

THE OBSERVER

The Independent Newspaper Serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary's

VOLUME 40 : ISSUE 9

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2005

NDSMCOBSERVER.COM

Fans and band flock east to Pittsburgh

Students travel to support Irish football

By KATE ANTONACCI and MARCELLA BERRIOS
News Writers

At noon today, Alumni juniors Mike Ferkovic, R.J. Kornhaas, P.J. Hoffman, Chris Disbro, Liam Moran and sophomore Steve Barbera will pile in a Buick Park Avenue and endure a six-hour car ride to the University of Pittsburgh.

After buying season ticket booklets for Pittsburgh in mid-July for \$85, the Notre Dame students are ready to cheer on the Irish in their opening football game.

Nothing — not even a city that Ferkovic calls “the dirtiest city of all time” — will stand in their way. For these and hundreds of other Notre Dame students driving east this weekend, seeing Saturday night's game up close and personal is a necessity.

“I definitely have to see Charlie's first game,” Kornhaas said.

“Charlie Weis is the man,” said Ferkovic, who will wear

see PITT/page 8



Above, the band practices. At left, students enter Michigan raffle.

PHOTOS BY
BETH WERNET,
TIM SULLIVAN

Heinz Field is first of bands' two season trips

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Notre Dame fans heading to Pittsburgh this weekend won't be the only ones trying to turn Heinz Field into a home game atmosphere — the Band of the Fighting Irish chose the game as one of its two road trips this fall.

The 380-member marching band will be pulling out of Notre Dame at 8 a.m. Saturday morning and leaving Pittsburgh immediately after the Saturday night game to return to campus at approximately 6 a.m. Sunday morning.

“We are very excited to start off the new season and to support our team by doing our best to recreate the essence of a Notre Dame home game,” assistant director of bands Larry Dwyer said.

The decision to send the band to the Pittsburgh game was made after the directors analyzed which away games were within a reasonable traveling distance and which games would be most beneficial to attend to boost student and team spirit, said Dwyer, who will be accompanying the band to Pittsburgh, along with director of

see BAND/page 4

New Web site shows complete ND calendar

All-encompassing schedule includes arts, entertainment, academics, religious events

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Students will have another link today to add to their Internet favorites of espn.com and nytimes.com: agenda.nd.edu.

Directed by university calendar editor Jennifer Laiber, the Agenda is the University's new comprehensive calendar launched today encompassing events from arts and entertainment to religious life to lectures and conferences. Although the need for a comprehensive calendar has been recognized for some time, Laiber said the necessity to first complete the University overhaul of the accounting system prevented attention from being focused on new calendar software.

“Another reason that a new all-encompassing calendar never got off the ground was because no other office on campus appeared to want to

take administrative ownership of the project,” Laiber said. “The Office of News and Information did this year.”

The Agenda has been the outgrowth of a number of other more specific calendars. The Under the Dome calendar, begun in the spring of 2003, was an attempt to classify the majority of events that would pertain to students. The McKenna Center for Continuing Education used to sponsor a calendar — well before Under the Dome — that listed academic events. However, no calendar existed to integrate these kinds of events with other activities such as arts and entertainment and religious life, and the Agenda will serve to fill that gap, Laiber said.

“[We] needed something to bring the two sides together,” Laiber said. “So [we] decided to have student, faculty, and staff events [listed], and if a

see CALENDAR/page 6

Males adapt to SMC campus life



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Students, faculty, staff, sisters, alumnae, donors and the Board of Trustees congregate outside the newly opened Saint Mary's Student Center during opening ceremonies last April.

Editor's note: This is the second in a three-part series exploring the role of men at Saint Mary's.

By NICOLE ZOOK
Assistant News Editor

“Hi, I'm Tony Sylvester, and I go to Saint Mary's.”

While this statement may be a joke for Notre Dame senior history major Tony Sylvester and his friends, it also rings true when Sylvester enters his education classroom — and sits at a desk in the middle of 25 women.

Sylvester, who is a social studies secondary education student at the College, is one of

a handful of male students who comprise part of the small faction of men at the all-women's school. These men face the challenge of being a minority among the school's students, faculty and staff.

Big man on campus

Of course, there are challenges presented to men in an all-female environment outside the classroom. Professors on campus find they have a hard time in the small men's locker room or even finding a men's bathroom — of which most buildings only have one. There are challenges for men that are specifically tailored to an all-women's school.

Sodexo General Manager Barry Bowles, the man in charge of dining services at the College, sees the Saint Mary's women who eat in the Noble Family Dining Hall more often than even their professors do and notices all the quirks and habits that come with 1,500 females.

“Yes, it was a culture shock,” he said. “But I think we deal with those challenges extremely well.”

Bowles, who worked at Notre Dame for nine years before coming to Saint Mary's, said the differences between a mixed-gender population and

see SMC/page 3

INSIDE COLUMN

Culture for outlanders

We were a ragtag bunch. We few, we happy few, we band of ausländer. We came from all over. Some of us met in the airport and suffered through a transatlantic flight in coach. Others we first encountered at curbside, grinning through the sun as it filtered over the tops of the mountains. Still others we waited a while to meet — our room-mates and hall buddies, the ones we tentatively introduced ourselves to over a bubbling pot of noodles, a dubbed American TV show in the lounge, a cigarette.

Matthew Smedberg

Photographer

We were the foreigners. French, German, Swedish mostly — and of course American. Little held us in common. For every one of us who skied or rode the breathtaking slopes overlooking the Inn valley, another had tried and given up on the idea, or not felt compelled to even try. For every one who spoke perfect German, there was another who halted and stumbled over pronouns picked at random from frantic searches through his or her brain.

Well, I guess there was one common thread. Not a one among us had a clue what the Tirolers were saying.

They say Notre Dame is a conservative place, and it is. But socially Austria, and mountainous Tirol in the west especially, is a place charitably described as "tight-knit;" more honestly, "slow to welcome," at least from my perspective. Even their language is something other: German, yes, but like no German you've ever met in a classroom or an old war movie. When they want it to be, it is a secret code.

They say it is all about preserving the old ways, when each valley had its own argot — no, that's French, let's go with dialekt. And old ways they were — ways which celebrated same-ness and defended against too much cultural innovation, ways which had protected the rugged mountaineer civilization from collapse, but perhaps at the cost of mobility, both spatial and spiritual.

They were not unfriendly about it. The Tirolers shared their cooking supplies with us Ausländer, clinked plastic cups of beer with us at dorm parties, beat us handily at foosball and welcomed me onto the hall soccer team. But we had to meet them halfway — and though my German started to sound like theirs after the long train ride to Vienna for the tournament and back, I didn't understand much more of what they said to me, and much less still of what they said to each other.

They say that study abroad enriches you by allowing you to see other cultures. They are right. There is no culture in the U.S. fighting as strongly as Tirol does for its right to exist where and in the way that it has always existed. And while that makes life a little more complicated for a visiting student there, it gives a new appreciation for culture and "us"-ness, and what people will do to preserve it.

Contact Matthew Smedberg at smedberg.1@nd.edu

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

CORRECTIONS

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT SONG DO YOU WANT THE BAND TO PLAY AT HALFTIME THIS SEASON?



Dave Tagler
junior
Dillon

"Metallica's 'Master of Trumpets' ... er Puppets."



Jeff Paone
junior
Dillon

"Immigrant Song," Zeppelin."



Drew Cook
junior
Knott

"My Humps," Black Eyed Peas."



Analise Lipari
freshman
Howard

"Love Shack" — pure '80s awesomeness."



Kathleen Martinez
sophomore
Welsh Family

"Bohemian Rhapsody" and have the choir sing along."



Ryan Curley
junior
Siegfried

"The 'Jurassic Park' theme song."



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Players from Carroll Hall and Thunder Roosters compete in one of the final rounds of the five vs. five soccer tournament held at Stepan Fields Thursday.

IN BRIEF

Senior finance and business economics majors **Stephanie Madia** and **Brian Mattes** have been named the 2005 recipients of Notre Dame's **Eugene D. Fanning Scholarships**. Madia and Mattes each received \$3,500 towards tuition, awarded for excellence in communication skills and personal characteristics.

ND Cinema will host the critically acclaimed documentary "**Murderball**," about quad rugby Team USA's bid in the 2004 Paralympics, in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center's Browning Cinema tonight and Saturday at 7 and 10 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for faculty and staff and \$3 for all students.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will face off against Florida tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The Notre Dame volleyball team will play Texas at 5 p.m. on Saturday as part of the Shamrock Invitational in the Joyce Center.

The Alumni Association will host a closed meeting of **Alcoholics Anonymous** Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 124 of the Center for Social Concerns.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will play Maryland Sunday at 1 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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

OFFBEAT

Ice cream trucks asked to turn down the sound

NAPA, Calif. — The familiar summer sounds of ice cream trucks — music box ditties that send children scurrying for ice cream sandwiches — will likely be turned down soon in this northern California city.

A Napa City Council committee on Tuesday asked the city manager to set a decibel limit for ice cream trucks. The committee also asked the city to draft rules prohibiting music while trucks are stopped and limit how frequently trucks pass

through neighborhoods.

The decision came after critics at a city meeting said as many as four trucks pass through their neighborhoods each day blasting music.

"The city was a quiet, peaceful place at one time ... and we just let it go to heck," resident Rocky Sheridan said.

Clever whale uses fish to catch seagulls

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario — An enterprising young killer whale at Marineland has figured out how to use fish as bait to catch seagulls — and

shared his strategy with his fellow whales.

Michael Noonan, a professor of animal behavior at Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., made the discovery by accident while studying orca acoustics.

"One day I noticed one of the young whales appeared to have come up with a procedure for luring gulls down to the pool," the professor said. "I found it interesting so I noted it in my log."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 77 LOW 65	HIGH 60 LOW 47	HIGH 75 LOW 48	HIGH 77 LOW 52	HIGH 80 LOW 57	HIGH 83 LOW 63

Atlanta 91 / 69 Boston 83 / 65 Chicago 82 / 56 Denver 86 / 56 Houston 94 / 74 Los Angeles 83 / 64 Minneapolis 76 / 55 New York 88 / 68 Philadelphia 89 / 67 Phoenix 108 / 84 Seattle 70 / 54 St. Louis 87 / 66 Tampa 90 / 76 Washington 90 / 86

Band

continued from page 1

an all-female crowd are evident.

"[Saint Mary's students'] menu taste and portion sizes are extremely different," he said. "[Dining is] based on the same concepts [as on co-ed campuses], but here we'll put a smaller sized portion on a smaller sized plate. It's not a self-serve."

Bowles said he enjoys the unique challenge Saint Mary's offers him and especially likes the opportunity to mingle with students on a day-to-day basis.

"It's really a nice place to work," he said. "Most importantly, I think the students really appreci-

ate what we do."

Perhaps the biggest challenge for males on the Saint Mary's campus is simply fitting in, a problem Notre Dame Law student Tim Keegan encounters on a daily basis.

Keegan is married to Opus Hall director Katie Keegan, making him the sole male to actually live on the Saint Mary's campus in a building with more than 70 women.

"I suppose the funniest or most awkward incidents have been times in which I have gotten 'looks' from students' parents who are visiting when they see that I have a key and ID card to get into the building," Keegan said. "I always try to be quick to explain, 'I live here, my wife is the building director.'"

Keegan said even Notre Dame is sometimes confused by his status as a Saint Mary's resident.

"I have also had an incident in which Notre Dame Financial Aid called me to inform me that the address I had given them for my place of residence could not possibly be correct," he said.

While Keegan said he is not uncomfortable with his living situation, he attempts to ensure Opus's female residents are comfortable with a man in the building.

"As far as the women in the building, I just try to keep to myself so as not to make any of them uncomfortable by having a man walking around," Keegan said. "Since our apartment is right near the entrance of the building, I pretty much just go in and out of

the apartment and try to lie low."

Other males at the College are not lucky enough to "lie low" in the residence halls. Patrick Nagorski, a Notre Dame senior, has been visiting them on a regular basis since 2003, when he began dating Saint Mary's senior Charlotte Orzel. Nagorski said visiting the all-female residence halls at the College is quite an experience.

"It wasn't really a shock to be around all the girls," he said. "But the first few times I walked over to SMC it felt like I was entering another world. It was weird and pretty cool at the same time."

Nagorski said in the two years he has been with his girlfriend, he has learned a lot about the campus culture and the Saint Mary's women.

"I've really grown to like and love Saint Mary's," he said. "The SMC girls are just great."

One problem Nagorski and Orzel may encounter is that of parietals, which at Saint Mary's require men to be out of the residence halls by midnight Sunday through Thursday and 2 a.m. on weekends. It is a running joke on the campus that males have the same visiting hours as students' pets - which, like men, must be escorted in the halls at all times. Only in the on-campus apartment housing of Opus Hall are men permitted to remain in a student's room after hours.

Changing Times

The rules and regulations regarding male visitation at Saint Mary's were not always so strict. In fact, they were much harsher.

Executive Assistant to the President and 1972 graduate Susan Dampeer said during her time as a student at Saint Mary's, parietals only allowed men in the dorms until 10 p.m. on weekdays and midnight on Friday and Saturday nights. Before those regulations were set in place, male visitation hours were even shorter than that, she said.

"They loosened it up right when we got here," Dampeer said.

However, Dampeer also said in the days when McCandless Hall was relatively new the residents liked the short visitation hours - especially because it allowed them to walk freely in the hallways with such attire as "pajamas and hair curlers."

"All the seniors used to live in McCandless, believe it or not," she said. "Every year I was here we used to vote on guys in the dorms - visitation - and we voted it down every year. We overwhelmingly voted it down."

Dampeer said the students back then appreciated the times when men were not allowed to be in the residence halls and the distinction between men and women on campus.

"We liked that. We liked that separation," she said. "It's just a totally different culture now."

Perhaps the reason the women enjoyed the male-free dorm atmosphere at night was the higher number of men enrolled in classes on campus compared to the present, when relatively few males take Saint Mary's courses.

In Dampeer's day, men from Notre Dame - which at the time was an all-male school - were more likely to cross the street to take classes at Saint Mary's, she said. Both Dampeer and current College president Carol Mooney, also a 1972 graduate, are married to Notre Dame graduates who took humanistic studies and education courses in the all-female environment.

"There was a lot of going back and forth for classes between the schools," Dampeer said.

While he did not attend classes at Saint Mary's as an undergraduate student at an all-male school, Kevin McDonnell now teaches them as a philosophy professor at the College. McDonnell, like Dampeer, believes the culture has changed since he was in college, when "there was nothing unusual about single-sex education."

While McDonnell said Saint Mary's has changed "a great deal" in the almost 30 years since he began teaching at the College, he thinks the benefits of the all-female environment remain the same.

"I believe that women's colleges are more important than ever," he said. "Not only for thinking about specific matters, but also for insuring the continuation of genuine diversity in higher education."

Contact Nicole Zook at
Zook8928@saintmarys.edu

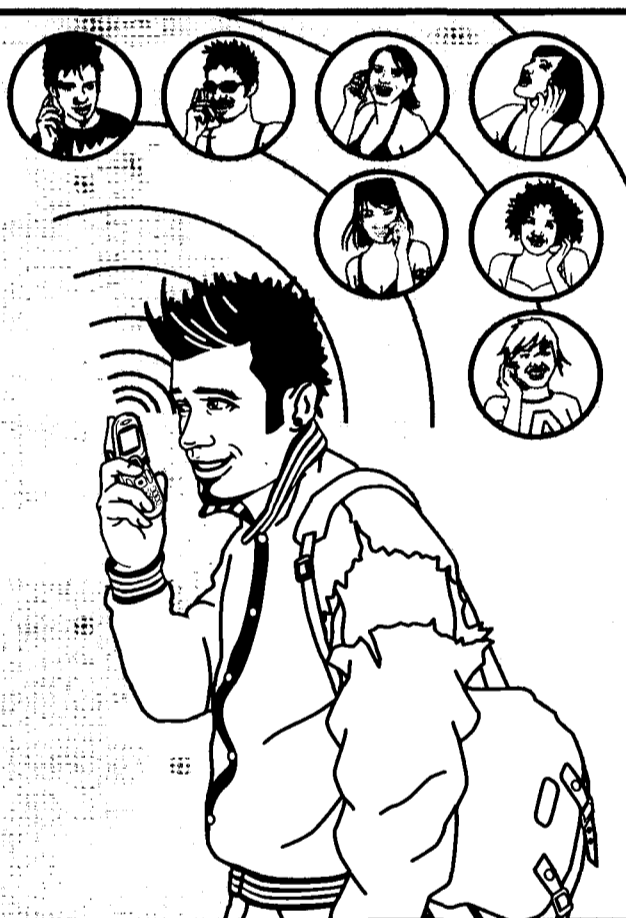
SPEEDTALKSM

THE FASTEST WAY TO:

ORGANIZE A MASCOT HEIST.



ANNOUNCE "DUCKS ARE TOUGH, MAN."



CONNECT WITH UP TO 20 PEOPLE INSTANTLY WITH THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON.
THEN PLAN HEIST OR CONTACT FRIEND WHO MANAGED TO ESCAPE.

speedtalkSM

Unlimited SpeedTalk Minutes

- 1000 Anytime Minutes
 - \$49.95 per month
 - AOL® Instant Messenger™ service – FREE Trial
 - Buy 1 and get up to 3 LG UX4750 phones FREE
- (with 2-year contracts and mail-in rebates)

 **U.S. Cellular**

1-888-BUY-USCC • GETUSCC.COM



Offer valid on two-year service agreement on local and regional plans of \$49.95 or higher. All service agreements subject to an early termination fee. Credit approval required. \$30 activation fee. \$15 equipment change fee. Roaming charges, fees, surcharges, overage charges and taxes apply. \$0.96 Regulatory Cost Recovery Fee charge applies. This is not a tax or government required charge. Local network coverage and reliability may vary. Usage rounded up to the next full minute. Use of service constitutes acceptance of our terms and conditions. Use of the AOL® Instant Messenger™ service mobile application requires easyedge™ data services on the account. Buy one get three free only valid if a two-year service agreement is purchased for SpeedTalk service on all handsets and requires mail-in rebate per line. Allow 10-12 weeks for rebate processing. SpeedTalk: SpeedTalk capable handset required. SpeedTalk calls may only be made with other U.S. Cellular SpeedTalk subscribers. SpeedTalk is only available in U.S. Cellular's enhanced services coverage areas. While you are on a SpeedTalk call, your wireless calls will go directly to voicemail. If you roam outside of U.S. Cellular's enhanced services coverage area you will not be able to place a SpeedTalk call. SpeedTalk is a proprietary service mark of U.S. Cellular. Other restrictions apply. See store for details. Limited time offer. ©2005 U.S. Cellular Corporation.

Band

continued from page 1

bands Ken Dye and assistant directors of bands Samuel Sanchez, Kelly May, Matt Merten and Emmett O'Leary.

The band is spending part of its allotted funding to drive to Pittsburgh for the game and will use the remainder of its funds to attend the Purdue game in October.

Hundreds of fans will be anticipating the arrival of the band in Pittsburgh, said Susan Darin Hagan, administrator of the Notre Dame Alumni Club.

"[The Pittsburgh Alumni Club is] so appreciative of the band coming. We realize that it is a massive and expensive undertaking," Hagan said. "We alone will spend over \$6,000 on what we need to provide for them, which doesn't even cover transportation."

"But we feel it is money well spent. The ND Marching Band can really generate a lot of spirit, and that's the way to ensure a victory."

The Pittsburgh Alumni Club will be hosting a 500-person tailgate on the banks of the

Ohio River in downtown Pittsburgh. Prior to the start of the game, tailgaters will be entertained by a small group of Irish marching band members known as The Sorin Band.

"I'm sure the sounds of the ND Fight Song will annoy the Pitt fans trying to tailgate around Heinz Field," Hagan said.

After the decision was made to send the band to the Pittsburgh game, it was uncertain how long the band would be able to perform during the halftime show due to Pittsburgh's original halftime plans to honor several of the Panthers' former football greats.

When members of the Pittsburgh Alumni Club learned of the plan, they became very concerned and sent letters and e-mails to the University of Pittsburgh asking for a longer performance time for the band.

The band staff worked together in cooperation with both teams' athletic departments to ensure the band was able to play for a fair amount of time, while still allowing Pitt to honor its former players.

Initially told it would only be able to perform a two-minute halftime show, the band is now permitted to perform a five-minute halftime show.

During the halftime per-

formance the band will be performing the songs "Roundabout" and the Notre Dame fight song. Five minutes is fair playing time considering the visiting band is typically allotted six minutes of

playtime, Dwyer said.

"I think the whole band is looking forward to the trip," junior baritone player Dan Allen said. "We are ready to get out onto the field and get the season underway. Despite

the long trip, it will be good to get to know the new members of our sections a little bit better."

Contact Kelly Meehan at kmecha01@saintmarys.edu

"The ND marching band can really generate a lot of spirit, and that's the way to ensure a victory."

Susan Darin Hagan
Pittsburgh Alumni Club administrator

Students anxious to score Michigan tickets

By BRIDGET KEATING
News Writer

The Irish faithful exiting Legends Thursday were one step closer to scoring tickets to the Sept. 10 Notre Dame-Michigan game in Ann Arbor thanks to a flawless Student Union Board (SUB) ticket lottery.

More than 2,000 student IDs were swiped, which officials say is the highest number in the past two years. Ten minutes was the maximum wait incurred during the noontime rush.

Students expressed appreciation for SUB's smoothly run operation.

"There was no wait when I arrived," sophomore Andy Makielski said. "The whole event was extremely efficient and student friendly."

Fellow ticket-seeking sophomore Megan O'Hara agreed with Makielski.

"I was surprised at how quickly the line moved," she

said. "It was very easy and enjoyable."

Even the students working the event seemed happy to be there.

SUB president Jimmy Flaherty said he was glad the Board could play a role in helping students get to Ann Arbor.

"Students seemed to be really excited about the upcoming season and the chance to watch the Irish play in Ann Arbor," Flaherty said. "Anyone who has been to an away game knows how much fun it is to be there with other Notre Dame fans hoping to see a win on the road. Hopefully, the game will be as successful as the lottery was today."

Winning numbers are printed in The Observer today.

Students need to bring the winning ticket and their ID to the LaFortune Box Office by the close of business on Tuesday, Sept. 6 in order to purchase the tickets, which cost \$59 each.

Contact Bridget Keating at bkeating@nd.edu

"The whole event was extremely efficient and student friendly."

Andy Makielski
sophomore

Recycle the Observer.

Free Checking!



Just one of our many free products and services.

NCUA
National Credit Union Administration



NOTRE DAME
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

You can bank on us to be better

574/631-8222 • www.ndfcu.org

Independent of the University



Castle Point
APARTMENTS

18011 Cleveland Road • South Bend, Indiana 46637

Corner of Cleveland and Ironwood Road

Phone (574) 272-8110 • Toll Free (888) 642-6110

www.cppj.com

- Business Center
- Free Tanning Bed
- Racquet Ball
- Indoor/Outdoor Tennis & Basketball
- Swimming
- Exercise Room
- Whirlpool & Sauna
- Short-Term Leasing Options

SPECIAL
1 Bedroom
\$515⁰⁰

Welcome To Your Castle...
Close to Everything
Far From Ordinary

- 1-2 BEDROOMS/2 BEDROOMS WITH LOFT & DENS
- MONTHLY EXECUTIVE SUITES

1734364

WORLD & NATION

Friday, September 2, 2005

COMPILED FROM THE OBSERVER'S WIRE SERVICES

page 5

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.N. summit to discourage terrorism

UNITED NATIONS — Leaders of Security Council nations will meet during this month's U.N. summit to try to put pressure on all governments to stop extremists who incite terrorism.

Britain's U.N. Ambassador Emyr Jones Parry circulated a draft resolution to council members Thursday on inciting terrorist acts, which will be the focus of an open meeting of the 15-member council during the Sept. 14-16 summit.

"It says governments should take every effort to stop people inciting anyone to commit terrorist acts," Jones Parry told several reporters. "It's to discourage all those people who incite others to commit terrorist acts ... in every way possible."

London bomber appears in tape

CAIRO, Egypt — One of the four suicide attackers who bombed London's transit system on July 7 made a dramatic farewell in a videotape broadcast Thursday that also included a warning of more bloodshed from al-Qaida's No. 2 Ayman al-Zawahiri.

Speaking English, Mohammad Sidique Khan, a Briton of Pakistani ancestry, said Westerners had failed to heed previous warnings, "therefore we will talk to you in a language that you understand. Our words are dead until we give them life with our blood."

The two men did not appear together in the tape — instead, shots of each were edited together — and al-Zawahiri did not mention Khan.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush demands Syria cooperation

WASHINGTON — Declaring the Lebanese people are owed an answer, the Bush administration on Thursday called on all parties to cooperate with a U.N. investigation into the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri of Lebanon.

Similarly, in New York, the U.N. Undersecretary-General for Political Affairs, Ibrahim Gambari, said "a form of cooperation is taking place, but not sufficient cooperation."

The dual messages seemed aimed at Syria, which was effectively in control of Lebanon until the slaying of Hariri last February generated U.N. and U.S. pressure that forced Syrian troops to withdraw from the country.

Detroit eliminates 75 fire dept. jobs

DETROIT — The city said Thursday it would cut 75 more fire department jobs and deactivate some firefighting units to help address a budget crisis that also has forced reductions in the police force and other city services.

The cuts are in addition to the 113 department jobs trimmed in July and come as Detroit faces a possible state takeover of its finances. The latest cuts involve 65 firefighters and 10 battalion chiefs.

"Everyone in the Detroit Fire Department is going to have to do more work," Fire Commissioner Tyrone Scott said.

Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said the cuts amount to only \$8 million of the \$15 million "There's \$7 million still out there," he said.

LOCAL NEWS

Ind. Natl. Guard to assist victims

INDIANAPOLIS — At least 2,000 Indiana National Guard troops are heading south to help in hurricane relief efforts in Louisiana and Mississippi, guard officials said.

An advance team of 20 soldiers were expected to leave Wednesday, said Capt. Lisa Kopczynski, a National Guard spokeswoman. Officials were still determining which units will be called up.

"This will be sizable," she said.

Additional troops could leave over the next few days to aid in relief efforts in coastal areas of the Gulf region devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

Chaos plagues city in storm aftermath

Gunshots, looting, riots and rapes frighten New Orleans residents and tourists

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — New Orleans descended into anarchy Thursday, as corpses lay abandoned in street medians, fights and fires broke out and storm survivors battled for seats on the buses that would carry them away from the chaos. The tired and hungry seethed, saying they had been forsaken.

"I'm not sure I'm going to get out of here alive," said Canadian tourist Larry Mitzel, who handed a reporter his business card in case he goes missing. "I'm scared of riots. I'm scared of the locals. We might get caught in the crossfire."

Four days after Hurricane Katrina roared in with a devastating blow that inflicted potentially thousands of deaths, the frustration, fear and anger mounted, despite the promise of 1,400 National Guardsmen a day to stop the looting, plans for a \$10 billion recovery bill in Congress and a government relief effort President Bush called the biggest in U.S. history.

New Orleans' top emergency management official called that effort a "national disgrace" and questioned when reinforcements would actually reach the increasingly lawless city.

About 15,000 to 20,000 people who had taken shelter at New Orleans convention center grew increasingly hostile after waiting for buses for days amid the filth and the dead. Police Chief Eddie Compass said there was such a crush around a squad of 88 officers that they retreated when they went in to check out reports of assaults.

"We have individuals who are getting raped, we



Hurricane Katrina evacuees get into an argument while waiting for a shuttle bus to take them from the New Orleans Superdome to the Houston Astrodome.

have individuals who are getting beaten," Compass said. "Tourists are walking in that direction and they are getting preyed upon."

A military helicopter tried to land at the convention center several times to drop off food and water. But the rushing crowd forced the choppers to back off. Troopers then tossed the supplies to the crowd from 10 feet off the ground and flew away.

In hopes of defusing the situation at the convention center, Mayor Ray Nagin gave the refugees permission to march across a bridge to the city's unflooded west bank for whatever

relief they could find. But the bedlam made that difficult.

"This is a desperate SOS," Nagin said in a statement. "Right now we are out of resources at the convention center and don't anticipate enough buses."

At least seven bodies were scattered outside the convention center, a makeshift staging area for those rescued from rooftops, attics and highways. The sidewalks were packed with people without food, water or medical care, and with no sign of law enforcement.

An old man in a chair

lounge lay dead in a grassy median as hungry babies wailed around him. Around the corner, an elderly woman lay dead in her wheelchair, covered up by a blanket, and another body lay beside her wrapped in a sheet.

"I don't treat my dog like that," 47-year-old Daniel Edwards said as he pointed at the woman in the wheelchair.

"You can do everything for other countries, but you can't do nothing for your own people," he added. "You can go overseas with the military, but you can't get them down here."

ARUBA

Dutch teen released in Holloway disappearance

Associated Press

ORANJESTAD — A judge on Thursday ordered the release of a Dutch teenager who has been jailed for nearly three months in the disappearance of an Alabama honors student and said he would be freed this weekend, the youth's father and attorney said.

Paul van der Sloot said the judge ruled there was no reason to hold his son, Joran, any longer on suspicion of murder but the youth remained a suspect in the sexual assault of 18-year-old Natalee Holloway.

Reached by phone later, defense attorney Antonio Carlo, disputed part of the father's statement, saying van der Sloot, 18, remains a suspect in Holloway's murder but will be released Saturday

pending the outcome of the investigation.

The decision to release van der Sloot "only has to do with the pre-trial detention. The primary condition is he has to remain available to police," Carlo said.

In a statement, the prosecutors office declined to comment on the ruling, saying it hasn't received all of the decisions from the judge.

Joran van der Sloot was arrested June 9 along with two friends, Surinamese nationals Satish Kalpoe, 18, and Deepak Kalpoe, 21, on suspicion of involvement in Holloway's disappearance.

The Kalpoe brothers were released on July 4 but were re-arrested last week.

A judge ordered Satish Kalpoe to remain jailed another eight days, said government spokesman

Ruben Trapenberg said, without giving further details.

The judge was still to rule on whether to continue holding or release Deepak Satish. Suspects can be detained for 116 days without charge in the Dutch Caribbean island.

Holloway, of Mountain Brook, Ala., was last seen May 30 leaving a bar with the Kalpoes and van der Sloot, hours before she was to end a vacation celebrating her graduation. No one has been charged, and extensive searches have produced no sign of her.

The announcement came a day after a hearing in which Carlo argued that prosecutors have produced no evidence that his client was involved in Holloway's disappearance or that a crime had been committed.

Calendar

continued from page 1

visitor to the University came to the site, they would know [what was going on]."

Laiber said she believes the calendar will be especially helpful to prospective students and their parents, who may be in need of an activity to fill a space in time during their campus visit. Before the Agenda, visitors needed to search any number of specific department, College, or Notre Dame organizations' Web sites to find out about a variety of events. Now all that information will be in one place.

"If they wanted specifics, they would have to go to 50 to 60 Web sites," Laiber said. "It would take too long to find everything that is going on on-campus within a small time frame."

The main component of the cal-

endar is its nine specific tabs, including topics like religious life or health and recreation. On the right hand side of the Web page, additional event searches can be conducted in more specific areas like the College of Arts and Letters or the School of Architecture. Web site visitors can search using one of these specific tabs for events pertaining to that day, week, two weeks, month or year, or they can search by a specific date.

Laiber said she is also promoting the Web site to the community at large, through such mechanisms as local Chambers of Commerce and advertisements in the football programs sold at home football games.

"[We are] just trying to spread the word to the full-time campus occupants as well as visitors," she said.

Eighty-plus Notre Dame staff members will have the proper passwords and administrative authority to upload events to the

Agenda calendar. Laiber said students wishing to contact any of these people can do so using the Agenda's contact tab, which will list all of the specific administrators for a variety of functions.

Harriet Baldwin, director of academic conferences, is the administrator for events relating to the College of Arts and Letters and lectures and conferences. She said the new calendar will be especially helpful in promoting the academic activities that occur on-campus to people outside of campus, such as visitors or prospective students and faculty members.

"The scholarly atmosphere [of Notre Dame] has been a well-kept secret to the public for a long time," she said. "[The new calendar presents] not only to the University but to the outside world a real picture of the lively academic debate that goes on at this campus."

Baldwin also said the calendar will help to address a number of

campus event planners' concerns about how the lack of a comprehensive calendar caused problems with scheduling conflicting events that actually drew from the same audience.

"[The calendar] evolved out of event planners' on campus ... frustration at not seeing a master calendar on conflicts," she said. "[Now] they can look at that calendar and see what else is going on to plan that event with less conflict."

Priscilla Wong, assistant director of administration and cross cultural ministry for Campus Ministry, said the comprehensive calendar will be of particular help to home football game visitors, many of whom inquire about when Masses or other liturgical events will occur at particular residence halls.

"[Now they] can check from home and know that or plan that while they are here," she said.

Wong also said she believes an advantage of the calendar is its

ability to classify one event in multiple places, increasing the exposure to a program that might encompass both student and religious life, for example.

She also noted that the new calendar will not alter Campus Ministry's ongoing efforts to promote their events through residence hall commissioners or advertisements.

"For the immediate future, we will still have the posters, Observer ads, [and] Campus Ministry commissioners in the dorms," Wong said. "I think that the calendar is a real plus, but not necessarily to replace those mechanisms that go directly to the students."

Peggy Hnatysko, assistant director of student activities, said the Agenda is an improvement over Under the Dome in its ability to publicize events that were closed to the general public.

Contact Joe Trombello at jtrombel@nd.edu

Want To Be On TV Cheering On Your #1 Ranked Women's Soccer Team?

This Friday, Sept. 2nd College Soccer Game Day Invades Alumni Field

Meet at Alumni Field at 6:15 pm and YOU will receive...

- A FREE 2004 National Champion shirt, while supplies last
- FREE face paint to show your Irish pride on TV
- FREE Pizza, while supplies last



The women's soccer team is looking for crazy students to show their Irish pride to thousands of TV viewers!

Stick around to watch...#1 Notre Dame battle it out against #13 Florida at 7:30 pm

BE THERE...This Friday Night at 6:15 pm

Admission is FREE, with a valid student ID!

Dale K hYpNoTiSt

Friday, September 2
Washington Hall
8pm

Admission is FREE!

STUD

MARKET RECAP

Stocks

Dow Jones 10,459.63 -21.97

Up: 2,002 Same: 141 Down: 1,275 Composite Volume: 2,246,601,210

AMEX	1,681.35	+25.40
NASDAQ	2,147.90	-4.19
NYSE	7,543.85	+47.76
S&P 500	1,221.59	+1.26
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	12,506.97	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	5,328.50	+31.60

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.66	-0.18	27.20
NASDAQ 100 (QQQQ)	-0.15	-0.06	38.92
INTEL CP (INTC)	-1.79	-0.46	25.26
ORACLE CORP(ORCL)	+2.46	+0.32	13.31
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	+0.17	+0.03	17.65

Treasuries

30-YEAR BOND	+0.66	+0.28	42.89
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.02	-0.01	40.19
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.21	-0.47	38.22
3-MONTH BILL	-1.90	-0.65	33.65

Commodities

LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+0.53	69.47
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+8.40	446.50
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-1.78	81.08

Exchange Rates

YEN	109.8200
EURO	0.8000
POUND	0.5452
CANADIAN \$	1.1836

IN BRIEF

Bush imposes China import quotas

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration announced Thursday that it was re-imposing import quotas on two types of Chinese clothing and textiles, intensifying trade tensions between the two nations in advance of a White House visit next week by China's president.

The administration said that it would limit imports of fabric made with synthetic filament threads as well as bras, girdles, panty girdles and corsets in response to a surge in shipments that have battered the U.S. industry.

The action was taken hours after U.S. and Chinese negotiators broke off an effort in Beijing to reach a comprehensive agreement covering all categories of U.S.-made clothing and textiles being disrupted by a surge in Chinese imports since global quotas were lifted on Jan. 1.

The administration announced it was extending until Oct. 1 a deadline for making decisions in four other cases covering sweaters, robes, knit fabric and wool trousers.

Commission suggests higher co-pays

WASHINGTON — A federal commission hunting for ways to slow increases in Medicaid's price tag on Thursday recommended letting states increase co-payments on some expensive drugs as well as several accounting changes in the program.

In most cases, beneficiaries of the nation's health care program for the poor face a maximum \$3 co-payment on drugs and other services. But the commission, set up by Michael Leavitt, secretary of the Health and Human Services Department, suggested states be allowed to increase this fee on certain drugs when a cheaper alternative is available.

This will encourage patients to choose the less expensive drug, ultimately saving Medicaid an estimated \$2 billion over five years, the commission's report said.

Some of the proposed changes are aimed at ensuring the government doesn't pay too much for prescription drugs for Medicaid patients.

They include allowing states to pay for drugs based on what it costs to make them rather than the cost to wholesalers, which is greater.

Northwest warns of bankruptcy threat

America's fourth-largest airline could lose \$400 million this business quarter

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS

Northwest Airlines Corp. warned on Thursday that it is running out of time to avoid bankruptcy because of spiking fuel prices, and that it will lose as much as \$400 million this quarter. Company pilots said they would negotiate a new round of pay cuts.

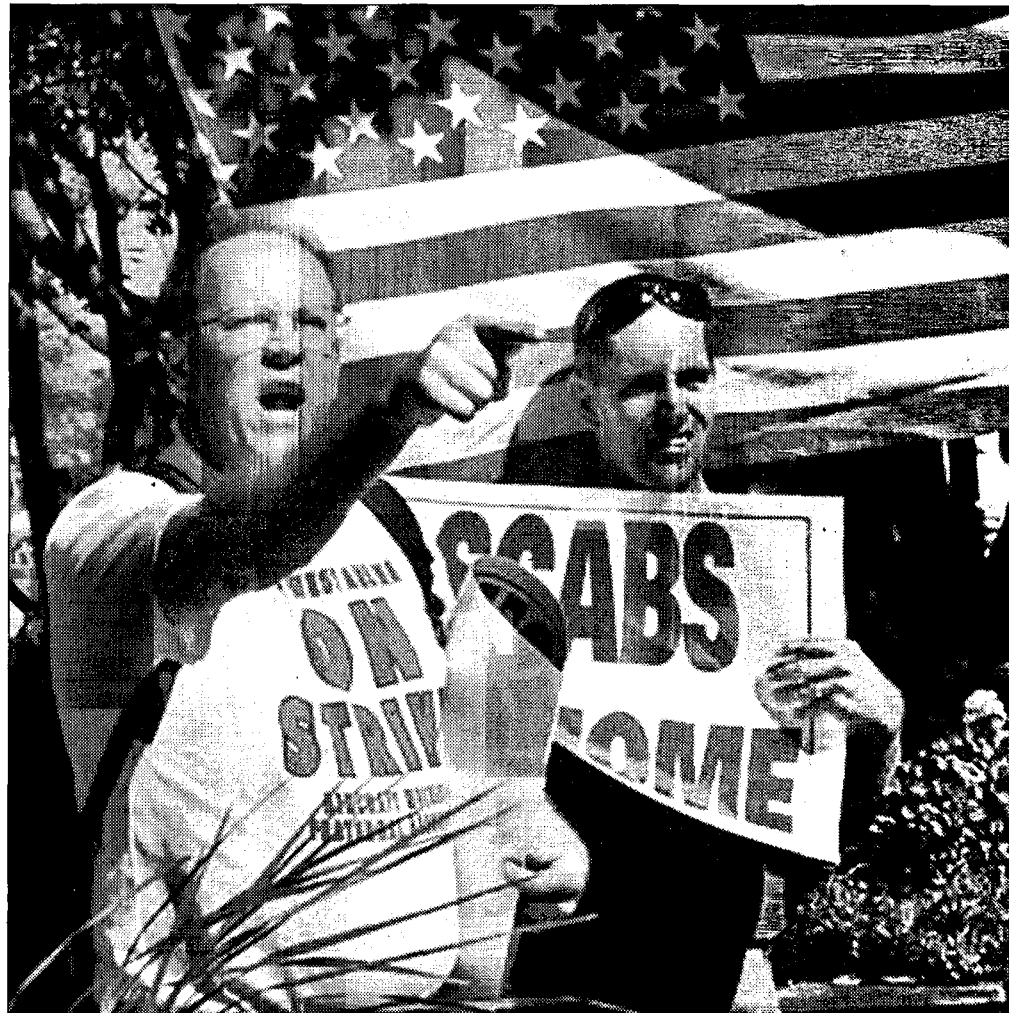
The carrier said in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that its cash had fallen to \$1.7 billion as of Wednesday, down from \$2.1 billion on June 30. Some of the decrease was due to holdbacks required by the company that processes its credit card transactions, a situation that has also squeezed rival Delta Air Lines Inc. in recent weeks.

Northwest said its third-quarter loss would be \$350 million to \$400 million, but possibly worse depending on the financial impact of Hurricane Katrina.

Eagan-based Northwest has been seeking \$1.1 billion in annual labor cost savings. It said it will probably increase that target, partially because of rising fuel prices, though the company didn't offer a new dollar figure.

Northwest said it expects to pay \$1.90 to \$1.95 per gallon of jet fuel, for a total of \$900 million for the quarter. It expects to spend at least that much in the fourth quarter, for a total of \$3.3 billion for all of 2005. That's a 50 percent increase over the \$2.2 billion it spent on fuel in 2004.

Northwest mechanics are on strike, but the nation's fourth-largest carrier has continued to



Northwest mechanics on strike shout at a replacement mechanic outside of a Minneapolis hotel Thursday. In the midst of a mechanic strike, the airline is facing the possibility of bankruptcy.

fly by using replacement workers. On Thursday, it said the strike has not had a significant impact on revenue.

Northwest said it has run out of collateral for additional loans.

Pilots said Northwest's financial troubles are driving them back to the bargaining table.

"We feel that the threat of bankruptcy is high," said Capt. Mark McClain, chairman of the Northwest branch of the Air Line Pilots Association. "If we can avoid bank-

ruptcy, we feel that we can get a better settlement in negotiations voluntarily with Northwest management than we can get through the bankruptcy court."

Northwest is in talks with flight attendants and ground workers. But only the pilots have agreed to pay cuts, accepting a 15 percent cut last fall that contributed \$300 million in savings toward Northwest's \$1.1 billion goal when combined with a cut for managers.

The pilot talks are vol-

untary; their pay-cut agreement last year called for Northwest to avoid asking for additional cuts until other unions had also agreed to concessions.

In the SEC filing, Northwest repeated its claim that it needs pension law changes and employee pay cuts to avoid a Chapter 11 filing.

"As a result of the recent spike in jet fuel prices, the time period for the Company to resolve these problems has been reduced," it said.

Savings rate, manufacturing industry weaken

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans' savings rate fell to an all-time low in July while manufacturing showed signs of slowing in August, worrisome economic news amid uncertainty over how much of Hurricane Katrina will hit the economy.

A group of economic reports on Thursday showed the economy was buffeted by high oil prices even before Katrina shut down production along the Gulf of Mexico earlier this week and sent the price of gasoline and other products soaring.

The Commerce Department reported that consumer spending rose by 1 percent in July, matching a strong June gain, as Americans streamed into auto showrooms to take advantage of sales incentives.

However, incomes rose by just 0.3 percent, not enough to cover the increased spending. As a result, the

savings rate fell into negative territory at minus 0.6 percent, the lowest level on record.

That negative 0.6 percent meant that Americans did not have enough left over after paying their taxes to cover all of their spending in July. As a result, they dipped into savings stored up in prior months to cover the shortfall.

Big retailers reported Thursday that sales held up well in August even in the face of rising energy costs. But now with gasoline topping \$3 per gallon in parts of the country because of Katrina-forced refinery shutdowns, the worry is that consumers will be forced to cut back on discretionary purchases, especially given their stretched family budgets and record low savings.

"The economy is going to be hit hard by Katrina, and it is going to be hardest on consumers who are already stretched thin," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com. "With the

surge in gasoline and home heating oil prices, consumers will have a difficult choice to make between filling their gas tank or spending on other things."

Another report showed that American manufacturers were feeling the adverse effects of higher energy costs even before Katrina hit.

The Institute of Supply Management's manufacturing index declined to a weaker-than-expected 53.6 percent in August, down from July's reading of 56.6 percent. While that level still indicated factories' output would expand in coming months, manufacturing is about three times more sensitive to rising energy costs than the overall economy because manufacturing is so energy-intensive.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 21.97 points to close at 10,459.63 as consumers grappled with the disappointing economic reports and the latest news of Katrina's damage.

Service seminars remain popular

Despite early due date, over 300 students apply for six projects

By ANTHONY IANNAMORELLI
News Writer

The Center for Social Concerns (CSC) received over 330 applications for this fall's service seminars, despite a much earlier application due date.

This year, applications were due early, before school began — as opposed to within the first few weeks. But the change of date is intended simply to coincide with the Registrar's add/drop class schedule, and students who applied did not seem to mind the timing change.

"I really didn't feel any rush for the fall service project because the application was really simple and it only took 20 minutes of my time," said Dan Geffre, who will be attending the Appalachia Seminar. "I'm very happy I'm going to be able to go to Appalachia this semester because my friends have told me so many good things about the things they did and people they met."

The seminar requirements extend beyond the week of Fall Break.

"For those that are accepted, there are required classes

and reading prior to the immersion and written reflection and analysis afterward," said Jay Bradenberger, CSC director of experiential learning and developmental research.

But the extra work does not deter many students. Those who have participated say the experience proved invaluable.

"It is one of the most enriching experiences the University offers," senior Jeff Mullin said.

Last year, over 700 students participated in 20 different seminars. This fall, six different immersion projects are being offered. The cost of each seminar varies from \$175 to \$200, plus \$100 for expenses.

"The Center seeks to promote, in the words of the University mission statement, 'a disciplined sensibility to poverty, injustice and oppression,'" Bradenberger said.

Through each service project, this mission is fulfilled along with everyone who participates, learning and growing not only academically but spiritually.

CSC seminar descriptions:

♦ Appalachia will allow students to work closely with

people while being immersed in the history, culture, and hardships of the region.

♦ The Gospel of Life Seminar will focus on controversial and pressing issues such as stem cell research, euthanasia and abortion. Discussions will be conducted with public servants and Church leaders.

♦ Students will be immersed in the interesting Gullah culture in the Gullah Seminar, held on the Sea Islands of South Carolina and Georgia.

♦ The Cultural Diversity seminar will take place in Chicago. It will examine the "problems of urban life and racism." Students will enter into dialogue with community leaders while fully experiencing the ethnic cultures that thrive there.

♦ Pre-professional and health-care minded students will get a chance to examine the shortcomings of our health care system while gaining hands on experience at the Global Health Initiative Seminar.

♦ The Washington, D.C. Seminar is meant to allow students to gain a deeper understanding of the workings of our healthcare system. They will meet key players in the decision making process while covering a variety of issues.

Contact Anthony Iannamorelli at aiannamo@nd.edu

Pitt

continued from page 1

a Joe Montana jersey instead of The Shirt, which he calls "ugly."

The five Alumni juniors will be staying at Ferkovic's sister's house at a nearby university

i n Pittsburgh, which will see a disproportionate number of Domers flocking to Heinz Field for the season opener.

Some students traveling to Pittsburgh, like junior Patrick Schafer, are away-game veterans.

"I try to go to as many away games as possible,

and I'm very excited about this one," Schafer said. "A group of people and I are driving there. It should be a lot of fun."

Others are looking forward to their first football road trip.

"I haven't been to a Notre Dame away game yet, but since I'm from Pittsburgh this sounds like the perfect one to attend," senior Ryan Brennan said. "Me and eight

friends are driving over there in the morning, and we're really excited."

On the home front, students are preparing dorm room game watches, while campus-wide watches will be held on North Quad and Legends. For freshmen, this will be the first exposure to the football frenzy on campus.

"I'm dying to see it, the atmosphere of the school as the football season begins," freshman Stephanie Grandits said. "I've watched the games before but now that I'm actually here there's definitely a new excitement to it."

Much of the excitement revolves around Weis, who already has students wearing shirts in his honor, bearing slogans like "Straight Nasty" and "Weis Guy."

Last year, the Irish fell to the Panthers 41-38 at Notre Dame after a last-second field goal. But Notre Dame has won 16 out of its last 19 season openers and has been triumphant in five of its last six trips to Pittsburgh.

Contact Kate Antonacci at kan-tonac@nd.edu and Marcella Berrios at berrios.1@nd.edu

"It is one of the most enriching experiences the University offers."

Jeff Mullin
senior

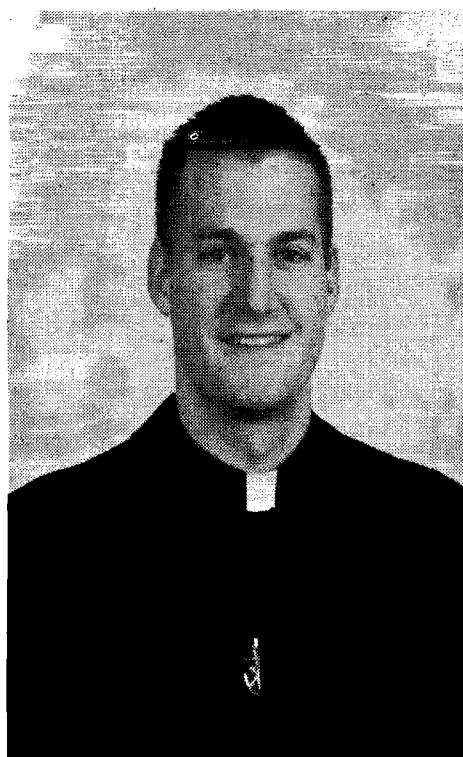
"I'm dying to see it, the atmosphere of the school as the football season begins. I've watched games before, but now that I'm actually here there's definitely a new excitement to it."

Stephanie Grandits
freshman

"I try to go to as many away games as possible."

Patrick Schafer
junior

Congregation of Holy Cross



*Join us as our brother in Holy Cross,
Nate Wills, CSC,
celebrates his profession of perpetual vows
and consecrates himself to Christ forever.*

Saturday, September 3, 2005
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
1:30pm



ANSWER
THE CALL

Congress approves hurricane aid

Emergency \$10.5 billion allocated for victims of Katrina disaster

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress rushed to provide a \$10.5 billion down payment in relief aid for Gulf Coast victims of Hurricane Katrina on Thursday as President Bush ordered new action to minimize disruptions in the nation's energy supplies.

"Don't buy gas if you don't need it," he urged consumers already hit by sharply rising prices.

Amid lawlessness in flooded, chaotic New Orleans, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff announced plans to deploy 1,400 additional National Guard personnel each day for the next several days.

"Frankly, what we're doing is we are putting probably more than we need in order to send an unambiguous message that we will not tolerate lawlessness or violence or interference with the evacuation," he said.

Despite fresh pledges of help from Bush and other officials, there were stirrings of discontent from officials over the administration's response to the storm.

Katrina roared ashore on Monday, claiming lives and spreading destruction along the Gulf Coast. Breaks in New Orleans' levees left the city defenseless against disastrous flooding.

"This is a national emergency. This is a national disgrace," said Terry Ebbert, the head of emergency operations for New Orleans. He said it had taken too long to evacuate the Superdome, a sports complex

that quickly became a squalid shelter for tens of thousands of storm refugees.

"FEMA has been here three days, yet there is no command and control," he said, referring to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. "We can send massive amounts of aid to tsunami victims, but we can't bail out the city of New Orleans."

Bush, who intends to visit the devastated area on Friday, expressed sympathy with the victims. "I know this is an agonizing time. ... I ask their continued patience as recovery operations unfold," he said.

Congressional officials said \$10 billion in relief aid would go to the FEMA, the government's first-line defender in case of natural disasters. The remainder is ticketed for the Pentagon, which has dispatched ships and other assistance to aid in the relief effort.

With the Republican-controlled Congress officially on vacation, top leaders said they would pass the relief measure without waiting for lawmakers to return to the Capitol. Instead, they announced the money would be cleared — by Friday — without the formality of a vote, as is often the case on non-controversial measures.

"America stood with New York in its time of need and we will stand with the people of the Gulf states now that they need us," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-New York.

Bush, too, referred to the destruction wrought in New York by the terror attacks of four years ago. "New Orleans is more devastated than New York was and just physically devastated, as is the coast of Mississippi," he said in an interview with ABC.

Republican Sen. Thad

Cochran, whose home state of Mississippi was hard-hit by the hurricane, said the \$10 billion would be the first of at least three bills to help with relief and recovery.

He said the second measure would follow in two or three weeks, and a third bill once more precise damage estimates were available.

"Over half a billion dollars a day is being spent by FEMA," said Cochran, who is chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Separately, Ben Bernanke, chairman of Bush's Council of Economic Advisers, said some estimates of insured damage have been on the order of \$25 billion.

While Republican leaders jointly announced plans to rush the spending bill to the president for his signature, Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., expressed some misgivings over a longer-term rebuilding effort in a newspaper interview in his home state.

Asked in an interview with the Daily Herald, a suburban Chicago paper, whether it made sense to spend billions rebuilding a city that lies below sea level, he replied, "I don't know. That doesn't make sense to me."

While expressing sympathy with victims of the storm, he said there needs to be a second look at rebuilding efforts. "But you know we build Los Angeles and San Francisco on top of earthquake fissures and they rebuild, too. Stubbornness," he added.

Bush, meanwhile, kept to a schedule salted with meetings designed to project the image of a leader responding to a challenge.

In addition to his ABC interview, he announced he was asking his two immediate predecessors to head an appeal for public donations to help hurricane victims. The two men, his father, George H.W. Bush, and Bill Clinton, performed a similar role in the wake of the tsunami that struck nations along the Indian Ocean last year.

Cholera epidemic spreading in Africa

Associated Press

DAKAR, Senegal — A cholera epidemic spreading across West Africa has sickened tens of thousands of people this year and killed nearly 500 amid a long-term deterioration in health services in one of the world's poorest regions, the United Nations said Thursday.

Cholera has stricken 31,259 people in nine west African countries since June and 488 are reported dead in what the United Nations said was an "unusually high incidence" of the disease. Year-ago figures weren't provided.

"We have a crisis that needs immediate attention," said Herve Ludovic de Lys, head of the U.N.'s humanitarian-affairs coordination efforts in the region. "This crisis needs a rapid response."

As heavy rains continue across West Africa, the disease often transmitted by infected water is likely to spread into Nigeria, Cameroon and Chad in coming months, the world body said in a statement.

The increase in cholera this year is part of a longer-term deterioration of health services in West Africa, de Lys said.

"It's a region which worsens each year. That's the reality of West Africa and the situation

in which we're working," de Lys said of the region containing many of the world's least-developed nations.

Difficult climactic conditions and conflict cause mass movements of people, hurting efforts to contain the disease that causes death by dehydration from diarrhea and vomiting, said de Lys.

Cholera can be treated easily if patients are rehydrated quickly.

Cholera is often transmitted by infected water, rarely a problem in rich nations but all-too common in a region of pit latrines, untreated drinking-water supplies and communal wells.

Chlorinating wells, improving sanitation and boosting knowledge of how the disease is spread would help cut the spread of cholera, experts say.

The U.N. said West African countries so far reporting cholera infections and deaths are Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mauritania, Guinea, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Mali, Ivory Coast and Niger — epicenter of the region's deadly food crisis.

Farther south, a cholera outbreak among soldiers and their families in eastern Congo killed at least 19 people and sickened over 700 in recent days.

Supplements become routine in teen athletes

Associated Press

RANCHO CORDOVA, Calif. — Checking himself out in the weight-room mirror, 16-year-old Marshall Sailor flexes his right arm and smiles wide.

He's admiring the new muscle that helped him win a spot as starting defensive tackle on the varsity football team at Cordova High School in suburban Sacramento. Sailor credits the

strength to hard work, a timely growth spurt and a hodgepodge of powders and shakes from a local health store.

"I saw what everybody else was lifting and I wanted to lift that, too," he said, adding that he stopped using some of the products after failing to see results.

Like many high school athletes, Sailor is barely aware of the furor that erupted this summer in California over Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's support of nutritional supplements. But he can rattle off the name brands of several protein and creatine products. He can tell you how he thinks they work, what they cost and when to take them.

For Sailor and many of his peers, navigating the world of nutritional supplements has become part of the formula for success.

Eight percent of girls and 12 percent of boys age 12-18 said they used supplements in pursuit of a better body, according to a survey funded by the National Institutes of Health and cereal-maker Kellogg Co. published this month. For high school athletes in competitive sports, the percentage may be far higher.

"Everybody's tried them, pretty much," said quarterback Andrew Davis, surveying the Cordova Lancers weight room, where the team spends at least four hours a week.

Most popular are protein shakes and powders that add calories to fast-growing teenage bodies. They are often blends of whey protein and nitric oxide.

VERA BRADLEY
Headquarters
The Mole Hole
Emporium Rest. Bldg. 121 S Niles 232-8488



/Four:7/
Catholic. Fellowship. Here.

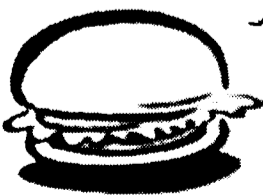
Join us for the kickoff event!

Tuesday, September 6th

**FREE FOOD at Fieldhouse Mall
(by Stonehenge)
7:00 pm**

**Followed by /Four:7/ at 8:30 pm
Cavanaugh Hall Chapel**

<http://www.nd.edu/~four7>



WE'VE BEEN PUTTING OUT* EVERY NIGHT FOR ALMOST 40 YEARS.

*WE'RE TALKING ABOUT NEWSPAPERS.
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD OF PARIETALS YET?

Meet editors from News, Sports, Viewpoint, Scene, Photo, Graphics, Ads & Business
to find out what you could do for the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's daily

**The Observer publishes daily throughout the
school year and is located in
the basement of South Dining Hall.**

Call 1-4541 on campus for more information.

California votes to allow gay marriage, sparks debate

Gay rights advocates cheer a historic victory as state becomes first legislative body in nation to back idea

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — California's Senate has voted to allow gay marriage, making it the first legislative body in the nation to back the idea and setting off a frantic scramble for votes in the Assembly.

The 21-15 vote Thursday handed gay rights advocates in the country's most populous state a historic victory. Vermont and Massachusetts issued marriage licenses to gays and lesbians only after court rulings.

"We are so very close," said Assemblyman Mark Leno, a Democrat who wrote the bill. "It would be very disappointing for this body not to be able to stand up for civil rights."

Leno said he planned to bring up the bill Tuesday and

predicted that the Senate vote would help sway his undecided colleagues. In June, the Assembly rejected his bill by four votes.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's office had no comment Thursday on how the governor would respond if the bill reached his desk, spokeswoman Margaret A. Thompson said.

Several senators equated the struggle for gay marriage to the civil rights movements. They said arguments against the bill were similar to arguments in supporting slavery and opposing interracial marriage.

"This is probably the most profound civil rights movement of our generation, without a doubt," said Sen. Jackie Speier, a Democrat who supported the bill.

Sen. Sheila Kuehl, one of six gay members of the Legislature, told the chamber that gay couples have the same hopes for their relationships as heterosexual couples.

"Gay and lesbian people fall in love. We settle down. We commit our lives to one another. We raise our children. We protect them. We try to be good citizens," said Kuehl, a Democrat. "This is a bill whose time has come."

But Republican Sen. Tom McClintock, an opponent of the bill, said gay couples are entitled to certain rights but not the right to marry.

"Can't you see that marriage is a fundamentally different institution?" he asked.

"This is not the right thing to do," said Republican Sen. Dennis Hollingsworth. "We should protect traditional marriage and uphold all of those values and institutions that have made our society and keep our society together today."

"This is not the right thing to do. We should protect traditional marriage and uphold all of those values and institutions that have made our society and keep our society together today."

Dennis Hollingsworth
Republican

Senate approval gave Leno another chance to get the bill passed. After the Assembly rebuffed his first attempt, he amended the measure's provisions into another bill that had already passed the Assembly and was awaiting action in the Senate. That was the bill the Senate approved Thursday and sent

back to the Assembly. California already confers many of the rights and duties of marriage on gay couples, who can register as domestic partners. Voters in 2000 also approved Proposition 22,

which added a section to the state Family Code stating that "only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California."

The proposition was put on the ballot when it appeared that Hawaii might legalize gay marriages and was intended to prevent California from recognizing gay marriages performed elsewhere.

The state Senate vote came as a state appellate court considered appeals of a San Francisco judge's ruling that overturned California laws banning recognition of gay marriages.

At the same time, opponents of same-sex marriage are trying to qualify initiatives for the 2006 ballot that would place a ban on gay marriages in the state Constitution.

Defenders of same-sex marriage took a longer view.

"Equality is equality, period," said one of the bill's supporters, Democrat Sen. Liz Figueroa. "When I leave this Legislature, I want to be able to tell my grandchildren I stood up for dignity and rights for all."

Police justify sergeant in pulling gun

Superintendent says white officer wrong to use profanity, but acted properly otherwise

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A white police sergeant who pointed a gun at a black state senator during a traffic stop should not have used profanity but otherwise acted properly, Chicago Police Superintendent Philip Cline said Thursday.

Cline said the sergeant was reprimanded for using profanity during the July 13 incident, but that he was justified in pulling his gun because State Sen. James Meeks twice ignored orders to stop approaching and return to his vehicle.

Meeks, the minister of a megachurch on the city's South Side and head of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, disputed Cline's version of events.

The sergeant "did not tell me two times" to stop approaching, Meeks said at a news conference. "He started with profanity and his weapon drawn from the moment I got out of the car."

Meeks also reiterated his contention that he was a victim of racial profiling. He said the stop was triggered in part because the car his driver was operating is popular with blacks "and he went around the police and the police didn't like it and the police stopped him. End of story."

Cline said the department's investigation determined that the sergeant pulled the car over because he witnessed a traffic violation.

Meeks said he would push for legislation to create a civilian review board to investigate such allegations rather than leaving it to the police themselves.

He said he also will push for the police department to equip all its squad cars with cameras, a suggestion Cline said the department is exploring.

School serves Hawaiians, battles courts

Associated Press

HONOLULU — Sitting atop a lush green hillside with a panoramic view of Honolulu and the Pacific beyond, the prestigious Hawaiian-only Kamehameha Schools is much beloved by its students and alumni. But the private school envisioned by a Hawaiian princess may soon be changing.

A non-Hawaiian teenager is suing the school over its exclusive admissions policy requiring that applicants provide Hawaiian bloodlines.

The boy was rejected for admission in 2003, and his lawsuit led to a ruling earlier this month from a panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which said the race-based policy violates federal anti-discrimination laws. The school is asking the full court to reconsider.

Michael Chun, headmaster of the school, said the Hawaiians-only policy follows the 1883 will of a princess who was concerned Hawaiians would suffer disadvantages. Ten years after her death, the Hawaiian monarchy was overthrown by a group of U.S. businessmen and sugar planters.

"Their culture was shredded, their spirit was broken, and their sense of sovereignty and independence was taken away," Michael Chun said. "She

saw as one of the ways to help her people survive was through education."

Since the appeals court's ruling, alumni and other Native Hawaiians have risen to the school's defense. On Aug. 20, some 400 marched in San Francisco to petition the full appeals court to review the admissions case. On Aug. 6, more than 15,000 demonstrated across the islands to protest what they see as an assault on their culture.

Since its humble start with a couple of dozen boys, Kamehameha has expanded to campuses on other islands, becoming the largest and richest independent private elementary and secondary school in the nation.

About 5,100 Hawaiian and part-Hawaiian students from kindergarten through 12th grade attend classes on the school's three campuses.

Funded by a \$6.2 billion trust, it is also Hawaii's largest private landowner, with 365,000 acres, including resort, commercial and residential holdings.

Former student Joshua Irvine said textbooks could never teach him what he learned when he transferred to the Oahu campus from a public school in a poor neighborhood.

Poverty was no longer an issue, said Irvine, whose new friends wore

collared blue and white uniforms and spoke "proper English," instead of the pidgin English spoken among many local people. Irvine played flute in the school band and explored his passion for science in "top-notch" laboratories.

"That you cannot replicate in a public school because of a lack of funding," said Irvine, now 20, who's double majoring in biological engineering and Spanish at the University of Hawaii.

Jim Slagel, who has taught advanced placement English at Kamehameha for 16 years, said his students are no different from those he taught at public schools in the mainland.

"It's not a typical private school," Slagel said. "We are still dealing with the lower social and economic students."

The school's powerful economic assets allow it to subsidize tuition costs for 60 percent of its students, making admissions highly prized and extremely competitive. Only one in eight applicants is admitted.

Kamehameha's \$2,686 annual tuition falls well below other Hawaii private schools, including highly rated Punahou

School's \$12,885 and Iolani School's \$12,200, neither of which is race restrictive.

In addition to providing a birth certificate to prove Hawaiian ancestry, applicants for grade seven and higher at Kamehameha must pass an admissions test, undergo interviews with professors and write an essay.

The school's stated policy is that non-Hawaiians may be admitted if there are openings after Hawaiians who meet the criteria have been offered admission.

But the school in recent years has enrolled only two non-Hawaiians.

Chun said opening the school to all students would deny many underprivileged Native Hawaiian children a better future.

Native Hawaiian families are more

than twice as likely to live in poverty than the state's general population, according to the school's 2005 Native Hawaiian Educational Assessment report.

Kamehameha senior Max Lindsey, 17, also noted that, even with the Hawaiians-only policy, the school's Oahu campus is diverse.

"Many of us are multi-race," he said. "We are not just Hawaiians."

"Their culture was shredded, their spirit was broken, and their sense of sovereignty and independence was taken away ... one of the ways to help her people survive was through education."

Michael Chun
school headmaster

"Many of us are multi-race. We are not just Hawaiians."

Max Lindsey
senior

THE OBSERVER VIEWPOINT

page 12

Friday, September 2, 2005

THE OBSERVER

The Independent, Daily Newspaper Serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary's

P.O. Box 779, Notre Dame, IN 46556
024 South Dining Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Claire Heiningner

MANAGING EDITOR

Pat Leonard

BUSINESS MANAGER

Paula Garcia

ASST. MANAGING EDITOR: Maureen Reynolds

ASST. MANAGING EDITOR: Sarah Vabulas

ASST. MANAGING EDITOR: Heather Van Hoegarden

SPORTS EDITOR: Mike Gilloon

SCENE EDITOR: Rama Gottumukkala

SAINT MARY'S EDITOR: Megan O'Neil

PHOTO EDITOR: Claire Kelley

GRAPHICS EDITOR: Graham Ebetsch

ADVERTISING MANAGER: Nick Guerrieri

AD DESIGN MANAGER: Jennifer Kenning

CONTROLLER: Jim Kiriara

WEB ADMINISTRATOR: Damian Althoff

OFFICE MANAGER & GENERAL INFO

(574) 631-7471

FAX

(574) 631-6927

ADVERTISING

(574) 631-6900 observad@nd.edu

EDITOR IN CHIEF

(574) 631-4542

MANAGING EDITOR

(574) 631-4541 obsme@nd.edu

ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR

(574) 631-4324

BUSINESS OFFICE

(574) 631-5313

NEWS DESK

(574) 631-5323 obsnews.1@nd.edu

VIEWPOINT DESK

(574) 631-5303 viewpoint.1@nd.edu

SPORTS DESK

(574) 631-4543 sports.1@nd.edu

SCENE DESK

(574) 631-4540 scene.1@nd.edu

SAINT MARY'S DESK

smc.1@nd.edu

PHOTO DESK

(574) 631-8767 photo@nd.edu

SYSTEMS & WEB ADMINISTRATORS

(574) 631-8839

THE
OBSERVER ONLINE
www.ndsmcobserver.com

POLICIES

The Observer is the independent, daily newspaper published in print and online by the students of the University of Notre Dame du Lac and Saint Mary's College. Editorial content, including advertisements, is not governed by policies of the administration of either institution. The Observer reserves the right to refuse advertisements based on content.

The news is reported as accurately and objectively as possible. Unsigned editorials represent the opinion of the majority of the Editor in Chief, Managing Editor, Assistant Managing Editors and department editors. Commentaries, letters and columns present the views of the authors and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Viewpoint space is available to all readers. The free expression of all opinions through letters is encouraged. Letters to the Editor must be signed and must include contact information.

Questions regarding Observer policies should be directed to Editor in Chief Claire Heiningner.

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

The Observer (USPS 599 2-4000) is published Monday through Friday except during exam and vacation periods. A subscription to The Observer is \$100 for one academic year; \$55 for one semester.

The Observer is published at:
024 South Dining Hall
Notre Dame, IN 46556-0779
Periodical postage paid at Notre Dame and additional mailing offices.

POSTMASTER:
Send address corrections to:
The Observer
P.O. Box 779
024 South Dining Hall
Notre Dame, IN 46556-0779

The Observer is a member of the Associated Press. All reproduction rights are reserved.

TODAY'S STAFF

News	Sports
Maddie Hanna	Bobby Griffin
Karen Langley	Chris Khorey
Joe Trombello	Tom Dorwart
Viewpoint	Scene
Sarah Falvey	Rama
Graphics	Gottumukkala
Kelly MacDonald	Chris McGrady

Reaching out to our family

As images of death, anarchy and despair from one of the biggest natural disasters in American history splash across newspaper pages and television screens, even the so-called Notre Dame bubble is not immune from Hurricane Katrina's damage.

These horrific images exceed our realm of understanding. But the words of two Saint Mary's professors trapped in a New Orleans hotel — and the worries of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students from affected areas — are accessibly, painfully concrete.

At a University with national roots, any national tragedy is bound to have spokes that strike close to home. The Notre Dame roots stretch to the flooding in Gulf Port, Miss. and the looting in New Orleans.

We couldn't keep this tragedy outside the Notre Dame bubble if we tried.

In times of need, we depend on our family and close friends to support us. At this moment, members of our Notre Dame and Saint Mary's families need our assistance.

We have classmates who need us to take care of them and comfort them. We must give them understanding and be there for them when they need a shoulder to cry on. This is a pivotal time in their lives — a time they, and we, will never forget.

When the tsunami hit Southeast Asia last winter, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students and faculty members rallied together to raise thousands of dollars. But with a natural disaster hitting closer to home, we must come together once again to raise money and donate items to benefit those who need our help.

Give anything you can. Donate any clothes you can spare. Pledge money to the Red Cross or Catholic Charities. The American Red Cross estimates it will need almost \$130 million in relief aid if it hopes to stave off starvation and disease — a figure equal to the total amount spent on all four of last year's destructive hurricanes that hit the United States.

And with the threats of an oil crisis sweeping the country, we must also each consider our gasoline consumption. We must realize that production facilities have been greatly crippled by the storm.

So carpool to class or to the Pitt game. Leave the gas for those who need it most — the people who are helping with the rescue and cleanup efforts.

But most of all, pray. Pray for our fellow Americans who survived and those who mourn the loss of their homes, possessions, friends and family to this storm. The other side of the bubble needs its family now more than ever.

The Observer Editorial

How to be a Hemingway hero

Those of us who have taken a literature class in our college careers have probably become familiar with Ernest Hemingway, one of the great authors of the 20th Century.

In his works, he often included characters that embody certain traits that his reader should aspire to. Such a character has come to be known as "the Hemingway Hero."

The Hemingway Hero is often described as one who exhibits the principles of honor, courage and endurance. In other words, the Hemingway Hero displays qualities that, in a life of pain and tension, "make a man a man." When the world knocks him down, the Hemingway Hero always gets back up and never loses his integrity.

Though Hemingway wrote some 70 years ago, the characteristics of his Hero still remain qualities that one would hope to possess even today. It is for these reasons that I believe college students should look to this Hero as a model for how to live our lives and display grace under pressure.

As students juggling academic, extracurricular and social affairs, we often find ourselves pressed for time. Rather than get worked up over the fact that you have two meetings to go to, a 10-page paper due tomorrow at 9 a.m., and plans to go out that night, be the Hero and bite the bullet. Do what you must do and get the work done.

Sure, you may not think you cannot possibly get through it all, but by

complaining to other people about it, you are simply wasting their time and your own.

Let's take another situation. It's late Saturday night. You look at the clock, and, uh oh, it is now technically Sunday morning. Unfortunately you are not ready to call it a night, but the last beer has been cracked, and there are no more to be found. Since it is Sunday, you cannot just go pick some up around the corner at some place in Indiana.

What does the modern Hemingway Hero do? He perseveres. He finds a sober driver or calls a cab and heads to Michigan where you can buy beer seven days a week. (Though Hemingway was actually said to have preferred a gin martini.)

Perhaps it football season, and you have old friends visiting from another school. Their seats are across the stadium from the student section, but they want to spend time with you. The Hero has the answer. He courageously gets ticket books from those surrounding him in his section. The Hemingway Hero sneaks his friends into the student section, so they may all enjoy the game together.

The Hemingway Hero is able to more than just improvise in trivial situations, he also demonstrates a big heart.

In the wake of natural disasters such as last year's tsunami or this week's Hurricane Katrina, the Hero would do his part to help. Perhaps this means donating money to help in relief efforts or organizing a drive to collect necessary items for those affected.

When this good deed is said and done, the modern Hemingway Hero does not brag about his generosity. Instead, the hero is humble and glad

that he was able to assist in some way.

Maybe this modern hero has a car at school and two friends who need to pick something up at Meijer. With the current astronomical gas prices, our Hero looks out for his friends. Rather than having three people taking separate trips to the store, the Hero offers to drive, so that the trio can travel together and save gas and money. A car-pool to class would also be a good way to consume less and save yourself and friends a little money.

In short, this modern day Hemingway Hero is someone to aspire to be (or at least be friends with). The Hemingway hero realistically confronts the basic questions of life and death (OK, maybe sneaking friends into the student section is not a matter of life and death).

He recognizes those situations in which the easy way out is also the least honorable way out. He does not choose the easy way out, but he does not seek glory for making a difficult decision.

When life presents a question, the hero has an answer. He is humble, smart and lives life as best he can living up to a high standard of moral codes.

The modern Hemingway hero is practical, creative and undeniably good to have around in a pinch.

Molly Acker is a senior at Saint Mary's. She is a double major in communication studies and humanistic studies. Molly hopes you all have a great weekend. She can be reached at acke6758@saintmarys.edu

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



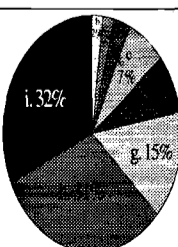
Molly
Acker

*Nobody Likes a
Dumb Blonde*

OBSERVER POLL

What will the ND football team's regular season record be?

a. Other	0%	c. 11-0	7%
b. 4-7	2%	f. 6-5	8%
c. 5-6	2%	g. 9-2	15%
d. 10-1	3%	h. 7-4	31%
		i. 8-3	32%



*Poll appears courtesy of www.ndsmcobserver.com and is based on 1,877 responses.

Submit a Letter
to the Editor at
www.ndsmcobserver.com

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You see things; and you say, 'Why?' But I dream things that never were; and I say, 'Why not?'"

George Bernard Shaw
playwright, critic

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

International support exists for U.S.

Jumping to conclusions

In a letter dated Aug. 31, Sarah Harward complains, "The apathy of the global community to our disaster is utterly insulting to the donations of individual Americans last December." I don't expect a massive global contribution to the Katrina relief effort, but is it too much to ask for acknowledgment of our loss, or at least a break in the anti-Americanism?"

However, five minutes of cursory research on news.google.com (Sept. 1, 1 p.m.) reveals that President Pervez Musharraf and Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz of Pakistan, Prime Minister Tony Blair and Queen Elizabeth of Britain and Kofi Annan, Secretary General of the U.N., have all issued public statements or sent letters to the White House expressing condolences, shock and sympathy for Katrina's victims. (And those are only the names I Googled; many other world leaders have probably sent condolences, as well.) Reuters ran a news article dated Sept. 1 headlined, "Asia tsunami survivors sympathize with Katrina victims." It quotes "Tsunami victims and disaster workers from Indian, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and of course Banda Aceh. All express sympathy and fellow feeling with Katrina's victims. In

addition, the Houston Business Journal reports that Venezuela's energy minister, Raphael Ramirez, has offered to help supply fuel to the State of Louisiana during this emergency. And Newsday reports that France is already examining ways of providing aid for Katrina's victims, probably from the French Antilles. "France expresses its readiness to bring this aid based on the needs American authorities express," said a spokesman from the French Foreign Ministry.

Perhaps these international expressions of support and offers of aid will be reported in the American press. Perhaps not. The American press rarely reports foreign news in much depth.

What seems clear is that Harward jumped to conclusions about this alleged "double standard." Regardless of nationality, those who have enough owe aid and support to those who are suffering — and enlightened people, all over the world do recognize and act on this fundamental principle.

Gail Bederman
professor
Sept. 1

Making inappropriate claims

The suffering caused by Hurricane Katrina is nothing less than tragic. The horrific loss of life and extensive damage will have a lasting effect on Louisiana and the entire nation. The sympathies and prayers of the Notre Dame community are certainly with those affected.

However, Sarah Harward's letter in the Aug. 31 issue of The Observer makes several inappropriate claims. She has "not heard report of a single foreign dignitary offering his/her condolences of our loss." However, this reveals either her severe lack of research skills, at best, or her willful ignorance, at worst. A cursory Google News search for "Katrina foreign condolences" reveals that China, New Zealand, South Korea, the United Kingdom, and yes, even the allegedly totalitarian state of Venezuela, have expressed sorrow and offered aid.

Harward also seems to consider international aid for the disaster insufficient compared to that given to the countries affected by the tsunami. She grudgingly acknowledges that the United States is richer than these Asian nations. However, Thailand's GDP per capita is a

mere 20 percent of the United States', while Indonesia's is less than 10 percent. This is an incredibly striking disparity, especially considering that between 170,000 and 250,000 people died in the tsunami while New Orleans mayor has declared that the death toll for Katrina is in the thousands. Simply put, the United States has significantly more money with which to assist significantly fewer people. We have the financial capability to manage natural disasters that other nations do not.

Both catastrophes are lamentable and both have inflicted havoc upon far too many. However, there are reasons that the international community has not come to the aid of the victims of Katrina to the same degree that it aided the victims of the tsunami. Yet, instead of rationally investigating facts, Harward would rather blame Michael Moore, Green Day, the Rolling Stones and the ubiquitous forces of "anti-Americanism."

Jason James
senior
Zahn
Sept. 1

Crisis over-politicized

Sarah Harward's Viewpoint letter to the editor regarding Hurricane Katrina ("Double Standards" Aug. 31) highlights a major problem with the response to this disaster. Rather than suggest ways of helping, Harward instead spends her time politicizing the crisis. Harward criticizes Green Day and Michael Moore for viewing southerners as "lower down" for being American. Even if this falsehood were true, it has nothing to do with the current state of the disaster. Harward also criticizes the international community for their "apathy" and "anti-Americanism." This is simply not true.

Scott McClellan said in his daily press conference that the White House has received many offers of assistance from

other countries, but has elected to wait and see how much we can accomplish before accepting aid.

This politicizing of the ongoing tragedy needs to stop. We can assess blame later when people are out of harm's way. Now is the time to help the people of Louisiana and Alabama. Visit www.redcross.org or call 1-800-HELP-NOW to offer financial and other assistance, say a prayer, do whatever you can. Stop the divisive rhetoric and invest your energy in something more productive.

Rory Makielski
senior
off-campus
Sept. 1

Remember to always check facts

I am writing in response to Sarah Harward's Aug. 31 letter to the editor, "Double standard." The claim that the global community has turned a blind eye to our Gulf Coast's blight is false.

I recommend you actually check with the global community: try news.bbc.co.uk, or www.corriere.it, or www.theaustralian.news.com.au, or just about any other news organization based outside of the United States. You will find the latest about Katrina's wrath on every front page — at least I did.

I beg of you, which country with a base in the vicinity of the Mississippi

and Louisiana coasts do you suggest send military and/or humanitarian aid?

Every nation who cuts back on its foreign aid promises and obligations rightly gets criticized for doing so. If you believe the United States just righteously gives away free money to the needy, no strings attached, no underlying agenda, I would like to suggest you have some more reading to do.

Elizabeth McNicholas
graduate student
Sept. 1

EDITORIAL CARTOON



U-WIRE

Textbooks overpriced, underused

As I finally get done with all of my move-in and grocery expenses, and I'm ready to breathe a sigh of relief, I get my list of books. The relief dissipates immediately.

Of course, I had looked at my book list earlier, but I was sure I would be able to find a great deal on the Internet for discounted prices, as I did last year. I was wrong.

All the books I found online carried only a \$4 difference from the listed bookstore price. Basically, it would cost more with shipping and handling.

My total so far is \$510.35 and I am still missing two course books. Problem No. 1: According to the National Association of College Bookstores, wholesale prices of college textbooks have risen nearly 40 percent in the past five years. Add in the fact that a newer edition of a book is churned out every two to three years. These same books are found at cheaper prices overseas. My proposed solution? Publishers need to cut back on the greed just a little bit.

We all know the cost of paper isn't on the rise. And I don't think anyone would be opposed to required readings on recycled paper, to ensure that we're not running out of trees and inflating the cost of books even more.

Problem No. 2: I have to buy 15 textbooks for

four classes, which is roughly four books per class. Realistically, the odds of me reading all 15 textbooks from cover to cover are about one in a million. I know that professors just want to make sure that we are well equipped and learning from our courses, but the idea of reading four dense textbooks is more discouraging than encouraging.

We need to find a way to go back to the high school style textbook, where you had one year's work in one textbook.

So, with what options are students left?

An effective resource is the Student Senate's student book exchange, which is under development, or Googling the book and attempting to buy it overseas. Congress launched a congressional hearing to address the soaring cost of books this summer. The Government Accountability Office has started an investigation, so some hope has been offered.

But really, does Congress have to get involved to lower the cost of course books? Most likely, none of us will be students any longer when a resolution last reached.

This article originally appeared on Sept. 1, 2005 in the Daily Trojan, the daily publication at the University of Southern California.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Brianne
Sanford

Daily Trojan
USC



Bright lights of Vegas

Las Vegas-based group Toxic Audio brings its unique voice to Notre Dame

STORY BY LIZ BYRUM

Photo courtesy of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts

The nicknames "Rap Master," "Scat Girl" and "Lyric Queen" don't sound like the usual descriptions associated with an a cappella group. That is, until recently, when Toxic Audio burst onto the contemporary a cappella scene.

Tonight, the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts will kick off its second season with a show unlike any Notre Dame has seen before. Toxic Audio is leaving its standing show at the Luxor Hotel in Las Vegas for a one-night appearance in the 900-seat Leighton Concert Hall in the DPAC.

Toxic Audio got its start in 1998 in Florida, where members of the group were working as singers in various different a cappella groups. The founder, Rene Ruiz, decided that it was time to "take [this art form] out of the barbershop and bring it to more modern times."

While the group was being formed, Ruiz was looking for a name that was as far from a barbershop quartet-type name as he could find.

"A group called Toxic Audio would be the last place a person would expect to find the types of a cappella sounds that our group creates," Ruiz said.

The group now includes five permanent members, as well as a few guest vocalists who perform in its Las Vegas show. Each member comes from an extensive performance background. They have attended a variety of music programs at universities around the U.S., and have since performed in many off-Broadway shows and other theatrical

events.

Toxic Audio's performances are an entertaining mix of music, comedy and other theatrical comments. Using only their voices, the group members create sounds ranging from drumbeats and bass lines to guitar-like solos and other vocal stretches. The group's repertoire includes contemporary pop songs, such as Britney Spears' "Baby One More Time," classics, including "Hooked on a Feeling," and original compositions.

Toxic Audio is known to develop amazing improvisations while on stage, as well. While hearing a song about life at Notre Dame isn't out of the question, don't expect something ordinary from the band.

"If the venue and audience felt right, the chances are, we would probably make up a song on the spot," Ruiz said.

The group has received recognition in many areas since it came together in 1998. In 2004, Toxic Audio was awarded the New York Drama Desk Award for "Best Unique Theatrical Performance." Shalisa James, the group's resident "Vocal Queen" also received the award for "Favorite Female Vocalist" in the A Cappella Community Awards in 2005.

Some of Toxic Audio's more famous corporate clients have included Disney, Mitsubishi, IBM and McDonald's. However, the largest client yet seems to be the most recent, the Luxor Hotel in Las Vegas. Toxic Audio is in the middle of a successful stint at the famous hotel, the same venue where the Blue Man Group, a famed experimental music act, got its Las Vegas start.

The Vegas experience has been eye-opening so far for the group. Toxic

Audio has enjoyed enthusiastic and attentive audiences during its run there.

"It's pretty exciting to get into Vegas and see your billboards up over the strip," Ruiz said.

After some time off for the holidays, the group will be off to Japan where it will be performing its unique style of music for entirely new audiences during a six-week tour.

Toxic Audio's performance in DPAC is promised to be one full of amazing vocal skill and laughs and could certainly be called a unique experience.

Student tickets for tonight's 8 p.m. show can be purchased for \$15.00 at the Performing Arts Center ticket office by phone or by visiting the DPAC Web site at <http://performingarts.nd.edu>

Contact Liz Byrum at cbyrum@nd.edu

DPAC REVIEW

German drama transcends language barriers

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Assistant Scene Editor

"Head-On" is a relentless, deeply affecting melodrama, one of 2004's best films and a bold new work from Turkish director Fatih Akin.

The film won the Golden Bear at the 2004 Berlin Film Festival, and it's not hard to see why. This is an excellent picture that stays with the viewer long after the credits roll.

"Head-On" follows two characters, Cahit (Birol Unel) and Sibel (Sibel Kekilli), and their bizarre relationship over the course of several years. The two meet in a psychiatric ward after respective suicide attempts. Sibel sees in Cahit the opportunity to escape the scrutiny of her demanding family.

While Cahit, a depressed widower, resists initially, he eventually agrees to marry Sibel. This marriage of convenience is not based on love, but on the hope to escape the confines of their world, which does not bode well for either character. The essence of the plot begins after their marriage, as the

film follows the relationship and the tragedies that ultimately ensue.

It would be easy to categorize "Head-On" as mere melodrama, but the film's plot is surprisingly unpredictable. Just when the audience thinks it knows where the picture is going, a new twist is introduced that somehow seems exactly right.

Ultimately, the various twists and turns serve the story, which keeps the plot from sinking under the weight of its own pretenses. Many things happen to the two characters, much of it quite unpleasant, but somehow they endure. This works because "Head-On" is, at its core, not a movie about plot, but characters. Sibel and Cahit are sad, depressed people who feel trapped in their limited existences.

"I am not living. I am only surviving," Sibel says at one point, and that senti-

ment echoes throughout the whole of the picture.

The acting, especially of the two leads, is quite good. Akin, a German-born director, draws fantastically moving performances from the protagonists, who carry the movie with sensitivity and panache.

Birol Unel (who often looks like David Carradine in "Kill Bill") brings depth and sadness to the complex role of Cahit. Sibel Kekilli is equally compelling as Sibel, a character whose party-girl demeanor hides a startling perception. Since the two characters dominate the plot, their

believability and forcefulness is essential, as it keeps the audience interested throughout.

"Head-On" is also doggedly cinematic, at times recalling (or perhaps even explicitly referencing) the French New Wave's penchant for excess. From a

technical perspective, the film is undeniably well-made, using camera angles, freeze-frames and rapid editing to provide emotional impact. At times, these elements recall the best tradition of Scorsese and Truffaut, two directors who also used cinematic technique to enhance (rather than substitute for) the narrative.

"Head-On" is a battering ram of a movie that tramples forward and takes no prisoners in its wake. For all its attributes, it is essentially a depressing movie about depressed characters. Though it is an unforgettable picture, its unflinching approach to its material may not sit well with all audiences. Sex, drugs, violence and suicide all play prominent roles as the lives of Sibel and Cahit crumble around them.

Yet, the film is so well-made and so movingly indelible that it's impossible not to recommend. Movies as acute and affecting as "Head-On" are rare and a writer/director as sensitively attuned to the world as Akin are even rarer.

Contact Brian Doxtader at
bdoxtade@nd.edu



Director: Fatih Akin
Writer: Fatih Akin
Starring: Birol Unel, Sibel Kekilli, Catrin



Photo courtesy of verlieh.polyfilm.at

Cahit (Birol Unel), left, and Sibel (Sibel Kekilli) arrange a sexless marriage-of-convenience in Turkish director Fatih Akin's foreign language film, "Head-On."



Photo courtesy of verlieh.polyfilm.at

Cahit (Birol Unel) carries Sibel (Sibel Kekilli) into their shared apartment. The two begin to fall in love despite the circumstances of their marriage.

Student cover band fills gap in campus music scene

By CHRIS MCGRADY
Assistant Scene Editor

An absence in the Notre Dame music scene has been filled at last.

Hot Mildred, a student cover group that focuses primarily on music from 1985-95, has stepped into the spotlight, focusing on a decade of much musical growth and diversity. Many current Notre Dame students will relate to the hits from this era as songs that they grew up with.

Senior Larry Bailey, bassist and back-up vocalist for Hot Mildred, refers to the band's time period of choice as "the fantastic musical decade that was 1985-1995." This decade was marked by a continuation of great music from bands such as U2, as well as debut tracks from current pop chart mainstays such as Third Eye Blind.

Hot Mildred covers songs from both

of these popular artists. In fact, U2 is the only band with more than one song in Hot Mildred's set.

The band has changed names several times, and was until recently known as GASM. However, the band's unique name is supposed to be an oxymoron. The name "Mildred" for a female is not

seen as particularly attractive (although Bailey is quick to add, "It is possible.")

On a campus that often seems overrun by talented musicians constantly trying to push their musical limits, the members of Hot Mildred have a different vision on how their music should be played.

"We choose songs that are within our ability level and try our best to make them sound good," Bailey said, an RA from Stanford Hall.

Hot Mildred consists of four members who hope to play periodically at Legends this year. Playing alongside

Bailey is senior Trish Murphy, lead singer and tambourine; graduate student Ron Thompson, who plays electric guitar; and graduate student Brian Zampell, who plays drums.

When asked why the band only plays cover songs, Bailey gives a frank and honest answer.

"It's not for lack of ambition ... just lack of skill and writing," Bailey said. "Unless you're very talented at writing, it can be disastrous to write and play for your friends who are forced to act like they like it even though you've forced something awful."

Although Bailey unabashedly claims the band shouldn't be writing songs, Hot Mildred still has plenty to offer listeners.

"We think people can relate to songs they have heard before," said Bailey.

This in itself is a breath of fresh air in a musical era that is painfully marked by poor lyrics paired with mundane beats and mass marketed as

musical talent. Bailey and his fellow band-mates are willing to admit that, although they are musically talented, they do not want to attempt to write more music that would just add to a pool of cliché songs.

Rather than force a mediocre song into a market that is already inundated with music that fits that description, Hot Mildred would prefer to stick to classic songs and proven hits and do the best job possible with them.

Largely disregarding the financial benefits of a successful band, the band is more interested in other things. As Bailey asserts, the band is in it purely for the love of music.

With catchy covers of popular music, Hot Mildred sets out to entertain the masses, and does just that.

Contact Chris McGrady at
cmcgrad1@nd.edu

"We choose songs that are within our ability level and try our best to make them sound good."

Larry Bailey
senior

"We think people can relate to songs they have heard before."

Larry Bailey
senior

MLB — AMERICAN LEAGUE

Wright forced to leave game as Yankees lose

Olerud's two home runs lead Boston over Devil Rays; Baltimore edges Toronto behind rookie pitcher Bowie

Associated Press

The New York Yankees thought the line drive that knocked Jaret Wright out of the game cost them a victory. Still, they were happy to leave Seattle with the pitcher on the team plane instead of in the hospital.

Raul Ibanez's sixth-inning liner Thursday hit Wright on the right collarbone and the right side of his neck, forcing him from the game. X-rays were negative, but the Mariners rallied for a win.

"There's no question it was a momentum changer," Alex Rodriguez said. "He was breezing along and getting stronger."

Leading 1-0 when Wright was struck, the Yankees lost after Miguel Ojeda's first home run with Seattle broke a 1-all tie in the seventh.

"He comes out of the game and everything turns around," New York catcher Jorge Posada said.

Despite the loss, the Yankees were happy that Wright appeared to escape serious injury.

In the clubhouse after the game, Wright pulled down his crew neck shirt and displayed an ugly, red, 3-inch knot on the side of his neck.

"It was a pitcher's worst nightmare," he said. "You throw the ball and then it's right there on you. He got me pretty good."

The right-hander stayed down on the mound for a few minutes as players rushed to his aid and then helped him to his feet. Without taking any warmups, he walked to the dugout under his own power.

"It hurts right now," an obviously uncomfortable Wright said. "My neck's real stiff and I have a headache. But it could have been worse."

Yankees manager Joe Torre feared the worst. He was afraid the ball hit Wright in the face. Instead, he said, it hit him in

the collarbone and then ricocheted off his neck.

"That's about as scary as it gets," Torre said. "We're just happy the results are what they were."

Playing third base, Rodriguez also was concerned.

"I was scared to death," he said. "That ball looked like it was 110 mph off the bat. Obviously, the health of your pitcher is the most important thing."

Wright pitched 5 1-3 innings, allowing one run and three hits. It was his eighth start of the season, his fourth since coming off the 60-day disabled list on Aug. 15 following a shoulder injury. It was the eighth time he was on the disabled list in his nine-year career, the sixth because of a shoulder problem.

Boston 7, Tampa Bay 4

John Olerud homered twice and drove in six runs Thursday night as the Boston Red Sox came from behind for the third consecutive game, beating the Tampa Bay Devil Rays to complete a four-game sweep.

The Red Sox have won 19 of 20 at home and scored at least seven runs in their last 14 games at Fenway Park. They've won five in a row overall.

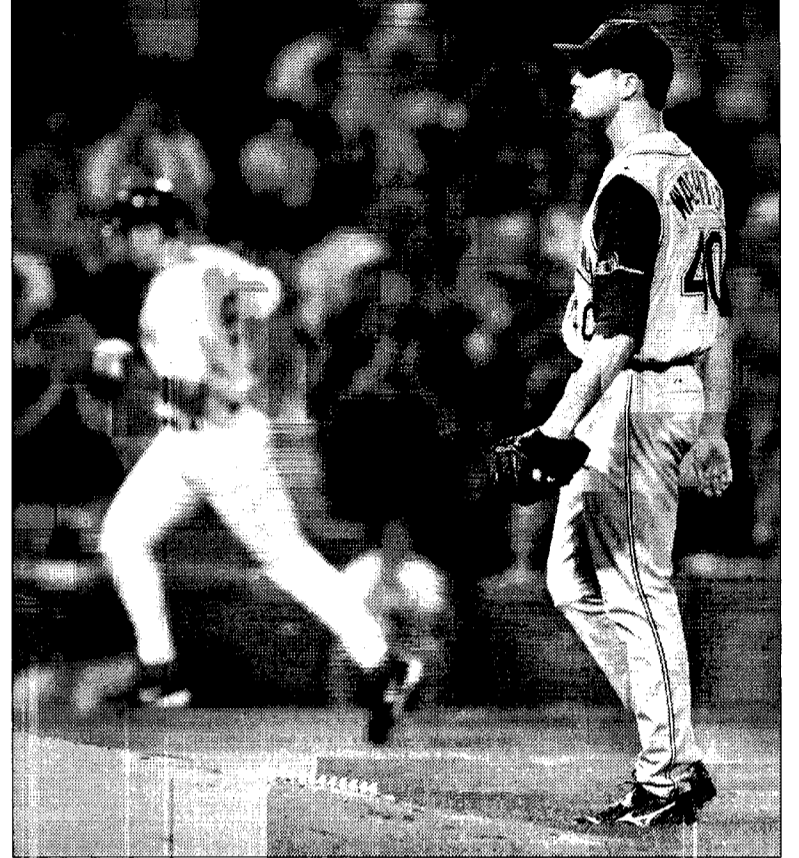
Bronson Arroyo (11-9) allowed four runs and nine hits. He struck out six in seven innings for his first win since Aug. 10. Jonathan Papelbon worked a scoreless eighth before giving up consecutive singles to start the ninth. Mike Timlin got three outs for his fifth save.

Doug Waechter (5-9) allowed six runs — five earned — and eight hits in 6 1-3 innings.

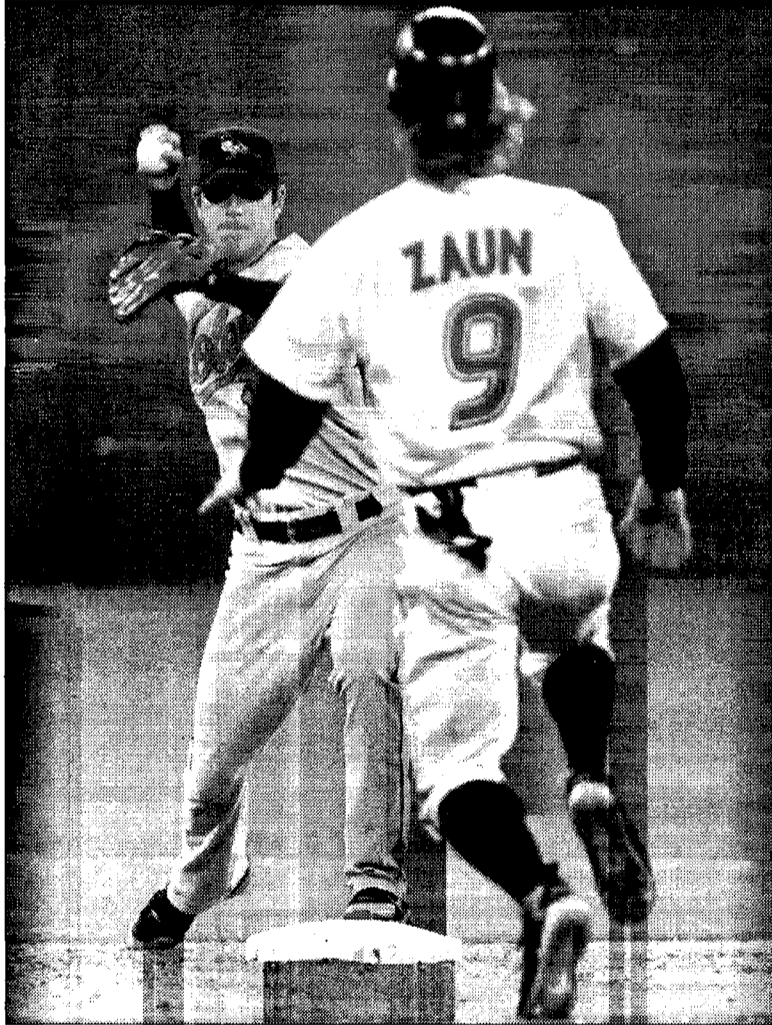
Boston rallied from a 5-0 deficit on Tuesday and trailed 5-1 on Wednesday before winning both games 7-6. The Red Sox trailed 2-0 and 4-2 on Thursday night before scoring one in the fifth, then Olerud hit a three-run shot in the sixth to give Boston its first lead of the game.

With the Yankees' 5-1 loss to the Seattle Mariners earlier Thursday, Boston moved 3 1/2 games ahead of New York in the AL East. The Red Sox led by as many as 5 1/2 and as few as 1 1/2 games in August.

Jonny Gomes homered in the second to give the Devil Rays a 2-0 lead, but Olerud matched



Tampa Bay Devil Rays pitcher Doug Waechter, right, watches a home run by John Olerud of the Boston Red Sox sail over the fence. The Red Sox won 7-4.



Baltimore Orioles shortstop Brian Roberts forces out Gregg Zaun of the Toronto Blue Jays Thursday. The Orioles won 5-3 with home runs from Jay Gibbons and B.J. Surhoff.

the two-run shot in the bottom half. Tampa Bay went up 4-2 in the fourth on Travis Lee's two-run homer.

Edgar Renteria hit a sacrifice fly to cut the deficit to one run in the fifth. In the sixth, Trot Nixon hit a leadoff single, Jason Varitek walked and, one out later, Olerud hit his fifth homer of the season.

It was the 17th multihomer game of Olerud's career. The two-time All-Star and former AL batting champ has been fighting for playing time with Kevin Millar, who homered twice on Wednesday.

Olerud added an RBI double in the eighth.

Baltimore 5, Toronto 3

Jay Gibbons and B.J. Surhoff hit back-to-back homers in the sixth inning to lead the Baltimore Orioles to a victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Thursday night.

The Orioles, who have won two straight after losing 10 of 11, released pitcher Sidney Ponson before the game because of his conduct and problems with alcohol.

Miguel Tejada led off the sixth with a bunt single before scoring on Gibbons' 20th homer. Surhoff followed with his fifth to give Baltimore a 4-3 lead. Both homers were off Dustin McGowan (1-3).

Baltimore's Bernie Castro went 2-for-4 with a triple, a walk and stolen base in his major league debut. Castro, called up from Triple-A Ottawa on Thursday, showed his speed, beating out a grounder to third base in the third inning for his first major league hit. The Blue Jays have lost 10 of 13 and dropped below .500 (66-67) for the first time since July 19.

Baltimore's Hayden Penn (3-2) — recalled from Double-A Bowie on Thursday — allowed three runs — two earned — and seven hits, striking out four and walking two in five-plus innings. The 20-year-old right-hander is in his second stint with the Orioles this season.

B.J. Ryan pitched the ninth for his 29th save and the Orioles took two of three from Toronto for their first series win since sweeping Oakland two weeks ago.

CLASSIFIEDS

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 024 South Dining Hall. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is 5 cents per character per day, including all spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

WANTED

SOCCER REFEREES needed for south side elementary school located near Erskine Golf Course on Miami St. \$35 per soccer game. Call 574-291-4200.

2 season tix & parking pass or 2 for any home game. 574-276-8507.

LOVE KIDS? Professional Mom needs help picking up children at school and taking them to activities between 3:00-6:00p.m. Monday-Friday. Great kids-daughters ages 12-15. Schools and home close to ND and SMC.

Call Karen Stonehill at 272-5013.

Tutor(s) needed for Algebra, Discrete Math & other subjects at my house. Now-May 2006. Prefer Junior or Senior w/strong Math skills. Can show you how to tutor other subjects. Email or call for more detailed info. Linda 272-8235, lwaclchli@datacruz.com

FOR SALE

Brand new full mattress & box.

Still in plastic. \$120.

Can deliver. 574-876-4474.

Queen pillowtop mattress set. New with warranty.

\$155.

Can deliver. 574-231-4522.

FOR RENT

Two 2-bdrm condos: 18041-B Bulla Rd. & 18027-A Bulla Rd. \$975/mo. Property Management

Svcs 233-4590.

Bed & Breakfast lodging w/ND Alumni family for football weekends.

574-243-2628.

Blue & Gold Homes. 2-8 bedroom, weekend rentals, furnished, alumni owned. You design lease.

Call 250-7653.

2 bedroom home within 1.5 miles of campus. Partially furnished with extra room, washer/dryer, and kitchen appliances. \$750/month. Call 574-250-8552.

LODGING FOR FOOTBALL GAMES Visit www.amishcountrybb.org for 24 Quality Bed and Breakfast Accommodations. Non-smoking, Private Baths, Full Breakfasts.

GOOD HOUSES IN GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS: andersonNDrentals.com or (574)233-9947.

TICKETS

WANTED: ND FOOTBALL TIX.

TOP \$\$ PAID.

251-1570.

FOR SALE: ND FOOTBALL TIX.

289-9280 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR \$\$: www.victorytickets.com

BUYING & SELLING ND FOOTBALL TIX. CHECK MY PRICES. 273-3911.

WANTED: 4-6 MSU GAs together, Dave 248-760-1767

NEED 2 tickets for the 9/17 ND football game for my nephews who have never been to campus. Please help! dreaminbig04@yahoo.com

I would like to purchase your Notre Dame football tickets

574-289-8048.

BUY SELL OR TRADE ND FOOTBALL TICKETS. TOP \$\$ PAID. A.M. - 232-2378 P.M. - 288-2726

FOR SALE: 2 Greenday tix in Indy on 9/12. Great seats. \$150/pr. John 1-269-683-4288.

PLEASE HELP!!! Buying season tix GAs only or any game GAs. Call Mark 277-1659.

TICKETS

UNPLANNED PREGNANCY?

Do not go it alone.

If you or someone you love needs confidential support or assistance, please call Sr. M.L. Gude, CSC, at 1-7819.

For more information, see our bi-weekly ad in THE OBSERVER.

Hi Shirley!

I can't believe it's been a whole year, Alison.

Dip him in silver

MLB — NATIONAL LEAGUE

Braves top Nationals on Jones' homer in tenth

Greene knocks in winner for Padres over Milwaukee; Oswalt holds Cincinnati to one run as Astros complete sweep

Associated Press

Andruw Jones gave his MVP campaign another boost, leading off the bottom of the 10th inning with a towering homer that gave the Atlanta Braves an 8-7 victory over the Washington Nationals on Thursday night.

The Braves squandered a 7-1 lead before salvaging a split of the four-game series with their NL East rival.

The crowd chanted "MVP! MVP! MVP!" as Jones led off the 10th. Luis Ayala (8-7) got ahead in the count 1-2, then tried to blow a high fastball by him.

Jones sent a drive toward the seats in left-center, the ball seeming to hang up forever as

he trotted down the first-base line, watching its flight. Brad Wilkerson and Marlon Byrd both leaped at the wall, but the ball settled in the first row for Jones' 44th homer and 110th RBI of a career season.

Kyle Davies (7-3), called up from the minors earlier in the day, got the win with three scoreless innings.

Jeff Francoeur hit a three-run homer and Chipper Jones added a two-run shot for the Braves, who were cruising early.

Chipper Jones' homer came in the first, and the Braves scored five more times in the third, highlighted by Francoeur's 11th homer since being called up from Double-A in early July. Also in the inning: Rafael Furcal scored

on a wild pitch and Andruw Jones drove in his 109th run with a groundout.

Vinny Castilla had four RBIs as Washington fought back to tie it, despite a couple of embarrassing blunders on the base paths.

Castilla hit a two-run single off John Smoltz in the fourth, but then took off running on a one-out fly to center and was easily doubled off by Andruw Jones' throw back to first.

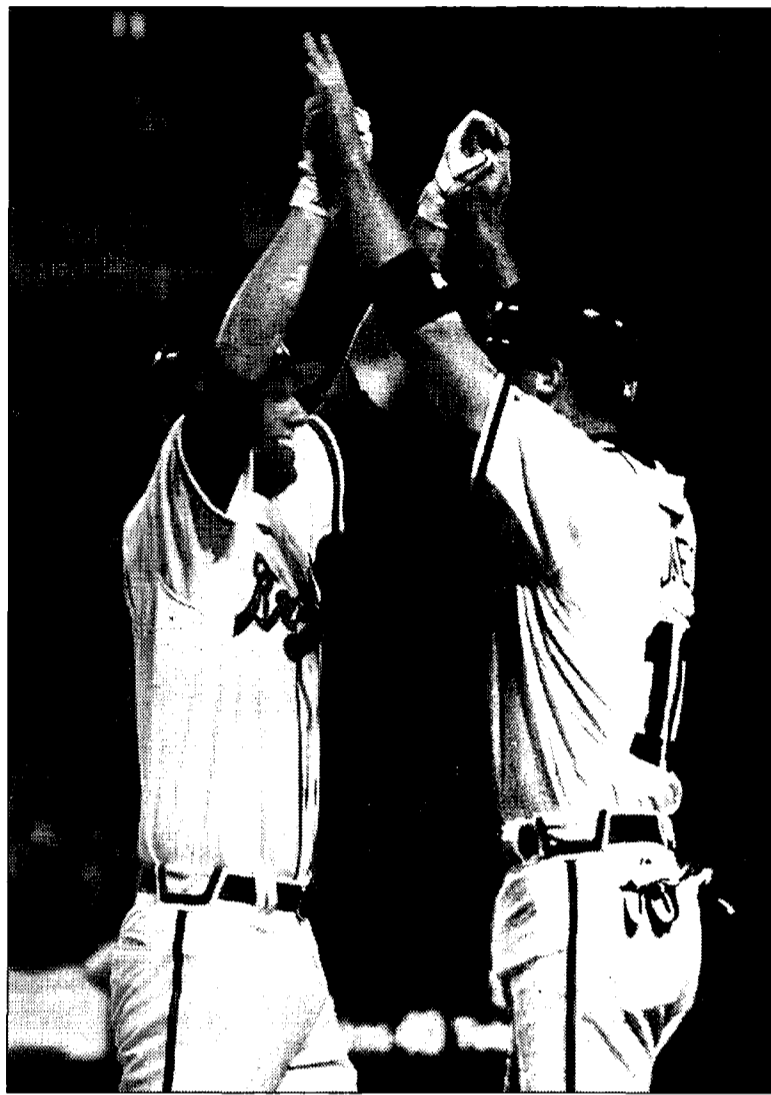
In the fifth, the Nationals put the first two runners on, and newcomer Deivi Cruz lined a single to right with one out. Coach Dave Huppert wisely held up Byrd coming around third rather than challenge Francoeur's strong arm in right.

But Huppert appeared to throw up his hands a little too late, and Carlos Baerga got caught in a rundown between second and third. Byrd and Baerga both wound up at third — Baerga was out — and Smoltz escaped the inning when Jamey Carroll flied out to right.

San Diego 6, Milwaukee 5

Khalil Greene hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning and the San Diego Padres crept back above .500 with a victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Thursday night.

Joe Randa hit his career-high 37th double with one out in the eighth. After Xavier Nady grounded out, Greene hit a foul ball that fell into the stands, three rows beyond the reach of Brewers first baseman Lyle Overbay. On the next pitch, and an 0-2 count, reliev-



Atlanta Braves players Jeff Francoeur, left, and Chipper Jones celebrate after Francoeur's third-inning home run against the Washington Nationals. The Braves won 8-7 in 10 innings.



Jason Lane of the Houston Astros collides with Cincinnati Reds catcher Javier Valentin Thursday. Lane scored on the play, and the Astros won 3-1.

er Kane Davis (1-1) left a fastball over the middle of the plate, and Greene hit his 11th homer of the season.

It was the third straight win for the Padres (67-66), who are above .500 for the first time since Aug. 12. They remain in first place in the NL West — 5 1/2 games in front of Los Angeles — and have gained two games in the standings since last being above .500.

Rudy Saenz (6-1) earned the win with one inning of relief. Padres starter Adam Eaton hasn't won in his last three starts after winning eight in a row. He gave up three runs and three hits in six innings.

The Brewers made it a one-run game when Wes Helms reached on an error by shortstop Greene and J.J. Hardy hit a two-run homer off Trevor Hoffman in the ninth. The closer still earned his 35th save in 37 opportunities.

Rick Helling was trying to get his first win since joining Milwaukee's starting rotation last week. He allowed two earned runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings.

In the fourth, Eaton walked Rickie Weeks and Overbay singled to put runners at the corners with one out. Carlos Lee's sacrifice fly scored Weeks, and Geoff Jenkins followed with his 18th homer, a two-run shot that gave the Brewers a 3-2 lead.

After Helling retired the first six Padres, he ran into trouble in the third. San Diego stole three bases in the inning — two by Miguel Olivo and one by Dave Roberts, who leads the team with 21. Helling walked Mark Loretta to load the bases with two outs, and Brian Giles' grounder deflected off Overbay's glove at first base to

make it 1-0.

Ben Johnson hit a two-run homer in the ninth for the Padres.

Houston 3, Cincinnati 1

Roy Oswalt remained perfect against the Cincinnati Reds and the Houston Astros swept the three-game series with a victory on Thursday night.

The right-hander improved to 15-0 in 19 appearances against the Reds, the most wins without a loss by any pitcher against one team in major league history. Oswalt (16-11) is 4-0 against the Reds this season and the Astros remained one-half game behind the Philadelphia Phillies in the NL wild-card race.

He went 5 2-3 innings and had a season-high 11 strikeouts. Ken Griffey Jr. singled and Adam Dunn walked with two outs in the sixth. Mike Gallo relieved and got Sean Casey to fly out to end the inning.

Oswalt, who allowed five hits and one walk, is 2-3 with two no-decisions in his last seven starts. Brad Lidge pitched the ninth for his 32nd save in 35 opportunities.

Cincinnati had won 14 of its previous 16 road games before this series. Aaron Harang (9-12) allowed three runs and five hits in seven innings.

In the second, Dunn doubled and scored on Casey's single to the left field corner. Casey was thrown out by left fielder Luke Scott trying to stretch the hit to a double. Scott's RBI triple tied it in the fourth for Houston.

Willy Taveras singled to right-center to drive in Brad Ausmus with the go-ahead run in the fifth and Lance Berkman hit his 14th homer in the sixth.

ND vs UM

NEED A RIDE?

GET on the BUS

Saturday, September 10th

Bus departs from Library Circle to Ann Arbor at 6:00 am and returns 1/2 hour after the game.

\$10/ticket .. 1 ticket/ID .. 2 IDs per purchase
WHILE THEY LAST AT LAFORTUNE INFO DESK
BEGINNING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

Bus ticket is for transportation only and does not grant admission to the game.
NO ALCOHOL. SEATING IS LIMITED.



NFL

'Heartbroken' Saints drop preseason finale

Oakland wins 13-6 over New Orleans; Kerry Collins throws game's only touchdown to Randy Moss in 1st quarter

Associated Press

Joe Horn planned to head for Houston with the intent of helping one refugee family hurt by Hurricane Katrina.

He'll go by limo, van or rental car.

Across the country from their devastated city, the New Orleans Saints somehow played a competitive football game when it's probably the last thing some of them wanted to do — and then they turned their thoughts to assisting those in need and reuniting with family members over the weekend before returning to work Monday.

"It's not just the people in the (Astrodome), there are people in hotel rooms, 12 at a time with families piled on top of families, and they won't have the financial means," Horn said. "I'm going to stay there two days and see if I can help them out. I know I can't help everybody, but I'm going to try my best because I love the fans there and in Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi."

Randy Moss caught a 27-yard touchdown from Kerry Collins in the first quarter for the game's only touchdown, leading the Oakland Raiders over the Saints 13-6 Thursday night in the preseason finale for both teams.

Transported 2,000 miles to California on Sunday, the Saints avoided the wrath of one of America's worst storms and prepared for this game under the sun at San Jose State University despite all the uncertainties back home.

A moment of silence was held before the game, and about 100 people turned out for a last-minute blood drive sponsored by the Raiders and the American Red Cross outside the Coliseum. The Raiders made a donation to the Red Cross and also ran public service announcements in the stadium, on their Web site and on their broadcasts encouraging people to help hurricane victims.

Players from both teams held a prayer circle when time expired.

"Everybody on our team is heartbroken," Saints coach Jim Haslett said. "They feel for the people. I think the one thing about our football team is that we're resilient. When we step on the field, we're focused. When we get off the field, our minds go somewhere else."

Afterward, the Saints flew all night to San Antonio with no idea when they'll go home — or whether they even still have homes. Their temporary home will be the Marriott Riverwalk.

John Carney kicked field goals of 38 and 37 yards, but also missed a 38-yarder in the third quarter for New Orleans. He was patted on the back by holder Todd Bouman when the ball sailed wide left. Bouman started at quarterback and completed 13 of 20 passes for

120 yards.

The Saints chose to rest most of their regulars, including quarterback Aaron Brooks, Horn and running back Deuce McAllister.

New Orleans came into the game hoping to improve its run defense and appeared to make strides, limiting Oakland to 61 yards after allowing 151 yards to Baltimore's Chester Taylor in a 21-6 loss to the Ravens last Friday.

The Saints (1-3) celebrated good plays and were businesslike from warmups to the final tick of the clock. They don't yet know where they will play their home opener Sept. 18 against the New York Giants.

The Raiders (1-3) earned their first exhibition victory exactly a week before they open the season in a nationally televised game at Super Bowl champion New England.

Moss scored his second TD of the preseason in the only series he played and also had a 9-yard reception before taking a seat. Collins and almost all the other starters also played only one series.

"The first drive was good," Moss said. "One thing that we wanted to do was get out there and get ourselves ready for next week. With everything that we have gone through as far as training camp, preseason and today's game, we are headed in the right direction."

The Saints never consid-

ered not playing this game, even with heavy hearts.

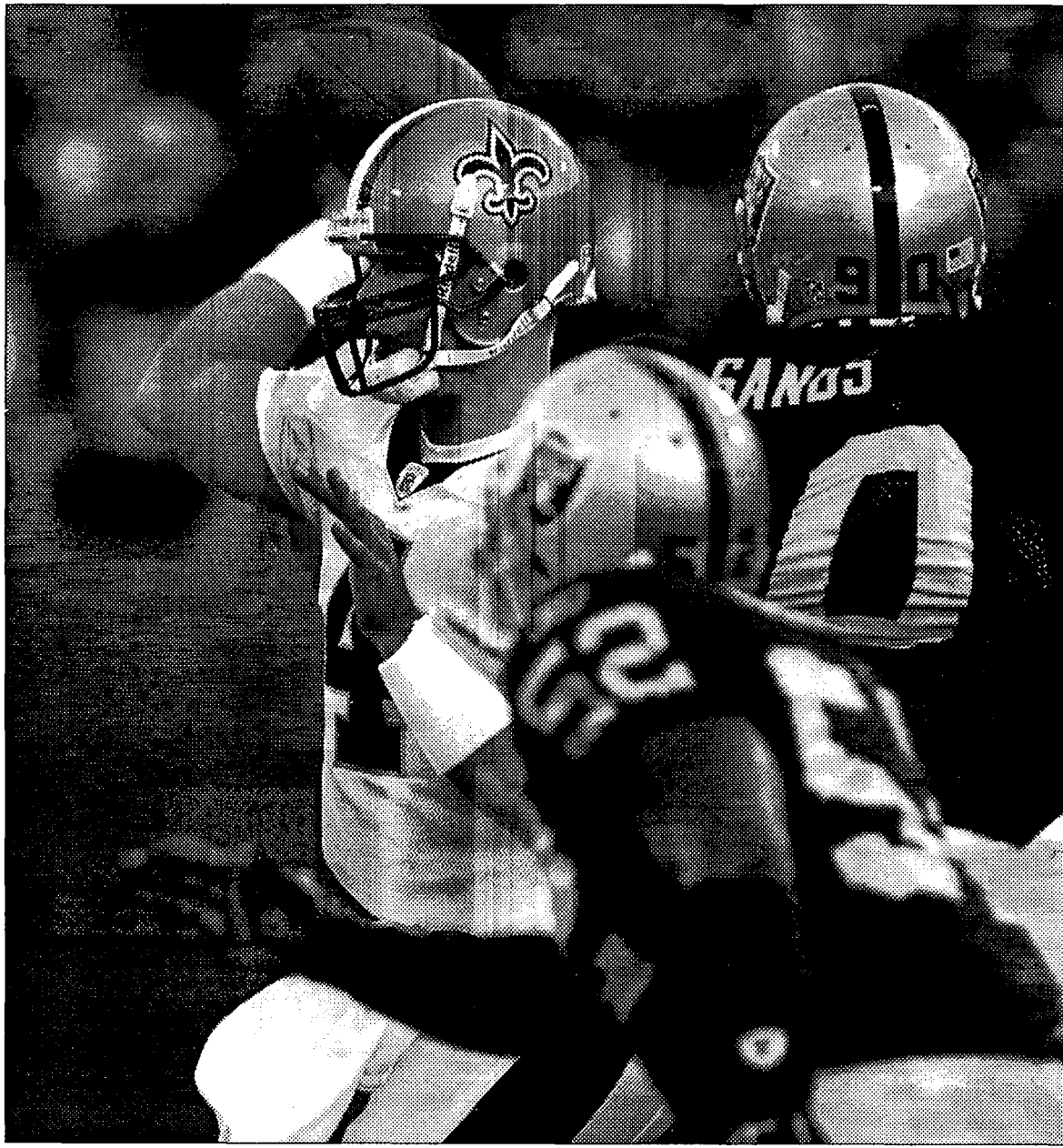
"I wouldn't say it's overwhelming," said general manager Mickey Loomis, who doesn't know whether the team will play in New Orleans again this season. "They understand they have a job to do. They know their families are safe. Once you know your family is safe, you go back to your business. What's overwhelming is what's going on in New Orleans, Mississippi and the entire Gulf Coast."

In the seats behind the Saints sideline, New Orleans resident Chad Seeger held a sign reading, "The Dome will rise again!" — a reference to the Louisiana Superdome, which became a temporary refugee camp for thousands of the city's stranded citizens, but was heavily damaged in the storm.

Seeger came to California last week for vacation and was supposed to fly back Monday, when the hurricane hit. He is staying with his girlfriend and her family in San Francisco.

Another Saints fan, New Orleans native Jimmy Lashley, held a sign reading, "Forget, Iraq. Help our own."

Third-string Oakland quarterback Andrew Walter, a third-round draft pick out of Arizona State, returned after missing the previous two exhibition games with a strained groin. He went 13-for-20 passes for 221 yards, including a 52-yard completion to Johnnie Morant.



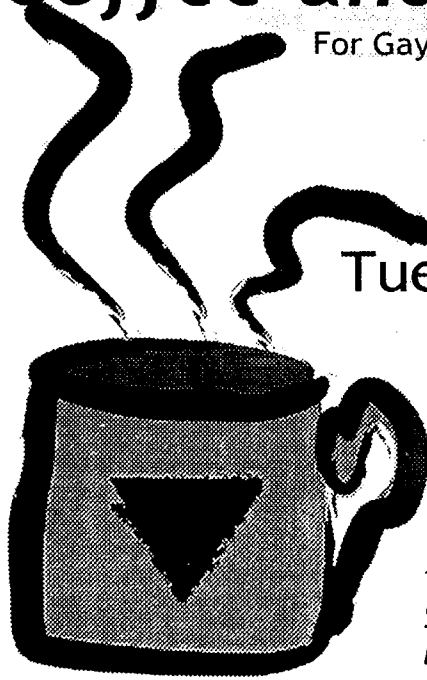
New Orleans Saints quarterback Todd Bouman passes against the Oakland Raiders Thursday. The Saints, recently displaced from the Louisiana Superdome, lost 13-6.

"Everybody on our team is heartbroken. They feel for the people."

Jim Haslett
Saints head coach

Coffee and Conversation

For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame



Tuesday, September 6th
(and every first Tuesday of the month)
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
316 Coleman-Morse

The student members of the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs invite gay, lesbian, and bisexual members of the Notre Dame family, their friends, and supporters to an informal coffee at the Co-Mo.



Everyone is welcome and confidentiality is assured.

Coffee and refreshments will be served

AROUND THE NATION

Friday, September 2, 2005

COMPILED FROM THE OBSERVER'S WIRE SERVICES

Page 19

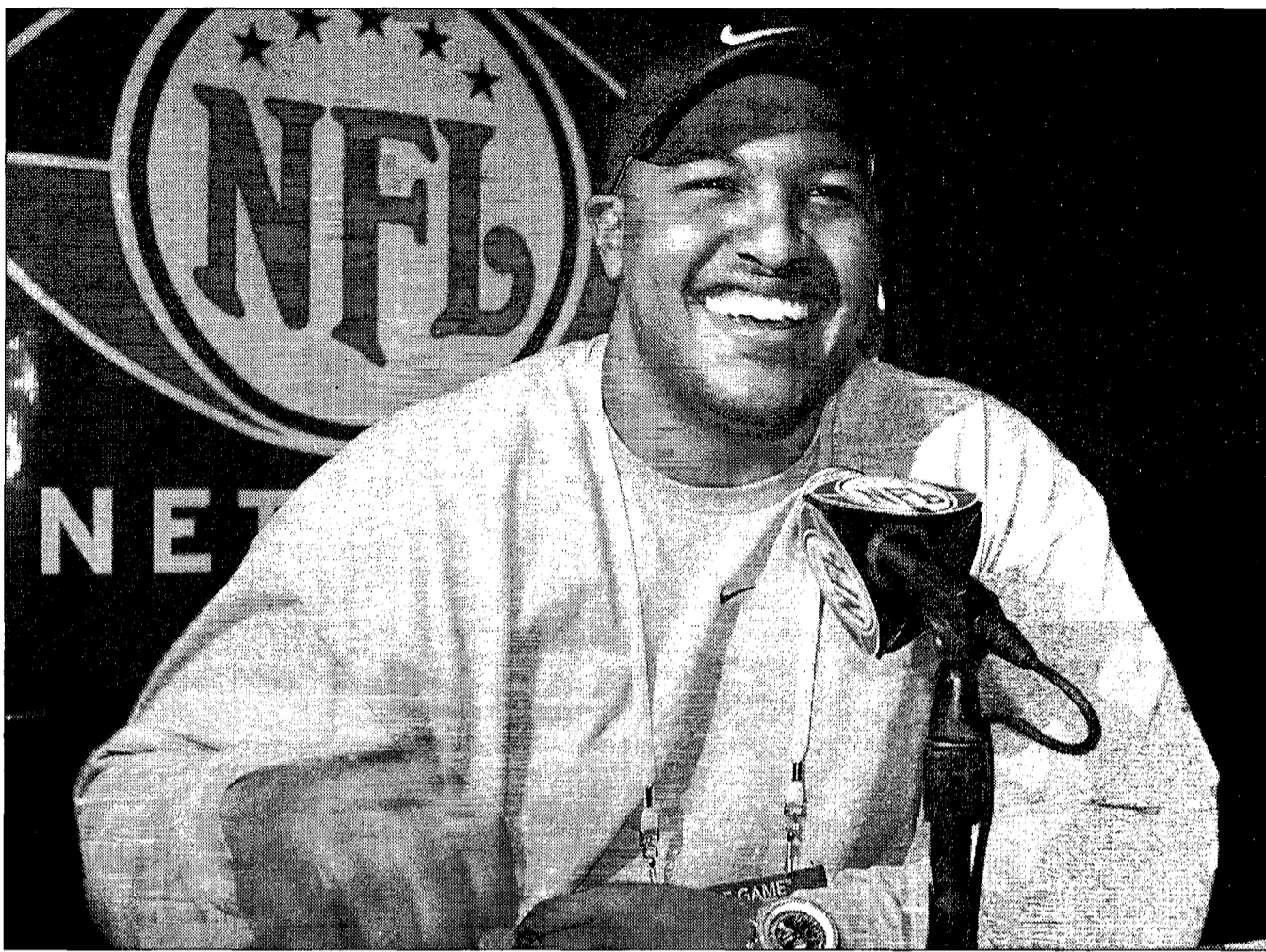
AP College Football Preseason Top 25

	team	'04 record	prev.
1	Southern Cal	13-0	1
2	Texas	11-1	5
3	Tennessee	10-3	13
4	Michigan	9-3	14
5	LSU	9-3	16
6	Ohio State	8-4	20
7	Oklahoma	12-1	3
8	Virginia Tech	10-3	10
9	Miami (Fla.)	9-3	11
10	Florida	7-4	NR
11	Iowa	10-2	8
12	Louisville	11-1	6
13	Georgia	10-2	7
14	Florida State	9-3	15
15	Purdue	7-4	NR
16	Auburn	11-1	2
17	Texas A&M	10-2	NR
18	Boise State	9-3	12
19	California	8-4	9
20	Arizona State	9-3	19
21	Texas Tech	8-4	18
22	Boston College	9-3	21
23	Pittsburgh	8-4	25
24	Fresno State	9-3	22
25	Virginia	8-4	23

ESPN/USA Today College Football Preseason Top 25

	team	'04 record	prev.
1	Southern Cal	13-0	1
2	Texas	11-1	4
3	Tennessee	10-3	15
4	Michigan	9-3	12
5	Oklahoma	12-1	3
6	LSU	9-3	16
7	Virginia Tech	10-3	10
8	Miami (Fla.)	9-3	11
9	Ohio State	8-4	19
10	Iowa	10-2	8
11	Florida	7-4	25
12	Florida State	9-3	14
13	Georgia	10-2	6
14	Louisville	11-1	7
15	Auburn	13-0	2
16	Purdue	7-4	NR
17	Texas A&M	7-4	NR
18	Arizona State	9-3	20
19	Boise State	11-1	13
20	California	10-2	9
21	Texas Tech	8-4	17
22	Boston College	9-3	21
23	Virginia	8-4	23
24	Alabama	6-6	NR
25	Pittsburgh	8-4	NR

NFL



Former Philadelphia Eagles' all-Pro defensive tackle Corey Simon sits at a press conference last January. Simon signed with the Indianapolis Colts Thursday after a contract dispute with his former team.

Colts sign all-Pro Simon, bolster defense

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts, hoping to fix their one glaring weakness, reached a multiyear agreement Thursday with Corey Simon, a Pro Bowl defensive tackle released by Philadelphia in a contract dispute.

Simon wanted a long-term deal with Philadelphia and refused to sign a one-year franchise tender. The Eagles removed the franchise tag on the former first-round draft pick Sunday, making him an unrestricted free agent.

The Colts were quick to pounce.

"You can chase a lot of these guys, but if they don't have a motivation, you're usually spinning your wheels," Colts coach Tony Dungy said after Thursday's practice. "When we talked to him early on, it was evident we were one of the places he was truly interested in. We felt we had something good to offer, and he felt the same way."

The negotiations didn't take long.

Roosevelt Barnes, Simon's agent, said he finished the deal with Colts president Bill Polian on Thursday morning and that Simon, who has 32 sacks in his five-year NFL

career, would probably be in Indianapolis on Friday for a physical. Dungy said Simon might join the team in Cincinnati for the final preseason game Friday night, but he would not play.

"It's going to be different for him," Dungy said. "We play a completely different style than Philadelphia. He's going to have to get used to that, get used to our terminology. It's not going to be the type of thing where he's going to come in and all of a sudden everything's going to click for us. We've got to get him going."

"He played in a system similar to this at Florida

State, so it'll be a little bit of muscle memory. But he'll help us very quickly, I think."

Simon was the Eagles' first-round pick and the sixth overall selection in the 2000 draft.

In five seasons with Philadelphia, he had 270 tackles and 32 sacks. He had 24 tackles and 5 1/2 sacks last season, but he did not sign a one-year, \$5.13 million franchise tender the Eagles offered him because he wanted a long-term contract. He was selected to the Pro Bowl in 2003.

He skipped all of Philadelphia's minicamps and its training camp.

around the dial

MLB

Philadelphia at Washington 6 p.m., Comcast
Chicago at Pittsburgh 6 p.m., Comcast
Cincinnati at Atlanta 6:35 p.m., TBS
St. Louis at Houston 7 p.m., Fox Sports Midwest

NCAA FOOTBALL

Indiana at Central Michigan, 6:30 p.m., ESPN U
Arizona at Utah 7 p.m., ESPN

TENNIS

U.S. Open Day 5 Coverage 10 a.m., 6 p.m. USA Network

LPGA TOUR

State Farm Classic 2 p.m. ESPN 2

PGA TOUR

Deutsche Bank Championship 4 p.m. USA Network

IN BRIEF

Bowie leads early in LPGA State Farm classic

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Heather Bowie chipped in for an eagle and had a bogey-free 7-under 65 Thursday to take a one-shot lead after the opening round of the LPGA State Farm Classic.

Bowie, who missed the U.S. Solheim Cup team after finishing 12th in the standings, was at even-par when she holed a 14-foot wedge shot on the fourth hole at the Rail Golf Club. She followed with five birdies in her bid for her second career title after winning the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic in July.

Sherri Turner, who missed most of last year with a shoulder injury, birdied five of her first six holes and was tied for the lead before hitting a 7-iron into the water and making a bogey at the par-3 16th. The 48-year-old Turner finished a stroke back at 6 under along with Natalie Gulbis and Tina Barrett.

Dina Ammaccapane, Jenna Daniels, Rachel Hetherington, Pat Hurst, Vikki Laing and Karrie Webb were tied at 5 under.

Rockets sign Ming to multi-year deal

HOUSTON — Yao Ming signed a five-year contract worth more than \$75 million Thursday, keeping the 7-foot-6 center with the Houston Rockets through the 2010-11 season.

The extension, the maximum allowed under the NBA's new labor deal, ended days of speculation about Yao's future. Owner Leslie Alexander called the agreement "as important as anything I've done as an owner."

"I think he could become one of the greatest players in the history of the game," Alexander said during a conference call from New York. "To have the next great big man tied up for a long time is very, very important for this team and I believe it will give us a chance to compete for the

championship for many years to come."

After three tiebreakers, Agassi advances

NEW YORK — Size doesn't matter in tennis.

Neither does age.

Andre Agassi stood 11 inches shorter than 6-foot-10 Croatian Ivo Karlovic, spun serves about 50 mph slower, and logged far fewer miles on court.

The ace count went to Karlovic, 30-5, as he clocked serves consistently in the 130-142 mph range, but the second-round victory at the U.S. Open on Thursday went to Agassi, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4).

At 35, nine years older than the gangling giant across the net, Agassi came up bigger on the big points to continue his run for one more Grand Slam title in his 20th visit to the Open. His wife, Steffi Graf, and 3-year-old son, Jaden, watched at courtside.

NFL

Chargers beat 49ers, Giants knock off champs

Cleo Lemon throws game-winning TD in Chargers' victory

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Alex Smith threw a touchdown pass in his homecoming game. Philip Rivers and Cleo Lemon had scoring passes, too.

And now they all get to sit on the bench to open the season.

Lemon, San Diego's third-string quarterback, threw a 13-yard scoring pass to Ruell Martin with 19 seconds left to give the Chargers a 28-24 victory over the San Francisco 49ers in an exhibition finale on Thursday night.

Lemon's second TD pass of the fourth quarter came shortly after Joe Nedney kicked a 27-yard field goal with 1:11 left to give the 49ers a 24-21 lead. That drive was keyed by fourth-stringer Cody Pickett, who had a 15-yard scramble and a 41-yard pass to Rashaun Woods.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Lemon was flushed all the way across the field and, throwing off-balance and across his body, hit tight end Landon Trusty with a 30-yard TD pass to tie it at 21-21.

But on opening day, Tim Rattay will start for San Francisco and Drew Brees for San Diego.

Smith, the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft, lost his starting job to Rattay after lackluster performances in the first two exhibition games.

Smith, who played at Helix High in nearby La Mesa before starring at Utah, was in for 23 plays over four drives, completing nine of 15 passes for 69 yards. He threw one interception and fumbled once, which he recovered.

Smith had a rough start. After two penalties against the 49ers, he was hit hard on two straight pass attempts that both fell incomplete.

Just before halftime, Smith rolled left and threw a 23-yard pass to Fred Amey to tie the game at 14.

The 49ers (2-2), still mourn-

ing the death of guard Thomas Herrion on Aug. 21, will try to rebound from an NFL-worst 2-14 finish in 2004. They host St. Louis on Sept. 11.

Giants 27, Patriots 3

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Jared Lorenzen made his final bid for the No. 3 quarterback spot on the New York Giants. Then Jesse Palmer made his.

Now coach Tom Coughlin must make his decision.

With few starters playing in the Giants' exhibition win over the New England Patriots on Thursday night, the spotlight was on the competition for backup jobs and it shone brightest on New York's quarterbacks.

"There will be some discussions about a lot of positions," Coughlin said. "And that will certainly be one of them."

Most regulars, especially for New England, sat out the game to avoid injury and give coaches a chance to watch players still fighting for roster spots.

New York (3-1) got its first touchdown in two games, having managed only five field goals by Jay Feely in a 15-14 win over the New York Jets. New England (2-2) played much poorer defense than it did in last Friday's 27-3 win at Green Bay, but will have its starters back when it opens the season next Thursday night at home against Oakland.

"We had a chance to look at a lot of our younger players," said Patriots coach Bill Belichick, facing the NFL deadline Saturday to reduce his roster to 53 players. "We are in a much shorter window now than you would be if you opened a week from Sunday."

New England's Tom Brady and New York's Eli Manning, who missed his second straight game with a sprained right elbow but is expected to be ready for the season opener Sept. 11 against Arizona, both sat out. That gave the No. 2 quarterbacks — former Boston College players Doug Flutie of the Patriots and Tim Hasselbeck of the Giants — a chance to start and each played four series. The Giants scored on two of theirs on



San Diego quarterback Philip Rivers, center, is sacked in Thursday's game against San Francisco. The Chargers won 28-24.

Feely's field goals of 47 and 48 yards that gave them a 6-0 halftime lead

Jets 37, Eagles 14

PHILADELPHIA — Even being spectators didn't bring Donovan McNabb and Terrell Owens together.

McNabb watched from the press box and Owens looked on from the bench as the New York Jets' backups dominated the Philadelphia Eagles' junior varsity in a victory Thursday night.

Chad Pennington played one series for the Jets, completing all three of his passes and leading the offense into the end zone. Rashad Washington returned an interception 99 yards for a score, and Derrick Blaylock and Little John Flowers each had TD runs.

"If there was a positive, it was an opportunity to see the young guys," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "I'm not happy with their performance out there. It wasn't very good."

No matter how tenuous their relationship, it's clear the Eagles need McNabb and Owens on the field. The five-time Pro Bowl quarterback and the All-Pro wideout have been feuding and aren't on speaking terms. But they connected five times for 131 yards, including a 64-yard TD pass on the first play from scrimmage, last week in their lone appearance together this preseason.

Backup quarterback Koy Detmer played poorly and the rest of Philadelphia's reserves didn't have much success.

The NFC champion Eagles open the season in Atlanta on Sept. 12 in a rematch of the conference title game. The Jets open at Kansas City a day ear-

lier.

With most of the starters sitting out, both coaches got extended looks at players fighting for roster spots and jockeying for positions on the depth chart. Herman Edwards had to be more pleased than Reid.

"He's right where he's supposed to be," Jets coach Herman Edwards said of Pennington. "Everybody made a big deal of how he played last week. It wasn't his arm. It was his decision-making."

Falcons 20, Dolphins 17

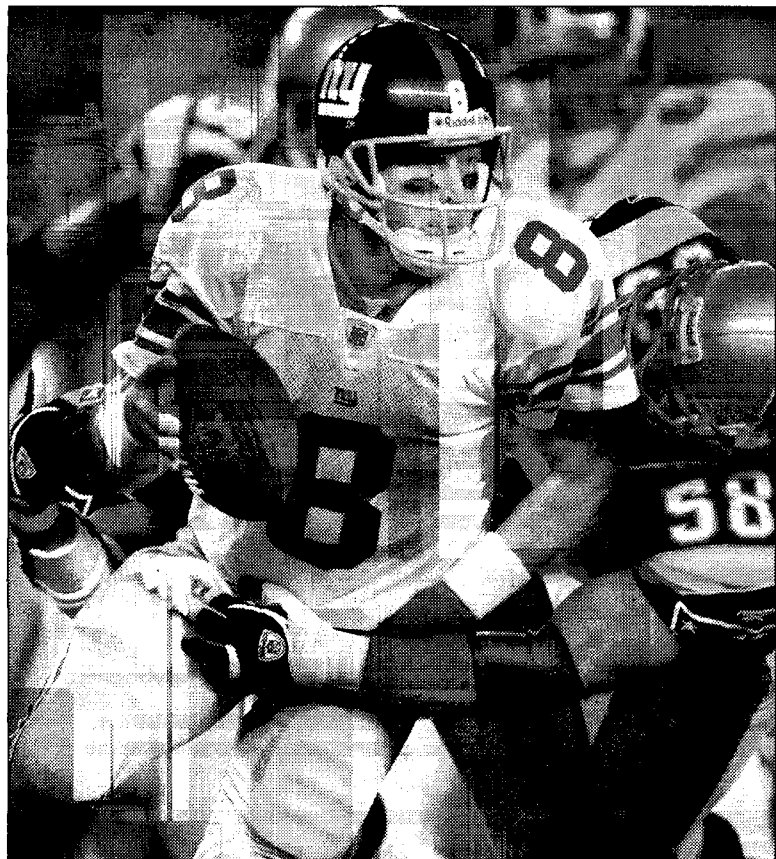
MIAMI — The Atlanta Falcons did little to help the Miami Dolphins resolve their quarterback situation, stopping both Gus Frerotte and A.J. Feeley.

Etric Pruitt scored on a 51-yard interception return and the Falcons allowed no first downs in the opening 25 minutes, helping them win Thursday in the final exhibition game for both teams.

While Frerotte and Feeley struggled, third-stringer Sage Rosenfels threw for 217 yards and two touchdowns against reserves in the second half. New Miami coach Nick Saban didn't rule out giving Rosenfels the starting nod for the season opener Sept. 11 against Denver.

"I was pleased with the way Sage played," Saban said. "It looked like he had some command out there and did a good job. Those things are factors that need to be taken into consideration. ...

"We want to pick the quarterback that's going to give us the best opportunity to win. I'm not prepared after watching that game to make a statement about that."



Giants' quarterback Tim Hasselbeck is sacked in Thursday's 27-3 victory over the Patriots.

legends
presents

ROB PARAVONIAN



10 pm
Like Adam Sandler...
but funnier!
(and hotter!!!)
With past
performances



nd/smc/hcc
id required
no cover
legends.nd.edu

NCAA FOOTBALL

Spurrier's Gamecocks earn first win, 24-15

South Carolina rides quick start to victory over Central Florida

Associated Press

South Carolina had as many fumbles as touchdowns Thursday night and needed its defense to save victory over an opponent that came in with the country's longest losing streak.

Surely, Steve Spurrier dreamed of a flashier return to college football than the Gamecocks' 24-15 win over Central Florida.

"Well, I'm not going to feel too bad, because a few plays here and there and they beat us," he said.

Spurrier's attitude? Forget the mistakes and let his young team enjoy a win.

"It was a tough night," Spurrier said. "But we're one and oh and we're not going to sit around and cry about it."

The Gamecocks (1-0) overcame three fumbles and got a fourth-and-goal stop from the 1 late in the game to send Spurrier out a winner.

The Golden Knights (0-1) dropped their 16th straight game, the last 12 under former Georgia Tech and Notre Dame coach George O'Leary. Still, UCF cut a 24-3 lead to nine points and were driving for another score when the game ended.

"We started off a little big-

eyed, but I think we settled in and competed," O'Leary said.

Spurrier also chose to focus on the positives.

One of the biggest was the performance of South Carolina quarterback Blake Mitchell, who threw for 330 yards and three touchdowns in his first start.

It's real early in Spurrier's tenure. But Mitchell looked as if he might have Spurrier's "Cock-n-Fire" offense figured out.

Five plays into the opening drive, Mitchell faked a handoff to Bobby Wallace, stepped back and hit Noah Whiteside in stride for a 49-yard touchdown with 12:46 left in the first quarter.

Mitchell was firing again the next time South Carolina got the ball, finding Mike Davis on a short dump pass that went for 64 yards. Tight end Andy Boyd capped the drive with a 12-yard touchdown catch to put the Gamecocks up 14-0 less than eight minutes into the game.

Mitchell, who had completed only 9 of 22 passes in his career, connected on 15 of 19 in the opening half. His 283 yards passing by halftime surpassed the Gamecocks totals of every game but one from last

season.

"A few things fell into place the way we thought they would and we got some big plays out of it," Mitchell said.

"Once you get those few short ones and that nervousness out of you," he said, "the rest just came pretty easily."

With Mitchell in command, it looked as if the Gamecocks were headed for a typical Spurrier blowout.

Instead, UCF made a fourth-quarter charge.

Mike Walker had a 13-yard touchdown catch and John Brown a 29-yard field goal in the fourth quarter. Minutes later, the Golden Knights had a fourth-and-goal from the 1 with 2:50 left, but Kevin Smith was stopped short trying leap for the end zone by linebacker

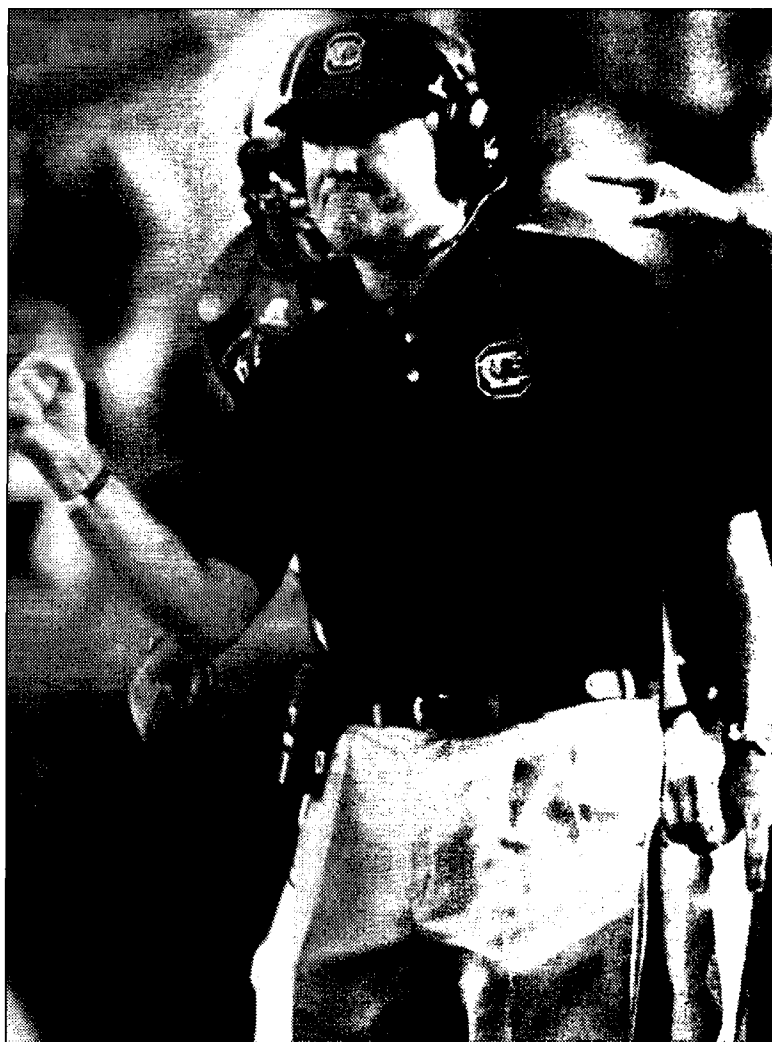
Ricardo Hurley and defensive lineman Ryan Brown.

Still, South Carolina could not put this one away. Punter Josh Brown ran out of the end zone for a safety and the Golden Knights got the ball back in the final minute on an onside kick. But time ran out on UCF and Spurrier improved to 15-1 all-time in opening games.

For the first three quarters, this one was all about Spurrier. The former Florida coach was

"We started off a little big eyed, but I think we settled in and competed."

George O'Leary
Central Florida head coach



South Carolina head coach Steve Spurrier celebrates after a Gamecocks touchdown in the first quarter against Central Florida Thursday.



South Carolina students show their enthusiasm for the Gamecocks' new head football coach, Steve Spurrier. A sellout crowd of 82,753 packed Williams-Brice Stadium for South Carolina's 24-15 win over Central Florida Thursday.

entirely.

The sold-out crowd of 82,753 at Williams-Brice Stadium couldn't wait to see their newest hero take the sidelines. They packed the State Fairgrounds across from the stadium hours before kickoff and even cheered loudly in the middle of the pre-game prayer when Spurrier's name was mentioned.

Spurrier felt as if he'd never been away from the college game. "Chucked a few deep, hit some, missed some," he said.

But this was far from the scoring machine Spurrier built over 12 seasons at Florida.

Spurrier has said the Gamecocks are a ways out from competing for an SEC title. They showed that at times against UCF.

After Mitchell drove the Gamecocks to UCF's 16, he was sacked twice and South Carolina missed a 50-yard field goal try.

On another series South Carolina moved from its 8 to UCF's 5.

Again, the Gamecocks faltered in the red zone, settling for Josh Brown's 22-yard field goal.

In the third quarter when backup quarterback Antonio Heffner fumbled the snap, Spurrier slammed his papers to the ground in disgust.

And things figure to get rougher next week when the Gamecocks go to Georgia in Spurrier's first SEC game in four years.

Bulldogs fans remember all too well how Florida scored a late touchdown in a 52-17 blowout in 1995 so the Gators could be the first opponent to hit the half-century mark at Sanford Stadium.

"We got to get better on defense, we got to get better on offense, we got to get better everywhere," Spurrier said. "Simple as that."

back in the Southeastern Conference after two disappointing seasons with the Washington Redskins and another one out of the game

WNBA

Swoopes leads Comets over Storm

Associated Press

Sheryl Swoopes converted two defensive stands by Houston into four points in the final three minutes, and the Comets rallied from a 10-point second-half deficit to beat the Seattle Storm 67-64 Thursday night.

The first round, best-of-three WNBA playoff series is tied at 1-1. Game 3 will be Saturday night in Seattle.

Swoopes scored 20 points for the Comets, 14 in the second half. Tina Thompson added 13 points, Janeth Arcain 12 and Michelle Snow 10.

Betty Lennox led Seattle with 16 points, but made just 6-of-20 shots. Nursing a sprained back

Lauren Jackson added 14 and Janell Burse had 12.

The Comets trailed 47-37 with 15:30 left after consecutive 3-pointers by Iziane Castro Marques and Sue Bird.

The Storm's shooting struggled from there, as they scored just eight points over the next eight minutes, allowing the Comets to rally and take a 57-55 lead with 6:14 left on a reverse layup by Janeth Arcain. It was Houston's first lead since 2-0.

Lennox then scored five straight points for Seattle, making a 20-foot jumper, then beating Dawn Staley on a baseline drive and converting a three-point play after being fouled by Snow, with 4:08 left.

Thompson scored for the Comets and Burse responded for Seattle, giving the Storm a 62-59 lead. Snow scored on a tough reverse, then Swoopes stole a pass from Bird and scored to put the Comets up 63-62 with 2:06 left. Lennox was then called for a charge, and Swoopes was fouled at the other end, making both free throws.

Lennox scored on a layup with 30 seconds left, and Houston turned over the inbound pass. Lennox missed a short jumper, but Staley stole the rebound from Burse.

Arcain was fouled and made both free throws. Bird and Lennox missed tough 3-point attempts in the final seconds.

FREE RIDE

Comfy couches to hang out and knit or crochet!



A YARN CAFE, INC.
WWW.SITANDKNIT.COM

Great yarns!
Great books!
Great place!

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, and faculty and staff ride all TRANSPO buses fare-free upon showing a current, valid identification card issued by the school.

Pick up at 6 Locations (including Library, Regina Hall and University Village) on campus & runs every 30 minutes.

9 X 9 HURRICANE KATRINA ASSISTANCE

Come in and knit 9" X 9" squares for blankets. Then we'll assemble and ship to The American Red Cross.



THE O.C.

Every Thursday is THE O.C. night at Sit & Knit. The season premiere is Thursday, Sept. 8th at 7 pm CST. From 6 - 8:30 p.m. enjoy free lattes, mochas and flavored coffees. Bring your knitting or let us start you on a new one.

129 S. Michigan St. 574/232-KNIT
Downtown South Bend between Quizno and LePeep
Hours: Mon - Thu 10-7 Fri - Sat 10-6 Sun Noon-6

HURRICANE KATRINA

Evacuees moved from Superdome to Astrodome

The home of the New Orleans Saints became unsuitable for occupation due to extreme heat and overflowing toilets

Associated Press

The first busloads of weary refugees from New Orleans arrived early Thursday at Houston's Astrodome, where air conditioning, cots, food and showers awaited them.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency provided 500 buses to transport people made homeless by Hurricane Katrina and then again by the floodwaters around the New Orleans' arena from the Superdome to the Astrodome.

Houston developers detailed plans for turning the rarely used 40-year-old Astrodome into a hotel last month not knowing that within weeks the Dome would be retrofitted into a temporary home for up to 25,000 hurricane evacuees.

The first bus from New Orleans' damaged Superdome arrived about 12:30 a.m. Thursday, with 50 people aboard. An hour and a half later, four more buses arrived.

"We are going to do everything we can to make people comfortable," Red Cross spokeswoman Margaret O'Brien-Molina said. "Places have to be found for these people. Many of these people may never be able to rebuild."

Until temporary housing can be established in Louisiana, Texas Gov. Rick Perry said the evacuees can call the Astrodome home.

The evacuation was kept almost secret to avoid a stampede. People were taken a few at a time through a garage,

then to trucks that plowed through 4 feet of water and delivered them to the buses.

Refugees with physical problems were evacuated Wednesday morning, loaded into a variety of vehicles and taken to a triage center in Baton Rouge, La. The evacuation of the more able-bodied began later.

Astrodome officials said it would only accept people who were stranded at the Superdome — a rule that was tested late Wednesday when an Orleans Parish school bus arrived, filled with families with children seeking shelter. At first, Astrodome officials said they couldn't come in, but then allowed them to enter for food and water.

Almost all the refugees carried a plastic bag or bundled bedspread holding the few possessions they had left after Katrina devastated their city.

"I don't care where they're taking us. Anywhere is better than here," said James Caire, 49, who had been at the Superdome only about six hours.

With no air conditioning and little electricity, the heat and stench inside the Superdome were unbearable for the nearly 25,000 housed there. As the water pressure lowered, toilets backed up. The stink was so bad that many medical workers wore masks as they walked around.

Dr. Kevin Stephens Sr., in charge of the special needs shelter at the dome, described

the Superdome and a nearby arena as a health department's nightmare.

"These conditions are atrocious," he said. "We'll take trucks, planes, boats, anything else — I have to get these people out of here."

The plan to turn the Astrodome into a shelter grew out of a conversation between Perry and Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco. The Astrodome's schedule has been cleared through December. The dome, once the home of the Houston Astros, is used on

occasion for corporate parties and hospitality events leading up to football games, such as the Big 12 championship, played at neighboring Reliant Stadium. The Astrodome hasn't been used for professional sports in years.

"We're buying time until we can figure something out," said William Lokey, chief coordinator for FEMA.

Some members of the New Orleans Hornets' front office also relocated to Houston and are working out of the Toyota Center, according to various

reports. Also, The New York Times reported Thursday that NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik sent an e-mail to all the teams in the NBA to prepare them for the possible relocation of the Hornets.

"Even if the arena is operable, it still may be impossible to play games in New Orleans for some time," Granik wrote in the e-mail message, a copy of which was obtained by the Times.

The NFL's Saints will be based in San Antonio for a while.



A refugee from Hurricane Katrina comforts his child in front of the Louisiana Superdome earlier this week. Evacuees began moving to Houston's Astrodome Thursday.

Saints struggle to focus on football

New Orleans played final preseason game Thursday in Oakland

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Injured New Orleans linebacker James Allen stood in the stadium tunnel minutes before kickoff with a cell phone in each hand.

The Saints' preseason finale against Oakland was far from his mind — he needed to check in with a few people first to make sure they were fine in the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

"I've never witnessed anything so chaotic and disastrous," he said. "You always see things on TV or in the movies, but this is real life. ... Of course everybody says it puts football in perspective. It's damn hard to come out here and act like we're into our jobs with something like this going on. I'm sad for the city of New Orleans."

A moment of silence was held before the game, and about 100 people turned out for a last-minute blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross outside the Coliseum.

The Saints fled their ruined city late Sunday, beating the wrath of one of America's worst storms ever by coming early to California and practicing. After this game, they were

headed to San Antonio with no idea when they'll go home — 7 or whether they even still have homes.

Donna Stallworth, the mother of Saints receiver Donte Stallworth, lives in Sacramento and had 15 players for dinner Sunday night after the team arrived. She cooked all day Thursday, sending the team to Texas with everything from barbecued ribs, cornbread, ham, fried chicken, red beans and rice, macaroni and cheese, brownies and lemon cake.

Donna Stallworth's friends are still unable to find two brothers, Wayne and Mark Kendricks. Her older son, Larry Jr., left Donte's home in a western suburb of New Orleans early Sunday and went to Houston along with the player's rottweiler, Bishop.

"It's really hard to describe how we feel," she said, dressed in her son's No. 83 jersey. "They don't know when they're going back. I was just getting to know New Orleans. I was there three weeks ago and I drove around to get to know the town."

In the seats behind the Saints sideline, New Orleans resident Chad Seeger held a sign reading, "The Dome will rise again!" — a reference to the Louisiana Superdome, which became a temporary refugee camp for thousands of the city's stranded citizens, but

was heavily damaged in the storm.

Seeger came to California last week for vacation and was supposed to fly back Monday, when the hurricane hit. He is staying with his girlfriend and her family in San Francisco. Seeger figures there's at least some water in his second-floor apartment.

"I'm glad it flooded because it won't get looted," he said.

New Orleans native Edward Lashley and brother, Jimmy, were still worried about all their family back home: cousins, brothers and sisters, nephews.

Their sister and her son were recently evacuated and taken out of the city by another family member who is a police officer.

Jimmy Lashley held a sign reading, "Forget, Iraq. Help our own!"

Many California residents felt helpless, and just wanted to do something. David Tijerina donated blood for the first time in 10 years.

"It's the right thing to do," said Tijerina, 45, of nearby Alameda. "It's the least I can do. You can't get away from it. It's rough. It's bad. I had nightmares. I was just compelled to do it. It's ironic they're playing the Saints. I almost feel like you don't deserve to have fun."

"If I didn't have a family or a job, I'd be down there right now."

\$2 OFF

OUR

BEST

WASH

- Clear Coat
- Premium Soft Cloth Wash
- Polish-n-Sealer Wax Applied
- 2-Step Underbody Protectant
- Spot-Free Rinse

SCHILLING'S

S

AUTO WASH

52694 State Road 933
South Bend, Indiana 46637

Offer good at the South Bend location only

Back to School Special

Turtle Creek Apartments



Bring in this ad and receive a 2 bedroom garden apartment for the price of a one bedroom garden apartment*
Get a 2 bedroom remodeled town home for a special reduced price!*

Refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, and garbage disposal included in every apartment!

574-272-8124
1710 Turtle Creek Drive
South Bend, IN 45637

* Some restrictions apply. Lease term must be 10 months or longer. Not valid on any lease applications generated before 8/29/2005 or after 12/31/2005.

Expiration Date: 12/31/05

NFL — NFC SOUTH

Healthy Panthers anxious to play at full strength

Falcons another possibility as NFC South winner; newly homeless Saints may also contend; Bucs expected to struggle

Associated Press

No team was ravaged by injuries in 2004 more than the Carolina Panthers. Yet, they almost made the playoffs after a 1-7 start.

Imagine how a healthy Carolina might do? Maybe well enough to get back to the Super Bowl, which the Panthers lost to New England on the final play after the 2003 season.

The Panthers will need a strong turnaround to win a division that once was among the NFL's weakest and now is one of the best. Atlanta, which makes a habit of beating Carolina — winning nine of the last 10 meetings — will be a tough foe and their matchup on New Year's Day to end the season could decide the NFC South.

New Orleans also could challenge, provided it gets steadier play from quarterback Aaron Brooks and a dangerous pass rush to overcome unimpressive linebacking.

Tampa Bay hasn't done much since winning the Super Bowl in January 2003, and probably won't do much this year, either.

Coach John Fox never let the Panthers give up even as so many starters were going down a year ago. If DT Kris Jenkins, WR Steve Smith and both top runners, DeShaun Foster and Stephen Davis, can stay on the field, Carolina could be Philadelphia's main threat in the conference.

Wisely, the Panthers extended the contract of middle linebacker Dan Morgan, one of

their key players. Along with fellow LB Will Witherspoon, SS Mike Minter, Jenkins and DEs Mike Rucker and, especially, Julius Peppers, this could be one hellacious defense.

"Obviously, you weigh everything when you are dealing with a situation like this, but we believe Dan is a difference maker for us," GM Marty Hurney says. "He made the Pro Bowl last year and deservedly so. He's a first-round draft pick and we wanted to him to be here and finish his career here, if possible."

"That is something we think is very important if you can get your first-round picks or very good players who make a difference, to stick around."

Some of the other good players on offense are quarterback Jake Delhomme, both runners, Smith, tackle Jordan Gross, guard Mike Wahle (signed from Green Bay) and kicker John Kasay.

Already, the injuries have hit Carolina, however. Starting free safety Colin Branch (knee) is gone for the season. But with the additions of S Idrees Bashir and CB Ken Lucas, the Panthers are better equipped to handle the loss.

And they have Peppers, who appears ready to stamp himself as the best defender in football.

"We call him the next evolution of the man," says Jenkins, a standout in his own right. "Some of the things he does just doesn't make sense."

Some people would say that about Michael Vick, who has taken the excitement quotient for the quarterback position to another level. Now, if he is as efficient as he is effervescent, Vick could lead the Falcons back to the NFC title game, which they lost to Philadelphia



Carolina Panthers players William Hampton, left, and Marlon McRee chase a fumble against the Pittsburgh Steelers Thursday. The Panthers are expected to compete for the NFC South title provided their roster remains healthy.

in January.

But remember that Atlanta never has had two straight winning seasons. Never.

"I know the history of the Falcons," tight end Alge Crumpler said. "It's always been tough to double up."

Still, with dynamic players such as Vick, Crumpler and Warrick Dunn on offense, complemented by the steady guard Kynan Forney, fullback Justin Griffith and developing receiver Michael Jenkins, Atlanta should be a winner again.

Much will depend on a defense that needs upgrading in the secondary, even with a strong pass rush that netted a league-high 48 sacks. Coach Jim Mora, a defensive mastermind, needs to see 2004 top pick DeAngelo Hall blossom into a shutdown cornerback.

The linebackers, particularly

newcomer Ed Hartwell and Pro Bowler Keith Brooks, are first rate. So are DE Patrick Kerney, DT Rod Coleman — the key to the line — and Brady Smith, who returned from neck surgery.

The Falcons also excel on special teams, which could be a nice edge in a close division race.

The Saints already have put up with more than their share of distress after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans.

"If we can deal with this, we'll be a better football team in the long run," coach Jim Haslett said.

Could be. The Saints won their final four games last year and just fell short of the playoffs. They showed lots of fortitude with Haslett's job on the line.

In Deuce McAllister, the Saints have a running back to build around. He played with an ankle sprain for much of last season, yet had 1,074 yards and nine TDs on the ground. He received a seven-year contract extension and doesn't seem the type to let it make him complacent.

Horn anchors a good receiving corps that would be better if Brooks was more consistent. Top draft pick Jammal Brown is being counted on to add some meanness to the offensive line.

The pass rush should be better than it has produced, with Darren Howard, Charles Grant and Will Smith on the ends. New Orleans' linebacking is weak.

Nobody can say that about Tampa Bay as long as the sensational Derrick Brooks is around.

VERA BRADLEY'S
New Fall Designs are at **The Mole Hole**
Emporium Rest. Bldg. 121 S Niles 232-8488

Notre Dame Athletics Invites You to Attend The Inaugural
DROP THE PUCK DINNER
Tuesday, September 6 • Joyce Center Fieldhouse

- Featuring as guest speaker legendary NHL coach and Hockey Hall of Famer Scotty Bowman (former Detroit Red Wings head coach, winningest coach in NHL history - including Nine Stanley Cups.)
- Meet the 2005-06 Fighting Irish Hockey team and new head coach Jeff Jackson.
- 5-6pm open skate on the Joyce Center Ice Rink
- 6-6:45pm autographs with the Fighting Irish team.
- 7pm Dinner Sponsored by Famous Dave's and Speaking Program.

Sponsored by **Famous Dave's**
Legendary Pit Bar-B-Que
South Bend Tribune
Discover what's in it for you.

Tickets are limited, call the Notre Dame ticket office at 631-7356 to order yours today!

Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross College Students and Staff
Tickets only \$10

ELIA'S
Mediterranean Cuisine

Open: Tues.-Sat. 11am-2pm & 4pm-9pm
(Sun. and Mon. closed)
Dine-In • Take-Out • Catering

We offer: Shish Kebab, Shish Tawouk, Vegetarian and Meat Grape Leave Rolls, Falafel, Hoummos, Tabouli, Meat Pie, Spinach Pie, Baklava and many delicious dishes...

Our address: 115 Dixie Way North
(574) 277-7239 South Bend, IN 46637

We are located in Roseland area, near Pendle Road on 3I

MLB

Hermida's phone rings off the hook

Rookie deals with fame after historic first-game grand slam

Associated Press

MIAMI — From the moment his grand slam landed, the phones started ringing — and haven't stopped.

Jeremy Hermida's friends, some of whom he hadn't heard from in years, clogged his cell phone with messages. Back home in Georgia, his mother simply thanked callers, then quickly clicked onto the next line, often unaware who she'd just spoken with. And even Cooperstown called; the Hall of Fame sought a memento.

Such is life for those who make history on their first day in the major leagues.

"Jonesey turned to me after I hit it," Hermida said, referring to Marlins closer Todd Jones. "He said it's all downhill from here."

Hermida's shot off the St. Louis reliever Al Reyes — one that came about six hours after he moved into a major league locker for the first time — was

the bright spot for Florida in its 10-5 loss on Wednesday night. The ball sailed 373 feet to right field and was caught by a fan, who traded it back to members of the Marlins' bullpen in exchange for two signed baseballs.

Only two other players — William "Frosty Bill" Duggleby in 1898 and Bobby Bonds in 1968 — had hit grand slams in their first major league game, with Duggleby also doing so in his first at-bat. Hermida is the only one of the three to do so in pinch-hit fashion.

"The whole day, getting called up and everything else, was realizing a lifelong dream," Hermida said Thursday. "Being in the game, having the three guys before me get on to load the bases, then coming through ... you can't ask for a better situation for your first day in the big leagues."

Said Tammy Hermida, the rookie's mother: "We're still shaking from it."

Shaking their home in Marietta, Ga., Larry and Tammy Hermida — who learned late Tuesday night that their son would be added to the Marlins' roster — stood a foot away from their tel-

evision when Jeremy's name was announced in the seventh inning.

They gasped at his first swing, a ferocious rip that struck nothing but air.

The slam came two pitches later.

"We'd seen too many of his hits. We absolutely knew the ball was gone," Tammy Hermida said Thursday, shortly before she and her husband flew down for the Marlins' weekend series with the New York Mets. "I think I ran out of the room. And my husband fell to the floor, screaming, 'That's my boy! That's my boy!'"

Hermida's parents are both Florida natives. Tammy is from Hollywood, just north of Dolphins Stadium; Larry hails from Tampa, and played some college baseball at South Florida. When their boy was 3 or 4, Larry Hermida began teaching him how to hit left-handed — and clearly, those backyard lessons paid off.

Hermida — who had 18 home runs and 63 RBIs in 118 games for Double-A Carolina — was the Marlins' first-round pick, No. 11 overall, in the 2002 amateur draft.

SMC GOLF

Belles take reputation into weekend tournament

Saint Mary's travels to Ferris State this afternoon for tee off

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

This weekend marks the start of more than one varsity sport in the Notre Dame-Saint Mary's community. Before the football team will even get a chance to call the coin toss, the Saint Mary's golf team will have completed the first round of its first tournament of the fall season.

The Belles won't be facing tens of thousands of fans, and there are unlikely to be any post-tournament press conferences. What the team will

face, however, are expectations — the kind of expectations that come from being one of the most successful women's golf programs in the nation. In the last three years, Saint Mary's golf has captured three conference titles and made three NCAA appearances. Coach and players alike have high hopes for another successful year, and this weekend will be a good opportunity for them to see what kind of a season they can expect.

The Belles will travel to Ferris State University this afternoon to compete in the Bulldog Invitational, a tournament consisting of two 18-hole rounds to be played on Saturday and Sunday. The team has performed well at the event in past years, but this year the invitational takes

place at a new course, one that the Belles have yet to face.

The competition will have little effect on the outcome of the fall 2005 golf season, however. It's not a conference tournament, and although the results will factor into early-season rankings, scores will not have any effect on conference standings.

What this weekend will be for the Belles is a good indicator of what they can expect for the rest of the season. For the freshmen on the team, it's the beginning of what could be a highly successful collegiate

career. And for the seniors on the team, it's the beginning of the end of an already accomplished career. The veterans of the team are hoping to take advantage of the fact that two

freshmen will be traveling with them this weekend.

"I feel like it's our job to show the freshmen how to act, to represent us well and to play well," said Megan Mattia.

One team that the Belles will certainly be looking to perform

well against will be DePauw University, another elite Division-III program that managed to underscore the Belles

three times last spring, finishing just ahead of them at two events, and tying for third in the D-III championships at the conclusion of the season. "We always look to beat DePauw," Mattia said.

More than anything, the Belles are looking to come out of their first tournament solid, both as individual players and as a team. The golfers have been practicing much more often as a team rather than the individual practices that they often did last season. They are well-focused and as prepared as they can be.

Saint Mary's will tee-off tomorrow morning, and the tournament will conclude on Sunday afternoon.

Contact Anna Fricano at
africa1@saintmarys.edu

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Schroeder-Biek hopes for growth this season

Belles play Wisconsin and Elmhurst this weekend in tourney

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Julie Schroeder-Biek has some high expectations.

"Our goal is to climb up the conference ladder and be a force in the MIAA," the Saint Mary's volleyball coach said. "I feel that this team, they're going to do it."

The road to achieving this end begins this weekend, as the Belles open the regular season at the twelve-team Elmhurst College Invitational in Elmhurst, Ill.

On Friday, Saint Mary's will open against on the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and then challenge No. 12 Elmhurst. The teams will be re-seeded Saturday morning, and then elimination rounds will continue throughout the day.

The Belles believe they will turn in a solid performance at the tournament.

"We've been playing well in practice and in our scrimmage [Tuesday], junior and outside attacker Michelle Turley said. "I feel our chances are very good that we will end up with a positive outcome."

A great deal of the Belles' confidence derives from their performance in an exhibition game against the University of Chicago on Tuesday at the Angela Athletic Center. Saint Mary's defeated the Maroons in five games — 36-26, 28-30, 29-31, 30-21 and 15-12. The

Belles often jumped out to big leads and then allowed Chicago to claw its way back into the games.

But Schroeder-Biek was proud of her team's performance.

"We had a couple times we were down and Chicago closed the gap on us," Schroeder-Biek said. "For us to be able to maintain our confidence and come back and finish the match up strong, I think it said a lot for the girls."

Saint Mary's is coming off of a disappointing 2004 campaign.

The Belles finished the year in seventh place in the nine-team MIAA conference, recording an overall record of 6-19 and a conference mark of 5-11.

However, Schroeder-Biek is confident her team will turn

things around this year. Saint Mary's returns a core group of veterans, highlighted by Turley, junior outside hitter Kristen Playko and senior middle hitter Shelley Bender.

Turley thinks this group will lead Saint Mary's to a big season.

"I have very high expectations for the team this season," Turley said. "We have talent and depth in every position and great team chemistry."

Schroeder-Biek said the team is poised to start its turnaround this weekend.

"I know this is a good tournament," Schroeder-Biek said. "I think if we play the best we can play, we're going to show some people what Saint Mary's volleyball is all about — and I'm excited."

Contact Kevin Brennan at
kbrenna4@nd.edu

NBA

Chandler re-signs with Bulls

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Tyson Chandler and the Bulls agreed Thursday to a multi-year contract, keeping the restricted free agent and former No. 2 overall draft pick in Chicago.

The team declined to release the length of the contract or the terms, but Chandler said it's a six-year deal.

"I'm ecstatic that this contract is done," said Chandler, who was drafted out of high school in 2001. "To know that

I will be in Chicago for the next six years is definitely a dream."

The 7-foot-1 Chandler played in a career-high 80 games in his fourth season with the Bulls and averaged 8.0 points, 9.7 rebounds and nearly two blocks a game.

He shot 49 percent from the field and 67 percent from the free throw line.


"In this business, things don't always happen at the pace you would like, but I knew from the onset that we would make this happen," Bulls general manager John

Paxson said in a team release.


"Tyson's play last season was an important factor to our success and we hope to take the next step forward with Tyson being a major contributor to our team."

The Bulls made the playoffs for the first time since 1998 last season before being eliminated in the first round by the Washington Wizards.

Still unsigned is fellow prep-to-pro Eddy Curry, also a restricted agent, whose future has been clouded by heart problems.

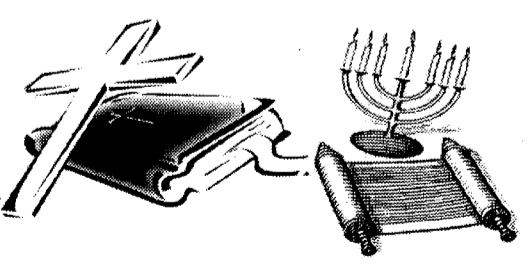


Interlace



Defining Diversity

Join us for dinner and dialogue with your fellow students.



Wednesday September 7th
5:30pm
Coleman Morse Lounge
RSVP to MSPS: 1-6841 by Sep.5th

Presented to you by Multicultural Student Programs and Services

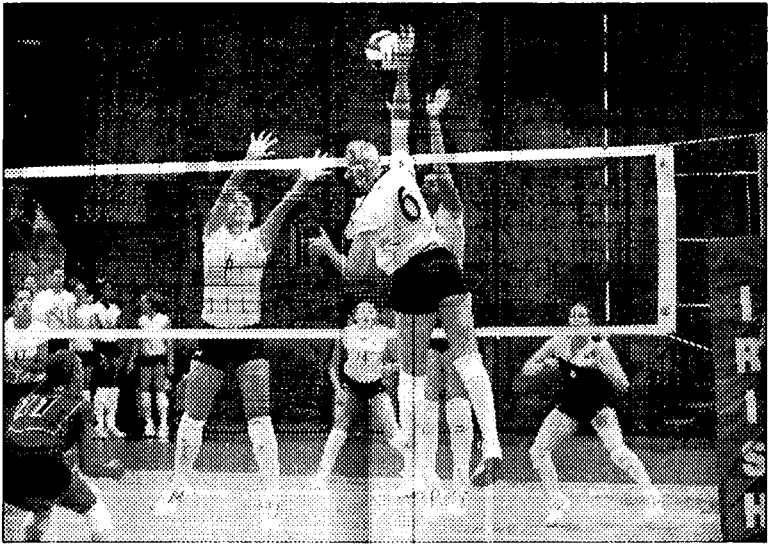
Texas

continued from page 28

Stasiuk's return. "She's obviously a very talented player and an important player for the team." While Brown would like to have her back, other players are stepping up in Stasiuk's absence. Freshmen Mallorie Croal and Madison Clark played in the opening match and will likely see more time this weekend. Sophomore setter Ashley Tarutis had 40 set assists last Saturday and will continue to garner the Irish offensive attack.

The Sun Devils finished 10-17 in 2004. The Devils (1-2) have already played three matches in this young season. They fell in their opener to St. Mary's (Calif.) 3-0, defeated Cal State Northridge 3-2 and then got swept by UNIV. all on the road. Junior outside hitter Nicole Morton averaged 3.55 kills per game in the three matches. She had a double-double in each match as well, with at least 10 kills and 10 digs. The Sun Devils hail from the consistently tough, powerhouse Pac-10 Conference.

The Longhorns front line can be quite intimidating. Their outside hitters include 6-3 sophomore Jen Christian, 5-10 junior Dariam Acevedo and 6-5 freshman RuthAnn Feist and Lauren Paolini. The Longhorns have experience at setter, middle blocker and opposite in junior Jenny Andrew, sophomore Leticia Armstrong and senior Heather Schreiber. Last year, Texas finished 26-5. Though the Longhorns are nationally



Lauren Kelbley spikes a ball during an Aug. 27 contest against Michigan. The Irish will take on Texas this weekend.

ranked and return four starters and their libero from last year's Sweet 16 team, Brown is confident her Irish can hang with the Horns.

"They're [Texas] very talented at the net, but we also think that's one of our strengths, so we'll see," she said.

The veteran teacher believes her pupils are ready. She knows they've studied — maybe even crammed.

"Every time we play it's another test for us," she said. "And obviously Texas is a good team. It will be a challenge for us, but I think we're in a position where we want to be challenged, and we want to be pushed."

Pushed by their opponents and pushed by their desire to succeed, the Irish have spent hours this week in practice honing their game. They have diligently watched opponents' game films, as well as their

own. They've sifted through pages of playbooks. So, Brown, realizing her team's potential this season with five seniors — including two all-Big East picks — and nine of 10 top players, wants to make sure the Irish don't miss a step.

"It's so early in the season, so there's so much room for improvement," she said.

In a season with such lofty goals, the Irish, like most volleyball teams these days, came up with a fitting team motto — as Stasiuk said, "raising the bar."

"We definitely have high expectations, and we want to get out there and play again," Brown said.

The bar has been raised. The grading scale has been elevated. Now, it's time for the Irish to pass the test once again.

Contact Tom Dorwart at tdorwart@nd.edu

Travel

continued from page 28

Duke Hashimoto. SMU will look to make up for two exhibition losses, after falling to Akron and UConn two weeks ago at the Westfield Cup in Akron, Ohio.

Like SMU, Wake Forest is coming off a big 2004 season. The Demon Deacons won the ACC and entered last year's NCAA tournament as the top seed. But the team was upset in the round of 16, losing to VCU on penalty kicks.

Wake Forest enters 2005 ranked 10th in the NCSAA pre-season poll. Head coach Jay Vidovich must replace four players who were selected in the 2005 MLS Superdraft. The Demon Deacons have gone 2-0 in exhibition play, defeating Charlotte and Furman.

Notre Dame is excited to face two high quality teams so early in the year.

"It's a great challenge for us and we're looking forward to it," tri-captain Dale Rellas said. "They're both going to present different challenges for us, but it's something that we look forward to going against."

The Irish have played two exhibition games already, tying eighth ranked New Mexico on Aug. 22 and edging Michigan 2-1 in Ann Arbor on Sunday. Junior Nate Norman has led the way offensively, assisting on Ryan Miller's goal against New Mexico and adding a goal of his own against the Wolverines.

Clark has been pleased with his team's play thus far, but

insists improvement is needed. The coach stressed that the team needs to continue to come together as a unit and develop better chemistry, saying that so far the Irish have only found "pockets of rhythm."

Clark and his staff still have not named a starter in goal for Notre Dame this season. Senior Justin Michaud and junior Chris Cahill have split time in the net for the Irish during the two exhibitions. Clark has liked what he has seen from both keepers, but appears to be inching closer to a decision.

"They're doing very well," Clark said. "Whoever gets the nod, whenever he gets the nod, it's up to [him] to clinch the deal."

"There is going to be an opportunity for one of them against SMU. And then after that it's going to be up to him to capitalize on that opportunity."

Notre Dame views this weekend's tournament as a valuable opportunity to pad its resume with impressive wins over highly ranked teams.

"Any time you get to play a ranked team it helps with NCAA selection," Rellas said. "It will also boost our confidence. If we beat these teams, then we've got a lot of confidence going into the Big East."

Clark is hopeful about the momentum that wins at the tournament could create.

"We've got a great squad of players," Clark said. "If we can get it right then we can build from here. If we can keep it moving, then it could be a very exciting season."

Contact Kevin Brennan at kbrennan@nd.edu



Student Union Board Michigan Ticket Lottery WINNING NUMBERS:

GO IRISH!

0001	0765	0992	1217	1322	1485	1928	4767
0003	0771	1007	1218	1323	1486	1959	4769
0007	0773	1041	1219	1325	1487	1977	4791
0016	0801	1051	1224	1326	1488	1994	4807
0062	0815	1052	1245	1327	1489	1997	4864
0127	0848	1053	1262	1328	1655	4412	4906
0145	0865	1073	1267	1339	1680	4414	4927
0167	0866	1087	1274	1362	1690	4421	4928
0340	0867	1098	1276	1363	1700	4438	
0395	0870	1200	1277	1364	1713	4449	
0487	0871	1201	1278	1365	1724	4451	
0517	0877	1202	1280	1368	1741	4455	
0576	0883	1203	1282	1376	1776	4713	
0577	0884	1205	1297	1413	1819	4716	
0578	0902	1206	1298	1439	1852	4726	
0608	0938	1207	1299	1443	1896	4738	
0619	0945	1209	1300	1453	1902	4740	
0629	0976	1210	1318	1454	1904	4741	
0700	0983	1211	1320	1476	1912	4743	
0757	0989	1212	1321	1479	1916	4762	

To claim tickets, take winning ticket and ND Student ID Card to the LaFortune Box Office by the close of the box office on Tuesday, Sept. 6th. Tickets are \$59 each and you may buy up to two (2) tickets. Questions? Contact SUB at sub@nd.edu or LaFortune Box Office for hours at 1-8128. GO IRISH!! BEAT WOLVERINES!!



Orr

continued from page 28

tournament Saturday and Sunday featuring schools from the state universities of New York in preparation for their first real test against Illinois Wesleyan on Wednesday, Orr will be asked to lead a young team that lost seven seniors from last year's team.

In changing from a flat-four back to a new three-player zone defense focused on speed, the Belles look to generate a faster tempo, relying on high-energy play from the extra mid-fielder to take advantage of the solid middle of the lineup. With the shift to the zone defense came higher intensity practices to get the team adjusted to the new style of play.

"Our keys to winning are going to be high energy and being the first to put pressure on the other team," said Orr, praising the team's quickness and athleticism.

The new offense certainly seems to be working, as the

Belles were able to light up the scoreboard in an Aug. 23 scrimmage against Bethel College, defeating the Pilots 6-2, without allowing a goal after the first half.

Senior Shannon Culbertson said that the new zone attack will be successful in adding offense without sacrificing a defense that allowed two goals or less in every game last season but one.

"We will still have a great defense because our middies will still be strong," she said.

With a tough opening schedule that sees the team beginning the season with three consecutive road games and facing tough rivals Hope and Calvin Colleges on the road, the team will need to perfect the new offense quickly if the Belles hope to improve on the solid 9-6-1 MIAA record of last year.

But the team can not get caught looking ahead, as it first must navigate through the Marietta tournament and then travel to face a tough Illinois Wesleyan team.

Contact Nate Dyer at ndyer@nd.edu

"Our keys to winning are going to be high energy and being the first to put pressure on the other team."

Carrie Orr
Belles captain

"We still have a great defense because our middies will still be strong."

Shannon Culbertson
Belles captain

Home

continued from page 28

special" equates to losing only one regular-season home game in the past two years, a 3-2 loss to Michigan in November 2003.

Now, it's Florida's turn to try to snap Notre Dame's 11-game regular-season home unbeaten streak. Including post-season play, the Irish haven't lost in their past 15 home games.

But the Gators pose a significant challenge. The team posted a 16-4-2 record last year en route to an appearance in the NCAA Tournament. This year, led by sophomore mid-fielder Jasmine Johnson and freshman forward Megan Kerns, the No. 15 Gators look like a legitimate title contender.

Waldrum said that Florida comes into the game with a history as rich as the Irish's.

"They've got this tradition of being a really good athletic team," he said.

Florida kicked its season off on the right foot Saturday with a 3-1 victory over Jackson State.

Johnson, a former Irish recruit, scored the team's first goal of the season at 17:01 in the first half.

"Jasmine obviously is a very athletic kid," Waldrum said. "That was a kid who was ... on our radar screen in the recruiting process."

Waldrum said the team also recruited Kerns last year. From that, he said the Irish "know they've [Florida] got a couple of really good weapons

offensively."

The Irish, though, have quite a few offensive weapons of their own.

Reigning national player of the week Kerri Hanks leads the team with 15 points (7G-1A) in her first two collegiate games, and preseason Big East player of the year Katie Thorlakson is second with eight (2G-4A).

Freshman Brittany Bock, sophomore Amanda Cinalli and senior Maggie Manning are tied for third on the team with six points.

With five players who can start at forward on his team and only three forward spots, Waldrum says that the coaching staff is "really managing players now."

That, he says, includes convincing every player on the team "that each player may have to give up some playing time for the benefit of the team in the long run — to keep us healthy."

He says that, thus far, the team has responded very well to that idea.

"That's been the really fun part of it," he said. "They're a great group to work with. ... and we had a really good week of training."

They will have to work well together not only on Friday,

but also on Sunday at 1 p.m. against Maryland to keep the team's home winning streak alive.

Last year, the Terrapins upset then-No. 3 UCLA in the Virginia Soccer Classic early in the season. This year, they will be looking to unseat Notre Dame in an early-season classic.

Waldrum says that the Terrapins will be ready to play the Irish, as they have been preparing for a very strong ACC conference schedule. However, he believes that the Irish will be focused on defeating the Terps, and that the team will not overlook Maryland as UCLA may have a year ago.

"I don't they'll overlook Maryland at all," he said. "Last year in the NCAA tournament, [Maryland] knocked off Penn State, so we know what they're capable of doing."

Thus far, Waldrum says, the team is happy with the season and excited to open up the full schedule.

"I'm really happy with where we are now," he said. "The mindset is good — I think we'll come out with a good weekend."

Contact Ken Fowler at kfowler1@nd.edu

"They've got this tradition of being a really good athletic team."

Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

"I'm really happy with where we are now. The mindset is good — I think we'll come out with a good weekend."

Randy Waldrum
Irish coach



What's on the agenda?

This will be a question asked often on campus, beginning today as Notre Dame launches a new, unified, Web-based calendar system that will list events for all segments of the University community. It will be the one place where students, faculty, staff and the general public can read about all the major events scheduled on campus.

Agenda will organize events by category, such as Arts & Entertainment, Academic Dates, Student Life, Health & Recreation, Lectures & Conferences, and Service as well as by day, week, month and even year.

Come visit our multipurpose calendar for your one-stop calendar experience

<http://agenda.nd.edu>

HENRI ARNOLD
MIKE ARGIRION

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Alligator hunters

No. 1 Irish kick off home season with game against Florida

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

After dominating New Hampshire and Vermont on the road to start the season, the Irish return to Alumni Field tonight at 7:30 p.m. for the team's home opener against the Florida Gators.



Waldrum

The game is the first of two for the Irish this weekend in the Inn at St. Mary's Notre Dame Classic, as they are set to play Maryland Sunday.

"I think everybody is really excited to open at home," Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum said. "There's something special about getting out there [on Alumni Field]."

For the Irish, "something

see HOME/page 25



GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer

Irish defender Carrie Dew, center, works in practice on Aug. 16. After getting off to a 2-0 start, the Irish will host Florida tonight in Notre Dame's home opener.

SMC SOCCER

Excited Orr anticipates final year

Senior's season will commence Friday in New York tourney

By NATE DYER
News Writer

For any college athlete, one's senior year is supposed to be the best year of his or her life. For senior captain Carrie Orr, this senior season for the Saint Mary's soccer team will be the final chapter of a book she has been writing since childhood.

"I just want to have fun with my teammates," Orr responded when asked about her final season. "This is my last year playing soccer, and I have been playing it my whole life, so I am going to just play it to the best of my abilities and work hard out there everyday."

As the team heads to Marietta, Ohio for a two-day

see ORR/page 26

MEN'S SOCCER

Irish take field for opener

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

They've been tested in two fairly successful exhibition matches.

But it really counts this weekend, and Notre Dame won't face competition much tougher than this.



Dalby

The Irish travel to Bloomington, Ind. to participate in the highly competitive adidas/IU Credit Union Classic. Notre Dame will face SMU at 5 p.m. Friday and then take on Wake Forest Sunday at noon. Both opponents are ranked in the top 10 in the NCSAA preseason poll.

"We're playing some of the best teams in the country, so that's going to be a big test," Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark said.

SMU enters the game ranked



DUSTIN MANELLA/The Observer

Justin McGeeney, center, blows past New Mexico defenders on Aug. 20. The Irish play in a tournament this weekend.

seventh by the NCSAA. Last season, the Mustangs won the Conference USA title and advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament. Head coach Schellas Hyndman, entering his

22nd season as the head man for the Mustangs, returns seven starters from a year ago, including star senior forward

see TRAVEL/page 25

ND VOLLEYBALL

Texas presents Notre Dame with challenge

Team faces No. 11 Longhorns, ASU in home tournament

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

The Irish passed their first test of the fall semester rather easily.

But it's time to take another one — only this time, against the 11th-ranked team in the nation.

"Texas is a great team," coach Debbie Brown said.

But to Brown and her Notre Dame volleyball team, this is no test to get stressed out about. While a student might cringe at the thought of anything resembling an exam, Brown's students welcome the challenge.

"Everyone's really focused," said sophomore opposite/outside hitter Adrianna Stasiuk, who is waiting on a decision

from her doctor on whether or not she will be able to play this weekend. "We've been watching film and having really good practices."

Texas and Arizona State come to Notre Dame this weekend for The Inn at Saint Mary's Shamrock Invitational. The Invite begins Friday with Texas hooking horns with Arizona State at 7 p.m. The Irish open Saturday with a match against the Longhorns at 5 p.m. The round-robin event concludes Sunday with Notre Dame and Arizona State at 2 p.m.

"We feel really good and comfortable," Stasiuk said. "I'm really excited for this weekend."

Stasiuk, who broke several ribs over the summer, has been out for the beginning of the season. She has been doing "minimal things" in practice she said.

"It will take a little bit of time," Brown said, referring to

see TEXAS/page 25

SMC GOLF

Saint Mary's will face off against Ferris State this weekend.

page 24

SMC VOLLEYBALL

The Belles will play in a tournament Friday and Saturday against Wisconsin and Elmhurst.

page 24

NFL

Hurricane Katrina forces the Saints away from their home for the 2005 season.

page 22

NCAA FOOTBALL

South Carolina 24
Central Florida 15

Gamecocks coach Steve Spurrier shines in his first game with his new team.

page 21

SPORT

Mariners 5
Yankees 1

Yankees' pitcher Jaret Wright was hit in the neck and left the game.

page 17

SPORT

Braves 8
Nationals 7

Andruw Jones hit a home run in the 10th inning to win the game.

page 16

IRISH INSIDER

Friday, September 2, 2005

THE
OBSERVER



SPOTLIGHT ON THE SIDELINES

CHARLIE WEIS AND DAVE WANNSTEDT
KICKOFF THEIR COLLEGE COACHING
CAREERS, LEAVING STORIED
NFL PASTS BEHIND

Photo Illustration by GRAHAM EBETSCH, CLAIRE KELLEY and UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SPORTS INFORMATION

Charlie Weis era finally begins

Finally, it's here. The day Tom Zbikowski has been waiting for since the end of last season. The day Irish fans have been anxiously anticipating since Dec. 13. Finally, on Saturday, the Charlie Weis era of Notre Dame football begins.



Heather Van Hoegarden
Sports Writer

The 1978 Notre Dame grad returns to face former Pitt offensive tackle Dave Wannstedt, who makes his own coaching debut for the Panthers. True, the coaching matchup is a nice side show, but the real story lies in what happens Saturday night on Heinz Field.

"I think a lot of times the fanfare and the attention goes toward the coaches and the coaching staff, but in reality it comes down to which team executes the best," Weis said.

Although Weis tries to deflect the media attention, he's already spent almost nine months in the spotlight. Weis is 0-0 as the head football coach at the University of Notre Dame, yet he has

already been lauded as the man to turn the program around. Most agree that he is the right man for the job. But the fact remains — his career record, 0-0.

Saturday, that will change, for better or worse.

"I've been wearing the same white jersey every single practice since the beginning of spring ball," Irish center Bob Morton said. "I hate putting it on. I hate putting on the same old raggedy helmet — the gold paint hasn't been put on in a long time. We're ready to get off the Cartier Fields and back into the light that we're here for."

And despite the fact that the players are itching to play, there are still many unanswered questions about this team. How is third-year quarterback Brady Quinn going to run the new offense? What about the inexperienced secondary, which faces a quarterback in Tyler Palko, who tore them apart last year for 334 passing yards and five touchdowns? What about the rest of the defense that is unproven — can it stop freshman tailback Rashad Jennings and get pressure on Palko? Is special teams going to be as pitiful as last season? What about sophomore tailback Darius Walker — how effective will he be now that he is no longer a surprise to opposing defenses?

The fact of the matter is

that no matter how "nasty" Weis is or how many recruits he has gotten to commit, it is yet to be seen what he will do with this Irish team on Saturdays. Optimism abounds, but there are still so many unanswered questions. Once on the field this team will have to prove to the nation that it is not about to have another 6-6 season. And nobody knows that better than Weis himself.

"We'll see how popular I am Sunday," the first-year coach said. "You know how that goes. I think that I've done a lot of things to bring a positive vibe to the program, but it still really comes down to how you play."

This game is important, no doubt about it. And it won't be easy. Playing on the road against a top-25 team is never a walk in the park, especially one coached by a staff filled with NFL experience. It's time for the Irish to see how they measure up.

"We just need to find out where we are and there's no better way than going to play the 22nd team in the country," offensive coordinator Mike Haywood said.

And so Charlie Weis has a chance to make a huge statement with this game — if he

wins, he will be showered with even more praise, and he will have set the tone for his tenure as a collegiate coach.

But what if he loses? Well, it's not the end of the world, despite what many will say. The season is 11, maybe 12, games long. But it doesn't change the fact that the Notre Dame football program needs a win. Fans need something to be excited about besides Charlie Weis's 0-0 career

record and four Super Bowl rings. Students and alumni need to see their team win. And Weis says he's ready to play.

"Honeymoon officially ends Saturday night at 8:07," he said. "Right now I'm just worried about our team being ready to go, and that's my job, and I'm hoping that I'm doing a pretty good job and that they are ready to go."

And so now Weis is left to make the marriage work, and Saturday is when it starts.

Finally.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Heather Van Hoegarden at hvanhoeg@nd.edu.

"Honeymoon officially ends Saturday night at 8:07."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

game hype



Charlie Weis
Irish head coach

"We're ready to go. We want this level of competition."

"Getting off on a good start would set the tempo for the season."



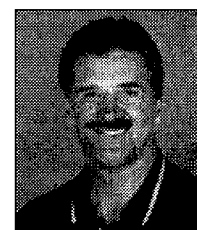
Bob Morton
Irish offensive lineman

"It's really time to find out ... where we are on defense."



Rick Minter
Irish defensive coordinator

"It's probably going to come down to the quarterback. It usually does in high-energy games."



Dave Wannstedt
Panthers head coach

FREE FOOD IN 2 LOCATIONS

1 NORTH QUAD

NOTRE DAME 7:00 PM

GAMEWATCH

SEPT 3RD PITTSBURGH

2 LEGENDS

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SAD

SAC NO RISK

Back to the future

Two first-time college head coaches face off in the season opener at Pittsburgh

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

It isn't about just them.

In fact, both Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis and Pittsburgh coach Dave Wannstedt would argue Saturday's game is not about them at all.

"I think Dave [Wannstedt] would say the same thing that I would say, is that this game is between players, not between coaches," Weis said.

Sure, the players will decide the final score come Saturday at Heinz Field. But on that day, any fan with a ticket or a television set will have the unique opportunity to watch two men, each coaching at his alma mater, in their first attempt to lead their respective programs back to becoming national powerhouses.

Weis has three Super Bowl rings. Wannstedt has won one Super Bowl and two national championships — one as a player and one as an assistant coach. On Saturday, the two men will be only a football field — a college football field, that is — apart.

"Everything that's happening around the city and around the nation — it's an exciting time," Wannstedt said, "and you can just start to sense that a little bit."

Returning home

Wannstedt played left tackle for Pitt in the early 1970s, blocking for Tony Dorsett and helping the 1973 squad his senior year to a 6-4-1 record and a Fiesta Bowl berth. He graduated in 1974 but built a program that went on to win a national championship three seasons later.

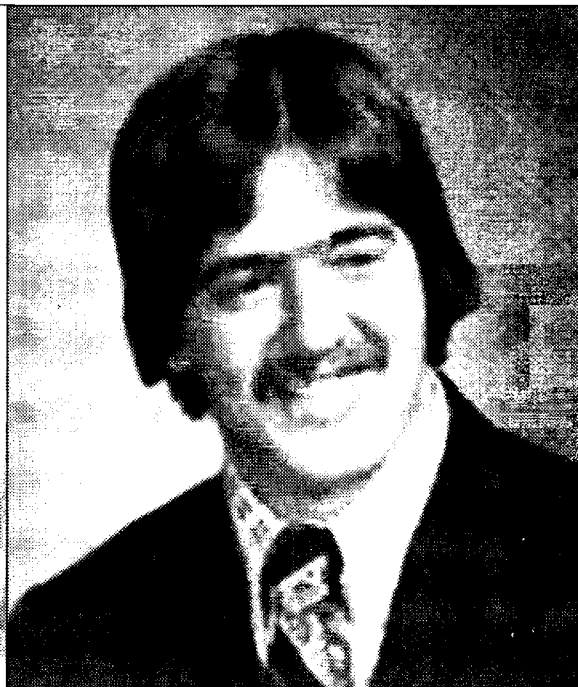
His history has caused every Panthers fan to circle Sept. 3 on the calendar.

"I always reference everything back to our fans and our players," he said. "I tell them, 'This is why you come to the University of Pittsburgh.'"

The same goes for Weis at Notre Dame. Though he did not play a varsity sport in college, the new Irish captain had love



Dave Wannstedt, left, was an offensive lineman for the University of Pittsburgh, while Charlie Weis spent his Notre Dame years in the student section from 1974-77.



Photos courtesy of University of Pittsburgh Sports Information and University of Notre Dame Sports Information

and knowledge for sports that sent him as high as the NFL ranks after he graduated in 1978. In NFL, Weis coached beneath the likes of Bill Parcells and Bill Belichick.

But he also felt he had the ability and the attitude to coach a team on which, unlike the NFL, players also had to attend class. These would be student-athletes without million dollar contracts.

"I think that college has been more enticing to guys in the NFL because if you have the personality to coach in college — it doesn't fit for everyone — but certain people kind of enjoy it," he said. "I do, and I haven't talked to Dave recently [but] I think he enjoys it, too."

Numerous coaches have made the NFL-to-college move recently, and many also have done so with great success. Nick Saban, the current Miami Dolphins head coach, was once an assistant with the Houston Oilers (1988-89) and Cleveland Browns (1991-94) before coaching college for 11 seasons at Michigan State (1995-99) and Louisiana State. Al Groh (New York Jets to

the University of Virginia) and Pete Carroll (New England Patriots to Southern Cal) each gave up their pro football jobs to run their own programs. And especially in Carroll's case, things seem to be working out just fine.

As Weis attempts to assemble a Notre Dame powerhouse reminiscent of the 1977 national championship team under coach Dan Devine — while Weis was a student — he understands there are certain aspects of the game that will immediately reflect on his ability to coach in college.

"It basically comes down to whether our players actually were mentally prepared and that shows up on the field," he said.

Harnessing experience

One of the biggest adjustments to the college game for both coaches has been the time element. Oddly enough, each coach has a different take.

For the playmaker Weis, having spring and fall camps with two-a-day practices has given him more than enough time to install a thick playbook, at least what will prepare the team for

Pittsburgh Saturday. Weis is almost best known anyway for his ability to adapt his game plan within a game, like he did in the Patriots' recent Super Bowl win over the Philadelphia Eagles.

"From a preparation standpoint, this is as good as it gets because you have so much time," Weis said. "We've had a lot of practices, we've had plenty of practices to get ready to go for Pittsburgh and get the season started. I think that right now the No. 1 thing is to make sure we're just peaking on Saturday night."

Wannstedt, on the other hand, has more experience in the college game but indicates he would like more time to prepare his team.

"My experience has been that there's never enough time," he said. "I don't care if you were in training camp for six months. You're leading into that last week, and you say, 'Boy if I had just one more week,' or 'If I could just get one more practice, then we'd be OK.'"

"But then you really get to the point, and we're almost there

now, where you're ready to play."

What to expect

The most interesting aspect of Saturday's game, in terms of game play, will be Weis' familiarity with Wannstedt's defensive style, and vice versa concerning Weis' offense.

"I know Dave [and] Dave knows me," Weis said. "Now, that doesn't mean that's what's going to end up happening, but now you have to throw [in] the other factors that are involved."

Both coaches have seen each other in action have and prepared for the game accordingly.

A former defensive coordinator, Wannstedt had head coaching stints in the NFL in Chicago and Miami. He coached with Notre Dame's current tight end coach Bernie Parmalee, as well, making his possible understanding of the Irish strategy more comprehensive.

"With Charlie Weis running the offense, we're going to see the majority of the Patriot stuff," Wannstedt said. "[Charlie and I] are friends and we get along, but we probably know each other from an Xs and Os standpoint a lot better than we know each other personally."

"We are preparing for some New England [schemes]. We are preparing for a couple of other assistants that are on that staff."

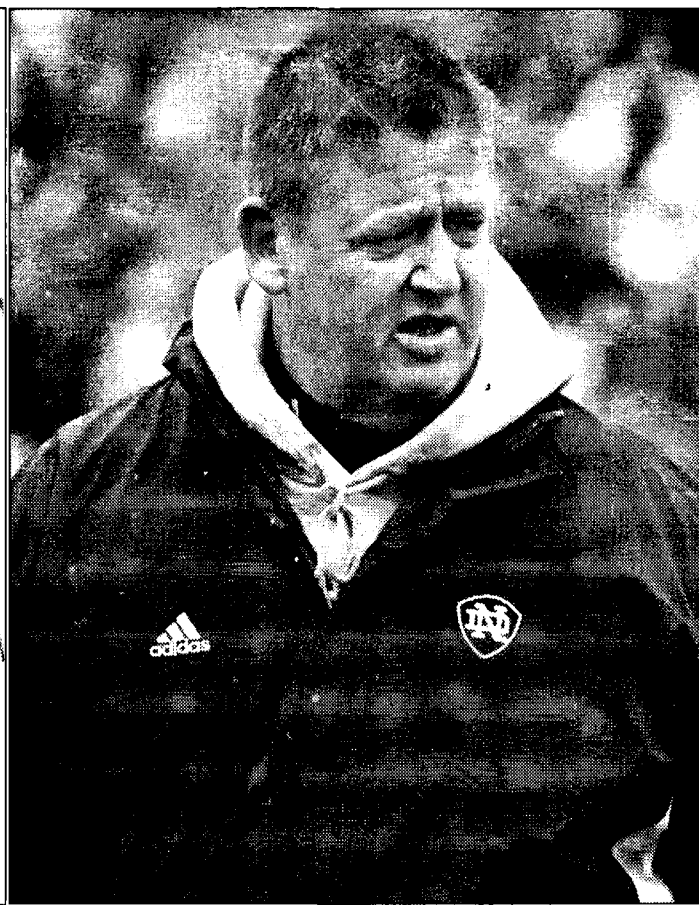
Weis has gone as far as anticipating Wannstedt's use of Pitt's players.

"I expect Dave to look at [linebacker H.B.] Blades like he's a sacker," Weis said.

Both coaches indicate in their comments that they know football, they know each other, and they know what is expected of them. But on Saturday their careers begin on a different level from before, in different tenures, within a different atmosphere — with ESPN Gameday in attendance.

At least for each coach, Weis and Wannstedt, it will still be the same school.

Contact Pat Leonard at
pleonard@nd.edu



AP and DUSTY MENNELLA/The Observer

Dave Wannstedt, left, accepted the coaching job at the University of Pittsburgh after two stints as an NFL head coach, while Charlie Weis, shown here at the Blue-Gold Game on April 23, worked as an offensive coordinator.

by the numbers

Number of passing touchdowns by Tyler Palko against the Irish in 2004 — then a Notre Dame Stadium record **5**

8 Notre Dame head coaches, out of 13, who won their first career road game — including Rockne, Leahy, Devine and Willingham.

Yards Darius Walker rushed for against Pittsburgh last year, with two touchdowns **112**

22 Times Weis and Wannstedt have faced each other on opposing coaching staffs. Weis' staffs have won 12 of the 22.

Preseason rank for Pittsburgh's receivers and tight ends **3**

214 Collective years of coaching experience by the Irish staff

Passes completed by third-year starter Brady Quinn — fourth on Notre Dame's all-time lists **348**

1-3 Notre Dame's record in night games in 2004, including a loss in the road opener at BYU

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 0-0
AP: NR
Coaches: NR

HEAD TO

Notre Dame Fighting Irish



Charlie Weis
head coach

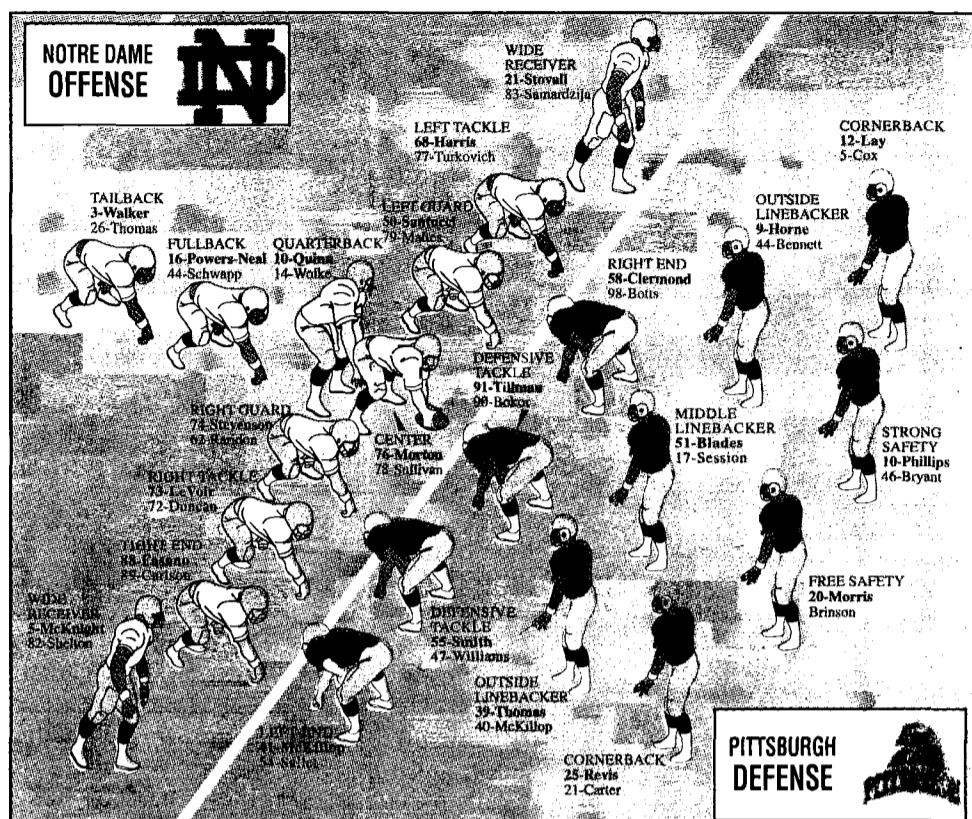
Charlie Weis
first season at
Notre Dame
career record:
0-0
at Notre Dame:
0-0
against
Pitt: 0-0

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	D.J. Hord	WR	6-1	198	FR
3	Darius Walker	RB	5-11	200	SO
4	Anthony Vernaglia	DB	6-3	221	SO
5	Rhema McKnight	WR	6-1	215	SR
6	Ray Herring	DB	6-0	199	FR
7	Darrin Bragg	WR	6-1	192	SO
8	Junior Jabbie	RB	6-0	188	SO
9	Tom Zbikowski	DB	5-11	203	JR
10	Brady Quinn	QB	6-4	231	JR
11	David Grimes	WR	6-0	170	FR
12	Marty Mooney	QB	6-2	207	SR
13	Evan Sharpley	QB	6-2	207	FR
14	David Wolfe	QB	6-2	196	FR
15	Leo Ferrine	DB	6-0	186	SR
16	Rashon Powers-Neal	RB	6-3	238	SO
17	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	186	SR
17	Dan Gorski	QB	6-3	196	FR
18	Chinedum Ndukwe	DB	6-2	219	JR
19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	K/P	6-2	206	SR
20	Terrall Lambert	DB	5-11	188	SO
21	Maurice Stovall	WR	6-5	222	SR
22	Ambrose Wooden	CB	5-11	197	JR
23	Chase Anastasio	WR	6-2	203	JR
24	W. David Williams	DB	5-10	170	SO
24	Brandon Erickson	WR	6-0	178	SO
25	Nate Schiccatano	DL	6-2	237	SR
26	Wade Jams	DB	5-9	188	SO
26	Travis Thomas	RB	6-0	215	JR
27	David Bruton	DB	6-2	187	FR
28	John Lyons	RB	6-1	205	JR
28	Kyle McCarthy	DB	6-0	189	FR
29	LaBrose Hedgemon	DB	5-9	190	JR
30	Mike Richardson	DB	5-11	193	SR
31	Jake Carney	DB	6-0	187	SR
32	Jeff Jenkins	RB	6-0	232	SR
32	Alvin Reynolds	DB	5-10	180	SO
33	Justin Hoskins	RB	5-10	186	SO
34	Tommie Lee	DB	6-2	200	JR
35	Ashely McConnell	RB	6-0	247	JR
35	Tim Kenney	DB	6-0	180	JR
36	Brandon Harris	DB	6-0	198	SR
37	Junior Jabbie	DB	5-11	190	FR
37	Matt Mitchell	DB	5-8	187	SR
38	Nick Possley	WR	6-1	183	SO
39	Brandon Hoyte	LB	6-0	236	SR
40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	LB	6-0	220	SO
41	Scott Smith	LB	6-3	234	FR
42	Kevin Washington	LB	6-1	231	FR
43	Anthony Salvador	LB	6-2	233	SR
44	Asaph Schwapp	RB	6-0	250	FR
45	Carl Gioia	K	5-10	183	JR
45	Rich Whitney	DB	6-2	213	JR
46	Corey Mays	LB	6-1	234	SR
47	Mitchell Thomas	LB	6-3	240	JR
48	Steve Quinn	LB	6-2	220	JR
49	Matt Augustyn	FB	6-3	220	JR
50	Dan Santucci	OL	6-4	290	SR
52	Joe Brockington	LB	6-1	212	JR
53	Joseph Boland	LB	6-2	242	SR
54	David Fitzgerald	OL	6-4	293	SR
57	Nick Borsetti	LB	6-4	238	JR
58	Dwight Stephenson	DL	6-2	252	JR
58	Abdel Banda	LB	6-1	220	SO
59	James Bent	OL	6-2	265	SR
60	Casey Cullen	DL	6-1	238	JR
61	J.J. Jansen	LS	6-3	242	SO
62	Scott Raridon	OL	6-7	304	SR
63	Jeff Tisak	OL	6-3	305	FR
66	Derek Landri	DL	6-3	263	SR
68	Ryan Harris	OL	5-11	288	JR
69	Neil Kennedy	DL	6-5	260	SR
71	James Bonelli	OL	6-5	280	SR
72	Paul Duncan	OL	6-7	292	FR
73	Mark LeVoi	OL	6-7	311	SR
74	Dan Stevenson	OL	6-6	292	SR
75	Chris Frome	DL	6-5	268	SR
76	Bob Morton	OL	6-4	292	SR
77	Michael Turkovich	OL	6-6	290	FR
78	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	298	FR
79	Brian Mattes	OL	6-6	285	SR
81	Rob Woods	WR	6-2	208	SR
82	Matt Shelton	WR	6-0	172	SR
83	Jeff Samardzija	WR	6-5	216	JR
84	Michael O'Hara	WR	5-10	180	SR
85	Joey Hiben	TE	6-4	253	FR
87	Mike Talerico	TE	6-5	245	SO
87	Marcus Freeman	TE	6-3	245	SR
88	Anthony Fasano	TE	6-5	255	SR
89	John Carlson	TE	6-5	255	SR
90	Brian Beidatsch	DL	6-3	294	SR
91	Craig Cardillo	K	6-0	174	JR
92	Derrell Hand	DL	6-3	301	FR
93	Dan Chervanick	DL	6-1	259	SR
94	Justin Brown	DL	6-3	247	SO
95	Victor Abiamiri	DL	6-4	260	JR
96	Bobby Renkes	K	6-0	195	FR
96	Pat Kuntz	DL	6-2	267	FR
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-1	293	JR
99	Ronald Talley	DL	6-4	261	SO

NOTRE DAME 2005 Schedule

Sept. 3	at Pittsburgh
Sept. 10	at Michigan
Sept. 17	MICHIGAN ST.
Sept. 24	at Washington
Oct. 01	at Purdue
Oct. 15	USC
Oct. 22	BYU
Nov. 5	TENNESSEE
Nov. 12	NAVY
Nov. 19	SYRACUSE
Nov. 26	at Stanford



COACHING

QUARTERBACKS

IRISH RUSHING

IRISH PASSING

NOTRE DAME

Though Charlie Weis has never been a head coach at any level above high school, he begins a much-anticipated first season at the helm of the Irish Saturday. Weis' success as an NFL offensive coordinator speaks for itself. Now, he will walk the sidelines in blue and gold.

Brady Quinn has started every Notre Dame game since Purdue in 2003. His experience, talent and receiving corps should help him in his junior year. Weis took Tom Brady to the Super Bowl, and Quinn will benefit immediately from his new tutor and head coach, also.

Darius Walker is a quick, shifty back running line that is thin, though it returns all starters from last year. Travis Thomas and Rashon Powers-Neal add depth, while freshman Asaph Schwapp might be a nice surprise at fullback.

Seniors Rhema McKnight and Maurice Stovall enter their last season hoping to fully realize their potential. Jeff Samardzija, Matt Shelton and a deep tight end group led by Anthony Fasano could post plenty of points on the board for Notre Dame.

PITTSBURGH

Like Weis, Wannstedt is back at his alma mater. His love for Pittsburgh, experience as a head coach in the NFL for 11 years and defensive expertise make the Panthers dangerous. His move back to college mirrors the path of USC head coach Pete Carroll.

Tyler Palko burned Notre Dame for 334 yards and five touchdowns last season. The left-handed junior is a gritty leader who gives the Panthers a chance to win as long as he is on the field. He will thrive in the national spotlight, but if he goes down, so does Pittsburgh.

The loss of three-year starters Vince Crochunis and Dan Stephens leave the Panther D-line with little depth. Ends Chris McKillop and Joe Clermond must not let Walker break outside or the Irish could have another performance like Julius Jones' 262 yard day in 2003.

Josh Lay and Darrelle Revis are all-conference caliber players at CB. Senior Tez Morris adds his 35 career starts to make up the deepest, most talented position on the Panther roster. If the D-line can assemble a pass rush, Pittsburgh will give up little through the air.

ANALYSIS

Weis vs. Wannstedt is a matchup of offensive guru vs. defensive specialist. Neither has been a college head coach, but both are encouraging their respective fan bases. The two coaches will have to adjust their schemes to college talent and gameplay.

Quinn is a third-year starter with Weis on his sideline. But last season Palko caused a stir with his performance in South Bend, and Quinn threw two interceptions in the 41-38 loss. On Saturday, like last season, the quarterback battle will decide the game's outcome.

Walker ran for an Irish freshman record 786 yards last season. Notre Dame's line has the ability to push the young Panthers around. Asaph Schwapp is a bulldozer of a lead blocker. And if the backs hold onto the ball, the Irish run game will eat up yards.

Stovall dropped 15 pounds in the offseason and McKnight is a big play threat. Their matchup against Lay and Revis will be a challenge, but if Quinn is as accurate as Weis believes he can be, the Irish will throw efficiently against the Panthers Saturday.

Irish experts



Pat Leonard
Managing Editor

Brady Quinn vs. Tyler Palko is the matchup in this game. The quarterback who plays better will earn a 'W' for his team. Palko lit up the Irish secondary last season, and there's no reason to discount the possibility he could do it again. But Weis and Quinn will eat up the clock, keep the defense off the field and score enough to win.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 17
Pittsburgh 14



Heather Van Hoegarden
AME

Quarterbacks Brady Quinn and Tyler Palko will both have outstanding games, but Darius Walker will be the difference in this one. The Notre Dame secondary will keep Palko out of the endzone a reasonable amount, and the Irish will come out on top on the road. Weis will have his first win at Notre Dame, and a big one it will be.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34
Pittsburgh 31

D HEAD

Pittsburgh Panthers

Pittsburgh Panthers

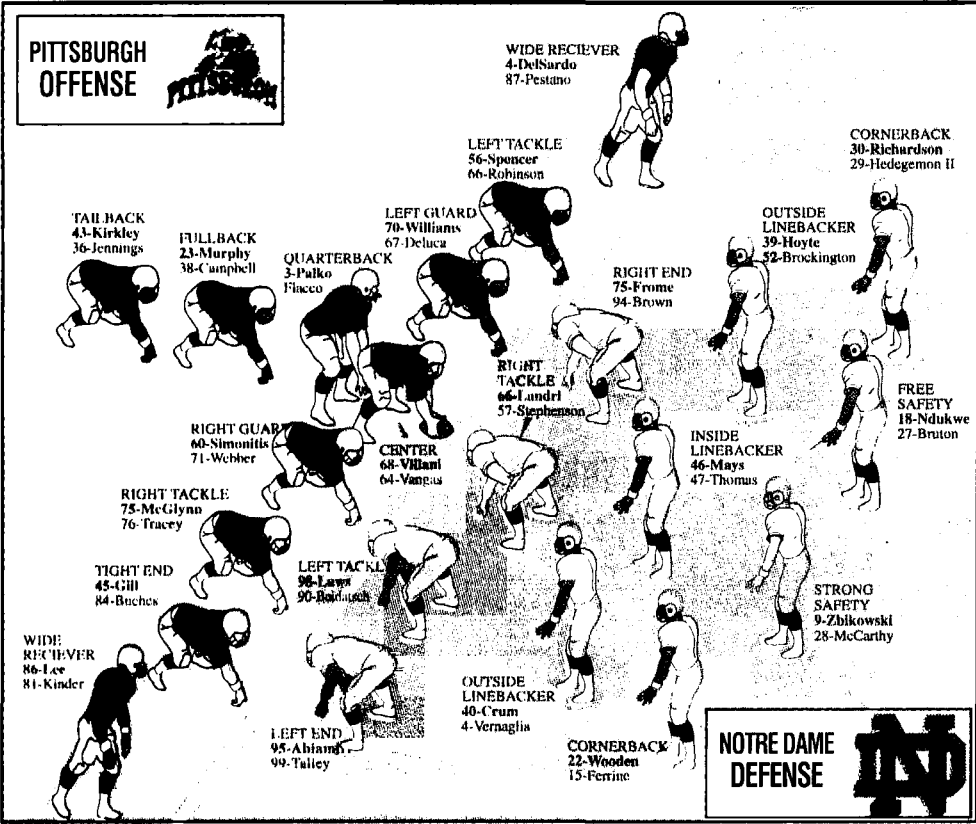
Record: 0-0

AP: 23

Coaches: 25

Dave Wannstedt
first season at
Pittsburgh
career record:
0-0
at Pitt:
0-0
against Notre
Dame: 0-0

Dave Wannstedt
head coach



PITTSBURGH 2005 Schedule

Sept. 3	NOTRE DAME
Sept. 9	at Ohio
Sept. 17	at Nebraska
Sept. 24	YOUNGSTOWN ST.
Sept. 30	at Rutgers
Oct. 8	CINCINNATI
Oct. 15	SOUTH FLORIDA
Oct. 22	SYRACUSE
Nov. 3	at Louisville
Nov. 12	Connecticut
Nov. 24	at West Virginia

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Cedric McGee	WR	6-1	190	FR
2	Marcus Furman	RB	5-9	185	SR
3	Tyler Palko	QB	6-2	220	JR
4	Ross Ventrone	DB	5-9	170	FR
5	Kennard Cox	DB	6-1	195	SO
6	Steve Dell	LB	6-1	230	FR
6	Chris Bova	FB	5-11	240	FR
7	Allen Richardson	WR	5-11	185	SO
7	Michael Toerper	DB	6-1	180	FR
8	Adam Gunn	LB	6-1	215	FR
8	J.J. Horne	LB	6-3	230	SR
10	Mike Phillips	DB	5-11	195	SO
10	Brandon Ballard	WR	6-2	200	JR
11	Bill Stull	QB	6-3	200	FR
12	Barnard Lay	DB	6-2	195	SR
14	Darnell Strong	TE	6-5	260	SO
15	Chane Hurray	QB	6-1	185	FR
16	Darrell Herron	DB	6-1	180	SO
16	David Abdul	PK	5-10	200	JR
17	Clint Session	LB	6-0	235	JR
18	Adam Graessle	P/K	6-4	225	JR
18	Austin Ransom	WR	5-11	195	FR
19	Keith Malley	LB	6-1	200	SR
19	Larry Moore	WR	5-9	180	JR
20	Tez Morris	DB	5-10	190	SR
21	Reggie Carter	DV	6-0	185	JR
22	Josh Cummings	PK	5-11	205	SR
23	Tim Murphy	FB	5-10	235	SR
24	Jemeel Brady	DB	6-0	205	SO
25	Darrell Revis	DB	6-0	190	SO
26	Shane Brooks	RB	5-10	230	FR
27	Brandon Mason	RB	6-1	215	SO
28	Matt Flaus	QB	6-2	190	JR
28	Eric Thatcher	DV	5-9	190	FR
29	Tommy Campbell	DB	6-2	190	FR
29	John Pottiford	RB	5-11	200	SO
30	Lucas Stone	PK	6-1	170	FR
30	Tyler Tipton	LB	6-2	245	FR
31	Conrad Collins	RB	5-11	225	FR
31	Bill Cassleman	DB	6-1	200	FR
32	Mark Yezovich	SO	6-0	245	SO
32	Brian Kaiser	DB	6-0	200	FR
34	LaRod Stephens	RB	5-7	165	FR
34	Ryan Herting	LB	6-2	210	FR
35	Irvan Brown	RB	6-0	185	FR
35	Doug Roseberry	LB	6-0	225	FR
36	Rashad Jennings	RB	6-1	235	SR
38	Kellen Campbell	FB	6-0	235	SR
39	Derron Thomas	LB	6-1	225	SO
40	Scott McKillop	LB	6-2	241	FR
41	Chris McKillop	DL	6-3	245	SO
43	Raymond Kirkley	LB	5-10	225	SR
44	Brian Bennett	LB	6-0	235	JR
45	Erik Fill	RE	6-5	275	SR
46	Sam Bryant	DB	6-0	230	JR
47	Nick Williams	DL	6-2	275	FR
48	Doug Fulmer	LB	6-3	210	FR
49	Justin Aciero	FB	6-1	235	SR
50	Rashad Duncan	DL	6-1	280	FR
51	H.B. Blades	LB	6-0	240	JR
52	Ron Idoko	DL	6-2	300	SR
53	Derrill Jones	DL	6-1	305	FR
54	Charles Sallet	DL	6-0	235	JR
55	Thomas Smith	DL	6-4	300	SR
56	Charles Spencer	OL	6-5	330	SR
57	C.J. Davis	OL	6-2	290	FR
58	Joe Clermond	DL	6-2	250	SO
59	Mark Estermyer	LS	6-2	240	FR
60	John Simonitis	OL	6-4	325	JR
61	Eric Fritz	OL	6-3	330	JR
62	John Bachman	OL	6-4	260	FR
64	Chris Vangas	C	6-2	300	SO
66	Jerald Robinson	OL	6-8	330	FR
67	Mike Deluca	OL	6-3	300	SO
68	Joe Villani	C	6-3	300	JR
69	Frank Kochin	OL	6-4	280	FR
70	Dominic Williams	OL	6-4	300	FR
71	Dave Weber	OL	6-3	310	FR
72	Chase Clowser	OL	6-7	340	FR
74	Dale Williams	OL	6-6	300	SR
75	Mike McGlynn	OL	6-5	325	SO
76	Neal Tracey	OL	6-3	295	SO
77	Zach Haulman	OL	6-3	295	FR
78	John Brown	OL	6-3	295	FR
80	Terrell Allen	WR	6-0	195	SO
81	Derek Kinder	WR	6-1	200	SO
82	Kelvin Chandler	WR	6-2	185	SO
83	John Pelusi	TE	6-3	240	FR
84	Steve Buches	TE	6-4	250	FR
85	Robbie Agnone	TE	6-6	245	FR
86	Greg Lee	WR	6-2	200	JR
87	Marcel Pestano	WR	6-1	190	FR
88	Oderick Turner	WR	6-2	180	FR
88	Mike Castiglione	LS	6-0	215	FR
90	Craig Bokor	DL	6-3	290	DL
91	Phil Tillman	DL	6-1	315	SR
92	Michael Hearn	DL	6-5	265	SO
93	Gus Mustakas	DL	6-3	250	FR
94	Conor Lee	PK	5-11	195	FR
95	Ernest Williams	LB	6-1	260	FR
97	Corey Davis	DL	6-1	300	FR
98	Vernon Botts	DL	6-4	260	JR

PANTHERS RUSHING

Derek Landri, Brian Beidatsch and Trevor Laws all return to an interior of a defensive line that ranked fourth nationally against the run in 2005. Laws looks like Irish legend Chris Zorich. If he plays like him, it will be hard to establish a run game against ND.

New offensive coordinator Matt Cavanaugh vows this year's offense will focus on running the ball. Pittsburgh returns both leading rushers from last year but will need to improve upon a 105th national ranking with 97.8 rushing yards per game last season.

Pittsburgh has every main player back from one of the worst rushing squads in the nation last year. Trevor Laws dominated in the spring game and will team with Derek Landri to clog the middle and stall the Panthers' new emphasis on running the ball.

PANTHERS PASSING

Tom Zbikowski and Mike Richardson are the only starters returning on a paper-thin Irish secondary. This group was torched by the Panthers last year and will need help from defensive end Victor Abiamiri's pass rush for the Irish to have a chance.

Greg Lee was injured early in fall camp but is expected back at full speed for the game. If the Pittsburgh line can give Palko time to get the ball to the all-Big East receiver, the Panthers are a good bet for a couple scores through the air each game.

The Irish secondary is the biggest weakness of any position on the field. Palko had five touchdowns of fun last year at Notre Dame and if he connects with Lee for an early big play, Pittsburgh could be in for a very enjoyable evening.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Weis has renewed an emphasis on special teams in 2005. Freshman David Grimes is a slippery returner but whether he can handle the pressure under the lights is unknown. DJ Fitzpatrick is solid handling both the punting and kicking duties.

Kicker Josh Cummings and punter Adam Graessle both earned first-team all-Big East honors in 2004. In a tight game, Graessle's 43.3 yard punting average could give the Panthers a leg up. Marcus Furman and Allen Richardson will handle the returning duties.

The Irish kicking game is safe with DJ Fitzpatrick around, but Pittsburgh has all conference specialists as well in Cummings and Graessle. If Grimes folds under the pressure of returning punts, one turnover could tilt the game to Pittsburgh.

INTANGIBLES

Weis has invited Rudy back to campus and dined with Holtz and Parseghian. If he can transfer that Notre Dame spirit to the field, the Irish will be OK. Team confidence seems to be high and they're eager to wash that 6-6 taste out of their mouths.

Pittsburgh has a new coach, a fiery quarterback and the advantage of playing under the lights at home against a rival. The Panthers pads will be popping and they would love to spoil Weis' debut while setting themselves up for a BCS run in 2005.

Notre Dame will compete hard for its new coach but so will the Panthers. Many Irish fans will attend the game at Heinz Field, but Palko and Pittsburgh's desire to begin the Wannstedt era with a home win is motivation enough for the Panthers.



Mike Gilloon
Sports Editor

Notre Dame has the offensive talent and a coaching mind capable of manufacturing a slew of points. But a question-mark secondary and Palko's competitive fire will keep the Panthers close. The Irish sound like they believe in Weis. If they play to their potential for him, Notre Dame will end up with a win.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31
Pittsburgh 26



Matt Puglisi
Associate
Sports Editor

A year after Pittsburgh quarterback Tyler Palko shredded the Notre Dame secondary, the Irish will finally get a chance for some revenge. If an efficient Irish offense can eat up clock and keep Palko off the field, the Irish defense should bend, but not break. Notre Dame takes a closer game than the score indicates.

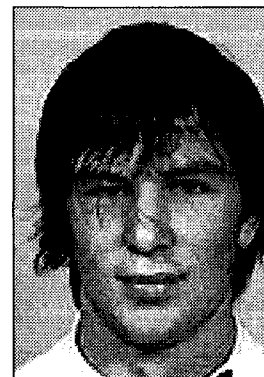
FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31
Pittsburgh 20

Irish experts

Sizing up the Irish and the Panthers

AVERAGE PER GAME	NOTRE DAME'S OFFENSE VS PITTSBURGH'S DEFENSE	PITTSBURGH'S OFFENSE VS NOTRE DAME'S DEFENSE
total yards gained	345.5	357.8
total yards allowed	369.4	395.4
rushing yards gained	127.4	97.8
rushing yards allowed	88.2	140.2
passing yards gained	218.1	260.1
passing yards allowed	281.2	255.2
kick return yards gained	18.7	19.9
kick return yards allowed	19.9	22.9
punt return yards gained	10.8	5.5
punt return yards allowed	8.2	12.1
yards per punt	40.6	40.1
punts blocked	3	5
turnovers lost	16	13
turnovers recovered	9	9
total points scored	24.1	27.1
total points allowed	24.1	24.0
Notre Dame yards penalized	548	
Michigan yards penalized	560	

KEY MATCHUP

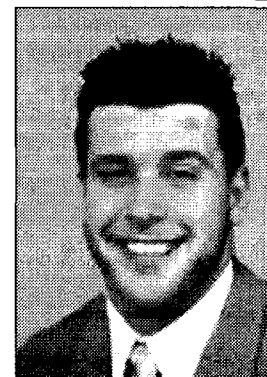


**NOTRE DAME
SECONDARY**

The Irish will start newcomers Ambrose Wooden and Chinedum Ndukwe at cornerback and strong safety, respectively.

Tom Zbikowski, above, will hit the Panthers hard at free safety and cornerback. Mike Richardson is the most experienced secondary member.

Notre Dame ranked No. 116 in the nation against the pass last year, but new defensive backs coach Bill Lewis could turn the unit around. If not, Palko will pick the Irish apart on national TV and move his name to the top of the Heis-man darkhorse list.



**PITTSBURGH
QUARTERBACK**

Tyler Palko, above, tossed 24 touchdowns last season. Five of those were racked up against the Irish, the most ever by an opponent in Notre Dame Stadium.

With all-Big East wide receiver Greg Lee looking healthy, Palko will be salivating over the chance to deliver coach Dave Wannstedt his first collegiate win and pad his stats against the weakest unit on the Notre Dame squad.

The Irish will be focusing on Palko all night. But if he strikes early with a deep pass, the Panthers will roll and spoil Charlie Weis' high-profile debut.



"It's exciting to work in an environment where we're continuously pushing the boundaries of technology in response to ever-growing transaction volumes and increasingly sophisticated clients and competitors."

citigroup

RAK PATEL, ANALYST
TECHNOLOGY

meet us...

Please join us for our
company presentation:

DATE: Tuesday, September 6th, 2005

VENUE: Morris Inn, Notre Dame Room

TIME: 7:00 – 9:00pm

apply online at
www.oncampus.citigroup.com

Investment Banking

Sales & Trading

©2005 Citigroup Global Markets Inc. Member SIPC. CITIGROUP and the Umbrella Device are trademarks and service marks of Citicorp or its affiliates and are used and registered throughout the world. Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Citibank are affiliated companies under the common control of Citigroup. Citibank and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. are equal opportunity employers M/F/D/V.

Walker ready to run into the spotlight again

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Darius Walker showed his ability to adapt well to college life in 2004. He scored two touchdowns in his debut against Michigan, set the Irish freshman rushing record with 786 yards and maintained his composure when the coach who recruited him, Tyrone Willingham, was fired after three years.

But there's one change the Irish running back wasn't prepared for when Charlie Weis was hired as Irish coach on Dec. 12. — the playbook.

"Coach Weis gave us our phone books — that's what I like to call them because they are so complex," he said. "Coming in [as a freshman,] I got the playbook, and it was really complex. It was something new for me so I didn't think it could get much worse. But then the next year coming in with this coaching staff, it not only got much worse, it got a lot worse."

Walker and the Irish open the 2005 season Saturday at Pittsburgh, and he believes

he will need to know the "phone book" well to run successfully against the Panthers and their defensive-minded coach Dave Wannstedt. Pittsburgh linebacker H.B. Blades and Wannstedt have both remarked on Walker's ability and say he will be one of the main players on whom the Panther defense will focus.

The Panther defensive line is inexperienced, losing veteran tackles Vince Crochunis and Dan Stephens. And defensive coordinator Paul Rhoads wants to keep Walker from rushing for 112 yards and two touchdowns like he did against Pittsburgh last season.

But Walker isn't worried about the pressure that comes with being a marked man. "I think I thrive on competition," Walker said. "To hear [Blades] say that is actually good. I'd tell him to go in and come with it because I'm going to bring my 'A' game."

Walker's 'A' game will be explosive, especially with a strong effort from a seasoned offensive line.

Irish center John Sullivan, feels Walker's 'A' game will be a treat to watch and block for.

"[Darius] has always been a great player," Sullivan said. "He has a great attitude, he's a leader out there, and I think he's going to have a really great season."

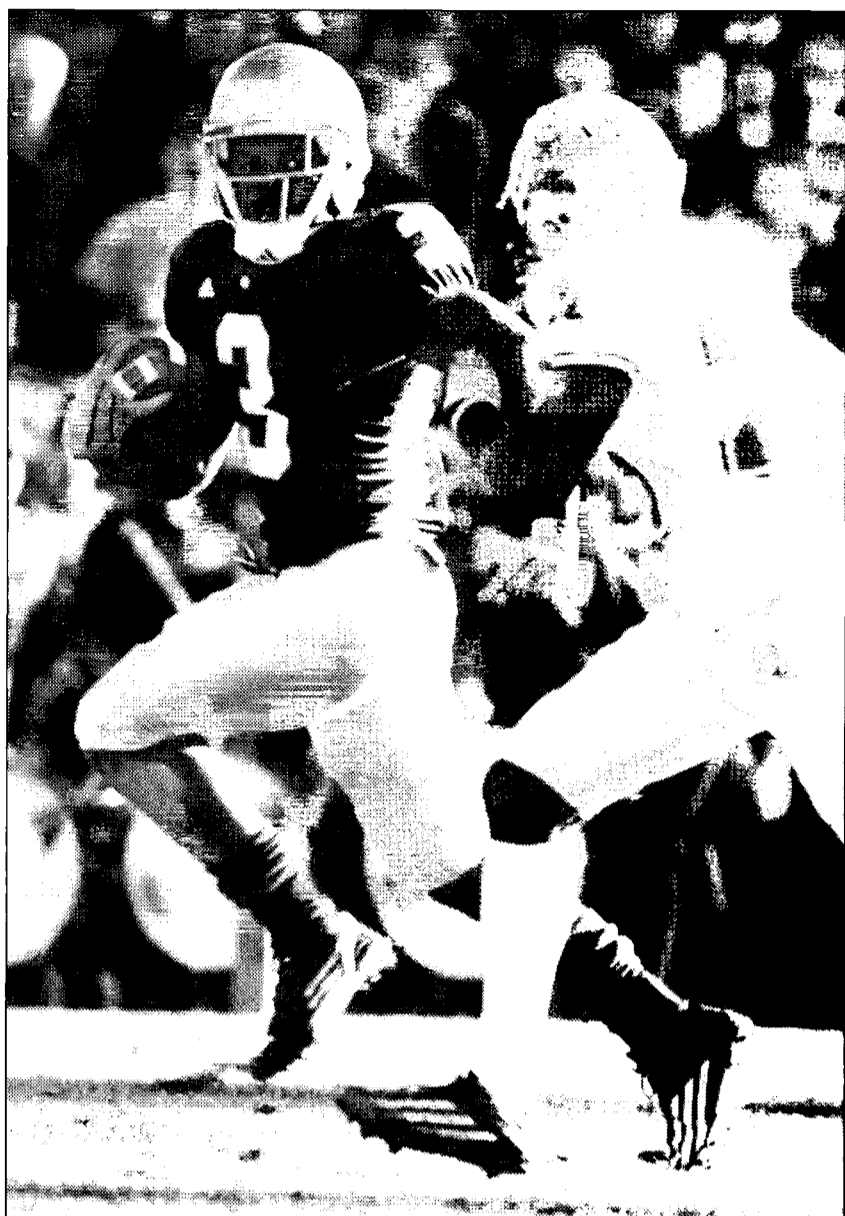
Tackle Ryan Harris is impressed by Walker's increase in maturity from 2004 to now.

"[He] has done an exceptional job, stepping into the leadership role with the running backs," Harris said. "He talks to the line now. Last year he didn't talk to a whole bunch. He lets us know he loves us, and you know he wants us to pave the way for him."

Much is being made over the matchup between Weis and Wannstedt — two former NFL coaches with expert billing on offense and defense, respectively. But Walker says the players aren't concerned with what attention might be given to the men in charge. They're just excited to hit someone not wearing a Notre Dame helmet.

"We're all kind of antsy right now," Walker said. "We're kind of tired of playing against ourselves ... We just want to go out there and do our best and go down there and whoop Pittsburgh."

Contact Mike Gilloon at
mgilloon@nd.edu



Darius Walker eludes a Pittsburgh defenseman in the first half of last season's game against the Panthers, where he ran for two touchdowns.

TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Panthers' Palko prepared for breakout year



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Pittsburgh quarterback Tyler Palko evades a sack in Notre Dame Stadium last season, where he passed for 334 yards and five touchdowns.

Junior quarterback, veteran receiving corps return to field

By MATT PUGLISI
Associate Sports Editor

The last time Pittsburgh quarterback Tyler Palko took the field against Notre Dame, he left his name behind — carved into the Irish record book.

The 41-38 Panther victory last Nov. 13 was the beginning of the end for the Irish, as Palko's Notre Dame opponent record five touchdown passes — to go along with 334 yards and no interceptions on 26-of-42 passing — sparked a three-game Irish losing streak that culminated in former head coach Tyrone Willingham's firing and a lopsided Insight Bowl loss to Oregon State.

"We've got great respect for Tyler Palko," Irish defensive coordinator Rick Minter said. "I think he's kind of a Brett Favre-type guy with better wheels. He can beat you with his head, his arm and his legs — that's just a complete quarterback. The definition of him is probably that he's a winner."

Now, nearly 10 months after Palko lit up the Notre Dame Stadium scoreboard — and later lit up the NBC phone lines when he used profanity in the post-game interview — Notre Dame gets another chance against the Pittsburgh gunslinger and his favorite target, preseason All-American

wide receiver Greg Lee.

"I think we're more focused [this time]," safety Tom Zbikowski said. "That's in the past, and we want to get that out, but it did happen. We've got to be ready."

Combined with his accurate arm and gritty demeanor, Palko being left-handed could pose problems, at least initially, for the Irish defense.

"You know, it's a little different right off the bat, because you have a lefty quarterback coming out of the gate, and our players have been practicing against righty quarterbacks the whole time," Irish head coach Charlie Weis said.

"Usually there's a little different package when you have a lefty quarterback. There's some little different wrinkles, because you are used to everything being strong sided coming from the defensive left, offensive right, and now you have just the flip of that where you have a lefty quarterback where your strong side or your blind side now is coming from the exact opposite side than it would be normally in practice."

In addition to Palko, his go-to receiver, Lee, and a deep Pittsburgh receiving core have the ability to give Notre Dame headaches. Not a highly-touted recruit coming out of high

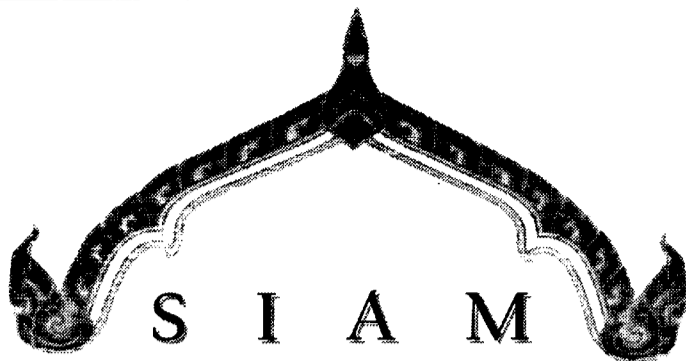
school — he received only two scholarship offers — Lee made sure everyone knew his name last season, racking up 1,297 receiving yards and 10 touchdown receptions, including 95 yards and a second-quarter touchdown against the Irish last November.

"They have some talent, and I think it's well documented that [Lee's] one of the best receivers in college football," defensive backs coach Bill Lewis said. "I've been especially impressed with their tight ends. I think they're a very solid group as a whole with a couple of very outstanding players, namely Lee."

After all the talk of last season's defensive meltdown against the Panthers, Minter is more concerned about tomorrow's contest than what has already happened.

"He's a guy that came in here last year at our house and did a heck of a job rallying his team," Minter said. "We respect what he's done, but our coaches weren't here last year — now we're here. We want to be known more for how we compete this Saturday night than last year's Saturday."

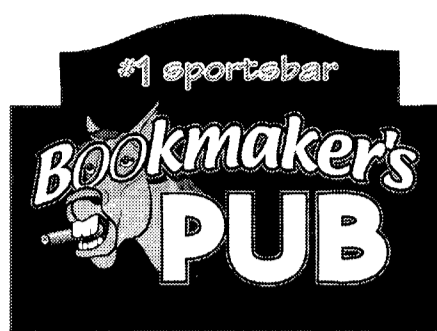
Contact Matt Puglisi at
mpuglisi@nd.edu



R E S T A U R A N T

**Now Hiring
Experienced Server
Apply in Person**

211 N. Main St. Downtown South Bend
232-4445
www.SiamThaiSouthBend.com



GAME WATCH

SATURDAY

Game day - Go IRISH.

DJ after games,
celebrate victory and boogie
till dawn. ESPN game plan

2046 South Bend Ave
Across from Martins Plaza
272-1766



SHAMROCK

INVITATIONAL

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3

VS. #11 TEXAS

5:00 PM

JOYCE CENTER

**FREE ADMISSION FOR
ALL ND, SMC, AND HCC
STUDENTS**

SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

VS. ARIZONA STATE

2:00 PM

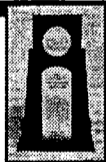
JOYCE CENTER

**FIRST 500 FANS
RECEIVE AN
IRISH PARKING SIGN
AT EACH MATCH**

IRISH

**Irish
3**

VOLLEYBALL



DEFENDING NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER



Inn at Saint Mary's Soccer Classic


Come Out To See... 4 Teams Ranked Top 25 In The Country

Friday, September 2nd at Alumni Field

#9 Connecticut vs. #24 Maryland at 5 pm

#1 Notre Dame vs. #13 Florida at 7:30 pm

•First 500 fans receive a 2004 National Champion car flag sponsored by Inn at Saint Mary's

•First 250 fans receive a Chick-fil-A sandwich, while supplies last! 

Sunday, September 4th at Alumni Field

#9 Connecticut vs. #13 Florida at 11 am

#1 Notre Dame vs. #24 Maryland at 1 pm

•First 500 fans receive a 2004 National Champion car flag sponsored by Inn at Saint Mary's

Visit www.notredamepromotions.com for all the latest promotional information



**FREE Admission for ND,
HCC, & SMC students!**

