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Students discern religious vocations

Old College residents integrated in Notre Dame community, undergo spiritual formation

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Writer

While many Notre Dame undergraduates search for internships, jobs and graduate schools, they may not be aware that several of their fellow students are discerning religious vocations.

Senior Santiago Rosado first thought about priesthood when he was in high school.

"I was sitting in Mass one day and was like, 'Hey, I bet you could do that!'" he said. "And I thought that was so strange for a high school kid to think that I wanted to find out what was going on there, like why there

was this impulse toward priesthood which isn't pushed in society."

Rosado and senior Britton Snyder are applying to enter the Dominican Order this summer.

Snyder also felt the call to religious life while he was in high school, as he came to a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith.

"Once I understood that the Eucharist is Jesus Christ, and that Jesus Christ is God, I just wanted to be part of the office that brings Jesus Christ to souls in that way," he said.

Junior Kelly Mason also hopes to join the Dominican Order as a

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SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Seniors Britton Snyder, left, and Santiago Rosado plan to join the Dominican Order after graduation next year.

Professor Sain dies of heart attack

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Professor Michael Sain, a 40-year veteran of the Electrical Engineering Department, died Tuesday morning, according to a University news release. He was 72.

He died of a heart attack in his South Bend home, the release said.

Sain was of the University's first chaired professors, and he has authored or co-authored about 400 publications.

He specialized in statistical control theory and taught several undergraduate classes, including a course that merged theology and engineering.

Thomas Fuja, chair of the Department of Electrical Engineering said Sain was a pioneer for Engineering research at the University.

"When Mike joined Notre Dame, it was basically a teaching institution, with little or no research activity," Fuja said. "Mike was one of the young lions who, in the 1960's,



Michael Sain

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Chipotle gives away free burritos

Popular Mexican eatery to open Friday; 80 percent of restaurant's business to come from University



MEG SMITH/The Observer

Seniors Brendan Geisler and Julie Menold order their free burritos at Chipotle Thursday. The restaurant opens Friday.

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

The free burrito events held by Chipotle Mexican Grill's new location in Eddy Street Commons drew mixed reviews from Notre Dame students.

The store held a small promotional event Wednesday night where students could bring in cards they obtained from the student government office from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

However, Thursday the store promised to serve free burritos until 7 p.m. and cut the line off at 5:30 p.m.

While students who attended the

Wednesday event were pleased with the new restaurant, students who were turned away Thursday evening were less than thrilled.

"This in an outrage," said Michelle Perone, a senior living off campus. "They made us all these promises and now they're not keeping them."

Xan Schwartz, a freshman from Welsh Family, agreed, and said she did not think the Chipotle staff was doing all they could to serve the students.

"They can't do anything about the length of the line, but at least they could stay open longer, or pass out burritos or drinks out-

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Court overturns state voter identification law

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

From now on, out-of-state student voters can go to the polls without worrying about possession of an Indiana state identification.

Last Thursday, the Indiana court of Appeals struck down a law requiring voters to have a government-issued photo identification before casting their vote, according to an Associated Press news report.

The U.S. Supreme Court had ruled the original law constitutional last year in a 6-3 ruling. The League of Women Voters challenged the law in state

courts, arguing that it violated the state constitution. The case was at first dismissed by a Marion County Court judge, but the League appealed and a panel of judges ruled in its favor, 3-0, the AP reported.

Indiana governor Mitch Daniels called the ruling "an act of judicial arrogance."

"It would be one thing if this thing had not already been litigated from the bottom up through the federal system, and multiple court rulings — including the Supreme Court of the United States — hadn't already spoken," Daniels said.

Critics of the previous law,

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TV producer gives lecture

By LAUREN BALDWIN
News Writer

In order to create great TV or art of any kind, you have to dare to suck, said Douglas Lieblein, Emmy-nominated writer and co-executive producer and writer of The Disney Channel's "Hannah Montana."

"You have to be brave enough as an artist and throw that thing in the back of your head that judges you out," he said.

After previously pursuing acting, directing and screenwriting, Lieblein found his passion as a half-hour sit-com writer during his time as a writer's assistant.

"It is a completely different kind of writing that you've never heard

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COLEMAN COLLINS/The Observer

Hannah Montana producer Douglas Lieblein speaks about the show and his career Thursday.

INSIDE COLUMN

Destination: Procrastination

Procrastination — something that everyone does at some point in their college career. It's inevitable. We all have to put off doing something to tomorrow at least once.

Living with three other girls, I've come to realize that procrastination comes in different forms, and while I won't name my roommates directly, each of them (including myself) takes on a different role.

Amanda Gray
News
Production
Editor

The four main groups of procrastination are as follows:

The "Pro-procrastinator": This is the person that actually enjoys procrastination, knows that they are doing it, and doesn't really care. We'll call this roommate "Wendy." Wendy has the ability to procrastinate just about anything. Her most amazing feat would have to be procrastinating a 10 page paper until the night before it was due. We were all telling her that she should get started ... about a week before she did. She then got about 30 minutes of sleep when she finally got around to writing it.

However, we can't really get angry at her — she knows exactly what she's doing, and she really doesn't care. This is most likely a good thing.

The "Something-came-up-and-now-I'm-not-doing-my-work procrastinator": This roommate, "Penelope," has the habit of waiting to do things until the night before, which isn't procrastinating, but then comes up with something to do and doesn't do her work, which is procrastinating. She also then gets to stay up all night working on whatever gigantic amount of homework she has to do. The major difference between Penelope and Wendy is that Penelope feels bad afterwards. Not saying that Wendy doesn't care — she just knows what she did and doesn't feel bad afterwards because she chose to do so.

The "I-don't-want-to-procrastinate — oh, wait-is-that-Sporcle? procrastinator": This roommate, "Virginia," doesn't want to procrastinate, and with her major there is basically no time to do so. However, when Penelope or Wendy whips out a laptop and brings up the time-wasting Web site of www.sporcle.com, Virginia just can't help herself. Sporcle isn't the only thing, either — The Food Channel and MTV also aid our quad in distractions from homework. Though, quickly Virginia recovers and gets back to homework — she never really has to pull late nights.

And the "I'm-too-involved-and-don't-have-time-to-procrastinate procrastinator": This one happens to be me. I would love to be able to procrastinate. Every night I hit the point where I just don't want to work anymore, and would love to sit down and watch The Iron Chef on at midnight. However, my professors seem to not want me to ever have a life, and no matter how much I work ahead I can't seem to get any time to myself. Professors, if you're reading this, give your students a night off every once in a while: we deserve a night to procrastinate and hang out with the awesome people that we live with, but rarely see because of all the work.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOUR LIFE WERE MADE INTO A MOVIE, WHO WOULD PLAY YOU?



Christina Harmon
senior
McGlinn

"Angelina Jolie. I love her because of what she does as a humanitarian for the U.N."



Kelsey Flood
freshman
McGlinn

"Anne Hathaway because I relate to a lot of the characters she plays and she's really well composed"



Matt Apker
freshman
Fisher

"Seth Rogen ... but sexier."



Mitch Kochanski
freshman
Stanford

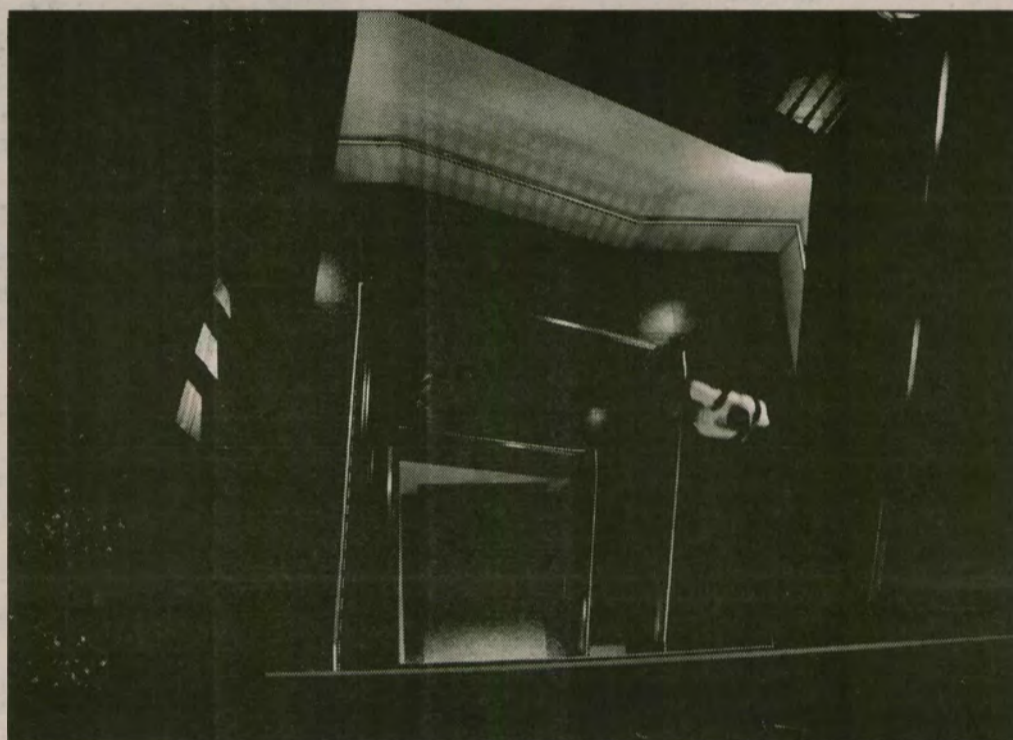
"Paul Rudd because he is awesome and I like his style."



Molly Casanova
junior
Farley

"Sandra Bullock because she's super sweet!"

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



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Students walk down the staircases in Jordan Hall of Science after their chemistry lab.

OFFBEAT

Italian mafia threatens businessmen with crocodile

ROME — Here's another of the Mafia's trademark offers-you-can't-refuse: pay or be eaten by a crocodile.

Italy's anti-Mafia police unit said Wednesday it has seized a crocodile used by an alleged Naples mob boss to intimidate local businessmen from whom he demanded protection money.

Officers searching for weapons in the man's home outside the southern Italian city last week found the crocodile living on his terrace, said police official Sergio Di Mauro.

The crocodile, weighing 40

kilograms (88 pounds) and 1.7 meters (5.6 feet) long, was fed a diet of live rabbits and mice, Di Mauro said.

He said the suspect, an alleged boss in the Naples-based Camorra crime syndicate, used to invite extortion victims to his home and threaten to set the animal on them if they didn't pay or grant him favors.

Mayor bans police from chasing suspects

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The mayor of a small South Carolina town says she banned her police officers from chasing suspects on foot after an officer was hurt run-

ning after a man.

Wellford Mayor Sallie Peake said Monday she issued the order in August after the city had to pay for an officer who missed work after chasing a "guy who had a piece of crack on him." She said a drug possession charge was not worth the cost to taxpayers. But her written order said she did "not want anyone chasing any suspects whatsoever."

The decision came after two town-issued cars were totaled within a month, although her order applies only to foot chases.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame men's soccer team will play Louisville today at 5 p.m. at the new Alumni Stadium. For ticket information, call the ticket office at 574-631-7356 or visit the athletic ticket office Web site.

The Northeast Neighborhood Council's Annual Back to School Picnic will take place today from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Robinson Community Learning Center parking lot. There will be free food, games and entertainment. The event is sponsored by the Northeast Neighborhood Council, Robinson Community Learning Center, Center for Social Concerns and the Division of Student Affairs.

The Tokyo String Quartet will perform tonight at 7 p.m. in Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased at the performing arts Web site or by calling the ticket office at 574-631-2800.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will play Louisville at 1 p.m. Sunday at the new Alumni Stadium. For ticket information, call the ticket office at 574-631-7356 or visit the athletic ticket office Web site.

The Notre Dame men's soccer team will play Cincinnati on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at the new Alumni Stadium. For ticket information, call 574-631-7356 or visit the athletic ticket office Web site.

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helped put Notre Dame on the map, research-wise."

Sain's research has been applied to the criminal justice system in South Bend and Indianapolis as well as to the protection of structures from earthquakes and high winds.

Yet Fuja said Sain valued his undergraduate students along with his research.

"Mike was always aware of the primacy of undergraduate teaching at Notre Dame, and he did an outstanding job in the classroom, winning teach-

ing awards at the Department, College and University level," he said.

Sain's course "Theology and Engineering" was popular and possibly unprecedented, the release said.

"To integrate what I believe about God with what I think and do as an engineer is the most important thing that has happened to me here at Notre Dame," he once said of the class, according to the release.

Stain was born in St. Louis, Miss., and received degrees from St. Louis University and the University of Illinois.

A viewing will be held Sunday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

at Kaniewski Funeral Home, 3545 N. Bendix Dr., South Bend, IN. A rosary will be held at 4 p.m., followed by words of personal remembrance. The funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 28, at Christ the King Catholic Church, with burial at Cedar Grove cemetery following the Mass.

Charitable donations may be sent to Queen of Peace Ministries, P.O. Box 761, Notre Dame, IN 46556, or to the Women's Care Foundation, 201 Lincolnway West, South Bend, IN 46544.

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Neighborhood hosts back to school picnic

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

The Northeast Neighborhood Council will host its annual back to school picnic Friday evening at the Robinson Community Learning Center (RCLC).

All off-campus students are welcome to the Back to School Picnic, which is also co-sponsored by the RCLC, the Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns, and ND Student activities.

"This is a family-friendly event intended to bring students together with neighbors," Jay Caponigro, the Director of the Robinson Community Learning Center, said.

The RCLC is a part of the Office of Public Affairs and Communication at Notre Dame, but is overseen by an advisory board consisting of Notre Dame students, community residents, university faculty and staff, and program partners.

"We have multiple activities for Notre Dame students to engage with the community and build a sense of trust and collaboration," Caponigro said.

Caponigro said there will be plenty of activities for children, which will be run by students, representatives of churches and other community members. In addition, members of the Center for Social Concerns, Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) and the fire department will also be on hand.

"It will be a festive atmosphere for families and Notre Dame to share a meal and a conversation and get to know each other," he said.

The picnic is one of the

biggest events the RCLC holds that connects the local community with Notre Dame.

"We've had different events to try to bring together the community and university as part of the history of the Robinson Community Learning Center," Caponigro said. "This is kind of our hallmark event for the fall."

He said the picnic has strengthened over the years as more students have become involved.

"It's a terrific experience," Caponigro said. "We get so many families who come to and work at the center and this is the chance for them to meet students."

More than 350 Notre Dame students attended the picnic last year. Caponigro said

he hopes to have a similar turnout for this year's picnic.

"We would be happy anywhere in that range," he said. "It certainly fills up our space."

The Northeast Neighborhood Council created the event to partner with the university to welcome students back to the neighborhood.

"We want to welcome students back to campus and let them know they are appreciated," Caponigro said.

The Northeast Neighborhood Council was created in 1966 and is the oldest continually operating neighborhood association in the history of South Bend.

The picnic will take place in the RCLC side lot of the RCLC from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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of or experienced and I fell in love with it," Lieblein said.

Lieblein discussed how the group of six writers and producers begin the Hannah Montana production process.

"We come in eight weeks early, start breaking stories that we think would be good Hannah episodes," Lieblein said. "We create stories from the heart of the character outward, about how the character is moving forward in life."

If the group can make comedy out of a serious subject, they have a story.

They always start out with "Miley wants blank," but because Miley Cyrus can't be filming every hour of the day, they always have a B story in the episode that she isn't in.

A high priority of writers is to consider the effects everything in the episode can have on the young viewers.

"We know absolutely that everything Miley does on screen, a six-year-old girl will do at home; we all have kids," Lieblein said. "They are going to imitate everything she does and says."

After outlining, beating out stories and ending up with a bunch of story ideas for the season, the first episode goes into production. Lieblein discussed a typical work-week.

"Monday 9 a.m. everybody comes in; actors, writers, directors, and we do a table read. Actors sit around the table and they read through their scripts," Lieblein said. "We're hearing the dialogue for the first time. It changes everything when you hear it. 'Oh that joke doesn't work,' and at 10 a.m. the actors go to the stage to rehearse."

While the actors rehearse, the writers get notes, work on production and spend the rest of the night rewriting the script for Tuesday's run-through.

"Tuesday morning actors are rehearsing on stage, and from nine to one we have free time," Lieblein said. "Our free time is frantically scrambling to finish next week's script. We go back to stage and see run-through of script. We see it up on its feet and we have a visual."

By Wednesday props are included in the run-through, and network executives come to give feedback. This is the time of the week when huge parts of episodes need to be rewritten based on concerns the network or the Standards and Practices Committee have.

"One episode was all about Miley endorsing a product before she tried it," Lieblein said. "When she does finally try it, she's allergic to an ingredient, and her tongue swells up so much that she speaks funny. They were afraid it seemed like we

were making fun of people with speech impediments, so we ended up rewriting the entire last 20 pages of the episode."

There are hours and hours of rewriting that occurs while in the production process.

"The most time consuming part is not telling the story; it's telling it in a funny way," Lieblein said.

Thursday is "crazy day." Half of the show is filmed each Thursday. Lieblein and three other writers work in the writer's room on the next week's episodes while watching a video feed from the stage where shooting is going on and where the two executive producers are. Much collaboration on the shooting occurs between the people on the stage and in the writing room.

Friday, the script for the next week is completed. At 5 p.m., 225 guests come to the studio and the other half of the show is filmed.

"Friday night the show is over. Big sigh, and start all over again on Monday," Lieblein said.

After describing what he does in his job, Lieblein gave advice on how to break into the business.

"If you really want to break into the business, learn to type really fast," Lieblein said. "Being a writer's assistant is the easiest way in. After you have been a writer's assistant, you see another writer's assistant, and you want to help them in. I have read every script that every writer's assistant has ever given me."

When asked if he has considered going into screenwriting, Lieblein replied that he could never give up his job because he loves the atmosphere of the writer's room.

"When I go to work, I laugh more than I ever laughed in my entire life," Lieblein said. "What I do for a living is too much fun. I've fallen in love with The Disney Channel and I love working with them."

Finally, Lieblein said he knew Miley Cyrus was a star from the beginning, but he never could have expected the phenomenon that Hannah Montana has turned into globally.

"More people in India watch Hannah Montana than in the United States," Lieblein said.

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side," Schwartz said. "There's a lot of other things they can do."

Sol Aguilera, the manager of the Eddy Street Chipotle, said she and her staff did all they could to accommodate as many students, whom she estimates will comprise 80 percent of the restaurant's clientele, as possible.

"What happened is it's going to take an hour and a half to get [inside]," Aguilera said. "And then we'll need to close the restaurant."

Both Schwartz and Perone went to Hot Box Pizza, a restaurant across the street from Chipotle, after being turned away from the free burrito line. The pizzeria was full of students who were unable to obtain a complimentary Chipotle food item.

Students who were admitted into the restaurant said they were excit-

ed about the new location, which is significantly closer than the old location in Mishawaka.

"I'm really excited to have a Chipotle near campus," Adam Woodruff, a senior, said. "However, I still think it should be in LaFortune instead."

Woodruff also said he was pleased with the way Eddy Street Commons looked.

"I think architecturally all the buildings look really nice and I'm excited to have all these stores near campus," Woodruff said.

Rachel Davidson, a senior, attended the event Wednesday night and was happy with the experience.

"Everybody was happy and the food was delicious," Davidson said. "You had to come in with little cards but they started handing out the cards at the door, so they basically wanted to give us free food."

Like Woodruff, Davidson was also looking forward to finally seeing Eddy Street Commons, which was

only recently opened to the public.

"I was very excited to see it and it was beautiful," Davidson said. "I wish it had been here my freshman year."

The student body as a whole seemed pleased with the new restaurant, and even those students who were turned away said they would likely go to Chipotle again in the future.

"I'm just mad because I looked forward to getting Chipotle after my class and I got halfway through the line and they told me I couldn't go in," Meghan Pulte, a freshman from Lyons Hall, said. "I'll probably still keep going to Chipotle though."

Students were also pleasantly surprised with the quality of the food at Hot Box Pizza.

"The pizza we got was really good," Perone said. "And at least Hot Box Pizza isn't making promises they can't deliver."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chavez hopeful about future

UNITED NATIONS — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez told the U.N. General Assembly on Thursday that he smells hope not sulfur, a small compliment for Barack Obama given that he branded then President George W. Bush "the devil" when he last addressed the world body in 2006.

"It doesn't smell of sulfur. It's gone. It smells of something else. It smells of hope and you have hope in your heart," Chavez said during a rambling, 57-minute address where he mentioned close friend and former Cuban President Fidel Castro more than Obama or Bush.

Ecuador rejects arbitration claim

QUITO — Ecuador on Thursday rejected as an inappropriate last-ditch effort Chevron Corp.'s attempt to force it into international arbitration so it might share liability in a \$27 billion lawsuit over environmental damage in the Amazon rainforest.

In a statement, the Attorney General's office said U.S.-based Chevron was trying to achieve through arbitration what it couldn't in U.S. and Ecuadorean courts.

Also Thursday, the judge presiding over the case said he would appeal a court decision earlier this week denying his request to be removed from the case because of allegations he was involved in a purported bribery scheme.

The removal of Judge Juan Evangelista Nunez would delay a verdict that had been expected this year.

NATIONAL NEWS

Court drops \$5 mil. verdict

RICHMOND — A federal appeals court on Thursday tossed out a \$5 million verdict against protesters who carried signs with inflammatory messages like "Thank God for dead soldiers" outside the Maryland funeral of a U.S. Marine killed in Iraq.

A three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the signs contained "imaginative and hyperbolic rhetoric" protected by the First Amendment. Such messages are intended to spark debate and cannot be reasonably read as factual assertions about an individual, the court said.

A jury in Baltimore had awarded Albert Snyder damages for emotional distress and invasion of privacy. The 2006 funeral of Snyder's son, Marine Lance Cpl. Matthew Snyder in Westminster, Md., was among many military funerals that have been picketed by members of the fundamentalist Westboro Baptist Church in Kansas.

Calif. teen arrested for arson

SAN BERNARDINO — A 16-year-old boy arrested for investigation of arson is under investigation in connection with more than a dozen Southern California wildfires, authorities said Thursday.

The fires had a "commonality," but investigators were not releasing any details of how they might be connected, San Bernardino County sheriff's spokeswoman Jodi Miller said.

None of the fires involved in the investigation led to serious injuries or death, and property damage was minimal, said Doug McKain, a unit chief with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana lottery profits drop 17.5%

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's lottery proceeds dropped by more than 17 percent in the past fiscal year, marking one of the sharpest decline in profits nationwide.

The state's proceeds from the Hoosier Lottery fell by nearly \$40 million, as profits dropped from \$217 million in the 2008 fiscal year to \$178 million in fiscal year that ended June 30.

It's unclear whether new slot machines at the state's two horse racing tracks have cut into lottery sales. Lottery officials told The Indianapolis Star that the decline is caused in part by the recession and a lack of big jackpots.

Protesters riot in Pittsburgh

March turns chaotic as G-20 opponents and police clash; protesters arrested

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Police fired canisters of pepper spray and smoke at marchers protesting the Group of 20 summit Thursday after anarchists responded to calls to disperse by rolling trash bins and throwing rocks.

The march turned chaotic at just about the time that President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama arrived for a meeting with leaders of the world's major economies.

The clashes began after hundreds of protesters, many advocating against capitalism, tried to march from an outlying neighborhood toward the convention center where the summit is being held.

The protesters banged on drums and chanted "Ain't no power like the power of the people, 'cause the power of the people don't stop."

The marchers included small groups of self-described anarchists, some wearing dark clothes and bandanas and carrying black flags. Others wore helmets and safety goggles.

One banner read, "No borders, no thanks," another, "No hope in capitalism." A few minutes into the march, protesters unfurled a large banner reading "NO BAILOUT NO CAPITALISM" with an encircled "A," a recognized sign of anarchists.

The marchers did not have a permit and, after a few blocks, police declared it an unlawful assembly. They played an announcement over a loudspeaker telling people to leave or face arrest and then police in riot gear moved in to break it up.

Protesters split into smaller groups. Some rolled large metal trash bins toward police, and a man in a black hooded sweat shirt threw rocks at a police car, breaking the front windshield. Protesters broke windows in a few businesses, including a bank branch and a Boston



Officers fire pepper spray and smoke at protesters during clashes in Pittsburgh Thursday ahead of the G-20 summit, which is expected to begin Thursday evening in the city.

Market restaurant.

Officers fired pepper spray and smoke at the protesters. Some of those exposed to the pepper spray coughed and complained that their eyes were watering and stinging.

Police were planning a news conference to discuss their response. Officers were seen taking away a handful of protesters in cuffs.

About an hour after the clashes started, the police and protesters were at a standoff. Police sealed off main thoroughfares to downtown.

Twenty-one-year-old Stephon Boatwright, of Syracuse, N.Y., wore a mask of English anarchist Guy Fawkes and yelled at a line of riot police. He then sat

cross-legged near the officers, telling them to let the protesters through and to join their cause.

"You're actively suppressing us. I know you want to move," Boatwright yelled, to applause from the protesters gathered around him.

Protesters complained that the march had been peaceful and that police were trampling on their right to assemble.

"We were barely even protesting," said T.J. Amick, 22, of Pittsburgh. "Then all of a sudden, they come up and tell us we're gathered illegally and start using force, start banging their shields, start telling us we're going to be arrested and tear gassed. ... We haven't broken any laws."

Bret Hatch, 26, of Green

Bay, Wis., was carrying an American flag and a "Don't Tread on Me" flag.

"This is ridiculous. We have constitutional rights to free speech," he said.

The National Lawyer's Guild, a liberal legal-aid group, said one of its observers, a second year law student, was among those arrested. Its representatives were stationed among the protesters, wearing green hats.

"I think he was totally acting according to the law. I don't think he was provoking anyone at all," said Joel Kupferman, a member of the guild. "It's really upsetting because he's here to serve, to make sure everyone else can be protected. ... It's a sign that they are out of control."

THAILAND

Experimental vaccine prevents HIV

Associated Press

BANGKOK — For the first time, an experimental vaccine has prevented infection with the AIDS virus, a watershed event in the deadly epidemic and a surprising result. Recent failures led many scientists to think such a vaccine might never be possible.

The World Health Organization and the U.N. agency UNAIDS said the results "instilled new hope" in the field of HIV vaccine research, although researchers say it likely is many years before a vaccine might be available.

The vaccine — a combination of two

previously unsuccessful vaccines — cut the risk of becoming infected with HIV by more than 31 percent in the world's largest AIDS vaccine trial of more than 16,000 volunteers in Thailand, researchers announced Thursday in Bangkok.

Even though the benefit is modest, "it's the first evidence that we could have a safe and effective preventive vaccine," Col. Jerome Kim told The Associated Press. He helped lead the study for the U.S. Army, which sponsored it with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

The institute's director, Dr. Anthony Fauci, warned that this is "not the end of the road," but he said he was

surprised and very pleased by the outcome.

"It gives me cautious optimism about the possibility of improving this result" and developing a more effective AIDS vaccine, Fauci said. "This is something that we can do."

The Thailand Ministry of Public Health conducted the study. The U.S. Army has long worked with that government and others to develop and test vaccines and medicines to protect troops and the general public.

The study used strains of HIV common in Thailand. Whether such a vaccine would work against other strains in the U.S., Africa or elsewhere in the world is unknown, scientists stressed.

Vocation

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Dominican Sister of Nashville, Tenn., after she graduates.

Mason was committed to playing soccer in high school, but suffered an injury during her junior year.

"I had to find something else to focus my attention on," she said. "What that ended up being was Christ, so I started going to daily Mass."

Mason considered entering religious life after senior year of high school, but chose to come to Notre Dame to play soccer. She did not end up playing soccer, but during her freshman year she also lost the desire to enter religious life.

Then in December of her sophomore year at Notre Dame, Mason felt called to pursue a religious vocation.

"I don't even know how to explain it," she said, "but I just knew [Christ] was saying 'I want

you all for my own.' This was the first time I knew it was something real, and it was a call of love, not just of reason."

Like Rosado, Snyder and Mason, Braydn Harsha first felt called to religious life while he was in high school. He wanted to enter a college seminary program, and he is now a sophomore and resident of Old College at Notre Dame.

The 22 current Old Collegians are discerning vocations to enter the Order of Holy Cross, but they are just as much Notre Dame students as any other undergraduate, Harsha said.

"We're very much integrated into the campus, and we're encouraged to have friends that are not from Old College," he said. "It's like a normal dorm, but we start every morning with morning prayer, then we have mass together every day. We have formation meetings and night prayer together."

Old College juniors spend one semester abroad in Leuven, Belgium. During their senior year,

they move into Moreau Seminary on campus and become official candidates for the Order of Holy Cross, Harsha said.

Harsha was attracted to Old College and Holy Cross for its sense of community as well as the structure of a college seminary program.

"You're learning responsibility, you're learning brotherhood, and you're discerning a vocation along the way," he said. "It's just kind of one step at a time. It's not such a big thing as some people make it out to be."

Rosado, although not a member of Old College, said his time at Notre Dame has deepened his sense of vocation.

"I came in with sort of the vague idea of vocation, and Notre Dame has a lot of groups and opportunities to be able to express that inking toward vocation," he said.

Rosado said his involvement with Campus Ministry and the Center for Social Concerns, his theology classes and the close-knit community of Carroll Hall influ-

enced his decision to pursue life in a religious community.

Snyder also said professors, friends and priests in the Notre Dame community had an impact on his decision to apply to the Dominicans.

"Notre Dame is the place where God had it all come together for me," he said. "I would say the most important thing really has been the good friends I have made who have helped me."

Even after deciding to pursue religious vocations, these four students will not take final religious vows for several years.

If accepted into their desired religious orders, they will go through one year of a novitiate, during which they learn how to live in religious community and discern whether they want to continue in that order, Rosado said.

If she joins the Dominican Sisters, Mason will not take her final vows until seven years after she enters the order. Likewise, Harsha, Snyder and Rosado will not be ordained as priests for sev-

eral years if they continue on their current paths.

"We don't know that we'll be accepted or that we'll be ultimately ordained," Rosado said. "I know plenty of people who have gone into the seminary and been shown great things by God and been led to married life."

Mason, Harsha, Snyder and Rosado all said they would like to teach in the future, although they are open to work however they are needed by their religious orders.

Snyder and Rosado said even though they have chosen to work toward priesthood, their current senses of vocation are not final.

"It sounds great because this is what happened, but it's only after we reflected on our lives and struggled with a lot of different issues," Rosado said. "And obviously it's not over. Vocation is continuous discernment of God's will in your life."

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Voting

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on the other hand, said it disenfranchised many groups of voters, such as the poor and the elderly, as well as some minority voters.

Additionally, according to the AP, critics argued it does not make sense to require those voting in person to present a photo identification while those voting absentee would not have to — especially in light of the fact their ballots are already susceptible to fraud.

Patrick Bauer, Democratic House Speaker from South Bend, lauded last week's ruling, according to the AP report.

"This voter ID disenfranchised hundreds if not thou-

sands of voters," he said. "You're supposed to treat people equally. We felt the whole law was trying to cut down voters."

Last November, several Notre Dame students, as well as students from other area universities, were turned away for not having a state photo identification at the polling center at Legends. The Observer reported that the problems many students had at the polls stemmed from misunderstandings about Indiana regulations and the proper type of identification required.

According to a recent South Bend Tribune report, identification cards from private institutions are not considered valid for voting. Out-of-state students would have had to go to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to apply for an Indiana identification card.

A student who registered for an Indiana identification card would have to relinquish his or her home state identification or drivers license.

"I had done my homework and still thought it would be possible to get a simple State ID with a picture as by Indiana law they were required to give it to me for voting purposes," Michael DellaPenna, a sophomore who was turned away from the polls last year, said.

"What I wasn't prepared for was giving up my home state's [Illinois] driver's license. The Indiana DMV told me I could only have one or the other," he said. "I didn't particularly want to give up my Illinois DL so I was stuck in a terrible spot."

To acquire an Indiana drivers license, he would have had to pass a drivers test as well as fill out a great deal of

paperwork, in addition to forfeiting his home state license, DellaPenna said.

With last year's election being so radical, and Indiana being a traditionally red state, DellaPenna said he knew his vote would mean more in Indiana than in his home state. He therefore did not pursue an absentee ballot from Illinois.

"Overall, the situation was a huge hassle," he said.

DellaPenna, like other students turned away from the polls, is pleased with last week's ruling.

"This change in the law is great because it will prevent situations like mine in the future," he said. "That's good because I'm sure I wasn't the only one who felt frustrated with the process."

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SUNDAY
SEPT. 27TH @ 1PM
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MARKET RECAP

Stocks			
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Up:	Same:	Down:	Composite Volume:
900	99	2,867	2,256,837,102
AMEX	1,755.77	-43.58	
NASDAQ	2,107.61	-23.81	
NYSE	6,862.31	-101.70	
S&P 500	1,050.78	-10.09	
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	10,544.22	0.00	
FTSE 100 (London)	5,079.27	-60.10	
Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.08	-0.037	3.38
13-WEEK BILL	0.00	0.00	0.09
30-YEAR BOND	-0.50	-0.021	4.17
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.08	+0.002	2.38
Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-3.08		65.89
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-15.50		998.90
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.18		80.03
Exchange Rates			
YEN			90.9850
EURO			1.4639
CANADIAN DOLLAR			1.0910
BRITISH POUND			1.5936

IN BRIEF

Treasury to review GM and Chrysler

WASHINGTON — The inspector general for the Treasury Department's \$700 billion bailout fund said Thursday that he will review the decisions of General Motors and Chrysler to close a large portion of their auto dealerships as part of their restructuring plans.

Neal Barofsky told the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee that he will audit the process the two automakers used when they decided to significantly shrink their base of dealerships earlier this year. The companies said the closures were necessary to cut costs and better align their business with lower consumer demand.

GM is reducing its 6,000-dealer network by about 2,400 dealerships by the fall of 2010 by not renewing franchise agreements and winding down stores with outgoing brands. Chrysler slashed 789 dealers as part of its bankruptcy proceedings this summer, leaving it with about 2,400.

Drop in homesales weighs on stocks

NEW YORK — Investors pulled away from stocks after an unexpected drop in home sales and a slide in oil prices fanned worries about the pace of the economy's recovery.

Stocks fell for a second day Thursday after the National Association of Realtors said sales of existing homes dropped 2.7 percent in August after jumping 7.2 percent in July. Economists had expected sales would post their fifth straight monthly increase.

The market climbed in morning trading following a surprise drop in the number of people seeking unemployment benefits. The housing numbers upended that advance, however, and stocks never recovered. The Dow Jones industrial average ended with a loss of 41 points to bring its two-day drop to 122 points.

Financial stocks and home builders also lost ground after the housing numbers.

A stronger dollar weighed on the market by pushing commodity prices lower. That hit stocks of energy and materials companies.

Technology shares could see pressure Friday following disappointing quarterly results from BlackBerry maker Research In Motion Ltd. The company warned that revenue for the current quarter will fall short of analysts' expectations.

World leaders stress unity

Global heads speak at United Nations; say economic revival will be slow

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Global leaders on Thursday warned colleagues that coordinated international action to end the world-wide recession and reverse climate change must not fall victim to routine political divisions and pitfalls.

"Recuperation will be slow and time-consuming," said President Zeljko Komsic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, one of the U.N.'s newer nation-states, born from the breakup of Yugoslavia in the 1990s.

Komsic, speaking at the U.N. General Assembly's 64th annual session, called the global meltdown the "worst economic crisis since the founding of the United Nations, especially for poor and sub-Saharan countries."

Cypriot President Demetris Christofias fingered corporate crime and greed as the culprits, denouncing "market lawlessness."

"Globalization is driven by the pursuit of excessive profits," Christofias said. "As a result the rich are becoming richer and the poor, poorer."

His remarks echoed those of French President Nicolas Sarkozy on Wednesday, who condemned "the behavior of those who still continue to grow indecently rich, after leading the world to the brink of disaster."

For some people, Sierra Leone's President Ernest Bai Koroma said Thursday, "The impact of the crisis may be on the size of their bonuses; on others it may be on whether they acquire a second car or not. But for the vast number of people, particularly in Africa, the impact of the crisis creates life-threatening situations."

"The benefits of globalization have been negligible in the majority of developing countries," said Ghana's President John Evans Atta Mills.

"Despite almost a decade



Ernest Bai Koroma, President of Sierra Leone, speaks at the 64th session of the General Assembly at United Nations headquarters Thursday.

of impressive growth of about 5 percent, only a few countries have been able to reduce the proportion of their population living on less than \$1 per day," Mills said.

The president of Rwanda, another nation bathed in a bloody genocide in the 1990s, said Thursday that the way forward out of economic recession will require expanded participation, beyond the insider club of the wealthy G-8 nations or even the broader G-20.

"Most of the proposals fall short of the steps essential for the recovery of low-income countries," Rwandan President Paul Kagame said.

"The G-20 is now playing a crucial role in restoring

global economic instability; but should we not even broaden the base further to include many nations that are most vulnerable to the decisions of the few?" asked Kagame.

Bosnia-Herzegovina's Komsic had anticipated him: "It become more than obvious that only a strong, multilateral approach can provide the right answers."

Adding support from the developed world, Swiss President Hans-Rudolf Merz noted that "The G-20 lacks legitimacy; basic considerations of due process are absent in the sanctions procedures. The members of the G-20 are not subject to the same scrutiny. Switzerland advocates a level playing field and much better consultation

among non-members of the G-20."

Japan's Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama offered a mediating role "to forge systems to rein in the issues of poverty and economic disparity, which are difficult to coordinate by simply leaving them to market mechanisms, as well as excessive money-making games."

Lithuania's President Dalia Grybauskaitė had an ominous message to beleaguered taxpayers everywhere: "With all due regard for the domestic concerns and needs of national taxpayers, we need to adapt to the reality of global complexity, to respect our common responsibility and international commitments."

Republicans to block health nominees

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate's top Republicans said Thursday they wouldn't allow President Barack Obama to fill health posts until his administration stops barring insurers from telling the elderly how Democrats' health overhaul could affect their benefits.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the minority leader, and seven other Republicans wrote to Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius demanding she immediately lift what they called a "gag order" that calls on private companies that contract with Medicare to stop communicating with their elderly customers about the measure's

potential effects.

It's the latest escalation in a politically charged controversy over whether the wide-ranging health system remake Democrats have written would result in reduced benefits and services for seniors. The measures — along the lines Obama has called for — propose hundreds of billions of dollars over the next decade in cuts to Medicare, the federal health program for the elderly and disabled, including in a program that lets private insurers contract with Medicare to provide coverage.

One such insurer, Humana Inc., headquartered in McConnell's home state, told its Medicare customers in a recent mailing that the bill could slash their benefits. The

missive urged seniors to contact lawmakers to ask them to oppose it.

The Republicans' latest threat is retaliation after a federal agency told Humana and other insurers that work with Medicare to immediately stop such mailings or similar Internet postings. The order came from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, known as CMS, which oversees the federal health programs for the poor and elderly.

Many Democrats deny that their legislation would cut benefits for seniors, but Congress' top, nonpartisan budget official said this week that proposed cuts to the private insurers' so-called "Medicare Advantage" program could ulti-

SMC sisters share stories of vocation and call to God

By CAITLIN HOUSELY
News Writer

The call to religious life can happen at any time, in any place, over many years, or within one single revolutionary day, according to Saint Mary's College nuns Sister Amy Cavender and Sister Eva Hooker.

Cavender, a professor of political science, and Hooker, a professor of English, had two different calls to religious life, but they now share a common goal and lifestyle.

Cavender did not hear her call to religious life until she was studying for her PhD

in Political Science at Notre Dame. Her career path was teaching, but teaching wasn't the only element of her vocation. So she sought a career that valued her education and allowed her to become part of a family. The Sisters of the Holy Cross was just what she had in mind.

While pursuing her teaching endeavors, Cavender visited with a Holy Cross Sister, Sister Alice Michelle, every Sunday. Sister Alice Michelle had Multiple Sclerosis, but that never got her down, according to Cavender. Cavender said she was a vibrant person and was *u n s t o p p a b l e*. At this time, Cavender also had a vocation director and a local contact house that she visited one day a week. All of these were factors that lead her to her final decision of joining the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

By the time Cavender was awarded her PhD, she was already involved with the congregation. However, the application process for Sisters of the Holy Cross took a while before Cavender was accepted to the order. It was a year after receiving her PhD that she heard of her acceptance. At this time, she was teaching at Holy Cross College. "I was educated by the priests, teaching the brothers, and joining the sisters," she said.

Hooker had quite a different story. In eighth grade she had a notion of her call to religious life. She attended a Lutheran boarding school and became mesmerized by her piano teacher, a Lutheran Deaconess, Sister Anna. Although she never talked to Sister Anna directly, Hooker could tell that she was a prayerful person, and a lover of the Bible.

"That was the seed," Hooker said.

Eventually, she ended up studying at Saint Mary's College. At 17, Hooker was dazzled by the Sisters of the Holy Cross. However, she had to make a decision about her life quickly because a Notre Dame student offered her a proposal of marriage at the time.

Hooker was drawn to the religious order. "I was attracted to the prayer of the church," Hooker said.

She was interested in the readings of the mystical writers. "I was attracted to the conversations with God they had in their writing,"

she said.

She said she spent much time in the library reading religious writers, especially female writers, during her discernment years.

Hooker was attracted to a life where women could have their writings published they could teach, study and read books. She was also pulled toward a community of women praying together.

Both sisters acknowledged that following through with their call was difficult. It took Cavender two years before she was ready to admit that she wanted to become a nun.

However, both say that if you have a call, follow it. Regarding the call, Cavender said, "You never know when it is going to strike."

"If you find yourself pulled [to religious life], do a favor to yourself, and check it out," Cavender said.

Students who are considering a vocation should pray about it, she said. She also said they should find someone they trust to talk to about the issue.

The decision to follow their vocations has changed both Cavender and Hooker's lives. Hooker said she takes more time for contemplation and values beauty more.

"Beauty is one of the things that moves the soul closer to God," she said. She has made it her goal now to help beauty become a part of someone else's life.

Sexuality definitely still played a part in Hooker's life, she said. However, it is not the typical sexuality one thinks of in today's society. She said no matter what profession you choose, the way you live your life is still going to be complex.

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GRC to hold assault prevention training

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

The Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI), a part of the Gender Relations Center (GRC), will hold Active Bystander Training to help prevent sexual assaults Friday, Heather Rakoczy Russell, Director of the Gender Relations Center, said.

Active Bystander Training is the first of five signature events for the VPI, Russell said. All of the titles of the events, including Active Bystander Training's A Time to be Silent, a Time to Speak, are inspired by Ecclesiastes 3: 1 — 8.

There are many goals for Active Bystander Training, Russell said.

"The hope is to prepare student leaders to prevent rape and sexual assault at Notre Dame, and to help a friend or survivor of rape or sexual assault, among others," Russell said. "This is the first time for VPI Active Bystander Training."

"The 2007-2008 academic year was when the GRC formed a VPI Steering Committee to discuss, design and implement VPI at Notre Dame," she said. "The students on the VPI Steering Committee determined what events might be helpful for the campus community."

The committee was made up of GRC staff and five undergraduate students, Russell said. VPI had three events last school year.

Active Bystander Training was added to the event schedule this year, along with one other event, Russell said.

"So, the hope is to slowly build 'scaffolding' — different kinds of programs around one theme that attract students with varied interests for the common purpose of making

campus more safe and knowledgeable about how to effectively do violence prevention on a Catholic campus," Russell said.

Russell said education about sexual assault could help stop sexual assault from happening.

"Like all college campuses, it is difficult to measure the number of incidents of rape and/or sexual assault at Notre Dame, as it is the most under-reported crime. What we know for certain is that nearly all reported cases of rape and/or sexual assault at Notre Dame involve a situation where one or both people are intoxicated and the alleged perpetrator is known to the survivor," Russell said. "In other words, these are cases of acquaintance rape, not a proverbial stranger jumping out of the bushes — which means, with education, we hope that most of these incidents could be prevented."

The University's Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention (CSAP) released figures about college age sexual assault.

"College-age students are more likely to be raped than any other age group. According to some studies, it is estimated that as many as one in four college women will experience sexual violence during their college years. While most rapes are committed against women, 10 percent of sexual assault victims are men," according to the CSAP Web site. "Ninety percent of college-age rape victims know the offender. An offender may be a date, friend, or someone the victim knows casually."

Other events in VPI include Fine Arts Workshop, Sexual Assault Awareness Week, Writing Workshop and a Festival on the Quad.

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Yale professor speaks on importance of moral order of justice

Lecture addresses issue of race and human dignity based on crimes of Apartheid in South Africa

By ROBERT SINGER
News Writer

Moral language containing a concept of justice that describes the rights and duties rooted in human dignity must be used if we are to correctly assess international, domestic and daily conflicts, Nicholas Wolterstorff, the Noah Porter Professor of Philosophical Theology Emeritus at Yale University, said.

Believing and acting on a moral order of justice based on human dignity is important because of the crimes that occurred in South Africa during the Apartheid era, Wolterstorff said.

During this era, Afrikaners, the descendants of Dutch settlers from the colonial era, excluded Blacks and mixed-race people — known at the time as "Coloureds" — from participating in political life and withheld numerous rights from them. The stated goal was to segregate the races to allow for racial harmony and distinct cultural identi-

ties.

Wolterstorff said he traveled to South Africa in 1976 for a conference and listened to the grievances of the oppressed peoples after hearing the arguments of the Afrikaners.

"It was at that point that the so-called Blacks and the so-called Coloureds began to speak up," he said. "After these loud exchanges, there was a kind of muted quality to what the blacks and the colored were saying. They spoke movingly of the indignities daily heaped upon them."

Wolterstorff said he was surprised by the Afrikaners' response. He said they claimed talking about the justice of the situation was irrelevant, because their intentions were good.

"The response of the Afrikaners took me completely aback," he said. "They did not contest the claims of the Blacks and the Coloureds. Instead, they responded by saying that justice was not the relevant category. Benevolence was the relevant

category."

The Afrikaners justified the oppressive system by citing the many works of private charity they had provided for the Blacks and mixed-race peoples, Wolterstorff said.

"Then they insisted that the whole system of Apartheid was motivated by benevolence," he said. "The system of Apartheid was aimed at encouraging each nation to find its own cultural identity and language and to flourish in its own way. They spoke scornfully of the American way of mixing everyone up."

Wolterstorff spoke of a lesson learned from the experience.

"One reason it is important to have the concept of justice available to us is that it allows us to put a stop to paternalistic benevolence," he said.

Wolterstorff explained how rights pertain to justice.

"I think that a right is always the right to the good of being treated a certain way," he said.

"Rights are social relationships grounded in worth. You can't have rights all by yourself,"

he continued. "Although you have rights against me, I have rights against you. It's for taking note of the worthy of others and indeed of oneself."

Rights should do more than ensure people's autonomy, according to Wolterstorff. They should go beyond protecting the individual liberty of "forming a plan of life and acting on it." He said rights should be based on the worth and human dignity of all people.

There are two dimensions to justice, according to Wolterstorff, the "agent" dimension and the "recipient" dimension.

"On the one hand there is the moral significance of what one does, and on the other hand there is the moral significance of how one is done unto," he said.

"This is what I've come to think. The language of rights is for bringing that recipient dimension of that moral order to speech," Wolterstorff added.

In the situation of an abused spouse, he said, the agent dimension focuses on the actions

of the guilty husband while ignoring the moral claims of the victim.

"It's not just that he is guilty, she has been wronged," Wolterstorff said. "I think a great deal is lost if we can't call into attention what others have done unto us."

Wolterstorff said viewing justice in terms of rights allows us to appreciate people's dignity.

"The second orientation requires that I be open to your worth in that the first does not," he said. "The second orientation requires a de-centering of myself. I am, as it were, no longer in moral control in the situation. I am, as it were, a moral listener in the situation."

Relating this concept of justice to the Apartheid era, Wolterstorff said the Afrikaners "were so focused on the own goodness and dignity" that they could not see the crimes they were committing against the Blacks and mixed-race peoples.

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Fed. jury rejects law suit based on Hurricane Katrina

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A federal jury on Thursday rejected a New Orleans family's assertions that the government-issued trailer they lived in after Hurricane Katrina exposed them to dangerous fumes, in the first of several trials that could lead to hundreds of similar claims being resolved.

Five men and three women decided that a trailer made by Gulf Stream Coach Inc. and occupied by Alana Alexander and her 12-year-old son, Christopher Cooper, was not "unreasonably dangerous" in its construction. One juror saying the plaintiffs' attorneys never had the "smoking gun" that proved their case.

The jury also concluded that Fluor Enterprises Inc., which had a contract to install FEMA trailers, wasn't negligent. The federal government wasn't a defendant in this first of several "bellwether" trials, which are designed to help the New Orleans court test the merits and possibly settle of other claims over formaldehyde exposure in FEMA trailers.

Lawyers on both sides wouldn't speculate on how the verdict could affect other cases. A law professor who specializes in toxic tort cases said verdicts in bellwether trials can steer parties toward a mass settlement of similar claims.

Alexander and Cooper lived in a FEMA trailer for 19 months after Hurricane Katrina damaged their home in August 2005.

Alexander's lawyers claimed elevated levels of formaldehyde aggravated Cooper's asthma and increased his risk of getting cancer. Formaldehyde, a chemical commonly found in construction materials, can cause breathing problems and has been classified as a carcinogen.

Plaintiffs' attorneys accused Gulf Stream and other trailer makers of using shoddy materials and methods in a rush to meet the Federal Emergency Management Agency's unprecedented demand for

temporary shelters after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Gulf Stream denied its trailer jeopardized the health of Alexander and her family. A company lawyer also noted that Alexander took her son off a steroid medication for his asthma for more than two years.

The jury heard eight days of testimony and deliberated about four hours before delivering its decision.

Juror Roy Pierce, 43, of Boutte, said he was troubled by testimony about some of Gulf Stream's "in-house practices" but didn't think the evidence supported a verdict against the companies.

"You didn't have the smoking gun," he said.

Plaintiffs' attorney Gerald Meunier said he was disappointed.

"We thought we presented a strong case. The jury has spoken on this one," he said.

Andrew Weinstock, a lawyer for Nappanee, Ind.-based Gulf Stream, said FEMA had purchased thousands of trailers from the company since 1992 without receiving any formaldehyde complaints until 2006.

Weinstock said the company is pleased with the outcome, but he wouldn't speculate on how the verdict could impact similar cases awaiting trial.

"If some good came from this, it's that Christopher Cooper is now on the proper asthma medication ... and we're happy for that," he added.

Pavel Wonsowicz, a UCLA School of Law professor who specialized in toxic tort and products liability cases as a trial attorney in Boston, said verdicts in bellwether trials can steer parties toward settling many others.

But lawyers typically wait for several cases to be tried, he said. For example, Merck Inc. had won 10 of 15 federal and state court verdicts — including four of five in federal court — when it agreed to a \$4.85 billion settlement with people who had suffered heart attacks or strokes after taking its painkiller Vioxx for at least 30 days.

Before the trailer trial started, U.S. District Judge Kurt Engelhardt ruled that a two-year statute of limitations bars Cooper's claims against the government. Pierce said he doesn't know if the jury would have reached a different verdict if the government hadn't been dismissed from the lawsuit.

"It was a tough decision," he said. "It wasn't simple."

Alexander's trailer was made in 2004 for FEMA to use after a hurricane in Florida, but it wasn't occupied until her family moved in after Katrina. Weinstock said during his closing arguments that Gulf Stream wasn't obligated to build a "perfect product."

"It's a nice piece of equipment. It's not the Taj Mahal," he said of the travel trailers, which are smaller than mobile homes.

Plaintiffs' attorney Mikal Watts said Gulf Stream made an "unreasonably dangerous" trailer and Flour compounded the formaldehyde risks by improperly installing it. FEMA relied on the companies to provide safe shelters, Watts added.

"Frankly, I think they were trying to clean up somebody else's mess, and they should not be held responsible," Watts said of FEMA.

Weinstock told jurors that formaldehyde is found in safe levels in many products, including cosmetics, foods and shampoo. He downplayed the link between formaldehyde and cancer, saying only one scientific group has classified the chemical as a carcinogen.

Government tests on hundreds of trailers in Louisiana and Mississippi found formaldehyde levels that were, on average, about five times what people are exposed to in most modern homes. FEMA downplayed formaldehyde risks for months before those test results were announced in February 2008.

"If these trailers weren't dangerous, would there be 30,000 of them sitting in a field?" plaintiffs' attorney Tony Buzbee said.

Terrorist suspect bought supplies at beauty stores

Associated Press

NEW YORK — An Afghan immigrant who received explosives training from al-Qaida went from one beauty supply store to another, buying up large quantities of hydrogen peroxide and nail-polish remover, in a chilling plot to build bombs for attacks on U.S. soil, authorities charged Thursday.

Najibullah Zazi, a 24-year-old shuttle driver at the Denver airport, was indicted in New York on charges of conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction. Investigators found bomb-making instructions on his computer's hard drive and said Zazi used a hotel room in Colorado to try to cook up explosives a few weeks ago before a trip to New York.

The extent of Zazi's ties to al-Qaida was unclear, but if the allegations prove true, this could be the first operating al-Qaida cell to be uncovered inside the U.S. since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Over the past few days, talk of the possible plot set off the most intense flurry of national terrorism warnings since the aftermath of 9/11.

Prosecutors said they have yet to establish exactly when and where the Zazi attacks were supposed to take place. But Attorney General Eric Holder said in Washington, "We believe any imminent threat arising from this case has been disrupted."

A law enforcement official told The Associated Press on Thursday that Zazi had associates in New York who were in on the plot.

Zazi was arrested in Denver last weekend and was charged along with his father and a New York City imam with lying to investigators. Authorities said in the past few days that they feared Zazi and others might have been planning to detonate homemade bombs on New York trains, and warnings went out to transit systems, stadiums and hotels nationwide.

Explosives built with hydrogen peroxide killed 52 people four years ago in the London transit system. They are easy to conceal and detonate, and last week's warnings asked authorities to be on the lookout for them.

A law enforcement official said Thursday that authorities had been so worried about Zazi — and that his Sept. 10 trip to New York City coincided with a visit by President Barack Obama — that they considered arresting him as soon as he reached the city. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation continues.

Zazi left a Denver court Thursday without commenting and will be transferred soon to New York. He and his lawyer have denied he is a terrorist.

In unrelated terrorism cases elsewhere around the country Thursday:

— Michael C. Finton, a 29-year-old man who idolized American-born Taliban soldier John Walker Lindh, was arrested after attempting to detonate what he thought was a bomb inside a van outside a federal courthouse in Springfield, Ill., officials said. FBI agents had infiltrated the alleged plot months ago.

— A 19-year-old Jordanian was arrested after placing what he thought was a bomb at a downtown Dallas skyscraper, federal prosecutors said. The decoy device was provided by an undercover FBI agent. Federal officials said the case against Hosam Maher Husein Smadi, who is charged with attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction, is unrelated to the Illinois case.

— Two North Carolina men under arrest since July on international terrorism charges were also accused by prosecutors of plotting to kill U.S. military personnel.

In the Zazi case, a government motion seeking to deny bail laid out a chronology of the alleged scheme, which prosecutors said had been in the works for as much as a year. The court papers filed in Brooklyn federal court also refer to "others" who bought bomb materials with Zazi.

According to prosecutors' account, Zazi — a legal U.S. resident who immigrated in 1999 — began plotting as early as August 2008 to "use one or more weapons of mass destruction." That was when he and others traveled from Newark, N.J., to Pakistan, where he received the explosives training, prosecutors said.

UNITED NATIONS

Global leaders: international changes must not be politicized

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Global leaders on Thursday warned colleagues that coordinated international action to end the worldwide recession and reverse climate change must not fall victim to routine political divisions and pitfalls.

"Recuperation will be slow and time-consuming," said President Zeljko Komsic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, one of the U.N.'s newer nation-states, born from the breakup of Yugoslavia in the 1990s.

Komsic, speaking at the U.N. General Assembly's 64th annual session, called the global meltdown the "worst economic crisis

since the founding of the United Nations, especially for poor and sub-Saharan countries."

Cypriot President Demetris Christofias fingered corporate crime and greed as the culprits, denouncing "market lawlessness."

"Globalization is driven by the pursuit of excessive profits," Christofias said. "As a result the rich are becoming richer and the poor, poorer."

His remarks echoed those of French President Nicolas Sarkozy on Wednesday, who condemned "the behavior of those who still continue to grow indecently rich, after leading the world to the brink of disaster."

For some people, Sierra Leone's President Ernest Bai Koroma said Thursday, "The impact of the crisis may be on the size of their bonuses; on others it may be on whether they acquire a second car or not. But for the vast number of people, particularly in Africa, the impact of the crisis creates life-threatening situations."

"The benefits of globalization have been negligible in the majority of developing countries," said Ghana's President John Evans Atta Mills.

"Despite almost a decade of impressive growth of about 5 percent, only a few countries have been able to reduce the proportion of their population

living on less than \$1 per day," Mills said.

The president of Rwanda, another nation bathed in a bloody genocide in the 1990s, said Thursday that the way forward out of economic recession will require expanded participation, beyond the insider club of the wealthy G-8 nations or even the broader G-20.

"Most of the proposals fall short of the steps essential for the recovery of low-income countries," Rwandan President Paul Kagame said.

"The G-20 is now playing a crucial role in restoring global economic instability; but should we not even broaden the base further to include many nations

that are most vulnerable to the decisions of the few?" asked Kagame.

Bosnia-Herzegovina's Komsic had anticipated him: "It become more than obvious that only a strong, multilateral approach can provide the right answers."

Adding support from the developed world, Swiss President Hans-Rudolf Merz noted that "The G-20 lacks legitimacy; basic considerations of due process are absent in the sanctions procedures. The members of the G-20 are not subject to the same scrutiny. Switzerland advocates a level playing field and much better consultation among non-members of the G-20."

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Commons a welcome development

It used to be that the only way for students on campus to get some pizza at 2 a.m. on Saturday was to head to the basement of LaFortune or wait in long lines at Reckers. But all that changed this month, when Hot Box Pizza opened at Eddy Street Commons.

In fact, all the options for food, drink and shopping will grow over the coming weeks as various businesses open their doors at the Eddy Street Commons, just a skip and a jump from Notre Dame's campus.

For students, this is a welcome development. Notre Dame's campus has long been isolated from the surrounding neighborhood — there are only a handful of existing attractions within walking distance that students are interested in — leaving few alternatives to on-campus options for shopping and eating.

This isolation is a key factor in creating the Notre Dame bubble.

Students arrive at Notre Dame their freshmen year without a car and most get off campus irregularly at best. The campus bookstore or HuddleMart become some of the only convenient shopping options, and campus eateries like Reckers are the primary places for late night food. It's nearly impossible to break outside the bubble without taking Transpo or a taxi.

But off-campus shopping and dining just got a lot easier, making getting out of the bubble a lot easier, too.

Underclassmen with limited means of traveling off campus will appreciate the convenience of nearby retail options.

But the Eddy Street Commons shouldn't become the only place students go to get out of the bubble, either.

The development project has been nurtured by the University administration and all tenants must meet University-specified criteria. Only a few of the announced businesses are locally owned. A quick stroll through the Commons and a drive through downtown South Bend provide very different views.

Let's be clear: the four blocks that constitute Eddy Street Commons will offer something very different than the rest of the South Bend area.

Hot Box Pizza is going to be an excellent alternative to Sbarro, but don't forget about Rocco's for some of the best pizza in town.

The future Irish pub at the Commons will also undoubtedly be a great place to get a drink, but Fiddler's Hearth in downtown South Bend is a one-of-a-kind place students should also try.

It's good that students finally have off-campus alternatives that are accessible, but the options at Eddy Street Commons don't represent all of the alternatives the South Bend area has to offer — students owe it to themselves to seek out some of the other businesses the area has to offer when considering going off campus.

But for now, a steak burrito from Chipotle will do the trick.

THE OBSERVER Editorial

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The good can be the enemy of the best

As G.K. Chesterton was fond of saying, "The good can be the enemy of the best." I will put my trust in the sacred Tradition extending back to Christ Himself that men alone are called to the priesthood, but faith must be paired with reason. I think that there is an intrinsic, natural and beautiful difference between men and women. Just as a dance is made more beautiful when the two partners are in sync, so the roles of men and women in the Church are made more beautiful by their God-given complementarity. The role of priests is a sign pointing us toward God's relationship to the Church.

This role of the priesthood fulfills has a powerfully masculine aspect which is best exemplified in men. Complement to this is the relationship of the Church to Christ, which is best and naturally exemplified by women. However, it must be remembered that while not all Catholics are called to the priesthood, we are all called to be one body in the Church; this means that the role of women is at least as important and possibly more important, because men and women alike must learn what it is to fulfill the role of the Church.

Priests, bishops, cardinals and the Pope are not the true power or glory of the Church. Granted, they fill a necessary and excellent role within it; but they are merely ministers, standing in for Christ as best they can until heaven, when the Church, the bride of Christ, will be united with its Bridegroom. This ancient characterization of the Church as bride is important — it reminds us again that woman, the final creation, the "Crown of Creation", is the

After all, who is the most revered of all humans? Notre Dame, our Mother! She is the image of the perfect union with God we will share in heaven. If anything, we should be more focused on being more like Mary, and imitating her perfect imitation of Christ, than worried about who will take on the temporary role of ministers in the Church. When understood in this light, why would any woman settle for the priesthood when her intrinsic, sacred call is so great?

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Sept. 24

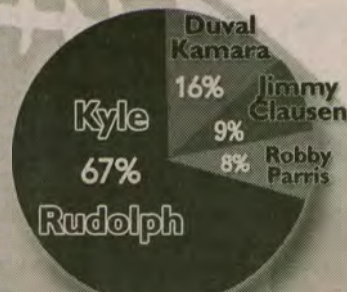
EDITORIAL CARTOON



Observer Poll

Who will be the second leading receiver for the Irish now that Floyd is out for the season?

Player	Votes	Percentage
Kyle Rudolph	838	67%
Duval Kamara	195	16%
Jimmy Clausen	110	9%
Robby Parris	98	8%



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The best way to predict the future is to invent it."

Alan Kay
U.S. computer scientist

Yom Kippur for Charlie Weis

As Yom Kippur celebrations culminate in synagogues this weekend to mark the start of the Jewish year 5770, most Catholics know little about the symbols and meanings behind activities that began last Friday with Rosh HaShanah. Yet this week-long observation known as the High Holy Days, but translated in Hebrew as the "Days of Awe," historically has been anything but awesome



Gary Caruso

Capitol
Comments

when evaluating success on the field for Notre Dame head football coach Charles Weis. Going into this, his fifth season at the helm of the Irish, Weis has amassed only a .500 record of 4 wins and 4 losses for games played during the High Holy Days. It pales even in comparison to the year prior to his arrival when ND won both games during the Days of Awe in what otherwise was a mediocre 6-5 season.

Judaism, like Catholicism, is rooted in long-standing ritual that honors multiple events, repentance and acts of faith. Football statistics only blend with either religious calendar as a way of marking athletic milestones, like calculating how well the Notre Dame basketball team has done when

playing on St. Patrick's Day. More importantly, athletic markers mean little in comparison to the solemn dedication of Jewish or Catholic worshippers.

During the 10 High Holy Days, Jewish tradition teaches that God decides who will live and die during the coming year. The verdict is rendered at Rosh HaShanah but sealed on Yom Kippur. As a result, Jews embark upon the serious task of examining their lives for more than a week, repenting for wrongs committed during the previous year, making amends with anyone wronged and planning their improvements for the upcoming year. That tradition is reminiscent of the many times this season when commentators have proclaimed that an Irish loss would negatively seal the fate of Weis' hold on his job.

Do not mistake, however, our football Charlie for a similarly spelled, but decidedly more Jewish, Charles Weiss, the Voice of America foreign correspondent who also writes for The Jerusalem Post. That Charlie has chronicled Middle Eastern conflicts since the birth of Israel in 1948 — even attended the trial of Nazi Adolf Eichmann who was considered to be the architect of the Holocaust. Last year Weiss authored the book, "Closing the Books: Jewish Insurance Claims from the Holocaust." His journalistic success, unlike our Charlie's lack of college level athletic prowess,

seems to nicely augment the tenants of the Jewish religious calendar.

Many may argue that some divine force granted our football Charlie a reprieve last week against Michigan State when a Spartan receiver failed to catch a touchdown pass while alone in the end zone near game's end. Was it a gratuitous and favorable verdict coincidentally coming on the day of Rosh HaShanah that simply needs to be sealed tomorrow with a win against Purdue? Or might it be a tease to mask the glaring continuation of Weis' collegiate mediocrity put on full display during the disappointing Irish clock mismanagement within the final minutes of the Michigan game?

The answer probably lies somewhere in between. Weis is still a head coach work in progress, still learning how to manage a staff and system with students rather than mature professionals. Setting aside the accusations of cheating by the New England Patriots while Weis guided their offense, the strength of that organization rests with its head coach rather than with the quality of the assistants. If anyone should atone and ask for forgiveness this week, it might be Notre Dame's former athletic director and trustees who eagerly (and many contend blindly) hired Weis twice within two years. Regardless, the Weis contract extends until the Jewish year 5776, or 2015 on the American calendar.

This coming Sunday, the day preceding Yom Kippur, marks the eve of the Day of Atonement and the end of the Days of Awe. Although the week began with the life and death theme of Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur is a holiday filled with hope for a New Year. Jews believe in a God so compassionate and just to annually accept their prayers beseeching forgiveness. The beauty of their faith is the belief that even at the last minute, a just and good God forgives their transactions. On Sunday, we and Weis will know the outcome of tomorrow's football struggle with Purdue. It will be yet another day when 1.) Weis must tap dance through more public atonement or 2.) dodge — at least for another week — his sealed verdict.

In the ranks of college football, only two types of head coaches exist: those who win, and those who atone several times a season. Happy Yom Kippur, Charlie. May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reason: the most important quality

I'm writing in response to the Sept. 21 article: "Hook ups:", and Sept. 23 article: "Manhood". Before I continue, I want to put out a disclaimer so as to not upset the rest of the women (ND and SMC). And most people who know me describe me as a gentleman who has the utmost respect for women, so please don't hold this against me.

These articles made women sound like whiney 'female dogs'. You think everything is unfair, and revenge is the answer. Life is unfair, and we have people who are unequal. I don't think that is right, but it's true. I respect women more than men, but I don't write about how men mistreat women, as it happens both ways.

The first article portrays women as incapable of thinking for themselves. I don't think so, but stating "women don't generally try to [hook up]" suggests they follow without thinking. Is this the point you wanted portrayed? I doubt it. And the closing line of "... how about we have a little fun at his expense ..." portrays you as a hypocrite. Suggesting that women do the

same thing just to get even? If that is what we've come to, then this is truly a sad day...

As for the "Manhood" article, we want equality, but portraying yourself as helpless and having no rights is pathetic. Women fight for equality when it benefits them. Why aren't you criticizing about women not having to sign up for the draft? Currently it's only men. This is one example, but there are others like it.

Raising the argument about only males being priests is absurd! As a member of the ND community, we see how tradition plays into our lives. Do you have "The Shirt" or walk up the steps of the Dome? My guess is yes and no, since these traditions are important to us. Male priests are also a tradition. I hope this has not offended the campus, as I don't wish to create an uproar, but when writing in a public forum, think about what you're saying and make sure it's what you want.

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The doctrine of male priesthood

To Fellow Catholics of Notre Dame, The issue of women priesthood has been buzzing around the Observer Viewpoint section for the past few days and I would like to offer my input and knowledge to the subject.

Primarily, many people in and outside of the Church in favor of women priests confound the Roman Catholic priesthood with a particular job or career choice. This is, however, not true and the Catholic Church has never viewed the priesthood as such.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "No one has a right to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders. Indeed no one claims this office for himself; he is called to it by God. Anyone who thinks he recognizes the signs of God's call to the ordained ministry must humbly submit his desire to the authority of the Church, who has the responsibility and right to call someone to receive orders. Like every grace this sacrament can be received only as an unmerited gift." (CCC 1578) So, any woman (or man for that matter) who claims a right to priesthood is already unworthy of the priesthood.

The Catholic priesthood is a vocation, not a career. One does not choose it, it chooses you. Also, as mentioned before by Mr. Carder in his Sept. 22 letter, the male priesthood is a doctrine of the Catholic Church, and therefore, not subject to change under any circumstances. Other items of Church doctrine (and in some cases, the more essential dogma) include the doctrine of the Trinity, Christ's divine and human nature,

the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the infallibility of Church statements made ex cathedra and several others. These things are also unable to change.

Finally, I would like to clear Pope John Paul II's name in offering an excerpt from his apostolic letter *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis* to the bishops of the Catholic Church: "Although the teaching that priestly ordination is to be reserved to men alone has been preserved by the constant and universal Tradition of the Church and firmly taught by the Magisterium in its more recent documents, at the present time in some places it is nonetheless considered still open to debate, or the Church's judgment that women are not to be admitted to ordination is considered to have a merely disciplinary force. Wherefore, in order that all doubt may be removed regarding a matter of great importance, a matter which pertains to the Church's divine constitution itself, in virtue of my ministry of confirming the brethren (cf. Lk 22:32) I declare that the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgment is to be definitively held by all the Church's faithful." (*Ordinatio Sacerdotalis* 4) P.S. This is, in fact, an ex cathedra statement and is considered by all faithful Catholics to be infallible, as mentioned previously.

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Sept. 23

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Sing-along Playlist for the Road-trip to Purdue



- 1 Don't Stop Believing – Journey
- 2 500 Miles – The Proclaimers
- 3 Since U Been Gone – Kelly Clarkson
- 4 I Want You – Savage Garden
- 5 Come Sail Away – Styx
- 6 I Believe In A Thing Called Love – The Darkness
- 7 Tubthumping – Chumbawumba
- 8 Summer Girls – LFO
- 9 I'd Do Anything For Love – Meatloaf
- 10 Pretty Fly For A White Guy – The Offspring
- 11 Hey Jude – The Beatles
- 12 The Way – Fastball
- 13 You Give Love A Bad Name – Bon Jovi
- 14 Come On Eileen – Dexy's Midnight Runners
- 15 Bohemian Rhapsody – Queen

It's impossible to craft an all encompassing road-trip sing-along playlist but Meatloaf, Queen and Journey are a necessity, 90s music a requirement, and 10-minute epic rock ballads are a must! So get pumped, mumble along loudly with the lyrics, and let everyone on I-65 know the Irish mean business.

Things to Do Before You Graduate

As the years begin to slip softly by, I find myself growing older, but not up. I look back on my life and wonder what it all really means. Did I bring joy to those around me? Was I able to help a friend in need?

Matt Brown

Scene Writer

Have I climbed to the top of enough buildings on campus?

We spend four years here at the great University of Notre Dame and by golly we have an obligation to make them unfreakin-forgettable. And so I give you a list of mellifluous things to do before you graduate. Take it or leave it. Mix it and match it. I give you the power, and with great power comes great responsibility ... don't suck.

Climb Stepan

Start small; it's obligatory. Honestly, it's as easy as an easy bake oven. If it takes you longer than 15 seconds to get to the top, shame on you sir, shame.

Climb the JACC

A more exciting option. The sweeping panoramic vista will knock you off your feet, transporting you to another world. This is a place where the ground is slightly bouncy and slick with dew; where air smells sweeter and colors are more vibrant; where even in the midst of the hellish winter, birds caress you with gentle melodies. And I'm pretty sure you can hear the angelic host rise up in song.

The Hesburgh Challenge

Yeah, I said it. Start at the top, work your way down. You can't hide in the bathroom, nervous Nellie. Instead find a spot nestled amongst the books to relieve your thirst. Remember it's a marathon not a sprint.

Paint yourself for a football game

There is zero percent reason not to do this. You are in college. You are supposed to do silly things. I hear body paint is very slimming.

Cigars at the Main Steps

Fellas, this one's for you. Light up with Mary, shoot the breeze with the mother of our Lord, have some bro time with the namesake of the University. I recommend Arturo Fuentes or Romeo y Julietas. Gentlemen, lets not skimp, this is Mary we're talking about.

Put a Bike in a Tree

Ah, but can you get it higher than 30 feet?

Get on top of South Dining Hall

Just think of all that delicious food laid out below you. Unlike North Dining Hall, food is not hidden away in secret rooms, creating a hide and seek game from hell. After a long hard day pretending to study the last thing you want to do is hunt your food like wild game on the savannah. Grappling hook. Go go Gadget legs. Really really ridiculously good jumping ability. Doesn't matter, make it happen. Rule No. 76: No excuses, play like a champion.

Run across the Lake

Normally only possible for Jesus, but thanks to this great University being our own personal slice of Antarctica, you can feel the power.

Reflection Pool on Home Gameday

The band marches by at about 9:15, grab your pool floaty (two bucks at Wal-Mart) and your Speedo and come on over. ND is undefeated at home (2-0) while the faithful have flocked to the pool for an "hour of reflection" ... come one come all. I'll be there next week.

If these are not your personal cup of tea I have enclosed a short additional list for you viewing pleasure:

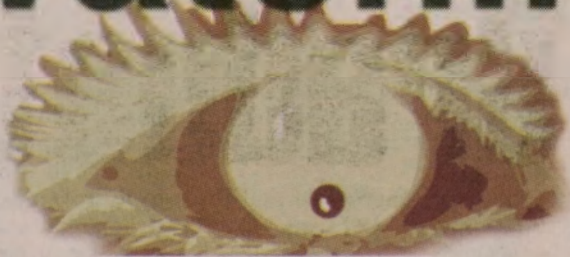
Eat at least three pizzas from Reckers in one sitting. Drink in as many girls' dorms as possible in one night. Climb a tree on God Quad. Fisher Regatta. Any dorm event. Eat 10 junior bacon cheeseburgers from Wendy's. Swing on Duck Island. Stargaze on the golf course. Saran-wrap someone to their bed. Soap Stonehenge. Complain about the weather. The possibilities are endless.

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FCC: The Big Bro is Watching



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Scene Writer

Do you remember February 1, 2004? Like most of you, I was at a Super Bowl party. I don't remember who played that game, but what I do remember is a matter of national importance; a moment that recklessly stole the innocence and dignity of our generation. Five years later, it's still hard for me to talk about it. I saw an image of a woman's breast on a 46-inch screen for 9/16 of a second. Thankfully, the FCC is looking out for me.

It's now 2009, more than five years since the dreaded incident; isn't it about time for me to get over Janet Jackson's exposure? The grotesque sight was finally fading from our collective mind when the FCC, like a bureaucrat in a dark suit, came charging in to remind us by reopening the investigation into CBS's potential "recklessness" in the morally deprived display of flesh.

The fallout from the first investigation was wide reaching. It left CBS \$550,000 poorer, increased the maximum fine the FCC was allowed to levy from \$27,000 to \$325,000 and left an American public with an 18 percent approval rating of the FCC's actions. Most importantly, the FCC's actions did nothing to increase decency in the general population, and instead left us with a media that fears the wanton distribution of fines on archaic, prim standards.

The vast majority of fines from the FCC are the result of the airing of "indecent" or "profane" material. Material is considered indecent if it "in context, depicts or describes, in terms patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards for the broadcast medium, sexual or excretory organs or activities." Material is profane when "including language so grossly offensive to members of the public who actually hear it as to amount to a nuisance."

Enough of the legal-speak, let's discuss some examples. There are two sets of profane words, those that are presumptively profane, and those that aren't so long as the reference is fleeting. I can't reproduce any of the words in an alumni-friendly Observer, but the distinctions can be found online. A bare buttocks isn't indecent so long as it isn't touched in any manner. Any sexual organ is always indecent. Racial slurs are not necessarily profane, but can be depending on context. Edited or pixelated material can be indecent if a sexual meaning can be inferred. That clears matters up, doesn't it?

One can learn a lot about the FCC by examining its lists of received complaints. In the first three months of this year, more than 180,000 complaints



were filed. In January there were 578. In February there were 505. In March, there were 179,997. What happened in March causing this watershed of complaints? Nothing, something happened on the Internet. The Parents Television Council posted a message telling its readers to complain about the March 8 episode of "Family Guy." Was this episode of "Family Guy" indecent? Probably. Was it more indecent than the episodes aired in February and March? Probably not.

Careful readers may have noticed an oddity by this point in the article. So far, the only acts mentioned as indecent have been sexual. Aren't there other forms of indecency? Like drugs, violence or interrupting a 19-year-old during her acceptance speech at the VMAs? According to the FCC, those are perfectly acceptable. Funny, especially considering the average person is much more likely to have sex than murder someone while shooting heroin.

A puritanical FCC wasn't a surprise under a neo-con presidency, but it's looking like Obama's hopeful change hasn't made it to the airwaves yet. What society needs is neither outright media censorship nor absolute freedom of speech rights. An intelligent, critical eye on the media is all that is needed. Nothing more, nothing less.

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MUSIC REWIND: 12 Yrs Later Built to Spill Fulfills its Self-Prophecy

By COLIN RICH
Scene Writer

Every great album possesses a certain timelessness to its artistry. The ability of a listener to place an album in its decade of release should be somewhat offset by a sound that transcends immediate musical popularity. Flagrantly identifiable albums borne out of an era in vogue often lack the staying power, or replay value, inherent to those more permanent additions to the catalog of truly great works.

For those out there who believe the best days of music are long behind us, I counter with Built to Spill, the paragon of post-adolescent indie craftsmanship. Contemplative and confident, the best Alternative rock this side of the Atlantic springs from these middle-aged, bearded Boiseans who grew from cult to critical fame during the 1990s.

Built to Spill's cannonball of electric jams and harmonic dissonance plunges headfirst into the deadening ripple left in the wake of mainstream American rock bands that barely toe their creative waters. The band commands an assaulting guitar arsenal (up to three electrics on some albums) adding an uncommon bang to their pop and an enthralling complexity to their heavier tracks. Their loose balance of forceful and intelligent balladry with sprightly singles reflects not just the mature songwriting but also the skilled musicianship of the Pacific Northwest's best rock quartet.

In 1997, Built to Spill released its untidy masterpiece "Perfect From Now On." Lyrically astute and vibrantly oscillating, this brisk jam reaches greater sonic depth than any rock album of the past 12 years. Receiving much critical acclaim at the end of the 1990s, it remains the focal point of an illustrious

discography (they have yet to produce a truly un-enjoyable, un-engaging album) that will grow in October following the release of their seventh studio album "There Is No Enemy." The length of the songs on "Perfect" (averaging upwards of six minutes) allows for blended psych trances, post-punk airiness and front man Doug Martsch's tender, affecting singing to emerge in one elegantly crafted expression.

"Perfect" derives its eminence from inspiring riffs, a quiet emotionality, and seamless track transition. Martsch's high tones and guitar passion help fuel comparisons to Neil Young, as the feedback peeling out over the rhythm and strings of the closing minutes of "I Would Hurt a Fly" justifies any such comparison. Selecting standout moments from such a solid disc almost defeats the purpose, but many examples still deserve notice.

"Stop the Show" builds to a dramatic, but not in the least bit phony, shift from a roaring wash to a quick, clipped pace. Martsch's vocals and sudden tempo switches throughout the album are the icing on the cake. "Velvet Waltz" consists of an entrancing bass line and Martsch's heartbreaking lyrics, proving it to be, musically, the best song on the album. Finally, "Untrustable Part 2" affords one final head-bobbing, foot-shifting jam in concluding a top-to-bottom great album.

Like almost any excellent album, one listen does not do "Perfect" justice (nor does reading this review, really). Repeated listens unravel the thick layers of sound and emotion wrapping this gift to the world of modern rock. Perhaps this explains why one cannot tell upon hearing it exactly when in the last 20 years it was produced. The title of the album proved mysteriously predictive of its resonance, while the album itself remains a pivotal testament to the scarcity of timelessness in modern music.



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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles head to MIAA meet

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

One week ago, the Belles showed they had what it took to put themselves near the top of the MIAA. This week, they have the opportunity to do just that.

Saint Mary's heads to Hope College in Holland, Mich., Saturday for the MIAA Jamboree. The event accounts for one third of the season points in conference rankings and should prove a stern test for the Belles, who have finished fourth in the MIAA in each of the past two seasons.

"This weekend the team is looking to improve upon our previous ranking in the MIAA," coach Jackie Bauters said.

"We're hoping to finish third this year, second if possible. It should be another competitive weekend."

The Belles are coming off one of the strongest showings in team history at last week's Calvin Invitational in Grand Rapids, Mich. Six Saint Mary's harriers posted career-best five-kilometer times, with senior captain Megan McClowry's 19:35 and freshman Julia Kenney's 19:51 leading the pack.

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Jackie Bauters
Head Coach

"I couldn't be more proud," Bauters said. "I believe it is most likely the best team showing by a squad ever at Saint Mary's. Scorers and non-scorers had lifetime or collegiate [personal records]. It was great to compete against such a talented field."

The Belles will face their stiffest competition from No. 2 Calvin and No. 7 Hope, each of which feature deep and talented lineups. Saint Mary's will need to rely on a group of sophomore harriers behind Kenney and McClowry to make ground in the conference.

"I want the team to focus on what we did last weekend," Bauters said. "We love to run and compete. If they bring that competitive spirit again, we'll be successful. I'd also like to see our three-six [runners] close the gap a bit with our one-two [runners]. If we can do that, we've got a great shot of achieving our goals."

The MIAA Jamboree will be the squad's final 5K event of the season and will be the Belles' last chance to pick up MIAA conference points before the MIAA Championships on Oct. 31st. The race will begin at 11 a.m.

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SMC SOCCER

Squad hosts second tournament

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

The Belles return home after a tough three-game road trip to host the Saint Mary's Fall Classic Friday and Saturday, marking the second time they have hosted a tournament this season.

Saint Mary's (2-5-1) played host to the SMC Invitational Sept. 11, in which the Belles split two games.

The Belles began the season on a winning note before hitting a rough stretch where they failed to score in three straight contests. Since then, however, things have been looking up.

Saint Mary's broke the streak with its biggest win of the season in the SMC Invitational with a 5-1 victory over Manchester. Senior forward Micki Hedinger had her best performance of the season, netting two goals in the match.

After a slip-up against No. 7 Illinois Wesleyan, the Belles took No. 21 Wilmington College to the brink before giving up two

late goals in the loss.

In its last game, Saint Mary's took on Hiram in the closest game of the season, eventually battling to a 1-1

tie after two overtime periods. Senior forward Katie Wehrli scored the Belles' goal in the 90th minute to send the game into overtime.

Saint Mary's has taken on a vast improvement from last season's 2-13-1 finish.

"I feel like our team has gotten a lot closer this year," senior goalkeeper Patty Duffy said. "Last season, we were all just trying to adjust to each other along with having a new coach. This year we have 15 returning players and seven freshmen. I feel like we have all reached a level of comfort and trust with each other, even with our fresh-

men."

In Ryan Crabbe's second year as the Belles coach, Duffy agreed that there has been a change in the atmosphere of the team.

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Patty Duffy
Belles Goalkeeper

before taking on Marian Sunday at 2 p.m. Saint Mary's will begin MIAA conference play next Wednesday when it travels to Adrian College.

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NFL

Big Easy music, team fits Saints DB Greer

Associated Press

METAIRIE, La. — Jabari Greer rattles off the names of Frenchmen Street music clubs with unusual ease for someone who hasn't been in the Big Easy for long.

It's one example of what the Saints' new starting cornerback is talking about when he says signing with New Orleans "was by far the best possibility for me."

"It's been incredible and the city of New Orleans, man, everybody knows I love jazz," Greer said after practice this week. "On and off the field, it was just a perfect fit. It was what I was looking for."

That's not to say Greer didn't fit in at Buffalo, where he spent his first five seasons — and where, incidentally, the Saints will be playing on Sunday.

"That was a team that gave me an opportunity when nobody drafted me. ... I'm grateful for it," said Greer, who Buffalo signed as a rookie free agent out of Tennessee in 2004.

"Some of my closest friends that I've grown in the league with are still there, so it will be great to see them," Greer said. "It will be even better to compete with them, because any time you get to compete with some of your close friends, that brings the level of competition up even higher. ... Not only do you want to win, you don't want (them) to win."

Greer made major strides in his last two seasons with the Bills, starting 23 games and intercepting four passes — including two last season that he returned for touchdowns.

"We really love Jabari Greer. He was a terrific player for us, first of all, on special teams and as a starting corner," Bills head coach Dick Jauron said. "Obviously, he's got athletic skills and has a great attitude and an interesting and great personality. So we look forward to seeing him — just wish he wasn't opposite from us. ... He's a tremendous young person."

Yet, after the Bills drafted cornerback Leodis McKelvin in 2008, Buffalo no longer needed Greer as badly as the Saints, a team looking to make changes in a defensive backfield lambasted for giving up too many big plays last season.

So Greer played out the last year of his contract in Buffalo

and moved on to New Orleans, where he is now regarded as the team's top cornerback.

"He's come in and played with confidence," Saints head coach Sean Payton said. "He can run well. He's got good anticipation. ... He's someone that has really fit in well in his first year here."

Greer is one of several members of the Saints with former ties to Buffalo, including defensive tackle Anthony Hargrove and defensive coordinator Gregg Williams, who was the Bills' head coach from 2001-03.

Williams said he's curious to see how Greer handles his emotions upon returning to Buffalo.

"I've been teasing him all week long about: 'Which ones are your untouchable friends? Which are the ones that we're going to go up and hug and kiss and which are the ones that we're going to go out there and smack?'" Williams said. "So, it will be interesting to see him play this week."

The Saints have been getting informal scouting reports from Greer about some of Buffalo's personnel this week. Greer said he's certain the Bills intend to counter his knowledge of their squad and to try to exploit their knowledge of him.

"They know that I know who I'm playing," Greer said, grinning. "I know their personnel. ... I'm sure they're doing something to game-plan me, to say, 'What used to get Jabari in practice?' So this is just one of those games where, you know, I'm looking at them, they're looking at me, and y'all are looking at us — and it's fun."

Beyond the football field, fun for Greer often involves live jazz. The musical genre captivated him one summer when he was 13 and playing old records he found in the garage of his family's home in Tennessee. The Ohio Players, John Coltrane, Miles Davis and Marvin Gaye were among the performers who got him hooked.

Greer said he has long been fascinated by other aspects of New Orleans as well, from the food to the old architecture to the festivals and the way people interact.

"The culture around here — it seems so different than anywhere else in the world, anywhere else I've ever been," Greer said.

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NHL



Phoenix Coyotes coach Wayne Gretzky shouts from the bench at the Coyotes game against the Detroit Red Wings in December 2007. Gretzky stepped down from his position as head coach and director of hockey operations Thursday. AP

Wayne Gretzky calls it quits with Coyotes

Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Wayne Gretzky's tenure as coach of the Phoenix Coyotes, a period marked largely by on-ice futility, ended abruptly Thursday when the "Great One" announced he would be stepping down amid the financial turmoil surrounding the team.

The Coyotes hired former Dallas Stars coach Dave Tippett hours after Gretzky announced his departure, which had been rumored as the bankruptcy court battle between Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie and the NHL over the sale of the team dragged on.

"This was a difficult deci-

sion that I've thought long and hard about," Gretzky said in a statement Thursday on his Web site. "We all hoped there would be a resolution earlier this month to the Coyotes ownership situation, but the decision is taking longer than expected.

"Since both remaining bidders have made it clear that I don't fit into their future plans, I approached general manager Don Maloney and suggested he begin looking for someone to replace me as coach. Don has worked hard and explored many options. I think he has made an excellent choice, and so now it's time for me to step aside."

Gretzky, who was due to make \$8.5 million this sea-

son, coached the Coyotes from 2005-2009, finishing with a 143-161-24 record, and the team missed the playoffs in all four seasons. Gretzky, 48, also owns a small piece of the franchise.

"As always, Wayne placed the welfare of the team ahead of his own in making this extremely difficult decision," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said in a statement released by the league. "While the Coyotes have not had the degree of on-ice success that always has been Wayne's objective, there can be no question he has played a vital role in the youth movement that has positioned the Coyotes for success in the future."

Bettman said the league is

hopeful Gretzky will have a prominent role with the Coyotes if the NHL's bid for the team is successful.

Gretzky was nowhere to be found when Tippett, decked out in a brick-red Coyotes warmup suit, was introduced at a Jobing.com Arena news conference Thursday afternoon.

Maloney said he had a "first inkling" in June — about a month after Coyotes owner Jerry Moyes filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection — that Gretzky might not return as coach. Maloney said he decided to pursue Tippett, who had been fired by the Dallas Stars in June despite making the Stanley Cup playoffs five times in six seasons.

IN BRIEF

Forsberg wants another shot at playing in the NHL

STOCKHOLM — Peter Forsberg scored less than six minutes into his comeback game but his hometown team Modo lost 4-2 to Frolunda in a Swedish Elite League opener on Thursday.

Forsberg beat former NHL goalie Johan Holmqvist just 5:44 in with a shot between the pads that brought the crowd of 6,596 at Swedbank Arena in Ornskoldsvik to its feet.

"It was a totally bad shot, but that's probably what fooled him (Holmqvist)," Forsberg said.

Forsberg looked rusty the rest of the way.

"I'm not happy with anything," he told Swedish Web site HockeyExpressen.se.

"I have to play better if I'm going back to the NHL. Of course it was nice to score. We'll see if it will be better or worse against Djurgarden."

Steelers acquire new owners for 2009 season

PITTSBURGH — Four new minority owners have joined the Pittsburgh Steelers' revamped ownership group that is headed by team chairman emeritus Dan Rooney and his son, team president Art Rooney II.

The team announced the new members of the ownership group Thursday. They are David Tepper, the Paul Sams Family, Ben Statler and Mike Wilkins. Six other minority owners were previously announced, including Hall of Fame receiver John Stallworth.

The Steelers had been owned equally by the five sons of founder Art Rooney Sr. since the elder Rooney died in 1988, with a smaller share held by the John McGinley family. The group was revamped so Dan and Art Rooney II now hold the 30 percent stake required by the NFL of a franchise's primary owner.

injuries continue to plague Seattle Seahawks

RENTON, Wash. — Seattle quarterback Matt Hasselbeck, linebacker Lofa Tatupu and fullback Justin Griffith all were spectators and did not participate in practice.

The trio were out of practice for a second straight day on Thursday. All three are question marks for Sunday's game against Chicago.

Hasselbeck has a cracked rib, Tatupu an injured hamstring and Griffith has a sprained knee ligament. Coach Jim Mora says Griffith is most likely to play.

Cornerback Ken Lucas (groin) and defensive tackle Brandon Mebane (calf) were both limited in practice, while receivers Deion Branch and T.J. Houshmandzadeh, and offensive linemen Chris Spencer and Walter Jones were full participants on Thursday.

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A's win puts damper on Rangers' Wild Card hopes

Reds dump Pirates 4-1 in sparsely-attended contest in Pittsburgh as Mariners' Hernandez shuts down Toronto with 11 K's

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics and Texas Rangers have gotten to know each other better this month -- as in seven meetings in 11 days.

Last-place Oakland won five of those games and put a big damper on Texas' wild-card hopes in the process.

Jack Cust homered to help rookie Brett Anderson win his fourth straight start, Cliff Pennington hit a two-run triple and the A's salvaged a split of their four-game series against the Rangers with a 12-3 rout Thursday.

Eric Patterson drove in three runs, Adam Kennedy doubled twice among his three hits and Rajai Davis had an RBI triple in a balanced offensive attack for Oakland, which sent the Rangers to just their second loss in their last seven road games.

The A's swept a three-game series at Texas from Sept. 14-16.

"It's nice to have guys up and down the lineup swinging the bat well," A's manager Bob Geren said. "There are a lot of guys in our lineup now who can run. It's fun, an exciting group. We're utilizing every different which way."

Anderson (11-10), who has struggled for run support much of the year, allowed three runs, one earned, and six hits in 5 2/3 innings. He improved to 8-3 over his last 16 starts.

It had to be nice to receive all that offense for a change.

"We're getting guys on base and we're getting hits when we need to," Patterson said. "Usually when you're winning games, it's because you're doing things like that."

Anderson's strikeout of Craig Gentry to start the third was his 142nd, moving him past Rick Langford for most by a rookie in Oakland history. Langford struck out 141 in 1977.

"It's pretty special considering some of the great guys who have made their debuts in this uniform," Anderson said.

Anderson also leads major league rookies in Ks. He received a standing ovation when he was replaced by Brad Ziegler with two runners on in the sixth.

David Murphy and Chris Davis each singled in a run for the Rangers, who couldn't do enough to back Scott Feldman on a day when the right-hander didn't have his best stuff.

"They're playing good baseball. We thought we had a chance to take three out of the four," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "Coming in that was the worst I felt we had to do."

The Rangers, who had won three of five following a five-game skid, were trying to earn consecutive wins for the first time since they won three straight from Sept. 8-9 at Cleveland, which included a doubleheader sweep.

"I really give a lot of credit to the A's and what they've had to do as far as the injuries and the way their hitters battle," Rangers catcher Taylor Teagarden said. "They're not necessarily going to beat you with the long ball but they get guys on base and they seem to get those runs in somehow."

Feldman (17-6) lost to Oakland for the second time in three starts. His home defeat to the A's — a 9-0 loss — on Sept. 14 ended his career-best seven-game winning streak.

On Thursday, he got through a 1-2-3 first on 11 pitches but didn't have another clean inning. He was done after 3 1/3 innings, leaving after Cust's solo homer.

Feldman also matched his career high with five walks — three of those coming in Oakland's four-run third.

"I just stunk today, pretty much to sum it up," Feldman said.

The A's committed two errors that led to an unearned run for the Rangers in the first.

Reds 4, Pirates 1

President Barack Obama's motorcade passed in view of PNC Park in the eighth inning, and military helicopters buzzed over the ballpark all day. Obviously, something big was going on in Pittsburgh.

It wasn't the Reds-Pirates game, where a deserted ballpark matched the nearly deserted downtown only a bridge length away.

Bronson Arroyo limited



Mariners' outfielder Ichiro Suzuki hits an infield single during the seventh inning against the Toronto Blue Jays in Toronto Thursday.

Pittsburgh to one run over seven innings and the Cincinnati Reds completed their second sweep of the plummeting Pirates in less than a month, winning 4-1 on Thursday to push the Pirates closer to a 100-loss season.

Joey Votto had a two-run double following Drew Sutton's RBI double and Brandon Phillips singled for his 95th RBI during a four-run third inning against Charlie Morton (4-9) as the Reds won their eighth in a row against the last-place Pirates. The Reds are 15 games ahead of the Pirates in the NL Central standings after falling behind them for one day following an Aug. 22 loss.

Since then, fourth-place Cincinnati is 21-10 — although it remains one loss away from a ninth consecutive losing season — and Pittsburgh is 5-25. Five losses by the Pirates in their final 11 games would give them 100.

Pittsburgh, long since assured of a record 17th consecutive losing season, has lost six in a row, nine of 10 and 23 of 26 amid the franchise's worst September spinout since it went 5-22 in September 1998.

At least for the Pirates' sake, there weren't many spectators. The paid attendance was 15,892, but the turnstile count was about 3,000 as two bad teams and the G-20 summit held down the turnout. The crowd was so small that the Pirates closed PNC Park's upper deck for the first time since the 38,362-seat ballpark opened in 2001 and allowed fans to sit in the lower level.

Crowd? The players didn't notice one.

"It didn't bother me. I still have to do what I do best, and that goes for the team as well," said Lastings Milledge, whose third homer provided the Pirates' only run. "We always want a lot of fans to show up, but at the same time we have a job to do and we take a lot of pride in what we do. I didn't think it really mattered, we still tried to play hard for the win, regardless of whether there's one fan or 30,000 in here."

At least the two teams are used to this kind of apathy. They played before even fewer spectators — an estimated 1,000 — during the

first game of a day-night doubleheader in Cincinnati on Aug. 31.

"In a situation where the crowd is loud and it's a hostile environment, you try not to let that affect you," Morton said. "The environment should be relative. All things considered, it should be a non-issue."

Parking lots near PNC Park were open, but the Pirates said frequent warnings all week about how difficult it would be to travel into Pittsburgh during the two-day summit clearly affected attendance. Almost no traffic was permitted downtown, where many offices and businesses are closed.

The smallest turnout at PNC Park is believed to be the estimated 500 who watched an Astros-Pirates afternoon game on Sept. 28, 2006, that was delayed by heavy rain for 3 1/2 hours.

While thousands of protesters are believed to be in Pittsburgh for the G-20, there were no security issues at PNC Park, although all spectators went through metal detectors or were screened. Not long after the game ended, police threw pepper spray at a group of protesters several miles from the ballpark.

Arroyo (14-13) didn't need much help as the Reds finished off a three-game sweep in which they outscored the Pirates 26-7. He gave up five hits while striking out four and walking one.

"I didn't have very good stuff, and I was hoping to get through the first few innings and kind of catch a groove," Arroyo said.

Arroyo got the four-run inning going by beating out what would have been an inning-ending double-play grounder. The next four batters got hits.

"That shows you what hustle and speed will get for you," manager Dusty Baker said.

Arroyo, a former Pirates pitcher, has lasted at least seven innings in all 11 starts since Aug. 1, although his effectiveness is not reflected by his 4-3 record during that time.

Francisco Cordero finished up in the ninth for his 39th save in 43 opportunities despite giving up two hits.

Mariners 5, Blue Jays 4

Felix Hernandez had a season-

high 11 strikeouts, Josh Wilson hit a tiebreaking two-run triple in the eighth inning and the Seattle Mariners beat the Toronto Blue Jays on Thursday night.

Hernandez (17-5) allowed four runs, three earned, and seven hits in eight innings to improve to 5-0 with a 1.57 ERA in his last six starts. The right-hander, a candidate for the AL Cy Young Award, also moved to 10-2 with a 1.99 ERA in 18 road starts.

Franklin Gutierrez hit a two-run homer for Seattle, which has won six of eight.

Wilson gave the Mariners a 5-3 lead with a two-out triple to right off left-hander Jesse Carlson (1-6), scoring Adrian Beltre and Bill Hall.

Vernon Wells singled in a run in the bottom half but David Aardsma pitched around a leadoff walk for his 36th save in 40 chances, ending Toronto's five-game home winning streak.

Blue Jays left-hander Ricky Romero allowed three runs and nine hits in 6 1/3 innings. The rookie has won just once in his last six starts.

Ichiro Suzuki went 2 for 5 with a pair of singles for Seattle, keeping his average at .355. Suzuki is second in the AL batting race behind Minnesota catcher Joe Mauer.

Matt Tuaiasopo hit a sacrifice fly in the second inning and Gutierrez connected for his 17th homer in the third to give the Mariners a 3-0 lead.

Coming off a complete-game victory against the New York Yankees, Hernandez cruised through the first five innings, allowing just two hits, but he got into trouble when his defense let him down in the sixth.

Leading off the inning, Aaron Hill reached second on third baseman Beltre's error. Adam Lind singled and Wells ripped the next pitch over the wall in left for a three-run homer, his 15th.

Seattle designated hitter Mike Sweeney left with a bruised big toe after taking a pitch off his right foot in the second. Sweeney stayed in initially and ran the bases, eventually scoring on Tuaiasopo's fly ball to center. Ken Griffey Jr. hit for him when his turn came up again in the third.

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TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

O'Hair's 66 puts him one stroke ahead of Woods

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Sean O'Hair knew he would need some help from Tiger Woods to win the FedEx Cup. He got more than he expected.

And it was about putting, not points.

Woods and O'Hair practiced together on the back nine at East Lake on the eve of the Tour Championship, and O'Hair sought some advice on his putting from the world's No. 1 player, regarded as among the best in golf with the putter.

Woods suggested that O'Hair open the face of the club on the way back so that he could release the blade through the ball. It paid off Thursday when O'Hair made enough putts for a 4-under 66 and a one-shot lead over three players — including Woods.

"I'm going to go chew him out right now," Woods said.

Woods was joking, for it is typical in this sport for players to help each other even as they're tried to beat each other. O'Hair is the first to concede that his putting has held him back in his five years on tour, and he wasn't afraid to ask.

"I believe in what he said, and I think it's the key for me to kind of take my putting to another level," O'Hair said. "Getting advice like that from good players is obviously awesome, but getting it from basically the greatest of all time is pretty cool.

"I mean, I'm his competition, for him to help me out like he did was very classy, I thought."

The tip didn't take overnight, but it was good enough on

greens that were far more firm than any of the 30-man field could have imagined after so much rain in Atlanta over the last week.

Woods recovered from a shaky start with three birdies over a four-hole stretch on the back nine for a 67, putting him one shot behind with Padraig Harrington and British Open champion Stewart Cink.

Only eight players managed to break par in the final FedEx Cup playoff event, with a \$10 million bonus going to the winner. O'Hair is the No. 7 seed, meaning he would have to win the Tour Championship and have Woods finish in a three-way tie for second or worse.

So far, so good. And so much golf left to be played.

O'Hair could only imagine what it would be like to try out his putting tip on the 18th green Sunday with a chance to go home with \$11.35 million, the combined earnings of the FedEx Cup and Tour Championship.

"If I do have that opportunity, I hope I have a five-shot lead," he said.

Woods doesn't regret giving O'Hair the putting advice.

"It's very simple," Woods said. "You always help your friends. Sean is a friend of mine, and like all my friends, you always try to make their life better somehow. Sean has been struggling a bit on the greens this year, and I thought I could offer a little bit of help and insight to how he could change that."

Woods, who is in the best shape to capture the FedEx Cup as the No. 1 seed, could have used some help early in the

round. As O'Hair, Harrington and Cink were setting an early pace, Woods was headed in the wrong direction by failing to save par from a bunker on the par-3 sixth, and making bogey on the eighth from the rough to go 1 over.

He was six shots behind at one point, then closed quickly.

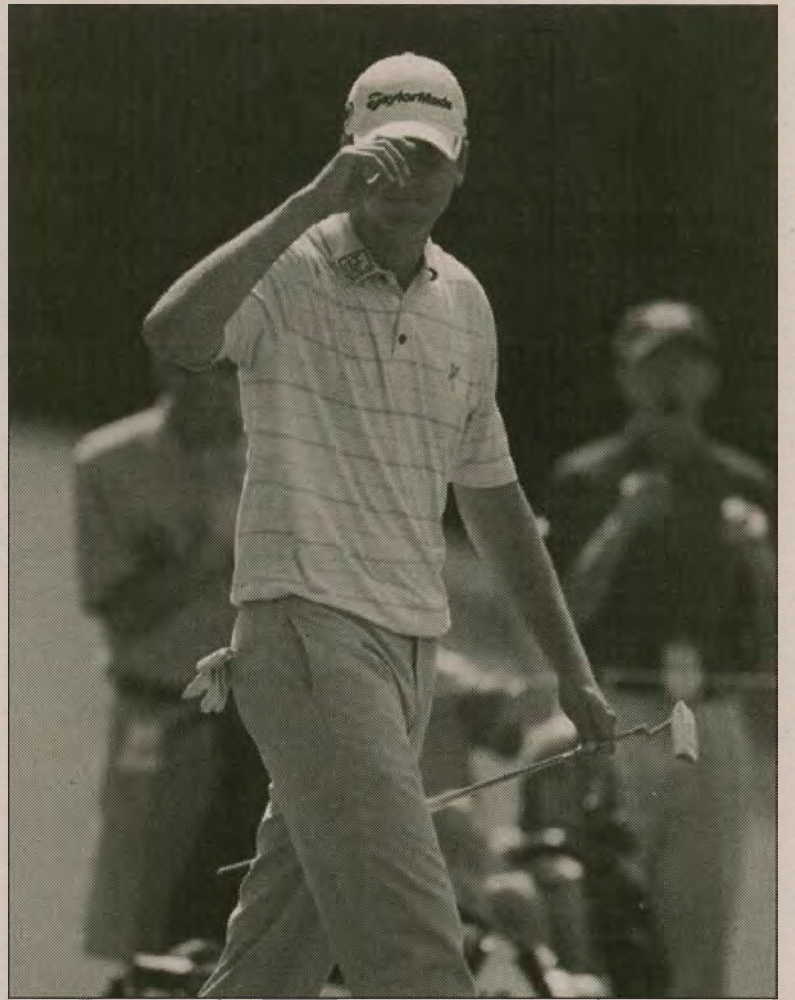
"This golf course, you have to be very patient, especially with greens this firm," Woods said. "It's really hard to get the ball close unless you drive the ball in the fairway and have a short iron in."

U.S. Open champion Lucas Glover had a 68, and only three other players managed to break par — Retief Goosen, Steve Marino and Dustin Johnson, who were at 69. Stricker, the No. 2 seed, was among those at 70.

It was hard to believe that a course that was closed Monday and part of Tuesday because of 20 inches of rain over the past week could deliver some of the firmest greens on tour this year. Attribute that to a sub-air system on the greens installed last year, and a hot sun that left players reaching for towels to wipe sweat off their brow.

"The course was playing fairly long, and then the greens are just incredibly firm, probably the most firm we've played all year," O'Hair said. "Maybe The Players Championship is a close second. Kind of ironic since we got so much rain."

O'Hair was sporty from the rough, too. He made his first birdie with a wedge out of the rough on No. 3 that stopped a foot away, then made another birdie at No. 12 under similar



Sean O'Hair tips his cap after making a birdie on the fourth hole during the first round of the Tour Championship.

circumstances, from the right rough with just enough spin to stop 2 feet from the hole.

Cink narrowly made the 30-man field at No. 26 and the scenarios are too many to count for him to win the FedEx Cup. All he cared about Thursday was breaking par, like so many

other players.

"Under par ... the golf course, considering all that rain we had, it's really dried out, and the greens are like bricks," he said. "You have to be very smart coming into the greens to give yourself any kind of aggressive birdies."

FORMULA ONE

Ecclestone urges Renault boss Briatore to appeal ban

Associated Press

SINGAPORE — Formula One boss Bernie Ecclestone urged Renault team principal Flavio Briatore to appeal his life ban from Formula One for organizing Nelson Piquet Jr.'s crash at the 2008 Singapore Grand Prix.

F1 returns to Singapore this weekend for the first time since the crash, which was designed to help Renault driver Fernando Alonso win the 2008 race, and Briatore received support Thursday from F1's most powerful man.

"In my opinion, it was quite harsh on Flavio," Ecclestone said of the life ban imposed earlier this week. "I don't think it was necessary, but I was on the commission (that decided the penalty), so I am probably just as guilty as anyone else."

Ecclestone is a friend and business partner of Briatore, with a stake in English soccer club Queens Park Rangers.

The 78-year-old Ecclestone, who controls F1 management, said Briatore should appeal his case through governing body FIA, but would probably not fare well if he chose to take it

to civilian courts.

"He should ask to be heard by the court of appeal," Ecclestone said. "He should appeal to the FIA."

"If he goes to a civil court ... somebody will say that he sent a young guy out to what could have been to his death. It wouldn't go down too well."

Renault's two-time world champion Alonso was cleared of any involvement in the scandal, but the team's chances of holding on to the Spanish driver appeared even

slimmer, with Ferrari seen as his likely destination.

While he has not signed any contract for 2010, Alonso said Thursday that "my mind is made up" about where he will drive in 2010.

Piquet Jr. escaped any punishment for his role in the scandal because he acted as a whistle blower by making it public.

However, the Brazilian's chances of returning to F1 look slim, getting little support

from fellow drivers. The drivers were expected to have their regular pre-race meeting on Friday.

Ferrari driver Giancarlo Fisichella confirmed the Piquet Jr. matter would be discussed.

Jenson Button was asked Thursday what he thought of Piquet Jr., who was fired by Renault for poor performance before the scandal went public.

"I don't know if you can have too much sympathy for a driver who crashes on purpose," Button said.

BMW driver Robert Kubica was surprised Piquet Jr. was granted immunity after deliberately crashing — an act that endangered other drivers, fans and marshalls.

"Normally, if you go the police and you say you killed someone but you know someone else who killed three people, you will still go to jail," Kubica said.

Red Bull driver Mark Webber said F1 could ill afford another blow to its reputation with jaded fans.

"I'm running out of patience sticking up for the sport and I am sure other people are as well," Webber said. "He got himself into a situation that of course he regrets.

"If he goes to a civil court ... somebody will say that he sent a young guy out to what could have been to his death. It wouldn't go down too well."

Bernie Ecclestone
Formula One President

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Jenson Button
Brawn Driver



Bernie Ecclestone talks to Renault team principal Flavio Briatore at the Hungaroring circuit near Budapest, Hungary.

That's what he did and what he has to live with and its very difficult for him to come back."

Williams' Nico Rosberg is eager for the upcoming race to redirect the discussion.

"We have this everywhere in life, in business, sport," Rosberg said. "There are always going to be individuals

who do something illegal. It's a matter of getting them out of the way, which has been done.

"Its been a negative thing for the sport, but now we will have a great race weekend, we will have a superb race, great action on the track and everything will be a thing of the past."

MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Highlanders, Dawgs hope to jumpstart offenses

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Sports Writers

Two teams looking to avenge shutout losses last week and pick up their first wins of the season will face each other when Alumni takes on Duncan Sunday.

Duncan, in its second season, hopes to take a step towards building a successful interhall campaign. The Highlanders lost 7-0 Sunday against Knott.

"[Last] weekend's game was tough," sophomore captain Paul Scheel said. "But some good things definitely came out of it."

The Highlanders hope that some altering of the playbook as well as further seasoning of the freshmen will help them put points on the scoreboard.

"This week we will tweak our play calling so we avoid those plays we don't run well and we will try to stick to our bread and butter plays," Scheel said.

Even though the score saw Alumni on the wrong end of a 22-0 outcome against Morrissey last Sunday, the young Dawgs see reason for optimism.

"Our offense was not as efficient as we know we're capable of, although I saw a lot of potential in both the running and passing games," junior captain and quarterback Pat Rushford said. "Our running back was averaging around five yards a pop."

The Dawgs will be spurred on by the return of Rushford, who was absent in last week's loss due to a mild case of swine flu.

"That's why our offense didn't really get going," freshman linebacker Ryan Grojean said. "We'll be better this week."

Both teams are young, and will rely on the fast maturity of freshmen to propel them to better outcomes than they encountered the first weekend.

"We learned that the game is really sloppy at first," Alumni freshman receiver Carlos Cortes said. "There weren't that many penalties, but it takes a lot of getting used to."

Duncan's leadership expects the Dawgs to be pumped up for this weekend's game.

"I expect Alumni to come out with a lot of intensity and passion as they look for their first win," Scheel said. "We hope to match that intensity and take it to the next level."

The two teams will meet in what promises to be a hard-hitting grudge match at Riehle Fields at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Keenan vs. Dillon

Keenan and Dillon meet this Sunday in a battle of teams who had very different beginnings in Week One.

The Big Red dominated O'Neill in every aspect of the game Sunday, winning 22-0, while the Knights lost a tough battle to Keough, 7-3.

"The key to beating Keenan is staying focused," Dillon junior captain Jordan Smith said. "That should be pretty easy considering they were in the championship game last year. They are a good team."

The Big Red rushing attack was able to control the game against O'Neill. The offensive line allowed Smith, freshman Terry Howard and sophomore

Eric Herbert to run all over the Mob defense.

"We need to build on last weekend," Smith said. "We're going to do a few different things in the game and try to show something new."

The Knights, meanwhile, will need to bounce back quickly if they want a shot at making it back to the championship game.

A first half score for Keough proved to be enough to top the Knights. The only points for Keenan came from a field goal by junior kicker Pablo Martinez. Its offense will have to work out the wrinkles in order to top the Big Red, who did not give up a point to O'Neill.

"We made a few adjustments on offense and we worked hard this week in practice," sophomore captain Terry Mahoney said.

The Keenan defense does not need to make many adjustments. The Knights did not allow Keough to threaten after its initial score, and a pivotal interception by sophomore P.J. McHugh gave the Keenan offense its best chance at a touchdown in the second half.

"We have to keep it balanced on offense and have the defense do what they did against Keough and we will be fine," Mahoney said. "The team is ready to play Dillon this week."

The two teams will battle it out Sunday at Riehle Field at 3:00 p.m. as the Big Red look to stay undefeated while the Knights will try to even up their record at 1-1.

Fisher vs. Carroll

Fisher and Carroll will renew a traditional rivalry when the teams face off Sunday.

Last week, the Green Wave suffered a shutout at the hands of Sorin with a final score of 14-0. Fisher left the field disappointed by the season opener after a controversial call by the officials robbed the Green Wave of a touchdown.

Despite the loss, Fisher is confident it can capitalize on mistakes and report to the field this weekend fully prepared to face Carroll. They are undeterred by the results of Carroll's first game and are ready to deny the Vermin a second W.

The Vermin are coming off a close 7-6 win over St. Ed's and are confident that they will be celebrating a continued winning record this Sunday night.

"Our defense is impregnable," sophomore coach Patrick Stanley said. "No one other than the Vermin will be touching [the end zone]."

Stanley is positive after how both his offense and defense performed last week, not to mention the key play made by junior defensive end Kris Kast. Kast blocked Sorin's extra point, an effort that won the Vermin the game. The entire team is certain that they have both the ability and positive attitude not only to overcome Fisher, but eventually to make the interhall football trophy a home in Far Quad this year. For now though, the Vermin will focus on the task at hand.

"I know the guys from Fisher really want to get their hands on our [win]," junior quarterback Brian Vaio said. "But we politely decline."

Fisher will face Carroll at 2:00 p.m. Sunday at Riehle

field.

Knott vs. Siegfried

Sunday's match-up between Knott and Siegfried will mark the latest edition of the Mod Quad rivalry as well as open this year's Flanner Cup competition. The Flanner Cup is the annual competition between the two dorms in a variety of interhall events in which the winner receives naming rights to the hill separating the two buildings.

The Ramblers won last year's football game as well as the 2008-2009 Flanner Cup, but change may be in the air.

"We lost most of our guys from last year, with only six to eight guys returning," senior Siegfried captain Dex Cure said. "We've got a lot of freshmen who may not understand the rivalry."

In addition, the Ramblers did not play in the first week of games, so they have a concern that they, especially their younger players, will not be up to speed in the early part of the game. The Juggernauts aren't going to take anything for granted, though.

"Siegfried's a very good team," Knott senior captain Aidan Fitzgerald. "But I think we're much improved over last year, especially with some of our younger guys."

Knott will look to its Fitzgerald at quarterback as well as to sophomore running back Houston Clark and senior wide receiver Jeff Skourp for improved scoring in the red zone, which was a concern in last week's 7-0 victory over Duncan Hall.

The Juggernaut defense, especially the defensive line, will have to continue its impressive play to defeat Siegfried.

The Ramblers will look to junior quarterback Matt Meinert to help solve Knott's stout defense, as well as their defense to contain Fitzgerald and the rest of the Juggernaut playmakers.

"It seems like it'll be quite a challenge to just put points on the board," said Cure. "Fitzgerald will also be quite a threat at quarterback."

Both teams are sure to be more motivated than usual because of the magnitude of the rivalry game.

"I'd love to win every game," said Fitzgerald. "But I'd like to win this one a little bit more."

Siegfried and Knott face off at 1:00 p.m. at Riehle Field on Sunday.

Sorin vs. Zahm

Sorin will aim to replicate last weekend's dominating victory when Sorin and Zahm play each other Sunday.

The Otters topped Fisher 14-0 as freshman quarterback Ted Spinelli completed two touchdown passes of over 50 yards.

"Ted is a powerful dual-threat quarterback that can make all the throws," Sorin junior receiver Jon Beckerle said.

Sorin will need Spinelli to have a similar performance this week, as the team will be without sophomore Bobby Sullivan due to a case of turf toe.

"We'll miss Bobby," Beckerle said. "His being out will limit our ability to use the Wildcat formation."

If Spinelli has trouble, the defense is confident it will be able to limit Zahm much like it

limited Fisher, if not even more so.

"[Junior defensive end] John Zic was utterly absent in the pass rush in Week One," Beckerle said. "We've done some things to scheme around his struggles so we'll see how that works out."

Beckerle said the rest of the defensive line, anchored by junior Matt Gamber and freshman Ryan Robinson, was dominant against Fisher.

In order to overcome the vaunted Otters' defense, Zahm will rely on a new-look offense which has raised hopes for the team after last season's 1-2-1 finish.

"We're definitely hoping for a championship, but the whole team is revamped, so I just hope we can come out with a good start and build on that," senior captain Jarred Carter said.

The majority of revamping is on the offensive side of the ball.

"We have a different set of receivers," Carter said. "The quarterback position might be a concern but we'll see Sunday."

Junior Jack Peterson will start at quarterback for Zahm.

"I'm just hoping he can execute," Carter said. "This is his first year playing interhall football."

Carter points to a strong defense and running game to keep Zahm in games while the passing game works out its kinks.

"[Sorin] scored last week with two big passing plays, so we'll try to take that out," Carter said. "We'll shut down their run, force them to pass, and then take that away."

Zahm will attempt to equal last season's win total Sunday against Sorin at Riehle Field at 1:00 p.m.

Stanford v. Keough

Stanford knows good fundamentals are the foundation for a successful football season,

and the Griffins intend to employ this philosophy in its season opener against Keough Sunday.

"We're looking to go out there and hopefully put some points on [the] board and keep them from scoring," Stanford senior captain Chris Gill said. "Pretty much just [play] basic football."

Stanford finished the 2008 season 2-1-1 and Gill was optimistic about this year's squad. The Griffins look to many returning players on the defensive side of the ball to keep opposing offenses at bay. Stanford's offense is led by a new quarterback, junior Tony Rizzo.

Gill said the team is more than ready to go.

"We're excited to play Keough," he said. "Hopefully we match up well against them."

The Kangaroos (1-0) will look to their cornerbacks and safeties to limit Rizzo and Stanford's traditionally pass-happy offense.

"Last year, Stanford liked to pass the ball a lot," sophomore captain Ryan Cordell said. "We expect to be tested in our secondary."

Keough edged Keenan 7-3 last week in a defensive battle, and Cordell expected the same defensive intensity in Sunday's showdown.

"We did a very nice job on defense, forcing key turnovers and creating a lot of pressure [last week]," Cordell said. "We expect to rise to the occasion."

Stanford's season will begin against Keough at kick off at 3 p.m. Sunday at Riehle Field.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish head to Evans Invite

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will travel to Lexington, Ky., this weekend to compete in the Bettie Lou Evans Invitational for the first time in program history.

The Evans Invite is only the second tournament of the young season. The Irish will try to improve on their 10th-place finish in the Mary Fossum Invitational on Sept. 13.

There is definitely room for improvement for this year's squad, one that already has plenty of collegiate experience.

The roster features three seniors and no freshmen, with one golfer, senior Annie Brophy, having played in every match over

her three previous years.

"We made a number of mistakes in Michigan," coach Susan Holt said. "These are things that should be fixed by now."

The whole team of seven will be traveling to play on the University of Kentucky Golf Club's Big Blue Course, with those golfers not in the top five to have a chance to compete for a spot in the starting lineup for later tournaments.

The current five starters are Brophy, senior Kristin Wetzel, juniors So-Hyun Park and Katie Conway and sophomore Becca Huffer.

This lineup is the same as that of the Mary Fossum Invitational, with the addition of senior Julie Kim and sophomore Katie Allare being entered as individuals.

This tournament will be Allare's debut for the Irish.

The Irish will need their best effort this weekend to compete with the high level of competition in the Invitational, which will feature three top-25 teams (No. 9 Florida State, No. 12 Chattanooga and No. 25 Louisville) in the 15-team field.

The Seminoles are coming off a second-place finish at the Cougar Fall Classic and the Mocs placed third out of 18 in the Golfweek Conference Challenge. The tournament this weekend will be comprised of three rounds, each on separate days and all beginning at 8:30 a.m.

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ARENA FOOTBALL

New Arena league to be announced

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Get the scoreboard warmed up. Arena football is making a comeback.

A news conference is planned Monday to announce the formation of a new league called Arena Football 1 with teams from the former AFL and arenafootball2 leagues.

"The owners meetings are Monday morning, and they're really going to line everything out on Monday morning as far as how the divisions go and what teams from the AFL are

actually going to join Arena Football 1 and what teams from AF2 are going to join," said Troy Thompson, director of operations for the Arkansas Twisters.

Representatives of the af2 teams in Oklahoma City, Arkansas, and Spokane, Wash., all confirmed to The Associated Press on Thursday that they intend to participate. Iowa's af2 franchise also plans to send a representative to the meetings.

"There's still a lot that's going to be finalized over the

weekend but everyone's excited about the movement of the league," Oklahoma City Yard Dawgz general manager Christie Cook said.

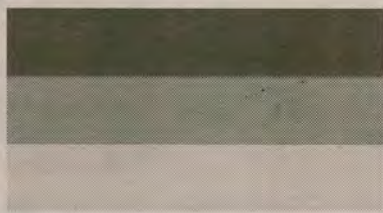
The old AFL canceled its 2009 season before eventually folding in August, ending a 22-year run for the high-scoring indoor brand of football that helped launch the career of NFL MVP and Super Bowl winner Kurt Warner. Play in af2 was never disrupted, but teams ended the season unsure of what would happen next.

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"We're in a tougher league this year, but we still expect to compete and earn a spot in the playoffs," junior captain Kayla Bishop said.

To help earn that playoff spot, the team returns several key players. Wide receiver will be a strong point in the offense, as junior Kaitlin Robinson and senior Mary Jenkins aid the aerial attack.

On the other side of the ball, a tough defense anticipates keeping games low scoring as senior cornerback Emily Stewart leads it.

A strong, youthful freshman class adds excitement and talent for the team's upcoming season.

Welsh Family will take on Howard at 2:00 p.m. Sunday at LaBar Field.

Pasquerilla West vs. Ryan

The established power Pasquerilla West plays the newly formed Ryan Hall Sunday.

Pasquerilla West features a junior- and senior-laden team, fresh off its semifinal appearance last year. The Purple Weasels are led by senior captains and four-year starters Alyssa Moya and Cynthia Curley. Junior quarterback Simone Bigi and senior offensive lineman Caitlin "Stitches" O'Connell are also sure to make an impact.

"We are extremely hungry this year," senior Cynthia Curley said. "We have a lot of upperclassmen who wanted to get it done together this year and everyone's willing to put in the time to be ready to play on Sunday."

Ryan Hall, on the other hand, is fielding its inaugural interhall team. Despite this, the ladies of Ryan are not deterred.

"We expect to win every time we step on the field, and nothing less," senior coach Justin Smith said. "We are going to be the most intimidating team in the league, and have a lot of fun week in and week out."

Ryan Hall figures to feature a balanced offensive attack and an assignment based defensive strategy. Ryan does not highlight key players, instead adopting a team mentality. While one might expect Ryan to be at a natural disadvantage due to this being its initial year, that may not be the case.

"There are certainly some challenges involved in starting a team from scratch, but this was made easier by some veterans who really have a passion for football," Smith said. "Add to this a talented crop of freshmen and I don't think Ryan has any disadvantages from our competitors."

Even though the two teams have never played before, there may be the makings of a rivalry.

"This game is a special game for us because our dorm priest, Fr. Joe, was just relocated to Ryan Hall and we're still pretty torn up about it," Pasquerilla West senior Cynthia Curley said. "He was our biggest football fan."

The Purple Weasels will try to avenge the loss of Fr. Joe at 5:00 p.m. at LaBar Field Sunday.

Pangborn vs. Walsh

Pangborn looks to continue its success from 2008 when it encounters Walsh Sunday. Both the Phoxes and the Wild Women are coming off playoff seasons and look to continue their success in the 2009 opener.

Junior quarterback Gabby Tate leads the Phoxes. Tate and senior standout wide receiver Meghan Beschler spearhead a precision passing offense complemented by Tate's scrambling abilities.

"Meghan is one of the most amazing athletes I've seen in my life," Tate said. "If we could have her play almost every position, we would."

Beschler will likely line up in the slot for most of Pangborn's plays, but may take a few snaps under center. She will also be a key factor for a defense looking to retool from last year.

"We lost a core group of defensive seniors but have plenty of talented freshmen who should replace them," Tate said.

The exodus of seniors has done nothing to reduce expectations for the year. Hopes are high at Pangborn.

"We've been practicing since the first week of school," Tate said. "I'd say we're one of the more intense teams in the league and we're all very excited about the year."

The intensity of the Phoxes does not daunt the Wild Women.

"We're nicknamed the Wild Women for a reason," senior captain Meghan Hadley said.

Walsh will look to establish a power running game led by a tandem of experienced tailbacks. They hope the combination of running offense and a bend but not break defense will propel them to victory Sunday.

"Our defense was the strength of last year's team and looks to be so this year also," said Hadley.

Pangborn and Walsh will compete for their first victory of the season Sunday at 6:00 p.m. at LaBar Field.

Farley vs. Lewis

When Farley takes on Lewis Sunday the two teams will both be looking to build upon successful seasons last year as each returns most of its talent.

Sunday's matchup will be a test for the new Finest quarterback, sophomore Meghan Bastedo, who is supported by an experienced offense which includes junior running back Molly Casanova.

Farley's defense returns most of its coverage unit in sophomore Katie Smith, junior co-captain Emma Klosterman and senior captain Caitly Shepherd.

Klosterman is confident her Finest squad will give it their all on Sunday.

"We're going to go out strong, [and] have fun," she said.

The Finest are coming off a successful 4-2-1 2008 season, making it within a game of the champi-

onship last year with a narrow 12-7 loss to McGlinn in the semifinals.

"We want to go back to the stadium," said Klosterman.

Shut out in their last meeting, this game will be a chance at revenge for the Chicks, led by enthusiastic captain, senior Tara Gilbride and new coaches from Siegfried.

"We're turning around Lewis football," Gilbride said.

The team lost a substantial amount of senior experience including some of last season's big playmakers, including Katie Sushinsky and Catherine Guarineri at quarterback.

However there will be plenty of young talent stepping up to the challenge this year. Some names to watch are sophomores Lizzy Snow and Margot DeBot, playing both defensive line and offensive line, as well as freshman Connaught Blood as a key all-around utility player.

Gilbride believes that the Lewis defense, with speed and coordination, will be the deciding factor in Sunday's game.

"[Our] defense is going to kick some butt," she said. "They're our biggest strength."

The game will be kick off at 3:00 p.m. at LaBar Field Sunday.

Badin vs Cavanaugh

Both Badin and Cavanaugh are ready to prove themselves this season after not living up to their expectations last year. Practice scrimmages gave both teams a taste of what is to come, but this Sunday will bring the first actual game.

Badin is led by seniors Melissa Yisak and Kelley Daniels. Since it is the smallest women's dorm on campus, numbers have often been a problem in the past. But this year is a different story.

"With a strong group of returning [players] and a slew of talented freshmen, we can keep legs fresh without sacrificing talent," Daniels said. "All of our girls are starter material and can expect to get significant playing time."

Offensively, the Bullfrogs are counting on junior Taylor Osicek, sophomores Ryan Cooney and Carli Fernandez and freshman Ashley Okonta to take control.

"Our coaches have worked to develop our offense into what is probably the most explosive and cohesive unit we've had since Badin went to the Stadium," said Daniels.

Their defense is already looking powerful, ending their scrimmage last week with an interception by sophomore Mary Goodwin. Overall, the team is excited to finally show everyone what they're made of.

"I don't want to give too much away, but anyone who faces us best be prepared for an offense that knows how to put points up and a defense that can stand its ground," said Daniels.

Cavanaugh is also ready for a fresh start. They hope to bounce back after a disappointing season last year to return to the stadium as they did in 2007.

Cavanaugh's defense is led by junior Mo Mathias, who has taken a strong role in leading the line. Their offense is ready to take charge, led by senior Erin Dolan and junior Holly Hinz. Many freshmen have already stepped up to fill needed positions, and have done so with great success.

"Our goal is always to dominate and to win it in the stadium. We have a legacy to live up to. We'll win it all this year if we consistently play with the intensity that Cavanaugh football is known for," senior captain Sarah Cline said.

Badin and Cavanaugh will play Sunday at 4:00 p.m. at LaBar Field.

Breen-Phillips vs. Pasquerilla East

The winner of Sunday's matchup between Breen-Phillips and Pasquerilla East will taste victory for the first time in over a year, as both were winless in 2008.

Both the Babes and the Pyros ended last season with a tie to their name, and each kept every

game within striking distance. The two teams seem poised to rebound, and Sunday's matchup will be their first chance to do so.

Led by senior captain and safety Stephanie Wuerdeman, the Babes have been training hard in preparation for this season.

"The girls have been working really hard in practice," said Wuerdeman. "We've installed a lot of new plays that we think are pretty tough to cover."

Similarly, the Pyros have not been slacking off in the offseason, and are ready to come away with the win.

"We have very high expectations for this year," said senior captain and quarterback Tara Pillai. "Based on how close the games were [last year], we think this year can be much improved."

The rebuilding process may pose obstacles for both the Pyros and the Babes.

"Building our team from the ground up has allowed us to shake it up and grow stronger than ever," said the Babes' Wuerdeman. "Luckily we've kept the greater part of our defense intact."

"The biggest obstacle will be to see how we handle adversity and get into the habit of winning," Pillai said. "Pasquerilla East has not had many wins over the last three years, but most of those losses have been in very close games, so we need to learn how to finish [games]."

Both captains seem confident in their team's ability to come away with the victory.

Only one team will do so when Breen-Phillips and Pasquerilla East face off Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at LaBar Field.

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[junior] Connor Allan-Lee can both hit the ball a great distance," Kubinski said. "[Senior] Carl Santos-Ocampo will be fine too. He played at the U.S. Amateur Championships, which is very long and he competed well there."

The fifth player for the Irish this weekend will be senior Doug Fortner, who struggled to a fifth-place team finish at the team's first meet on Sept. 14.

"Doug has been a great player for us the last three years," Kubinski said. "He came out of Minnesota last week not playing

well. He knows it, but he has been practicing well this week and looks like the old Doug coming back to form."

If Fortner comes back to form, he will do it while facing stiff competition from 16 teams, including No. 3 Georgia Tech and host Vanderbilt, as well as three other SEC teams.

"One of the things we are committed to philosophy-wise is we want to be a national team playing a national schedule, much like the philosophy of our football team," Kubinski said. "Basically we are going to play the best teams from the best conferences and it will make us better."

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Jim Kubinski
Irish coach

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St. John's

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and were the top-seeded team heading into the Big East tournament. However, the Irish overturned the Red Storm's lead in the semifinals of the conference championship to secure their 18th consecutive winning season. Three Notre Dame players posted double-digit kills in the win.

The intensity the Irish have shown this season has proved

them to be a tough competitor although not ranked. A consistency in playing, depth and strong senior leadership this season have kept this Notre Dame team a force on the court.

"We're working on being consistent each time we go out to compete and every day in practice as well," Brown said. "Our greatest improvement is in our serving and putting pressure on teams with our serving. We've been working our side of the ball well and that's how we score points."

"The coaching staff has been pleased with the intensity shown in practice and in our matches. We've been constantly evaluating our playing and made some big strides each weekend."

The Irish take on the Huskies at 7 p.m. today in the Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Conn. and will play the Red Storm Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Carnesecca Arena, in Jamaica, N.Y.

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SMC GOLF

Belles to face top teams at Depauw

By ROBERT GRAHAM
Sports Writer

The No. 13 Belles travel to Depauw this weekend for the Depauw University Small College Classic.

The Classic will be held at the Deer Creek Golf Club in Clayton, Ind. The tournament will see its fair share of ranked teams, among which are St. Mary's, Olivet and No. 9 Depauw.

Saint Mary's has not finished lower than third place in any event this year, and if they are able to generate some more momentum it would be a huge help as they head into the third MIAA jamboree next

week. The Belles currently hold a slim 11-stroke lead in the conference.

A few days after a dominating performance at the MIAA's first Jamboree of the year, No. 13 Saint Mary's played well once again but fell four strokes short of first place in the second conference event of the year. Olivet College, another nationally ranked program shot a jamboree best 318, a few strokes better than the Belles' 322.

Despite a close finish, this Belles squad continues to show promise from upper and underclassmen alike. Freshman Martyna Mierzwa led the Belles for the second event in a row, shooting a

team best 79, along with teammate Natalie Matuszak. Olivet's Megan Rimmel posted the best score of the day with a 75. Rosie O'Connor, Mary Kate Boyce and Perri Hamma rounded out Saint Mary's top five golfers with scores of 81, 83 and 86 respectively.

Though first place would have been nice, the Belles are still in prime position in the MIAA and will look to make another move this weekend.

By giving themselves some breathing room this upcoming week, the Belles may be able to see themselves as conference champions.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Freshman Bodien leads way in win

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Belles (6-5, 2-3 MIAA) notched their second straight 3-0 (25-23, 25-15, 25-22) sweep as they took care of Manchester Thursday.

The match was a non-league game in the middle of a stretch of seven straight MIAA matches.

Freshman Stephanie Bodien led the way for the Belles with

12 kills and a .500 attacking percentage. Junior Andrea Sasgen matched Bodien with 12 kills of her own. Lorna Slupczynski also had double digit kills with 10 and added 15 digs on defense.

Senior setter Liana Rohr got playing time in the first set of the non-league game and notched 14 assists for the Belles.

The Belles seem to be hitting their stride at the right time with back-to-back convincing

wins. Belles coach Toni Kuschel expressed pleasure in the team's communication, which was a problem early in the season with the young lineup.

"We have had a couple of tough losses but our season has been nothing but successful," said Kuschel. "Our players are getting better and working hard together every day. That in my book is success."

The Belles still have 11 more MIAA matches to improve their position in the standings before they enter the tournament.

The Belles can pass Albion (8-5, 2-3) on Saturday as they visit the Britons. The Belles will then take on (6-8, 1-3) struggling Kalamazoo before they return to the non-conference schedule.

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another to junior midfielder Lauren Fowlkes.

Against Northwestern, sophomore midfielder Courtney Barg and junior defender Julie Scheidler stole the show with their first goals of the season.

The trouble for Notre Dame this season has been getting the defense and the offense on the same page. In each of the Irish's five victories, they have shut out their opponents while scoring at least two goals.

In their three losses, the Irish have failed to score a single goal and have been outscored 10-0.

On the bright side, each of Notre Dame's early season defeats has come at the hands of elite opponents. All three teams that have beaten the Irish (North Carolina, Stanford, and Santa Clara) are ranked in the top-10. UNC and Stanford currently hold the top two spots, respectively.

Looking ahead at the Big East schedule, the Irish will return home for a Sunday matchup with Louisville at Alumni Field. After that, Notre Dame will begin a tough road stretch where they visit West Virginia, Pittsburgh, Rutgers and Seton Hall over a 10-day period.

The Irish offense has been led this season by the outstanding play of sophomore

forward Melissa Henderson. Her five goals and 11 points are a team-high. Fowlkes and Augustin are not far behind with three goals apiece.

On defense, senior goalkeeper Kelsey Lysander has been solid in net. Lysander has 19 saves on the season and is allowing just over one goal per game. She also has two shutouts on the season.

Despite Notre Dame's impressive conference streak, Cincinnati will not be an easy victory. The Bearcats are on a tear of late having won four straight.

Tonight's kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Gettler Stadium.

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Louisville

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The Irish will have to move on quickly, as the No. 16 Cardinals (5-0-1, 2-0) come to South Bend Friday. Louisville currently leads the Big East Red Division and is one of only two undefeated teams in the conference.

"We've got every respect for Louisville," Clark said. "They're a strong, hardworking team with a direct playing style."

Notre Dame played Louisville twice in 2008, losing during the regular season but defeating the Cardinals in the

Big East tournament.

The Cardinals are coming off of a 2-0 win over West Virginia and a 5-0 rout of Pittsburgh.

The Irish offense will have a challenge against Louisville; all five Cardinal wins so far this season have been shutouts, and their tie was 1-1 against UIC.

Against Cincinnati (5-2, 1-1) on Sunday, the defense will be the ones who need to step up. The Bearcats have scored five goals in two games this season.

"We're not looking to the Cincinnati game yet because we're putting all the focus on Louisville," Clark said. "When we finish that game, we'll start looking at Cincinnati."

The Bearcats are currently fourth in the Big East Red Division, though Clark said the low standing does not make them less dangerous.

"There are no easy games in the Big East," he said. "These are two challenging teams."

These games mark the first Big East contests for the Irish in the new Alumni Stadium. Clark denied that would give the Irish a significant advantage.

"The home field doesn't win games, players win games," he said.

The Irish, who are tied for third in the Big East Blue Division, have caught some bad breaks lately, with their two recent losses coming when an opposing player broke a 1-1 tie late in the game. All three losses have been close.

However, Clark said he does not blame bad luck.

"You make your own luck," he said. "We've just got to do things better. We've got to work on putting two good games together instead of just one."

Notre Dame faces Louisville at 5:00 p.m. today and will kick off against Depaul at 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

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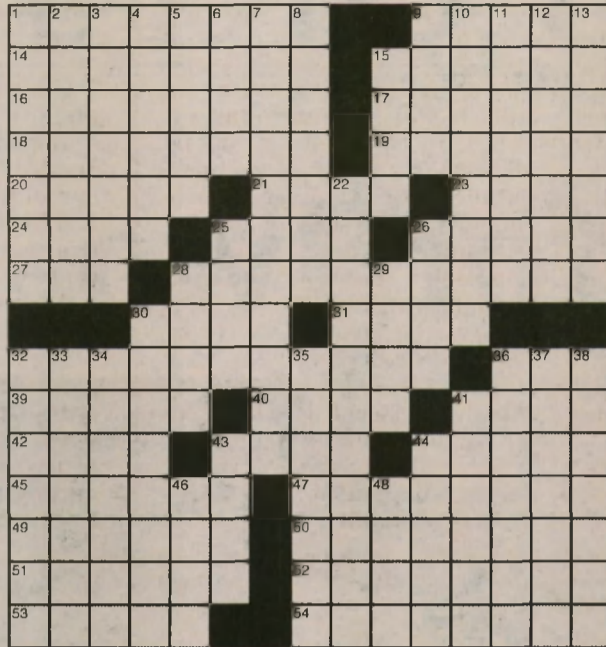
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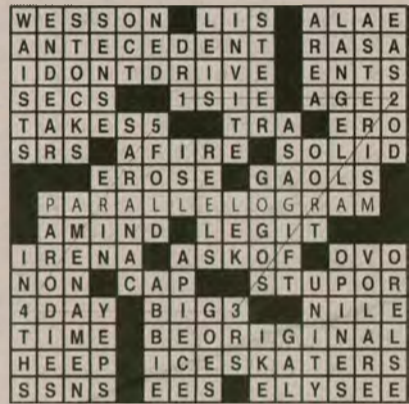


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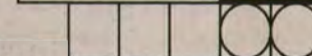
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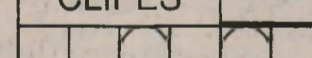


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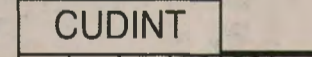
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MEN'S SOCCER

Going for Two

Irish to play top Big East teams at home

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Two is better than one. No. 25 Notre Dame (3-3-1, 1-1 Big East) will take on conference foes Louisville and Cincinnati at Alumni Stadium this weekend.

In their first conference games last weekend, the Irish defeated DePaul 2-1 and lost to South Florida by the same score. They have won the first game and lost the second in their past three weekend series.

Irish coach Bobby Clark said the team played well in the second game despite the result.

"You're never satisfied when you don't win," Clark said. "But there's nothing we can do about the result now, so we have to get the lesson and move



Senior forward Jeb Brovsky kicks the ball during Notre Dame's 2-1 loss to New Mexico on Sept. 13. The Irish play Louisville and Cincinnati this weekend.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Conference win streak put to test

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

As they enter the heart of the conference schedule, the Irish aim to keep their 53-game conference unbeaten streak alive when they travel to take on Cincinnati today.

No. 12 Notre Dame (5-3, 1-0) opened Big East play against DePaul with a dominant 4-0 victory Sept. 18, its 21st straight road victory against conference foes. Two days later, the Irish dispatched Northwestern 2-0.

Junior midfielder Rose Augustin had two goals in the DePaul contest and was named to the Big East Conference weekly Honor Roll for her performance. Junior Taylor Knaack recorded two assists in the game, one to Augustin and

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Whirlwinds look to return to championship

By TIM SINGLER, BARRICK BOLLMAN, COLIN KING, KEVIN BALDWIN, MEGAN FINNERAN and MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writers

Welsh Family will begin its attempt to return to the championship game for the third consecutive year when it faces Howard Sunday.

Last year Welsh Family lost in

its final game of the season, the championship game at Notre Dame Stadium. Despite losing a few seniors from that successful team, the Whirlwinds look to be loaded for a run to the championship game again this year.

"We lost a lot of seniors," senior captain Tara Schimpf said. "But we are as strong as ever."

This strength may come on the offensive side of the ball for the Whirlwind.

Featuring a new quarterback

and a talented receiving corps, the team looks to be an offensive threat. Senior Demi Heuth will be taking the snaps for the Whirlwinds this season.

"[Heuth] is key for our offense," said Schimpf.

The receivers, including sophomores Natalie Baldasare and Charlotte Seasley and junior Jamie Gardella, look to assist Heuth and the offense to reach new heights after the departure of four-year starting quarterback Jenni

Gargula.

On the other side of the ball, the defense returns numerous experienced players who look to stop opposing offenses from scoring. Seniors Stephanie Vossler, Kara King, Julia Dombrowski and Schimpf lead the defense.

"We have an unconventional leadership style. It's not leading by example so much as going to practice, sitting on the sidelines and heckling the other players," King said. "We're helping them to

develop mental toughness.

"Except I'm really the only one who does the heckling. [The other seniors] aren't so good at it."

The Whirlwinds will not have an easy time obtaining a victory. Howard looks to be a strong team this year coming off a first-round playoff loss last season.

Despite having to play in a competitive league, the Ducks are eager to compete with the best.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Squad begins Big East play

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame kicks off Big East competition this weekend with a match Friday at Connecticut and Sunday at St. John's.

The Irish (6-4) were picked to finish second according to a Big East preseason poll after previously winning nine tournament titles with a regular-season record of 148-21 and falling to Louisville in the final round of the 2008 tournament.

"Our primary goal is to win the regular [conference]," coach Debbie Brown said. "It keeps us motivated and is our focus going into each opponent."

The Irish have taken on top-ranked opponents so far this season, including No. 8 Michigan, No. 10 Stanford and No. 18 Florida State. The Irish upset the Cardinal 3-0 on Aug. 30, but fell 3-0 to the Wolverines on Sept. 6 and 3-2 to the Seminoles on Sept. 20.

"The caliber of play that we've had has greatly benefited us and shown our strength and weaknesses," Brown said. "The level of competition is the best preparation we could have had."

Friday's match will be the 21st meeting between Notre Dame and Connecticut. The Irish lead the series 18-2 over the Huskies (7-8). In the 2008 regular season finale, Notre Dame came back from a four-

point deficit in the fifth set by shocking Connecticut with eight unanswered points to win 3-2 at the Joyce Center. The two teams' last meeting was in the first round of the 2008 Big East championships. The Irish came back from a late three-point deficit in the third set to take the win, pulling off their 11th sweep of the season.

Sunday Notre Dame heads to Jamaica, N.Y., to go up against St. John's. The Irish lead the series 13-3 over the Red Storm (7-9), winning the first 11 matches of the series before splitting the last four. Last season St. John's defeated Notre Dame 3-2 on Nov. 14

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MEN'S GOLF

Wet course to present opportunity for Irish

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will tee off on a submerged golf course today.

The Irish are competing in the three-day Vanderbilt Mason Rudolph Championship in Franklin, Tenn., over the weekend and in the past week and a half nearly six and a half inches of rain have fallen on the course.

While the water on the course will change how the Irish play, it may work to the team's advantage.

"There isn't going to be much roll out there, so the guys who can carry the ball a bit longer [have an advantage]," coach Jim Kubinski said. "We have three or four guys

who can get good carry distance, so we may have a bit of an advantage and should be able to compete well."

In his first tournament with the Irish this season, sophomore Chris Walker is a perfect fit for a tournament that turns into a long-ball contest.

"Chris is one of the longest in the college game, especially when he wants to be," Kubinski said. "He is trying to control his game a bit more this year, and that is good, but he definitely has the potential to carry the ball out there."

Walker is not the only deep threat for Notre Dame, Kubinski said.

"[Senior] Josh [Sandman] and

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COMMENTARY

Improved Clausen has Heisman shot

In the span of one quarter last week, Jimmy Clausen's job got a whole lot harder.

Michael Floyd going down on a touchdown catch (sorry Big East and replay officials) in the corner of the end-zone against Michigan State was a crushing loss for the Irish offense. While Clausen has been unbelievably accurate through three games, it helps a lot when you have a receiver doing whatever he wants on the football field.

The margin for error is a little bigger when you have a Michael Floyd on the outside that can create separation, win every jump ball and score on screen plays. With Robby Parris and Duval Kamara? That margin closes up significantly.

"Mike is such a great play-maker," Clausen said this week. "Whenever there's a guy on [him or Golden Tate], I have faith in both those guys and the rest of the receiving corps that they're going to make that play, not the DB." The faith in Floyd and Tate is well founded. For the rest of the unproven receiving corps, they must prove they deserve Clausen's trust.

Without Floyd as a home-run threat and weapon on the other side, Golden Tate is going to be double-covered as much as possible by opposing defenses. And while Kyle Rudolph, Kamara and Shaq Evans are nice players, for Clausen to continue putting up videogame-like numbers, it's going to be a huge challenge.

Heading into Saturday's game, though, there are no reasons to think the junior isn't up for it. Through three games Clausen is second in the nation in quarterback rating, fourth in yards and second in touchdowns.

Despite facing another challenge in a turf toe injury suffered in the first half against the Spartans, Clausen looked just as sharp in leading the Irish to a fourth-quarter comeback and a win over the Spartans.

"I was hurting pretty much the rest of the game," Clausen said. "But I just had to play and help the team win."

It's going to take moments like those, occurring a few more times and in even big-

ger games for Jimmy Clausen to have a shot at the Heisman. But through three games, it's hard to find a more qualified candidate.

And the challenges of the past week if anything give Clausen a great opportunity to win. If he continues to have a terrific season, voters can't argue that its only because of the array of weapons he has to throw to.

Voters also love leadership and guts in quarterbacks, two qualities an improved Clausen has shown much more of this year. If the turf toe lingers and the defense continues to give up points, there should be plenty of close shootouts for Clausen to lead comebacks in.

The schedule also suddenly looks a little more formidable since the start of the season — bad news for the Irish as a whole, but good news for Clausen's Heisman chances. Washington now could be ranked facing the Irish, and Connecticut and Stanford look better than expected.

While all three Heisman finalists from this past year have returned, through three games none have the opportunity Clausen does. Sam Bradford's first game injury has effectively eliminated him from contention to repeat, and neither Tim Tebow nor Colt McCoy have been particularly impressive early.

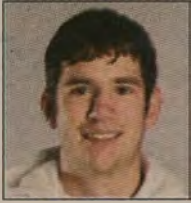
In the end though, wins and performances in big games are what usually ends up winning the award. The loss to Michigan certainly hurts Clausen's résumé, although its hard to find anything he should have done better in that game. It's going to take a huge game and probably a win over USC.

The defense and one of the receivers may have to step up to give Clausen a real chance and the wins required to be a real Heisman contender. Through three games, though, no quarterback has been better and few have the opportunity Clausen has if he comes through in the big games left on the schedule.

The opportunity is there for Clausen to become everything he was supposed to be coming out of high school. Three games hardly makes a season, but if the next nine are anything like them, Clausen should find himself in New York come December.

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Michael Bryan

Associate Sports Editor

FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Visitors impressed by MSU win

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame was a big hit in the eyes of the three recruits who made official visits to campus for the Michigan State — but that could have changed rather quickly had Kyle McCarthy's late interception not secured a dramatic Irish victory.

As Notre Dame continues to battle some of the nation's top programs for the country's best prospects, there is no better recruiting tool than winning. Irish recruiting expert Mike Frank said.

"At the end of the day, the very elite kids want to go play for a winner, a place where they'll win a lot of games and challenge for a national championship," said Frank, who runs the ESPN affiliate irishsports-daily.com. "Notre Dame needs to show these kids they're an elite school, that they'll be playing in these BCS games in the near future."

Though home games are typically much more important than away games in terms of recruiting, the state of the Notre Dame program — and particularly rumors concerning Charlie Weis' future that circulated at the end of last season — is on the radar of recruits whether the Irish are at home or on the road.

"There are a lot of kids right now keeping a very close eye on

Notre Dame and their season," Frank said. "Charlie Weis has done a good job, but I think a lot of players are looking at it and saying, 'Hey, we want to see if they're going to win there.'"

Saturday's win over the Spartans certainly went a long way in securing a commitment from safety prospect David Amerson, one of the top players on the Irish coaches' recruiting board.

Frank said Amerson, who is choosing between Notre Dame and North Carolina State, has been quiet since his visit, "which is usually a good indication he's close" to making a decision.

"From things I've heard, that's probably the case," Frank said. "I think Notre Dame did a great job and he's very impressed with the whole situation. I've got to feel that because he's been so quiet, chances are he's probably in decision mode, or at least trying to figure out what his next step is."

Defensive tackle Louis Nix remains a prime target despite his status as a Miami verbal commit. Frank said that if Nix were to waver on his decision to play for the Hurricanes — and

there's a chance he will — Notre Dame would be at the top of his list.

"Obviously they're going to battle Miami, and there's a couple things to overcome. One is distance, and two is he has a lot of friends with him that play or are going to play for Miami,"

Frank said. "That's the hometown school pretty much, and it'll be tough to turn that down. But if he's going to make a switch, it's going to be Notre Dame." Defensive back Toney Hurd was also very impressed with the Irish program after his official visit. Obstacles to his commitment still exist, however, as Notre Dame remains high on a few other defensive back recruits while only having room for one, maybe two, in this class, Frank said.

Mike Frank
Irish recruiting expert

"I think it's just a matter of time and making sure things fall the right way," Frank said. "Hurd's a great player and a great fit, and he'd be hard to pass up. I'd be very surprised if Notre Dame didn't land him if that's the way it works out."

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Back where it began

Junior Golden Tate returns to Ross-Ade Stadium, site of his breakout 2007 performance

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

It was just two years ago that sending No. 23 deep was the only way for an anemic Irish offense to strike downfield — and for an inexperienced freshman receiver to make a difference in a struggling passing game.

That freshman was Golden Tate, now a junior who has evolved from a high school tailback into one of the nation's most explosive big-play wide receivers. Tate's repertoire has surely expanded since the Golden-Go route made its debut against the Boilermakers on Sept. 29, 2007, when Tate hauled in three passes for 104 yards and a touchdown to provide a much-needed spark for a then-winless Irish squad.

"I've grown a lot, I can't really even put it into words," Tate said. "I came in here just knowing I can catch it and run, but there's so much more to being a complete receiver. If you're a receiver, everyone can catch the ball."

"But how do you run your routes? How do you do in the blocking game? I think that's one thing I'm still learning on, but I'm understanding the different concepts and ways to help the team more."

That's quite a progression from Tate's freshman campaign, when he relied on straight speed and natural ball skills to beat single coverage and make tough catches. It worked against an unsuspecting Purdue secondary, but judging by Tate's

numbers the remainder of the season — three catches for 27 yards in seven games — defenses could easily bring a safety to his side to lock Tate up and throw away the key.

That's simply not the case anymore. With a full grasp of both the Irish offense and what opposing defenses try to do to stop it, Tate isn't a track star sprinting downfield or a baseball player (at least not on Saturdays in the fall) waiting under a fly ball.

He's a wide receiver.

"I can run more than one route," Tate said. "I'm ready."

The Irish need him to be, now more than ever, with sophomore co-starter Michael Floyd sidelined for the regular season with a broken clavicle. Tate is now Notre Dame's unquestioned No. 1 receiver — a distinction that will attract more attention both from

quarterback Jimmy Clausen and from opposing defenses.

"I like being the guy that I know the ball's going to come to, the guy they're going to look at to make plays," Tate said. "It's always been me and my personality."

Tate has certainly earned his status as a top receiver, breaking out in 2008 to tally 1080 yards and 11 total touchdowns. As a sophomore he played a crucial role in breaking Notre Dame's bowl losing streak, catching

six passes for 177 yards and three touchdowns in the Hawaii Bowl.

There has been much discussion all week about the likelihood of defenses beginning to roll coverage to Tate's side now that they won't have to worry about Floyd opposite him. That approach may have stopped Tate two years ago, but he doesn't believe it will Saturday in his return to Ross-Ade Stadium.

"I'm more prepared to deal with it now," Tate said of the added attention from opposing defenses. "I dealt with it a little bit last year. I was also a little younger and always worried about beating Cover-1, which I specialize in. But this year, from day one, I knew I was going to get rolled up on every now and then. I think I'm prepared to handle the situation."

The entire Irish offense, in fact, appears more prepared to deal with anything the Boilermakers will throw at them. A veteran offensive line has given an experienced Clausen time to spread the ball around, and junior tailback Armando Allen has consistently read his blocks well enough to make plays in the ground game.

None of those elements were in place two years ago, when Tate held his exclusive coming-out party in West Lafayette — a surprise party, so to speak, judging by Tate's comments.

"I remember the week of practice, I thought I was not even in the game plan at all," he said. "[Coach] gave me a chance and said pretty much

"This year, from day one, I knew I was going to get rolled up on every now and then. I think I'm prepared to handle the situation."

Golden Tate
Irish wide receiver

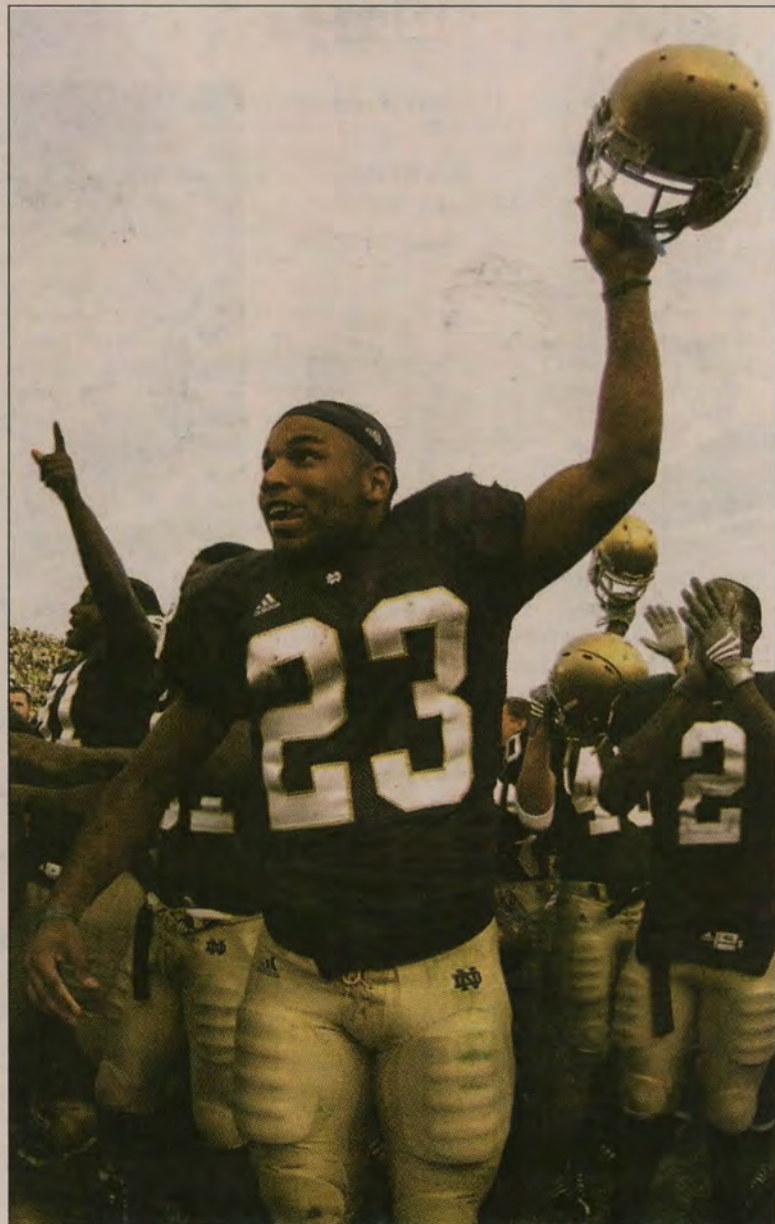
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Golden Tate
Irish wide receiver



Tate stiff-arms a Spartan defender after one of his team-high seven receptions Saturday. The junior tallied 127 yards in the game, including a 33-yard score that ended in a jump into the Michigan State band.

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Irish wide receiver Golden Tate celebrates after Saturday's 33-30 win over Michigan State, the first at home for Notre Dame since 1993.

run straight. I went up, made a play, and then he tried it a few more times and I ended up getting in the end zone. Great feeling — personally, I felt like OK, I got the first one out of the way."

Tate's first big day offered a glimmer of hope in a dismal season, which seemed to immediately cement his status as one of the faces of this Irish team. Almost immediately, the "Throw it to Golden!" chants — pleas may be more accurate — began in Notre Dame Stadium, and t-shirts proclaiming "Golden Is Thy Tate" and bearing his famous go route quickly circulated around campus.

Tate's status as a fan favorite may have as much to do with the plays he makes as it does with the attitude with which he makes them.

"I love playing with emotion and actually showing it," Tate said. "That's one of the ways I stay relaxed. Kind of goof around, mess around a little bit."

Tate is usually one of the first Irish players to motion toward the crowd after a big play, and he always seems to be right in front of the student section — and the television cameras — smiling as the team sings the alma mater — particularly the verse "golden is thy fame."

And that doesn't even broach the subject of his touchdown celebrations, which have certainly been noteworthy in the past two weeks. After holding the ball over the goal line as he pranced in for a score against Michigan in the Big House, he made a Clark Kent-like leap

into the marching band after a touchdown against Michigan State Saturday.

The only problem? It wasn't the home team's band. Damn Sparty.

Tate explained that he wasn't aware he was in Michigan State's band's territory, and that he initially jumped to avoid a little girl standing in his way — perhaps making the Superman reference all the more appropriate.

"I figured if I land on many people, that's better than landing on one person, but they all got out of the way. And there was," Tate said, pausing for effect, "the ground."

Maybe Tate's leap into the band was just his way of trying to meet some new people. He is, after all, one of the most widely recognized names and faces on campus, and not only because of how he performs on Saturdays.

It's the same Golden, Monday through Friday, on the quad or in the dining hall.

"I like to say I'm a people person," Tate said. "I love to walk around campus and say hi to random people, show that I'm not just this athlete who's tough or too good for anyone. I try to treat everyone the same."

Tate may be outgoing and confident both on and off the field, but he remains humble enough to recognize the bigger picture.

"I just want to stay within myself and do what I can to help the team," Tate said. "We've still got a chance to be special."

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 2-1

AP: NR Coaches: NR



Charlie Weis head coach

5th season at Notre Dame

career record: 31-22
on road: 11-9
against Purdue: 3-1



Jon Tenuta Def. Coordinator Assistant HC



Corwin Brown Co-Def. Coord. Associate HC

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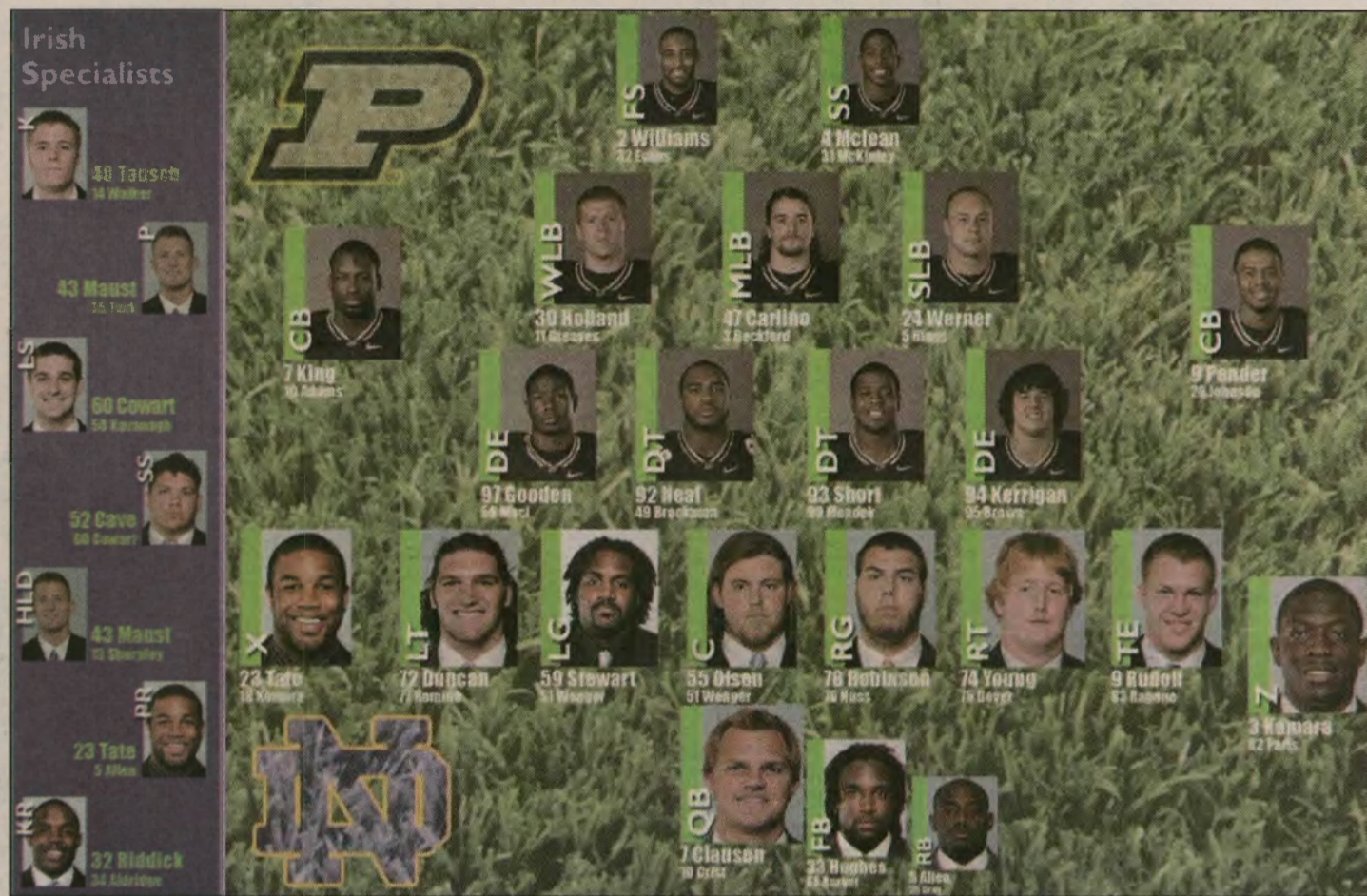
ND OFFENSE	PUR DEFENSE
Scoring: 34.00 ppg (33rd)	Scoring: 32.33 ppg (104th)
Total: 479.00 ypg (14th)	Total: 434.33 ypg (105th)
Rushing: 155.00 ypg (58th)	Rushing: 181.00 ypg (102nd)
Passing: 324.00 ypg (10th)	Passing: 253.33 ypg (95th)
Turnovers against: 2 (6th)	Turnovers for: 7 (29th)
Fumbles lost: 1 (13th)	Fumbles rec.: 4 (17th)
Interceptions: 1 (9th)	Interceptions: 3 (39th)
Sacks Allowed: 2 (11th)	Sacks: 4 (76th)
T.O.P. for: 33:12 (10th)	T.O.P. against: 27:05 (111th)

Statistical Leaders

ND OFFENSE	PUR DEFENSE
QB JIMMY CLAUSEN 62-91, 951 yds., 9 TD	LB JASON WERNER 22 solo, 6 TFL, INT
RB ARMANDO ALLEN 59 rush, 326 yds., 3 TD	FS TORRI WILLIAMS 14 solo, 1 brk-up
RB JONAS GRAY 16 rush, 74 yds.	LB CHRIS CARLINO 10 solo, 2 TFL
WR GOLDEN TATE 19 rec., 301 yds., 3 TD	CB DAVID PENDER 13 solo, 5 brk-up
TE KYLE RUDOLPH 13 rec., 162 yds., TD	LB JOE HOLLAND 7 solo, 2 TFL, 1 sack

HEAD T

Irish Offense vs. Boilermakers Defense



ND PASSING

The loss of Michael Floyd obviously hurts the Irish passing attack, but Notre Dame still boasts a deep rotation of talented players at wide receiver. The Irish will need proven veterans Duval Kamara and Robby Parris to shoulder more of the load, and John Goodman, Deion Walker and freshman Shaquelle Evans will all likely receive opportunities for

the first time. Lost in all the coverage of Floyd's injury is the fact that Jimmy Clausen is a bit hobbled by turf toe, which held him out of practice until Wednesday. All reports are that Clausen will be set to face the Boilermakers' struggling secondary Saturday, but the Notre Dame quarterback could struggle with the toe enough to prevent him from stepping up

in the pocket as he has in the first three games. That being said, Purdue's secondary has been brutal, and Notre Dame still has plenty of playmakers who should help Clausen find success through the air. Kyle Rudolph could have a big day as he emerges as more of a target in Floyd's absence. **EDGE: NOTRE DAME**

ND RUSHING

Purdue hasn't been any better against the run than it has against the pass, so Armando Allen should have another solid day so long as a banged-up ankle doesn't interfere. Jonas Gray could be more of a factor as the Irish try to take some of the burden off Allen and compensate for the injuries to Clausen and Floyd.

Fullback James Aldridge is out for the third straight week, and while Robert Hughes has proven to be an able replacement, Notre Dame didn't use the fullback all that often last week as it tried to put Michigan State on the ropes early. The Wildcat, likely with Allen and Golden Tate, could prove to be important considering the injuries to the offensive unit.

The one thing holding back the Irish ground game has been some untimely holding calls, so if the offensive line can clean that up, the backs should enjoy a good day. One other thing worth noting is the blocking ability of Duval Kamara, who will see more time on the outside, which could lead to some big outside runs for Allen. **EDGE: NOTRE DAME**

ND SPECIAL TEAMS

Charlie Weis will need to scheme around Floyd's absence and be aware of which replacement receivers are performing while also keeping an eye on minor injuries to Clausen and Allen. He shouldn't have much

trouble with the Boilermakers defense, however, and the ground game should offer refuge should the passing attack take a step back. Weis should look to get the ball in the hands of Allen, Tate and Rudolph as much as possible. **EDGE: NOTRE DAME**

Barry Gallup and Theo Riddick have looked solid on kick returns, breaking off some good gains that have given Notre Dame nice field position. Nick Tausch has settled in and showed off his leg strength with a pair of field goals against the Spartans, including a 46-

ND OFFENSIVE COACHING

EDGE: NOTRE DAME

Our Picks

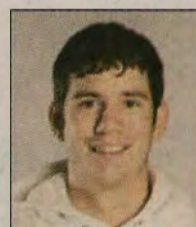
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Bill Brink Managing Editor

Purdue and Notre Dame are in similar situations heading into tomorrow's game. Notre Dame's run defense has struggled, especially when in the nickel formation, so expect Ralph Bolden to take advantage of that. Joey Elliott has more interceptions than touchdowns, so he could struggle against Notre Dame's secondary. Jimmy Clausen played well after hurting his toe against Michigan State — he won't drop off this week. Armando Allen keeps it up against Purdue's defense, which is worse against the run than the pass, ranked 102nd in the nation. Big-legged kicker Carson Wiggs could keep it close, but Notre Dame wins this one. **Final Score: Notre Dame 35, Purdue 31**



Michael Bryan Associate Sports Editor

This one looks like it will be a shootout in West Lafayette, and the Boilermakers should be pumped up for the night game. The Irish offense will have to adjust to the loss of Michael Floyd and need someone to step up from the group of Robby Parris, Duval Kamara and Shaquelle Evans. Armando Allen should notch his third straight 100-yard rushing game, but Ralph Bolden might out-rush him. Notre Dame needs to get some push out at all out of its front four and better tackling from the front seven in order to win comfortably, which seems unlikely. The game plan should be similar to Michigan State's in that the Irish defense should stack the box to defend the run and be vulnerable to the pass. **Final Score: Notre Dame 41, Purdue 34**



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HEAD

Boilermakers Offense vs. Irish Defense



Fifth-year senior Joey Elliot has replaced graduated starter Curtis Painter, and the Boilermakers have changed the scheme a bit under first-year coach Danny Hope. Elliot has done a decent job in his first three games at the helm, throwing for four touchdowns. The major concern about the Purdue quarterback is his five interceptions, and the Irish secondary will undoubtedly look to pick

Elliot off when given the chance. Ralph Bolden's success running the football has afforded Elliot and his receivers a bit more cushion as teams try to shut down the Boilermakers rushing attack. That will likely be the case Saturday, as Notre Dame applied similar tactics against Michigan State last week, and the Spartans enjoyed a great deal of success through the air.

The lack of pressure Notre Dame's front-four has applied has left the corner backs on an island all too often, which has allowed opposing receivers the space to make plays. Ultimately, the Irish pass defense will only improve if Jon Tenuta's blitzing defense can get to the quarterback and force bad decisions.

PUR PASSING

EDGE: EVEN

Bolden was the nation's leading rusher until Purdue's loss to Northern Illinois, so the Irish will likely have their hands full stopping the shifty sophomore. Bolden is averaging almost seven yards per carry, and the Irish failed to stop less-talented backs against Michigan State last week, even when Notre Dame consistently brought extra men into

the box to slow the ground game. Bolden has also emerged as a threat out of the backfield, and Purdue will try to get the ball in his hands as often as possible. Elliot has shown the ability to make plays with his legs, and while not a prototypical rushing quarterback, he is someone to be accounted for by the Irish defense.

Notre Dame's linebackers have struggled to shed blocks, and the fact that the Irish safeties are the team's leading tacklers illustrate the fact that the front seven hasn't been able to slow opposing backs. There isn't much to suggest that will change, especially against a potent rush attack.

PUR RUSHING

EDGE: PURDUE

The once-solid Irish kick coverage has been of some concern since allowing Michigan to run one back. The Boilermakers have been dangerous in special teams, taking a punt to the house last week. Purdue's kicker, Carson Wiggs, is a sophomore with a boom-

ing leg. He's already hit a 59-yarder this season, and if Purdue's anywhere near his range, they'll run him out there and give it a shot. That will make kick coverage even more important so as to not give Purdue a short field and an easy field goal chance.

EDGE: PURDUE

There's only so much Tenuta and Corwin Brown can change from week-to-week, but the constant barrage of blitzes just haven't worked. That being said, Purdue's offense could only muster two touchdowns against a MAC opponent last week. Hope's best bet will

likely be to ride Bolden until the Irish prove they can stop him or bring so many guys into the box that Elliot can beat Notre Dame up top to either Aaron Valentin or Cortez Smith.

EDGE: PURDUE

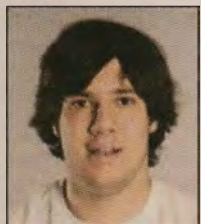
PUR OFFENSIVE COACHING



Matt Gamber
Sports Editor

This is another game in which the Irish have an obvious advantage in talent, and yet another one in which I can see Notre Dame letting its opponent hang around. Until the Irish defense can consistently stop decent offenses, Notre Dame will struggle to put teams away and post impressive blowout wins. The offense will miss Floyd, but unless Clausen and Allen are severely limited by their injuries, the Irish should put up points on a shoddy Purdue defense. Unfortunately, the Boilermakers should do the same, so this one will be closer than some think. It won't take a late interception, but Irish fans won't be able to fully exhale until late in the fourth quarter as Notre Dame gets out of West Lafayette with a victory.

Final Score: Notre Dame 28, Purdue 20



Sam Werner
Associate Sports Editor

This one won't be close, right? I mean, Purdue lost to Northern Illinois last week. Even without Michael Floyd, Purdue just won't be able to keep up with the Irish. Right? Well, not so fast. Michigan State lost to Central Michigan two weeks ago, and the Spartans were a wide-open receiver away from walking out of Notre Dame Stadium with a win last week. That being said, Notre Dame will win this game. Armando Allen had a career day against the Boilermakers last year, and he'll do it again Saturday. Notre Dame will use their newfound running game to wear down the Purdue defense, and the other receivers (as well as Kyle Rudolph) will step up enough for Clausen to be as effective as he's been all season.

Final Score: Notre Dame 32, Purdue 21

Purdue Boilermakers

Record: 1-2

AP: NR Coaches: NR



Danny Hope
head coach

1st season at Purdue

career record: 1-2

at home: 1-1

against ND: 0-0



Gary Nord
Off. Coordinator



Donn Landholm
Def. Coordinator

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Head-to-Head

PUR OFFENSE	ND DEFENSE
Scoring: 36.33 ppg (26th)	Scoring: 22.67 ppg (63rd)
Total: 440.33 ypg (25th)	Total: 398.67 ypg (96th)
Rushing: 210.67 ypg (22nd)	Rushing: 149.33 ypg (74th)
Passing: 229.67 ypg (52nd)	Passing: 249.33 ypg (91st)
Turnovers against: 9 (107th)	Turnovers for: 6 (46th)
Fumbles lost: 4 (87th)	Fumbles rec.: 2 (61st)
Interceptions: 5 (104th)	Interceptions: 4 (20th)
Sacks Allowed: 2 (11th)	Sacks: 4 (76th)
T.O.P. for: 22:55 (111th)	T.O.P. against: 26:48 (10th)

Statistical Leaders

PUR OFFENSE	ND DEFENSE
QB JOEY ELLIOT 61-100, 674 yds., 4 TD 16 rush, 80 yds., 2 TD	SS KYLE MCCARTHY 19 solo, 1 TFL, 3 INT
RB RALPH BOLDEN 62 rush, 421 yds., 4 TD 8 rec., 127 yds., TD	FS HARRISON SMITH 14 solo, 1.5 TFL
RB JAYCEN TAYLOR 23 rush, 106 yds., 3 TD	LB BRIAN SMITH 10 solo, 3 TFL, 1 sack
WR KEITH SMITH 17 rec., 222 yds., TD	LB TORYAN SMITH 7 solo, 3.5 TFL, 1 sack
	CB ROBERT BLANTON 6 solo, INT

Celebrity Pick

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Vince Vaughn

Actor & Irish fan

I'm not much of a handicapper as far as predicting scores, but I'll definitely be rooting for the Irish against Purdue. I've got a lot of confidence in them; I think they've got great stuff ahead. I really like Coach Weis, I think he's really a talented coach and genuine guy.

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(0-2) L 35-20 @ Colorado St. Missouri



(3-0) W 45-17 E. Michigan Indiana



(1-2) L 33-30 @ Notre Dame @ Wisconsin



(1-2) L 28-21 N. Illinois Notre Dame



(2-1) W 16-13 USC @ Stanford



(2-1) L 16-13 @ Washington Washington St.



(2-1) L 25-7 @ Clemson Wake Forest



(1-2) W 30-27 (OT) SMU @ USC



(1-2) L 27-14 @ Pitt W. Kentucky



(3-0) W 27-14 Navy @ NC State



(2-1) W 30-22 @ Baylor Rhode Island



(2-1) W 42-17 San Jose St. Washington

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If you could have any animal as a pet, what would it be?

Definitely a koala bear, it's my favorite animal.

What is the best vacation place you've been?

Hawaii, for the bowl game last year

Pick a side: Kanye or Taylor Swift?

Taylor Swift, Kanye made a mistake on that one.

Favorite movie and TV show?

The best movie I've seen lately is The Hangover. My favorite TV show is Grey's Anatomy.

Favorite stadium besides Notre Dame?

Oklahoma's Memorial Stadium

Favorite pre-game song?

"Make It Funky" by Will.I.Am



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Group effort needed to replace Floyd

By **BILL BRINK**
Sports Writer

Yikes. Michael Floyd broke his collarbone. He's done for the season. What now?

Jimmy Clausen and the Irish offense still have big-time playmaker Golden Tate. And tight end Kyle Rudolph continues to show just how much of a freak he is. But how do you replace Floyd, both his athleticism and the effect he has on opposing defenses?

You don't. Instead, according to receivers coach Rob Ianello, you create a Michael Floyd-by-committee.

"We replace Michael with multiple guys," he said. "Through the use of multiple players we can get the same production that we had from Michael."

Those multiple players, senior Robby Parris, junior Duval Kamara, sophomores John Goodman and Deion Walker and freshman Shaquelle Evans, will combine to fill Floyd's spot across the field from Tate. Clausen said he thinks they can. "We expect all those guys to be as good of a playmaker as Mike, and whenever the ball is thrown their way, for them to go up and get the ball," he said.

In two-plus games before breaking his collarbone against Michigan State, Floyd had 13 catches for 358 yards and five touchdowns and averaged 119 yards per game.

As younger players, Parris

and Kamara contributed, but with the breakout of Tate and Floyd last season, their contributions fell off. Parris caught 29 passes for 361 yards and a touchdown in 2007, and Kamara held the freshman receiving touchdown record with four that year before Floyd broke it in 2008. But last year, Parris caught nine passes for 50 yards. Kamara caught 20 for 206 yards and one score. Coach Charlie Weis said that experience, combined with their work in practice, will benefit the offense.

"Both those guys in particular have worked really, really hard in practice, but now they have an opportunity to have increased roles with hopefully increased production at the same time to put us in position to make sure that they can't roll everything into Golden," Weis said.

So what will keep defenses from keying on Tate?

"Somebody on the other side's going to have to step up and make them pay if they decide to roll up to Golden," Ianello said. "If we can get somebody or somebodies that can do that, that will make it tough on them."

Ianello said he had more trust in his players who had played in the past but then seeing limited action.

"When you have some guys that have worked through some difficult times and now they are going to a chance to get into the game, I think you as a coach feel like they've kind of been

through it a little bit," he said. "And you have a little more confidence in them because they've kind of toughed it out."

Parris said he and the other receivers understood their roles had changed as soon as Floyd was injured, but that adjusting to game speed would not be immediate.

"There's nothing like seeing the speed of the game once we're on the field," Parris said.

To stay sharp, Parris said, required more mental effort than physical.

"It hasn't been easy," he said. "It becomes more of a mental game than physical. You just gotta be ready for whatever, that's what the past couple of years has taught me."

Parris said he told the younger receivers to be ready, that it was their time. He knows.

"I'm a senior, I've seen everything and maybe I can help the younger guys," he said.

No worries about the depth of the receiving corps from Parris.

"Our receiving crew is probably as deep as it has ever been," he said. "Anyone at any time, I think, is ready to play on the field."

Even in non-receiving roles. Ianello said Kamara has great value as a blocker.

"Duval has a mean streak. He's got a meanness, a toughness to him, and he's big and physical," he said. "Some receivers, college, pro, whatever, they do it because it's a necessary evil. He takes great pride."

Kamara switched sides of the



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Irish wide receiver Shaquelle Evans tries to break a tackle against Michigan in Notre Dame's 38-34 loss in Ann Arbor Sept. 12.

field due to Floyd's injury, but Ianello said that wouldn't cause problems.

"Duval has some reps in that position," he said. "Duval from the first day he's gotten here has been a very good mental player for us."

Kamara's blocking has helped a Notre Dame rushing attack average 155 yards per game

and 4.3 yards per carry.

Rudolph said he relishes the opportunity for a larger role in Notre Dame's passing offense.

"That's what you play the game for," Rudolph said. "You want the ball in your hands. It doesn't matter how you get it."

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Hope takes reigns at Purdue after Tiller's retirement



Purdue coach Danny Hope confers with referees after a call in the Boilermaker's 38-36 loss to Oregon on Sept. 12.

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It's never easy replacing a legend.

Just ask Bob Davie, Ty Willingham and even Charlie Weis.

Purdue coach Danny Hope has just that task, though, taking over this season for former Boilermaker coach Joe Tiller, who retired at the end of last year after 11 seasons at the helm.

"Obviously with the great success we've had at Purdue in the 12 years of the Joe Tiller era, we are going to set lofty goals," Hope said in an interview with purdue-sports.com. "We're following a coaching icon."

Hope was hired Jan. 1, 2008 as an associate head coach and offensive line coach. He had previously been the offensive line coach at Purdue from 1997-2001 under Tiller. When Hope was hired, it was understood that he would replace Tiller after he retired following the 2008 season.

During his first stint with the Boilermakers, Hope was regarded as one of the best offensive line coaches in the business, and produced NFL linemen Ian Allen, Kelly Butler, Mark Fischer, Brandon Gorin, Matt Light, Gene Mruczkowski and Chucky Okobi.

"This is a great day for Purdue football," Tiller said in a press release announcing Hope's hiring. "We are excited about the 2008 season and beyond. Danny is the perfect choice to take over this program ... I feel very good that he will be my successor."

Hope had quite a legend to live up to. Tiller put together an 87-

62 record with the Boilermakers including a Big Ten title in 2000.

After leaving West Lafayette in 2001, Hope took a job as offensive coordinator at Louisville. He only spent one season with the Cardinals, though, before taking the head job at his alma mater, Eastern Kentucky.

Hope compiled a 35-22 record with the Colonels, winning the Ohio Valley Conference in 2007.

So far in 2009, Hope has experienced mixed results. The Boilermakers are 1-2 with close losses to Oregon and Northern Illinois, as well as a blowout win over Toledo.

Purdue has answered one of the biggest questions going into the season, though, —finding a suitable replacement for former running back Kory Sheets. Sophomore Ralph Bolden leads the Big Ten in rushing with 421 yards and is averaging 6.8 yards per carry.

"Now last year, I don't know, he might have had about 30 yards rushing," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "Now he's rushing for 140 yards a game. He's putting up really big numbers. He's got very good speed, and he's a home run threat. And a 'home run threat' means when you give him the ball, that little gallop of his, he can take it to the house every time he touches it."

With all his success on the field, though, Hope also prides himself on doing his part in the community. While at Eastern Kentucky, he organized an annual blood

drive within the Richmond, Ky. community.

"When you can take your football team and part of a day and save several hundred lives, that's a no-brainer," he said. "We were involved with Backfield in Motion, a nonprofit group out of Nashville, and I hope we can do that at Purdue. It involves the development of inner-city youth as young men."

For his part on the field, Hope would like to put an early stamp on his tenure at Purdue with a win over a favored Irish squad.

"It's a great rivalry," he said. "The good thing is I think that our players love to play against

them. They love to play against us. It brings a lot of energy and a reason to go out there and practice hard, and the guys will be excited."

The fact that it's a nationally televised night game, Hope said, only adds to its allure.

"It's big time football," Hope said. "Purdue is Big Ten, and Notre Dame is all big time football. So we have to make sure that we get ready to play, but we certainly want to seize the moment or there's no sense of being in this. We're going to have a good time with this thing. We're not going to play tight. We're going to go out there and have a ball. It's Purdue versus Notre Dame. It's primetime."

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Sunday, September 27th

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