intend to start play for the Irish in the fall of 2009.

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"There's a strong sense of excitement on the team right now."

Debbie Brown
Irish coach

WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Games to decide Stadium berth

By KYLE SMITH and CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writers

After making the semifinals the past two years, only to come up short in its run for the stadium, No. 3 seed Farley is determined not to falter again when it meets No. 2 seed McGlinn Sunday at 2 p.m. at LaBar fields.

The Finest eked out 13-7 win over Walsh last weekend, and they know they will need to improve their performance against McGlinn to pull off the upset.

"We need to work on capitalizing on all of our chances offensively," Farley captain Jenny Rolfs said in an e-mail.

If they can execute on offense, they know they can count on their defense to keep the game out of reach, she said.

"Our defense is our strongest point and they do their job every game to stop the other team's offensive drives," Rolfs said.

After experiencing such disappointment the past two years, Rolfs said it would mean a lot for her team to finally get over the hump and reach the championship.

"It has been a goal of ours and would mean a lot to the seniors on the team to make it to the Stadium this year," she said. "We have waited a long time and we are ready."

But they will have to first get

through McGlinn, who defeated Pangborn 18-14 in the quarter-finals.

The Shamrocks know Farley will be a tough challenge, but believe they can pull off a win.

"We are confident that we can match up with any team as long as we continue to play the way we have been," McGlinn captain Sarah deGroot said in an e-mail.

With the playoffs come post-season pressure, and deGroot said the contributions of the seniors will be crucial to her team's performance on Sunday.

"We're really looking to the seniors to lead the team on Sunday," she said. "They are the most experienced players on the field and have additional motivation since this is their last season."

McGlinn has never reached the championship game, but the Shamrocks have a feeling that this may be their year.

"It would be really exciting to be the first McGlinn [team] to ever play in the Stadium," she said. "This is one of the most talented teams we've had in a long time and we'd love to make [rector] Sr. Mary [Lynch] proud by making it to the Stadium."

Welsh Family vs. Pasquerilla West

History has a tendency to repeat itself, but the Pasquerilla West Purple Weasels hope this is not true in Interhall playoffs.

In last year's semifinals, the

Purple Weasels fell to top-seeded Welsh Family 13-0 in a hard-fought battle on both sides in frigid South Bend November weather.

The situation is almost identical this year — the two teams will face off in the semis with the Whirlwinds seeded first and undefeated. The Whirlwinds will try to continue their dominant ways, after knocking off No. 8 seed Lyons 20-7.

Welsh Fam has been undefeated in the regular season the past three years, but that doesn't always equate to success in the playoffs. This year they are relying on a team effort.

"We usually get a lot of big plays from a lot of different people," Welsh Family captain Jenni Gargula said. "Many receivers have caught touchdown passes and many defensive players have interceptions."

The Purple Weasels have a similar all-around approach as everything seemed to click on offense and defense in their previous win over Howard 12-6. The winner of this match will go on to play in the championship game against the winner of Farley and McGlinn.

Kickoff between the Whirlwinds and Purple Weasels is scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday at LaBar Field.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Willingham worried by decline of black coaches

Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP)—Tyrone Willingham and Lorenzo Romar enjoyed a quiet, 10-minute talk in the first row of courtside seats inside the University of Washington's otherwise empty basketball arena.

Their chat on Thursday was symbolic yet unnoticed at this school, simply routine.

Willingham, the Huskies' football coach who has been fired effective at the end of the season, Romar, the men's basketball coach, and women's basketball coach Tia Jackson last year made Washington the nation's only major college to have African-Americans coaching the three biggest sports programs.

Moments after Willingham wished Romar a happy 50th birthday, he made it clear he was anything but happy with the progress of the nation's universities in hiring minority football coaches.

A report released last week by the Black Coaches and Administrators said Willingham's dismissal last month and the firing of Ron Prince at Kansas State—also effective at season's end—left the NCAA's top Bowl Subdivision with only four black head coaches, plus one Latino and one Pacific Islander. That's down from a peak of eight.

Minorities filled only four of last year's 31 coaching vacancies in NCAA Division I football, the report said.

"Obviously, it should be a great concern to all of us because there's a pool of resources in our country that's not being tapped," Willingham said before his Huskies, the only winless major college team, practiced for Saturday night's game against UCLA. "We've battled this for some time. At no time has that number been where it should be. In my estima-

tion, that hurts all of us."

Willingham doesn't have a job beyond Washington's Dec. 6 season finale at California, but he does have a platform from which he can try to reverse the downward trend in minority hirings.

The 54-year-old was elected president of the American Football Coaches Association last winter and still has a few months left on his one-year term. Willingham has said he has not ruled out coaching somewhere next season, and he wants to make it easier for him and others to get hired.

"I want to make it a natural platform," he said. "I think that benefits all of us. There are no losers."

He said there is a movement within the AFCA to institute some form of the NFL's Rooney Rule, which requires that teams interview at least one minority candidate for each head coaching vacancy.

The NCAA said last week they cannot legislate or enforce such a rule in college football.

"The NCAA does not hire coaches. The athletic directors (do)," NCAA vice president of diversity and inclusion Charlotte Westerhaus said.

Willingham wants to at least increase the odds of hiring by expanding the minority pool. He said the AFCA is looking at a plan that would seek compliance from university presidents, athletic directors, prominent boosters and others most influential in a school's big-business football program. That ambitious goal is why something like a "Rooney Rule" won't become reality in college football for at least a few years, he said.

"In the NFL, there is one team owner. There are a few more shareholders in college football," Willingham said with a wry smile.

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NFL

Cowboys owner optimistic

Jones says team can still make playoffs, coaching change not needed

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Jerry Jones "absolutely" believes the Dallas Cowboys will make the playoffs, isn't considering a coaching change and would welcome Adam "Pacman" Jones back to the team if he's reinstated.

The Cowboys owner, in an impromptu gathering with reporters during practice Thursday, said he expects his struggling Cowboys to recover. They have gone from Super Bowl favorites to a 5-4 team tied for third place in the NFC East after losing four of its past six games.

"That's not optimism," Jones said. "I certainly do feel we're going to be a team that plays well enough to be thinking about the playoffs."

Coming off its open date, Dallas gets injured quarterback Tony Romo back Sunday night at Washington after he missed three games with a broken pinkie on his throwing hand.

"I would say Romo gives you a legitimate reason to not have been your best or been what you might have expected over the last three games," Jones said.

The Cowboys lost two of three without Romo, and the only win was notable for being the worst offensive performance in a victory in franchise history. But they were already struggling when he broke his finger on the opening play of overtime in a loss at Arizona on Oct. 12.

After the Cowboys lost at St. Louis a week later, Jones emphatically said that coach Wade Phillips' job wasn't in danger during this season. The owner was even more committed to the coach on Thursday.

"There's just absolutely no, I can tell you without hesitation, thought in my mind about him not coaching the Dallas Cowboys in the future, past this year," Jones said. "No thought. I haven't given that one ounce of consideration. ... His contract is his contract."

Phillips got a three-year contract with an option for a fourth season when he replaced Bill Parcells in February 2007. The Cowboys went 13-3 and had 13 Pro Bowl players in their first season under Phillips, but lost to the New York Giants in the playoffs.

With the recent struggles, and supposed successor-in-waiting Jason Garrett already on the staff, there has been intensified speculation about Phillips' job status.

Garrett, the team's offensive coordinator who was hired weeks before Phillips, got \$3 million and an expanded title (assistant head coach) to stay after being a finalist for two other NFL head coaching jobs last offseason.

"I understand why that question is. I do, and I helped make that question probably legitimate," Jones said. "But it is worth it in my mind to have him here and have Wade here. It's worth it to have to answer

that question."

Asked if he was satisfied with Phillips' performance this season, Jones said he was disappointed that the Cowboys haven't won more games and that it was fair to ask if the coach was to blame.

"What I'm hoping is that all of the positive things that Wade Phillips is about really does kick in, in a way that gives him his due and gives him his credit," Jones said. "I thought that for whatever the reasons he didn't get the credit that he should have had last year."

Told of the owner's comment's after practice, Phillips said his only concern was the Redskins.

"This game is the most important (for) our team," Phillips said. "I don't worry about all of that. I do the best I can do."

Cornerback Adam Jones was suspended indefinitely last month for violating the league's personal conduct policy. Commissioner Roger Goodell said he would determine the length of the suspension after four games, which would be after Sunday's game in Washington.

Only six weeks after being reinstated from a 17-month suspension because of repeated legal problems, the cornerback was involved in an alcohol-related scuffle Oct. 7 with one of his bodyguards at a private party in Dallas. The Cowboys had employed the bodyguards to try to keep Jones out of trouble.

OLYMPICS

Former coach still upset over age controversy

Associated Press

Bela Karolyi says he views the probe into the ages of Chinese gymnasts from the 2000 Olympics as a lame attempt to shift the focus from the investigation of this year's athletes that resulted in no sanctions for China's gold-medal team. "I think that's just a cover-up," Karolyi said Thursday, in Chicago to help USA Gymnastics promote the Tyson American Cup set for the Windy City in February. "They're trying to hold onto their reputation on this issue, when it's one of the most blatant things we've ever seen."

Last month, the International Gymnastics Federation closed the investigation into whether the Chinese gymnasts who beat the United States for the gold medal in Beijing were underage. But the federation said it wanted more information about two members of China's 2000 team — Dong Fangxiao and Yang Yun — saying the evidence and explanations about their ages was not satisfactory. China won the bronze medal in Sydney, and Yang also won a bronze on the uneven bars.

Gymnasts must turn 16 during an Olympic year to be eligible to compete.

Dong's official birthdate is listed as Jan. 20, 1983. But her accreditation information for the Beijing Olympics, where she worked as a national technical official, lists her birthdate as Jan. 23, 1986, said Andre Gueisbuhler, the FIG's secretary general.

Yang, meanwhile, said in a June 2007 interview that aired on state broadcaster China Central Television that she was 14 in Sydney. She has since said she misspoke.

Gueisbuhler told The Associated Press earlier this week that there were no updates on the investigation of the 2000 athletes.

Karolyi, former leader of

the U.S. team and husband of national team coordinator Martha Karolyi, said the 12 weeks that have passed since the Olympics have not diminished his anger about the age issue in gymnastics. He long has been a proponent of abolishing the age limit, saying that if gymnasts have the mental and physical ability to perform the skills, they should be allowed to compete.

"If you take it away and our kids lose, they lose," he said of the age limits. "Those Chinese kids are good. I have nothing against the Chinese kids. But how about the other kids who were staying home? Here's Rebecca Bross, two months short of being able to compete, sitting, crying in front of her TV, watching kids younger than her compete."

Bross, the 2007 U.S. junior champion, turns 16 next year and wasn't eligible for Beijing.

Karolyi also said he was complaining about the Chinese team back in 2000, when he ran the U.S. women's team that finished fourth.

"I was screaming, 'Look, she was on the junior team, she was here the year before as a junior,'" Karolyi said. "How did she make up two years of age in one year? So now, eight years later, they come back and investigate that kid?"

Steve Penny, the president of USA Gymnastics, said the age controversy isn't likely to go away now that the Olympic torch is out — at least not in the minds of those involved daily in gymnastics.

"Bela makes a good point when he says the Chinese kids went out there and did a good job. They performed," Penny said. "But there's a rule that says you've got to be 16. And because of everything surrounding this, it takes away from their performance on the field of play. It's going to loom over the event for a long time, I think."

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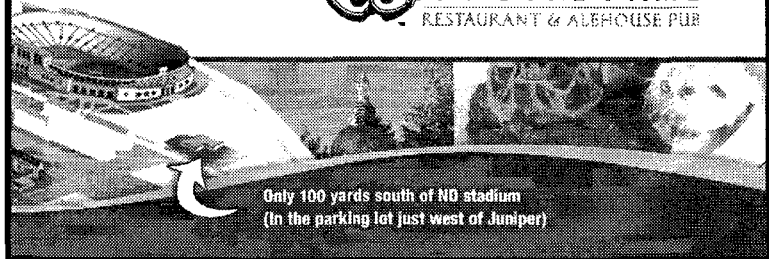
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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Squads head to regionals

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

The men's and women's teams have one more challenge to face as the postseason begins, but they hope it will lead to an even bigger one.

The two squads will run in the Great Lakes Regional at Purdue University Saturday. The race is one of nine Div. I regionals taking place Saturday, and each will yield competitors for the NCAA Championship on Nov. 24 in Terre Haute, Ind.

The top two teams in the region receive an automatic berth to the Championships, while teams that place third or fourth may receive an at-large bid.

Men's head coach Joe Piane is confident that his team can make it to Terre Haute.

"I think we'd advance as long as we're in the top

three or four, because of how we've run this season," he said.

The No. 27 Irish men have had a successful season, which was capped Oct. 31 with a second-place finish at the Big East championships in New York City. Senior Patrick Smyth finished second in that race and was one of three to earn all-conference honors, along with junior Jake Walker and freshman Joe Miller.

In 2007, Smyth finished first at the Great Lakes Regional, and he has consistently led the Irish this year. Piane said a repeat performance could be possible.

"He's very capable," Piane said.

"Let's put it this way — he's going to be one of the contenders for the title."

The team will be challenged by No. 6 Wisconsin and No. 9 Michigan, who finished first and second in the Big Ten, and Eastern

Michigan, who won the Mid-American Conference Title.

Women's head coach Tim Connolly said his team also hopes to make the championship meet.

"Realistically, if we are in the top four, we've got a shot," he said.

The women finished sixth at the Big East championships, and were paced by junior Lindsay Ferguson, who finished 14th and earned all-conference honors.

Only four individuals per region who are not on a qualifying team can earn at-large bids to the championships, which makes it very difficult, Connolly said. He said, however, they are not focusing on individuals.

"[Ferguson] does have a very good chance to qualify," he said. "But we want to qualify as a team."

The women face their biggest challenges from No. 10 Michigan State and No. 17 Michigan.

The women's race is set to start at 11:00 a.m., and the men will follow at 11:45.

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Tim Connolly
Irish coach

MEN'S SWIMMING

Men travel to Cleveland for tri-meet

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame travels to Cleveland State this weekend to take on the Vikings and Miami (OH) to compete in a tri-meet with the two schools.

In Notre Dame's last meet, it fell to 1-2 on the season with a loss to No. 16 Purdue on Nov. 8. The Irish were overmatched on the diving board, where 2008 Beijing Olympian David Boudia set two Rolfs Aquatics Center records for Purdue.

In their last matchup, the Irish defeated the Vikings 171-124 at the Rolfs Aquatic Center last November. The Irish have won their past 13 meets against Cleveland State. Under Coach Tim Welsh, the Irish are 21-2 against the Vikings.

On the other hand, Notre Dame has not swum against Miami in just over 10 years. The Irish and the RedHawks last met on Nov. 7, 1998 in a quad-meet with Purdue and Iowa State. The Irish finished third in the meet while the RedHawks finished fourth.

Heading into the meet, the

Irish hope to see continued high performance from sophomore Michael Sullivan, who was named Big East swimmer and diving athlete of the week. Sullivan earned the honor for his efforts against Purdue, where he won both the 200-yard backstroke and 400-yard individual medley with season best times in both events.

The meet is scheduled to begin on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Cleveland State's Robert F. Bubsey Natatorium.

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NFL

Feeley's OT field goal puts Jets over Patriots

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The New York Jets stand alone atop the tight AFC East standings — barely.

Jay Feeley kicked a 34-yard field goal on the first series of overtime after New England tied the game on Matt Cassel's pass to Randy Moss with one second left in regulation and the Jets survived a Tom Brady-like comeback with a 34-31 victory Thursday night.

The win broke a tie for the division lead between the teams and gave the Jets (7-3) sole possession of first place for the first time since Nov. 19, 2001, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The Patriots (6-4) have won the AFC East the last five seasons and six of the last seven.

"It's a great, great feeling for us," Jets coach Eric Mangini said. "Everybody understands that this game was extremely important, and it's important because it allows us to make the next game (against Tennessee) extremely important. It's a really positive step for our team."

The Jets, who led 24-6 in the first half, extended their winning streak to four with their sixth victory in seven games and are 1 1/2 games ahead of Buffalo and Miami in the division.

The loss wasted a brilliant performance by Cassel, whose first pro start after Brady's season-ending knee injury in the opener came in a 19-10 win over the Jets. Cassel completed 30 of 51 passes for 400 yards, all career highs, and three touchdowns. He ran eight times for 62 yards.

"It's not enough," Cassel said.

The Patriots got the tying touchdown on Cassel's 16-yard pass on fourth down. Moss' diving sideline catch was reviewed when he was

pushed out of bounds by cornerback Ty Law, but the touchdown stood.

New England had marched to Moss' touchdown from its 38-yard line with no timeouts and 1:04 left.

Stephen Gostkowski's extra point tied it and erased a 31-24 lead the Jets had taken on Thomas Jones' 1-yard touchdown run with 3:10 left.

Brett Favre made his 263rd consecutive regular-season start, an NFL record, and went 26-of-33 for 258 yards and directed the only drive of overtime, covering 64 yards on 14 plays in 7:50. His 16-yard pass to Laveranues Coles brought the ball to the Patriots' 24-yard line, Jones' 6-yard run moved it to the 18 and Feeley connected for his second field goal of the game.

"We talked during the week about the need to reload and finish the game," Mangini said, "and we did that."

The Jets scored on their first three series, plus a 92-yard kickoff return by Leon Washington, four days after scoring on all seven of their first-half possessions in a 47-3 rout of the St. Louis Rams.

Washington also scored on a 7-yard pass play before the Patriots cut the lead to 7-3 on their first series on the first of Gostkowski's three field goals, a 42-yarder.

Feeley kicked a 22-yarder for the Jets before Gostkowski connected again, from 31 yards to cap a 12-play drive.

New York needed just one play — Washington's return — to score on the ensuing kickoff. It was his first kickoff return for a touchdown this season after he tied a team record last year with three.

And when Favre threw a 15-yard scoring pass to Jericho Cotchery, the Jets led 24-6 with 4:57 left in the first half and the outlook was very bleak for the Patriots.

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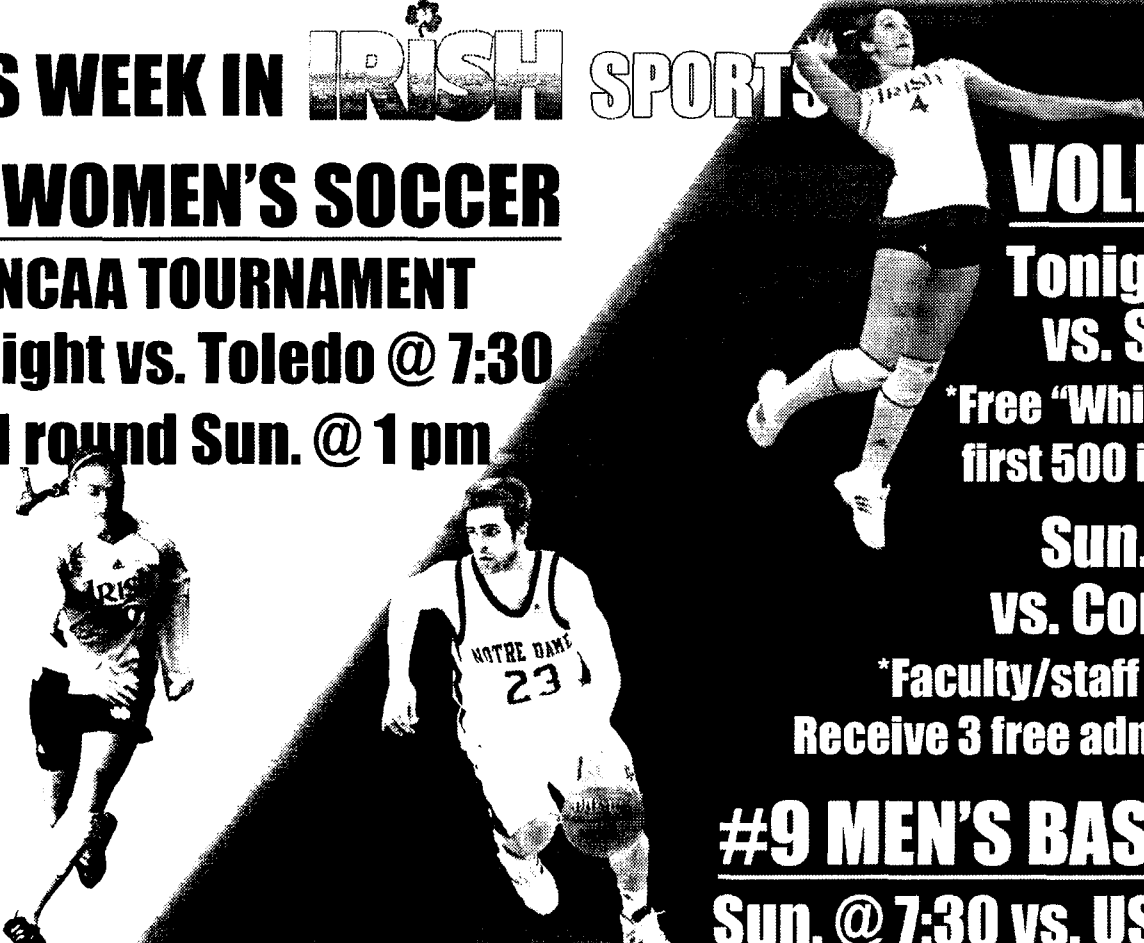
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NBA

Bulls come from behind to beat Mavericks

Chicago came back from 19-point deficit, Dallas loses fourth straight; Cleveland's second-half defense key in win

Associated Press

CHICAGO — They barely had time to work up a sweat before the Chicago Bulls found themselves trailing by 19 points Thursday night against the Dallas Mavericks.

And less than six minutes into the game, the boos started rolling across the United Center.

"It's only the first quarter of an NBA game, so I knew we'd come from behind somehow," Chicago rookie Derrick Rose said.

And that's what the Bulls did. They turned up the defense, started running the floor, then caught up and passed the Mavericks for a 98-91 victory, sending Dallas to its fourth straight loss.

"They were attacking us with transition and they put us on our heels early," said Ben Gordon, who led the Bulls with 35 points, keeping them close early on after they fell behind 24-5. "We started attacking them and we started getting back on defense and that really helped us."

"We are on our home court and we're down 24-to something, whatever it was. We heard the fans starting to boo us, and I think everybody started taking it a little personal."

But all was forgiven by the

fourth quarter, when the Bulls pulled away.

"There is no such thing as a 17- or a 19-point shot. We just had to chip away at the lead, play good defense, run the floor and get some of the shots we wanted, which we were finally able to do," Rose said.

Rose, who shot 1-for-8 in the first half, was 6-for-7 in the third quarter, when he scored 14 of his 16 points. Luol Deng added 20 points.

Josh Howard, returning after missing two games with sore wrist, led Dallas with 21 points and added 11 rebounds. Erick Dampier scored 16 and pulled down 18 boards.

"It's disappointing. We desperately need a win," Mavs coach Rick Carlisle said. "I'm just surprised at our lack of fight. I don't know how else to put it."

Dallas blew out to a 24-5 lead less than six minutes into the game before Chicago recovered for a one-point halftime lead. In the third quarter, Rose's play helped the Bulls take control and go up 78-70 with a quarter left.

Chicago's Larry Hughes, making his regular-season debut after dislocating his shoulder in a preseason game last month, hit a jumper, made a 3-pointer and then came up with a steal

in the fourth quarter that led to Tyrus Thomas' follow-up slam. That dunk, two free throws by Thomas, a drive by Gordon and a jumper by Deng completed an 11-0 run that made it 96-79 with 6:08 left.

Dallas cut it to seven with a minute left on Howard's free throw, but missed several shots to pull closer.

"We don't play defense," Dallas guard Jason Kidd said. "That's been our problem. First six minutes we were playing defense and found ourselves up and that was it. We have as many offensive weapons (as anyone) in the league, but we got to find some guys who want to play defense."

Dallas came out running and threatened to blow the Bulls out in the first quarter. Howard had 11 points and the Mavericks hit eight of their first nine shots. The Bulls were flat offensively, missing 12 straight shots after Drew Gooden's jumper in the opening minute.

But just as quickly, the Bulls found their rhythm, reeling off 13 straight points behind seven from Gordon, cutting the lead to four. Chicago ended up trailing by 10 after one quarter when the Mavs' DeSagana Diop tipped in a shot just before the buzzer.

The Bulls shot 28 percent in the opening quarter to 55 per-

cent for the Mavs. And strangely enough, those percentages were reversed in the second quarter — 55 percent for Chicago and 28 percent for the Mavs.

With Chicago down by 12 in the second quarter, Deng led the Bulls on a 22-9 run with 12 points, hitting a late driving basket for a 51-50 halftime lead.

A 15-6 spurt to start the second half gave the Bulls a 66-56 lead as Rose scored eight.

Cavaliers 110, Nuggets 99

In the locker room at halftime, Cavaliers coach Mike Brown forced his players to watch a horror flick — highlights of their defense in the first half.

"We were watching film and it was as ugly as it looked," Mo Williams said.

After allowing 61 points in a first-half track meet, the Cavaliers buckled down, held Denver to 38 after halftime and won their sixth straight over the Nuggets on Thursday night.

"The first team that decided to defend in the second half was going to get the win," Brown said. "And we did. The first half was a rate race. R-A-T, R-A-C-E."

LeBron James scored 22 points, most of them coming with good buddy Carmelo Anthony guarding him, and

Williams scored a season-high 24, making a critical 3-pointer with James on the bench, as the Cavaliers improved to 5-0 at home and beat the Nuggets for the first time since 2005.

"It looked like it was headed in the wrong direction in the first half, but we buckled down in the second and got it together," James said.

James had lost his last five games against Anthony, whom he has known since high school, and is now just 3-8 against his U.S. Olympic teammate since they broke into the league together in 2003. James added 11 assists and eight rebounds, and for the moment owns bragging rights over Anthony.

"Any time I play LeBron and we play Cleveland it's a fun game," Anthony said. "That's the way it is, there's so much hype around the game. I don't want to say they were the better team, but they executed down the stretch."

Daniel Gibson snapped out of a shooting slump and added 15 points for the Cavaliers, who held the Nuggets to 18 points in the fourth on 39 percent shooting.

Denver lost for the first time in four games since acquiring Chauncey Billups in the blockbuster trade that sent Allen Iverson to Detroit.

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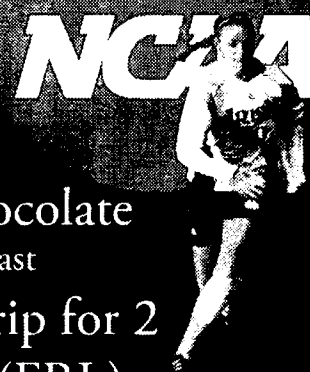
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Junior forward Tamba Samba dribbles the ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 win over Providence on Oct. 19.

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they'll be a very good team Friday."

That game was part of Notre Dame's annual Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament and did not count toward the conference standings. With a spot in the Big East title game on the line and a chance to impress the NCAA seeding committee, Clark isn't worried about his squad taking the Bulls lightly.

"Just look at their record (12-4-2) — in one of the polls, they're even ranked above us," said Clark, whose team is 12-5-2. "This is a game that no one is going to even vaguely think that just because we beat the last time that it's going to be easy. Our guys are going to be

motivated ... we certainly don't need to remind them how difficult it's going to be."

The Irish scored four goals in an 11-minute span during the first half of their early-season victory over South Florida. But the Bulls have given up just 11 goals all season — a total of six in their 17 games against teams other than Notre Dame.

Add into the mix the fact that South Florida is at home — where it is 7-0-1 at and has surrendered only a pair of goals in those eight games — and it looks like the Irish will have to fight just to put one tally on the board.

"It's a learning process, playing in big games on the road in hostile environments," Clark said. "This is just a fabulous opportunity for us to test the mettle of our team."

Though its game plan didn't

work the first time around against the Irish, South Florida's strategy has worked all year, and the Bulls will stick with it tonight.

"They'll play a 4-2-3-1 with very much the same personnel they had," Clark said. "[On video, they do] exactly the same things they did [against us], so it all comes down to how well we play. If we do what we do well and do the things that we've set out to be the best at in the country, we'll be just fine."

But the stakes remain high and the challenge tough.

"A win here tomorrow night would probably be the biggest of our season if we can pull it off, and I think the guys know that," Clark said.

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the Maui Invitational.

In his media day press conference, Irish coach Mike Brey said his team is excited for its challenging schedule.

"Given these older guys, what they've done, they want to play big games," the reigning Big East coach of the year said. "You try to gauge your schedule every year on who you've got and what they've done, to strategically gain an NCAA bid.

With the group of guys we have, they should be thrown in there. Let's go after it."

The Irish were ranked in the top 10 in the AP pre-season poll and Sports Illustrated rated them sixth in this week's issue.

But Brey said the team will remain focused despite the considerable hype surrounding it.

"We have a lot of potential and a lot to work with ... I don't think they are distracted by

[pre-season rankings]," he said. "They've been together for a while, they've always remained

hungry, and have done some really nice things but they'd like to do more."

After taking on USC Upstate, the Irish will next play when they head west to take on Loyola Marymount next Friday.

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"We have a lot of potential and a lot to work with."

Mike Brey
Irish coach

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Next after preseason: LSU in Baton Rouge

Peters returns to game action for first time

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Managing Editor

After crushing Gannon 96-30 in its only preseason game, Notre Dame starts its regular season Sunday — but can expect a much tougher matchup. The Irish travel to Baton Rouge, La., to play LSU in the State Farm Tip-Off Classic.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she was honored that her team was invited to play in this game.

"We've always watched [the Tip-Off Classic], there's always great teams playing in it. Now we have an opportunity to play in it," McGraw said. "I think we're honored to be there and it's going to be a great opener for us."

The Irish have had a long layoff since their last time on the court — their win against the Lady Knights occurred on Nov. 5. McGraw said that keeping her team focused after so many consecutive practice days between games has been a challenge.

"I think if you ask the players, it's a tremendous challenge when they're looking at five or six days of practice. At this point they're pretty tired of practice," she said.

McGraw said she gave her team Wednesday off from practice because of back-to-back hard practices on Monday and Tuesday. The team will also have a short practice because of traveling.

Although McGraw got a look at 10 of her players against Gannon, she has yet to see forward Devereaux Peters in a game situation. Peters missed the Irish preseason game after missing a mandatory study session. Sunday will be Peters' first game since tearing her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) against Pittsburgh last February.

"She's going to be ready. She had a really good practice on Monday. I think defensively she's doing a great job. She's one of our best defenders," McGraw said of the 6-foot-2 sophomore. "We're going to try her in different spots and see where she's most effective.

In terms of her knee, she's probably still high 80 percent."

Adding Peters will only add more depth to an already crowded Irish lineup. Against Gannon, every eligible player played in the first half, and all but point guard Melissa Lechlitner — who committed two fouls in the first four minutes — had scored.

McGraw said that she will likely give 10 of her 11 players considerable minutes this season, and that this has led to very competitive practices.

"It's incredibly competitive. Next year, you don't lose anybody so you can't look and say next year I'm going to play a few more minutes because of this or that," McGraw said. "I think playing time is going to be incredibly competitive. I think that's a good thing. We're going to have great balance, we're going to have great depth."

Although Lindsay Schrader is a senior, she earned a medical redshirt after tearing her ACL before her sophomore season. Peters said that the lack of seniors has not been a problem for the team so far in practices.

"We know what we're capable of doing and we know what we're going to do this year. I think the rest of the world is like, they're younger, they're kind of going to blow us off," Peters said. "I don't think we're worried about that right now. We're just going to come out and play and do what we know we can do."

Going into Sunday's game, Peters said she and her teammates feel excited for the early challenge.

"We love the pressure of playing good teams like that, especially early. We like to get into it and get things done early," she said.

But looking more long term, Peters said she has one big goal for this season.

"Mainly just win the national championship and whatever else comes along the way," she said.

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and make them earn every yard they get".

Keenan doesn't expect to win with just a solid defense, however.

"We have great players on offense including our senior running back Alex Gonzalez and Jim Zenker, our senior wide receiver," Dear said. "Look for them to have a big impact in the game this weekend".

The Stanford Griffins also have several players that figure to make big plays in the game.

"Our quarterback Brian Salvi and wide receiver Anthony Rizzo are two great players on our offense," Stanford captain John Burke said.

But Stanford has an advantage that doesn't come from the talent of their players.

"Nearly every game we've played this year has been close," Burke said. "We beat Dillon by one point on a blocked extra point, and in the regular season we beat O'Neill by one point, 15-16. I think we have an advantage in that we know how to win close games".

Both teams seem evenly matched, which will make part two of the Battle for the Chapel

exciting. Keenan is certainly not trying to downplay the importance of this game, and it may feel the need for revenge after the result of last year's final game.

"It should be a good close game but I think we have a good chance at winning it," Dear said. "Stanford is our rival dorm, and they beat us in the championship last year. Its our biggest game of the year."

Kickoff is Sunday 2 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

Siegfried vs. Morrissey

It's getting down to the wire for both Morrissey and Siegfried as they approach the semifinals Sunday. A win means a trip to Notre Dame Stadium, but a loss means a season ending trip home.

"Siegfried is a very talented, deep team, so we will have to bring our 'A' game to beat them," Morrissey's junior middle-linebacker Phillip Yuhas said.

These two teams met once during the regular season, resulting in a 14-0 win for Siegfried. It was one of the Ramblers' four shutouts, thanks to a stellar defense that has only let up three points this season.

"The defensive line is big, and their tight ends are strong,"

Morrissey's freshman left guard Angelo Brown said. "They put a lot of pressure on our quarterback, Joe McBrayer."

Though they have already defeated them once this year, the Ramblers know Morrissey has a shot at pulling out an upset win.

"Morrissey has the best big-play potential in their passing game, and their running game is very complimentary to their passing," Siegfried team captain and tight end Kevin Kelly said. "Morrissey is a great opponent, and we need to be sure not to underestimate them on Sunday."

Overcoming the strong defensive pressure Siegfried serves up will take Morrissey's best effort. Siegfried can depend on its defense, but it must be wary of the passing intensive offensive strategy that renders Morrissey a worthy opponent.

"We have the best wide receivers out there," said Brown. "As long as our line can protect Joe [McBrayer], he and the wide receivers will be able to make plays."

The game will take place Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

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they play a pretty similar system, in fact they play the same system that we play, so I think that we're very well prepared to play against that and I think that the kids are excited. They're just ready to get started. It's something they've worked for the whole season, and to get to this point, they're just ready to get started."

But even with the knowledge of their 4-4-2 system, the Rockets still present some problems for the Irish. Junior striker Molly Cornwell is at the heart of Toledo's attacking offense with seven goals in 21 starts. Fellow forward Ali Leak scored the game-winning goal as the Rockets (16-4-1) took down Eastern Michigan 1-0 in the finals of the MAC Championships.

And high scores in tournament play aren't common — Notre Dame battled in overtime in the rain and snow to defeat the Connecticut 1-0 for the Big East title. Waldrum is well aware that set plays and dead-ball opportunities could make or break a team's tournament time.

"We're not going to be changing our system and we're not going to change drastically the things that we've done to get us to this point," Waldrum said. "But I think the things that we really tried to focus on this week, and hopefully if we continue to win, we'll continue on doing it this way, is really trying to get them to focus on the little details, because I think when you get to games like this, the difference is going to be free kicks and set pieces, little dead-ball situations and just pay-

ing attention to the things that sometimes its easy to take for granted."

And if anyone is well-versed in tournament play, it's Waldrum and the Irish. When Notre Dame won the championship in 2004, it posted only 12 goals in six games, four of which were scored of dead-ball situations. Two of those goals ended up being game winners that paved the road to a penalty kick win over UCLA in the championship.

"That detail, almost a third of your goals are scored on free kicks and set pieces, that you've got to pay a lot of attention to, you can't just haphazardly take them," Waldrum said. "Who knows? We may never had made it to the final four [in 2004] if we hadn't paid attention to those details. So that's what we really try to focus on when we get into the tournament."

And even though Notre Dame boasts the No. 1 seed and home field advantage, it's hard not to wonder if the Irish wouldn't have defeated Connecticut in regulation time had they had a healthy roster — but Waldrum said leading goal scorer Kerri Hanks will be suiting up tonight. And with Hanks' seniority, tournament knowledge and healthy knee, the Irish are likely to look better than ever, even if rain continues to storm South Bend.

And though the Irish players are focused on tonight's game, the coaching staff isn't blind to the match up of Michigan State and No. 16 Wisconsin-Milwaukee that takes place before Notre Dame's game. They've watched tape, scouted and prepared to face either team come Sunday.

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Lakers

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with a lot of energy and a lot of confidence."

As for the rest of the lines, Jackson said he wanted to inte-

grate more freshmen into the lineup, but didn't want to remove players that were succeeding.

"I can't take guys out if they're not giving me reasons to," he said. "If our team's having success, you don't want to fix what's not broken. We have

to stand by the guys that are helping us have success on the ice. As long as those guys continue to play well, it makes it difficult to get some of those younger guys in."

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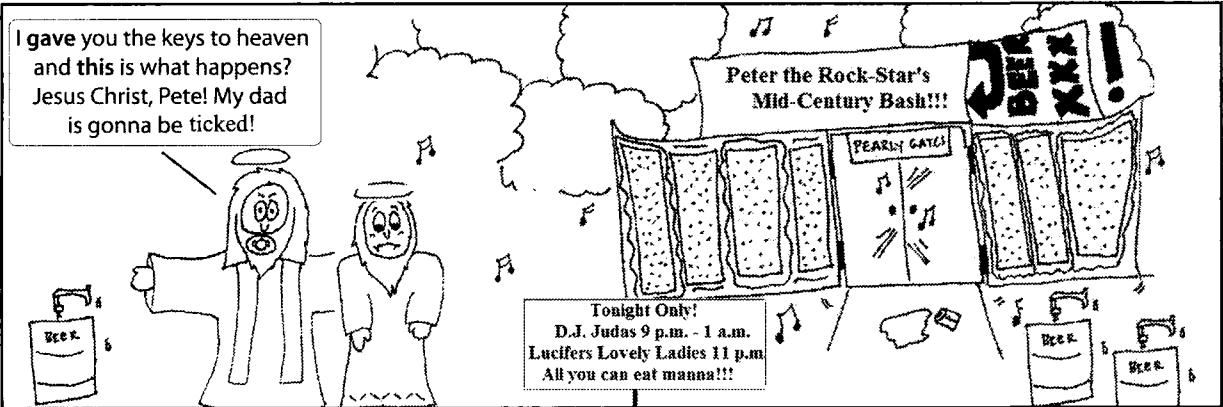
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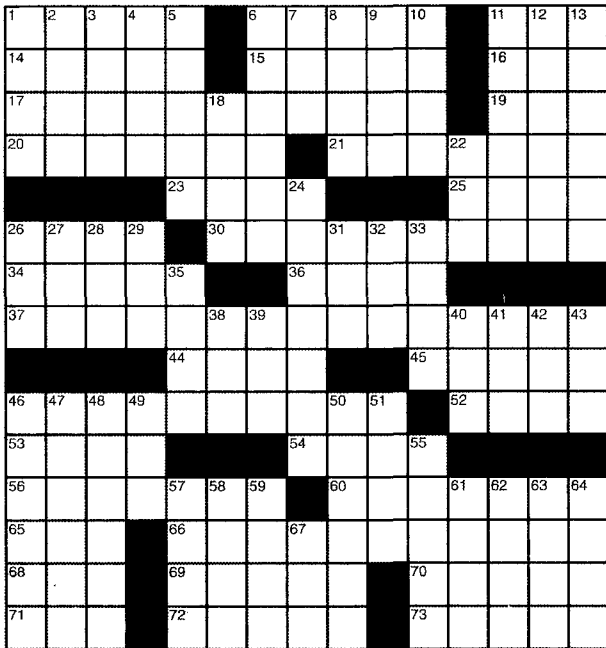
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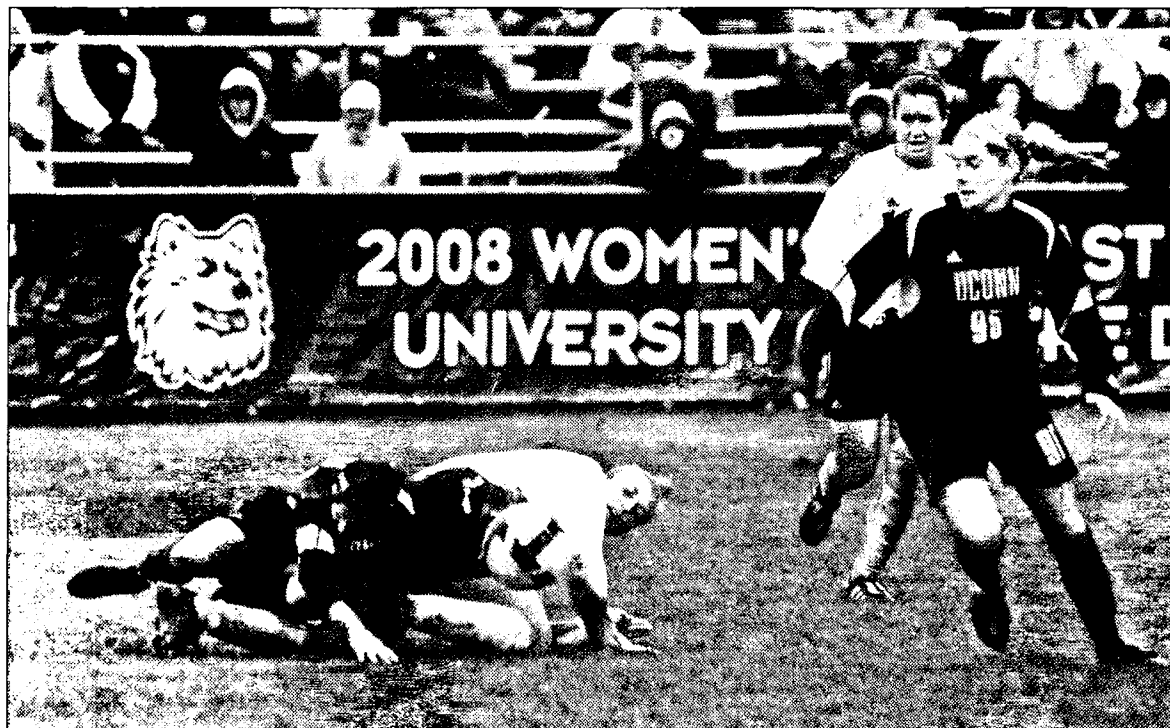
By DEIRDRE KRASULA
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Even with a perfect record, the No. 1 Irish haven't forgotten the little things, or at least to pay attention to them. And that's just what they'll be focused on when they open NCAA Tournament play at home against Toledo at 7:30 p.m.

Experience has taught Irish coach Randy Waldrum that tournament play is nothing like the regular season — and the Irish coaching staff has been preparing for that as much as possible.

"We've been watching video this week and got some scouting reports from around the country of Toledo, and really we've just been trying to gather as much information about them as we can," Waldrum said. "We've found that

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Things got down and dirty during Notre Dame's 1-0 win over Connecticut on Nov. 9. The win gave the Irish the Big East title. Here, sophomore midfielder Lauren Fowlkes battles for the ball. JESS LEE/The Observer

MEN'S INTERHALL

Battle for the Chapel part two

By RYAN O'CONNELL and
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Sports Writer

The Stanford and Keenan rivalry continues this weekend as the two teams face-off for a spot in the Interhall championship game.

Although they have already met in the regular season, the game resulted in a 6-6 tie, making the anticipation of this game even greater.

"Last game we ended up moving the ball pretty well in the second half," Keenan captain and linebacker Barton Dear said. "We're going to try not to get too many penalties on defense

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HOCKEY

After two big wins on the road, Irish return to CCHA play

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

A week after Friday's marquee 4-1 non-conference win against Boston College, Notre Dame will get back to work in the CCHA with two games against Lake Superior State.

"The guys are confident right now, a little bit loose, but not cocky in my estimation," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "It's good that they're starting to see the fruits of their labor."

Jackson said even after the big win in Chestnut Hill, he wasn't worried about his team having a letdown against the

Lakers.

"If anything, we should have had a letdown against Providence [on Saturday night], and I think we did for maybe 10 minutes," Jackson said. "The guys understand if they want to be an elite team, they've got to show signs of consistency. They've got to play at a high level every night, regardless of who the opponent is."

Notre Dame captain Erik Condra said the solution to staying hot was simple.

"We just got to make sure we're intense," Condra said. "And bring the same intensity in practice that we do in the

games."

Lake Superior is tied for second in the CCHA, along with four other teams. The Irish sit in 10th place, but have played two fewer conference games than the Lakers and at this early stage of the conference season, all 12 teams are within eight points of each other.

"Everybody in our conference can win, I don't care who it is," Jackson said. "If you're not ready to play, you're going to get beat on a given night."

This game is more than just a regular conference game for Jackson, though. The Irish coach spent 10 years with the Lakers, from 1986 to 1996, and

won two national championships in 1992 and 1994.

"It's always going to have a special place in my heart," Jackson said. "I always want to see them do well, obviously not this weekend. They are a very important part of my history and I'll never forget my time there."

Jackson said the Lakers' most dangerous weapon was their versatility, and the fact that their best players are spread out over four lines.

"You can't take a nap at any point against this team," he said.

Jackson also said Lake Superior sophomore goaltender

Brian Mahoney-Wilson has improved significantly since last year.

"I think that the goaltending has been the biggest improvement for them from last year," Jackson said. "I think they're getting real solid goaltending."

The Irish have also been receiving balanced scoring recently, notably from the "Don't Call Them the Fourth Line" line of Justin White, Ryan Guentzel, and Garrett Regan, reigning CCHA player of the week.

"They're playing well," Jackson said. "They're playing

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men begin season play after two exhibitions

By FRAN TOLAN
Associate Sports Editor

After cruising through two blowout exhibition wins, it's time to see if No. 9 Notre Dame will live up to the hype. The Irish begin regular-season play when they take on USC Upstate at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

"These last two games have been great for us because we were able to see a lot of things and a lot of things we need to clean up, but it's real now," Irish junior forward Luke Harangody said. "You can't mess up."

During a brief exhibition season, Notre Dame beat both Briar Cliff and Stonehill by at

least 30 points.

The Irish have one of the toughest regular-season schedules in the country but get to ease into it against USC Upstate, which is beginning just its second year in Div. I and is coming off a 7-23 season.

The Spartans, who will face Georgia tonight before heading to South Bend, joined the Atlantic Sun Conference last season.

For the Irish, the game presents an opportunity to adjust to the regular season before embarking on the rest of a non-conference schedule that includes Ohio State, UCLA and

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MEN'S SOCCER

ND faces USF in semifinals

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

When No. 9 Notre Dame and No. 8 South Florida hit the pitch for Friday's Big East semifinals matchup in Tampa, Fla., don't expect a repeat performance of the Irish's 5-0 thrashing of the Bulls on Sept. 7.

"They're a good team, and I don't know if people quite realize what a good result [for us] it was at the time," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "Will it be 5-0 again this time? It's highly unlikely — some days you get goals when they come easy for you, but they were a very good team then and



Senior defender Matt Besler deflects the ball during Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Georgetown on Oct. 29. JESS LEE/The Observer

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JUSTIN BROWN RETURNS HOME TO MARYLAND
THIS WEEKEND TO PLAY FOOTBALL—A GAME HE
ONLY PICKED UP HIS SENIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL.

COMMENTARY

Calls for Charlie's firing not needed

Poor Charlie Weis.

Never thought I'd speak those words, but there they are. Never thought I would pity someone who coaches Notre Dame football for a living, who makes millions and who has more bling than Paul Wall's grill.

First thing I see when I wake up Tuesday morning is a column calling for Weis' dismissal.

SportsCenter anchors wondered whether Weis might be through. Not hard to fathom, since the offense never got off the ground against Boston College and couldn't reach the end zone in four overtime periods against Pittsburgh. But the assertions are unnecessary.

Weis' abilities as coach should not be questioned for three reasons. One, look at his recruiting classes. He blessed this year's team with Michael Floyd, Kyle Rudolph, Trevor Robinson and Darius Fleming among others. Last year he brought in Golden Tate and Armando Allen. With the verbal commitments from Shaquille Evans and Cierre Wood, he's well on his way to signing another great class.

If he can recruit while Notre Dame swings through a low point in its history, he's doing something right. Some of these recruits could go play for Urban Meyer or Pete Carroll, but they come to spend four years in South Bend, with its lovely weather and the litany of attractions surrounding campus.

He needs the time for the recruits to mature. He inherited Brady Quinn, Jeff Samardzija, Maurice Stovall and Darius Walker when they had matured. He reached two BCS bowls with them.

Two, he's still adjusting to the head coaching role. His only previous collegiate experience was at South Carolina where, as a graduate assistant and volunteer coach, he coached defensive backs, linebackers and defensive ends. Those positions required him to focus all of his attention towards a limited number of players and delve

into the minutiae of one position.

In the NFL, he coached wide receivers, running backs and quarterbacks before becoming the offensive coordinator of the Patriots. Again, smaller groups of people with a focused objective. Even as offensive coordinator, he worked with one side of the ball.

Now he's in charge of nearly 100 young athletes who play all sorts of different positions. His first two seasons, he micromanaged Quinn and the offense to great effect. Last year, when Jimmy Clausen came up short of Quinn's talent level, Weis had to rapidly adjust. At the beginning of this season, he took a broader role with the team, scaling back his involvement in the offense to oversee the team as a whole.

Thanks to offensive stagnation in the last two games, he's revisiting his role with the offense. And rightly so. That's his area of expertise. Corwin Brown, Jon Tenuta and Jappy Oliver can handle the defense. This balance may not work any better than the old system, but once he finds the balance that works best for him, his staff and his players, his coaching style will produce much better results. But this also takes time.

Finally, Weis isn't throwing the picks, missing the blocks and tackles or committing the penalties. Critics point to the coach as the scapegoat for issues like this, but it's a complete non sequitur. He can tie down the O-linemen and preach to them not to chop block until they beg for mercy, but in no way does that translate to play on the field.

Give the man time. He's shown what he can do when the pieces were in place. Now, graduation and youth have upset the playing board and scattered the pieces every which way. Weis has spent the last two seasons picking them up, slowly but surely. Once he finds a home not only for the pieces of the team, but for himself, he'll control a potent football team with a great deal of talent.

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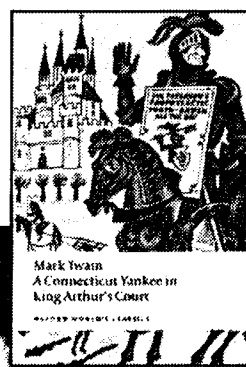
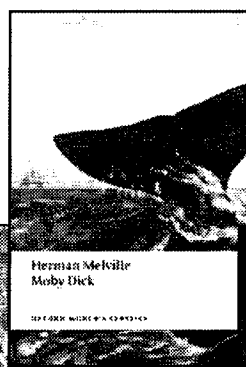
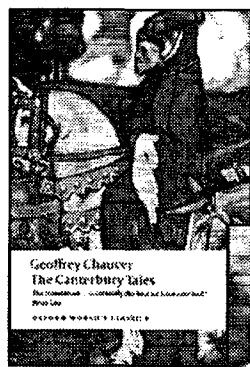
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Sports Editor

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 (3-7)	W, 29-6, Minnesota	Northwestern
 (9-2)	W, 21-7, Purdue	at Penn State
 (3-7)	L, 21-7, MSU	at Iowa
 (5-5)	L, 35-28, Oregon	USC
 (7-2)	W, 28-7, Ga. Tech	at Maryland
 (0-8)	L, 39-19, ASU	UCLA
 (6-2)	W, 41-7, L'ville	at Cincinnati
 (6-3)	W, 17-0, ND	at FSU
 (6-3)	Idle	Notre Dame
 (2-7)	L, 35-17, Rutgers	Connecticut
 (7-1)	W, 17-3, Cal	at Stanford

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From hardwood to gridiron

Justin Brown didn't play football until his senior year of high school, but he is making up for lost time

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During his career at Notre Dame, Justin Brown has been a solid, steady presence on the defensive line. The fifth-year end has 60 tackles, including nine for loss and 2.5 sacks, in his career for the Irish while adding depth to the front four.

Not bad for a guy who didn't start playing football until senior year of high school.

From the hardwood...

Brown grew up a basketball player, as a forward who played competitively during middle school and high school.

Brown said he was a solid basketball player, starting for the varsity team at Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville, Md., during his junior and senior seasons.

Brown was originally going to go to college to play basketball, he said. Starting his junior season, he began to shop himself around to some Div. I programs for a scholarship.

"Going into the summer time, I focused more in on trying to get scholarships for basketball. What was happening was I started getting injuries — ankle injuries. Just going to camps and going to AAU tournaments where a lot of scouts are, I just had ankle injuries," Brown said.

Those ankle injuries kept him out of competing in other camps and tournaments later in the summer. Brown said his inability to play basketball during the offseason — and in turn impress college scouts and coaches from big time programs — led to Brown not getting the offers he wanted.

But Brown had another plan

to get his scholarship after basketball fell through — start playing football.

... to the gridiron ...

Throughout his time at Bishop McNamara, Brown said head football coach Bernard Joseph would half-jokingly tell him that he needed to start playing football.

Three games into the 2003 season, Brown took him up on the offer.

"I talked about the football thing with my dad and my brother and decided to try it out. I came three games late and played seven or eight games, and things worked out well," he said.

Brown played a sort-of hybrid defensive end/outside linebacker that season, but said that his position didn't matter to his game plan. Joseph and the other coaches gave Brown

simple instructions for playing.

"Just go get the ball carrier. Just go and run and make plays." And that's what I did. I was only 200 pounds. They just put me on the field and let me run around and make plays," Brown said of his high school coaching.

This plan was immediately successful, and Brown finished his first year of organized football with 65 tackles, nine sacks and three fumble recoveries. As his senior season wore on, he started getting more looks for that big-time college scholarship he did not get in basketball.

While Brown was initially recruited mostly by local, smaller Div. I schools, like Richmond and Towson, eventually Boston College started showing more interest in him. After the Eagles, teams like

Notre Dame, Penn State, Michigan and Florida all started looking at Brown.

Brown said that the biggest reason for this increased attention was the work of Joseph and his father, Michael Brown.

"After a couple of games, I played really, really well and my dad was of these, 'We need to send some of these tapes out.' So between my dad and my coach, they made some tapes. My dad just sending tapes everywhere, probably like 50 schools, or something like that," Brown said.

Brown said he didn't know how he was so lucky that he could wind up playing football at Notre Dame after only one year, but said that he was meant to be here.

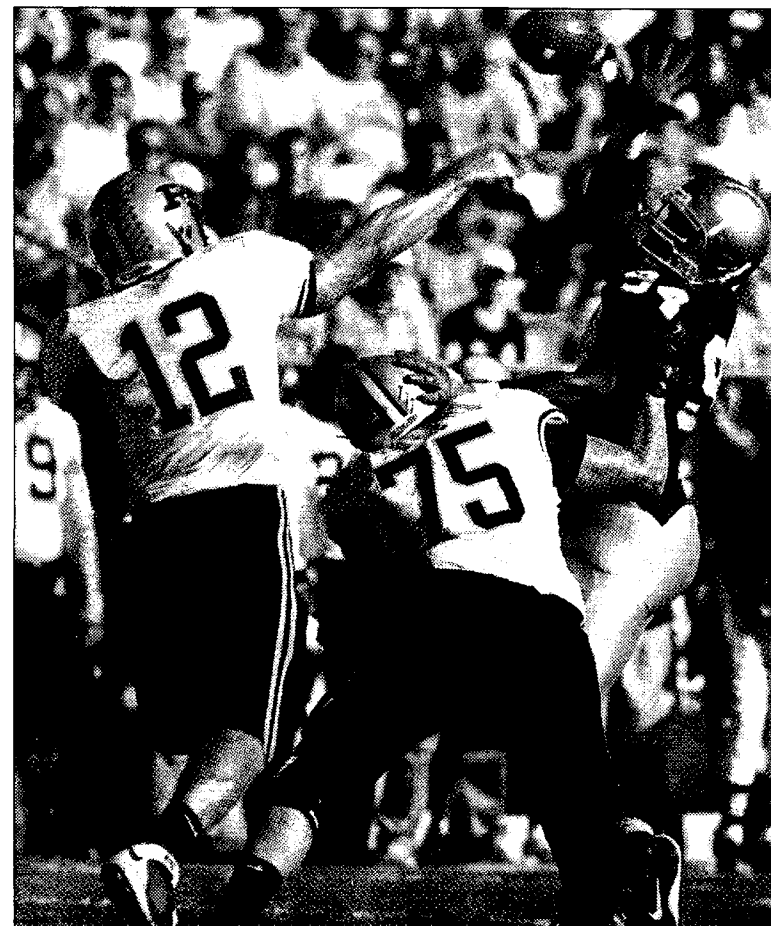
"That was God's work, I say. It's interesting, I play for Notre Dame and through God in there, and it's such a religious institution. There's a reason for everything happening. I'm supposed to be here, I guess," he said.

Brown said that when Notre Dame first started recruiting him, he had no idea about the school's history or tradition, but knew it must have been a special place because of how others treated it.

"The thing that struck me was this place had to be special because of the reaction I would get from everyone. It was the reaction that people gave me that kind of gave me the sense that this was some place special. And when I came up here, it sort of proved itself true," he said.

But after giving the Irish another look, he said the school was a perfect "three-for-three" fit for him.

"One of the things that stood out to me was that people talk about — you get a degree from Notre Dame, you're set for life. The fact that the school was a very religious institution, very religion-conscious, very faith-based — that was important.



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Irish defensive lineman Justin Brown tries to deflect a pass during Notre Dame's 38-21 win over Purdue on Sept. 27.

And then, I believed in the football coaches and what they were telling me. Coach [Tyrone] Willingham recruited me, and I felt like I wanted to come here and play," he said.

Once he got to Notre Dame, the biggest adjustment Brown had to make was learning how to play technical football.

"I didn't know so much technique and knowledge of the game [was involved]. And everything that's going on — because there is so much going on, on a football field. There was a lot I had to learn. Probably for the first two or three years here I felt like I was playing catch-up to everybody else, physically and mentally," he said.

Brown said the most difficult part of that adjustment period was learning how to take on blockers, something which has become much easier as he has put on 77 pounds during his five years with the Irish.

But off the football field, one big adjustment for Brown was a coaching change after his freshman year. Brown said that, while he sat out the year and was not fully integrated into the system and therefore the change did not have as big of an impact on him, Willingham's firing was still difficult for him to deal with.

"You always see those things happening to other teams on ESPN. When it happened to us, it was kind of shocking. It was shocking and surprising, but it was something we had to deal with and move on," he said.

... and beyond

After this season, Brown said his dream would be to play in the NFL. But, just like in high school, he has a contingency.

"And if that doesn't work, I always have my Notre Dame

degree to fall back on," he said.

Brown graduated in May with a double major in Film, Television and Theater and Sociology. He started with the FTT major with a concentration in television, something he has always been interested in, he said.

"I'm really interested in media. Coming into college, I wanted to work with advertising, so that's where I went. I really like the creative aspect of things. I was happy when I saw that they have a film program here," he said.

Brown said he added the second major because he thought it would be a good fit with the FTT.

He is currently enrolled in a non-degree graduate studies program, taking some psychology courses and a special studies class. For the special studies, he is working on a multimedia CD for his brother's wedding, which was in October.

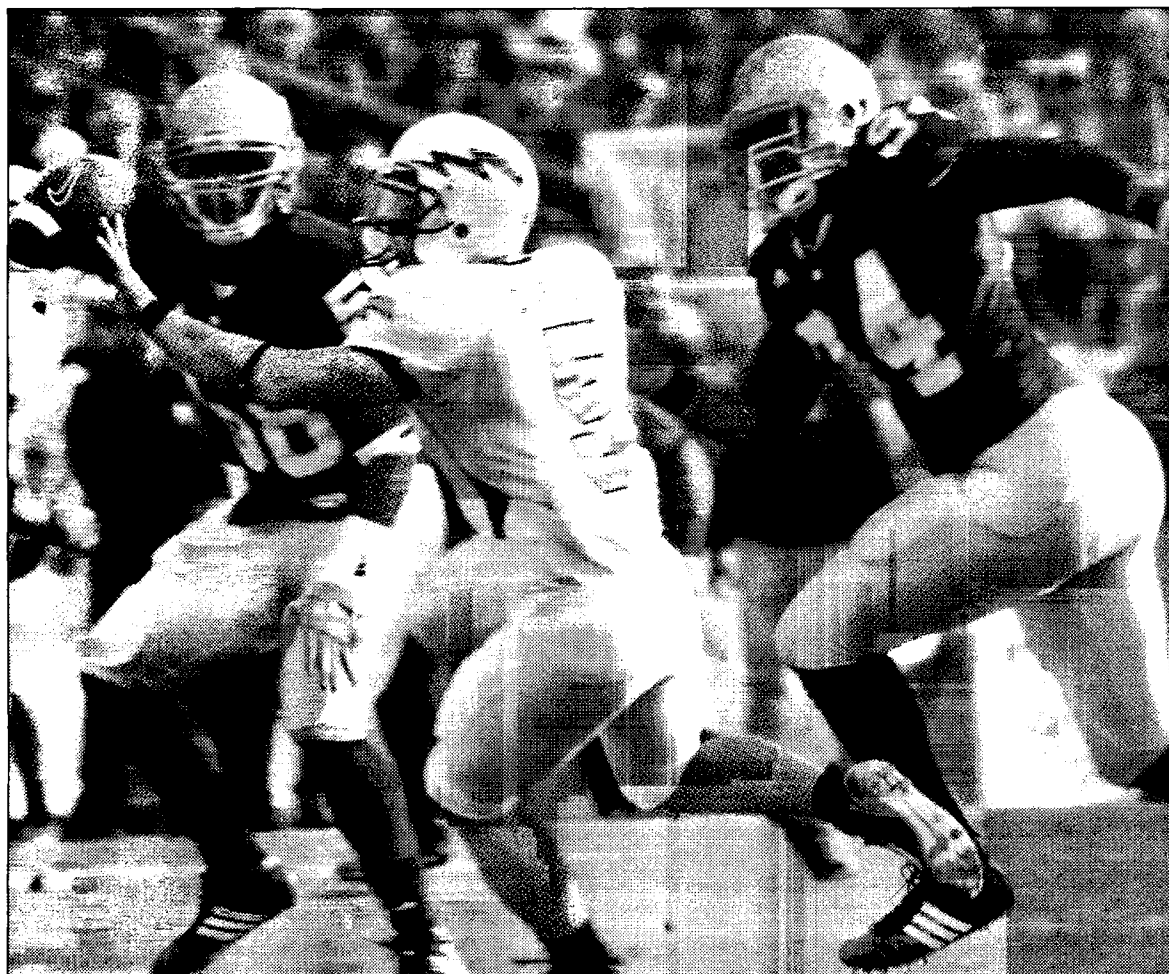
But in the much more immediate future, Brown said he is excited to play Navy and excited to see his family.

"I guess, it's kind of like my Thanksgiving. I don't get to go home before Thanksgiving, so that's always good to see my family around this time of year. People don't always get to see their families, so I'm fortunate to see mine."

Brown said he didn't know how much time he would get to spend with them, but it won't be enough if this year is anything like his last trip to Maryland two years ago.

"Last time, they were calling me to get on the bus because I wasn't ready to leave yet."

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Irish defensive lineman Justin Brown, right, and linebacker Brian Smith pursue Air Force quarterback Shaun Carney during Notre Dame's 41-24 loss on Nov. 10, 2007.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 5-4
AP: NR
Coaches: NR



Charlie Weis
head coach

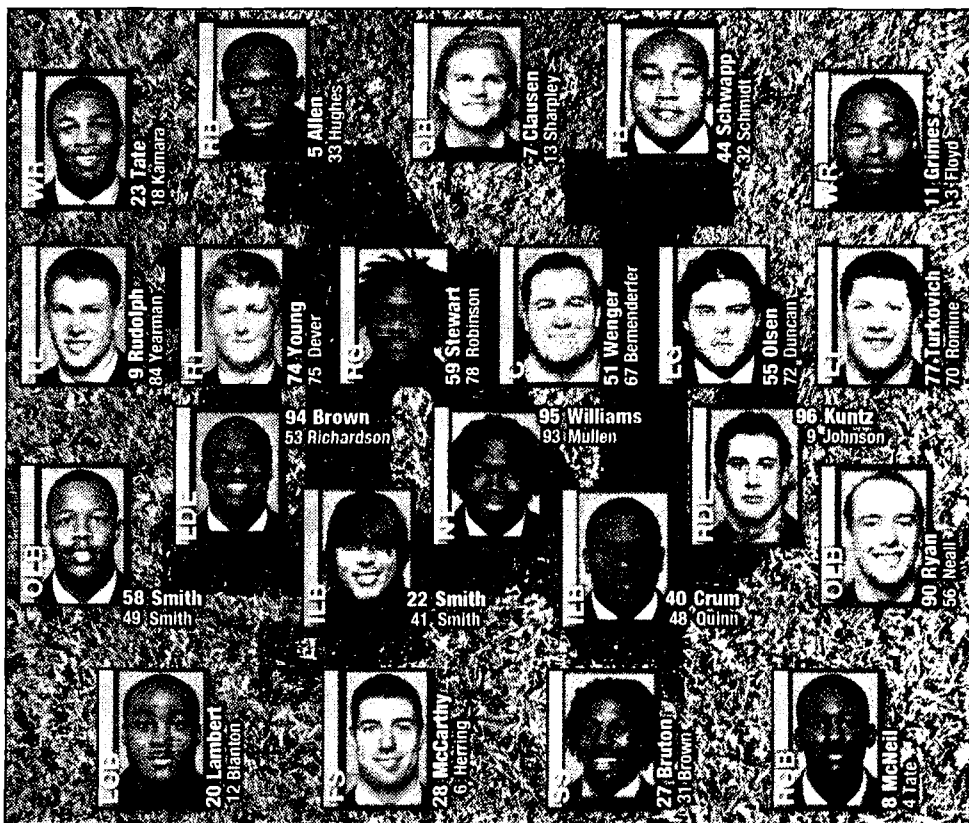
Charlie Weis
Fourth season at
Notre Dame
career record:
27-19
against
Navy:
2-1

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Deion Walker	WR	6-2	188	FR
3	Michael Floyd	WR	6-3	215	FR
4	Gary Gray	DB	5-11	188	SO
5	Armando Allen	RB	5-10	195	SO
6	Ray Ilering	DB	5-10	198	SR
7	Jimmy Clausen	QB	6-3	217	SO
8	Raeshon McNeil	DB	6-0	190	JR
9	Ethan Johnson	DE	6-4	275	FR
9	Kyle Rudolph	TE	6-6	252	FR
10	Dayne Crist	QB	6-4	233	FR
11	David Grimes	WR	5-10	177	SR
12	Nick Lezynski	QB	5-8	157	SO
12	Robert Blanton	DB	6-1	180	FR
13	Evan Sharpley	QB	6-2	215	SR
14	Brandon Walker	K	6-3	202	SO
15	Brian Castello	QB	6-2	191	SO
15	Dan McCarthy	DB	6-2	200	FR
16	Nate Montana	QB	6-4	200	FR
18	Duval Kamara	WR	6-5	219	SO
19	George West Jr.	WR	5-10	196	JR
20	Terrail Lambert	DB	5-11	195	SR
21	Barry Gallup Jr.	RB	5-11	200	JR
22	Harrison Smith	DB	6-2	206	SO
23	Golden Tate	WR	5-11	195	SO
24	Leonard Gordon	DB	5-11	187	JR
24	Brian Coughlin	WR	6-0	172	JR
25	Jonas Gray	RB	5-10	230	FR
26	Jamoris Slaughter	DB	6-0	182	FR
27	David Bruton	DB	6-2	212	SR
28	Kyle McCarthy	DB	6-1	203	SR
29	Jashaad Gaines	DB	6-0	202	JR
29	Michael Garcia	WR	6-1	178	SO
30	Steve Paskorz	FB	6-2	235	SO
31	Sergio Brown	DB	6-2	205	JR
32	Luke Schmidt	TE	6-3	246	JR
33	Robert Hughes	RB	5-11	237	SO
34	James Aldridge	RB	6-0	225	JR
35	Kevin Smith	LB	5-8	200	SR
35	Kevin Brooks	TE	6-2	241	JR
36	Joe Bizjak	K	6-2	165	JR
36	David Posluszny	LB	6-0	220	FR
37	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	170	SR
37	Eras Noel	RB	5-8	190	SO
38	Chris Bathon	DB	5-10	192	JR
38	Christopher Gurries	K	5-10	181	SO
39	Ryan Burkhardt	WR	5-11	190	JR
40	Maurice Crum Jr.	LB	6-0	235	SR
41	Scott Smith	LB	6-3	235	SR
42	Nikolas Rodriguez	RB	5-11	205	SR
42	Kevin Washington	LB	6-1	250	SR
42	Dan Franco	WR	5-10	188	JR
43	John Leonis	DB	5-9	169	SR
43	Eric Maust	P	6-2	177	JR
44	Asaph Schwapp	FB	6-0	257	SR
45	Darius Fleming	LB	6-1	236	FR
45	Kris Patterson	WR	5-11	185	SR
46	Steve Filer	LB	6-3	236.2	FR
47	Joe Vittoria	LB	5-11	44	JR
47	Mike Narvaez	FB	5-11	231	JR
48	Steve Quinn	LB	6-2	225	SR
49	Toryan Smith	LB	6-1	244	JR
51	Dan Wenger	C	6-4	302	JR
52	Braxton Cave	C	6-3	315	FR
53	Morrice Richardson	DE	6-2	255	JR
54	Anthony McDonald	LB	6-3	225	FR
55	Eric Olsen	OG	6-5	303	JR
56	Kerry Neal	LB	6-2	246	SO
57	Mike Golic Jr.	C	6-3	280	FR
58	Brian Smith	LB	6-3	245	SO
59	Chris Stewart	OG	6-5	337	JR
61	Martin Quintana	LB	6-1	242	JR
62	Bill Flavin	C	6-3	252	SO
63	Jeff Tisak	OT	6-3	306	SR
64	Tom Burke	LB	5-10	242	JR
65	Mike Hernandez	OL	6-2	275	FR
67	Tom Bemenderfer	C	6-5	300	SR
69	Carl Brophy	OT	6-4	278	FR
70	Matt Romine	OL	6-5	292	SO
71	Dennis Mahoney	OL	6-6	290	FR
72	Paul Duncan	OT	6-7	308	SR
74	Sam Young	OT	6-8	330	JR
75	Taylor Dever	OT	6-5	308	SO
76	Lane Clelland	OT	6-5	281	FR
76	Andrew Nuss	DE	6-5	304	SO
77	Mike Turkovich	OG	6-6	305	SR
78	Trevor Robinson	OG	6-5	301	FR
79	Hafis Williams	DE	6-2	302	FR
81	John Goodman	WR	6-3	197	FR
82	Robby Parris	WR	6-4	210	JR
84	Will Yeatman	TE	6-6	265	SO
85	Sam Vos	WR	5-10	199	JR
86	Paul Kuppich	TE	6-3	232	SR
87	Joseph Fauria	TE	6-7	245	FR
89	Kapron Lewis-Moore	DE	6-4	257	FR
90	John Ryan	LB	6-5	264	JR
91	Emeka Nwankwo	DE	6-4	295	SO
93	Paddy Mullen	NT	6-3	300	JR
94	Justin Brown	DE	6-3	277	SR
95	Ian Williams	NT	6-2	310	SO
96	Pat Kuntz	DE	6-3	283	SR
97	Kallen Wade	LB	6-5	255	JR
98	Sean Cwynar	DE	6-4	283	FR

Notre Dame 2008 Schedule

Sept. 6	SDSU — W
Sept. 13	MICH — W
Sept. 20	at MSU — L
Sept. 27	PURDUE — W
Oct. 4	STANFORD — W
Oct. 11	at UNC — L
Oct. 25	at WASH — W
Nov. 1	PITT — L
Nov. 8	at BC — L
Nov. 15	NAVY
Nov. 22	SYRACUSE
Nov. 29	at USC



COACHING

QUARTERBACKS

IRISH RUSHING

IRISH PASSING

NOTRE DAME

Charlie Weis will call the plays this week after the offense failed to score against BC. The pressure is on him to rejuvenate a team that looked inept moving the ball.

Jimmy Clausen didn't have his contacts in against BC: he threw four interceptions in the game. To be fair, Weis said he wasn't feeling well.

Notre Dame accumulated only 66 yards on 21 carries against BC, and 115 yards on 39 carries in a 4-OT loss to Pitt. More telling, the offense couldn't convert a fourth-and-1 on the ground.

Clausen disappointed in his last outing, but his season statistics say he won't repeat the performance. Michael Floyd and Golden Tate continue to haul in passes, and Armando Allen caught nine passes out of the backfield.

NAVY

Ken Niumatalolo knows the offense well; he was Navy's assistant head coach for six years before being promoted last year. He coached the Midshipmen to a win over then-No. 16 Wake Forest and an overtime win over Temple.

Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada won't play Saturday, so Jarod Bryant will take his place. Bryant actually passes well for a Navy quarterback, but has only thrown two touchdowns this season in backup duty.

Navy ranks 30th in the country and allowed Wake Forest only 43 rushing yards and 69 against Temple. Against Air Force and Pittsburgh, however, the Mids allowed a combined 450 yards. The Mids allow an average of 116.3 yards rushing per game.

Navy ranks 104th in the nation in pass defense and allows 256.7 yards per game through the air. If there was a time for Clausen to bounce back, this is it.

ANALYSIS

The Irish will not have offensive coordinator Mike Haywood this week due to a death in the family, and they are shaken things up. Niumatalolo and his staff have continued the success that Paul Johnson started.

Navy's passing game is almost non-existent, while Notre Dame may have to rely on Clausen's arm if it can't establish the run. Although he struggled last game, Clausen won't stay at that level.

Clausen led the Irish in rushing against BC, which doesn't bode well for the ground game. If the Irish have to play from behind, the run game will suffer as well.

Navy's starting cornerbacks, Ketric Buffin and Rashawn King, are 3-2 and 6-foot, respectively. Notre Dame's athletic receivers will have their way with the Midshipmen secondary.



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It's tough to envision this game ending well for Notre Dame. The Midshipmen rush attack will tire the Irish defense, control the clock and keep Jimmy Clausen and the Irish pass offense, who can do damage to Navy's defense, off the field. The offense snaps out of its funk and scores, but Navy will keep up and, in extra time, topple the Irish for the second straight year.

FINAL SCORE: Navy 33
Notre Dame 30 (OT)



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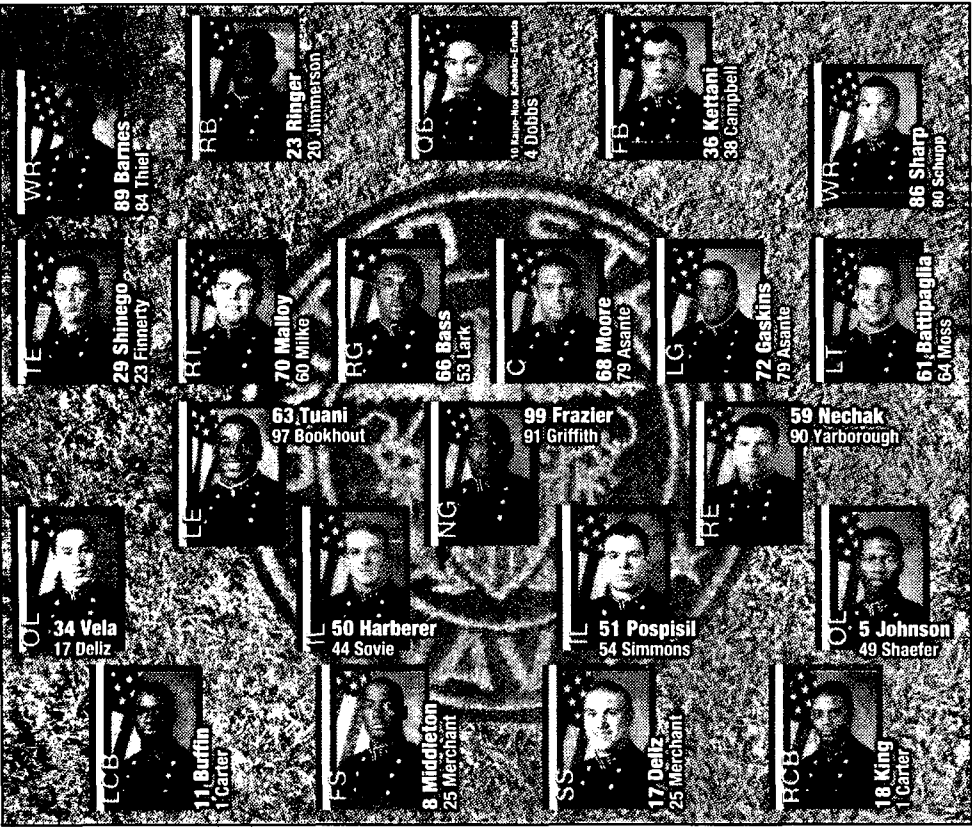
Brown figures out how to stop the option and the Irish escape from Baltimore with a win — and bowl eligibility.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 28
Navy 13

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Navy Midshipmen



Navy

2008 Schedule

Aug. 30	TOWSON — W
Sept. 5	at BSU — L
Sept. 13	at DUKE — L
Sept. 20	RUTGERS — W
Sept. 27	at WF — W
Oct. 4	at AFA — W
Oct. 18	PITT — L
Oct. 25	SMU — W
Nov. 1	TEMPLE — W
Nov. 15	NOTRE DAME
Nov. 25	at NIU
Dec. 6	ARMY

Navy

Midshipmen

Record: 6-3
AP: NR
Coaches: NR

Ken Niumatalolo
First season at Navy
career record: 6-4
against Notre Dame: 0-0
head coach

MIDSHIPMEN RUSHING

Navy's option offense always throws Notre Dame for a loop. The Mids rank second in the nation in rushing yards per game. Bryant has more rushes than Kaipo and can also effectively run the option offense.

MIDSHIPMEN PASSING

Bryant has completed 56 percent of his passes, but he's only thrown 32 times. Receiver Tyree Barnes leads the team with 15 receptions; no one else has more than four.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Notre Dame's special teams flopped against BC. A fumbled punt return, blocked punt and penalties during returns limited Notre Dame's special teams success.

INTANGIBLES

The Irish need to win this game to become bowl-eligible and break out of the funk they've fallen into. With Weis calling the plays, the offense may find its old ways.

NOTRE DAME

Notre Dame had trouble stopping BC's Montel Harris, and could not shut down Javon Ringer and LeSean McCoy. Navy's multiple threats in the backfield will make life difficult for the Irish defense.

NAVY

Notre Dame's defense held BC's Chris Crane to 79 yards and a touchdown. Safeties David Bruton and Kyle McCarthy will shut down whatever semblance of a passing game Navy throws at the Irish.

ANALYSIS

Navy nets 34.9 yards per punt. It ranks No. 20 in punt return yardage but No. 111 in kick return yardage. Matt Harmon has made 14 of 16 field goals and hasn't missed inside 30 yards.

ANALYSIS

The Midshipmen have a one-game streak going, and will want to keep it alive in front of their hometown fans. Also, Niumatalolo wants to prove his abilities as head coach by beating a rival.

ANALYSIS

Navy can put together long drives that wear out Notre Dame's defense, which in turn will give Navy more opportunities on offense. The Mids can also effectively control the clock.

ANALYSIS

Notre Dame has faced the pass much more than Navy has attempted the pass, so the Irish win this battle.

ANALYSIS

Notre Dame has work to do on special teams, even if its kick coverage remains solid. Navy has fewer question marks in this department.

ANALYSIS

Navy no longer has a streak to break and Notre Dame is now the team with something to prove. Bowl eligibility and questions about Weis' future will inspire the team to put out a win.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Sy Gaines	QB	6-2	210	FR
1	Blake Carter	CB	5-11	185	JR
2	Jared Bryant	QB/SB	5-10	180	SR
2	Ricky Kyles	QB	6-1	180	FR
3	Kris Trotter	QB	6-1	175	FR
3	Jesse Iwaji	S	6-1	182	JR
4	Ricky Dobbs	QB	6-1	194	SO
4	David Dawson	CB	5-9	174	JR
5	Brian Bliek	QB	5-10	168	FR
5	Corey Johnson	OLB	6-2	205	SR
6	Jared Brown	SB	5-8	175	FR
6	Joe Davis	CB	6-0	186	SO
7	Joe Buckley	K/P	5-9	176	SO
7	James Howell	S	5-8	170	SO
8	Kameron Smith	QB	6-1	182	JR
8	Wyatt Middleton	S	6-0	192	SO
9	Darius Terry	CB	5-7	168	JR
9	Bruce Andrews	WR	6-0	180	FR
10	Jared Shannon	S	6-0	197	FR
10	Kaipo-Nut Kaheka-Enbada	QB	5-11	195	SR
11	Keric Bullin	CB	5-7	168	SR
12	Hal Hunter	OLB	6-1	220	FR
13	Joe Taylor	QB	5-11	205	SR
14	Greg Zangler	QB	6-0	192	JR
15	John Charles White	K/P	6-2	180	SO
15	Kevin Edwards	CB	6-2	173	FR
16	Jared Sweeney	P	6-1	187	SR
16	Joey Taylor	S	6-0	192	SR
17	Jeff Dellz	S	5-11	210	SR
17	Michael Skulet	QB	5-11	195	FR
18	Rashawn King	CB	6-0	180	SR
18	Hal Brown	WR	6-1	195	FR
19	Matt Harmon	K	5-10	185	SR
20	Andre Byrd	SB	5-7	157	SO
21	Chris Hill	SB	5-10	207	FR
21	Corey Nichols	LB	6-0	202	SR
22	John McCauley	FB	6-0	225	FR
22	John Angelo	DB	5-9	176	SO
23	David Wright	CB	6-2	185	FR
23	Corey Timmerly	SB	5-10	190	JR
24	Corey James	SB	5-8	168	FR
25	Julius Bratton	SB	5-8	200	SO
25	Emanuel Merchant	S	5-9	186	SO
26	Brant Alsup	S	5-10	185	FR
26	Shun White	SB	5-9	190	SR
28	Max Blue	LB	6-0	214	FR
28	Greg Jones	WR	5-10	181	JR
29	Neil Doogan	OLB	6-3	218	FR
29	Greg Shinggo	SB	5-9	185	SR
31	Jerry Haudburger	LB	6-0	218	SO
31	Chris Rivers	LB	6-0	215	FR
32	Kevin Snyder	S	5-11	182	SR
33	Bobby Doyle	SB	5-11	195	JR
33	Caleb King	LB	6-0	220	FR
34	Cooper Stockley	SB	5-11	180	FR
34	Ram Vela	OLB	5-9	193	SO
35	Kyle Delahocke	K/P	6-1	202	SO
35	John Ponce	OLB	5-9	198	SO
36	Eric Stein	LB	6-1	207	FR
36	Eric Kettani	FB	6-1	243	SR
37	Kwesi Mitchell	CB	5-10	191	FR
38	Kevin Campbell	FB	5-11	204	JR
39	Alex Teich	FB	6-0	200	FR
39	Mike Sweeney	OLB	6-3	225	SO
40	Ian Meredith	OLB	6-3	219	JR
40	Jack Hatcher	FB	5-11	193	JR
41	J.J. Cosh	SB	5-9	181	SO
41	Scott Reider	LS	6-0	226	SR
42	Mason Graham	OLB	6-0	180	FR
42	Aaron Santiago	SB	5-8	175	FR
43	Jerry Feeney	LS	6-0	195	SR
43	Clint Sowe	LB	5-11	210	JR
44	Kyrion Nelson	FB	6-3	215	FR
45	Jon Teague	K/P	6-3	195	FR
45	Elliott Jones	OLB	6-1	220	JR
46	Brian Smith	OLB	6-1	215	JR
46	Andrew Sharp	LB	6-0	185	FR
46	Vince Murray	FB	6-1	217	SO
47	Jon Hill	LB	6-1	218	FR
47	Marcel Curry	SB	5-11	207	FR
48	Glen Woods	FB	5-11	227	JR
48	Richard Marshall	DE	6-6	228	JR
49	Delvin Diggs	FB	5-11	203	FR
49	Craig Schaefer	OLB	6-2	222	JR
49	Tony Haberer	LB	6-1	225	JR
50	Mike McCarthy	C	6-3	260	FR
50	Conor Krebs	OT	6-1	240	FR
51	Ross Pospisil	LB	6-0	223	JR
51	Alex Boddiford	OT	6-5	260	FR
52	Jordan Edgington	LB	6-0	246	SO
53	Clayton Lydick	DE	6-4	246	SO
53	Andy Lark	OG	6-0	289	JR
54	Garratt Sweeney	OL	6-4	275	FR
54	Tyler Simmons	LB	6-3	231	SO
55	Travis Suddeth	OLB	6-2	224	SO
55	Brady DeMell	OG	6-3	295	FR
56	Doune Bowers	OT	6-4	237	SO
57	Aaron McCauley	LB	5-10	191	FR
57	Zach Dryden	OG	6-5	275	FR
58	Trey Griesom	OLB	6-3	219	SO
58	Warren Fischer	OT	6-5	265	FR
59	Matt Nechak	DE	6-4	249	JR
59	Torri Preston	C	6-0	231	FR
60	Austin Miller	OT	6-3	265	JR
61	Jeff Battipaglia	OT	6-4	260	SO
62	Patrick Sewo	C	6-1	250	SO
63	David Hong	OG	6-3	290	FR
63	Jahane Tuani	DE	6-1	242	FR
64	Michael Von Bargen	OG	6-5	270	SR
65	Mike Letton	DE	6-4	242	FR
65	Swinder Gossard	OT	6-4	272	SR
66	Curtis Bass	OT	6-1	266	JR
67	Andrew Burger	OT	6-3	262	JR
68	Ricky Moore	C	6-4	265	SR
69	Jordan Stephens	NG	6-4	263	FR
70	Taylor Newton	OG	6-3	256	FR
70	Eric Douglas	NG	6-2	280	FR
70	Matt Molloy	OT	6-3	280	SO
71	Shane Butth	NG	6-3	239	SO
72	Anthony Gaskins	OG	6-1	284	SR
72	Jared Marks	NG	6-5	280	FR
73	Chad Peterson	LS	6-3	268	SR
73	John Cabage	DL	6-2	240	FR
74	Taylor Hamilton	DE	6-3	207	SO
75	Andrew McGinn	OT	6-1	255	SR
75	Ryan Bueford	DE	6-5	265	FR
76	Ryan Roberts	DE	6-2	237	JR
76	David Summell	OT	6-5	265	FR
77	Jeff Lenar	OG	6-6	276	JR
77	Francis Archibald	DE	6-2	255	FR
78	John Dowd	OT	6-4	240	FR
79	Osei Asante	C	6-1	264	JR
79	Thomas Batchelder	DE	6-3	225	FR
80	Mike Schupp	WR	5-10	180	SO
81	Nick Henderson	WR	6-4	212	JR
82	Doug Furman	WR	6-3	206	FR
83	Gary Myers	WR	6-1	200	FR
84	T.J. Thiel	WR	6-0	192	SR
85	Mario Washington	WR	5-9	184	SO
86	Curtis Sharp	WR	6-4	247	SR
87	Mike Mathews	WR	6-1	206	JR
88	James Dryden	WR	6-3	204	JR
89	Tyree Barnes	WR	6-2	197	SR
90	Billy Yarborough	DE	6-2	234	SO
91	Ryan Griffith	LS	6-2	232	SR
92	Austin Hill	LS	6-0	145	FR
92	Maurice Cumberland	DE	6-4	259	SO
93	Brian Ackerman	LS	5-11	180	FR
93	Chase Burge	NG	6-4	250	SO
94	Lee Calloway	DE	5-11	255	SO
94	Will Scarle	LS	6-4	242	SR
95	John Madlos	NG	6-4	253	SR
96	Alex Horne	LB	6-0	221	SR
97	Kyle Bookhout	DE	6-2	247	JR
98	Artie Pauls	DE	6-1	250	SR
99	Nate Frazier	NG	6-3	287	JR

Chris Hine
Editor-in-Chief

Surely, the Irish can't lose to Navy, right? Well, that's what everyone was saying last year and look what happened. But for as much as last week's offensive performance resembled last year's team, this isn't last year's team and the Irish will do what they're supposed to do this week and beat Navy soundly.

Dan Murphy
Sports Editor

With Weis calling the shots this time in Baltimore the Irish offense won't lay another goose egg. But a grind-it-out Navy team will slow down the pace of the game and keep this one relatively low scoring. The defense will play tough, but will probably wear down as the game goes on. Weis and the Irish realize their backs are against the ropes this week and they will be able to save face and start a new streak against the Midshipmen.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 35
Navy 24

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 23
Navy 14

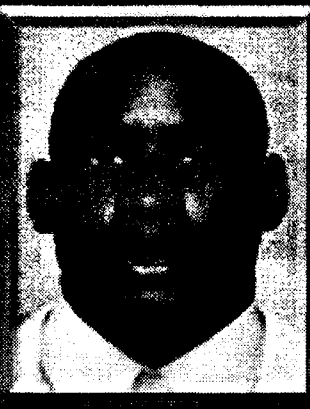
Irish experts

Crunching the numbers

2008 SEASON AVERAGES PER GAME

ND points scored	
points scored	
ND points allowed	
Navy points allowed	25.6
ND rush yards	
Navy rush yards	308
ND rushing allowed	
Navy rushing allowed	116.3
ND pass yards	
Navy pass yards	
ND passing allowed	
Navy passing allowed	

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Dan Wenger said you were the funniest guy on the team, is that true?

I think there are a couple different people who could probably fall into that category. I'm probably up there with them. It's good to have fun with your team in the locker room.

What's your favorite place on campus?

I like Decio. There was the bench in front of DeBartolo. They took that, so it's Decio now. And I just went to Greenfields a couple days ago, and that's really good. I think I'll become a fan of that. Go from DeBartolo to Decio right before practice or meetings, get yourself a sandwich or a panini.

What's your pregame ritual?

I like to listen to music. I go through the different playlists. I got playlists on my blackberry. My mom sends me Bible scriptures, so I read those. I listen to some Gospel songs.

What's your favorite thing to do outside of football?

I like to bowl, but I haven't had a chance to do that this semester. Mostly just chilling out and sitting around with my boys. I'm always with Toryan and George, and Brian Smith, Armando. Whoever's around. We just chill out and play around, just kind of shoot around. It's kind of cool to have fun with your boys.

Which bowling alley is your favorite?

Strikes and Spares, right across from Steak n Shake. Go over there and get a Frisco Melt from Steak n Shake, that's the meal of choice these days.

How good are you at bowling?

I'm decent, I probably could beat you.

What's your average?

I'm up in the 220-230 range.

Are you the best on the team?

They say Darius Fleming. Fleming goes out of the country to go bowl. I don't know what that's all about. I'll have to go get with him one day.

What's your favorite TV show right now?

Will and Grace. I go and we watch TV all the time. Toryan and George always have on sports, and I can't stand watching sports when I get home. I like watching regular sitcoms, Seinfeld, Will and Grace, Scrubs. I like all normal sitcom shows. They hate when I do that but they'll have to deal with it.

What's your all-time favorite movie?

Serendipity. It's like a chick flick but it's pretty good. Coach Weis lets us rent movies sometimes when we go to hotels, and it's been a chick flick four of the last five weeks.

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Thrust into starting role, Rudolph thriving

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

This year's Notre Dame team is characterized by its talented and promising youth. Nowhere is that more true than at the tight end position.

True freshman Kyle Rudolph has stepped up for the Irish by making a big contribution to the offense as essentially the team's only tight end.

Rudolph jumped into the lead role right out of the gates when projected starter Mike Ragone announced he would be getting season-ending surgery in late August. Ragone partially tore his ACL running routes during the summer and decided he wouldn't be able to play on it all year. Rudolph immediately jumped to the top of the depth chart.

"That played a big role in adjusting to the game a lot sooner," Rudolph said. "You are going against, especially late in camp, the [first team defense] all the time. Those are the kind of guys you are going to be seeing on Saturdays."

A few weeks later, Notre Dame lost its only other tight end when Will Yeatman was suspended for the remainder of the season. Rudolph said he didn't mind not having a veteran shoulder to lean on.

"[Tight ends] coach [Bernie] Parmalee is there, he takes care of me if I have questions. When we're in the film room the older guys are still there helping me and critiquing me with tech-

nique. They're still around even if they're not on the practice field," he said.

Rudolph jumped right into the action as the only freshman in the starting line-up, picking up a five-yard catch against San Diego State in the season opener.

Since then, Rudolph has continued to consistently contribute with 20 catches and two touchdowns through his first nine collegiate games. His first trip to the end zone came week four against Purdue in the third quarter. He followed that up with another one the following week against Stanford.

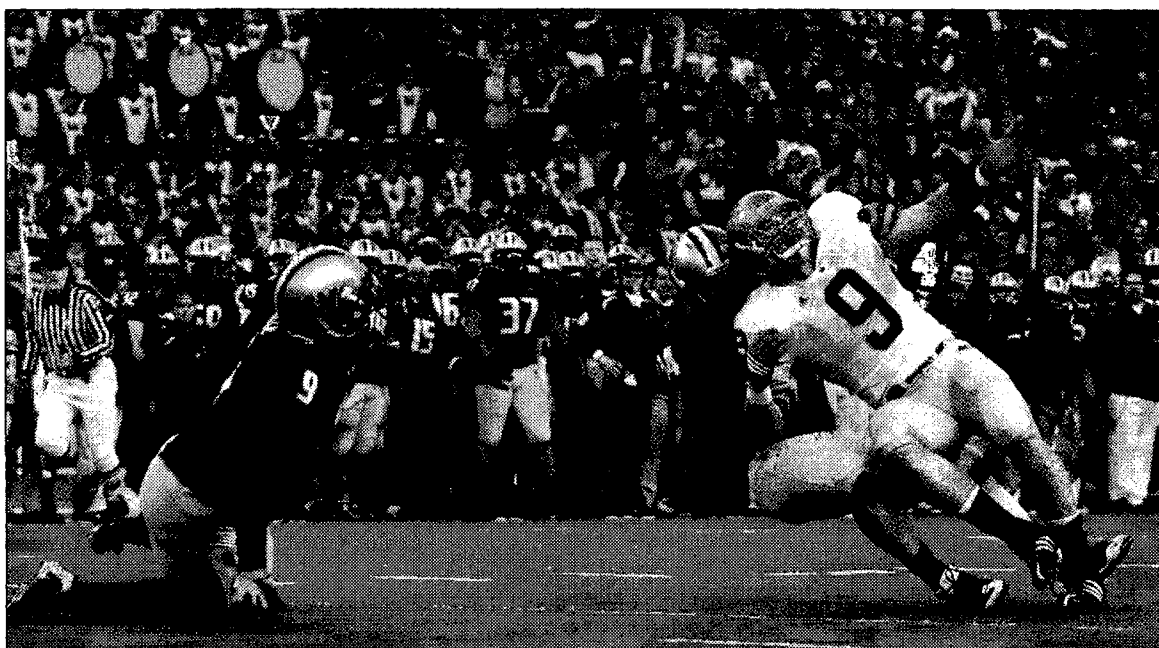
"I wouldn't say that I'm surprised, it's more excitement. I'm glad that I could do something and contribute to the team. That was my goal coming in," Rudolph said.

The Irish have gotten some major contributions from their underclassmen in the passing game so far this season. Five of the team's top six receivers are freshmen and sophomore — senior David Grimes is the only veteran in the group. Rudolph is currently one catch behind Grimes for fifth overall.

Rudolph said the added pressure of a pass-heavy offense wasn't intimidating for him or any of his teammates — they embraced it.

"For us being a receiving corps, when we throw the ball a lot that's exciting. But being a tight end, running the ball is great too. You get the best of both worlds," Rudolph said.

During his days at Elder High



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Irish freshman tight end Kyle Rudolph battles a Washington defender for the ball during Notre Dame's 33-7 win over the Huskies on Oct. 25 in Seattle, Wash.

School in Cincinnati, where he was named the No. 1 tight end prospect in the country, Rudolph split out to play wide receiver regularly. He said the toughest part of adjusting to the college game was run blocking.

"Most of the [defensive opposition] are bigger than I am, so for me it's not a real big block. Good technique and good fundamentals get the job done," he said.

In the past few weeks, Rudolph said he felt he was making big strides with his blocking. He no longer has to think about where his head and hands are placed; it is starting to become natural for him.

Blocking aside, the hardest thing Rudolph has had to adjust to in the past few months has been the heavy workload that comes along with being a college football player.

"In high school you have practice for a couple hours a day and that's all you have. Then you get here and it's meeting for a couple hours, practice for a few hours, then watching film for a little while and lifting," he said.

But for the 6-foot-6, 252-pounder, it's all worth it on Saturdays. Rudolph said game days make him feel like he is back in high school.

"You have everybody at your

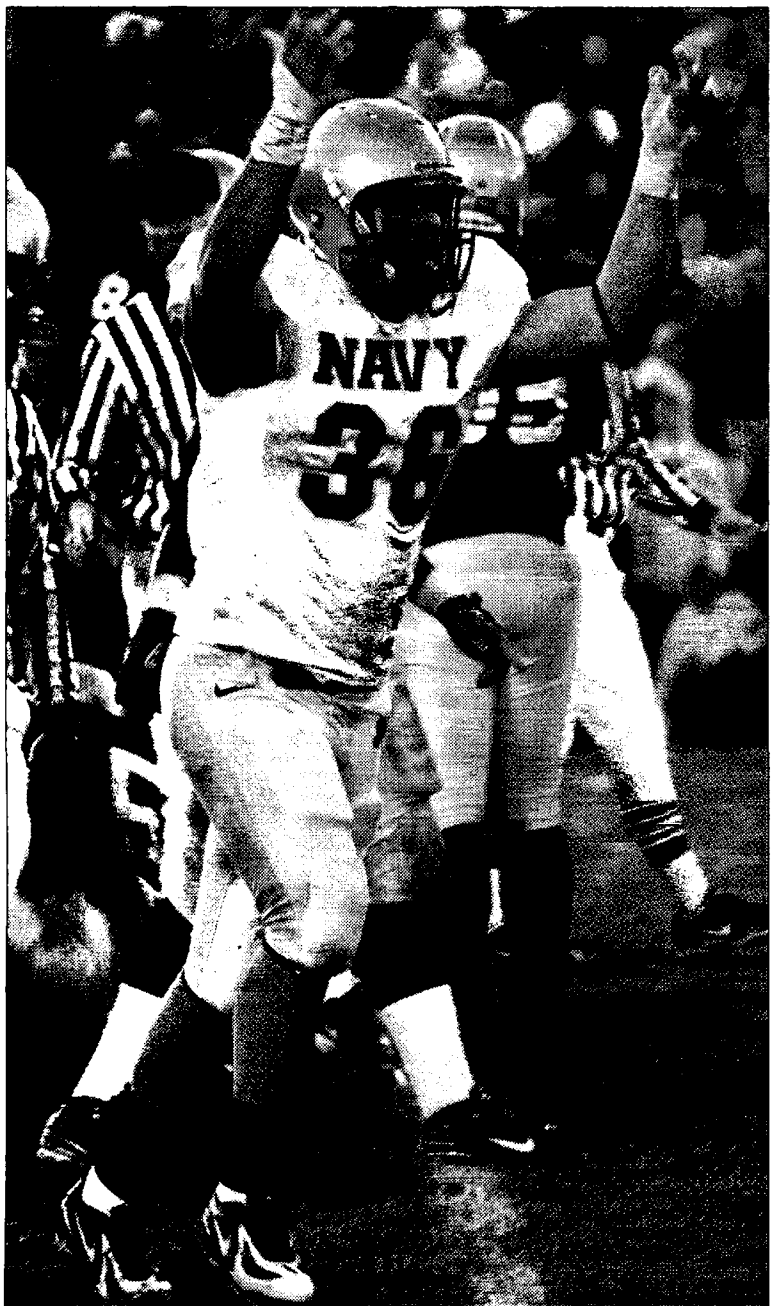
games and you see everybody after the game. I always go back to the tailgate after the games and hang out with my family for the rest of the night," he said.

The freshman said he normally draws a pretty big crowd of relatives at each game — usually 15 or more — with both his parents coming from large, supportive families.

"Even if they don't get into the game they'll watch it somewhere. My family loves being around up here. They love the atmosphere."

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No secret — Navy will try to run early, often Saturday



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Navy fullback Eric Kettani celebrates a touchdown during the Midshipmen's 46-44 win at Notre Dame on Nov. 3, 2007.

By CHRIS HINE
Editor-in-Chief

Navy is going to run the football Saturday, and it will run it a lot — the Midshipmen don't try to hide that from anyone.

"It's not a secret, we're going to run the ball," Navy fullback Eric Kettani said. "They know when we get the ball, we're running the ball."

Nevertheless, even though its opponent always knows what to prepare for, Navy's option-run attack is the second-best running game in the nation, averaging 308 yards per game.

And in nine games this season, Navy (6-3) has yet to score under 20 points in a game, even its three losses.

"I think they're so good in their system and it's so unorthodox, that everyone in the country knows what's coming," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "It's the same thing. Everyone knows what's coming. But at the end of the game almost every week, doesn't matter who they play against, usually they have 300 yards rushing. It's just what they do."

But last year, Navy did something it hadn't done in 43 years — beat Notre Dame. Navy came into Notre Dame Stadium and downed the Irish 46-44 in three overtimes

using the same rushing attack the Irish will see Saturday.

"Honestly, that's my most memorable game that I've played in my entire life," Kettani said. "It was a great win."

Kettani was Navy's leading rusher in that game, running for 70 yards on 20 carries, and this season, he's picked up 673 yards and scored two touchdowns.

"One of the bases for this offense is to have a bruising fullback," Weis said. "And Kettani definitely fits the bill. He's 6-foot-1, 233 pounds, senior, veteran, runs hard, physical player and really is the centerpiece for this offense, along with the quarterback."

Last year's quarterback, Kai Po-Noa Kahakui-Enhada, has been plagued by injury this season, but substitutes Jarod Bryant and Ricky Dobbs haven't missed a beat, and have helped keep Navy one of the most efficient rushing attacks in the nation.

"We run the ball, we're

Navy," Kettani said. "We've had some of the top rushers in the nation the past few years so we plan on giving them a run for their money."

This year Navy has had a change in coach, but not in style. Paul Johnson, Navy's head coach from 2002-07, left for Georgia Tech, but Navy stayed in-house for its next hire — Ken Niumatalolo, Navy's former offensive coordinator.

"That's the good thing. It was an in-house change," Kettani said.

"So most of the things are the same. He's a different character and a different head coach than coach Johnson was, but practices are the same, games are the same, nothing really too drastic has changed."

While Kettani said beating Notre Dame was the greatest football moment in his life, he insisted that Navy doesn't do anything extra to get pumped up for the Irish.

"We do the same thing every game. It doesn't matter if we're going to play a Div. I-AA team or if we're going to play Notre Dame," Kettani said. "We're a team that does the same things game in and game out."

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