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Student groups debate platforms

Representatives from Notre Dame political clubs discuss merits of presidential candidates

By KAITLYNN RIELY

Associate News Editor

There was no debate Friday afternoon between Sen. John McCain, Sen. Barack Obama and former congressman Bob Barr. There was no face off between Gov. Sarah Palin and Sen. Joe Biden and Wayne Allyn Root.

Instead, members of the Notre Dame College Republicans, Democrats and Libertarians acted as surrogates for their candidates and argued in favor of their platforms, taking questions first from a moderator and then from an audience.

Junior Christine Romero, the co-chair of ND Votes '08, a campaign run by the Center for Social Concerns, posed questions to the three teams of two and then later allowed the audience to ask questions of their own.



AP, JESS LEE/The Observer

Students from Notre Dame's Republican, Democratic, and Libertarian groups debated of Sen. John McCain, left, Sen. Barack Obama, middle, and Bob Barr.

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Skunks pose problems for both campuses

By LIZ HARTER and KELSEY FALTER

News Writers

With the apparent spike in the number of nocturnal creatures at both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, many students have reported seeing skunks around their residence halls, making them wonder if they should stock up on tomato juice.

Scott Knight, Industrial Hygienist of Risk Management for NDSP, said he hadn't heard of skunks being a problem until early September.

"I had not heard of anything until [early September] when a student contacted us about a skunk," he said. "Building Services typically handles those types of calls."

Students have reported seeing the skunks between Main Circle and Reckers, in front of Siegfried Hall, on God Quad and South Quad and on the Alumnae Green at

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Number of students taking GRE increases

By ELLYN MICHALAK

News Writer

According to Council of Graduate Studies, enrollment in graduate school has increased three percent annually over the past 10 years, leading to a spike in the number of seniors taking the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

"The increase in doctorates awarded, particularly in key fields, is a necessary step in producing the highly qualified workforce required to enhance U.S. competitiveness," said Debra W. Stewart, CGS President in a 2008 press release. "While the increased representation of minority students is another encouraging sign, we must continue to expand the domestic pipeline to ensure that America has the talent pool it will need in the 21st century global economy."

Admissions departments use GRE Scores to determine admission into a graduate program. The test scores supplement an application.

The test consists of three parts — verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning and analytical writing. The verbal reasoning and quantitative reasoning sections are

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Lyons hosts annual Mara Fox Run

By MADELINE BUCKLEY

News Writer

About 250 runners participated in Lyons Hall's annual Mara Fox run Saturday, marking the 15th anniversary of the death of the Lyons Hall freshman who was hit and killed by a drunk driver in 1993, run organizers Jeana Caminiti and Katie Sample said.

The run was successful and had more participants this year than last year, Caminiti said.

"We couldn't have asked for more beautiful weather

and we had such a great turnout," Caminiti said.

The run raised a little over \$3,000 through the \$15 dollar registration fee and some personal donations, Sample said. While some of the money will pay for the T-shirts that were given to participants, most of the funds will go toward a scholarship fund to help a Notre Dame student study abroad in Toledo, Spain, she said. The scholarship fund was started in Fox's name the first year after she died, Caminiti said.

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Photo courtesy of Kelly Pierson

Students run across the Notre Dame campus Saturday during the annual Mara Fox Run, which is hosted by Lyons Hall.

Bags tournament benefits children's groups

Event raises funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters

By KATIE KOHLER

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In order to raise money for the fast-growing Big Brothers Big Sisters Club of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, senior Charlie Cummings hosted, organized and orchestrated the first annual Bags for Kids 2008 on Saturday.

More than 40 teams of two participated in the bag tossing tournament, which raised more than \$300 which the University will match, bringing the grand total to \$600.

Cummings organized the

event because he knew how much the club benefits the children of South Bend through mentoring.

"We wanted to raise awareness about Big Brothers Big Sisters. The club currently has a waiting list of children in South Bend that want to be matched up with Notre Dame students — especially boys — so we were hoping that the tournament would spark some interest in the club and lead some students to sign up to be 'Bigs,'" Cummings said.

While the event was

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KATIE KOHLER/The Observer

Participants line up during the first annual Bags for Kids 2008 tournament Saturday, which featured more than 40 teams.

INSIDE COLUMN

Paris' new BFFs

For me, MTV's new show *Paris Hilton's My New BFF* is a must-see, because it succeeds in combining two of my guilty pleasures: trashy reality television and Paris Hilton.

I'm a big fan of any kind of "reality" show. I smirk at the loser boyfriends on *Parental Control*, giggle uncontrollably at the devil-costume-clad, pitchfork-waving man on *Hell Date*, and sing along to YouTube videos of Paula Abdul's stalker from *American Idol*.

Irena Zajickova
Wire Editor

There's just something about watching other people do embarrassing things that amuses me to no end, even though their antics are most likely staged.

My fixation with Paris is a bit harder to explain. It started when a boy tried to make me mad by informing me, via the misspelled facebook message that passes for communication now, "you act like your Paris Hilton."

My first thought was: "MY Paris Hilton? How is she different from anyone else's?" After realizing that he meant the contraction "you are," I glanced at his list of reasons, which did nothing to convince me that Paris and I are the same person.

Nevertheless, I've felt an odd sort of kinship with her ever since.

I watched the first episode on Wednesday. The show opened with Paris informing us, "I'm Paris Hilton, and I'm an amazing best friend." I can honestly say that I'd rather be friends with Paris than with any of the contestants. Most were bland, catty, and clearly using Paris to achieve, as they put it, "instant celebrityism." I almost felt bad for her.

The best part was probably when Paris had a scary man question her besties-in-training about their motives for wishing to become her BFF. As if those weren't obvious.

The awesome part was that the questioning took place in an abandoned warehouse. And the contestants were blindfolded. It was quite ominous.

After one of the girls was sent home, the credits rolled and I debated if I should go to bed or watch the next episode.

The show brought up one of life's great questions: who do I feel more sorry for, Paris or her wannabe friends? On the one hand, they're using her to get their 15 minutes of fame.

But she's rich and famous, so she probably doesn't even care. On the other hand, those girls are so attention-starved that they've resorted to being on an MTV reality show to get noticed.

But it's working. Granted, people are mostly mocking them, but I guess any publicity is good publicity.

Whatever I decide about Paris and the girls, I'll definitely be tuning in next week. Where else am I going to learn such pearls of wisdom as, "Someone is always judging you. Except when you're judging them."

Plus, Paris dresses way classier than Tila Tequila.

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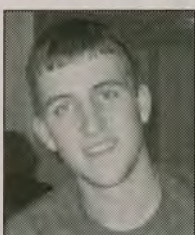
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE OFF CAMPUS BLOCK PARTIES?



Margie Rosmonowski
senior off-campus

"Makes me love South Bend that much more."



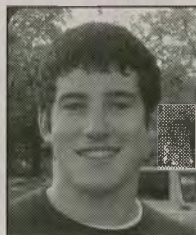
Ryan McCune
senior off-campus

"It's always interesting when the pizza outnumbers people four to one."



Caroline Green
senior off-campus

"Chicken Jackson rocks my world."



Billy Lyman
senior off-campus

"Hopefully ResLife can't fine us for this one."



Nick DePrey
senior off-campus

"The bass player from that band that played is dreamy."



Megan Ladiere
senior off-campus

"I just love block parties!"



Anna Lacey signs a poster for the Notre Dame Core Council in LaFortune Friday. Seated at the table, from left to right, are Core Council representatives Sr. Sue Dunn, Lauren Cummings, and Janeva Waked.

OFFBEAT

Couple saws house in half after divorce proceedings

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — A couple in rural Cambodia has terminated their 18-year marriage with a divorce settlement that entailed sawing in two the wooden house they once shared, villagers said Friday. The husband, 42-year-old Moeun Sarim, has taken away with him all the bits and pieces of his half a house, said his 35-year-old wife, Vat Navy.

"Very strange, but this is what my husband wanted," she said by phone from a village about 62 miles east of Cambodia's capital, Phnom

Penh. She said they ended their marriage last month.

"He brought his relatives and used saws to cut the house in half," she said, adding that she now owns the other half that is still standing. The house is made from wood with a tile roof and propped up on wooden pillars, a typical style for a Cambodian country home.

Blind Belgian man drives car at 192 miles per hour

ISTRES, France — Blind Belgian daredevil Luc Costermans won a world record Saturday when he hit 308.78 kilometres (192 miles) per hour driving a

Lamborghini Gallardo supercar on a French airstrip.

The 43-year-old, who was blinded in an accident four years ago, hit the top speed twice in the borrowed car at the Istres airbase in southern France.

Costermans thanked his co-pilot Guillaume Roman, the air force and his sponsors, and dedicated his record to the Formula 1 driver Philippe Streiff, who has been a tetraplegic since an accident in the 1989 Brasil Grand Prix.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

NDVotes will hold **Pizza, Pop, and Politics: Social and Moral Issues** today at 5 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Lounge. The event is open to the public and free pizza will be served. Professors Paolo Carozza, law, and Mary Keys, political science, will speak.

A panel discussion, "**The Credit Crisis: What It Means for You and the World**," will be held today at 7 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. The event is free and open to the public.

German Club and SUB will hold **Oktoberfest** on Tuesday, Oct. 14, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Legends. Free food will be served, t-shirts given away, and a live German band will perform. The event is free and open to all students of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross.

A health information session, "**Know Your Body**," will be held Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 8 p.m. in Room 117, O'Shaughnessy Hall. The event is part of "Love Your Body Week." All events throughout the week are free and open to students.

The documentary film "**The Price of Sugar**" will be shown on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library. The event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Class of 2009 Class Council.

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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Skunks

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Saint Mary's.

Pangborn Hall freshman Courtney Sands said she saw a skunk near her dorm one night.

"It ran in front of us really quickly," she said. "Skunks make me so nervous."

Liz Brown, a sophomore from LeMans Hall, ran into one near the Saint Mary's Student Center in mid-September on her way back to her dorm.

"That was the first skunk I had seen [on campus]," Brown said. "I was thinking, if I get sprayed I'm screwed."

Brown hasn't seen any more skunks at Saint Mary's, but she has run into them when she has visited Notre Dame.

"It kind of freaks me out knowing that I can run into them," she said. "No one really wants to be sprayed when you're going out. It totally ruins your weekend."

Farley rectress Sr. Carrine Etheridge said there is a skunk that seems to live behind the dorm. Her dog, Farley, a Pekingese who was once a stray found on campus, discovered it when she was sprayed.

"[Farley] tugged the leash from my hand and went after what she thought was a cat, I think," Etheridge said. "By the time I caught up with her between Farley Hall and Breen-Phillips she had been sprayed by a skunk."

She said she thinks everyone has seen the skunks on the Quad, but when Farley got "skunked" she "duly warned" her residents.

According to GetRidofThings.com, if a student does get sprayed by a skunk they should bathe as quickly as possible, but many students are under the impression that tomato baths

do the trick.

Etheridge said she soaked Farley in tomato juice and shampooed her three times over the course of a weekend.

"She still smelled bad, but at least she was tolerable," she said. "My entire apartment reeked of that awful skunk smell."

Etheridge said Farley moped around for a few days but she's fine now.

"Although, I still get a whiff of skunk when she gets wet," she said.

Brown said she wants to warn students that tomato baths don't work.

"My brother got sprayed when he was at college," she said. "He went in to take a midterm and the professor told him to leave immediately and he could make up the exam because he smelled so bad. Tomato baths don't work, I know that from his experience."

GetRidofThings.com said white vinegar or hydrogen peroxide should be used to dissolve the skunk oils instead of tomato juice. The victim should then use an odor neutralizing detergent or soap to further dilute the smell.

Bill Hambling, Saint Mary's Director of Facilities, said the prevalence of skunks on campus "is a smelly situation," but a family of skunks near the College's Early Childhood and Development Center on the Northwest side of campus was trapped and relocated off-campus.

Dave Garipey, director of the Department of Safety and Security at Saint Mary's, said students can report skunks to the department.

"We respond to all sorts of calls ... including calls about animals that may be sick or injured or just a nuisance," he said.

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Gulu Walk raises funds for Uganda

Africa Faith and Justice Network, IUSB host event to aid refugees

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As part of an international effort to draw attention to the 22 year long war in northern Uganda between the Government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), the Africa Faith and Justice Network and the Student Government of Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) sponsored the GuluWalk Sunday.

"[The GuluWalk is to] raise awareness and to raise money for those who are suffering in northern Uganda," President of the Africa Faith and Justice Network Sean Gaffney said.

As many as 40,000 children in Uganda would walk from their villages to Gulu or another urban location in order to sleep as safely as possible and to reduce the chances of being abducted by the Lord's Resistance Army, according to the GuluWalk's Web site.

"[We] walk to be symbolically in solidarity with those children who were forced to do so every night," Gaffney said.

Although the night commuting has stopped, according to the GuluWalk Web Site, Gaffney said that there are still over two million people in camps who have been displaced by the war.

GuluWalk is an international campaign of Athletes for Africa, a registered Canadian charity, and is coordinated in the United States in partnership with Resolve Uganda, according to the GuluWalk Web site.

GuluWalk partners with



Photo courtesy of Sarah Miller

Participants in the Gulu Walk trek through the streets of South Bend Sunday to raise money and awareness for refugee camps.

War Child Canada, Canadian Physicians for Aid & Relief, AMREF Canada and the Justice and Reconciliation Project and distributes donations to these organizations, according to the Web site.

IUSB and Notre Dame's GuluWalk earned money through pre-fundraising and through donations collected at the end of the walk. Gaffney said the Africa Faith and Justice Network worked with other organizations on campus to raise money.

A final total of funds raised in Sunday's walk was not available yesterday, but Gaffney said T-shirts will still be sold.

Last year, the GuluWalk raised four thousand dollars, Gaffney said.

The GuluWalk started on the campus of IUSB and par-

ticipants walked along the streets of South Bend and returned to IUSB for a closing ceremony.

"We think it's a good show of community support to do it in South Bend rather than on Notre Dame's campus," Gaffney said.

Gaffney estimated that about one hundred people took part in the walk and said there was "definitely a mix" of students and members of the South Bend community who walked.

"It was good that there were so many students who made it out this time," Gaffney said. "Notre Dame students probably made up the majority, but there were IUSB students and community members as well."

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Debate

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The debate, held in the LaFortune Student Center ballroom, lasted an hour but the discussion continued for at least another 20 minutes afterwards. As Romero thanked the audience and the debaters for taking part in the debate, a student wearing a College Democrats T-shirt rose from the crowd, demanding to hear more information from the Republicans and the Libertarians about their plan to reverse the current economic crisis.

The debate ended, but the conversation continued, with some members of the audience staying after to talk more about the candidates' platforms.

Freshman Nicole Burson said she has been following the 2008 presidential election, attending ND Votes '08 events and watching the televised debates. The Notre Dame debate, she said, was more informative about the real issues than the actual presidential and vice presidential debates have been.

Romero asked the debaters questions ranging from abortion to immigration to what she called "sleepier issues." Terrorism, Romero said, was a "sleepier issue" in the 1990s. What, she asked, is today's sleeper issue?

Senior Spencer Howard, the co-president of the College Democrats, said he thinks today's biggest sleeper issue is

the finite supply of clean water.

"If we don't work with other nations on this issue, we are going to see the supply of fresh water great reduced," he said.

College Libertarians co-president Ben Linskey said the sleeper issue of today is that America's government is on the path to bankruptcy.

"American policies are headed in a direction that just is not sustainable for the future," he said. He called for the government to massively reduce spending.

Freshman Henry Eggers of the Notre Dame College Republicans said the sleeper issue was "governmental tyranny," the problem of the government taking public funds and misusing it.

After Romero asked her five questions, members of the audience, who filled up most of the ballroom, asked their own questions. One female student wanted to know how each of the candidates would promote peaceful solutions to global conflicts.

Eggers gave the example of the United States' response to the recent conflict between the counties of Russia and Georgia, which did not garner a military response from the United States. McCain knows some situations require aggressive diplomacy, he said.

"They are not under the mentality that the military is the only way to fix things," he said.

The next president should have the ability to make the proper judgment when it comes

to using the military, Howard said. The United States cannot spend its money on "just any war," he said.

"We have to have the judgment of what the right ones are," Howard said.

Linskey said the United States should start withdrawing troops from Iraq in a "responsible and safe manner."

"The best way to promote peace there is through a peaceful foreign policy," he said, which includes trading with the countries in the region.

The debate grew rowdy as the discussion turned to health care.

"We have the best health care in the world," Eggers said. "Never let anyone convince you that we don't."

But problems that exist in the health care system should not be dealt with at the federal level, he said.

Howard said Obama's health care plan will not mandate health care for everyone, just for children.

The College Libertarians said they were opposed to Obama's plan.

"People need to work for their health care," freshman Justin DeRosa said. "You are not just going to get it."

Friday's debaters will return to their status as observers Wednesday for the third and final presidential debate between Obama and McCain, scheduled to start at 9 p.m.

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Bags

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organized independently of Big Brothers Big Sisters, all of the proceeds are going directly to the organization. Cummings collected the sets of boards and bean bags, invited the attendees, and arranged for Chicken Jackson, his roommate's band, to play at the tournament as well.

Even though 40 teams registered, many more people came to take part in the festivities.

"Many people came to cheer for their friends and show their support for Big Brothers Big Sisters," Cummings said.

There was a \$10 registration fee and the event took place at Cummings' house on St. Peter's Street.

Because of this year's success, Cummings hopes the tournament will become a tradition. "I'd encourage people to hold the tournament again next year. It really

couldn't have turned out any better than it did. We had a great turnout, a fun, competitive tournament, it was a beautiful day and there was an awesome live band. I may come back next year and organize the second annual at a younger friend's house," he said.

Cummings was happy to combine his love for the game and donating to a great cause, he said.

"I am really happy we were able to combine a fundraiser for a great cause with a Bags tournament, which is probably my favorite game," he said. "I was also proud of my peers at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's who showed once again that we students are always willing to come together to support those in need."

Matt Weiser and Jim Herron were the winners of the tournament, even though the real winners were the kids, Cummings said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Russia test-launches missiles

MOSCOW — President Dmitry Medvedev watched a missile soar from Russia's rain-soaked northern forests toward a target thousands of kilometers away on Sunday, capping a weekend of launches reminding audiences at home and abroad about the country's nuclear might.

Prominent coverage of the tests on state-controlled television also seemed designed to boost the bookish Medvedev's credentials as commander-in-chief in the eyes of the Russian populace.

On Sunday, Medvedev saw what officials said was the successful test-firing of a 21-year-old Topol intercontinental ballistic missile. The missile hit its target thousands of kilometers to the east on the Kamchatka Peninsula, Medvedev told servicemen who conducted the launch.

"Respected comrades ... you have fulfilled your task and I congratulate you," Medvedev, dressed in a dark bomber jacket, told servicemen in bulky blue uniforms in a clearing near the Plesetsk launch facility.

Suicide bombers strike in Baghdad

BAGHDAD — Suicide car bombers struck twice Sunday in the northern city of Mosul, killing at least six people and wounding dozens of others, U.S. and Iraqi officials said. A car bomb killed seven other people in Baghdad.

Two Iraqi soldiers were killed by snipers in separate attacks Sunday in the capital's Yarmouk district, police said.

Also Sunday, the government announced new security measures to protect Christians in Mosul after a spate of attacks against them by Sunni religious extremists.

The series of attacks shows the ongoing security challenges facing Iraq as the U.S. shifts responsibility to this country's own soldiers and police following the sharp decline in violence since last year.

NATIONAL NEWS

Nat'l debt clock runs out of digits

NEW YORK — A watched clock never moves — unless it's the National Debt Clock.

In fact, the digital counter has been moving so much that it recently ran out of digits to display the ballooning figure: \$10,150,603,734,720, or roughly \$10.2 trillion, as of Saturday afternoon.

The clock was put up by the late real estate mogul Seymour Durst in 1989 when the U.S. government's debt was a mere \$2.7 trillion, and was even turned off during the 1990s when the debt decreased.

It will be replaced in 2009 with a new clock, said Jordan Barowitz, a spokesman for the Durst Organization. The new clock will be able to track debt up to a quadrillion dollars, which is a '1' followed by 15 zeros.

Chief says he supports police force

CHICAGO — Chicago's police superintendent is denying a news report that officers in his command are working the streets less aggressively out of fear of being second-guessed by him.

Jody Weis (WEES) told reporters Saturday that despite what some people may say, he sees officers who are well supported by their superiors and highly motivated.

According to statistics provided by police and an internal document obtained by The Associated Press, serious crime is up but arrests are down in Chicago. Officers are also seizing fewer guns and frisking gang members less often than they did before Weis arrived.

LOCAL NEWS

Legal aid nonprofit closing its doors

FORT WAYNE — A nonprofit legal aid agency for low-income residents in Fort Wayne is closing because of shrinking resources.

Legal Services of Maumee Valley plans to stop operations by the end of the year.

The agency has existed since the 1960s to provide free or low-cost legal assistance to those with little money. But the group has had to fight over dwindling resources in recent years, and says it will provide advice-only assistance until the end of November.

Camps highlight foes' old associates

As election draws near, campaigns try to prove guilt by association

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Scraping for any advantage in the presidential campaign's waning days, John McCain and Barack Obama are introducing voters to a new cast of characters.

McCain would like people to know about a former 1960s radical and a corrupt government insider — both with links to his Democratic opponent.

And Obama is raising the Republican candidate's connections to a disgraced savings and loan executive and a supporter of right-wing death squads.

Each candidate is trying to plant the idea that his opponent must be guilty of something if he has connections to such unsavory characters. Both candidates are guilty of stretching the facts, at times, to smear by association.

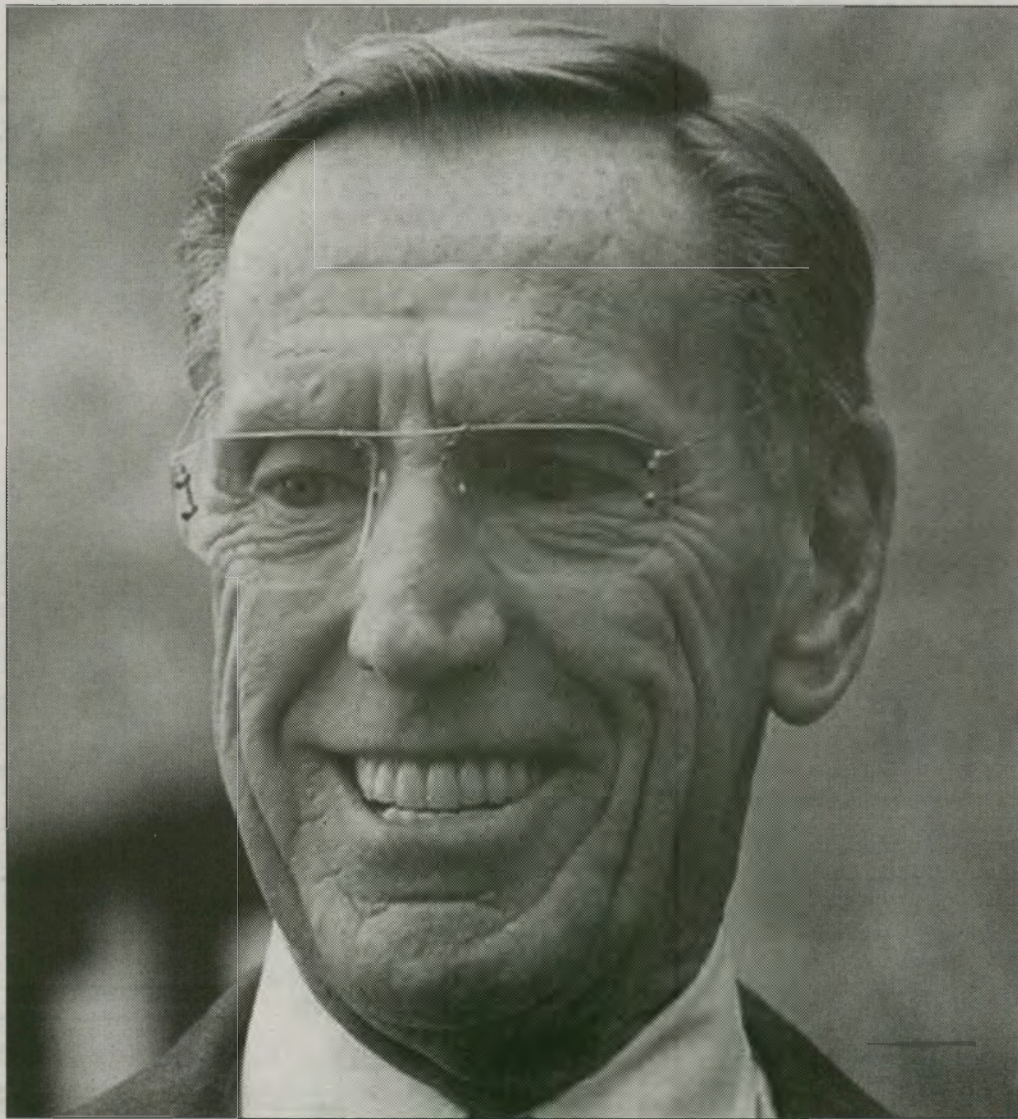
A closer look at the relationships being mentioned in campaign videos, ads and e-mails:

◆ William Ayers: Forty years ago, Ayers was a founder of the Weather Underground, a radical group that claimed responsibility for a series of bombings, including nonfatal explosions at the Pentagon and U.S. Capitol. He was a fugitive for years with his wife, fellow radical Bernadine Dohrn. But after Ayers surrendered in 1980, the charges against him were dropped because of prosecutorial misconduct.

Eventually, Ayers became a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, specializing in education reform and even advising Chicago Mayor Richard Daley.

In 1995, Ayers hosted a meet-the-candidate session at his home for Obama as he prepared to run for the state Senate. Later, the two worked with the same charity and social-service organizations in Chicago.

Obama has tried to minimize his link to Ayers, at one point saying he was just a guy who lived in the same neighborhood. But while there was more to the relationship than that, there is no evidence they were ever close friends or that



Former Lincoln Savings & Loan chief Charles Keating Jr. smiles during a news conference at the Los Angeles Federal Courthouse in April 1999.

Ayers advised Obama on policy. Obama has denounced Ayers' violent activities, which occurred when Obama was a child.

◆ Charles Keating: Keating was a real estate speculator and savings and loan owner. His institution failed, costing many investors their life savings and sticking taxpayers with a \$2.8 billion bailout cost.

McCain received \$112,000 from him, his family and associates, and took trips to the Bahamas at Keating's expense. McCain took up Keating's cause with financial regulators who were investigating the businessman.

Keating eventually went to prison, and McCain received a

mild rebuke from the Senate ethics committee. McCain repaid \$112,000 to the U.S. Treasury and reimbursed Keating for the trips. He later said attending two meetings with bank regulators on behalf of Keating was "the worst mistake of my life" and that it had made him more sensitive to the need for government reform.

◆ Antoin "Tony" Rezko: Rezko was a key supporter and donor throughout Obama's political career. Obama estimates Rezko raised \$250,000 for his various campaigns, though not for his presidential bid. The two were friends who talked frequently about politics and occasionally dined out

together with their wives.

Rezko was convicted this summer on federal charges of using his clout with state government to squeeze kickbacks out of firms wanting to do business with the state. The charges do not involve Obama. Rezko now appears to be cooperating with a federal probe of corruption in the Illinois government.

Obama consulted Rezko, a real estate developer, before buying a home in 2005. Rezko ended up buying a vacant lot next door and then selling some of the land to Obama. But Rezko did not help Obama pay for his house, and the sellers say Obama got no special treatment.

PAKISTAN

Pakistani tribesmen battle militants

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistani tribesmen are raising armies to battle al-Qaida and Taliban militants close to the Afghan border — a movement encouraged by the military and hailed as a sign its offensive there is succeeding.

The often ramshackle forces lend force to the campaign in the lawless and mountainous region, but analysts question their effectiveness against a well-armed, well-trained and increasingly brutal insurgency.

The extremists are increasingly targeting the militias, an indication they believe them to be a threat.

On Sunday, two tribesmen were killed

during an army-backed offensive against insurgents in the Bajur tribal region. Government official Jamil Khan said helicopter gunships shelled militants' bunkers, killing at least 10 people. Fifteen more suspected militants were killed in separate clashes, he said.

On Friday, a suicide bomber killed more than 50 tribesmen gathering to form an army. Eight pro-government tribesmen have been beheaded in recent days.

By encouraging the private armies, or "lashkars," the government is exploiting local resentment against foreign and Pakistani extremists in the area, considered a likely hiding place for Osama bin Laden and other al-Qaida leaders.

"These Taliban call themselves Muslims,

but they have been involved in all kinds of crimes," said Malik Mohmmad Habib, a leader of the Salarzai tribe, one of the largest of at least five tribes who have formed lashkars in recent weeks. "We want them out of our area."

Habib claims up to 15,000 men in his lashkar. Similar figures have been given by other leaders of private armies but those claims could not be independently verified. Analysts caution tribesmen are likely exaggerating, perhaps by as much as 50 percent.

The lashkars have drawn comparisons with government-backed militia in Iraq — the so-called awakening councils — that have been credited with beating back the insurgency there.

Fox

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"[Mara Fox's] dream was to study abroad in Toledo," Sample said.

After Notre Dame, Fox wanted to be a psychiatrist in a Spanish speaking country, but on November 13, 1993, she was hit by a drunk driver when she was walking to campus, Sample said.

"It was a Notre Dame law student that hit her on Douglas Road, when she was walking back from Steak and Shake," she said.

Sample said Mara Fox's family comes to campus every year for the run.

"They were really happy with how things turned out this year," she said.

The race included a 5K run that started at Lyons Hall and ended in front of South Dining Hall and a 1-mile walk around Saint Mary's Lake, Caminiti said. Afterwards, the runners were served with bagels from Panera Bread, which "were a big hit," she said.

Caminiti said the top male, junior Michael Wrapp, won a

cash prize, a bucket of candy and a pair of crocs. The top female, sophomore Laura Lindsley, received a gift certificate to a hair salon as well as crocs and a bucket of candy.

Caminiti and Sample said they have been working since the summer to put together the race. They enlisted about 40 volunteers from Lyons Hall to help sign up runners, design the T-shirts, put together the e-mail lists and publicize the event.

"Everything ran so smoothly," Caminiti said.

The week preceding the race, Lyons Hall worked closely with Pillars — a student group on campus run through the Office of Drug and Alcohol education — to raise awareness about drunk driving, Sample said.

"We had an event every day leading up to the run," she said.

The events included an information session with a golf cart that simulated that feeling of drunk driving and posters with statistics about drunk driving were set up outside of O'Shaughnessy Hall and DeBartolo Hall, Sample said.

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GRE

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scored on a 200-800 point scale and the analytical writing section is scored on a 0-6 point scale. Scores are valid for five years from the time the student takes the test.

Research also shows students under the age of 23 score earn a higher average score than any other age group.

"What we are suggesting is that students consider taking the GRE if they do know what they want to do after graduation. We have information that shows that individuals under the age of 23 tend to do better because they are in the middle of using academic skills that they would use in graduate school and on the GRE," Dawn Piacentino, associate director in the GRE program at Education Testing Services (ETS), a non-profit research and standardized testing organization, said.

People under the age of 23 earned an average score of 484 on the verbal portion of the test and 587 on the quantitative part on the test, ETS data showed. The scores dropped noticeably for people in the 23-25 year old age group. In 2006, the 23-25 year old group scored an average of 477 on the verbal section and 556 on the quantitative section.

"What we see is generally individuals that are under the age of 23 do better than older student and the differences are significant on the quantitative measure" Piacentino said.

The quantitative section measures a student's abilities in arithmetic, algebra, geometry probability and statistics.

"The GRE does not have college level math on it, so you can think that the younger a person is, the closer they are to their high school courses," Piacentino said. "As people get farther away from high school,

they will need to do a review to refresh their skills."

Research done by the council of Graduate Studies showed there were a total of 1,698,445 graduate students enrolled in the United States in 2007. In addition to the three percent annual increase in graduate enrollment over the last 10 years, the data conducted by Council of Graduate Studies showed there was a four percent yearly enrollment increase among women and a five percent yearly enrollment increase among international students.

"There is published data that shows that the higher degree that you have the more money you make," Piacentino said.

Senior Elizabeth Nye took the GRE in order to gain a master's degree in education through ACE. She also plans on using the scores in a few years to earn a master's degree in psychology.

"I took the GRE because I am planning on pursuing a graduate degree in psychology eventually down the road," she said. "I also am interested in doing

ACE I like that it's a combined program where you can provide service to children and get a masters in education. I am hoping to combine my degrees in education and psychology in order to develop programs for our educational programs."

Because ETS encourages students to take the GRE, they offer free preparation for all who register to take the test.

"The GRE makes available free test prep material for everyone who registers for the general test because we think it's important that a person be prepared and know what kind of questions are on the test. Being prepared and understanding what they are going to be tested on is very important," Piacentino said.

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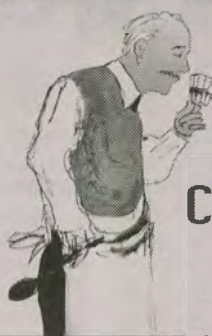
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IN BRIEF

Economic woes stall greenhouse laws

WASHINGTON — The economic free fall gripping the nation may bring down one of the main environmental objectives: capping the greenhouse gases that are blamed for global warming.

Democratic leaders in the House and the Senate, and both presidential candidates, continue to rank tackling global warming as a chief goal next year. But the focus on stabilizing the economy probably will make it more difficult to pass a law to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. At the very least, it will push back when the reductions would have to start.

As one Republican senator put it, the green bubble has burst.

"Clearly it is somewhere down the totem pole given the economic realities we are facing," said Tom Williams, a spokesman for Duke Energy Corp., an electricity producer that has supported federal mandates on greenhouse gases. Duke is a member of the U.S. Climate Action Partnership, an association of businesses and nonprofit groups that has lobbied Congress to act.

Iran and Hamas gloat over crisis

CAIRO — America's opponents in the Middle East are gloating over the financial meltdown in the United States, painting it as divine retribution for past misdeeds against Muslims and the last gasps of a dying empire.

Hardline clerics across the region and groups like Hamas and al-Qaida took delight in America's financial woes even though it has not left the region unscathed, with stock markets across the Middle East dropping more than 10 percent last week.

"We are witnessing the collapse of the American Empire," Hamas prime minister in the Gaza Strip, Ismail Haniyeh, told worshippers during Friday prayers. "What's going on in America is a result of the violation of the rights of people in Palestine, Somalia, Iraq, Afghanistan and Muslims around the world."

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Tuesday that America was paying the price for exporting inflation and deficits to the rest of the world.

"Now the world capacity is full and these problems have returned to the U.S.," he said. "And finally they are oppressors, and systems based on oppression and unrighteous positions will not endure."

Lawmakers push bank stock purchase

Treasury Secretary Paulson opposes free trade and protectionism

Associated Press

WASHINGTON —

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson told international leaders on Sunday that isolationism and protectionism could worsen the spreading financial crisis. With a new trading week dawning, U.S. lawmakers urged quick action by the Bush administration on measures to make direct purchases of bank stock to help unlock lending.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, said an administration proposal to inject federal money directly into certain banks, in effect partially nationalizing the banking system, "is gaining steam."

"I am hopeful that tomorrow, the Treasury will announce that they're doing it. And they have to do it quickly ... markets are waiting," Schumer, D-N.Y., said.

The administration has not indicated when it would announce its next steps.

Democrats also are lining up behind House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's plan to bring lawmakers back to Capitol Hill after the Nov. 4 election to work on a second economic relief plan. The idea is "give the middle class and the average citizen the same kind of relief that we try to give the financial sector," said Democratic Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee.

Top Democrats are suggesting a \$150 billion measure that would extend jobless benefits, provide more money for food stamps and finance some construction projects, such as rebuilding bridges and roads. It would also include either a tax rebate or tax cut.

Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri, the second-ranking House Republican, said he would help on a plan "that makes sense" but is not laden with huge public works projects or bailouts



Ali Mahaman Lamine Zeine, left, minister of Economy and Finance of Niger, briefs reporters on efforts to assist developing countries with high levels of poverty and debt in Washington.

for states that overspent on social programs.

In another step aimed at easing the financial crisis, the Federal Reserve on Sunday approved the \$12.2 billion acquisition of troubled Wachovia Corp. by Wells Fargo & Co. Wachovia is the latest in a string of major banks and financial institutions that have been felled by the financial crisis. The Fed action was expected.

As the International Monetary Fund and World Bank held their annual meetings over the weekend, Paulson warned the bank's policy-setting committee of

the dangers of "inward-looking policies."

"Although we in the United States are taking many extraordinary measures to ease the crisis, we are not pursuing policies that would limit the flow of goods, services or capital, as such measures would only intensify the risks of a prolonged crisis," Paulson said.

Meanwhile, the World Bank pledged to protect poor and vulnerable countries and nations with rapidly developing economies. Mexican Finance Minister Agustin Carstens, who heads the bank's policy-setting committee, said the

bank and the IMF will draw on the full range of their resources to help these countries.

Bank President Robert Zoellick told reporters the financial crisis "has been a manmade catastrophe. The actions and responses to overcome it lie in our hands."

Jittery investors awaited the reopening of stock markets — the Dow Jones industrial average just completed its worst week ever, plummeting more than 18 percent — and hoped for bold, coordinated international steps to address the crisis.

Possible conflicts of interest in bailout plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government's plan to make sure private managers of a \$700 billion bailout plan are free of conflicts of interest is weak, according to some critics, and allows too much room for abuse.

The Treasury Department is in the process of hiring financial experts to run the giant, taxpayer-financed fund, created by the legislation that President Bush signed on Oct. 3.

The law allows the department to offer contracts that are not governed by federal procurement regulations, but requires it to draw up conflict-of-interest guidelines.

Interim guidelines released last week require applicants to disclose "any actual or potential conflicts of interest" that may come into play. Applicants must submit a plan to show how they will "avoid, mitigate or neutralize" such conflicts.

While Treasury employees will oversee the plan, there does not appear to be anything in the rules that requires the government to make sure the applicants are being truthful.

"It basically says that these companies are responsible for disclosing their own conflicts of interest," said Laura Peterson, a senior policy analyst for Taxpayers for Common Sense, a private watchdog group. "And they are then responsible for coming up with a plan to fix them. Nowhere in there does it say Treasury will also be doing due diligence."

Treasury can waive the conflict-of-interest provision.

Department spokeswoman Jennifer Zuccarelli said the government will do more than simply require the companies to identify potential conflicts. "While we ask the firms to independently identify their conflicts, Treasury then independently identifies potential conflicts our-

selves," she said.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. said the guidelines drawn up by the department fall short.

"I am very concerned that they fail to meet the tough conflict-of-interest standard directed by Congress in the legislation," Pelosi said in an Oct. 7 letter to Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson. "Under these guidelines, companies that benefit from the Troubled Assets Relief Program may also be eligible to offer asset management or other contractor services if Treasury personnel approve a mitigation plan."

The second-ranking House Republican, Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri, said the bailout legislation rushed through Congress provides for much oversight and transparency. "Whatever the secretary does, the American people are going to get a chance to look at it," he said in a television interview Sunday.

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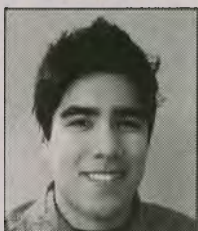
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Community building, common council-style

Last Friday (Oct. 10), The Observer ran an article entitled "University addresses community relations," from which you could easily have drawn the conclusion that all Notre Dame students — not just off-campus ones — are irresponsible, lawless hooligans. Students' self-control, according to some residents, Common Council members and even the chief of police, is inversely proportional to the performance of the football team. Judging from statements like "there's no mention of the contributing factor of alcohol — and how that contributes to danger" or "you cannot walk down the street at 2:30 in the morning, sloppy drunk, singing and expect to be safe," the article may as well have reported that, according to those interviewed, the real public safety problem is people who are drunk. If they happen to get robbed or assaulted, well, they were being irresponsible in the first place; they basically deserved it. The chief of police even stated that "we will not turn our backs on the citizens that live here [year-round]" — which, I guess, suggests that policing the entire city necessitates a choice between ignoring either Notre Dame students or permanent residents. Between these kinds of attitudes and the dredging up of a few high-profile



Darryl
Campbell

*Speak Up,
Please*

incidents, it seems that South Bend's community leaders are in high dudgeon about student behavior, so much so that they are expressing the sort of sentiments that probably wouldn't fly if they were targeting anyone other than college students.

Obviously, any town that boasts a university will have problems with its students; town-gown relations, especially concerning students' extracurricular activities, have been a problem for as long as there have been universities. And certainly Notre Dame students bear responsibility for following local noise ordinances and other laws, as well as representing Notre Dame to the community as a whole.

But there is also no excuse for the sort of rhetorical bluster that unfairly singles out Notre Dame students as irrational, antisocial and a major threat to public order and safety on par with those who are actually committing crimes. Yes, there are a few parties hosted and attended by Domers that result in noise violations and underage drinking (which, on the whole, have been fewer this year than in previous years). But I'm willing to bet that the majority of the crimes appearing on the September Safety Stats have little, if anything, to do with Notre Dame partygoers, unless they happened to have been victims rather than perpetrators. And the city of South Bend — which already boasts a crime rate about twice as high as the national average for almost all violent and property crimes except aggravated assault — will be facing massive budget cuts that will probably reduce the uniformed police force by 15 percent over the next two

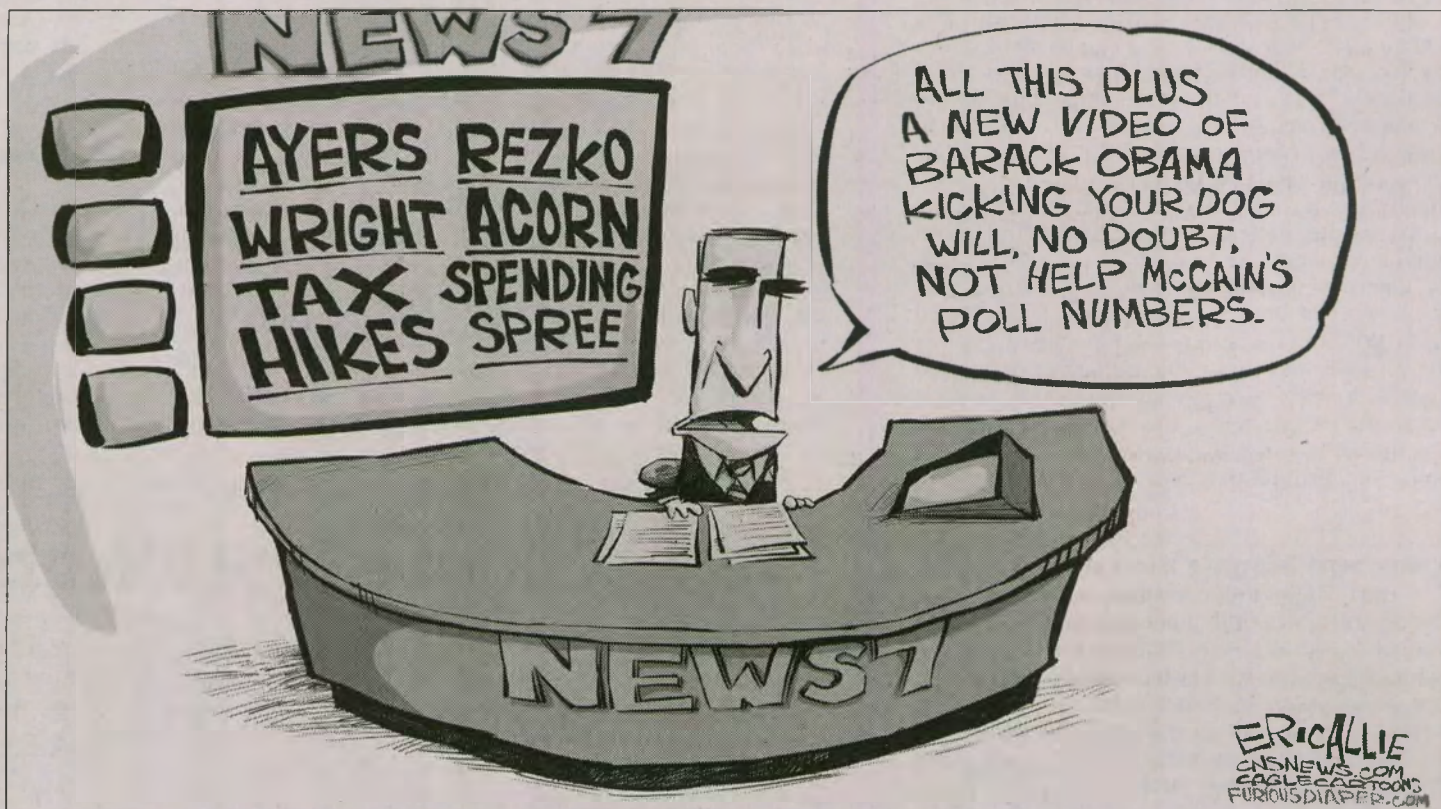
years. Clearly there are larger and more endemic problems than student parties.

Fortunately, neither residents nor students believe that the students of Notre Dame are second-class residents who are only here to be part of an intellectual enclave and otherwise have absolutely no interest in civic affairs or even being neighborly. After all, in the same paper, an article appeared about another student party that got out of hand, after which the students genuinely attempted to make up for an evening of bad judgment; their neighbors were content not to throw them under the bus for a single incident. They, like most off-campus Domers, are trying to live with, rather than provoke, their neighbors. So it would seem that official representatives of South Bend are largely blowing the actions of a few students out of proportion in order to attribute unfounded stereotypes of college undergraduates on all the student body, by way of lecturing them about their civic responsibilities. And this strikes me as completely absurd, if not self-defeating. Wouldn't it be better to constructively include the student body of Notre Dame in the city's attempt to promote public safety and community-building rather than antagonize it?

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"Those who don't know how to weep with their whole heart, don't know how to laugh either."

Golda Meir
fourth Israeli prime minister

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Athletic director leaves SMC

Saint Mary's College lost an outstanding role model this fall — athletic director Lynn Kachmarik. Lynn stepped down from her position, but it is a move that should not go unnoticed. Lynn had quite a career before she came to Saint Mary's College, and the College and student body were fortunate to benefit from her experience and leadership. Lynn knew what it was like to be an athlete. Lynn was a four-year All-American in water polo at Slippery Rock University (SRU) from 1976-80, as well as an All-American on the SRU swim team. She was a member of the United States Women's National Water Polo Team from 1976-88, serving as captain for six years. She was selected to the All-World Team in 1978. She competed in three World Championships and seven FINA World Cup tournaments while on the U.S. team.

Lynn also knew what it was like to be a coach. At the collegiate level, she was named women's swimming coach at Bucknell University in 1982 and in 1984 was appointed assistant coach of the university's men's water polo team. Lynn was named head coach of the Bucknell men's water polo team in 1986, making her the first woman to serve as the head coach of any NCAA men's team sport. In 1987, her first year on the job, she was named Eastern Men's Water Polo League Coach of the Year. She continued as head coach for the men's water polo team until 1990. Lynn served as the women's swimming coach from 1981-94 and the head men's and women's swimming and diving coach from 1994-98.

Lynn also served as a coach on the national level. She was an assistant coach of the U.S. national water polo team from 1990-92, and coached her squad to a third place finish at the 1992 World Championships in Perth, Australia. Lynn was among the first group of women to be inducted into the United States Water Polo Hall of Fame and the first woman inducted into the Collegiate Water Polo Hall of Fame. She was inducted into the Slippery Rock University Hall of Fame in 1991. She currently serves on the U.S.A. Water Polo, Inc. Board of Directors.

Lynn relocated to South Bend with her family in 1999. Fortunately for Saint Mary's, she accepted a position as the head athletic director. The student body, particularly the athletes and workers in Angela Athletic Facility, did not know Lynn Kachmarik, the accomplished athlete and coach. We met a woman who was dedicated to advancing athletics and school pride: She established the Varsity Club, Midnight Madness, Saint Mary's cheerleaders and Saint Mary's mascots; she reinstituted the Saint Mary's College Athletic Hall of Fame; she brought the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference 2000 swim championships to Saint Mary's home pool — Notre Dame's Rolf's Aquatic Center — and directed a class-A event; she encouraged students to assume leadership roles in the College and community through the Student Athlete Advisory Council; she recruited established coaches and impressive student-athletes. The list is endless. Lynn was a leader at Saint Mary's, continually finding new ways to involve the student body in athletics and fostering a sense of pride in Saint Mary's athletes. She did this mainly by example, inviting us into her home and sharing her family, spending time with the athletes and coaches, listening to the students' concerns and putting words, thoughts and ideas into action. Many of us learned through Lynn that a Saint Mary's woman is not an outdated archetype adorned with smiles and pearls; she is a real woman who constantly works to balance family, career and self.

Lynn is not a superwoman. She is a real woman, one who shows us that success is not easy, but it is attainable if you work at it. Coming from a school that prides itself on producing strong women leaders, we — the alumnae of Saint Mary's College — are proud to have had such a leader in our midst and humbled that she gave the Saint Mary's students the attention, professionalism and warmth that she dedicated to her other quite noteworthy endeavors. Thank you, Lynn.

Michelle Samreta, Elise Hall, Johna Graziani, Lori Smith, Colleen Schaefer, Maureen Palchak, Ashley Dyer
alumnae
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Oct. 6

Listen to Jimmy

Our quarterback has done some great things on the field and is trying to assert himself as a team leader this year, but unfortunately the students and band let him down Oct. 4 when given a chance to say "thank you." At Friday's Pep Rally, Clausen proposed that the students should give one "crank me up" on the band's cue to pump up the defense on the third down. When we tried it out in the JACC, it sounded great (I could tell from my seat that even recruit Zeke Motta was impressed). During the game however, not only did the band forget to give the cue on the first defensive third-down play, but none of the students minded that Clausen's request was ignored. I was disappointed and I'm sure Clausen must have been too, because he was trying to help out a defense that has not been up to par with the offense he's lead this season.

Most likely the third down "crank me up" didn't happen because there was barely anyone at the pep rally to hear Clausen's proposal, and that's disappointing because it was the best one I have ever been to. Although the pep rally could have been cut short by at least half an hour by omitting the Notre Dame Olympians ceremony (which was nice but had nothing to do with beating Stanford and was repeated at the game in front of the same people who were at the pep rally), it was still worth going to because Terrail Lambert and Pat Kuntz gave two hilarious speeches. For the future, I hope that students attend the pep rallies if not to get pumped for the game, then for the players. There's only so much Jimmy Clausen can ask from us as fans and it's a shame that we couldn't follow through on a simple request Saturday. Hopefully we can make up for ourselves at our next home game against Pitt, and hopefully in the future the University takes the appropriate measures to make pep rallies more concise and enticing to the students.

Kyle Blanco
freshman
Fisher Hall
Oct. 6

ND can still make Irish flag

This is in response to the "Irish flag won't fly" by Pat Moore (Oct. 7). I agree that a couple columns in the newspaper are not enough to cause an impact on what everyone wears on game day. However, that does not mean we cannot get this Irish flag idea off the ground. It is simply too hard to get everyone to wear the right colors — people refuse, people don't remember, etc. So here's an idea: How about we ask everyone to wear whatever they want? That seems simple, right?

So now moving on to making the Irish flag. This idea comes from watching European sports and the occasional high profile American sporting event. When fans walk into the stadium they are given a colored piece of paper. Obviously, this color depends on section, seat, and so on. At certain points during the game fans hold up the piece of paper and the results are a spectator spectacular! So what

has been accomplished? 1. No responsibility on the fans to wear a certain color. 2. Colored paper will cost a lot less than shirts. 3. It's not brain science to figure out what sections will get what pieces of paper. 4. It won't be too much extra work for ushers (or someone else) to hand out paper down the rows. 5. Since we are all trying to "go green" why not recycle those scraps on the way out? Perhaps we could hold up the paper during kickoffs, so that the paper does not disrupt viewing the actual game.

The details are debatable. Now it rests on putting this plan into action ... any takers?

Beth Comeglio
junior
Le Mans Hall
Oct. 7

Keep dinner discussions clean

At a meal in South Dining Hall yesterday evening with a good friend, the topic of the election came up. My friend and I sit on opposite sides of the aisle. Our conversation started congenially enough, but quickly dissolved into accusatory but veiled jabs at one another's personal judgment (e.g., "I don't see how you could trust ..." and "I have a problem with a politician who ..."). I think we both walked away with a bad taste in our mouths. I love politics, but I detest the type of destructive debate in which I engaged.

As this election turns nasty, let's not allow MSNBC and Fox News to provide our arguments or (even worse) form our beliefs. We all face the same question: How can we best run our country? The truth is that if there was a "right" answer, we would have settled on it by now. There isn't, so the debate goes on. At bottom, we all maintain the same goal: to move our nation toward goodness, equality and prosperity. My friend and I would have done well to remember that.

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Oct. 7

Who has the 'Right to Life'?

It's that time of year again. The sight of rows of simple white crosses and pink and blue flags greets me as I walk down South Quad. Yet again, I am moved to feel guilty, as I am of pro-choice ideology. But then, I look at the captions and quotes dispersed among the crosses — they all have to do with abortion — and I remember why I feel the way I do. The bantering between the pro-life/pro-choice issue has always baffled me. It always seems to center around the morality of abortion, when, if anyone really cared to dissect the issue, they'd see that the real issue at stake has nothing to do with abortion per se. It has to do with whether a woman has the right to have domain over her own body and the right to do with it as she chooses. The pro-choice viewpoint dictates that it is her right, not the government's, hence its name.

Naturally, most opposing issues have opposing ideas: pro-welfare vs. anti-welfare, death penalty vs. life in prison, etc. However, if you really look at both issues, pro-choice and pro-life viewpoints don't necessarily contradict each other. I've always found it interesting that pro-choice activists get labeled as "anti-life" or "pro-abortion." There is nothing to suggest that in the term "pro-choice." In fact, I'm fairly certain that if you asked most pro-choice activists, they would say that abortion is a tragedy for all parties involved and not

ideal. We're not "pro-abortion;" we're "pro-the-woman's-choice-to-have-an-abortion-if-she-chooses-to."

We all know what the mission of Right to Life/Respect Life Week is to get the message out to the student body that we should all respect the life of an unborn fetus and allow it to live a full, healthy life. But what about the right of would-be mothers to live that same full, healthy life? Is she expected to give up her rights over her own body the second she becomes pregnant? As a pro-choice idealist, I say that she is entitled to act as she sees fit. If that entails abortion, while it is a regrettable situation, I accept it because in the end, it is her body ... and therefore her choice and right.

Abortion is a terrible predicament to experience. For it, against it ... however you feel, it's clear that this is not the real issue at stake. It is the rights of the mother that are at risk. I, personally, hope that I will never have to be put in a situation where it is a choice I will have to make. However, if that day ever comes, my hope is that the government will still allow me to make my own choice.

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Fashion on the Net:

style and fashion blogs from around the web

By **MICHELLE FORDICE**
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Fashion. It's more than just clothes. It's about mixing imagination, art, practicality, and form into a new expression. Of course, sometimes between classes and the temptation to lounge around in sweatpants, it is easy to loose track of the fashion world on a college campus, so here are some of the best places you can find on the internet to re-inspire yourself.

THE SARTORIALIST.

www.thesartorialist.com

The Sartorialist was one of the first well known fashion blogs and has become an influence in the fashion world itself, as illustrated by its selection as one of "The Times" top 100 Design Influencers and author's Scott Schuman's increasing presence in major fashion publications. The Sartorialist, a New York street fashion blog with stunning photography, is beautiful in its simplicity. Photographs are laid out on a plain white background and are at most accompanied by brief, but revealing, commentary. Schuman seeks out the chic on the streets and never fails to find it. He is also very aware of the fact that fashion is not limited to perfectly proportioned girls. Many of his subjects are older and not flawlessly figured, and yet just as striking. This undeniable beauty in the day to day makes the blog a real treat.

THE SARTORIALIST

ICONIC MAGAZINE

www.iconique.com

Iconique is a striking online fashion magazine with beautiful presentation. Covering fashion, beauty and design, Iconique blends music, excellent photography and graphic design to create visual feasts for the fashion forward. Their virtual catwalk is great for those of us who can't get there. The Les Artes Digitales section is neat because it reminds us of the connection between graphic design and fashion. While most of its content isn't what anyone would actually wear or do with their makeup, the imagination it captures is inspiring. The magazine is about to be revamped, so we'll have to wait and see if it can get even better.

ICONIQUE

Go FUG YOURSELF

gofugyourself.celebuzz.com

Go Fug Yourself is one of those secret pleasures. The blog reports the biggest fashion blunders of the celebrities who are supposed to be our fashion inspiration (if only because they have the money to buy the things we can't). Yes, it is catty, but in an entertaining way. The writers are witty and absolutely hilarious. And they do admit it when their worst perpetrators get it right, occasionally including a 'Well Played' article that praises their successes. Still, the best moments are when they capture the truly insane outfits some celebrities have put together. If you ever need a laugh, this is a great place to stop by.

go fug yourself
fugly is the new pretty

MARY CECILIA MITSCH | Observer Graphic

STEET PEEPER

www.streetpeeper.com

Street Peeper is an excellent street fashion blog, covering over 23 cities, from Amsterdam to Zurich. Snapping pictures of anyone they think is making a statement, the ten photographers of Street Peeper leave it up to their viewers to decide what they think about the day to day ensembles of people on the streets, giving no other commentary than a list of the brands their spur-of-the-moment-model is wearing. One of the most intriguing things Street Peeper allows you to see is the fashion of different cities laid out side by side; each location has its own character, flair, and trends. Of course the best part about Street Peeper is that, like all street fashion blogs, these are the fashions of real people, making them much more accessible than anything you would find on a runway. In that way it is almost more inspiring than the highest fashion.



STREETPEEPER

Look Book.

www.lookbook.nu

Lookbook is unique because it gives control of its content to its viewers, kind of like a Facebook for the world's fashionistas. Members post pictures of their best outfits and rate the outfits of other members. Like street fashion blogs, Lookbook is great because of its accessibility; the outfits are all made to be worn, not paraded across a runway or left hanging in store windows. Also, because all of the members are your average person, the outfits are within the average price range. Many of the pieces come from thrift stores, but it is the creativity of the wearer that turns them into statements.

LOOKBOOK.nu

FASHION 156

www.fashion156.com

Fashion 156 is both an on-line fashion magazine and an excellent fashion blog. The blog is one of the best because of its diversity. It covers everything from high fashion, to rising designers, to bargain hunting. The writers cover London Fashion week as well as they do the latest fads and their own personal inclinations. The magazine features new London designers and is mostly of a high fashion bent. It is fun to see what these designers are producing. Even better, Fashion 156 is one of the most frequently updated on-line fashion magazines to be found, releasing a new issue every 12 days. One of the best sections is 'Must Have,' which features their favorite items for men and women laid out side by side.

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North Carolina 29, Notre Dame 24

Achilles' Heel

Irish fall to 0-2 on road after North Carolina uses turnovers to mount fourth quarter comeback in Chapel Hill

By CHRIS HINE
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CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — The clock hit zero before Notre Dame quarterback Jimmy Clausen could down the ball inside the 10-yard line. North Carolina players rushed the field. But Charlie Weis had thought there was still time left on the clock.

He was right. Replay officials said there were two seconds left — but they also said Notre Dame didn't have the ball anymore. North Carolina did, giving the Tar Heels a 29-24 victory Saturday over the deflated Irish.

"I'm not saying this to be disrespectful, but that team in that locker room today, it was the first time in a long time where I've looked in their faces against a good opponent and it was a team that really feels bad," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "And the reason they really feel bad is because they're starting to get it ... This is not the same team that everyone saw at the beginning of the year. This team is starting to get it."

The officials initially said freshman wide receiver Michael Floyd was down before he let go of a fourth-down reception at the 7-yard line. North Carolina defensive back Jordan Hemby scooped it up. After review, the officials gave the ball back to the Tar Heels.

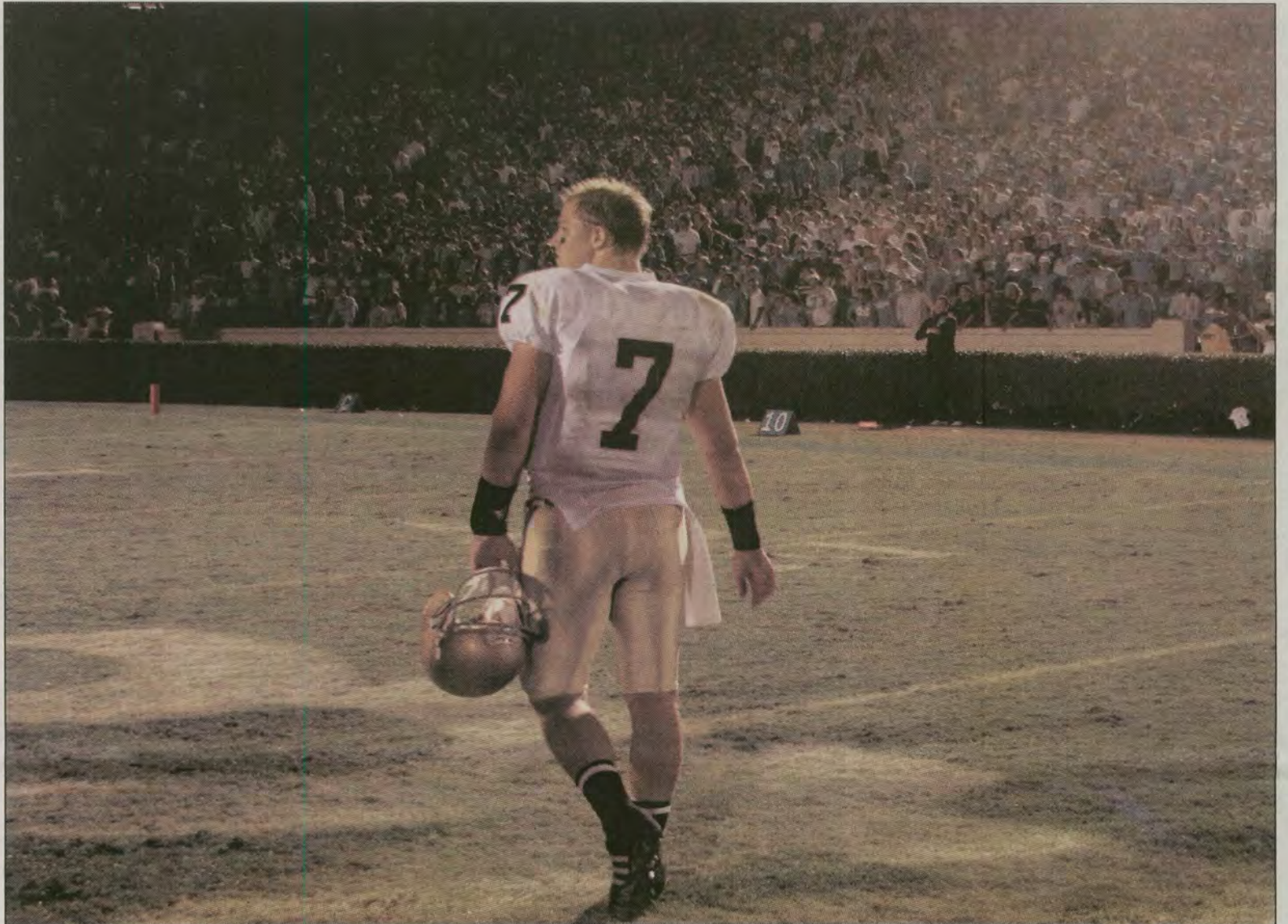
"The guys upstairs don't know about when the whistle is blown, so they're not there, whether the play is blown dead or not blown dead," Weis said. "It's a bitter ending, but it is what it is."

Notre Dame had entered fourth quarter with a 24-22 lead, but North Carolina quarterback Cameron Sexton (18-for-32, 201 yards) scored on a 4-yard bootleg just a few seconds into the quarter to give the Tar Heels a 29-24 lead. The score capped a seven-play, 42-yard drive for North Carolina that was set up by a Clausen fumble that was recovered by Tar Heels defensive lineman Aleric Mullins.

Clausen set another career high for yards in a game, throwing for 383 yards on 31-for-48 passing with two touchdowns, but he also accounted for three of Notre Dame's five turnovers. He also threw two interceptions against the Tar Heels, who lead the nation in picks.

"Too many mistakes," Clausen said of his performance. "Too many mistakes to be able to win a big game like this. North Carolina's a great team, great defense and I give them a lot of credit."

Notre Dame had plenty of



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen walks off the field after Notre Dame's 29-24 loss at North Carolina on Saturday. Clausen threw for a career-high 383 yards but also turned the ball over three times.

chances in the fourth quarter to re-capture the lead. On its first drive following Sexton's touchdown, the Irish drove to the North Carolina 30-yard line, but a short run by sophomore running back Armando Allen, who had 60 yards rushing and 47 yards receiving, and a pair of incomplete passes, Notre Dame faced a fourth-and-seven on the 27-yard line. Weis opted to go for it, a decision he said was not based upon the recent struggles of kicker Brandon Walker.

"I thought we needed a touchdown," Weis said of the decision. "It had nothing to do with [Walker] ... Obviously, I put the kid in before, but ... I was concerned with them being able to run out the clock."

Clausen found receiver David Grimes over the middle on the fourth-down play, but Grimes was tackled before reaching the first down marker, giving the ball back to North Carolina.

After forcing a punt, Notre Dame again drove into North Carolina territory before Clausen

threw one of his interceptions on what appeared to be miscommunication between him and Floyd.

"The clock was running down. It was late getting set up, we just barely got the play off and I think because it was running down so late, Michael and Jimmy weren't on the same page because he couldn't get a clean read on what the coverage is because we were rushed," Weis said.

Clausen threw his first interception on Notre Dame's first play of the third quarter on a pass intended for tight end Kyle Rudolph. But Tar Heels linebacker Quan Sturdivant intercepted the pass and took it 32 yards for a touchdown to make the score 17-16 in favor of the Irish.

"Despite the x's and o's, you need an inspirational play, something good to happen ... " North Carolina coach Butch Davis said. "[That interception] just electrified the whole football team, kind of got our mojo going again."

Notre Dame responded with an 11-play, 72-yard drive, aided by a roughing the punter penalty, to

regain its eight-point lead. On that drive, Clausen went 4-for-7 for 44 yards.

"I put the ball in his hands again," Weis said. "And he drives us right down the field and scores ... which out of the whole game, probably showed the most moxy of anything."

North Carolina countered with a long drive of its own, going 69 yards on 13 plays. On the drive, North Carolina faced a third-and-18 on its own 34, but Sexton found receiver Hakeem Nicks, who finished with nine catches and 141 yards, for 19 yards to keep the drive going. The Tar Heels scored eight plays later on a 1-yard run by tailback Ryan Houston to cut Notre Dame's lead to 24-22 with 5:14 left to play in the third quarter.

In the first half, Notre Dame had little trouble moving the ball.

Using a five-wide receiver set the entire time it was on the field in its first drive, Notre Dame went 82 yards on 11 plays for its first touchdown. Clausen was 5-for-9 on the drive, and converted two

third downs, including a 19-yard, third-and-10 completion to wide receiver Golden Tate in the end zone. Tate finished with five catches for 121 yards. One of those catches came on Notre Dame's next touchdown on a pass that seemed to be a sure interception for North Carolina.

On second-and-9 from the 39, Clausen seemed to overthrow Tate deep down the sidelines. North Carolina cornerback Kendrick Burney had his eyes fixed skyward, and his body positioned to make the interception. Then Tate came flying in, jumped and snatched the ball before Burney could get it for a 47-yard catch. Three plays later, Clausen found Floyd for a 7-yard touchdown to give Notre Dame a 17-6 lead.

"I think I just had some divine intervention on that one," Tate said.

But that divine intervention didn't come when Notre Dame needed it most.

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player of the game

Hakeem Nicks
Tar Heels wide receiver

Nicks caught nine passes for 141 yards, including a 19-yard reception on a 3rd-and-18.

stat of the game

5

Turnovers by Notre Dame, its highest number of the season.

play of the game

Michael Floyd's fumble on the game's final play

Floyd caught the ball at the UNC 7 yardline but was ruled to have fumbled, ending the game.

quote of the game

"Too many mistakes. Too many mistakes to be able to win a big game like this."

Jimmy Clausen
Irish quarterback

report card

- B-** **quarterbacks:** Jimmy Clausen eclipsed a career high in passing yards for the third straight week, but his three turnovers, especially the pick-six, were game-changers.
- B** **running backs:** Armando Allen led the team in catches and ran well when he got the rock, and Robert Hughes and James Aldridge did their job running between the tackles. Aldridge ran for a TD.
- B+** **receivers:** Duval Kamara got back into the mix, David Grimes continued to be steady, and Michael Floyd and Golden Tate continue to be electrifying. Kyle Rudolph looked like a seasoned go-to target at times.
- B-** **offensive line:** Considering the Tar Heels used a four-man rush for most of the game, Clausen was under pressure a lot more often than he should have been.
- B** **defensive line:** Pat Kuntz and his linemates were relatively quiet after a big day against Stanford. They forced Cameron Sexton out of the pocket on occasion but never rattled him much.
- B-** **linebackers:** Maurice Crum missed a chance for a tackle-for-loss on what turned out to be a big play — though it was called back for holding. Overall, lots of missed tackles.
- C+** **defensive backs:** The secondary failed to intercept Sexton, who has struggled in limited action. Raeshon McNeil, a North Carolina native, got burnt all day, and David Bruton was pretty quiet.
- C-** **special teams:** Jonas Gray botched a kick-off and while Brandon Walker made his only field goal attempt, the Irish passed on a chance to try a 43-yarder in a late-game situation.
- B** **coaching:** Charlie Weis and his staff prepared their team well for a tough road game against a ranked opponent. And you can't blame the guys with headsets for turnovers and missed tackles.

2.70 **overall:** Another game filled with encouraging signs, but still, another road loss. The Irish had a chance to win late, but the fact remains that they didn't.

adding up the numbers

The difference in total offensive yardage at the end of the day. The Irish outgained North Carolina 472-322. **150**

1 The number of times Notre Dame was forced to punt. The Irish would have had to kick it away a second time if not for a roughing the kicker penalty.

Notre Dame's time of possession in the fourth quarter, when the Irish were outscored 7-0. **10:26**

48 The number of the years since the Irish had last lost to North Carolina. The Tar Heels won the 1960 matchup.

The number of passes of 20 or more yards Jimmy Clausen has completed through six games. He completed just 13 last season. **24**

2 The number of third-down conversions Notre Dame managed in the second half. They went 2-8 in the second half after going 6-8 in the first.

The yardage of Brandon Walker's field goal. He had missed seven of his last eight, and the kick was the longest of his career. **42**

4 The number of receiving TD's for Michael Floyd through six games, tying the freshman mark Duval Kamara set last season.



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Irish freshman wide receiver, right, is wrapped up by a pair of North Carolina defenders during what turned out to be the final play of Saturday's game. After video review, Floyd was ruled to have fumbled the ball.

Time to play the waiting game

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Some stood, some sat, some tried to stay loose, but everyone on Notre Dame's sidelines was doing the same thing — waiting.

With just under two minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, few words were spoken on that sideline, there was only waiting for the officials upstairs to either grant Notre Dame one last opportunity, or end its hope of a last-second victory.



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Editor-in-Chief

Initially, the officials ruled that Tar Heels wide receiver Brooks Foster had controlled a first-down catch that would have essentially ended the game. But the official upstairs wanted to take another look.

While they did, most of the offensive line sat on a bench, silent. Sam Young tried to keep himself loose. Jimmy Clausen stood, then crouched, then knelt away from the field, not sure what to do with himself while everybody waited, plotting what the Irish needed to do should they get one final shot.

"We were thinking, 'If we get the ball, we've got to move. This is our last chance. We've got to call the best plays, we've got to get open, we've got to stay on blocks, do everything we could to win.'"

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Golden Tate
Irish wide receiver

If they wanted to see for themselves what happened on the play, they were out of luck. The video board at Kenan Stadium didn't show the play, just a revolving Tar Heels helmet.

So they waited as the referee stepped on the field. Once he did, he got about five words into his explanation that Foster did not have possession of the ball before the sideline erupted. The linemen sprang from the bench, Clausen threw on his helmet and they prepared themselves while North Carolina punted.

There was 1:47 left, 82 yards to go and one timeout. There was also hope.

The drive started off well, with completions of 30 yards to Tate, eight to Kamara, 12 more to Tate. Those catches were followed by a few incomplete passes and a sack where Clausen ran out of bounds. Then, on a play that coach Charlie Weis said he "drew in the dirt," there was the fateful post route to freshman wideout Michael Floyd. He caught it, was hit and rolled over a defender. The ball came loose and chaos ensued.

North Carolina picked up the ball, but the officials on the field said Floyd was down. Out of timeouts, Notre Dame tried to down the ball with one second left. The clock hit zero, players rushed the field, but the officials quickly got them back to the sideline while the booth reviewed, well just about everything about the play.

That meant more waiting. The offense got together with the coaches and got its play ready, thinking it'd have one more to run.

"That's all we were thinking about," Clausen said. "I just wanted one more chance to help this team win."

Again, the video board just showed that damned revolving helmet.

The referee trotted back out, only this time, the hope of victory was gone — Floyd was not down when he let go of the ball. North Carolina had the ball and the victory, a victory the Irish thought was going to be theirs.

Replay can give hope and replay can take hope away — but not all of it.

With that game, and that gutsy drive, the Irish gave their fans hope for the future. Notre Dame's last two wins were nice, but games the Irish should have easily won.

This one was more of a question mark — facing a ranked opponent, on the road, especially after Notre Dame's dismal showing in its first road game, a 23-7 loss at Michigan State.

And Notre Dame was up to the challenge.

Clausen didn't have a good second half, throwing a pick six, another interception or fumbling, but he nearly led Notre Dame to a comeback win and threw for 383 yards.

Michael Floyd may be kicking himself over that last play, but he didn't cost Notre Dame the game and he's one of the top freshmen in the country right now with a brilliant collegiate career lined up.

And the defense may have allowed the go-ahead score, but it did get a key stop in the fourth quarter to give the offense a chance.

Notre Dame has a bright, BCS-filled future ahead of itself.

All that's left to do is wait.

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Recycle The Observer

Young WR's continue to impress

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CHAPEL HILL N.C. — Talk about a head hanger — and that's basically all Michael Floyd could do as he tore off his chinstrap and walked off the field.

Cue the rest of the Irish wide receivers and the rest of the team.

"That team today expected to win, they didn't come here hoping to win, they expected to win, and they didn't," Irish coach Charlie Weiss said.

But Floyd's fumble, or attempt at a lateral pass (whatever it was) was far from a representation of Notre Dame's receiving performance against the Tar Heels, after all, Floyd did put the Irish up 6-0 in just the fifth minute of play. And the Irish passing game was certainly not at a standstill. Notre Dame had North Carolina beat 199-126 in passing yards at halftime and again in the second half 184-75. But time, and the review gods were not in Notre Dame's favor.

"We had the mentality that we wanted to go out there and just keep bringing it cause ya know the whole game we moved the ball very easily ya know we just ran out of time," wide receiver Golden Tate said.

And the Tar Heels never stopped nipping at Notre Dame's heels — fighting back with two field goals to bring the game within four in the second quarter. Yet Jimmy Clausen and his receivers kept the ball rolling.

With just under six minutes left to play in the first half, Clausen launched a pass down the left sideline that looked like Tar Heel cornerback Kendrick Burney was likely to intercept — but there stood Tate on the North Carolina 8-yard-line, ball in hands. A 47-yard completion that would put Floyd in the end zone one more time before half, and another possible turnover avoided thanks to those golden mitts. But the glory of Clausen's 7-yard pass to Floyd in the final minute of the half was only momentary — North Carolina answered with another field goal to cut the Irish lead to 17-9 headed into the locker room.

Enter the second half, and a whole other ball game. In the first 20 seconds of the second half Quan



Irish wide receiver Golden Tate hangs onto the ball despite being upended by North Carolina safety Deunta Williams.

Sturdivant intercepted a Clausen pass intended for Kyle Rudolph and returned it 32 yards for the Tar Heel touchdown. Yet somehow, Clausen took the ball back in his hands and his wide receivers answered right back. On first and ten, Clausen launched a 16-yard pass to wide receiver Duval Kamara, a face that has been missing from the Irish lineup. And just as it looked like Clausen might throw his second interception of the game right into the hands of Bruce Carter, Kamara knocked Carter to the sidelines forcing the ball out of his hands. Clausen then threw another 16-yard completion to Kamara. Talk about a response from a player who's playing time has dwindled since last season.

"That play just felt real good, we scored on that drive, kept the drive going, so it felt good to go out there

and help the team," Kamara said.

The drive would eventually end with James Aldridge rushing for the touchdown and the 24-16 Irish lead. But those would be the last points posted by the Irish offense.

Down by five with the ball on the North Carolina 33 and only 11 seconds left to play, the wide receivers showed a glimmer of hope, but there just wasn't enough time and chance wasn't on their side — all they could do was hang their heads and feel bad.

"That team in that locker room today is the first time in a long time where I looked in their faces against a good opponent and it's a team that really feels bad, and the reason they feel really bad is because they're starting to get it, they are starting to get it. This is not the same team that everyone saw at the beginning of the year. This team is starting to get it," Weiss said.

They just haven't gotten it yet.

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"This team is starting to get it."

Charlie Weiss
Irish coach

Turnovers kill Notre Dame's chances

By CHRIS HINE
Editor-in-Chief

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — The outcome might have been different for Notre Dame had the Irish not committed five turnovers on Saturday. Irish coach Charlie Weiss said turnovers were No. 2 on his team's top 10 list of things to accomplish in Saturday's game.

"[It was] after 'Can you win on the road?' They seem to go hand-in-hand," Weiss said.

Notre Dame came into the game with a +5 turnover rating for the season. That margin vanished as North Carolina didn't commit one. Notre Dame's -5 margin in Saturday's game was its worst since Nov. 2, 2002, a 14-7 loss to Boston College

The streak is over

Jimmy Clausen's interception at the beginning of the third quarter, which was returned for a touchdown by

Quan Sturdivant, was his first pick in 132 pass attempts — the second longest streak in Notre Dame history behind Brady Quinn (226) in 2006.

No Tate, no problem

Dangerous North Carolina receiver Brandon Tate exited in the first half because of a sprained right knee and did not return, but Hakeem Nicks was more than willing to fill Tate's shoes — Nicks ended up with 141 yards on nine catches with one touchdown.

Nicks has eight career 100-yard games, one of those coming in 2006 against the Irish when he caught six passes for 171 yards.

God — a Tar Heels fan

Since Notre Dame is a Catholic university, it's only natural to assume the Irish may have a little extra help from above when they take the field. But if you ask Tar Heels running back Shaun Draughn, the Almighty was wearing Carolina Blue.

"We always have a chance, always," Draughn said. "With God on your side, you never know."

Going deep

In 2007, Notre Dame had only six passing plays over 30 yards. So far this season, the

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Charlie Weiss
Irish coach

Irish have 11, seven of those to Golden Tate.

"It's good!"

Brandon Walker nailed his only field goal attempt — a 42-yarder to give Notre Dame a 10-3 lead in the second quarter. Notre Dame faced a fourth-and-seven on the North Carolina 27-yard line and Weiss elected to go for it.

He said after the game he thought Notre Dame needed a touchdown, given North Carolina's ability to run the ball and eat up clock.

"I thought we needed a touchdown. It had nothing to do with the field goal kicker [Brandon Walker] ... Obviously, I put the kid in before, so it's not about him, but I ... was concerned that they were getting in that 2-tight formation and pounding us, and I was concerned with them being able to run out the clock."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	7	10	7	0	24
MSU	3	6	13	7	29

First quarter

Notre Dame 7, North Carolina 0
Jimmy Clausen 19 yd pass to Golden Tate (Walker kick) with 10:27 remaining. Drive: 11 plays, 82 yards, 3:29 elapsed

Notre Dame 7, North Carolina 3
Barth 41-yd field goal with 2:49 remaining. Drive: 8 plays, 54 yards, 2:51 elapsed

Second quarter

Notre Dame 10, North Carolina 3
Brandon Walker 42-yd field goal with 12:53 remaining. Drive: 10 plays, 63 yards, 4:56 elapsed

Notre Dame 10, North Carolina 6
Barth 34-yd field goal with 5:22 remaining. Drive: 14 plays, 58 yards, 7:31 elapsed

Notre Dame 17, North Carolina 6
Jimmy Clausen 7-yd pass to Michael Floyd (Walker kick) with :52 remaining. Drive: 8 plays, 80 yards, 4:30 elapsed

Notre Dame 17, North Carolina 9
Barth 42-yd field goal with :09 remaining. Drive: 7 plays, 42 yards, :43 elapsed

Third quarter

Notre Dame 17, North Carolina 16
Sturdivant 32-yd interception return (Barth kick) with 14:48 remaining.

Notre Dame 24, North Carolina 16
James Aldridge 2-yd run with 10:43 remaining. Drive: 11 plays, 72 yards, 4:05 elapsed

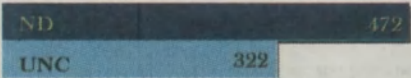
Notre Dame 24, North Carolina 22
R Houston 1-yd run (Sexton pass failed) with 5:14 remaining. Drive: 13 plays, 69 yards, 5:29 elapsed

Fourth quarter

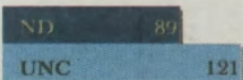
Notre Dame 17, North Carolina 16
Cameron Sexton 4-yd run (Barth kick) with 14:55 remaining. Drive: 7 plays, 42 yards, 3:18 elapsed

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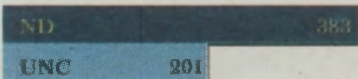
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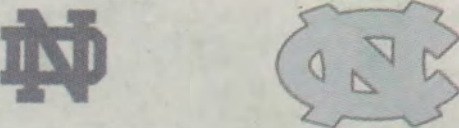
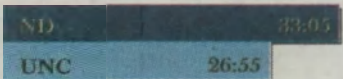
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passing yards



time of possession



passing

Clausen	31-48	Sexton	12-26
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rushing

Allen	11-60	Draughn	17-91
Aldridge	4-23	Houston	8-28

receiving

Allen	7-47	Nicks	9-141
Floyd	6-93	Foster	3-28
Tate	5-121	Arnold	2-3
Kamara	5-58	Quinn	1-15
Grimes	4-19	Thornton	1-5

tackling

Bruton	8	Paschal	11
McNeil	6	Sturdivant	10
Smith, H.	6	Williams, D.	6
Crum	5	Hemby	6
McCarthy	4	Goddard	5



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Tobacco Road-block

Notre Dame entered Saturday's contest with a plus-5 turnover margin on the year — 20th in the country. The Irish left dead even after giving the ball away five times, including one interception for a touchdown and a fumble on the game's final play. The offense was productive from the opening drive, when Jimmy Clausen led the Irish on an 11-play, 82-yard touchdown drive that finished with a 19-yard touchdown pass to Golden Tate. After field goals made it 10-6 Irish, Clausen led Notre Dame to its second 80-plus yard drive, this time using eight plays and finding Michael Floyd from seven yards out. But Notre Dame gave away almost all its 17-9 halftime lead when Clausen's first second-half was picked and taken to the house. After James Aldridge capped another long Irish touchdown drive, the Heels but answered but failed on their two-point try, making it 24-22 Notre Dame. North Carolina closed the scoring on the first play of the fourth quarter, when Cameron Sexton plunged in from four yards out. The Irish drove inside the Heels' 10 with seconds to play but couldn't punch it in.



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Clockwise from top, David Grimes tries to gain extra yardage after a catch; Armando Allen finds a seam after breaking a tackle at the line; Golden Tate outmuscles a North Carolina defender for a big play; Michael Floyd finds himself in space after one of his six receptions; North Carolina receiver Hakeem Nicks avoids two Irish defenders.

Post-Apocalyptic "Blindness" disappoints

By JIM McGUIRE
Scene Writer

What would happen if the world were struck with an inexplicable pandemic of blindness, and the "infected" were quarantined and left to their own increasingly feral devices? That is the question "Blindness," the new film by Fernando Meirelles ("The Constant Gardener"), explores with some degree of success. The film aims to be an artful commentary on the fragility of society and how our baser instincts can corrupt with little provocation. What we see instead is a grim post-apocalyptic tale that drifts into a fog — much like the milky white haze that the afflicted see in the film — without providing much substance.

The film begins with scenes of hectic, urban traffic and a man in a white sports car at a red light who inexplicably goes blind. The man and the on-lookers who help him (and steal his car) try to rationalize the situation, but even the man's eye doctor (Mark Ruffalo) is befuddled by the situation. There is nothing physically wrong with the man's eyes, and yet he is completely blind. Over the next day, a number of people who came into contact with the man in some way including the man who stole his car, a prostitute, a bartender, and even the doctor find themselves suffering from the same inexplicable "white sickness."

The government, about whose totalitarian measures the film thankfully doesn't sermonize, orders a quarantine of the recently blinded, and the doctor and his wife (Julianne Moore), who can still see but wants to stay with her husband, are taken to a converted mental hospital with the rest of the supposedly infected.

There, the newly blind are cut off from the outside world and forced to elect ward representatives and run their own affairs. The overcrowded conditions, lack of aid, and general malaise of the people leads to the hospital becoming squalid, dirty, and — ironically — rife with disease. The doctor, aided by his wife who must keep her sight a secret, takes on the leader-

ship role for their ward, but tensions quickly escalate as the conditions worsen and help from the outside dissipates.

One day, things finally snap, and the self-proclaimed King of Ward Three (Gael Garcia Bernal) gets a hold of a gun and hoards all the food rations from the rest of the hospital, demanding payment in the form of jewelry and other valuables. Later, he demands payment through the rape of women from the other wards.

After one of the women in her ward dies, the doctor's wife finally decides to take matters into her own hands, killing the King and starting a war that leads to the burning down of the building. Those who escape the blaze find the gates unlocked and escape to the devastated cities on the outside where blindness has taken over all of society.

The last twenty minutes might remind viewers of any number of bleak, post-apocalyptic urban tales (e.g. "28 Days Later," "I Am Legend," heck, even "Wall-E"): once vibrant city streets filled with garbage and dejected survivors wandering aimlessly to tonal, art-house music.

There is a bit of hope at the end of "Blindness," but after all the nihilistic behavior in the preceding hour and a half, viewers can't help asking, "what is the point?"

"Blindness," along with the original novel by Jose Saramago, has the distinct honor of being condemned by the National Federation for the Blind for the depraved and unrealistic portrait it gives of blind people, and it is easy to see why.

The one character in the film that was born legally blind is as depraved as anyone else, helping the King of Ward Three round up the other patients' valuables and women for consumption. Julianne Moore as the doctor's wife, the one who can "see," is portrayed as the voice of reason. While everyone else squabbles and wallows in their own filth, she is the one still cleaning, still moving, still fighting, i.e. the only one who is still a productive member of society. Moore's character, for her constant presence in the movie, rarely says anything of any substance, only deep sounding things. The movie is filled with great acting talent (Moore, Ruffalo, Danny Glover), but nobody gets to shine or grab your attention because the camera's focus is always lost in a cluster of people when it isn't floating randomly to the side.

The essence of the film for both the characters and the audience is being lost in a fog, and neither group gets much gratification at the end.

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Blindness

Producer: Jim McGuire

Starring: Julianne Moore, Mark Ruffalo, Gael Garcia Bernal, and Danny Glover

Director: Fernando Meirelles



Check out music in the Greenhouse

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Editor

One of the area's most unique live music venues, the Potawatomi Greenhouse will play host to a night of deejays and bands today. The latest "Music at the Greenhouse" event will feature five diverse performers in different areas of the conservatory, including jazz artists Eastern Seaboard and The Squirm Ensemble. The Potawatomi Greenhouse, itself a botanical conservatory that houses a variety of tropical plant life in the daytime, is located at 2105 Mishawaka Avenue in South Bend.

The first artist listed is Eastern Seaboard, a Brooklyn-based band who takes a modern twist on free-form jazz. The band consists of bassist Jordan Schranz, drummer Seth Nanaa, and reed player Brent Bagwell. The band, according to their Web site, describes themselves as "raised on Sonic Youth's 'Daydream Nation' and wooed by John Coltrane's 'A Love Supreme.'" Their most recent album, "Nonfiction," is currently for sale on their Web site for \$15. With a unique flavor and an expansive sound, Eastern Seaboard should prove to be an interesting listen.

Music at the Greenhouse organizer Thom Klepach describes the night's second artist Kocho-Bi-sexual's shows as "a rare mix of reverent hilarity, wistful surreality and raw booty shakin' fun." Kocho-Bi-sexual consists of Emi Kariya, Sebastian Paulson, a Roland Space Echo and a Hammond console organ. The duo met in New York City and soon combined their musical talents to create one dynamic act.

Midwestern natives the Squirm Orchestra are best described as an experimental jazz act. The band often uses ordinary objects in composing their sound. With members from Michigan, Illinois and Illinois, this live, improv band has a local flavor and an electric soul. Klepach describes their sound as "electro-acoustic." The band will likely perform with a reel of accompanying videos.

The evening's fourth band is the Red Falcon Projects, a South Bend-based group who counts among their influences Prince, Chuck White, Koji Kondo and The Miftang Audio. Describing their sound as "futuristic folk," the band also makes use of synthesizers and lasers in their techno-influenced sets.

Rounding out the night's lineup is 21 Jumpsuit. Both 21 Jumpsuit and the Red Falcon Projects belong to local label "I, Absentee" Records. Based out of Canton, Ohio, 21 Jumpsuit consists of music producer Carl States and often experiments with a blend of classic psychedelia and modern

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NFL

Cardinals shock Cowboys in overtime thriller

Rams earn first win on late field goal over Redskins; Elam kicks five field goals in Falcons' win vs. Bears

Associated Press

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Two little-known players brought an abrupt end to a day of confusion, comebacks and clutch performances in the desert.

Sean Morey blocked Mat McBriar's punt and Monty Beisel scooped up the ball and scored from 3 yards to give the Arizona Cardinals a crazy 30-24 overtime victory over the Dallas Cowboys.

It was the first time in NFL history that a blocked punt for a touchdown ended a game in overtime.

Morey rushed untouched off the left side of the Dallas line to block the kick. Beisel, a backup line-backer, picked up the ball at about the 3 and bowled over the goal line.

McBriar was hurt on the play and had to be carted off the field in the din of a crowd that included the usual large portion of Dallas fans.

The stunning play by two of Arizona's most unheralded players brought a conclusion to a game that began with a 93-yard kickoff return by the Cardinals' J.J. Arrington followed by many moments of confusion, controversy and clutch performances.

Dallas (4-2) scored 10 points in the final 2 minutes of regulation, sending the game into overtime when Nick Folk's 52-yard field goal barely cleared the crossbar as the fourth quarter ended.

Folk was in field-goal range only because a 5-yard offside penalty was called against injured Arizona linebacker Travis LaBoy as he tried to limp downfield. The penalty moved the ball from the 40 to the 35.

That was just one of the weird moments in Arizona's sixth consecutive home victory.

Arizona (4-2) scored 17 consec-

utive points, including a pair of touchdown passes by Kurt Warner, to go up 24-14 on Neil Rackers' 41-yard field goal with 3:17 left in regulation.

Tony Romo, who threw three touchdown passes but fumbled twice, connected with Marion Barber on a 70-yard scoring play that cut it to 24-21 with 2 minutes left.

Dallas' defense held, and the Cowboys got the ball at their 32. Romo connected with Patrick Crayton on a 30-yard play to the Arizona 39, where the Dallas quarterback spiked the ball with 4 seconds to play to stop the clock.

LaBoy was far downfield, and was called offside.

Officials, who had a difficult day all around, huddled for several minutes and even reviewed the play before Folk's game-tying kick.

The Cowboys scored the last time they had the ball in the first half and on their first possession of the second to take a 14-7 lead.

Before the blocked punt, Arizona's biggest play of the game came the next time the Cardinals had the ball and it was third-and-17 on their 33.

Warner's pass was tipped at the line of scrimmage, but the intended receiver, rookie Tim Hightower, still caught it. Hightower powered to the first down, and the Cardinals went on for the tying score.

Larry Fitzgerald's leaping catch between defenders on a 30-yard play led to Warner's 11-yard touchdown pass to Steve Breaston that put Arizona ahead 21-14 with 10:44 left in regulation.

A disputed call resulted in a 14-point swing late in the first half.

Arizona appeared to go up 14-0 late in the first half when Darnell Dockett slammed into Romo in the Dallas end zone and the ball came

loose. Antonio Smith recovered for the Cardinals, but the Cowboys challenged the ruling.

After the review, officials said Romo had tucked the ball away when he fumbled and, by rule, it was an incomplete pass.

The Cowboys went on to score the tying touchdown. Romo threw over the middle to a wide-open Crayton on a 55-yard scoring play and it was 7-7 only 59 seconds before the break.

Rams 19, Redskins 17

The St. Louis Rams seemed almost determined to sink to 0-5.

They fumbled at their own 4-yard line on their second play from scrimmage. They were going nowhere until a fluke turnover flipped the momentum. They blew a nine-point lead in the fourth quarter. They set themselves up for a gimme field goal to win the game, then committed a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

But this is the start of the Jim Haslett era, so maybe the ball is finally going to bounce the Rams' way. The defense forced the Washington Redskins offense into its first three turnovers of the season, and Josh Brown kicked a 49-yard field goal on the last play Sunday to give the two-touchdown underdogs a victory.

"I'm kind of, like, blank. I don't know if I want to cry or laugh," Rams linebacker Pisa Tinoisamoa said. "A lot of emotions hit me at once. It's different, but a good different."

A lot of emotions? Darn right. There was plenty of the bizarre in a game that ended the franchise's eight-game losing streak over two seasons and helped put Scott Linehan, fired two weeks ago before the bye, firmly in the rearview mirror.

The Redskins, guilty of playing down to the opposition after two big NFC East road wins, appeared set to win their fifth straight game when Clinton Portis' 2-yard run with 3:47 left gave Washington a 17-16 lead. St. Louis, however, had enough time to mount a comeback. Reinstalled starter Marc Bulger hit Donnie Avery down the right sideline for a 43-yard gain on third-and-13 to move into field-goal territory.

But the Rams (1-4), being the Rams, nearly botched it from there. With his team trying to kill the clock to set up for the easy kick, lineman Richie Incognito said something to an official that prompted a yellow flag. Brown, who was already 3-for-3 in the game, no longer had a chip shot to win it.

"I was just kind of angry," Brown said.



Arizona receiver Larry Fitzgerald makes a one-handed catch in the fourth quarter of the Cardinals' 30-24 overtime win.

Incognito claimed he doesn't know what he said to provoke the official, and Haslett also tried to plead his player's case.

"If you're going to call a penalty on a guy who swears — if he did swear — then there's going to be a lot of flags flying out there," Haslett said.

Washington (4-2) was playing as a huge favorite for the first time under coach Jim Zorn, and it showed. Portis said the Redskins overlooked the Rams, who were supposed to be the first of three easy wins in the soft part of the schedule.

Falcons 22, Bears 20

Jason Elam stood on the sideline with head bowed, figuring he had cost the Atlanta Falcons a win.

Then, a kickoff return and a quick pass gave him a second chance.

In the blink of an eye, he went from goat to hero.

Atoning for his miss a few minutes earlier, Elam booted a 48-yard field goal on the final play to give the Atlanta Falcons a stunning victory over the Chicago Bears on Sunday.

"I've been in some wild games," said rookie quarterback Matt Ryan, "but I think this one trumps them all."

How wild?

In the last 8 minutes, there was

a goal-line stand by the Falcons, an 85-yard kickoff return by Atlanta's Jerious Norwood, Elam's first missed field goal in 31 attempts, a gutty drive by the Bears that culminated with Kyle Orton's touchdown pass to Rashied Davis with 11 seconds remaining and, finally, Elam's winning kick after Ryan hooked up with Michael Jenkins on a 26-yard completion.

Whew.

"That is one of the most exciting games I've ever been in," first-year Atlanta coach Mike Smith said. "There were a lot of ebbs and flows."

The Falcons erupted in a play-off-like celebration near the middle of the field. Smith lifted Ryan in the air. Elam was swarmed over by his teammates, having atoned for the miss with his fifth field goal of the game, equaling his career high. He also connected from 29, 48, 32 and 41 yards.

Six games into what was supposed to be a rebuilding year, Atlanta (4-2) already has matched its win total from a forgettable 2007 season. Suddenly, the playoffs don't appear out of the question.

"I think this is going to do great things for our confidence and chemistry," Elam said. "Hopefully we can do something pretty special down the stretch."



St. Louis kicker Josh Brown (3) and holder Donnie Jones (5) celebrate after Brown's last-second field goal gave the Rams a 19-17 win.

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	team	point	previous
1	Texas	1,599	5
2	Alabama	1,582	2
3	Penn State	1,492	6
4	Oklahoma	1,306	1
5	Florida	1,284	11
6	USC	1,247	8
7	Texas Tech	1,210	7
8	Oklahoma State	1,184	17
9	Brigham Young	1,131	9
10	Georgia	1,081	10
11	Missouri	984	3
12	Ohio State	908	12
13	LSU	893	4
14	Utah	834	14
15	Boise State	714	15
16	Kansas	620	16
17	Virginia Tech	540	18
18	North Carolina	416	22
19	South Florida	397	19
20	Michigan State	371	23
21	Wake Forest	330	21
22	Vanderbilt	258	13
23	Pittsburgh	182	24
24	Ball State	166	25
25	California	115	NR

Football USA Today Top 25

	team	points	previous
1	Texas	1,505	5
2	Alabama	1,452	4
3	Penn State	1,416	6
4	USC	1,198	9
5	Texas Tech	1,195	7
6	Oklahoma	1,147	1
7	Florida	1,145	12
8	Brigham Young	1,143	8
9	Georgia	1,010	10
10	Oklahoma State	958	17
11	Ohio State	920	11
12	Missouri	886	2
13	Utah	819	13
14	LSU	776	3
15	Kansas	676	15
16	Boise State	648	16
17	Michigan State	468	19
18	Virginia Tech	467	18
19	Wake Forest	376	21
20	South Florida	334	20
21	North Carolina	321	NR
22	California	169	25
23	Vanderbilt	147	14
24	TCU	138	NR
25	Ball State	135	

MIAA Volleyball Conference Standings

	Team	Record
1	Hope	11-0
2	Calvin	8-2
3	Alma	9-3
4	SAINT MARY'S	7-5
5	Adrian	6-6
6	Albion	4-7
7	Trine	3-7
8	Kalamazoo	2-9
9	Olivet	0-11

NBA



NBA commissioner David Stern answers questions at a news conference in London on Sunday. The NBA announced that it would be part of a joint venture to design and develop multipurpose venues throughout China.

NBA looks to develop arenas in China

Associated Press

LONDON — The NBA has formed a joint venture with Anschutz Entertainment Group to design and develop about 12 multipurpose arenas in major Chinese cities.

The project was announced Sunday at the O2 Arena in London, where the New Jersey Nets and Miami Heat played a pre-season game. AEG runs the O2, and the venture will be equally owned by the two parties.

NBA commissioner David Stern did not say when the plan would be starting, or where the buildings would be located.

"We weren't going to start

construction in the next couple of weeks," Stern said at a joint news conference with AEG president and CEO Timothy J. Leiweke. "We anticipate that in a relatively short order we will have laid out a road map of a dozen buildings or so throughout China."

Leiweke said it could take decades to complete the project.

"We think of this over the next 20 years, not the next year or two," he said, adding some would be new arenas and others would be created by renovating existing facilities.

"You're going to see a combination," Leiweke said. "Most of them will be built

and designed from the ground up."

Stern said he hoped the venture would not be affected by the global financial meltdown.

"In terms of finances, we will be making investment decisions on a building-by-building basis," the commissioner said, adding they did have some ideas about where to start building.

"We hope there's going to be a rapid determination made over a period of months which cities are the right ones for this venture," Stern said.

Stern has been looking to increase the league's marketability overseas for several years, and teams are

touring Europe for the third straight preseason.

On Friday, Stern said the NBA was "an arena closer" to European expansion because of the O2 World in Berlin, which will host a preseason game between the New Orleans Hornets and the Washington Wizards on Tuesday.

The development of the same type of arenas in China is an indication Stern wants to see more NBA teams playing outside the United States and Canada.

In China, the NBA has a huge fan base, and Houston Rockets center Yao Ming was one of the biggest stars of this year's Beijing Olympics.

IN BRIEF

Cheruiyot, Grigoryeva win Chicago Marathon

CHICAGO — Kenya's Evans Cheruiyot won his second marathon in two tries, pulling away late from countryman David Mandago before finishing in 2 hours, 6 minutes, 25 seconds to win the Chicago Marathon on a warm Sunday morning.

A winner at Milan in December, the 26-year-old Cheruiyot grabbed the lead in the 24th mile and was all alone as he crossed the finish line for his first major marathon victory. Mandago clocked in at 2:07:37 in his first major marathon, with fellow Kenyan Timothy Cherigat third at 2:11:39.

It was a good day for Russia's Lidiya Grigoryeva, too.

The 2007 Boston Marathon champion breezed to her second major victory, clocking in at 2:27:17 and finishing more than two minutes ahead of runner-up Alevtina Biktimirova of Russia (2:29:32).

The field featured 33,033 runners, with \$100,000 going to the winners.

Georgia loses starting tackle Vance to knee injury

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia must find a new starting left tackle. Again.

Vince Vance will need reconstructive knee surgery and miss the rest of the season, coach Mark Richt said Sunday.

The successor to Vance will be the team's fourth first-string left tackle since the preseason.

Georgia lost left tackle Trinton Sturdivant to a season-ending knee injury before the first game. Kiante Tripp moved up as the starter in the first three games before moving to tight end. Vance, a sophomore, made his third start before hurting his right knee in the second quarter of No. 10 Georgia's 26-14 win over Tennessee on Saturday.

Vance, a junior, was the only upperclassman among the five starting offensive linemen.

Bengals' Palmer to Mets' doctor about injury

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer will have his ailing elbow examined by a New York Mets team doctor.

Palmer said after the Bengals lost 26-14 to the New York Jets on Sunday that he would remain in New York to be examined by Dr. David Altchek. Palmer was designated as the third quarterback for the game behind Ryan Fitzpatrick and Palmer's brother Jordan, the second game this season he has missed with the elbow injury.

"I'll play whenever they give me clearance," said Palmer, who injured his elbow against the New York Giants three weeks ago, missed a game against the Browns, then played against Dallas last week. He said he had been told that his injury is the kind common to baseball pitchers, one reason he decided to consult Altchek.

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MLB

Rays at Red Sox
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PGA

Ballesteros ready to take on tumor

Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — After a career full of miraculous shots — including one from a parking lot during his first British Open win — Seve Ballesteros was preparing for the “hardest challenge” of his life Sunday after announcing he has a brain tumor.

The 51-year-old Ballesteros was set to undergo a biopsy Tuesday before doctors determine how to proceed.

“Throughout my career I have been among the best at overcoming challenges on the golf course,” the five-time major winner said in a statement released by Madrid’s La Paz hospital.

“Now I want to be the best confronting the hardest challenge of my life, with all my strength, counting on all of you who are sending me encouraging messages.”

Ballesteros was admitted to the hospital Monday after briefly losing consciousness.

“Once I had been able to inform my three children personally and their mother, I can now communicate to you the illness I am suffering from,” Ballesteros said. “After an in-depth check up which has been carried out on me in the La Paz Hospital they have detected a brain tumor.”

Ballesteros did not give any more details on the test results. It was unknown whether the tumor was benign or malignant.

“I have always shown my solidarity with those people who face illness, including those whose (illnesses) are much worse than mine,” said Ballesteros, who was also admitted to a hospital last year when doctors discovered an irregular heartbeat. “Now my wish is to ask for respect towards my family and especially my children. We will keep you informed.”

The swashbuckling Spaniard was well known for being able to manufacture a shot from just about anywhere, a feat that earned him the title “Car Park Champion” at the 1979 British Open. The Pedrena native found the green from a parking lot next to the 16th fairway at Royal Lytham & St. Annes before sinking a long birdie putt on his way to his first major title.

During that final round, Ballesteros used his driver only nine times and hit the fairway once.

Jose Maria Olazabal, who visited Ballesteros after playing at the Madrid Masters on Sunday, said that his former Ryder Cup partner appeared in good physical shape.

“I saw Seve looking very well. We were speaking for

quite a little while,” Olazabal told Spanish news agency Efe. “I wish him a prompt recovery.”

Ballesteros, who won a record 50 times on the European tour, won the British Open three times and the Masters twice before retiring last year due to a long history of back pain. He has since focused mostly on golf course design.

“He was one of the most talented, charismatic players the game has seen,” D.A. Weibring said Sunday in Maryland after winning the Senior Players Championship. “He had a great swagger, had a great short game, great creativity. ... He’s truly one of the personalities of

the game, especially the creativity and short game.”

Many credit Ballesteros’ spirit and flare on the golf course for transforming the European game.

When the Ryder Cup competition was expanded to include continental Europe in 1979, Ballesteros helped beat the United States in 1985 to begin two decades of dominance. He also captained Europe to Ryder Cup victory on home soil in 1997 at Valderrama.

Ballesteros and Olazabal teamed up to produce the most formidable partnership in Ryder Cup history, with an 11-2-2 record.

“I want to thank from the bottom of my heart everyone who has shown interest with great fondness for my health,” Ballesteros said in the statement. “Many thanks. A big hug.”

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles earn wins vs. Alma, Olivet

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

After dropping consecutive conference matches for the second time this season, Saint Mary’s had the chance to make a statement against some of the MIAA’s best and worst.

The Belles (14-7, 7-5 MIAA) avenged an early-season loss against Alma and swept Olivet at an MIAA mini-tournament at Olivet on Saturday. The Belles claimed a tough, four-set victory (25-21, 20-25, 25-23, 25-20) over the Scots (17-8, 9-3 MIAA), while disposing of the Comets (4-18, 0-11 MIAA) in straight sets (25-23, 25-19, 25-21).

Saint Mary’s coach Julie Schroeder-Biek praised the fortitude of her team, which has struggled offensively in recent matches.

“Our approach to this weekend was ... [to] keep going forward and finish strong,” she said. “I have been incredibly proud of my team for how well they have responded to teams that have defeated us, Adrian and Alma [for example], and turning around to defeat them in the second [meeting].”

The Belles began play Saturday at 1 p.m. against Alma, who defeated Saint Mary’s in a four-set match earlier this month. While the Belles burst out of the gate with a .283 attacking percentage to drop the Scots in the opening set, Alma’s defense — among the conference’s best — clamped down and held Saint Mary’s to a .140 attacking percentage for the rest of the match. The Belles relied on their own smothering defense to grind out the four-set win.

Sophomore defensive specialist Meghann Rose led Saint Mary’s with 29 digs, while senior hitter Kaela Hellmann added 22 of her own along with 11 kills. The kills leader was junior hitter and offensive leader Lorna Slupczynski, who tallied 13



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Saint Mary’s sophomore middle blocker Andrea Sasgen follows through on a spike last year against Hope.

kills as well as 12 digs. Freshman setter Dani Brink totaled 33 assists for the match while adding four service aces. Saint Mary’s posted 9.5 blocks beside 83 digs to keep the Scots in check.

“The Alma win came at a great time for us,” Schroeder-Biek said. “We had just come off back to back conference losses, and my team just responded so well [to the earlier losses].”

In the 3 p.m. match, the Belles dropped woeful Olivet for the second time this season, adding another three-set victory to their earlier win. In what is becoming a template for success, the Saint Mary’s defense fueled the

win, while the offense posted a pedestrian .167 attacking percentage. Slupczynski again led the Belles offensively with 14 kills, while Rose added 20 digs. Brink tallied 13 assists, while Hellmann finished with 9 kills, a service ace, and 1.5 blocks.

Saint Mary’s hosts conference-opponent Calvin Tuesday evening at the Belles’ Angela Athletic Facility in Notre Dame, Ind. The 7:00 p.m. match will give Saint Mary’s an opportunity to avenge a brutal, three-set loss to the Knights three weeks ago.

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Belles fall to No. 8 Calvin

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

A strong second half effort proved too little too late for Saint Mary's who dropped its fourth conference match of the season against No. 8 Calvin 4-0 Saturday.

Calvin took an early lead in the seventh minute of the contest when Elaine Schnabel scored off a rebound inside the penalty box.

The Knights put a stranglehold on the match when Emily Ottenhoff added a goal in the 25th minute and another in the

34th minute to send Calvin into halftime with a 3-0 lead.

Saint Mary's refused to bow out without putting up a fight and came out in the second half determined to get back in the match. The Belles created chance after chance but were unable to capitalize on any opportunities. Saint Mary's best chance to get a goal came on a header attempted by Belles freshman Alex Mullen that went just inches past the net.

The Belles strong surge was promptly halted in the 80th minute when Knights substitute Michelle Koele provided the clinching goal.

Junior Patty Duffy played all 90 minutes in goal for the Belles recording six saves in the match.

Saint Mary's drops to 1-9-1 on the season and 0-4 in MIAA conference play. The Belles have four conference matches remaining before the MIAA tournament in November.

Next, the Belles will take on a Trine University squad that is also winless this season in four conference matches. Kickoff is scheduled for Wednesday at 4 p.m.

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NFL

Pack snap losing skid vs. Seattle

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Aaron Rodgers turned his sprained shoulder into a lesson for any Packers who may still be missing his predecessor. The first-year starter is showing grit and leadership that would make Brett Favre proud.

Rodgers again ignored the shoulder injury and a crunching early hit on Sunday to run for a tying touchdown, then threw two scoring passes in the second half to perhaps save Green Bay's season in a 27-17 victory over the sinking Seattle Seahawks.

"Everybody plays with injuries in this league. But to not practice for two weeks, to

not throw the ball at all, I'm proud the way I was able to play today," Rodgers said with a shy smile after he was 21-for-30 with 208 yards.

The Packers (3-3) stopped a three-game losing streak and are suddenly tied for the NFC North lead.

"Hopefully it shows my teammates that I will put my body on the line for them and I care about them a lot, that come Sunday I'm going to give it all I can," Rodgers said, recalling he's played with a broken foot, a torn ACL and a broken index finger on his passing hand since junior college.

"And I've been pretty effective the last two weeks."

"Effective" is the last word anyone would apply to Seattle right now.

The stunned Seahawks paid for having to start No. 3 quarterback Charlie Frye, because Matt Hasselbeck was inactive — he will be getting his bruised knee reevaluated on Monday — and backup Seneca Wallace was out with a calf injury. Seattle looked inept while gaining just 177 yards on offense and skidding to 1-4, the equal of the St. Louis Rams at the bottom of the NFC West that Seattle has ruled the last four seasons.

"It's been a while since it's been like this. It's just a shock," Seahawks defensive tackle Rocky Bernard said.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish split conference games with WVU, Pitt

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame took strides towards beating breast cancer Saturday, but couldn't take care of Pittsburgh, falling to the Panthers 3-1 (25-22, 20-25, 25-23, 25-20).

Donning uniforms with pink lettering and playing with a special pink and white ball, Notre Dame (9-9, 4-2 Big East) raised over \$6,000 for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure in the second annual Dig for the Cure event.

Junior outside hitter Christina Kaelin tallied 21 kills for the Irish, who appeared to have control in the first set, before Pittsburgh tied the set at 9. The teams went back and forth until the Panthers called a timeout at 19-19. After that, Pittsburgh ripped off a 6-3 run to close out the set.

Notre Dame appeared to rally back in the second set, and, with the score tied at 17, scored eight of the next 11 points and tied the match at one set apiece.

Poor starts doomed the Irish in the third and fourth sets, though, falling behind 6-1 in both.

"When you're playing against a team and it's going back and forth, you can't give up five points in a row and expect that you're still going to be in there," Notre Dame coach Debbie Brown said. "We didn't really come out flat, we just started slow."

Notre Dame rallied in the third set, tying the game at 19 before falling 25-23. The Irish also came back in the fourth set, cutting the Pittsburgh lead to two before the Panthers put the match away.

"Obviously we didn't give up, and that's good," Brown said.

"But that's a hole that's a little too big to get out of sometimes."

Despite Kaelin's kills, the Panthers did a good job of shutting down the Irish attack, notching ten team blocks in the match.

"Going into the match, we knew that they were a very strong blocking team," Brown said. "We started off not very smart with our shots, and then I think we got a lot better after that."

Brown said that after the first set, her team did a better job of taking good angles and hitting around the block.

Junior setter Jamel Nicholas had a career-high 54 assists, and Brown praised Nicholas' leadership on the court.

"She does a good job of directing the offense," Brown said. "And she does a good job of Kaelin and trying to find the hot hitters."

The loss drops the Irish to 4-2 in the Big East. They had improved to 4-1 after a Saturday night rout of West Virginia (6-11, 0-5 Big East). Notre Dame beat the Mountaineers 3-0 (25-13, 25-13, 25-17) to earn the 600th win in program history.

Freshman Kristen Dealy had 13 kills, and Kaelin added 11 more as the Irish made sure the match was never in doubt.

Notre Dame is now tied with Georgetown, Cincinnati and Louisville for third in the conference. Brown said that, despite the loss to the Panthers, the Irish were optimistic about their conference title aspirations.

"It's no different then where we were before," she said. "We feel like we need to win every game."

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ning goal less than seven minutes into overtime Sunday to improve Notre Dame's record to 14-0-0, including 7-0-0 in Big East play.

"Rose had a good weekend for us," Waldrum said. "She was really good against Georgetown and then played well again [Sunday] ... The [game-winning] goal was really a fitting way to end a good weekend for her."

The Irish got off to a fast start against the Wildcats, scoring twice in the first eight minutes to take a quick lead. But Villanova clawed back and eventually scored an equalizing goal with just nine minutes remaining in the contest.

Waldrum said he was disappointed that his team surrendered its lead.

"I was a little disappointed that we missed a chance to really put the game away," he said. "I think subconsciously we relaxed and quit really pushing."

But Augustin kept the Irish unbeaten when she took a bouncing pass from senior defender Elise Weber and volleyed it into the left side of the net.

"It was a great goal," Waldrum said. "The pass was

coming from left to right in the air and it bounced a couple times. Rose took it on a bounce from about 12 yards out and really hit a rocket into the other side of the goal."

Against Georgetown on Friday, Notre Dame got important contributions from several underclassmen. Freshmen Melissa Henderson and Courtney Barg each scored a goal as the Irish notched a 3-1 win.

"Both of them had a really good game against Georgetown," Waldrum said. "They were both a little beaten up so we didn't use them as much as I would have liked [Sunday]. I think that hurt us [against Villanova]."

Waldrum said he was pleased with his team's ability to bounce back after playing poorly during the second half against Villanova.

"One thing I'm really happy about is our response when we got into a little bit of a hole and our ability to dig out of it," he said.

Note:

♦ Senior forward Kerri Hanks had another big weekend for Notre Dame, chipping in two goals and extending her goal-scoring streak to eight games.

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Sophomore Stephen Havens also earned a singles and doubles win.

Havens again came up with big wins in singles and doubles again on Saturday defeating players from Ball State in singles, and a Michigan State doubles team in round two. Havens teamed with Watt in a loss in round one of the doubles matches on Saturday.

Davis and Anderson combined for three wins and one loss also on Saturday. Both Davis and Anderson earned a singles win, and teamed up to beat a Michigan State doubles team in round two.

Johnson and Tan again teamed up for two wins in both doubles rounds on Saturday, and each earned a singles win. The duo beat teams from Harvard and Michigan State in the doubles rounds.

Stahl and junior Patrick Callaghan teamed up for three wins on Saturday, defeating a Harvard doubles team in round two. Callaghan defeated Jon Wegener from Ball State, and

Stahl defeated Alex Forger of Michigan State.

Junior Takashi Yoshii also added a singles win, and Santiago Montoya added a doubles win with Callaghan in round one.

Havens finished with a 1-1 record on Sunday in the final round losing his singles match to Sasha Ermakov of Harvard and teaming with Watt to defeat a doubles team from Western Michigan.

Watt also earned a singles win over another Harvard player on day three. Stahl earned another win for the Irish at singles defeating Eduardo Pavia of Ball State.

David Anderson, Johnson and Callaghan all fell in singles to players from Western Michigan. Tan earned a victory over Pablo Olivarez of Western Michigan. Davis and Fitzgerald also earned singles victories on day three.

Tan and Anderson, and Stahl and Callaghan all earned doubles wins on Sunday.

The Irish will now compete in the Midwest Regionals which open on October 16.

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VIEW FROM AFAR



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Quarterback Jimmy Clausen watches the final minutes of Notre Dame's 29-24 loss away from the rest of the team Saturday.






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endured a 0-for-39 stretch, Jackson said.

"That's kind of déjà vu a little bit," he said. "We had a few guys out of the lineup, which hurt our depth compared to a real good Denver team."

Notably sophomore center Ben Ryan, who was banged up and missed the contest. Jackson is hopeful Ryan will be

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its ability," Kubinski said. "We've seen it in all sports. Yet, often, that same team comes out a week later and gets back to showing good habits and performs to its capabilities. We're counting on that this week. We know we lost out at home but feel we can rebound with a solid effort this week."

Frustration and hope in equal measure have marked Notre Dame's season thus far. The Irish began their campaign with a tenth-place finish at the USF Olympic Intercollegiate, but the real story was the emergence of the team's young players. Sophomores Tyler Hock, Jeff Chen and Connor Alan-Lee lead Notre Dame in scoring, while highly touted juniors Carlos Santos-Ocampo and Doug Fortner turned in pedestrian efforts. Santos-Ocampo was coming off an appearance in match play at the U.S. Amateur, the first Irish golfer in nearly four decades to do so, while Fortner was still glowing after a simply brilliant tour of Ireland, highlighted by an astonishing 67 at the famed links of Ballybunion.

available for this weekend's home games against Sacred Heart.

"We have one more weekend to tinker with things before we get to our CCHA schedule," Jackson said. "But we have to be prepared for a team that's going to give us their 'A' game in Sacred Heart. They're coming here to beat us, and they're not going to let us have our way."

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Notre Dame head coach Jim Kubinski took the showing at the USF Olympic Intercollegiate in stride, focusing on the progress shown by his young squad.

"I'm honestly not disappointed with the USF event," Kubinski said. "Like any team playing a first tournament or game, you're not sure what you have, or have to work on, until you start competing. To be successful, we'll just need a little time for the young players to learn on the job and grow."

However, the onus to succeed is on the players, and a fourth-straight mediocre showing is looming unless the team begins to put some shots together.

"Honestly, actions speak louder than words," Kubinski said. "I expect they'll bounce back and really show us something. They haven't lost their resolve after a tough performance. In fact, I think they're eager to get back out and play Notre Dame golf."

The first two rounds will begin this morning at 7:30 a.m., with the final round beginning tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. Both days begin with a shotgun start.

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Big East

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minute when Irish defender Jack Traynor deflected a cross into his own net.

"We started a little bit slack at the beginning of the game," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "I really don't know why that would be. Full marks to Pittsburgh. They really out-worked us at first, and that forced us into putting an own goal away."

The Panthers lead was short lived. After the own-goal, the Irish settled down and began to possess the ball and control the game. The first breakthrough came in the 23rd minute when midfielder Michael Thomas fed defender Matt Besler who beat Pittsburgh keeper Jordan Marks for his first goal of the season.

Notre Dame continued pressing the rest of the half dominating everywhere but the scoreboard as the teams would enter the locker rooms tied at one.

"We talked a lot about patience even before the

game," Clark said. "That was our theme. We said you have to be patient because they're well-organized in the back. They sit a lot of guys, and try to counter and play for set pieces."

Clark's players heard the message loud and clear. After outshooting Pitt 9-4 in the first half, Notre Dame picked up the pressure right where it left off before the intermission, and the end result would be a flurry of goals that's becoming somewhat commonplace for this team's potent offense.

The go-ahead goal came in the 58th minute when junior midfielder Justin Morrow crossed the ball finding classmate Dave Donahue who deposited the service to register his fifth goal of the season.

Senior forward Bright Dike continued his personal scoring streak putting the game away in the 80th minute with a rocket shot from inside the box. Dike has now scored in six consecutive games, and he leads the team with nine goals and 21 points.

Freshman Brendan King put the finishing touches on the game in extra-time notching

his first career Notre Dame goal. Sophomore Jeb Brovsky's shot clanged the far post, but King was there to collect the rebound and tally the game's final goal.

Saturday's balanced and explosive scoring attack was nothing new for the Irish. The four goals by four different players marked the sixth time this season that Notre Dame has registered at least three different goal scorers in a game. It was also the fourth time that the Irish have reached the four goal plateau in a game.

"It's a fabulous attacking team," Clark said. "It's hard to single out individuals, and on any given day somebody different can step up. It's without a doubt the most potent attacking team I've had in my eight years here."

Notre Dame and its in-form offense will return to the pitch on Thursday when they travel to Bloomington to take on in-state rival Indiana. The game is schedule to start at 7:30 p.m.

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NFL

Jets come off bye week with win

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Brett Favre and the New York Jets were far from flashy on offense, and they didn't need to be against the winless Cincinnati Bengals.

Thomas Jones ran for two touchdowns, including a 1-yarder late in the game, and caught a pass from Favre for a score to lead the Jets to a 26-14 win Sunday.

"It wasn't our best performance on offense, but it was a win," Favre said. "We did some good things. ... Thomas Jones, he had one of those days."

The Jets (3-2) improved to 3-0 in games immediately following a bye under coach Eric Mangini, but this one was far from easy. With New York holding a tentative 20-14 lead, the Jets needed a 10-play, 41-yard drive by Favre that ate

up the clock to seal the victory over the Bengals (0-6).

"I don't believe in ugly wins," Favre said. "I believe a win's win. That one felt as good as any win I've been a part of in recent memory."

Ryan Fitzpatrick couldn't get much going for the Bengals in place of an ailing Carson Palmer. He was 20-of-33 for 152 yards as Cincinnati dropped to 0-6 for the third time since 2000.

"O-and-anything stings," linebacker Dhani Jones said. "We just want to get the bad taste out of our mouths. O-and-6 is not a position anybody wants to be in."

The Bengals gained just 43 yards rushing on 21 carries, with Fitzpatrick's 23 leading the way.

"Everyone will say that with a backup in there, we need to run the ball better. We will," said Fitzpatrick, making his

second start in three games with Palmer resting a sore right elbow. "It was a struggle out there today. We have to go back to the drawing board and figure it out."

Despite their struggles, the Bengals were still in it late. The Jets had a third-and-4 from the Bengals 7 when Favre hit Chris Baker for 6 yards. Jones followed with a 1-yard rumble into the end zone with 2:22 left and the 2-point try fell incomplete to make it a 12-point game.

Favre, coming off a six-touchdown performance in a 56-35 victory over Arizona, wasn't nearly as explosive in this one. He finished 25-for-33 for 189 yards — throwing mostly short passes — a touchdown and two interceptions.

"I'm not here for stats," Favre said. "I'm here for wins."

Jones finished with 17 carries for 65 yards and had his first career three-TD game for the Jets, wearing their navy and gold throwback New York Titans uniforms for the second straight game.

"Last (game), we threw the ball really well and scored a lot of points and today wasn't that exact same situation," Jones said. "We had to kind of grind it out a little more. The good thing is we're able to do both."

Cincinnati took a 7-0 lead on the third play from scrimmage, when Antwan Odom sacked Favre and forced a fumble. Chinedum Ndukwe picked it up and ran 15 yards into the end zone to give the Bengals the lead 1:24 into the game.

It didn't last long as New York tied it with a 2-yard touchdown reception by Jones.

"The whole point is to be out there with the ball in your hands," said Jones, who had two TDs all last season. "It always feel good to get touchdowns, get into the end zone and contribute to the team winning."

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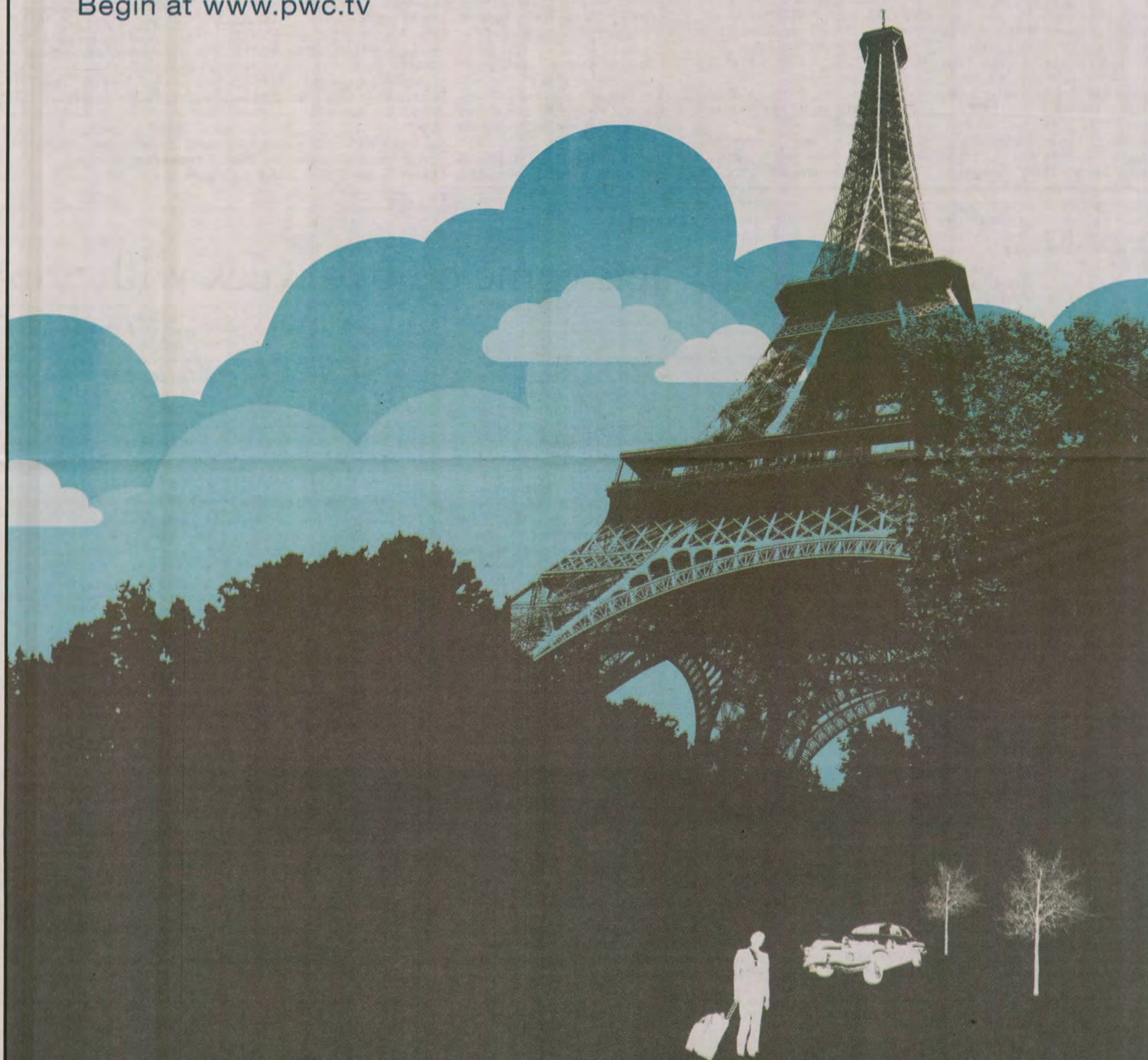



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Finding ways to win

Overtime necessary for win over Villanova

By FRAN TOLAN
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame keeps finding new ways to win. A week after securing its first comeback win of the season, the No. 1 Irish picked up a 3-2 overtime victory at Villanova Sunday. The win capped a weekend in which Notre Dame also took down No. 17/16 Georgetown on the road.

"The wins were good for us because those are two places that haven't been easy places for us to play," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "And those two teams — Villanova and Georgetown — have not been easy teams for us over the years."

Sophomore forward Rose Augustin netted the game-win-

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Left, senior defender Elise Weber passes in a 3-1 Notre Dame win over Marquette Oct. 5. Right, junior midfielder Justin Morrow attempts to possess a pass in the Irish 4-1 victory over Pittsburgh Saturday.



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Squad takes care of Pittsburgh with ease

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

After a brief detour into a non-conference portion of its schedule, No. 14 Notre Dame returned to Big East play Saturday, and three second-half goals propelled the Irish to a resounding 4-1 win over Pittsburgh to keep them in first place of the Big East Blue Division.

Trailing Notre Dame by three points, the Panthers (6-5-2, 2-4-1) came to Alumni Field with hopes of pulling even with the Irish (8-3-1, 4-1-1) atop the conference standings. It looked promising for Pittsburgh early on. An energetic start by the Panthers put Notre Dame on its heels culminating in a Pittsburgh lead in the seventh

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HOCKEY

Third period collapse allows Denver to take season opener

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

Things snowballed out of control on the ice in the third period Saturday night for No. 4 Notre Dame, as host No. 6 Denver scored three goals in four minutes to break a 1-1 tie and skate to a 5-2 season-opening victory.

"Once that third period got going, it all just kind of came down on us," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "I'm not sure our guys were as ready for it.

[Denver] elevated their game and we didn't, and we have to learn from that."

Irish freshman right wing Billy Maday scored on his first career shot to give Notre Dame a 1-0 lead just 3 minutes into the game. He became the first Irish player to do that since 2006 grad Tim Wallace did it in 2002.

Ten minutes later, Denver's Tyler Ruegsegger evened the score with a power play goal — the first of two special teams tallies for the Pioneers. Denver had five man-up advantages in

the first period alone.

"I thought we played a great first period, and if anything hurt us, it was taking some unnecessary penalties," Jackson said. "We killed off some penalties early in the game, and that kind of wore down some of our top players [for later]."

After 30 minutes of scoreless hockey, Denver freshman Luke Salazar capitalized on a three-on-two chance to put his team up 2-1. Two minutes later, Salazar struck again, this time on a rebound for the Pioneers'

second power play goal of the night.

Patrick Wiercoch's goal two minutes later made it 4-1, and Anthony Maiani scored with seven minutes to play to give Denver a 5-1 lead.

"Fatigue was a little bit of a factor — killing off so many penalties early, the elevation ... it was a number of things," Jackson said. "We have to capitalize on our chances. We hit a couple crossbars and goalposts, and we have to get our confidence and put the puck in the net again. I think that will

come."

Irish senior center Justin White put home a rebound with under a minute to play to close the scoring. Junior center Kevin Deeth assisted on both Notre Dame goals.

The Irish were dominated in special teams, as Notre Dame didn't score on any of its eight chances but the Pioneers converted 2-of-8.

The power play struggles brought back memories of last December, when the Irish

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MEN'S GOLF

West-coast trip awaits Irish

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

After a disappointing start to the season, Notre Dame is looking to get its season on track.

The Irish head to La Quinta, Calif., next week, their third west-coast trip this season, to compete in the Prestige at PGA WEST Intercollegiate. Sixteen teams will play three rounds over Monday and Tuesday at the par 72, 7,156-yard Greg Norman Course during the tournament, co-hosted by Stanford and UC Davis.

Despite rough early going for Notre Dame, Irish coach Jim Kubinski is confident that his team will bounce back.

"Sometimes things start to go one way and, regardless of effort or attitude or preparation, a team just doesn't play to



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Junior Doug Fortner follows through his shot at last April's Irish Invitational, in which Notre Dame placed second.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Squad played host for Tom Fallon Invitational

By KATELYN GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame opened the 22nd annual Tom Fallon Invitational on Friday while hosting Harvard, Wisconsin, Michigan State, Western Michigan and Ball State.

"The Tom Fallon is a hidden-dual tournament," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "One in which each team plays its lineup as it might in a dual match, but there is no team scoring due to NCAA rule that would necessitate that each day of play would count as one of the team's 25 playing dates rather than as one event."

The Irish earned 13 singles wins in day one of the tournament. Sophomore Dan Stahl earned two wins in singles and

a win in doubles on Friday, defeating Harvard and Michigan State players in singles and teaming with fellow sophomore Tyler Davis to beat Michigan State's doubles team.

Davis also earned two singles wins in day one over two Harvard players.

"After Brett, last year's letterman Stahl, David Anderson, Stephen Havens, and Tyler Davis have been pretty good," Bayliss said. "With Matt Johnson looking like he can join them and Sean Tan much improved in doubles."

Freshmen Casey Watt and Niall Fitzgerald combined for three singles wins on day one. Sophomores Sean Tan, and David Anderson combined for four wins also on Friday.

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