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Students crushed after brutal defeat

Campus shocked after Michigan stages late comeback against favored Fighting Irish

By BRIAN METZ
News Writer

The Golden Dome doesn't shine any less bright after Saturday's defeat, but you wouldn't know that talking with Irish students.

After a tough 38-34 loss at the hands of rival Michigan, Notre Dame students feel the gloom associated with being upset.

"Shock. Complete shock," junior Sarah Borrmann said. "The entire game I was convinced we were going to win. It was obviously upsetting."

To many students, the loss was especially hard to swallow considering the extraordinary play of the Irish offense.

"Armando Allen played the best I've ever seen," senior John Yerkes said.

Quarterback Jimmy Clausen threw for over 300 yards and three touchdowns, while running back Armando Allen rushed for 139 yards and a score.

"The offense played out of its mind, and that's what made it tough. We were in position to win that game," freshman Michael McCarty said.

McCarty, who made the trip to Ann Arbor, was upset by the game's final plays but attributed the loss to missed opportunities, simple mistakes and bad luck.

"In the end, as well as we

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GRACE KENESY/The Observer

Students who traveled to Michigan Saturday look on despondently as the Wolverines engineered a fourth quarter comeback.

Ticket exchange provides options

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

For students wishing to exchange their student tickets for general admission tickets and for those who want to see the football team play on the road, the student ticket lottery provides a crucial service.

"Over 80 students entered the Nevada lottery," student body president Grant Schmidt said. "Not a huge request, but for those people that it's helping out, it's worth it."

The system allows students who are not going to a home game to exchange their student ticket for a general admission ticket for a friend, who can then pay the difference.

"The tricky part," Schmidt said, "is finding someone who isn't going to a home game."

The exchange lottery usually occurs two weeks in advance, although for the Nevada game it was held only one week in advance due to time constraints.

"It gives students enough time to make plans without worrying about the dangers of scalping," Schmidt said.

Away games, meanwhile, follow a completely different

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ROTC remembers terrorist attacks of 9/11

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

The men and women of Notre Dame's Navy and Army ROTC programs gathered in front of the Pasquerilla Center early Friday morning to commemorate the eighth anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

"As we honor our flag today, we remember those whose lives were tragically cut short by evil men," Rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Fr. Peter Rocca said.

Rocca, who offered a prayer on the behalf of the victims and the service men and women currently deployed, said the ceremony was a way of remembering all

those whose lives were cut short as a result of the attacks.

"In the course of our history, countless men and women — our military comrades — have given their lives to defend this flag and to help rid the world of oppression and injustice," he said. "We remember them in this ceremony, including the almost 500 fallen and deceased alumni of Notre Dame, as well as those who died eight years ago this day."

Naval ROTC Battalion Commander Brad Towne said the ceremony held a special importance for current ROTC members, many of whom will be deployed in combat zones after

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MACKENZIE SAIN/The Observer

Members of the Notre Dame's Navy and Army ROTC units gather early Friday morning to remember the victims of 9/11.

Teams compete for tickets to San Antonio

By CARLY LANDON
News Writer

Six two-person teams of faculty members and students competed Friday in the Race to San Antonio — a scavenger hunt around campus where the winners were rewarded with a trip to the football game against Washington State.

"We're very excited for the race. We have been planning it since May," Hammes Bookstore marketing manager Kristin Blich said. "And there was even a practice run with our staff to help work out the kinks to make it easier for the participants."

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College increases financial aid

Economy forces SMC to allocate more money for needy students

By BRITTANY VANSNEPSON
News Writer

Pressures from the economic downturn have increased the demand for financial aid around the country, and Saint Mary's is no exception.

The Director of Financial Aid for Saint Mary's Kathleen Brown said in order to handle this increase, the College has raised their institutional money for scholarships by \$2 million this year.

"We've kept the same standards for how we allocate aid. It's all still based on need," Brown said. "It's just that families are needier this

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Saint Mary's Aid

- \$2 million increase in Saint Mary's scholarship fund
- 2% increase in students applying for aid
- 30% increase in students requesting a special circumstance review
- 6.6%: portion of Saint Mary's student body eligible for Pell Grants

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INSIDE COLUMN

Kindergarten counterparts

In a recent conversation with my five-year-old sister, I discovered something that I had never considered before. We were discussing her kindergarten class and the variety of things they do every day.

As she was talking, I compared my school life to hers. I discovered that kindergarten and college have more similarities than I would have ever imagined.



Alicia Smith

News Writer

For instance, my sister, a kindergartner, gets to take a nap every day. Likewise, college kids frequently take naps. Naps are a staple to college life, just like they are to a kindergartener.

While I continued talking to her, I discovered a variety of common themes between kindergarten and college. Each day, my sister gets a snack while in school and then has recess. Since I've been in college, I've found that I eat quite a bit more than I do while I'm at home. I am constantly snacking. My new eating obsession may be due to boredom, or it may just be that I burn more calories walking everywhere. Regardless, snacks are a must, especially while in class.

As for the recess bit, how often do you see students throwing a Frisbee, shooting hoops or passing a football outside while walking around campus? We still have time for fun, even while we are at a place of academics.

Another parallel I found between college and kindergarten lies within the students themselves. In kindergarten, everyone always got along with one another. Now that I am in college, I have realized how nice it is to leave the drama of high school behind. There are not as many cliques in college, and for the most part, everyone pretty much gets along. There is a sense of community on campus, just as there is in a kindergarten classroom.

One other thing that struck me was the way my sister described her first day. As she told me the tale of her having to leave her mom behind with a quick wave as she walked into a world full of new faces and exciting adventures, I was reminded of my first day of college. As my mom left, I was forced to face the college world all on my own. I waved goodbye, and mom drove off.

Though college and kindergarten may seem to have many differences, it is really just a matter of perspective. For example, although boys no longer have cooties, there are many times where I am glad to live in an all women's dorm building. No offense guys, but the female dorms just smell better.

I've found that once again I enjoy watching Disney movies, as they are a sense of comfort to me. I have a collection of Dr. Seuss books, which I nostalgically read from time to time. So even though we are in our late teens and early twenties, the age does not matter. I have realized that no matter how old I get, I am always going to be a kid at heart.

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

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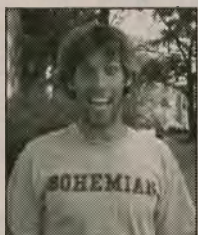
QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHY DIDN'T WE WIN SATURDAY'S GAME?



Maria Surat

sophomore Pasquerilla East

"Oh — I didn't watch the game."



Daniel Tostado

junior Dillon

"I think we made a few too many mistakes, close calls and poor choices."



Kaitlyn Maloney

junior Welsh Family

"Big Ten refs. Absolutely."



Matt DeStefani

junior Dillon

"Probably because the referees ran into the tunnel prematurely."



Lucas Harvey

junior Dillon

"Because we abandoned the run game in the last play."



Monica Townsend

sophomore Welsh Family

"I was there — it was painful. I think it was the referee's fault. Allen did not step out of bounds."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

Notre Dame's tuba section plays at half time of the Notre Dame loss to Michigan on Saturday in The Big House. Notre Dame's Marching Band traveled to the away game.

OFFBEAT

Man curses in public, gets citation from 1887 law

WINONA, Minn. — A man was cited for cursing in public under a local law created back in 1887. Police said a 19-year-old man was cited Wednesday after he yelled obscenities at officers who had earlier given him a ticket for underage drinking. Officers said they could hear the man cursing at them from a block away. Several neighbors said they also heard the shouting.

Police normally issue disorderly conduct tickets in similar situations, but

Deputy Police Chief Tom Williams said officers use discretion to choose the most appropriate charge.

Violating Winona's obscenity law is a misdemeanor, with a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Man arrested after flinging jellyfish at teenagers

MADEIRA BEACH, Fla. — A 41-year-old man was arrested on Monday at Madeira Beach after witnesses said he repeatedly pretended to drown, then allegedly began tossing jellyfish at nearby teenagers. According to a sheriff's

office report, Keith Edward Marriott caused "concern for his safety" when he repeatedly submerged himself and floated back to the top of the water. He was also "loud and disruptive."

He then started throwing the sea creatures.

Marriott was arrested and charged with disorderly intoxication and carrying a concealed weapon. According to the St. Petersburg Times, Marriott was carrying a pocketknife in his shorts.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A lecture named "New Readings of a Lost Story: The American Indian Movement at 40" will take place Monday in 209 DeBartolo at 4:30 p.m. Paul Chaat Smith, Native American author and curator at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, will speak. The event is free and open to the public.

A literary presentation featuring Orlando Menes & Alicia Gaspar de Alba reading from works will take place Monday at McKenna Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. This presentation is sponsored through the Institute for Latino Studies.

A lecture, "Creating a Safe Community: Notre Dame Home Football Games" will take place Sept. 15 at Notre Dame Downtown, 217 S. Michigan St. from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Information about game-day traffic and tailgating will be presented to help with gameday safety.

A film, "The Living Nickelodeon with Rick Altman," will be shown Sept. 17 at the Browning Cinema at 7 p.m. Pianist/lecturer Rick Altman gives the audience experience of nickelodeon viewers in the early 1900s. Purchase tickets at the box office or performingarts.nd.edu

Music artist Perla Batalla will be performing Sept. 18 at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. Purchase tickets online at performingarts.nd.edu

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Energy Week makes a third return

By NICHOLAS COOPER
News Writer

Energy Week, which features events ranging from career fairs to environmental lectures, returned to for its third year yesterday with a new theme — green is the new black.

Senior and GreeND member Jackie Mirandola Mullen said the new slogan represents a newer, more modern approach to environmentalism.

"Green is the new black was kind of a play on the media, showing how the green movement has become more trendy," she said. "Although it may be a little confusing."

Energy Week will feature a special "green" career fair, which will offer students an opportunity to network with individuals already heavily involved in environmentally conscious firms.

"As a senior, I'm really

looking forward to the career luncheon," GreeND president Colleen Kelly said.

"If you had to attend one event, that would be it."

Kelly said Energy Week is a great time for students to focus on how they can reduce their environmental impact.

"Common answers to this question are something like turn off lights or use less water. Something different that every student could do is simply be aware," she said. Energy Week is a great way for students to become more aware and really have a positive impact on their environment."

Other events include documentaries, lectures and even a "green" Mass.

Undergraduates aren't the only ones excited about

Energy Week. Current Notre Dame graduate student

Melissa Dinsman, First Year Composition instructor whose course deals with issues of conservation and modernity, is also looking forward to what this week can teach.

"I think Energy Week is an important event for the Notre Dame campus," she said. "It is great to see Notre Dame professors from so many disciplines, as well as outside participants, coming together to educate the Notre Dame community on what we can do and on what is being done to address the energy challenges we face today and in the future."

Jackie Mirandola Mullen
GreeND member

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House of Music hits sweet notes

By BRIDGET MEADE
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One year ago, sophomore Malcolm Phelan decided there were simply not enough musical outlets in the Notre Dame community.

"Notre Dame is full of dorm-room DJs, shower-stall singers, Jack Johnson jammers, chapel congo drummers, jazz-flutists and music lovers of all sorts," he said. "We want to bring them out, put them on the quads and get them playing and enjoying music together."

Phelan, Rodio and a handful of other students began drafting a constitution, tentative schedules, budgets, events and a mission statement. After gaining approval from the Student Activities Office (SAO), the ND House of Music was born.

The club is open to musicians

of all instruments and skill levels. One of the main focuses of the club's administration is The Band Project — a list of musicians with similar interests compiled for musicians to form bands. Amps and drum sets are also available for use.

The House of Music plans to host guest speakers lecturing about topics such as the history of music genres or discussing their experience in the music industry.

"Being a young and flexible club, we also plan to work directly with club members to put on specific events that they would like to see on campus," Phelan said. "If there is a demonstrated demand for any kind of musical venture here at Notre Dame, we will do our best to support and facilitate it."

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Rector of the Basilica Fr. Peter Rocca offers prayers Friday morning during the ROTC's 9/11 memorial ceremony.

ROTC

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graduation.

"For most people it's about the remembrance or reminding people, for us, as military personnel or future military personnel, it's really looking at the people who have gone before us and sacrificed their lives," he said. "For us, thinking about the sacrifices that we might have to make, it's a good feeling."

Army ROTC Battalion Commander Scott Vitter agreed, noting that the current American military experience is largely shaped by the events of September 11.

"From an ROTC perspective, it is really important because it definitely changes the nature of the program," he said.

"Entering ROTC these days, you do it with the understanding that you'll probably see deployment overseas. That is directly traceable back to the events of September 11."

Vitter said it is important for ROTC members to remember the history and events that shape their goals.

"From a military point of view, it's crucial to keep an understanding of the events and the history and the background that ultimately guides the mission," he said.

Rocca said the morning of September 11 is memorable for all Americans.

"I am sure you all remember where you were that morning of that fateful day — September 11, 2001 —when you first heard of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City,"

he said. "No one was quite sure what had happened."

Rocca said the event was especially painful for the many Americans who personally knew someone who was killed in the attacks.

"Almost 3,000 people were killed that fateful day. It is estimated that almost 20 percent of Americans knew someone who was hurt or killed that day," he said. "It goes without saying that all of us have been affected by this wanton act of evil."

Addressing the ROTC members, Rocca said although their mission will be arduous, ultimately "we confident that in the end, trusting in God, the power of good will be stronger than the power of evil."

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Blitch said, "Also because we are doing it on Sept. 11, we will take a moment of silence to remember all the events of the day and pray for all those affected by the tragedy of the event."

Though it was estimated that the race would last until 3 p.m., it ended around one o'clock with two seniors sponsored by Elia's restaurant, Xavier Burton and James Ouderkirk, taking the prize.

"Winning it was a great way to start senior year, is what Xavier and I decided.

Other than that you can't be not be stoked when its that much that free," Ouderkirk said.

Burton and Ouderkirk won round trip airfare to San Antonio, a two-night stay at the Alumni hotel, two tickets to the game at the Alamodome and an invitation to the VIP luncheon. All proceeds from the race went to the United Way.

"I'm a big Notre Dame fan, aren't we all? Despite the heartbreak we keep coming back for more," Burton said. "To win the prize, it hasn't really sunk in yet. We'll probably be sitting in the airport waiting for our plane before it really sinks in."

Rules for the race were teammates must stay in 20 feet of each other, no phones, computers or any electric device could be used, no bikes or any type of mobilization was allowed and all members had to adhere to campus and local laws.

"We didn't really have a strategy. [We] just ran around like headless kooks and for some reason we got lucky a number of times," Burton said. "[We] found the places we needed to find. The next thing we knew we actually won and now we're off to San Antonio."

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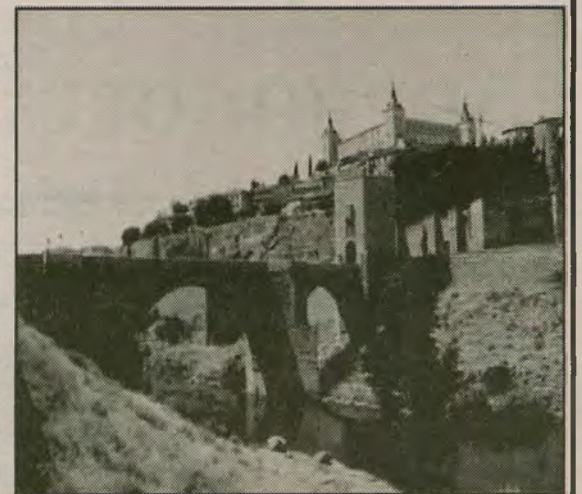
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Senegal flood alters lives of thousands

FASS MBAO — The only piece of furniture that survived the most recent flood in Fatou Dione's house is her bed. It's propped up on cinderblocks and hovers just above the water lapping at the walls of her bedroom.

The water stands a foot deep throughout her house. She shakes off her wet feet each time she climbs into her bed. To keep it dry, she tries to place her feet on the same spot so that only one corner of her mattress becomes moist.

Torrential rains have lashed Africa's western coast for the past three months, killing 159 people and flooding the homes and businesses of over 600,000 others, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Human Affairs.

Argentina media fight gets personal

BUENOS AIRES — An epic battle between Argentina's two reigning powers — the presidency and media giant Grupo Clarin — started with a political cartoon, the way one editor tells it.

When President Cristina Fernandez was drawn with an X taped over her mouth, she called it a "mafia-like" threat and accused "media generals" of using their newspaper and TV stations to rally her opponents.

She and her husband and predecessor Nestor Kirchner told Clarin to be more "disciplined," editor Ricardo Kirschbaum recalls — one of many attempts to control the paper's coverage.

NATIONAL NEWS

Obama grieves anti-abortionist death

WOSSO, Mich. — President Barack Obama on Sunday condemned the killing of an anti-abortion activist in Michigan as activists and others gathered for vigil near the site where he was fatally shot.

Obama called last week's shooting of James Pouillon "deplorable" in a two-sentence statement.

"Whichever side of a public debate you're on, violence is never the right answer," Obama said in the statement.

Police say Pouillon, 63, was killed Friday morning while protesting across the street from a high school in Owosso, about 70 miles northwest of Detroit. Pouillon was in his usual spot holding a sign that pictured a chubby-cheeked baby with the word "LIFE" on one side and an image of an aborted fetus with the word "ABORTION" on the other.

FBI investigates Jackie Kennedy's note

DALLAS — A newspaper reported Sunday that the FBI is investigating a "stolen" handwritten condolence note by Jacqueline Kennedy to Ethel Kennedy that was penned shortly after Robert F. Kennedy's 1968 assassination.

The Dallas Morning News reported that investigators and Kennedy family members suspect the note was taken from Robert and Ethel Kennedy's McLean, Va., home.

The note, which has changed hands several times and has sold for as much as \$25,000, opens with "My Ethel."

"You must be so tired," Jackie Kennedy wrote. "I stayed up till 6:30 last night just thinking and praying for you."

LOCAL NEWS

2 teens killed in Indianapolis shooting

INDIANAPOLIS — Police say a teenager started firing a handgun during a party in Indianapolis, fatally wounding one person and injuring another.

Police say 18-year-old Rodney L. Harris II died Sunday following a gunshot wound to the head. The other victim, 15-year-old Kristian Greene, is in stable condition with a leg wound.

Police spokesman Lt. Jeff Duhamell says the two were wounded when an unidentified youth pulled out a handgun during a party attended by 60 to 100 people and fired several shots about midnight Saturday.

Trouble brews for Dems in 2010

Upcoming national election brings early obstacles and worries House liberals

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Despite sweeping Democratic successes in the past two national elections, continuing job losses and President Barack Obama's slipping support could lead to double-digit losses for the party in next year's congressional races and may even threaten their House control.

Fifty-four new Democrats were swept into the House in 2006 and 2008, helping the party claim a decisive majority as voters soured on a Republican president and embraced Obama's message of hope and change. Many of the new Democrats are in districts carried by Republican John McCain in last year's presidential contest; others are in traditional swing districts that have proved tough for either party to hold.

From New Hampshire to Nevada, House Democrats also will be forced to defend votes on Obama's \$787 billion economic recovery package and on energy legislation viewed by many as a job killer in an already weak economy.

Add to that the absence of Obama from the top of the ticket, which could reduce turnout among blacks, liberals and young people, and the likelihood of a highly motivated GOP base confused by the president's proposed health care plan and angry at what they consider reckless spending and high debt.

Taken together, it could be the most toxic environment for Democrats since 1994, when the party lost 34 House incumbents and 54 seats altogether. Democrats currently have a 256-178 edge in the House, with one vacancy. Republicans would have to pick up 40 seats to regain control.

"When you have big sweeps as Democrats did in 2006 and 2008, inevitably some weak candidates get elected. And when the environment gets even moderately challenging, a number of



On Aug. 24, California State Sen. Mark DeSaulnier, who is seeking the Democratic nomination to replace Rep. Ellen Tauscher, D-Calif., addressed questions about party troubles.

them are going to lose," said Jack Pitney, a political science professor at Claremont McKenna College in California.

Since the mid-19th century, the party that controls the White House has lost seats in virtually every midterm election. The exceptions were in 1934, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt navigated the Great Depression, and in 2002, after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, strengthened George W. Bush's image as a leader.

With history as a guide, Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., who heads the party's House campaign committee, said he has warned colleagues to be prepared for an exceptionally challenging environment going into 2010.

But Van Hollen said voters will make their choices on the strength of the national economy and will reward Democrats for working aggressively to improve it.

"We passed an economic recovery bill with zero help from Republican colleagues," he said. "I think voters will see that and will ask themselves, 'Who was there to get the economy moving again, and who was standing in the way?'"

Democrats have gotten off to a much faster start than Republicans in fundraising for 2010. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee had \$10.2 million in the bank at the end of July, with debts of \$5.3 million. The National Republican Congressional Committee

had just \$4 million in cash and owed \$2.75 million.

The economy poses the biggest problem for Democrats, with job losses of 2.4 million nationwide since Obama took office. Despite recent signs the country is pulling out of the recession, the unemployment rate in 15 states still was in double digits in July, led by Michigan at 15 percent.

Democrats must defend as many as 60 marginal seats next year, as opposed to about 40 for Republicans. Among those, about 27 Democratic and just 13 Republican seats are seen as especially ripe for a party switch.

Some involve incumbents stepping down to run for higher office.

GERMANY

Germany plans Afghanistan exit strategy

Associated Press

BERLIN — Germany's foreign minister on Sunday advocated laying the foundations by 2013 for an eventual withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Chancellor Angela Merkel, who he is challenging in elections later this month, said it makes sense to exert pressure on Kabul to ensure progress. The country's unpopular mission in Afghanistan, where it has more than 4,200 troops, has been put in the spotlight by a German-ordered airstrike near Kunduz in which civilians appear to have died.

Merkel last week joined the French and British leaders in calling for a

new international conference on Afghanistan to be held this year, hoping to accelerate and improve training of local forces and lay out a timetable in which Afghans can take back full control.

On Sunday, the weekly Der Spiegel reported that a paper drawn up for Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier says the conference should "not satisfy itself with vague targets" and that foundations for a withdrawal should be laid in Germany's next four-year parliamentary term.

Steinmeier, asked about that Sunday in a television debate with Merkel, stressed that he didn't envision 2013 as a withdrawal date. He did not spec-

ify one.

"We want to create the conditions ... by 2013 so that the withdrawal can begin," he said. "I can't say now ... let's get out without using our heads."

"Getting out now would mean women going back into the cellar, girls no longer going to school, farmers growing drugs again and plenty more," he added.

Germany should discuss with Afghanistan's newly elected president what his priorities are and "agree on a clear timetable on how long we need to be there," Steinmeier said. "Our purpose is to make ourselves superfluous in Afghanistan."

Loss

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fought on both sides of the ball, things just didn't go our way," he said.

Lost behind the shock of Michigan's fourth quarter drive is the fact that the Irish had two late drives as well. Clausen led the Irish on two scoring drives to take the lead in the final quarter, the first capped by a 21-yard pass to receiver Golden Tate, and the second an 8-yard run from Allen.

"Jimmy has progressed so much as a player and leader. I really respect the grace he has

handled himself with under such intense pressure," Borrmann said. "The way Clausen acts under pressure — on and off the field — that's something I respect."

Yet, as well as Clausen and the team played, the difference in the game was missed opportunities. After a questionable reversal of an Allen touchdown in the first half, the Irish had to settle for a field goal.

"A missed field goal, a bad call, penalties, a special teams

touchdown, a fumble and untimely injuries — the little things just piled against us. The breaks didn't go our way," McCarty said.

However, students were quick to give credit to the Michigan team, especially the Wolverine quarterback Tate Forcier.

"Forcier should be on top of the world. He played a perfect game," Borrmann said.

"The little things just piled up against us. The breaks didn't go our way."

Michael McCarthy
freshman

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GRACE KENESY/The Observer

Notre Dame fans cheer as they watch the Irish take on the Michigan Wolverines in the waning seconds of Saturday's game.

Lottery

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process.

"Away game lotteries are not an exchange at all," Kat Burke, board manager for the Student Union Board (SUB), said.

Instead, students have the opportunity to bring in up to four student IDs and enter them in a lottery to win away game tickets. If students win, they may buy the tickets at face value.

The lottery operates on a "first come, first served" basis, Burke said.

"The Michigan lottery went unbelievably well," Burke said. "We sold all the tickets

we had available."

In fact, the demand for tickets dwarfed the supply, with 1,611 students entering the Michigan lottery and only 145 tickets available.

"That's the horrible thing, we're completely dependent on what the host institution is willing to give us," Burke said. "We took everything they offered."

The popularity of the ticket lottery program is nonetheless a good sign.

"It's a great service," Burke said. "It's a great chance for students to go out and support our team."

A different campus group oversees each lottery. The Classes of 2010, 2011 and 2012, each run a lottery, as do the Hall Presidents' Council and the Graduate Student

Union.

"We're very appreciative to the football team and the ticket office for this opportunity," Schmidt said. "It's a great opportunity for students. You never know when you'll have someone who needs it."

It's possible that some students who want to exchange tickets are not able to do so, Schmidt said.

"Not everyone knows we have this program," Schmidt said.

As long as students come to the lottery and don't miss the date, however, they can easily exchange student tickets for general admission tickets. Students simply need to remember to come to the lottery.

"I know there were some situations where people missed the lottery," Schmidt said. "We unfortunately can't exchange tickets after the lottery is over."

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Kat Burke
board manager
Student Union Board

Aid

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year."

This trend can be seen in the two percent increase in students applying for financial aid, and it is only the beginning of the first semester.

As federally and college funded loans are increasing, students are receiving less support from the state of Indiana. As a result, there has been over a 30 percent increase in students who request a "special circumstance review," Brown said.

These reviews are usually the result of students having unpaid medical bills or previous private school tuition expenses that need to be accounted for.

However, the Financial Aid Department has seen a

decrease in students requesting expensive alternative loans.

"There is some good news," Brown said. "There are smaller amounts of expensive alternative loans being taken out."

Alternative loans are more expensive because they are not federally funded and thus have higher interest rates.

However, Brown noted students that opt for alternative loans are "are asking for larger amounts of money."

Furthermore, there has been a dramatic increase in Federal Pell Grants, which go to the neediest students.

"[Around] 6.6 percent of the enrolled [students] are eligible," Brown said. "Usually it fluctuates around 1 percent from year to year."

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IN BRIEF

EU spends billions on sea turbines

BRUSSELS — European wind power producers are calling for billions of euros in investments to generate energy from wind turbines planted in the sea.

The European Union is aiming to generate a fifth of all its energy from renewable sources by 2020 to lessen reliance on imported oil and gas and meet climate change goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Wind power will likely play the major role and could generate up to 16 percent of all EU energy — or a third of all electricity — by 2020, the European Wind Energy Association says.

The industry says this depends on governments helping them make a major push to develop offshore wind farms over the next 20 years. They say it could replace power from older coal-fired electricity stations and help meet Europe's growing energy demand.

Some €57 billion will be needed to develop these wind farms, the association said. The industry can use bigger and more powerful wind turbines planted in the sea bed to generate around a third more power than land-based wind stations.

Another €20 billion to €30 billion will need to be spent on energy links to transfer the power onshore and link power connectors between European nations, including links across the North Sea, EWEA says.

Disney plans expensive facelift

ORLANDO — Disney executives are planning the largest expansion in the history of Walt Disney World in central Florida.

The development will nearly double the size of Fantasyland and include a new, lavish ride based on the Little Mermaid. Walt Disney Parks and Resorts Chairman Jay Rasulo made the announcement Saturday.

Analysts predict it will re-ignite travel to Orlando, which has lagged in the global recession.

Disney also plans to update Star Tours, the Star Wars-themed ride in Disney's Hollywood Studios. It will debut in 2011. The Fantasyland overhaul will be complete by 2013. Disney declined to say how much it will spend on the projects.

Disney's parks contribute about a third of the giant entertainment company's revenue.

Banks already bouncing back

Only one year after economic crisis struck, Wall Street regains appetite for

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A year after the financial system nearly collapsed, the nation's biggest banks are bigger and regaining their appetite for risk.

Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase and others — which have received tens of billions of dollars in federal aid — are once more betting big on bonds, commodities and exotic financial products, trading that nearly stopped during the financial crisis.

That Wall Street is making money again in essentially the same ways that thrust the banking system into chaos last fall is reason for concern on several levels, financial analysts and government officials say.

◆ There have been no significant changes to the federal rules governing their behavior. Proposals that have been made to better monitor the financial system and to police the products banks sell to consumers have been held up by lobbyists, lawmakers and turf-protecting regulators.

◆ Through mergers and the failure of Lehman Brothers, the mammoth banks whose near-collapse prompted government rescues have gotten even bigger, increasing the risk they pose to the financial system. And they still make bets that, in the aggregate, are worth far more than the capital they have on hand to cover against potential losses.

◆ The government's response to last year's meltdown was to spend whatever it takes to protect the financial system from collapse — a precedent that could encourage even greater risk-taking from the private sector.

Lawrence Summers, director of the White House National Economic Council, says an overhaul



On October 2, 2008, Jonathan Corpina, senior managing partner at Meridian Equity Partners Inc., center, works in a crowd of traders on the New York Stock Exchange floor.

of financial regulations is needed as soon as possible to keep the financial system safe over the long haul.

"You cannot rely on the scars of past crises to ensure against practices that will lead to future crises," Summers says.

No one is predicting another meltdown from risky trading in the near term. Rather, the concern is what happens over time as banks' confidence grows and the memory of the financial crisis of 2008 fades.

Will they pile on bets to the point that a new asset bubble forms and — as happened with mortgage-backed securities — its undoing endangers banks

and the broader economy?

"We're seeing the same kind of behavior from the banks, and that could lead to some huge and scary parallels," says Simon Johnson, former chief economist with the International Monetary Fund.

Some risk-taking is good. When banks are willing to invest in companies or lend to home-buyers, that nurtures economic growth by generating employment and consumer spending, feeding a cycle of expansion.

The problem is when banks' quest for profits leads them to take on too much risk. In the case of the housing bubble, which

burst last year, banks lent too freely to consumers with weak credit and wagered too much on complex financial instruments tied to mortgages. As real-estate prices turned south, so did the financial industry's health.

Because the largest banks' trading divisions make their bets with each other, their fortunes are intertwined. The collapse of one can threaten another — and another — if it is unable to pay off its debts.

This so-called counterparty risk is a major reason the Obama administration's regulatory overhaul plan calls for the creation of a "systemic risk regulator."

Consumer spending could boost economy

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — Wall Street wants consumers to do their part to heal the economy. Traders know it's going to take some time.

Investors will get some insight this week into how much consumers are spending from a government report on August retail sales. They'll also get an indicator of how willing consumers are to borrow money to make those purchases when credit card lender Discover Financial Services reports earnings.

"I think everybody is focusing so heavily on if people are releasing some of those dollars they have been clinging so tightly to over the past year," said Jamie Cox, managing partner at Harris Financial Group in Colonial Heights, Va.

Analysts say investors need to see evidence that consumer spending is picking up before the market can extend its recent gains. Economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters estimate retail sales increased 1.2 percent last month, after falling 0.1 percent in July. The report comes out Tuesday.

Many analysts have been expecting a pullback in the markets, which have risen more than 50 percent since bottoming out at a 12-year low in early March. The S&P 500 index, a widely used market gauge and the basis for many mutual funds, rose for five days before slipping Friday and ending the week up 2.6 percent. The Dow rose 164 points, or 1.7 percent, for the week.

"The market could take a breather before third-quarter earnings reports," said Peter Cardillo, chief market econ-

omist at New York-based brokerage house Avalon Partners Inc. Companies will start reporting results in early October for the three months ending in September.

The stock market ended the week with a few pieces of reassuring news on the economy. The Commerce Department reported Friday that even though wholesale inventories fell for a record 11th straight month in July, sales rose by the largest amount in more than a year. Also, the University of Michigan consumer confidence index showed improving views of both current conditions as well as expectations for the future.

"You have to remember that consumers will spend money if they feel like that their prospects for a job or for wealth feels OK," Cox said. "That 'wealth effect' is huge."

Cops draw blood with drunk driving

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — When police officer Darryll Dowell is on patrol in the southwestern Idaho city of Nampa, he'll pull up at a stoplight and usually start casing the vehicle. Nowadays, his eyes will also focus on the driver's arms, as he tries to search for a plump, bouncy vein.

"I was looking at people's arms and hands, thinking, 'I could draw from that,'" Dowell said.

It's all part of training he and a select cadre of officers in Idaho and Texas have received in recent months to draw blood from those suspected of drunk or drugged driving. The federal program's aim is to determine if blood draws by cops can be an effective tool against drunk drivers and aid in their prosecution.

If the results seem promising after a year or two, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will encourage police nationwide to undergo similar training.

For years, defense attorneys in Idaho advised clients to always refuse breath tests, Ada County Deputy Prosecutor Christine Starr said. When the state toughened the penalties for refusing the tests a few years ago, the problem lessened, but it's still the main reason that drunk driving cases go to trial in the Boise region, Starr said.

Idaho had a 20 percent breath test refusal rate in 2005, compared with 22 percent nationally, according to an NHTSA study.

Starr hopes the new system will cut down on the number of drunken driving trials. Officers can't hold down a suspect and force them to breathe into a tube, she noted, but they can forcefully take blood — a practice that's been upheld by Idaho's Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court.

The nation's highest court ruled in 1966 that police could have blood tests forcibly done on a drunk driving suspect without a warrant, as long as the draw was based on a reasonable suspicion that a suspect was intoxicated, that it was done after an arrest and carried out in a medically approved manner.

The practice of cops drawing blood, implemented first in 1995 in Arizona, has also raised concerns about safety and the credibility of the evidence.

"I would imagine that a lot of people would be wary of having their blood drawn by an officer on the hood of their police vehicle," said Steve Oberman, chair of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' DUI Committee.

The officer phlebotomists are generally trained under the same program as their state's hospital or clinical phlebotomists, but they do it under a highly compressed schedule, and some of the curriculum is cut.

That's because officers don't need to know how to draw blood from a foot or other difficult sites, or from an infant or medically fragile patient, said Nicole Watson, the College of Western Idaho phlebotomy instructor teaching the Idaho officers.

Instead, they are trained on the elbow crease, the forearm and the back of the hand. If none are accessible, they'll take the suspect to the hospital for testing.

In a nondescript Boise office building where the Nampa officers were trained, Dowell scanned his subject and prepared to draw blood. Chase Abston, an officer taking his turn playing a suspect, recoiled a bit, pressing his back deeper into the gray pleather chair.

Dowell slid a fine-gauge needle into the back of Abston's hand. Abston, who had been holding his breath, slowly exhaled as his blood began to flow.

All the officers seemed like they'd be more comfortable if their colleagues were wielding sidearms instead of syringes. But halfway through the second day of training, with about 10 venipunctures each under their belts, they relaxed enough to trade barbs alongside needle jabs.

They're making quick progress, Watson said. Their training will be complete after they have logged 75 successful blood draws.

Once they're back on patrol, they will draw blood of any suspected drunk driver who refuses a breath test. They'll use force if they need to, such as getting help from another officer to pin down a suspect and potentially strap them down, Watson said.

Though most legal experts agree blood tests measure blood alcohol more accurately than breath tests, Oberman said the tests can be fraught with problems, too.

Vials can be mixed up, preservative levels in the tubes used to collect the blood can be off, or the blood can be stored improperly, causing it to ferment and boosting the alcohol content.

Oberman said law enforcement agencies should also be concerned "about possible malpractice cases over somebody who was not properly trained."

Alan Haywood, Arizona's law enforcement phlebotomy coordinator who is directing the training programs in Idaho and Texas, said officers are exposed to some extra on-the-job risk if they draw blood, but that any concern is mitigated by good training and safe practices.

"If we can't get the evidence safely, we're not going to endanger the officers or the public to collect that evidence," he said.

The Phoenix Police Department only uses blood tests for impaired driving cases. Detective Kemp Layden, who oversees drug recognition, phlebotomy and field sobriety, said the city now has about 120 officers certified to draw blood. Typically, a suspect is brought to a precinct or mobile booking van for the blood draw.

Under the state's implied consent law, drivers who refuse to voluntarily submit to the test lose their license for a year, so most comply. For the approximately 5 percent who refuse, the officer obtains a search warrant from an on-call judge and the suspect can be restrained if needed to obtain a sample, Layden said.

Between 300 to 400 blood tests are done in an average month in the nation's fifth-largest city.

County wants funds to fix image

Associated Press

KINGSTON, Tenn. — For a Tennessee community that fears being forever linked to one of the country's worst environmental disasters, an estimated \$1 billion being spent to clean up a massive coal ash spill that flooded its lakeside homes isn't enough.

Roane County leaders want millions more dollars to repair their economy and image after 5.4 million cubic yards of toxin-laden muck breached a holding pond at the Tennessee Valley Authority's Kingston Fossil Plant on Dec. 22.

"We are not trying to take advantage of anything. We didn't ask for this. We didn't go out looking for it. We are not ambulance chasers," Kingston Mayor Troy Beets said. "We are trying to recover from a hit in the mouth."

Aside from what it's spending on the cleanup, TVA has agreed to consider local governments' request for compensation that would go toward other refurbishment projects. A joint proposal drafted by top officials from local governments presents TVA with a couple of options for reimbursement, but the one drawing the most attention asks the utility to pay for a wish list of projects estimated to cost at least \$40 million.

TVA has indicated it will provide some support beyond the cleanup costs and is expected to announce Monday how much it will pay.

Most projects on the local officials' list — upgrades to water lines, sewer lines and schools, construction of nature trails, and a big public relations and marketing cam-

paign — don't directly relate to the spill. The plans were compiled by elected leaders on a special panel called the Long Term Recovery Committee.

To government leaders in the county of 78,000 people with a typical annual operating budget of \$102 million, the spending is needed to offset months of negative national news coverage about the spill — especially among Rust Belt and Florida retirees shopping the Internet for a mild-climate retreat on an eastern Tennessee lake.

To TVA ratepayers, who will

foot the bill for the projects on top of the \$21 million TVA has spent repairing roads and utility services damaged in the disaster, the project list raises the issue of how much is fair.

"How do you recover?" Roane County Mayor Mike Farmer said. "You do something to make people forget about what today's news story is — some wonderful announcement that says we are working on a wonderful new Roane County with a new school, new ballfields and a new senior center."

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La Alianza

Layoffs lead to fewer blood drives

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Before the recession hit, Jacksonville's blood bank would pull its buses up to the Anheuser-Busch brewery and pump 300 units of blood from employees.

Then came buyouts, retirements and layoffs. During the company's last blood drive, the Blood Alliance only collected about 45 units.

Which is why, on a recent day, the organization's blood-mobile was parked in a driving rainstorm outside a small law firm. With the smell of latex gloves in the air, donors read the paper and listened to soft rock on the radio as workers pricked their arms with needles.

"We have to do smaller blood drives," explained John Helgren, a spokesman for the Blood Alliance. "We have to work harder to get blood these days."

In some hard-hit pockets of the country, from Florida to Michigan to Southern California, blood centers are noticing a pattern: corporate drives are attracting fewer donors, likely because of the economy.

The nation's overall blood supply is adequate to cover local shortages, but in some areas a majority of blood is donated during workplace drives because people tend to give where it's convenient. When workers are laid off or aren't replaced after retirements and buyouts, there are fewer donors. The employees who are left don't feel like they can take the time to give, or don't feel like it. That leaves the local blood banks scrambling.

"We are seeing a direct effect

of the recession," said Toni Gould, spokeswoman for Michigan Community Blood Centers, which has seen a 15 percent to 20 percent drop this summer. The state's unemployment rate of 15.6 percent is the nation's highest. "So many businesses and factories are closing, and they accounted for a large share of mobile drives."

It's a similar story in Wisconsin, where a spokeswoman from the Badger-Hawkeye Red Cross says 33 corporate drives were canceled from June through August, resulting in 1,700 fewer units collected. The state's unemployment rate of 8.7 percent has doubled in the last year.

And Florida Blood Services in Tampa — where the unemployment rate is 11.3 percent — had to import several thousand units of blood to cover an August shortfall. Spokesman Dan Eberts said employees at some companies are also working from home — or traveling to countries like India, where new headquarters have been set up. That makes them temporarily ineligible to donate because it's possible they were exposed to a blood-borne disease. And the workers who survive layoffs often aren't in a giving mood.

"Some people were like, 'And now you want my blood?'" Eberts said.

While certain areas report a decline in donations, the American Red Cross says there hasn't yet been a significant drop overall — but that might be changing.

Many businesses are canceling blood drives, and the Red Cross is starting to see fewer donors than in previous months, said Stephanie Millian, the organization's director of

biomedical communication. But she noted that it's too soon to tell if it's a seasonal shift, or one caused by the poor economy.

The decline in blood donation in some areas coincides with an overall decline in corporate charity. For example, United Way spokeswoman Sally Fabens said that in 2008, workplace campaigns declined 4.5 percent from the previous year — and corporate gifts to the organization declined 3.9 percent.

Some blood centers say summer donations are always down because of vacations and closed high schools, where drives are often held. Also, the eligible donor population keeps shrinking as people visit exotic, malaria-ridden locales or get tattoos — people who get inked often can't give blood for a year because of possible infections. In general, the Red Cross has tightened its criteria for donors in the past 10 years or so.

The Red Cross of Southern California saw its corporate donations dip earlier in the year, and suspected it was because layoffs. So the group started using a machine that collects twice as many red blood cells from donors and changed how it schedules blood drives.

"I don't want to say were in a fabulous situation," spokesman Nick Samaniego said. "We're not in a crisis situation — but we're not exactly where we want to be."

Many locations say the drop in donations correlates with a drop in usage — if people move away it generally means there are fewer people left in the community who might need blood. But in Jacksonville, blood usage is up, said the Blood Alliance's Helgren.

Fake moon rocks discovered abroad

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — Attention, countries of the world: Do you know where your moon rocks are?

The discovery of a fake moon rock in the Netherlands' national museum should be a wake-up call for more than 130 countries that received gifts of lunar rubble from both the Apollo 11 flight in 1969 and Apollo 17 three years later.

Nearly 270 rocks scooped up by U.S. astronauts were given to foreign countries by the Nixon administration. But according to experts and research by The Associated Press, the whereabouts of some of the small rocks are unknown.

"There is no doubt in my mind that many moon rocks are lost or stolen and now sitting in private collections," said Joseph Gutheinz, a University of Arizona instructor and former U.S. government investigator who has made a project of tracking down the lunar treasures.

The Rijksmuseum, more noted as a repository for 17th century Dutch paintings, announced last month it had had its plum-sized "moon" rock tested, only to discover it was a piece of petrified wood, possibly from Arizona. The museum said it inherited the rock from the estate of a former prime minister.

The real Dutch moon rocks are in a natural history museum. But the misidentification raised questions about how well countries have safeguarded their presents from Washington.

Genuine moon rocks, while worthless in mineral terms, can fetch six-figure sums from black-market collectors.

Of 135 rocks from the Apollo 17 mission given away to nations or their leaders, only about 25 have been located by CollectSpace.com, a Web site for space history buffs that has long attempted to compile a list.

That should not be taken to mean the others are lost — just that the records kept at the time are far from complete.

The AP reviewed declassified correspondence between the State Department and U.S. embassies in 1973 and was able to locate ten additional Apollo 17 rocks — in Switzerland, Belgium, Italy, Barbados, France, Poland, Norway, Costa Rica, Egypt and Nepal.

But the correspondence yielded a meager 30 leads, such as the name of the person who received them or the museum where they were to be initially displayed. Ecuador and Cyprus are among several that said they had never heard of the rocks. Five were handed to African dictators long since dead or deposed.

The outlook for tracking the estimated 134 Apollo 11 rocks is even bleaker. The locations of fewer than a dozen are known.

"NASA turned over the samples to the State Department to distribute," said Jennifer Ross-Nazzal, a NASA historian, in an e-mailed response to questions. "We don't have any records about when and to whom the rocks were given."

"The Office of the Historian does not keep records of what became of the moon rocks, and to my knowledge, there is no one entity that does so," e-mailed Tiffany Hamelin, the State Department historian.

That may seem surprising now,

but in the early 1970s, few expected Apollo 17 would be the last mission to the moon. With the passage of time, the rocks' value has skyrocketed.

NASA keeps most of the 382 kilograms (842 lbs) gathered by the Apollo missions locked away, giving small samples to researchers and lending a set of larger rocks for exhibitions.

Apollo 11 gift rocks typically weigh just 0.05 grams, scarcely more than a grain of rice. The Apollo 17 gift rocks weigh about 1.1 grams. Both are encased in plastic globes to protect them and ease viewing.

Each U.S. state got both sets of rocks, and Gutheinz said he and his students have accounted for nearly all the Apollo 17 rocks, though some are in storage and inaccessible. They have only just begun researching Apollo 11 rocks in the states.

In one known legal sale of moon samples, in 1993, moon soil weighing 0.2 grams from an unmanned Russian probe was auctioned at Sotheby's for \$442,500.

Gutheinz, the former U.S. investigator, says ignorance about the rocks is an invitation to thieves, and he should know.

In 1998, he was working for the NASA Office of the Inspector General in a sting operation to uncover fake rocks when he was offered the real Apollo 17 rock — the one given to Honduras — for \$5 million.

The rock was recovered and eventually returned to Honduras, but not before a fight in Florida District Court that went down in legal annals as "United States vs. One Lucite Ball Containing Lunar Material (One Moon Rock) and One Ten Inch By Fourteen Inch Wooden Plaque."

The case is not unique.

Malta's Apollo 17 rock was stolen in 2004. In Spain, the newspaper El Mundo this summer reported that the Apollo 17 rock given to the country's former dictator, Francisco Franco, is missing.

Franco died in 1975. The paper quoted his grandson as denying the rock had been sold. He said his mother had lost it, but claimed it was the family's personal possession, to sell if it wished.

Gutheinz says Romania's Apollo 17 rock disappeared after the fall and execution of Nicolae Ceausescu in 1989.

According to Gutheinz and other reports, Pakistan's Apollo 17 rock is missing; so is Nicaragua's, since the Sandinistas came to power in 1979. Afghanistan's Apollo 17 rock sat in Kabul's national museum until it was ransacked in 1996.

In fact, the Netherlands is one of the few countries where the location of both the Apollo 11 and Apollo 17 gift rocks is known. Britain, Australia, Canada and New Zealand are others — though none has rocks from both missions on permanent public display and some have been kept in storage for decades.

The Amsterdam case appears to be not fraud but the result of poor vetting by the Rijksmuseum.

Spokeswoman Xandra van Gelder said the museum checked with NASA after receiving the rock in 1992 from the estate of the late Prime Minister Willem Drees. NASA told the museum, without seeing it, that it was "possible" it was a moon rock.

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Funny how some take-overs are evil and some are welcome, isn't it?

The government taking over our health care system: evil (especially when "taking over" doesn't have any concrete meaning).

Microsoft taking on the world in the highly intimidating figure of Bill Gates: evil.

Wal-Mart buying out every little "Ma and Pa" grocery store to provide cheap alternatives: evil.

Google providing more and more free* Internet services and applications: awesome.

We overlook the corporate domination of one of the biggest companies in Internet services because it's fun to use. We think it's creative, witty and intuitive. Why would you hate a company like that?

I fully realized my personal devotion to Google two weeks ago when Gmail stopped working for those long couple hours. Surely you all noticed as well. Having those two hours of life in which communication was forced to transpire only verbally, when scheduling had to be done with hand onto paper books (do those muscles still exist in my hand?), and when documents had to be saved on standard MS Word and not Google Docs was painful, difficult to accept and even made it tough to find alternative things to do.

It was obviously very traumatic.

But the whole incident got me thinking; what would we do, as a global Internet-based community, if Google stopped working?

According to various outside estimates

(when you control search engines, it's easy to keep your secrets un-findable), Google has somewhere between 500,000 and 900,000 servers. Google's yearly revenue in 2008 was \$27.8 billion, from which they made about \$6.63 billion in profits. Their gross profits from last year are approximately equal to total revenue of the number two Internet search engine, Yahoo! (\$7.2 billion) — that's Yahoo!'s revenue to Google's profits.

Not only is Google's net revenue more than the revenues of Amazon.com, Ebay and Yahoo! combined, but their trusted, easy-to-use and sleek services expand daily. Google has released the Android as a competitor of the i-Phone, Google Chrome to rival Microsoft's long-standing Internet Explorer, Picasa Web Albums to compete with Facebook's easy-to-share albums and GoogleMaps — well, they took out MapQuest a long time ago. Google partners with NASA ("Google Mars"), provides search and ad options to MySpace (which Google paid \$900 million for) and owns YouTube (sold for \$1.65 billion in stock).

That sounds like a giant to me.

But how can you hate Google?

Everything is free. Picasa combines Photoshop and Facebook into a touch-up, shared, orderly masterpiece. The organizational theory behind every Google App makes so much sense that it often changes perception. Why didn't I write my calendars out in such a crisp, block format before I started using Google Calendar? How could you possibly expect to drive somewhere new and not have an idea of what the street looks like, either from the road or from the sky?

Google differs from the other evil takeovers in that it actually works. They are taking over not solely because they are that adept at business, but because they are that adept at technology, psy-

chology and design.

There have certainly been some anti-trust fears, such as in 2008 when Google wanted to allow Yahoo! to advertise on its pages, which would have given the combined advertising force control of 81 percent of all searches. The U.S. Department of Justice intervened to stop that deal.

But when a company's motto is "Don't be evil," it is hard to label it as such. How do you vilify something that your daily structure depends on? Even if they read your e-mails and tailor advertisements to your private written words, even if they make 99 percent of their \$27.8 billion revenue from ads targeted to (and effectively working on) you and me, even if they hold on to your entire Internet search history, you can't seem to hate them. Why?

Because if their servers went down, we would go down, too. They have so much information that we all consider "safe," beyond the limits of our crash-able computers. We disregard the fact that their servers are human, too. Okay, maybe fallible is a better word choice than human, but wanting to call them human is telling.

So here at the conclusion-drawing part of the column, I'm left without a sketchpad. Whether Google is good or bad may even be irrelevant. It works, and it works well. Companies make money when people actually enjoy using their services. Just be aware, the next time you protest Big Government, that you got to the Web site of that ranting blog through Big Google.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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Edward Young
English poet

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

War in Iraq from a soldier's perspective

Reading Lauren Jacobi's article on the reporter's lecture on Iraq ("Reporter lectures on Iraq conflict," Sept. 10) filled me with the same sense of frustration I often get trying to explain the war in Iraq to someone who has not been there. And apparently, Thomas Ricks spent some time in Iraq. I was there for 15 months as part of the Baghdad Security Plan or, as it is often referred to, "The Surge." My Brigade (approximately 3,500 soldiers) deployed in March of 2007 and stayed until June of 2008. Our job was to secure the eastern edge of Baghdad to limit accelerant movement into Baghdad.

Ricks is correct in that the Surge was a very difficult time in Iraq. The fighting was intense; I lost several friends and saw the carnage first-hand as a Scout Platoon Leader. Then things changed. As more forces poured into the area and our troop numbers swelled, we were able to provide stability. Patrol bases were established to maintain watch over the neighborhoods, we were able to achieve near constant presence in the streets and the violence crested and then rapidly dissipated.

In the weekly sheik counsel meetings,

that change became very real. What started as a hodgepodge of local leaders without a voice in the government shaped into the "Sons of Iraq" movement that started in the Anbar province and spread like wildfire. The people in our corner of the Wassit Province found their voice. The Iraqis took the responsibility of security into their own hands, not just as paid volunteers under the Sons of Iraq, but the ebbing tide of violence allowed for vast improvement in the Federal Police, local Police and Iraqi Army. Additionally, many political leaders that shut themselves out of the previous election where able to make their voice heard through non-violent means. This was the basis for current Security Agreement that allows Iraqis to tell Americans that they do not need our help in the cities.

According to Jacobi's article, Ricks' three points that Americans do not understand were how difficult the surge was (and that it ultimately failed), that the elections will be violently contested and that there is impending civil war. I feel that is an unfair conjecture at this point. Iraqis have only had security in their hands since July. It's early September; this is

not a football season — things take time. New Orleans is still nowhere near where it was before Katrina and that was a natural disaster. Iraq is a country that has been at war with itself and its neighbors for the better part of its history.

Here are the three things I believe most Americans do not understand about the war in Iraq: 1. Iraq is not America and Iraqis are not Americans. They have different moral and ethical standards, different standards of living and a different outlook on life in general. If you hold Iraq or Iraqis to American standards you will always see a huge dissonance because they are completely different.

2. The current Security Agreement in Iraq is still in flux. Iraqi security forces need time to be tested, learn and improve. This is their first chance to establish security since 2003 so things are not perfect. But they are far better than what most people would believe and they have come a very long way in a short period of time.

3. The elections this January are the true test of how long we will have to stay in Iraq to provide stability and assistance. I refuse to believe that it is

a foregone conclusion that Iraq will have a violently disputed election. There may be violence, but Iraqi security forces have three more months to continue to grow and develop. Additionally it is an opportunity that most Iraqis see as a chance to show the international community that are capable of achieving a democratic and non-violent society.

I know that the war in Iraq is far from over and I think most Americans now realize that nation-building takes time. It took decades to rebuild Germany and Japan after WWII and decades to rebuild Korea after the Korean War. I believe that Americans know and understand this, but that it is a tough pill to swallow when America itself is in turmoil economically and politically. There is light at the end of the tunnel and I believe that, given the opportunity to succeed, our efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq will produce stable strategic partners in critical parts of the globe.

John Dickson
 alumnus
 class of 2005
 Sept. 11

Team's post-game conduct disappointing

Dear Football Team,
 Congratulations on playing a terrific two quarters Saturday. Freshmen and sophomores, I hope the Big House lived up to its hype as not only one of the toughest places to play, but one of the most vile holes of swamp-ground in the nation.

Michigan-hating aside, I want you, the players, to know that I'll be proud to stand behind you as long as you are proud to fight for Our Lady's University. As a member of the drum line, I'm willing to do whatever I can to support you from Monday to Friday at our practices, at midnight on Fridays and from dawn to dusk every Saturday. This past Saturday, I didn't mind waking up at 7:30 a.m., helping to load nine buses, bussing to the armpit of America, holding my drum for five straight hours or screaming my lungs out for four quarters only to see a heartbreaking loss (a loss that can't be blamed solely on you). I've gotten used to that brand of [censored] in that past two years. What made me most sick wasn't even the mass of drunken Michigan fans taunting me and singing that poor excuse for a fight song in my face.

The thing that disappointed me most Saturday was the way a group of men I respect and admire responded to a tough loss by putting their tails between their legs and slinking out of the Big House without stopping to recognize the student section, alumni, guest fans, band or most importantly the University by singing the

Alma Mater. It may be a small act, but watching you sing "Love thee Notre Dame," win or lose, is part of every game day I'm not willing to sacrifice.

This letter shouldn't be read as a childish tantrum, an ultimatum or any sort of unnecessary jest at our football team. It's a challenge to you, the team, to conduct yourselves with pride, dignity and respect. It's a reminder to you that when I watch the games on Saturdays, I'm not watching a group of professionals or celebrities earn a living; I'm watching fellow students do something I wish I could do — represent our school by giving it all on the gridiron. So when time expires, show some pride and join your peers in singing the Alma Mater.

I love Notre Dame football. I love our 2009 squad. I love watching you give everything you have every minute of every game. I may not be able to give blood and sweat on the field, but I win and lose, live and die with you every Saturday. I will never let up or let you down. It's a [censored] promise.

Next Saturday I'll be there with the drum line to watch you crush the Spartans. I'll be there before the game, for each of the four quarters and I'll be there after the game to watch you sing the Victory Clog and Alma Mater. I can't wait.

Go Irish, beat Spartans!

Kale Frank
 junior
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 Sept. 13

Lack of remembrance shameful

On Friday, the Notre Dame community awoke to a day like any another. If we looked closely, however, we would have observed the flag at half-mast — the only truly public tribute on campus to the September 11 attacks that occurred eight years ago. Shamefully, Notre Dame, like most of the country, seems to have forgotten the event that claimed the lives of thousands of innocent people

As a native New Yorker, the 9/11 attacks probably affected me more than others. My dad, now a retired NYPD lieutenant, was one of the many called down to work at Ground Zero and suffered a relatively serious eye injury from the clouds of dust and debris that enveloped the area. In the wake of the attacks he also performed the heartbreaking task of sifting through the wreckage for body parts at Staten Island.

I must confess, as an American and a Catholic, to being very disappointed with Notre Dame's lack of tribute to the 9/11 attacks. For an institution that places "country" second only to God in the hierarchy of importance, I was shocked at the dearth of both memorial services and publicity for the few that were held. Granted,

for most of the country 9/11 is also a thing of the past. Friday morning I turned on the news only to witness a breathtaking discussion of health care. Notre Dame is supposed to be different. As one of the premier Catholic universities in the world, I would think that we would be deeply in tune to remembering a day where hatred led to the taking of life — God's most precious gift. I would think that on that day, we might invoke the memory of Father Judge, the FDNY chaplain who died while giving Last Rites, as a model of self-sacrifice and compassion. I would think that we might publicly thank the members of our ROTC program, where so many students are training to serve and protect our country. On Friday I saw none of these things.

Forgiveness and the ability to move on past tragedy are important. Remembrance, however, is a duty — one that Notre Dame obviously has failed to perform.

Kaitlin Spillane
 junior
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 Sept. 13

Cosine of the times

It is typical for liberals to equivocate all conservatives with being racist. This has been even more common since the election of Barack Obama. This demonization by hardcore leftists is a sick (not to mention asinine) way to justify their political ideology. Racism equals bad; I think conservatives are racists; therefore, anything a conservative says is dumb/evil. The fallacy with this line of thought is painting a group of people as all believing the same thing. I believe this is called a stereotype, something that I thought progressive-minded persons tried to avoid.

In Brooks Smith's editorial ("Sign of the times," Sept. 10), this illogical argument is used again. Disregarding the fact that the Republican party, the shell of conservative

thought and the party of Lincoln, was instrumental in ending slavery, that the Bush cabinet contained two African Americans, two Asian Americans, four women and one Cuban American, that conservative ideology is to the benefit of all peoples who work hard and wish to live life without the government telling them what they can and can't do, liberals still try to label us as racists. Racism is an individual decision, so don't lump me in just because I may vote the same way.

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 Sept. 11

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The Beatles Rock Band

By MAIJA GUSTIN
Scene Writer

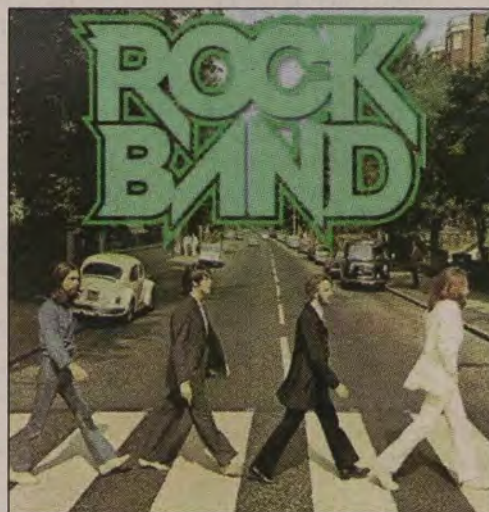
The highly anticipated "The Beatles: Rock Band" is finally out, and it's well worth the wait. Like all other "Rock Band" and "Guitar Hero" games, this particular incarnation features parts for guitar, bass, drums and vocals. But instead of choosing some bizarre avatar that may or may not look like a KISS member that let himself go, players are members of the Fab Four, with Ringo playing drums, George playing guitar and you know the rest. The background videos for each song are based on the era from which it comes, with "A Hard Day's Night" featuring a

young group of mop-top Brits playing on "The Ed Sullivan Show" and "Don't Let Me Down" showing Paul, John, George and Ringo with facial hair playing atop a New York City building. This is the case because in story mode, players follow "The Beatles" as they play their first show at the Cavern Club, hit up "Ed Sullivan," chill in Abbey Road Studios, and play their final rooftop concert.

The experience is immersive, as players travel with The Beatles from their meager beginnings to their depressing break-up. Along the way there are some pretty cool

graphics, like a flying gazebo in "Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band/With A Little Help From My Friends" and an underwater adventure in "Octopus's Garden." Completing songs and beating levels unlocks rare material for "Beatles" fans, like photos and live videos.

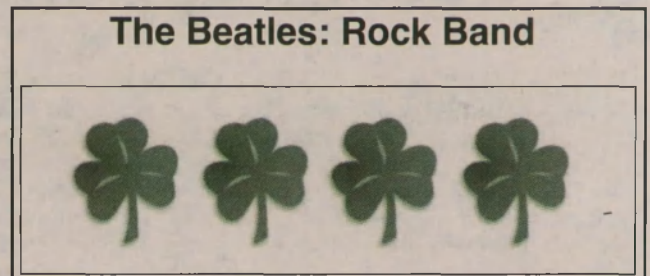
A welcome new development in the "Rock Band"/"Guitar Hero" universe, also featured in "The Beatles: Rock Band," is a new Quickplay mode in which all of the songs are already unlocked. For those who just want to play some music without taking the time to beat all of the levels in Story Mode (or who don't want to look up cheats to unlock all the songs), this is a great chance for some casual play. With the option of playing 45 of "The Beatles'" most beloved songs, there is plenty to do without beating the



game. Songs include "Can't Buy Me Love," "Come Together," "Dear Prudence," "Hello Goodbye," "Helter Skelter," "Here Comes the Sun," "I Am The Walrus," "I've Got a Feeling," "Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds," "Revolution," "Yellow Submarine" and many more. Soon, for those hooked up to the Internet, even more "Beatles" songs will be available to buy online in the "Rock Band" store. As of now, these include "All You Need Is Love," "Maxwell's Silver Hammer," "Oh! Darling," "Because," "Norwegian Wood (This Bird Has Flown)," "When I'm 64" and others. The first batch of these songs will be available starting Oct. 20, with more coming in November and December. There is no news as of yet

whether more songs will be available sometime next year. For "Beatles" fans, "The Beatles: Rock Band" is a whole new way to experience their music. For casual listeners, the game is great fun with an interesting storyline and songs for players of all levels. "The Beatles: Rock Band" was clearly a labor of love for those involved in its production, and the final product is a great new game to add to the lineup of music simulator games that are all the rage right now.

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Getting into 'Trouble'

Favorite Childhood Boardgames

By EMILY DORE
Scene Writer

"Should I go to college or start a job right away?" Many eight-year-olds have faced this question Friday nights. The very decision has pitted parents and children against each other, and started arguments and mocking laughter. It could send a child down the path to destruction or wild success in the span of an hour. This was the game of "Life," where plastic people and cars decided childhood happiness for a night.

Board games had a way of turning a quiet family evening into one of turned over tables and tearful shouting. If grandma was ever accused of cheating, it might have been while sitting around the kitchen table. Champions had bragging rights for the night, while losers sulked in the corner. Never had happiness been decided by the roll of dice or flick of a card.

Here's a nostalgic look back at the top 10 games which either left you pumping your fists or shedding a tear on the way to bed:

"Sorry!:" What better way to get back at an older sibling passive aggressively, then by sending their plastic marker back to Start. The game seemed simple: Move four pieces around a board back to Home, before the competition. Yet with Sorry! cards which could knock family members out of the lead, that's where simplicity ended and war began.

"Life:" If you ever cured cancer, owned a yacht, and retired with more than \$1,000,000 to your name, all while living in a shack with a high school degree, you were likely playing the game of "Life." As a 10-year-old, it made adulthood seem exciting ... until you realized real life doesn't include an extra \$10,000 every time a wheel hits 10.

"Perfect Wedding:" Never had Cancun seemed so romantic. In this board game, little girls planned

their "perfect weddings," complete with bridal gowns and honeymoon destinations.

"Trouble:" The sound of popping dice and a small plastic board were the deciding factors in this game. If this was the most trouble your younger brother got into that night, it was probably a relief for mom.

"Candyland:" In a perfect world, "Candyland" would include built-in candy surprises. Instead, it is only a game of colors. However, every time a card told you to move back to Mr. Plumpy, despite already being three quarters of the way up the board, it was reason to cry.

"Monopoly:" Over 500 million people in the world have played "Monopoly." In the game of future real estate developers, owning Park Place and Boardwalk was the pinnacle of success ... until both had to be mortgaged.

"Operation:" "Is it water on the knee?" With metal tweezers and playing cards, "Operation" proved that there was a doctor in us all. Diseases like "broken heart" and "butterflies in the stomach" made medical school seem like a breeze, since anyone with a steady hand could probably do it.

"Risk:" The game of world domination and young tyrants. Another reason why children should not rule

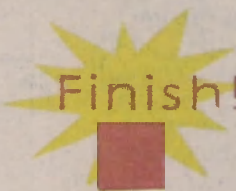
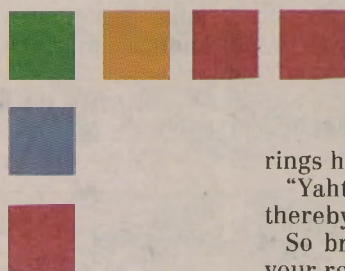
the world.

"Pretty, Pretty Princess:" Every girl was the envy of the neighborhood with this board game of feather boas and "gold" crowns. Purple plastic rings have never looked so stylish.

"Yahtzee:" There was nothing more crushing than getting four fives and one six, thereby eliminating chance for a Yahtzee.

So break out the "Sorry!" boards and experience one more night of glory with your roommates. Just be careful when you send them back to Start.

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Michigan 38, Notre Dame 34

Big House heartbreak

Freshman Forcier leads last-minute TD drive and Irish fall 38-34

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Golden Tate, usually effusive, stood with his hands in his pockets, his chin glued to his chest, and summarized the team's collective psyche.

"I'm honestly sick in my stomach right now," he said.

Understandable, considering Notre Dame's 38-34 loss to Michigan in Michigan Stadium Saturday. Michigan's freshman quarterback Tate Forcier led a touchdown drive in the final minute that ended in a five-yard touchdown pass to Greg Mathews.

"There were plenty of opportunities on offense, defense and special teams to win that game," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "We can't pout and say we should have won the game."

The loss dropped Notre Dame to 1-1 and put a dent in the high expectations for the season.

Running back Armando Allen had his best career rushing day, running for 139 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries. He also converted a Statue of Liberty play for a two-point conversion after his touchdown that gave Notre Dame a 34-31 lead with 5:13 remaining.

The Irish forced a punt and got the ball back with 3:07 left, but couldn't run the clock out. Eric Maust's punt traveled only 28 yards, and Michigan put together a nine-play, 57-yard drive to win.

Quarterback Jimmy Clausen completed 25-of-42 passes for 336 yards and three touchdowns, but he threw two more would-be touchdowns to Tate that Tate dropped.

"That was just a lack of focus on my part," Tate said. "I don't know why."

Forcier completed 23-of-33 passes for 240 yards and two touchdowns with one interception. He also rushed 13 times for 70 yards and had a 30-yard touchdown run on fourth down.

"[Minor and Forcier] sustained some stuff," Weis said.

The Irish had a 20-17 lead at halftime and held the Wolverines to 49 rushing yards in the first half. But Michigan running back Brandon Minor rushed for 80 of his 116 yards in the second half and the Wolverines finished with 190 yards on the ground.



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Michigan freshman quarterback Tate Forcier runs past Notre Dame sophomore linebacker Darius Fleming on a 31-yard fourth-down scramble at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Forcier's score gave the Wolverines a 31-20 lead.

Notre Dame gained 18 yards in the third quarter; Michigan gained 153. The Irish had negative-six rushing yards in the third quarter. The Wolverines, meanwhile, gained 99 yards on the ground.

"They really didn't change their whole mentality from what they were doing in the third quarter from what they were doing [earlier]," Weis said.

Tate had nine catches for 115 yards and two touchdowns. Michael Floyd had seven catches for 131 yards and a touchdown but left in the fourth quarter after cutting his knee diving for a ball in the corner of the end zone.

Freshman linebacker Manti Te'o started in place of senior Toryan Smith. Weis said Smith rolled his ankle earlier in the week and couldn't cut at full speed, and he wanted Te'o to play early when the game speed was the fastest.

Ahead 24-20 in the fourth quarter, Forcier juiced linebacker Darius Fleming and

rushed right up the hash marks untouched 31 yard for a touchdown to make the score 31-20.

Getting the ball back after Forcier's touchdown, Notre Dame drove down the field in 4:30, eventually scoring on a 21-yard touchdown pass from Clausen to Tate. The two-point conversion failed, so the score remained 31-26 Michigan.

Safety Kyle McCarthy intercepted Forcier on Michigan's next drive, leading to Allen's eight-yard touchdown.

Michigan had first-and-goal on its first drive of the second half, but a fumbled snap and two failed runs forced a field goal, which Olesnavage missed. But they got another chance after running back Jonas Gray fumbled and the Wolverines recovered in Irish territory. This time Forcier found tight end Kevin Koger for a three-yard touchdown pass to give Michigan a 24-20 lead.

The Wolverines scored first on a nine-play, 79-yard drive.

Facing third-and-12, Forcier completed a 40-yard pass down the right sideline to Mathews, who had five catches for 68 yards and a score. Minor's 22-yard run put Michigan on Notre Dame's two, and Minor scored on the next play.

Clausen threw a gorgeous screen pass to Allen that went for a 41-yard touchdown, but an official review ruled that Allen stepped out of bounds at the 22-yard line. The Irish couldn't get back in the end zone, but freshman Nick Tausch made a 43-yard field goal to make the score 7-3.

Then Darryl Stonum found a hole on the kickoff return and shot through it for a 94-yard touchdown, the first time the Wolverines have returned a kickoff for a score since Steve Breaston was in school. Michigan led 14-3 at the end of the first quarter.

The next time the Irish had the ball, Clausen heaved a deep pass to Floyd down the sideline, who hauled it in for

37 yards. Once inside the red zone, Clausen found Floyd again for a four-yard touchdown pass to make the score 14-10 with 12:34 left in the first half.

Facing first-and-25 from his own 16-yard line, Clausen again found Floyd deep, this time for 33 yards. Clausen eventually found Floyd for an 11-yard touchdown and the Irish took a 17-14 lead.

Tausch and Jason Olesnavage each made field goals, and the half ended with the Irish ahead 20-17.

The message to the team, Weis said, was: Where do we go from here?

"We just got to move on and get ready for the game against Michigan State," Smith said.

Clausen talked after Weis in the locker room and echoed Weis' message.

"This feeling right here," he said, "is not going to happen again."

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player of the game

Tate Forcier
Michigan quarterback

Forcier passed for 240 yards, rushed for another 70 and led the Wolverines on a game-winning, last-minute drive.

stat of the game

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Total Notre Dame rushing yards in the third quarter. The Irish offense sputtered and the Wolverines took the lead.

play of the game

Forcier to Mathews five-yard touchdown pass

With 11 seconds left, the pass ended a 57-yard game-winning Michigan drive

quote of the game

"We just needed two first downs, and unfortunately we only got one."

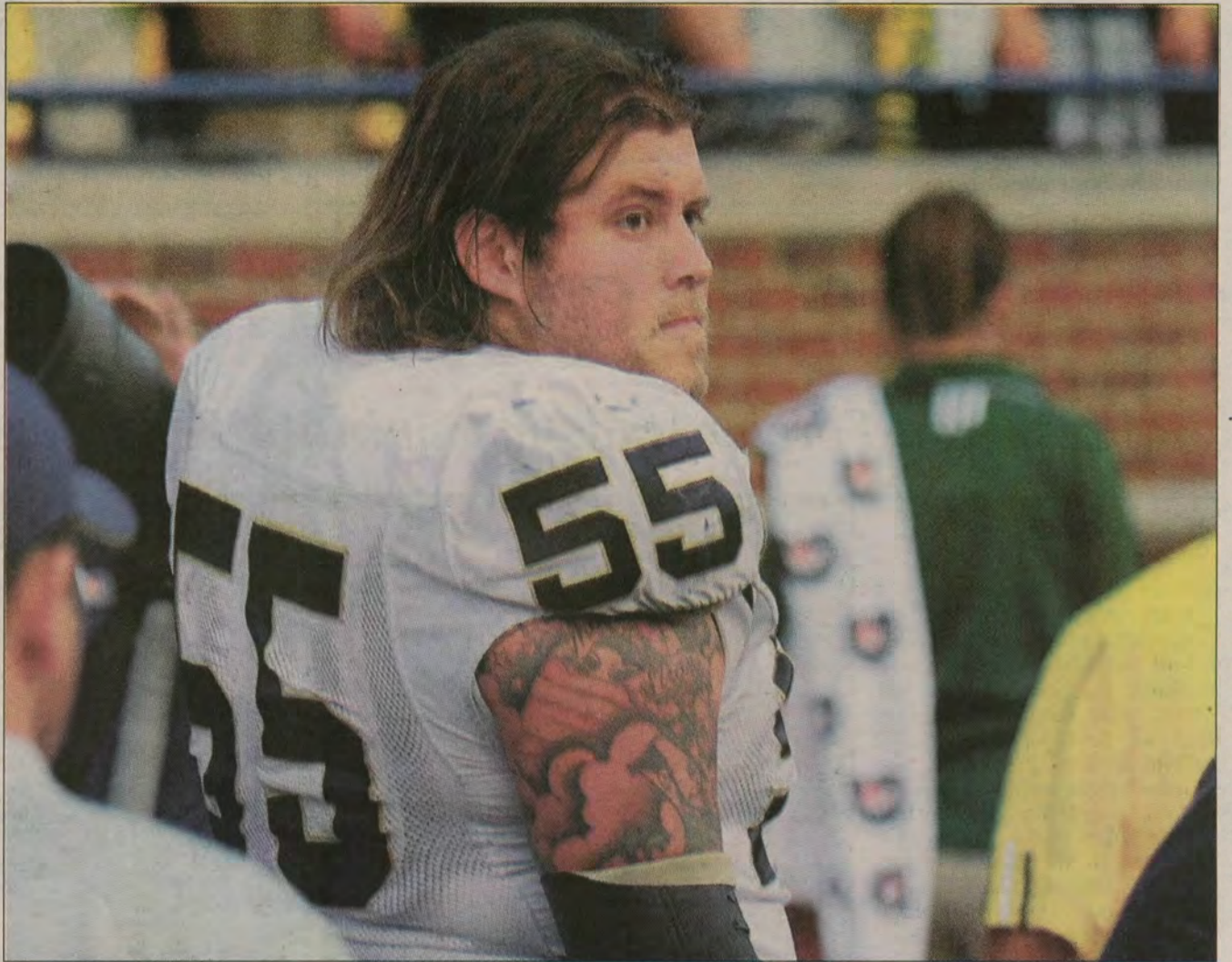
Jimmy Clausen
Irish quarterback on Notre Dame's final drive

report card

- A** **quarterbacks:** Clausen continued to put up impressive stats, going 25-of-42 for 336 yards and 3 scores. He also showed poise leading two touchdown drives when it mattered in the fourth quarter.
- B+** **running backs:** Armando Allen gets an 'A.' The junior had a career day, rushing for 139 yards on 21 carries. Sophomore Jonas Gray, though, had a crucial fumble in the third quarter.
- B+** **receivers:** Both Golden Tate and Michael Floyd went over 100 yards, but Tate also had a couple of crucial drops on what would have been big plays
- B** **offensive line:** The line had its best run-blocking performance in a long time, but — even though they didn't give up any sacks — Clausen was under constant pressure from the Michigan defense
- C** **defensive line:** Forcier was sacked twice, but the Irish front line was decimated by the Wolverine rushing attack, especially in the third quarter.
- C** **linebackers:** Brian Smith had seven tackles, but the linebackers — like the rest of the Irish defense — weren't able to make a big play when it mattered most.
- B-** **defensive backs:** Kyle McCarthy had a big interception, and Harrison Smith racked up 11 tackles, but Forcier was able to pick the Irish secondary apart on the game-winning drive.
- D** **special teams:** Freshman Nick Tausch missed his first career field goal attempt in the first quarter, and had consistently short kickoffs. Add in the kick return touchdown and it gets pretty ugly.
- B-** **coaching:** The second-to-last drive notwithstanding, it was one of Charlie Weis' best coached games from a play-calling standpoint. The poor defensive coaching brings the grade down, though.
- 2.67** **overall:** A very disappointing showing after last week's blowout. The offense played well, but the defense just couldn't come up with a big stop.

adding up the numbers

- Jimmy Clausen's passing yards were the most ever for an Irish quarterback against Michigan. **336**
- 10** Tackles for loss by Notre Dame, the most by an Irish team since a Nov. 19, 2005 win over Syracuse.
- Yards per carry by Armando Allen, who registered a touchdown and a two-point conversion. **6.6**
- 96** Yards the Irish had called back after a pass to Kyle Rudolph was called back due to holding and replay officials ruled that Armando Allen stepped out of bounds on a screen pass.
- Armando Allen's longest run of the day, it also marked the longest run of the junior's career. **24**
- 2** Fourth down conversions by Michigan, one led to a field goal and the other was a 31-yard touchdown run by Tate Forcier.
- Michigan's time of possession in the third quarter. The Irish entered the quarter up 20-17, and ended it trailing 24-20. **10:20**
- 320** Michael Floyd's receiving yards over the first two games of the season, the most by a Notre Dame receiver since Tim Brown in 1986.



Senior center Eric Olsen looks back on the field after Notre Dame's 38-34 loss to Michigan. Olsen and the other Irish seniors finish their career 0-2 at Michigan Stadium.

Irish need to rebound from loss

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The question is obvious. The answer, not so much.

"Where do we go from here?" Irish coach Charlie Weis asked his team following Saturday's gut-wrenching loss that several players said was the toughest to take of any over the past few seasons.

If they knew that answer, we wouldn't be having this conversation. If I knew, I wouldn't be writing for The Observer.

In past years, I might have said the team is headed right into the tank. But this is a different group that is capable of bouncing back — or so I think, hope and pray.

There's too much talent in the Irish locker room to write this season off as lost, and there's still a whole lot of football to be played. There's a world of difference between 2-0 and 1-1, but either way, we're only two games into the schedule — a schedule that looks to have several winnable games ahead.

The offense is among the most talented in the nation, and Jimmy Clausen has looked as good as any quarterback in the country over the past two weeks. The defense is full of highly recruited athletes who shut down Michigan in the first half and is led by a coordinator who has enjoyed success in the past.

What I'm trying to say is that this

is what we've got — there's no help on the way. This isn't 2007, when the talent wasn't there. And it isn't 2008, when the experience wasn't there.

The players and coaches who are supposed to make the Irish one of the top teams in the country are in place. There's no "wait 'til next year" mentality on the offense or one recruit coming in that will fix the defense.

Of course there are holes on this team. Even good football teams have holes. Even good football teams lose games. But good football teams bounce back, and where Notre Dame goes from here will show what kind of team the Irish have.

I truly believe there's enough there for Notre Dame to be a top-15, maybe a top-10 type of team, and the Irish can be even with the loss to Michigan. It won't be an easy road back, both in terms of climbing the polls and, more importantly, righting the ship as a team.

But throwing in the towel and mailing it in certainly won't make that happen, and the Irish know that. The only way to get the job done is to regroup and not let it happen again, and the players will surely do what they can to ensure that it doesn't.

Notre Dame isn't one of the elite squads in the country right now, but the players and coaches who are supposed to make the Irish one are in place. The expectations and potential are high, but so are the stakes. Whether this group becomes a top team will dictate the future of the program.

For what it's worth, I think they

can do it.

Of course the loss hurts. It stings to fall to a hated rival, especially in a winnable game with so many crucial moments that could have turned the tide. The pain of the team, the band and the student section was tangible, and the sickness was heightened by the euphoria of the Michigan contingent. There are no more national championship pipe dreams and no chance for an unbeaten showdown with Southern Cal next month.

Sure, a lot was lost Saturday, and it hurts. But the loss doesn't have to keep hurting. Nothing would ease the pain more than a ruthless beat-down of Michigan State next Saturday.

Where the Irish go from here will determine the course of the season (obviously), but also the course of the program. And where they go from here will also dictate whether Saturday's loss to Michigan is ultimately viewed as a frustrating but minor speed bump in an otherwise successful season, or just another crushing defeat indicative of the state of Notre Dame football.

The Irish have the power to write that history beginning Saturday. For what it's worth, I think they come out hungry, angry and aggressive and tear the Spartans to shreds.

That's the only way to answer Weis' question and make sure he doesn't have to ask again.


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Allen has career day in loss to UM



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Irish running back Armando Allen cuts between two Michigan defenders during Saturday's 38-34 loss. Allen finished the day with a career-high 139 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries.

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Last year Armando Allen rushed for 45 yards a game, 4.4 yards per carry and three touchdowns. This year, he's got 105 yards per game, 5.9 per carry and two scores already.

Allen's been utilized more this season since James Aldridge became a full-back and Robert Hughes was suspended for the first half of the Nevada game. In the 38-34 loss to Michigan at the Big House Saturday, he made the most of it.

Allen rushed for 139 yards on 21 carries and a touchdown and caught two passes for 24 yards. He also took a Statue of Liberty handoff from Jimmy Clausen for a two-point conversion and would have caught a 41-yard touchdown pass but it was called back because the referees ruled upon further review that he stepped out of bounds.

Asked if it was his best game yet, he said, "Yeah, I can say that. I'll take that for what it is."

Allen averaged 6.6 yards per carry Saturday and had three runs through massive holes in the middle. He looked one tackle away from breaking all three.

"Once I get tackled I'm always thinking, 'What am I going to do to break it even more?'" he said. "That's my train of thought."

Like every running back, Allen credited his offensive line for creating those massive holes.

"The guys up front really did a good job," he said. "Michigan was really trying to stop the pass and I think we knew that coming into this game that we had to step up to the cause. I think we did a really good job with that."

Guard Eric Olsen said the offensive line made no secret of the fact that they emphasized run blocking in the offseason.

"We always want to be able to run the ball effectively," he said. "Obviously [Allen] did a great job. It just comes down to us blocking for him."

Allen said the Boise State-esque Statue of Liberty call was a standard play in that situation.

"That's one of our two-point plays, I think when it was called it was no surprise to anybody," he said.

Allen nearly bobbed the handoff, but took it in untouched. After scoring in the corner of the end zone next to the

Michigan student section, he held one finger in front of his facemask to silence them

The referee didn't like that and called an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, pushing the Irish back 15 yards on the kickoff.

"Once I get tackled I'm always thinking, 'What am I going to do to break it even more?'"

Armando Allen
Irish running back

"It is what it is," he said. When the Irish got the ball back, up by three after Michigan punted, Allen rushed once before hobbling off the field. He said the injury was to his thigh rather than his ankle and had been bothering him all week.

"I know that if I could go I would have," he said.

It didn't matter to the line, who blocked for Hughes in that last drive as well, Olsen said.

Allen was pleased with his play but said the outcome of the game trumped his individual achievements.

"To me it doesn't matter what I've done if we don't win," he said. "I take it as it is and move forward."

"We've been in this situation before. We got to keep fighting."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	3	17	0	14	34
Michigan	14	3	7	14	38

First quarter

Michigan 7, Notre Dame 0
Brandon Minor 2-yd run (Jason Olesnavage kick) with 4:12 remaining.
Drive: 9 plays, 79 yards, 3:46 elapsed.

Michigan 7, Notre Dame 3
Nick Tausch 34-yd field goal with 0:46 remaining.
Drive: 8 plays, 56 yards, 3:26 elapsed.

Michigan 7, Notre Dame 3
Darryl Stonum 94-yd kickoff return (Olesnavage kick) with 0:34 remaining.
Drive: 0 plays, 94 yards, 0:12 elapsed.

Second quarter

Michigan 14, Notre Dame 10
Golden Tate 4-yd pass from Jimmy Clausen (Tausch kick) with 12:34 remaining.
Drive: 7 plays, 76 yards, 3:00 elapsed.

Notre Dame 17, Michigan 14
Michael Floyd 11-yd pass from Clausen (Tausch kick) with 7:05 remaining.
Drive: 7 plays, 69 yards, 3:47 elapsed.

Notre Dame 20, Michigan 14
Tausch 42-yd field goal with 2:41 remaining.
Drive: 5 plays, 17 yards, 3:07 elapsed.

Notre Dame 20, Michigan 17
Olesnavage 39-yd field goal with 0:00 remaining.
Drive: 9 plays, 48 yards, 2:41 elapsed.

Third quarter

Michigan 24, Notre Dame 20
Kevin Koger 3-yd pass from Tate Forcier (Olesnavage kick) with 7:55 remaining.
Drive: 5 plays, 26 yards, 1:48 elapsed.

Fourth quarter

Michigan 31, Notre Dame 20
Forcier 31-yd run (Olesnavage kick) with 14:16 remaining.
Drive: 6 plays, 64 yards, 3:07 elapsed.

Michigan 31, Notre Dame 26
Tate 21-yd pass from Clausen (Clausen pass failed) with 9:46 remaining.
Drive: 14 plays, 80 yards, 4:30 elapsed.

Notre Dame 34, Michigan 31
Allen 8-yd run (Allen run) with 5:13 remaining.
Drive: 7 plays, 36 yards, 2:29 elapsed.

Michigan 38, Notre Dame 34
Greg Mathews 5-yd pass from Forcier (Olesnavage kick) with 0:11 remaining.
Drive: 9 plays, 57 yards, 2:02 elapsed

statistics

total yards

ND	490
UM	430

rushing yards

ND	154
UM	190

passing yards

ND	336
UM	240

return yards

ND	435
UM	414

time of possession

ND	31:25
UM	28:35

Weis wants 'explanation' from officials

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

The fact that Irish coach Charlie Weis fielded nine different questions at his Sunday press conference on the subject of officiating is a pretty good indication that the zebras weren't at their best Saturday in Ann Arbor.

"I have to be careful when I say this. I have Big 10 officials coming in this week again," Weis said. "But that game left a lot to be desired."

Weis said he didn't blame the officiating for the outcome of the game, but he did discuss several specific plays, the tape of which he sent to the Big 10 conference for review.

"I'd say I'd like an explanation on these handful of plays. Just

that handful is a little bit longer handful than it would normally be," Weis said. "It never changes the outcome of a game. All you do is want an explanation, that's all."

One of the biggest calls was the review of a would-be touchdown on a screen pass to Armando Allen. The replay official overturned the call on the field, ruling that Allen stepped out of bounds.

"I watched that tape a hundred times this morning, okay?" Weis said. "From what I understand, the TV copy on top of it, I still haven't heard anyone tell me there's any evidence of Armando stepping out of bounds. The way I thought the rule is supposed to be, it's supposed to be conclusive evidence. I'm perturbed at that call."

There were also three holding calls against the Irish, including

one on Sam Young that negated a 76-yard gain on a Kyle Rudolph catch and run. Weis said he could see evidence of holding on all three calls and he wasn't going to complain, but he did elaborate on the call on Young.

"What happened on the play, the defensive end — we chip defensive ends," Weis said. "So when he knocked him inside of Sam, Sam now has him. He goes to throw him to the ground. If he just pushes him to the ground they probably don't call it. Hands in the air, throws him to the ground, that's what they called."

"You're looking at that, heat of the moment, you're not watching everything happen, you're just seeing the guy getting throw to the ground at the end of the play. I can understand if the guy watching it wasn't watching the whole

thing, you end up calling it."

There was also some question regarding the clock operation at the end of the game. There were originally 11 seconds on the clock when Notre Dame's offense took over after a touchback. The time was eventually cut to nine seconds after the officials first changed the clock to leave 10 seconds, as there was some question as to whether Theo Riddick touched the ball on the kickoff.

Those two seconds proved valuable when Golden Tate was tackled near midfield as time expired and the Irish were unable to take one final shot at the end zone.

"Maybe we'd have one more second, throw a Hail Mary," Weis said.

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Taken by Force

The Irish had no answer for Michigan freshman quarterback Tate Forcier, who passed for 240 yards and ran for another 70. Running back Armando Allen had the best day of his three year career, running for a 139 yards on 21 carries. Quarterback Jimmy Clausen continued his hot streak, completing 25 passes for 336 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions. But the normally stout Notre Dame kick coverage unit allowed 94-yard kick return for a touchdown, and the offense sputtered in the third quarter, gaining only 27 total yards. Despite trailing 31-20 early in the fourth quarter, Clausen led two touchdown drives to give the Irish a 34-31 lead. Forcier got the last word, though, and put together a 57-yard touchdown drive in the final two minutes. The Irish have not won at Michigan since Charlie Weis' first season in 2005.

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Clockwise from top: Michigan running back Brandon Minor breaks a tackle; junior receiver Golden Tate catches the first of his two touchdown catches; sophomore tight end Kyle Rudolph stiff-arms a Michigan defender; sophomore receiver Michael Floyd makes a leaping catch; and safety Sergio Brown walks off the field towards the end of the game.

Stardeath:

Psychedelic Supergroup
of the Future

By ANDY SEROFF
Scene Writer

There's a new drug sweeping the nation. It takes you soaring on an intergalactic rocket race around the Sun, then leaves you chilling in an igloo lounge on Pluto. Before you call the DEA, let me clarify. The drug is no substance at all, merely the psychedelic tracks of Stardeath and White Dwarves, a new progressive rock quartet out of Oklahoma City.

The group has toured with Deerhoof, British Sea Power, Band of Horses, and of course, their musical comrades and fellow Oklahomans, The Flaming Lips, who they traveled with as roadies and as an opening act. Their debut album, appropriately named "The Birth," was released this summer, and they went on a short tour to promote it.

"The Birth" is a very strong album. It starts off with a contemporary sound, echoing their cousins from the Sooner State. The tracks are well structured, full-bodied, and catchy. As you progress, the tracks get more and more spacious, reminiscent of a modern Pink Floyd. In this way, "The Birth" never really falters - it just progresses (or regresses) stylistically. Credit to the album's producer, Trent Bell, who laid out the material in such a way to assist this meta-cohesiveness.

Stardeath's more dominant ego takes after The Flaming Lips. Their more radio-worthy and lyrically significant singles all feel very Lips-esque. For example, "New Heat," has an enthusiastic pulse while maintaining a truly exquisite chorus of falsetto vocal harmonies over powerful acoustic strumming and reverbed, atmospheric electric guitar. Instrumental solos pick up where the vocals leave off, rounding out a dynamic sonic journey. "Keep Score," the following track, is the same ego, just toned down into a simpler groove,

which doubles as a transitional piece into the spacey songs that follow.

The unique, second-child ego of Stardeath's breaks out in "The Birth". This surfacing is highlighted by the heavily-instrumental passages, where words serve only as a vessel for the sound of the voice singing them ("Love, can be heavy/if you, you're not ready"). The atmospheric groove disassembles into noise, is released into silence, and then the headbang chorus throttles into the space left behind.

"The Birth" transitions right into "Those Who Are from the Sun Return to the Sun," which is the most liberated song of the album. The instrumental power funk rockets unceasingly forward, throttling the listener into an out-of-control state. The bass player exhibits his talent with unbelievable riffs at blazing speeds, while the drummer, who broke his drum set while recording his part to this song, keeps right along with the bass. With this track, Stardeath shows off their ability to play this psychedelic rock fast as well as slow.

Debut albums are one of the most important albums of a band's career - with it they establish a fan base that will expect music set by the precedent of the debut. Albums like "The Birth" are a great way to start a musical career, because Stardeath and White Dwarves have essentially given themselves a wide platform on which to build on. From such a dynamic album such as this, they can build on either musical ego, or continue blending the two.

The album art, which is a super close-up, expressive, black and white face superimposed over space, may be off-putting at first, but it encapsulates the album well. Stardeath and White Dwarves venture from the massive depth of space, to the hyper-intensity of a face. Somewhere in between, there's a band with big shoes to fill and a future in musicmaking.



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The Birth

Stardeath and White Dwarf

Studio: Warning Brothers Records Inc

Recommended Tracks: "New Heat," "Those Who Are From The Sun Return To The Sun"



HOVA LOSES

His Hunger

By NICK ANDERSON
Scene Writer

When it comes down to it, there are really only two important elements in hip hop: hunger and swagger. Whether it's a song, album, artist or era, it centers on either a rabid ferocity towards a goal or a celebration of reaching said goal. Strangely enough, the goal itself isn't really important. Public Enemy found greatness in radical politics, Eminem found it in a racial divide and Method Man found it in simply getting high. Good can be found without a goal, great cannot.

Jay-Z's from a crowd of rappers who came up playing both. In the late 90s, rap was gaining respect quickly while staying true to its perceived roots in crime and poverty. In a class of rappers who were often head and shoulders above previous generations, Jay-Z was hands down the best. An embodiment of the narcissistic attitude, teeming with both, he managed to draw inspiration from his life as a drug dealer, transforming it into commercial success.

With "The Blueprint 3," Jay-Z joins in the trend of album sequels. He also follows the trend of the sequel losing some of what made the original great, but being far from a disaster. He's coming up on 40 and "The Blueprint 3" marks his 11th album. It's rare for any artist to make it this far into a career while maintaining the excellence and relevance expected from Hova.

Questions surrounded the recording of the album; everything from the location (Hawaii) to the lyrical content



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The Blueprint 3

Jay-Z

Studio: Atlantic Records

Recommended Tracks: "We run this town," "Off That, Already Home"



(He's a married businessman, far removed from what brought him into the game), to the production (Kanye, Timbaland, No I.D. and Mr. Hudson were all present in studio). Two were answered definitively at the album's release. It was recorded in Hawaii to prevent leaks and Kanye got lead production credit, but seven different producers contributed tracks. The lyrics leave something to be desired, but will depend heavily on the listener. Jay admits that he's no longer what he used to be but still claims to be "the hardest out there." He walks both sides, clinging to the mythology created by his early life but dropping attitude that can only come from a man in the back of a Rolls-Royce.

Unfortunately, the weakest track is the lead single, "Death of Auto Tune." A rally cry to return to simpler production, Jay takes on the easiest target he can find. He's not saying anything radical by calling out the over use of auto tune and he doesn't even create a very entertaining song. Salvation comes on the second single, "We Run This Town." A collaboration rather than a straight Jay-Z track, Rihanna and Kanye both prove they can hold their own. It'll be the more successful song and deservedly so. Rihanna's hook may be too long for a more traditional hip-hop fan, but it's the best commercial rap song released this year. West and Jay both deliver on the verses, easily giving the highlight of the album.

The album also provides a showcase for some young talent. Kid Cudi and Drake, both who are finishing debut albums, are featured in the second half of the album. They both make excellent supporting appearances that boost otherwise mediocre tracks to standouts. The chemistry between the performers on both tracks is impressive and keep Jay relevant without trying too

hard.

"The Blueprint 3" isn't a classic. Instead, it's a solid album that would be acceptable from anyone who wasn't Jay-Z. It wasn't meant to replicate the timeless "Blueprint," but it's a decent companion album. Jay-Z fans should buy the album, rap fans should download the singles and everyone else will probably hear it at parties.

NFL

Peterson rushes for three touchdowns in Vikings win

Brees ties Saints record with six touchdown passes over hapless Lions, who drop 18th straight regular season game

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — After rolling into the end zone with his first NFL touchdown, Vikings rookie wide receiver Percy Harvin had to absorb an unexpected hit.

Brett Favre flattened him. "I thought we were going to bump chests or something," Harvin said. "He wasn't slowing down. I took it and we fell to the ground. It was a great feeling."

For Favre, the ageless quarterback with a boundless love for football, career touchdown pass No. 464 was as enjoyable as his first.

Favre looked pleasing in purple, throwing a 6-yard TD pass to Harvin in his debut with Minnesota, and Adrian Peterson scored three touchdowns and ran for 180 yards as the Vikings overcame a sluggish start to beat the Cleveland Browns 34-20 on Sunday.

"I had a blast," Favre said. "It wasn't a 400-yard passing game, but it doesn't have to be. As long as we win, that's what it's all about."

Making his 270th consecutive start after a will-he-or-won't-he flirtation that dominated NFL headlines this summer, the 39-year-old Favre, who holds every significant passing record, showed he can still fire it with authority - and that he hasn't lost his joy for playing.

After hooking up with the speedy Harvin, Favre sprinted into the end zone and tackled the young wideout who was just 4 years old when his QB began his storied career.

"You don't find too many players like that who still love the game," said Harvin, a first-round pick from Florida. "That's what makes him special and separates him from a lot of people. For him to be that old - he's got a daughter my age - and still has a love for the game, going to meetings and all that stuff. He's by himself."

So is Peterson. The league's leading rusher last season scored on a pair of 1-yard plunges and capped his day with an electrifying 64-yarder in the fourth quarter, breaking five tackles along the way, to make it 34-13.

Peterson was held to just 25 yards in the first half, when he needed treatment for a badly cut left arm. He felt light headed and received intravenous fluids at halftime.

"I gagged myself a couple times trying to get everything in my stomach out," he said. "Normally it makes me feel better and it did. I came in and got an IV and felt recharged and rejuvenated and was ready to go to work."

On his long TD run, Peterson used a devastating stiff arm to get away from would-be tack-

lers before finally busting free and scoring.

"It was pretty good," Peterson said. "The only thing I did wrong was that I didn't go untouched. I was just determined to get into the end zone, and try to stick that dagger in."

It certainly put away the Browns.

"When you play a player of Adrian Peterson's caliber, it only takes once," Mangini said. "He only needs that one time and he can exploit it."

Favre was 14 of 21 for 110 yards and appeared to be fully recovered from offseason surgery to repair a torn biceps tendon, an injury that plagued him down the stretch last season with the Jets. Favre threw nine interceptions in New York's final five games, a slide that cost his team a playoff spot and led to coach Eric Mangini's firing.

Mangini is now with Cleveland, and one game into his tenure, little has changed with the Browns. They fell to 1-10 in season openers since 1999, but did score their first offensive touchdown in seven games when Brady Quinn hit tight end Robert Royal with 28 seconds left.

Saints 45, Lions 25

Drew Brees summed up his record-tying performance by harping on "the ones that got away."

If he can do better than this, look out.

Brees tied a Saints' single-game record with six touchdown passes and threw for 358 yards as the New Orleans Saints beat Detroit Sunday to extend the Lions' regular-season losing streak to 18 games.

"I had a lot of opportunities out there. A lot of guys made some big plays in this game. Unfortunately you always think about the ones that got away," said Brees, who shares a franchise mark set by Billy Kilmer in 1969. "There was probably one or two more that we left out there. That's what keeps you coming back."

Two of Brees' touchdown passes went to Jeremy Shockey, who hadn't scored since being traded from the New York Giants to New Orleans last season.

"It's good to get that asterisk off my name that I haven't ever scored a touchdown" with the Saints, Shockey said. "Being around a guy like Drew makes it so easy out there because he works so hard. If I get there at 6:10, he's there at 6:05. He's that kind of a guy."

Mike Bell led New Orleans'



Saints quarterback Drew Brees drops back to pass against the Lions in New Orleans' 45-28 win at home on Sunday.

running game with a career-high 143 yards, carrying the ball with power, speed and elusiveness, and getting a standing ovation from the Louisiana Superdome crowd when he trotted off the field late in the fourth quarter.

Matthew Stafford's first start had its ups and downs. The 2009 top overall draft choice was 16 of 37 for 205 yards with three interceptions, two by safety Darren Sharper, the other by linebacker Scott Shanle.

"It was tough. Playing from behind is never easy," Stafford said. "Some of those balls I was throwing, I was just trying to get rid of it and not take a sack. ... I'm fine. I've thrown three picks in a game before. Obviously, I don't like to lose. I wish I could play better, but I've got to learn from it."

Stafford led two touchdown drives, capping one with his first NFL score on a short keeper. Lions safety Louis Delmas also returned a fumble for a 65-yard touchdown, which made it 38-27 late in the third quarter.

The Lions had some highlights of their own and stayed in the game until the fourth quarter, offering hope they may eventually win before reaching Tampa Bay's record of 26 straight losses.

At times, however, they also made mistakes symptomatic of a team with a long losing streak. A few plays after Aaron Brown's 87-yard kickoff return, Daniel Loper was called for a false start on a first-and-goal from the 1 late in the third quarter and the Lions wound up with only a field goal.

Soon after, Brees' pass to

Devery Henderson deep down the middle went for a 58-yard score, putting New Orleans up 38-20.

Stafford's longest completion went to Calvin Johnson, who slipped Malcolm Jenkins' tackle on a crossing route and scampered 64 yards to the Saints 3. That set up Stafford's TD.

That was nothing compared to the passing exhibition put on by Brees, who last season became only the second quarterback in NFL history to surpass 5,000 yards passing.

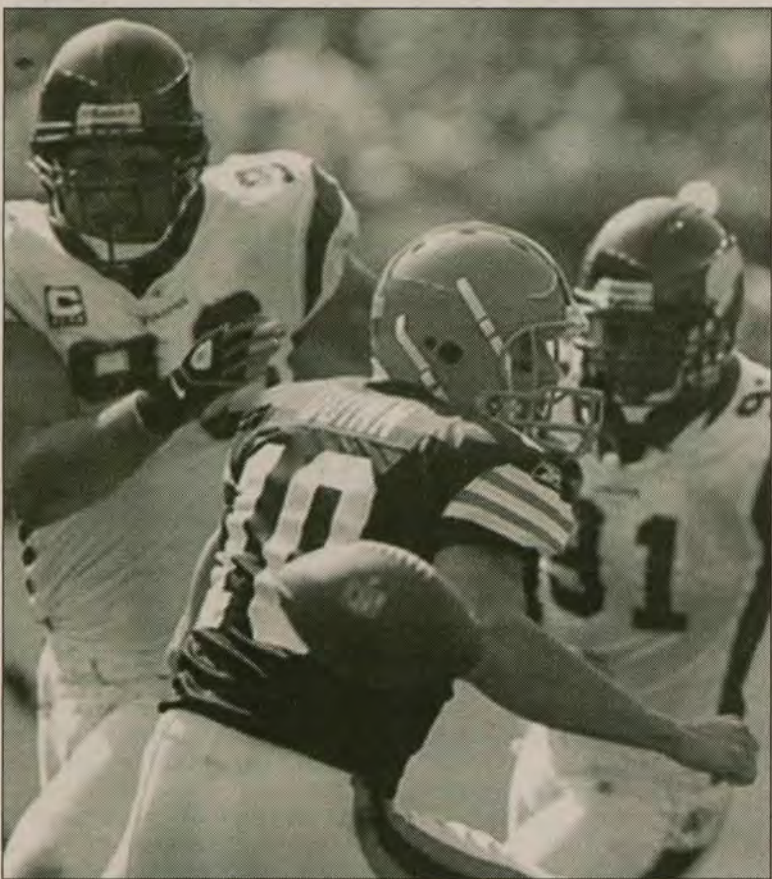
Brees completed his first three passes for 49 yards, including a 26-yarder to Reggie Bush and a 9-yard TD to Marques Colston. Brees' other TDs went for 39 yards to Robert Meachem, 1 and 15 yards to Shockey, and 13 yards to fullback Heath Evans.

New Detroit coach Jim Schwartz didn't let his defense escape blame, however.

"Good gracious. What wouldn't disappoint me? Points allowed, third-down defense, red zone defense, rushing," he said. "There's no silver lining in that performance."

Bush returned for the Saints after missing three preseason games and had 55 yards receiving and 14 yards rushing. He fumbled two punts, recovering one himself and turning the other over. He also had a 4-yard TD run called back by a holding penalty.

The Lions could not have opened the game much worse. New Orleans first two drives started near midfield and the Saints led 14-0 before six minutes elapsed on Brees' TD passes to Colston and Meachem.



Browns quarterback Brady Quinn fumbles against the Vikings in Minnesota's 34-20 win in Cleveland.

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Dear drunk Michigan guy, Sorry we drink cheap liquor and don't drive an Escalade. Our bad.

Way to go Kanye, you got em.

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NCAA Women's Volleyball AVCA Division I Coaches Poll

team	points
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5 Nebraska	1209
6 Hawaii	1188
7 Michigan	1173
8 UCLA	1052
9 Minnesota	1007
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Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb grimaces as he is examined after being injured on a touchdown run in the third quarter against the Carolina Panthers. Backup QB Michael Vick is not eligible to play until Week 3.

Eagles' McNabb leaves with injury

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Donovan McNabb limped to the locker room with a cracked rib. Jake Delhomme was booed off the field.

The veteran quarterbacks had rough games for different reasons Sunday, putting both franchises in flux after the Philadelphia Eagles routed the Carolina Panthers 38-10.

A dominant performance by the Eagles thanks to Delhomme's five turnovers was tempered by concerns about McNabb, who cracked a single rib when he was crunched by several defenders on his 3-yard touchdown run in the third

quarter.

With the suspended Michael Vick watching from a luxury suite, Kevin Kolb finished the game at quarterback as the Eagles ran out the clock on a miserable day for the Panthers.

Playing his first meaningful game since committing six turnovers against Arizona in the playoffs, Delhomme was nearly as bad. With the boos increasing before he was finally replaced in the third quarter, Delhomme was 7 of 17 for 73 yards with four interceptions and a lost fumble.

Then, backup Josh McCown was carted to the locker room with a left knee injury, leaving third-

stringer Matt Moore to inherit a big deficit. Fittingly, he threw his own interception, one of seven Carolina turnovers.

Victor Abiamiri picked up Delhomme's fumble, caused by Trent Cole's sack, and plunged 2 yards for the go-ahead touchdown on the first play of the second quarter. Moments later, DeSean Jackson returned a punt 85 yards for a touchdown — the second longest in franchise history.

Delhomme collapsed under the weight of relentless pressure from the Eagles, who were playing their first game since the death of longtime defensive coordinator Jim Johnson.

Sheldon Brown had two of the interceptions and Akeem Jordan and Asante Samuel each had one on consecutive Delhomme throws in the third quarter.

McNabb, who finished 10 of 18 for 79 yards with touchdown passes to Brent Celek and Brian Westbrook, rumbled for a TD after the Jordan pick for the game's final score.

He was on the ground for several minutes after a hard hit by several would-be tacklers. Vick, wearing a suit and watching from Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie's suite, looked concerned as McNabb got up, slapped a high-five with tight end Brent Celek and walked to the bench.

IN BRIEF

NBA assists leader Stockton enters Hall of Fame

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — John Stockton, the NBA's career leader in assists and steals, has been inducted into the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame.

Stockton played his entire 19-year career in Utah, leading the Jazz to the NBA finals in 1997 and 1998. He also won Olympic gold medals in 1992 and 1996.

His longtime coach, Jerry Sloan, was also in Friday's class. Stockton said his coach's record "speaks for itself" and called longtime teammate Karl Malone the best power forward in NBA history.

Considered one of the NBA's best point guards, Stockton averaged 13.1 points and 10.5 assists for his career.

The Hall's class also included Stockton's Dream Team teammates, Michael Jordan and David Robinson; and Rutgers women's coach C. Vivian Stringer.

Bobcats co-owner Beck dies in small plane crash

ROCK HILL, S.C. — A North Carolina businessman who was a co-owner of the Charlotte Bobcats has died in a single-engine plane crash.

Authorities say 49-year-old William "Skipper" Beck of Charlotte, N.C., died in the crash around 7:15 a.m. Friday at a local airport in South Carolina just across the state line from Charlotte.

The York County coroner and the Federal Aviation Administration say Beck was the only person aboard the Cirrus SR22.

Witnesses say the plane returned shortly after take off, but crashed as it tried to land and caught fire.

An Internet flight tracking site says the plane flew from New Jersey to Rock Hill on Wednesday.

Bobcats owner Robert L. Johnson issued a statement saying that Beck was instrumental in bringing the NBA team to the area.

Serena Williams fined \$10,000 for Open tirade

NEW YORK — Serena Williams was fined \$10,000 Sunday for a profanity-laced tirade directed at a U.S. Open line judge, and an investigation is under way to determine whether there should be additional punishment.

The \$10,000 penalty—not quite 3 percent of the \$350,000 in prize money Williams earned by reaching the semifinals at Flushing Meadows—is the maximum on-site fine that can be issued for unsportsmanlike conduct at a Grand Slam tournament.

The U.S. Open said in a statement that the Grand Slam Committee Administrator will "determine if the behavior of Ms. Williams warrants consideration as a major offense for which additional penalties can be imposed."

Williams, who was the defending champion, also was docked \$500 for smashing her racket after the first set of what became a 6-4, 7-5 loss to Kim Clijsters on Saturday night.

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PGA TOUR

Tiger cruises to eight shot victory at Cog Hill

Associated Press

LEMONT, Ill. — Tiger Woods left the drama to everyone else at Cog Hill.

One day after his course-record 62 gave him a seven-shot lead, Woods made sure no one else had a chance Sunday in the BMW Championship. He closed with a 3-under 68 for an eight-shot victory over Jim Furyk and Marc Leishman.

It was his sixth victory of the year, and assured Woods the No. 1 ranking going into the final tournament of the FedEx Cup and its \$10 million prize. Woods won for the fifth time at Cog Hill, and it was his 10th career victory by at least eight shots.

"It felt like we had a tournament within a tournament," Furyk said. "Tiger was seven ahead. He was kind of running away. It was kind of a tournament for second place."

That other tournament wound up being quite a show.

As Woods cruised around Cog Hill in his familiar red shirt, a dozen players behind him were scrambling for positions into the FedEx Cup finale at East Lake in two weeks.

Furyk's runner-up finish moved him up 15 spots to No. 3, meaning he can win the FedEx Cup with a victory at the Tour Championship. Leishman, who only qualified for Cog Hill by making an eagle on his last hole a week ago outside Boston, earned his first trip to the Tour Championship and will have an outside shot at the \$10 million.

Most compelling, however, was the battle for the 30th and final spot.

The heartbreaker belonged to Brandt Snedeker, playing in the final group with Woods. Walking up the 18th hole, he learned he only needed a bogey to finish in the top 30. He missed his 12-foot par putt, then watched in shock as his 3-footer for bogey caught the left lip of the cup. Snedeker was so stunned that he missed the next two putts and took triple bogey.

"I can't believe I did this," Snedeker said. "I just made a mess of it."

That allowed John Senden to capture the 30th spot by less than a half-point over Ian Poulter, two players who were hardly clutch down the stretch. Senden had a 90-yard wedge to the green at the 15th and chucked it so badly that it traveled only 50 yards. Two holes later, he nearly hit a bunker shot over the green and into the water to make double bogey.

Senden finished with 1,532.41 points. Poulter, who hit his approach into the water on the 18th, wound up with 1,531.95 points.

Far for easier to compute was Woods winning.

He finished at 19-under 265 for his 71st career victory, leaving two short of Jack Nicklaus for second on the PGA Tour's career list. Woods also tied Sam Snead with his sixth season of at least six victories.

Woods won for the first time since his aura was slightly tarnished at the PGA Championship, where he lost a lead in the final round for the first time since he was a 20-year-old rookie. Y.E. Yang rallied from two shots behind to beat him at Hazeltine, ending Woods' streak of never losing a major

with at least a share of the lead.

No way he was about to lose this one — not at Cog Hill, and not the way he was hitting shots and making putts.

The closest anyone got to him was six shots when Woods missed the fifth fairway and failed to convert a 10-foot par putt. He made it look easy, yet still provided a few thrills.

Woods sent his tee shot well to the right into the trees on the par-5 ninth, leaving him a 20-foot wide chute under the trees. He smacked a 3-iron low, straight and under the branches, just a little too far. Blocked by a tree on his third shot, he played a low hook and ran the ball onto the green to 15 feet. He made the birdie.

Walking off the green, he shrugged his shoulder and smiled. Indeed, everything went his way this week in the Chicago suburbs.

He added an eagle on the par-5 15th when his approach bumped off the collar of the green, caught a ridge and rolled to 6 feet. From there, all that remained was his margin of victory.

Cog Hill became the fourth course where Woods has won at least five times. He has won seven times at Torrey Pines and Firestone, and six times at Bay Hill.



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NFL

Gonzalez, Falcons destroy 'Fins

Associated Press

ATLANTA — For one week at least, the Falcons answered all those questions about their defense.

There were never any doubts about Tony Gonzalez.

Atlanta's new tight end hauled in a touchdown pass and became the 21st player in NFL history with 11,000 yards receiving, helping the Falcons beat the mistake-prone Miami Dolphins 19-7 Sunday.

Gonzalez caught five passes for a team-high 73 yards, including a 20-yard touchdown that was set up by Mike Peterson's interception. He made the catch in the flats, cut to the inside while shoving away Jeremiah Bell with his left hand, picked up a nice block from Roddy White and waltzed into the end zone to join the 11,000-yard club.

The former college basketball player didn't get a chance to dunk the ball over the goalposts.

"I was going for it, but my teammates were jumping all over me so I didn't have time to get over there," Gonzalez said. "Plus, I was tired. I was just happy to get in the end zone."

The matchup between the two most surprising teams of 2008 wasn't much of a game. The Falcons' defense, highly suspect after letting go five starters and looking shaky during the preseason, came up with four turnovers and thoroughly shut down a team that won the AFC East after going 1-15 two years ago.

Peterson, the only prominent player signed by Atlanta

on defense during the off-season, forced a fumble with a vicious hit and did a pretty good impression of Gonzalez on the interception, catching it with his fingertips and returning the ball 39 yards to set up Gonzalez's first TD in Atlanta.

"I tell the guys all the time that I've got the best hands on the team, but they don't believe me," Peterson said. "Maybe they'll start believing me now."

Matt Ryan threw a pair of touchdown passes for the Falcons, who made the playoffs in 2008 after a quick rebuilding job from the Michael Vick debacle. They are off to a good start in their attempt to post consecutive winning seasons for the first time in the club's 44-year history.

Peterson paid immediate dividends, flinging his 33-year-old body into Anthony Fasano after a catch late in the second quarter. Another newcomer, Brian Williams, who started at cornerback after being signed only a week ago, picked up the ball and ran 53 yards to set up Jason Elam's 36-yard field goal, giving the Falcons a 10-0 halftime lead.

The defense came within 3:22 of a shutout, a quick retort to all the critics.

"We didn't get caught up in all the stuff that's said during the week," Peterson said. "We just used it as motivation."

Miami activated rookie quarterback Pat White and used him in a new version of the wildcat, without much success. He stopped for no gain the first time he attempt-

ed to run and overthrew Ted Ginn Jr. on a deep pass after the receiver beat two defenders.

"When the wildcat words, everybody loves it," quarterback Chad Pennington said. "When it doesn't, everybody hates it."

Pennington finally got the Dolphins in the end zone with a 9-yard touchdown pass to Ricky Williams after a scoring toss to Fasano was taken away by a holding penalty. Pennington completed 21 of 29, but his throws accounted for only 176 yards. Ronnie Brown was held to 43 yards rushing, while Williams managed 39.

"They didn't give us any deep shots," said Pennington, who was sacked four times. "You have to step up and make sure it doesn't snowball. We let it snowball on us."

The Dolphins avoided their first shutout since Nov. 26, 2007, but did little to bolster faith in an offense that had five turnovers in a playoff loss to Baltimore last season.

Ryan faced some heavy pressure but still completed 22 of 36 for 229 yards, including a 1-yard touchdown to Ovie Mughelli that gave the Falcons a 7-0 lead in the second quarter.

About the only thing that didn't go right for the Falcons was their kicking. Jason Elam, one of the NFL's most reliable specialists, missed two field goals and an extra point — perhaps the worst day of his 17-year career. He did redeem himself a bit in the fourth, hitting from 50 yards.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Georgia holds on over Gamecocks

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — After everything that happened over nearly four hours - the kickoff return for a touchdown, the interception for a TD, the safety, the blocked extra point, the 24 penalties - it all came down to one play, one make-or-break decision.

Rennie Curran took a step forward, thinking he would have to make a tackle. Then he stopped, stuck out his left hand and batted down the final pass of a wild night.

No. 21 Georgia had survived. Barely.

Curran broke up Stephen Garcia's fourth-down pass from the 7-yard line with 22 seconds remaining, and the Bulldogs held off South Carolina 41-37 Saturday night.

"Man, it was a nail-biting play," Curran said. "I was kind of put in a bind because it looked like Garcia was about to tuck it and run into the end zone."

Instead, Garcia decided to throw his 53rd pass of the night to a receiver cutting behind Curran. The junior linebacker reached out and swatted the ball to the ground.

"I knew he liked to like to hit his tight end on that play," Curran said. "I didn't know whether to come up and try to hit him or stay back in coverage. As soon as I took a step forward, he lobbed it up and I was able to stick my hand out there and tip the ball down."

The Bulldogs (1-1, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) avoided their first 0-2 start since 1996. South Carolina (1-1, 0-1) was hurt by a blocked extra point after its final touchdown, which prevented the Gamecocks from going for a tying field goal at the end.

The goal-line stand set off a raucous celebration for the relieved crowd at Sanford Stadium. Curran rolled on the ground with Brandon Boykin, who had a huge game for the Bulldogs. Bryan Evans did a somersault.

"So many things happened, I don't even know where to start," Georgia coach Mark Richt said. "The bottom line is, we got it done. We got it done at the end."

Boykin set a school record with a 100-yard kickoff return and set up a score with an interception. South Carolina linebacker Eric Norwood returned an interception 35 yards for a TD. Spencer Lanning tied a Gamecocks record with five field goals, pulled off a fake punt but had that crucial extra point blocked. The Bulldogs took a safety when Ty Frix snapped the ball over the punter's head and through the end zone.

"There were a lot of big plays all over the place," South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier said. "We almost came back."

Garcia completed 31 of 53 passes for 313 yards, with two touchdowns and an interception. Joe Cox, who heard

reports during the week that he was suffering from a sore arm or shoulder and might not even start, threw for 201 yards and a pair of TDs, though he also gave up a score on the ill-advised throw to Norwood.

"We wanted this win more than anything," Cox said. "It's something that hopefully will give us some momentum."

He also cleared up the questions about his health, saying he's had a problem with his shoulder for about a year but there's nothing that can be done surgically and it doesn't affect his throwing anyway.

"I warmed up before the game, and it felt pretty good," he said. "It didn't bother me today."

Everyone counted on a defensive struggle, based on the series history and the way the teams played in their season openers.

Neither team had scored more than 20 points on the other in the last five meetings. Besides, Georgia was coming off a 24-10 loss to Oklahoma State, while South Carolina had eked out an ugly 7-3 win over N.C. State.

Instead, this was a shootout right from the start. South Carolina raced to a 17-7 lead in the first quarter, but Georgia rallied for a 31-23 edge at halftime. The Bulldogs looked to be pulling away

as they took the second-half kickoff and drove for another score, Cox hitting Michael Moore with a 4-yard TD pass to make it 38-23.

But Lanning hit his fourth and fifth field goals, sandwiched around Frix's errant snap over Drew Butler's head to give the Gamecocks another two points.

Then, South Carolina looked as though it had tied it up when Norwood reached up to grab Cox's pass, racing the other way for a touchdown that pulled the Gamecocks to 38-37 with just under 13 minutes remaining. All that was needed was the extra point, a mere formality, right?

Wrong. DeAngelo Tyson reached up to swat away Lanning's kick, keeping Georgia ahead. It was the only thing that went wrong for the South Carolina kicker, who connected on field goals of 21, 39, 22, 35 and 34 yards.

"He gave an effort when a lot of guys don't want to give effort," Richt said of Tyson. "They'll say, 'I can't get it. Why try hard?' But he tried hard and blocked it."

When Georgia's Blair Walsh knocked through his second field goal, a 42-yarder with 6:20 remaining, South Carolina needed a touchdown to pull it out. Garcia led the Gamecocks down the field, converting three straight times on third down.

But he couldn't complete the comeback.

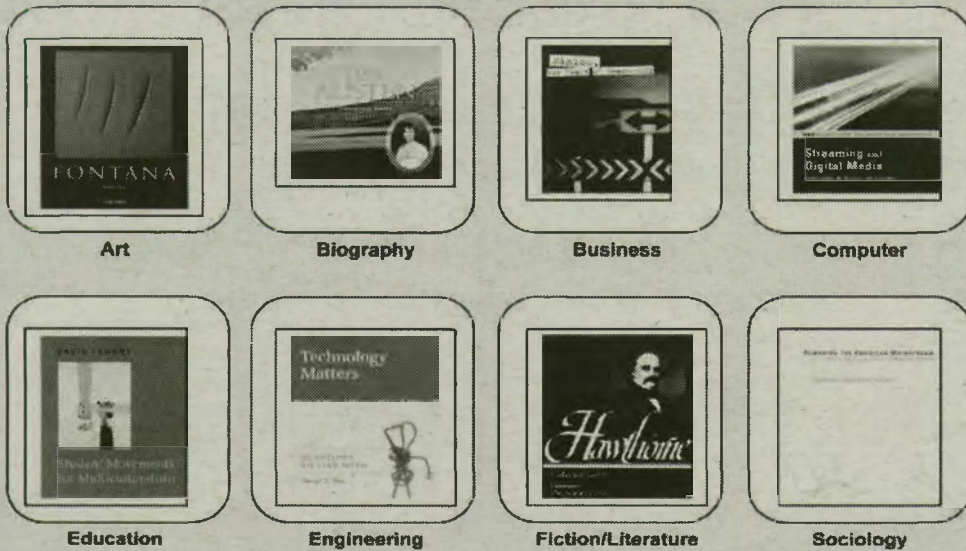
"It's a heartbreaking loss," Lanning said.

"Man, it was a nail-biting play."

Rennie Curran
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Houston upsets No. 5 Cowboys

Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Quarterback Case Keenum was listening in on a conversation in the Houston locker room before the game when someone suggested that the Cougars had worked hard enough that they didn't need any luck to upset No. 5 Oklahoma State.

Keenum had to interject. He turned to running back Bryce Beall to say, "I wouldn't mind some luck."

Hours later, the two teamed up on a connection Cougars fans will remember for a long time. On fourth down, Beall went after a 6-yard pass from Keenum that got batted up into the air and came down with it for the go-ahead score in Houston's 45-35 upset of Oklahoma State on Saturday.

"It's football. If you keep playing, plays like that are going to happen," Beall said. "Everything's not going to come out perfect."

The Cougars (2-0) took advantage of a series of favorable bounces to give second-year coach Kevin Sumlin his first marquee win with the program's first victory over a Top 5 team since an upset of third-ranked Texas in

1984. Making Waves In Stillwater Jamal Robinson sealed the win with a 26-yard interception return for a touchdown with 3:14 remaining, also off a pass that tipped off an Oklahoma State player first.

"For us as a program, this is a big win because it legitimizes our university. It legitimizes our program," said Sumlin, who had gone 5-0 against OSU as an assistant coach at Oklahoma. "There's no doubt that one win does not make a season. We've got a whole bunch of football to go.

"But I think any time that you can go on the road and win and beat a Top 10 team, it really helps your confidence as a program and it helps your pride as a university."

Oklahoma State (1-1) was coming off of perhaps the biggest opening win in the program's history last week against Georgia, earning a spot on the cover of Sports Illustrated and a Top 5 ranking for the first time since 1985.

"We didn't overlook them at all. We practiced like we practiced for Georgia and any other team," said Cowboys receiver Dez Bryant, who had five catches for 85 yards. "We just made too

many mistakes and they took advantage and made plays."

After overcoming a 17-point halftime lead, the Cowboys squandered their final chances for a win.

Quarterback Zac Robinson fumbled a snap to end one OSU drive in the fourth quarter, then threw his only interception to end the next. He finished with 240 yards on 18 for 31 passing with one touchdown.

Bryant returned a punt for a touchdown against Houston for the second straight year as Oklahoma State reeled off 21 straight third-quarter points to surge ahead 28-21. It looked like a repeat of last year's game, when Houston led 16-7 before OSU's offense came alive for a 56-37 win.

"We bounced back from some big plays that they made. I think that may have been the difference in the teams from this year to last year," Keenum said. "They came out and made some huge plays, but we responded this time — defensively and offensively."

Sumlin said he thought the Cougars had more depth and leadership than a season ago. Oklahoma State also ran out of weapons.

MLB

Red Sox deal Rays 11th straight loss

Associated Press

BOSTON — Jon Lester made the most of his second chance.

Two days after struggling in a game that was rained out, the Red Sox left-hander allowed two hits in eight innings and Boston beat Tampa Bay 4-0 on Sunday for a doubleheader sweep, handing the AL champion Rays their 11th consecutive loss.

Lester gave up hits to three of the first four batters Friday night but none of that counted when the game was called after he threw only 23 pitches. It was made up as the opener Sunday, a 3-1 Boston win.

"I was kind of surprised the way my body responded," Lester said. "I figured I'd be a little more sore (Saturday) than I was."

Red Sox manager Terry Francona said he wasn't worried after Lester, who is 5-0 with a 2.26 ERA in his last 10 outings, told him Friday's work was similar to a regular side session for a pitcher between starts.

"They're creatures of habit and that's not the way you draw it up," Francona said. "He didn't let it affect him."

In the opener, Dustin Pedroia's tiebreaking, two-run homer in the eighth sent Boston to a victory behind Clay Buchholz and two relievers.

Tampa Bay was eliminated from the AL East race one year after winning the division and reaching the World Series. The losing streak is the longest by a major league team this season.

"It's embarrassing," said James Shields, the second-game loser. "Eleven straight losses. Not fun at all. Whether we're in the race or not, we've got to play better baseball."

The Rays were outscored 16-2 and managed 14 hits in Boston's three-game sweep. The AL wildcard leaders won 9-1 behind Josh Beckett in a game shortened by rain to five innings Saturday night.

"This whole week has been pretty much negative offense," Rays manager Joe Maddon said.

Boston's win in the second game of the split doubleheader was its 11th in 15 games and eighth straight at Fenway Park.

Lester (13-7) allowed only singles to Gabe Kapler in the second and Dioner Navarro in the eighth. He struck out seven, walked three and threw one wild pitch.

Shields (9-11) had a rare solid performance at Fenway, where he is 0-6 with an 8.04 ERA.

The Red Sox took a 1-0 lead in the second on a groundout by Mike Lowell that drove in J.D. Drew, who walked and went to third on David Ortiz's double.

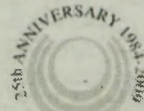
Boston scored twice in the sixth. Drew led off with a single and went to third on a double by Lowell. Both scored on Jason Varitek's single, a hard shot that took a bad hop past first baseman Willie Aybar.

Jason Bay's 32nd homer just inside the Pesky Pole in right made it 4-0 in the eighth.

Billy Wagner pitched the ninth for Boston, allowing two hits before striking out the final two batters.

For a change, there was no rain Sunday. Friday's game was postponed after a delay of 2 hours, 20 minutes. The start of Saturday's game was delayed for 2:05. Play was stopped in the top of the sixth due to heavy rain and the game was called 55 minutes later.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles notch first conference victory

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's volleyball team needed two attempts to notch their first MIAA win of the season this past weekend, losing first to Adrian on Friday before defeating Alma College on Saturday. The loss to Adrian was the Belles' second five-set nail-biter in a row, with the first being a loss to MIAA opponent Trine University on Tuesday.

Adrian took the first set 25-21 before the Belles turned it around and dominated the second set 25-15 with a .269 attack percentage. After the teams traded the following two sets to force a deciding fifth, the Bulldogs ultimately capitalized on costly Belles mistakes to win the set 15-9.

"This early in the season there are always things you are going to have to work on, but mostly our team needs to learn to communicate on the court and trust one another," Belles coach Toni Kuschel said.

The Belles had little time to think about the loss as they had a quick turnaround with their next MIAA test less than 24 hours later. The first set against Alma was tied 18-18 before the Belles eventually captured it 25-21. The Scots

bounced back and were on the brink of tying up the match at one set apiece with a lead at 24-22 before the Belles began their rally.

A pair of kills by freshman Stephanie Bodien and an ace by junior Meghann Rose allowed the Belles to take four straight points and the set 26-24.

The third set was much like the second except the Belles were forced to dig out of an even deeper hole. Trailing 24-19, the Belles won eight of the next nine points including two kills from senior L o r n a Slupczynski to win the set 27-25. Slupczynski ended the match with a team-high 21 kills and 19 digs. Junior Andrea Sasgen followed that effort on offense with 10 kills of her own and Bodien followed on defense with 18 digs.

The win brings their conference record to 1-2 and their overall record to an even 4-4. The Belles will be back on the road to take on a tough opponent in Hope College, undefeated on the year at 6-0. The match will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

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Toni Kuschel
Belles coach

NCAA FOOTBALL

USC rallies late over Ohio State

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Two games into his college football career, 19-year-old quarterback Matt Barkley already has a place in Southern California lore.

Three seasons into his USC career, Joe McKnight can now claim a spot with the great runners at Tailback U.

The freshman phenom and the shifty tailback made big play after big play, and Stafon Johnson capped one of the great drives in USC's storied history with a 2-yard touchdown run with 1:05 left to give the third-ranked Trojans an 18-15 victory against No. 8 Ohio State on Saturday night.

"We're Trojans. That's what we do," Barkley said. "This is what we dreamed of, coming back like this."

"Doesn't matter where we are in the score. We found a way. I love this."

For the Buckeyes (1-1), it was another big-game disappointment, maybe the toughest one yet. Ohio State has now lost six straight against top-five teams, including two national title games and last season's 35-3 loss to USC in Los Angeles.

For the Trojans (2-0), it was their 10th straight victory against the Big Ten. None was tougher — and none was likely more satisfying for Pete Carroll's team.

"I think it's a beautiful statement for our whole team," the coach said. "It was really a great job by a lot of guys."

The official stats will call it a 14-play, 86-yard drive, but it really started with USC at its own 5, facing a second-and-19 with 6:09 left in the game.

Suddenly, an offense stymied and held scoreless all second half by a hard-charging Ohio State defense came alive.

"He was scared, really," McKnight said with a laugh about his quarterback. "No, he came in with the same composure he had the whole game. He was calm. He made plays."

So did McKnight.

First he darted for 11 yards. Then it was Barkley to McKnight, who weaved for 21 more on third-and-8.

When Barkley threw a strike over the middle to Anthony McCoy for 26 to get USC to the Ohio State 37, the record crowd of more than 106,000 at Ohio Stadium started to grow uneasy.

Barkley converted a fourth-and-short with a sneak. McKnight, so often compared to USC Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush, ran three times, showing some power to go with all those moves and got USC inside the 10. Another sneak by Barkley got it to first-and-goal.

Then Johnson swept around right end, going in untouched, pointing toward the USC section as he crossed the goal line. It was the only part of the huge crowd cheering. The rest?

"When we punched it in there it was good to hear the silence," Barkley said.

Barkley and McKnight hooked up one more time, appropriately, for a 2-point conversion that meant an Ohio State field goal would only force overtime.

But with no timeouts left, Terrelle Pryor and the Buckeyes' offense went nowhere with their last chance.

"You need to score more than five points in the second half, and they came up with plays on that last drive they needed to and so they go home with the spoils," coach Jim Tressel said.

Just when it looked as if the Buckeyes would shake their big-game bugaboos, they'll now face more questions about their inability to beat the very best. Just when it looked as if Big Ten pride would be restored — at least a little — the league took another high-profile hit.

"It's very frustrating, but we knew eventually they'd make plays," said linebacker Brian Rolle, part of a unit

that was stellar for 54 minutes. "The last drive was heartbreaking. Give McKnight lots of credit on that last drive, he was good."

"The last drive was definitely, you go back and you think about, and you think about how close you came to winning."

McKnight ran for 60 yards and had 45 receiving, modest numbers but most of them came at the most crucial time.

Barkley finished 14 for 31 for 195 yards with an interception. He was sacked twice and took some shots, but just a few days removed from his 19th birthday, he already has a drive that could define his career. Matt Leinart and Carson Palmer couldn't have done better.

"He's not 19," Carroll said. "He's our quarterback. I'm not worried about how old he is. Numbers mean nothing."

Pryor made some plays for Ohio State with his arm and his legs, throwing for 177 yards and running for 36 in a game dominated by defense and field position.

"We should have beat them," Pryor said. "Point blank, we should have beat them."

Coming off last year's drubbing by USC, Ohio State couldn't have come up with a worse way to start the rematch.

Pryor's short toss over the middle was picked off by Chris Galippo around midfield and he returned it 51 yards to the Ohio State 2. The Trojans needed four downs, but Johnson bulled in for a 1-yard score to make it 7-0 less than four minutes in.

With their fans a bit stunned and probably fearing the worst after so many recent disappointments, the Buckeyes and Pryor responded.

The rangy sophomore hit Dane Sanzenbacher streaking down the middle for 56 yards to set up Dan Herron's 2-yard touchdown run. Midway through the first, it was 7-7 and Ohio State's crowd was back into it and blaring.

The teams traded field goals in the second quarter, with USC's Jordan Congdon knocking home a 21-yarder on the last play of the half to cap a snappy 2-minute drill by Barkley.

They traded punts and Ohio State won the field position battle and took the lead in the third quarter.

After pinning USC at its own 10, the Buckeyes forced USC to punt from its end zone. That turned into two points for Ohio State when a high snap slipped through the hands of punter Billy O'Malley for a safety with 9:03 left in the third.

Pryor and Ohio State then took advantage of excellent field position after the free kick, and drove to set up a 22-yard field goal by Aaron Pettrey with 4:49 left in the quarter to make it 15-10.

"We're Trojans. That's what we do."

Matt Barkley
USC quarterback

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NFL

Jennings, Rodgers lead Pack over Bears

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Aaron Rodgers brought the Packers back late in the fourth quarter, heaving a 50-yard touchdown pass to Greg Jennings with 1:11 remaining to give Green Bay a 21-15 victory over the Chicago Bears in the season opener Sunday night.

Facing third-and-1 at the 50-yard line, Rodgers faked play action and heaved a rainbow of a throw deep to Jennings, who ran in for the go-ahead score. Rodgers found Jennings again for a 2-point conversion.

"It was important for us to get a win like this tonight," Rodgers said. "It'll definitely build our team character."

Rodgers finished 17 of 28 for 184 yards for the Packers, and his big throw ruined the debut of Bears quarterback Jay Cutler, who had a career-worst four interceptions and finished the game 17 of 36 for 277 yards with a touchdown for his new team.

"There were a lot of failures," Cutler said. "We've got to go back and look at it. I think we're still going to be a good football team, there's no need to panic."

"It's pretty simple what happened tonight," Smith said. "Any time that you have four turnovers, you're normally not going to win the football game, especially against a good Packers team."

After throwing three interceptions in the first half, Cutler settled down to lead Chicago to a touchdown and a field goal in the third quarter, giving the Bears a 12-10 lead.

But Chicago's head-scratching fake punt attempt early in the fourth quarter gave the ball back to Packers deep in Bears territory, and Mason Crosby hit a 39-yard field goal to give Green Bay a 13-12 lead with 10:10 left.

Cutler answered with a drive for a 21-yard field goal by Robbie Gould to give Chicago a 15-13 lead. Rodgers got the ball back at the Green Bay 28 with 2:28 left and quickly drove the Packers to midfield, where he made the decisive throw to Jennings.

"It definitely boosts his confidence," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said.

McCarthy noted that Rodgers' performance came after a less-than-ideal performance by a revamped offensive line that gave up four sacks.

"He had a rough night," McCarthy said. "He was hit a bunch. Our pass protection was not what we were looking for."

Rodgers generally had a successful first season as a starter last year, but was criticized by some fans for not coming through in some key late-game situations — although the Packers often were put in bad positions by an inept defense.

That wasn't a problem Sunday night as Green Bay got steady pass rush pressure out of its revamped 3-4 alignment under new defensive coordinator Dom Capers, forcing Cutler to scramble out of trouble all night. Cutler made plenty of trouble for himself from there, making poor decisions under pressure.

For all the pregame discus-

sion about Cutler's arrival in Chicago after an offseason trade from Denver, and the potential potency of Green Bay's offense in Rodgers' second year as a starter, few would have guessed the score with less than six minutes left in the first half: Packers 3, Bears 2.

But the Packers finally found the end zone just before halftime — thanks in large part to Cutler's third interception of the half.

Scrambling to avoid pressure, Cutler unleashed a lazy pass over the middle with no apparent Bears receiver in the area. Packers nickel cornerback Tramon Williams — who whiffed on a pair of potential interceptions earlier in the half — returned the ball 67 yards to give the Packers first-and-goal on the 1. Ryan Grant found the end zone on the next play and Green Bay took a 10-2 lead.

SMC GOLF

Belles rise to 3rd in tourney

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's finished in third after the first day of the O'Brien National Invitational at Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course Sunday. The No. 13 Belles shot a team score of 317 to finish ahead of six of the top teams in the country in the two-day meet.

"I am really excited about how the team performed today," Saint Mary's Captain Perri Hamma said. "When we started we were ranked 13th in the nation and were sitting behind all of these teams."

Top-ranked defending national champion Methodist University leads the field with

a team score of 303, followed six strokes behind by No. 5 Wisconsin-Eau Claire in second. No. 3 Gustavus Adolphus College and No. 7 Allegheny College are tied for fourth with scores of 326. No. 9 DePauw University sits in sixth at 330 while No. 4

Southwestern University followed three strokes behind in seventh. No. 8 Illinois Wesleyan held form in eighth by shooting a 334 and No. 6 Otterbein College rounded out the day,

taking ninth with a score of 349.

Methodist's Alana Swain is the individual leader with a 72. 15 of the competing golfers all shot below an 80 for the day.

Saint Mary's top player,

freshman Martyna Mierzwa, is tied for third with four other players after shooting a 76 for the first day. Junior Mary Kate Boyce sits three strokes behind Mierzwa with a 79 to take second for the Belles and 12th overall.

Sophomore Natalie Matuszak is presently in third for the team with a day one score of 80, giving her a share of 16th. Junior Rosie O'Connor trails Matuszak by two strokes with an 82, tying her for 23rd. Hamma closed the Belles' scoring with a round of 88.

"I am extremely proud of a third place finish after day one, but we have a lot of improvement that can be made tomorrow," Hamma said. "If we all play as smart as I know we are capable of then I know tomorrow will be a good day."

"We have a lot of improvement that can be made tomorrow."

Perri Hamma
Belles captain

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles top D1 opponents

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's placed sixth in the field of nine at the NIU Huskie Open as the lone Division III team in competition.

Senior Megan McClowry led the Belles with a time of 20:42.69 on the five-kilometer course. The All-MIAA senior captain finished 22nd overall in the field of 105 runners.

"Megan [McClowry] is a leader by example," head coach Jackie Bauters said. "She is a wonderful athlete to coach and has a lot of natural talent."

In a field featuring six Division I teams, Saint Mary's finished ahead of NAIA Judson, NJCAA Iowa Western, and NCAA Division I Chicago State. Just behind McClowry,

freshman Julia Kenney ran a 21:12.20 to finish 30th overall. Fellow underclassman Arianne Rodriguez finished in 21:17.44 to place 32nd. Rounding out the Belles' top five were junior Clare McVey with a 21:20:17 and sophomore Joanne Almond with 21:26.17.

"Both returners and freshmen made strong showings this weekend," Bauters said. "It's evident they took their summer training seriously and are ready for a solid season."

It was a solid opener for Saint Mary's, who have high hopes for the season after consecutive fourth-places finishes in the MIAA. The combination of senior leadership and young talent puts the team in a good position to make a run to the top of the conference.

"The team looks good," Bauters said. "I believe it is the best they've looked since I've returned to coach."

The Belles open the MIAA portion of their schedule with the Calvin Invitational in Grand Rapids, Mich. on Saturday, Sept. 19. For Bauters, whose squad has steadily marched up the MIAA ladder since the 2004 alumna's arrival at Saint Mary's, the meet will be a crucial test.

"The MIAA meets are of obvious importance to us," Bauters said. "Returning to the Calvin meet is exciting. Last year there was great competition on a beautiful course. It's a great event, and I'm excited to take the women back."

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SMC SOCCER

SMC's offense leads to recovery from defeat

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Otterbin shut out Saint Mary's Friday before the Belles' offense erupted for five goals against Manchester Sunday.

Saint Mary's and Otterbin remained scoreless through 50 minutes before senior goalkeeper Patty Duffy allowed an Otterbin shot past her. Duffy made six saves in the game prior to allowing two goals in the 2-0 defeat.

"Duffy has a tremendous competitive spirit," Belles coach Ryan Crabbe said. "She has spent many extra hours on her own in order to get better at her position. Having a full season in 2008 and the number of minutes she played should translate into an advantage for her coming into the 2009 season that she did not have last year."

Senior Sam Smogor also was key for the Belles in the loss, as she registered the only shot in the game, which was blocked from 18 yards away.

"From an attacking perspective I have high expectations from Micki Hedinger, Sam Smogor and Katelyn Tondo-Steel," Crabbe said. "In addition, Colleen Ferguson, Jess Slean and Keely Noonan bring a full season of playing together in the midfield this year."

After winning their first contest of the season the Belles have spiraled downward by losing their last three contests.

However, the Belles have been in big tournaments against teams that have made NCAA Tournament appearances, not scoring any goals in the last three contests.

"I am looking for a good competitive attitude from all of our players, regardless of their role on the field," Crabbe said. "Our energy level when we defend will be important. Finally, we need our attacking players to take greater responsibility in front of goal this year. In 2008 we spent too much time waiting for one player to score all of our goals. This year we have quite a few players capable of contributing on the score sheet."

In the final game of the tournament the Belles offense exploded for five goals in a 5-1 victory over Manchester College.

Ferguson and Hedinger scored back-to-back goals within 22 seconds of each other in the second half to propel the Belles to the victory.

Freshman Ashley Morfin recorded her first goal as a Belle to give Saint Mary's a 3-1 advantage, which Smogor followed up 10 minutes later.

Katie Durkin also contributed a goal and Sam Goudreau picked up the assist in the Belles rout.

The Belles will next travel to Illinois Wesleyan on Wednesday with the game beginning at 7 p.m.

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Huffer

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trailed first-place Purdue by 36 strokes after the first day of play.

Huffer led the team the first day with a 7-over 151, sitting at 25th place in the strong field. Senior Annie Brophy finished day one right on Huffer's tail, keeping pace with a plus-eight 152.

Brophy shot a 77 in the final round of play to earn a plus-13 total at 229 for the weekend. She finished tied for 26th. Junior Katie Conway shot a 79 to finish at 236, tied

for 47th. Senior Kristin Wetzel posted a final day 83 for a three-round total of 243.

"With the depth of talent on this team we've got a good chance to return to the regional championship," Holt said. "The long season started this weekend and will keep going all year."

In their next competitive rounds of the season, the Irish travel to Kentucky for the Bettie Lou Evans Invitational. The three-day tournament runs from

Sept. 25 through Sept. 27 at the University of Kentucky Golf Club.

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"The long season started this weekend and will keep going all year."

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Overtime

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a game that saw a dominating second half performance in the first ever meeting between the two soccer programs.

"At the end of the game, I think the result was well deserved," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "We give full credit to Seattle. I feel like they gave us everything we could handle in the first half."

The Irish wasted no time jumping in front of Seattle, earning its first goal on a cross from senior forward Bright Dike to senior midfielder Justin Morrow, who placed the ball into the back of the net.

Notre Dame was able to maintain a stifling defense throughout the match, keeping Seattle from getting its first shot off until the 33rd minute.

The Irish had one more scoring threat in the waning moments of the first half when junior midfielder Josh Thiermann made a run into the box, but his shot went just right of the goalpost, leaving the score at 1-0 going into halftime.

The second half saw more dominance from Notre Dame, as they outshot Seattle 12-1 over the remainder of the game.

Senior midfielder Michael Thomas made the score 2-0 in the 60th minute as he booted a goal from the top of the box after a good pass from Thiermann.

Senior defender John Schaefer put the game out of reach in the 72nd minute when he picked off a rebound from Seattle senior goaltender Emerson de Oliveira and shot it into the back of the net.

Seattle was never able to recover from the 3-0 deficit and the Irish took home the victory.

"We outshot them 12-1 in the second half and it was a whole different ball game," Clark said. "I thought the attitude was terrific in the second half and we need to bring that along in the first half sometimes as well."

Notre Dame seemed to pick up right where it left off in the second game of the weekend Sunday with an early goal against New Mexico, but the game ended up going into overtime where the Lobos were able to emerge victorious 2-1.

New Mexico had a miscommunication in its own end and allowed an errant pass to go in as an own goal mere minutes into the start of the game.

The Irish were able to hold onto their lead for most of the first half as New Mexico seemed to have trouble recovering from the early mishap, but New

Mexico senior forward Justin Davis scored in the 38th minute, knotting the score up at 1-1. That score would hold up through regulation play.

Overtime ended quickly as the Irish surrendered a goal in the second minute of the extra period, ending the tournament that had begun promisingly for the Irish on a sour note. Davis was again the goal-scorer, knocking the Irish to a third-place finish in the tournament behind Indiana and New Mexico.

The Irish led New Mexico in shots 13-11, but New Mexico won the corner kick battle 8-5.

"I was very disappointed for the team," Clark said. "I thought we kind of took over in the second half just like we did on Friday. We talked about it at halftime how you have to be so careful in the back and you can't have a concentration lapse. Full marks to New Mexico, Justin Davis had two very good goals. They were both from similar spots on the field and he whipped them in."

The Irish open Big East play this weekend when they take on DePaul on Friday in Chicago, and then make the long road trip to Tampa, Fla., to face South Florida.

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Brown

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between the two squads. Junior outside hitter Stephanie Slatt contributed a career-high four aces, going back-to-back twice to set up key Irish runs in the second and third sets.

"We were really steady as a team," Brown said.

"We play little mini-games within the 25 point game, so we try to win every mini-game to five. We beat them to five, we beat them to ten, and each time if you can increase that lead a little bit more, it puts you in a good place."

Whitney Woods led the Aggies (4-4) with a match-high 12 kills, but Dealy added 12 of her own to go along with senior outside hitter Christina Kaelin's 10 to put the contest out of reach.

Junior middle blocker

Kellie Sciacca contributed eight kills, three of which came in a dominant Irish second set that saw the Irish combine for a .467 attacking clip.

Sunday's victory improves the squad's home record to 4-1, compared to a 1-2 record on the road.

While Brown isn't convinced that home court advantage is a deciding factor in the team's success, she recognizes that her team feeds off the welcoming vibes from the home crowd.

"I don't think it's huge," Brown said. "For a lot of different reasons it's good. You're in your familiar surroundings, it's fun to play in front of friends and family. I don't know how many points they actually put on the board, but in some cases even just a couple is going to be the difference."

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"We play little mini-games within the 25 point game, so we try to win every mini-game to five."

Debbie Brown
Irish coach

Stanford

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Clara and the second to No. 3 Stanford, by scores of 2-0.

Just 90 seconds into the first contest, junior midfielder Rose Augustin found her way behind the defense and fired a shot from 10 yards out, but was denied by Bronco goalkeeper Bianca Henninger. The rebound made its way to sophomore forward Melissa Henderson who was unable to capitalize inside the 6-yard box after a bad first touch.

A few minutes later, sophomore Molly Campbell attempted a shot from about 20 yards out that looked to be headed for the back of the net until Henninger made a dive at the last second to redirect it wide of the goal.

After the Broncos netted the first goal of the match off a blast from well outside the 18-yard box, the Irish stepped up the offensive pressure towards the end of the half but could not break through to tie the game.

In the 62nd minute of the contest, the Broncos scored what would be the final goal of the game.

Just a few seconds later the Irish had their best scoring chance of the game when Henderson played freshman Tereza Stastny in for a one-on-one with the keeper, but Henninger once again came up big, getting just enough of the shot to keep Notre Dame scoreless.

Junior Nikki Weiss and senior Kelsey Lysander each played a half in the net for the Irish, with Weiss making one save and Lysander recording two.

Notre Dame ran into more of the same bad luck in its matchup with Stanford, a rematch of last season's national semifinal contest. The two teams were neck and neck in the first half, trading offensive scoring chances with neither team able to pull ahead.

In the second half, the Cardinal put the Irish away in a matter of minutes. In the

56th minute, a Stanford header off a free kick found its way past Lysander to begin the scoring.

Just three minutes later, bad luck struck Notre Dame once again. After the Irish seemed to have smothered the Cardinal attack, a shot ricocheted off one of the defenders and came to rest at the feet of the only other Stanford player near the play whose quick shot snuck in behind Lysander.

The Cardinal defense kept a talented Irish offensive attack off the board for the rest of the match to get the victory.

Notre Dame returns home next weekend when they open Big East conference play against DePaul Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Stadium. The team will then wrap-up its non-conference schedule Sunday with a 1 p.m. contest against Northwestern.

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Gophers

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teams from around the nation, including SMU and the ninth-ranked Arkansas Razorbacks along with the host Golden Gophers.

In the first of two rounds of the day, the Irish started slowly, shooting a plus-14 302 to land in ninth overall. Junior Connor Alan-Lee led the way for the Irish, finishing one over par after shooting a 73, good enough for a tie for 15th place.

Sophomore Max Scodro, senior Carl Santos-Ocampo

and senior Doug Fortner also had their scores counted in the first round, shooting a 74, 75 and 76 respectively.

The Irish came out hot in the second round of the day, however, shooting two-under par 286 and moving up from ninth to sixth place.

Notre Dame was paced in the second round by fifth-year senior Josh Sandman who, after a first round 77, came out firing and shot six under par, which puts him in a tie for fifth place overall at one-under and six strokes behind the overall leader, Minnesota's Ben Pisani.

Another Irish golfer whose

first round score was not counted, but came up big in the second round was junior Jeff Chen, who shot an even par 72. Santo-Ocampo and Fortner also had their scores counted in round two, both shooting a plus-2 74. Alan-Lee also qualified individually, shooting a 74, which puts him in a tie for twentieth place overall.

Notre Dame will finish The Gopher Invitational today before returning home to prepare for the Mason Rudolph Championship in Franklin, Tenn.

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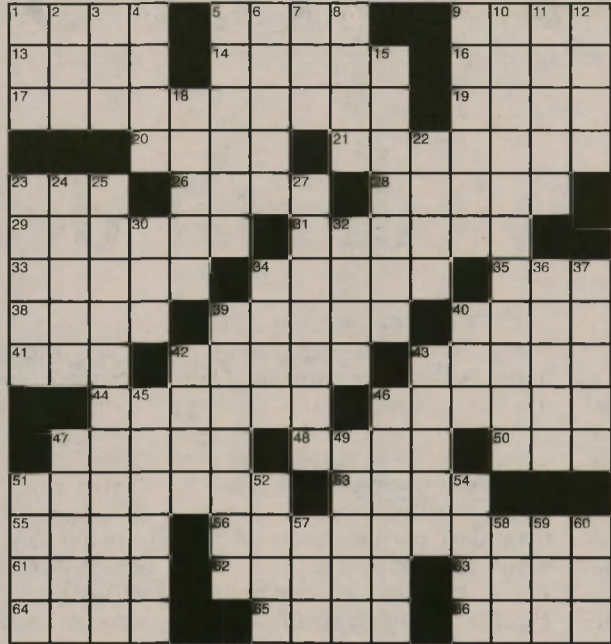
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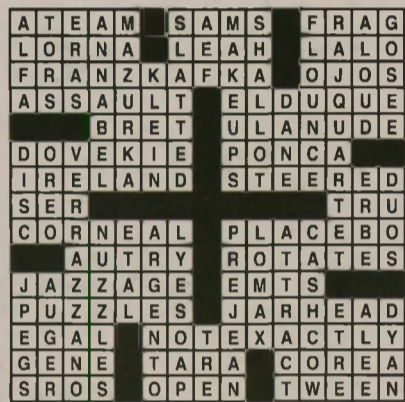


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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll surprise everyone if you get involved in something that leads you off the beaten path. By taking a different route to achieve something, you will meet people who can offer you other alternatives. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be restricted by responsibilities that have been handed to you. Don't miss out because you feel sorry for yourself. If you structure your time carefully, you can enjoy time with friends and also take care of your obligations. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): An emotional moment will clear the air and help you rediscover something you've been missing within your family relationships or friendships. By opening up about how you feel, you can bring about change and a way for everyone you care about to benefit. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): There will be plenty to deal with secretly if you want to accomplish something without any hassle. Rely on past experience and the knowledge you have acquired about the people you are dealing with in order to come up with a viable way to get what you want. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Show compassion and you will be treated like royalty. You can make a difference to someone who can truly use your help. Add to your popularity by being there for people who just need a helping hand. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Not everyone will want the same things you do. Expect to face some opposition and be prepared to go it alone, if necessary. Taking in an activity, event or gathering will allow you to meet people who can make a difference to your future. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get away if you can or attend something that will fill your head with new ideas. It's vital that you stay on top of the changes as they unfold. You can incorporate something you learn into a project that has been sitting idle. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may not be in the mood to do what's being asked of you but it is to your advantage to oblige. You can make special plans late in the day for the person you'd rather be spending your time with. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Plan your day according to what everyone around you wants to do. You will be given a chance to show how much you care and to do something nice, bringing comfort and entertainment to your friends and family. ★★

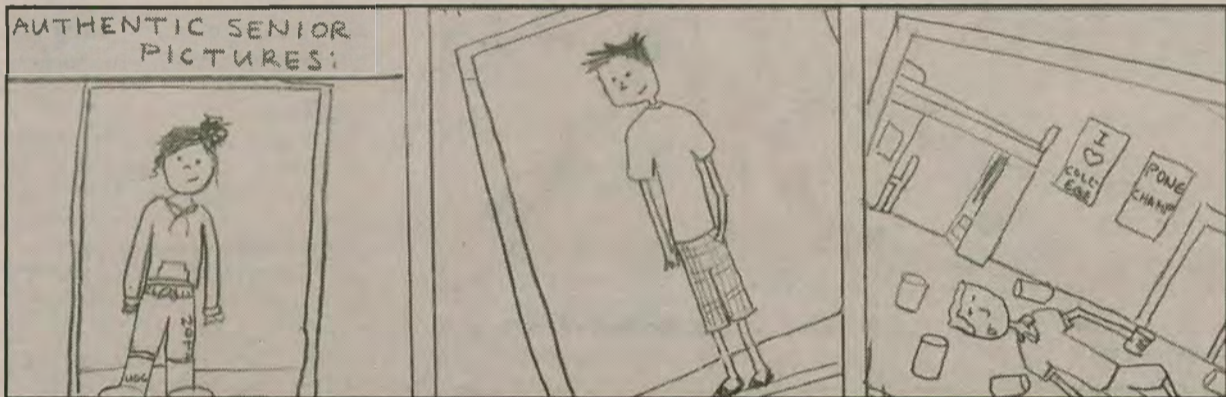
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will come up with some interesting ideas regarding how you can make extra cash. Talks with someone you love and respect will lead to a possible partnership. Revisit an old idea or goal. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The more entertaining the event you attend, the better your chance to hook up with someone who has something to contribute to your future plans. Listen to the observations that are made and the insight given by someone with experience, expertise and an interest in partnering with you. ★★

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ND VOLLEYBALL

ND takes Adidas Invitational, defeats Wisconsin

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

The Irish didn't waste time shaking off the rust of a losing stretch, securing six straight sets en route to a sweep of the Notre Dame/adidas Invitational. Friday's 3-1 victory over Wisconsin (15-25, 25-18, 25-16, 25-18) was the first

victory over the Badgers since 1987, and just the second in nine tries.

"I think Wisconsin just came out and played on fire in game one," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said. "Certainly we were able to make some adjustments in games two, three and four. When you take the hits like we did it can start to erode away at your confi-

dence, and so to come back and put a solid match together like this is really important for us and should help us for sure."

Senior outside hitter Serinity Phillips and sophomore outside hitter Kristen Dealy turned in their best performances of the year against Big Ten foe Wisconsin (4-4), each notching 19 kills. Adding a team-best 13

digs to go along with her career-high kill mark, Dealy recorded her first double-double of the season.

"In particular, our outside hitters were just outstanding," Brown said. "Serinity Phillips and Kristen Dealy were just unbelievable. We didn't have a real balanced attack, but we didn't need to because they were so good that Jamel just

kept giving them the ball. That's what should happen if you have a hot hitter like that."

After a day off on Saturday, Notre Dame (5-3) didn't lose a step as they claimed a victory over New Mexico State in straight sets (25-18, 25-19, 25-19) in the first meeting

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MEN'S SOCCER

Win one, lose one

Irish place third in weekend tournament

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The No. 10 Irish split the eighth annual Hilton Garden Inn Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament this weekend with a convincing win against a hapless Seattle squad and a hard-fought overtime loss to New Mexico, 2-1. The results left the Irish finishing third in the tournament, with No. 12 Indiana taking first and New Mexico edging Notre Dame for second place in the head-to-head matchup.

The Irish opened up play well on Friday when they used a trio of scorers to best Seattle, 3-0, in

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Senior midfielder Justin Morrow dribbles past two New Mexico defenders Sunday. New Mexico won the game with a 'golden goal' in overtime.

MEN'S GOLF

Irish in 6th after first rounds

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

After a somewhat sloppy first round of play, the Irish improved in the second round of the Gopher Invitational to finish the day in sole possession of sixth place, thirteen shots back from the leader, Southern Methodist University.

Hosted by the University of Minnesota, The Gopher Invitational is a two-day, three-round tournament played in Wayzata, Minn. at the Spring Hill Golf Club. The Irish are competing against

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish drop two over weekend

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Over the previous 15 road games, Notre Dame has had its way with its opponents, outscoring them 40-7 during that stretch. But when the Irish took the field Friday at the Santa Clara/adidas Classic in Santa Clara, Calif., nothing seemed to go their way.

No. 5 Notre Dame (3-3) dropped both matches over the weekend, the first to Santa

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IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Freshman midfielder Lindsay Brown heads the ball amidst four North Carolina defenders Friday, Sept. 4.

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Team opens the season with tenth place finish

By NATHANIEL LEE
Sports Writer

Notre Dame notched a final round 311 to finish 10th at the Mary Fossum Invitational in East Lansing. The Irish closed their three-round total of 926 by shooting 23-over Sunday. Sophomore Becca Huffer led the squad with a 72 stroke final round and an overall total of 233. She opened her season with a

14th place overall finish.

"Team chemistry is really important, especially on a team this small," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "It really shows that our players do a wonderful job of supporting each other."

The Irish women's golf team posted a 615 on the opening day, and sat in a tie for eighth place with the University of Minnesota. Notre Dame

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as beat writers Bill Brink, Michael Bryan, Matt Gamber & Sam Werner discuss Notre Dame's defeat to Michigan.