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Campus cable installation to begin

Notre Dame dorms prepare for outages

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

The University will begin delivering on its promise to add cable to dorm rooms as early as this week, when, pending the finalization of contractual agreements, Comcast begins installing its cable system into Sorin College, University officials said.

The project in Sorin is the beginning of campus-wide upgrades scheduled for each of the University's 27 dorms. By the fall of 2006, every dorm room on campus will be wireless and have access to a similar version of Comcast's expanded basic cable, Associate Vice President of Residence Life and Housing Bill Kirk said.

The addition of cable on campus will happen simultaneously with upgrades to ResNet, the campus-wide wired internet system, said Dewitt Latimer, assistant Provost of the Office of Information Technology.

Six more dorms will be upgraded over Christmas break and the remaining ones will undergo renovations in sets of three throughout the spring. The cable won't be

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Sorin College is the first dorm to receive cable as part of the University's campus-wide update, which will conclude in fall 2006.

Tennessee toppling excites fans

But students fail to fill pep rally seats

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

Stadium-igniting plays like Tom Zbikowski's interception return for a touchdown fired up fans following Saturday's onslaught against Tennessee, but issues surrounding the new pep rally ticket distribution system dampened the football weekend.

Friday's pep rally was the first under the new system the University implemented in response to the event's growing demand over the course of this season. Non-students were required to wait in line to receive up to two tickets, free of charge, beginning at 3 p.m. Friday.

But not all hopeful Irish fans received tickets, despite gaping sections of vacant Joyce Center seats left empty by students who opted not to attend the event.

The University reserved 6,000 of the arena's more than 11,000 seats as part of its aim to give students top priority at pep rallies, and remaining seats were allocated to the public via the new ticketing system, senior associate athletic director John Heisler said Sunday.

"Empty sections were based on students that were not there," he said. "The [seating] estimates were provided on the student interest, they just didn't come to fruition this past week. The expectation was that there would be a tremendous student interest."

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Bishop D'Arcy celebrates Mass at College

CHELSEA GULLING/The Observer

Bishop John D'Arcy consecrates the gifts during Sunday evening Mass at Regina Hall. After Mass, D'Arcy addressed students' questions about the Church.

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

Celebrating Mass at Saint Mary's Sunday, Bishop John D'Arcy of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend encouraged students to turn to the Eucharist and prayer in order to live their lives as preparation for their ultimate judgment before God.

He also answered questions posed by students on everything from the war in Iraq to homosexuality during a reception following Mass hosted by the senior class board.

In his homily to roughly 200 people, D'Arcy said it is difficult for individuals, particularly youth, to think of death.

"The Church has the teaching that has to do with the supreme moment of our lives, our moment of death," D'Arcy said.

It is important to be prepared for the important events in life, D'Arcy said, and it is equally important to be prepared for death.

"A life of good conscience is a way to prepare for that," D'Arcy said. "I hope and pray that when my time is up that I can say that I always did God's will as I saw it."

Human weakness will result in failures along the way, D'Arcy said, and prayer is a critical means of strengthening ones relationship with God and keeping one on the correct path.

"[A life and death in Christ] won't be unless I learn to pray," D'Arcy said. "God is not real to you unless you pray."

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Graduate shares role in identification of 'Deep Throat'

By PAT DOWD
News Writer

Notre Dame graduate John O'Connor, the litigation lawyer responsible for revealing the identity of Watergate source "Deep Throat" in a Vanity Fair article last summer, spoke Friday on the broader significance of the famous Nixon White House scandal.

O'Connor's lecture was part of the Notre Dame Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni lecture Series and was co-sponsored by the University's John W. Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy.

The lecture revisited the saga of events that eventually forced President Richard Nixon to resign from office on Aug. 9, 1974. It focused on how the courageous actions of the source long known only as "Deep Throat" — unmasked in June as FBI No. 2 Mark Felt — have altered the political and journalistic realities of modern leak investigations.

The lingering mystery of which Nixon administration insider supplied Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein with the incriminating information that eventually leveraged the president out of office has been a hotly debated political and media topic of the last 30 years.

Many thought the question, "Who was Deep Throat?" would have to wait until the anonymous informant died because Woodward had always held that as the necessary condition for revealing his source.

Through a rather happenstance course of events, however, O'Connor had the opportunity to name the secretive source before his death. While swapping stories about family members that may have been in the secret service, one of his children's college classmates mentioned his grandfather was Felt, second in command at the FBI under Nixon.

"Your Grandfather is 'Deep Throat,'" O'Connor exclaimed. Felt had long been top on O'Connor's list of possible individuals, and with opportunity waiting at his doorstep, he worked with Felt's extended family to help him feel comfortable revealing to the world that he was "Deep Throat."

"Mark Felt was in charge of the FBI's investigation of the Watergate break-in, and he like

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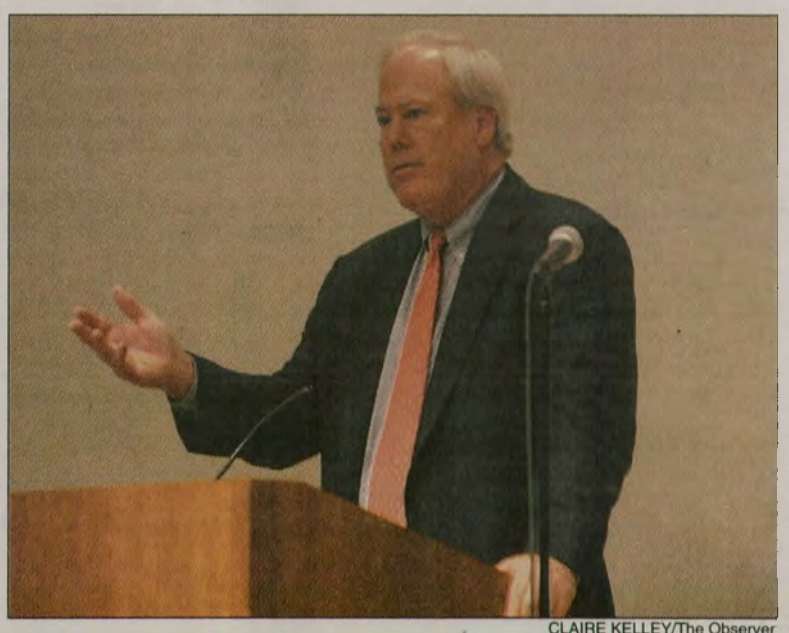

CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Notre Dame alumnus John O'Connor speaks Friday about his role in revealing the identity of "Deep Throat."

Inside Column

Lucky Irish, lucky fans

Greg Arbogast

Sports Writer

I attempted to take a step back from it all after the Tennessee game this weekend, and I realized just how fortunate and spoiled I've been in the games that I've seen so far this year.

I'm a freshman, and I was never one of the kids destined to go to Notre Dame since before they could walk. Hence, the four games I've seen at Notre Dame stadium so far this year are the first four experiences of my life with Notre Dame football, and I've found myself asking the same question multiple times: How did I get so lucky with the games I've seen so far?

First, there was the Michigan State game. Besides the beautiful weather and the fact that it was my first-ever Notre Dame game, it was one of the best football games I've ever seen. There's nothing more exciting to me than a comeback, and the 21-point deficit that Notre Dame overcame in a little over a quarter was nothing short of exhilarating. Even though we ended up on the wrong side of the scoreboard, being in the student section during that comeback was unbelievable.

Next, there was the USC game which pretty much speaks for itself. I will say, however, that it will be very difficult for any sporting event to ever surpass my experience for not only the game, but the weekend in general. I can't help smiling knowing that the ND-USC game was one of the greatest games ever in college football and I was there to witness it.

Thinking that nothing could even come close to the first two games of the season, the BYU game surprised me. While it was by far not the USC or even Michigan State experience, it is not every day that you see about five school records broken in one game. If only there was fantasy football for college that day.

Finally, this past Saturday, I had an opportunity to witness the Tennessee game from the press box. Since that will probably be the last time for many years that I get 50-yard line seats to a football game that actually means something, it will be experience that I don't forget anytime soon.

I've seen a total of four Notre Dame football games in my life, and each one has left me walking away shaking my head in disbelief. It will be difficult to surpass the games I've seen so far, but Coach Weis around for 10 more years, I'm hoping he will give me some more games to remember.

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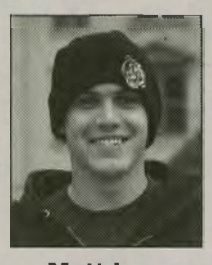
The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Corrections

Due to a reporting error, The Observer incorrectly reported in its Nov. 4 edition that Saint Mary's V.P. of Student Affairs Linda Timm assisted junior class officers in gathering information regarding the use of the College seal. Timm did not contribute to these efforts, nor was approval ever sought out or received from the Board of Trustees to use the seal on the junior class fleeces. The Observer regrets these errors.

Question of the Day: *What did you think of Saturday's game?*



Matt Love

freshman Morrissey

"Beating Tennessee was more entertaining than watching Notre Dame beat up on BYU."

Justin Doyle

senior Dillon

"Orange Bowl, here we come."

Tony Schiazza

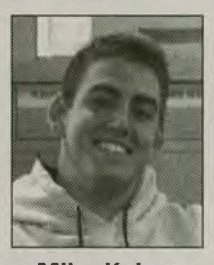
freshman Dillon

"Zibby's the man!"

Julie Garcia

freshman Lewis

"I thought it was good."



Mike Kaiser

freshman Morrissey

"Where did our rushing attack go?"

John Soltis

freshman Morrissey

"Super duper, neato gang!"

HY PHAM/The Observer

Despite Sunday's cold and rainy weather, these fans came to cheer on their respective teams in their quest to play in the interhall championship game, to be played Nov. 20 in Notre Dame Stadium.

Offbeat

Mayor calls for physical punishment for taggers

RENO, Nev. — Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman has suggested that those who deface freeways with graffiti should have their thumbs cut off on television.

Goodman, appearing Wednesday on the "Nevada Newsmakers" television show, said, "In the old days in France, they had beheading of people who commit heinous crimes.

"You know, we have a beautiful highway landscaping redevelopment in our downtown. We have desert tortoises and beautiful paintings of flora and fauna. These punks come along and deface it.

"I'm saying maybe you put them on TV and cut off a thumb," the mayor added. "That may be the right thing to do."

Science project mistaken for dangerous explosive

PERRYOPOLIS, Pa. — A bomb squad blew up a metal pipe that had a battery, wires, rope and an electrical switch, only to realize it was an eighth-grade science project.

"An electromagnetic fishing pole," Allegheny County Bomb Squad Sgt. Robert Clark said, holding the contraption with the battery blown off.

A clerk found the device — made from three feet of half-inch metal pipe — near the greeting cards display at a drugstore Thursday.

Police Chief Roger Beadling said he got within six feet and decided not to take any chances. "It definitely appeared to be some kind of explosive device," he said.

The bomb squad used a robot to examine the device, then destroyed it.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

A panel of prominent journalists, including **Tom Bettag** of ABC News and **Bill Mitchell** of the Poynter Institute, will participate in a forum today titled **"What Will It Take for Jounalism to Survive the Information Revolution?"** at **3 p.m.** in **Room 100** in **McKenna Hall.**

Jean Kilbourne, an internationally recognized expert on women in advertising, will speak at **7 p.m.** today in **101 DeBartolo Hall**. Her lecture is titled **"The Naked Truth: Advertising's Image of Women."**

Senior vice president for Global Compliance **Kathryn Reimann** will give a lecture Tuesday entitled **"Ethics and Complaince in a Large Public Company"** at **7 p.m.** in the **Jordan Audoitorium.**

Andre Connors, senior curator of the National Hispanish Cultural Center in Albuquerque, N.M., will give a lecture titled **"Graphic Text: The Enduring Power of a Well-Designed Message"** at **7 p.m. Wednesday** in the **Annenberg Auditorium** in the **Snite Museum.**

The **Saint Mary's spanish club** is hosting a **salsa night Wednesday** from **8 p.m.** to **10** in the **Saint Mary's Student Center**. Music, dancing and games included.

The **Notre Dame volleyball team** faces the University of Saint Louis Wednesday at **7 p.m.** in the **Joyce Center**.

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

Local Weather

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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LOW	47	44	56	41	36	43

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Living arrangements discussed

Sociologist Pamela Smock analyzes phenomenon of unmarried cohabitation

By MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writer

The topic of unmarried cohabitation among couples in the U.S. took center stage at Notre Dame Thursday.

As part of the Provost's Distinguished Women's Lecturer Series, guest speaker Pamela Smock, from the Sociology department at the University of Michigan, addressed the increasingly common phenomenon.

The lecture analyzed the trend demographically, providing insight pertaining to the effects of socioeconomic standing and race on the probability that a couple will share a roof out of wedlock.

The demographic approach also guarantees quick, revealing statistics to boggle the mind.

Smock said 33 percent of college-educated women will have cohabited with a man before marrying him.

Women without a high school diploma, on the other hand, are 60 percent inclined to move in with their partners, and marriage is a less likely outcome for the pair.

Smock said cohabitation is also more widespread amongst lower class blacks and Hispanics.

Smock argued privileged classes will use cohabitation as an entry into marriage — a way to take the relationship to a more intimate level before making the ultimate commitment.

"In the past there seemed to be a less emphasis on really knowing someone before marrying that person," sophomore Elaine Zarzana said.

Lower classes, on the other hand, more often practice cohabitation for its convenience, Smock said.

Rent and utilities are more affordable when the costs are shared with someone else, she said.

Whichever the reason may be, Smock argued that cohabitation as not a thing of the past. "Cohabitation is here to stay," she said. "It has forever transformed the traditional courtship and dating processes. It is almost as if a new level of intimacy has been added; somewhere between engaging in sexual relations and marriage is 'moving in together.'"

In 1950, less than 10 percent of married couples had lived together prior to the nuptials, whereas in 2004 that figure reached 68 percent, and is only expected to increase, Smock said.

As a result, the Bush administration has launched "The Healthy Marriage Initiative," promoting families with two married parents.

The initiative reads: "Children fare best when raised in a stable marriage by their two biological parents. Furthermore, marriage benefits not only children, but adults and communities as well."

Smock drew attention to the negative effects of cohabitation on children.

If a single mother's boyfriend moves into the house, the children are exposed to higher levels of instability, which hinders their development, she said.

There is also a strong correlation in the lower classes between cohabitation and domestic violence, substance abuse and alcoholism, she said.

Smock said the stress of economic instability itself hinders healthy relationships, and called for innovative government policies to help the lower class find better-paying jobs, better public health and education systems. Only then will the family see an improvement in the quality of life, she said.

Sophomore Carter Angell said he thinks the younger generations are more apt to cohabitation before marriage.

"I believe that our generation is young and constantly evolving," Angell said. "Living with someone is a good addition to society, it's a good measure for indicating whether or not the relationship can continue and lead to marriage."

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Yale waives tuition for music students

Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — In most of America's top conservatories, the world's most promising musicians are often deep in debt and giving music lessons just to cover the rent and close the gap between their scholarships and graduate school tuition.

But a $100 million donation is about to change that scenario at The Yale School of Music.

The anonymous donation, announced this past week, will make advanced music education free beginning next year. Music scholars hope it will pressure other schools to do the same.

"Money is a big factor," said Yale master's candidate Clara Yang, 24, who paid for her first year with loans, financial aid and by teaching piano lessons.

The current year's tuition at the Yale School of Music is $23,750, and about 200 students are enrolled each year.

Half the former art and music students surveyed by college lender Nellie Mae in 1998 had debts bigger than their salaries and most said that, in hindsight, they should have borrowed less.

"These are incredibly talented people who do wonderful work and enter careers that are not high-paying," said Yale President Richard Levin. "Even members of the great symphony orchestras don't make a lot of money."

Joseph W. Polisi, president of the Juilliard School and a graduate of the Yale School of Music, said music graduate students sometimes enter the work force with debts as high as $75,000 and without a guarantee of a job.

"How do they pay off those loans? Often that high debt forces the artists out of the profession entirely," Polisi said.

Five to 10 percent of Juilliard graduate students pay full tuition, Polisi said. The rest receive financial aid that covers most of the costs, he said. Despite that aid, he said, Yale's new policy will give it a recruiting advantage.

"It will be an important wake-up call to all schools that graduate students, by nature, are poor and need help," said Richard Killmer, an oboe professor at the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music.

Killmer, who for years has also taught classes at Yale, said money concerns frequently force students to take side jobs that can interfere with their studies.

By removing the tuition barrier, Thomas Duffy, the acting dean at the Yale School of Music, said he hoped to recruit students who might otherwise not even consider attending music school.

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activated, though, until next fall.

"This is a huge project," Kirk said. "It cannot just be done during the summer. We had to start it now in order to get this all completed so students all have the same opportunity in the fall semester."

The implementation of campus-wide cable will eliminate the need for satellites, Kirk said. Currently, satellites are permitted as long as they do not damage the dorm. However, beginning in the fall, individual ones will be prohibited.

Along with the cable installation, contractors will also be installing wireless Internet in each dorm. But unlike the cable television, the wireless will be available immediately upon completion in each residence hall.

Director of Residence Life and Housing Jeffrey Shoup will meet with the rector, hall staff and residents of each dorm before they undergo the upgrade to explain the procedure and how it will affect dorm life.

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Associate Vice President of Residence Life and Housing

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In order to accommodate for the updated ResNet system and new Comcast cables, the old ResNet and telephone cables must be taken out — completely cutting off all wired Internet and telephone connection for up to three weeks. The card swiping system will also be de-activated.

During this "dark period", students living in residence halls undergoing these renovations will have to use cash for vending machines and rely on room keys to get in and out of the dorms, Shoup said.

All dorms will have a temporary wireless system installed during the 'dark period.' But its reliability and effectiveness will not be known until it has been implemented — Sorin is the guinea pig, so to speak.

"We've made available temporary wireless Internet in the lounges that will be installed when the dorm goes dark," Shoup said. "It might be a little primitive-looking, but there will be wires taped down from the attic to the lounge that will radiate 75 feet."

Shoup said students without wireless cards can rent one from OIT at no cost. He couldn't make any promises on the reliability of the temporary wireless connections but said he is confident they will suffice.

"We don't want people to panic about this," Kirk said. "The hope is that there will be wireless coverage throughout so that the project won't affect exam preparation. We understand students might be concerned."

The work in Sorin should be completed, at the latest, by study days. Residents of Sorin are bracing for the worst since their dark period falls during the hectic days of class registration, Shoup said.

"I just hope it doesn't disrupt dorm atmosphere," sophomore Sorin resident Grant Van Eaton said. "Are they making a lot of noise? Are they constantly in and out of the room? Are hallways a mess? Hopefully they'll be in the background and it won't be too intrusive."

Shoup is offering a computer cluster in his office for students who can't get a wireless connection in Sorin and are trying to register for classes.

"We'll have free pop and candy if people from Sorin are having a difficult time getting a wireless signal," Shoup said.

Shoup did not specify when each dorm would undergo its renovations but said residence halls housing students with disabilities will probably be completed during Christmas break when no students are in the dorms.

"There are a few students with disabilities that have technology needs that we don't think they could ever be in the dorms when they do dark," Shoup said. "So we've taken that into account and students who have a direct phone line to police and fire department can relax."

Precautionary measures are being taken to ensure that emergency assistance will be available should the dorm need it during a 'dark period'.

"We're working with Notre Dame Security/Police and the fire department to make sure they're around the dorms that we're working on," assistant provost of OIT Dewitt Latimer said.

In another of the University's major technology projects, OIT is working with cell phone providers to improve reception on campus. But the work won't begin until spring when the snow melts off the roofs.

"We plan to address coverage and capacity for cell phone reception," Latimer said. "We're using a hidden antenna system where there will be smaller, stealthier cameras hidden around campus to improve the coverage."

Improved cell phone reception will allow for the discontinuation of dorm room telephones. Beginning next fall, telephone service will be an option, but no longer provided for everyone.

Kirk said that discontinuing phone service is a logical step since fewer and fewer students check their room voicemail.

"We recognize if we're taking away phones from residence halls, it's not going to be perfect because cell phones can't always get a perfect signal," Kirk said. "But we are providing a substantial improvement."

The major technological overhauls will be lengthy, but thorough, Kirk said.

"These are old, historical buildings," Kirk said. "In order for it to be safe, long-lasting and professional, it's going to take a long time. Of course issues are going to come up, but we will do our best not to cause too much disruption."

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D'Arcy described his father, an immigrant from Ireland, as a personal example of prayerfulness and reverence for God's will. His father had minimal education and yet he communicated and trusted in God.

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John D'Arcy
Bishop

"He prayed every night," D'Arcy said. "Whether you are a great intellectual or a humble worker, that is what brings the Church together. God's will."

Calling Saint Mary's a "privileged place," D'Arcy also encouraged students to make the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist, an important part of their lives. The Eucharist is Christ's sacrifice for his people, he said, and should be taken seriously.

D'Arcy acknowledged it is difficult to remain focused on the final judgment during the span of one's life, but said if successful the meeting with the Lord will be ultimately be "joyful."

"Sometimes you have to swim against the tide," D'Arcy said. "Sometimes you have to resist winds of the times that can bring you away from Christ."

During the reception following the Mass, D'Arcy answered a myriad of questions, most regarding the Church's stance on social and political issues.

Responding to a student's question, D'Arcy said although the Church does view some wars as just, he does not feel the current war in Iraq falls into this category.

"The harm done should not be greater than the good achieved," D'Arcy said.

He cited the 2,000-plus American military deaths, as well has the additional thousands maimed, in the conflict. Further, the invasion of Iraq was preemptive, not defensive or preventative, D'Arcy said, and there was no such precedent in American history.

He felt the war in Afghanistan was justified, he said, because the government had intelligence that Al Qaeda was being harbored there and the group had already attacked and proven itself to be dangerous.

Today's war in Iraq stands in stark contrast to the war of his youth, World War II, he said. In that conflict, the entire nation sacrificed to support the effort. Today, the responsibility falls largely on the shoulders of the military while the rest of the country continues with its routine.

"[My father] prayed every night. Whether you are a great intellectual or a humble worker, that is what brings the Church together. God's will."

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"I respect the military and the men and women [serving]," D'Arcy said. "I think they are brave and are doing their duty."

In response to a question about homosexuality in the priesthood, D'Arcy said he would support a letter from the Vatican mandating screening homosexual seminarians.

Citing his experience as a seminarian spiritual director, D'Arcy said the Church needs to be extremely careful about who it admits into its seminaries.

"A man who is going to become a priest gives up something very beautiful — a life-long relationship with a woman, a family, children," he said.

Homosexuals are not attracted to marriage, he said, and therefore would not be making this sacrifice.

D'Arcy also cited a study done by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops which found that 81 percent of incidents involving sexual misconduct among priests were homosexual acts.

He emphasized, however, the Church preaches compassion toward all people, including homosexuals.

"The homosexual person should be treated with the greatest respect," D'Arcy said. "It is the homosexual act that is wrong. It is against nature. The body of a man and a woman are made for this union."

When asked what he would do if he were Pope for a day, D'Arcy joked that he would probably pass on the offer.

"No, I think I would do what John Paul [II] did," he said. "I would reach out to young people and strengthen the priesthood."

He described Pope Benedict XVI as a "brilliant theologian" and "very gentle and very kind."

"I like him," D'Arcy said. "He is a musician He plays the piano. He loves Mozart. I think he will be a wonderful pope."

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WORLD & NATION

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mamma Rosa closer to sainthood

ROME — An Italian mother who raised 11 children moved ahead on the road to possible sainthood Sunday amid a Vatican campaign in favor of large families.

Eurosia Fabris, known as "Mamma Rosa," raised two children whose mother died while they were little, then married their father and had nine children with him.

The virtues of Fabris, who died in 1932, were honored Sunday in a beatification ceremony in Vicenza, near her native farming village in northern Italy. Beatification is the last formal step before possible sainthood.

On Wednesday, Pope Benedict XVI praised large families and called for countries to approve legislation and other incentives to help them. The pontiff has said there is no future without children.

Presiding over the ceremony in Vicenza's cathedral was Cardinal Jose Maria Saraiva Martins, who heads the Vatican office overseeing the process for sainthood.

Iraqis flee town on Syrian border

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Scores of terrified Iraqis fled a besieged town Sunday, waving white flags and hauling their belongings to escape a second day of fighting between U.S. Marines and al-Qaida-led militants along the Syrian border. U.S. and Iraqi troops battled insurgents house-to-house, the U.S. military said.

The U.S. commander of the joint force, Col. Stephen W. Davis, told The Associated Press late Sunday that his troops had moved "about halfway" through Husaybah, a market town along the Euphrates River about 200 miles northwest of Baghdad. according to the survey.

NATIONAL NEWS

Small plane hits powerlines and cars

SPRING, Texas — A small plane struck power lines and crashed into two cars as it tried to land Sunday, killing two aboard the aircraft and injuring one person in a car, authorities said.

The plane was headed to David Wayne Hooks Airport, just northeast of Houston, said Roland Herwig, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration.

Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger said the two people on the plane were a man and a boy. Their names and ages were not immediately available.

KTRK-TV in Houston reported that a woman in the car was treated for minor injuries.

Gas prices reach pre-hurricane level

CAMARILLO, Calif. — Retail gas prices plunged an average of 23 cents nationwide in the past two weeks, marking a return to pre-Hurricane Katrina levels, according to a survey.

The weighted average price for all three grades declined to $2.45 a gallon on Friday, said Trilby Lundberg, who publishes the semimonthly Lundberg Survey of 7,000 gas stations around the country.

Self-serve regular averaged $2.43 a gallon nationwide in the past two weeks. The price for midgrade was $2.53, while premium-grade hit $2.63.

LOCAL NEWS

Murdered four-year-old mourned

INDIANAPOLIS — The mourners who had gathered Saturday to say goodbye to 4-year-old Jason McGuffey were asked to imagine how much the little boy is enjoying heaven right now.

Hours later, at a funeral for the father who shot Jason before taking his own life, the same preacher asked mourners to imagine that even Ed McGuffey could be in heaven, too.

Jason was remembered in a morning service that drew about 300 people to East 91st Christian Church.

Tornado rips through midwest

22 dead and hundreds injured in KY and IN; twister thought to be at least an F3

Associated Press

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — A tornado tore across western Kentucky and Indiana early Sunday, killing at least 22 people as it cut through a mobile home park and obliterated trailers and houses as residents slept.

The tornado, with winds of at least 158 mph, hit a horse racing track near Henderson, Ky., then jumped into Indiana around 2 a.m.

"It was just a real loud roar. It didn't seem like it lasted over 45 seconds to a minute, then it was calm again," said Steve Gaiser, who lives near the Eastbrook Mobile Home Park in Evansville.

At least 17 people were killed in the mobile home park, according to Eric Williams of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department.

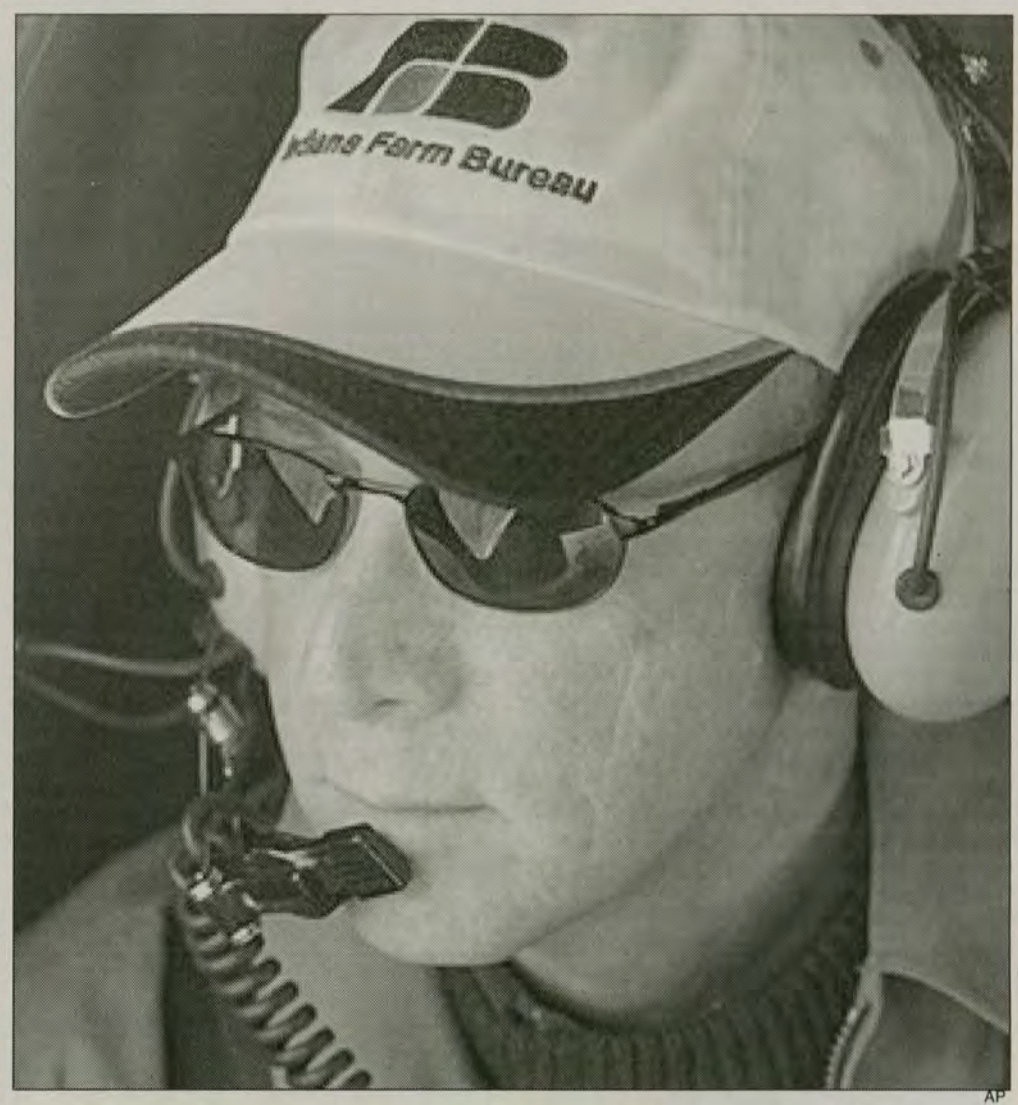
More people were believed to still be trapped in the debris, and National Guard units were called in to help with search-and-recovery efforts. At least 200 people were injured during the storm.

"They were in trailer homes, homes that were just torn apart by the storm, so they're just now getting in there trying to find people," said deputy Vanderburgh county coroner Annie Groves. "It's just terrible."

Rescuers on the scene since 2 a.m. reported seeing children wandering the area looking for their parents and parents searching for missing children. Children's bicycles and other toys were strewn amid the debris of aluminum siding, mattresses, chairs and insulation.

Five other people were confirmed dead in neighboring Warrick County, east of Evansville, where the Ohio River city of Newburgh was hit. No deaths were reported in Kentucky.

The storm reduced homes to splinters and scattered debris across the countryside. Entire blocks of buildings were nothing but rubble.



AP

Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels surveys the tornado damage in southwestern Indiana on Sunday.

Indiana homeland security spokeswoman Pam Bright said about 100 of the 350 or so homes in at the Evansville mobile home park were destroyed and 125 others there were damaged.

Larry and Christie Brown rode out the storm inside one mobile home.

"Man, it was more than words can say," Larry Brown said. "We opened the door and there wasn't anything sitting there."

Chad Bennett, assistant fire chief in Newburgh, told CNN that sirens sounded, but most people didn't hear them because it happened in the middle of the night.

The tornado developed in a line of thunderstorms that rolled rapidly eastward across the Ohio Valley. The National Weather Service had posted severe thunderstorm warnings for sections of northern Ohio.

Ryan Presley, a weather service meteorologist in Paducah, Ky., said a single tornado touched down near Smith Mills in western Kentucky, jumped the river and cut a 15- to 20-mile swath through Indiana's Vanderburgh and Warrick counties.

The tornado appeared to be at least an F3 on the Fujita scale, which ranges from F0, the weakest, to F5, the strongest. An F3 has winds ranging from 158 mph to 206 mph, and the tornado that hit on Sunday may have been even stronger, Presley said.

Warrick County Sheriff Marvin Heilman said the victims included a woman who was eight months' pregnant, her husband and a young child in the rural town of Degonia Springs. A teenage girl was also killed near Boonville, and her father was critically injured, he said.

Tim Martin, 42, was at his parents' mobile home when they heard the wind and then the tornado picked up the home and shoved into the neighbor's yard.

He and his parents escaped unharmed, but they heard several neighbors calling for help. A nearby mobile home was overturned, and another appeared to have been obliterated.

SOMALIA

Pirates becoming more ambitious

Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — The violent attack on a cruise liner off Somalia's coast shows pirates from the anarchic country on the Horn of Africa are becoming bolder and more ambitious in their efforts to hijack ships for ransom and loot, a maritime official warned Sunday.

Judging by the location of Saturday's attack, the pirates likely were from the same group that hijacked a U.N.-chartered aid ship in June and held its crew and food cargo hostage for 100 days, said Andrew Mwangura, head of the Kenyan chapter of the Seafarers Assistance Program.

That gang is one of three well-organized pirate groups on the 1,880-mile coast of Somalia, which has had no effective government since opposition leaders ousted a dictatorship in 1991 and then turned on each other, leaving the nation of 7 million a patchwork of warlord fiefdoms.

Illustrating the chaos, attackers in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu, threw grenades and exploded a land mine Sunday near a convoy carrying the prime minister of a transitional government that has been trying to exert control since late last year.

The attack, which killed at least five bodyguards, was the second in six months involving explosions near Prime Minister Ali Mohamed Gedi, whose internally divided government spends much of its time in Kenya.

Even before the attack on the liner Seabourn Spirit, Gedi had urged neighboring countries to send warships to patrol Somalia's coast, which is Africa's longest and lies along key shipping lanes linking the Mediterranean with the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean.

Football

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Heisler said the University implemented the new system to avoid situations similar to the Michigan State pep rally, where people were "waiting in vain" outside the pep rally only to be turned away from the event due to lack of seating.

"We've got to find a way to be more accurate with the numbers, particularly on the student end," he said. "It's important to come up with a better gauge of what student attendance will be, because that's the 'X' factor." But organizers are having a hard time predicting student attendance, Heisler said.

"You kind of have to throw out the USC rally [when making estimates] because of where it was and BYU doesn't count because it was at the end of fall break," he said. "I couldn't tell you what's going to happen even this week."

Heisler called the system a "work in progress" and said organizers are seeking ways to address the issue and find out how to restructure the system to accommodate more fans.

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John Heisler
senior associate athletic director

Some students said the less formidable nature of Notre Dame's final home opponents killed the electricity previously pervasive on campus, and for that reason Friday's pep rally housed a somewhat less-than-packed student section.

"I think there's a little hangover from the USC game still, a little letdown," sophomore Michael Cimino said. "In my experience it was the worst showing of the year, [but] I don't think it will happen again."

For some students, any pep rally in comparison to the hyped-up Oct. 14 stadium affair on USC weekend would be lackluster.

"To be honest, I think people didn't show up because it was after USC and I think people thought it wouldn't be as good [compared to the stadium pep rally]," senior Kirsten Jackson said. "I also think kids were kind of burnt out."

Jonathan Stevens — a senior and member of the band — also said students were "burnt out" partly due to event's duration.

"I heard a lot of people talking and saying the reason they weren't going anymore was because the dorms go over so early and kids don't want to waste an hour and a half [before the event begins]," he said. "I think that's deterring people from the pep rallies lately."

Although the pep rally lacked some of its trademark energy, student excitement was reinvigorated during Saturday's victory against Tennessee.

Kevin Ludwig, a sophomore, said the game was most electrifying during the final 15 minutes.

"The best part was seeing our team take control in the fourth quarter because I've never really had confidence we could do that," he said.

Cimino said the most exciting parts of the game were many — big plays on offense and defense and "anytime Zbikowski touched the ball," he said.

"I know Navy is decent and Syracuse is pretty weak," he said. "The excitement is still growing, though, because wins are building up and we're looking ahead to BCS bowl games like the Fiesta Bowl or Orange Bowl."

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Kirsten Jackson
senior

Students said the Irish offense will make the last two home games — despite the lesser opponents.

"I'm expecting equal excitement [in the final home games]," Ludwig said. "These next games will be about seeing what our team can do offensively [and] trying new things. I think there are things to look forward to besides tough opponents."

Jackson said she is confident the Irish will close out the home season with victories against Navy and Syracuse.

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Stevens said he is looking forward to the Syracuse game because it will be his last as a Notre Dame undergrad, but has some reservations about Saturday.

"I think [the Navy game] might be a letdown," he said.

Ludwig said he won't be at Saturday's matchup against Navy because he has "other plans."

"I missing the next game, but if it were against Tennessee or USC — not Navy — I would go," he said. "The only time I hear people missing games is when they have other important plans and the games aren't against tough opponents. I wouldn't ever want to miss a big game like Tennessee or USC, though."

Cimino said it is "ridiculous" when students skip games based on the opponent.

"I bleed gold and blue," he said. "I'm a third generation Domer and I don't think I've missed a home football or basketball game since I've been here."

Four Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons provided by the Indiana National Guard's 113th Fighter Squadron flew over the stadium prior to kickoff at the game.

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Notre Dame fans cheer the Fighting Irish to a 41-21 victory over the Volunteers Saturday. Many students anticipate victories in the last two home games of the season against Navy and Syracuse.

Deep

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many other government officials above him, knew of the corrupt cover-up efforts taking place," O'Connor said. "But he found a way to expose the truth because he felt compelled as a public servant to expose the scandal."

O'Connor had hoped that Woodward would be able to confirm his client was the famous Deep Throat, but the reporter upheld his promise only to reveal Deep Throat's identity upon his death.

Since revealing Deep Throat's identity to the public last summer, O'Connor has been working with Felt on a new book entitled "A G-Man's Life: The FBI, Being 'Deep Throat' and the Struggle for Honor in Washington," to be published this spring by Public Affairs Books.

O'Connor cited the Watergate scandal as example of the good that can result when sources are kept confidential. "Deep Throat" led a "a skillful and highly courageous public discussion" by secretly informing Woodward and Bernstein of the misdeeds of Nixon's administration, O'Connor said.

The central issue O'Connor addressed was the extent to which journalists are currently and should be protected from having to reveal their sources when the issues they report on become objects of public controversy.

"Deep Throat" was an example of journalists being able to withhold the identity of their source, O'Connor said. He believes the protection currently provided to journalists is insufficient and under fire.

O'Connor cited pre-war intelligence reporting as an example.

"I looked almost everywhere for contemporaneous investigative journalism on the Bush administration's allegations that Saddam Hussein had WMDs in Iraq, and it was extremely hard to come by," O'Connor said. "Journalists need to be reassured that they can inform the public without risk of later being forced to reveal their sources or be indicted."

O'Connor expressed concern that today's public demand for "headline-grabbing journalism" turns leak investigations into precarious situations for journalists and said they "may be harmful to the future of government transparency."

He emphasized the need for a federal shield law, which currently provides some protection to journalists, to be "strengthened so that journalists can present the issues without fear of indictment, and let the public debate."

O'Connor also acknowledged how the nature of modern leak investigations is in some ways different from the Nixon era, saying that "today Woodward and Bernstein might be bloggers."

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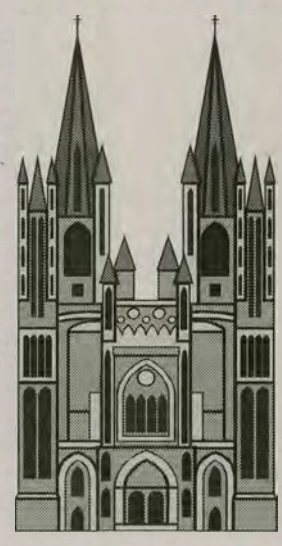

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IN BRIEF

$25 billion acquisition put on hold

INDIANAPOLIS — Legal problems for struggling medical device maker Guidant grew Friday as a deadline to close a $25.4 billion acquisition by Johnson & Johnson passed with no apparent movement by either side.

The two companies had a self-imposed deadline to close the deal Friday, but efforts stalled Wednesday when New Brunswick, N.J.-based J&J said it might not proceed because of sweeping recalls and regulatory investigations that have hit Guidant since June.

J&J spokesman Jeffrey Leebaw declined to comment Friday on the status of the deal. Steve Tragash, a spokesman for Indianapolis-based Guidant, also declined to comment.

Guidant has said that neither company is depending on the deal for future financial success, but that J&J is still obligated to complete the takeover.

Meanwhile, the Connecticut law firm Scott & Scott, LLC announced Friday it had filed a second securities fraud lawsuit against Guidant, alleging company executives artificially inflated its stock price by concealing defects and other liabilities among its implantable defibrillators.

Merck to face federal trial in Houston

HOUSTON — With Merck & Co. now 1-and-1 in state lawsuits over its Vioxx painkiller, the nation's No. 5 drug maker may face higher stakes later this month in the first federal trial of charges that it knowingly rushed a potentially lethal drug to market to pocket billions in profits.

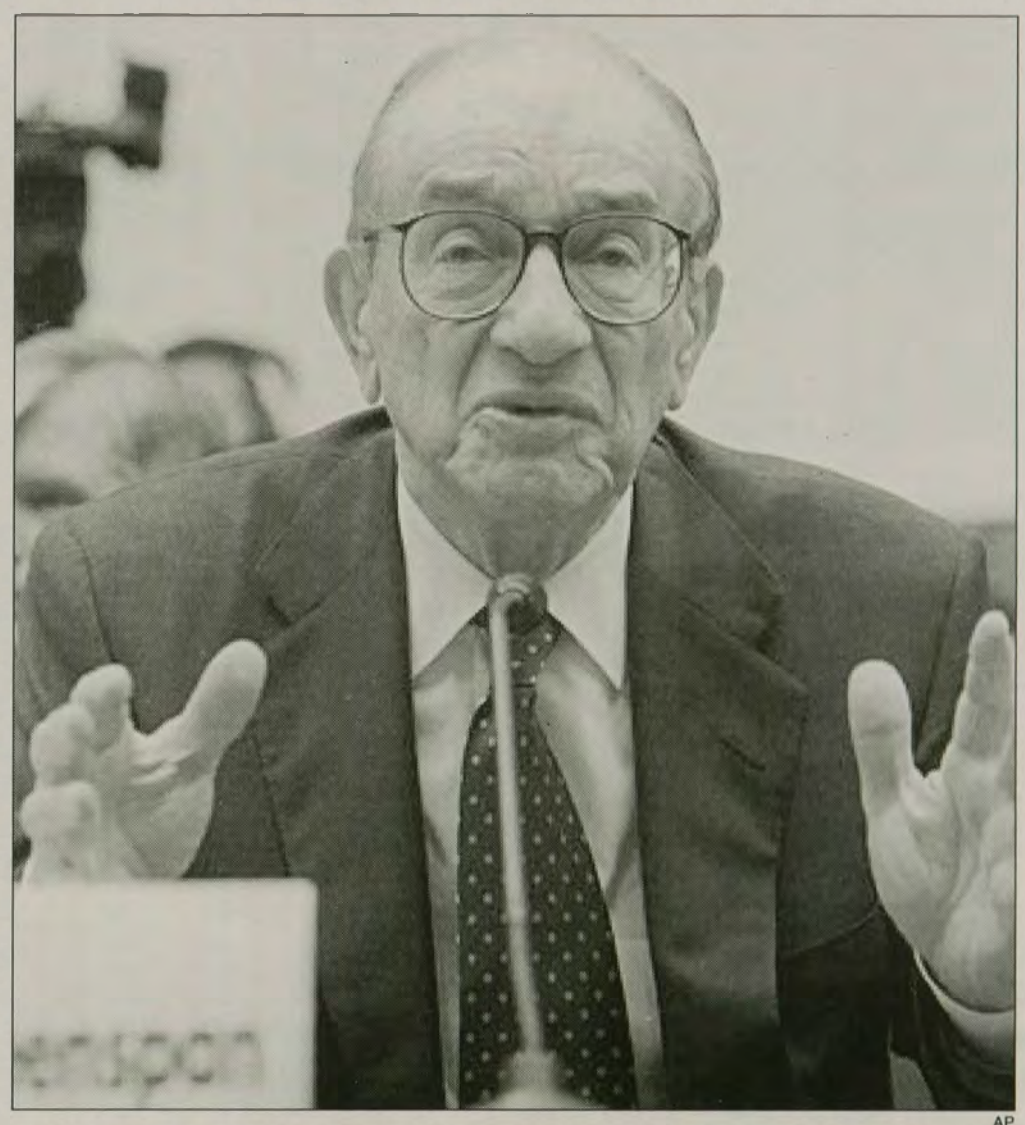
"They have a fresh crack at it in a court that is a very important court," said Benjamin Zipursky, a professor at Fordham Law School in New York. "For Merck, reputationally, investors will look at what happens in federal courts as a signal of the strength of the goods on Merck."

The federal Vioxx trial is scheduled to begin Nov. 29 in Houston, just 40 miles north of the state court where Texas jurors last August slapped Merck with a $253 million verdict in the first Vioxx trial in the nation. Texas caps on punitive damages will cut that amount to no more than $26.1 mil-

Greenspan warns Congress

Large deficits could cause "economic disruptions"; hurricanes helped economy

Associated Press



AP

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan testifies on Capitol Hill, Thursday, before a Congress Joint Economic Committee.

WASHINGTON — With just three months left before he leaves office, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan raised a warning to Congress: The country could face "serious economic disruptions" if bloated budget deficits are not curbed.

The Fed chief's strong comments, made during an appearance Thursday before Congress' Joint Economic Committee, come after the government produced a $319 billion budget deficit this year — an improvement from the record amount of red ink registered in 2004 but still the third-highest deficit on record.

In the short term, costs related to rebuilding after the trio of devastating hurricanes will make it harder to improve the nation's balance sheets, he acknowledged. In the long term, a huge wave of retiring baby boomers will put massive strains on government resources, he said.

"There are no easy choices. Easy choices are long gone," said Greenspan, whose 18-plus year run at the Fed comes to an end on Jan. 31.

Congress is working on separate packages of tax cuts and spending cuts.

Even as he sounded an alarm about the dangers that budget deficits pose to the country's long-term health, Greenspan struck a more positive note about the economy's current prospects after being jolted by the recent hurricanes.

Katrina, Rita and Wilma are likely to "exert a drag" on employment and production in the short term and may aggravate inflation pressures, Greenspan said. "But the economic fundamentals remain firm, and the U.S. economy appears to retain important forward momentum," Greenspan said in his most extensive remarks thus far on the impact of the storms.

The Fed is keeping a close eye on high energy prices to make sure they don't spark broader inflation.

"We are very firm in the notion that this country should not visit the 1970s again in the way of inflation," Greenspan said, referring to a period where the economy was rocked by skyrocketing prices.

On the budget front, Greenspan called on Congress to get the nation's fiscal house in order and bring the swollen deficits under control.

"Unless the situation is reversed, at some point, these budget trends will cause serious economic disruptions," he said.

Persistently large deficits will eventually push up interest rates, Greenspan said. Higher borrowing costs would weigh on the willingness of consumers and businesses to spend and invest and that could be a drag on economic growth, analysts say.

"I find it utterly inconceivable, frankly" that persistent budget deficits over the long run "will not have a significant impact on long-term interest rates," he said.

Greenspan repeated his call for lawmakers to restore caps on spending. And, he urged lawmakers to pay for any future tax cuts with either increases in other taxes or reductions in spending. Greenspan said he'd like to see the dividend tax cut extended — but only it it is paid for.

"Crafting a budget strategy that meets the nation's longer-run needs will become ever more difficult and costly the more we delay," he said.

The Fed chief also underscored his belief that benefits currently promised to the baby boom generation through Social Security and Medicare likely cannot be met and probably will have to be trimmed.

"We owe it to those who will retire over the next couple of decades to promise only what the government can deliver," Greenspan said.

Trump sells Gary riverboat casino

Associated Press

GARY, Ind. — Donald Trump's casino company said Friday it had agreed to sell its Lake Michigan riverboat and hotel to the owner of its dock-sharing competitor in a $253 million deal.

The sale of the casino comes as Trump Entertainment Resorts works on its reorganization after filing for bankruptcy protection last year and just months after it was forced to drop its plans to build a new casino in southern Indiana's Orange County.

The casino's buyer is Las Vegas-based The Majestic Star Casino LLC, which has a neighboring casino at Gary. The two companies have a joint venture that owns the dock, entrance pavilion and restaurants that the two riverboats share.

Gary Mayor Scott L. King said the sale should be a boon for the city's hopes to redevelop the lakeshore to boost the regional economy, which include plans by Majestic Star owner Donald Barden to build a hotel and convention center.

"From the city's perspective I think this is going to facilitate the broader lakefront development," King said in a phone interview Friday.

Trump has operated the Gary casino since it opened nine years ago, and promoted it through such high-profile activities as staging the Trump-owned Miss USA pageant in Gary in 2001 and 2002.

Trump Entertainment said it expected to receive $227 million from the sale after accounting for certain taxes, fees and other closing costs and expenses.

Trump said the sale needed the approval of regulators but expected it to close by the end of the year.

James B. Perry, president and chief executive of Trump Entertainment Resorts Inc., said the sale would give the company money to reduce debt and invest in its Atlantic City, N.J., resorts.

"The employees at the site can be proud of their accomplishments these past nine years," Perry said. "Majestic has been a good neighbor, and we wish them continued success as the operator of both boats at the site."

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Forty Ounces

The glass case of composure surrounding the Bush White House has finally begun to crack, and partisans across the country are now waiting anxiously to see what the next few weeks will hold in store for the future of American politics.

With any luck, it will be a tumultuous future of change and upheaval.

Three months ago, the Republican establishment may have looked at the possibility of a record-breaking hurricane season in the Southeast as a political gift from God. After all, what better way to showcase a future presidential candidate (Jeb Bush) than by positioning him as the Florida-governor-turned-hurricane-hero of America? Sadly — for the Bush clan, that is — Hurricane Katrina thundered into Louisiana and created both a burning city and a burning Bush.

Katrina was crack number one. Racial and class injustices exist all over America, and although it was unfair to single out George Bush as a racist and elitist, it is perfectly accurate to call the status quo of society those things. The fact is, in a nation that prides itself in democratic unity, equal opportunity, and a 13 percent poverty rate, nearly 28 percent of the residents of New Orleans were living in poverty prior to Hurricane Katrina. African-Americans not only disproportionately constituted one in every three hurricane victims because of the ignored realities of urban segregation, but also suffered a 34.9 percent poverty rate in New Orleans before Katrina revealed the bleakness of blackness to white America.

Tom DeLay was crack number two. This conniving Congressman from Texas confirmed America's suspicions about corruption in politics and revealed the sad truth that democracy may no longer rest in the hands of the voting public. After being indicted in late September for criminal conspiracy because of a scheme to funnel corporate contributions to Republican candidates for the Texas Legislature, this eternal thorn in the side of all that is good and right in the world will finally suffer the consequences for committing such a blatant crime against democracy.

Harriet Miers was crack number three. Cronyism and nepotism have existed in the White House ever since John Adams appointed his good friend John Marshall as the fourth Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. However, with Bush's dubious selection of his inexperienced pal Miers to replace the esteemed Sandra Day O'Connor on the bench, the public finally decided to speak out and demand that democratic justice remain a feature of the judicial branch.

Scooter Libby was crack number four. For the first time in over 130 years (since the Ulysses S. Grant administration), a sitting White House official was indicted, and the repercussions of this scandal in the vice president's office have the potential to bring down a number of key administration officials. After all, while the direct charges of the Libby case are obstruction of justice and other felonies related to the release of undercover CIA agent Valerie Plame's name to the media, the real implications of the case extend directly to the most controversial decision of the Bush administration — the Iraq War.

Specifically, it was alleged that Libby (and any other official eventually included in the charges) may have released Plame's name as an attack against her husband, Joseph Wilson, for writing a New York Times op-ed piece that discredited a key claim used by President Bush for engaging in the Iraq War — that Iraq had signed a deal with Niger for 500 tons of uranium yellowcake, a potential bomb ingredient. Wilson spent time investigating the claim in Niger and found that it was entirely spurious, thereby nullifying a key piece of evidence presented to Congress in 2002 before it gave the President the authority to engage in military action against Saddam Hussein.

If the revelation of Plame's CIA identity to the public turns out to be a spiteful act on the part of the Bush administration, it would call into question the truth behind the reasons for entering a war that has now killed over 2,000 American servicemen and women. This would in turn call into question the ethics and morality of President Bush himself — a man who, ironically, vowed in his 2000 campaign, "When I put my hand on the Bible I will restore honor and integrity to the Oval Office."

Now, in an effort to prevent a fifth crippling crack from shattering through the remnants of his administration, Bush has recently tried to distract the nation with threats of avian flu and the nomination of ultra-conservative Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court — a man so ideological that he will surely distract Congress in a hissy-fit of partisan bickering that will last well into 2006.

However, this is not the same post-Sept. 11 American public whose fear was manipulated by false claims into supporting Bush's decision to go to war in Iraq. The fear of blood-thirsty chickens and eye-gouging sparrows will no longer be enough to distract America into blindly following its leader like a flock of confused sheep.

Katrina, DeLay, Miers and Libby have shown that there now exists a threat far greater than that of terrorism or bird flu. There is a threat against democracy, and the American people will not stand for it.

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Leo Tolstoy
Russian author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Statistics are misleading

I would like to say a few words in response to James Dubray's letter to the editor in the Nov. 4 Viewpoint section entitled "I hope, I fear, I pray."

He states in his letter that he "hopes that these crosses have nothing to do with politics." Trying to separate an issue like abortion from politics is next to impossible. Those who view abortion as the social injustice that it is will naturally work to change the current policies. It would be like me saying that Dubray's comments about a larger social safety net, universal healthcare and the war in Iraq have nothing to do with politics.

Secondly, I'd like to indulge Dubray in his numbers game. He states that the number of Iraqi civilians who have died in the war in Iraq numbers 110,000. If I am not mistaken, he takes this number from the easily debunked Lancet Report, which has a confidence interval so large as to be almost statistically meaningless. I'll quote: Compared to the pre-war death rate in Iraq, "We estimate there were 98,000 extra deaths (95 percent CI 8000-194,000) during the post-war period." The numbers in parentheses show that the number may be anywhere from 8,000 deaths to 194,000, an absurd range. Now, don't get me wrong, the deaths as a result of the Iraq War are a tragedy, but to inflate the statistics like that hints at a motive other than accurate portrayal of the facts.

I also have some other numbers that I would like to throw out for consideration. Five thousand — the number of Kurds killed by Saddam's gas attack on the city of Halabja (according to the U.S. State Department). One hundred eighty thousand — the number of Kurds who were killed or had "disappeared" as a result of operations by Saddam Hussein's government during his al-Anfal Campaign 1986-1989 (according to Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, hardly bastions of conservatism). This barely scratches the surface. You can play with numbers all you like, but one of the biggest mass murderers of the 20th century is now being tried by the very people who he used to bomb, torture and execute. If that's not justice, I don't know what is.

Dubray then goes on to say that he fears that the motivations of the Catholic Church with regards to abortion are corrupt, because of the influence of the Republican party in the Church and the potential for more donations from Republican donors to offset the money lost to the child abuse scandals. I guess he needs more of a reason than that the Catholic Church sees abortion as an affront to the dignity of all life, making it a practice worth opposing. Capital punishment occurs much less in the United States than abortion does, and thus receives proportionately less attention, in my opinion.

Lastly, Dubray goes on to hypothesize that if Democrats were the majority in the Catholic Church, then those who had voted for the Iraq War would not be allowed to receive communion. Let's take a look at the Democrats' voting record for the Resolution: 148 against, 109 for (60 percent-40 percent). To imply that the Democratic Party was united against the use of force in Iraq is misleading. I can go through the recorded speeches of numerous prominent Democratic Congresspersons, Sen. Hillary Clinton most notably, to further illustrate this fact, but I think my point is made.

It is one thing to be against an issue or a highly-controversial war, but to do so using inaccurate statistics and misleading implications does more harm than good, especially from the side that prizes rational debate and dissent as a cornerstone of American democracy.

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Grouping is natural

Is Notre Dame dubbed a self-segregated campus because Asians have a propensity to hang out with other Asians, or Hispanics with members of their own ethnic minority group, and so on? I am not about to deny that the latter takes place. Yet, I don't see anything inherently wrong with this.

If you take a look at the bigger picture, you'll notice that birds of a feather indeed flock together, even outside the racial spectrum. Football players enjoy spending time together, just as musicians find comfort and joy in each other's company. It's only natural. Would you label this self-segregation? I wince at the word, with its negative connotation. I don't believe that people who clump together do so with the intent of shunning people dissimilar to them. They just happen to find common ground and a strong foundation by which to form their relationships.

As a minority myself, I understand the value of discussion among members of one's ethnic group. People of the same ethnic heritage tend to have similar experiences and are consequently more likely to understand each another. Dialog in this setting about one's culture and outlook facilitates a greater understanding and acceptance of oneself. College is a time to cultivate one's self-knowledge, which entails a certain degree of understanding in regards to one's roots. This is why I find it not only acceptable, but valuable for ethnic minority groups to come together.

That isn't to say that people of the same ethnic background should always spend time with each other; it's important to branch out and meet others who might disagree with one's beliefs or culture. After all, this is where learning in its most natural form takes place.

Last year, I remember being somewhat annoyed when I would see minority groups isolating themselves from others, perhaps because it seemed as though they were alienating others. Now, however, I understand the need for some people to do this. Can you imagine how hard it would be to live in a foreign country, stripped of your family and the comforts of the food, music and culture you've been used to your whole life? It's no wonder that some minority students seek each other out and inevitably "self-segregate" themselves.

If you truly want to learn about another culture and get to know people from other backgrounds and walks of life, take the initiative. Next time you pass by an ethnic minority group at the dining hall, ask to join them. You just might learn something about yourself.

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U-WIRE

Democratic lockdown

Staff Editorial

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On Tuesday, an act of political drama played out in the U.S. Senate, ending with the minority Democrats winning the day despite harsh criticism from Republicans.

The rarely used Rule 21, which throws the chamber into a special section closed to outsiders and the press, brought attention to a much needed discussion.

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., forced the session because he said Republicans are stalling an inquiry into prewar intelligence about the never-found weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

The usually civil body of 100 lawmakers was thrown into a tizzy fit. Republican senator Bill Frist told the press that it was nothing more than a "political stunt," and that "for the next year and a half, I can't trust Senator Reid," The Washington Post reported.

Despite the whining by Frist, the Democrats' secretive, well-planned tactics worked, in that reporters and commentators at least for a moment were brought back to a discussion about something that matters: why we went to war and how the administration sold it to the public.

The Post reported that after two hours behind closed doors, Frist announced a bipartisan task force would report on the progress of the intelligence committee's inquiry into the prewar use of intelligence.

The drama came in the context of both sides claiming the other just wants to change the subject. Republicans say Democrats want to stop talking about the president's latest nomination to the Supreme Court. Democrats say Republicans want to move past the indictment and resignation of a top aide to Vice President Dick Cheney.

The story isn't about what Lewis Libby may have told a reporter. It's not about Valerie Plame or Joseph Wilson.

The story is about a president starting a war, then offering new reasons for its existence.

It's easy to look past that, just give in to the administration and pat it on the back for deposing of a brutal dictator.

But more than 2,000 Americans have died in a war started over a stockpile of unfound weapons.

That's the subject President Bush, Karl Rove, Lewis Libby and the entire Republican party do not want to address. That's the subject they should be under fire for.

On Tuesday, Democrats finally decided enough was enough and opted to make a statement. Even if the move was a stunt, it brought attention back to the core issue.

A dishonest president took us to war, then he tried to change the subject.

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University focus should emphasize race

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Students and faculty are protesting the decision to close the engineering department at Clark Atlanta University in 2008.

CAU stands for a community. There is only a small percentage of universities that concentrate on African-Americans.

This opinion neglects to recognize that preserving the diverse cultures of the United States is a key to the strength of this country.

Jovette Dew, the coordinator of the multicultural engineering program and adviser for society of black engineers, technologists and architects, also agrees.

"Retention studies have shown that a group of people with common goals together is so great so they can achieve their goals and be successful in what they are trying to do," Dew said.

Preserving culture is the key to unity. We at least need to be familiar with our individual heritages and people.

I'm sure Rosa Parks would have wanted the engineering department to stay open.

Now George Wallace, the segregationist mentioned, was wrong in his ways by not allowing two black students to enter the University of Alabama in the '60s, but why is this figure brought up?

Has CAU stated that no white students can attend its school or any other historically black college or university for that matter?

No.

Americans must realize the true meaning of equality and freedom, but that doesn't come from shutting down historically black college and university's or any other culturally diverse institution.

HBCUs provide an environment where African-American culture and traditions are celebrated rather than practically non-existent like it is here at OSU.

Minorities get scholarships at HBCUs. That would include white students.

"No one should have to be reminded how easy it would be for the vast number of universities in this country to use the same tired excuse to call for all-white universities to protect the culture and heritage of 'their people'," was also a comment made.

Some individuals may construe that as a threat.

The comparisons used in this piece were not adequately thought out. We have schools based solely on religion and other ethnic groups. Is that wrong too?

Brigham Young University is for Mormons and American Indians have their tribal colleges.

Everyone has a right to his or her opinion, but that doesn't always make it right. Some may not agree with my opinion and for that, I encourage you to write your own. After all, isn't that key in accomplishing diversity in a free society?

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SHOW REVIEW

Blak Images mixes culture and entertainment

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The First Class Ladies Step Team provided a fitting end to the evening with their lively dance moves. They received a standing ovation for their performance.

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Two performers sing a duet during Blak Images. The event is sponsored by the Black Cultural Arts Council each year to celebrate the variety of black culture.

By BRODERICK HENRY
Scene Writer

Celebrating the splendor and variety of black culture through poetry, singing and dancing, Notre Dame's Black Cultural Arts Council (BCAC) staged its annual Blak Images variety show in Washington Hall Saturday.

A Notre Dame inspired version of R. Kelly's 12-part hip-hopera, "Trapped in the Closet," was the driving force of the program. Between the various acts, actors Joyce Randall and Andrew Right staged adapted scenes of the much-talked about saga in which a wife finds out her husband is sleeping with a male churchgoer.

A Notre Dame-inspired version of R. Kelly's 12-part hip-hopera, "Trapped in a Closet," was the driving force of the program.

Dubbed as "Trapped in the Dorm Room," the two main characters, Katie and Bruce Leroy, try to spend an intimate evening together watching a movie. However, LaFawnduh, Katie's roommate, interrupts the two and tries to make the moves on Leroy. After successfully getting rid of LaFawnduh, Katie and Leroy fall asleep and break parietals. In a hilarious moment, Katie's RA, after being tipped off by LaFawnduh, finds Leroy hiding in a wardrobe, keeping in line with the fact that Notre Dame students do not have closets.

The RA questions Bruce LeRoy in a manner that suggests that the two had a previous relationship. Katie pulls out a gun and demands to know how the RA and Leroy know each other so well. The twist to the story reveals that the two are adopted brother and sister.

Towards the end of the series of skits, the RA finds a used Trojanz condom, which received one of the biggest audience reactions. Finally, LaFawnduh reveals she planted the contraceptive because she is in love with Katie.

Confusing? Yes. Amusing? Quite so.

Ultimately, the scenes captured all the drama and emotion of Kelly's production with Deanna Colvin doing a commendable job as both narrator and Kelly stand-in. The scenes also kept the packed house at bay between set changes. It also covered the fact that there was no emcee.

Harmonia, a group consisting of 12 white females, delivered the evening's first performance. The singing group serenaded the audience with their a cappela rendition of Annie Lennox's "Walking on Broken Glass." As the group's name suggests, the harmonies were beautiful, but the rendition seemed to lose the soulfulness of Lennox's version.

Senior Price Lowe presented a touching piece entitled "Powerful Beyond Measure." The reading was an excerpt from Nelson Mandela's 1994 Inaugural Speech, which encouraged listeners to recognize their intrinsic value as human beings.

The second half of the show assumed a much more serious tone as the BCAC took the opportunity to honor the recently deceased Rosa Parks.

Troop ND, an all-girl dance troupe, presented a set called "Take it to the Floor." The hip-hop inspired set was a far cry from what the audience saw a year ago from the group. They seemed to be more precise in their movements, but that could have been because they were limited to three minutes for their set.

The surprise of the evening may have been the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Irish Dance Team. As the last act of the first half of the show they tapped to Trick Daddy's "Sugar." The dance was clearly a melding of cultures that worked well, judging by the audience's reaction.

The second half of the show assumed a much more serious tone as BCAC took the opportunity to honor the recently deceased Rosa Parks. Many audience members in attendance may not have known the entire story surrounding Parks heroic stand, and, thus, the reading served as education and inspiration.

Two poets, Casey Stanton and Kellie Middleton, presented poems that questioned today's culture. They invited the audience to "stand for something" and at the same time recognize the importance of the moment.

The final performers were the First Class Ladies Step Team. Always the showstopper, the group did not disappoint. They received a standing ovation for their set.

Overall, Blak Images presented a mix of entertainment and more serious issues, using the "Trapped in a Closet" to drive the show forward.

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A more serious side of Blak Images included a tribute to the recently deceased civil rights activist Rosa Parks. It served to inspire and educate the audience.

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Music, particularly singing, played a large role in Blak Images. Singers included musical groups like Harmonia and individuals who showed off their own talents.

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Pulling no punches

Safety Tom Zbikowski's pair of scores push Irish past Volunteers, 41-21

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

After falling behind 21-3 to the Irish in the second quarter Saturday, Tennessee battled back to tie the score at 21, putting Notre Dame's No. 8 ranking and chances at a BCS bowl berth on the line. But on third-and-10 from the Irish 25-yard line with less than a minute remaining in the third quarter, Notre Dame receiver Jeff Samardzija took quarterback Brady Quinn's pass 73 yards to the Volunteer 2-yard line, reclaiming control of the game and thwarting the unranked Volunteers' upset bid.

"All the momentum swung back our way on that one play," Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis said.

Quinn hooked up with Samardzija again three plays later for a 4-yard touchdown to put the Irish up 28-21. With the drive, Notre Dame regained control of the contest and defeated Tennessee 42-21 Saturday in a game highlighted by a pair of Tom Zbikowski touchdown returns.

The victory moves the Irish to 6-2 on the season and elevated them to No. 7 in both polls.

Zbikowski sealed the victory with 3:17 left in the game when he intercepted Tennessee quarterback Erik Ainge's pass and returned it 33 yards for a touchdown.

Notre Dame extended its lead to 21-3 with 9:49 left in the first half when Zbikowski fielded a Britton Colquitt punt at the 22-yard line and returned it 78 yards for his first touchdown of the game.

"Once he gets the ball, he's going to try to make something happen," Irish cornerback Ambrose Wooden said of Zbikowski. "It was just amazing watching him make guys miss."

Quinn finished the game with 295 yards through the air and three touchdowns, completing 20-of-33 passes. Samardzija caught seven passes for 127 yards and one touchdown in his eighth straight game with a touchdown reception, a Notre Dame record the junior continues to build upon.

Early in the fourth quarter, following Samardzija's touchdown, Wooden grabbed an interception of his own and returned it 41 yards to the Tennessee 39, setting up an eventual 36-yard D.J. Fitzpatrick field goal.

Weis said he was pleased with the play of his secondary. The Irish allowed Ainge to complete just 13-of-32 passes for 187 yards.

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Notre Dame strong safety Tom Zbikowski returns a punt 78 yards for a score in the second quarter of a 41-21 Irish win over Tennessee Saturday. Zbikowski also scored on a 33-yard interception return.

Notre Dame jumped out to a two-touchdown lead early in the contest. After the Irish defense stopped Tennessee's first drive at the Notre Dame 40, Colquitt pinned Notre Dame back at its own 6-yard line with a 34-yard punt. But Quinn and the Irish marched down the field, going 96 yards in 11 plays. Quinn threw for 101 yards on the drive and hit tight end Anthony Fasano for a 43-yard touchdown to give Notre Dame a 7-0 lead. The score was Fasano's first of the season and the longest reception of his career.

On the ensuing kickoff, Irish cornerback Mike Richardson stripped the ball from Tennessee kick returner Lucas Taylor and Notre Dame's Leo Ferrine recovered the fumble at the Tennessee 28-yard line.

It didn't take Quinn long to find the end zone again. On third-and-18 from the 35-yard line, Quinn threw a fade pass to wide receiver Maurice Stovall, who caught the ball high in the air as he fell back into the end zone for a 35-yard touchdown catch that put the Irish up 14-0.

Weis stressed the advantage of capturing the momentum so early in the game.

"To be able to take that ball and go down and score and then be able to come and get another quick one — all the sudden it's 14 [points] right off the bat and they had to play from behind all day," Weis said.

Tennessee got on the board in the first quarter with its second drive.

Freshman tailback Arian Foster took an Ainge handoff 43 yards down the sideline before Irish free safety Chinedum Ndukwe and linebacker Maurice Crum, Jr. knocked him out of bounds at the Notre Dame 11-yard line. The run set up a 25-yard field goal by Tennessee kicker James Wilhoit that cut the Notre Dame advantage to 14-3.

Tennessee's comeback began in the second quarter when the Irish made a rare mistake in the passing game.

On first-and-10 from the Notre Dame 38 with 6:39 left in the period, Quinn threw a backward pass to Samardzija that the receiver dropped. The loose ball was ruled a fumble and was recovered by Tennessee linebacker Ryan Karl.

Tennessee took advantage of the good field position. Eight plays later, on third and goal from the 7-yard line, Ainge scrambled out of the pocket and found receiver Bret Smith in the back of the end zone to cut the lead to 21-10 heading into halftime.

Tennessee's comeback continued in the third quarter, as the Notre Dame offense could not seem to put together any long drives. With 5:06 left in the quarter, Wilhoit converted a 30-yard field goal to bring the score to 21-13.

After forcing the Irish offense into a three-and-out, Tennessee got the ball back at the Irish 45-yard line. The Volunteers drove down the field behind the strong running of Foster and a 23-yard pass from Ainge to C.J. Fayton that brought Tennessee to the 3-yard line.

On first and goal, Foster took the handoff and scampered in for a Volunteer touchdown. Ainge hooked up with Smith on the two-point conversion to even the score at 21.

"They had done a nice job to weather the storm," Weis said. "We obviously came out hot and got on top of them early, and it didn't deter them, didn't distract them. They just stayed in their game plan."

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player of the game

Tom Zbikowski

The Notre Dame strong safety scored on a 78-yard punt return and a 33-yard interception return. He also led the team with nine tackles and a sack.

stat of the game

4

Number of touchdowns scored by Zbikowski in the last three games — two interception returns and two punt returns.

play of the game

Jeff Samardzija's 73-yard reception

The receiver's late-third quarter catch led to a Notre Dame touchdown, putting the Irish ahead for good and keeping the Tennessee comeback attempt at bay.

quote of the game

"I'd like to congratulate Coach Weis and Notre Dame ... they've made a lot of improvement in a year."

Phillip Fulmer
Tennessee coach

report card

A- **quarterbacks:** Quinn did what was needed for Notre Dame to win against Tennessee — play it safe. He hit open receivers for three touchdowns and committed no turnovers.

C+ **running backs:** Walker ran well when needed, but didn't break any long runs or score a touchdown. He averaged 4.1 yards per carry while Thomas and Schwapp helped wear down the Vols.

A- **receivers:** Fasano scored his first TD of the season and Stovall's first-quarter scoring catch made the ESPN highlight reel. Samardzija's 73-yard reception kept the Volunteers from coming back.

B **offensive line:** The Irish managed only 48 rushing yards against Tennessee's stout defensive line. Quinn was sacked three times, but generally had enough time to throw.

B+ **defensive line:** Ainge never really got into a rhythm thanks to six hurries by Abiamiri and Landri. The defensive line held the Vols to 187 yards rushing and just 2.8 yards per carry.

A **linebackers:** Mays had 2.5 tackles for loss and one sack while Crum had three tackles for a loss and broke up a pass. Hoyte played solidly once again, racking up five total tackles.

B+ **defensive backs:** Zbikowski and Wooden both came up with interceptions. Ainge completed 13-of-32 passes for just 5.8 yards per throw. Richardson led the team with nine tackles.

A **special teams:** Zbikowski's 78-yard punt return and Leo Ferrine's fumble recovery were huge. D.J. Fitzpatrick was consistent with two field goals.

B+ **coaching:** Weis had the Irish ready to go as they jumped out to a 21-3 lead. His game plan worked against a tough Volunteer defense as he won his second game ever at Notre Dame Stadium.

3.40 **overall:** Notre Dame shouldn't have let Tennessee climb back into the game like it did, but the Irish deserve credit for putting the Vols away in the fourth quarter.

adding up the numbers

4 Touchdown returns by Tom Zbikowski in the past three games. He is the first Irish defensive player to accomplish that feat.

48 Yards Notre Dame ran for against Tennessee. It was the second-lowest total this season, trailing only the 44 yards tallied in a 49-23 win over BYU Oct. 22.

1 Touchdown caught by Irish tight end Anthony Fasano in 2005. The score came on a 43-yard first quarter pass.

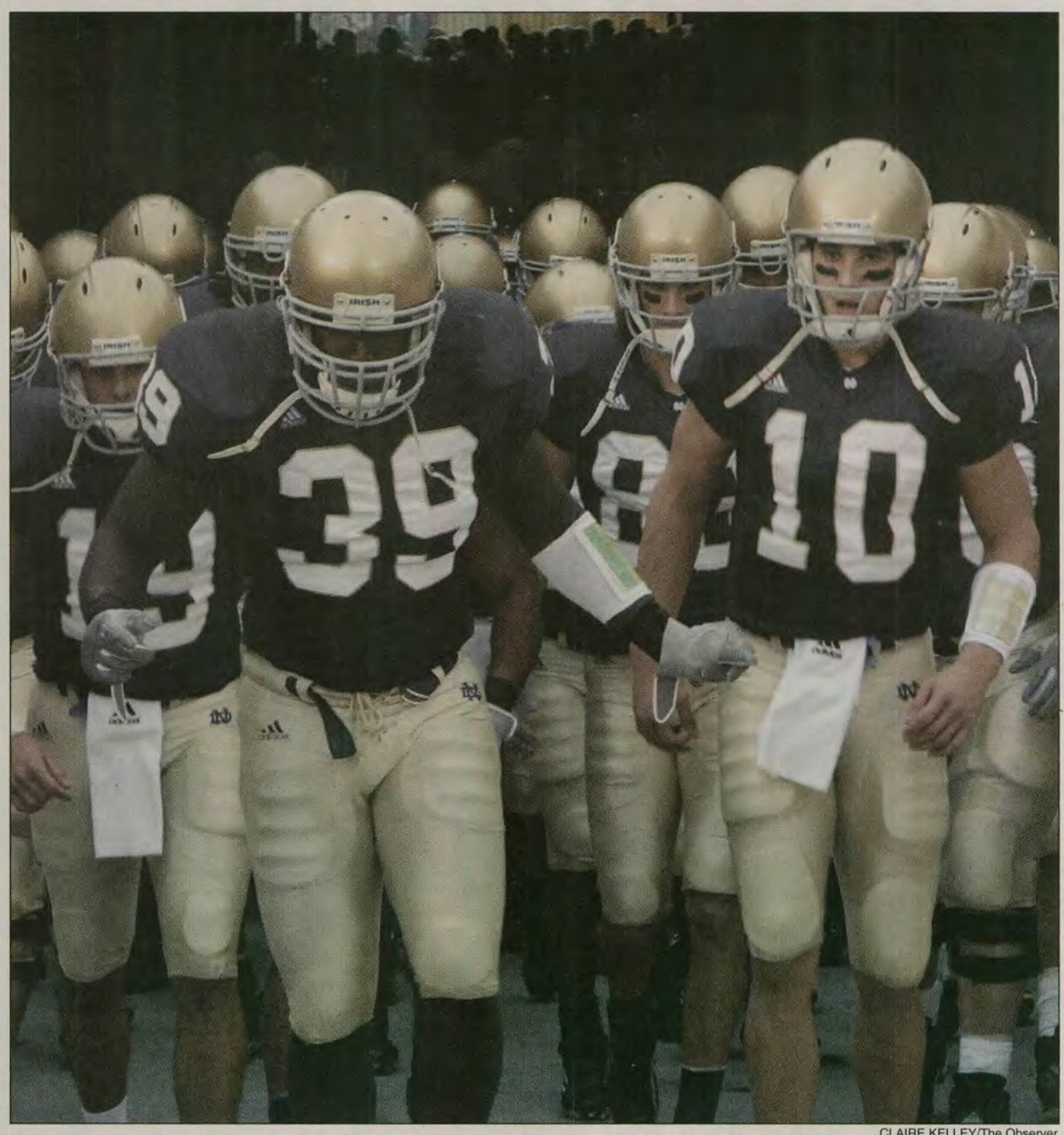
23 Touchdown passes thrown this season by Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn, a school record.

3 Ninety-yard drives Notre Dame has had this year. The Irish marched 94 yards for the opening score against the Volunteers.

8 Consecutive games in which Irish receiver Jeff Samardzija has caught a touchdown pass. He had a 4-yard scoring reception Saturday.

2 Notre Dame touchdowns in the first quarter Saturday, the first time the Irish have scored twice in the opening period this season.

272 Combined punt, kickoff and interception return yards tallied by the Irish during Saturday's win over the Volunteers.



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Notre Dame defensive captain and linebacker Brandon Hoyte (39) and offensive captain and quarterback Brady Quinn lead the Irish out of the tunnel before Saturday's 41-21 win over Tennessee Saturday. Quinn threw for 295 yards and three touchdowns while Hoyte tallied five tackles and broke up one pass.

Confidence creating victories

Mike Gilloon

Sports Editor

The Irish were in trouble. A talented Tennessee squad had shot back from a 21-3 deficit and tied the game with 18 straight points.

It appeared the Volunteers' decision to demote Randy Sanders from his role as offensive coordinator was the right one.

It appeared Tennessee quarterback Erik Ainge had finally found his groove after hitting wide receiver Bret Smith for a two-point conversion to knot the contest at 21. It appeared the Volunteers were on the verge of a season-salvaging win.

It looked like this was the time for Notre Dame to collapse, to choke, to do its best imitation of Greg Norman in The Masters.

But this isn't the old Notre Dame.

The old Irish team, or at least those of the past several years, would have been as useful in the climactic fourth quarter as a hot dog bun in the soaking rain that fell on Notre Dame Stadium Saturday.

The old Irish would have let it get out of hand.

They were the teams that could keep up with USC for a quarter or two, but then the floodgates would open and the customary 38-point beating would commence. They were the teams that would let Pittsburgh and Boston College hang around, only to hand the game away at the end. They were the teams that didn't believe they were any good.

But these aren't the old Irish.

Just ask Jeff Samardzija.

The Notre Dame receiver snatched up a short Brady Quinn pass on third-and-10 from the Irish 25-yard line, then raced down the sidelines for a 73-yard gain. A few plays later, Samardzija scored on another short strike from Quinn to set the Notre Dame single-season record with 12 touchdown receptions and remind everyone what has the Irish on the cusp of a BCS bowl.

It's not just that Samardzija has rubber cement in his fingertips or that safety Tom Zbikowski has a highly-sensitive nose for the end zone.

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It's that these players and the rest of the Irish know they're good.

Talent has not been the problem at Notre Dame ... The issue was that players didn't understand what they were capable of.

Talent has not been the problem at Notre Dame for the past several seasons. The issue was that players didn't understand what they were capable of.

Charlie Weis has brought a lot to Notre Dame — a more efficient offensive playbook, a fiery special teams coach in Brian Polian and even a fresh version of the green jersey.

But nothing Weis has brought to the Irish program has been as important as his confidence (or cockiness, depending on whether or not you're from New Jersey).

It's an attitude that has rubbed off on Notre Dame.

He has the squad believing it's better than anyone else.

He has the Irish thinking there are no excuses for losing — especially in Notre Dame Stadium.

He has them thinking that they are supposed to make a play when the game is on the line. Confidence is not just encouraged by Weis and the rest of the coaching staff; it's expected.

The Irish found themselves in a rut on Saturday. But they didn't drop their heads and wait for the game to end and frustration to begin.

Instead, they looked to their coach, snapped up their chin straps, clenched down on their mouth guards and created a win.

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'Zibby' becoming scoring threat

Notre Dame safety has scored on four returns for TDs in previous three Irish contests

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Tom Zbikowski stood at the front of the interview room, donning a dapper suit that didn't quite fit with his unshaven, nicked-up face.

"Do you ever get tired?" a reporter asked.

"I'm going to say no," Zbikowski said. "But yeah."

The Irish strong safety then grinned widely, the same smile he showed walking off the field Saturday as the student section roared and chanted 'Zibby, Zibby' in appreciation of his two touchdowns in the 41-21 Notre Dame win over Tennessee — one a 33-yard interception return and the other a 78-yard punt return.

After all that, it was probably OK to admit to a little fatigue.

The former high school quarterback from Arlington Heights, Ill. has scored four touchdowns in the last three games — two Saturday against the Volunteers, a 60-yard punt return in Notre Dame's 34-31 loss to No. 1 Southern California on Oct. 15 and an 83-yard interception return during a 49-23 Notre Dame victory over BYU Oct. 22.

He ranks No. 5 on the team in touchdowns scored, and he's yet to line up on the offensive side of the ball — a statistic his head coach appreciates.

"He lifted my spirits a little bit," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "I think that any time you're not an offensive player and you're responsible for two touchdowns, I think that's a major factor."

Zbikowski is establishing himself as one of the biggest factors on special teams in recent Notre Dame history.

He is the first Irish player to have multiple punt returns for a touchdown in one season since Allen Rossum took three punts back for scores in 1996.

"The more he's out there the more you want him out there," Weis said. "Because every time he touches the ball there's a good chance something good is going to happen. We're getting a lot of production out of [Zbikowksi]."

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Notre Dame safety Tom Zbikowski sprints up the field on his 33-yard interception return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter of a 41-21 Irish win over Tennessee.

However, not all of Zbikowski's production has come from touchdown returns. His first career sack came Saturday as well when he tracked down Tennessee quarterback Erik Ainge for a 10-yard loss in the second quarter.

He also tied Irish cornerback Mike Richardson for the team lead on the day with nine tackles.

Zbikowski's scores have also come at key moments, especially against USC and Tennessee. His second-quarter punt return against the Trojans gave Notre Dame a 21-14 advantage at halftime. Saturday's interception return with 3:17 remaining in the game put the Irish ahead by 20 and foiled Tennessee's attempt at a comeback.

"We're trying to set a mark that when teams come into play at Notre Dame Stadium they're going to come out with a loss and we're going to come out with a win," he said.

These results are a source of pride for Zbikowski and the Irish defense. As its highest-scoring playmaker, Zbikowski can take credit for much of the 6-2 Irish start.

"It's hard to put into words," he said. "Everything is so much easier when you're winning.

Getting your classwork done, going to practice, watching film, seeing the fans ... just being on campus every day. It makes everything so much easier."

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Samardzija snaps Mayes' school mark

Receiver scores 12th touchdown of 2005, ranks third in nation

By KEVIN BRENNAN
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Jeff Samardzija's third-quarter touchdown was his 12th on the season, breaking the Notre Dame record for receiving scores in one year. The record was previously held by Derrick Mayes, who had 11 touchdown catches in 1994.

Samardzija also extended his own school record for consecutive games with a touchdown reception.

The junior has scored at least once in each of the first eight games of the season.

Samardzija's 12 touchdown catches place him in a tie for third place in the nation. USC's Dwayne Jarrett leads the country with 14 on the season.

Weis attributed much of Samardzija's success to the receiver's precise route running and excellent hands.

"Every pro scout that comes in here is drooling over him a couple years from now saying, 'God, this guy catches everything.'" Weis said. "And he does."

Clearing a path

The 35-yard first quarter touchdown reception by Maurice Stovall was his sixth of the season and the 13th of his career. The senior now has the fifth-most career touchdown receptions in school history. Mayes holds the record, with 22 from 1992-95.

Stovall only recorded one catch in the game after his touchdown, but the receiver certainly made his presence felt. Stovall threw key blocks on both Anthony Fasano's and Samardzija's touchdown receptions, as well as on Samardzija's 73-yard catch late in the third quarter.

Stovall appreciates how important blocking is to the wideout position.

"A big block is just as big as a catch," the senior said.

Samardzija has been extremely impressed with Stovall's blocking all year.

"Maurice is a great blocker," he said.

"From what I've seen around the nation he is easily one of the top blockers in the country. It's something that gets overlooked."

Rough and tough

Tennessee impressed the Irish with its hard-hitting and physical play. The massive Volunteer defensive line weighs an average 287 lbs. per person, whereas the Notre Dame front four weighs only 269 lbs. per person.

"Coach Weis warned us it was going to be a boxing match, it was going to be a brawl, a bar fight," Stovall said. "When you're playing a team that really doesn't have a great record ... they really don't have anything to lose."

Anthony Fasano, Darius Walker and Trevor Laws all suffered injuries during the game for Notre Dame. None of the injuries are thought to be serious and all three of the players returned to the game.

Ice-cold bath

Weis received a Gatorade bath after the victory from defensive linemen Justin Brown and Trevor Laws. He wasn't too thrilled in the postgame press conference, when he was still not sure who gave him the shower.

"I'm going to get the video tape and find out who did that," Weis said. "I'm not big on that but that's all right. I'll take one for the team."

Running up the score

Notre Dame scored at least 31 points for the sixth straight game Saturday and the seventh time on the season. The only game in which the Irish have not reached that mark in 2005 was the 17-10 victory at Michigan on Sept. 10. Notre Dame reached 31 points just five times in the previous two seasons.

Coin toss

Tennessee won the toss and elected to receive. Notre Dame defended the south end zone.

Captains

Brady Quinn, Brandon Hoyte and D.J. Fitzpatrick were Notre Dame's three captains for the game. Quinn and Hoyte are the offensive and defensive captains for the season, while the special teams captain is selected by the coaches each week.

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Tennessee	3	7	11	0	21
Notre Dame	14	7	0	20	41

First quarter

Notre Dame 7, Tennessee 0
Anthony Fasano 43-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 6:51 remaining (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick).
Drive: 11 plays, 94 yards, 4:23 elapsed

Notre Dame 14, Tennessee 0
Maurice Stovall 35-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 5:51 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick).
Drive: 3 plays, 27 yards, 0:54 elapsed

Notre Dame 14, Tennessee 3
James Wilhoit 25-yard field goal with 3:46 remaining.
Drive: 8 plays, 67 yards, 2:05 elapsed

Second quarter

Notre Dame 21, Tennessee 3
Tom Zbikowski 78-yard punt return with 9:49 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick).

Notre Dame 21, Tennessee 10
Bret Smith 7-yard pass from Erik Ainge with 3:19 remaining (Wilhoit kick).
Drive: 8 plays, 37 yards, 3:20 elapsed

Third quarter

Notre Dame 21, Tennessee 13
Wilhoit 30-yard field goal with 5:06 remaining.
Drive: 6 plays, 46 yards, 2:24 elapsed

Notre Dame 21, Tennessee 21
Arian Foster 3-yard run with 1:49 remaining (Ainge pass).
Drive: 6 plays, 55 yards, 1:37 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 28, Tennessee 21
Jeff Samardzija 4-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 13:57 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick).
Drive: 6 plays, 75 yards, 2:52 elapsed

Notre Dame 31, Tennessee 21
Fitzpatrick 36-yard field goal with 7:47 remaining.
Drive: 6 plays, 17 yards, 3:27 elapsed

Notre Dame 34, Tennessee 21
Fitzpatrick 28-yard field goal with 4:01 remaining.
Drive: 6 plays, 10 yards, 2:49 elapsed

Notre Dame 41, Tennessee 21
Zbikowski 33-yard interception return (Fitzpatrick kick).

statistics

total yards
ND 343
TENNESSEE 296

rushing yards
ND 48
TENNESSEE 109

passing yards
ND 295
TENNESSEE 187

return yards
ND 272
TENNESSEE 185

time of possession
ND 32:12
TENNESSEE 27:48

ND		T
34-48	rushes-yards	39-109
20-33-0	comp-att-int	13-32-2
5-34.6	punts-yards	8-43.2
2-1	fumbles-lost	2-1
8-78	penalties-yards	9-37
14	first downs	18

passing

Quinn	20-33-0	Ainge	13-32-2

rushing

Walker	15-62	Foster	28-125
Thomas, T.	8-15	Ainge	11-(-16)

receiving

Samardzija	7-127	Meachem	3-46
Fasano	4-78	Fayton	2-44
Walker	4-34	Swain	2-41

tackling

Richardson	9	Gaither	8
Zbikowski	9	Simon	8

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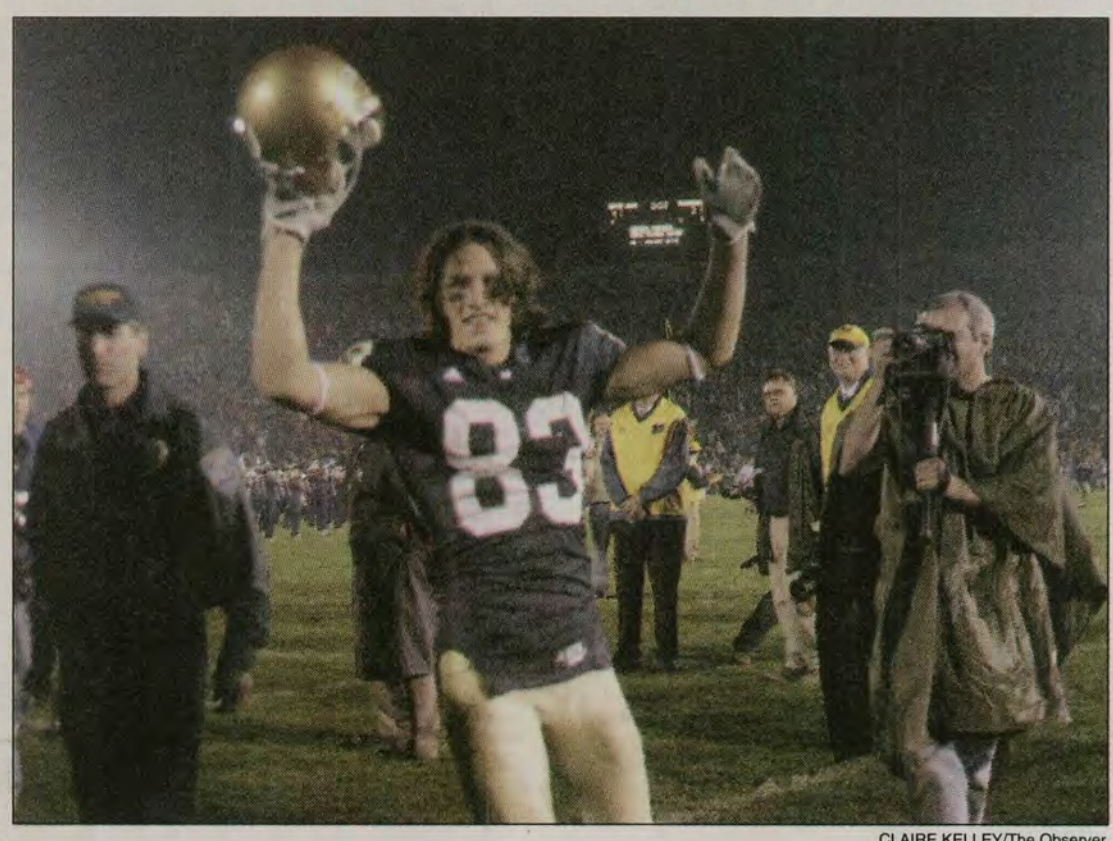
Rocky top horror show

Tennessee's offensive realignment didn't work Saturday. Even if the Volunteers had seen more success from splitting the offensive coordinator duties among the coaching staff after Randy Sanders resigned Oct. 31, Tom Zbikowski probably would have stopped it eventually. The Irish strong safety scored two touchdowns — one on a 78-yard punt return and the other on a 33-yard interception return — as Tennessee fell behind early, came back, then fell behind again in a 41-21 loss to Notre Dame. In what had appeared in the preseason to be the second-toughest game on the Irish schedule, the contest against the Volunteers ended up as a showcase for the talents of Zbikowski and Notre Dame's Jeff Samardzija. The lanky receiver caught his 12th touchdown of the season — breaking Derrick Mayes' 11-year-old school record. His score was one of three thrown by quarterback Brady Quinn on the day. Anthony Fasano caught his first touchdown of the season and Maurice Stovall made a leaping, 35-yard grab in the end zone as Notre Dame made one more step toward the BCS.



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Top left, Irish safety Tom Zbikowski sacks Volunteers quarterback Erik Ainge in the second quarter. Top right, quarterback Brady Quinn scans the field. Middle right, receiver Jeff Samardzija raises his helmet to the student body. Bottom right, linebacker Maurice Crum focuses on the Vols. Bottom left, cornerback Ambrose Wooden returns a fourth-quarter interception.

CONCERT REVIEW

Appetite for Destruction plays Club Fever

By MATTHEW SMEDBERG
Scene Critic

The hype was raging on Friday. No, not about the football game — the hot ticket was the student band everyone is talking about. Everyone, that is, who's into classic rock.

Appetite for Destruction is four Notre Dame students with decades of musical experience between them. Friday's show at Club Fever, however, represented a new level for the band. The stars, it appears, were aligned for a great show that night.

More than a thousand pairs of ears packed Club Fever in downtown South Bend on Friday night as Appetite took the stage and pounded through a truly monumental set — the show wasn't over until after two in the morning — of material from rock's golden years.

Appetite's stock in trade is Guns N' Roses, but the band was not shy about branching out, including the Beatles, the Boss and the Stones on the set list. When Appetite did branch out to non-Guns N' Roses music, they still tended to stick to songs that the band originally covered.

"We're basically singing a cover of a cover ... but the fans dig it," drummer Brendan Collins said.

Collins and keyboardist/guitarist Matt Marnocha are the heart of the group. The two have been playing together basically forever — "since 7th grade" Collins said. They decided to form Appetite for Destruction after the breakup of their last project, The Flux, due to the graduation of half the band.

Neither Marnocha nor Collins, however, has the voice to cover Axl, so they turned to junior Will McAuliffe to provide vocals. His raspy baritone shifts into high gear once the music starts, belting out lyrics in an unapologetic shriek. It's not a falsetto because it's not nearly pretty enough. It's not quite a scream and not quite a hundred-odd-decibel whine. What it does closely approximate is the anguished cries emanating from Chris Campbell's bass.

The foursome mixed perennial crowd favorites like "You Could Be Mine," "Welcome to the Jungle," "Cold November Rain" and the obligatory and always-satisfying "Paradise City" with offerings for the diehards with GNR's whole discography filling their iPods. These hard-hitting songs included "It's So Easy" and "Don't Cry" and ballads like "I Need You" or "My Michelle." Most of the softer material, however, was furnished by the Beatles, especially Appetite's versions of "Lonely Hearts Club."

"If you don't know this song, just leave. Leave America," McAuliffe said.

On that ultimate sixties ballad, "Hey Jude," though, he couldn't quite summon a lyrical sound or smooth the rasp. Axl might have slapped him —though the question remains whether it would be on the back or upside the head.

Old and young, the crowd matched the band in intensity. The floor was packed, the galleries impassable — an achievement doubly notable for the fact that Club Fever is a 21-and-up venue.

"As a band, we were all extremely happy," said Collins, who added the crowd "definitely" carried the band forward with its energy.

It surely didn't hurt that White Sox star Jermaine Dye was in attendance Friday night, coming off his MVP performance in the World Series. Dye, whose girlfriend attended high school with Collins and Marnocha, met the band after the show and "had some very nice things to say about the show. He had a really great time," Collins said.

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Appetite for Destruction singer Will McAuliffe, left, and bassist Chris Campbell play during Friday's show at Club Fever. The band does Guns N' Roses covers.

Despite some technical mishaps throughout the show, including consistent feedback on several speakers, and McAuliffe's less-than-commanding visual presence (his most spontaneous moment came when a female fan who'd partaken a bit too heavily jumped onstage to kiss him — he dedicated the next song to her) the performance represents a resounding success for Appetite for Destruction.

The next step for the band seems natural for a cover band.

"Original material," Collins said. "The thought was to use the Guns N' Roses thing as a vehicle."

The band hopes to continue to play shows as often as possible, incorporating its own songs as they are written and perfected. To answer questions about whether the band would stay together for the end of the year Collins said, "We'll see what happens."

Fans of Appetite for Destruction will certainly await the band's next performance, whether it includes covers, new material or something entirely unexpected.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Imani Winds brings Afro-Cuban flair to concert

By BRIAN DOXTADER
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Though the Imani Winds were the marquee guest performers on the setlist, the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra demonstrated its own considerable musicality over the course of a 90-minute concert.

The performance, which took place on Friday in the Leighton Concert Hall in the DPAC, was highlighted by the Imani Winds, who were well-received by both the audience and the Symphony Orchestra musicians.

"The Imani Winds were a wonderful group to perform with," said Steve Nuanes, a junior who has played both viola and percussion with the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra the past three years. "Their musicianship was pretty evident in both the concert and their rehearsals with us."

The Winds appeared on the centerpiece of the show, the Valerie Coleman-penned "Afro-Cuban Concerto for Woodwind Quartet." The composition had a loose, free-flowing style that was matched — rather than overshadowed by — the accompanying orchestra.

"The music composed by Valerie Coleman was a style that was new to many of us in the orchestra. It was a good challenge for us as musicians," said Nuanes.

While a student-musician orchestra might initially seem unsuited to the hemiola-filled polyrhythmic Afro-Cuban music of the Imani Winds, the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra showed off its adroit ability to handle a wide range of musical styles throughout the concert.

They opened with Dvorak's "Slavonic Dances" before shifting gears to George Gershwin's "Cuban Overture." Owing far more to the composer's penchant for large-scale orchestral pieces than his tightly woven songbook compositions, "Cuban Overture" sprawled through a rhythmically challenging 10-minutes, which lead to the Imani Winds' concerto. "Afro-Cuban Concerto for Woodwind Quartet" came in three distinct movements: Afro, Vocalise and Dance. The Winds played through several solo and soli cadenzas that highlighted their energetic musicality.

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra finished out the concert by playing Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony" and Weber's "Oberan Overture." Following their performance, the Orchestra received a standing-ovation from the Hall's audience.

The Imani Winds rehearsed with the Orchestra, providing education on how to improve their musicianship. Rather than take on the role of demanding professionals, the Imani Winds proved to be helpful and insightful teachers.

"They showed their love of educating students by taking time to help us develop our sound and technique for their demanding music," said Nuanes.

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The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra performed on Friday with Imani Winds. The two ensembles played a mix of Afro-Cuban and classical music together.

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra will continue to rehearse and prepare for upcoming concerts, including a performance at New York City's Carnegie Hall with The Chieftains on St. Patrick's Day. Nuanes said he appreciated how the Orchestra was received and looks forward to future performances.

"This concert allowed symphony to show how much we have developed over the last few years. It was a good step in helping us prepare to play at Carnegie Hall."

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Chaos

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into the Badin red zone, and capitalized on the opportunity with a 5-yard touchdown pass right before the end of the first half.

Other than those outbursts, both offenses were subdued by stout defense and bitterly cold weather.

"We really had trouble throwing the ball with the cold weather," Badin coach Chris Paley said.

Indeed, Badin quarterback Katie Rose Hackney went just 10-of-27 passing for 91 yards, with most of her completions coming on short screen passes. Other than her big plays, Lisa Ruffer wasn't much better. She completed just 8-of-26 passes for 122 yards and, most importantly, two touchdowns.

Cavanaugh's defense carried the day again, shutting down any type of vertical passing game Badin could hope for. Badin had success with wide receiver screens early in the game, but turned away from that strategy and didn't return to it until it was too late.

Cavanaugh provided some effective pressure and recorded two sacks in the game.

"That's why [Cavanaugh is] the No. 1 seed," Paley said.

Cavanaugh moves on to the next round of the playoffs as its defense recorded yet another shutout. Badin's season ends with a 1-5-1 record.

They have an opportunity to improve along with their young quarterback Katie Rose Hackney, but were outgunned against an experienced, athletic Cavanaugh squad.

PW 6, McGlinn 0

It took overtime, but Cara Davies' 16-yard touchdown pass to Maureen Spring in the first overtime period finally broke the scoreless streak between McGlinn and Pasquerilla West, giving the Weasels a 6-0 victory. Counting their matchup in the regular season, Spring's touchdown was the first points scored in over eight quarters between the two teams.

As PW got the ball first in overtime, it still had to stop the Shamrock offense one last time.

It looked like McGlinn might tie the game as it moved the ball to the four-yard line of PW, but an interception by Heather Van Hoegarden — PW's third of the game — sealed the deal, sending the Weasels through to the second round of the playoffs.

"I lined up on the goal line, because I didn't want anyone behind me," she said. "I just read the quarterback's eyes and, luckily, I caught it."

While it was Van Hoegarden's interception that ended the game, it was the effort of the entire PW defense that gave the Weasels the victory.

McGlinn threatened multiple times near the end of the game, but PW rose to the occasion each time. First, McGlinn moved the ball to the PW 11, but the Weasel defense forced four straight incompletions. Then, with less than a minute left in the game, PW intercepted McGlinn quarterback Becky Brown in the end zone, sending the game into overtime.

"Our defense always seems to rise to the occasion, and they really gave our team a spark today," Van Hoegarden said.

McGlinn captain Bridget Meacham, however, attributed the Shamrock's inability to score to a different reason.

"I think it was a mental thing," she said. "We hadn't scored in two games, and I think we just psyched ourselves out."

With its win, PW advances to the second round for the first time in the past few years, where and they will be underdogs against No. 1 seed Cavanaugh.

Van Hoegarden, however, likes her team's position.

"We're going to play our game, which is defense," she said. "We're going to be heavy underdogs, but we like flying under the radar."

Pangborn 14, Welsh Family 0

Welsh Family and Pangborn met for the second time on Sunday, as their first matchup of the season ended in a 14-0 Pangborn victory over the Whirlwinds. Pangborn came with confidence from its win, while Welsh brought determination to continue its season into the semifinals. But the Whirlwinds came up short in a 12-6 loss, while the Phoxes advanced to the next round of the playoffs.

The Phoxes were able to score in the first half, as Brynn Johnson effectively ran the ball up the field with shovel passes from the quarterback.

Both teams threatened the end zone a couple times during the first half, Welsh with more of a passing offense, while Pangborn executed a rushing attack. However, the defenses were able to stop anything that came close. Welsh's Katie Rehberger had an interception, but nothing was fruitful until Pangborn finally threw a long pass and receiver Katie Riemersma caught it in the end zone.

The Whirlwinds were able to stop the one-point conversion play. However, they were unable to answer the touchdown, and at halftime, the Phoxes led the game 6-0.

In the beginning of the second half, Welsh moved the ball down the field with some spectacular passes by quarterback Melissa Sands. They were able to move the ball to the 15-yard line, until a penalty moved them up to the 10-yard line. Sands then connected with Kelly Bushelle to tie the game. However, the Phoxes also prevented Welsh from scoring the extra point as the score knotted at 6-6.

Yet the Phoxes were able to pull out one more touchdown with only six minutes left in the game. Again Riemersma made the catch in the end zone, and again Welsh was able to prevent the point after. And although it came close, Welsh ran out of time to answer, throwing an interception in its final drive, which ended the game.

"Our playing was sloppy; though we're happy about the win, we realize this was not our best game," Pangborn captain Katie Murray said. "Next week for Walsh, we need to be playing much better than today."

Welsh Family players were disappointed about their loss, especially their seniors and captain Sarah Skrabacz.

"It is hard for me to think of things to say right now, because I am sad that the season is over and that it was my last game," she said.

But as the score showed, Welsh put up a much tougher fight in this second meeting.

"This time around with Welsh Family, we definitely had more trouble than our regular-season game," Murray said. "I think our play was different more than theirs, we dropped some balls we shouldn't have and missed some tackles we shouldn't have."

Kelly Bushelle, although sad, was a little more optimistic about Welsh's season.

"We all put our hearts into every game," she said. "We had a lot of fun this season and will miss the seniors. Although we didn't get as far as we had hoped, we will be ready next year."

Murray expressed Pangborn's excitement about the team's win.

"I think the general feeling on the team is confidence going into the semis," she said. "We're really excited and cannot wait to get at Walsh next week."

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Walsh Hall quarterback Mary Claire Sullivan tosses a pass against Lewis during Sunday's 7-0 quarterfinal victory.

Walsh 7, Lewis 0

On Walsh's first drive of the second half in its quarterfinal against Lewis, quarterback Mary Claire Sullivan hit wideout Marie Brenner for the Wild Women's only touchdown.

That was all the scoring Walsh would need as its defense held Lewis scoreless for a 7-0 shutout victory.

"We weren't ever worried," co captain Patty Rose said. "We have faith in our defense."

Judging by the game's statistics, Walsh's conviction is warranted. On eight drives, Lewis managed only five first downs, and Chicks quarterback Elias Valdez completed only seven of 28 passes, was intercepted once and was continuously harassed and hurried all game.

Lewis' last attempt to score was a failed Hail Mary that ended the game. That, along with Walsh's winning drive, provided the second half's only excitement.

It was also a half marred by a violent head-on collision between a Walsh defensive back and Lewis receiver Katy Clune.

Clune lay on the field for several agonizing minutes and emergency personnel were called to the scene. To applause from both sides, Clune was helped off the field, and fortunately, nothing seemed to indicate the injury was severe.

"I would call [Clune] our 'star' receiver, but [her injury] wasn't something we could let hurt our morale," Lewis co-captain Julia Burke said. "And though this is really secondary, I do wish we would have had her height for the Hail Mary."

The first half was much like the second. After both teams' opening drives were halted near the goal line, neither team gained as much as a first down for the rest of the half.

"It was how we expected it to be out there, intense," Walsh co-captain Mary Ellen Botta said.

While Lewis was disappointed in the outcome, it couldn't find much fault with its performance.

"We really did have a pretty good defensive performance," co-captain Kara Bailey said. Joslyn Moya, another Lewis captain, summarized the Chicks' season.

"While it ended too soon, we enjoyed it right down to the last minute," she said.

Walsh, the 2004 women's interhall champions, is now one step closer to defending its title.

On to the semifinals, the Wild Women will face Pangborn in the next round.

Botta is confident, however, that the semifinals are not the only thing her team is awaiting.

"We're also looking very forward to the Stadium," she said.

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A.P. Football Top 25

	team	record	points
1	USC	9-0	1,617
2	Texas	9-0	1,568
3	Miami	7-1	1,452
4	Alabama	9-0	1,450
5	LSU	7-1	1,328
6	Penn State	9-1	1,271
7	NOTRE DAME	6-2	1,201
8	Virginia Tech	8-1	1,147
9	Georgia	7-1	1,097
10	Ohio State	7-2	1,076
11	Oregon	8-1	943
12	Florida	7-2	905
13	Texas Tech	8-1	753
14	UCLA	8-1	693
15	Auburn	7-2	680
16	West Virginia	7-1	677
17	Florida State	7-2	605
18	TCU	9-1	536
19	Wisconsin	8-2	438
20	Fresno State	7-1	410
21	Michigan	6-3	372
22	Colorado	7-2	312
23	Louisville	6-2	242
24	Georgia Tech	6-2	109
25	Northwestern	6-3	82

ESPN/USA Today Top 25

	team	record	points
1	USC	9-0	1,544
2	Texas	9-0	1,494
3	Alabama	9-0	1,398
4	Miami	7-1	1,385
5	LSU	7-1	1,283
6	Penn State	9-1	1,139
7	NOTRE DAME	6-2	1,124
8	Virginia Tech	8-1	1,116
9	Georgia	7-1	1,093
10	Ohio State	7-2	962
11	Oregon	8-1	919
12	Florida	7-2	754
13	Texas Tech	8-1	745
14	UCLA	8-1	744
15	West Virginia	7-1	710
16	Florida State	7-2	667
17	Auburn	7-2	619
18	TCU	9-1	491
19	Wisconsin	8-2	385
20	Fresno State	7-1	360
21	Colorado	7-2	302
22	Michigan	6-3	275
23	Louisville	6-2	242
24	Georgia Tech	6-2	117
25	BC	6-3	56

Men's Cross Country Top 20

	team	points	region
1	Wisconsin	476	GL
2	Arkansas	468	SC
3	Colorado	442	M
4	Stanford	432	W
5	NOTRE DAME	414	GL
6	BYU	402	M
7	Georgetown	354	MA
8	UTEP	351	M
9	Arizona	342	W
10	Texas	338	SC
11	Alabama	287	S
12	Kansas	286	MW
13	Portland	273	W
14	Florida	252	S
15	Ohio State	246	GL
16	Dartmouth	242	NE
17	William & Mary	213	SE
18	Minnesota	212	MW
19	Virginia	211	MA
20	Iowa	172	MW

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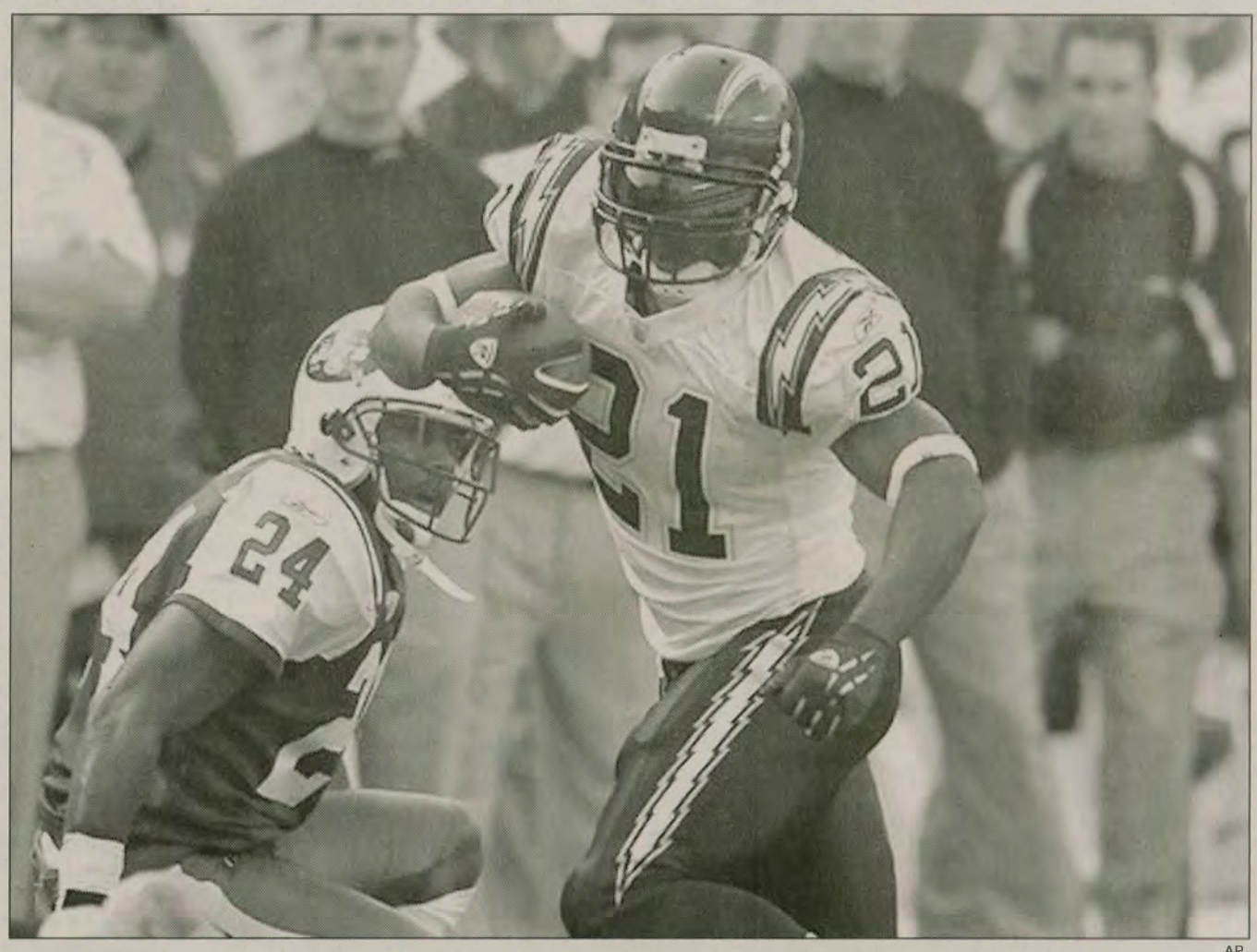

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Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson runs 25 yards for a touchdown during the first quarter against the Jets in Giants Stadium Sunday. Tomlinson scored four touchdowns in the game on three runs and one catch.

Tomlinson leads Chargers to victory

Associated Press

N.J. — LaDainian Tomlinson and his Chargers teammates watched the Jets get one final chance to pull out an improbable victory.

One thought must have crossed their minds: 'Oh no. Not again.'

No matter that Tomlinson was dazzling, with a career-high four touchdowns and one particularly impressive move that left Pro Bowl cornerback Ty Law frozen in his tracks. Drew Brees fumbled with 3:06 to go, and a surprisingly effective Brooks Bollinger had 30 yards to lead the Jets to the winning score.

This was all too much for the Chargers, whose four losses all came in the closing minutes. But Quentin Jammer rescued San Diego when he batted down a fade pass for Justin McCareins on fourth-and-goal, preserving a 31-26 victory Sunday.

"It was nice. So many times we've been on the losing end of games like this. I figured one game would have to go our way," Tomlinson said.

Tomlinson scored on three runs and one catch, becoming the first Charger since Chuck Muncie against Denver on Nov. 29, 1981, to have four touchdowns in one game.

Heading into the contest, Tomlinson had the same number of touchdown passes (three) as Jets quarterbacks. Bollinger changed all that with a furious charge. Vinny Testaverde's straight right calf tightened up, so Bollinger replaced him in the third quarter, then threw two touchdown passes to make it a game.

Laveranues Coles made a beautiful play on the second one, barely keeping his

toes inbounds for the 8-yard score with 6:44 to play. The scoring passes were the first through the air for the Jets (2-6) since Week 2 against the Dolphins.

Then John Abraham sacked Brees and forced a fumble, which Jonathan Vilma recovered. But the Jets failed on four attempts from the 3, and their disappointing season continued.

"We needed to make a play," Jammer said. "They ran a couple fades on me. I figured they were going to try to run another one."

In Brief

Kim Ng interviews to become baseball's first female GM

LOS ANGELES — Kim Ng, a vice president and assistant general manager for the Los Angeles Dodgers the past four years, became the first candidate to interview for the team's vacant GM job.

Team spokesman Josh Rawitch said Ng was interviewed Saturday. If hired to succeed Paul DePodesta, she would become major league baseball's first female GM.

Before joining the Dodgers, the 36-year-old Ng served as vice president and assistant general manager for the New York Yankees from 1998-2001.

Ng and Roy Smith, vice president of player development, are handling front-office duties for the Dodgers until a general manager is hired, and will represent the team at the GM meetings, which begin Tuesday in Palm Springs.

The Dodgers received permission last week to interview former Texas Rangers GM John Hart.

Back injury to keep Blackhawks center sidelined

CHICAGO — Blackhawks center Tuomo Ruutu is expected to miss three to 12 weeks because of a back injury.

Ruutu was in the lineup Tuesday in Detroit after sitting out six games, but he returned to Chicago after the game to be examined by the Blackhawks' medical staff.

No structural damage was found in a series of tests, but Ruutu will be sidelined for some time.

"It's not great news, but it's not bad news," general manager Dale Tallon said Sunday. "Doctors have done all the testing. They've done MRIs, CAT scans, X-rays."

Ruutu needs rest — not surgery. Tallon said that six games simply weren't enough.

"He didn't have as much time [off] as he's going to get this time," Tallon said.

Ruutu said his back has improved the past few days because he hasn't done much.

Early morning tornado kills horses, damages race track

HENDERSON, Ky. — A deadly tornado that ripped through the area early Sunday hit Ellis Park, killing three horses and hurting others, injuring track workers and destroying large sections of the grandstand.

The twister tore across southwestern Indiana and western Kentucky just after 1 a.m., killing at least 21 people in nearby southern Indiana, wrecking homes and knocking out power to thousands. No deaths were reported in Kentucky.

The tornado touched down near Henderson, then jumped the Ohio River into Indiana, officials said.

At Ellis Park, the tornado damaged horse barns and several buildings, said Paul Kuerzi, track vice president and general manager. Three horses died and some workers at the track suffered minor injuries, Kuerzi said.

Three or four other horses have "pretty substantial" injuries and are being cared for by veterinarians. It was uncertain if they would survive.

ND Women's Golf

Irish set to travel to Augusta

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

After one of its best three-round scores of the year only netted a 10th-place finish in the Las Vegas Collegiate Shootout, the Notre Dame women's golf team will have a softer field to contend with at the Lady Jaguar Invitational in Augusta, Ga. this week.

"This field's a little weak," Irish head coach Debby King said. "We're the highest-ranked team here. The next highest-ranked is Augusta State."

The Irish are ranked No. 35 in golfstat.com's rankings, while the Jaguars are ranked No. 58. The only other teams in the top 100 are No. 84 Western Carolina and No. 85 Richmond.

Arkansas State, Birmingham Southern, East Tennessee State, Elon, Florida International, Jacksonville State, James Madison and Wyoming fill out the rest of the field.

"This field's a little weak. We're the highest-ranked team here."

Debby King
Irish head coach

Despite the weaker field, King said the Irish are not overlooking the Lady Jaguar, which will be their last event until February.

"[Augusta State is] playing on their home course, which means we have to keep an eye on them," King said. "We want to sandwich the fall season. We won at the beginning and we want to win at the end."

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Debby King
Irish head coach

The Irish won the Notre Dame Invitational in September to begin their season.

The Lady Jaguar will only be a 36-hole tournament, played over Monday and Tuesday. King said she's happy the team will have to play less golf than usual.

"It's better than 36 holes in one day, this way we don't have to walk 36 holes," King said.

King will send the lineup out onto the course as she did last week in Las Vegas. Sophomore Jane Lee, junior Noriko Nakasaki, freshman Lisa Maunu, senior Katie Brophy and senior Lauren Gebauer Lee recorded a career-best in Nevada, carding a two-under-par 70 in the third round. She led the team with a three round score of 217.

Gebauer also had a strong showing last week, carding a 72 to lead the team in the second round.

Nakazaki, who finished second on the team in Las Vegas with a three-round score of 224, leads the Irish with a 74.23 stroke average this season.

Brophy, a team captain this year, finished third on the team last week with a 226.

Maunu, who has burst onto the scene this year as a freshman, finished fifth on the team with a 245 last week, but has solidified her place in the top five enough to earn a spot in the lineup this week.

The Lady Jaguar is the last tournament for the Irish before their winter break, which will last until the Central District Classic in Parish, Fla. Feb. 19-20. The Irish will use the break to do things in practice they don't normally have time for.

"We stay outside until around Thanksgiving," King said. "We do weightlifting and cardio a couple times a week. We also have some sports psychologists work with us over the winter."

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NYC Marathon

Tergat captures closest NYC marathon in history

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Paul Tergat surged one last time, breaking the tape a heartbeat before defending champion Hendrick Ramaala fell across the finish line.

After more than two hours of running Sunday, the New York City Marathon came down to a final sprint and a third of a second — the closest finish in race history.

Tergat and Ramaala were side by side all morning, trading the lead for 26.2 grueling miles through New York's five boroughs and across fog-shrouded bridges and leaf-strewn roads.

Tergat, a Kenyan who holds the world marathon record, and South Africa's Ramaala jockeyed for the lead in Central Park.

Tergat surged, then Ramaala, then Tergat again. Tergat's official time was 2 hours, 9 minutes, 30 seconds, but the exact clocking was 2:09:29.90. Ramaala's time was 2:09:30.22.

It was reminiscent of the 2000 Sydney Olympics, where Tergat and Ethiopia's Haile Gebrselassie sprinted to the finish in the 10,000 meters. Gebrselassie managed one last dash in the final 30 meters, leaning to edge Tergat by nine-hundredths of a second.

This time, Tergat crossed the line first on a warm, sticky day. He was one of 37,516 competitors to start the race, a record for any marathon.

"The weather was incredible, very hot, but I was trying to keep cool. The least thing that I was expecting is that we were going to have to sprint to finish," Tergat said. "It was really, really painful, we work until the last minute. It reminds me of the Olympics again, but I was not expecting that in a marathon, that sprint."

Ramaala wasn't sure whether he tried to dive across the finish line, or simply collapsed from exhaustion.

"I don't remember," he said. "You know, coming in second is not nice.

"The last hundred meters, who wants to go the last hundred meters with Paul? I gave it everything," Ramaala said. "Paul didn't want to lose, I didn't want to lose."

Meb Keflezighi finished third, the best finish by an American.

But the U.S. victory drought at the New York race grew to 23 years.

Women's winner Jelena Prokopcuka had a slightly easier time than Tergat.

MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL — SEMIFINALS

Zahm flies past Morrissey into the Stadium

Keenan shuts out Carroll to advance to championship game

By COLIN REIMER and TIM KAISER
Sports Writers

Morrissey had the momentum, the ball and about 2:30 to move 70 yards and earn a trip to Notre Dame Stadium. The Manorites, with the imposing Zahm offense prepared to score and put the game away, had miraculously recovered a Sean Wieland fumble at their own 30. For the moment, the mighty Bats seemed beatable.

But Cameron Muhlenkamp had other ideas. In what has become a defining characteristic of the Zahm defense in recent weeks, Muhlenkamp stepped up and made a play. On the first play after the fumble, the Zahm defensive back jumped a quick sideline pass, making a diving interception to seal an 8-6 victory and punch Zahm's ticket to the Stadium. It was the third turnover that Zahm had forced on the day.

"When you're out there late in the game, your emotions start running," Bats captain Pat Gourley said. "When we fumbled it late, we were a bit concerned.

But I knew that our pass defense would step it up."

The entire game had a championship-like atmosphere. The bitter cold and wet conditions forced both teams to focus on the ground game. Momentum turned about as often as the gusting winds that blew across Riehle Field, and the game itself lived up to its billing as a defensive slugfest. Fittingly, Muhlenkamp's stellar defensive effort sealed the game.

However, in the first half, it appeared as if the game would be a bit more offensive than what was originally expected. Zahm opened the game with an impressive 7-play, 65-yard drive capped off by Theo Ossei-Anto's 1-yard touchdown run.

The opening drive was highlighted by Sean Wieland's 42-yard strike to receiver Jake Richardville. Wieland then hit Seth Freiesleben for a two-point conversion to make it 8-0, and provide the margin of victory for the Bats.

Stunned, but not fazed, Morrissey answered Zahm's score with an exhausting 15-play drive capped by an 8-yard touchdown pass by quarterback Mike Spencer. The drive featured a steady diet of the Manorites' powerful running back Nick Klein, who carried 18 times for 73 yards on the day. The bruising back powered through Zahm's strong defensive line, often carrying several defenders with him.

"We've been doing it all season," Klein said. "Zahm has a very tough defense."

Unfortunately for Morrissey, Zahm was able to come up with a huge stop when it needed to, dropping Klein inches short of the goal line on the two-point attempt. It was quite possibly those few inches that kept Morrissey from reaching the championship game.

Klein however, refused to make excuses.

"There are so many chances throughout the game that you can't look at just one play as the reason you lost," he said. "I'm proud of our team for the hard work. This is just the how football is sometimes."

The teams traded defensive punches throughout the remainder of the game. Late in the third, Morrissey drove deep into Zahm territory, threatening to take the lead. But Pat Gourley picked off a Spencer pass, and Zahm successfully dodged another bullet.

Morrissey squandered solid field position in the fourth as well when an attempted reverse backfired, resulting in a fumble. Liam Larkin fell on it for the Bats, setting up his offense with a chance to ice the game.

Behind the running of Ossei-Anto (12 carries, 71 yards) and Muhlenkamp (8 carries, 42 yards), the Bats drove to within the Morrissey five. However, successive penalties moved Zahm back 20 yards, forcing them to throw on third and long. Wieland was blindsided as he rolled left, fumbling in the process. Morrissey recovered, and Muhlenkamp's interception ended it on the next play.

A brimming Gourley said he can't wait to play in the Stadium in two weeks.

"[It's] a dream come true," he said. "To have the last game of my career be played in Notre Dame Stadium is unimaginable."

Keenan 7, Carroll 0

Keenan's defense stopped Carroll on it's only fourth quarter drive, and its offense did the rest, as the Knights defeated the Vermin 7-0 on a slippery Sunday at the Stepan fields.

There were no points scored in the second half, and turnovers and penalties proved costly for both teams. Both teams made plenty of mistakes, playing the last game of the day on a torn-up, muddy field. Keenan's offense was penalized 65 yards in total. Keenan threw two interceptions, and Carroll threw one and had a fumble all within the last six plays of the second quarter. Carroll also had a costly fumble on a sack at the end of the third quarter.

Keenan's running game was the key to its win. Running back Alex Staffieri scored on the second play of the second quarter from two yards out, and the Knights largely kept it on the ground for the rest of the game, not even throwing a pass in the second half, running out the clock as its defense kept Carroll in check. Keenan ran for 137 yards in total, but was far from dominant, as it was unable to put Carroll away until late in the fourth quarter when the defense came up with a big a fourth-down stop.

HY PHAM/The Observer

A Morrissey wide receiver catches the Manorites' lone touchdown on a pass from Mike Spencer Sunday. Zahm beat Morrissey 8-6.

Both defenses played well, as, in addition to the turnovers, each team was forced to punt once, and Carroll turned the ball over on downs twice (Keenan did so once). But Carroll's defense allowed more big plays than Keenan, including passing plays of 45 and 56 yards that went to senior wide receiver Dan Zenker. Keenan had 258 yards of total offense, compared to Carroll's 98.

Keenan was thrilled with the victory and eager to play Zahm.

"We came out and we played Keenan football," senior captain Vince Lyzinski said, "And Carroll couldn't stop it."

Lyzinski credited an excellent performance by the offensive line and tailback Staffieri with sealing Keenan's victory.

He also said that his team couldn't wait to play its next game.

"We're really excited for Zahm", he said. "We've got a little rivalry going, and it's going to be a great game."

Carroll was disappointed at the outcome of the game, but looked back positively at this season's success.

"We gave it a heck of an effort," Carroll coach John Tira said of Sunday's game. "We had opportunities, but we didn't connect on any of our long passes. I'm really proud of the way we played right until the end. This was a good Keenan team."

Peter Sweeney, senior co-captain of the Carroll team, also saw positives in his team's performance this season.

"It was a disappointing loss," he said. "But, overall, the season was good. My freshman year our team didn't win a single game.

"Since then, we've come a long way. It's been a great year."

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NFL

Patriots, Colts prepare to face off

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The Indianapolis Colts are still trying to prove they can beat a good team this season. The New England Patriots are still trying to prove that they are one.

The Patriots need to beat the Colts on Monday night to stay above .500 and win consecutive games for the first time all season.

The inconsistency is uncharacteristic for the two-time defending Super Bowl champions, who won 21 in a row while taking the 2004 title and lost just two games in each of the last two seasons.

"Well, we're working on it," quarterback Tom Brady said. "It's been frustrating for everybody. It's been frustrating for Coach (Bill) Belichick. It's been frustrating for the other coaches and the players who would love to see us more consistent. ... This is the time of the year where we need to start doing that."

The Patriots (4-3) have alternated wins and losses every game since opening the season with a victory over the Oakland Raiders.

The toughest stretch of their schedule has been a five-game span against teams that were .500 or better entering Sunday — four of them on the road. They went 2-3 in those games.

The Colts (7-0) have had the opposite problem. Of their first seven opponents, only Jacksonville was over .500 entering this weekend and only St. Louis was a playoff team last season.

"For the most part, we haven't played teams with winning records," coach Tony Dungy said. "I look at the schedule ahead and everyone, including me, is saying we've got a lot of work ahead of us."

But Belichick laughed off the suggestion that the Colts' perfect record was somehow unimpressive.

"Every team in this league is capable of winning every week. Just ask whoever you want to ask. You pick up the papers every Monday. Look at the scores," he said.

"It isn't about records. It's two teams that are playing and whichever team plays better, that's the one who wins. It's not what the record is or what the hype is or what the stats say and all that. It's the team that plays better, that's the team that wins.

"So, what difference does it make what anybody's record is?"

Indy's schedule gets tougher starting in New England, where Peyton Manning has never won. For the Colts, who ended their season in Foxborough in each of the last two years, a victory would mean a four-game advantage over the Patriots in the race for home-field advantage in the AFC playoffs.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish upend Pittsburgh with dramatic rally

By JACK THORNTON
Sports Writer

The Irish men's swimming team showed incredible resiliency Friday night, putting together a thrilling rally over Big East rival Pittsburgh to take the meet 122-121.

Down 119-107 entering the final event, Notre Dame had no margin for error, but the Irish proved they're more accurate than a Zogby election-day poll. The 'A' team of of Louis Cavadini, Alan Carter, Nick Fanslau and Tim Kegelman took first with a time of 3:06.35 while the 'B' squad of Ted Brown, Chris Barnes, Rob Seery and Tim Randolph took second at 3:06.81, giving the Irish 15 of 17 possible points and the victory.

"I was diving right next to the guy from Pitt, and I knew it was going to come down to him and me, and I just knew I wasn't going to let him to win," Randolph said. "After I touched the wall and before I put my fist in the air, I looked around to see all the fans, the coaches and all the Notre Dame people were going nuts. It was just an amazing feeling."

The win puts the No. 18 Irish at 2-1 for the season in dual meets.

"What we've wanted to do is to learn how to win a tough meet on the road and even though it was very, very close and the difference was only one point, nevertheless we got a tough win on the road," head coach Tim Welsh said.

Knowing the Irish had to go 1-2 in the final event, Welsh split up the two relay teams so that they would be as close as possible.

"They'd either both win or both lose, that was our strategy," Welsh said.

The fact that the Irish won the final event (and the eight swimmers finished between :46.09 and :47.19) is a testament to the balance on the team.

"Certainly a win like this solidifies the group and it also verifies that all along we're a team of balance and a team of depth, and it took every single one of us — we didn't have any extra points," Welsh said.

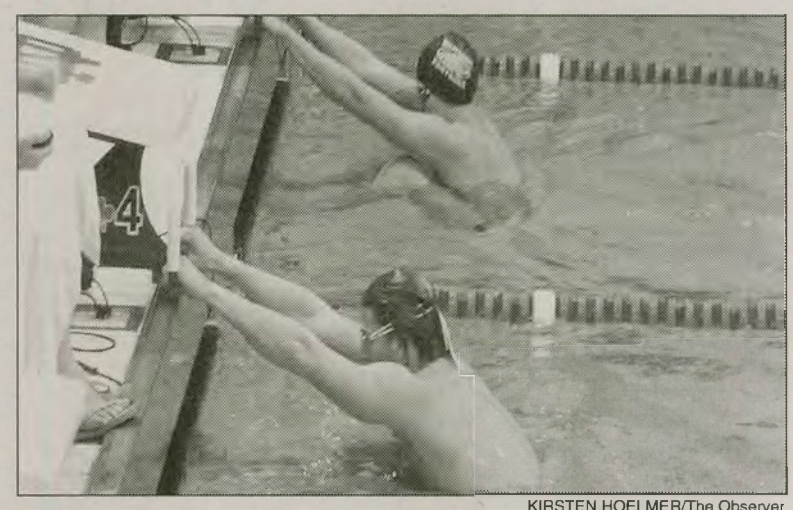
Along with the mental focus of the team as a whole, strong individual performances were a key part of Friday's victory. Six swimmers had season-best times, including Jay Vandenberg, who won the 500-yard and 1,000-yard freestyle events for the third meet in a row, and Brian Freeman, who had season best times in the 200-yard backstroke and 200-yard freestyle.

"Even after the big win against Texas A&M and a tough loss like Purdue, we know every week we need to get back to work," Lutkus said. "Every week we're training harder, and if we train hard, we're gonna keep putting up better times and it's not gonna stop this weekend."

The Irish came out strong in the first four events of the night to take a 41-33 lead. On the strength of solid one-meter diving, the Panthers took the 60-52 advantage after six events and stretched into a 21-point lead (114-93) with only two events to go.

With only 36 available points left in the match, freshman Daniel Rave cashed in a huge performance, beating out Pittsburgh's Warren Barnes by five-hundreths of a second in the 200-yard breaststroke while Graham Parker and Tyler Grenda placed third and fourth, respectively, to bring the Irish to within 12 points entering the final event.

"We knew our strengths going into the meet, and we knew we'd be strong at the end of the meet. I think the guys definitely were a little worried but we never lost confidence," co-captain Jamie Lutkus said.



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Two Irish swimmers prepare to push off at the signal during the Dennis Starks Relays on Oct. 7 at Rolf's Aquatic Center.

The Irish entered the meet coming off a definitive loss to higher-ranked Purdue.

"After coming off of Purdue, we were really down because we could've preformed a lot better in West Lafayette," Randolph said.

"But to beat Pitt and the way we did is gonna give us a lot of momentum going into Michigan State and in the Notre Dame Invitational before Christmas break."

The meet held extra importance for the two schools since Notre Dame broke Pittsburgh's eight-year run of Big East conference titles last year.

More than 700 people were in attendance at Trees pool in Pittsburgh.

"Pitt, to their credit, they swam very well," Welsh said. "They swam faster than they swam last week and faster than they swam against us last year. What's great about this rivalry it's very high competition and it's great sportsmanship.

"This is college rivalry the way it way its supposed to be; college athleticism at its best."

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Thompson twins fall short in second grand slam of year

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Catrina and Christian Thompson's bid to make NCAA history at the ITA National Indoor Championships fell short in the quarterfinal round Friday afternoon.

The twin sisters won the first grand slam of the season, the ITA All-American Championships last month. They were attempting to become the first-ever doubles team to claim the All-American and Indoor Championships in the same year.

The Thompsons were eliminated by the Stanford team of Alice Barnes and Anne Yelsey by an 8-3 score. The No. 7 Cardinal duo avenged a loss in the quarterfinals of the All-American tournament to the top-ranked Irish team. The Cardinal, much like the Irish in the All-Americans, used the quarterfinal win to propel them to the Indoor Championship title.

Irish coach Jay Louderback thought the Stanford team would be tough even before the season started.

"We thought they would be one of the top two teams [along with the Thompsons] in the country," Louderback said. "They were ranked lower only because they didn't play together last year. They are a very good team, but we know we didn't play our best. It's just too bad that we had to play them so early in these tournaments."

Barnes and Yelsey played on different doubles teams last year.

Their teams comprised the all-Cardinal title match of the NCAA doubles championship last season. The Thompsons' loss came following an 8-6 opening round win over a team from Kentucky.

Catrina Thompson also participated in the singles draw of the Indoor Championships, posting a 1-2 record. Thompson lost a hard-fought battle to No. 4 Robin Stephenson of Alabama 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 in the first round. She came back to split two three-set decisions in the consolation bracket, defeating Stephanie Kusano of California before falling to Yelsey.

Louderback was impressed by Catrina Thompson's singles play.

"That player from Alabama is very good," he said. "Catrina played well and had her chances at 4-4 in the third, but couldn't pull it out. The match [against Yesley] was also a really good match and really tight. Catrina had a very good weekend."

"They are a very good team, but we know we didn't play our best."

Jay Louderback
Irish head coach

While the Thompsons took on the field at the National Indoor tournament, the rest of the No. 24 Irish competed at the Midwest Blast hosted by the University of Illinois. The tournament was a simulated dual format, consisting of round robin dual matches against Louisville, Wisconsin and Illinois. While team scores were not kept, individual results counted for ranking purposes.The Irish posted a 27-7 record at the tournament, including 10-2 in doubles.

Four Notre Dame players posted perfect 6-0 records, including senior Kelly Nelson, sophomore Brook Buck and freshmen Katie Potts and Kelcy Tefft.

Assistant Coach Michelle Dasso, who coached the team at the Midwest Blast, was pleased with the effort and singled out Buck as excelling this weekend.

"Brook played extremely well," she said. "This was an important tournament for her because her confidence was down a little during the fall. We need Brook playing her best for us to do well in the spring."

Dasso thought things went according to plan on the doubles side.

"We knew our doubles was a strength of our team, and they were solid this weekend," the coach said. "Kiki [Statsny] and Lauren [Connelly] lost 8-6 to Illinois' number one team, but they played well in that match. They had their chances up 6-5, and even though they lost it was a good match for them. No one else really challenged us apart from that match."

Dasso also liked the attitude Tefft and Potts brought to the court this weekend.

"It was important for them to get experience in the dual match format, because that is how the spring will be," she said. "They were laid-back and relaxed, and that's the attitude you need to have to succeed."

The weekend action concluded the fall season for the Irish women, one that was highlighted by the Thompsons' grand slam title, the first in Notre Dame history.

The Irish have high expectations for the spring with a talented group of freshmen and experience at the top of their line-up.

Louderback knew, however, that there was room for improvement during the winter off-season.

"Each player has a specific area they need to work on individually," he said. "We'll do that at the end of the fall here and hopefully we'll be where we want to be when the spring comes."

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ND Women's Swimming

Squad downs Big East rival Panthers 138-106

KRISTEN HOELMER/The Observer

Irish swimmers converse after a race at the Dennis Starks Relays Oct 7. The Irish beat Pittsburgh 138-106 Friday.

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

The women's swimming and diving team bounced back from a disappointing weekend against Cal and Purdue with a convincing win over Pittsburgh 138-105 Friday.

The Irish won seven out of 13 events, the most important of which were undoubtedly the first two events of the meet.

In both of the meets against Cal and Purdue, Notre Dame got off to slow starts, and the Irish spent the entire meet attempting to catch up. The relay team of Caroline Johnson, Julia Quinn, Katie Carroll and Rebecca Grove made sure that didn't happen again as they won the first event of the night, the 400-yard medley relay.

Freshman Claire Hutchinson lengthened the early lead with a victory in the 1,000-yard freestyle.

"We had a good week in practice, and we were able to use that to start out well and build off that for the rest of the meet," junior Jessica Stephens said.

The Panthers began to make a run during the middle of the meet, but the Irish put the meet out of reach during the 200-meter breast stroke. Notre Dame posted a 1, 2, 3 finish as Stephens won the event in 2:20.06 followed closely by teammates Quinn and Katie Hopkins.

Notre Dame was again aided by a strong performance from its freshmen, who accounted for three of the seven first-place finishes for the Irish.

"Even though they're few in number, they're fresh attitude and strong swimming has really inspired everybody else on the team," sophomore Caroline Johnson said.

> *"I think we're right where we need to be for the rest of the season."*
>
> **Jessica Stephens**
> **Irish swimmer**

The win gives the swimming and diving team its first victory of the season, boosting Notre Dame's record to 1-2. The team, which remained upbeat after its losses last weekend, is extremely confident as it heads into the main stretch of their season.

"Our training is going really well right now, and we're just focused on getting ready for our invitational which is in two weeks," Stephens said. "I think we're right where we need to be for the rest of the season."

The team's next meet is Friday at 5 p.m. in the Rolf's Aquatic Center.

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time we played there. We got our game plan right this time."

St. John's freshman midfielder Garry Lewis scored the game's only goal in the 78th minute of play. Senior midfielder Jeff Carroll took a free kick from midfield and found senior defender Billy Hole in the box. Hole sent the ball to Lewis, who headed it past Irish goalkeeper Chris Cahill to give St. John's the lead.

The two teams battled to a standstill for much of the first half, with neither side coming up with many scoring opportunities. With 35 seconds remaining in the half, though, the Irish received a big break. St. John's midfielder Sebastian Alvarado-Ralph was given a red card for elbowing Notre Dame senior defender Ben Crouse in the head. St. John's would have to play the rest of the game with one fewer man on the field than the Irish.

Playing a man up, Notre Dame began controlling play. The Irish held the ball for much of the second half, and Irish forwards Joe Lapira and Justin McGeeney had scoring chances for the Irish. The St. John's defense proved strong, though, and thwarted the Irish advances.

"In the second half, I thought we were really taking control of the game," Clark said. "It was looking as though if a goal was scored, it was going to be us that was going to get it. But we didn't."

Clark attributed the loss partly to the great home-field advantage held by the Red Storm. St. John's plays very well on its turf.

"It's very fast, and it makes for a very direct game," Clark said. "And they do that better than any team."

Midfielder Alex Yoshinaga led the Irish with four shots. Clark said Yoshinaga stood out as having a particularly strong game.

"[Yoshinaga] found the ball a lot and really worked very hard," Clark said. "[He] picked up second balls and played very well."

Cahill recorded five saves in the game, while St. John's keeper Jason Landers had two.

Notre Dame must now receive an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. Clark thinks his team has a good shot at being named to the 48-team field due to its tough schedule.

"We play one of the stronger schedules in the country," Clark said. "It's the strongest schedule we've ever played.

"I definitely think we are in very good shape."

The NCAA Tournament field will be announced on Monday, Nov. 14.

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Forward Joe Lapira looks to take control of the ball in Notre Dame's 3-0 loss to Indiana Oct 26. The Irish were eliminated from the Big East tournament after a 1-0 loss to the Red Storm Saturday.

ND Volleyball

Win streak snapped at 15

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

For only the second time this season, the No. 5 Notre Dame volleyball team (22-2, 11-1 Big East) lost.

Sunday, the Irish — who had won 15 consecutive matches — fell at Pittsburgh (16-9, 9-3 Big East) 30-23, 30-15, 27-30. 28-30, 13-15.

Saturday the Irish beat West Virginia in Morgantown 30-22, 30-20, 30-17, which kept alive their win streak for just one more day.

Senior Lauren Brewster led the Irish in both matches with 17 kills on .481 hitting against the Mountaineers and 20 kills on .364 hitting against the Panthers.

Fellow seniors Lauren Kelbley and Carolyn Cooper added 16 kills and nine kills, respectively, and sophomore Adrianna Stasuik registered eight.

In the final game against the Panthers, the Irish led 10-8. The Panthers then went on a 6-1 tear to take a commanding 14-11 lead. Notre Dame cut the lead to 14-13 but fell when Stasiuk uncharacteristically delivered a service error. On the day, the Irish had only three service aces but 14 service errors.

Pitt coach Chris Beerman must have said something fiery during the intermission between the second and third games.

The Irish had what looked like an insurmountable lead, but the Panthers stormed back.

In the first two games, the Irish pounded 33 kills on .342 hitting. After the break, the Irish had only 32 kills on .042 hitting.

The reason?

Pittsburgh made adjustments.

In the first two games, the Panthers registered only two blocks but blocked 15 spikes in the final three games.

The loss ended what was the second-longest winning-streak in program history for Notre Dame. It was the longest under coach Debbie Brown.

Despite the loss, the Irish remain tied for first place in the Big East with Louisville. If the two squads are tied heading into the Big East tournament, the Irish would receive the top seed because of their win over the Cardinals two weekends ago.

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of what that play could have been," she said. "It happened three other times right before that, and it just wasn't happening for us. At least we were creating the opportunities and [put] it in."

After surrendering its third goal, Connecticut regrouped and tried to mount an offensive attack to cut into the Irish lead.

But the Irish defense, led by Kim Lorenzen and Candace Chapman, prevented the Huskies from capitalizing on their chances. Despite controlling the ball for most of a 10-minute stretch in the middle of the second half, Connecticut failed to sustain a prolonged attack deep in the Irish zone.

Lorenzen redirected several crosses from her position at the center of the defense, and Chapman, the right back, marked the Connecticut forwards closely on her side of the field.

Waldrum said Chapman's ability to sustain a high energy of play for the entire game gives the Irish a decided advantage.

"I think she's kind of found her rhythm again as the outside back ... after playing up front for us last year," Waldrum said. "She's just so composed and she's just such a weapon coming out of the back."

The Irish offense complemented the team's defense in the second half, cashing in on opportunities it gained after the defense forced Connecticut turnovers.

Senior forward Maggie Manning scored her eighth goal of the year to give Notre Dame a 4-0 lead with 17 minutes remaining in the game. Thorlakson led Manning with a long pass to the right before Manning converted a one-on-one opportunity past a lunging Labbe.

Less than four minutes later, Susan Pinnick gave the Irish the 5-0 lead that would stand as the game's final score. Pinnick took a pass from Amanda Cinalli, faked left and netted her sixth goal of the season on the right side.

Notre Dame 3, Marquette 0

Notre Dame earned a spot in the title game with a 3-0 semifinal victory over Marquette Friday night in a redemption game for the Irish.

The Golden Eagles embarrassed Notre Dame earlier this year with a 4-1 drubbing at Valley Field but had little success mounting an attack Friday.

Waldrum said the team's success Friday was a result of postseason experience rather than revenge as motivation.

"You can't put all your energy into thinking about a revenge game and things like that," Waldrum said. "We've been in this situation of pressure-packed postseason games so many times, and our players know what it takes to perform at a high level when it matters the most."

The healthy and rested Irish, playing with junior defender Lorenzen, dominated the game from start to finish.

Lorenzen, who sat out both Irish losses this year for health reasons, centered the defense against Marquette and stifled the Golden Eagles' attack.

Waldrum said the presence of Lorenzen in the center of the backfield altered the course of Friday's game compared to the teams' previous meeting.

"We didn't make the excuses because of the injuries [after the loss]," Waldrum said. "[But] we weren't quite the way we would normally be on our back line [without Lorenzen]."

With Notre Dame's 3-0 victory Friday and 5-0 shutout Sunday, the Irish are now 15-0-0 in games in which Lorenzen starts, with a 76-3 goal advantage in those contests.

On the offensive side, Thorlakson opened the scoring for Notre Dame at 31:13 with goal No. 16 of the season for the senior.

Jen Buczkowski, who was named conference midfielder of the year at the Big East awards banquet Thursday, assisted on Thorlakson's goal and scored one of her own 9:44 into the second half.

Hanks reached the 60-point milestone in Notre Dame's 20th game just 10 minutes later. With assists from Annie Schefter and Lizzie Reed, the freshman tied Anne Makinen's team record of 23 goals in her freshman season and sealed the game for the Irish.

Notes

◆ With Thorlakson's second assist, she and Hanks became just the fourth duo of teammates in NCAA history with 60 points each in a season. Thorlakson (16G-28A) said she takes more pride in their accomplishments as a tandem than in her individual stats.

"I love playing with her," Thorlakson said of Hanks. "It's great that we can put those numbers up together."

◆ Notre Dame scored three or more goals for the eighth straight game Sunday and extended its winning streak to 10 since its September loss to Marquette. The eight straight games of three or more goals ties a school record.

"We've been good offensively all year," Waldrum said. "We've got a lot of weapons if we can get them all clicking at the same time."

◆ With the two weekend victories, Notre Dame avenged losses to the only two Big East teams to defeat the Irish since 2003. The Irish fell to the Huskies in the 2004 conference title game, 2-1.

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Michigan

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verting on 17 of 59 chances (28.8 percent), good enough for the sixth-best power play unit in the country.

With the roles reversed, Notre Dame was equally unsuccessful.

The Irish went 1-for-10 on the power play, the lone goal coming during a 5-on-3-man advantage at 16:32 in the second period scored by Tim Wallace.

"We gave guys open seams," Pooley said of the Irish penalty kill. "A backdoor goal, high slot goal, those are the things we can adjust on and just make sure we can cover better because it's a special teams game, and we lost the special teams battle tonight."

"In hockey, you can't get too high or too low or else you're in trouble."

Erik Condra
Irish center

The Irish trailed 6-3 after a well-executed Michigan two-on-one by T.J. Hensick and Andrew Cogliano ended with a one-timer to the right side by Hensick past diving Irish goalie David Brown (23 saves) 12:31 into the third.

Notre Dame responded immediately with pressure on the Michigan defensive zone, and the Wolverines were caught on their heels. In a span of 23 seconds, the Irish cut Michigan's lead to 6-5 and placed themselves in position to take back a game that had been the Wolverines' to own.

Freshman Garrett Regan deposited the puck past Michigan goaltender Noah Ruden (26 saves) on a fast break down the left side at 15:13 into the third. Regan deked towards the right on Ruden before pulling the puck back and around to the left post, where he slid the puck along the ice past a sprawling Ruden.

Fellow freshman Erik Condra went head-first for the win and the goal to put it at 6-5 on a breakaway. Condra broke hard towards the Michigan net, but was tripped up.

He managed to light the lamp while laying prone, just before crashing into the right post.

"[Jackson] was playing the guys that were competing out there, getting it done," Pooley said of personnel changes in the last minutes. "We shortened the bench and we were going after the win."

The Irish could not put the icing on the cake, however, and Michigan put the game away at 7-5 on a snipe from the right slot by Cogliano over Brown's shoulder less than a minute later. That was followed by an empty-net goal with under a minute remaining to seal the game at 8-5.

"The puck was bouncing, [Notre Dame] was getting the bounces and we were chasing them," Michigan head coach Red Berenson said. "We didn't play good team hockey in the third period. We found a way to win the game, but we can't be happy with our game."

The Irish set the tone early in the game when they took a 1-0 lead only 18 seconds after the puck dropped. Notre Dame won the faceoff and charged into the Wolverine zone. Wallace attempted a wrap-around that led to a mad scramble for the puck in front of the net, where Matt Amado buried the puck for the goal.

Michigan followed that up with four unanswered goals, three on the power play, between the midway points of the first and second periods. Freshman Travis Turnbull tied the game at 1-1 halfway through the first during a scramble in front of Brown on a power play. And with less than a minute left in the first, Wolverine Chad Kolarik beat Brown low and away on a hard snap shot.

Jason Bailey and Brandon Naurato tallied a goal apiece in the first half of the second to put Michigan at 4-1. The Irish answered with Wallace's power play goal, but then allowed Michigan to put the game at 5-2 on a Kevin Porter shot less than three minutes into the third.

The momentum swung towards the Irish yet again when Mike Walsh took control of the puck along the right side of the boards in front of Michigan's net.

Walsh turned and fired a hard wrist shot towards Ruden and beat the goalie high to cut the lead to 5-3 at 7:16 into the period.

The game remained deadlocked until the scoring explosion in the latter half of the third.

"In hockey you can't get too high or too low or else you're in trouble," Condra said of the back-and-forth nature of the game. "You get too low, and they score a couple of goals, and you're just down. We stayed pretty calm on the bench and came back. It's tough going back and forth with all the emotion shifts."

Michigan 4, Notre Dame 2

The special teams trouble that plagued the Irish on Friday night continued into Saturday as the team traveled to Michigan for the second half of the series.

Michigan (7-1-1 overall) prevailed over Notre Dame 4-2 and swept the two-game season series while scoring three power play goals on six chances.

The Irish gave the nod to freshman goalie Jordan Pearce to start between the pipes, and he made 25 saves on the night.

A two-goal second period for the Wolverines insured the loss that moved the Irish to 1-5-0 on the year.

Kolarik found the back of the net at 15:10 into the second on the bane of Notre Dame's existence — the power play — to put the game at 3-2 in Michigan's favor. Hensick followed up with a goal of his own 1:22 later to cap the scoring at 4-2.

Michigan got on the board first, just five minutes into the first period, on a power play goal by Cogliano, but was soon evened up with an Amado goal.

Amado was assisted by Wallace on the rebound goal at 6:34. The Irish took their second lead in two nights at 11:34 into the first on a Michael Bartlett shot. The lead would remain 2-1 in Notre Dame's favor until 19:55 into the period.

Kolarik notched his third goal in two games and tied the game up at 2-2 on an open net rebound.

The Irish will host Bowling Green in two straight home games, starting Thursday night at 7:35 p.m.

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Right wing Tim Wallace reaches for the puck against Michigan in the Wolverines' 8-5 victory over the Irish Friday night.

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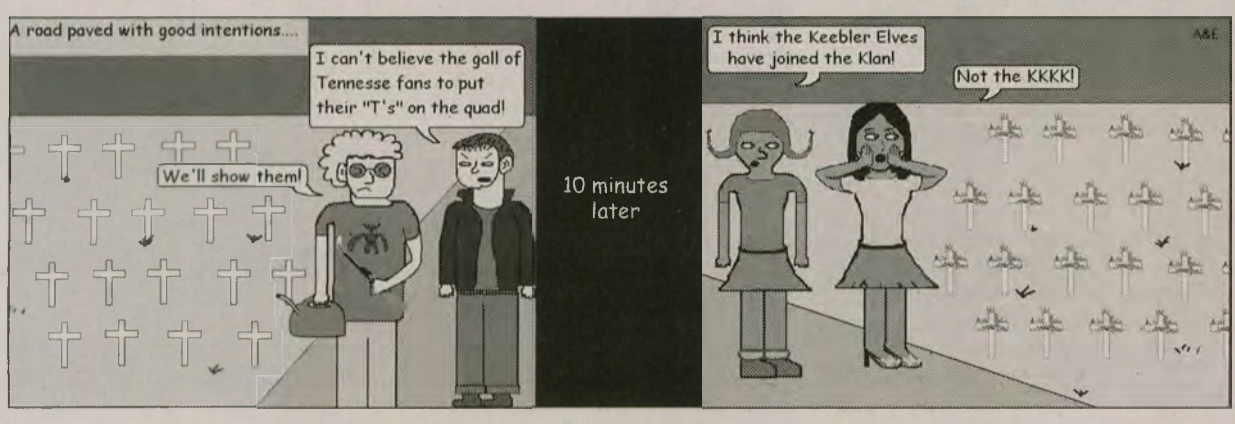

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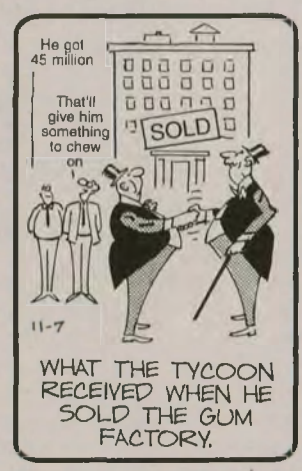

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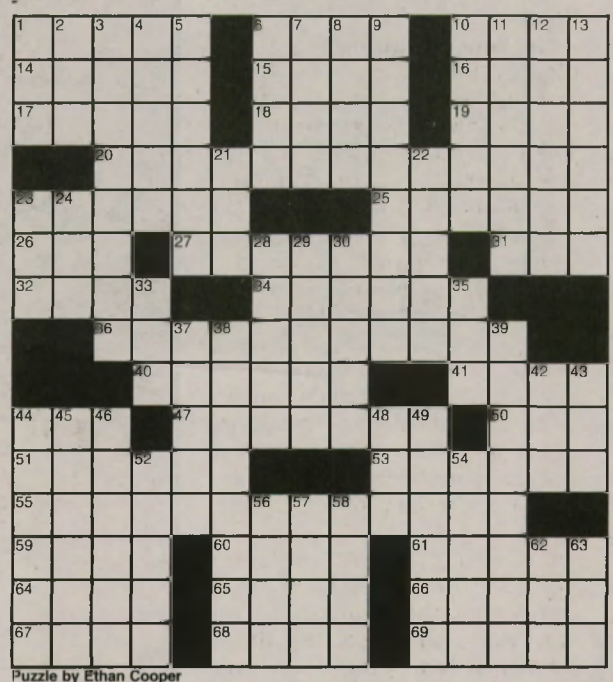

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sunday slaughter

Thorlakson leads Irish to first conference title since 2001

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE, Wisc. — Katie Thorlakson finally added a postseason Big East Championship to her résumé.

The two-time conference offensive player of the year, who also picked up national player of the year honors last season from three soccer publications, led the No. 5 Irish Sunday to a 5-0 victory over rival Connecticut for Notre Dame's first conference tournament victory since 2001.

"I was getting to the point where it never thought it was going to happen," the senior said. "It's good [and] it's good that we won so handily."

In front of just 418 fans at blustery Valley Fields on the campus of Marquette University, Thorlakson secured tournament offensive MVP honors with two assists and a corner kick to set up another Irish goal against the No. 15 Huskies.

With 20 minutes remaining in the first half, Thorlakson sent a corner kick from the right side that drifted back towards the net amidst the heavy Milwaukee wind. Connecticut goalie Stephanie Labbe blocked junior Christie Shaner's one-time header, but freshman Brittany Bock found the net on the rebound to give the Irish a 2-0 advantage with 19:17 remaining in the first half.

"It was hard because the wind's really high today, so I was just trying to put it up a little higher because I know Shaner can outjump pretty much anyone," Thorlakson said.

Notre Dame, whose victory extended its winning streak to 224 games when it takes a 2-0 lead, remained aggressive even with the early advantage. The Irish bench kept the first line's quick tempo and forced Connecticut to play on its heels all 90 minutes.

Irish head coach Randy Waldrum said Notre Dame's talent on its second line makes it more like a hockey second line than the usual soccer substitution.

"I think you could see today our depth came on and did a great job for us," Waldrum said. "Those kids, any [time] ... we've changed them, we haven't skipped a beat."

Freshman standout Kerri Hanks extended the Irish lead to three and picked up goal No. 24 on the season — a new Irish freshman record — with a tap-in of a Thorlakson cross 20:15 into the second half.

Thorlakson said she was not surprised she and Hanks combined for the goal.

"That was like the fourth replay

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer
Freshman Brittany Bock brings the ball upfield during Notre Dame's 5-0 victory over the Huskies Sunday.

WOMEN'S INTERHALL

The Chaos move one step closer

By JAMES FEGAN, GREG ARBOGAST, CATHERINE KANE and DREW FONTANAROSA
Sports Writers

Cavanaugh quarterback Lisa Ruffer's pass sailed through the cold November air into the waiting arms of her receiver, who shed a tackle and streaked down the sideline for a 50-yard touchdown, providing Cavanaugh with an important score on its opening drive of a 14-0 victory over Badin.

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With icy winds blowing through McGlinn fields all afternoon, both offenses were as cold as the weather and were unable to sustain any drives most of the day. Cavanaugh struggled offensively, but capitalized on a few big pass plays for scores. After passing for a score on Cavanaugh's initial drive, Ruffer completed a 25-yard pass to get

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MEN'S SOCCER

Team falls to St. John's 1-0

MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer
Irish forward Alex Yoshinaga kicks the ball in Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over Syracuse Nov. 2 at Alumni Field.

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame was out for redemption.

On Sept. 16, the Irish were badly outplayed at St. John's in a 2-1 loss to the Red Storm. Notre Dame headed into Saturday night's rematch in the second round of the Big East Tournament looking for a much better result this time around in New York.

But despite playing a very competitive game, the Irish fell to the Red Storm 1-0 and were eliminated from the Big East Tournament.

"We played fairly well," Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark said. "We certainly played better than the last

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HOCKEY

Irish drop two wild games to Wolverines

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The sold-out crowd packed into the Joyce Athletic Center Friday night played witness to an electric, momentum-shifting game punctuated with goals fit for the highlight reel — and plenty of them — in a thrilling 8-5 loss to the Michigan Wolverines.

Notre Dame had to battle from behind against the No. 3 Wolverines most of the night, trailing by a 4-1 margin in the second stanza and then by 5-2 and 6-3 during the third period.

But the Irish refused to give up and fought back to put the game at 6-5 with slightly more than four minutes remaining in regulation, before Michigan was able to put the game away with its seventh goal.

"We competed hard down the stretch," Irish associate head coach Paul Pooley said. "It was a pleasure to watch, because that is what Coach [Jeff] Jackson has been talking about since day one: competing, competing, competing and never-say-die, and we showed that tonight."

The Irish struggled mightily on the penalty kill, allowing four power play goals on the first five Michigan chances — the Wolverines had seven total man-advantages. Michigan has thrived on the power play this season, con-

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND VOLLEYBALL
Panthers 3
Irish 2
Pittsburgh snaps No. 5 Notre Dame's 15-match winning streak Sunday.
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WOMEN'S SWIMMING
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Notre Dame knocks off Big East rival Pittsburgh to improve dual meet record to 1-2.
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MEN'S SWIMMING
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Irish rally from 119-107 deficit to edge Panthers in the meet's final event.
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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS
Twins Christian and Catrina Thompson fall short in their bid to win the ITA National Indoor Championships.
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Notre Dame held off Tennessee Saturday with the help of two Tom Zbikowski touchdowns.
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