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University addresses community relations

Community Campus Advisory Coalition discusses concerns about off-campus parties

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Issues between students living off campus, their neighbors and police were discussed Thursday at a Community Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) meeting at the South Bend Common Council.

Student leaders, local college officials and community leaders on the Coalition gathered for the first time this academic year. The Coalition was formed just over a year ago to address concerns about college students living off campus in the South Bend area.

Concerns about off campus

parties on football weekends was the primary issue discussed, although South Bend Common Council members and residents said this season has been relatively "good."

Coalition chair Al "Buddy" Kirsits, a South Bend Common Council member, said other than a few specific incidents — including the 37 people arrested Sept. 21 at a party on the 700-block of E. Colfax Ave. — on the whole, "things have been good."

Marguerite Taylor, who lives in the northwest neighborhood, agreed, despite concerns going into the school year.

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QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer
University Associate Vice President of Residence Life Bill Kirk spoke at the CCAC meeting on Thursday.

Block parties held to introduce residents, boost communication

By JOSEPH MCMAHON
Assistant News Editor

With tensions between students and South Bend residents reaching a boiling point in recent weeks, local landlord Mark Kramer and Student Government leaders have united to attempt to repair the strained relations by hosting block parties.

"Hopefully [the block parties are] going to repair the relations. We're just trying to build a rapport between the students in the community and their neighbors so that the tensions are not as high," Kramer said.

The block parties, which feature free food, a live band and safety presentations from local police departments, provide a casual forum where students and residents can interact and get to know each other.

"We really want them to be able to talk on the same level because we're all residents of South Bend here, and we just thought the block party would be the perfect environment for that to happen," off-campus president Billy Lyman said.

Kramer said he has actually been holding block parties for the last eight years; however, in the wake of the ordinance last year, the focus of the events switched from safety to improving community relations.

"The whole purpose when I started eight years ago was to present crime prevention to the students and to get them acclimated to the neighborhood," he said. "Last year, we had a major focus on Notre Dame Ave. when we created Corby Row and some of the neighbors were a little concerned about students moving

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QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer
Students currently residing at number 815 E. Wayne St., pictured above, were fined by the Office of Residence Life and Housing as a result of hosting a party Aug. 29.

Off-campus seniors fined \$1,000 by University after neighbor complaints to SPBD, Mayor

By JENN METZ
News Editor

After moving into their off-campus house in August, Notre Dame seniors Taylor Montgomery, Joey Brown, James DuBray and Lorenzo Reyes, a sports writer for The Observer, threw a party.

Neighbors, concerned with the noise and crowds gathering outside the residence at number 815 E. Wayne St., called the South Bend Police Department (SBPD) twice during the night of the party on Aug. 28.

DuBray and his roommates showed The Observer the police records from that night from 9:47 p.m. and 11:18 p.m., stating neighbors' complaints: "Loud music coming from resi-

dent, caller would like it turned down" and "large ND party, throwing trash around, throwing bottles at houses," respectively.

Police officers who went to the house that night advised the seniors to stop the loud music and to take the party inside after the first complaint, and upon the second complaint, warned that a citation would be issued if the police had to return a third time.

DuBray said the police did not come back that night, and that no citations or tickets were issued.

"That's why we were kind of shocked to get a letter from ResLife," he said, referring to the Office of Residence Life and

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Respect Life Week comes to a close

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Although Respect Life Week is coming to a close, its organizers are still eager to spread its message. "Our hope is that every Notre Dame student — every Catholic — attempts to view the issue of abortion in an intellectually honest fashion," John Gerardi, the coordinator of Respect Life Week and member of Notre Dame's Right to Life club, said.

With the Presidential election

only a month away, Notre Dame's Right to Life Club sponsored the week to not only inform students about abortion, but also to address the responsibility of Catholic voters.

"This year in particular we are attempting to inform our students of the guidelines presented to us by the Church for how Catholics ought to influence the culture through politics, and to understand the importance of voting to protect life in the ballot box," Gerardi

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Students protest labor practices

Present letter to Jenkins' office calling for divestment from HEI Hotels

By JOSEPH MCMAHON
Assistant News Editor

Socially conscious students gathered on the steps of the Main Building Thursday afternoon to deliver a personal letter to University President Fr. John Jenkins demanding that the University divest its funds from HEI Hotels and Resorts — a company which the students said has unfair labor practices.

"We believe that our University is invested in a company that completely

disregards the principles that our University seeks to cultivate," said the letter, which was authored by the Coalition for Economic Justice. "HEI Hotels and Resorts has repeatedly undermined the dignity of their employees and denied their fundamental right to organize in an environment free from fear and intimidation."

Although Jenkins was not in his office, the group handed the letter to his secretary.

In addition to the Coalition for Economic Justice, which is composed of three stu-

dents, nine other campus groups signed the letter — Mecha ND, Notre Dame Peace Fellowship, Notre Dame Vietnamese Student Association, Filipino-American Student Organization, Campus Labor Action Project, Feminist Voice, Human Rights Notre Dame, ND-8 and the Progressive Student Alliance. Coalition member Thanh Le said he first heard about the company's unfair practices while working as an intern with Unite Here over

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INSIDE COLUMN

Balls everywhere!

When one of my roommate's brothers came to visit recently, we decided we needed to do something a little bit different. We needed something new, something fresh, something unique. It all started Thursday night. It was your typical night: "The Office," Rock Band, a beer ball, someone getting kicked off Notre Dame's campus for life and then arrested (his name is Dan and he has hazel eyes. If you have any information about it, please let me know. We don't know what happened).

Jay Fitzpatrick

Managing Editor




And after such a normal, almost banal, night, we decided to spice things up on Friday. After playing some beer pong, something magical — something Hall of Fame worthy — happened. The visiting brother (let's just call him Mike) told us about this great new game he had just come up with. And thus, Balls Everywhere! was born. The game seems simple, but let's be honest. This ain't your father's drinking game. As many people that fit in the room play split into two teams and start with their hands under the table on opposite ends. A large amount of ping pong balls are required (at least 30) in a container. We recommend buying the multi-pack from Wal-Mart. Turn the container upside down in the middle of the table, and have one person lift and yell the game's name. Chaos ensues. Teams try their hardest to shoot balls into a cup on the opposing team's side. As many people can shoot at one time as long as someone on your team is chugging. The game continues until six shots have been made in one cup. It is best to use an enclosed area (a room with four full walls or a make-shift screen over any doorways is the best). Beyond these simple regulations, there is only one more rule: There are no rules. Players can dive on the ground, swat balls to their side, and do whatever it takes to get the W. In fact, competitors may go as far as to strike an opponent right in the nose if need be. "Play to win, win to play" is the simple mantra of Balls Everywhere! Perhaps the greatest part of this drinking game is that it should instead be called a drinking sport. This is not the sort of thing you can leisurely do one evening as a precursor to a night on the town — steam showers are a required part of any post-game plans. If nothing else, Balls Everywhere! goes to show the wonder of the American educational system. A brain trust of college seniors and recent college graduates put their heads together and created something so beautiful that it brought a tear to my eye. If you want to know more about the next great college activity, just go ahead and visit the game's official Web site, ballseverywhere.com.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Jay Fitzpatrick at jfitzp5@nd.edu.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE BEST HIDDEN TREASURE ON CAMPUS?

 <div>Ann Mazur Fischer Grad "Saint Mary's Deep Trails."</div>	 <div>Justin Sablich sophomore Keenan "Room 435, Keenan Hall."</div>	 <div>Megan Smith sophomore Pasquerilla West "The pass around the lakes because it's quiet."</div>	 <div>Tom Pesch freshman Morrissey "Booty! Some nice pirate booty!"</div>
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Mark Easley competes as Mr. Keenan in the talent portion of the Mr. ND pageant held on Wednesday.

OFFBEAT

Robber in Mich. ends up \$30 in the hole

WARREN, Mich. — Police said a strong-arm robber got locked in a chokehold by his intended victim and ended up \$30 in the hole. Police in the Detroit suburb of Warren said the robber approached a 36-year-old man and demanded money on Tuesday night. When the robber tried to flee with \$50, police said he was tackled by his victim. The Macomb Daily of Mount Clemens and The Detroit News reported the man got the robber in a chokehold and demanded his cash back.

Detective Lt. Michael Torey said the victim got his money back and that the robber was so scared he gave the man \$80. The intended victim injured his wrist during the scuffle. Police were looking for the robber, who fled on foot. Judge sentences rap music fan to Bach, Beethoven URBANA, Ohio — A defendant had a hard time facing the music. Andrew Vactor was facing a \$150 fine for playing rap music too loudly on his car stereo in July. But a judge offered to reduce that to \$35 if Vactor spent 20 hours listening to classical music by the likes of Bach, Beethoven and Chopin. Vactor, 24, lasted only about 15 minutes, a probation officer said. It wasn't the music, Vactor said, he just needed to be at practice with the rest of the Urbana University basketball team. "I didn't have the time to deal with that," he said. "I just decided to pay the fine."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

"Bach's Lunch: A Noontime Concert," a short classical concert featuring advanced students from the Department of Music will take place today at 12:10 p.m. in Penote Performer's Hall in DebBartolo Performing Arts Center. The audience is welcome to bring their lunch to this event.

St. Edward's Hall Players are performing "Romance" Friday and Saturday from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Washington Hall. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for the general public.







The Institute for Latino Studies will host the "Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month: Fiesta del Sol" today at 7 p.m. There will be music, dancing and food available at Feildhouse Mall for all students.

The Keough- Naughton Institute for Irish Studies will host a lecture called "The Formation of the Irish Historical Conciousness" today at 3 p.m. in DeBartolo 118.

L.A. Theater Works, a radio theater company, is presenting "War of the Worlds" and "The Lost World" in Debartolo Performing Arts Center at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$45 for the general public, \$36 for faculty/staff, and \$15 for students.

There will be a walk of solidarity called the "Gulu Walk" Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to raise awareness for child soldiers in Uganda. transportation will be provided at Main Circle starting at 12:30. Donations are encouraged.

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

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Undergraduate students present summer research projects

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Notre Dame undergraduates in the College of Science demonstrated how they transformed classroom learning into real world application with the presentation of their summer research projects in Jordan Hall Thursday.

The students showcased their projects for the College of Science Fall Symposium for Undergraduate Research.

The symposium gives students the chance to talk about the research they have done while at the same time giving other students an occasion to hear about the research opportunities available at Notre Dame, the College of Science's Undergraduate research coordinator Dr. Dominic Chaloner said.

Chaloner estimated that about 40 percent of undergraduates in the College of Science participate in research.

"I have always been impressed at the cutting-edge level of research students are doing," he said.

The students participated in research from all disciplines of the College of Science, including math, physics, chemistry, biology, Chaloner said.

Students utilized the career center and the College of Science faculty to find research opportunities, he said.

Chaloner said the University strongly encourages undergraduate students to do research.

"We are trying to create a profile of research among undergraduates," he said. "This is not something that just graduate students are doing."

While undergraduate research is particularly stressed for students hoping to attend medical school, Chaloner said research will help students gain skills for any career path.

"Doing research is going to

help [students] be better in whatever they decide in terms of a career," he said.

Skills like project management, time management, working with a team and gathering and synthesizing information are all formed through undergraduate research and these skills can help a student in any academic endeavor, Chaloner said.

While 40 percent of students doing research is high, Chaloner said the other 60 percent should be also doing research, or at least seriously considering it.

"I think all of them can be doing research and should be doing research," he said.

Students learn the science they are studying in a classroom more effectively when they put it into action, Chaloner said.

"My mantra is that the best way to learn is to do, so the best way to learn about science is to do science," he said. "So I think that a student that really wants to further their science education should have some level of scientific research in their curriculum."

The undergraduate students who presented projects at the fair said the research experi-

ence was a valuable one.

Junior Will Culligan said he learned about how science takes place on a day-to-day basis through his research at the University of Connecticut Health Center.

He said he aided research in finding an anti-malarial drug. The group looked for compounds that stopped the enzyme that aids the reproduction of the Malaria virus.

"We found three compounds that did a good job of stopping the enzyme function," Culligan said. "We are hoping that in the future, the compounds can be used as anti-malarial drugs."

Senior Thomas Gruffi started researching anti-cancer compounds with his organic chemistry professor.

"I had an interest in what he was researching, so I asked to join his lab," Gruffi said.

The group looked for natural compounds that have the biological activity to kill cancer

cells, he said. When these compounds are found in nature, the research group tried to reproduce them synthetically in the lab, Gruffi said.

"I learned a lot of independence in terms of trying to work things out myself," he said.

Gruffi said the research was different than research done in the classroom labs.

"There is an actual goal to it," he said. "You can have an actual affect on people's lives."

Junior Dan Reid participated in research in the "middle of nowhere" in

Wisconsin through a Notre Dame summer research program. Reid said he studied turtle behavior in the afternoons while taking classes in the mornings.

"It was a lot of fun," he said. "I got some credits out of it and I got to do my own experiment."

"My mantra is that the best way to learn is to do, so the best way to learn about science is to do science."

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On the occasion of National Coming Out Day, October 11, 2008, we, the Core Council for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students, join Notre Dame's gay and lesbian students in gratitude for the love and support they have received from family and friends.



We recommit ourselves to providing educational opportunities for the entire Notre Dame community. Our major educational programs are NETWORK and CommUnity, sponsored in collaboration with the Office of Student Affairs. NETWORK prepares individuals on campus to offer a confidential and respectful place of dialogue and encouragement regarding gay and lesbian concerns. CommUnity focuses on first-year students in an effort to promote awareness and understanding of homosexuality within the Notre Dame community. We also offer opportunities for conversation and fellowship through our monthly coffee hours and informal drop-in sessions with Core Council members.

In the Spirit of Inclusion, we urge all members of our community to redouble their efforts to make our campus a safe and welcoming place, free from harassment of any kind.

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Organization explores radio history

Amateur Radio Club covers everything from Morse Code to antenna design

By ALYSSA MORONES
News Writer

In 1899 Notre Dame professor of Telegraphy Jerome Green sent the first "long distance" wireless signal in America with a self-built transmitter from atop a Notre Dame flagpole (which later would sit atop the Basilica of the Sacred Heart) to a receiver perched on Saint Mary's clock tower a mile away.

Today, Notre Dame students continue the wireless radio tradition with the Amateur Radio Club — an organization that encompasses many different facets of radio, from Morse code to antenna design.

The Amateur Radio Club, which uses a system known as Ham radio, is one of Notre Dame's oldest clubs. The University's archives are riddled with newspaper clippings and photographs detailing Notre Dame's history in radio. In 1933 in Washington Hall, University President Emeritus, Fr. John F. O'Hara, presented an honorary degree to Guglielmo Marconi, the first man to successfully transmit messages without the aid of wire.

Today, Ham radio continues to allow participants to contact each other using various types of radio communications equipment. The system is also useful in emergency or disaster situations. After Hurricane Katrina, when all corporate owned radio systems were down, Ham radio helped to organize volunteer services.

Notre Dame's current chapter of the Amateur Radio Club was started four years ago. The club "allows people with similar interests to explore various radio communication systems," club president Patrick Kane.

In contrast to what the title implies, Amateur Radio does not denote a lack of skill. The club's faculty advisor, Finance Professor Barry Keating, said "the reason operators are called amateurs is because they don't do it for money. In fact, these students are quite skilled."

"Amateur Radio Club encourages worldwide communication," Kane said. "The bond between the club members is good and we have a really supportive faculty."

The club receives particular support from Notre Dame's Engineering department as some members of the department are active radio operators. Interest in the club, though, is not confined to students and professors. One of the members of Notre Dame's maintenance staff is a skilled Morse code operator.

Club members' interest in radio stems from various places. "I've always been fascinated with radio," Kane said. "A high school teacher got me into it. I've always wanted to make my own radio-controlled car."

Club member and junior Electrical Engineering major Marcin Morys said he joined the Amateur Radio Club because of his interest in researching wireless communication.

Professor Keating's interest can be traced back to his

childhood, when one of his neighbors invited him to talk to someone halfway around the world using a radio he had set up in his garage.

As one of Notre Dame's only technically oriented clubs, the Amateur Radio Club gives students the opportunity to explore their technical inclinations. "It's not uncommon for students to actually wind up taking jobs similar to the extracurricular activities they participated in while in college," Keating said.

"What's great about Ham radio is that the possibilities are endless — you're not confined to one aspect," Kane said.

The club participates in a wide range of activities. In the past, Notre Dame students might have spotted the Amateur Radio Club's members wandering in the quad with what looked like large TV antennae, trying to bounce signals off satellites. Also, last year the club bought a transceiver kit for each club member that they built together and allowed them to communicate with people around the world.

Later in the year, the club plans to hold their Amateur Radio licensing class, which gives students the opportunity to get their Amateur Radio license in a single day. The class consists of a cram session followed by an FCC administered test, which no longer includes Morse code. Notre Dame's club has never had a student fail this test, Keating said.

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Mentoring club seeks new recruits

By AMANDA GRAY
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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's is looking for new recruits to be mentors to local area children, club president and Notre Dame senior Charlie Cummings said.

As one of the oldest clubs on campus, "it's been active since the 1970s," said Cummings.

Big Brothers Big Sisters was started in Cincinnati by a man named Irvin Westheimer, according to the organization's Web site.

"BBBS is active all over the country," Cummings said.

Some concern has been developing over the amount of students and faculty from Notre Dame that participate in the program.

"[Big Brothers Big Sisters] of Notre Dame's enrollment is much lower than it has been historically," Cummings said. "There is a waiting list of over 40 Littles in South Bend that need to be matched up."

Cummings' Little, Jay Robinson, is a ten year old South Bend native. His mother, Tanya Robinson, thinks very highly of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

"I feel that it gives him something positive to look forward to," Tanya Robinson said on Wednesday. "It helps keep kids off of the streets."

Jay Robinson's favorite activity with Cummings is "video games," according to

his mother.

Mentors meet with the children "once a week for a couple of hours, whenever the Big and Little can arrange to get together," said Cummings. "It is each individual Big's responsibility to pick up their Little each week and stay in touch with them."

Activities range from playing games, to going to sporting events and out to eat.

Jay Robinson has been a part of the program for four years, according to his mother.

In Big Brothers Big Sisters, males are matched with males and females are matched with females. Currently, there is a need for more male Bigs because there are more male Littles on the list than females.

Cummings said to call Debra Walker at 574-232-9958 for information about joining BBBS, or go to www.bbbs-sjc.org

"Fill out an application, participate in a short interview, and you're in," he said.

According to Cummings, a short personality assessment is given during the interview to match a potential Big up with the best possible match of a Little.

"My Little is a great match for me, he's relatively introverted, but extremely well-mannered and funny," said Cummings. "He has a great outlook on life and has a heart of gold."

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Palin pre-empts state ethics report, clears name

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE — Trying to head off a potentially embarrassing state ethics report on GOP vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin, campaign officials released their own report Thursday that clears her of any wrongdoing.

Sen. John McCain's running mate is the subject of a legislative investigation into whether she abused her power as governor by firing her public safety commissioner. The commissioner, Walter Monegan, says he was dismissed in July for resisting pressure from Palin's husband, Todd Palin, and numerous top aides to fire state trooper Mike Wooten, Palin's former brother-in-law.

Lawmakers are expected to release their own findings Friday. Campaign officials have yet to see that report — the result of an investigation that began before she was tapped as McCain's running mate — but said the investigation has falsely portrayed a legitimate policy dispute between a governor and her commissioner as something inappropriate.

"The following document will prove Walt Monegan's dismissal was a result of his insubordination and budgetary clashes with Governor Palin and her administration," cam-

paign officials wrote. "Trooper Wooten is a separate issue."

Monegan said Thursday that he doesn't know what to expect from the legislative panel's own report.

"I just hope that the truth is figured out," Monegan told The Associated Press on Thursday. "That the governor did want me to fire him, and I chose to not. You just can't walk up to someone and say, 'I fire you.' He didn't do anything under my watch to result in termination."

Palin's critics say that shows she used her office to settle family affairs.

"When you're the governor, you leave your household hat at home and you become governor," said state Senate President Lyda Green, a Republican who has frequently clashed with Palin.

McCain spokesman Taylor Griffin, who distributed the campaign's report, said it was based on public filings and Todd Palin's affidavit.

The report blames former campaign opponent, Andrew Halcro, who has a blog, of conspiring with Wooten to pin Monegan's dismissal on the family's dispute with Wooten. Three days after Monegan was fired, they say, Wooten told his ex-wife, Palin's sister, that: "You guys are going down. Get ready for the show."

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Dalai Lama admitted to hospital

NEW DELHI — The Dalai Lama was hospitalized in New Delhi, his spokesman said early Friday, just days after a medical checkup cleared the Tibetan spiritual leader to resume foreign travel.

Tenzin Taklha told The Associated Press that the Dalai Lama was admitted to a New Delhi hospital for "further consultations with doctors."

Taklha declined to say when he was hospitalized or provide any details on his condition. He said he expected more information to be released later in the day.

The Press Trust of India news agency reported that the spiritual leader was admitted to the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in the Indian capital. The hospital's duty officer Dr. Priyank Tyagi would not comment on the the report.

In August, the 73-year-old Dalai Lama was admitted to a Mumbai hospital and underwent tests for abdominal discomfort. Doctors advised him to cancel a planned trip to Europe and rest, saying he was suffering from exhaustion.

Zimbabwe facing food scarcity

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Some rural Zimbabweans facing one of the hungriest years they could remember have been forced to live on a meal a day and in some cases only on wild fruits, the U.N. food aid agency said Thursday.

The World Food Program appealed for donations to help fight hunger in Zimbabwe, straining as an economic collapse, years of food scarcity, AIDS and poor weather have combined to put it in a category all its own in a region where most nations are poor.

"Zimbabwe is the only one that is facing a national crisis," agency spokesman Richard Lee said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Arkansas drops foster ban

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Arkansas plans to reverse course and allow unmarried or same-sex couples to take on foster children on a case-by-case basis, even as voters prepare to decide the issue in November, the state Department of Human Services said Thursday.

The agency said it would end its plan to formalize the prohibition, which has been in place since an executive directive was signed in 2005. The department said it will instead propose allowing state workers to place foster children case by case.

"Recognizing that this is a sensitive societal issue, it's important to expand our recruitment base so that we can find a family that best meets the needs of every child," agency director John Selig said.

Voters to rule on animal treatment

ATWATER, Calif. — At the J.S. West and Cos. poultry farm, half a million chickens are squeezed six at a time into wire cages where they must share 2 square feet of space.

Beneath them, conveyor belts whisk away excrement while 1.2 million eggs travel from hen to carton each day without touching a human hand.

California voters will decide next month whether this kind of operation is an example of factory farming at its most efficient — or the cruel farming practices of producers concerned only about the bottom line.

LOCAL NEWS

Murderer takes own life

INDIANAPOLIS — An illegal immigrant serving five life terms for the strangling deaths of his wife, three young daughters and a neighborhood girl apparently took his own life Thursday by hanging himself, authorities said.

Simon Rios, 36, was found in his cell at the Pendleton Correctional Facility about 25 miles northeast of Indianapolis at 12:29 a.m. Thursday, prison spokesman David Barr said. Rios was pronounced dead about 40 minutes later after guards and medical personnel couldn't revive him.

ELECTION 2008

McCain criticizes Obama's past

Attacks on Obama's relationship with former Vietnam-era war protester

Associated Press

WAUKESHA, Wis. — Republican presidential candidate John McCain said Thursday that questions about Democratic rival Barack Obama's association with a former war protester linked to Vietnam-era bombings are part of a broader issue of honesty.

In his strongest personal criticism since his faltering campaign began casting Obama as an unknown and unacceptable candidate, McCain told supporters that Obama had not been truthful in describing his relationship with former radical William Ayers. The Arizona senator also said Obama himself has "a clear radical, far-left pro-abortion record."

Loud cheers from 4,000 people gathered at a sports complex near Milwaukee greeted McCain's attacks over Ayers, who helped found the Weather Underground, a Vietnam protest group that bombed government buildings 40 years ago. Obama has pointed out that he was a child at the time and first met Ayers and his wife, ex-radical Bernadine Dohrn, a quarter-century later.

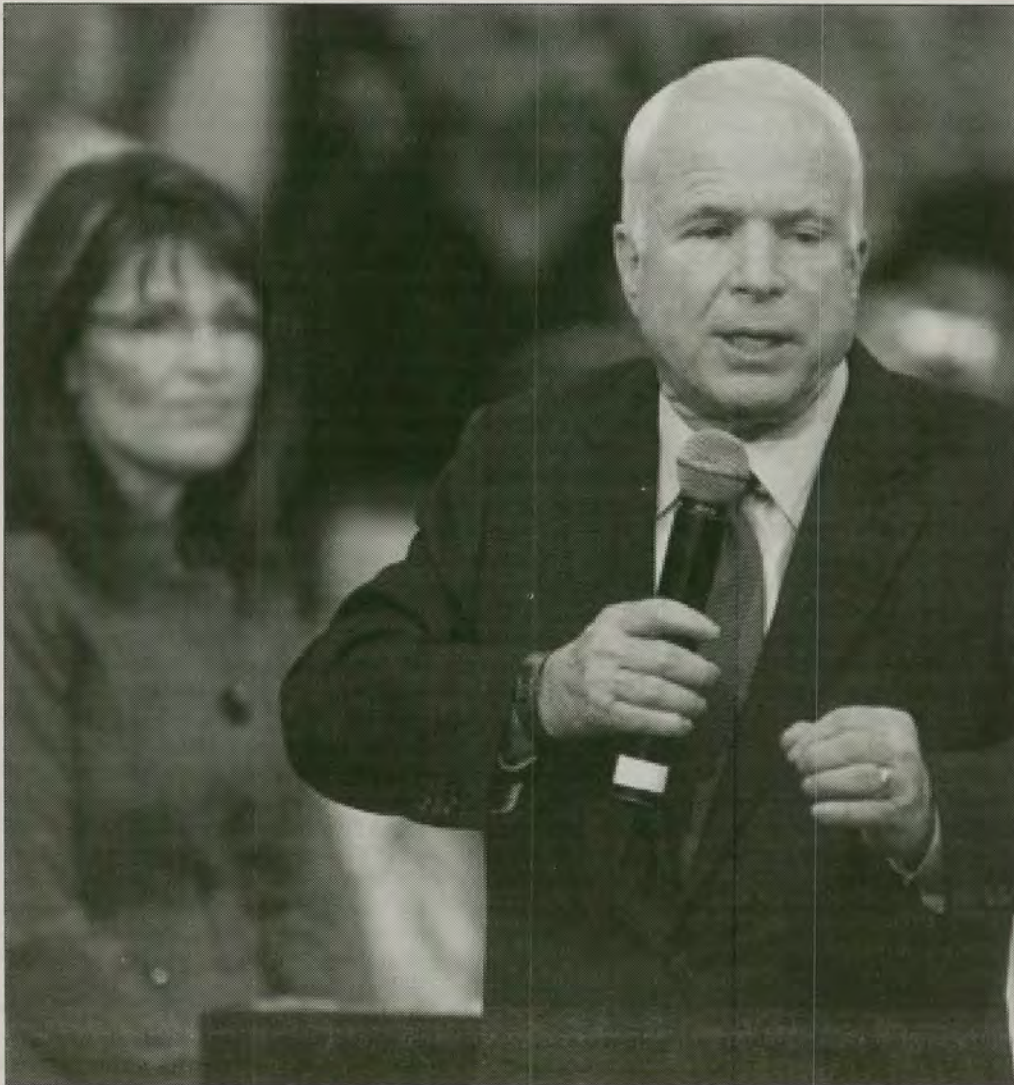
"Look, we don't care about an old, washed-up terrorist and his wife," McCain said. "That's not the point here."

"He's a terrorist!" a man in the audience screamed without making clear to whom he was referring.

"We need to know the full extent of the relationship," McCain replied. Later, McCain told ABC News: "It's a factor about Sen. Obama's candor and truthfulness with the American people."

Obama has denounced Ayers and his violent actions and views. He dismisses McCain's criticism as an effort to "score cheap political points."

The AP and other news organizations have reported that Obama and Ayers, now a college professor who lives in Obama's neighborhood, are not close but that they



Republican Presidential nominee Sen. John McCain, accompanied by his running mate, Alaskan Gov. Sarah Palin, speaks at a rally in Waukesha, Wis. on Wednesday.

worked together on two non-profit organizations from the mid-1990s to 2002. In addition, Ayers hosted a small meet-the-candidate event for Obama in 1995 as he first ran for the state Senate.

David Axelrod, a senior campaign adviser, says that Obama, who was a child living in Indonesia and Hawaii in the late 1960s and early 1970s, was not aware of Ayers' radical past at the time of that campaign event. Some McCain supporters have expressed skepticism about that.

Some of those at the rally questioned why McCain was trailing Obama and why no one was talking about

Obama's past associations.

Obama's history with Ayers was explored during the primaries in news reports and in a campaign debate. It has been resurrected by the GOP campaign as the economic crisis deepened in recent days.

Responding to McCain's criticism, Obama campaign spokesman Tommy Vietor said, "It's now clear that John McCain would rather launch angry, personal attacks than talk about the economy or defend his risky bailout scheme that hands over billions in taxpayer dollars to the same irresponsible Wall Street banks and lenders that got us into this mess a

scheme that guarantees taxpayers will lose money."

One person at the rally here suggested McCain get tougher in his final debate with Obama next week: "I am begging you, sir."

"Yes, I'll do that," McCain said.

To press its argument, the McCain campaign also released a 90-second Web ad about Obama and Ayers.

"Barack Obama and domestic terrorist Bill Ayers. Friends. They've worked together for years," the ad says. The ad also claimed that one of the nonprofits on which Obama and Ayers worked was a radical education foundation.

IRAQ

Shiite leader killed by roadside bomb

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A roadside bomb killed a prominent member of Muqtada al-Sadr's political movement Thursday, raising fears of new internal Shiite bloodshed ahead of regional elections expected in January.

The victims' allies blamed U.S. and Iraqi forces for the blast. Suspicion also fell on Shiite splinter groups — some with suspected links to Iran, which has sheltered al-Sadr for nearly 18 months.

Saleh al-Auqailei, considered a moderate within al-Sadr's movement, was traveling in a convoy with other Shiite lawmakers when the bombing

occurred about 200 yards from an Iraqi army checkpoint in mostly Shiite eastern Baghdad, a colleague said.

Al-Auqailei died at a hospital, Sadrist spokesman Ahmed al-Massoudi said. One commuter on a motorcycle was also killed in the blast, police said.

Al-Sadr's followers have long opposed the U.S. military presence in Iraq, and some of them were quick to blame the Americans and their Iraqi allies, citing the movement's opposition to a U.S.-Iraqi security agreement that has been under negotiation for months.

"The occupation forces sent us a message by staging this attack because of our stance against the agreement,"

said al-Massoudi, the Sadrist spokesman.

Later, however, the Sadrist political department called the killing a "terrorist act of criminal gangs," a phrase often used to describe renegade Shiite militants that the U.S. believes are trained and armed by Iran. Tehran denies links to Iraqi Shiite militants.

Maj. Mark Cheadle, a spokesman for the U.S. military's Baghdad command, said the attack appeared to have been carried out by "unaligned" Shiite groups.

The two top American officials in Iraq condemned the "heinous crime" as "an attack against Iraq's democratic institutions."

Author discusses 'quest for God'

Johnson talks about new book saying search for divine spirit continues

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

The religious quest for the divine dates back to the earliest human beings, but has not ended with the formation of defined religions. This search for the divine spirit continues today author Elizabeth Johnson said in her lecture on her new book "The Quest for the Living God."

Johnson's lecture was the second part of The Quest Project's fall lecture series. The Quest Project, managed by Saint Mary's College Center for Spirituality, in cooperation with the John Templeton Foundation and the Saint Mary's College Annual Endowed Lecture Series Fund, hosted the lecture at the Little Theater in the Moreau Center for the Arts at 7:30 Thursday evening.

Johnson's book "The Quest for the Living God" covers eight theologies: transcendental, political, liberation, feminist, black, Hispanic, inter-religious and ecological said Johnson.

"I wrote it [the book] for a broad audience to enlighten and provide food for thought," said Johnson. "There is such a hunger for a mature faith today, which is not always fed by the institutional church."

During her lecture, Johnson focused on highlighting three of the eight theologies presented in her book: feminist,

inter-religious and ecological. She first spoke on the feminist theology. Johnson explained this theology as "God acting womanish."

She said that in civil societies and in religion women have been considered the second sex. Most religions give God a male persona with terms such as "king," "lord," and "father," Johnson said. This poses a problem for women because it robs women of spiritual power, said Johnson.

"Mystery of the living God is neither male nor female,"

"However committed we are to our own faith, we do not have a monopoly on either truth or value."

Elizabeth Johnson
author

feminist theology section of the lecture the most.

"I just loved the feminism theology," said Pugh. "I've heard my mom talk about the mother side of God, but for me to hear it somewhere else it was very enriching."

Johnson continued her lecture with a look at religious pluralism, or inter-religious theology. She described inter-religious theology as "glimpsing another religion out of the corner of our eye while practicing our own."

The multitude of God is so overflowing that it allows for a variety of different religions each offering their own view and worship of God, Johnson said. She emphasized that the differences in religion do

not mean that the religions are of lesser or higher value or are truer than another.

"However committed we are to our own faith, we do not have a monopoly on either truth or value," said Johnson.

Johnson closed her lecture with an overview of ecological theology. This theology incorporates finding God in everything, humans and nature. The Church has focused so much on the human world that the natural world remains a backdrop said Johnson.

In this theology, God "creates the world from within. He makes the world by empowering the world to make itself," Johnson said. She compared God to a choreographer who takes input from the dancers when creating the routine.

Students packed the auditorium for the lecture. Saint Mary's senior Sarah King, a religious studies major, is modeling her senior composition on Johnson's work. King said she has been familiar with Johnson for over a year.

"I have been deeply interested in Johnson's work since last year," King said. "It really strikes me because I really believe that there are elements of God that we try to restrict, but there are so many aspects that we can't imagine."

Johnson said, the quest for the divine is vital for religions to evolve: "The search must be undertaken if religious traditions are to remain vibrant and alive."

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Black alumnae to return to college

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Saint Mary's College will be hosting the first ever African American Homecoming October 10 and 11. Saint Mary's Director of Alumnae Relations, Kara O'Leary told the Observer that the event invited past students to return to the College "to create dialogue, solicit input, and create a sustainable process or forum to better understand the black student experience on campus and their alumnae engagement post graduation."

According to a schedule provided by O'Leary, the event will hold its official welcome at Saint Mary's Stapleton Lounge at 5:15 p.m., Friday. O'Leary told The Observer, "Over ten percent of our identified African American alumnae are registered."

Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney will begin the weekend with a formal greeting. The welcome ceremony will also include keynote speaker Juanita Boozer Bay. Bay graduated from the College in 1952, and, according to O'Leary, was considered to be Saint Mary's first African American alumnae graduate.

Bay will be speaking about her experience at Saint Mary's and its impact on her life. She will also discuss what Saint Mary's can do to provide students with better experience to help them make a difference in the world.

"I am always thrilled when

alumnae are invited back to campus to participate in events where their voice can be heard and their opinion and experience are valued. This event will be no different," said O'Leary.

Following the greeting, a reception will be held for the alumnae at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall.

The weekend will also include many panel discussions, roundtable discussions, a campus tour, and an ecumenical worship service. The discussions will allow alumnae to give their input to the College. Alumnae will discuss changes they would like to see at Saint Mary's, as well as what the College can do to keep the alumnae actively involved.

"We are pleased to have such a response for our inaugural African American Alumnae Homecoming," said O'Leary.

According to a press release from the College, the event will be held in an attempt to learn how to attract more students from ethnic minorities. According to Saint Mary's Strategic Plan, presented last fall, the College aspires to expand the enrollment of students of underrepresented minorities. Saint Mary's hopes to achieve an increase of at least 15 percent within the next five years. The plan stated that, "We hope to increase the racial and ethnic diversity of the student body as well as its economic diversity."

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Stocks

Dow Jones **8,579.19** -678.91

Up: 300 Same: 38 Down: 3,217 Composite Volume: 4,086,659,863

AMEX	1,370.82	-119.18
NASDAQ	1,645.12	-95.21
NYSE	5,809.98	-496.37
S&P 500	909.92	-75.02
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	9,157.49	00.00
FTSE 100 (London)	4,313.80	(52.89)

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
SPDR S&P 500 (SPY)	-6.98	-6.81	90.70
FIN SEL SPDR (XLF)	-10.41	-1.59	13.69
AMER INTL GROUP INC (AIG)	-25.08	-0.80	2.39
BK OF AMER CP (BAC)	-11.18	-2.47	19.63

Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	+3.20	+0.119	3.834
13-WEEK BILL	-9.38	-0.060	0.580
30-YEAR BOND	+1.40	+0.057	4.120
5-YEAR NOTE	+4.32	+0.117	2.823

Commodities

LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-2.36	86.59
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-20.00	886.50
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-3.00	88.25

Exchange Rates

YEN	97.9550
EURO	0.7364
CANADIAN DOLLAR	1.1556
BRITISH POUND	0.5871

IN BRIEF

Banks borrow record amounts

WASHINGTON — Banks borrowed in record amounts from the Federal Reserve's emergency lending facility over the past week, while investment firms drew slightly less.

The Fed's report released Thursday said commercial banks averaged a record \$75 billion in daily borrowing over the past week. That compared with a daily average of \$44.5 billion in the previous week, the old record.

For the week ending Wednesday, investment firms drew \$134 billion. That was down from a record \$147.7 billion in the previous week. This category was broadened last week to include any loans that were made to the U.S. and London-based broker-dealer subsidiaries of Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley and Merrill Lynch.

States slash budgets due to economy

With the economy in a slide and the credit markets seized up, states are slashing budgets, eliminating jobs, putting major construction projects on hold and nervously waiting to see whether their shriveled pension funds recover.

They are also weighing lawsuits against Wall Street firms. And at least one state — California — may ask Washington to come to the rescue.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger warned he may have to beg the federal government for a short-term loan to cover operating costs for schools, nursing homes and police if the nation's most populous state is unable to borrow a short-term \$7 billion on the credit market.

Dozens of states are expecting big drop-offs in revenue and dispiriting pension-fund losses, and are making another round of emergency spending cuts on top of deep cutbacks earlier in the year, when the economy began softening and the mortgage crisis started to unfold.

"I think everybody agrees: The iceberg is in sight," said Murray Levy, a Maryland state lawmaker.

New York, the capital of the nation's financial industry, is grappling with the highest unemployment rate since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks and a \$1.2 billion deficit that could balloon to \$2 billion by the end of the fiscal year March 31.

"We're going to have to take drastic action," Gov. David Paterson said.

US running out of economic options

Stocks still plunging, even after \$700 billion bailout and interest rate cuts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — What's left in Uncle Sam's economic tool kit?

The commitment of \$700 billion didn't impress markets here and around the world. Neither did fresh interest rate cuts. Stocks plunged yet again on Thursday.

The government still has some unused options — like buying up foreclosed properties and making direct loans to homeowners — that might ease the credit and housing crises and brighten the economic outlook.

But the options are dwindling and generally involve partly taking over private companies, an idea that's anathema to economic conservatives and others in America.

Even as policymakers counsel patience in waiting for the medicine already prescribed to fully kick in, they are searching hard for other approaches.

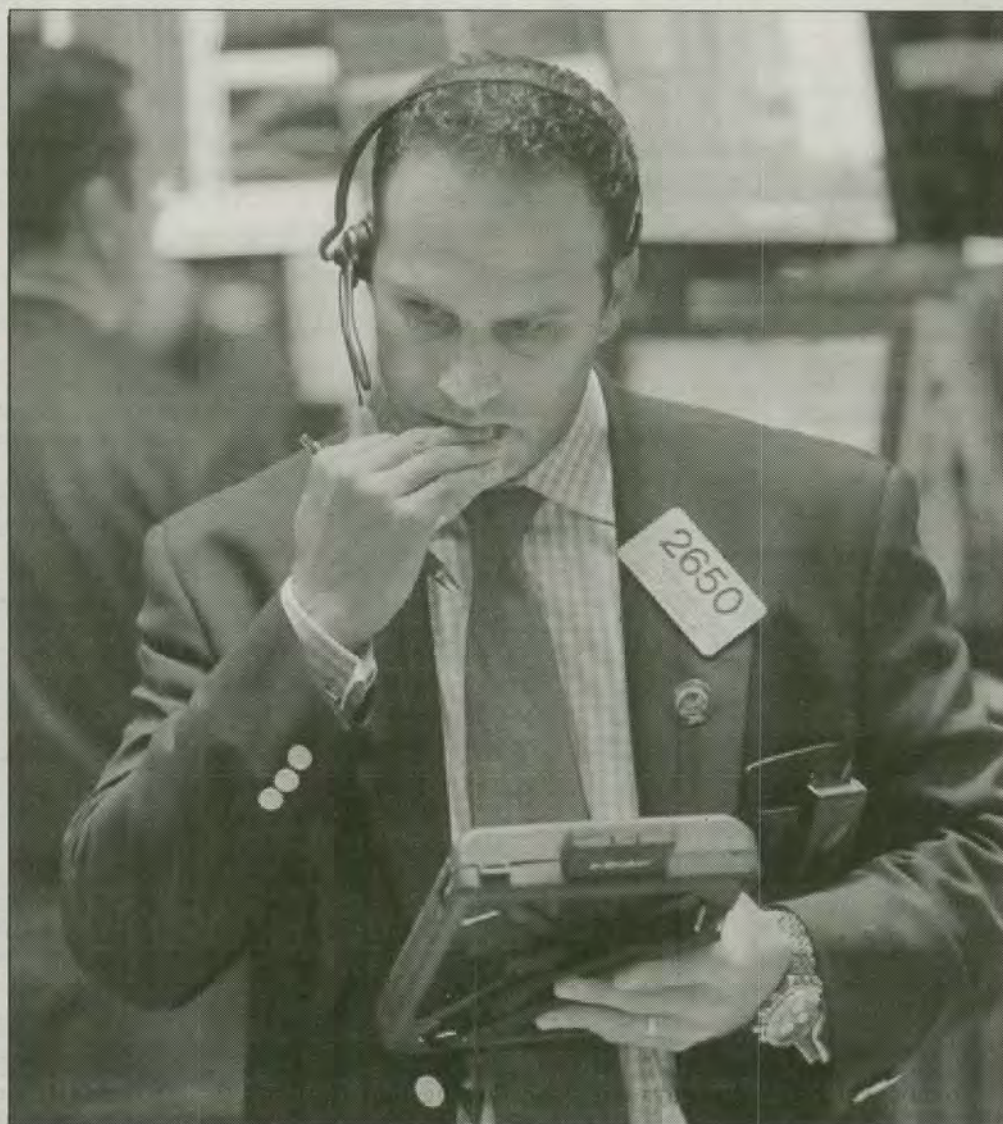
"So long as financial conditions warrant, we will continue to look for ways to reduce funding pressures in key markets," says Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke.

The Fed's primary tools are lowering interest rates and flooding the system with money. It's already done plenty of both.

It could further lower interest rates — and probably will if the downturn continues. But after this week's half-percentage-point cut, coordinated with other nations' central banks, there isn't a whole lot lower for the U.S. to go.

Since September 2007, the Federal Reserve has pushed its benchmark short-term rate down to 1.5 percent from 5.25 percent.

The Fed presided over by Alan Greenspan kept interest rates at 1 percent for a full year earlier in the decade — and many economists suggest that was one of the root causes



Wall Street trader Anthony Pugliese works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday. The Stock Market has yet to show improvement, despite government action.

of the housing bubble, making it too easy for people to take out loans they couldn't afford.

And besides, in Japan holding rates near zero for years did little to help a deeply troubled economy.

The Fed could inject more money. But it has already flooded the financial system with hundreds of billions of dollars.

And bold action by the central bank can have unintended consequences, signaling to investors that things may be worse than they thought, contributing to the downward spiral in markets.

Apart from the Fed,

Congress last week enacted a bailout package backed by up to \$700 billion in taxpayer money, on top of a \$300 billion housing package passed in the summer.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson says it will be weeks before the government actually starts using the bailout money to buy up soured mortgage-based securities.

The Treasury is now considering using some of the money to take part ownership in certain U.S. banks. But that could put the government in the uncomfortable position of regulating banks in which

it is also an investor.

Many economists say that actions taken so far do little to address what is at the heart of the spreading financial contagion: falling housing prices and rising foreclosures.

Former White House economist Glenn Hubbard proposes that the government refinance every U.S. mortgage held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac into 30-year loans fixed at 5.25 percent. He also suggests that putting in place a cleanup agency modeled on the Resolution Trust Corporation of the late 1980s and early 1990s could help.

Stocks hit lowest level in five years

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks plunged Thursday, sending the Dow Jones industrial average down 679 points — more than 7 percent — to its lowest level in five years. Stocks took a nose-dive after a major credit-rating agency said it might cut its rating on General Motors and Ford, further rattling investors already fretting over the impact of tight credit on the economy.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index also fell more than 7 percent.

The declines came on the one-year anniversary of the closing highs of the Dow and the S&P. The Dow has lost 5,585 points, or 39.4 percent, since closing at 14,164.53 on Oct. 9, 2007. It's the worst run for the Dow since the nearly two-year bear market that

ended in December 1974 when the Dow lost 45 percent. The S&P 500, meanwhile, is off 655 points, or 41.9 percent, since recording its high of 1,565.15.

U.S. stock market paper losses totaled \$872 billion Thursday and the value of shares over all has tumbled a stunning \$8.33 trillion since last year's high. That's based on figures measured by the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Composite Index, which tracks 5,000 U.S.-based companies' stocks and represents almost all stocks traded in America.

Thursday's sell-off came as Standard & Poor's Ratings Services put General Motors Corp. and its finance affiliate GMAC LLC under review to see if its rating should be cut. The action means there is a 50 percent chance that S&P will lower

GM's and GMAC's ratings in the next three months. GM has been struggling with weak car sales in North America.

S&P also put Ford Motor Co. on credit watch negative. The ratings agency said that GM and Ford have adequate liquidity now, but that could change in 2009.

GM, one of the 30 stocks that make up the Dow industrials, fell \$2.15, or 31 percent, to \$4.76, while Ford fell 58 cents, or 22 percent, to \$2.08.

"The story is getting to be like that movie 'Groundhog Day,'" said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co. He pointed to the still-frozen credit markets, and Libor, the bank-to-bank lending rate that remains stubbornly high despite interest rate cuts this week by the Federal Reserve and other major central banks.

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said. The week kicked off on Monday evening with a round table discussion in the Colman-Morse Center about the Roman Catholic Church's stance on voting issues. Political Science Professor Mary Keys facilitated the discussion, which lasted for approximately an hour. She prefaced the discussion by posing the question, "Why should we, as Catholics, participate in public life?" The attendees' answers varied, but all reflected the need for people to elect leaders who are honest and who emphasize morality. These responses segued into the topic of discussion, two documents written by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger before he became Pope Benedict XVI. Each

dealt with Catholic participation in political life, with the latter focusing specifically on the topics of abortion and euthanasia. The next event coordinated for the week was the nailing of 600 crosses and flags into South Quad. The crosses, which represent the number of abortions that take place during a three and a half hour football game, were up from early Tuesday morning until Wednesday afternoon. Members of the Knights of Columbus guarded the flags in order to protect them from being vandalized. The Right to Life Club also held two rosaries at the makeshift cemetery. Students, community mem-

bers, and faculty packed the McKenna Hall Auditorium on Wednesday evening to watch a debate sponsored by The Center for Ethics and Culture. Notre Dame Law Professor Gerard Bradley of the Catholics for Sen. John McCain National Steering Committee and Vincent Rougeau, Notre Dame Associate Professor of Law and member of the steering committee for Sen. Barack Obama's Catholic National Advisory Council took opposing viewpoints on the issue of political responsibility of Catholic voters. Moderator John McGreevy, Dean of the College of Arts and Letters began the evening by

saying, "It is striking that we're here in 2008, thirty-five years after Roe v. Wade, and this issue is still with us. The two professors then proceeded to offer testimony supporting their viewpoints for about a half and hour, which was then followed by a question and answer session by members of the audience. Keys spoke again Thursday evening in the Gold Room of LaFortune, this time focusing specifically on issues pertaining to this presidential election. There will be a talk today by Professor Adrian Reimers on Pope Paul VI's encyclical Humanae Vitae in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The final event

of the week will take place on Sunday when members of the Right to Life Club will be handing out pro-life prayer cards at all of the Basilica Masses. The planning for Notre Dame's Respect Life Week began in back in June, with the group's effort to coordinate speakers, gain approval from the Student Activities Office and send out hundreds of e-mails to gather volunteers. Respect Life Week is nationally recognized by the Catholic Church to promote the defense of innocent human life. Overall, Gerardi said that the week was a success, but hopes that voters remember the week's mission as they enter the voter's booth. "Right to Life is not asking you to become a fanatical, single-issue voter this November. We're not saying that other political issues — the war, the economy, the environment — are not important ones. What we are saying is that there is a hierarchy of issues. If abortion is wrong, if it is the ending of an innocent human life, then one cannot logically give moral equivalence between it and other issues."

"This year in particular we are attempting to inform our students of the guidelines presented to us by the Church."

**John Gerardi
Respect Life Week
coordinator**

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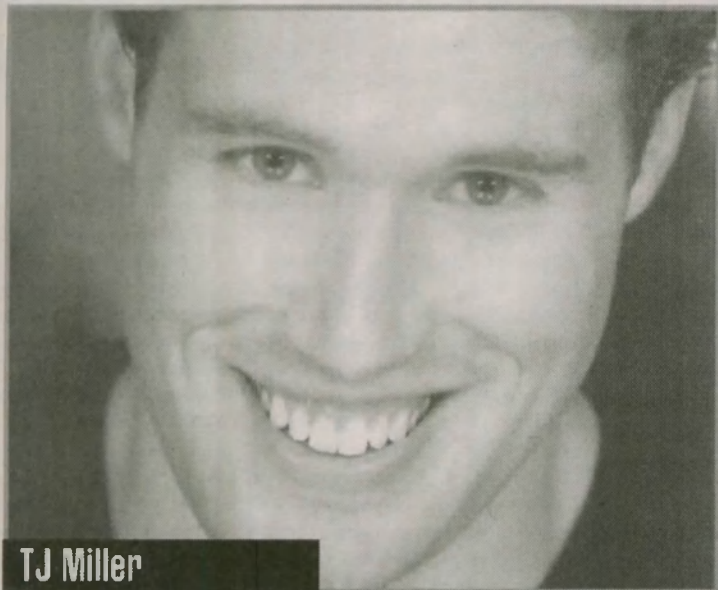
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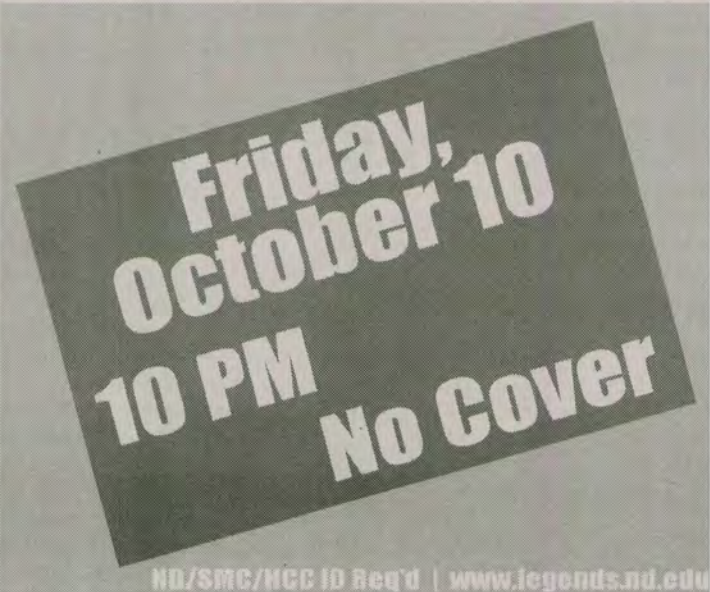
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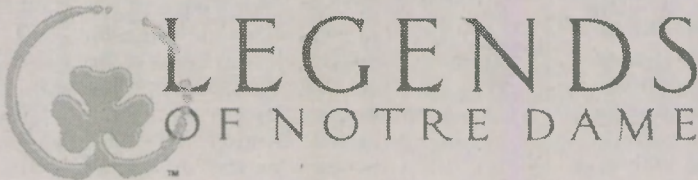
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Housing (ORLH).

The residents of the E. Wayne St. house received letters from ORLH on Sept. 9, after a letter written by the concerned neighbors circulated through the offices of the Mayor of South Bend and were received by the University.

Earlier that week on Sept. 4, the seniors received a notice to abate from the City of South Bend's Department of Law, citing them in violation of the Disorderly House Ordinance, South Bend Municipal Code Section 13-75.5, and deeming the house a "public nuisance."

A Sept. 11 South Bend Tribune article titled "Police cracking down on student parties" refers specifically to this party. Ervin Baker, a resident of the 800-block of E. Wayne St. is quoted in the article saying bottles were broken on neighbors' porches and that "the only way to get it taken care of was to get it on record with a complaint, so several people in the neighborhood called."

The Tribune article did not quote the students in reference to the complaints received against them.

"We thought we were being very careful and looked up the noise ordinances," DuBray said. He told The Observer the ordinance states that noise regulations are to be observed after 11 p.m., and that the party was moved inside before that time.

He said he felt that press coverage of parties indicate that students are acting maliciously, but that "there is a big line between being neglectful and being malicious."

"I understand there are a lot of town relations problems, and that part of it is that some students are neglectful," DuBray said. "There are people who want to imply that there is a malicious intent, but I just think most people would agree that is so far from the truth."

"The people who were most affected [by the noise] are our biggest advocates," Brown said. "We help them with the lawn, we help them with the leaves, we play with their kids sometimes."

The seniors asked Jennifer and Joshua Martin, the neighbors described above, to write a letter on their behalf.

"Why can't South Bend handle South Bend and Notre Dame handle Notre Dame?"

James DuBray senior

That letter, dated from Sept. 22, states the residents of number 815 "have been friendly and communicate with us effectively. They have been good neighbors."

Brown described their party in more detail for The Observer, stating at its peak, "probably 75 people were there."

Brown said the letter "painted a portrait," and that it contained details from earlier in the night, setting up for the party, and when then band started playing.

"I think there have been students living in this house before, and the have been pretty irresponsible,"

he said.

The seniors said the letter from their concerned neighbors was the only evidence against them presented in their meeting with ORLH.

Jeff Shoup, Director of the Office of Residence and Life and Housing, said in an e-mail that the Office is unable to respond to questions regarding specific cases.

He referred The Observer to page 103 of in the 2008-09 edition of duLac, a Guide to Student Life, where the introduction to the section titled "Student Life Policies" states "The University's student life policies and disciplinary procedures are under the jurisdiction of the Office of Student Affairs. All alleged violations are at the disposition of that office through the Office of Residence Life and Housing. Unless otherwise noted, these policies and procedures apply to all students; undergraduate, graduate, and professional, whether the behavior occurs on or off campus."

Brown and his roommates told The Observer that the meeting was "threatening."

Brown said he asked the representatives of the Office of Residence Life and Housing at the meeting "what the worse possible scenario was, and they said 'we can evict, we've done it in the past.'"

"They said, 'if I were you, I would start calling apartment complexes,'" he said.

Shoup did not respond to further Observer questions regarding disciplinary procedures involving students living off-campus, the evidence required for a case to be brought to the Office's attention, or whether or not the Office has the authority to evict students from their off-campus residences.

"If the police would have said 'these people are uncooperative' and then we would understand, 'OK, we are doing something that is violating the law, and then the school might have reason to punish us,'" DuBray said. "We felt like the police reports indicate that we didn't break any laws. We complied with police officers in every way possible."

The seniors told The Observer that everyone at the Aug. 29 party was of age.

South Bend landlord Mark Kramer, who owns the 815 E. Wayne St. property, said he did not have any discussion with ORLH in regards to the students being evicted.

He said he did not believe the Office had the authority to threaten eviction if they do not own the home.

"I'm pretty sure the University does not have jurisdiction over a property that I own," he said.

"To my knowledge, only I can evict my tenants," he said. "And I did not threaten them with eviction."

Kramer told The Observer he had a meeting of his own with the students.

"I talked to them about their behavior and how they should act as members of a neighborhood and how they should respect their neighbors," he said.

The students sent letters of apology to the neighbors affected by their August party.

"We may have screwed up, but we took a lot of precautionary measures, and since that day, we've completely changed our way of life," Brown said.

"Since that point," Kramer said, "we've not had any more complaints from the neighbors that initially complained, or any

other neighbors for that particular house."

"The situation is under control, largely due to the students' willingness to understand their neighbors' position and making an effort to apologize and make contact with them," he said.

Richard Leach, a resident of number 824 E. Wayne St., told The Observer he was one of the concerned neighbors, but that he did not personally author the letter.

"There were four or so neighbors who were getting a little perturbed," he said.

"We were very upset with what was going on," he said. "There were parties lasting to 3, 4 in the morning, with 40 or more kids at the party, loud noise, and cabs coming every four or five minutes."

Leach said he has never personally spoken to the students, but that "the situation has been taken care of."

"They've sent a letter of apology, and so far, they've been well behaved," he said.

The students said they never saw a copy of the letter; The Observer was not able to obtain a copy.

The students received a letter dated Sept. 30 with the results of their disciplinary conference with Residence Life, a copy of which they gave to The Observer.

The letter stated: "the University expects that all its students will act responsibly in their off-campus social conduct so as to reflect favorably upon themselves and the University community. Conduct which is disruptive to the neighborhood is clearly below the standards of behavior the University expects of its students."

Brown said he was not aware of any "written expectations of what it is to be a student living off-campus."

"Yes we should be good neighbors," he said. "And to our knowledge, we were being good neighbors."

DuBray said he felt the University was extending its reach.

"There are people who want to imply that there is a malicious intent, but I just think most people would agree that is so far from the truth."

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"Yes we should be good neighbors ... And to our knowledge, we were being good neighbors"

Joey Brown senior

"Why can't South Bend handle South Bend and Notre Dame handle Notre Dame?" he said. "In my mind, what they're worried about right now is just another image problem. They're worried about the image being portrayed about their students — even if the South Bend police said you did everything right, and even if the majority of your neighbors agree with you, they're still going to try and control every aspect of your life."

Montgomery agreed.

"To us, its shocking that we were in any trouble at all," Montgomery said. "Obviously we're going to take what [the University] says very seriously — we're students here, we respect their opinion. But the fact of the matter is, we feel unjustly treated."

The letter also stated the residents were required to pay a \$1,000 fine no later than Oct. 27 to the University.

On Oct. 6, DuBray received an e-mail from the Office of Residence Life, stating the seniors could work off the fine doing community service at the rate of \$10 an hour. The deadline has been moved back to Dec. 1.

"The question is," Brown said, "what did we do wrong? That ambiguity there — there definitely needs to be a change. If there is something in there that says, 'we can't do that,' fine, we were wrong, but there is no explicit section."

"We want to have a balanced college experience," DuBray said. "We're all very involved

[in] extracurricular [activities] ... you can have a decent time on weekends and be a productive student, and a productive member of the University."

Montgomery told The Observer the entire situation has been a

learning experience.

"Regardless of all this, it was a lesson on how to be a good neighbor," he said.

"I think the bigger theme here," Montgomery said, "is that we go to one of the premier universities in the country. If you want to raise adults, if you want raise leaders, you better start treating the students who go to your school like adults."

"We are not being treated like adults in this situation."

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Block

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closer to them. So we set up a block party last year to introduce the students to the neighbors."

The first block party of the semester was held last Sunday at the intersection of Washington St. and St. Peter St. Kramer said while about 150 students came out, the response from the community was lackluster. However, several members of the South Bend Common Council have pledged to attend the next two, which will be held Friday at Lafayette Apartments and Sunday at Colfax Row Houses.

"Hopefully these next two will get more of a response because the whole idea is to build a rapport with the neighbors and take a proactive approach as opposed to

waiting for the negative to happen, like at 702 Colfax Ave. a couple weeks ago," Kramer said, referencing the arrests of 37 Notre Dame students for drinking-related offences.

Lyman said the enthusiastic response by the students was a result of them wanting to demonstrate that, contrary to the belief of many South Bend residents, they are good neighbors.

"From the students that came last Sunday, they really thought it was a great idea. The students really wanted to be a part of this,"

he said. "The students have been getting a bad rap in South Bend and they obviously want to change that."

Both Kramer and Lyman said they will be aggressively advertising the next two events, which they said would help improve community relations in those areas. Lyman said the block parties provide a forum where students can show community leaders that their reputation as wild partiers is unwarranted.

"We're going to be canvassing the neighborhood over the next

"Hopefully these next two will get more of a response because the whole idea is to build a rapport with the neighbors and take a proactive approach as opposed to waiting for the negative to happen."

Mark Kramer landlord

"Eventually our goal within the coming year is to do our own block parties and not just Kramer's," Gari said. "That'll be a collaboration between the next Community Relations Committee and the Off-Campus Council."

However, Kramer said his main goal was to build mutual understanding between the students and their neighbors.

"We want to let the neighbors get to know the students for whom they really are and that is good people that are bright and the future leaders of our country," he said. "On the other hand I think the students need to recognize that the neighbors are good people too and they just want to have a peaceful environment and they also want to get along with the students."

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"We were holding our breath," Taylor said, given the prospects for the football season in comparison to last year's season.

"They didn't have anything to party about [last year]," Taylor said.

But she said so far things have been good this season. Ann Puzzello, a Council member who lives in the area around Notre Dame's campus, said a few particular incidents have garnered much attention.

"This fall, we've had a couple of very large parties, and most of you know about a few of them," she said. These widely publicized incidents have sparked students' concerns, she said, citing an Observer Viewpoint letter to the Editor by a student concerned and upset about the perceived targeting of students living off campus.

Notre Dame student body president Bob Reish told Coalition members that he agreed that a few particular incidents have been publicized, but on the whole, incidents involving student parties off campus have gone down from previous years.

Reish said Student Government continues to make efforts at improving community relations, mentioning the ongoing neighborhood block parties. In addition,

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Darryl Boykins
South Bend Police Chief

tion, he and student body vice president Grant Schmidt have addressed specific students involved in incidents.

"We've personally made efforts to speak with the students involved in these specific incidents," Reish said.

South Bend Police Chief Darryl Boykins said the parties his department has responded to — including incidents where multiple arrests were made — were in response to repeated complaints from neighbors.

"We're always aware, with Notre Dame, that they're going to have parties," Boykins said, "and a lot of times we don't have the time to go by the house, unless we get calls."

Boykins said after multiple complaints he decided to take specific action to deal with off campus student parties.

"I decided at that time, we were going to do a task force, and going to ride around on Friday and Saturday nights," Boykins said, specifically addressing off campus parties.

"Our main reason was to enforce the laws," he said, saying that he made the decision to arrest those in violation of the law.

Boykins also said that the Indiana State Excise Police independently addressed student parties around the same time.

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Boykins said that students living off campus should be aware that if there are complaints, police will respond to the party and take action.

"If there are problems, we will enforce them. We will not turn our backs on the citizens that live here [year round]," he said.

Reish also mentioned that while students have been made aware of the well-publicized incidents — including the Sept. 21 E. Colfax Ave. incident — they are also aware that the crime rate in many of these areas has increased.

Reish said students have brought forward concerns that their safety off campus is being ignored while student parties are being targeted.

Several Coalition members were quick to mention that alcohol consumption and crime are often related.

"There's no mention of the contributing factor of alcohol ... and how that contributes to danger,"

Matt Costello, a resident living on Notre Dame Avenue, said.

Coalition members agreed that students are in part responsible for their own safety.

"You cannot walk down the street at 2:30 in the morning, sloppy drunk, singing, and expect to be safe," Taylor said.

Boykins said students who are intoxicated are "easy victims — people that they [criminals] can take advantage of, people they can bully," and that criminals are looking specifically for students.

In addition, crimes like theft can often be avoided by greater action on the part of students, Boykins said, both

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Bob Reish
student body president



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South Bend Police Chief Darryl Boykins speaks at the Community Campus Advisory Coalition Thursday.

being proactive — by locking doors and keeping valuables out of sight — and reactive — by notifying police immediately of suspicious behavior.

University Associate Vice President of Residence Life Bill Kirk said that Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) recently created a crime prevention officer position, and that officer has been working to educate students about what they can do to prevent crime.

Puzzello also mentioned the possibility of creating neighborhood watch groups to address concerns, and Brian Coughlin, University assistant vice president for Student Affairs, reminded Coalition members they had previously discussed creating an off campus crime alert system notifying students living off campus via e-mail of crime occurring in their area.

In addition, representatives from each of the colleges present discussed what their schools are doing to improve student safety and decrease incidents.

Reish mentioned the Off Campus Living Guide created by Student Government and the ongoing neighborhood block parties.

Maura Clougherty, Residence Hall Association president at Saint Mary's College, said that the College offers self-defense courses and that students are now required to live on campus for their first three years at the school.

Kirsits commended the students and universities for the work they've done, and also said they were important to the community as institutions.

"I would like to commend everything the University of Notre Dame, and Saint Mary's and Holy Cross bring to the community," Kirsits said.

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the summer in Los Angeles.

"As a summer intern in Los Angeles, I was able to see the direct effects that this company has on its employees," he said.

"The Hilton in Long Beach will bring in union buses and pay these people millions of dollars to come in and tell the employees not to form a union and that unions are ultimately bad for the employees themselves."

Coalition member Michael Angulo said these practices directly contradicted the University's mission statement.

"We can't be invested in companies that don't respect workers' rights, and workers' rights is something that has been affirmed by everyone from the United Nations to the Vatican," Angulo said.

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Coalition member

Estrada said HEI Hotels and Resorts is actually primarily funded by University endowments.

"We're specifically concerned with this company because [Thanh Le and I] were summer interns with Unite Here, a labor union, and through that internship we found out about this company and that their primary funding by university endowments," she said.

Angulo said the company actually touts Notre Dame as one of its primary investors.

"This company has touted Notre Dame as one of the main universities that invests in it," he said.

Estrada said she was surprised Notre Dame would invest in the company considering the University actually has a policy that it won't invest in companies whose practices contradict the school's mission statement. For example, Estrada said the University does not invest

in pharmaceutical companies that market contraceptives.

"As a Catholic University, [Notre Dame] is basically founded on Catholic Social Teaching, and based on that Catholic Social Teaching, outlined by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, we have our own social responsibility investment policy," she said.

President of Mecha ND, a group that focuses on Latino social issues, Jamie Luna said he chose to sign the letter because many of the exploited workers are Latinos.

"It is not necessarily targeted towards [Latinos] but they are suffering as the consequence of the acts of several corporations, so we thought it was important for us to be with this group," he said.

Senior Clarissa Negrete, who attended the ceremony, said she was angry Notre Dame doesn't publicize the companies it invests in. The only reason the group found out about HEI Hotels was because the company touted Notre Dame as one of its chief investors.

"As a senior here at Notre Dame, it's kind of amazing how some of us still don't know which companies the endowment consists of and that Notre Dame doesn't release that," she said.

"I think we have a right to know, if we're paying so much money to go here every year, where some of that money is going."

Angulo said he hoped the University responded by October 30, or else they would return to the president's office to seek a response.

"The secretaries are very nice and we're sure they'll forward the message on. What we're looking for is if the University actually takes a clear stance," he said. "We will be asking that the Administration respond to our letter, clarifying their stance on the issue, by the Thursday following our Fall Break — Oct. 30."

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The real focus of pep rallies

Dwindling student attendance. Little interaction between players and students. A dorm boycott, complete with its own manifesto.

The Friday night pep rallies are meant to be an hour or so of cheering, excitement and school spirit. Between the band, the players and the students, the whole crowd ought to get excited. Moreover, the pep rallies should focus on encouraging the team, playing the game and taking down that week's opponent. But in the end, they should focus on the football.

But the focus of Notre Dame pep rallies now feels displaced. The students' biggest role is in weekly competitions between host dorms, organized by a committee of the Hall Presidents Council. While watching your fellow Vermin or Knights dance in ridiculous costumes may be fun, it takes away from the real focus of the rally — the game. Why pit students against each other at a time when the student body should band together? Campus dance groups, like the Irish step dancers or similar clubs, are worthwhile and entertaining, but they don't belong at a pep rally. The pep rallies feel less like a cheer session devoted to the team, and more like a production for the larger community and fans.

If student attendance is any indication, the show can't go on.

Some might argue that student apathy is to blame for the recent rally debate. If more students came to pep rallies, detractors often claim, the energy level would skyrocket.

It would also be shortsighted and self-centered for cur-

rently enrolled students to think that only they would find a pep rally exciting. Our alumni network is one of the strongest in this country, and alums are more than eager to return to campus and take part in the football weekend festivities. Even outside of the alumni, fans of Notre Dame are widespread and numerous, often filling the Joyce Center.

But when the pep rallies start to feel disconnected from the students — and the game — and more like the University is putting on a display for alumni, families and visitors, something's not right. Low attendance levels are only the most visible indication of how widespread that feeling is among the student body. Something needs to be done.

A separate question is why pep rallies are exclusive to football at Notre Dame?

True, football is the highest profile sport at the University. But our football players are hardly the only athletes of merit on campus.

Men's basketball has the support of the Leprechaun Legion, but why not hold a pep rally in the Stepan Center before a big game? Say, on the Friday before a big Saturday home game. (This year's Connecticut game, with ESPN College Gameday coming to campus would be a prime opportunity). Women's soccer is consistently stellar, yet the JACC has yet to be filled with futbol fans cheering them on.

Bring the excitement and school spirit. Scream, yell, and maybe even raise the roof for our other, equally deserving athletes. But regardless of the sport, the pep rallies need some revision if they are going to serve their purpose.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wake up the Echoes

Wake up the echoes cheering her name. If you would have ever experienced a Notre Dame pep rally in the old field-house, or even Stepan Center, you would realize what a sham the current pep rallies are. Let the old fogies watch their videos and sit in their cushioned seats in the JACC. Rally sons (and daughters) of Notre Dame for true pep rallies in Stepan Center.

Tim Roddy
alum
Class of 1969
Oct. 9

Unwillingness to change

I agree with all of the comments of Mike Schafer, Class of 1982, regarding the JACC pep rallies. I am the class of 1981. The JACC pep rallies are just horrible now. They were much better during the Holtz era, and the Stepan pep rallies during the Devine era were even better. (I watched the Stanford pep rally on the web, and was actually embarrassed by what I saw.) Do EVERYTHING Mike Schafer, as well as the gentleman from Sorin last week, have suggested!

The thing I hate the most about the way Notre Dame handles certain events is its unwillingness to change. And the students seem to be given very little power to change things, e.g., the format and timing of Junior Parent Weekend. The students are crying out for a change in the pep rally format to the ways of yesteryear. And we 50+ year old alumni agree, so don't use that as an excuse for not changing. Use the JACC or the Stadium, if you must (i.e., so senior alumni have a place to sit and so you can fit in more people), but that is all I would retain regarding the current pep rally format. The team should occupy the seats at one end of the court (e.g., the student section area for basketball games),

and the students should be standing on the floor, with spillover of "late arriving" students and alumni into the balance of the seating area.

I suspect this format will also allow more people to attend the pep rallies, which has also been a problem in the past.

Jim Blase
alum
Class of 1981
Oct. 9

The past always seems better

I just read a funny line about how many old domers it takes to change a lightbulb. Three: One to screw it in and two to discuss how much better the old one was.

I lived in the Zoo from 1969 to 1973. My first pep rally was in the old field house. Pat O'Brien (the actor not the clown now on tv) and Rocky Blier (just back from Vietnam) They brought the house down. Dirt floor human pyramids and ambulances waiting outside. Freshman in tears. The following day it was raining at kickoff. Crowd starts chanting Ara stop the rain. Look it up, the sun came out? It cannot get better than that but you should try and a start would be a move to Stepan. When we moved to Stepan we were disappointed because it could not replace the old field house!

Go Irish!

Jerome Koch
alum
class of 1973
Oct. 8

Supporting Sorin Boycott

I read with great interest the Sorin Boycott article regarding the pep rallies that are part of the game weekends at Notre Dame. I was a football player in the early 1970's and took part in the great Stepan Center pep rallies. They were fant-

astic. The place was like a sauna and you could hardly move. I can still remember the band marching in playing the fight song, and I am getting chills as I write this. It was loud, crazy, exhilarating and truly what a pep rally should be. I refuse to go to the "Broadway Productions" they now call pep rallies and wish they were at Stepan Center again. The University has changed a great deal since I graduated, which happens, and I have great memories of my time there including a National Championship. One thing they need to change back to is the "Stinky Pep Rallies" at Stepan Center.

George Hayduk
alum
Oct. 9

Pep rallies are for the team and the students

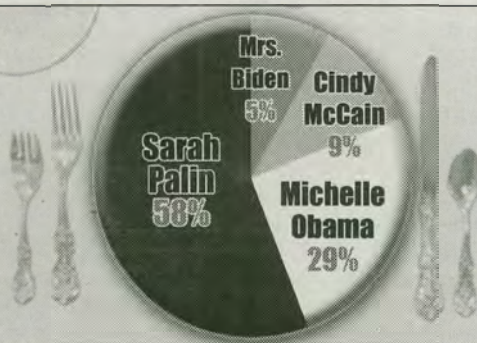
Let me add my voice to the sentiments raised recently by Mike Schafer, Class of '82, regarding the pep rallies. I attended one last year with my daughter who was on campus to attend an admissions seminar. We, too, were startled by the rude ushers who wouldn't let anyone down to the lower seats until the students arrived. Of course, when only 125 students showed up, the ushers stepped aside and let us all move down. Unfortunately, we soon learned why no students were at the rally. It was boring, pre-programmed and sterile. Stupid skits, a dance club demonstration and Chuck Lennon? Where was the fire? Where was the passion? We both wanted to leave before it was over. I am happy to see that some students have decided not to take it anymore. Pep rallies are for the team and the students.

Tom Riley
alum
Class of 1984
Oct. 9

Observer Poll

Who would you rather have lunch with?

	Votes	Percentage
Sarah Palin	690	58%
Michelle Obama	340	29%
Cindy McCain	102	9%
Mrs. Biden	59	5%



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Never judge a man by his umbrella.
It may not be his."

Anonymous

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Where's your stipend?

Earlier this week, this esteemed newspaper reported that a group of Saint Mary's students met with College officials regarding a stipend that the Student Government has placed in the budget to give it's Executive Board. The leaders of the Saint Mary's student body apparently feel that it is ethical and appropriate to grant themselves \$20,000 as a slush fund to do what they want with. This Executive Board apparently includes eight young women, who ran unopposed for their positions last spring. Doing the quick math, I believe this means that each member of the board will spend approximately \$2,500 of the tuition payers money on themselves.



Bob Kessler

House of Stix

What might they be spending this money on you ask? According to the same article, "Last year's Executive Board allotted themselves \$40,000 monetary stipend, and Executives serving SGA prior to that would often take a trip to Chicago where they would 'stay at five star hotels, eat at nice restaurants, see

shows and go shopping.'" If the Notre Dame student government practiced in this kind of outrageous behavior, I would be livid.

I'm sure that being the student body president is a thankless job that undoubtedly involves hours upon hours of meetings and discussions, but do they seriously deserve a stipend? Most people who run for these positions only do it as a shameless form of resume building. I can not think of a single tangible development that has come from Notre Dame's student government in my 3.2 years at this school, and I have to think that the Saint Mary's student leaders have a similar impact.

With this in mind, I have some suggestions for how the Saint Mary's Executive Board can utilize their excess funds this year. While all are not conventional uses of students' tuition dollars, none are less ethical than the direction the money is currently going.

1) Donate the money to Bob Barr's Presidential Campaign: Sure he has no chance at winning and most students probably have no clue who he is, but he did grace this area with his presence last week, and he is opposed to big government (which the Board Stipend most certainly qualifies as).

2) Construct a Ball Pit: Judging by the

dimensions of St. Mary's rooms, and some very helpful internet blogs, I think you could turn quite a few doubles into full fledged ball pit rooms with a depth of three feet. Think of the possibilities with a room full of balls. Parietals are starting? No worries, I'll just hide in the ball pit. If I knew that there were ball pit rooms over at Saint Mary's, I think I might make it into a dorm room there for the first time since... Well ever. The college might even attract a wider variety of students if they advertised it: Saint Mary's College, live in a ball pit.

3) Install Bidets: If you could buy one bidet for \$500 [which you can], then with \$20,000 you could buy 40 bidets. I can only assume that would put at least one bidet in every bathroom of every floor in every dorm at Saint Mary's. A bidet is something that I have always felt would be a great addition to the dorms at Notre Dame, and I believe the women of Saint Mary's deserve to move up to the No.1 ranking for cleanest co-ed undersides in US News and World Report.

4) Buy Each Student Sweatpants: The day has come when every girl in the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community knows that they must oblige to custom and wear sweatpants to class. Because this is probably going to happen every day until April (when Skirt Day comes

along), I'm sure every woman would love to add an extra pair of these most gloriously comfortable leg coverings to add to their wardrobe. [note: hoodies not included]

5) Drink lots of Keystone Light: Assuming Meijer has enough in stock, you could spend the Board Stipend to buy 46,000 cans of Keystone Light. This might be a little difficult with the 'two case rule' at Meijer, so instead, I suggest buying 285 kegs of the chosen beer. Even if you don't want to drink it all, you could still build a pretty awesome fort with it.

I've only begun to venture into the frontier of possibilities for how Saint Mary's Student Government can more effectively use these funds, but I think it should be pretty obvious at this point that just about anything would be better than the current allocation. I can only hope that our friends at Saint Mary's understand this and criticize their leaders right out of office.

Go Belles.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Budget concerns involving stipends

To the Student Government Association Executive Board: As a member of senior class board, I would like to take the time to explain how I feel about the current budget concerns involving stipends.

First off, the fact that members of the Executive Board are asking for stipends is appalling. How is it fair to the students of Saint Mary's College? The stipend is coming out of the student body's pockets with what we pay for tuition. So you, the Executive Board say you represent the student body, but what does receiving stipends do for the students? What do we, as students, benefit from this? In addition, how is it fair to the rest of the class board members if only the Executive Board receive monetary allotments?

While I do understand and recognize that the Executive Board does a lot for the Saint Mary's College community, people working under them such as clubs/organizations of Saint Mary's College, members of class board, and class presidents work just as hard and put tremendous time and effort, if not more, into working with the Saint Mary's College community. Why is it reasonable that the Executive Board receive stipends but the other class board members do not? I don't feel that the responsibilities and tasks of the Executive Board are equally distributed nor do I feel that all members put in as much time and effort as some of our class board members have done.

Thirdly, another issue that comes up is the fact that other schools have the policy of providing stipends to Executive Boards has been used as a reason to support Saint Mary's College Executive Board's reasons for wanting stipends. Just because other schools do it does not mean we have to. I do not think that Saint Mary's College can be compared to other larger universities because of the warm atmosphere the school provides and the close-knit friendships that are made on campus. Let me ask you this: if someone jumped off a bridge and told you to do the same thing, would you?

Lastly, I would like to note one last thing. What comes to mind when someone runs for secretary, student body president, or class president? The reason I decided to join senior board is because I want to meet people, have fun, and most importantly, work with others in the Saint Mary's College community. If the decision to provide monetary allotments to the Executive Board is yes, then the joy and laughter

associated with SGA is reduced to one thing: money. A person involved in SGA should want to be involved with the students, not because they receive money for their services.

The fact that this seems to be happening saddens and disappoints me. This is not what being a part of SGA should be about. Members of SGA should be thinking about one thing: how can we help and reach out to the students of Saint Mary's College?

Thank you for taking the time to hear what I have to say.

Grace Fey
senior
St. Mary's College
Oct. 8

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

I am sure many of you have seen the "Irish Hate SCUM" shirts floating around campus and are aware that these shirts are student creations. What you may not be aware of is what happens to some of the profits made from these shirt sales. Recently, the guys responsible for the SCUM shirts donated \$1,045 to Camp Kesem, a student-run camp for children whose parents have died from, are currently suffering with, or are in remission from cancer. Camp is provided free of charge for these children, and this is possible because Camp Kesem relies solely on fundraisers and donations for its continued existence. So thank you, guys who created the SCUM shirts; your contribution is greatly appreciated and affects way more people than you may realize. If you are interested in donating to Camp or learning more about our program, please visit our website, which is www.campkesem.org/notredame. Thanks again, guys, for your kindness and generosity. CK loves you!

Mike Gray
grad student
off campus
Oct. 8

Don't throw food away, donate it!

A large bag of 50 hot dogs, two large bags of nearly 70 hamburgers, seven packages of around 20 bratwurst each, and a whole lotta buns. This is the colossal amount of food that was leftover from our Teamwork for Tomorrow concession stand this past Saturday for the Purdue game. (Teamwork is a Notre Dame student-run mentoring/literacy program serving chil-

dren from low-income homes in South Bend.)

As President of Teamwork, I'll admit that I was the one who placed the overzealous order with Catering by Design, but to be fair it was only after consulting with a number of people as to how much was a reasonable amount. Whether it was just a slow day, we didn't get as much foot traffic as some other stands (the fact that the official location of our stand is named "Radiation Lab" doesn't exactly gets mouths watering), or simply that none of us knew how the heck to estimate a meat order is beside the point.

What struck me is that when we called South Dining Hall (which facilitates the early morning game-day meat pick-up) to see what we should do with it, they told us to just throw all of this perfectly good meat away.

As per SAO and Risk Management's guidelines, our unused meat was kept covered, on ice, and at least six inches above the ground throughout the morning/afternoon. There was nothing to indicate that this meat, which would have been safe by SAO and Risk Management standards to cook and serve, was now unsafe to donate.

It seems a bit odd to me that a concession stand system regulated and run by a Catholic University, which just days before held an academic forum on sustainability, wouldn't even suggest using the meat for another purpose, most especially donating the meat to a shelter or another place it could be enjoyed.

On the Forum's website, one of the suggestions it gives on reducing individual energy consumption is "reuse materials that would otherwise be thrown away." I don't think it takes a great amount of mental strain to see that you are helping to save energy whether you're re-using a plastic Martin's bag or seeing that pounds of meat don't go to waste.

With the extra Teamwork meat still on ice, I called the first shelter that came to mind, the South Bend Center for the Homeless, who told me that they are open 24 hours a day and would be happy to accept the meat (and any type of food donation) at any time. With the help of my parents (thanks, mom and dad) I was able to get the meat and buns downtown to the Center.

For those of who will be involved in planning/running/working at a concession stand in the immediate or distant future (especially this weekend for Stanford): please con-

sider donating leftover meat and buns so that others can enjoy them and so that they will not go to waste.

Just think of the good we could do with the extra meat from the 21 concession stands that operate every football Saturday. Good for the environment because we're making use of what we've already spent energy producing and transporting, good for community agencies who contribute so much to South Bend, and good for those people who will be able to enjoy a tasty brat or burger.

Better yet, let's get SAO on board and get organized pick-up for meat and buns (maybe the good people who work with FoodShare can help get us on the right track), so we can more easily get this food to the Center for the Homeless or another shelter that will make good use of it.

Just as the Notre Dame's commitment to promoting and supporting community involvement speaks to the heart of the University's mission, so too does the effort to maximize sustainability and reduce energy consumption (most easily accomplished by reducing energy waste). Let's combine these two worthy goals with another great ND tradition, student run football Saturday concession stands, and donate any extra meat/buns to somewhere that will put them to good use

Emily Balthasar
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Oct. 1

Local Political Violence

Last week I put a sign in my yard that reads "Pray to End Abortion." The sign is part of an effort called 40 Days for Life which has a simple aim: to get people to pray to end abortion. Within days of putting the sign up someone dumped a full can of trash on it. This week I have had eggs thrown at my house and my car window smashed out with items stolen. It is frightening to think that this is how the pro-abortion movement responds to non-violent protest in our local community! I guess it is not surprising that a movement that thinks it is a "right" to do violence against unborn babies will resort to violence against mere peaceful political expression.

Mike Gray
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Oct. 8

The E-Conning-Me

Like Banquo's Ghost, Washington keeps reappearing with new ways of spending our money, the latest being the bailout plan. Unlike Macbeth, we all see this spectre. Who would believe it? A rush to spend a trillion dollars, out of our future earnings.

Peter Kelly

Guest Columnist

The troubled Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP).

There are obvious problems with this plan and there were alternatives! What exactly is going on? Mortgages to borrowers who could not afford them. Everyone betting that the housing bubble would continue bubbling heavenward.

Unfortunately, starting around 2007 the housing bubble burst. Suddenly people were attached to mortgages that exceeded the value of their homes. Here comes jingle mail; people were just walking away from homes and mailing the keys to the bank.

How did this disrupt the markets?

An example: JP Morgan Chase issues 100 dollars in mortgages. They realize that these mortgages are too risky and pool all their mortgages together and sell them in the form of a security to Lehman Brothers. Lehman Brothers purchases these securities by borrowing funds from Merrill Lynch, who receive money market deposits from investors, and by using their own equity. Let us suppose that Lehman Brothers purchased these securities with four dollars of equity and 96 dollars of commercial paper from Merrill Lynch.

Now, let us suppose that these securities lose five percent of their value. Suddenly, Lehman has negative equity. They must declare bankruptcy. Additionally, Merrill Lynch only receives 95 dollars of the 96 dollars they lent back. People don't realize how much Merrill Lynch actually lost, they only see their ties to Lehman Brothers, and these questionable mortgage backed securities, and they immediately go on a bank run at Merrill Lynch for their money market accounts. Merrill Lynch has trouble covering this bank run, and, suddenly, the commercial paper market isn't functioning the way it should. (It is important to note that even though Merrill Lynch and Lehman Brothers together function as a commercial bank, neither is, and, thus, neither was subject to governmental restrictions (like backing six percent of their assets))

One should note that questions remain as to are those "95 dollars" of mortgage backed securities really worth 95 dollars (are they securities representing mortgages in volatile Florida or relatively stable Manhattan)? What is the true value? Banks are having trouble trusting each other, due to the ambiguous value of these assets and are refusing to lend money to one another because they fear that the lender will suddenly declare bankruptcy.

What the bailout plan supposedly will do is take these troubled assets out of the market in order to restore confidence and re-establish the market. But TARP is poorly written and places a crown on Secretary Paulson who would be account-

able only after the fact when all of our money is out the barn door. Some of the obvious questions are: How will these negotiations take place? How will we minimize the costs to the taxpayer? Surely, the corporate banker in the negotiations will be more personally invested in the price paid by the government than the government agent? Face it, this burden will be inflicted upon the American taxpayer, and not the Wall Street speculator, who engaged in these risky ventures. Is this fair? Essentially, the government, having bailed out Wall Street, has morphed risky ventures into arbitrage opportunities.

As Luigi Zingales, a finance professor at the University of Chicago, said, "It is time to save capitalism from the capitalists." He recommended that the government fail to provide financial assistance of any kind. He proposed that the government impose compulsory credit for equity (many of these banks still have thriving sectors) swaps, which essentially amounts to partial debt forgiveness. Nothing new here. The United States currency used to be indexed to gold. Franklin Roosevelt deemed this invalid, and, as our national debt plummeted, he enacted partial debt forgiveness. Following this decision, stock prices and bond prices rose (the debtor and the lender both benefitted from this partial forgiveness). It worked then and would work now. But, Congress decided to spend our money.

Another alternative, in 1982, Chile was suffering a financial crisis. In response,

the government issued subsidized loans to banks in the country in order to increase their capital. These loans were backed by the banks' assets in order to minimize taxpayer risk. Additionally, the banks were not able to enjoy profits until the loans were paid off. This enabled banks to issue loans, which is essential to an economy, but it also laid the burden of restoring economic prosperity upon the financial world. After several years, the Chilean financial system recovered. Thus, government issued asset-backed loans to the financial institution is another potential solution worth investigating. Congress said no.

Some argue that we needed to act quickly to restore confidence in the market. But, at 8579 and falling, that didn't work and raises a bigger question. What happens if we lose confidence in the government? There should have been due consideration for a trillion tax dollars. Unfortunately, taxpayers spend more time buying a computer. Congress's precipitous actions will haunt our generation for years to come. And the bankers skip merrily away. Oh, Congress. Another year, another plan, and again, we are not being greeted as liberators.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How to cure the economy

We are writing in response to Christie Pesavento's Viewpoint article ("Who's to Blame?") on Oct. 7.

In the article, Pesavento cited movements by the U.S. government since 1977 that led to the credit crisis and the subsequent recent failures of several large financial institutions. Pesavento wrote that while members of Congress are busy placing blame on each other, it is really the unintended consequences of Congress-enacted policies that are to blame.

While we agree that government interference with the free market caused the current economic crashes, we believe that the ultimate blame is on us, the voters. We are responsible for hiring and firing our government leaders. In Tuesday's Mock election 93.7 percent of the votes implied that there was a difference between Senators Obama and McCain. The most recent debate painted a different picture.

The first question in the debate addressed the topic in Pesavento's article, mainly how would the candidates help Americans stay in their homes. Senator Obama's response was that the Bush administration stripped away regulations and allowed the market to run wild. This is a nonsensical statement considering that the two major troubled financial institutions are government sponsored enterprises, the Community Reinvestment Act remained in place during the Bush administration, and the Federal Reserve managed the interest rates during the housing bubble. It's hardly valid to say that the market was free to run wild since the housing bubble was inflated and managed by the federal government.

Senator McCain's response wasn't any more defensible. Instead of defending the band-aid solution bailout that he and Senator Obama supported, he pretended that foreign oil is the problem. The leader of the "conservative" party continued by saying that he'd order the treasury department to buy up bad loans. In other words, the same socialization of mortgages that senator Obama supports

is the same course of action that the supposed fiscal conservative supports.

The views of the candidates are nearly indistinguishable. Neither are offering economic freedom. Neither will say that home ownership failures are a result of mortgage fraud committed by individuals, "main-street" appraisers, and local mortgage companies or by government interference, a poor monetary policy and loose lending practices. Instead, these candidates are reprimanding bad business practices with their right hand while handing them a \$700 billion check with the left. Government accountability and individual responsibility be damned; these candidates will maintain the façade that their party is infallible and that no citizen is responsible for his or her failures.

As George Bernard Shaw said, "Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it." This is the travesty and irresponsibility of the American voter. Those students that composed 93.7 percent of the votes (52.6 percent for Obama, 41.1 percent for McCain) are voting men into office that will continue shifting blame to other parties, to other organizations.

The oft-used excuse of voting for the lesser of two evils does not apply here. Candidates who do not offer economic freedom, a humble foreign policy or a sound monetary policy are not lesser evils. If we do not want to continue to pay for failed government legislation, we must abandon our current voting tendencies. The one party system that this country has adopted has failed.

Please join us in trying to enact true change by voting for candidates who support liberty and the free market. America cannot fully enjoy the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution, or a robust economy, if our individual liberty continues to be eroded.

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off-campus
Oct. 9

Notre Dame must protect the right to unionize

As concerned Notre Dame students, we write on an issue that we believe warrants immediate and prudent attention from Fr. John Jenkins and his administration. We are inspired by the words of our University's Mission statement, which asserts: "the University seeks to cultivate in its students not only an appreciation for the great achievements of human beings but also a disciplined sensibility to the poverty, injustice and oppression that burden the lives of so many".

We have recently found that our University is invested in a company who continuously disregards the principles that our University seeks to cultivate. HEI Hotels and Resorts has repeatedly undermined the dignity of their employees and denied their fundamental right to organize in an environment free from fear and intimidation. These practices directly contradict Catholic Social Teaching, as articulated by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops. As they have stated in their writing on the Dignity of Work and Rights of Worker: "If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected — the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative".

Motivated by the spirit of our University, our Board of Trustees has already established a clear and articulate policy on how our University would conduct its financial dealing. On May 6, 1988 they approved the Social Responsibility Investment Policy. In the document, the Board of Trustees wrote: "The University of Notre Dame commits itself to an investment policy which reflects both its identity as a Catholic University as well as its intention to promote the basic moral values of fairness, respect for human life, defense of human rights and social justice". The Board then committed itself to "(1) excluding from the portfolios securities of firms whose policies are

inimical to the values the University espouses; (2) investing in firms that demonstrate a high level of social concern; (3) influencing the social behavior of invested firms through the exercise of ownership rights".

Based on the misconduct of HEI Hotels and Resorts, which transgresses the very principles of our Mission Statement, the guidelines set out by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops, as well as our own Social Responsibility Investment Policy, we call on the University of Notre Dame to divest its financial assets from HEI. This divestment will demonstrate that the University of Notre Dame is a leader in socially conscious investing founded on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

If we are to "create a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good" as our Mission statement reads, we must protect the rights of workers to organize, form, and join unions free from intimidation or threats from their employers. For both our own campus workers and for the workers at companies with which we do business, it must be clear that Notre Dame respects and supports the fundamental right to unionize.

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Oct. 8

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St. Ed's Players return with Mamet's "Romance"

"Romance" Worth It for the Laughs

By JOSEF KUHN
Scene Writer

Do not be deceived by the title. The play "Romance" is anything but one.

This Friday and Saturday night, at 7:30 in Washington Hall, the St. Edward's Hall Players will be performing the play "Romance" by David Mamet. The title of the play must be one of those intentionally ironic misnomers, like nick-naming a 300-pound linebacker "Tiny." The play is a blistering and brash comedic farce, but underneath the humor it raises serious questions about justice, prejudice and the difficulty of human relations.

The plot centers around a court trial that seems pretty typical at first, but as the play goes on the trial sinks further and further into disorder and madness. The colorful cast of characters includes a sneaky Jewish chiropractor, a drugged-up judge, a WASP-ish defense attorney, a gay prosecuting attorney and his emotionally unstable boyfriend. The eclectic mix makes for plentiful hilarious clashes and confrontations. Don't laugh too long, though, or you'll miss the next punch line; the play lays them on fast and thick.

Warning: Do not take your grandma to this play. Also, do not see this play if you are easily offended by crude language or racial slurs. Don't worry about being singled out, though; Mamet is an equal opportunity slanderer, in the fashion of Carlos Mencia (but much funnier.)

While the play can be enjoyed for its shock value alone, "Romance" explores deeper thematic issues as well. It challenges the viewer's conception of justice, asking if there is anyone who is really innocent or fit to condemn others. It also looks at the nature of prejudice and tries to figure out if there is any way around strife and discord in human relations, on both the personal and the national level. Nothing is forced or heavy-handed about the play, though; without thinking a little bit, a viewer could easily get caught up in the farce and completely miss the deeper meaning.

The St. Edward's Hall Players do a great job of getting into their parts. They really couldn't have been cast more perfectly. Under the direction of Saint Mary's College senior Lauren Mangiaforte, the play runs like a professional performance. And at only about an hour long, you'll still have plenty of time to go out afterwards. So whether you're the philosophical type or you just want to grab a few laughs, come out and see Romance this weekend.

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Cast & Crew Sound-Off on Experience

By JORDAN GAMBLE
Scene Writer

The St. Ed's Players bring their first full-length show of the year, "Romance," by Tony and Oscar nominee David Mamet, to Washington Hall this week. Members of the cast and crew sounded off in email interviews about the difficulties and rewards of putting on the show.

Why did you choose "Romance" for the St. Ed's Players fall show?

Lauren Mangiaforte, senior at Saint Mary's, director: At Saint Mary's College, all senior theatre majors must produce a play in their second semester, and I had been reading a lot of Mamet this summer in attempts to find a play of his for my senior comprehensive. Matt Goodrich and Meghan Hartmann, the St. Ed's producers, both suggested I read "Romance."

I loved the script. I loved the characters. In Mamet's plays, the dialogue can be unforgivingly harsh, and I like that. At the same time, his plays are full of contrasting places of beautiful earnestness, and I like that just as much. I was hooked.

What is "Romance" about?

Matt Goodrich, senior at Notre Dame, producer/cast: Romance is a courtroom farce that lampoons a smattering of social groups in an equally vicious, hyperliterate manner. Everyone's guilty, everybody lies, and each hates the other. It's David Mamet at his best.

Lauren Lassus, senior at Saint Mary's, stage manager: Mamet points out that if we can't get along in our day-to-day lives and be at peace with the people we see every day, how can we bring peace to the world?

Mangiaforte: Despite its provocative, profane language, "Romance" centers around the idea that peace on Earth starts with peace between individual people. I think we are meant to sympathize with the characters and realize that we are capable of the same harm to our fellow humans as they are.

What about putting together the show has been challenging for you personally and as a team of cast and crew?

Jon McCallie, senior at Notre Dame, techni-

cal director: I've always considered myself the resident lighting guy for the Sted's shows, and in the past I have focused my energies on that. This show, however, features myself in a more fluid role in the production. I've had to learn on the fly, but it's been a rewarding experience.

I couldn't shoulder that weight on my own, and I don't think the director wanted me to. Honestly, it has been a completely collaborative effort from the cast and crew in making each of the decisions about the show, from lighting, to costumes, to scenery, to preshow music, to props, to advertising and all points in between. We all worked together to tackle our obstacles in preparing this wonderful show.

Joseph Kwaczala, senior at Notre Dame, cast member: Last semester, I was on leave to study full-time with The Second City in Chicago as part of their new Comedy Studies program. I'm used to working improvisationally and writing my own stuff, putting it up on its feet, changing things around, and things like that. So this whole "normal theater" — if that's even a saying — is quite different for me.

Goodrich: I tell you what, I myself am not really sure what being a producer entails — kind of winging it, figuring it out as I go along. So far I've had to take care of logistical things, running interference, taking care of all the paperwork, financial things with SAO, and just making sure everything comes together.

Playing a role doesn't help either. For me, performing requires too much focus to do justice to each task. Personally, I'm spending about 35 hours a week in rehearsal, as I'm currently rehearsing for three shows.

Mangiaforte: The plain fact of the matter is, the play deals in various degrees of seriousness with some pretty inarguably controversial material: the centuries-old struggle between Jews and Christians, between Israel and Palestine, child molestation, and the representation of gay couples in our society, just to name a few.

However, as we rehearsed, the play's central theme of peace revealed itself more and more. I think the cast did an outstanding job of finding places of sincerity in the play that highlight the potential for loving the neighbor we all have

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The History of Mamet in One Minute

Playwright, screenwriter, author and director, David Mamet is a force to behold in American art. The St. Ed's Player's are currently taking on "Romance," Mamet's 2005 comedy farce in a courtroom, but "Romance" is only one of Mamet's forays onto stage, page or screen. For the unfamiliar, here are some brief highlights of Mamet's storied career.

"American Buffalo" (1976) A team of men plot to stage a coin collection heist in Mamet's groundbreaking 1976 play. Don, the owner of a junk shop, accidentally sells a valuable nickel for less than its worth. Realizing his mistake, Don and Bob, an acquaintance, and later Teach, a cynical friend of Don's, plan to take revenge by stealing from the man who bought the fated nickel. A revival of "American Buffalo" starring Haley Joel Osment, John Leguizamo and Cedric the Entertainer will debut on Broadway at the end of the month.



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"Glengarry Glen Ross" (1982) This play originally debuted in London after Mamet sent the manuscript to famous British playwright Harold Pinter. Pinter liked the play so much that he recommended it to be staged at the Cottesloe Theatre. The play has been hall-marked for its rich, loaded dialogue (often punctuated with colorful language), powerful characters, and deft skill in portraying struggles of gender and masculinity in contemporary men. A 2005 Broadway revival starred Alan Alda ("M*A*S*H") and Jeffrey Tambor ("Arrested Development").

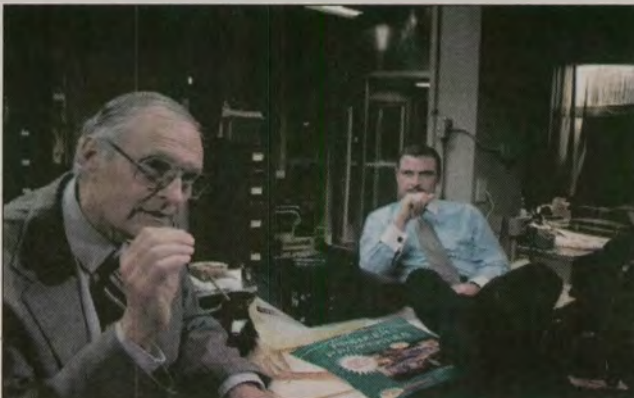


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"Speed-The-Plow" (1988) Visiting a theme he would return to in writing films like "Wag the Dog" (1997) and "State and Main" (2000), Mamet examines the American movie business, with all its blood, sweat and neuroses. Mid-level producers Bobby Gould and Charlie Fox verbally spar over the issue of artistic merit versus financial gain. Gould is caught between producing a low-quality action film and the adaptation of an apocalyptic, spiritual novel. The play was recently revived in London and a Broadway revival begins this month.



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By MICHELLE FORDICE
Asst. Scene Editor

"Appaloosa" tries to recapture the classic western for a modern audience. Cloaking some of today's stars — including Ed Harris, Viggo Mortensen, Jeremy Irons, and Renée Zellweger — in Stetsons, bustles, and some serious statement mustaches, the film returns to the genre that has fascinated American audiences for so long, exploring its depths without sacrificing its fun.

Beginning in 1882, "Appaloosa" is western opera at its best. Gunmen and peace-makers Virgil Cole (Harris) and Everett Hitch (Mortensen) are hired by the New Mexican town of Appaloosa to reign in an ambitious entrepreneur, Randall Bragg (Irons), who, backed by his less than cleanly ranch hands, is terrorizing the town's citizens and even went so far as to murder the marshal and his deputies because they got in his way. Cole and Hitch begin to make progress by establishing that their word

is law and their will the executioner, but matters are complicated when Allison French, a likeable young widow with a penchant for knowing which man is on the rise and a need to attach herself to him, arrives on the scene. "Appaloosa" addresses many themes, most prominently the distinctions between law and justice and the tension between ourselves and the roles we fill.

This film is carried by its characters, and hence its actors. Harris portrays Cole

as a layer of complete calm and stoicism over a burning intensity and pride. Mortensen is a strong mixture of patience and backbone hidden behind a wide brimmed hat, gun, and domineering mustache. Both actors portray powerful emotions with such subtlety that it is astounding. Despite legendary qualities, their characters come across as real men. Zellweger's character, Allison, is a breath of fresh air in the western drama. Unlike the majority of the women found in these movies, she has depth and dynamism, even if she may not always be appealing. She embodies what it means to be a woman in a world where the men are expected to be tough and enterprising, while the women have little they can do to support themselves. Of course, the film focuses on the male bond between Virgil and Everett, leaving her hanging in many ways. Bragg, played by Irons, is deliciously arrogant and menacing, all while maintaining a sort of charming appeal that makes you understand how he can not only function in the world, but at times be liked by it. The realism and depth the characters have turn what could have been merely a dramatic period piece with a touch of action into a film that moves the audience to think about issues that surpass the film's setting.

Of course, "Appaloosa" is not all about deep thought. Not only are there those wonderful western action scenes, including several gunfights, but there is also considerable humor. The film is willing to laugh at itself, and the characters are willing to laugh at each other. Some of the buddy moments between Cole and Hitch and the palpable awkwardness Cole expresses in relation to his feelings for Allison create great moments. It is also a striking film pictorially, capturing the dramatic beauty of New Mexico.

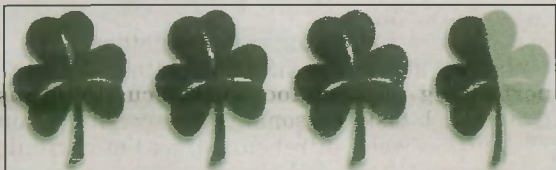
The film is deliberately paced and considerate of what it wants to say. In some ways it is safe, and in the role of director, Harris did not try to reinvent what the western. Yet it does not hesitate to explore the material that is there. The film balances the realism and legend of its characters, portraying a world in which real men can be real heroes, hearkening back to the Westerns that came before it, but not giving in to the temptation to make its heroes flat.

"Appaloosa" leaves you with the feeling that this is only a glimpse into the lives of the characters and the story of the West. In the end you desire more. You aren't satisfied with a ride off into the sunset, you want to follow them on, further into the west.

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Appaloosa

Starring: Ed Harris, Viggo Mortensen, Jeremy Irons, Renée Zellweger
Directed by: Ed Harris



By JESS SHAFFER
Asst. Scene Editor

The movie industry has come out with the newest indie, young adult romantic comedy. Following in the steps of "Juno," "Knocked Up," and "Garden State," "Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist" follows two star-crossed lovers, who are struggling with their respective angsty heartbreaks. Nick is on the mend after a nasty break up with Tris, a vapid, self centered, quintessential popular girl. Nora is a wallflower used to being neglected from living in the shadow of her famous music producer dad. Nora is no stranger to Tris's shenanigans. Tris's favorite extracurricular activity seems to be putting Nick down behind his back, tossing his gifts publicly, and detailing her cheating ways. Nora, always having to play audience to Tris's self centered monologues, adores Nick's music tastes from afar.

These two indie caricatures converge in New York City, where Nick is performing with his band and Nora is out for a night on the town. Both Nick and Nora come with their respective entourages. Nick is a member of the gay-punk group,

The Jerk Offs. The only heterosexual member of this rock band, Nick is surrounded by a sweet and comical ensemble of gay best friends, who desperately want him to get over Tris.

Nora's entourage is not quite as supportive. First, Nora is victimized by her constantly catty frenemy, Tris. And then there's Caroline, Nora's best friend. Nora constantly plays the role of babysitter to Caroline's party girl supreme.

This cast of characters have one thing in common: their love of the illusive (fictional) band, Where's Fluffy? In an epic search for Where's Fluffy?'s mysterious, surprise, concert, New York becomes these teens' personal playground. Complete with jealousy, emo heart-to-hearts, betrayal, budding romance, and a runaway drunk, Nick and Nora follow each other on a roller coaster pursuit of Fluffy, self-esteem, and love.

Overall, this pseudo-epic journey of these lovable losers is cute.

While it's enjoyable to watch and its characters are delightfully hate-able (i.e. Tris) or lovable (i.e. Nick and Nora). Nora, while perhaps a tad too bitter, is very relatable. Nick, though maybe slightly pathetic, seems to embody every pitiful teenage break-up. Caroline is the prototypical drunk girl that anyone who's attended a dorm party can identify effortlessly. Tris is stereotypical, and generally boring in her type cast role. The most original characters are Nick's band mates, who embody a fun combination of flaky stoners, hip gay guys, and indie-punk musicians. They are perhaps the most delightful to watch, though their scenes are few and far between.

Unfortunately, "Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist" overly relies on clichés. It is entirely predictable, though still endearing. By telling a story of clichés, the film loses much of its substance. Though it has huge potential, the film just didn't seem to be looking for quality. For the most part, characters and plot points that could have been better developed were neglected. Perhaps some of the TLC given to small indie projects was lost in this, a more mainstream version of an indie concept. Unlike "Juno" or "Garden State," "Infinite Playlist" lacks depth and heart. It's over processed, mainstream vibe doesn't help. Perhaps this is why the film's latent potential just didn't get fulfilled.

Additionally, the soundtrack was good, though surprisingly deemphasized considering the title of the movie. In fact, music didn't play a crucial part in setting the mood for the film. It was relatively absent, outside the characters' shared love of music.

Overall, while lovable, "Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist" is weak and shallow. Most of the film's better scenes are featured in the preview. Though cute, the film is underdeveloped and lacking in substance. Go see it for a fun, light, teen movie. But don't go expecting much.

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Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist

Starring: Michael Cera, Kat Dennings, Alexis Dziena, Ari Graynor
Directed by: Peter Sollett



MLB

Phillies top Dodgers in first game of NLCS

Burrell and Utley hit home runs in sixth inning to give Philadelphia 3-2 advantage; Lidge stays perfect in saves

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Pat Burrell, Chase Utley and the Philadelphia Phillies had more than enough power to offset Manny Ramirez in the NL championship series opener.

Utley and Burrell homered off tiring Derek Lowe in the sixth inning to back a strong performance by Cole Hamels, and the Phillies were a winner in their return to the NLCS, beating the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-2 Thursday night.

"It feels great but you can't get too caught up in this," Burrell said. "We've got a lot of work to do."

Ramirez put the Dodgers ahead with a long RBI double in the first, just missing a two-run homer. But the Phillies' big bats answered in the sixth, when Burrell hit a go-ahead solo homer after Utley's two-run shot tied it.

Game 2 is Friday in Philadelphia, with Phillies right-hander Brett Myers facing Dodgers righty Chad Billingsley.

A lower back injury nearly sidelined Burrell in the first round against Milwaukee, and he almost got benched after going 0-for-8 in the first three games. But manager Charlie Manuel kept Burrell in the lineup, and Burrell responded with two homers and four RBIs in the

clinching win over the Brewers.

Hamels settled down after the first and wound up allowing two runs and six hits, striking out eight.

"I think the guy just geared it up a notch," Burrell said.

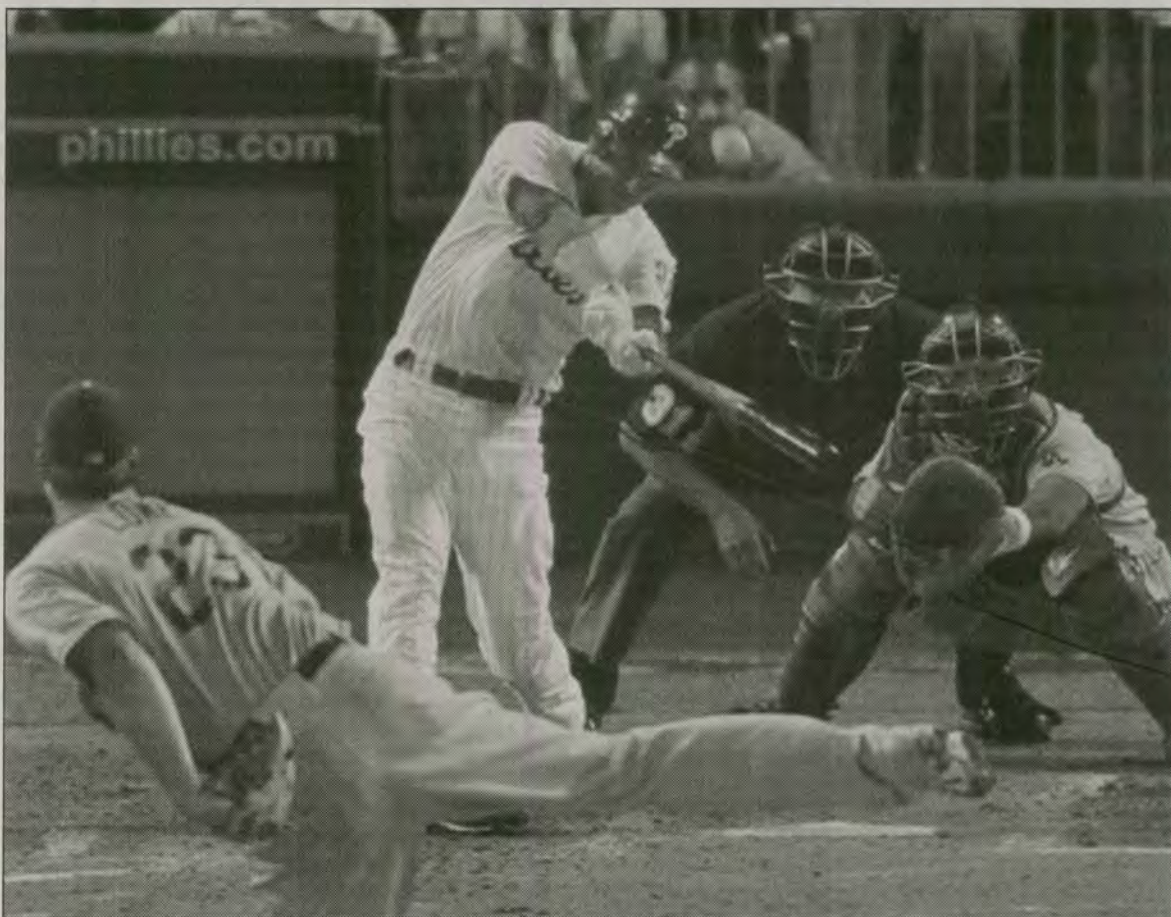
Ryan Madson pitched a scoreless eighth, and Brad Lidge finished with a perfect ninth for his third save of the postseason. Lidge is 44-for-44 in save chances this year.

Lowe cruised through the first five innings, allowing just four singles. But the right-hander with the hard sinker couldn't make it out of the sixth.

The speedy Shane Victorino reached second base leading off on shortstop Rafael Furcal's throwing error. Utley ripped the next pitch into the seats in right-center for his first postseason homer in 29 at-bats, tying it at 2.

One out later, Burrell lined a 3-1 pitch into the left-field stands for a 3-2 lead, sending the sellout crowd into frenzy. While Burrell circled the bases, Lowe looked up at the fireworks going off beyond the swinging replica Liberty Bell that hangs beyond the outfield stands and waited for manager Joe Torre to walk to the mound.

Burrell high-fived teammates and got a curtain call from long-suffering fans,



Philadelphia's Chase Utley hits a home run in the sixth inning of the Phillies' 3-2 win over the Dodgers Thursday in Game 1 of the National League Championship Series.

who waited 15 years to see the Phillies return to the NLCS.

"Utley is a pretty good hitter," Dodgers manager Joe Torre said. "I don't think the error had anything to do with what happened after that."

Los Angeles took a 1-0 lead in the first off Hamels, who tossed eight shutout innings against Milwaukee in Game 1 of the division series.

Andre Ethier hit a one-out double. With first base open, manager Charlie Manuel chose to let Hamels pitch to Ramirez. The slugger made them pay, hitting an RBI double high off the 19-foot wall just left of straightaway center.

Blake DeWitt's sacrifice fly in the fourth made it 2-0. Matt Kemp led off the inning with a looping ground-rule double down the right-field line. Kemp advanced to third on Casey Blake's grounder to shortstop and scored on DeWitt's fly to center.

Lowe's sinker was so sharp early on that he even got Jayson Werth to ground into

his third double-play in 786 plate appearances since joining the Phillies last year.

Lowe was 6-1 with a 1.27 ERA in his last 10 regular-season starts, including an 0.59 ERA in September. He beat Chicago in the opener of the division series as the Dodgers swept the heavily favored Cubs to reach the NLCS for the first time since winning the World Series in 1988.

Right from the start, fans waved their white-and-red "Fightin' Phils" towels and screamed "Beat LA," a chant first made popular by Boston fans as the Philadelphia 76ers were finishing off the Celtics to advance to the 1983 NBA Finals against the Los Angeles Lakers. The 76ers went on to beat the Lakers. It's the last championship this title-starved city has celebrated.

Since then, the Phillies have lost twice in the World Series (1983 and '93), and the city's other three major pro teams are 0-5 in the finals of their respective sports.

The Phillies played their

first NLCS game since clinching the pennant in Game 6 against Atlanta at old Veterans Stadium on Oct. 13, 1993. They're seeking their second World Series title (first was in 1980) in the franchise's 126-year history.

Both teams entered the series streaking. The Dodgers finished 19-8 to capture the NL West crown and won three in a row over the Cubs. The Phillies went 13-3 down the stretch to win their second straight NL East title and needed four games to get past wild-card Milwaukee.

The teams split eight regular-season meetings, each sweeping a four-game series at home in August.

It's the fourth time in 31 years that the Dodgers and Phillies meet in the NLCS. The Dodgers beat the Phillies in 1977 and 1978, winning both best-of-five series in four games. In '83, the Phillies beat the Dodgers in four games after losing 11 of 12 to Los Angeles and getting shut out five times during the regular season.



Los Angeles' Manny Ramirez looks on from the dugout in the ninth inning of the Dodgers' loss.

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	team	point	previous
1	Wake Forest	575	1
2	Northwestern	537	3
3	Creighton	521	5
4	Akron	495	6
5	St. John's	478	2
6	California	455	10
7	Illinois-Chicago	425	9
8	Louisville	410	14
9	Saint Louis	385	11
10	Maryland	371	4
11	South Florida	306	11
12	Loyola (Md.)	301	16
13	Connecticut	299	7
14	UC Davis	269	17
15	NOTRE DAME	259	8
16	North Carolina	254	12
17	Ohio State	195	21
18	UCSB	147	22
19	Pennsylvania	102	NR
20	Tulsa	101	23
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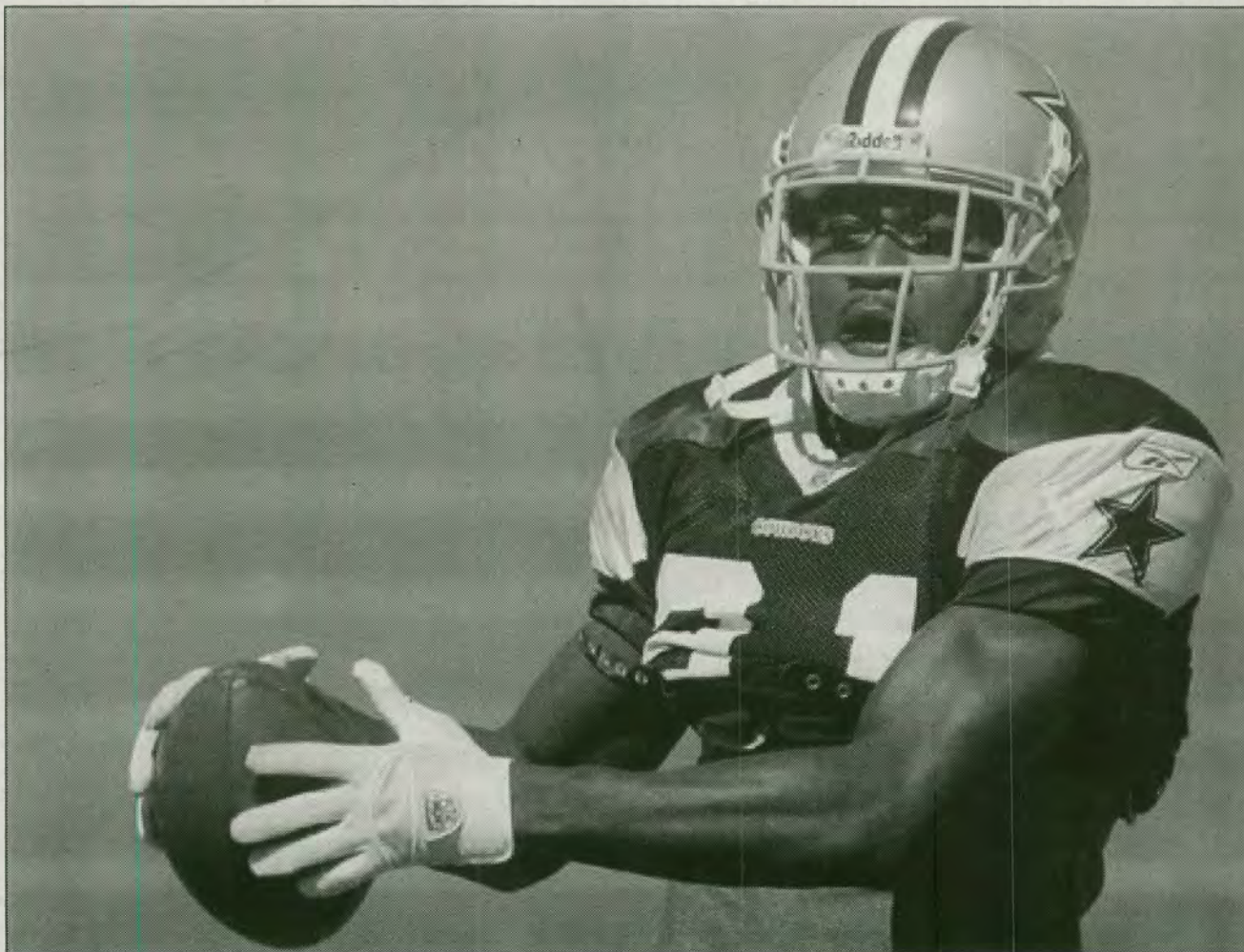
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5	USC	689	5
6	Stanford	679	6
7	Texas A&M	631	8
8	Virginia	594	7
9	Florida State	548	9
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11	Duke	462	12
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13	Oklahoma State	444	15
14	Boston College	414	19
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17	Georgetown	296	22
18	West Virginia	228	24
19	California	190	NR
20	San Diego	177	10
21	Rutgers	168	25
22	Colorado	164	NR
23	Penn State	114	14
24	WI-Milwaukee	53	17
25	Washington St.	42	NR

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	Team	Record
1	Calvin	8-2-1
2	Adrian	8-3-1
3	Alma	7-4-0
4	Hope	9-4-0
5	Albion	4-6-0
6	Olivet	5-6-1
7	Kalamazoo	5-7-0
8	SAINT MARY'S	1-8-1
9	Trine	3-10-0

NFL



Cowboys cornerback Adam 'Pacman' Jones catches a pass during Dallas' practice on Thursday. Jones was involved in a fight with one of his bodyguards the night before commissioner Roger Goodell visited the

Cowboys' Jones to play despite incident

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Troubled cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones is still in the lineup for the Dallas Cowboys after his latest incident involving police.

Cowboys coach Wade Phillips said Thursday that Jones will play Sunday against the Arizona Cardinals, and owner Jerry Jones said the team didn't plan any discipline after the player got into a scuffle with his bodyguard Tuesday night in the bathroom of an upscale Dallas hotel. Police were called, but there were no arrests or charges filed.

"I am very disappointed

in that we're having to deal with this," Jerry Jones said.

Phillips said he talked to the team about the incident Thursday morning.

"What I'm trying to do is get this team to focus on this game and the team that we are playing," Phillips said. "We're moving on in that direction."

Adam Jones was suspended for 17 months by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell for numerous off-field problems. He was arrested six times and involved in 12 incidents requiring police intervention.

Goodell said in a radio interview Thursday that the league was investigat-

ing the matter. He said he didn't speak with Adam Jones individually during a previously scheduled meeting with the entire Cowboys team Wednesday night.

"I'm disappointed that we're even discussing this at this point in time," Goodell said on ESPN Radio. "But we'll have to wait for the facts."

Dallas police said officers responded to a disturbance late Tuesday night at an upscale downtown hotel. Officers said the incident was over by the time they arrived and that some hotel employees reported overhearing a scuffle in the men's restroom in the lobby.

Jones and his bodyguard said everything was OK, and both were driven from the hotel by an acquaintance, police said. The bodyguard told police he didn't want to press charges.

Drafted in the first round by Tennessee in 2005, Jones was among the Titans' best defensive players for two years until Goodell suspended him before the 2007 season. The Titans distanced themselves from Jones and eventually traded him to Dallas for draft picks.

The highest-profile incident involving Jones was a shooting at a Las Vegas strip club that left one club employee paralyzed. Jones

IN BRIEF

Federer to play Madrid Masters after layoff

MADRID, Spain — Roger Federer will play at the Madrid Masters next week, ending a three-week layoff and setting up a possible meeting with top-ranked Rafael Nadal.

The second-ranked Federer won the tournament in 2006 and was runner-up last year. The Swiss star skipped this week's Stockholm Open saying he needed rest as he continues to rebound from a bout of mononucleosis at the start of the year.

If the world's top players meet in the tournament, which starts Monday, it would be the first time since Nadal ended Federer's bid for a sixth straight Wimbledon crown in June. The Spaniard then assumed the No. 1 ranking, which the Swiss had held for a record 237 weeks.

Federer was knocked out of the Olympic tournament in Beijing

where Nadal won the gold medal. Witnesses say Edwards, Harvick fight in garage

CONCORD, N.C. — Greg Biffle isn't angry with teammate Carl Edwards for starting a 12-car crash at Talladega Superspeedway.

Neither is Matt Kenseth.

Kevin Harvick? Not quite over it.

Witnesses said Edwards and Harvick scuffled Thursday in the Nationwide Series garage at Lowe's Motor Speedway after Edwards walked into Harvick's garage stall and the two engaged in a heated argument.

Harvick appeared to try to walk away but, witnesses said, Edwards reached for his shoulder to turn him back around. Harvick then shoved Edwards, who stumbled onto the hood of Harvick's car, and the two had to be separated.

Witnesses claimed a member of Harvick's crew had Edwards in a headlock as numerous people tried to separate the two.

Mets' Burgos jailed for 3 months ahead of trial

NAGUA, Dominican Republic — New York Mets pitcher Ambiorix Burgos will be jailed for three months while awaiting trial for a hit-and-run accident that killed two women.

The 24-year-old reliever told The Associated Press that a Dominican judge ordered him to remain behind bars Wednesday night out of concerns for his safety.

"I am going to come out of this fine because my conscience is clear, and I'm not worried this will affect my career because I haven't done anything," he said in the jailhouse interview.

Burgos is accused of abandoning the victims of the Sept. 30 accident and fleeing, charges that can carry six months to two years in prison. He disappeared after the accident but turned himself in Tuesday.

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CHICAGO MARATHON

Participants hope for cooler temperatures

Heat caused death of one runner in 2007

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Joan Marie Kaye and 45,000 runners gearing up for the Chicago Marathon know that muscle-aching, mind-numbing, hurts-so-bad-you-want-to-die kind of pain almost surely awaits them.

What she and other runners fear Sunday is a repeat of last year's run, during which ambulance sirens screamed everywhere as hundreds of participants collapsed or vomited in scorching, near-90 degree heat, and a man with a heart disorder died.

As one of at least 50 people hospitalized last year, Kaye knows the perils better than most.

"There's some fear in the back of my mind, sure," Kaye, who is in her 50s, said from her home in Madison, Miss. "I think about what the temperature will be all the time."

The scenes of chaos at one of the world's largest marathons, as well as accusations that organizers made matters worse by supplying too little water to runners, became a focus of scrutiny by marathoners and race organizers everywhere.

"Chicago's even become a verb. Organizers say, 'We're not going to be Chicagoed,'" said Mark Simpson, Kaye's marathon trainer and an organizer of distance races in the south.

The 2007 race was canceled after about four hours as fears mounted of a possible health catastrophe. Chad Schieber, a 35-year-old Michigan police officer and father of three, died during the race. An autopsy blamed his death on a heart condition called mitral valve prolapse, and coroners said tests showed no evidence he was dehydrated.

Officials with the Chicago Marathon say they've taken steps to prevent a repeat of the 2007 run, during which at least 250 runners were also treated along the route.

The new measures include increasing water distribution points to 20 from 15 last year; also, there will be 23 medical stations, up from 18. A multi-colored flag system will also be in place along the route to address poor communication last year between race officials and runners. Green flags mean it is safe—black that the event's been canceled.

"We're better prepared for extreme conditions," said race director Carey Pinkowski. "If you look at the legacy of the event, we've always learned from the previous year. Last year was historic heat ... conditions we'd never seen."

Officials from other major marathons, including in New York and Boston, have followed closely how Chicago reacted to last year's crisis, even altering their own procedures as a consequence.

"What happened wasn't swept under the rug by anybody," said New City Marathon spokesman Richard Finn, in Chicago to observe this year's race. "The feeling's that Chicago has taken prudent

steps to address what happened here last year."

One thing that is not yet clear is whether Mother Nature will cooperate.

Temperatures in the 90s seem unlikely, but forecasters say they could reach the upper 70s—still considered hot for a marathon. Marathoners prefer 50- or 60-degree weather, when their bodies are less likely to get too hot or too cold.

"It looks like (Chicago organizers) may not get the running weather they hoped and prayed for," Finn said.

Conditions were especially severe last year because of high humidity and scant wind. Bright sunshine on concrete and asphalt roads also created radiant heat.

But if registrations for this year's race are an indication, last year's spectacle scared few off.

Organizers delayed accepting applications until February as they reassessed racing procedures, including by interviewing hundreds of runners. Within three months, registration closed after the maximum 45,000 people signed up.

Simpson leads a group of 280 Mississippians to run in Chicago, including Kaye; 80 ran last year and are "more determined than ever to get Chicago in bag," he said. Out of his group of 135 last year, only about a dozen finished the race.

During a typical Chicago Marathon, more than 95 percent of runners who start complete the course. Last year, only about 70 percent of the runners—or just less than 25,000—finished, many walking the last several miles.

Like many runners, Kaye has carefully followed Chicago's weather.

"I've printed out the weather forecasts from the Internet every day this week," she said.

Simpson, who also ran last year, is among those who think a lack of available water was largely to blame for last year's disarray, saying, "we were prepared for Chicago, but Chicago wasn't prepared for us."

Some of his trainees trust the organizers have their act together this year, and some do not.

"Most of our first-timers are going to trust organizers, but those returning after last year are saying they don't trust them," said Simpson. "They're packing their own water."

He, for one, thinks Chicago Marathon officials have learned their lesson.

"From every indication, they've gone over and beyond what they need to do this year," Simpson said. "Last year's fiasco will make the sport even better and safer."

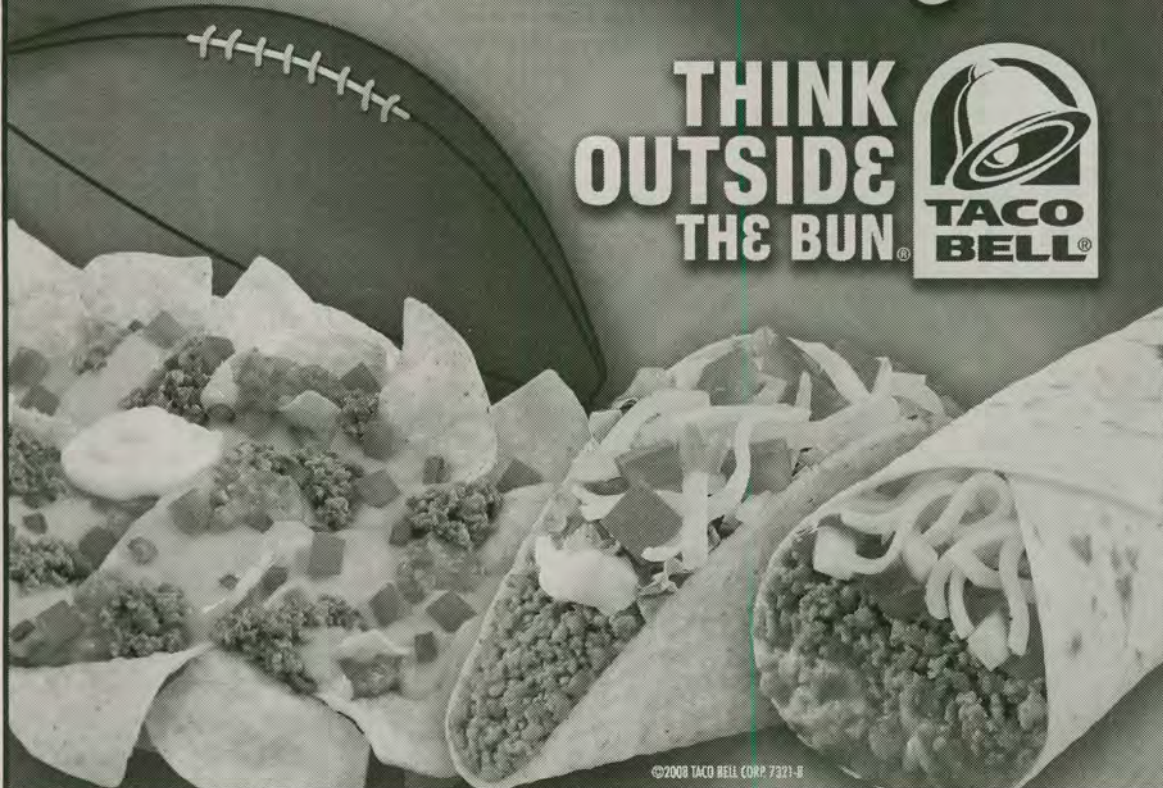
Kaye, who completed several marathons before 2007, said most of her friends think she's crazy for wanting to run in Chicago again. But she said running is in her blood.

Although she already has a plan B if it looks like this year's marathon is too hot.

"If I don't feel good I'll go shopping instead," she said.

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NCAA

Skinner leads No. 21 Wake Forest in win over Clemson

Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Riley Skinner and Wake Forest have played two ACC games and managed just one touchdown. It came just in time to help the Demon Deacons beat another Bowden.

Skinner threw a 7-yard scoring pass to D.J. Boldin with 5:28 left to lead No. 21 Wake Forest past Clemson 12-7 on Thursday night.

He completed 22 of 34 pass-

es for 186 yards, added 74 more yards rushing and led the decisive 15-play, 78-yard drive in the fourth quarter for the Demon Deacons (4-1, 2-0).

The only Atlantic Division team with a perfect conference record won its first two league games for the first time since 1987, but had to go through the ACC's first family to do it. After topping Bobby Bowden's Florida State team on four field goals, they took out son Tommy's Tigers with a dominant defense and some

opportunistic play from the quarterback coming off a five-turnover performance against Navy.

"It's just a testament to our defense. The thing is, though, once you look at our yards—we're moving the ball," Skinner said. "It's not like we can't move the ball at all. We're just driving and shooting ourselves in the foot when it gets inside the red zone. ... It's not like our plays are bad. We're just not capitalizing."

Shane Popham—starting in

place of injured kicker Sam Swank—had field goals of 22 and 32 yards for Wake Forest, and a dominant defense held the Tigers' vaunted ground game to 21 yards rushing on 23 carries. The Demon Deacons outgained Clemson 342-198 to snap a two-game losing streak in the series.

"This is a game that, me personally, I've wanted for a long time," Skinner said.

Cullen Harper was 15-of-35 for 177 yards with an interception for Clemson (3-3, 1-2). The league's preseason favorites lost their second straight and are one of three ACC teams with multiple conference losses.

"Our backs are against the wall right now big time," Harper said. "There's either two things we can do—we can either quit and lay down, or we can come out swinging (next week) against Georgia Tech."

Harper's 10-yard touchdown pass to Jacoby Ford with 7 seconds left in the third quarter put Clemson up 7-3.

Alphonso Smith's school-record-tying 17th career interception gave Wake Forest the ball inside the Clemson 20 and set up Popham's second field goal, which pulled Wake Forest to 7-6 with just under 13 minutes to play.

Then, after forcing a punt, it was time for Skinner to rally the Demon Deacons.

Taking over with about 10 1/2 minutes left, he systematically marched Wake Forest downfield by completing seven of nine passes for 69 yards and converting three third downs—including a 28-yard pass to Boldin on third-and-24.

"We got our Riley Skinner back tonight," coach Jim Grobe said.

He then found Boldin in the right flat, and the receiver cut back through two defenders and into the end zone for his first career touchdown. Skinner's 2-point conversion pass for Ben Wooster was batted away.

On its last possession, Clemson got no farther than

its own 39, and linebacker Stanley Arnoux broke up Harper's fourth-and-20 pass with about 3 1/2 minutes left to seal Grobe's third win over the Tigers in eight tries.

"They just generated that one drive," Bowden said. "We kept hoping we could generate one drive to win the game. Wake Forest did it. We didn't."

Instead, the Tigers' offense sputtered once again. They had minus-6 yards rushing at halftime, were stuck in negative total yardage until their fifth drive of the game and were just 2-of-14 on third downs.

Star James Davis finished with 25 yards, 50 below his average, while backfield mate C.J. Spiller had just 10 yards on two carries before injuring his left leg in the second quarter. Those two struggled in the Tigers' other losses, combining for 20 yards in the opening loss to Alabama and gaining a total 31 yards in the second half of the Maryland defeat.

"That's like holding the Patriots," Smith said.

With the ground game struggling, Clemson's offense couldn't generate any big plays until the final moments of the third quarter, with Harper taking advantage of a pass-interference penalty on Chip Vaughn to convert his first third down.

Then, he temporarily put the Tigers ahead by finding Ford over the middle. The track star juggled the ball before pulling it in as he crossed the goal line for their only score.

This one probably should have been even more lopsided for Wake Forest.

The Demon Deacons had plenty of early chances to take a comfortable lead, driving inside the Clemson 5 on its first two possessions and then moving to the 22 on its final full series of the second quarter, but couldn't punch it in. Ryan McManus had trouble with the hold on Popham's 25-yard field goal, and Popham was badly wide right on a 39-yard attempt 1:48 before the half.

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NFL

Gholston yet to learn Jets' defense

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Vernon Gholston used some of the down time during the New York Jets' bye week to catch up on some heavy reading.

The telephone directory-sized defensive playbook has been a constant companion for the rookie outside linebacker, who's still trying to learn the Jets' complex system.

"I just looked over the plays that I've had and kind of evaluate myself a little bit, see the things I need to do better and try to get a better grasp of the concepts on defense," Gholston said Thursday. "We put in a lot of new stuff over the bye week, so I was just trying to get a handle on that kind of stuff."

Gholston has been trying to do that ever since he was drafted No. 6 overall by the Jets in April. A dominant pass-rushing force at Ohio State, Gholston has shown little of that explosiveness through New York's first four games.

"I expected it to take a little time, of course, like anything," he said. "I've made a lot of strides since the first day I put on the pads, but I've still got a long way to go."

Gholston was a defensive end with the Buckeyes and set the school's single-season record with 14 sacks last year. The Jets are transforming Gholston into a 3-4 outside linebacker, and the transition has taken lots of

getting used to.

"Once I get a full understanding of that and how it should be played and watching tape of other guys and really understanding where I need to be, I can play faster and play with a little more confidence out there," Gholston said. "I think that's the biggest thing."

His introduction to the new position was delayed when he missed minicamp because of an NCAA rule that wouldn't allow him to practice until Ohio State's spring semester was completed. He then missed a day of training camp because of a brief contract holdout.

"He's a rookie, man," said linebacker Calvin Pace, a former first-round pick of Arizona. "A lot of people put too much pressure on rookies. This is a guy that just came from college. I'm not making excuses for him. ... You're playing against a lot of different people and sometimes your head spins. Sometimes you go home and you're like, 'What happened today?' You just really kind of black out."

Gholston has one tackle on defense, but had four special-teams tackles in the Jets' 56-35 victory over Arizona in Week 4. The effort earned Gholston the Jets' special teams player of the week award.

"Those aren't gimmes," coach Eric Mangini said. "You've got to earn that, and he did. I was proud of that fact, especially in

an area he's not familiar with. Now, defensively, we need to see that continued growth as well."

Gholston hadn't played on special teams since his first season at Ohio State.

"I think playing special teams has helped him from the standpoint of having him get out there and run around," Pace said. "Use that to go out there and just hit somebody."

Gholston has leaned on Pace and Bryan Thomas, both former first-round picks who struggled with expectations and position changes in their careers.

"It's hard to ask a 21-, 22-year-old guy to go out there and have a Pro Bowl season," Pace said. "You've got different hours, there's no class—you're not that guy anymore. Somebody else has that limelight. It's one of those situations where you need to go play your role and go lean on everybody else."

Thomas said Gholston's struggles aren't unique, but rather a common hurdle for rookies.

"That's how it is when you're learning any new defense," Thomas said. "You come in as a rookie and totally learning a new system he's never played before, at times, it can be difficult. It's just about being able to adjust to it."

Gholston has even spoken to New England linebacker Mike Vrabel, who previously held Ohio State's sacks record.

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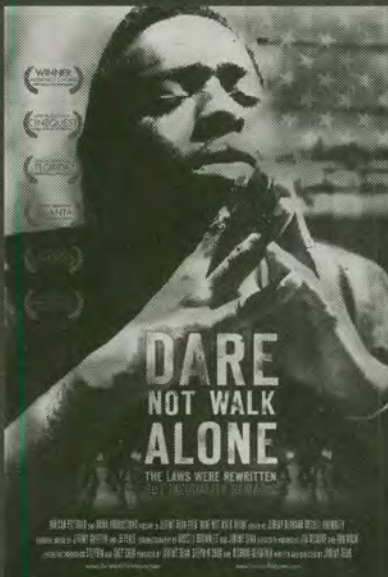
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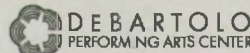
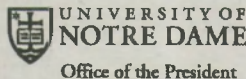
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Struggling squad to host conference foe

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

After suffering its third consecutive one-goal loss Wednesday against Adrian, Saint Mary's will return home to face conference leader Calvin Saturday.

"We have really struggled to find consistency over the last few weeks," Belles coach Ryan Crabbe said. "The number of close results proves we are a team in search of our identity."

The Belles are currently on a five-game losing streak dating back to the North Central Tournament, where they took both of their matches, one in penalty kicks, and the tournament title.

Saint Mary's is currently 1-8-1 overall with an 0-3 MIAA conference record.

"Our record does not reflect it, but we are a much better team than it shows," Crabbe said. "I have full confidence

that these players want to succeed and I know they can compete with any team that steps on the field against them."

If the Belles are to finish comfortably in the conference standings at the end of the season, they must hit their stride now as they have just five games remaining on the schedule.

Crabbe said he hasn't lost an ounce of faith in his team and still believes they have a good shot of finishing the season strong.

"I really feel like this team has increased focus and continues to stay motivated," he said.

Calvin is unbeaten in conference play this season.

This match will be the first in a three-game home stand for Saint Mary's, who has not won at home in two tries this season. Kick-off is scheduled for 12 p.m.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles to play mini-tourney

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After dropping consecutive conference matches for the second time this season, Saint Mary's has a chance for redemption at this weekend's MIAA mini-tournament. The Belles (12-7, 5-5 MIAA) open competition Saturday morning against Alma (15-6, 7-2 MIAA) before taking on league doormat Olivet (4-16, 0-9 MIAA) in the afternoon match.

Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek has acknowledged her squad's struggles, but said she still believes it has the ability to make a run in the MIAA.

"We have been struggling through a few things offensively, primarily with just learning each other — new setters learning the tendencies and strengths of their attackers and attackers learning the same things about the setters," Schroeder-Biek said. "[But] players are well aware of what it will take to get to where we want this program to be. We want to be playing for

a championship."

Last Friday, the Belles dropped a match against the Scots, who cruised to victory in four sets (25-15, 25-21, 18-25, 25-15). Alma's stingy defense held Saint Mary's to an anemic .124 attacking percentage while tallying 91 digs and 7 blocks; the blocks, in particular, killed several rally attempts from the Belles, swinging momentum toward the Scots.

Saint Mary's offense, which has been at times inconsistent this season, didn't give itself any help, as the Belles committed 18 errors, including 11 from junior hitter Lorna Slupczynski. Slupczynski, Saint Mary's leading scorer, has been the catalyst for the offense all season. Alma senior hitter Kim Gillhespy dominated offensively, finishing with match-highs in kills (15), attacking percentage (.324), and service aces (three).

Olivet, on the other hand, has dropped six of its last seven and remains winless in the MIAA so far. The Comets have posted a .103 attacking percentage this season while posting only 16.7

digs per game. As a result, Olivet has been outscored 1693-1363 overall this season.

Senior hitter Mackenzie Heator "leads" the Comets offense with 136 kills on the season, tallying a .176 attacking percentage, while sophomore setter has accumulating 399 assists. Senior hitter Lindsay Talent paces the squad defensively with 275 digs, while also totaling 135 kills. Despite Olivet's struggles and the Belles issuing a 3-0 drubbing last month, Schroeder-Biek is not overlooking the Comets.

"Olivet has been known to really play with a lot of emotion against us which makes for a competitive match," Schroeder-Biek. "Their program has continued to improve over the last few years."

Saint Mary's begins play at 11:00 a.m. against Alma, before taking on Olivet at 3:00 p.m. Olivet is hosting the tournament at its Cutler Event Center in Olivet, Mich.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Farley limits usually strong Pangborn offense in win

Lewis utilizes strong rushing game to defeat Breen-Phillips; undefeated Welsh Family shuts down Badin

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Farley's defensive effort shut down the high-powered Pangborn offense to give the Finest an 18-6 victory Thursday night.

In its past three games, Pangborn (3-3) had averaged nearly 25 points a game, but the Phoxes couldn't score until only three minutes remained in the game.

Pangborn's first possession was a three-and-out that failed to gain yardage. Sophomore dual-threat quarterback Gabby Tate did not complete a pass until a minute and a half remained in the first half. Two plays after Tate's first completion, Farley freshmen cornerback Katie Smith intercepted Tate, Smith's first of two interceptions on the night.

"We know our defense is really strong," Farley senior captain Jenny Rolfs said. "And it did an amazing job today."

The Finest offense capitalized on nearly every opportunity the defense presented. Following Pangborn's opening three-and-out, Farley (3-1-1) flew down the field in three plays. On the fourth, sophomore quarterback Emily Murphy threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Rolfs.

On Farley's first drive of the second half, Murphy evaded three Pangborn tack-

lers to scramble into the end zone. The Finest finished off their scoring with a three-yard touchdown pass to sophomore receiver Molly Casanova the next drive.

"We were able to put last game [a 15-7 loss to undefeated Welsh Family] behind us," Murphy said.

"It felt really good to finally move the ball well and finish our chances," said Rolfs, who was in her second game back after a rib injury.

Pangborn only managed to score after Farley had built the 18-0 lead. At that point, Tate led a long drive down the field and threw five-yard touch-

down pass. The highlight of the Phoxes' defensive performance was their three sacks.

This type of game is not how Pangborn hoped to go into the playoffs, but at least the Phoxes will get a chance to right this sub-par performance after fall break.

Lewis 21, Breen-Phillips 13

Lewis hit the ground running from the start of the game and relied on a solid offense during a victory over Breen-Phillips.

Senior quarterback Catherine Guarineri accounted for most of the Chicks' rushing yards, making plays with her legs when there was no one open downfield. Chicks captain Katie Sushinsky had nothing but praise for her quarterback's efforts.

"Catherine had a great game," Sushinsky said. "She

made great decisions tonight, particularly on her runs. Most of them weren't designed, so she made things happen herself."

Breen-Phillips (0-3-2) jumped out to an early 7-0 lead, but Lewis (1-4-0) responded right away, using the run to drive down the field and set up a short touchdown pass. The Chicks and the Babes traded the next few possessions, and a late touchdown by Breen-Phillips gave the Babes a 13-7 lead going into halftime.

The second half belonged entirely to the Chicks. After a good defensive stand, Guirineri came on the field and threw a 15-yard touchdown pass and converted the extra point to give Lewis a 14-13 lead.

On the following possession, Breen-Phillips drove all the way down the field to within a few yards of the goal line. The Chicks defense held stout, however, forcing a turnover on downs. The offense then proceeded to drive methodically down the field, and Guarineri ran the ball into the end zone on a quarterback option with 10 seconds left to seal the win.

After the game, Chicks head coach Perry Shoemaker said he was thrilled with his team's efforts.

"We finally put all the pieces together tonight," Shoemaker said. "We had great consistency on offense, and our defense really held

together in the second half." Shoemaker also emphasized the importance of the Chicks' attitude in earning their first win of the season.

"We've been putting in a lot of effort," Shoemaker said. "We weren't just going to roll over. We had the choice to either give up or keep fighting. We decided to keep fighting, and tonight it paid off."

Welsh Family 20, Badin 0

Coming off a huge win over undefeated Farley last week, Welsh Family was determined not to come out flat against a fired up Badin squad coming off its first win of the season.

Despite playing a close first half, Welsh Family (5-0) utilized a combination of offense and defense to beat Badin.

Although the defense played well early, Welsh Family had trouble putting the ball in the end zone against the stout Badin (1-3-1) defense due to a few untimely drops from the Whirlwind wide receivers.

"We had some trouble hanging on to the ball in the first half," Welsh Family coach Mike Kaiser said. "With the weather getting colder and colder, it's going to be imperative for us to look the ball all the way in

before trying to make a play after the catch."

After turning the ball over on downs, Badin marched down the field before half, only to be picked off by Welsh Family's opportunistic secondary, which had three interceptions in the game.

With a 7-0 lead going into halftime, and spurred by a fiery halftime speech from Kaiser, Welsh Family morphed into an entirely different team in the second half.

Led by Jenni Gargula, who threw great passes all game, the Whirlwinds wasted no time getting into the end zone, scoring on a play where Gargula maneuvered deftly in the pocket and found an open Steph Bendinelli streaking across the middle.

On the next drive, Gargula hit senior wide receiver Meghan Mulhern on a corner route to make the score 20-0.

"I was happy we hung in there with them early," Badin coach Jon Heintz said. "Unfortunately, I think the excitement from last week's win, and having practice rained out on Tuesday came

back to hurt us." Welsh Family will look to close out the perfect season on Sunday against Breen-Phillips as Badin will hope to exact revenge against Walsh.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Squad to face Big East challengers

West Virginia, Pitt to visit in Irish's first conference matches at home

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hopes to continue its hot start in conference play this weekend when the Irish take on conference foes West Virginia and Pittsburgh.

Currently, Notre Dame is tied with three teams for first place in the Big East with a 3-1 conference record. One of those teams is Pittsburgh, and Irish coach Debbie Brown said a win against the Panthers would be big for Notre Dame's conference title hopes.

"I think it's just really important to win to give us a legitimate shot to win the regular season," Brown said. "We just want to make sure we're putting ourselves in the best possible position."

Saturday, the Irish play the Mountaineers at the JACC. West Virginia is currently 0-4 in the Big East this year, but Brown said her team should still take them seriously.

"West Virginia's had a little bit of a shaky start," she said. "But I think they have some players that are very capable of playing a high level."

Sunday, against the Panthers, Notre Dame will face a tougher challenge. So far, the Panthers have conference wins over Villanova, South Florida and Seton Hall. Senior out-

side hitter Kelly Campbell leads Pittsburgh with 3.26 kills per set and 235 total kills on the season.

"We think Pittsburgh is pretty balanced," Brown said. "They have good middles, good outsides, a pretty experienced setter."

Brown said the only thing that could affect her team's preparation with Pittsburgh was the fact that coach Toby Rens is in his first season with the Panthers.

"You kind of feel like you know a team pretty well, but when a new coach comes sometime they change the systems up a little bit," Brown said.

Brown added that in practice, her team has been focusing primarily on its serving, mostly because the Irish tallied a season-high 17 service errors last weekend against Cincinnati.

"We've been working on a lot of things," she said. "Serving, blocking, and defense have been the main things because we think that's the area of weakness that we have right now."

This weekend marks the first time the Irish will play

a Big East game on its home floor. Brown said that, despite positive results on the road, it would feel good to finally play a conference game at the JACC.

"It was tough being on the road for the first four matches," she said. "But overall I think it went very well."

Brown said the team sleeping in their own beds and eating their regular food would help, and that an

extra day of practice would benefit the players.

Junior outside hitter Serenity Phillips had missed two weeks because of an ankle injury, but played last weekend against Louisville and Cincinnati. Brown said while Phillips was not yet at full strength, she would be able to contribute against the Mountaineers and Panthers.

"Serenity played last weekend and she's getting better and better every day," Brown said. "She's a huge part of our offense and our defense as well."

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Debbie Brown
Irish Coach

MEN'S SOCCER

Irish look for more success at home

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

After snapping their first losing streak in seven years with a 3-0 win over Michigan State Wednesday, the No. 14 Irish turn their attention to hosting an overachieving Pittsburgh team Saturday at 7 p.m.

Notre Dame (7-3-1, 3-1-1 Big East) will host the Panthers (6-4-2, 2-3-1 Big East), who are in fifth-place in the eight-team Big East Blue division, which the Irish lead with 10 points. A win would bring the Panthers, who now have seven points, into a first-place tie with the Irish.

Pittsburgh has a winning record going into their matchup with the Irish for the first time in recent memory, Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

"This is the best year they've had for quite a lot of years, without question," Clark said. "They'll be feeling very confident, and we've got to handle that. But we've got to worry about our own game, about how we play."

The Panthers are riding high after forcing a 1-1 tie at West Virginia Wednesday. At 2-1-3 in Big East play, the Mountaineers are in second in the Blue division with nine points.

The Irish have been dominant at home, going 6-0-1 and outscoring opponents 17-2 in those games. Wednesday's win was crucial, as Notre Dame dropped two straight road games before returning home to thrash the Spartans.

"I never felt we struggled even in the games we lost," Clark said. "It's not our divine right to win games, but that's what we try to do, and that's a challenge. Don't get me wrong, we weren't happy with losing two games, but you just take each game as it comes."

Senior forward Bright Dike has been a force for the Irish lately. Notre Dame's leader with eight goals, he has now scored in five straight games.

Dike's emergence as a go-to scorer has answered the biggest question mark Notre Dame had coming into the year after losing All-American Joe Lapira.

"That's his job; he's the furthest-up striker," Clark said. "Having said that, he's done very well. There's still more to come with him, and that's the exciting thing. There's still a lot of room for improvement, and we're excited about the possibilities."

Though this will be Notre Dame's first Big East game since Sept. 26, Clark said there won't be any rust thanks to the high-intensity of even the Irish's non-conference schedule.

"Every game is a big game for us, and that's the great thing about having schedule we play," Clark said. "There are no games that don't count. Every game is going to be important for us getting into the NCAA Tournament."

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NFL

Winslow misses two practices with illness

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — The Cleveland Browns sent tight end Kellen Winslow to the doctor for tests after he missed his second straight day of practice with an unspecified "illness."

Browns coach Romeo Crennel said Winslow, who has been plagued by injuries throughout his NFL career, has been sick for two days. Crennel would not say if Winslow would play in


Monday night's game against the New York Giants.

"He's a valuable piece to the puzzle we have," Crennel said Thursday. "I know that he'll want to play, so he'll do everything he can to be able to play."

Crennel would not elaborate on Winslow's condition or disclose any medical problems.

"Not until after doctors take look at him and see if they can know what it is," he said.

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said.

Walsh will rely on its gritty defensive line, highlighted by Brenner and junior linebacker Molly McCartney. Offensively, sophomores quarterback Amy Langnecker and receiver Lindsay Schanzer run the passing game, while running back Meghan Hadley gets the touches on the ground.

"This year the team's notorious upperclassmen have been instrumental in leading more freshmen than the team has had in years," coach J.J. Rees said. "The team is coming off a huge last-second win over BP, and the girls look forward to showing Badin their best football."

Lewis vs. Farley

Farley will try to bounce back from a loss to Welsh Family against winless Lewis Sunday.

Farley (2-1-1) would like to finish their season the same way it started — 2-0. With only two games left in the season, captain Jenny Rolfs is confident that back-to-back wins will land her team a spot in the playoffs. Rolfs said Farley's strong defensive play was the key to the game.

"We have been playing amazing defense, we have moved a couple freshman into the rotation and they are doing an excellent job," Rolfs said.

In order to be successful though, she also said the offense needs to be more consistent in finishing their offensive drives, despite the dependable play of quarterback Emily Murphy, who, Rolfs said, "always does a great job".

Lewis is still playing with as much intensity as they have all season.

After losing last week to Pangborn 25-12, the Chicks' new mission is to ruin someone's season. Lewis has shown steady offensive improvement throughout the year, and with the great play of captain Kristie Shushinsky, Lewis could very well play the role of spoiler in either of its last two games.

Farley's Finest and the Chicks will face off this Sunday at 5 p.m. on the LaBar Practice Field.

Welsh Family vs. Breen-Phillips

Two teams couldn't look more differently right now than undefeated Welsh Family and winless Breen-Phillips, who play Sunday at 6 p.m. at LaBar Field.

The Babes (0-2-2) come into Sunday's matchup off of a tough loss to Walsh last week. The Breen-Phillips offense finally began to operate on all cylinders and held the lead for most of the game. With 21 seconds left, the Babes led 21 - 19 when Walsh took over on offense.

Needing a touchdown for the win, Walsh quarterback Amy Langnecker launched a bomb to receiver Lindsay Shanzer who caught the ball seamlessly and ran it in for the touchdown that handed a stunned Breen-Phillips team its second straight loss.

Welsh Family (4-0) comes to the matchup following a win over Farley this past Sunday. In the battle of the unbeaten, Welsh Family emerged victorious, coming from behind to beat a strong Farley team and remain undefeated for the season.

Despite this strong performance, Whirlwinds captain Jenni Gargula said she is never satisfied and this attitude is what accounts for much of their success.

"I still don't think we have come close to playing up to our potential," Welsh Family captain Jenni Gargula said.

The Welsh Family team remains determined to perfect every aspect of their game.

"We have been working on the goal line play of our offense," Gargula said. "We've had some mistakes on extra points the past few games, which should never happen."

Oftentimes, the threat to a team so accustomed to winning is complacency. This seems far from the truth, however, with Welsh Family. The team continues to run intensive practices and continues to expect only the best from the players.

"We are just looking for turnovers from our defense and scoring drives from our offense," Gargula said. "Every person on our team contributes and is capable of making big plays."

Pasquerilla East vs. Pasquerilla West

On Sunday, another chapter will be added to the Pasquerilla rivalry.

Pasquerilla East (0-4-1) will face off against the Pasquerilla West (2-1-2) at LaBar Field at 1 pm.

"It's a big rivalry," Pyros captain Tara Pillai said. "We just want to win."

Mired in a disappointing season, the Pyros are coming off of a tie last week against Cavanaugh.

"We had some good drives on offense last week," Pillai said. "We just couldn't score."

The Pyros offense last week effectively used the shovel pass, which Cavanaugh had difficulty defending. They were also happy with their stingy defense against what they said was a good Cavanaugh team. Pillai wants her team to put it all together on offense and defense Sunday.

After last week's victory in the rain against Lyons, the Purple Weasels are looking to avoid an end of the season slip-up before the

playoffs. In clinching a playoff berth, the Pasquerilla West offense successfully utilized its short passing game as well as a strong running attack behind quarterback Cara Davies. Its defense also played well, intercepting three passes and keeping the Lions out of the end zone.

Although their season will end on Sunday, the Pryos are looking to win their first game against their rivals.

"We're fired up and absolutely ready to go," Pillai said. "We can ruin P-Dub's season."

Howard vs. Cavanaugh

Howard will face the Cavanaugh for the second time this season Sunday, and after losing to the Chaos 7-6 two weeks ago, the Chaos hope to use this game as an opportunity for revenge.

"We are finally getting into the groove of things, the offense is getting the ball rolling, and the defense is making some great stops," Cavanaugh captain Katie Dunn said.

Cavanaugh's key players include freshman safety Caroline Walsh, senior wide receiver Laura Geizeman and wide receiver Krysten Jeffries.

"Jeffries is coming off a really good game, look for her to be making some great catches out there," Dunn said.

The Ducks will also be relying on their offensive talent to solidify the win.

"The receivers had a fantastic game on Tuesday, they ran sharp routes, they made the plays, they are the best I have seen in my four years of play," Howard captain Kayla Bishop said.

Bishop is the starting quarterback for the Ducks, but may be forced to sit out due to an ankle injury.

"I have a great backup, Caitlin Booth, who might get some reps for the first time Sunday," Bishop said.

The Ducks' gameplan, though, remains simple.

"We are just going to do our best and hope it works," Bishop said.

The game should be an equal offensive matchup, putting pressure on each defensive squad to make the stops.

Kickoff is Sunday, 2 p.m. on LaBar Field.

Lyons vs. McGlinn

Lyons takes on McGlinn Sunday in a matchup of two teams trying to make a statement at the end of the season.

The Lions have used a team approach that emphasizes communication to lead them to victory three times this season.

"It's been a successful season," captain Claire Connell said. "We're happy with how we've played."

On offense, the Lions are working on improving their play execution, while they are working on the fundamentals of the game on defense. However, Lyons still hopes to improve the mental aspect of their game.

"We just need to keep our focus," Connell said. "If things go wrong in a game don't get down on yourselves."

At this point in the season, Lyons holds a winning record and is hoping to continue their season into the playoffs.

"We've set high goals for ourselves," Connell said. "But we're going to take it one step at a time. We're confident that we can make the playoffs and from there we'll see

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3 victory, which would bolster the winning team's playoff hopes.

"The season isn't over yet for anybody in our division and I'm sure all of the players know that," Bono said.

Alumni vs. Knott

On Sunday, two one-win teams hope to stay in the playoff hunt.

Alumni (1-2) lost its previous game to Siegfried 14-3, leaving it with only an outside chance to reach the post-season. Its stagnant offense, producing only a field goal, made it very difficult to compete with the powerful Siegfried.

"Our defense played well but they were on the field too long because the offense couldn't string anything together," captain Luke Betterman said.

A struggling offense and a stingy defense, especially against the run, has been a prevailing theme throughout the Dawgs' season. Always hoping to improve, they will continue to work on moving the ball in practice this week, Betterman said.

On the other sideline, Knott (1-1) comes off a bye and still has a very realistic chance of reaching the playoffs. According to Juggerknott coach Aidan Fitzgerald, the team relies on "scrappiness" and intensity no matter the score, and it hopes to use this characteristic to capture a win against Alumni.

In practice, the Juggerknotts have focused on their own team, particularly their execution.

"Execution has been poor at times because guys try to overthink the plays," Fitzgerald said. "The guys try to overthink on offense and defense instead of reacting to the play."

St. Edward's vs. Zahm

Sunday's game between St. Edward's and Zahm pits two teams with very different goals, as St. Ed's hopes to clinch a playoff spot while Zahm just hopes to get its first win.

Zahm won the last two meetings between the teams, but St. Ed's strong season this year makes the matchup interesting.

"They're a much different team now, and I know they're out for a little revenge," senior running back Theo Osse-into said. "This is going to be a fight, and I think both teams will be ready."

Last week, Zahm (0-1-1) tied Carroll. The Rabid Bats scored an early touchdown, but blew the lead in a late play yielding a Vermin touchdown for the 6-6 tie. Their game against Sorin the week before had similar consequences, but resulted in a loss instead of a tie.

St. Ed's (2-0-0) approaches Sunday with a different battle to face. They beat Fisher last weekend with the help of an offense based on short passes. A win for St. Ed's would secure a place in the playoffs, getting it one step closer to the championship game.

"I thought we played with a lot of heart," junior linebacker Andy Nester said. "We definitely did not play our best game on either side of the ball, but we did what we had to do to get the win." The game will be at 2:00 p.m. at Riehle Field.

Dillon vs. Keough

Well on their way to a playoff appearance, Dillon will have the chance to knock winless Keough out of the playoff picture with a win.

After a 7-6 victory over the

previously undefeated Stanford last week, the Big Red (2-1-0) hope to carry that momentum and intensity against Keough (0-1-1).

The Dillon defense played a key role in the Big Red's success against Stanford, as it was responsible for Dillon's only touchdown. Anchored by defensive end Jordan Smith and linebackers Ryan Shestak and Brent Berceau, the defense will need another strong performance against a balanced Keough offense.

The Big Red will try to get their offense clicking against a Keough defense that surrendered 20 points to Stanford in its last game.

"Our offense needs to be more efficient and sustain drives longer,"

Chris Cugliari
Dillon captain

Dillon captain Chris Cugliari said. "We have to convert points in the red zone."

Led by Joe Garigliano at quarterback, the Big Red passing game will pose a threat to a Keough secondary that has been plagued by injuries. Pat Jackson and Ryan Winiarski will provide the protection in the trenches.

Faced with a must-win scenario, the Roos of Keough are undaunted by the task ahead of them.

"We've had two weeks to prepare for this game," sophomore captain Kevin Laughlin said. "It's just a matter of refining our offense, becoming more efficient, and then executing it."

Junior quarterback Matt Bruggeman and the simplified Keough offense will have to find a rhythm against the stingy Dillon defense, something it has yet to accomplish this season. Power running back Nazur Ahmed will try to keep the Big Red honest on the ground.

The Roo defense will also have to step up against the dynamic running game of Dillon. Sophomore defensive

back Brian Koepsel and the defensive line lead the defense as it will try to force their second shutout of the season.

With Keough's season on the line, the Roos have additional motivation to defeat Dillon.

"A win on Sunday raises the stakes for our rivalry game against O'Neill," Laughlin said. "We would like nothing more than to beat O'Neill to get into the playoffs."

The Roos and the Big Red face off at 3 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

Siegfried vs. Morrissey

Morrissey and Siegfried have handled their opponents with ease thus far and both themselves undefeated heading into Sunday's 2 p.m. game at Riehle Fields.

Up for grabs is not only the chance to stay undefeated, but also the chance to clinch a playoff spot with a win.

The Manorites (2-0) will try to continue the success of their explosive offense against Siegfried's (2-0) proven balanced defense. Quarterback and captain Joe McBrayer helm the Manor offense, which will need freshman running back Dave Ulery to step up after sitting out because of a knee injury last week.

"He had a great first game but we felt that it was best for us to take a preventative and not play him in our last game," McBrayer said.

"We're looking forward to getting him back on the field." Siegfried's defense is well aware that it will have its hands full with Morrissey's high-powered offense.

"They have tremendous big play potential," captain Kevin Kelly said. "They are very good at scoring through the air so we'll have to stay attentive on defense and either drop back on coverage or play tight based on what they show us."

Having suffered two disappointing playoff losses in a row, Siegfried appears to

have one thing and one thing alone on its mind: clinch a playoff spot.

"It's our sole motivation. We have to win not only to make the playoffs but to give ourselves the chance to avenge last year's playoff loss," Kelly said. "We have a senior-laden team and we are definitely putting pressure on ourselves to do that."

Having dominated its opponents thus far, Morrissey appears more calm and cool about its situation as an undefeated team one win away from the playoffs.

"We're not going to play up the fact that it's the playoffs," McBrayer said. "We're going to play the same way we have in our last two games and the game will take its course."

Sunday's game between these two teams should be a well-played clash of two of the league's top playoff hopefuls.

Sorin vs. Carroll

With both teams coming off match-ups with Zahm, Sorin and Carroll both hope to make a playoff push when they face off Sunday at 1 p.m.

Sorin (2-0) can lock up a playoff slot with a victory over the Vermin.

Carroll (1-1-1) scored its lone touchdown last week in the final minute of the game. This late score kept the Vermin in the playoff hunt, and they are directly behind Sorin in the standings.

A 64-yard halfback option pass into the red zone set up the touchdown.

This offensive uncertainty could meet its match in the Sorin defense. The Otters have only given up six points on the season. That degree of a performance requires respect, Carroll captain and quarterback Nick Ruof.

"We respect the 2-0 record of Sorin," he said. "But we are looking to have a winning record."

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Denver made it to the Round of 16 before losing 6-2 to Wisconsin.

Denver returns its top scorer in sophomore Tyler Bozak along with junior playmakers

Rhett Rakhshani and Tyler Ruegsegger. It did graduate starting goaltender Peter Mannino and is inexperienced between the pipes. Against Alberta the Pioneers started sophomore Mark Cheverie, who had 14 saves in the game.

"I'm sure he's earned his spot there, but we'll try to

get on him early and see if he has all the rust off," Condra said.

Before the puck drops Saturday night the team will spend Friday at the induction dinner for the 2008 USA Hockey Hall of Fame class. This year's inductees are Brett Hull, Brian Leetch, Mike Richter and Cammi

Granato.

Jackson coached Hull, Leetch and Richter in the 1998 Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan, when he was an assistant for the U.S. Team.

"I know Richter best of all of them because I worked with the goalies on that team, so it will be good to

talk to those guys," Jackson said.

Jackson said he was also looking forward to experimenting with some new line pairings and system changes that will create a more up-tempo team than in the past.

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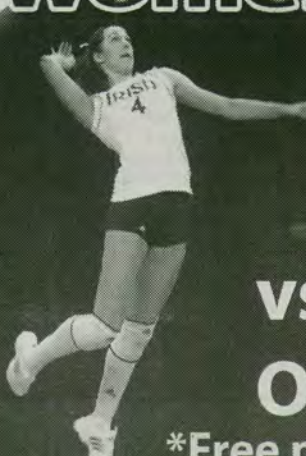
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Waldrum

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certainly going to be very well-rested and very anxious and eager to play a game since they've been off that long."

Regardless, the conference game is likely to be a battle. No. 1 Notre Dame (12-0-0) and No. 17 Georgetown (8-0-2) sit as the only two undefeated teams in the Big East, both playing similar systems that are likely to go head to head.

Georgetown coach Dave Nolan is in his fifth season and finally has an experienced team to work with. With eight upperclassmen, the team is mature enough to test Notre Dame's experience.

"I think they're just getting a little bit more experience ... What you see is just some growing and maturity and their confidence playing against better competition, so you see the team starting to mature ... The program is on the rise," Waldrum said.

Georgetown's last match, a 1-0 win over Rutgers, was last month. The Irish defeated Marquette 3-1 Sunday, but not without a little elbow grease. The Golden Eagles buried a go-ahead goal to take the 1-0 lead, something that had yet to happen to the Irish in the 2008 season. But they fired back for the win, with senior captain Brittany Bock netting two of the three goals.

Bock, whose presence and

leadership on the pitch has never been doubted, has struggled to put the ball in the net. But with the winning goal against Marquette, Bock's frustration is likely to pass.

"[Bock is] key for us," Waldrum said. "I'd like to see her continue in scoring goals, she's been playing very well for us but she's been getting a little frustrated that the goals weren't coming her way and those two goals that were so important at Marquette, I think now she's kind of got that monkey off her back."

But even with the rust off Bock's boots, the Hoyas likely

know how to challenge every Irish asset. The teams last faced off in the Big East semifinals last November, and Georgetown returns many of the same players.

Waldrum knows the Hoya midfielders are fast and clever and will likely look to shake up the Irish defense, but he hopes Notre Dame's experience will be able to swing things in its favor.

"We'll go out and match up our players with theirs and if we can, kind of impose our way on them," Waldrum said. "I think that's what's gonna be the key is which team can kind of impose themselves on the other when you have two teams that play the same system."

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Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

Deficit

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When Notre Dame fell behind by one goal against Marquette last Sunday, the Irish were visibly frustrated and one standout player jokingly admitted to being puzzled.

"Some of us were like, 'Okay, what's going on?'" senior forward Kerri Hanks said.

The Irish deficit to Marquette did not hold up for long, though. Notre Dame roared back with two goals in less time than it takes for a Deadhead to leave a DMX concert. Within four minutes, the Irish took complete control of the game and built a 2-1 lead.

Marquette, one of the stronger teams in the Big East with a 3-1-1 conference record, could not even come close to matching up to Notre Dame talent-wise. And Golden Eagles coach Markus Roeders admitted as much after the Irish wrapped up their 3-1 win.

"We cannot honestly say that we have the talent they have," Roeders said. "Here, they are one of the teams that gets the real best players."

Roeders said he thinks the Irish rank among the top four teams in the country, along with UCLA, Portland and North Carolina.

Guess who North Carolina's only loss in 13 games came against? That's right, Notre Dame. And that match was played in Chapel Hill.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he would place his top-ranked team among the top five squads in the country.

"The rankings are very arbi-

trary so you don't really know who's the best until the top teams start facing each other," Waldrum said. "So I'd have to agree with [Roeders] and be more realistic and just say we're definitely in that top group."

But while he was reluctant to label his team as the one to beat, Waldrum said this year's Notre Dame team is one of the most impressive squads he has coached. Waldrum, who has managed top-flight Irish teams for the past 10 years, also said that the 2008 version has the deepest talent base.

"This team is clearly up there with the best ones we've had here," he said. "And I'd have to say it's the deepest, in terms of talent, that we've had."

That depth allows the Irish to stay fresh and may prove to be the difference when they finally face off against the few teams that can conceivably match up with them.

"If you look back at the past couple of Final Fours, we've been worn out at the end," Waldrum said. "So this year we've been cautious, trying to keep playing time to where we can win but to where we don't wear our [top players] out."

And the undefeated Irish may just now be starting to hit their stride.

Senior co-captain Brittany Bock came into the Marquette game with just one goal but notched a pair — including the go-ahead tally — against the Golden Eagles. Bock carried the Irish for the second half of the season last year and looks poised to do so again. She did not play in Notre Dame's first three games because of an ankle injury but now appears to

be playing at full strength.

"She's personally been a little frustrated because she hasn't scored the goals that she thinks she should but I told her if you be patient your time will come," Waldrum said. "Last year when she made such a good run with her goal-scoring it came in the second half of the season. I told her last weekend, I said we're right about at that point again."

In addition to the re-emergence of Bock as a scoring threat, the Irish back line looks like it can shut down any offense in the country. Senior defender Carrie Dew is fully healthy after playing at less than full strength for the past two seasons. Waldrum said having her at full strength could allow the Irish to bring home their first national championship since 2004.

"We have all great players [on defense] but the glue that holds all four of them together is Carrie Dew," Waldrum said. "The past couple of years, I've said that the difference between us not winning it all might have been not having her healthy."

The depth the Irish have on both ends of the field puts them in great position to win all of their remaining regular season games and secure home-field advantage for most of the NCAA Tournament. Then again, that won't be nearly as impressive if they keep falling behind like they did last Sunday.

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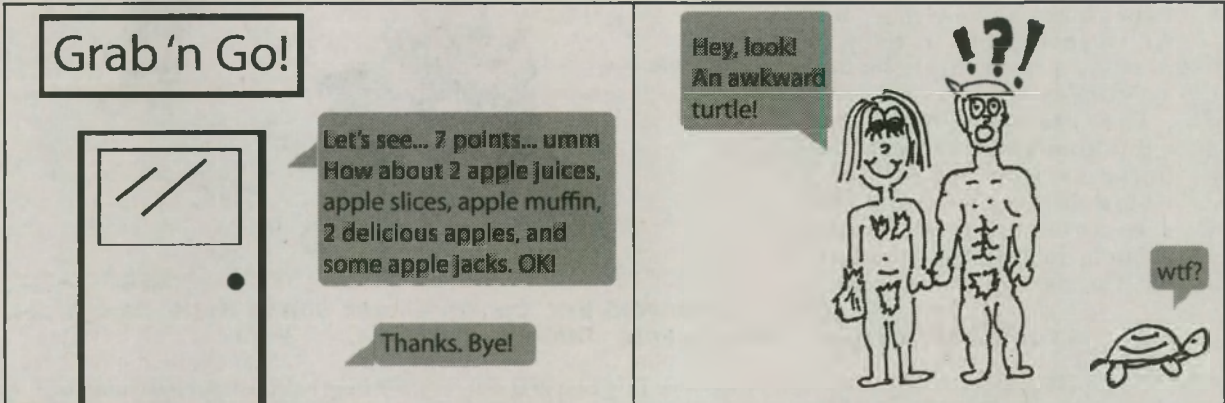
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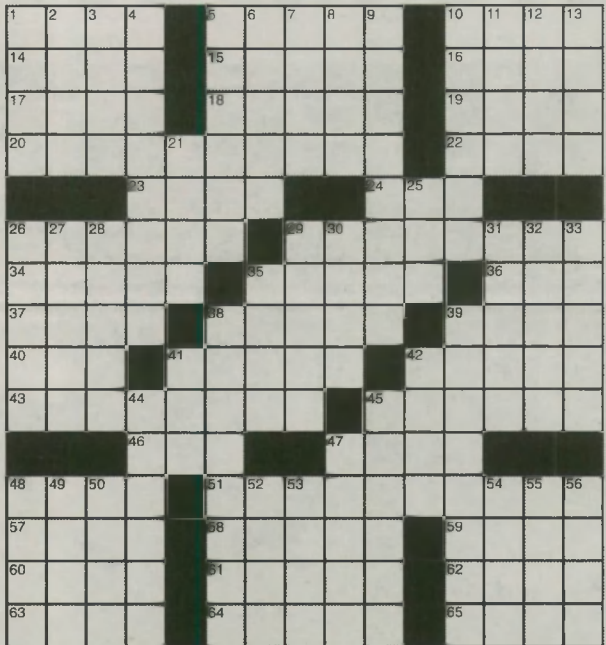
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HOCKEY

Irish head west to open season with Hall of Fame game

By DAN MURPHY
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No. 4 Notre Dame kicks off the college hockey season tomorrow night against No. 6 Denver in the USA Hockey Hall of Fame Game.

The Irish take to the ice against one of the top young teams in the country after only six days of practice.

"It's in their building and they'll have last change, so it's going to be a challenge," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

The last time Notre Dame traveled to Denver was almost exactly six months ago when it lost 4-1 to

Boston College in the national championship at the Pepsi Center. This time around the game is only two miles down the road at University of Denver's Magness Arena.

"I'm definitely excited. I've been waiting six months to get back on the ice," Irish captain Erik Condra said.

Condra has led Notre Dame in scoring for the past three seasons, but missed most of the postseason because of a knee injury. Condra said he is back at full health and looking forward to finally getting back on the ice.

Notre Dame, however, will miss two more key players who are slightly banged up

after a long preseason. Sophomore defenseman Teddy Ruth and center Ben Ryan will both miss the start of the season with various injuries.

"We're not going to be as deep as we will be when everybody's healthy, but we're just going to have to play at a very high level," Jackson said.

The Pioneers have one exhibition game under their belts so far this season, where they squeezed out a 5-4 win over the University of Alberta in the final seconds of the game. Last year

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Irish forward Eric Condra shoots during Notre Dame's 2-1 loss to Ferris State on March 14.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Above the rest

Team travels to rested, but ill, Georgetown

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
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The Hoyas have 12 days of rest on Notre Dame, but it wasn't welcomed. The norovirus — a stomach virus — infected more than 170 Georgetown students and virtually shut down the campus, athletics included. Whether or not 12 days off means well rested legs or rusty skills remains to be seen.

"That can sometimes be a good thing and that can sometimes be a bad thing, and we won't know that till we get out on the field," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "But they're

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Left, Irish forward Brittany Bock traps a ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 win over Marquette on Oct. 5. Right, Irish forward Kerri Hanks controls the ball during the Marquette game.



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Don't expect too many more deficits this year

Bad news, Irish fans. Notre Dame's quest to avoid falling behind in a game this season ended last weekend.

But the sight of the top-ranked Irish on the short end of the scoreboard will not be a common one throughout the remainder of the season. How uncommon? It should happen about as often as Rosie O'Donnell opts for low-fat brownies.



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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Bullfrogs battle Wild Women for playoff spot

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Badin and Walsh clash this weekend as both teams fight for a ticket to the postseason at 3 p.m. at LaBar fields.

Both teams have gained experience over the season and hope to be firing on all cylinders during this match-up.

The Bullfrogs have relied on a blend of veteran experience and new young talent to make strides this season. Recent wins gave Badin momentum heading into the end of the season.

"This season, we have shown great improvement on both sides of the ball," senior captain Katie Rose

Hackney said. "We are not a team to be overlooked."

On the other side of the ball, the Wild Women have turned a rebuilding year into a possible playoff run. At 3-2, a win Sunday would almost guarantee a spot in the post-season.

"We came into this season knowing that we were going to have to develop a lot of new players," senior captain Cindy Brenner said. "But if we win on Sunday I am pretty sure that we will be able to make the playoffs."

Badin relies on a strong receiving core to drive its team. Senior Courtney Rains, along with freshmen Ryan Cooney and Carli Fernandez dominate the Bullfrog offense.

"We have a lot of talent and we're hoping to utilize all of our offensive and defensive threats," Hackney

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Playoffs on line for Mob

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This Sunday, Stanford and O'Neill will face off in a game that may have playoff implications down the line.

"Stanford is in the same position that we are and we both realize how important this game is," O'Neill captain Matt Bono said.

Both teams suffered tough losses last week, failing to capitalize on opportunities that could have given them wins. Specifically, Stanford (1-1) had problems with their kicking game and picking up the confusing blitzing schemes employed by Dillon.

"We've been working on solidifying our kicking game

and offensive line protection after last week," Stanford captain John Burke said. "Also, we want to improve our coaching for this game, but the biggest thing is to be consistent and stay mentally focused."

O'Neill has a set of their own problems to work on as well.

"Our team stalled a few times when we were in scoring position, but I take full responsibility for not having implemented the appropriate offense in those situations," Bono said. "We did a poor job in keeping Bobby Powers off his back last week and we've worked to fix that."

Also hindering the Griffins and Mob are key injuries to their players, including O'Neill's running back.

"We lost running back Dave Zimmer last week. But

rather than feel sorry for ourselves we are looking to move on," Bono said. "We've got a lot of respect for Stanford, but at the same time, no team in our division is invincible and a win against Stanford would go a long way in helping us rebound from last week."

The Griffins certainly don't lack confidence in their abilities.

"We have the talent to beat O'Neill, but they're a good team and should give us a good game," Burke said. "Last week we felt we should've won the game, and we're hoping to use this game to come out and prove we're a great team."

With both teams coming off losses, both of these very talented teams should come into the game hungry for a

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COMMENTARY

Clausen's learning process nearly done

One of the biggest reasons for Notre Dame's turnaround so far this season is their new quarterback, Jimmy Clausen.

Obviously, it's the same person, but I think we can all agree that this year's signal caller is sort of a Jimmy Clausen, version 2.0. He's got most the bugs and kinks out of the system.



Jay Fitzpatrick

Managing Editor

Irish coach Charlie Weis said the new version of Jimmy Clausen debuted after sitting out the Boston College and USC games last year, when he said the "light came on" for the freshman.

Now the light is on and burning bright.

Let's look at the facts.

First of all, the new-and-improved Clausen doesn't go running scared every time there is a blitz. I'm sure all of you have your own personal favorite Jimmy-inexplicably-runs-out-of-bounds-holding-the-ball moment from last season. There were enough for each of us.

But this season, he has a newfound mobility that has been a huge help to the offense. This season, Clausen has lost 55 yards on the ground – all of which are accounted for in the sack yards given up. Last season? He and Evan Sharpley (with whom he split time for most of the season) ran for -447 yards, only 415 of which were from sacks.

While Clausen is by no means the next dual-threat quarterback, he is still making better decisions evading defenders.

"He's shown an ability to shuffle in the pocket and get out of trouble and not throw the ball and throw the ball away when he's supposed to throw the ball away," Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

These changes are what make Clausen a quarterback and not just a thrower. He is now making split-second decisions during the game – with great results.

Clausen 2008 also gets to run the show offensively. Last season, as part of Weis' plan for weaning his freshman quarterback into the college game, fifth-year senior center John Sullivan helped run the play-to-play aspects of the offense, such as finding the

Mike (or middle) linebacker on a blitz.

But Weis said that, starting after last season ended, Clausen started to develop this necessary skill.

"He just knows that that's something he should be doing. That's what the really good quarterbacks do. They control the front as well as the coverage," Weis said.

But the result of this change is the real reason that we are graced with a new Clausen this season: increased responsibility and increased confidence.

Last season, Clausen failed to play well in part because the team failed to play well. The line couldn't protect him, the running backs strained to gain yardage, and the freshman receivers struggled to adapt to the college game.

Weis said he had to put less into the offense for his young players, which in part led to the team's woes.

"And what's happened is as we've gotten better across the board, it isn't just at the quarterback position, it's allowed us to do more and more with everybody. So he's grown leaps and bounds, but he's gotten a lot of help," Weis said.

But part of this growing process was the serious development that Clausen and the other young players had to go through last season before they could be ready to excel this season.

"There's not a chance in the world that we'd be 4-1 if he wouldn't have played last year," Weis said. "There was a whole bunch of other guys that you would have liked to not play, but I'm glad they did because those guys right now are helping us."

Clausen's freshman experiences — and struggles — are the best thing that could have happened for him and the team's development.

"Now he's not just the California freshman at quarterback. Now he's a leader on the offense," Weis said of his quarterback's development.

Last season, Clausen learned how to lose. And now he can finally win.

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	Last week	This week
 (1-4)	L, 41-7, TCU	vs. Air Force
 (2-3)	L, 45-20, Illinois	vs. Toledo
 (5-1)	W, 16-13, Iowa	at Northwestern
 (2-3)	L, 20-6, Penn St.	at Ohio State
 (3-3)	L, 28-21, ND	vs. Arizona
 (4-1)	W, 38-12, UConn	vs. Notre Dame
 (0-5)	L, 48-14, Arizona	Idle
 (4-1)	W, 26-21, USF	at Navy
 (4-1)	W, 38-31, N.C. St.	Idle
 (4-2)	W, 33-27, Air Force	Idle
 (1-4)	L, 34-24, Pitt	at West Va.
 (3-1)	W, 44-10, Oregon	vs. Arizona St.

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Fatherly advice

When Chris Stewart questioned his time at Notre Dame, his dad showed him the light

By CHRIS HINE
Editor-in-Chief

It was a step Chris Stewart knew he had to take, but that didn't mean it was going to be easy.

That step was getting off the plane in South Bend following Stewart's leave of absence in the middle of Notre Dame's 2007 season. Stewart had taken a week off to travel home to Spring, Texas, to deal with a variety of issues, some too personal for Stewart to talk about now, but one of them was leaving Notre Dame, as some of his other teammates — quarterbacks Zach Frazer and Demetrius Jones — had done and others would later do that season.

But Stewart, now a starter at right guard, ultimately decided to come back to Notre Dame and that step off the plane was also a symbolic step — a sign that it was time to grow up.

"I came back optimistic," Stewart said. "I had this period of teeter-totter ... I guess I was saying, 'Try to make the best of it.' But I don't want to say I was dreading coming back, but I knew I was coming back to a difficult situation and I just have to take those punches for as long as it lasts and enjoy it when the fight's over. But getting off that

plane was a really hard thing."

Fatherly advice

Stewart came to Notre Dame and didn't see the field at all as a freshman. That spring, the coaching staff attempted to move Stewart to the defensive line, and then in the fall, he moved back to the offensive side, but still wasn't seeing the field as much as he would have liked.

Then, Stewart said, a number of personal issues arose in his life that were constantly on his mind and at this point last year, Stewart was going through the most difficult part of his life.

"It was a process for me switching to learning how to handle a lot of difficulties in life," Stewart said. "I was still a teenager, 19 at the time, but growing up to understand and see the world more as an adult. You're going to have bad times, things not going on well at home and whatnot. 'One of the things with being so far away from home is you never really go home and I'm really big on my family. It was just all kinds of things mixed into one, coming at me at one point and I had to step away for a while, learn how to go back to a situation and see it through. I think it'll leave a big time mark on the rest of my life.'"

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Chris Stewart
Irish guard

To deal with his situation, Stewart asked Irish coach Charlie Weis for some time off, something Stewart said was hard to muster the courage to do.

"The whole situation, going home and being with family, the problems there, it was no cakewalk," Stewart said. "Some of my friends joked that I took a week's vacation when they didn't, but that was probably the most trying week of stress I ever had in my life ... I would never want to repeat it — ever."

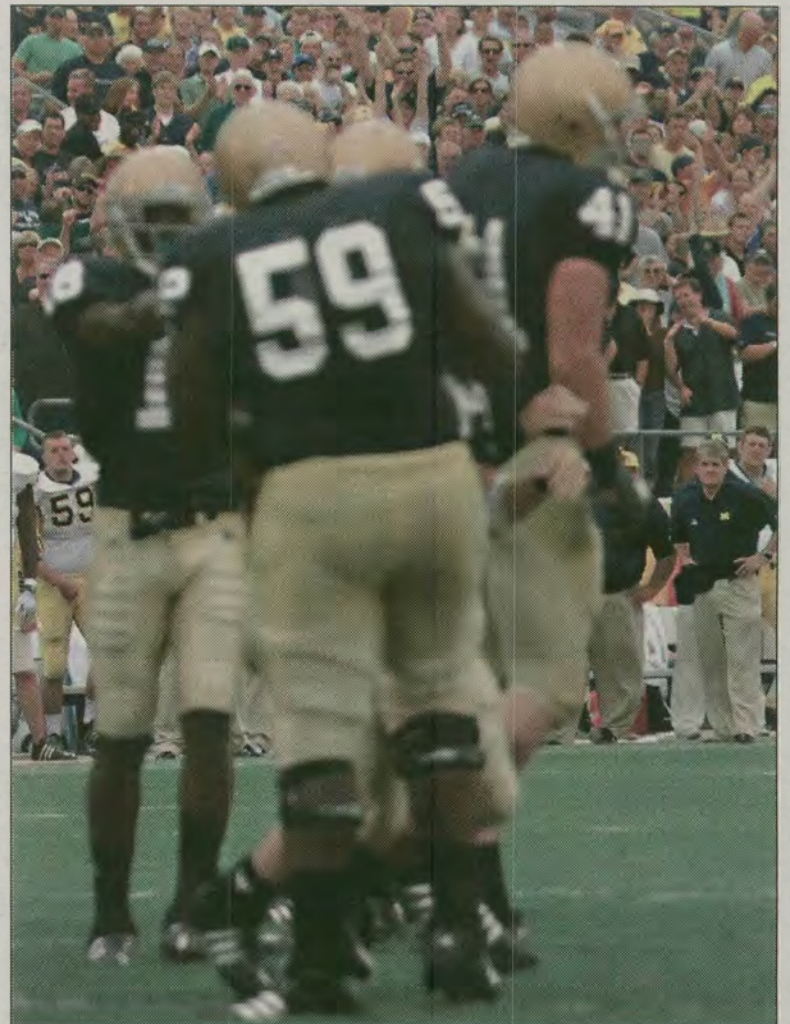
Personal problems are usually hard enough for someone to deal with, but Stewart had all of his obligations as a student and football player piled on top.

"When you're in season and even out of it, I don't think people realize how very little time you have for yourself," he said. "You have class, practice, watching film, working out, I mean, if you really think about, you have maybe an hour, two hours tops to yourself."

When he got away from football and went home, Stewart's father, George, tried to empathize with his son's situation.

"One of the good things about my dad is he'll say stuff like, 'You have to realize where you're at,' and he admitted that he doesn't understand the kind of pressure that I'm under because he's never been in this kind of situation," Chris Stewart said.

But while Stewart was preparing to leave Notre Dame, his father had another idea. George helped his son put his life in perspective. He told Chris that he was going to one of the most prestigious univer-



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish guard Chris Stewart celebrates with his teammates during Notre Dame's 35-17 win over Michigan on Sept. 13.

sities in the country — for free — and that should be his first priority. If he got to play football as well, that was a bonus.

"He did say that the biggest thing for him was that if I did leave somewhere like Notre Dame, to recognize that there are very few institutions that have the same clout as Notre Dame and then have the same kind of football that Notre Dame had," Stewart said. "He basically wanted me to be happy and go somewhere that I was going to be content and look back and say, 'I made a great decision.' He was very up front about it and he thought that place was here. He had his opinion, but he said 'Hey, you're a grown man, you left the house. It's your decision.'"

That decision, however hard it was for Stewart to make, was to get back on a plane and fly back to South Bend — for good.

Turning a corner

Time helped heal Stewart's problems and now he said life doesn't seem so bad.

"Life's not a piece of cake, it never is, but it's way less complicated — way, way less complicated," Stewart said. "... You can say some things, like not doing so well on a test or not doing so well in practice, they're not inconsequential, but they're such small things compared to how things could be."

He also said Weis' commitment in the spring to becoming a more approachable figure has helped him and the rest of

the team.

"Maybe it was a little different for him, I'm guessing, going from the pros where you have grown men, and coming back to college where you have guys transitioning into grown men," Stewart said. "One of the things that's changed for the better here is that the level

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of comfort has changed a little bit more. I don't want to say it was like you couldn't talk to anybody around here, but now — we still go to work — but it's just fun football."

Stewart has played a prominent role in the resurgence on Notre Dame's offensive line this season

and last week against Stanford, Stewart was out there pumping up the crowd, enjoying the atmosphere and every minute of Notre Dame's 28-21 win over Stanford.

"[Going to Notre Dame] puts more of a spotlight on you, so if you go out and have a bad performance, people are going to see that just as much as they see you have a stellar, game-winning performance," Stewart said. "It's definitely more pressure, but it's what you come here for. You come here for the ups and downs, the goods and the bads and I think we've left the bad and are in a state of transition to the good."

As a team, Notre Dame may be in a transition, but Chris Stewart has already left the bad behind him.

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IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Irish guard Chris Stewart lines up against San Diego State during Notre Dame's 21-13 win over the Aztecs on Sept. 6. Stewart, who almost left school last year, now starts at right guard.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 4-1

AP: NR

Coaches: NR



Charlie Weis
head coach

Charlie Weis
Fourth season at
Notre Dame
career record:
26-16
against
North Carolina:
1-0

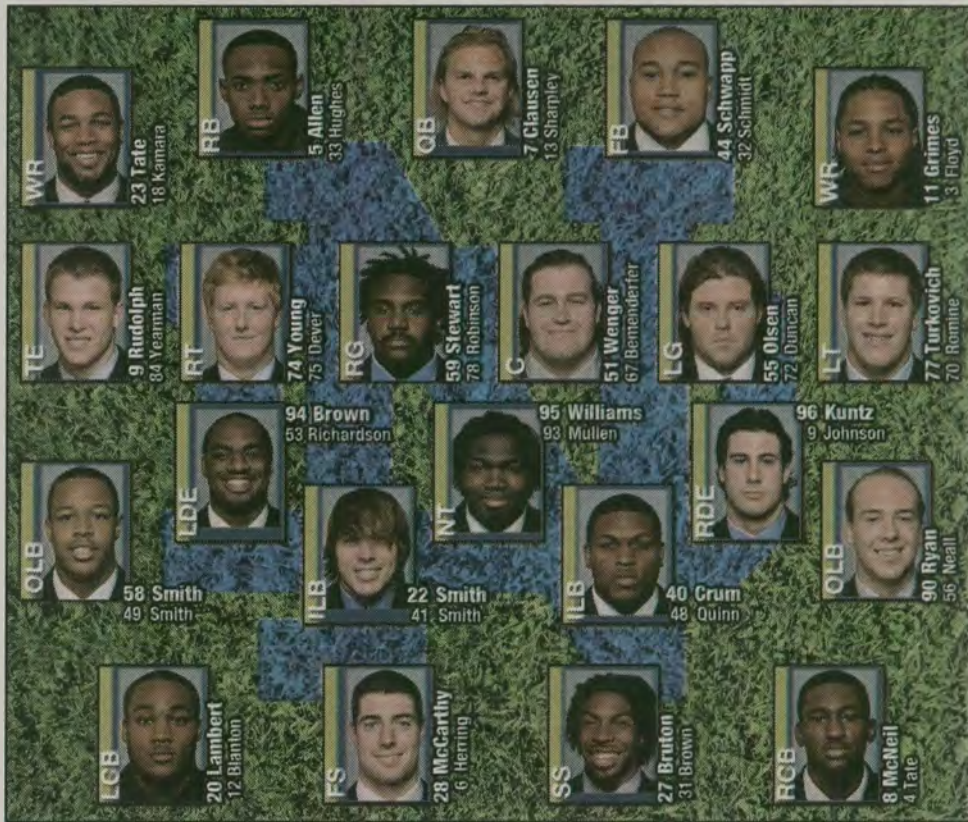
Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht	Wt.	YR
1	Deion Walker	WR	6-2	188	FR
3	Michael Floyd	WR	6-3	215	FR
4	Gary Gray	DB	5-11	188	SO
5	Armando Allen	RB	5-10	195	SO
6	Ray Herring	DB	5-10	198	SR
7	Jimmy Clausen	QB	6-3	217	SO
8	Raeshun McNeil	DB	6-0	190	JR
9	Ethan Johnson	DE	6-4	275	FR
9	Kyle Rudolph	TE	6-6	252	FR
10	Dayne Crist	QB	6-4	233	FR
11	David Grimes	WR	5-10	177	SR
12	Nick Lezynski	QB	5-8	157	SO
12	Robert Blanton	DB	6-1	180	FR
13	Evan Sharpley	QB	6-2	215	SR
14	Brandon Walker	K	6-3	202	SO
15	Brian Castello	QB	6-2	191	SO
15	Dan McCarthy	DB	6-2	200	FR
16	Nate Montana	QB	6-4	200	FR
18	Duval Kamara	WR	6-5	219	SO
19	George West Jr.	WR	5-10	196	JR
20	Terrail Lambert	DB	5-11	195	SR
21	Barry Gallup Jr.	RB	5-11	200	JR
22	Harrison Smith	DB	6-2	206	SO
23	Golden Tate	WR	5-11	195	SO
24	Leonard Gordon	DB	5-11	187	JR
24	Brian Coughlin	WR	6-0	172	JR
25	Jonas Gray	RB	5-10	230	FR
26	Jamoris Slaughter	DB	6-0	182	FR
27	David Bruton	DB	6-2	212	SR
28	Kyle McCarthy	DB	6-1	203	SR
29	Jashaal Gaines	DB	6-0	202	JR
29	Michael Garcia	WR	6-1	178	SO
30	Steve Paskorz	FB	6-2	235	SO
31	Sergio Brown	DE	6-2	205	JR
32	Luke Schmidt	TE	6-3	246	JR
33	Robert Hughes	RB	5-11	237	SO
34	James Aldridge	RB	6-0	225	JR
35	Kevin Smith	LB	5-8	200	SR
35	Kevin Brooks	TE	6-2	241	JR
36	Joe Bizjak	K	6-2	165	JR
36	David Poslusznny	LB	6-0	220	FR
37	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	170	SR
37	Eras Noel	RB	5-8	190	SO
38	Chris Bael	DB	5-10	192	JR
38	Christopher Gurries	WR	5-10	181	SO
39	Ryan Burkhardt	K	5-11	190	JR
40	Maurice Crum Jr.	LB	6-0	235	SR
41	Scott Smith	LB	6-3	235	SR
41	Nikolas Rodriguez	RB	5-11	205	SR
42	Kevin Washington	LB	6-1	250	SR
42	Dan Franco	WR	5-10	188	JR
43	John Leonis	DB	5-9	169	SR
43	Eric Maust	P	6-2	177	JR
44	Asaph Schwapp	FB	6-0	257	SR
45	Darius Fleming	LB	6-1	236	FR
45	Kris Patterson	WR	5-11	185	SR
46	Steve Filer	LB	6-3	236	FR
47	Joe Vittoria	LB	5-11	44	JR
47	Mike Narvaez	FB	5-11	231	JR
48	Steve Quinn	LB	6-2	225	SR
49	Toryan Smith	LB	6-1	244	JR
51	Dan Wenger	C	6-4	302	JR
52	Braxton Cave	C	6-3	315	FR
53	Morrice Richardson	DE	6-2	255	JR
54	Anthony McDonald	LB	6-3	225	FR
55	Eric Olsen	OG	6-5	303	JR
56	Kerry Neal	LB	6-2	246	SO
57	Mike Golic Jr.	C	6-3	280	FR
58	Brian Smith	LB	6-3	245	SO
59	Chris Stewart	OG	6-5	337	JR
61	Martin Quintana	LB	6-1	242	JR
62	Bill Flavin	C	6-3	252	SO
63	Jeff Tisak	OT	6-3	306	SR
64	Tom Burke	LB	5-10	242	JR
65	Mike Hernandez	OL	6-2	275	FR
67	Tom Bemenderfer	C	6-5	300	SR
69	Carl Brophy	OT	6-4	278	FR
70	Matt Romine	OT	6-5	292	SO
71	Dennis Mahoney	OL	6-6	290	FR
72	Paul Duncan	OT	6-7	308	SR
74	Sam Young	OT	6-8	330	JR
75	Taylor Dever	OT	6-5	308	SO
75	Lane Clelland	DE	6-5	281	FR
76	Andrew Nuss	OT	6-5	304	SO
77	Mike Turkovich	OG	6-6	305	SR
78	Trevor Robinson	OG	6-5	301	FR
79	Hafis Williams	DE	6-2	302	FR
81	John Goodman	WR	6-3	197	FR
82	Robby Parris	WR	6-4	210	JR
84	Will Yeatman	TE	6-6	265	SO
85	Sam Vos	WR	5-10	199	JR
86	Paul Kuppich	TE	6-3	232	SR
87	Joseph Fauria	TE	6-7	245	FR
89	Kapron Lewis-Moore	DE	6-4	257	FR
90	John Ryan	LB	6-5	264	JR
91	Emeka Nwankwo	DE	6-4	295	SO
93	Paddy Mullen	NT	6-3	300	JR
94	Justin Brown	DE	6-3	277	SR
95	Ian Williams	NT	6-2	310	SO
96	Iat Kuntz	DE	6-3	283	SR
97	Kallen Wade	LB	6-5	255	JR
98	Sean Cwynar	DE	6-4	283	FR

Notre Dame 2008 Schedule

Sept. 6	SDSU — W
Sept. 13	MICH — W
Sept. 20	at MSU — L
Sept. 27	PURDUE. — W
Oct. 4	STANFORD — W
Oct. 11	at UNC
Oct. 25	at WASH.
Nov. 1	PITT
Nov. 8	at BC
Nov. 15	NAVY
Nov. 22	SYRACUSE
Nov. 29	at USC

Notre Dame Fighting Irish



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NOTRE DAME

Charlie Weis has let his sophomore quarterback air it out the last two weeks but needs to prove his team can take its no-huddle show on the road.

Jimmy Clausen posted career numbers for the second week in a row, torching the Cardinal for 347 yards passing and three touchdowns. Perhaps the most important number — no turnovers for the second straight week.

After Armando Allen's monster day against Purdue, it seemed the ground game had turned the corner. But the unit took a step back against the Cardinal, sputtering to 83 yards with a 3.1 per carry team average.

Michael Floyd and Kyle Rudolph may be freshmen, but Clausen hasn't shown any qualms about getting the kids the ball. Golden Tate was kept quiet last week, but with several young weapons at his disposal, Clausen has shown a knack for finding the open one.

NORTH CAROLINA

Former Miami and Cleveland Browns head coach Butch Davis has quickly turned around a perennial loser after going 4-8 in his first year. He has the Tar Heels ranked and rolling heading into a big home contest.

Cameron Sexton managed his team to a victory in his first start since 2006 in place of injured starter T.J. Yates. He did throw for just 117 yards and an interception, though.

Connecticut kept feeding running back Donald Brown in a losing effort, and he eventually piled up 161 yards on 33 carries. The Tar Heels run defense is average, ranked 67th nationally for giving up 144.40 yards per game.

North Carolina intercepted Connecticut's Zach Frazer, who transferred from Notre Dame, three times, including once for a touchdown. The Heels' pass defense will give up yardage (201 per game, 58th nationally), but they lead the country in picks.

ANALYSIS

Win or lose, Weis and his team have separated themselves from last year's debacle. But Davis has done the same, battling a program's losing history while injecting it with young talent. When it comes to a pair of guys with NFL pedigrees, it's push.

And it's not even close. Clausen has taken control of the offense while at this point, Sexton relies on his supporting cast — and his defense — to put up points.

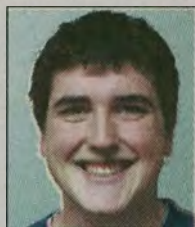
Stanford's run defense was 52nd, giving up 128 rush yards per game heading into last week-end's matchup. Until the offensive line and the running backs prove they can "pound it", Notre Dame's rushing attack remains an enigma.

There's a reason Frazer transferred from Notre Dame — he's no Clausen. Clausen's proven over the past two weeks he can both take care of the ball and unload it to his play-makers. He'll make the opportunistic Tar Heels defense pay for its gambles.



Bill Brink
Sports Editor

UNC is fired up after beating No. 24 UConn, and hasn't missed a beat despite losing its starting quarterback to a broken ankle. The Tar Heels have a dangerous receiving corps, a kick returner who poses a threat and a solid running back. Their defense leads the nation in interceptions, and in their last game, they blocked three punts. It's not that Notre Dame will lose the game; North Carolina is simply a better team playing at home.
FINAL SCORE: North Carolina 31 Notre Dame 28



Jay Fitzpatrick
Managing editor

Clausen can smoothly run the offense, putting up another big day en route to an Irish win.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 28 North Carolina 17

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North Carolina Tar Heels



North Carolina 2008 Schedule

Aug. 30 McNeese St. — W
Sept. 11 at Rutgers — W
Sept. 20 Va. Tech — L
Sept. 27 at Miami — W
Oct. 4 UConn — W
Oct. 11 Notre Dame
Oct. 18 at Virginia
Oct. 25 Boston College
Nov. 8 Georgia Tech
Nov. 15 at Maryland
Nov. 22 NC State
Nov. 29 at Duke

North Carolina

Tar Heels
Record: 4-1
AP: 22
Coaches: NR

Butch Davis
2nd season at
North Carolina
career record:
8-9
against Notre
Dame: 0-0



Butch Davis
head coach

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht	Wt.	YR
1	Brooks Foster	WR	6-3	205	SR
2	Cooter Arnold	WR	5-10	190	SR
3	Kenton Thornton	WR	6-5	230	JR
4	Peter Mangum	DB	5-10	173	FR
5	Bobby Rome	FB	5-11	245	JR
6	Jamal Wamble	RB	5-10	220	FR
7	Anthony Elzy	RB	5-10	205	SO
8	Mike Paulus	QB	6-5	215	FR
9	Josh Stewart	S	6-1	180	SO
10	Greg Little	RB	6-3	220	SO
11	Marvin Austin	DT	6-3	300	SO
12	Melvin Williams	DB	6-0	195	JR
13	Cameron Sexton	QB	6-1	190	JR
14	Casey Barth	PK	5-11	170	FR
15	Charles Brown	CB	5-10	200	SO
16	Kyle Holland	QB	6-2	215	FR
17	T.J. Yates	QB	6-3	215	SO
18	Braden Hanson	QB	6-6	195	FR
19	Anthony Parker-Boyd	WR	6-0	205	SO
20	Kendrick Burney	CB	5-9	185	SO
21	Zack Pinalto	TE	6-4	250	SO
22	Jay Wooten	PK	6-3	195	FR
23	Terrence Brown	P	6-3	190	SR
24	Trey Fulcher	WR	6-4	211	FR
25	Shawn Draughn	RB	6-0	205	SO
26	Da'Norris Searey	S	6-0	200	SO
27	Josh Washburn	WR	6-0	180	JR
28	Jordan Hemby	CB	5-10	185	JR
29	Steven Hatley	RB	5-10	215	FR
30	Tavorris Jolly	CB	5-11	180	SO
31	Matt Merletti	S	5-11	200	SO
32	Lee Browne	WR	5-10	175	FR
33	Richie Rich	CB	5-9	190	JR
34	Deunta Williams	S	6-2	205	SO
35	Jonathan Smith	S	6-2	200	OS
36	Brian Gupton	CB	6-3	195	FR
37	Reid Phillips	PK	5-10	175	SO
38	Trase Jones	PK	6-0	185	SO
39	Quentin Plair	WR	6-1	180	SO
40	Trimane Goddard	S	5-11	200	SR
41	Ryan Houston	RB	6-2	250	SO
42	Tyler Caldwell	S	5-10	185	JR
43	Christian Wilson	RB	6-3	235	FR
44	Hayden Hunter	LB	6-0	225	SO
45	Johnny White	CB	5-10	205	SO
46	Brett Long	WR	5-9	175	SR
47	Herman Davidson	DB	6-2	210	FR
48	Carter Brown	RB	5-7	220	SO
49	Kennedy Tinsley	LB	6-0	190	JR
50	Kenan Gay	WR	6-3	190	JR
51	LaCount Fantroy	CB	5-11	230	FR
52	Curtis Byrd	FB	6-1	230	SO
53	Brian White	DL	6-3	225	JR
54	Grant Shallock	P	6-7	225	SO
55	Darius Powell	DE	6-3	230	SO
56	Mark Paschal	LB	6-0	260	SR
57	Robert Quinn	DL	6-5	215	FR
58	Jabir Jones	S	6-1	230	SR
59	Chase Rice	LB	6-3	240	SR
60	Devon Ramsay	RB	6-2	190	FR
61	Josh Bridges	LB	6-2	220	FR
62	Zach Brown	LB	6-2	240	FR
63	Ryan Taylor	LB	6-3	250	JR
64	Trevor Stuart	DS	6-3	225	SO
65	Brandon Roberts	LB	6-0	235	FR
66	Quan Sturdivant	LB	6-2	215	SO
67	Kenneth Harris	LB	6-4	230	FR
68	Bruce Carter	LB	6-3	230	SO
69	Linwan Euwell	LB	6-2	334	FR
70	Trey Strickland	OL	6-6	200	FR
71	Alex Crisp	LB	6-0	283	SO
72	Peyton Jenest	OL	6-5	225	FR
73	Dion Guy	LB	6-4	220	FR
74	Ebele Okakpu	LB	6-2	300	FR
75	Zach Handerson	OT	6-7	215	SO
76	Mark House	DS	6-1	300	FR
77	T. Moore Ewins	OL	6-2	295	FR
78	Scott Mincey	OL	6-3	300	FR
79	Jonathan Cooper	C	6-2	300	FR
80	Cam Holland	OT	6-5	285	SO
81	Mike Fingersoll	OG	6-6	215	SO
82	Morgan Randall	OG	6-6	300	FR
83	Nolan Fry	DS	5-11	300	FR
84	Mike Dykes	OG	6-4	290	FR
85	Lowell Dyer	C	6-4	325	JR
86	Alan Pelc	OG	6-6	295	SO
87	Carl Gaskins	OT	6-5	300	FR
88	Kyle Jolly	OT	6-6	290	JR
89	Aaron Stahl	C	6-2	285	JR
90	Sam Ellis	OG	6-5	310	SO
91	Garrett Reynolds	OT	6-7	310	SR
92	Bryan Bishop	OG	6-4	340	SR
93	Kevin Bryant	OG	6-7	280	FR
94	Jordan Nix	DL	6-4	310	SO
95	Calvin Darby	OG	6-3	265	SR
96	Ed Barham	TE	6-3	243	SO
97	Kenny Owens	DL	6-0	260	FR
98	B.J. Phillips	TE	6-5	190	SO
99	Todd Harrelson	WR	6-2	220	FR
100	Dwight Jones	WR	6-4	235	FR
101	Vince Jacobs	DE	6-7	240	SO
102	Rashad Mason	WR	6-5	238	FR
103	Randy White	TE	6-5	195	FR
104	Adam Curry	DL	6-4	210	FR
105	Brandon Tate	WR	6-1	260	SR
106	Hakeem Nicks	TE	6-1	245	JR
107	Richard Quinn	DE	6-4	300	SR
108	Quinton Coples	DT	6-6	255	FR
109	Tydeke Powell	TE	6-3	280	FR
110	Al Williams	DE	6-3	330	FR
111	E.J. Wilson	DT	6-3	245	JR
112	Cam Thomas	DL	6-3	290	JR
113	Michael McAdoo	DE	6-7	295	FR
114	Greg Elleby	DT	6-5	300	SO
115	Tavares Brown	DT	6-0	300	JR
116	Aleric Mullins	DE	6-3	275	JR

TAR HEELS RUSHING

When the Cardinal were successful last week, it was when bruising back Toby Gerhart ran straight into — and right over — the defense. Stanford averaged 4.4 yards per carry but, luckily for the Irish, had to abandon the ground game after falling behind early.

The Tar Heels' run game has struggled almost as much as Notre Dame's at times, ranking 89th nationally with just over 120 yards per game. But Shawn Draughn racked up 109 yards in last week's blowout. Their leading rusher, Greg Little, is a converted wide receiver.

The Irish don't have to face a Javon Ringer this week, but when teams have stuck to the run, they have had success all year. Indications are the Tar Heels will do just that, especially considering their quarterback situation.

TAR HEELS PASSING

Both David Bruton and Kyle McCarthy had interceptions, and Pat Kuntz wrecked havoc with a pair of sacks and a pick of his own. The blitzes worked last week to the tune of five sacks, and consistent pressure would certainly help the secondary in coverage.

Sexton only threw for 117 yards last week, but he didn't need to beat Connecticut — the Huskies beat themselves with turnovers. He struggled to find big-play man Brandon Tate (23.5 yards per catch), a gamebreaker the Irish would prefer to keep quiet.

Like it did last week, interceptions could tip this game in Notre Dame's favor. Sexton may not take too many shots downfield, but when he does, the Irish secondary will be waiting.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Brandon Walker's much publicized struggles on field goals continued when he missed two against the Cardinal. Eric Maust's net punt average ranks 16th nationally, and he's shown the big leg necessary to pin teams deep. Kickoff coverage continued to impress against Stanford.

This is where Tate can really change a game. He ranks third nationally in punt returns (24.83 yards per return) and all-purpose yards per game (194.6). The Tar Heels have two kickers who have combined to go 5-for-9 on field goals.

Tate is the only special teamer on either squad to be featured on ESPN's College Gameday this year. If that isn't a testament to the danger he poses as a return man, look up his 90-yard kick return touchdown against the Irish in 2006.

INTANGIBLES

Notre Dame laid an egg in its only other road game at Michigan State. The Irish will need a fast start to dismiss concerns they can't win away from home, and a big play or two early would go a long way in building the confidence of this emotional team.

The Tar Heels jumped on previously undefeated Connecticut a week ago and are no doubt fired up to be ranked and playing on the national stage a game with Notre Dame provides.

North Carolina is a hot team looking to stay in the Top 25 for at least another week. Though the young Irish are maturing on the fly, they still need to prove they can win a tough game on the road.

NOTRE DAME

NORTH CAROLINA

ANALYSIS



Chris Hine
Editor-in-Chief

All season long, the Irish have talked about earning their respect. Well, they certainly haven't earned the respect of pollsters with their 4-1 start. This week is a chance to change that — on the road against an opponent ranked No. 22 the AP poll and just missed making the Coaches' poll. Notre Dame already has the experience of one bad road game under its belt, but this team seems like it learns quickly from its mistakes. Notre Dame hangs on for a win.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 28
North Carolina 27**



Dan Murphy
Sports Editor

Notre Dame has looked impressive at home in the past few weeks, but a trip to Tobacco road won't be that easy. Clausen and the offense will continue to impress, but a talented Tar Heel team will be able to play a complete game on Saturday — something Weis' troops have yet to do. This one may come down to a field goal, and we all know how that ends.

**FINAL SCORE: North Carolina 24
Notre Dame 21**

Irish experts

Crunching the numbers

2008 SEASON AVERAGES PER GAME

ND points scored	ND 25.8
UNC points scored	UNC 32.4
ND points allowed	ND 19.0
UNC points allowed	UNC 19.0
ND rush yards	ND 103.6
UNC rush yards	UNC 120.8
ND rushing allowed	ND 139.4
UNC rushing allowed	UNC 144.4
ND pass yards	ND 249.6
UNC pass yards	UNC 205.4
ND passing allowed	ND 237.4
UNC passing allowed	UNC 201.4

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TERRAIL LAMBERT #20
CB 5'11" 195 LB.
HOMETOWN: OXNARD, CA

What's your favorite spot on campus?
I'd have to say Walsh Hall. I've had some great naps there.

Why did you choose No. 20?
Growing up, I was a tailback and a big Barry Sanders fan. Initially that's why I wore it. When I switched to defense, it kind of just suited me.

Who's the loudest player on the team?

Definitely Robert Blanton. He just doesn't stop. Whatever comes out of his mouth is some heavy stuff to him. You just feel the conviction behind his words. And a lot of times, you'll be like what is he talking about, when is he ever going to stop? I've just accepted the fact that he's just going to keep talking.

Who's the quietest player on the team?

Mo Crum. Especially when we were freshmen. He talks more now, but when we got here when we were freshmen, a lot of people thought he was mute.

Do you have any pregame rituals?

The night before every game I wear my lucky pajamas. These pajamas that my

great-grandmother sent me. She was afraid I would get too cold out here.

What's your favorite post-game meal?

My mom's lasagna. She takes turkey ground meat and Italian sausage and double-layers it. She makes a Cobb salad on the side with tomatoes, which is awesome. Then to finish it off is peach cobbler fresh out of the oven with two scoops of vanilla bean on top. It's flawless.

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How would your teammates describe you in five words or less?

Calm, laid back, funny, cooler than the other side of the pillow.

What's your biggest pet peeve?

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McNeil excited about playing near home

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Raeshon McNeil has looked forward to the North Carolina game since he saw it on the schedule. Little did he know it would force him into a mad scramble to find tickets for his friends and family.

"It's started a long time ago," the junior cornerback said. "We've been swapping and trying to do everything since the summertime trying to get more tickets. We're up to about 20 now. I need as many as I can get."

McNeil grew up in Cooleemee, N.C., about two hours from Chapel Hill. When the Fighting Irish face No. 22 North Carolina in Chapel Hill tomorrow, McNeil's family and friends will get a chance to see him play in person, something many haven't done since Notre Dame played the Tar Heels in South Bend in 2006.

"This will be a great opportunity," he said. "I've got a lot of family and coaches there, so it will be great."

McNeil had to compete with fellow North Carolinians Robert Blanton and Kerry Neal for tickets.

"Blanton actually got a pretty good deal," McNeil said. "He got most of the freshmen class. He swooped them up real quick. I'm waiting on the scout team player of the week to see who gets picked up so I can get those tickets."

Many people from McNeil's graduating class attend UNC, McNeil said, but the in-state school wasn't for him. His mother and grandmother wanted him to go out of state so he could experience more than what his small town had to offer.

"I didn't really do too much traveling due to financial reasons," McNeil said. "My mother and even my grandmother, who I stayed with a lot during high school, wanted me to get out and go see some other things because I come from a small town."

McNeil's high school coach, Doug Illing, will attend the game and watch McNeil play. Illing watches McNeil's games and calls him afterward to discuss his play.

"He stays on top of me ... lets me know he's proud of me," McNeil said.

Safeties David Bruton and Kyle McCarthy received most of the attention on Notre Dame's secondary so far, but

defensive coordinator Corwin Brown said the secondary is still in the learning process.

"You always want guys to play better, no matter what level you're at," Brown said. "They've made a lot of plays for us this year. We ask our guys to do a variety of things. They play man, they play zone, they play combo coverage, they blitz, we ask our guys to tackle."

Brown said he wants to see his cornerbacks become more consistent on a play-to-play basis and make every play, as unreachable a goal as that may seem.

"Those other guys are going to win too," Brown said. "You say that might be unrealistic, but that's what you want as a coach and as a player."

McNeil said fellow cornerback Terrail Lambert has progressed more quickly than he has because of his experience, but McNeil has progressed with more playing time.

"This is really my first year getting extreme exposure to the game," he said. "I feel like I'm making strides as it goes along."

Brown said he needed McNeil about going home, but hasn't discussed it with him. McNeil said he's been jacked up this week, and it's been rubbing off on his teammates, no matter what position.

"All throughout practice I've been telling my guys, this is Carolina week," he said. "Emotions are definitely



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Irish defensive back Raeshon McNeil makes a tackle during Notre Dame's 28-21 win over Stanford on Oct. 4.

going to be high. It's definitely something I'm going to have to control throughout the game."

The most interesting thing to watch will be how McNeil's friends portray their dual affection for the Tar Heels and Irish. McNeil said a friend of his has a plan to split his allegiances at the

game.

"He told me he was gonna wear a Notre Dame shirt and Carolina shorts," McNeil said. "He was talking about painting his face half blue and half green with a question mark on both sides."

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Ranked Tar Heels riding a hot streak and full of confidence



Tar Heels running back Ryan Houston carries the ball during North Carolina's 38-12 win over No. 24 Connecticut on Oct. 4.

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

Notre Dame is 16-1 all time against North Carolina. The team's .941 winning percentage against the Tar Heels is the highest against any opponent the Irish have faced at least 12 times.

Traditionally North Carolina has been a cakewalk for the Irish. This time around it's a much different story.

The 4-1 Tar Heels were ranked in the AP Top 25 - No. 22 - this week for the first time in seven years.

"It is a big confidence booster," Tar Heels tailback Shaun Draughn said. "We know confidence-wise that we were a good football team, sometimes I think we don't realize how good we can be as a team."

Second-year head coach Butch Davis has already matched his win total from his first year at Chapel Hill when the Tar Heels went 4-8. In fact, North Carolina has not won more than four games in a season since 2005, when it went 5-7.

"We are enjoying it, no doubt," junior quarterback Cameron Sexton said. "Football is a lot of hard work and to have some success now - we are enjoying it."

Sexton has stepped in and led his team to two impressive wins after starting quarterback T.J.

Yates went down because of an injury during the team's only loss to Virginia Tech.

In their past two games the Tar Heels have knocked off the Miami Hurricanes and trounced No. 24 Connecticut 38-12. With Yates out of the picture, Davis' team has been getting the job done on defense and special teams.

Sophomore linebacker Bruce Carter blocked three punts against the Huskies, one of

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**Shaun Draughn
UNC tailback**

which led directly to a Tar Heel touchdown.

"Honestly, I have only watched it one time when we watched film yesterday. I am still surprised today, so I will probably go back and watch it again sometime," Carter said.

Along with the three blocked kicks, North Carolina also helped its field position with three interceptions off of former Irish quarterback Zach Frazer. Frazer was making his first start for Connecticut after leaving Notre Dame last year.

The three picks gave North Carolina's defense 12 total interceptions on the year - more than any other team in the country. Safety Trimane Goddard leads the way with four on his own, but eight different players have intercepted a pass so far this season.

"What North Carolina likes to do is rush their front four and drop seven," Irish quarterback

Jimmy Clausen said. "They get a lot of pressure up front. It makes it hard on the quarterback with the front four getting a lot of pressure and seven guys drop into coverage."

Clausen said the speedy, athletic UNC secondary is probably the toughest he has faced in his collegiate career.

"They're pretty good, pretty fast, physical as well. So it will be a good challenge for us," he said.

Clausen has gone 109 passing attempts since his last interception, which was during the second quarter of Notre Dame's 23-7 loss to Michigan State on Sept. 20. His streak will definitely be put to the test tomorrow.

According to Clausen, the key to breaking down the tough zone defense is to be patient and allow his receivers to sit down in the small holes downfield.

"There are tight windows, small windows, and you have to take what they give you," he said.

Against Connecticut, the turnovers and field position allowed North Carolina to put up 38 points despite being held to 263 total yards of offense. The Huskies picked up 10 more first downs and threw for almost 100 more yards than their opponents, but could not overcome their own mistakes.

The Tar Heels started five of their drives in Husky territory, and three more on the 40-yard line or better.

In two short years, Davis has turned around the North Carolina program and has his teams winning games in any way that they can.

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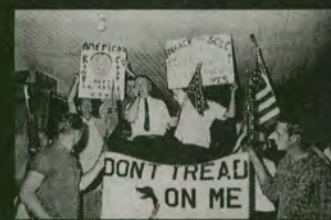
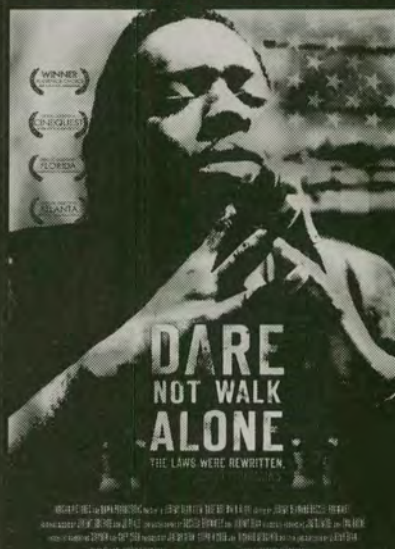
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