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Women's 'Bouts' benefits charity

Baraka Bouts held Friday; program grows in participation, funds raised

By CHRIS MASOUD
News Writer

After two grueling months of training and preparation, the lady Irish squared off in the ring Friday night in the annual Baraka Bouts boxing competition.

Senior captain Lauren Cummings believes this year's event will be setting precedents for years to come.

"We had more girls, more fundraising and more passion than ever," Cummings said. "It's a testament to the success of the program."

Baraka Bouts, the female version of Bengal Bouts, raises money annually for the Holy Cross

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COLEMAN COLLINS/The Observer

Senior Laura Ahn, left, defeated sophomore Laura Szejka in their match during Friday's annual Baraka Bouts.

My neighbor, the president

By CHRIS HINE
News Writer

Sophomore Tom Kopko, a guard on Notre Dame's basketball team, can still remember the day his mother came home from a campaign fundraiser for the guy down the block who was running for the Illinois State Senate.

Kopko, a native of Hyde Park, Ill., said that his mom, Mary Beth, came away unimpressed by the young politician.

"She came back and said, 'There's this young guy, a lot of people like him, but a lot of us didn't think he spoke that well,'" Kopko said.

But Mary Beth's opinion of

her neighbor would soon change and so would life in Kopko's neighborhood.

A few years later, in 2004, that guy down the block, Barack Obama, became a U.S. Senator and last Tuesday was elected president of the United States.

"I saw him around the neighborhood, just like any other neighbor, when he was an up and coming politician," Kopko said. "No one ever gave any thought that he would ever be president. It's really crazy."

Kopko said he can remember Obama walking his dog down the street and playing pick up basketball at the

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Students disheartened by Irish loss

By NORA KENNEY
News Writer

As all teams know, winning and losing is part of the game, but it's never easy to watch your favorite team lose and never easy for Notre Dame students to suffer through a loss in football.

And many students expressed their disappointment after Saturday night's 17-0 loss to Boston College.

"I was depressed because I had higher expectations going into the game and I felt like we just played really poorly as a team," sophomore Mackenzie Keller said.

Freshman Bobby Abdo traveled to Boston for the game and to visit some friends. He was upset because Notre Dame did not have a ticket lottery,

and he was forced to pretend he was a Boston College student, purchase a \$150 ticket from a student, and sit in their student section.

For him, the game was especially frustrating.

"Having to sit in the student section was a rough experience. I was surrounded by 8,000 students and they weren't happy about having me there," he said.

He also commented on the behavior of the students around him.

"They ripped off of some of our cheers, like they ripped off of the push-ups ... They were generally saying [chants] like 'Notre Dame sucks,' 'Clausen sucks,' chants like that," he said. "It's bad enough the team was losing, but to experience it at Boston

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IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Irish fans were disappointed by Notre Dame's 17-0 loss to Boston College Saturday.

LeMans steam not dangerous

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

Students living in and walking through LeMans the past few weeks have probably noticed a cloud of steam being released from a vent intermittently near the west entrance of LeMans Hall.

Junior Mary Ellen Toth, who saw the steam for the first time about a month ago when walking

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Ecuador visit provides medical aid

Notre Dame students travel to country with Timmy Foundation over break

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Instead of using fall break to catch up on sleep, 11 students spent their break in Ecuador giving medical treatment to people without access to affordable health care.

Senior Megan Rybarczyk organized the trip through the Timmy Foundation, a medical service organization. The trip was unaffiliated with the University this year because the Foundation does not have a Notre Dame chapter, Rybarczyk said.

"I am trying to start a chapter here because the Foundation mainly

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Photo Courtesy of MEGAN RYBARCZYK

Senior Zyra Cortez visits with children in Victoria de la Fe, Ecuador during a fall break trip to the country.

McKenna to give first 'Last Lecture'

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

Professor James McKenna will be the first in a series of four Notre Dame professors to deliver a "Last Lecture," in which he shares the most important lessons he has learned.

McKenna, the Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., Chair of Anthropology, will deliver a lecture on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

He taught at both Ponom College in California and the University of California at Berkeley prior to teaching at

Notre Dame, according to a University press release from 2001, when he was awarded the Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., Chair of Anthropology.

McKenna was also a recipient of the Thomas Madden Teaching Award for outstanding instruction of first-year students in 2000, according to the press release.

According to the website of the Office of the Provost, "It is presented annually to that member of the faculty who, in the opinion of a committee of former Madden Award winners, contributed most to the teaching of first-year stu-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Everwood memories

I made an amazing discovery yesterday.

I am probably one of the ten people in this country who deeply lamented the cancellation of The WB's dramedy Everwood about three years ago.

Television is probably the extracurricular activity I devote the most of my time to, which is a little sad for me, but very good for the box set industry.

My box set collection remains incomplete, however.

I have Everwood season one, which came out shortly after the first season finale in 2003. The other three seasons have yet to appear on DVD, and could not be found online.

Until yesterday, that is.

TheWb.com now has full episodes of its old, canceled shows — Everwood, Gilmore Girls, Jack and Bobby, Friends and more — and makes for a great way to spend an hour, or three.

Unfortunately for me, there are only five episodes of Everwood, the critically-acclaimed tale of Dr. Andrew Brown and his misinformed parenting and free medical practice in a small mountain town in Colorado, up on the Web site as of now.

I am so excited that more episodes are available online for my viewing pleasure. Because Everwood tops my list of series that were cancelled far too early, but now, thanks to technology, can be watched right anytime, right on my laptop.

Other wonderful Web sites to bookmark: Hulu.com, Sidereel.com (which may or may not direct you to a screen almost entirely filled with yellow Chinese subtitles) and the trusty IMDb.com, which now offers full episodes of some shows.

So, if you're looking for a study break, check out these two shows:

1. Everwood — This is one show my friends in high school always made fun of me for watching. Ephram Brown might be one of the most angst-ridden teenagers to ever grace primetime network television. It's very well acted, and the story lines, though a little off the wall sometimes, are really very heartwarming. It featured the woman who posthumously narrates Desperate Housewives, again playing a dead woman. The show made me love mountains, increase my affection for Ferris wheels and love the name Ephram, which according to baby-names.com, isn't really a name at all.

2. Arrested Development — this is probably a give-in, but Arrested Development is the funniest show you never watched on television. iTunes now carries the complete series, which, fortunately, is also available in box set form. Each episode is 20-or so minutes of absurdity, highly quotable and extremely enjoyable. Not to be missed: The Mrs. Featherbottom episodes ("It was the exact same plot as Mrs. Doubtfire..."). The dozens of other Arrested fans out there (dozens!) no doubt have their other favorite moments.

Maybe a later column will describe other great shows you can watch for free online. That all depends on how much actual work I decide to accomplish.






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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DOG SHOULD PRESIDENT-ELECT OBAMA CHOOSE AND WHY?

				
Jorge Romero	Andy Masak	Caitlin Hildebrand	Shannon Brown	M.C. O'Donnell
junior Duncan	senior off-campus	senior off-campus	freshman McGlinn	freshman McGlinn
"Golden Retriever because he could totally be the first dog."	"Snoop Dogg 'cause he's the one and only 'D' — 'O' — double 'G'."	"Wishbone because he's good at solving problems."	"A Husky 'cause they're the bomb."	"He shouldn't get a dog."



COLEMAN COLLINS/The Observer

Junior Kristin Burke defeated sophomore Chelsi Gallegos during Baraka Bouts Friday night. Last year, the program raised \$9,000 to build a boy's dormitory in Uganda.

OFFBEAT

Pilot blinded by stroke lands safely

LONDON — A British pilot who was suddenly blinded by a stroke during a solo flight was talked safely down by a military pilot, the Royal Air Force said Friday.

Jim O'Neill asked for help after he was went blind 40 minutes into a flight from Scotland to southeastern England last week. The BBC reported that O'Neill, flying a small Cessna aircraft, lost his sight 5,500 feet in the air.

"It was terrifying," O'Neill said. "Suddenly, I couldn't see the dials in front of me."

The air force said in a news release that O'Neill initially believed he'd been "dazzled" by bright sunlight, and made an emergency call for help. He then realized that something more serious was happening, and said, "I want to land, ASAP."

'First dog' bites reporter outside of White House

WASHINGTON — Talk about a biting critique of the press.

It seems President Bush's dog Barney wasn't much in the mood for friendly attention during his walk outside the White House on Thursday. So when Reuters reporter Jon Decker reached down to pet the Scottish terrier, the seemingly docile dog snapped at him and bit Decker's right index finger.

Reporter April Ryan of American Urban Radio Networks happened to capture the moment on video.

And, naturally, it soon wound up on YouTube. The video comes to an end with a freeze frame on Barney's fangs.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.




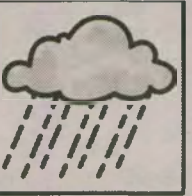


IN BRIEF

A lecture entitled "Economic Inequality & Attitudes toward Homosexuality" featuring Tina Fetner, assistant professor of sociology, McMaster University, will be given tomorrow from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.. It will be held in room C103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. This event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Center for the Study of Social Movements and Social Change, Gender Studies and the Department of Sociology.

St. Edward's Hall is hosting "ND's Got Talent!" Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. There are going to be first, second and third place prizes and it's to support Holy Cross schools in Uganda. Any questions can contact Michael Eardley a tmeardley@nd.edu

"Faith, Democracy and Values: The Challenge of Moral Formation in Families, Schools and Societies" is part of the Association for Moral Education's (AME) 34th annual conference. The conference aims to examine moral education and the ways it informs and, in turn is informed by, faith and political perspectives in a diverse and complex global community. The event is to be held all day Thursday in McKenna Hall and is sponsored by the Center for Ethical Education (CEE).

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

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY		TONIGHT		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
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Judge to speak on prosecution

Lecture to address human rights during and after Chile dictatorship

Special to The Observer

Juan Guzmán Tapia, the Chilean judge known around the world for indicting Augusto Pinochet, will present a lecture titled "Human Rights During and After Chile's Dictatorship" Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center at Notre Dame.

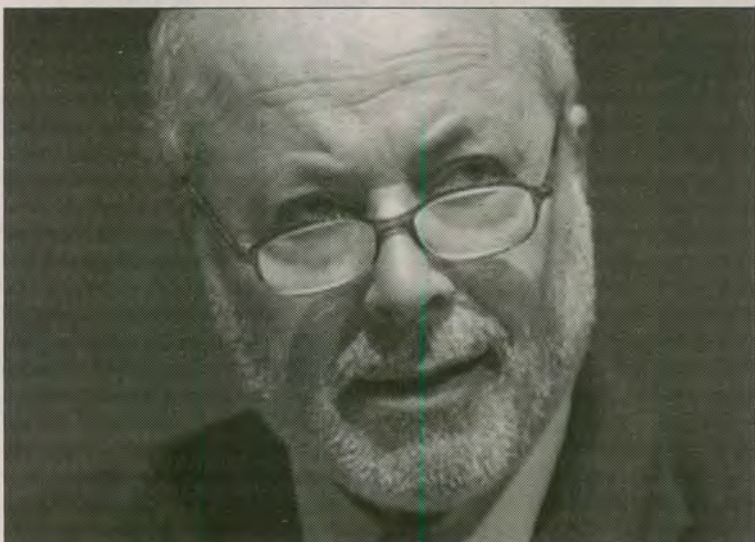
Co-sponsored by Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies and Center for Civil and Human Rights, the lecture is free and open to the public.

Currently director of the Center for Human Rights at the Universidad Central de Chile, Guzmán will speak about his prosecution of Pinochet after he was appointed in 1998 to investigate charges against the former dictator and his murderous regime.

A film on the confrontation between Guzmán and Pinochet will set the stage for Guzmán's lecture. "The Judge and the General," which follows the twists and turns of the efforts of Guzmán and others to overcome Pinochet's immunity and claims to be too ill to stand trial, will be shown Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m., also in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

The screening is free and open to the public.

Produced and directed by Elizabeth Farnsworth and Patricio Lanfranco, the film explores whether Chile can find truth and reconciliation through a legal accounting of its recent violent past.



Juan Guzman Tapia, shown above, will speak Thursday at the Hesburgh Center.

For Guzmán, a man who says that his investigations "opened the eyes of [his] soul," there is one clear choice: "A wounded country needs to know the truth."

The screening is a collaboration with the award-winning PBS documentary series P.O.V., the Kellogg Institute and the Center for Civil and Human Rights.

On Sept. 11, 1973, Pinochet seized power from Chile's democratically elected president, Salvador Allende. Thousands of Chileans were tortured, killed or disappeared in the coup's aftermath; the Pinochet regime lasted 17 years.

A conservative judge, Guzmán — who had supported the coup — took his job as investigator seriously, pressing ahead with the

case despite intense social and political pressure to desist. Guzmán's memoir has been a bestseller in Chile, which continues to vigorously debate the period.

"The Judge and the General" follows two of Guzmán's investigations. One is the killing of a young sociology professor during the "caravan of death," when Pinochet's right-hand man, General Sergio Arrellano Stark, flew in a helicopter from town to town, listing the names of those to be executed.

The second involves a law student and political activist who disappeared, whose mother was forced to lead Pinochet's secret police to her daughter's hiding place in order to save her granddaughter's life.

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University of Chicago, where Kopko liked to go and work out.

But Kopko never joined in on those basketball games.

"I don't usually play pickup there because it's more 30 or 40-year olds playing pickup and just having fun," Kopko said. "But he's played there and I remember seeing him in there playing. He's got a really nice jump shot. He's known to have a good jump shot and is a decent player."

The night Obama won his U.S. Senate seat in 2004, garnering 70 percent of the vote, Kopko said the neighborhood became a frenzy with people trying to catch a glimpse of Obama, who was eating dinner at his house that night.

"The night he got elected, she said there was chaos in the neighborhood, all trying to get as close as they could but with all the security, they couldn't get within a block," Kopko said.

Kopko added: "When he won by such a landslide for Senate, they were saying he had such momentum and that he could possibly in four years be running for president, but nobody gave it too much serious thought," Kopko said. "It's politics and it could pass you by."

Kopko said it was hard to believe Obama could actually become president, but he said it started to hit home for him after Obama won his first primary in Iowa.

As Obama's prospects of becoming president increased, so did the security in Kopko's neighborhood.

"When he was starting to get momentum against Hillary Clinton, you couldn't get near his house without roadblocks," Kopko said. "There are roadblocks all over the place now. It's ridiculous. You can't walk through his street without an ID claiming that you're a resident on that block. You can't drive through ..."

"When he first started running in the primaries, Secret Service told us, 'Don't be shocked. There will be people on the corners standing or Chevy Suburbans sitting, parked somewhere with guys in it.'"

The level security differs with who is home at the time, Kopko said.

"You could always tell when he was there because when his kids were there, there'd be just one Suburban out, one guy outside, just kind of pacing, walking around. If his wife was there, there'd be three or four Suburbans on either end of the block, but when he was there, city cops got involved, Secret Service was very influential," Kopko said.

The security can be a hassle at times, Kopko said, but he doesn't mind it too much.

"It's a burden," Kopko said. "But at the same time, it's kind of cool because you could say, 'The president is a neighbor of yours.'"

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Educational Missions in East Africa, she said. Last year, over \$9,000 in proceeds from the competition were used to build a boys' dormitory in Jinja, Uganda, said Cummings. The year before, \$4,500 was raised to build a girl's dormitory, she said.

Baraka Bouts derives its name from the Swahili word for "blessing," a constant reminder of the program's mission for the lady boxers, Cummings said.

"Our motivation is really hard to put into words," boxer Kia Johnson said. "It's so much more than just personal satisfaction, it's a responsibility."

The 60 competitors began a punishing workout routine in September, and have been training for three hours a day, six days a week since, junior captain Kristin Burke said.

"During a typical routine we alternate between jumping jacks, sit-ups, and pushups for the first hour," Burke said. "The second hour we work on the fundamentals of boxing and the third hour we spar."

Baraka Bouts has a special meaning for Burke, whose father was a three-time Bengal Bouts champion back in the 1970s.

"I knew I had to continue the boxing legacy when I came to

ND," she said. "Boxing was the first sport I really loved."

The competitors have also formed a unique bond with the men of Bengal Bouts during training sessions. Both groups train in the basement of the Joyce Center and work to help each other improve.

"It's really a symbiotic relationship," Johnson said. "We feed off each other's knowledge and skills."

Regardless of how they did after the final bell rang Friday, the boxers have gained invaluable life skills from their experiences in Baraka Bouts.

"I joined the program as a freshman because I was looking for a way to work out and meet new people," Cummings said. "I never thought I'd actually fall in love with boxing."

Strapping on the gloves for the last time this Friday, senior captain K.C. Hunt owes a lot to the women's boxing club.

"We all find a way of clearing our heads," Hunt said. "Some people listen to rap, some people enjoy Zen, I like to box."

Some of the boxers said that after being in the ring, many of life's little challenges are easier to take on.

"If you freak out in life you can usually get right back up," Johnson said. "If you freak out in the ring, you find yourself on your back in front of hundreds."

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surrounded by drunken, ruckus BC fans didn't really make the experience any better."

Sophomore Kevin Danchisko also said the game "was extremely sad."

"I knew a person at the game who just left right after and couldn't even talk to anyone," he said.

However, Danchisko said, "At least we beat [Boston College] in hockey," referring to Notre Dame's 4-1 over the Eagles Friday night.

Much of the post game discussion focused on the ability of Notre Dame to play in a bowl game.

Freshman Kelly Nolan said, "I'm confident that we will win at least one more game, mak-

ing us bowl eligible. I think getting to a bowl is a welcome improvement to last year's disappointing season."

According to some students, winning one more game should be possible for the team, especially since this week, the team prepares to play Navy.

"It's time to start a new tradition," said sophomore Erin McDonnell, referring to Notre Dame's previous record of 43 consecutive wins against Navy, the longest all-time consecutive winning streak between two teams in college football, which was broken last year.

Some students declined comment because they felt that their opinions would anger their fellow students. Others said they were too speechless or embarrassed to comment.

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Steam

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out of the building, said it looked like a snowstorm from inside.

"There was a lot of steam coming from the pipes," Toth said. "From a distance [outside] it probably looked like the building was on fire."

The white steam, which reappeared on Saturday, Nov. 1 and continued throughout the day, is accompanied with a loud sound which can be heard both in Reinbeaux Lounge, just inside the residence hall's lobby, and outside the building.

Saint Mary's Director of Facilities Bill Hambling told The Observer that while the steam is a "noisy, loud and scary sounding thing" it is not dangerous.

"The steam that is releasing is not a danger to anyone," he said. "In fact, it is a good thing that the steam pressure is

relieving itself."

The steam is coming from the residence hall's heating system relief valves, he said.

Hambling said the relief valve is functioning as it should, but it needs to be constantly monitored and adjusted as the weather conditions outside change from warm to cold rapidly because the temperature affects the heating demands from LeMans.

"We are monitoring it daily and rest assured no one is in any danger," he said.

Hambling also said there have been steam issues with the Central Utility Plant at the College that have been rectified as well.

David Coleman, the College's heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanic, will be periodically checking the valves at LeMans to make sure they are continuing to work properly, Hambling said.

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Lecture

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dents. Nominations are submitted by first-year students and first-year counselors."

In 2000, McKenna was also awarded the Kaneb Teaching Award for exceptional teaching of undergraduates, according to the University press release.

His lecture will be delivered in the style of Professor Randy Pausch of Carnegie Mellon University.

When Pausch discovered he was dying of pancreatic cancer, he delivered a "last lecture."

The lecture, also published as a book, became a worldwide sensation and generated interest in the "last lecture" practice.

The Last Lecture series is not new to Notre Dame. Notre Dame featured a previous Last Lecture series in 2002.

The current series was part of the campaign platform for student body president Bob Reish and student body vice president Grant Schmidt.

"We partly modeled our series off of the 2002 series," Schmidt said. "A lot of people know the story of Randy Pausch, and the concept of a last lecture was really interesting."

The Last Lectures will go beyond sharing a theory or idea, he said.

"This is a very unique lecture. It's more of a professor's vision. It carries a deeper meaning,"

Schmidt said. "It's an informal way of talking about his career, discussing relationships."

These lectures will be presented in a similar manner as Pausch's lecture was.

"It's his last opportunity to really convey one message to students," Schmidt said.

The lectures will be more casual and conversational than a class lecture, he said.

"It's more off-the cuff," Schmidt said. "It's a personal, interactive, fireside lecture."

The series will continue throughout the school year.

"We'll probably do about four of these," Schmidt said.

Reish's and Schmidt's Web site, bobandgrant.com, includes a description of the Last Lecture series as they envisioned it while running for office.

"Think of your favorite professor or those professors your friends constantly claim are amazing. Think of those professors whose classes are extremely entertaining and you're only lucky to get into if you have a great DART time," the Web site said. "Now imagine getting these teachers into a classroom and telling them they only have one more lecture. What would they say? This is the exact premise of our proposed Last Lecture Series — bringing prominent ND professors into the classroom to talk about whatever they would say if it were their last lecture."

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Ecuador

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has college chapters," she said. "The student chapters have three tasks, to advocate, fundraise and serve."

The campus chapters are given a partner organization, and the students involved in the club educate their peers about the community they are serving, fundraise for the community and then travel to the country to do a service project, Rybarczyk said.

"The major thing is to educate people so they hold educational events about the language, culture and needs of the people in the community they are serving...and foster a global perspective about things, especially with health care in other countries," she said.

Rybarczyk said the trip was a "test run" for the prospective club. She said she found interested students, and they had informal meetings and paid for the service trip themselves.

If SAO approves the chapter, the group would be able to educate and raise money on campus for a yearly trip to serve the University's partner organization, she said.

"We probably wouldn't be able to have all the trips paid for by Notre Dame, but we would be able to use facilities to have fundraisers, and we could have access to some of the grants and things Notre Dame offers for travels like this," Rybarczyk said.

On the service trip, the students set up medical brigades where people were treated for health problems in four barrios in Ecuador, Rybarczyk said. The brigade consisted of a triage section where the patient history and vital signs are taken, a consultation center where the patients meet with a medical professional for a diagnosis and a pharmacy where the patients



Photo Courtesy of MEGAN RYBARCZYK

Dr. Charles Dietzen, founder of the Timmy Foundation, is shown with an Ecuadorian child during a recent trip to the country.

get the medicine they need, she said.

"The people there are absolutely incredible," Rybarczyk said. "I have worked as a medical assistant here in the U.S. and patients wait for five or ten minutes and they are upset, but in Ecuador, we had people who would get there early, wait for along time and never complain."

Rybarczyk said the students were able to get hands-on experience working in a medical setting and learning about a different country.

"We were involved in all aspects," she said. "We had people translating, taking vital signs and patient histories. We had people playing with kids, administering fluoride to kids and helping out in the pharmacy."

The group also helped start a program to move from using a paper form of patient records to electronic charts, Rybarczyk said.

Rybarczyk said a major goal of the Timmy Foundation is education so the students had the

opportunity to partake in several cultural events.

"We had multiple discussions called charlas with community members and leaders of different neighborhoods," she said. "We talked about their everyday life, politics, a lot of things."

The group also saw an Andean ballet and went on a tour of the colonial center in Quito, the Capital, she said.

Rybarczyk said the service trip draws mostly pre-med students because it is a good way to gain experience in the field without having to live in another country for a summer or semester.

"I know a lot of people can't take the whole summer...this way you get to be involved all year round with education and then go for a week and experience it," she said.

Rybarczyk said the students who participated in the trip will talk about their experiences Thursday in the Lyons Hall chapel.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Paloma destroys homes in Cuba

CAMAGUEY, Cuba — Crashing waves and a powerful sea surge from Hurricane Paloma destroyed hundreds of homes along Cuba's southern coast, but the storm rapidly weakened into a tropical depression Sunday as it moved over the island.

Early damage reports were limited, but state media said the late-season storm toppled a major communications tower, interrupted electricity and phone service and sent sea water almost a mile (1 1/2 kilometers) inland, ravaging a coastal community near where it made landfall.

No storm-related deaths were immediately reported.

Eight killed after bombing in Iraq

BAGHDAD — Bombs killed at least eight people Sunday across Iraq and wounded dozens of others, officials said. Syria's president blamed the U.S. military presence for Iraq's instability and called on U.S. troops to leave.

In the northern city of Mosul, a roadside bomb ripped through an Iraqi army patrol soon after sundown, killing three soldiers and wounding four others, police said.

U.S. and Iraqi troops have been fighting for months to clear al-Qaida in Iraq and about a dozen other Sunni insurgent groups from Mosul, Iraq's third largest city.

To the south, a bomb attached to a bike wrapped in a trash bag exploded outside a cafe in Khalis, 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of Baghdad, killing at least two people and wounding 13, including the city mayor, police said.

The cafe is located in a market area that includes a public health clinic and the precise target was unclear.

NATIONAL NEWS

Contractor finds \$182 K in home

CLEVELAND — A contractor who found \$182,000 in Depression-era currency hidden in a bathroom wall has ended up with only a few thousand dollars, but he feels some vindication.

The windfall discovery amounted to little more than grief for contractor Bob Kitts, who couldn't agree on how to split the money with homeowner Amanda Reece.

It didn't help Reece much, either. She testified in a deposition that she was considering bankruptcy and that a bank recently foreclosed on one of her properties.

And 21 descendants of Patrick Dunne — the wealthy businessman who stashed the money that was minted in a time of bank collapses and joblessness — will each get a mere fraction of the find.

Vitamins C, E no help for heart disease

NEW ORLEANS — Vitamins C and E — pills taken by millions of Americans — do nothing to prevent heart disease in men, one of the largest and longest studies of these supplements has found.

Vitamin E even appeared to raise the risk of bleeding strokes, a danger seen in at least one earlier study.

Besides questioning whether vitamins help, "we have to worry about potential harm," said Barbara Howard, a nutrition scientist at MedStar Research Institute of Hyattsville, Md.

LOCAL NEWS

Immunization rate on the rise

MUNCIE, Ind. — Despite some parents' concerns that health officials want their children to get too many vaccine shots too soon, Indiana's immunization rate is on the rise.

According to the state Department of Health, 94 percent of public schools and 68 percent of private schools reported complete immunization data for the 2006-07 school year — an increase from the previous year.

Sue Goebel, a nurse with the Delaware County Health Department, said a growing number of children are getting the department's free shots during its Shots for Tots clinic.

ELECTION 2008

New England votes challenge GOP

Two Republican senators remain from the New England States after 2008 elections

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — A generation ago the Republican Party was the dominant political force in New England, populating the region's congressional delegations with moderates like Connecticut's Lowell P. Weicker Jr. and Rhode Island's John Chafee.

But today's GOP, led by a more socially conservative wing of the party, is finding votes harder to come by.

Voters on Tuesday cast out Connecticut's veteran Rep. Chris Shays, the last New England Republican in the U.S. House of Representatives. Sen. John Sununu was voted out in New Hampshire, leaving that state's Judd Gregg and Maine's Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe as the only Republicans among the region's 12 senators.

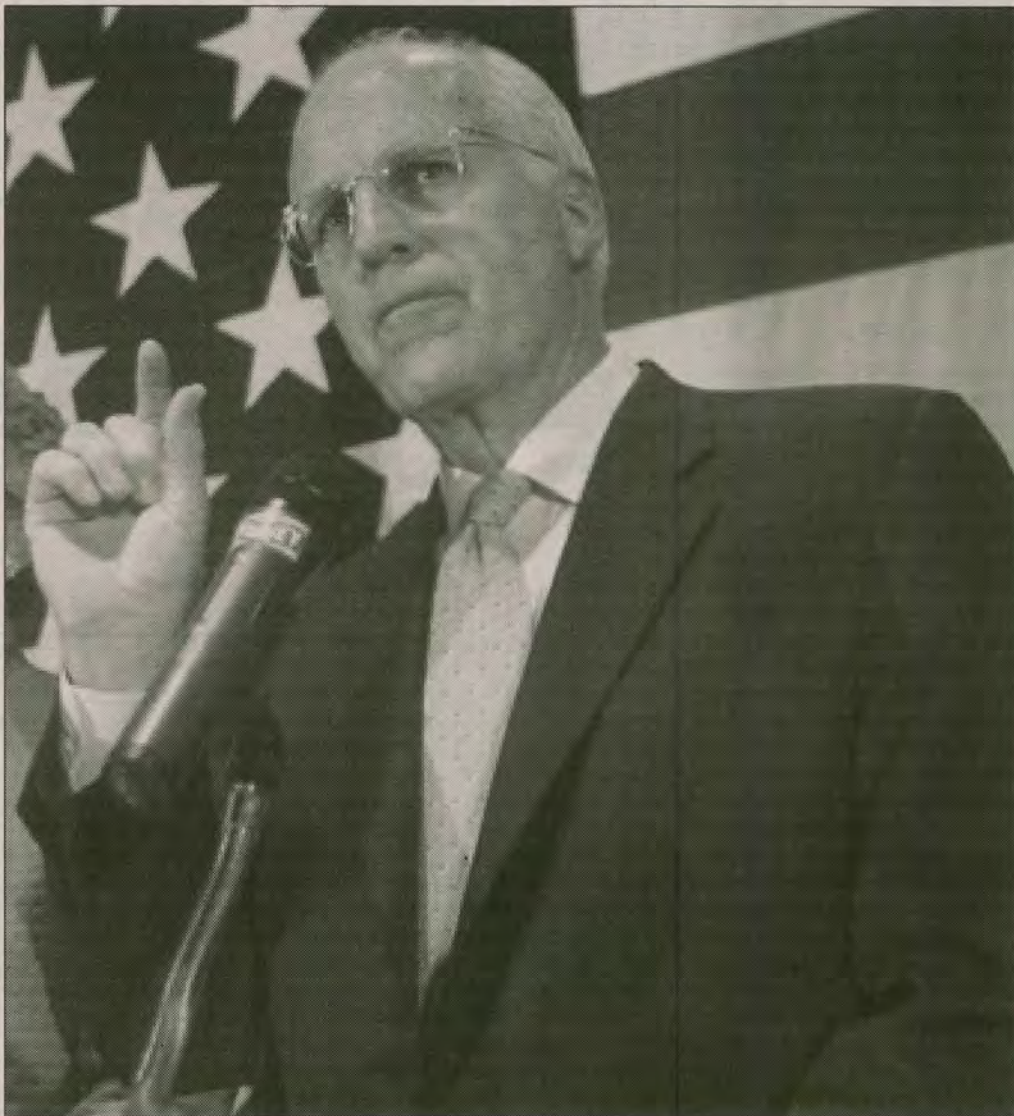
Shays' loss to former Goldman Sachs executive Jim Himes marks the first time since 1969 that south-western Connecticut will be represented by a Democrat in the House.

"I felt that we were going to win this, I really did," Shays told supporters. "I felt that people were so good to me, they were so nice to me. But they were deciding they were going to go the other way."

New England's decision to "go the other way" in recent elections is a dramatic transformation for a region considered a Republican stronghold a generation ago.

The Republican Party and New England have a long history together.

At their first presidential convention, in 1856, Republicans nominated John C. Fremont on a platform of abolishing slavery in the territories — a widely held view in the North. While Fremont lost, he carried 11 Northern states. Later, Abraham Lincoln captured the presidency by winning 18 Northern states.



Republican Rep. Christopher Shays gives his concession speech Tuesday, in Norwalk, Conn., after being defeated by Jim Himes, his Democratic challenger.

By the late 1940s, Republicans held 21 of 28 of New England's seats in the House of Representatives. But the turning point came in 1964, when the Republicans nominated conservative Barry Goldwater for president, said Gary Rose, a political science professor at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn.

Known for being fiscally conservative but more socially liberal, Northeast moderates — dubbed the Rockefeller Republicans after the former New York governor — started to be eclipsed by the more

socially conservative wing of the party.

"The eastern establishment got weaker and weaker," Rose said. "Today, there's really no eastern establishment to speak of."

Chafee's son, Lincoln, was appointed to the Senate in 1999 after his father's death and was elected in 2000 to a six-year term. A moderate like his father, Chafee was the only Republican in the Senate to vote against authorizing the use of force in Iraq. But he was defeated by a Democrat in 2006.

That same year, Reps. Nancy Johnson and Rob

Simmons of Connecticut also were defeated by Democrats, buoyed by anti-Iraq-war and anti-President Bush sentiment.

"There is no longer, to speak of, a moderate voice within the party," Rose said. "It's a party that's becoming more narrow and there's really no sense of compromise within the party." Jennifer Donahue, political director of the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at St. Anselm College, said she believes the GOP can still come back, at least in independent-minded New Hampshire where the state motto is "Live Free or Die."

RUSSIA

20 killed, 21 injured in submarine

Associated Press

MOSCOW — The fire safety system on a brand-new Russian nuclear submarine accidentally turned on as the sub was being tested in the Sea of Japan, spewing a gas that suffocated 20 people and sent 21 others to the hospital, officials said Sunday.

The Russian Navy said the submarine itself was not damaged in Saturday's accident and returned to its base on Russia's Pacific coast under its own power Sunday. The accident also did not pose any radiation danger, the navy said.

Yet it was Russia's worst naval accident since torpedo explosions sank another nuclear-powered submarine, the Kursk, in the Barents Sea in 2000, killing all 118 seamen aboard.

Overcrowding may have been a significant factor on Saturday.

The submarine being tested had 208 people aboard, including 81 seamen, according to Russian navy spokesman Capt. Igor Dygalo. Yet Russian news agencies said a sub of this type normally carries only a crew of 73.

"A submarine is the most vulnerable during trials. With both navy and civilian personnel on board, it's very difficult to keep such a large number of people organized," Gennady Illarionov, a retired submarine officer, told the RIA Novosti news agency.

The victims suffocated after the submarine's fire-extinguishing system released Freon gas, said Vladimir Markin, an official with Russia's top investigative agency. He said forensic tests found Freon in the victims' lungs.

Nation of Islam leader praises president-elect



Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, congratulates President-elect Barack Obama during a sermon at the Mosque Maryam in Chicago, Sunday.

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan said in an address Sunday celebrating Barack Obama that the new president-elect has a God-given capacity to handle any burdens he'll face as the nation's leader.

Farrakhan added that Obama will be able to make positive changes only with help from "God and people of goodwill," and he urged followers of the Chicago-based black nationalist movement to do their part.

"President-elect Obama has energized all segments of the depressed, downtrodden, rejected and despised," he said in a 90-minute speech at Mosque Maryam on the city's South Side. "Now it is up to us to take the new energy that he has given us ... and channel that energy into making ourselves better."

Dressed in intricately decorated red and gold robes and a matching fez, the once-ailing 75-year-old leader spoke to more than 1,000 followers in an address called "America's New Beginning: President-elect Barack Obama."

Farrakhan, who said Obama draws a "oneness of spirit" from all people, admitted he

stayed quiet about his support for Obama during the past few months out of fear his words would harm the Illinois senator's bid for the White House.

In February, Farrakhan praised Obama, calling him "the hope of the entire world that America will change and be made better" at a Saviours' Day event in Chicago.

But Obama quickly distanced himself from Farrakhan, denouncing the minister's support during a presidential debate with then-Democratic rival Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton. Obama said he objected to Farrakhan's past statements about Judaism, which many have considered anti-Semitic. Nation of Islam officials have said Farrakhan's comments are often taken out of context.

On Sunday, Farrakhan said Obama faced unfair scrutiny for his associations with the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, Obama's former pastor, who was shown making fiery statements about the U.S. government in widely circulated video clips. Obama was also criticized because of the Rev. Michael Pfleger, a Chicago priest who mocked Clinton at Wright and Obama's former church, Trinity United Church of Christ.

Palin: Anonymous critics are 'cowards'

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Gov. Sarah Palin denounced anonymous criticisms leveled at her by former John McCain aides as lies, including allegations that Republican lawyers were traveling to Alaska to reclaim her high-priced wardrobe and that she didn't know Africa was a continent.

"Those accounts are not true," the former Republican vice presidential candidate said in her first public comments on the matter since the election Tuesday.

Palin returned Friday to her Anchorage governor's office and said she had no immediate plans to build on her newfound national name-recognition and popularity with the Republican base for a possible 2012 presidential run.

Instead, Palin said, she wanted only to get back to the governor's desk to advance a proposed pipeline tapping Alaska's

vast North Slope natural gas reserves and to prepare Alaska's proposed 2010 budget.

As for the vice presidential campaign, Palin denounced criticism from unidentified McCain campaign aides as "cowardly." She said she found it frustrating trying to respond to false allegations when she didn't know who was making them.

"It's ridiculous," she told reporters. "You guys report based on anonymous sources, so it's hard to have a defense."

One report said she and her family went on a shopping spree, spending more than the \$150,000 in clothing that the Republican National Committee had earlier reported.

"The RNC purchased clothes," Palin said.

"Those are the RNC's clothes. They're not my clothes. I never forced anybody to buy anything. I never asked for anything more than maybe a Diet Dr Pepper once in a while."

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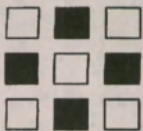
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ND SWIMMING

Women win, men fall against Purdue

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's and women's teams experienced mixed results on Saturday when they faced Purdue. While the women were able to defeat their in-state rivals, the men could not pull off the upset against the Boilermakers.

The No. 24 women's team remained perfect at home with a 189-111 win at the Rolfs Aquatic Center. The Irish won all but three events in the meet, as Notre Dame lost its first event in its home pool when Purdue's Allie Smith took first place in the 100-yard backstroke.

"We were tired after our hardest week of training at this point of the season," Irish coach Brian Barnes said. "The purpose of this meet was to race tough, and we did it."

Irish sophomore Samantha Maxwell and freshman Gwen Blythe got the Irish a combined 26 points with their sweeps of the 100 and 200-breaststroke. Sophomores Amywren Miller and Katie Casey both contributed sweeps of their own as Miller won both the 50 and 100-freestyle and Casey won the 100 and 200-butterfly. Senior Casey Wagner earned nine points for the Irish with her win in the 1000-freestyle.

On the other side, the Notre

Dame men came up short against the No. 16 Boilermakers with a 187-108 loss. Purdue freshman Olympian David Boudia headlined the Boilermakers win as he set two pool records with his wins in the 3-meter and 1-meter diving events.

Despite the loss, Irish coach Tim Welsh still saw positives from the Notre Dame loss.

"Congratulations to Purdue. They've been on the road for two days and swam great [Friday at Northwestern] and again [Saturday]. They're a very good team and they earned it," Welsh said. "Our improvements are hard to see from the stands, but during this serious training phase we're going through we're seeing signs that our best swims still lie ahead."

Irish sophomore Michael Sullivan took first place finishes in the 200-backstroke and 400-individual medley. Sullivan took the 200-back with a time of 1:52.79. Sullivan narrowly edged Irish junior Andrew Deters in the 400-IM, winning by a half-second.

The Notre Dame women will not compete for nearly a month until they head to the Ohio State Invitational from Dec. 5-7. The men return to action Saturday in a tri-meet at Cleveland State against the Vikings and Miami (Ohio).

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles earn first MIAA victory against Alma

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's underclassmen put on an impressive performance Saturday as the Belles defeated Alma College 167-104, their first conference win of this young season.

A trio of Belles ended the day with three first-place finishes — sophomore Maggie Williams, freshman Audrey Dalrymple and freshman Eva Cavadini. Cavadini's three victories came in individual events, including the 1000-yard freestyle, the 200-yard butterfly and the 500-yard freestyle. Williams and Dalrymple both were members of the first-place 200-yard medley relay team and also finished first in two individual events each.

"I was especially pleased with the performances of [Dalrymple] and [Cavadini]," Belles coach Ryan Dombkowski said.

Along with the stellar indi-

vidual performances by the Belles, they also were solid as a team, attaining the top three spots in two different events. In the 1,000-yard freestyle, Cavadini finished first with a time of 11:15.50, followed by freshman Barbara Beidler and sophomore Anna Frantz, who finished with times of

12:12.14 and 14:13.22, respectively. Then, in the 200-yard freestyle, Saint Mary's went 1-2-3 again, with first-place going to freshman Megan Price with a time of 2:07.05, sec-

ond to junior Lindsey Nelis in 2:08.14, and third to junior Sara Niemann with a time of 2:09.05.

"All in all, I'm pleased with the team's performance," Dombkowski said. "I am looking forward to a few good weeks of practice before our December invitational."

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moved as she attacked, while McKenna stood flat-footed, too exhausted to defend the punches.

Carlson won in a unanimous decision.

Tanya "B-girl Reppin'" Barrios def. Kla "The Hurt" Johnson

In an active fight, both Barrios, a sophomore, and Johnson, a junior, came out swinging. Three times within the first 90 seconds, the two met and proceeded to produce a confounding flurry of fists.

The second round was not as exhilarating as the first, but Barrios still managed to land numerous punches, including a few powerful hooks.

Entering the third round in an even fight, it seemed clear that Barrios desired the win at any cost. She bullied Johnson around the ring for the majority of the round, but Johnson was nonetheless able to land enough punches to keep it interesting.

In a true moment of sportsmanship, the two competitors embraced in the middle of the ring before the referee had even collected the scorecards.

Barrios won by split decision.

Emily "ATM" Kolbus def. Kelly "Fearsome" Pierson

When these two sophomores left their corners for the start of the fight, only one was eager to start. Kolbus delivered four punches through two combinations before Pierson seemed to stir, and this early lead carried through to the end.

At the start of the second round, again, Pierson was caught without her guard — she had simply forgotten her mouthpiece — and the fight soon resumed. It was an even round, ending with Kolbus working Pierson's ribcage at the bell.

By the third round, Kolbus was out of gas, but Pierson was too far behind. Despite a convincing third round, Pierson was unable to score enough points to keep Kolbus from claiming a split-decision victory.

Jackie "The Delinquent Devyshka" Sheridan def. Kyle "The Hostile Crocodile" Hagelskamp

Friday's sixth fight was truly a clash of styles. Sheridan's length held off Hagelskamp's strength in the first round. Sheridan was able to deliver numerous blows to Hagelskamp's head while Hagelskamp could not reach her.

In the second round, Hagelskamp took to sacrificing position to try to tire Sheridan. Hagelskamp dropped her own head, and charged Sheridan, successfully attacking her body.

Early in the third round, Sheridan sent Hagelskamp to the canvas with a left hook, the first knockdown of the entire night. Hagelskamp responded by bloodying Sheridan's nose.

In the end, Sheridan won via unanimous decision.

Nicole "The Silver Bullet" Koors def. K.C. "The Hunt is On" Hunt

It took 90 seconds for these two off-campus seniors to get rolling, as the first round consisted of few, ineffective punches.

In the second round, Koors

went to work, opening with an onslaught upon Hunt's body and then her head. Hunt tried to recover, but Koors claimed the round as undeniably her own with a series of adept jabs right before the bell.

Hunt knew she needed points in the third round, and did what she could to get them, but when a big right hook missed Koors entirely, the end seemed inevitable.

Koors won by split decision.

"Mighty" Michelle Notardonato def. Jessica "Black" Olivas

The eighth fight of the Bouts was the first to feature a true body-bruising performance. From the start, Notardonato attacked Olivas' body. Having finally escaped the body blow, Olivas threw a roundhouse right hook seconds before the bell, but Notardonato ducked the punch and went back to Olivas' body.

In the second round, Notardonato again ducked an Olivas right hook. However, the round was largely marred by inactivity as both competitors appeared to save energy for the final round.

Olivas performed well in the final round. She landed several blows to Notardonato's head, while Notardonato continued to work Olivas' body as she did the whole fight. Despite the several quality punches, Olivas continually failed to capitalize on Notardonato's vulnerability when Notardonato attacked her body. Instead of punching Notardonato off, Olivas would push her off, and fail to garner points.

Notardonato was victorious in a unanimous decision.

Kristin "The Little One" Burke def. Chelsi "Chain Breaker" Gallegos

Burke opened this fight with a hurry, landing innumerable jabs within the first round. Eventually, Gallegos began blocking the punches, but she did not attempt a counter, so Burke simply continued.

In the second round, Gallegos began throwing a few punches, at her coach's urgent behest, but none managed to faze Burke. Before long, Gallegos had resorted back to the defensive, and inflicting pain upon Burke was far from her mind.

During the third round, Burke simply insured her victory with a few more left-right combinations. Gallegos never truly fought back.

Burke won in a unanimous decision.

Deborah "The O'nihiator" Olmstead def. Alicia "Crazy Legs" Guarracino

The fashion highlight of the night, Guarracino traded blows with Olmstead while wearing knee-high, neon, rainbow socks. Alas, the choice of stocking wear did not help Guarracino's flailing style, which left her open to many body shots from Olmstead, a Welsh Fam sophomore, in the first round.

Olmstead continued to work Guarracino's body in the second round, as the two fighters battled in close proximity the entire round.

Guarracino, a graduate student, found a rhythm in the final round. She countered many of Olmstead's attacks, effectively slowing Olmstead. Nonetheless, Olmstead had been convincing for a majority of the contest.

Olmstead triumphed in a split decision.

Kim "Code Red" Bugos def. Hlyse "Leave No Doubt" Hoffman

To begin the first round, Hoffman, a junior from Lewis Hall, started strong against Bugos, a Walsh sophomore, with a combo throw that took Bugos right to the ropes.

The second round was a relatively even fight, as both boxers were able to keep up, but neither really stood out.

From the beginning of the third round, the underdog, Bugos came out throwing. Regardless of a bloody nose, she became a whole new fighter this time around, and cornered Hoffman to secure her split-decision victory.

Erinn "Judgment Day" Mullee def. Caitlin "Built Tough" Ford

Ford began the fight well, opening with a four-punch combination that had Mullee reeling. She ended the first round strong as well. She dropped Mullee to the canvas with a forceful right hook as the bell rang.

Mullee left her corner more

focused the second time. Initially, a left jab spun Ford, but by the end of the sequence the referee had sent Mullee to a neutral corner so he could check on Ford after a well-placed right jab.

Ford entered the third round needing to make up points, and she left herself openly vulnerable as she attacked. Mullee quickly used a right hook to help Ford meet the canvas.

Mullee won in a unanimous decision.

Erica "Boxer #21" Harmon def. Vivian "Bulls Got Yo Hands Full" Kim

Harmon, a Lyons senior, took the glory in the first round of her matchup. Harmon was able to chase Kim against the ropes, as Kim was unable to throw any particularly damaging punches.

Kim, a sophomore in Pangborn, brought a much more aggressive strategy, but suffered from Harmon's critical left hook to end the second round.

In the third round, Kim showed good stamina by still remaining in the fight, but Harmon's strong blows to the chin led the judges to their unanimous decision in Harmon's favor.

Lauren "Strong Island" Cummings def. Kayla "The Texan Terror" Bishop

Right from the beginning, off-campus senior Cummings showed quick reflexes by dodging all of Howard sophomore Bishop's throws.

As Bishop grew tired in the second round, Cummings began throwing, showing both left and right hooks, which caused substantial damage to Bishop, damage she was unable to overcome.

Before the final bell, Cummings combined three punches that gave her a win by unanimous decision.

Cara "Boomer" Norton def. Amy "The Leading Lady" Libardi

Libardi, a sophomore from Welsh Family, began by consistently throwing punches and never stopping her arms to intimidate Norton, a Cavanaugh sophomore.

In the second round, Libardi changed her strategy up and

aimed for Norton's stomach to ease up on Norton's outstanding ability to block her face. The round concluded with an intense right hook from Norton.

Norton was able to force Libardi onto the ropes offering a series of combos. Libardi had one final chance, but swung and missed which helped the judges make a split-decision call of Norton's victory.

Maureen "The Mongrel" Koegel def. Saida "I'm a pro, You're a" Khan

This match-up was demonstrative of excellent blocking from both boxers. Few hits were successfully delivered in the first round.

By the second round, the girls both sacrificed their blocking abilities and the fight got more intense. Koegel, a sophomore from Pasquerilla East threw a strong right power that caused Khan's lip to start bleeding profusely.

In the third round, Koegel stood out as the most agile counterpart as Khan looked dazed. Koegel went back for the mouth just before the bell concluded the fight. Koegel won by unanimous decision.

Laura "Rain Maka" Szejka def. Ashley "Shakespeare's Mistress" Ahn

Szejka threw the first hard hit of the fight with a left hook across Ahn's cheek, which Ahn was later able to reciprocate with a combo hit, hitting Szejka at the back of the head.

Early in the second round Ahn, a senior from McGlinn, was unable to maintain her balance and fell as Szejka, a McGlinn sophomore, aggressively charged her into the ropes. Ahn got her second wind in the latter half of the second round, but was unable to keep it throughout the third round as Szejka really stood out with a series of damaging left hooks.

Szejka was proclaimed the winner by a unanimous decision.

Juliana Hoffelder def. Laura "The Invisible Hand" Smith

Hoffelder, a junior from Cavanaugh, had the obvious upper-hand throughout the first round on most of her

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'Madagascar' pulls \$63.5 million

LOS ANGELES — Families herded into movie theaters for another trek with stranded zoo animals as the animated sequel "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa" led the weekend with a \$63.5 million debut, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The haul for the DreamWorks Animation comedy far surpassed the \$47.2 million debut for "Madagascar" over Memorial Day weekend in 2005. Its three-day total also beat the \$61 million gross the first movie took in over that full four-day holiday weekend.

"It just shows people seem happy to escape to the movies and have a good laugh," said Anne Globe, head of marketing for DreamWorks Animation.

While parents with children were the bulk of the audience, "Madagascar" also drew teens and adults on their own, who made up half the audience on Friday and one-third on Saturday, Globe said.

Premiering in second-place with \$19.3 million was the Universal Pictures comedy "Role Models," starring Seann William Scott and Paul Rudd as immature adults sentenced to community service as mentors for two misfit youths.

Bush asked to provide more aid

WASHINGTON — Democratic leaders in Congress asked the Bush administration on Saturday to provide more aid to the struggling auto industry, which is bleeding cash and jobs.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said in a letter to Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson that the administration should consider expanding the \$700 billion bailout to include car companies.

"A healthy automobile manufacturing sector is essential to the restoration of financial market stability, the overall health of our economy, and the livelihood of the automobile sector's work force," they wrote. "The economic downturn and the crisis in our financial markets further imperiled our domestic automobile industry and its work force."

The administration did not offer direct comment on the request to broaden the \$700 billion financial industry bailout so automakers could get a share.

China announces stimulus package \$586 billion spent in an attempt to remedy financial crisis

Associated Press

BEIJING — China announced a \$586 billion stimulus package Sunday in its biggest move to stop the global financial crisis from hitting the world's fourth-largest economy.

A statement on the government's Web site said China's Cabinet had approved a plan to invest the amount in infrastructure and social welfare by the end of 2010.

Some of the money will come from the private sector. The statement did not say how much of the spending is on new projects and how much is for ventures already in the pipeline that will be speeded up.

China's export-driven economy is starting to feel the impact of the economic slowdown in the United States and Europe, and the government has already cut key interest rates three times in less than two months in a bid to spur economic expansion.

Economic growth slowed to 9 percent in the third quarter, the lowest level in five years and a sharp decline from last year's 11.9 percent. That is considered dangerously slow for a government that needs to create jobs for millions of new workers who enter the economy every year and to satisfy a public that has come to expect steadily rising incomes.

Exports have been growing at an annual rate of more than 20 percent but analysts expect that may fall as low as zero in coming months as global demand weakens.

The statement said the Cabinet, at a meeting chaired by Premier Wen



A Chinese boy carries items that were donated from volunteers in the Sichuan province. The Chinese bailout plans to spend \$2.39 billion to rebuild disaster areas.

Jiabao, had "decided to adopt active fiscal policy and moderately easy monetary policies." It did not give details.

The statement said the spending would focus on 10 areas. They included picking up the pace of spending on low-cost housing — an urgent need in many parts of the country — as well as increased spending on rural infrastructure.

Money will also be poured into new railways, roads and airports. Spending on health and education will be increased, as

well as on environmental protection and high technology.

Spending on rebuilding disaster areas, such as Sichuan province where 70,000 people were killed and millions left homeless by a massive earthquake in May, will also be sped up. That includes \$2.93 billion planned for next year that will be moved up to the fourth quarter of this year.

The statement, without giving details, said rural and urban incomes would be increased.

Credit limits for com-

mercial banks will also be removed to channel more lending to priority projects and rural development, it said.

As well, reform of the value-added tax system will cut taxes by \$17.5 billion for enterprises, the statement said.

The plan was announced before President Hu Jintao goes to Washington to push Western leaders to give poorer countries a bigger role in global financial institutions at a Nov. 15 summit of the Group of 20 major economies on the financial crisis.

North Dakota town may hold oil

Associated Press

PARSHALL, N.D. — In this tiny reservation town a hundred miles from the Canadian border where temperatures once hit 60-below zero, a Southern twang is sometimes heard over the din at the local diner and there is talk of Texas tea beneath the streets.

Roughnecks from Texas and Oklahoma have traveled here on hopes that they now share with the town's 1,000 or so inhabitants — that there is oil in Parshall.

About 400 people own mineral rights under homes, businesses, churches, nursing homes or tribal land. All of it has been leased, town officials said.

"We were dying," said Loren Hoffman, a local farmer and the city auditor. "Our town was slipping backward, but now we're on the upswing."

While it is the namesake of the Parshall oil field, which sits in the crude-rich Bakken shale formation, a quarter of Parshall's residents live in poverty.

No one is sure how much oil might lie beneath the town, but with the wells spreading south toward Parshall near the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, things have begun to change.

"We're seeing an influx of youth that we didn't have before," Hoffman said.

At Parshall's only restaurant, the Redwood, there is now Tex-Mex food on the menu, though locals were leery of it at first.

Business at the Redwood Restaurant, like other establishments in town, is brisk. The hamburger smothered with gravy is still a big seller.

"We put breakfast burritos on the menu and no one would try them —

they thought it would be too spicy," said Shad Green, 39, who came to the area last spring from Texas to work the oil wells for \$32 an hour.

After a co-worker was killed on an oil rig where he worked, Green quit the business and bought the Redwood.

Green, his wife and her mother, sister and 18-year-old niece are there, and his son and daughter-in-law expect to move there in about a month, to help work in the restaurant, he said.

Strong Southern drawls like Green's are becoming more prevalent in town.

"People are getting more familiar with the accent," Green said.

But it is no longer the case that you know most of the people you see in Parshall.

"I've lived here all my life and I don't recognize most of the people in the local cafe," Hoffman said.

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Post-election hope

And here we are. Our first full campaignless week in two years. The rhetoric of change from both campaigns and the crisis we now find ourselves in as a nation and as a world now rest heavily upon our shoulders; there's no national competition to distract us any longer. Welcome to Reality. Gray and sobering.

This immediate shift kind of bothers me. Not the call to accept reality itself, but rather the tone of it. "It's not what you say, it's how you say it!" (Thanks, Dad), or the Austrian, "Der Ton macht die Musik" (the tone makes the music). I am unfortunately not in America to see the reaction first hand, so I've been relying on word of mouth and online newspapers. Thank goodness for the Internet. What I have found here, in any case, is that everyone felt the hope and optimism that Barack Obama seemed to radiate during the election. And I mean radiated — I don't know why we're concerned about using nuclear energy when we get so much radiation from our presidential candidates. But anyways, now that the anticipation is over and Europe is no longer praying for our eternal souls, it has become fashionable here — in the course of not days, but hours — to question the capability of anyone to turn America around, and to resort to a pessimism that this election did so much to combat.

Once again, maybe the feelings are different at home. But there seems to be a similar despair, a rhetorically-

inspired "this is the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression." By no means am I trying to repudiate this statement. To describe our situation in the oh-so-graceful formation of words in American English that no other language can quite duplicate, this really sucks.

It does. But as the rhetoric during the election reminded us, we have so much for which to hope, to be thankful. While other nations are facing starvation, epidemics and wars in the face of the food crisis, the oil crisis, the financial crisis, the global warming crisis, we are in dire straits because we are now forced to reexamine our excessive lifestyles. We literally have the breathing room to revise our way of life instead of facing the endangerment of life itself.

Our sheer amount of natural resources has historically catapulted us to our current prominence and will continue to do so. We aren't even close to worrying whether we will have enough food to feed our population for the next five, 10, 20 years. Rather, we are worried about how much money the government gives out to farmers (who don't make any money because we as a "free market" decided that food is not as important a product as, say, entertainment technology), or whether or not we use our food supply for energy that only indirectly supports human life.

We import food from thousands of miles away because it tastes good and it fulfills our wants. Despite this, we have some of the best farmland in the world, upon which we prefer to build subdivisions. Our nation is so large that if global warming begins to devastatingly disrupt climate patterns, the climate changes will shift agricultural zones, rather than annihilating them.

We look past the essentials to that which we feel we can achieve by earn-

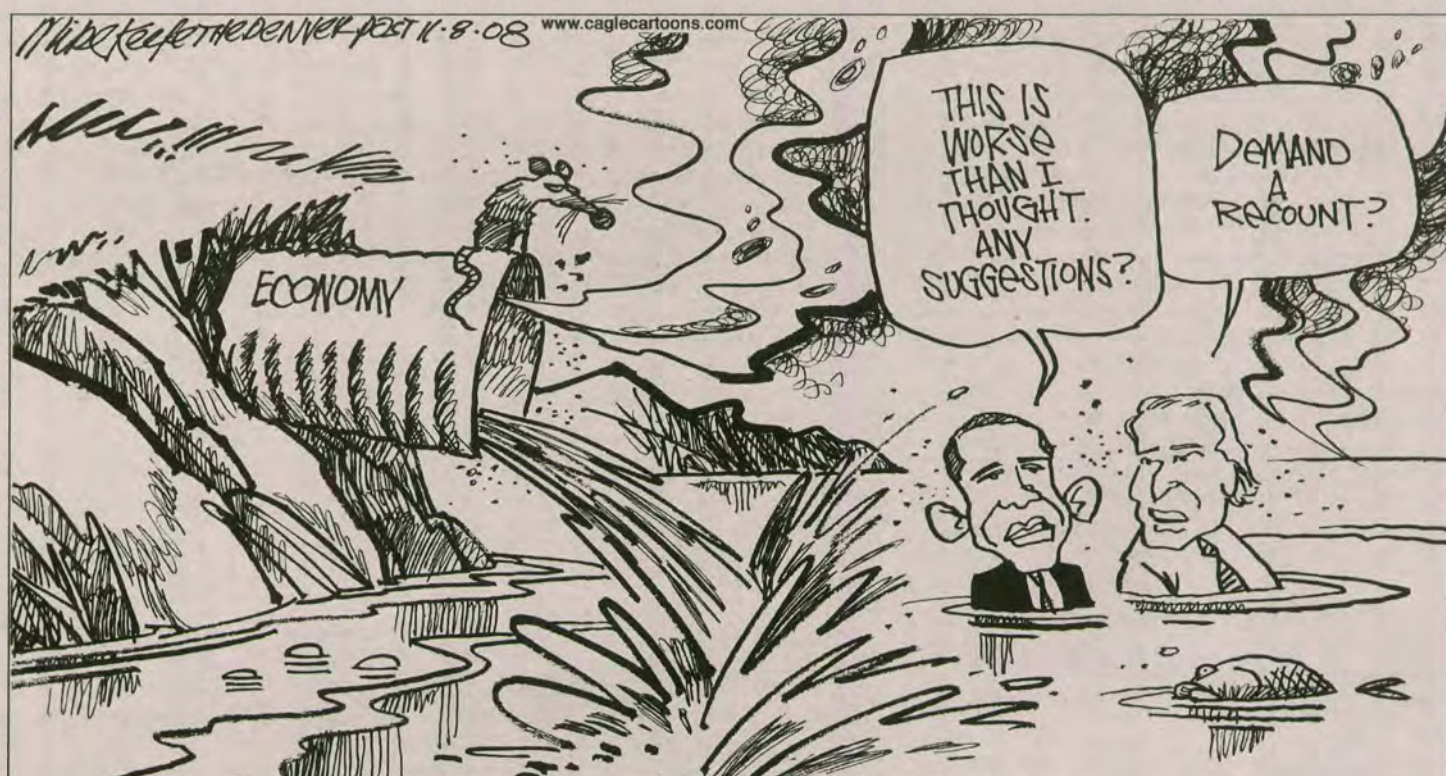
ing. According to the American Dream, homeownership is a direct result of hard work and good values. Does that mean that families who live in apartments have somehow failed? Homeownership in Austria is slightly over 50 percent and in Germany around 40 percent, while in America it hovers just below 70 percent. Europe is a first world country with an incredibly stable economic system. More than that, people here are still happy. Families live in apartments their entire lives, children grow up playing at the park instead of the backyard. If that's really what we have before us to "fear," can't we just as well make our dreams less rigid to cope with changes?

The financial crisis is undoubtedly hitting us hard. Our dreams are blurry, many families are scraping by and the giant businesses that stabilize our economy are going down in record numbers. However, we are all still here. We have our lives. We have our families, our medicinal and technological advancements, comforts that so many people in the world will never know. Before resorting to seeing our situation pessimistically, think about the room we have to maneuver. The turns might be sharp, the drop-off steep, but the road we are on continues, paved and accommodating.

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"The pure and simple truth is rarely pure and never simple."

Oscar Wilde
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No more fear, union welcome

For the past three years I have talked with Notre Dame workers about their jobs, their lives and their hopes for the future. Stories of family, friends and community often turn into a discussion on paychecks, benefits and respect in the workplace. The workers on our campus are some of the most dedicated, loving people I have ever met. But they are too often denied a voice at our University and they fear that speaking out will result in punishment.

After years of organizing with workers through the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP), I have come to see that wages are only one of many concerns for workers at our University. The lack of respect, the feeling of isolation in a place that prides itself on community and a culture of fear in the workplace are all concerns I consistently hear from workers.

CLAP has recently begun a campaign to support Notre Dame workers by supporting their right to organize a union. Our federal law, the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights all sanction the right to unionize. As the United States Council of Catholic Bishops wrote, the basic rights of all workers includes specifically "the organization and joining of unions."

A worker here at Notre Dame, a friend now for over three years, has told me the story of what happened when an airline he worked with tried to form a union. My friend remembers how the corporate management pressured workers to oppose the union and when it looked like the union might win, workers supporting the union were fired systematically. In a recent letter sent by President John Jenkins to students concerned with the issues of labor rights, he said: "A situation in which we find that the legally protected rights of workers are infringed upon is unacceptable to the University." We, as the University community, must hold our administrators to their words. We must allow for a free, fair and open dialogue about the rights of workers to organize a union on campus.

As a member of CLAP, I ask all the members of the Notre Dame community to support our University workers. Our community must be a place free from fear where all members are able to speak up. You can support workers by signing a Union Support Card which recognizes and respects the right of Notre Dame workers to form a union. Cards can be found by contacting any CLAP member. Together we can show that Notre Dame will not be a place of fear and that a union is welcome here.

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'Pro-life' not only for abortion

Being truly "pro-life" involves far more than simply opposing abortion. Consider the case of former Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. To increase the Romanian population, he banned abortion, but his despotic regime quickly became infamous for its egregious human rights abuses. Ceausescu's secret police force dealt brutally with suspected political dissidents and his lavish lifestyle belied the sheer destitution which afflicted most of his country's citizens. I can't imagine that any person would argue that Ceausescu's opposition to abortion offset the crimes of his tyrannical regime or that he ruled in accordance with Catholic moral precepts.

Clearly, a leader's antipathy for abortion does not necessarily override the consideration of other issues. During the 2004 presidential election, George Bush received the pro-life vote simply because his party traditionally condemns abortion. Although Bush claimed to be "pro-life," he continued to fight an unnecessary, bloody war in Iraq which has been criticized as illegal by former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan and as unjust by the Vatican. The war in Iraq has killed thousands of American troops and, according to a range of estimates, between one hundred thousand and one million innocent Iraqi civilians. The Bush administration has also been guilty of numerous human rights violations, such as the torture of suspected terrorists at Guantanamo Bay, extraordinary rendition and the use of secret CIA prisons. Bush has also been a strong supporter of the death penalty and has even argued that he possesses the authority to indefinitely and arbitrarily detain "enemy combatants"

and to deny them access to courts and lawyers. These policies, which have seriously corroded American moral legitimacy, are not those of a politician who is serious about preserving the sanctity of life and they are staunchly antithetical to core Catholic ideals.

Many anti-abortion advocates claim that abortion is the singular issue in the election because the number of abortions since Roe v. Wade far exceeds the cumulative death toll of all other social injustices, including the war in Iraq. One could apply this argument to communist Romania and argue that the Ceausescu regime's strong opposition to abortion compensated for its dismal of human rights simply because Ceausescu probably prevented at least several hundred thousand abortions. However, not many people would concur with that defense of Ceausescu. Additionally, that line of reasoning would free the Republican party from nearly all accountability on its other policies and positions, even those which directly contradict Church teachings.

The innocents who suffer and die in unjust conflicts share a fundamental, inefable human dignity which must be respected, even if that means voting for a candidate who does not oppose abortion. A presidential candidate's position on abortion does merit careful contemplation by Catholic voters. It does not, however, automatically supersede all other moral concerns in a campaign.

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Housing policy a failure

We all know that the University would like to have as many students as possible live on campus as long as possible. The administration is building the new dorms to alleviate the housing overcrowding and offer attractive new rooms to students. Being stuffed into tiny rooms, though, is just one problem that students have with living on campus. Draconian rules — like parietals — and overzealous enforcement thereof are what drive undergraduates to look for other options for housing. Building new dorms is obviously not going to solve these problems. The first thing the University needs to do is relax its regulations. It should bring an end to parietals and the restriction on hard liquor immediately and hall staff should allow social gatherings to continue without the overbearing interference with which it now regulates them. Many students are tired of looking over their shoulders for RAs and rectors constantly.

The second thing the University should do is build on-campus apartments where there would not be any rules or hall staff. In these apartments, students could live without the restrictions of ResLife rules and hall staff. At the same time, they would still be subject to police enforcement of laws, like other apartments. Unfortunately, with all the additional buildings being put up on campus, it may be too late for this option. If the University cared about ensuring the safety of students by keeping them on campus, it would change its policies drastically. From the stories I hear from alumni of the previous generation, I can understand why it was an attractive option to stay on campus all four years then. Instead, students are forced to flee the oppression of ResLife rules and the tyranny of prying hall staff.

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America the beautiful

Election night 2008 has drawn to a close. I know that for many of us, the results were not as we might have hoped. In trying to define what I think of this pivotal moment in American history, I've written a few reflections that I'd like to share with you.

One of the greatest things about our country is that for the past 220 years, we have had peaceful exchange of power — something practically unprecedented in the history of civilization: I am proud to say without a doubt that we will have a peaceful exchange of power once more next Jan. 20, when Barack Obama becomes America's 44th president. For the brave men and women serving in our armed forces and for those of us preparing to join their ranks, we have committed ourselves to defend the Constitution of the United States and to support the Commander in Chief and all those appointed over us in their lawful orders. And so we will.

For all of us as citizens, to draw from what I can only describe as one of the most honorable concession speeches in the history of politics: come Jan. 20, we will all continue to be, as we have always been, united as Americans. We will all continue, I hope, to believe in this great nation. America is bigger than any one man and than any one party. As we enter into what I believe will be a new chapter in American government, we must all hold fast to the great ideals on which this country was founded two centuries ago. I also know that for many of us, this election was not only about political ideologies or economic values. We cast our votes in large part based on our belief in the sacredness of every human life. We stand by this conviction and we must continue to fight for the right of each innocent person to enjoy the freedoms that our government exists to protect. We must also pray, harder than ever before that God may guide our country and all our leaders. Red or blue, the votes have been cast. America continues and so do we. God bless America.

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Obama's radical endorsement

The mainstream media has done rather poorly reporting on an issue with the president-elect Barack Obama that everyone at Notre Dame should consider significant. Obama has been formally endorsed by a man who stands in direct opposition to something every Notre Dame student holds dear, who terrorizes the very system in which he thrives and who is unrepentant for all that he has done.

I'm talking, of course, about Pete Carroll. As coach at USC, he has stood in unflinching, direct and unrepentant opposition to Notre Dame for years. He has done damage to the very fabric of college football with his nonstop whining whenever his team is not selected to play in the national championship. Furthermore, he does not reject what he does and will continue to do it until we send a clear message (preferably this year) that we will not stand for it any longer.

Though the media may not be reporting it, this association (which Obama has not rejected) should infuriate all at Our Lady's University. I therefore encourage all students to send letters to the president-elect, Congress, news stations, newspapers and distant relatives demanding explanation for this "Obamination."

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RELIVING THE "GLORY," 13 YEARS LATER

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Many have written Oasis off as simply a Beatles rip-off, while others have called the Manchester-based group the quintessential Britpop band. Their second studio album "(What's the Story) Morning Glory?" certainly helped to establish them as not only a best-selling band but also iconic figures at the forefront of the second coming of the British invasion. The 1995 album proved to listeners that the Gallagher brothers' music could be clear and focused after their debut album "Definitely Maybe," which had more swaggering chords and a much rawer sound.

"(What's the Story) Morning Glory?" was a huge and enduring success, selling more than 18 million copies worldwide and charting as the third biggest-selling album in U.K. history, after Queen's "Greatest Hits" and The Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band."

Much success is owed to the band's single, "Wonderwall," which can best be described as a bittersweet hybrid between a beautiful Beatles love song and a pop hit tailored to the angst of the 1990s music industry.

Often characterized by avid fans as the archetypal Oasis song, the 90s ballad has exquisitely-written lyrics ("Because maybe you're gonna be the one that saves me, and after all, you're my wonderwall") accompanied by melancholy violin, soft guitar chords, and well-placed cymbal crashes.

The British group's most popular song brought back the concept of a simple love song, supplementing it with the poignancy of the decade, and listening to it brings back memories of the Britpop era.

The CD's classic pop-inspired lyrics are not always that deep and hardly subtle (fingers point toward "She's Electric," which has somewhat nonsensical lyrics but a popular appeal), but compared to modern pop's vapid lyrics, they're well written for their genre and often desirably to the point.

A personal favorite is "Some Might Say," a song with ingenious guitar chords and simple yet insightful lyrics, "Some might say that sunshine follows thunder/ Go and tell it to the man who cannot shine/ Some might say that we should never ponder on our thoughts today 'cause they will sway over time."

Another favorite is "Don't Look Back in Anger," a song that can very easily be mistaken for a Beatles hit with its adept sense of timing and loud vocals. According to Pops and Scratches, a music news site, even Noel, the elder brother Gallagher, principal songwriter, lead guitarist, backing vocalist, and lead vocalist on "Don't Look Back in Anger," admitted in his Manchester snarl, "[It] reminds me of a cross between 'All the Young Dudes' and summertime the Beatles might've done."

The CD's closing track, "Champagne Supernova" endured as a No. 1 radio hit in spite of many believing it was too long at seven and a half minutes. The mellow indie anthem spent five weeks as Billboard Modern Rock Tracks' number-one single.

The lyrics ("How many special people change? How many lives are living strange"), the soft drum beat and sound effects of water flowing all evoke feelings of nostalgia and fear of change in a world where people quickly lose their innocence and base their interactions with one another on social class.

The song is about a simple desire for unity and forgiveness, and a hope to maintain friendships that might be lost as people's values change.

The quality of Oasis' music was often overshadowed by disputes between the brothers Gallagher, Liam and Noel, and frequent comparisons to the Beatles, but their 1995 album "(What's the Story) Morning Glory?" not only helped to bring Oasis to wider fame but also established a new genre called Britpop, which would influence later British groups, including Coldplay.

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Oasis founders Noel and Liam Gallagher perform in concert. The band has often been credited for establishing the Britpop genre.

"DIG OUT YOUR SOUL" INVITES NEW INFLUENCES

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Scene Writer

Oasis' newest album, "Dig Out Your Soul," released in early October, helps to transform the band into more of a democracy rather than a monarchy ruled by the Gallagher Brothers, Noel and Liam. Each member of the Britpop band contributed to the songwriting: Noel, previously always the principal songwriter, wrote six songs, while brother Liam wrote a few and lesser-known members Gem Archer and Andy Bell each contributed a song.

The Manchester-based band has always been blatantly influenced by the Beatles, to the extent that Oasis has actually stolen lyrics from the Liverpool-based 1960s pop rock band. In "Dig Out Your Soul," however, Oasis broadens its horizons and takes influences from several classic rock bands, from Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd to the Doors and the Who.

The CD opens with Noel's "Bag It Up," a song with a bluesy sound yet lyrics that prompt the much-needed question, "Hec-bee-jee-bees? Really?" The album quickly moves on to two other Noel Gallagher pieces, "The Turning" and "Waiting for the Rapture." These songs both have strong Doors influences, made apparent with the eerie keyboard in "The Turning" from the Doors' "Riders on the Storm" and the dirty guitar in "Waiting for the Rapture," taken from the Doors' "Five to One."

Noel's "The Shock of the Lightning," the first single off the album, has a sonic feel and excellent lyrics ("Love is a time machine, up on the silver screen"), but the song is much too over-hyped.

The real treat is Liam's "I'm Outta Time," an, of course, Lennon-like ballad led by piano and reflective lyrics ("Can give myself some piece of mind...you know it's getting hard to fly") and slightly psychedelic sound effects akin to the best of Pink Floyd toward the end.

Oasis' new outlook allows them to drop their Britpop sound and create a completely different sound on "Dig Out Your Soul."

"(Get Off Your) High Horse Lady" has the clap and stomp of the Beatles' "Give Peace a Chance," and Noel's "Falling Down" has the same noisy sonic sound as "The Shock of the Lightning." Guitarist Gem Archer surprises with an excellent mix of psychedelic rock and Indian raga hypnotism in "To Be Where There's Life," while Andy Bell writes a classic rock-like piece, "The Nature of Reality," which takes influences from Jimi Hendrix in the guitar chords.

Liam's final two contributions, "Aint Got Nothing" and "Soldier On," are both well-written and take influences from classic rock. "Soldier On" has the same psychedelic rock sound of Gem's "To Be Where There's Life" without the hypnotic effect, while "Aint Got Nothin'" takes its noisy sound from fellow British band The Who.

While previous albums had delicately crafted pieces such as "Champagne Supernova" that took the loud-soft dynamic range into account, Oasis deliberately sacrifices dynamics in "Dig Out Your Soul" with a loud, overwhelming and numbing effect for the listener.

This decision is seemingly backwards, as most bands mature from using blatant noise to overwhelm the listeners to producing the same effect by using a wider dynamic range but a softer sound. However, Oasis pulls off the loud, overwhelming method with maturity and creativity.

Oasis has certainly become more open-minded over the past decade and a half, sharing the song-writing duties this time around and learning that the Beatles, while excellent and definitely influential, are not the only band from whom they can take their influences.

According to NME Magazine, Ryan Adams claimed that the new CD has the same effect as Radiohead's "Kid A," saying "the first time I heard 'Kid A' I went 'OK, I have no ... idea what kind of music this is but it's moving me. It sounds like a revelation.' That's what the new Oasis stuff sounds like, it sounds like they have entered into some strange uncanny spiritual crazy door and have just lost themselves completely to it and it is marvelous."

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Dig Out Your Soul Oasis

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Recommended Tracks: "To Be Where There's Life" and "I'm Outta Time"



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"Dig Out Your Soul" offers fans a departure from their previous albums. Musician Ryan Adams recently told NME that their new sound was "marvelous."

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Goose Egg

Boston College shuts out Notre Dame's offense to take home sixth consecutive win in rivalry

By CHRIS HINE
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BOSTON — During his Wednesday press conference, Irish defensive coordinator Corwin Brown said he wanted to go to Boston College and “kick their teeth in.”

But after Saturday's 17-0 loss to Boston College, the Irish may want to make an appointment with their dentist.

The loss marked Notre Dame's first shutout since USC blanked the Irish 38-0 at Notre Dame Stadium on Oct. 20, 2007. It also marked a step backward for a Notre Dame offense that had all but erased memories of such ugly losses from last season.

Notre Dame sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen threw for 226 yards and four interceptions, including one that was returned 76 yards for a touchdown by Eagles defensive back Paul Anderson, as Notre Dame's mistake-prone offense failed to mount a significant threat against Boston College's defense. Never once did Notre Dame snap the ball inside the red zone. Notre Dame had just 66 yards rushing, with sophomore running back Armando Allen leading the way with just 24 yards on six carries.

Weis attributed the offense's ineffectiveness to trying to do much once Notre Dame fell behind.

“I think everyone was trying to make plays that weren't there to be made and we started forcing the issue and that led to an inconsistent night across the board,” Weis said.

Notre Dame did not make Clausen available for comment after the game.

The Irish committed five turnovers in all. The fifth came when Golden Tate muffed a punt early in the third quarter. The fumble was recovered by Boston College lineman Brad Newman to set up a Boston College touchdown — a nine-yard pass from Eagles quarterback Chris Crane to wide receiver Brandon Robinson — a turn of events from which Notre Dame couldn't recover.

“There was a deflating point in the game and that was early in the third quarter where we fumbled a punt after going three-and-out and you could feel the air being punched out of a balloon, let out of a their sails at that time,” Weis said.

Notre Dame actually outgained Boston College 292 yards to 246 and held Eagles



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Boston College defensive end Jim Ramella drags down Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen for a loss of 12 yards. Ramella and the Eagles' defense held Notre Dame scoreless in their 17-0 win at Alumni Field on Saturday.

quarterback Chris Crane to just 79 yards through the air on 9-for-22 passing. But Boston College running back Montel Harris had 120 yards and 23 carries, 74 of those coming in the second half when Boston College seemed content to run the ball and not risk a turnover through the air. Crane finished with nine carries for 43 yards.

“The defense put out a winning performance,” Weis said. “Unfortunately that's only one-third of the composition of the team.”

Crane added: “If we needed to step on the accelerator we would have, but that point never really presented itself because we always had good field position and we didn't want to put the defense in a bad hole.”

Notre Dame's opening drive was an omen of things to come for the Irish in the first half. The Irish were penalized twice, one for a 15-yard chop

block, and had to punt.

“Early in the first quarter, we put ourselves into some very bad down and distance situations with some penalties in the first quarter,” Weis said. “When they called a chop block, we got into no ebb and flow in the first quarter.”

The rest of the half didn't go much better for Notre Dame. Clausen threw two interceptions, and the unit had just 121 total yards. The offensive line had a chop block, false start, and two holding penalties called against it. Notre Dame's best chance to score was on its final drive of the half.

With time winding down, Clausen drove the Irish to Boston College's 25-yard line. A holding penalty on Dan Wenger drove the Irish back 10 yards and the Clausen, trying to get the ball to receiver Golden Tate down the sidelines, threw his second interception.

But for as bad as Notre Dame played offensively in the first half, the Irish were still only down 10-0 going into the locker room. Three times during the half, Boston College began drives inside Notre Dame territory and on each of those drives, the Eagles did not score. One drive ended with a missed 34-yard field goal from kicker Steve Aponavicius that hit the left upright. The others ended in punts.

Notre Dame's defense allowed just three points in the half, a 27-yard field goal from Aponavicius late in the first quarter.

“Fortunately, while we're in no ebb and flow on offense, the defense is gutting it out, which they really did throughout the entire night,” Weis said.

But Notre Dame could never mount a sustained drive in the second half. Notre Dame failed to convert on fourth down

inside Boston College territory late in the third quarter. On fourth-and-six from the 41-yard line, Clausen found Allen on a swing pass, but Allen was tackled before he could reach the first down marker.

Clausen's third interception came early in the fourth quarter with Notre Dame driving again. On first-and-10 from the Boston College 27-yard line, Clausen overthrew tight end Kyle Rudolph in the end zone and was intercepted by Eagles safety Paul Anderson.

After that interception, the game was in little doubt.

“I'm not taking anything away from BC's defense and [Boston College defensive coordinator] Frank Spaziani is a good coach and they played well and I commend them for that,” Weis said. “But still at the end of the day, to pitch a goose egg is unacceptable.”

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player of the game

Montel Harris
Eagles runningback

Harris ran for 120 yards on 23 carries and was a workhorse for the Eagles down the stretch.

stat of the game

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Turnovers for the Notre Dame offense. Four of which were interceptions from Clausen.

play of the game

Paul Anderson's 76-yard interception return for a touchdown

The impressive runback from the senior safety gave the Eagles a 10-0 lead and they never looked back.

quote of the game

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Irish coach

report card

- D** **quarterbacks:** Clausen had four interceptions and looked like he had regressed a full year. Mentally, he didn't show up. His 31 rushing yards kept him from failing.
- C+** **running backs:** Four backs combined for a grand total of 67 yards rushing on 21 attempts. Allen made a big impact on the passing game with 9 catches out of the backfield.
- B** **receivers:** The regular cast of receivers performed well. Floyd made a few big plays as usual, but the offense as a whole struggled on Saturday.
- D** **offensive line:** Defensive tackle B.J. Raji had his way up front and the Eagles were able to get decent pressure even when rushing only three players. Big penalties also killed several drives.
- B** **defensive line:** The line did a relatively good job of containing the Eagles backfield. Harris ran for 120 yards but only because he became their offense in the fourth quarter.
- B** **linebackers:** It's hard to say anything bad about the defense. The Eagles only offensive touchdown was due in a big way to a special teams snafu.
- B** **defensive backs:** Chris Crane was held to 79 yards and completed less than half of his passes in the game. Bruton and McCarthy also stepped up in the run game as usual.
- D** **special teams:** Special teams had a big holding call, a blocked punt, a shanked punt and a fumble punt return. All of them ended up hurting the team in the long run.
- D** **coaching:** The team was flat all game and the offense struggled to move the ball at all. In a loss this bad, the blame inevitably falls on the guys in charge.
- 2.03** **overall:** The Irish need to figure out a way to show up for big games. Until then, they will be wavering on the edge of academic probation.

adding up the numbers

- 55** Career receptions for Armando Allen. He had nine against Boston College to move into sixth all-time at Notre Dame.
- 6** The number of times Boston College started drives in Notre Dame territory in its first ten possessions.
- 120** Rushing yards for true freshman Montel Harris. The fifth back this season to rush for over 100 against the Irish.
- 21** Consecutive wins against non-conference opponents. The longest current streak in the country.
- 33** Incomplete passes in the game. Clausen threw 20 and Crane added 13 more.
- 12** Games since Notre Dame was last shutout. The team's last shutout was a 38-0 loss to USC on Oct. 20, 2007.
- 23:30** The time it took for the Irish offense to cross midfield. Their first play in BC territory was intercepted.
- 702** Receiving yards for freshman Michael Floyd this season, which breaks Tony Hunter's record (690) for freshmen.



Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen gets rid of the ball as he is pulled down by a Boston College defender during Notre Dame's 17-0 loss to the Eagles Saturday night. Clausen threw four interceptions in the game. CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

Clausen takes big step back

With just over 10 minutes left in the third quarter, Chris Crane threw his best pass of the game to put the Eagles up 17-0.

Statistically, Notre Dame was still very much in the game at that point. They had 25 minutes to make a big play and turn things around. Mentally, Weis and his boys were already in the locker room.

It looked like Crane had just shot the team puppy. The entire sideline was dead and they stayed that way for the remainder of the game.

Weis said after the game that the drive, which was prolonged by a muffed punt, was "deflating."

"You could feel the air being punched out of the balloon at that time," Weis said.

The drive was clearly a dagger, but the balloon was popped a long time before the second half started.

Maybe it was the tough loss to Pittsburgh, or a long week of hard practices or the memory of five straight depressing losses to the Eagles, but for whatever reason the Irish were flat from the opening kickoff.

Leading the way for the Sulkin' Irish was quarterback Jimmy Clausen.

Clausen's body language was negative all night long and it clearly hurt his performance.

No. 7 looked much more like the true freshman who took the field against Michigan last year than the developing field general who threw for three straight 300-plus yard games earlier this season.

Things went sour early, starting on the second drive of the game. Clausen was hit late and the penalty

resulted in a first down at the 42-yard line.

The next three plays were mistakes. On first down, he fired a low bullet over the field that was tipped twice by Eagle defenders. On second down he tried to hit freshman Michael Floyd on a 10-yard come-back route. The pass was fine, but Floyd ran a fade. Then on third down, Clausen overlooked an open Kyle Rudolph and threw an incomplete deep ball.

A few minutes later, he tried twice in a row to force the ball to Rudolph despite having other open options. The first time it fell incomplete, the second time he wasn't so lucky. The throw sailed high and Paul Anderson took it 76 yards in the opposite direction in what turned out to be the biggest play of the game.

No. 7 went on to throw three more picks, including twice when the Irish were threatening to score.

Four interceptions – a career high for the sophomore – was bad, but it didn't stop there.

The chemistry that seemed to be building between the quarterback and his young stud receivers was non-existent in Boston. There were at least four occasions when a receiver ran one route and Clausen made a throw that looked like he was expecting something different.

Those passes are usually pre-snap reads depending on what the defense lines up in, so it's tough to tell exactly who was at fault each time unless you can find out what was going on in the play.

In Weis' postgame press conference he said that Boston College was running a fairly simple soft zone defense throughout most of the

game.

In Clausen's postgame press conference, he said absolutely nothing. Unfortunately, for the first time this year, Jimmy wasn't available after the game.

At this stage Clausen has as much experience as most quarterbacks playing college football. He has had two years as a starter and is old enough to face the music.

We hear a lot about Jimmy's maturation process and learning to take the bad with the good is as much of a part of that process as anything else.

Last year Clausen was protected after poor performances because of a Notre Dame rule that does not allow freshman to speak to the media. This time around there is no

good excuse for his absence. The more he has to face his problems head on, the more he will be able to improve and move beyond them. It's tough to say exactly who was behind that decision, but it was another bad one to add to the list.

Overall, this game should serve as a wake-up call that Clausen still has plenty of room to grow.

There will be plenty of fans shouting for Weis's head on a platter. I'm sure there will be some pleas for Evan Sharpley or true freshman Dayne Crist to take over at the helm.

Clausen has earned his place as a starter on the team and is definitely the future of Notre Dame's success as a football team, but he still has some growing to do.

Clausen has the skills to do the job, but it was very clear against the Eagles that he needs to learn to keep his emotions in check and mature mentally before he joins the ranks of Notre Dame greats.

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Charlie Weis
Irish coach

Crucial penalties sink Notre Dame

By DAN MURPHY
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BOSTON — It took only two plays from scrimmage before Notre Dame made its first mistake. The Irish were called for a 15-yard chop block penalty, which started a trend of big penalties killing drives before they got started.

The chop block negated a 13-yard reception by freshman receiver Michael Floyd and pushed the offense back to a second-and-20 situation from the 17-yard line.

Two plays later, the Irish were hit with an illegal procedure penalty and were eventually forced to punt the ball from the 16.

“Early in the first quarter we put ourselves in some very bad down and distance situations with some penalties,” Irish coach Charlie Weis said. “We got in to no ebb and flow in the first quarter.”

Referees hit the Irish with four penalties in the first quarter for a total of 38 yards. Notre Dame’s offense racked up only 28 yards on its 11 plays in the quarter.

The third Notre Dame penalty also put the Irish in a hole they needed to dig themselves out of early. Golden Tate had almost half of his 22-yard kick return negated because of a holding call with just under two minutes remaining in the quarter. The hold set the starting point back to the 14-yard line.

“[The penalties] were a big factor it put us in a lot of long yard situations and a couple times stopped those drives,” Irish tackle Sam Young said.

On the very next play Notre Dame lost another solid run when freshman Kyle Rudolph was called for a hold. Three plays later the Irish punted again.

“It’s frustrating. I had two of them and it’s just inexcusable. I take responsibility for that and we just have to learn and get better,” Young said.

Both drives gave Boston College the ball inside Notre Dame territory to start its drive. Neither drive resulted in points for the Eagles, but eventually the penalties caught up to them.

With time running out in the first half



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Irish sophomore Golden Tate is brought down by a pair of Eagle defenders after hauling in one of his six catches on Saturday at Alumni Field.

Notre Dame appeared to be moving down field en route to at least tying the

game. On a first-and-10 from the 25-yard line Armando Allen caught a pass out of the backfield and scampered 17

yards before being shoved out of bounds. favor of the Eagles. The very next play Clausen tried to force a pass into coverage and Boston College safety Paul Anderson picked it off.

“I felt that the team on offense was just pressing to try to make a play most of the rest of the night,” Weis said.

The Irish were only flagged once in the entire second half, but by that time the damage had been done.

Penalties were an indicator of the mental mistakes that cost Notre Dame the game.

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yards before being shoved out of bounds.

It wouldn’t stand. Irish center Dan Wenger was called for holding on the play causing another 27 yard swing in

Jagodzinski uses spite to motivate team

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

During Boston College’s first team meeting to discuss Notre Dame last week, Boston College coach Jeff Jagodzinski had a question for his players:

“I asked how many guys were recruited, visited and offered by Notre Dame. There were no hands that went up,” Jagodzinski said. “I told these guys that they may not be good enough to be recruited by Notre Dame but they’re sure damn good enough to play at Boston College.”

Coming up empty-handed

The Irish failed to score on the first drive of the game for the first time in their last four games. Boston College scored first, making Weis 9-13 in his career at Notre Dame when a team scores first. Other records of the Weis era: Notre Dame is now 16-1 under Weis when it

allows 19 points or fewer, 5-14 when it allows an opponent’s running back to rush for 100 yards, 7-10 when coming off of a loss and 4-15 when trailing at halftime.

Getting blocked

For the second week in a row, punter Eric Maust had one of his punts blocked.

This time Boston College sophomore life any i Momah got his hand on a Maust punt on Notre Dame’s first possession after the Irish fell behind 17-0.

“The punt last week we almost unfairly were jumping all over the punter for not kicking away from the pressure, but if he would’ve stepped the other way, there

was pressure coming from that side as well,” Weis said. “Tonight, there was a guy who, he didn’t blow the protection, he just got run right by. So therefore, you blow the protection and turn one free.”

Raindrops were falling on their heads

During Saturday’s game, there were on and off rain showers, including some heavy rainfall just before kick-off.

But Weis said that that the weather had nothing to do with the struggles that

Notre Dame had on offense. “It was pretty nice out there tonight,” Weis said. “The weather wasn’t a factor. There was really no excuse

for that.”

Mending the offense

Weis started to do damage control even before the game was over on Saturday.

Late in the game, Weis gathered his defense around and accentuated the positive with them and said he would need to focus most of his efforts on the offensive side of the ball this week in practice.

“There’s two minutes to go in the game and the first defense is out and I brought the first defense over and I said, ‘Hey, fellas, unless you pitched a shutout tonight, we’re losing this game.’ So I just went over all the positive elements they played on defense,” Weis said. “I’m going to devote a lot more of my energy not to the whole team this week. I have to devote a lot more of my energy to the offense and special teams this week.”

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Jeff Jagodzinski
Irish coach

scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
BC	3	7	7	0	17
ND	0	0	0	0	0

First quarter

Boston College 3, Pittsburgh 0
Steve Aponavicius 27-yard field goal with 1:46 remaining.
Drive: 14 plays, 73 yards, 6:01 elapsed.

Second quarter

Boston College 10, Notre Dame 0
Paul Anderson 76-yard interception return with 6:19 remaining.
Drive: 1 play, 76 yards

Third quarter

Boston College 17, Notre Dame 0
Chris Crane 9-yard pass to Brandon Robinson with 10:27 remaining.
Drive: 7 plays, 48 yards, 3:07 elapsed.

statistics

total yards

BC	246
ND	292

rushing yards

BC	167
ND	66

passing yards

BC	79
ND	226

time of possession

BC	32:07
ND	27:53



passing

Clausen	26-46-4	Crane	9-22-0
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rushing

Allen	6-24	Harris	23-120
Clausen	6-19	Crane	9-43
Hughes	3-18	Haden	6-14
Aldridge	5-3		
Schwapp	1-2		

receiving

Allen	9-47	Gunnell	4-34
Tate	6-66	Robinson	2-26
Floyd	5-69	Purvis	2-13
Rudolph	4-29	Jarvis	1-6
Schwapp	1-10		
Kamara	1-5		

returns

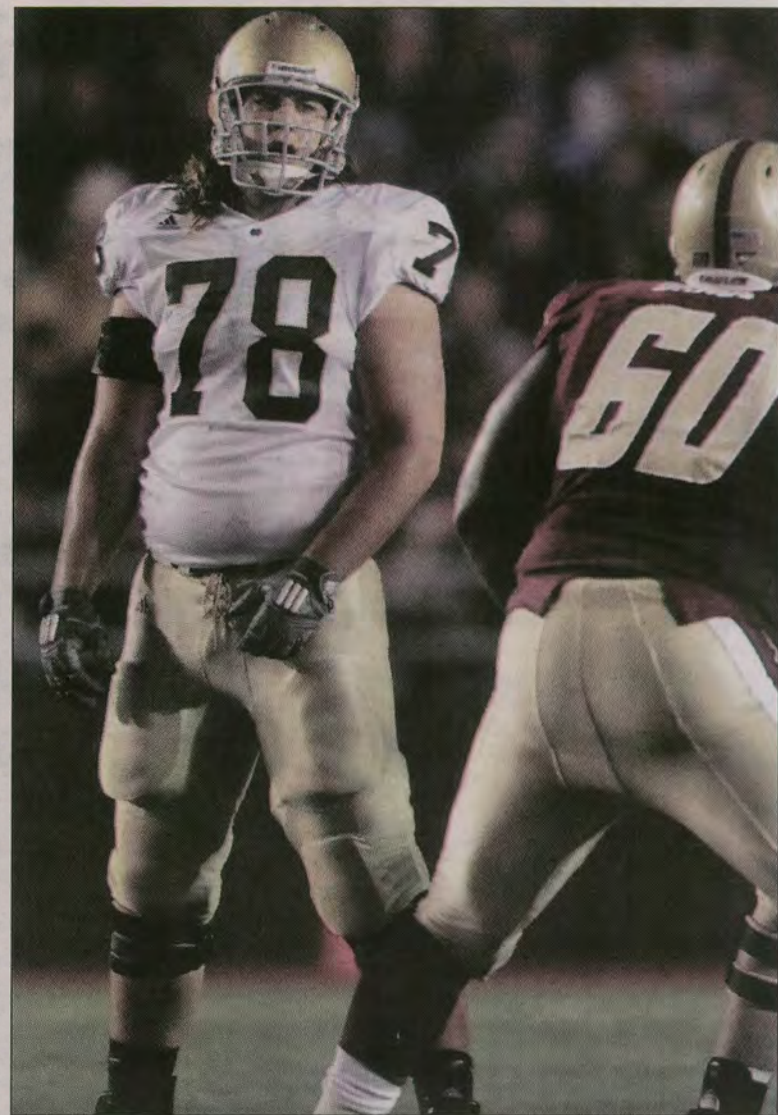
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tackles

Smith, H.	9	Herzlich	11
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McCarthy	8	Davis	8
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Another Boston Massacre

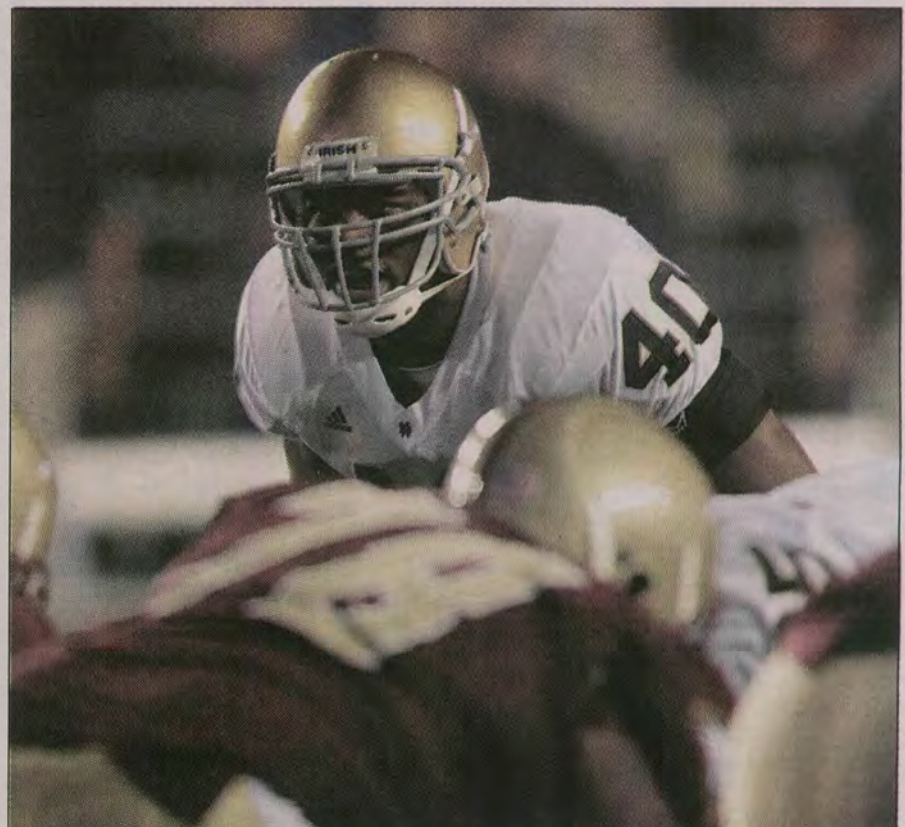
Not much went right for Notre Dame, as the Irish lost their sixth straight game to Boston College and were shut out by the Eagles for the first time in the rivalry's history. The Irish moved the ball early but were unable to score, and the Eagles struck first on a field goal late in the first quarter. Notre Dame was driving again midway through the second quarter, but Boston College's Paul Anderson turned the game around, intercepting Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen and returning it 76 yards for a score and a 10-0 lead. Sophomore wide receiver Golden Tate finished with 199 yards of total offense, including 133 on returns, but his muffed punt led to the game's only offensive touchdown — a nine-yard strike from Chris Crane to Brandon Robinson early in the third quarter. The offense could never mount a comeback despite outgaining Boston College 292-246, as Clausen was picked four times and the offense committed six penalties for 58 yards. Eagles freshman running back Montel Harris ran for 120 yards, becoming the fifth player to gain at least 100 yards against the Irish this season.



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Clockwise from top, Mike Anello chases after a Boston College return man; Trevor Robinson gets ready for an offensive snap; Robert Hughes tries to shed a tackler; Maurice Crum eyes the offense from his linebacker position; Pat Kuntz battles for position on the defensive line.



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"It's the first video game you can play with your butt!"

Or so rabid cartoon bunnies told me.

I was greeted with this advertisement for the Wii release, "Rayman Raving Rabbids TV Party," at my most recent trip to the theater. My first response was shock; my next awe. My final reaction was a nearly endless peal of laughter.

Though I'm genetically inclined to embellish, even I lack the sick genius it takes to make up something like this. Furthermore, in case you were skeptical after my introduction, I do not have any mental deficiencies to speak of. Therefore, I can only conclude that this demonic cartoon ad does indeed exist. And, unfortunately, I also must accept, with gasps of simultaneous laughter and disgust, its claim that it is possible to play video games with your butt.

After recovering from such an immediate shock to my conscience, I come back to the phrase, "Oh God, won't somebody please think of the children?" (Old school "Simpsons" references, anyone?). Because apparently someone needs to. Those "raving rabbids" aren't, and I guess the current toy industry isn't so concerned with children's psychological or social well-being.

Seriously, what is this video game priming kids to do? First, they start playing video games with their butts more than they interact with other kids. Then what? Will

those same little kids grow up to be alarmingly comfortable with their butts? Or will they grow up with a complete lack of social awareness, which has its own mixed bag of trauma and drama?

It's not just this video game, though. Think seriously about the toys, children's movies, and even children's clothing that are painfully common. Bratz dolls, for one, basically have unnaturally (and unhealthily) skinny bodies, with grossly oversized heads. Their eyes rival those of cartoon aliens.

I'm not 100 percent sure what the message to children is here. I guess it's trying to damage body image as early as possible, as if movies and magazines won't accomplish that goal soon enough.

Or perhaps the makers of Bratz are obsessive supporters of unnecessarily big hair, and the only way to represent this in their product is to triple the size of a proportionately sized head. Either way, these factors don't seem to add up to a healthy, well-adjusted image for children that assuredly will only get worse with time.

And as far as children's movies go, I have to speculate that they've run out of cute, endearing human stories. They may have even run out of cute, endearing animals-with-human-attributes stories. Now it seems that aliens, robots, monsters, vegetables, and some species that is 80 percent android, 10 percent preteen, and 10 percent commercial-

ized "rocker" have become the new childhood heroes.

Cinderella, Robin Hood, Captain Planet, The Simpsons and Sesame Street were my heroes. The princess regained her independence from her horrid stepfamily and won her prince. The medieval foxy hero (the Disney version, of course) robbed the rich to feed the poor. That blue guy with green hair brought together environmentally friendly children to save mother earth. And Big Bird chatted me up about kindergarten social skills, grammar, and math.

And while all these films and shows have their own bag of psychologically scarring material, and maybe I'm idealizing them because they were part of my childhood, I do firmly believe that any of the aforementioned childhood heroes could totally kick

Hannah Montana, Wall-E, Veggie Tales, Stitch, etc. butt. Cinderella, Robin Hood, Captain Planet and Big Bird could probably defeat those crazy, rabid cartoon bunnies. I would even venture to say that in a throw down where the competition was to play a video game with your butt, my favorite old-school characters would still win.

Even if they did find it to be a tasteless and socially awkward display.

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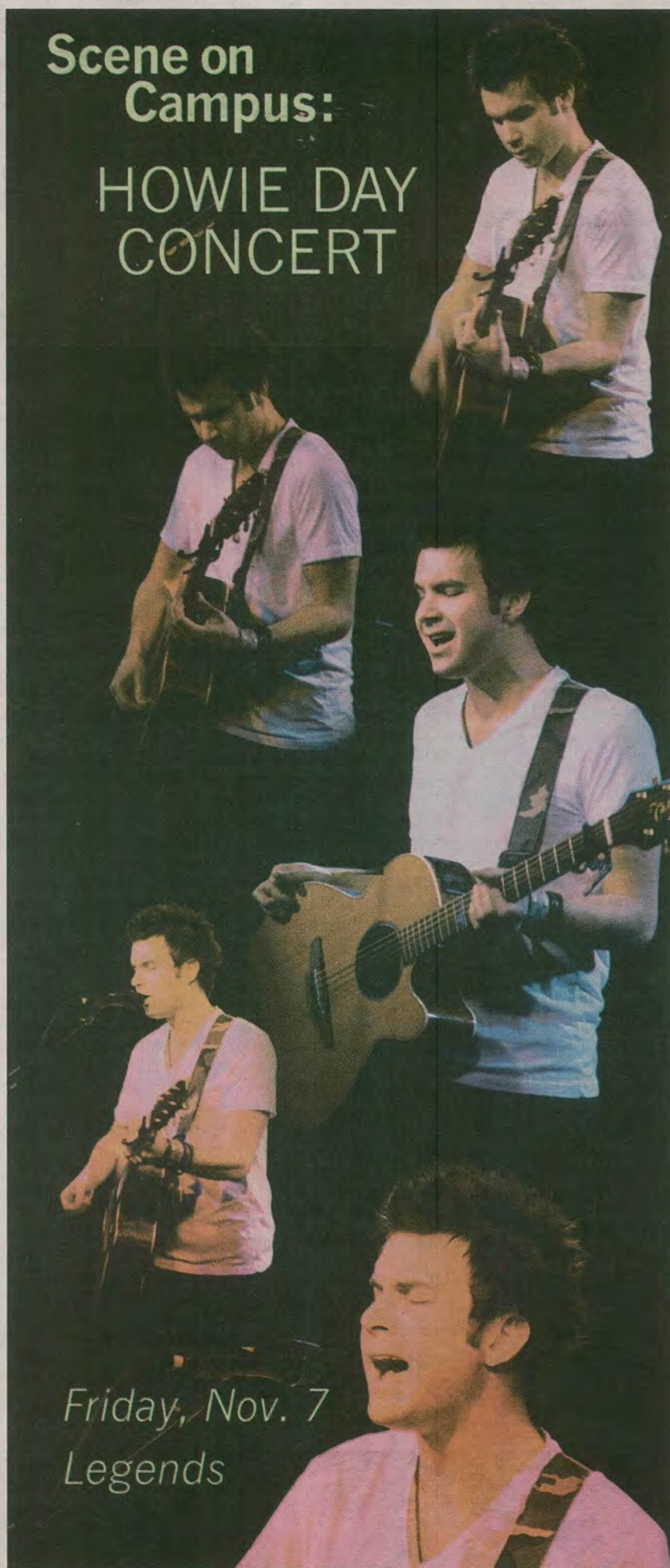
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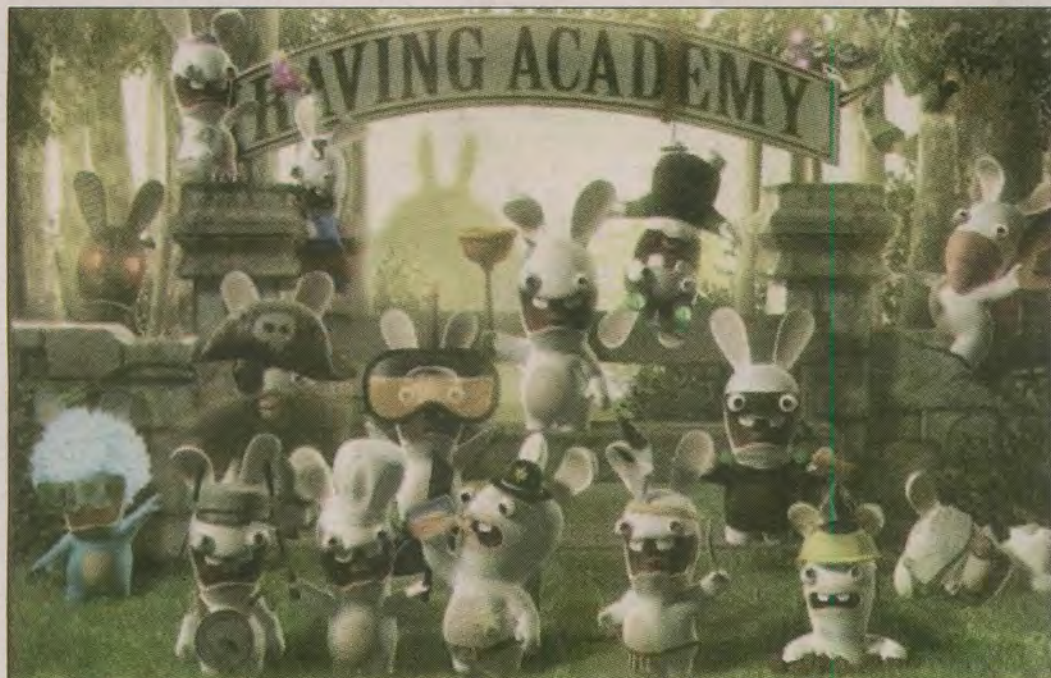


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Nintendo Wii has marketed "Rayman Raving Rabbids TV Party" for kids' ability to use their backsides to play the game, raising its fair share of eyebrows.

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NFL

Jets earn biggest win in team history vs. Rams

Collins throws two TD passes as Titans stay undefeated; Colts keep playoff hopes alive against Steelers

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Brett Favre hung out on the New York Jets' sideline after calling it an early day, relishing a rout that was unlike any other in franchise history.

"It's proof positive of what this team is capable of being," Favre said.

The dominant Jets took advantage of every mistake by the St. Louis Rams, making their 47-3 rout Sunday look more like a scrimmage than an NFL game. They planned to celebrate for at least a few hours before they started preparing for their big matchup at New England on Thursday night.

"I've only had about 5 minutes to really think about it," coach Eric Mangini said. "It's New England. It's a tough game, a conference opponent and it's always a tough environment up there."

The Jets (6-3) certainly made things tough for the Rams (2-7) at the Meadowlands. Thomas Jones had three touchdown runs, Jay Feely kicked four field goals — including a franchise record-tying 55-yarder — and the Jets converted five turnovers into 27 points. Their previous biggest win was 45-3 over Houston in 1988.

"It's awesome to be in a game like that," a grinning Favre said.

That is, as long as you're on the winning side.

"It was embarrassing," Rams interim coach Jim Haslett said. "That was bad football all the way around. I can't even describe it."

The Jets have won three straight and five of six, with the only blemish a 16-13 overtime loss at Oakland three weeks ago. New York is tied with New England at the top of the AFC East, making Thursday's matchup between the rivals even more intriguing.

"They've been the nemesis for the whole league, not just this franchise," fullback Tony Richardson said.

Jones had 26 carries for 149 yards, and Favre was 14-of-19 for 167 yards and a touchdown to Dustin Keller before being replaced by Kellen Clemens in the fourth quarter. It was the Jets' first win over the Rams since 1983.

"It definitely feels good to be at this point right now," Favre said. "A game like this does a lot for you, but I don't think this team will be overconfident."

New York had two interceptions and three fumble recoveries, including Calvin Pace's 50-yard touchdown return. Things were so bad for the Rams that Trent Green, who replaced the ineffective Marc Bulger at halftime, hit umpire Bill Schuster in the head with a pass.

The Jets scored on all seven of their first-half possessions, jumping out to a 40-0 lead, their second-most points in an opening two quarters.

"The Rams got taken to the woodshed today," St. Louis guard Richie Incognito said. "It was terrible to be out there on the field."

Jones, who entered second in the AFC in rushing, capped the Jets' opening drive with a 13-yard touchdown run. He took a couple steps to his left, shifted to his right and juke Oshiomogho Atogwe, then got a nice block downfield from Laveranues Coles as he scampered into the end zone.

"Running the ball, you physically have to dominate the other team," Jones said. "And I think that's what we were able to do."

Pace's fumble recovery gave the Jets a 17-0 lead. Hit by blitzing safety Abram Elam as Bulger tried to throw, the ball was jarred loose. Pace picked it up and took off

down the sideline untouched for the score.

Rams coach Jim Haslett challenged that it was a fumble, but officials upheld it after a short video review.

"Somebody was looking down on me today because if it had taken another bounce, I might've kicked it out of bounds," Pace said. "I had enough burst to finish and get into the end zone."

The Jets extended their lead to 24-0 less than 3 minutes into the second quarter on Jones' second score, a 2-yard rumble.

Feely's 49-yard field goal made it 27-0, and kicked a 46-yarder a few plays later after Kerry Rhodes recovered a fumble by Derek Stanley.

New York took advantage of another turnover when Rhodes picked off Bulger's pass for Donnie Avery and returned it 50 yards to the Rams 18. Four plays later, Favre found Keller in the end zone for a 1-yard touchdown to make it 37-0.

Instead of kneeling on the ball, the Rams chose to run — and paid for it. Kenneth Darby, starting for the injured Steven Jackson, had the ball knocked out and Eric Barton recovered it. Feely kicked his 55-yarder two plays later, tying Pat Leahy and John Hall for the longest in team history.

Titans 21, Bears 14

LenDale White and Chris Johnson were on their way to history — the wrong kind, because they were running in reverse.

Even though they kept losing yards, the Tennessee Titans refused to lose the game. Now, they're 9-0 despite one of the worst rushing performances in franchise history: just 20 yards on the ground.

Kerry Collins threw for a season-high 289 yards and two touchdowns in a win Sunday over the Chicago Bears.

"It's nice to win a ballgame and not play well," coach Jeff Fisher said.

Particularly as they struggled when they weren't throwing the ball.

The 20 yards rushing were just one above their franchise low and they had minus-5 in the first half. It was a stunning performance for a team that was third in the league entering the game.

Even so, the Titans set a club record with their 12th straight regular-season win thanks to Collins and a defense that shut down Rex Grossman and the Bears.

Collins completed 12 straight passes at one point and was 30-of-41 without an interception. Brandon Jones caught eight passes for 82 yards, and Bo Scaife had



Jets running back Thomas Jones breaks a tackle during the fourth quarter of New York's 47-3 win.

10 for 78 with a touchdown.

That was enough to make up for a miserable performance by the running backs.

White managed 14 yards on 10 attempts, although he had a touchdown in the fourth quarter. And Johnson carried 14 times for 8 yards.

"Did you look and see how many guys they put in the box?" Johnson said. "Eight, sometimes nine. They really wanted us to beat them throwing the ball."

Colts 24, Steelers 20

Ben Roethlisberger is a Super Bowl-winning quarterback in his fifth season. That doesn't mean he still can't learn a valuable lesson from Peyton Manning: Sometimes, inaccuracy beats impatience.

Manning took advantage of Roethlisberger's fourth quarter interception to find Dominic Rhodes out of the backfield on a 17-yard touchdown pass with 3:04 remaining for Indianapolis' only lead, and the Colts rallied in a virtual must-win game to beat the Steelers on Sunday.

Manning also hit Reggie Wayne on a 65-yard touchdown pass play on a tipped ball that wasn't well thrown and Dallas Clark on a 2-yard scoring pass six seconds before halftime following an unnecessary interception by Roethlisberger, helping end the Colts' 40-year losing streak in Pittsburgh.

"Coach (Mike) Tomlin told us all week they are a team that likes to score before the half and at the end of the game," Steelers line-backer James Farrior said. "That's

what happened to us."

The Colts (5-4) had dropped their last 12 in Pittsburgh counting the postseason, dating to a 41-7 win in 1968 when the Steelers played at now-demolished Pitt Stadium.

"They certainly are tough to get here in Pittsburgh," Colts coach Tony Dungy said.

Except by teams quarterbacked by Mannings.

Pittsburgh (6-3) lost to a Manning-led team at home for the second time in three weeks despite leading 20-17 on Jeff Reed's 24-yard field goal midway through the fourth quarter. They were beaten by Eli Manning's Giants 21-14 on Oct. 26, again after a fourth-quarter comeback.

The Steelers had a chance to win at the end, but Roethlisberger's pass into the end zone on the final play — with Nate Washington open briefly — was intercepted by Melvin Bullitt.

The first matchup between the AFC teams since Pittsburgh's stunning 21-18 win over the top-seeded Colts in the AFC divisional playoffs in January 2006 — Indianapolis was a big favorite to win the Super Bowl — followed the pattern of that game as the Steelers opened an early double digit lead, then tried to hold on.

In this one, a lucky tip and Roethlisberger's haste to try to get points when Pittsburgh wasn't in position to score late in the first half helped get the Colts back into the game after Pittsburgh led 7-0 and 17-7. All three of Roethlisberger's interceptions were pivotal.



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2	Texas Tech	.9715	2
3	Texas	.8798	4
4	Florida	.8640	5
5	Oklahoma	.8444	6
6	USC	.7896	7
7	Utah	.7692	8
8	Penn State	.6839	3
9	Boise State	.6783	10
10	Georgia	.6156	13
11	Ohio State	.5910	11
12	Missouri	.5584	14
13	Oklahoma State	.5340	9
14	Ball State	.4163	17
15	Michigan State	.3888	18
16	North Carolina	.3817	19
17	BYU	.3746	15
18	TCU	.3512	12
19	Florida State	.2593	22
20	LSU	.2403	16
21	Pill	.1799	NR
22	Cincinnati	.1487	NR
23	Tulsa	.0715	NR
24	Wake Forest	.0611	NR
25	South Carolina	.0577	NR

Associated Press NCAA Football Top 25

	team	points	record
1	Alabama (44)	1604	10-0
2	Texas Tech (21)	1574	10-0
2	Florida	1467	8-1
4	Texas	1437	9-1
5	Oklahoma	1375	9-1
6	USC	1311	8-1
7	Penn State	1161	9-1
8	Utah	1157	10-0
9	Boise State	1110	9-0
10	Ohio State	1009	8-2
11	Oklahoma State	963	8-2
12	Missouri	913	8-2
13	Georgia	880	8-2
14	Ball State	677	9-0
15	TCU	623	9-2
16	Brigham Young	602	9-1
17	North Carolina	597	7-2
18	Michigan State	584	9-2
19	LSU	552	6-3
20	Florida State	380	7-2
21	Pittsburgh	318	7-2
22	Cincinnati	529	7-2
23	Oregon State	124	6-3
24	South Carolina	117	7-3
25	Tulsa	84	8-1

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

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Newly acquired Detroit Pistons guard Allen Iverson, left, listens to forward Tayshaun Prince during the Pistons' home loss to the Boston Celtics on Sunday evening.

Iverson disappoints in Detroit

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — The Boston Celtics showed the Detroit Pistons that Allen Iverson may not be the answer for them.

Tony Allen scored 12 of his 23 points in the pivotal second quarter, lifting Boston to an 88-76 win over Detroit on Sunday night.

Iverson was given a standing ovation when he was introduced for the first time as a Piston at The Palace, the frenzied fans so loud the public-address announcer could-

n't be heard.

A sold-out crowd stayed in the game during a closely contested first quarter before being quieted in the second, when Boston used four reserves to outscore Detroit 30-10.

The defending champions didn't have any trouble keeping their big cushion in a rematch of the Eastern Conference finals.

Iverson finished his third home debut with 10 points on 4-of-11 shooting, with four assists and four turnovers.

Detroit acquired the former league MVP, Denver

Nugget and Philadelphia 76er last week for All-Star point guard Chauncey Billups, key reserve Antonio McDyess and throw-in Cheikh Samb. McDyess will be bought out of his contract, according to his agent Andy Miller, and the Pistons would welcome the power forward back.

The Celtics had enough to eliminate Detroit in Game 6 of the conference finals on its home court and clearly seemed to be the better team again.

Boston didn't even need all of its stars to shine in the easy win.

Ray Allen had 17 points, Kevin Garnett scored eight on 4-of-15 shooting and Paul Pierce added seven on 3-of-10 shooting. Rajon Rondo scored 13 points and Eddie House had eight points as one of four reserves with at least six points for the Celtics.

Detroit's Tayshaun Prince had 23 points and eight rebounds. Rasheed Wallace had 10 points on 4-of-17 shooting and 11 rebounds. Reserve Will Bynum added 11 points.

Richard Hamilton, who was 0-for-8, scored just three points on free throws.

IN BRIEF

Jimmy Johnson nearly clinches NASCAR title

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Just when Carl Edwards seemed to have Jimmie Johnson on the ropes, the two-time defending NASCAR champion delivered the knockout punch.

Johnson moved inches away from his record-tying third consecutive Cup championship with a dominating victory Sunday at Phoenix International Raceway, where he led a race-high 217 of the 313 laps to deflate Edwards' title hopes.

Johnson heads into next week's season finale up 141 points over Edwards and needs only to finish 36th or better to join Cale Yarborough (1976-78) as the only drivers in NASCAR history to win three straight Cup titles.

"This is what I've worked my whole life for," Johnson said in Victory Lane.

The win was his third straight at Phoenix, and had Edwards on the edge of conceding after his own fourth-place finish.

Tony Parker out for a month due to ankle

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker will be out about four weeks with a sprained left ankle, a critical blow to the San Antonio Spurs, who are off to their worst start in 12 years.

An MRI taken Saturday confirmed the injury to the Spurs' star guard, who was hurt during a 99-83 loss to the Miami Heat on Friday — two nights after scoring a career-high 55 points against the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Parker was driving for a layup when he rolled his ankle.

The 26-year-old Parker was using crutches and wearing a protective boot while watching Sunday's practice. He was second in the league in scoring behind LeBron James at 27.4 points per game.

The Spurs are 1-4 and play at home against the New York Knicks on Tuesday. In 1996, they opened the season 1-5.

Parker will be replaced by either rookie George Hill or 12th-year veteran Jacque Vaughn. Hill took Parker's place against the Heat.

Venus Williams wins tournament in Qatar

DOHA, Qatar — Venus Williams rallied to win the WTA's Sony Ericsson Championships for the first time, defeating Vera Zvonareva 6-7 (5), 6-0, 6-2 Sunday at the season-ending event.

The Wimbledon champion took command in the last two sets with powerful serving, smashes and aggressive groundstrokes against her Russian opponent.

"I'm so excited," Williams said. "That was a hard-fought match, every point, right down to the end."

Williams won \$1.34 million at the event, which for the first time offered the same prize money as the men at the ATP's season-ending Masters Cup.

The first lady of Qatar, a conservative Muslim sheikdom, presented the trophy to Williams, shaking her hand and kissing her on both cheeks. Sheika Mozah bint Nasser al-Missned wore a traditional black head scarf and robe.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish dominate in win over Rutgers



TOM LA/The Observer

Jamel Nicholas and Kellie Sciacca go up for a block during Notre Dame's Nov. 2 loss to Marquette.

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame earned its biggest win of the 25-point era Sunday, beating Rutgers 25-8 in the final game to close out a 3-0 (25-13, 25-16, 25-8) victory Sunday.

The 38-point total margin of victory was the largest for the Irish (13-12, 8-4 Big East) this season, besting a 32-point margin over West Virginia on Oct. 11.

The win moved the Irish to fifth in the Big East with only two games remaining on their schedule. Notre Dame will take on conference leader St. John's and fourth-place Connecticut next weekend at the Joyce Center in a series that will be crucial to Notre Dame's Big East tournament seeding.

Earlier in the week, Irish coach Debbie Brown said she wanted her team to hold opponents to lower hitting percentages, and Notre Dame did just that Sunday. The Scarlet Knights posted a paltry .079 percentage, the lowest by an Irish opponent since Notre Dame held DePaul to a .110 clip in 2005.

On the other side of the net,

the Irish received a balanced effort, with four players tallying six or more kills. Sophomore middle blocker Kellie Sciacca and junior outside hitter Serenity Phillips had seven each, and junior outside hitter Christina Kaelin and senior middle blocker Justine Stremick chipped in with six apiece.

Junior setter Jamel Nicholas added 27 assists. Stremick led the Irish with a .500 hitting percentage, with Notre Dame hitting .287 as a team.

Rutgers appeared to be ready to give the Irish a fight early in the match, cutting a 5-0 Notre Dame lead to 11-8 before the Irish ripped off a 7-0 run to put the game away.

The second game was also close early, but junior outside hitter Megan Fesl delivered an ace and, later, the final kill of the set to give Notre Dame the win.

The Scarlet Knights won the first point of the final set but didn't get much after that. The Irish reeled off runs of 4-0, 7-0 and 5-0 to earn the blowout win. The Irish made no errors and posted a .414 hitting percentage in the final set.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Helgeson falls in second round

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

After winning his opening round match in three sets at the ITA National Indoors, senior Brett Helgeson fell to East Tennessee's Enrique Olivares, 7-5, 7-5.

"The best thing about his appearance there is the opportunity to play some of the country's best players," coach Bobby Bayliss said, "Thus securing a strong national ranking and increasing his NCAA status."

While Helgeson was at the ITA National Indoors, the rest of the team was participating in the William and Mary Invitational, rounding out the fall season.

Sophomores Stephen Havens and Dan Stahl flipped, as each played at No. 1 and No. 2 singles over the weekend. The pair combined for 10 singles wins this weekend, and along with freshman Casey Watt, made the all-tournament team.

Sophomore Tyler Davis played at No. 3 singles, earning a singles win over William and Mary's Sebastien Vidal 6-3, 6-2, but dropping a match to College of Charleston's Mickael Boyer.

At No. 4 singles, David Anderson beat Joe Nicalazzi of the College of Charleston.

Watt, also playing at No. 4 singles, earned a pair of wins as well.

Freshman Niall Fitzgerald earned a victory over Ilja Orre of William and Mary at No. 5 singles. Fitzgerald and sophomore Matt Johnson rounded out singles action of day one with victories in flight six.

At No. 1 doubles, Davis and Watt lost on day one to William and Mary 8-6. Anderson teamed with Sean Tan to lose their No. 2 dou-

bles match while Havens and Johnson rounded out the doubles action for the day with an 8-2 victory.

Davis earned a victory over Maryland's Boris Febroyt by a score of 6-3, 6-3. Anderson picked up a victory in flight four over another player from Maryland.

"I expect great things from this core group as they mature," Bayliss said. "The key for this year is how fast that maturation takes place and how resilient they will be to a brutally difficult schedule. We are getting great young leadership from guys like Tyler Davis and Dan Stahl, who has come on very well so far. David Anderson

has grown into a stronger role this year as he has learned to assume more responsibility."

Watt picked up a victory in flight five over Alex Aksanov of Maryland. Fitzgerald rounded out singles action with a victory over Roshan Potarazau.

Davis also went 1-1 in flight one doubles on day two teaming up with Watt for the loss and Havens for the victory. The Irish earned two doubles victories in flight two with the teams of Tan and Anderson, and senior Santiago Montoya and Johnson.

The Irish earned two more victories in flight three with the teams of Johnson and Havens, and Fitzgerald and Tan.

Davis picked up another singles victory in flight three on day three of the Tribe Invitational. In flight six, both Fitzgerald and Tan earned victories.

Montoya and Johnson combined for a doubles victory. Watt and Fitzgerald combined for

another doubles win, while Tan and Anderson rounded out the Irish's fall action with a win.

The Irish finished with a record of 32-7 record at the Invitational. Next the Irish will host Pepperdine on Jan. 16.

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throws, which continued into the second round as well. Her opponent, Smith, a McGlinn sophomore, proved she had long lasting reflexes in the second round, as she improved on dodging Hoffelder's throws.

But the third round became conclusive as Hoffelder was still able to tirelessly follow through on all her shots, but faced losing as the referee called her for kicking. Smith looked dazed towards the end, but was still able to throw a few before the bell. Hoffelder won the match by unanimous decision.

Brooke "Bananarama" Bonnette def. Colleen "The Hurricane" Huml

Bonnette came out fighting with a pair of intense right power punches directly to Huml's face. Huml was able to touch Bonnette's chin a few times, but the inability to fully follow through, caused little damage to Bonnette.

In the second round, Huml came out far more aggressive than the first time, and she had a few lasting right-handed shots that might have tipped the fight in her favor. But a final lasting blow from Bonnette shifted the judge's opinion, as they declared Bonnette the unanimous victor.

Jenny "The Dahminator" Dahm def. Mary "Ice Box" Jenkins

At the sound of the opening bell, Dahm came out strong, throwing combination punches right and left. Jenkins was forced on the defensive but recovered in the last 20 seconds

of the first round with a few quick jabs.

Dahm and Jenkins both focused on punches to the head in the second, with a few solid jabs to the body by Jenkins. Dahm, forcing Jenkins on the defensive once again, set the tone in the third with a great uppercut. In the end, Jenkins was declared the winner in a unanimous decision.

Chrissy "Magic Two" Nypaver def. Kerry "California Wildfire" Olinger

Sophomore Chrissy Nypaver's two quick jabs to Kerry Olinger's face in the first round gave Olinger a bloody nose that just would not stop bleeding. However, Olinger stuck it out, taking a few hard hits and even delivering a strong uppercut into Nypaver's stomach.

The fight was called after the second round due to the nosebleed, and Nypaver was given the victory.

Sara "The Terra ... Riza" Farias def. Sarah "My Real Name is Lil'Wayne" Layne

In a physical fight, Farias defeated Layne by unanimous decision in a battle of seniors.

"Training hard, getting strong and fighting with your heart is what I will always remember and take from this experience," Farias said.

This fight was one that was played out with a lot of heart from both members of the senior class.

The fight opened with Farias on the ropes, taking multiple jabs to the head from Layne. Farias moved on to the offensive quickly from that point, causing Layne to lose her balance twice.

Both girls threw strong punches in the second round,

with an uppercut to Farias' stomach by Layne, and a left hook to Layne's head from Farias. In the third, Farias and Layne continued to hit hard with punches to the head.

"Baraka Bouts is by far the most physically intense sport I have ever participated in," Farias said, "To take it all in and fight in the end regardless of the result, is an amazing, worthwhile experience that not everyone can say they have had."

Erin "Bratwurst" McNeill def. Natalie "K.O." Kratz

McNeill took this bout by unanimous decision, setting the tone from the opening bell with an uppercut to Kratz's face. Kratz returned with a right hook to McNeill's head to end the first round.

The second round put McNeill on the defensive with three quick jabs to the face from Kratz. However, with two consecutive face jabs and a right hook to end the third round, McNeill was able to take the fight.

Lauren "Live Responsibly" Corona def. Kylynn "Make it Rain" Fontaine

Corona made good use of the combination from the start of the first round, and her controlled fighting technique allowed her to make solid punches. Fontaine staid strong through the second with some great jabs to Corona's head.

But Corona came out with continuous punches straight to the head in the third round, putting Fontaine on the defensive.

Corona took the fight by unanimous decision. "By the end of the third round, I was ridiculously exhausted, the last 30 seconds

were the longest I have ever had, but having my hand raised at the end by the ref was so cool," Farias said.

Holly "Hacksaw" Hinz def. Kim "Quick Feet" Hickey

Hinz, a sophomore, set the tone for this bout with a right hook to sophomore Hickey's face immediately after the opening bell. Hickey returned with a strong uppercut, but was soon forced against the ropes in the second round.

The third yielded a strong left hook from Hinz, and consecutive jabs to the stomach from Hickey.

Hinz was declared the victor by a unanimous decision.

"Being my first year of fighting, I was pretty nervous, but once I was in the ring and the adrenaline got going, the fight went by really fast and I had so much fun," Hinz said, "It was great being able to win my fight with all my friends cheering me on."

Meghan "Hard Rock" Ryan def. Deirdre "Meatball" Murdy

Ryan dominated the first round, pushing sophomore Murdy up against the ropes.

Ryan delivered once again in the second with three straight jabs to the head, but Murdy was able to hold on with a great right hook.

Ryan gave a hard jab to the face to begin the third, and Murdy returned with the 1-2-1 punching rhythm.

Ryan took the bout by unanimous decision.

"Bloody" Mary Beauclair def. Joanna "La Dona" Martinez

From the opening bell, junior Beauclair came out strong, with continuous face jabs, forcing junior Martinez on the defensive.

In the second round, Martinez knocked down Beauclair in the last two seconds, but Beauclair came back in the third with some strong cross punches.

The decision was unanimous in favor of Beauclair.

Liz "I Should Have Been a Cheeleader" Pike def. Angela "Bring it" Rossi

Pike, a senior, came out tough with some great jabs to the body, and junior Rossi gave Pike a strong left hook to the face in the first round.

Pike returned with a 1-2 punching rhythm in the second, receiving some hard jabs to her torso from Rossi.

The third yielded a left hook from Pike and continuous jabs from Rossi.

However, it was Pike's hand that was raised in the end, and she took the bout by split decision.

Anna "Thunda Punch" Dwyer def. Molly "The Peachbruiser" McCarthy

Sophomore Dwyer took the last bout of the evening victorious, by unanimous decision.

Dwyer began the first round forced up against the ropes by McCarthy, a junior, but came back in the second dealing continuous jabs to McCarthy's face.

In the third, McCarthy returned with a great left hook, but Dwyer had some solid hits to the head and body, eventually giving her the win.

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Road wins

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several big stops from Irish goalie Jordan Pearce, Boston College senior Brock Bradford found a way to sneak one by him on a one-timer six minutes into the second stanza.

"I think once you get into a rhythm you start to see the puck and the feel the pucks coming off you," Pearce said. "You always try to play your best in the biggest games and this obviously was a big game for us."

The senior from Anchorage, Alaska finished the game with 27 saves on 28 shots against one of the most powerful offenses in the country. Prior to Friday night, the Eagles were averaging four goals per game.

"I thought he played his A-game. It was important for him to play against a team of this caliber and play well," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "He was the difference-maker tonight."

Just over a minute after Bradford's goal the Irish went on the power-play and regained the lead for good. Defenseman Brett Blatchford started the play with a blast from the point and junior Dan Kissel got a stick on the rebound. Senior Christian Hanson finally slid it past the goal line and then turned to the Boston College student section to celebrate.

"They were having fun with all night, chanting obscenities. So to score that goal and have a little fun with them was nice," Hanson said.

The goal was Notre Dame's 11th special teams tally on the season. The Irish were 1-for-7 overall on the power-play against the Eagles. More importantly, they held a very dangerous Boston College power-play scoreless on eight attempts.

"Penalty killing is an art for some guys and we have some good guys who kill for us," Jackson said. "Coaches can take credit for a lot of things but the players still have to go out and do stuff."

Freshman Billy Maday picked up his fourth collegiate goal when his shot from the top of the faceoff circle trickled past Boston goalie John Muse, hit an Eagle defender and found the back of the net.

Kevin Deeth added an empty netter to finish off Notre Dame's third straight win on the road and its third straight in Boston.

Immediately following their win in Boston, the Irish hopped on a bus for the 45-minute ride to Providence College.

The game started slowly, but once again Regan led the way and broke the scoreless tie with three minutes left in the first. White started the play by digging a loose puck out of the corner and finding Regan in the slot.

The Regan-White combo struck for the third and final time halfway through the second period to give Notre Dame a 2-0 lead. Sophomore Calle Ridderwall and junior Ryan Thang both added goals in the final period and Notre Dame skated to another 4-1 win.

After two successful weekends on the road, the Irish return to home next weekend to take on CCHA opponent Lake Superior State.

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great, and there were a lot of times where you would go in and try to stand somebody up, or go in for a tackle and you're losing your footing and there was a lot more contact because of that," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said.

But the weather conditions weren't the only thing that turned the game into a physical contest. As the No. 1 team in the country, the Irish have no worries about the NCAA tournament, but that wasn't the case for Connecticut.

A win in the Big East championship would have guaranteed Huskies a tournament berth, and it was clear they weren't going down without a fight.

"We ran into a Connecticut team that really had to win, and win the tournament to get into the NCAA," Waldrum said. "They're throwing everything out there, they're on their last leg — it was their last hope. We ran into a team that had an awful lot of fight in them."

Labbe led the Huskies fight by ruining Notre Dame's many attempts to take the early lead. The senior keeper had her strongest season for Connecticut coming off a summer as a reserve for the Canadian Olympic team. And that experience helped lead her team all the way the Big East finals.

"[Labbe is] a big reason why Connecticut made it all the way through to the final," Waldrum said. "She had a really good tournament, a great game against West Virginia and she was very good against us."

And teams usually turn to their strongest goal scorers to test a

keeper like Labbe, but stars Kerri Hanks and Brittany Bock remained sidelined with injuries. Hanks strained her MCL in Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Cincinnati in the Big East quarterfinals, and Bock hurt her knee in a 2-0 win over Marquette in the semifinals Friday. Both are likely to recover in time for NCAA competition.

"You don't ever want to play without two players who are probably arguably two of the best players in the country, so it certainly hurts not having them on the field," Waldrum said. "But I think the one thing that we've always talked about this year, even with the team, is depth, we've done nothing but speak about our depth. I just felt like trying to put them out there when they're not 100 percent is not fair to them and their health."

And the Irish showed their depth throughout the tournament. Weissenhofer and Taylor Knaack tallied the two goals in the win over Marquette, and even without Bock and Hanks, Henderson was able to give the Irish the golden goal they needed to secure the championship.

Now its on to the NCAA tournament, as seedings will be determined later today.

Notes:

♦ In an awards ceremony Thursday night, Kerri Hanks was named Big East offensive player of the year. Carrie Dew was named Big East defensive player of the year and Melissa Henderson was named Big East rookie of the year. Irish coach Randy Waldrum was also named Big East coach of the year.

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Tourney

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for a goal kick, but fellow defender Matt Besler managed to head the ball back across the six-yard box. Morrow was there to deliver a stinging half-volley, but Cardinals keeper Andre Boudreaux deflected the shot out for a corner kick.

The Irish held a 7-4 advantage in shots and a 3-0 edge in corners in the first half, but the teams entered the locker room deadlocked at zero.

The second half saw Notre Dame confronting the same wind that had blown back many potential Cardinals' counterattacks in the first half. Clark said the wind affected his team's play early in the second half.

"The only mistake we made

for a little while was we tried to kick the ball into the wind," Clark said. "We had to get the ball down and play. Once we got down and still played, we looked as though we could make chances."

The Irish did create multiple chances on the ground, but ironically enough, their loan goal came off a ball into the teeth of the win.

With 10 minutes remaining, freshman defender Aaron Maund clipped a high floating ball from midfield towards the 18-yard box. Sophomore forward Jeb Brovsky managed to flick the ball into fellow striker Bright Dike's path. The senior controlled the bouncing ball and made no mistake sending a thunderous strike past Boudreaux from the top of the box.

"To be fair, the big fella had had a pretty average game, but

it's just as you're thinking what's he going to do that he hits a shot and makes a goal," Clark said of Dike. "And that's the big thing for a striker. The big man's always on to score a goal, and in a big game in a tournament, that's what it's all about."

The Irish went into defensive mode for the final 10 minutes, and they managed to largely neutralize the Cardinals attack.

With under a minute to play, however, Louisville received a free kick 30 yards from goal. The ensuing play brought shades of a hockey team pulling their goalie as Boudreaux sprinted up the field to support his team's last attack, but Notre Dame managed to clear the cross to close out the game.

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the shots began to fall for Notre Dame, as they normally do.

The Irish shot 20-for-35 in the second half.

"I thought we did a better job from the Briar Cliff game, to this game of not being frustrated when the offense wasn't going well," Irish coach Mike Brey said after the game, referring to Notre Dame's first exhibition win, a 103-64 win over Briar Cliff. "And I think that's why we were able to start the second half in a pretty good rhythm

offensively and make some shots and move the ball a little bit better."

Irish forward and preseason All-American Luke Harangody had 21 points and 10 rebounds while Jackson added 15 points, seven rebounds, two assists and no turnovers.

The Irish came out in the second half and quickly put the game away. Notre Dame went on an 18-7 run that featured a little bit of everything — a jumper and layup from Jackson and 3-pointers from senior guard Kyle McAlarney, who finished with nine points, and senior forward Luke Zeller, who finished with 10 points and eight rebounds. The run put Notre Dame up 47-31.

Following a media timeout with 14:16 left, the Irish steadily pulled away over the next 10 minutes, outscoring Stonehill 22-10 in that time frame.

"I feel like we played well defensively and that's really what we really wanted to focus on," Jackson said. "And the second half, our offense, it came."

Notre Dame officially begins regular-season play against USC Upstate Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Joyce Center. Wednesday is national signing day, when Brey is expected to sign four recruits — guard Joey Brooks and forwards Jack Cooley, Tom Knight

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Nearing perfection

Henderson's goal gives top-ranked Notre Dame Big East championship, keeps undefeated hopes alive

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

It was a slick battle, and far from the clean, smooth, familiar game of Irish soccer. But even in the snow and rain, freshman Melissa Henderson was able to clinch the 1-0 win over Connecticut and the Big East title in the first period of overtime.

With under four minutes left in the first overtime period of a scoreless draw, junior Michelle Weissenhofer drilled a shot at Huskies goalkeeper Stephanie Labbe, but Labbe was unable to win control and Henderson put the rebound away.

Labbe's inability to grab onto the slick shot was indicative of the whole game. Between the snow and rain, players on both sides had trouble controlling their first touch and even hanging on to their footing.

"The field conditions weren't

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Irish freshman forward Melissa Henderson puts home the game-winning goal in the 81st minute of Notre Dame's 1-0 Big East championship win over Connecticut Sunday.

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HOCKEY

Team gets revenge on No. 2 B.C.

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

It had been 21 games since senior forward Garrett Regan had found the back of the net. He changed that in a big way this weekend with three goals in a pair of 4-1 wins over No. 2 Boston College and Providence College.

Regan got started right away for No. 12 Notre Dame by drawing first blood against the Eagles Friday night. Linemate Justin White chipped a pass forward to Regan who got behind the Boston College defender and fired a shot into the top glove-side corner.

The Eagles rallied with some heavy pressure and fired up a sold-out Kelley Rink. After

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BARAKA BOUTS

Nearly 60 participate in annual women's boxing event

By DOUGLAS FARMER,
MOLLY SAMMON and LIZA NAVARRO
Sports Writers

Sarah "The VP of Pain" Angle def. Kathleen "The Lean Mean Green Jumping Jelly Bean Fighting Machine" Stanley

Angle opened the match much stronger than Stanley, putting the sophomore from McGlinn on her heels from the start with a few nice combina-

tions. Neither fighter attempted any attack on the body in the first round.

The second round saw the fight slow down quite a bit, as neither fighter was able to land a punch without being countered with an equal one.

In the third round, Angle, a sophomore from Howard, landed multiple punches on Stanley without any retaliation. Toward the end of the fight, the two battlers traded punch-for-exhausted-punch.

Angle prevailed in a split

decision.

Jen "Psych" Coe def. Katie "Cheese Wiz" Meunier

As soon as the bell sounded, Coe's advantage in length was apparent. Meunier needed to endure multiple punches before actually being within striking range.

The second round began with a very aggressive Meunier, a sophomore, but after an initial shock, Coe, a freshmen, managed to keep Meunier somewhat distant.

The two fighters went punch-for-punch in the third and final round. Coe's fans surrounded two out of the four sides of the ring, and they all seemed to rise for the conclusion.

Coe was victorious by unanimous decision.

Lauren "The Count of Monte Fisto" Carlson def. Kelly "The Marauder" McKenna

The third fight of the night opened with over a minute of McKenna trying to work Carlson's body. This slow

action compelled one fan to yell, "Hit her in the face!"

Throughout the second round, Carlson, a third-year law student, delivered repeated left-handed punches. As the round neared an end, the referee paused the fight to check on McKenna after a particularly tough, one-sided series.

The toll of the second round on McKenna, a junior from Farley, became obvious in the final round. Carlson's feet still

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish run away with victory

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Irish guard Tory Jackson said it was just "one of those halves" when nothing seemed to go in for Notre Dame in its 79-47 exhibition win over Stonehill Sunday.

The Irish missed multiple layups and ended the half 12-for-32 shooting from the floor and only held a five-point halftime lead.

But the Irish had the right remedy for their problem — a little laughter.

"We got to the basket, it just didn't go in, like a lid was on top of the basket," Jackson said. "It was kind of funny to us. We kind of just laughed it off."

And in the second half, the lid was raised from the basket and



Senior guard Kyle McAlarney, center, starts a fast break during Sunday's 79-47 exhibition win over Stonehill.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Dike's golden goal lifts ND in Big East tourney

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

The conditions Saturday night signaled much more than the impending winter weather. They highlighted that NCAA tournament play is just around the corner, and No. 11 Notre Dame appears to be rounding into form at just the right time.

Amidst brutal conditions, the Irish knocked off No. 23 Louisville 1-0 Saturday night at Alumni Field to advance to the Big East tournament semifinals.

After a midseason swoon in which Notre Dame went 3-4-1, the Irish have righted the ship with consecutive victories over Georgetown, West Virginia and now Louisville.

"It's very important," Irish coach Bobby Clark said of the team's most recent win. "Every win we can get could help with the [NCAA] seeding, so that's hugely important."

As Saturday's game progressed, it looked less likely that the Irish would find the breakthrough goal they needed. With a stiff wind blowing south to north, Notre Dame played the first half with the wind to its backs and spent most of the first 45 minutes in Louisville's half of the field.

Junior midfielder Justin Morrow had the best opportunity in the 14th minute. Senior defender Jack Traynor over-hit a free kick that was headed out

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