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ND graduates: from NROTC to Iraq occupancy

By KATE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

Captain John McGurty flew 200 miles from his Al-Asad Airbase in Western Iraq to the Forward Aerial Refueling Point (FARP) Korean Village in the Al-Anbar province of Iraq for the Sept. 13 promotion of Joe Gagliardi to the rank of 1st Lieutenant of Marines.

Each officer gets to choose his or her promoting officer, as long as the individual is at least one rank higher than the person being promoted, Gagliardi said.

For Gagliardi, a 2003 Notre Dame graduate, the choice was simple. He chose McGurty, a 1974 graduate of the University also serving overseas, to pin on his new silver bars — exactly two years after Gagliardi's own father pinned on his gold bars in Washington, D.C.

"I am a Marine Corps Officer and

Captain McGurty is an officer in the United States Navy, so my promotion was unique in that you do not often see inter-service promotion ceremonies," Gagliardi said.

Gagliardi met McGurty, an emergency medical physician in the 4th Marine Air Wing in the Reserve, through McGurty's youngest daughter, Katie. Gagliardi was in the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps (NROTC) program at Notre Dame with Katie McGurty, almost three years before the two men were deployed to the same area of operations in Western Iraq.

"Captain McGurty and I remained close over the next few years and he remains to this day someone I greatly respect and was proud to have as my promoting officer," Gagliardi said. "It was definitely a huge coincidence, however, that we both happen to deploy to the same [Area of Oper-

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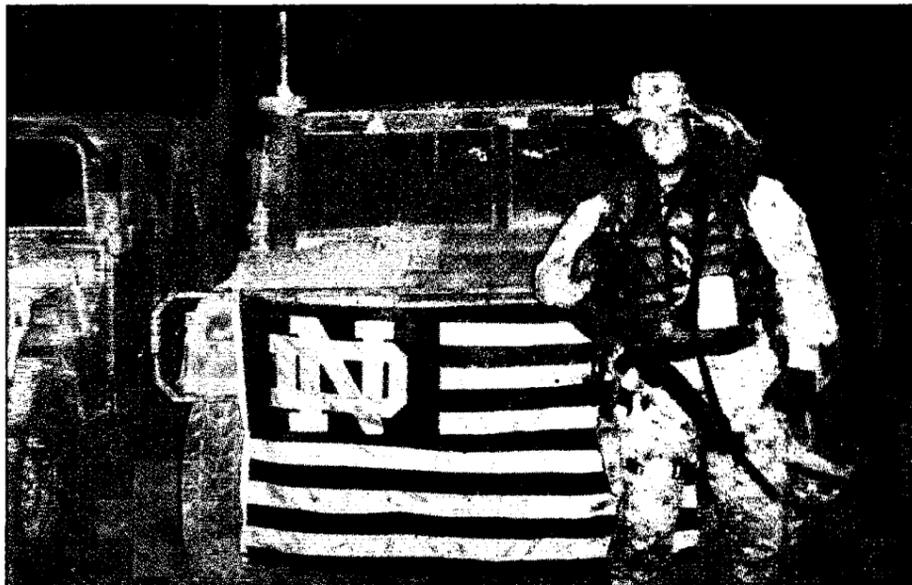


Photo Courtesy of Joe Gagliardi

Notre Dame graduate 1st Lt. Joe Gagliardi ('03) poses with one of the Notre Dame flags that decorate his living space in Korean Village in the Al-Anbar province of Iraq.

Bright orange shirts make bold statement



JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

AllianceND board member Stacey Williams wears the "Gay? Fine by Me" shirt as an effort to raise awareness on campus.

ND students support AllianceND campaign for greater acceptance

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

The "Gay? Fine by Me" tee shirt campaign is two and a half years old, and Notre Dame is no longer No. 1 in the Princeton Review's "Alternative Lifestyles Not an Alternative" category.

But enough orange shirts were spotted around campus Thursday to show that students are still passionate, and persistent, about promoting acceptance and stimulating discussion about gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer

and questioning people (GLBTQ) at Notre Dame.

"I cannot believe what a great day we've had," said Anna Gomberg, a graduate student and co-coordinator of the unrecognized student group AllianceND, which produced the shirts. "I'm floored. Today was probably the most successful of the tee shirt days in my tenure."

Since the campaign began in spring 2004, Gomberg said the shirts have become a greater part of Notre Dame's "landscape." She said the primary goal of the campaign is to show support for the GLBTQ community at Notre Dame.

"In a practical way, it provides an easy way for supportive people

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Arrest is second in three days

By MADDIE HANNA
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St. Joseph County police made an arrest on Notre Dame's campus Thursday night, the second one made in three days on campus, St. Joseph County spokesperson Jamiee Thirion said.

Thirion said the arrest was made at the intersection of Juniper Road and Bulla Road for an "incident" involving "a particular individual" and a St. Joseph County police officer.

"The officer noticed this particular car almost hit him [in South Bend] at Mayflower [Road], just north of the bypass," Thirion said.

A large, unknown number of law enforcement vehicles were seen driving with flashing lights North on Juniper Road between 9:30 and 10:30 p.m.

Thirion said the officer followed the car to Notre Dame's campus, where he pulled the car over at the intersection, which is just east of Knott Hall.

Notre Dame Security/Police (NDS) and South Bend Police were also present at the arrest site, Thirion said.

On Tuesday, NDS arrested a South Bend man wanted on a warrant on South Quad after he stole a backpack from North Dining Hall, associate director of NDS Philip Johnson said.

Thirion said she could not provide further details late Thursday about the type of incident or the reason for the arrest, since the police report had not been completed. Thirion said the full report would be available sometime today.

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Scholars address Irish language role

By PETER NINNEMAN
News Writer

Six distinguished scholars will present a conference on the Irish language's role in the academia today in the Hesburgh Auditorium.

"Why Irish?" — a forum hosted by the Department of Irish Language and Literature — will bring together internationally renowned scholars from the fields of comparative literature, medieval studies, linguistics, contemporary literature, cultural studies and Indo-European poetics. The scholars will discuss how the language has benefited their research and the role it plays in their discipline.

"It focuses attention on the role, function and contributions of Irish language and literature in the North American university system," said Professor Brian Ó Conchubhair, a Fellow of the Keough Institute for Irish Studies.

Judging from registration for the all-day event, attendance is expected to be strong. Ó Conchubhair attributes his optimism for student turnout to the rising number of students taking Irish or Irish Studies as a minor at Notre Dame.

Given that the conference is on a class day, Ó Conchubhair said students are welcome to

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Pulitzer Prize winner tells of bin Laden hunt

By KATIE STUHLREHER
News Writer

Steve Coll, two-time Pulitzer Prize winning author and journalist, drew upon his journalistic endeavors in India, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan to explain the importance of the ongoing hunt for Osama bin Laden and the restructuring of the intelligence community after Sept. 11 in the Jordan Auditorium Thursday.



Steve Coll

Coll, a former South Asia bureau chief for The Washington Post and author of "Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan and bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001," focused his lecture on past frustrations and failures of the U.S. intelligence community and misperceptions about bin Laden and the Taliban following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

"I think that our biggest missed opportunity at the statecraft level was when the Soviets made it clear that they were leaving Afghanistan and we left as well," Coll said. "I think that this was mere indif-

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INSIDE COLUMN

No longer a 'loser'

I lose a lot of things. I leave shoes in hotel rooms, CD's in the computer cluster and magazines in the gym. I no longer buy expensive sunglasses because I lose about a pair a month at TC (who doesn't love sunglasses at night?), and don't even get me started on how a lost cell phone nearly triggered a long battle with ResLife (but that's a column that will probably never be written).

Kate Gales
Associate Sports Editor

But all of those examples are nothing compared to when my roommate Gina and I lost the remote control to our TV. Leading a blameless and virtuous existence gave me enough good karma to get a beautiful, spacious double on the third floor of Cavanaugh. Although I've enjoyed living in a large room that is the envy of freshmen everywhere, the problem is there are just so many places to lose things. It doesn't always help that Gina is extremely neat and consistently straightening things up. For a disorganized free spirit like myself, you'd think that's a pretty nice thing — especially when she makes my bed — but it has led to an alarming number of things being misplaced, mislaid and possibly lost forever.

We first noticed the missing remote at approximately 10 p.m. two weeks ago, when I settled in to watch a movie and the remote was nowhere to be found. How was I to fast-forward through the credits? How would I stand watching parts where people die? We all know that walking 10 feet to the TV to control this is simply not acceptable.

I couldn't find the remote. Gina couldn't find the remote. We challenged others to find our remote, but all was in vain. I accused people of stealing our remote. We planned "missing" signs to post around the dorm and contemplated offering a reward for information on its whereabouts. But nothing seemed to work.

Basically, Gina and I realized we were losers.

This is not a fun conclusion to have about oneself. It had crossed my mind before, but now, there was no doubt. The remote was gone. I was reasonably sure it was my fault. I was a loser.

We checked under the futon. It wasn't there. We checked every drawer in the room (that's a lot). After days of stress, there was nowhere to search but under the beds. Flinging laundry aside and dragging out golf clubs and Christmas decorations, I took a flashlight and crawled under the bed. First, I found a pen. Then I found a ChapStick. Then my fingers touched plastic. I craned my neck. It was gray and rectangular. Could it be — was it possibly — yes!

On Wednesday night, the remote came home. Well, technically it had always been home. But we found it, which was the important thing. There was much rejoicing in Cavanaugh Hall, featuring a lot of high-pitched shrieking. We had defeated a piece of plastic. And I was no longer a loser.

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CORRECTIONS

In yesterday's edition of The Observer, Saint Mary's golfer Megan Mattia's name was misspelled in a headline. The Observer regrets this error.

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: HAVE YOU READ DULAC? WHY OR WHY NOT?



Sarah Runger
sophomore Walsh

"No, I'm an angel."



Jimmy Buffi
sophomore Carroll

"Oh, please. Reading is overrated."



Ryan Bove
sophomore Sorin

"No. I have only referenced it in times of need."



Andy Carter
sophomore Fisher

"Yes, every night before I go to sleep!"



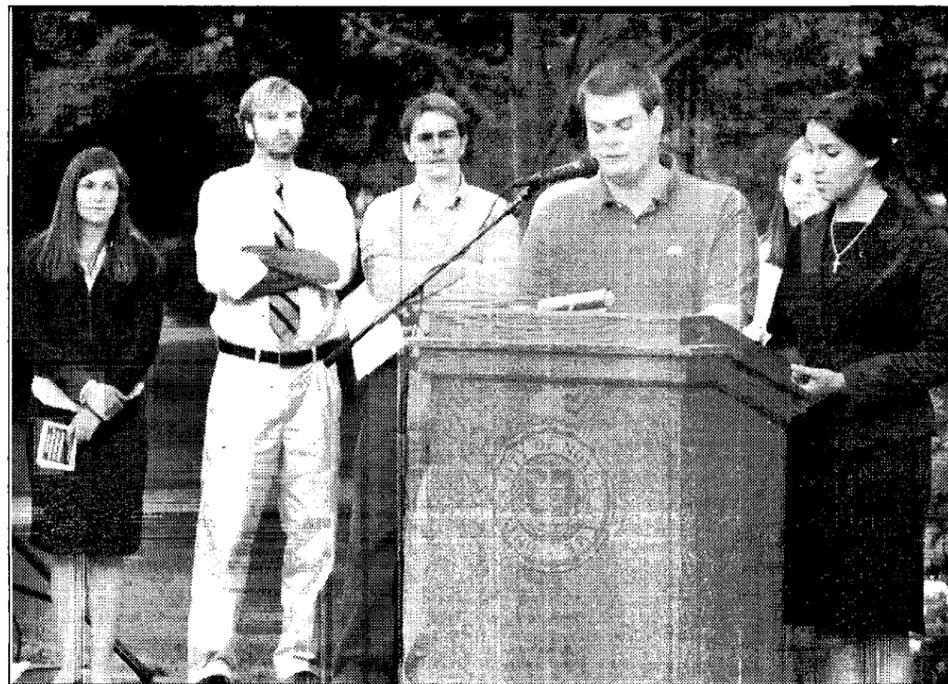
Tim Roy
sophomore O'Neill

"Yeah, Andy keeps getting me in trouble."



Craig Borchard
sophomore Morrissey

"Of course — to know fish tank dimensions."



FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer

Chris Brophy speaks about Catholic social teaching on labor issues, solidarity and family at the inaugural assembly of the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) on God Quad at the Father Sorin statue Thursday. CLAP is an effort to build a genuine Notre Dame family around Catholic principles of labor justice.

IN BRIEF

James Maughan, general manager of Controls and Power Electronics for GE Energy, will deliver a talk in Notre Dame's Distinguished Engineering Lecture Series at 12:50 p.m. today in the DeBartolo Hall auditorium. Titled "Energy Technologies That Will Drive the Coming Environmental Revolution," the lecture is free and open to the public.

Welsh Family, Alumni, Howard and Badin Halls will host a campus-wide Game Watch on a Big Screen on South Quad this Saturday as Notre Dame takes on Purdue. There will be free glow-in-the-dark necklaces and popcorn. The event starts at kick-off and all students are invited to attend.

Cass Sunstein, Karl N. Llewellyn Distinguished Professor of Jurisprudence at the University of Chicago Law School, will give a rescheduled lecture on his recently published book, "Radicals in Robes: Why Extreme Right-Wing Courts Are Wrong for America" at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4 in the Notre Dame Law School Courtroom.

The Department of Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) will open its 2005-06 theater season with Arthur Kopit's "Wings" Tuesday to Saturday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theatre of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

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

"Sometimes, it's just overwhelming," accountant Nikki Warner said of the intersection of Zanker and Trimble. "Sometimes you go outside and, ugh."

"Like ammonia and rotten eggs," said Michael O'Connell, an engineer with the city's Public Works Department.

The area's main sewage line — a handmade brick pipe — was installed in the late 1890s, before Teddy Roosevelt was president. It's been collecting sewage and stench ever since.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Danish Santa compensated for reindeer's death

COPENHAGEN — The Danish Air Force said Thursday it paid about \$5,000 in compensation to a part-time Santa Claus whose reindeer died of heart failure when two fighter jets roared over his farm.

The animal, named Rudolf, was grazing at the farm of Olavi Nikkanoff in central Denmark when the screaming F-16 jets passed overhead at low altitude in February.

The reindeer collapsed and died, leaving Nikkanoff with the prospect of only

one animal pulling his sleigh next Christmas.

He complained to the air force, which agreed to compensate him for the cost of the reindeer and veterinary expenses.

"We got a letter from Santa complaining about his reindeer's death and looked into it seriously," air force spokesman Capt. Morten Jensen said.

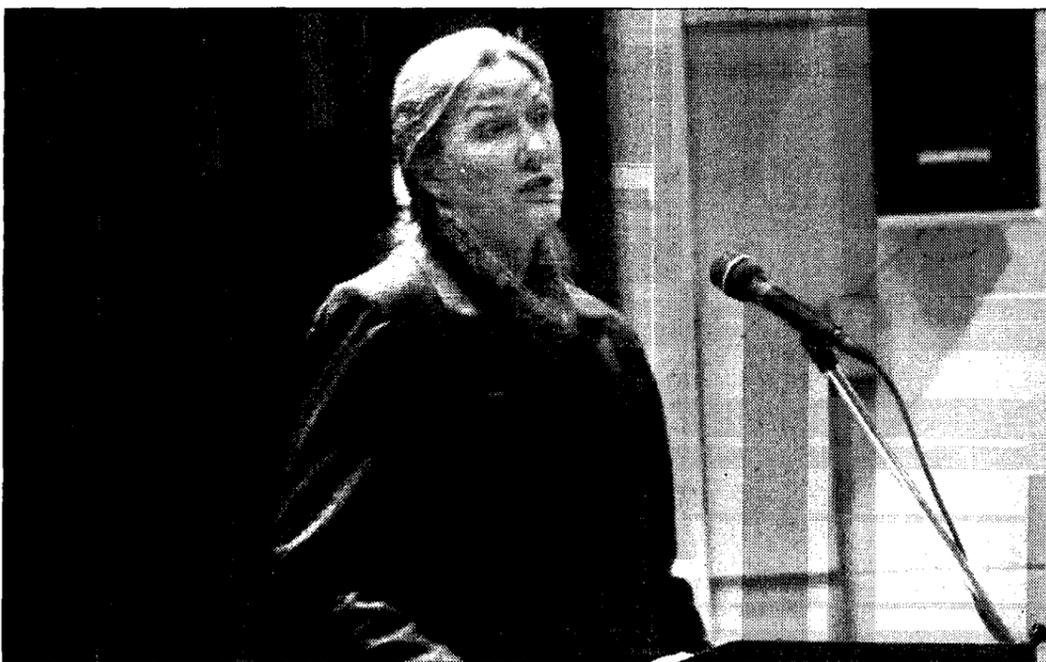
Street plagued by foul odor gets relief

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Residents of a suburban street plagued with a revolting sewer stench are finally getting some, ahem, relief.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 68 LOW 45	HIGH 53 LOW 48	HIGH 72 LOW 48	HIGH 75 LOW 50	HIGH 74 LOW 52	HIGH 74 LOW 54

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Alumna emphasizes education



KATE FENLON/The Observer

Dr. Mary Erdmans, a 1981 Saint Mary's graduate, returned to the College Thursday to speak on the role of religion and motherhood in the lives of working class women.

By SARAH VOSS
News Writer

Saint Mary's students were given a perspective on education Thursday by '81 alumna Dr. Mary Erdmans in her talk "Nuns and Moms: The Role of Religion and Motherhood in the Life Choices of White Working Class Women."

Erdmans, who earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology at Northwestern University, explored Thailand as a member of the Peace Corps before becoming a professor at Central Connecticut State University. She published numerous studies as journal articles and smaller writings throughout her career about the poverty of Polish and Hispanic immigrants.

Students and professors attended the lecture, which focused on the lives of five working class women, in the Carroll Auditorium. Brought to Saint Mary's by the Department of Sociology and the Department of History along with the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, Erdmans said

the lecture encouraged students to challenge the "perceptions of opportunities that limit us."

Erdmans' lecture was based on her book "The Grasiniski Girls: The Choices

They Had and the Choices They Made," which follows five sisters who came of age during the 1950s.

Erdmans approached the project from a feminist viewpoint, looking to unearth the deep feelings of resentment and oppression present in the heart of 1950s housewives. When she set about interviewing the remaining five sisters, she sought out the "misery, isolation and oppression" that she believed existed. But the feelings she found were quite different.

While uncovering the stories of these women — her mother being one of them

"We accept [our place in society] as a part of a predetermined gender routine."

Dr. Mary Erdmans
professor
Central Connecticut
State University

Erdmans realized they perceived feminism as the "devaluation of their choices as housewives and, more importantly, mothers."

She spoke about the career choices of women in the 1950s, which included motherhood and religious sisterhood. By choosing sisterhood, women were able to grasp their only chance to become educated members of society, she said. In essence, it was the only "aca-

ademic space" created solely for women, Erdmans said. Through the Grasiniski women, Erdmans said she realized the choices individuals make are often limited by status.

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Catherine Wagner
Saint Mary's junior

to young women reached a peak when she realized the Grasiniski women expressed "dissatisfaction not with who they were, but with what they could have been."

Of her education at Saint Mary's, Erdmans said she was amazed at the number of women who were "blasé" about education.

"Explore the greater range of choices [available] to you ... search for a meaningful purpose [both of education and of life,]" she said.

Students like junior Catherine Wagner reacted positively to the lecture.

"It is interesting that, even if you plan on becoming a stay-at-home mom, it is important to consider an education valuable," she said.

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SMC seniors greet fathers on campus

Series of events includes "Casino Night," ND vs. Purdue game watch, closing Mass

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Saint Mary's seniors will be spending a majority of their weekend with a very important man in their life — and it will not be their boyfriends.

Instead, it will be their dads. More than 150 seniors and their fathers will participate in the College's traditional "Senior Dad's Weekend," which kicks off tonight at 8 p.m. with "Casino Night" at Windsor Hall in South Bend.

In keeping with tradition from previous years, "Casino Night" was originally scheduled to be held at Heartland, however, new owners refused to honor a contract with Saint Mary's.

What originally seemed to be an obstacle for the Senior Dad's planning committee proved very beneficial in the end.

"I'm truly glad though that it is at Windsor Hall because it brings more class to the night

and the manager at Windsor Hall is a Saint Mary's alumna and has been wonderful to us," Senior Dad's Chairman Casey Campe said. "They have offered us a 50 percent discount on everything. This has really proven to be a blessing in disguise."

"Casino Night" will be a dressy-casual event where students and their dads will be entertained while partaking in various casino games. During the evening there will be a live auction to raise money for senior class events, such as the senior formal. Bids will be placed on such things as front row graduation seats, a year-long parking spot in the Special Events lot and Hummer driving service for dinner at The Vine.

On Saturday seniors and their dads are invited to attend Notre Dame vs. Purdue game watch at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Center. In years past, the game watch has been at The College Football Hall of Fame, however, it was decided that it would be held at the Student Center this year in order to show off the new facility.

"I am a little nervous to see how the tailgate goes because we will be serving alcohol, and everyone drinking will not be allowed to leave the student lounge, which, if you ask me, cannot hold over 300 people — but we'll make it work," Campe said.

The last scheduled event will be a closing Mass at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday morning at the Church of Loretto.

The weekend allows seniors to show their dads what life is like at Saint Mary's, and events are scheduled so that students have free time to do just this.

"Everyone is excited about taking our dads out and showing them the 'nightlife' of South Bend, although I'm not really sure if my dad will truly appreciate the sweaty crowdedness of the Backer," senior Anna Hancock said.

"Regardless I'm sure it will be a fun weekend, and an important tradition for us to get to spend a weekend just bonding with our dads, and showing

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Anna Hancock
Saint Mary's senior

them what our lives are really like here at SMC."

Senior Angela Rizzo said Senior Dad's Weekend is a College tradition that intends to give seniors time to reflect on their college

experience and look forward to what is to come.

"I think it is important to keep the Senior Dad's Weekend tradition alive because it lets us reflect on how much we've grown as women," she said. "We're not daddy's little girl anymore, even though we may still feel like it."

Rizzo is grateful for weekends such as Senior Dad's that allow her to relax and spend time with her father, who was last on campus the day she moved her in.

"Spending time with your dad [at Saint Mary's] is not something all girls get a chance to do each year," she said. "By designating a weekend and sponsoring events, Saint Mary's can make it easier to hang out with your dad."

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AN AMERICAN REVOLUTION

With hard-won tickets, fans flock to Purdue

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER
News Writer

Whether it meant taking their chances in the ticket lottery or masquerading on stage as Disney characters, students scrambled to get tickets to Saturday's Notre Dame football game against Purdue in West Lafayette, Ind.

The Student Union Board (SUB) sponsored a ticket lottery last week and sold 346 game tickets for \$43 each to students whose numbers were drawn. This is roughly the same amount of tickets Notre Dame usually receives

for away games, SUB officials said. Tickets were sold at the LaFortune Box Office from Sept. 19 to Sept. 26, and all extra tickets sold quickly Tuesday morning.

Juniors Maria Hinton and Amy Lauterbach were among those with lucky lottery numbers.

"We got eight tickets through the lottery, then went early on Tuesday to the Lafun Box Office and bought two more," Hinton said. "It's my first away game, so it will be interesting to see how other schools have football week-ends."

Hinton, Lauterbach and eight

of their friends plan to leave Saturday morning to drive two and a half hours to West Lafayette, where they will spend the afternoon tailgating before the 6:45 p.m. game.

SUB said they are sponsoring two buses that will leave campus 12 p.m. Saturday. Bus tickets were \$10 each and — like the game tickets — they sold out quickly.

Farley Hall's "What Would You Do for Purdue Tickets?" contest Monday allowed students to compete for tickets by exhibiting their creativity to impress the judges.

Junior Jamie Blanke was one

of the talented students to win free tickets. He and three friends dressed as Disney characters and sang songs to fit the theme of the upcoming game. Blanke sported the garb of Ariel from the Little Mermaid, complete with a green sheet for the fin and two dining hall bowls for a seashell bra.

"The bottom line is, you have to be pretty crazy to dress up in those costumes and sing the songs we sang," said Blanke. "The judges agreed that we were crazy. I was very pleased with the opportunity to win free tickets."

Blanke and his friends plan to bring some of their "craziness" to

West Lafayette this weekend.

"We're really looking forward to the game," Blanke said. "We're going to bring that same craziness that we used to win the competition when we go to Purdue on Saturday."

No matter how students got their tickets, many — like Lauterbach — are optimistic about the outcome of Saturday's game.

"Both teams have dynamic offenses, but I'll think we'll win," she said.

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Iraq

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ations] at the same time."

The men were also stationed near Navy Commander Mark Dobbertien, a general surgeon and 1980 Notre Dame graduate, who, before his recent departure from Iraq, was kept busy in his field operating facility at Korean Village, Gagliardi said.

"Dr. McGurty [flies] around the region often in order to treat emergency casualties both American and Iraqi," Gagliardi said. "My job mostly consists of, along with my Marines, installing, operating and maintaining a tactical communications architecture that supports internal, external and ground to air communications."

Life in Iraq

Both men graduated from the University — 29 years apart — after participating in the NROTC Program.

While Gagliardi said NROTC prepared him for what was to come as a U.S. Marine Corps officer, he said that no amount of training could prepare him for the sights of Iraq.

"Life in a combat theater is unique. The living conditions are certainly Spartan by most barometers," McGurty said. "For instance, [I] have not had running water for days here with the insurgents damaging water supply from the Euphrates to the camp."

Gagliardi has been stationed in Iraq since mid-July and plans to return home in April 2006. McGurty has been in Iraq for nearly seven months and will be released from active duty back to the Navy reserve in late November and will return to civilian Emergency Medical practice in New York.

"I have never felt so alive as I have leading these Marines as we all make our small contribution to the causes of both ridding this country of those who would seek to see these people continue to be oppressed, as well as ridding the world as a whole of those who wish to spread terror while taking innocent lives to further their maniacal cause," Gagliardi said.

Gagliardi said he and fellow Notre Dame graduates are able to distract themselves from their harsh environment by discussing Notre Dame football, remembering the beauty

of the grotto and trading stories from time spent on campus.

"The bond is unique, eternal and absolutely embodies the essence of the Notre Dame mystique under the direction of Our Lady and Our Lord," McGurty said.

Gagliardi said that the values and moral barometer instilled in him during his time at Notre Dame bring him great strength as he serves in Iraq.

Keeping Notre Dame alive

"Over here, there is a special bond that exists among all service members making the same sacrifices away from friends, family and home to do our small part in service to the country we call home and that bond is definitely intensified between graduates of Our Lady's university," Gagliardi said.

To keep the Notre Dame spirit alive overseas, Gagliardi brought a few mementos.

"I, of course, brought out my new 'The Shirt' for the start of the Charlie Weis football era, as well as two Notre Dame flags that adorn my small living area here at Korean Village," he said.

Gagliardi said he also painted an entire wall of his space to read "Go Irish," but had to use green and gold paint because there was no blue paint to be found on the camp.

"Captain McGurty also passed on a 1988 ND football championship banner which I have hanging in my room as well," Gagliardi said. "Most

importantly, though, I brought out my No. 3 Darius Walker ND football jersey so that every Saturday night/Sunday morning — in the wee-hours of the morning if I am lucky enough to catch an Irish football telecast on the Armed Forces Network — I can let everyone know who I am pulling for."

McGurty has similarly decorated his area in Iraq with Notre Dame memorabilia.

"My medical office is adorned as an ND shrine starting with a flag on the outside and posters on the inside. The words to the Alma Mater are posted," he said.

Notre Dame is still an active part of McGurty's life and he was disappointed that he could not return to campus last spring for the graduation and commissioning of his daughter Katie.

"The one event I so greatly miss not attending during this



Capt. John McGurty ('74), left, flew across Iraq to act as the promoting officer in the promotion ceremony of 1st Lt. Joe Gagliardi ('03). Both participated in the NROTC Program while at Notre Dame.

deployment was my Katie's graduation from Notre Dame, and commissioning," McGurty said. "For years, I truly dreamed about commissioning her as a fellow Naval Officer."

In McGurty's place, Commanding Brig. Gen. Dave Papak, United States Naval Academy '76, performed the honors and commissioned Katie at the Grotto, McGurty said.

"We are proud to call ourselves warriors, members of the armed forces fighting in the war against those who would seek to bring terror onto our home soil, but we are also proud to call ourselves Domers, members of a great and proud fraternity and sorority of men and women whose pride in both our country and in Notre Dame runs just as deep," Gagliardi said.

From basketball to the battlefields

Also serving in Iraq is Army engineer Capt. Kevin Kuwik, an assistant basketball coach at Ohio University and a 1996 Notre Dame graduate.

Kuwik said he was shocked when he received a letter last September calling him off the Individual Ready Serve (IRR) list last September — primarily because he had just put in his discharge paperwork.

"Instead it was activation orders. After a series of train-ups back in the states, I was assigned and mobilized with the 113th Engineer Battalion, a National Guard unit headquartered in Gary, IN," Kuwik said. "We arrived in Kuwait on Dec. 19 and flew up into

Mosul, Iraq on Jan. 6."

Kuwik expects to leave Iraq in December and hopes to be home for Christmas.

"There are a lot of ways to describe my year in Iraq, but probably the most appropriate is 'long.' There are truly no days off," Kuwik said. "Your choices for clothing are simply your desert camouflage uniform or the Army Physical Fitness Uniform — no civilian clothes allowed."

Despite these challenges, Kuwik said he will look back on this experience as one of the most positive things he has ever done.

"The camaraderie with the fellow soldiers is amazing and we will leave Iraq knowing that we played a crucial role in the success of last January's elections and in the development of democracy in this country," Kuwik said.

Alumni network

McGurty, Gagliardi, Dobbertien and Kuwik are not the only Notre Dame grads who have served in Iraq.

"At one point [this summer], all three of the U.S. Marines that graduated from the NROTC program at ND in 2003 were all deployed to Iraq at the same time," Gagliardi said, adding that he was in contact with these men, 1st Lt. Ed O'Connell and 1st Lt. John Pfunter, while deployed in

combat ones around Iraq.

"I had many visits with Eddie O'Connell — a classmate of Joe's and roommate at Cherry Point, NC. I ate chow with Eddie several times and brought him up to the squadron for chow once as well," McGurty said. "His dad, Ed O'Connell, and I were classmates from the class of 1974. So the ND family continues to unfold here in Iraq."

Army ROTC established a Notre Dame Alumni club of Iraq last June, after the idea was mentioned by Chuck Lennon, executive director of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, at the ROTC retreat in June 2004. With the help of Bethany Heet, director of International Alumni Clubs, the Iraq club has grown significantly.

"There is my ND Alumni Association stickers on the window of my [Container Housing Unit] — basically a metal box that I live in," Kuwik said. "I had read about [the Alumni Club] in the Alumni Association's magazine last year, so I got in touch with Suzanne Inzerillo, the founder, via email when I got here. Only with ND would you find something as impromptu as this so far away from South Bend."

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Joe Gagliardi
Marines 1st Lt.

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Kevin Kuwik
Army engineer captain

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ban on public displays of weapons

JERUSALEM — Palestinian authorities began enforcing a ban on public displays of weapons Thursday, arresting three people and confiscating the guns of off-duty police officers in a key step toward imposing order in the chaotic Gaza Strip.

The crackdown came as dozens of Palestinian towns and villages in the West Bank held municipal elections. The powerful Hamas movement was expected to make strong gains, despite a continuing Israeli offensive against Islamic militants.

Pressing forward with its military campaign, Israeli soldiers killed three Palestinian gunmen during raids in the West Bank. Israel launched the wave of airstrikes and arrest raids last weekend in response to Gaza militants' rocket attacks on southern Israeli towns.

Sting of car bombs kill at least 60

BAGHDAD — Three suicide attackers exploded a string of near-simultaneous car bombs in a mainly Shiite town Thursday, killing at least 60 people and wounding 70. Elsewhere, a roadside bomb killed five U.S. soldiers fighting in a hotbed of Iraq's insurgency.

The attacks were part of a new surge of violence ahead of an Oct. 15 referendum on Iraq's constitution, whose passage is crucial to prospects for starting a withdrawal of American troops. The U.S. ambassador was struggling to negotiate changes to the charter in hopes of winning Sunni Arab support.

Sunni insurgents have vowed to wreck the vote, with al-Qaida in Iraq declaring "all-out war" on the Shiite majority that dominates Iraq's government.

NATIONAL NEWS

Senate prepares for possible bird flu

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Thursday to provide \$4 billion to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to stockpile vaccines to protect people against bird flu and prepare for a potential outbreak.

By voice vote, senators agreed to tack the proposal onto next year's \$440 billion defense spending bill. The Senate still must approve the overall defense bill, and a vote is expected next week. Then, the Senate must work out a final version with the House, which did not include money for bird flu vaccines in its defense bill.

In recent weeks, the United States has ratcheted up its preparations in case the virus — which has already killed or led to the slaughter of millions of birds in Asia and Europe — sparks an influenza pandemic.

Miller released; agrees to testify

WASHINGTON — After nearly three months behind bars, New York Times reporter Judith Miller was released from a federal prison Thursday after agreeing to testify in the investigation into the disclosure of a covert CIA officer's identity, two people familiar with the case said.

Miller left the federal detention center in Alexandria, Va., after reaching an agreement with Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald. Legal sources said she would appear before a grand jury investigation the case Friday morning. The sources spoke on condition of anonymity because of the secrecy of the grand jury proceedings.

LOCAL NEWS

Mobile home fire kills two children

ROCHESTER, Ind. — Fire swept through a mobile home in northern Indiana, killing two children and leaving another hospitalized with burns.

Authorities said 3-year-old Alexius Wilkins and 10-month-old Braxton Wilkins died after they were trapped inside the mobile home during the fire on Wednesday.

The home in a rural area of Fulton County, about 40 miles south of South Bend, was fully engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived shortly after 11:30 a.m.

Roberts becomes Chief Justice

Supreme Court replaces Rehnquist; Roberts is youngest to hold position

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — This time, the son didn't steal the show from his dad.

Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. finally had the spotlight to himself Thursday, becoming the youngest chief justice of the United States in two centuries after winning support from more than three-fourths of an often partisan-charged Senate.

Roberts' two-year journey from a respected but little-known appellate lawyer to the 17th chief justice of the Supreme Court was often punctuated by the public antics of his rambunctious son, Jack, 4.

When President Bush first announced Roberts' nomination to the nation's highest court in July, Jack danced enthusiastically — and most distractingly — throughout the president's remarks.

At his confirmation hearing earlier this month, Jack flexed his muscles for photographers, then snuggled into his dad's arms. And two years ago, during Senate confirmation hearings on Roberts' nomination as a Washington D.C. federal appeals judge, Jack and the now 5-year-old Josephine were present and, it seems, making some noise. "The committee has already heard some unscheduled testimony from my children, Josephine and Jack," Roberts joked then.

But on Thursday, as their dad was sworn in at the White House East Room by Justice John Paul Stevens, Jack sat politely if a bit fidgety in the front row with his family.

Bush noted that Jack is a "fellow who's comfortable with the cameras" to laughter from the crowd. Roberts got in a dig too, noting his antics earlier in the month. "We found a way to get Jack into the committee room, introduced to the committee and back out again without any serious crisis," Roberts



Judge John Roberts is sworn in by Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens Thursday as the 17th Chief Justice of the United States in the East Room of the White House.

said.

Roberts, at 50, will also have to learn to handle judicial crises at the Supreme Court, which is as divided as the nation over abortion and other tumultuous social issues. The court opens a new term on Monday.

"All Americans can be confident that the 17th chief justice of the United States will be prudent in exercising judicial power, firm in defending judicial independence and above all a faithful guardian of the Constitution," the president said.

Bush is expected to make a second Supreme Court nomination within days, one that conservatives hope will

move the court to the right. Replacing Rehnquist with Roberts keeps the court's current balance, but replacing the moderate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor with a conservative could tilt it rightward.

Roberts called the Senate's 78-22 bipartisan vote for him "confirmation of what is for me a bedrock principle, that judging is different from politics." All of the Senate's 55 Republicans, half of the 44 Democrats and independent James Jeffords of Vermont supported him.

"What Daniel Webster termed the miracle of our Constitution is not something that happens in every

generation, but every generation in its turn must accept the responsibility of supporting and defending the Constitution and bearing true faith and allegiance to it," Roberts said.

A crowd including seven of the eight sitting justices, Roberts' parents, Rosemary and John Sr., Senate supporters and White House well-wishers stood and applauded as Roberts kissed his wife and shook Stevens' hand. The audience also included Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and White House counsel Harriet Miers, both of whom have been mentioned as candidates for O'Connor's seat.

Former aide testifies in Illinois trial

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The political strategist who helped engineer former Gov. George Ryan's rise to power took the witness stand Thursday and in testimony laced with wisecracks began telling a jury how Ryan doled out state contracts, leases and favors to the well-connected.

Scott Fawell waved to spectators and grinned broadly as he took his seat. He nodded to Ryan, saluted a newspaper reporter and made no effort to disguise his disdain for the prosecutors who put him in federal prison for graft.

Asked by prosecutor Patrick M. Collins why he agreed to testifica-

gainst his former boss, the 48-year-old Fawell cited his love for his fiancée and added: "And you guys got my head in a vise."

Ryan, 71, is charged with racketeering, conspiracy, fraud and other offenses. Prosecutors say he doled out contracts and business to political insiders in exchange for cash, free vacations and other favors while he was Illinois secretary of state in the 1990s. He is on trial along with his lobbyist friend Larry Warner.

Fawell served as Ryan's chief of staff in the secretary of state's office and masterminded Ryan's campaign for governor in 1998.

Fawell, who is serving a 6 1/2-year sentence in federal prison for

racketeering and fraud, said he considers Ryan and Warner his friends and is testifying against them only because he is facing even more time behind bars for bid-rigging and hopes to get lenient treatment for himself and his fiancée — who also has pleaded guilty.

The witness said he compiled a master list while working in the secretary of state's office that showed how Ryan doled out jobs, special license plates, contracts and other favors.

He said he made the list because he believed it would become politically useful.

"I view everything through the eyes of politics," Fawell said.

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an ally," Gomberg said.

Despite Gomberg's optimistic evaluation of the day, other students noticed a drop in participation.

"It's definitely less than when we first started," said senior Andy Magee, a member of the University Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs and unofficial member of AllianceND. "When you lose that initial excitement, you lose some numbers."

But Magee said he was still pleased with how the day unfolded.

"It was cool to go back in the dining hall and see little islands of orange shirts," he said.

Senior Lauren Manning sported the shirt to express her support for the cause, which she said has become "more vocal."

"I just feel like it's a good way to support the GLBTQ community, especially because I feel like the group's gaining momentum on campus," Manning said. "And with a new president especially, so we can show its importance to us as a student body."

Manning said she had become much more aware of "the dialogue" at Notre Dame surrounding alternative lifestyles since her freshman year.

Senior Sara Urben also wore the shirt, and like Manning, focused on the idea of dialogue.

"I just have a lot of friends who are homosexual," Urben said. "A lot of times at a conservative Catholic university, people are afraid to talk about these issues with people they don't know."

Other students disagreed with the way the campaign was conducted.

"I am not against [Gay? Fine by Me day], but I don't wear a shirt because I feel that someone's sexuality is their own business," sophomore Tom Martin said. "I think there is a large majority of the campus who doesn't care one way or another whether or not someone is gay."

"But by wearing bright orange shirts and drawing attention to themselves, it seems like they are trying to

promote homosexuality instead of promoting acceptance."

Gomberg said the shirts were not designed for the purpose Martin mentioned.

"Shock value is not necessarily what we are going for with the shirts," Gomberg said. "They are more of a symbol that ND is an accepting, safe place for GLBTQ students regardless of formal University policy. More people wearing the shirts and more people embracing that message is fabulous."

Some students, like graduate students Joe Gallagher, Jason Quinn and Chris D'Andrea, simply didn't know Thursday was designated as a Gay? Fine by Me day.

"We're never aware of it until the day we see people wearing the shirts," said Gallagher, whose response indicated a reason for the supposed decrease in participation.

When asked if he supported the day's cause, Gallagher said, "What exactly is it supporting? If you are gay, that's fine by me."

Quinn said the slogan was "antiquated."

"It should already be fine by you," he said. "But it's needed here."

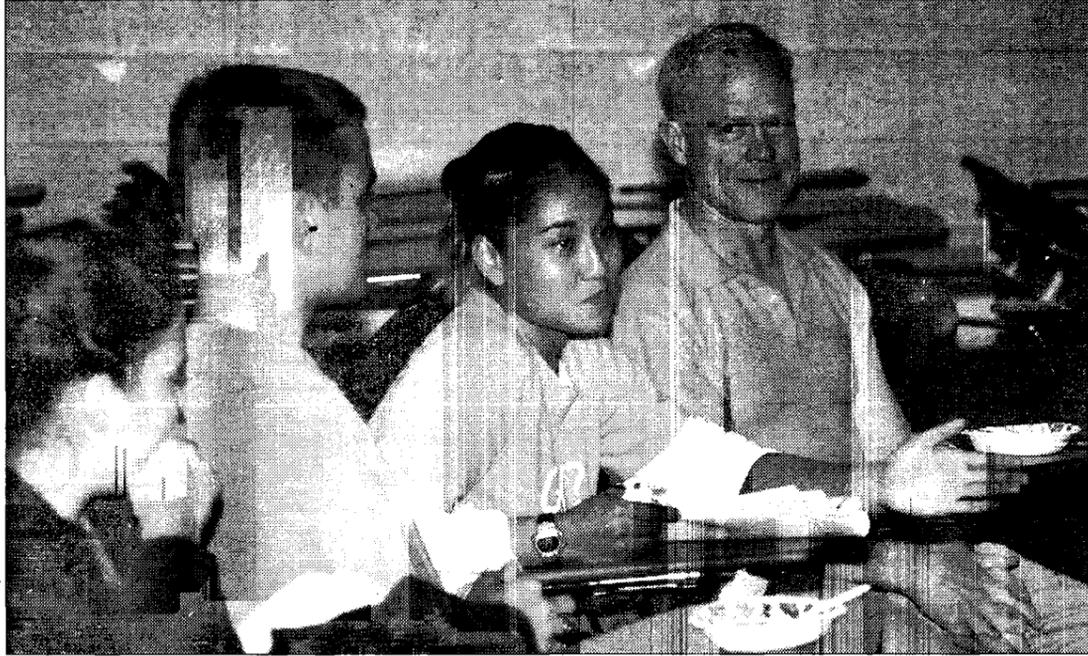
Gallagher, Quinn and D'Andrea all received undergraduate degrees elsewhere and said Notre Dame was unquestionably more conservative in its attitude regarding alternative lifestyles than their previous schools.

"The University should have gotten its act together [and recognized a gay-straight alliance club] a long time ago," D'Andrea said.

For many freshmen, seeing the shirts was an unexpected surprise Thursday morning. Freshman Greg Arbogast said he did not know about the shirts in advance but had "no problem with it."

"It's just a way for people to express their beliefs," he said. "It gives a general sense of the amount of support on campus."

Arbogast said he did not hear any specific stereotypes about Notre Dame and alternative lifestyles before coming to



Students and faculty members wear signature orange tee shirts at a "Gay? Fine by Me" discussion at the Center for Social Concerns Thursday. AllianceND hopes the shirts will foster awareness on campus.

campus but "just knew it was a pretty homogenous place."

While last year's Princeton Review report placed Notre Dame at No. 1 of "Alternative Lifestyles Not an Alternative" garnered a good deal of backlash — Notre Dame has since slipped to No. 2, behind Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia — some students said the ranking did not accurately reflect the campus climate.

"There are a few [people] that give us a bad name," Urben said. "People are generally accepting ... In my experience, it's hard to imagine we're the least tolerant."

Junior Jeff Smith, who was "in the closet" as a freshman and has since come out, said he thought the ranking was "misleading." He attributes his current happiness partly to being openly gay, but also to a change in the attitudes of Notre Dame students.

"I think it's becoming more 'okay' to be gay at Notre Dame," Smith said. "Certainly every new freshman class is more open-minded than any before. From my informal surveys at CommUnity talks, I think roughly 80 percent of the people of the class of '09 have known one of their high school friends or family members to be gay. That is invaluable to

becoming a tolerant, open-minded person."

Sister Mary Gude, chair of the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs (SCGLSN), said the campus atmosphere had changed greatly over the past decade.

"The current climate at Notre Dame, while not ideal, is certainly much better than it was ten and even five years ago," Gude said. "That having been said, I do learn every year of isolated incidents that are very hurtful to GLBT students."

At an informal AllianceND meeting Thursday night, students discussed their reactions to the day and to some of the reactions they received.

S t a c e y Williams, a sophomore and AllianceND board member, shared the story of a friend who wore her shirt to work at the Office of Information and Technology. "A delivery guy came in and said, 'Gay, fine by you? You're gay? You must be really stressed,'" Williams said. The man proceeded to tell Williams' friend he was a "freelance massage therapist" and could help her out, Williams said.

Comments like these and the looks Williams received while wearing her shirt gave her a

new perspective, she said.

"Today made me kind of realize it's got to be really hard to be GLBTQ on this campus sometimes," Williams said. "No one said anything really nasty to me, but it's kind of the sense of 'Oh, there's someone with the shirt.'"

Professor Dan Myers, chair of the sociology department that sponsored the event, said Gay? Fine by Me days have an important role on campus.

"I and many other faculty in the sociology department and many other departments view the past events as grand successes in terms of opening up some serious and respectful discussion about these issues, how it interacts with our visions of faith and how our practices and stance at Notre Dame interface with attitudes and practices in the broader society in which we exist," Myers said.

While the shirts "aren't novel if you've seen them before," Myers noted the campaign is new for the students, faculty and staff new to Notre Dame each year.

"The goals cited above require repetitive engagement," Myers said, "and thus I think it is important to call attention to the issues periodically with something like the tee shirt day."

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Notre Dame junior

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Steve Coll
Pulitzer Prize-winning
journalist

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ference, not actual deliberation. We didn't have enough of an interest to consider alternatives to giving up and leaving the Afghans in their misery."

He described the rise of Osama bin Laden from this point forward as well as the failed attempts of the Clinton Administration and the CIA to effectively contain or eliminate him.

"I'm just trying to emphasize how difficult it is to defend our values, laws and constitution against people who don't recognize or respect these rules," Coll said.

Coll also explained his findings about the rise of the Taliban government in Afghanistan in the context of Pakistan military domination with the United States as a willing bystander. Coll said the lack

of American leadership and involvement in Afghanistan after the Soviet pullout allowed that area to become a breeding ground for al-Qaeda.

"Why throughout the entire period of the 1990s did the U.S.

not see the Taliban as an adversary?" Coll asked.

"We continued to talk to them in a very nuanced way to try to persuade them to expel bin Laden. It's hard now in 2005 to remember how far away the rest of the world seemed back then."

In the course of fielding questions from the audience after the lecture, Coll also addressed the implications of the ongoing hunt for bin Laden four years after Sept. 11.

"Al-Qaeda has changed since September 11 in that it used to have a corporate shape to it, and that organization no longer exists," he said. "It evolved from an organization to a movement that relies upon

stimulation of local like-minded jihadists. This is the first time in history that a guerilla movement has moved from physical space to cyber space."

Coll said some people argue that due to this development, the death or capture of bin Laden would not significantly impact the war on terror. Coll explained that he adhered to the school of thought that a central, visible figure like bin Laden — who regularly appears in the media — still serves as a motivational leader

and is a target who merits continued pursuit.

"I won't argue that it wouldn't have been a bigger blow to decapitate al-Qaeda back in 1997 or 1998 when it was still more of an organization, but I still think that bin Laden is enough of a leader that it would still make a difference if we were to get him," Coll said.

Coll pointed out that many of the challenges and vulnerabilities illuminated by the attacks would serve as enduring problems to be addressed by subsequent generations.

"There has been a big generational change occurring within the intelligence community," he said. "There had been an enormous wave of hiring of young people since September 11, and these people are the 'September 11 generation,' just like many of the students here tonight. They are coming of age and were shaped very much by these events, and I think that so far, they are by and large

extremely impressive."

Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies sponsored the lecture and discussion as a means to stimulate discussion of global issues within the community.

"Both institutes aim to bring to campus a diverse set of views about global issues," George Lopez, a senior fellow at the Kroc Institute and political science professor, said. "This was a high quality, in-depth journalist — not just a Pulitzer Prize winner, but someone with scholarly awards due to his experience on the ground in this part of the world."

Coll's current plans include travel to Saudi Arabia to work on an upcoming book and settling into his new position at The New Yorker.

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MARKET RECAP

Stocks
Dow Jones 10,552.78 +79.69

Up: 2,276 Same: 157 Down: 985 Composite Volume: 2,176,121,500

AMEX	1,731.37	+5.90
NASDAQ	2,141.22	+25.82
NYSE	7,632.50	+57.40
S&P 500	1,227.68	+10.79
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	13,617.24	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	5,478.20	-16.60

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 (QQQQ)	+1.34	+0.52	39.20
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+1.05	+0.27	25.94
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	-0.33	-0.06	17.86
INTEL CP (INTC)	+2.21	+0.53	24.46
JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	+0.47	+0.01	2.14

Treasuries

30-YEAR BOND	+0.84	+0.38	45.35
10-YEAR NOTE	+0.63	+0.27	42.85
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.73	+0.30	41.41
3-MONTH BILL	+2.10	+0.71	34.58

Commodities

LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+0.44	66.79
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+2.70	475.80
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+1.53	91.38

Exchange Rates

YEN	113.0050
EURO	0.8312
POUND	0.5678
CANADIAN \$	1.1717

IN BRIEF

Stocks rally on investor optimism

NEW YORK — Stocks rallied strongly Thursday as investors grew more confident about the prospects for the economy despite the impact of hurricanes Rita and Katrina.

While many of the hurricanes' long-term effects have yet to be determined, stocks rebounded after two weeks of losses on bullish comments from analysts and the government. However, the markets remain relatively unchanged for the month, and trading was very light.

In addition, the market's gains may be short-term, as investors wait for new economic data that will give Wall Street a better feel for the storms' effects on employment, consumer demand and industrial production. Next month's third-quarter earnings will also be an important barometer of the economy's health.

"It's a trading rally, and not much more than that," said Hugh Johnson, chairman and chief investment officer of Johnson Illington Advisors. "If there's anything you can hang your hat on, it's that with every passing day, some investors become convinced that there's not going to be any serious fallout or damage to the economy or earnings due to the hurricanes."

November crude hits record high

NEW YORK — Gasoline and heating-oil futures settled lower Thursday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, while front-month crude oil posted gains in choppy trading ahead of contract expirations on Friday. Natural gas hit a record high.

Traders said the market was struggling for direction after surges Wednesday amid continued widespread refinery and oil production shut-downs in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

October gasoline, after soaring 8 percent on Wednesday, gave back nearly half of its gain on Thursday.

Significantly, November crude posted a 44-cent rise to \$66.90, its highest level in seven trading days, while forward months were down.

Benchmark light, sweet crude-oil for November settled up 44 cents at \$66.79 a barrel. December settled down 17 cents at \$66.29 a barrel.

"A lot of people seem to want to own the front end" of the crude market, said Tom Bentz, an analyst at BNP Paribas. "It's not easy to make a whole lot of sense of it."

SEC investigates Frist's HCA

Insiders of hospital chain painted sunny picture as they sold off own stock

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating HCA Inc., the hospital chain founded by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's family, the company said Thursday.

Federal prosecutors and the agency also are probing Frist's sale of stock in HCA, the Nashville, Tenn.-based company that grew into the nation's largest for-profit health care chain.

HCA, founded by Frist's father and brother, said it is cooperating.

SEC spokesmen have declined comment on the investigation.

Documents show that while HCA insiders were selling millions of dollars of their own stock this year, they were also painting an upbeat picture of the company's outlook for investors.

On June 14, the day after Frist, R-Tenn., ordered his shares sold, HCA officers at a Goldman Sachs health care conference in Laguna Niguel, Calif., spoke optimistically about the company's prospects.

Victor Campbell, HCA's senior vice president of corporate communications and government relations, soothed investor concerns about unpaid patient debts and worries about patient volumes.

He advocated for a still-pending Senate bill that would limit the establishment of physician-owned specialty hospitals.

In the month before the speech, Campbell sold about \$12 million worth of stock. It was part of a massive insider sell-off at HCA that totaled some \$112 million between this January and June.

Those sales were disclosed publicly through filings with the SEC.



In a press conference Monday, Frist says he acted properly when he directed the recent sale of some of his stock.

HCA shares peaked about a week later, closing at \$58.40 on June 22. On July 13, they tumbled 9 percent following the company's announcement that it would not meet earnings expectations.

In his remarks, Campbell did not speculate about the company's earnings, but spoke of a number of positive trends for the company. The only expense line the company didn't like, he told investors, was the issue of money lost from

treating uninsured patients who never paid. But he said that was improving.

The speech helped feed optimism surrounding HCA stock, said Oksanna Butler, a senior health care industry analyst with Citigroup Investment Research.

Campbell did not respond to requests for comment. HCA spokesman Jeff Prescott said, "I'll let what he said at the conference speak for itself."

Frist's staff discussed selling all remaining HCA

stock in April, as well as that of his wife and children, Frist said. The sales, ordered on June 13, were completed by July 1.

Frist said he sold the shares to eliminate the appearance of a conflict of interest, using only information that was publicly available. His office has said he had gotten notice of a formal investigation, which grants subpoena powers to investigators to obtain information and documents.

Warning added to Strattera label

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Eli Lilly and Co. said Thursday it will add a black-box warning to its attention deficit medication Strattera that the drug could increase suicidal thoughts among youths.

Lilly will add the warning to label worldwide for Strattera, for which the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a health advisory Thursday after reviewing clinical trial data submitted by the company.

Lilly said that reports of suicidal thoughts by children and adolescents taking the drug were rare. Details on the labeling are being worked out with the FDA, along with regulators in Europe and Australia.

FDA officials said in addition to the black-box warning — the most

prominent of medication warnings — the Indianapolis-based company will also have to develop a medication guide for patients and health care providers.

Dr. Thomas Laughren, director of the FDA's division of psychiatry products, said in December the federal government asked Lilly to review 13 clinical trials conducted on children to assess a suicide risk.

"The risk for any individual patient taking this drug is quite low, but from a public health standpoint, four (case) per thousand is a fairly big signal, given there are tens of thousands of patients taking this drug," Laughren said. "We do think that prescribers and patients need to be aware of this risk that we've just discovered."

About 3.4 million patients — adults and children — have been prescribed Strattera since it became available,

with Lilly officials saying about 75 percent of those taking the medication are children.

Company officials stressed the incidence of suicidal thoughts among children were rare, the benefits of the drug continue to outweigh its risks.

"It is uncommon and it is about thoughts, but it is something we want people to be aware of," said Dr. John Hayes, vice president of Lilly's research laboratories.

Lilly submitted to the FDA results from Strattera clinical trial that found five Strattera-treated youths had increased suicidal thoughts out of 1,357 patients, while none of 851 patients taking a placebo showed such changes. The company said one youth attempted suicide during its Strattera trials, but that researchers saw no signs of increased suicidal thoughts among adults.

Search engine star set to become juggernaut

Google Web site morphs into a dynamic Internet resource celebrated around the world

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — In just seven years, Google Inc. has morphed from a bare-bones online search engine into a technological octopus that seems to sprout another intriguing tentacle every other week.

The Mountain View, Calif.,-based company, with \$7.1 billion to spend thanks to zealous shareholder support, is now positioned to head down a variety of different paths. And that's spurring an almost-daily guessing game about where Google's flurry of innovation might lead.

Internet and software rivals like Yahoo Inc. and Microsoft Corp. aren't the only ones tracking Google. Big media and telecommunications companies also are on the lookout, realizing they too may face a looming threat.

The theories about Google's next move are all over the map.

Is Google cobbling together an Internet-driven computing platform that would challenge Microsoft's stranglehold on the personal computer? Is the company preparing to build a wireless network that would provide free Internet access nationwide? Will Google dip into its huge hoard of cash to pull off a blockbuster deal?

There's a consensus on one overarching point: "Google wants to be everywhere that people are," said Danny Sullivan, who has followed the company closely as editor of the industry newsletter Search Engine Watch.

But Google's long-range objectives remain obscure. Is the company simply exploring different ways to distribute the ads that generate virtually all of its revenue? Or is Google pursuing a much grander plan that ultimately will transform the way people work, communicate, shop, read and even watch TV?

Former Stanford University graduate students Larry Page

and Sergey Brin have never been shy about sharing their ambitions to change the world.

But they have never been keen on discussing the specific implications underlying the company's stated mission "to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful."

Google CEO Eric Schmidt, who makes all the key decisions with Page and Brin, isn't about to start divulging any secrets now.

"You can't know what we are really up to until you are in the bowels of the company."

Eric Schmidt
CEO of Google Inc.

"You can't know what we are really up to until you are in the bowels of the company," Schmidt said during a recent interview with The Associated Press.

John Battelle, the author of a recently released book on Google's impact and potential, thinks the company's mystique has turned it into the equivalent of a Rorschach inkblot — an amorphous object that's defined by the hopes and fears of whomever is looking at it.

"When we see a remarkable new company that redefines the technology industry, we either fear it because of all the things it might do or we expect more from it than it can possibly deliver," Battelle said.

Some previous theories about Google's maneuvering already have turned out to be off base. For instance, last year, it was widely believed that the company planned to introduce its own Web browser. Schmidt has since thrown cold water on that idea.

There's little doubt that Google is going to get much bigger.

The company made that clear last week when it announced plans to build a 1-million-square-foot campus just a few miles away from its 915,000-square-foot headquarters, known as the "Googleplex," on the grounds of NASA's Ames Research Center. Google needs the space for thousands of new workers and also plans to draw on the brain power of NASA's rocket scientists. The new hires

will join a payroll that already has nearly tripled in the past two years to 4,200 employees.

For all its growth, Google remains a relative midget alongside Microsoft, which employs 61,000 workers and holds nearly \$38 billion in cash.

But few companies spend more time worrying about Google than Microsoft, and not just because its rival has been raiding its work force to lure away talented engineers. The defectors include Kai-Fu Lee — currently prevented from working on search technology because Microsoft sued him for jumping to Google — and Mark Lucovsky, a key architect of the Windows operating system.

Since 2003, Google has rolled out an assortment of software and services that could coalesce into a challenge to Microsoft's Office suite of applications, says Stephen Arnold, whose recently completed electronic book, "The Google Legacy," examines the company's ambitions beyond online search.

After studying the details of the patents that Google has obtained during the past two years, Arnold is convinced the company plans to build upon the sophisticated computer architecture that drives its search engine to offer a Web-hosted alternative to Windows.

"They have the infrastructure to challenge a company like Microsoft," Arnold said.

All of this hasn't gone unno-

ticed at Microsoft headquarters, where CEO Steve Ballmer vowed to kill Google in an obscenity-laced tirade late last year, according to a sworn court declaration submitted by Lucovsky in the lawsuit targeting Lee.

Ballmer has described Lucovsky's recollection as a "gross exaggeration."

Google does seem to have designs that extend well beyond the turf of the world's richest and best-known technology company.

Industry analyst Lauren Rich Fine suspects Google might use some of that money to buy a stake in its biggest business partner, America Online — and thus thwart Microsoft's reported attempt to form an alliance with AOL.

Google declined to comment on that possibility.

There's already plenty on Google's plate, so much so that some industry observers suspect the company will become a 21st-century Icarus, a high-flying

Internet company brought down by its own hubris.

Others believe Google possesses the technical dexterity to wrap its arms around all of its disparate projects.

But even the optimists like Battelle have their doubts.

"There are no guarantees for Google," he says. "The biggest question is whether they can accomplish everything they want before someone else comes along with even better ideas."

"They have the infrastructure to challenge a company like Microsoft."

Stephen Arnold
author

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come and go all day as their class schedule permits.

The conference will begin at 9 a.m. with a lecture by Éamon Ó Cuív, who was appointed Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in July 2002. Ó Cuív is responsible for ensuring European recognition of the Irish language. He also introduces legislation that mandates the names of places in Irish-speaking districts appear on road signs in Irish only.

Ó Cuív is expected to make an announcement that will "garnish considerable press coverage," Ó Conchubhair said.

The all-day conference will include two breaks and will conclude at 4:30 p.m. with a reception in the Great Hall at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Registration for the conference is free and can be completed at the Keough Institute's Web site.

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Blaze threatens California homes

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LOS ANGELES — A wind-whipped 17,000-acre wildfire raced across hills and canyons along the city's northwestern edge Thursday, threatening homes and forcing hundreds of people to evacuate.

Some 3,000 firefighters aided by aircraft struggled to protect ridgetop houses along the Los Angeles-Ventura county line, a rugged, brushy landscape west of Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley. Officials said the blaze was 5 percent contained as it burned toward such communities as Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Calabasas and Agoura.

Numerous homes were evacuated in nine areas, and the Red Cross reported 600 people had signed up to stay at five of its shelters.

At least one home and five other structures were lost, but 2,000 buildings had been saved by firefighters, Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky said.

"We are guardedly optimistic, if the weather cooperates, if the public cooperates," Yaroslavsky said. "This may end well for all of us, but weather is unpredictable in these parts and everyone needs to be on guard."

Temperatures were in the high 90s but were expected to drop over the next few days while humidity rises.

"For the firefighters, it's actually pretty decent news," said meteorologist Joe Sirard of the National Weather Service in Oxnard. "It will be much more favorable for containing this fire."

Some gusts were reported on the fire lines, but there was no reappearance of the strong winds from the interior that fanned a small brush fire into a



A resident waters down her roof as wildfire burns toward her home in Simi Valley, Calif. Thursday.

AP photo

conflagration on Wednesday. The cause of the fire was not immediately known.

Historically, some fires in the region have turned and burned through the Santa Monica Mountains to Malibu and the Pacific Ocean.

David Nenkervis, 64, was away from his home in Santa Susana Pass when it went up in flames. He returned to find he had also lost several vehicles and his dog was missing.

"When you lose everything it's tough to have plans. Right now, my brain is not working. It's all mush. I can't even think about what I'm going to do tomorrow," Nenkervis said.

Authorities said residents took evacuation orders seriously in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

"I wasn't going to get stupid about it. There was only one way out, and it was getting real

hot," said Jeff Johns, 48.

Actor Shelley Berman of "Curb Your Enthusiasm" and his Bell Canyon neighbors evacuated Wednesday evening, taking a few items from the home he has lived in since 1984.

"We were sitting watching television, had finished a nice dinner, everything was fine. Other people were in serious trouble. Then suddenly, we were moving," said Berman, who went with his wife to a friend's house a few miles away in Westlake.

About 45 evacuees gathered at Canoga Park High School in the San Fernando Valley, where the Red Cross had set up cots and provided meals.

"Our house is still OK, but, oh, God, it's not a good feeling," said Phil Goldenberg, 53, who was at the school's gym with his wife and son.

Female veterans say they were harassed

Survey: 60 percent report sexual assault

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Six in 10 women who have served in the National Guard and Reserves say they were sexually harassed or assaulted, but less than one-quarter reported it and many who did were encouraged to drop their complaints, a government survey says.

The survey by the Veterans Affairs Department found that nearly half of the women who responded said the incidents occurred while they were on duty.

One in 10 said she was raped, nearly 60 percent said they were verbally harassed, and the rest of the reports were for other types of incidents, according to the survey, which was released by Democratic members of Congress.

In addition, more than 27 percent of male Guard and Reserve veterans said they experienced some type of sexual harassment or assault — most often by other men.

"I am releasing the report, which I have obtained through other sources, to shine a light on a serious problem that the White House wants to hide in the shadows," said Rep. Lane Evans of Illinois, the top Democrat on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Defense Department spokesman Roger Kaplan said the survey "tells us that we were correct in placing greater emphasis on combating sexual assault and sexual harassment in the active and reserve components."

He said more recent surveys show lower rates of harassment and sexual assaults in the military.

Interviewed between August 2002 and March 2003 were men and women who had completed their service. No one in the Guard

or Reserves at the time of the research was questioned.

The study surveyed those in the Guard and Reserves from 1950 to 2000; most of the 4,000 respondents served in the 1980s and 1990s.

The survey echoes oft-repeated concerns about sexual harassment and assault in the military. In a report last year, the Pentagon acknowledged problems in preventing, treating and investigating sexual assaults on military personnel.

As a result, the Defense Department instituted broad new policies this year, requiring additional training and providing for confidential reporting of assaults and harassment by victims.

"We really are hammering into everybody that unless the answer is yes, the default setting for having sexual relations is no," Kaplan said.

The report noted that 78 percent of the women and 90 percent of the men did not report the incidents, and half or less of those who did said some action was taken to correct the situation.

About 58 percent of the men who reported the incident and 66 percent of the women said they were encouraged to drop the matter.

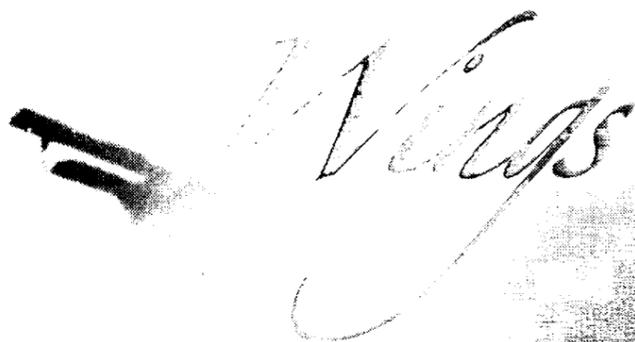
Also, less than 14 percent of the men and 28 percent of the women sought help or treatment, and only about 1 percent went to the VA for that help.

VA officials did not release the study, saying it was still in the final stages of review.

Department spokesman Scott Hogenson, explaining the nearly two-year delay in releasing the study, said officials were checking the facts.

He said the agency has \$13 million for counseling services for sexual trauma victims in the budget that starts Saturday.

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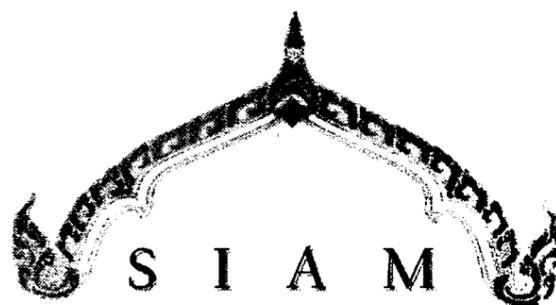
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Future of big hurricanes looms after Katrina and Rita

Experts say Americans can expect to be pummeled by more catastrophic tropical storms over the next 20 to 30 years

Associated Press

Have we seen America's future through the eyes of hurricanes Katrina and Rita?

Monster storms drowning cities and obliterating coastlines. Jobs vanishing and prices rising as ports and pipelines close. Millions fleeing, but many are trapped and die. Chaos reigns, paralyzing government and leaving the world's wealthiest society humbled and frightened.

Natural disaster in the United States has morphed to a dangerous new level. Some experts say the nation can expect to be pummeled by more of these mega-catastrophes over the next 20 or 30 years in a nasty conspiracy of unfavorable weather patterns, changing demographics and political denial.

A month after Katrina and one week after Rita, it's not clear how the United States will play the new hand that nature has apparently dealt.

"Are we prepared to lose a major city every year?" asks Carnegie Mellon University risk strategist Baruch Fischhoff. "It's cowardice not to ask the question, and cowardice on the public's part not to get engaged in the answer."

"We failed quite significantly," says sociologist Havidn Rodriguez, director of the Disaster Research Center at the University of Delaware. "Will what we've seen over the last few weeks continue to be the case? It could unless we prepare. People tend to forget lessons learned. Governments tend to forget."

Others cautiously see some hope in the waterlogged ruins of the Gulf Coast. They describe the latest hurricanes as a turning point that could lead to improved public safety and infrastructure.

"We often need events like this to change the mindset," said Mary C. Comerio, an architect and reconstruction researcher at the University of California-Berkeley. "And it's very hard to stop private investors and entrepreneurs from seeking opportunity. It's an amazing part of the American spirit."

New Orleans and the Gulf Coast might even be a living laboratory for sustainable development and commerce that can withstand future calamities. For example, New Orleans' historic core might be reopened for tourism, but neighborhoods could be rebuilt on safer, firmer ground using more efficient 21st century technologies.

Link the two with a train, one expert suggested. Oh, and better make it elevated.

"The first rule of sustainability is to align with natural forces, or at least not try to defy them," said environmentalist Paul Hawken, a leading voice in the green design and green commerce movements. "There is no reason to go backwards in redesigning the city."

America's eastern and Gulf coasts always have been in the path of powerful storms. The nation's weather history occasionally has been splattered with other Category 4 and 5 hurricanes — the strongest, largest storms, which pack the punch of hundreds of nuclear weapons and have the most potential to devastate huge swaths of land.

But since 1995, hurricanes

have become more frequent and more intense. Some scientists say the United States is on the bad side of a natural storm cycle, while others notice the trend may coincide with the recent increase in air and sea temperatures attributed to global warming.

Statistics show the planet to be increasingly unsafe. Globally, more than 2.5 billion people were affected by floods, earthquakes, hurricanes and other natural disasters between 1994 and 2003, a 60 percent increase over the previous two 10-year

periods, U.N. officials report.

Those numbers don't even include the millions displaced by last December's tsunami, which killed an estimated 180,000 people.

Damage to insured property around the world in 2004 by natural disasters totaled \$49 billion, according to the Zurich-based insurance giant Swiss Re. And that figure doesn't include the tsunami, either. Of the total, some calculations suggest that as much as \$45 billion in losses came from a quartet of Florida hurricanes — Charley, Ivan,

Frances and Jeanne.

The overall insured loss for 2004 is more than twice the \$23 billion annual average in property losses since 1987, confirming a "discernible upward trend," Swiss Re said.

So what makes natural events potentially more disastrous now? The weather might be changing for the worse. But the real difference is demographics.

How and where Americans live today make the nation especially vulnerable to these unstoppable events.

In the last several decades,

the nation's population has migrated toward the coasts, and the value of possessions has increased substantially.

More than half of the nation's 297 million people live in coastal areas. Florida's population has increased fivefold since 1950, and now 80 percent live within 20 miles of salt water. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, seven of the nation's top 10 fastest growing states are coastal, including California, whose population has increased from 10 million in 1950 to more than 33 million today.

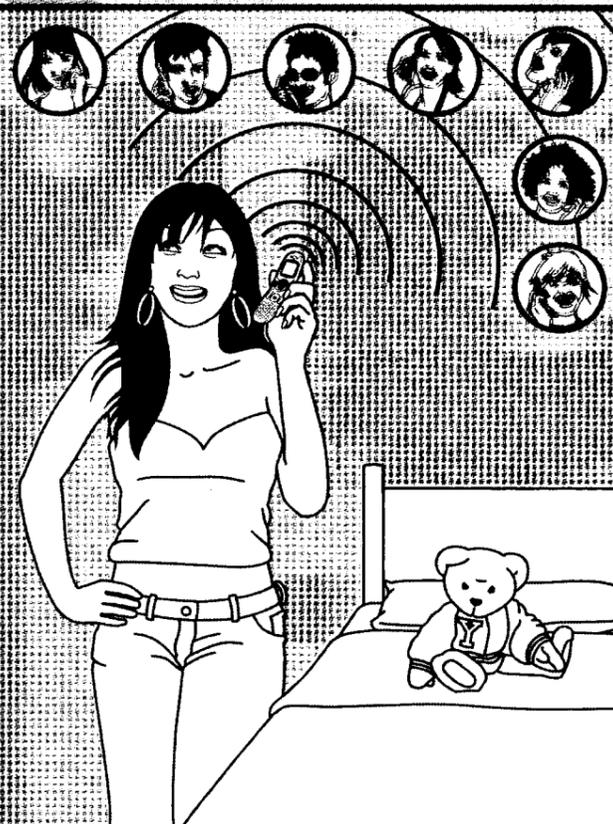
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Wild gorillas use basic tools, researchers say

Associated Press

For the first time, biologists have documented gorillas in the wild using simple tools, such as poking a stick in a swampy pool of water to check its depth.

Until now, scientists had seen gorillas use tools only in captivity. Among the great apes, tool use in the wild was thought to be a survival skill reserved for smaller chimpanzees and orangutans.

The research in the Republic of Congo's rainforests was led by Thomas Breuer of the Wildlife Conservation Society at the Bronx Zoo, which released details of his study. Breuer is in Africa and was not immediately available for an interview.

"This is a truly astounding discovery," he said in a statement. "Tool usage in wild apes provides us with valuable insights into the evolution of our own species and the abilities of other species."

Other scientists said the observations were important, but not surprising.

Breuer's observations were made late last year in a marshy clearing called Mbeli Bai located in Nouabal-Ndoki National

Park where monitoring has been ongoing since February 1995.

The first instance was observed last October when a female gorilla (nicknamed Leah by scientists) attempted to wade through a pool of water created by elephants, but found herself waist deep after only a few steps. Climbing out of the pool, she retrieved a branch from a dead tree and used the stick to test the depth of the water.

In November, a second female gorilla (named Efi) used a detached tree trunk to support herself with one hand while digging for herbs with the other hand. She also used the tree trunk as a bridge to cross a muddy patch of ground.

Details of the findings are being published in the online journal PLoS (Public Library of

Science) Biology. Video of the gorillas will be broadcast Saturday on the PBS program "Wild Chronicles."

Fairly or not, gorillas have been considered less capable than other great apes, in part because they have not been as extensively studied.

Chimps, for example, have been continuously observed in the field for 40 years since Jane Goodall launched her landmark study at Gombe Stream in Tanzania. They have become stars of television documentaries and glossy magazine articles, displaying their extensive use of rocks to break open hard-shelled nuts and sticks to "fish" termites from mounds.

In contrast, gorillas are much larger, stronger and slower.

"Chimps are portrayed as the super-ape and gorillas are the big brutes in the forest," said Richard Carroll, a primate expert and director of the

Africa program at the World Wildlife Fund in Washington, D.C. He has conducted gorilla field studies since 1980. He did not contribute to Breuer's report.

"Gorillas are very intelligent, but they don't have to be as delicate as chimps —

they can just smash open the termite nest," said Carroll, who a decade ago reported observing gorillas using sticks to ward off attacking leopards.

"New studies like this show that especially lowland gorillas are very chimplike in their abilities," he said.

Carroll said the new study was made possible by the establishment of protected parks in Congo by agreements between conservation groups, international agencies and the government. The populations of gorillas and other great apes are severely imperiled by logging, hunting and outbreaks of the Ebola virus. And, civil war in Congo has made field science dangerous for years.

"It's a tribute to conservation efforts that allow people to sit and observe and not be in fear of their lives," he said.

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SPAIN

Africans flee destitution

Associated Press

MELILLA — Climbing ladders fashioned from tree branches, hundreds of Africans from the continent's poorest countries threw themselves over razor-wire fences Thursday to gain a foothold in Europe — the latest human avalanche seeking entry into a pair of barren Spanish enclaves in Morocco.

Five people were killed trying to enter the city of Ceuta, two reportedly shot from the Moroccan side. Spain called out army troops with automatic weapons to patrol the frontier there and in Melilla, another centuries-old Spanish city on the northern coast of the only African country with land bordering a member of the European Union.

Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, speaking after a summit with his Moroccan counterpart Driss Jettou, promised a thorough investigation but avoided pointing fingers.

"It is premature to arrive at conclusions," Zapatero said.

Spain is used to heartbreaking stories of destitute Africans risking their lives to reach Europe's southern gateway in hopes of starting a new life.

Dangerously overcrowded boats — often with women who are pregnant or carrying infants — cross the Strait of Gibraltar from Morocco to reach the Spanish mainland. Youths cling to the underside of trucks being ferried across the treacherous waterway. Men pedal across in bicycle-like vessels.

And while midnight dashes up and over the fences outside Melilla and Ceuta are nothing new, the volume of the human waves doing so rose dramatically this summer and particularly this week.

On Tuesday alone, two separate groups of 500 rushed the frontier at Melilla, and Spain says about 300 made it in. Last year there were seven such attempts, but so far this year the number is up to around 25, including nine since the end of August.

"In the last few days we have had a different phenomenon, an avalanche of immigrants not seen before that surely has cir-



Spanish soldiers patrol razor-wire fences for immigrants trying to cross the border from Morocco into Ceuta, a Spanish enclave.

cumstantial causes that we will find work in Spain or elsewhere in Europe.

At least three Africans died in recent crossings, but Thursday's deaths were the first to include reports of gunfire.

The Spanish government said two Africans died on Spanish soil and three in Morocco. The national news agency Efe quoted sources close to the investigation as saying two of the bodies found on the Spanish side had gunshot wounds from behind, suggesting they had been shot from the Moroccan side.

He spoke as many of the new arrivals in Melilla — virtually all of them young black men, from countries like Nigeria, Mali, Cameroon and elsewhere — lined up for meals under a hot, muggy sun or rested in tents set up to accommodate them at a now-overflowing holding center built years ago.

Eric Aborah, 17, said he left his native Ghana 2 1/2 years ago on an odyssey through a half-dozen countries in Africa before making it to Morocco, where he spent eight months living in the forest before crossing into Melilla on Tuesday.

Felix Akah, a 33-year-old electrician from Cameroon, said he lost his job when the French company he worked for was bought by Americans and he could no longer support his wife and two daughters, aged 1 and 3. He said it took him almost nine months to make his way north to Morocco, hoping to

find work in Spain or elsewhere in Europe.

He, Aborah and others described their feat of climbing ladders fashioned from tree branches held together with bicycle inner tubes or strips of fabric and crossing two 10-foot razor wire fences — separated by a thin strip of land — in the middle of the night.

It works like this: prop the ladder against the first fence, climb to the top, try not to fall as a colleague hands you another one, then scamper down and use that second ladder to scale the second fence. Then, just jump.

"It is not easy to climb and you only have to give everything to God and jump," said Aborah.

Zapatero's political opponents contend the recent human waves were instigated by Morocco, which claims both Ceuta and Melilla, perhaps to put pressure on the Spanish prime minister at Thursday's summit.

Aborah, asked if Moroccan authorities urged him to make the crossing, said he did it because he heard a large group of men were going to make their move Tuesday and he simply joined in.

The opposition Popular Party says Zapatero's Socialist government is in part to blame for the influx, arguing that an amnesty it pushed through Parliament this year for thousands of undocumented foreigners is luring many other Africans in the mistaken belief they too can get papers.

Walt Disney Co. gives African art collection to Smithsonian

Donated artwork includes 525 pieces representing 75 peoples and 20 countries; some works date to 15th century

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A major collection of African artwork, some dating to the 1400s, was donated Thursday to the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African Art.

The Walt Disney-Tishman Collection, 525 pieces in all, includes most major styles of African Art and represents 75 peoples and 20 countries.

"This is a collection that has been sought after by everyone in the museum world because it is so great," said Smithsonian Secretary Lawrence Small. "Finally, for reasons I wholeheartedly

agree with, it came here."

The Walt Disney Co.'s outgoing chief executive, Michael Eisner, said over the years the company had fielded numerous requests for the collection. He said there were repeated calls from French President Jacques Chirac, who wanted specific pieces to be displayed in the Louvre Museum in Paris.

"It became clear that this kind of collection was inappropriate in a warehouse," Eisner said, adding that it also became obvious that the Smithsonian, a museum for all Americans, was the best repository.

While some pieces in the col-

lection have remained in the warehouse, museum curator Bryna Freyer said Disney has been extremely generous in lending particular pieces to museums around the world, and the National Museum of African Art will continue to loan out pieces.

The museum will include a few of the pieces in exhibits in the next few months. After February 2007, it will maintain at least 60 pieces at all times, and the items displayed may change.

Museum curators said the donation will fill gaps in their current collection and help them to better demonstrate themes in African Art.

Some of the objects have already been on display at the Smithsonian, including a 15th-century hunting horn from Sierra Leone and several ivory armbands made for Nigerian kings.

Others are more recent, such as a 20th-century headdress mask from the Calabar region of Nigeria. Made from wood covered with antelope skin, the mask depicts a woman whose long hair is curled like horns in a style once worn during girls' coming-out ceremonies.

Curator Christine Mullen Kreamer said the museum will now have one of the nation's best collections of skinned

masks from that region.

The collection was bought by Disney in 1984 from New York real estate developer Paul Tishman and his wife, Ruth, who began collecting African art in the early 1960s.

Because some of the pieces are so rare and African art prices have risen so much in recent years, the exact value of the collection has not been determined. Museum curators are not even familiar with many of the items.

"I tend to consider a number of the pieces priceless," said Freyer, "but you can't put that on an insurance form."

Disney declined to say how much the collection is insured.

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The heart of Notre Dame

Notre Dame is one of the most-watched Universities in the country. Because of its reputation, every move draws intense media scrutiny, support and criticism. And lately, there has been a little more criticism than support.

After the University fired former football head coach Tyrone Willingham last November, many people around campus and the nation were offended that the University would dismiss a coach only three years into his contract. And the fact Willingham was the first black head coach in any sport ever at Notre Dame made the criticism all the more inflammatory.

The University drew perhaps more bad press than ever before. Former Irish players such as Chris Zorich and Aaron Taylor condemned the school for its action. In a taped interview with Willingham last Saturday, ABC's John Saunders broached the subject again, with a line of questioning suggesting Willingham's firing was racially motivated.

So the recent story of new head coach Charlie Weis and his promise to call a play for 10-year-old Montana Mazurkiewicz, who Weis said died Sept. 22 of brain cancer, is a reminder of what this University truly represents. The story was a welcome one for Notre Dame football fans, whether they agreed with Willingham's firing or not.

It is a story the nation can look at to remind itself why sports are important in the first place.

The firing of one millionaire coach and the hiring of another should not be the focus of sports. But too often the media and the public forget this — they argue about the details and

forget to appreciate the reason sports exist.

Sports allow people the opportunity to feel a part of something bigger than themselves. They are here for people who watch a game with their family, to enjoy great athletic performances and spend time together in the process. They exist for people who follow Notre Dame — students, alumni and fans who have no direct connection but admire the school — to claim a sense of belonging.

That community was exactly what Weis exemplified when he honored Montana's wish and called a "pass right" in the opening play of the game on Saturday. Weis recognized this University is more than just its students, faculty, administrators and alumni. It's also about those, like Montana, who have never attended a class but still feel like part of the Notre Dame family.

The heart of Notre Dame — and sports in general — lies in kids like Montana, who loved Notre Dame football so much that only a visit from Weis could make him smile.

In 20 years, no one will remember the final score of last week's game at Washington. No one will recall how many yards Brady Quinn threw for or how many tackles Brandon Hoyte made. Hardly anyone will worry about how Weis compared to Willingham in their much-hyped meeting. No one should care now.

In the light of Montana's story, everyone will reflect and remember there are more important things in life than the development of the West Coast offense. And because of Weis, everyone can now remember what the true family spirit of this University really means.

The Observer Editorial

Following the leader

By now you've surely heard the story. It has been covered by both the local and national media. Headlines such as "Weis Uses Play Called By Dying Ten-Year-Old Boy" and "Weis Honors Dying Boy By Using His Called Play" have appeared in newsstands across the country all week. This will likely be the feel good story of the year (yes, that even goes for a win over USC or a BCS game). Over the past few days, we've all become familiar with Charlie Weis granting Montana

Mazurkiewicz's dying wish during Saturday's game, but it is important to reflect on the magnitude of what happened. Many of us get carried away with Notre Dame Football. I am related to plenty of people who place almost too great an emphasis on the Fighting Irish; heck, I do it myself. However, what happened last Saturday, amidst perhaps the biggest media circus of the college football season, put Notre Dame Football into proper perspective.

The Mazurkiewicz family is unquestionably a clan of die-hard Notre Dame fans. Anyone who has their doubts need only look at the names of the family's two sons: Rockne and Montana. Instead of opting for more traditional names, the Mazurkiewicz's chose to name their children after Notre Dame's greatest coach and its most recognizable player. Perhaps Montana had no choice but to be a fan of the Fighting

Irish, but at the mere age of 10, he proved to be one until the bitter end.

Last week Montana, who was suffering from an inoperable brain tumor, was given an opportunity to meet the head coach of his favorite football team. He was in a great deal of pain and his prognosis was not good. However, the young boy was thrilled to talk to Charlie Weis when he came to his home last week.

They talked about his namesake, Joe Montana; they talked about the loss to Michigan State; they talked about life. Weis asked Montana if there was anything he could do for him. Coach Weis knew he could not save the boy's life, but he wanted to do something to make Montana's last days just a little brighter. He suggested that Montana pick what the Irish's first play against Washington would be. Montana decided that the game should open with a "pass right."

Sadly, Montana passed away on Friday, and he never got an opportunity to watch the Irish take the field against Washington. Upon hearing that Montana had died, Coach Weis called the Mazurkiewicz's to offer his condolences. In doing so, he reminded the grieving family, "This game is for Montana, and the play still stands."

As it turned out, Notre Dame's first play on Saturday came from its own 1 yard-line; a place from which teams rarely pass. Weis, having put football in its proper perspective, kept his promise to Montana, dismissed conventional wisdom, and called for a "pass right." We'll never really know if it was skill or divine intervention, but Brady Quinn completed Montana's pass to Anthony Fasano for a 13-yard gain.

Montana's story shows us how truly lucky we are to be part of the Notre Dame family. We are lucky to have a compassionate coach who is willing to run an ill-advised play in order to make a difference. We are lucky to have a leader who understands the importance of winning — both on and off the field. We are lucky to once again have a coach who understands the magic and mystique of Notre Dame Football and is not afraid to put his faith in it. We are all lucky to be a part of an institution that has such an impact on people's lives that it can help comfort a dying boy in his last days.

It all seems so simple: a good man doing what he could to fulfill a child's last wish. In reality, Coach Weis put an awful lot on the line when he called little Montana Mazurkiewicz's play during Saturday's game. He also helped put things into perspective. Wins and losses are important. (I'm sure that Notre Dame's storied football tradition had a lot to do with the Mazurkiewicz's affinity towards the University.) However, there are also moments when winning a football game becomes secondary. It is these moments — when we applaud the team after a loss, when we win one for the Gipper, or when a coach calls a play for a dying boy — that the true spirit of Notre Dame shines through.

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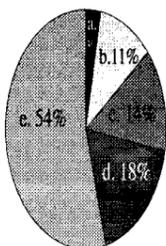
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How have you gotten in trouble at Notre Dame?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There are only two kinds of people who are really fascinating: people who know absolutely everything, and people who know absolutely nothing."

Oscar Wilde
Playwright

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Discrimination saddening

As if denying homosexuals the right to legal marriage weren't enough, the Catholic Church, who has already largely alienated the gay population, may now be considering limiting the priesthood to heterosexuals. Of course, it must be because being homosexual automatically makes you a pedophile. A nearly coherent argument against why marriage is restricted to heterosexuals is still not quite so clear to me.

So what all this means is, if you are gay, you can't have a valid relationship with another person of your sex or commit yourself to a life of chastity through the priesthood. According to the church, it is "objectively disordered" to act upon homosexual desires, yet if a homosexual, realizing that in order to be a good Catholic they must choose a life of celibacy, would like to choose the priesthood, it will no longer be an option.

Homosexuals are discriminated against by a large faction of the population (as proven by the 13 states that passed amendments banning gay marriage last November), refused a basic civil right, and now possibly refused the right to follow the church's teaching and their religious calling. To me, all the discrimination

that is occurring against homosexuals is so blatantly reminiscent of other historical American (and human) blunders regarding race, religion, nationality and the like, that for once I can say I can understand how people can stand by and watch these tragedies occur. It's not that we are all just standing by; the problem is that trying to fix the problem is like yelling at a brick wall.

I proudly wore my "Gay, Fine by Me" shirt, yet it saddens me that these shirts are even necessary. Why should we have to proclaim that being homosexual is fine by us? Isn't this no different than wearing a shirt proclaiming "Black, Fine by Me," or "Jewish, Fine by Me?" We are all people, why is it that whenever we turn around there is another segment of our population being discriminated against? Why does someone's sexual orientation matter so much to us? I dream of a day when there is no marginalized sector of race, gender, nationality, religion or sexual orientation; but will that day ever come?

Claire Sloss
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 Sept. 28

EDITORIAL CARTOON



U-WIRE

Of levees and foreign wars

Leaders of the antiwar movement have wasted no time in adding Katrina to the list of reasons we shouldn't be in Iraq.

The protests in Washington this past weekend featured Katrina-themed wordplays such as, "Make Levees, Not War." The Washington Post quoted one protester who claimed that the hurricane had helped solidify her opposition to President Bush's agenda: "[Hurricane Katrina] made clear that while we spend all this money trying to impose our will on other countries, here at home in our own country, we can't take care of each other."

Jeremy Golubcow
*Princeton University
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Sen. Robert Byrd (D-W.V.) elaborates on this argument in an oped published on Sept. 18 in the Baltimore Sun. The Senator asks, "Who among us has not wondered if the efforts to rescue and evacuate Gulf Coast residents suffered because too many National Guardsmen have been detailed to Iraq?" He reasons that "we cannot continue to commit billions in Iraq when our own people are so much in need, not only in New Orleans, but throughout America."

We can easily imagine why this argumentative strategy might work. By suggesting that the war has come at the expense of vital domestic priorities, Byrd casts the invasion of Iraq as an unaffordable luxury. The beauty of this approach is that it could conceivably persuade

the sort of person who tends to think that our efforts in Iraq are mostly benign. If we must choose between doing good abroad and taking care of each other at home, isn't the choice obvious?

Even the most ardent antiwar activists should be wary of this logic. The crucial "choice" on which Byrd's essay is premised does not really exist. Does the Senator actually expect us to believe that we can have either levees or foreign interventions — but never both? Are our resources so very limited that we must abdicate any active role in world affairs on the grounds that "our own people are so much in need"? Surely, there is something perverse about the pretense that our nation is too needy to remain active on a global stage.

I worry, though, that Sen. Byrd's thinking may catch on among the rank and file of the Democratic Party. In the wake of Katrina, we seem to be absorbed in a moment of national self-pity. Byrd's neo-isolationism taps into this self-pity in a way that totally undercuts the future of progressive foreign policy. How can we argue for intervention in Darfur if the neediness of our own people is thought to be overwhelming? How can we argue for an increase in the foreign aid budget if we're anxious about every cent that doesn't go toward improving our domestic infrastructure?

Byrd maintains that the neglect which led to the devastation of New Orleans resulted from an overambitious international agenda. But why stop at criticism of the

war in Iraq? Why not say that the levees were breached because we spent too much on AIDS relief? The logic is the same.

Of course, all of us would recognize that there is no connection whatsoever between our spending on AIDS relief and our failure to adequately prepare for Katrina. It's a total non-sequitur. Why, then, should we accept a parallel link between Katrina and Iraq?

I am perfectly happy to have Sen. Byrd argue that the war in Iraq is intrinsically unjust or unproductive. If the war is not a worthwhile enterprise, then it should be abandoned for that reason — and not because we're afraid we can't multi-task. The war may or may not be justifiable, but we face no ultimate, existential choice between levees and wars.

Byrd notes that "there are many missions to accomplish here on our own soil," as though the very existence of these missions somehow nullifies the importance of missions conducted on foreign soil. The fallacy is glaring. There might be several valid arguments for standing down in Iraq. But Hurricane Katrina isn't one of them.

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America hungers for energy while rejecting conservation

In recent months, I've noticed more people are compelled to trade in gas-guzzling vehicles for fuel-efficient ones. But now, in the aftermath of the catastrophic duo of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the oil industry is left like an elephant hanging on a wire, and people may be forced to trade their vehicles in for Vespas.

Consuela Headrick
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 The Daily Aztec*

Sadly, it's improbable that America will turn into a motorbike-loving nation like Italy. To Americans, bigger is always better. It's this warped mentality that parallels our glut-topped consumption of energy, which will have an even more pronounced impact

when winter arrives.

On Monday, President Bush urged American citizens to use public transportation in light of the country's current energy challenges. In 1979, President Jimmy Carter, who begged Americans to conserve while putting up with high gas prices and gas shortages, made similar pleas. Following his requests, Carter received malicious criticism and his approval ratings dropped lower than those of Nixon during the Watergate scandal.

During the speech on July 15, 1979, President Carter didn't deny any wrongdoing on his part. He admitted it wholeheartedly.

Even after his eloquent speech, few American sought to change their habits,

but at least national policies concerning energy conservation were implemented.

I doubt Bush will ever admit his complicity in America's energy wasting, nor is he likely to view American's rampant materialism as a problem, but it would be interesting to see what would happen if he did. However, even if Bush was as compassionate and thoughtful as Carter, it doesn't mean the majority of Americans would pay him any heed.

To this day, public transportation is viewed as low-class instead of economical. Also, a false sense of urgency is the norm, and, as a consequence, people prefer speeding on the streets rather than taking a bus. Americans are neck-deep in indifference and there's no way spirits can be re-

talized by any speech.

I hope, one day soon, America will embrace conservation and combat high energy prices before they skyrocket. Because if we use up too much of our Strategic Petroleum Reserves, which Bush is presently tapping into to help lower gas prices, we could be headed toward an energy disaster.

Take caution America: Speed bumps ahead.

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The Godfather of Irish Music

Tommy Makem brings popular folk music experience to Notre Dame



Photo courtesy of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts

STORY BY GRACE MYERS

Tommy Makem, considered the Godfather of Irish music, has played in almost every prestigious venue in the English-speaking world. He has also appeared on every major network in the United States, including performances on The Ed Sullivan Show and The Tonight Show. The group, Tommy Makem and the Makem Brothers, includes Tommy Makem, his sons Shane, Conor and Rory, along with another set of Irish siblings, Mickey and Liam Clancy. Together, they have traveled extensively, including performances at Saint Mary's College. Their innumerable performances at South Bend's Fiddler's Hearth and other locations throughout the area have earned them the keys to the city. However, despite their great esteem and frequent visits to the area, Tommy Makem and the Makem Brothers have never played at the University Of Notre Dame.

It is expected, and indeed is fitting, for Notre Dame to be a prominent scene for Irish music. However, this has not been the case in past years. Harriet Engle, a WSND DJ, local musician and Celtic music aficionado, explained that, "over the past 10 to 15 years there has not been a lot of Irish music."

She emphasized that a great deal of work goes into bringing these artists to the campus. She recounted how over the past few years the Irish music scene has grown steadily in the South Bend area, affecting the campuses of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's at times.

However, the greatest single event that has led to the increase of Irish music at the University and in our

community was the opening of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. At the creation of this world-class facility, Engle is "tickled short-less" as it is a major draw for an array of prominent artists from all over the world, including several Celtic artists.

This year promises to be one of the most eventful and exciting Celtic music seasons that the University has ever experienced. Tommy Makem and the Makem Brothers are a fitting group to commence the impressive line-up, which includes performances by the well known Mark O'Conner and The Chieftains. These performances are sure to add to the cultural scene of the University and increase the growth of Irish music in the area.

Tommy Makem's band is one of the

most distinguished of this year's line-up. Tommy Makem and his sons come from a lineage of musicians and performers of various genres. Shane Makem explained that they learned Irish music and its traditions from watching their father.

After some time, they also developed a passion for playing and writing the music. They were not pushed into being musicians, or Irish musicians for that matter. Instead, it was "kind of like osmosis" — they gradually became a part of the music and grew so attached that they wanted to do it also.

Shane was very humble about his band's achievements, especially their high level of fame for an Irish music group. He was, however, quick to explain that the strengths of the band

lie not only in the great songs and their technical capacities, but also in their ability to portray the narrative. This is important so that all of their listeners take something away from the experience without necessarily knowing the historical context of the songs.

Tommy Makem and the Makem Brothers are exceptional because the passion they have for their music and its tradition supersedes their distinguished talent. The New York Times praises the band, claiming that, "Makem could make every one of his listeners feel part Irish and proud of it."

If this is the case, Notre Dame will surely love them.

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COLUMN

A peek inside WVFI

Freshman makes her big debut



MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer

Freshmen Kelly Clancy, left, and Jane Lee host a radio broadcast at WVFI, an on-campus radio station run primarily by students. Their show, *Potato Sushi*, focuses on music and addresses cultural issues both locally and around the world.

"Hey there. Welcome back. You're listening to WVFI: Voice of the Fighting Irish. Coming up next we've got some Jason Mraz followed by Coldplay. Here it is, on WVFI."

Still mastering the technique of a smooth transition period, I fumble with the microphone as my co-DJ, Jane, makes sure that the Jason Mraz single is ready to go. It only takes five seconds of air time to realize that the volume levels aren't on target and then another five to configure them correctly. Finally, about 15 seconds in (hey, we're only freshmen here), we're set. 'Curbside Prophet' is now smoothly streaming across the Internet.

Broadcasting live across the World Wide Web certainly wasn't something I had anticipated doing at Notre Dame. College radio was a far cry from what my high school radio station had been — faculty monitored, boasting a one and a half mile broadcast radius. There, random nothingness was the on-air topic of choice with a rather haphazardly assembled play list. Here in college, with an actual audience, the set up was a bit different. DJs actually speak to keep interest among the listeners and even have themed, planned-out shows.

When first teasing with the idea of going on air here on campus, I was apprehensive. Would college radio be too demanding? Too nerve-wracking? Too tense? With a much larger audience, would I be able to keep people listening and also be interesting? Besides all of that, who would I go on the air with?

One Pasquerilla East freshman and two brainstorming sessions later, my worries subsided. I had met my soon-to-be DJ friend Jane through a dorm movie night. Eventually, the idea of my being on the

radio station came up and as soon as she also expressed interest in broadcasting, it was settled. We could do the show together — it would be great. All we needed was a name, ideas, motivation for a show and a completed application.

We decided to put out to the world what could only be hidden on radio and was obvious in real life — Jane's Asian heritage and my Irish heritage. We had an idea, now it was time for a name. Potato Wontons? Nope. Oriental Shamrocks? Definitely not. Potato Sushi! That was it. For some reason, it clicked in our culture-focused minds.

Via email, Jane and I sent in our application after some deliberation. Our goal was to keep people culturally focused, to at times contrast and compare Asia/Ireland, to note our New York and California backgrounds, and of course to generally make fun of each other. At the WVFI meeting for show picks — the gorgeous little blank box labeled "Saturday 3-4 p.m." We were in, finally destined for the airwaves.

So what did I learn from all of this, in the end? College is all about trying things out and seeing what clicks. No one should let their own hesitations stop them from doing something that may be completely awesome.

Take a lesson from Jason Mraz, who's got 30 seconds left on the air until Coldplay takes over — don't worry your life away.

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Kelly Clancy

Scene Columnist

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MLB — AMERICAN LEAGUE

White Sox clinch division, forget late collapse

After making the division race interesting with the Cleveland Indians, Chicago beats Detroit, wins first title since 2000

Associated Press

The Chicago White Sox hooted, hollered and screamed like kids as they ran down a skinny hallway toward their plastic-lined clubhouse.

After flirting with one of the worst collapses in baseball history, the White Sox earned the right to douse each other with champagne.

Chicago got a clinch, not a collapse.

Paul Konerko homered to back Freddy Garcia and the White Sox held off Detroit for a 4-2 victory Thursday for their first AL Central title since 2000.

"That team worked so hard all year long, they deserve to do what they're doing now," Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said with champagne-slicked hair. "Finally, they can say, 'We did it!' A lot of teams made it tough on us. It wasn't easy."

Chicago had a 15-game lead in the division on Aug. 1, then saw it dwindle to 1 1/2 games last weekend as Cleveland closed. The White Sox survived a shaky ninth inning against Detroit to win their AL-best 96th game and will start the playoffs at home next week.

"It was a little tight at the end, but we pulled it out," Konerko said.

Chicago clinched because Cleveland can at best tie the White Sox, and no team can finish second in another division with 96 wins or more. If the AL Central is decided by a tiebreaker, it would go to the White Sox, who have an 11-5 lead over the Indians in the season series, and Cleveland would be the wild card.

"It's a great feeling," Guillen said. "This first step is a big step because a lot of people don't realize how hard it is to just get to the playoffs."

The White Sox close the regular season with three games at Cleveland.

What does the series mean?

"Nothing," said Mark Buehrle, Friday's scheduled starter.

Angels 7, Athletics 1

Bartolo Colon made a final pitch for the AL Cy Young Award.

Colon became the Angels' win-

ningest pitcher since Nolan Ryan in 1974, leading Los Angeles over the Oakland Athletics.

"I don't see much debate," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "I think he's absolutely the Cy Young Award winner. For what he's done for this team, getting us into the playoffs and being the top dog, it's clear to me."

Colon (21-8) gave up one run and five hits in five innings, throwing 80 pitches. He pitched on three days' rest to get on schedule for starting Los Angeles' playoff opener Tuesday.

"This was exactly what I was looking for," Colon said. "It was good to come out of it nice. Working on three days' rest, I put more emphasis on finishing well."

Colon and Yankees reliever Mariano Rivera are viewed as the top contenders for the Cy Young.

I'm not going to add or subtract to my numbers any more so there's nothing I can do about it," Colon said. "It will be welcome and a privilege, and I needed a good team behind me just to be a candidate."

After giving up six runs and 10 hits in five innings against Tampa Bay on Sunday, Colon allowed only one runner past second base. He has the most wins for the Angels since Ryan went 22-16 in 1974, but his ERA is 3.48 and he's allowed 26 home runs, including seven in his last three starts.

Colon is 11-2 following Angels losses. He lost consecutive decisions just once, against Seattle and Minnesota on July 7 and 16.

Cleveland 6, Tampa Bay 0

The mind-bending mathematics and head-scratching scenarios aren't so complicated. And the big weekend series isn't quite so big anymore, either.

For the Cleveland Indians, it's become pretty simple: three wins and they're in the AL playoffs.

"Anyway we can get in is fine," C.C. Sabathia said. "I just want to get in, period. We all know what we have to do."

Sabathia pitched eight shutout innings, Travis Hafner homered

and the Indians, who conceded the AL Central title to Chicago earlier in the day, stayed tied for the wild-card lead by rolling to a win over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

In salvaging the series finale, the Indians (93-66) snapped a three-game losing streak that helped the White Sox hold onto their dwindling lead and clinch the division. Cleveland is tied with the Boston Red Sox atop the wild-card standings with three games left.

Even if they sweep three from the White Sox this weekend, the Indians won't win the division crown. But they would capture the wild card, which as recent postseason history has shown isn't such a bad thing. The last three World Series champions — Boston, Florida and the Angels — all entered the postseason as wild cards.

"When the White Sox were 15 games ahead, we were looking at the wild card anyway," Sabathia said. "Now, it's up for grabs."

Seattle 4, Rangers 3

Kenny Rogers gave up all four Seattle runs in what was likely his final start for the Texas Rangers, a loss to the Mariners.

Rogers (14-8) gave up nine hits and three earned runs in six innings. The 40-year-old left-hander was quoted as saying in Thursday's editions of The Dallas Morning News: "I'm pretty certain this is my last start here. Actually, I'm extremely certain. I think everybody has made their positions known."

"In a way, I'm kind of relieved. I know I won't have to bend over backwards to make it happen. I think sometimes in the past, my desire to be here has been the overriding factor for me, and at least I know where I stand."

Rogers was suspended by commissioner Bud Selig for 20 games and fined \$50,000 following an altercation with two television cameramen in June. The suspension was cut to 13 games by an arbitrator.

Texas decided not to discuss a new contract with Rogers' agent, Scott Boras, until after the season. Roger is on his third stint with the Rangers, his team



Chicago White Sox closer Bobby Jenks celebrates his team's win over the Detroit Tigers that clinched the AL Central title.

for 12 of his 17 major league seasons.

Seattle's Ryan Franklin (8-15) gave up three runs and six hits in six innings, throwing 116 pitches. Eddie Guardado pitched the ninth for his 35th save in 40 chances.

Richie Sexson had three hits and two RBIs for the Mariners, who drew just 19,781 — the first crowd under 20,000 in the 5 1/2-year history of Safeco Field.

New York Yankees 8, Baltimore 4

The preliminaries are over. The New York Yankees brushed aside Baltimore to preserve their lead in the AL East, and now they're headed to Boston hoping to finish the job.

Aaron Small took a one-hitter into the seventh inning to improve to 10-0, and the Yankees got homers from Jason Giambi and Hideki Matsui in cruising past the Orioles.

The victory enabled the Yankees to maintain a one-game advantage in the division over the Red Sox, who rallied past Toronto 5-4. The longtime rivals play three times at Fenway Park this weekend, and two wins would give New York its eighth

consecutive AL East crown.

"It'll be unbelievable. It's always a playoff atmosphere when you play the Red Sox," Giambi said. "It will be a lot of fun."

Alex Rodriguez had two hits and scored twice for the Yankees, who built an 8-0 lead in winning for the 15th time in 18 games.

After the victory, the Yankees watched the Red Sox beat Toronto, which held a 4-1 lead in the fifth inning. When David Ortiz got the game-winning hit, the Yankees began packing for their trip to Boston.

"You figured they would come back," Giambi said. "They're hot, we're hot, so it should be a good series. You couldn't ask for a better ending, no doubt about it."

Small gave up two runs and four hits in 6 2-3 innings, striking out four and walking five. After breezing through the first six innings, the right-hander gave up a two-run homer to Javy Lopez in the seventh.

The Orioles then loaded the bases with two outs before Tanyon Sturtze retired Chris Gomez on a grounder.

Small has won his last five starts.

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Boston	93-66	.585	5-5	1
Toronto	78-81	.491	5-5	16
Baltimore	71-88	.447	1-9	23
Tampa Bay	67-92	.421	6-4	27

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
x-Chicago	96-63	.604	5-5	-
Cleveland	93-66	.585	6-4	3
Minnesota	80-79	.503	4-6	16
Detroit	71-88	.447	4-6	25
Kansas City	55-104	.346	5-5	41

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
x-Los Angeles	92-67	.579	8-2	-
Oakland	86-73	.541	5-5	6
Texas	79-80	.497	6-4	13
Seattle	68-91	.428	3-7	24

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
x-Atlanta	90-69	.566	5-5	-
Philadelphia	85-74	.535	5-5	5
New York	81-78	.509	8-2	9
Florida	81-78	.509	4-6	9
Washington	80-79	.503	2-8	10

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
x-St. Louis	97-62	.610	3-7	-
Houston	87-72	.547	7-3	11.5
Milwaukee	80-79	.503	6-4	18.5
Chicago	78-81	.491	4-6	20
Cincinnati	73-86	.459	4-6	24.5
Pittsburgh	65-94	.409	4-6	33.5

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
x-San Diego	80-79	.503	5-5	-
San Francisco	74-84	.468	8-2	5.5
Arizona	74-85	.465	6-4	6
Los Angeles	70-88	.443	3-7	9.5
Colorado	66-93	.415	5-5	14

Men's Water Polo Top 20

	team	last week	points
1	Cal Poly State	1	97
2	Michigan State	3	97
3	Arizona	2	85
4	Grand Valley State	5	83
5	Yale	4	75
6	Michigan	6	67
7	USC	8	66
8	Fresno State	7	61
9	Florida International	9	51
10	Pennsylvania	12	49
11	Miami	10	40
12	California L.A.	13	38
13	Williams College	11	32
14	Florida State	15	32
15	NOTRE DAME	14	26
16	Purdue	19	17
17	Texas	20	16
18	Utah	NR	16
19	North Carolina	16	14
19	Oregon	18	14
20	Middlebury College	17	10

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NFL



Grounds crews at Azteca Stadium in Mexico City prepare for Sunday's game between the San Francisco 49ers and the Arizona Cardinals. This matchup will be the NFL's first regular season contest outside the United States.

49ers and Cardinals meet in Mexico

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — A photo of Azteca Stadium has hung in Tony Parrish's locker for months. The San Francisco 49ers' world-traveling safety has been looking forward to this weekend, when he'll get the chance for a little adventure along with a little football.

The 49ers and the Arizona Cardinals will meet Sunday in Mexico City in the first regular-season game outside the United States. Like most of the players on both clubs, Parrish is worried about his team's record, wary of

the long road trip to a high-altitude city — but excited about making history.

"I always look forward to doing things that promote the game," said Parrish, who traveled to Mexico in the offseason. "This will definitely be an event that we'll look back on, and see it as a turning point in the international game."

"There is an excitement to be the first to do anything," Cardinals defensive end Bertrand Berry said. "Whenever you are the first, you want to put your best foot forward."

While the occasion is

historic for the league's vast Mexican fan base and for the struggle to promote American football internationally, the matchup isn't exactly a grabber. San Francisco, the NFL's worst team last year, is 1-2. The Cardinals (0-3) will play without two-time MVP quarterback Kurt Warner, who has a strained groin.

But that doesn't seem to be a problem to the estimated 85,000 fans who will fill the historic soccer stadium for an evening game. Nearly one in five Mexicans identified themselves as NFL fans in a recent survey, and the event has drawn extensive

national attention.

"We have such great interest. We have a great fan base in Mexico," said Roger Goodell, the NFL's chief operating officer. "It's been growing dramatically over the last several years, and we're responding to that interest. It's going to be a great opportunity to understand more about playing a game internationally."

In truth, the game won't feel much different from an East Coast road trip for both clubs. The players will keep a similar schedule off the field, apart from a handful of events Saturday.

IN BRIEF

NCAA promises donation to Hurricane Relief Effort

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA is donating \$1.5 million to hurricane relief and will collect additional money during its national championships this year in a new partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

Under the Home Team program announced Thursday, officials from NCAA Division II have made a \$1 million donation, while the NCAA national office is donating an additional \$500,000. The NCAA has also agreed to promote Habitat for Humanity's hurricane rebuilding efforts at its national championships.

College sports' largest governing body also hopes athletes, coaches, athletics administrators and NCAA employees will volunteer to assist in rebuilding efforts.

The NCAA plans to sponsor houses in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, where Hurricanes

Katrina and Rita caused the most severe damage. The NCAA also will sponsor home-building projects for victims who have relocated to other cities.

Sorenstam to play at New Trump Golf Course

Rancho Palos Verdes, CALIF. — With gorgeous views of the Pacific Ocean from every hole and a passel of youngsters chasing her, Annika Sorenstam might find herself slightly distracted in the Office Depot Championship.

If she gets tired of gazing at the ocean, there are no less than four waterfalls, including two rising to 25 feet, on the new Trump National course in a reflection of audacious owner Donald Trump.

"This is quite a place," Sorenstam said Thursday after playing her first practice round on the 6,017-yard, par-71 course that has yet to open to the public. "The views are absolutely spectacular. You got to try and stay

focused on your game and not look too much at the views."

New minor league ready for play in 2006

St. Paul, MINN. — The St. Paul Saints and the Sioux Falls Canaries, charter members of the independent Northern League when it was founded 13 years ago, are leaving along with another member to start a new league.

The teams would become partners starting in 2006 along with the five-year-old Lincoln (Neb.) Saltdogs and several clubs from the Texas-based Central Baseball League.

The CBL, an eight-team independent circuit, has franchises in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida.

The new league has yet to be named. It will be very similar to the Northern League, playing a 96-game schedule and operating independent of Major League Baseball, Saints co-owner Mike Veeck said in announcing the split Tuesday.

MLB — NATIONAL LEAGUE

Houston drops crucial game to Cubs at home

Wild card race is far from definite with three games to play

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Charles Gipson was cut down at home plate for the final out following Luke Scott's double into the right-center gap, and the Chicago Cubs beat Houston 3-2 Thursday night to cut the Astros' lead over Philadelphia in the NL wild-card race to two games.

Derrek Lee broke a sixth-inning tie with his 46th homer, and the Cubs led by one run entering the ninth.

Ryan Dempster walked Orlando Palmeiro with one out, Gipson pinch ran and pinch-hitter Mike Lamb struck out. Scott pinch hit and doubled, with center fielder Corey Patterson cutting the ball off. Patterson threw to second baseman Jose Macias, who made a perfect relay to catcher Henry Blanco, well ahead of Gipson.

Blanco blocked the plate and the speedy Gipson tried to knock him over, but the catcher applied the tag and held on.

Houston, which won 11 of its previous 14 games, missed a chance to clinch no worse than a tie for the wild card. The Astros (87-72) still have a commanding position over the Phillies (85-74) with three games to go.

Philadelphia, which was off Thursday, begins a series Friday night at Washington.

Houston finishes the regular season against the Cubs, with Andy Pettitte (17-9) trying to win his eighth straight decision on Friday night. Roger Clemens (12-8) and Roy Oswalt (19-12) are the scheduled starters over the weekend.

Glendon Rusch (9-8) won his fourth straight decision over five September starts for the Cubs, who must sweep the four-game series to avoid a losing record. Dempster got his 32nd save in 34 chances.

Wandy Rodriguez (10-10) gave up three runs and five hits over seven innings. He is 1-4 in September, his only losing month this season.

Lance Berkman led off the second with his 23rd homer to give the Astros a 1-0 lead.

Matt Murton's homer in the fourth tied the game, and Lee put the Cubs ahead 2-1 in the sixth with a 401-foot drive off the facade behind the seats in left field.

Jeromy Burnitz was hit by a Rodriguez pitch leading off the seventh, then went to third base after shortstop Adam Everett's throwing error on a grounder by Michael Barrett. Burnitz came home on a wild pitch, but Barrett was thrown out when the Cubs tried a squeeze play — Rusch was unable to get his bat on a pitch that bounced in front of the plate and was scooped up by catcher Raul Chavez.

Jason Lane led off the Astros' seventh with a long flyball to left, but Murton made a leaping catch against the hand-operated scoreboard. That was the 12th straight batter retired by Rusch.

Chris Burke and Adam Everett then had consecutive singles before pinch-hitter Jeff Bagwell hit a sacrifice fly. Rusch

got out of the inning by striking out pinch-hitter Jose Vizcaino, the last batter he faced.

Milwaukee 2, Cincinnati 0

The Milwaukee Brewers gave their fans their money's worth even though they got into the ballpark for free.

Gary Glover allowed two hits over seven innings and struck out a career-high 10 in leading the Brewers to a win over the Cincinnati Reds on a "free admission" Thursday at Miller Park.

By outpitching Eric Milton and combining with three relievers on a three-hitter, Glover put the Brewers (80-79) one win from their first non-losing season since 1992. Milwaukee finishes with a three-game series at Pittsburgh, where the Pirates are wrapping up their 13th straight losing season, the longest current drought in the major leagues.

"I know for each man in here, they feel the same way I do. I don't want to be called a loser again," Milwaukee manager Ned Yost said. "It's important to us and it's important to our organization."

The Brewers finished their final homestand 7-3 to assure their final weekend would be meaningful, at least in their eyes.

"I think it would have been great if we could have won one more game somewhere along the way so that we had that 81st one here," Glover said. "I think that would have been big for the fans to see, to get it at home."

The Brewers aren't thinking about taking just one game at PNC Park "because .500 is even. It's not necessarily a winning season," Glover said. "Everybody wants a winning season."

So, they're shooting for at least two out of three, if not a sweep.

Glover (5-4) surrendered just two singles, in the third and sixth inning, and didn't allow either runner past first base. He surpassed his previous career high of eight strikeouts, accomplished Saturday against St. Louis.

Jose Capellan got two outs in the eighth but walked a batter and surrendered a single to Ryan Freel. Julio Santana struck out Felipe Lopez looking on a full-count cut fastball, and Derrick Turnbow pitched a perfect ninth for his 38th save in 42 chances.

Milton (8-15) allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings, and his seven strikeouts gave him 999 for his career.

"It was a great game pitched by everybody," Yost said. "You've got to give credit to Milton, too. He really pitched a whale of a ballgame and he's a good pitcher that struggled today. But the good pitcher in him really came out today."

Bill Hall led off the fifth with his first of two doubles, took third on Rickie Weeks' ground ball to second base and then tried to score on a squeeze bunt. But Chad Moeller was struck in his right hand by Milton's fastball, forcing Moeller from the game with a bruised index finger and sending Hall back to third base.

Jeff Cirillo pinch hit for Moeller with a 1-1 count and

sliced a single under the glove of Lopez, who was playing in at shortstop. Brady Clark then tripled home Cirillo, and Damian Miller replaced Moeller in the field in the top of the sixth.

Milton was glad to finish on a strong note but also eager to put his 2005 season behind him.

"I've been looking forward to next year for a while," he said. "It's one of those things: throwing the ball well and the season ending. It's better than ending on a bad outing."

Before the game, the Reds extended manager Jerry Narron's contract through next season with a mutual option for 2007. Narron began the season as the Reds bench coach and was appointed interim manager when Dave Miley was fired June 21 after the team's 27-43 start.

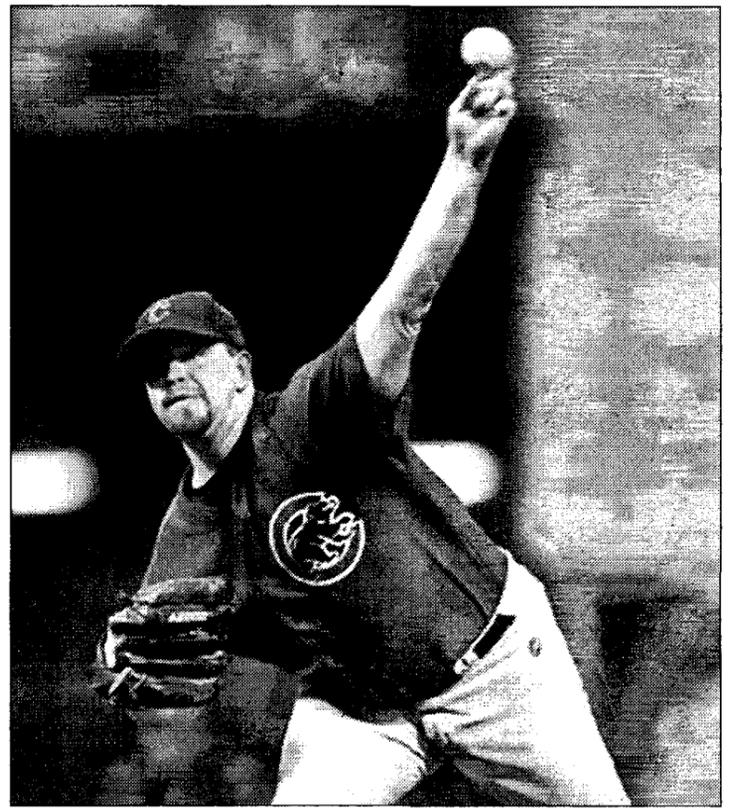
New York Mets 11, Colorado 0

At age 39 and in his 18th full season in the major leagues, Tom Glavine proved there's always something to be learned in baseball.

Glavine reinvented himself midway through the year, adding a cutter and a curveball to his repertoire and he showed them off with a two-hitter, pitching the New York Mets to a romp over the Colorado Rockies.

The Mets made it easy for Glavine with a 15-hit attack that included four home runs. David Wright hit two and reached 100 RBIs for the season, while Mike Piazza started what almost certainly is his final series as a Met with the 397th of his career.

But this was a night that



Cubs starter Glendon Rusch throws against the Astros in the first winning of the final series of the regular season.

belonged to Glavine. Mixing speeds and never topping 86 mph with his fastball, he posted the 275th victory and 24th shutout of his career.

"He was outstanding," said Willie Randolph, whose team won its 81st game, clinching a .500 finish in his first year as manager. "He's a pro. It was good to see him look like the Tom Glavine we all know and love. It goes to show what kind of pitcher he is. He did a great job."

Nobody was happier about it than Glavine (13-13).

"It's satisfying, obviously, in the short term," he said. "I had a much better season than the first six weeks indicated. I had a game plan that should enable me to pitch beyond next year. The changes excite me. I'm more excited about where I am as a pitcher now."

It showed as he struck out 11 and walked two. The last time he had 11 strikeouts in a game was May 13, 1994.

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Clash

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teams used to dominating, mental toughness could be vital.

"I think [mental toughness] is going to play a big role," Suarez said. "And also not getting flustered — whoever just sticks out is going to come out the winner."

In addition to having playoff implications, the game is also a rematch of last year's championship game played in Notre Dame Stadium, when Walsh upset the favored Chaos 20-7.

"This game is huge because it's the Stadium Game from last year so we want to show them that we can win," Suarez said.

With all the hype surrounding the game, Botta is confident

her Wild Women will keep the game in perspective and come out on top.

"[The game] won't make or break the season, but it'll be great to get a big win on Sunday," she said.

Still, Botta and the Wild Women will need to watch out for a team hungry for revenge.

"Yes we are bitter, definitely, and we're looking for pay-back," Suarez said.

Howard vs. Badin

Howard and Badin are meeting up Sunday at 1 p.m. on West Quad in a women's Blue league match-up of longtime rivals.

These South Quad teams have struggled this season, meaning this game is a toss-up.

Badin won their first game against Lyons but has not scored a touchdown since in

consecutive losses to Walsh and Cavanaugh.

The Bullfrogs can still salvage a winning season if they turn things around and beat Howard and then defeat Lewis on Tuesday.

Howard is still looking for its first win and has yet to score this season, losing in blowouts against Lyons and Cavanaugh and a heartbreaker against Lewis in which the game was tied until the final three minutes.

Both teams are still working on their interception-prone offenses and strengthening their defenses.

Neither teams' captains could be reached for comment Thursday.

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MATT SMEDBERG/The Observer

Lewis players huddle during the Chicks' game against Howard Sept. 27.

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and this week's practices. Last season, the Knights beat the Griffins in a 7-6 slugfest. It was physical, so this week's practices — for both teams — have been just that.

"We had much more intense practices [this week]," Lyzinski said. "I thought, last week, one of our problems was the intensity wasn't there [against Dillon]. So this week, we definitely focused on team intensity and getting back to the fundamentals."

The Griffins weren't pleased with their week one offensive performance, so they got back to the basics as well.

"We worked on our offense to try to bring that together a lot more," McNicholas said. "The first game, we only got one touchdown, so we put in a few new plays."

"We tried to learn from our experiences the first game, and

[we can] hopefully put a few more points on the board."

Keenan is led by Lyzinski and senior quarterback Rob Coly.

For the up-and-coming Griffins, McNicholas directs the defense along with fellow senior Eddie Medrick, while freshman quarterback Brian Salvi guides the offense. Against Dillon, McNicholas had three interceptions. Medrick, who plays defensive tackle, has been a constant force for the staunch Griffin defense.

He's a senior, and he's been the anchor of our D-line for three years," McNicholas said. "He's just a huge force up the middle."

Both squads acknowledge they'll have to play nearly flawless football to win this week-end's crucial game.

"We're definitely not taking them lightly," Lyzinski said. "They have a very good team. Last year they played us very, very hard. We're looking at them as a very good team. We're going to have to be at the top of our game to win this one."

Dillon vs. Alumni

A neighborhood rivalry resumes Sunday as Dillon and Alumni square off at 3 p.m. at Riehle Field in men's Gold league action.

Dillon enters game with a record of 1-1 and is looking to put all the pieces together against Alumni.

While Dillon captain Kenny Cushing has been happy with the team so far and is looking to build on its past success, he also thinks it can take the play to another level.

"Our team has been great Monday through Saturday, but we have not been putting it together on Sunday," Cushing said.

Cushing also said he thought the key for this game and the overall strength of Dillon is strong communication and a solid rushing game.

Both factors will lead to the efficient play the Big Red prides itself on.

Alumni enters the game hun-

gry after a tie and loss in its first two games of the season.

Captain Ryan McGettigan and senior Andrew Breslin both understand the importance of this game as a classic rivalry.

McGettigan also thought rushing was going to be a key factor.

"Dillon has a good running game, but we think that we match up against them well," he said.

On offense, Alumni plans to establish the run and use it to set up the passing game. The Dawgs believe success on the ground will lead to points on the scoreboard.

Morrissey vs. Keough

There is a high chance of a defensive struggle breaking out Sunday as Morrissey faces off with Keough at 2 p.m. at Riehle Field. Both teams are defensive-minded, and neither has eclipsed ten points in a game thus far.

Morrissey is looking to capitalize on the momentum it established by defeating O'Neill 6-2 last week in a game in which it

completely shut down the Angry Mob's offense.

"Our defense as a unit stepped up last week and made big plays for us," captain and starting running back Nick Klein said.

Morrissey does not depend at all on flashiness or a high-flying passing game. Instead it relies on a ball-control attack aided by a Klein-led rushing attack.

The rushing game was effective against O'Neill. The Manor's offense was able to score a touchdown when their defense forced a turnover deep in Angry Mob territory. Morrissey believes it can shut down Keough if the offense succeeds in not beating itself.

Keough, after being manhandled 14-0 by defending champion Keenan in its opener, let a special teams blunder get between them and a victory last week in a 9-9 tie with Alumni.

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MEN'S INTERHALL — BLUE LEAGUE

Cricket Stick prized by two halls

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Sports Writers

For the past year the coveted Cricket Stick has resided in Carroll Hall. But Sunday at 2 p.m. "the stick" makes it way back to Riehle Field to be claimed by the winner of the Fisher-Carroll game.

The trophy, a replica of Knute Rockne's old walking stick, is awarded annually to the winning team, which keeps it until the next meeting.

Last year Carroll won the game for the first time in almost a decade and they are recharged to defend their title. However, Fisher will surely put up a fight.

Fisher looks to continue their winning ways after a season-opening shutout over Knott.

The Fisherman played a smash-mouth style game with a strong defense and tough running.

The return of starting running back Tom Sullivan should help the offense improve after scoring only one touchdown last week.

The team's defense was able to shut down Knott's passing game and should match up well against Carroll.

The Vermin come into the

matchup after a 6-0 win over Siegfried last week.

Sorin vs. Siegfried

Sorin and Siegfried come into their Men's Interhall blue league game Sunday at 3 p.m. with a sense of urgency as playoff implications are on the line for both squads.

"While every game is important, this game obviously has heightened meaning," Sorin captain Pete Laviorini said.

"But we're fairly confident that we can win this week and carry that momentum through the rest of the season."

Both teams come into Sunday's game with 1-1 records meaning the loser of the contest will likely be out of the playoff picture.

Sorin, coming into the game off a 12-0 loss to Zahm, has made several adjustments to an offense that struggled to put points on the board in their last game.

Zahm vs. St Ed's

Zahm looks to keep its record a clean 3-0 Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Field as the Bats face off against the winless St. Ed's Stedsmen.

Riding a two-game winning streak, Zahm enters the game as a favorite having knocked off Sorin last week, 12-0.

Bats captain Pat Gourley insisted that while last week's win was big, his team is still focused on the task at hand.

"This league is unpredictable," Gourley said. "Anybody can beat anybody on a given day."

"We'll be ready."

Gourley named tight end Seth Freiesleben and wide receiver Kris Patterson as impact players.

Meanwhile, the Stedsmen will take the field for the first time in two weeks, as they are coming off of a Week 2 bye.

The last time St. Ed's took the field, it fell 6-0 to Sorin.

Team captain Dan Ward said the team has taken full advantage of the extra week. "We took advantage of our time off to take a good look at Zahm and get ready for their schemes," Ward said. "They didn't have that opportunity, and I feel that strategically, we will be better prepared."

Ward indicated that his team is mentally ready for the challenge of facing the undefeated Bats.

"Our guys are really pumped up," he said.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL — GOLD LEAGUE

Phoxes preparing for Finest attack

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Sports Writers

Pangborn has momentum coming into Sunday's 5 p.m. game at Riehle Field against Farley after an 18-0 victory over Pasquerilla West Thursday night.

Sophomore defensive lineman Stephanie Lewis felt the improvement from week one was key to the Phoxes' success in their next game.

"The defense stepped up and executed better against PW, and the running game was good," she said.

Lewis also feels quarterback Katie Mooney has become more comfortable, and the Pangborn freshmen are taking to the team's style of play more and more each game.

Pasquerilla East vs. Pasquerilla West

Sunday's upcoming interhall game between Pasquerilla East and Pasquerilla West marks the next chapter in a

friendly, but always competitive, rivalry. The two teams will clash Sunday at 5 pm at Riehle Field, both prepared for what's expected to be an intense and emotional contest.

The Purple Weasels are coming off of a tough loss against the Phoxes of Pangborn while the Pyros recently lost 16-12 to Walsh.

McGlinn vs. Welsh Family

Two unbeaten West Quad teams will meet Sunday at 4 p.m. at Riehle Fields when the Welsh Family Whirlwinds take on the neighboring McGlinn Shamrocks.

Note:

◆Pasquerilla East downed Breen-Phillips Thursday night, 18-0, in a makeup last Thursday's rainout at Stepan Fields.

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NFL

Bucs preparing to face Williams, Harrington

Williams had wanted to play for his hometown

Associated Press

Juran Bolden remembers the day he met Detroit rookie receiver Mike Williams for the first time.

Like Williams, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers nickel back grew up in Tampa. So, it's only natural that he's followed the hometown product's transition from high school phenom to college star to young pro.

But one thing watching highlights of Williams on television failed to prepare Bolden for was the sheer physical presence of the Lions' first-round draft pick, who's 6-foot-5 and nearly 235 pounds.

"I heard so much about him, but never had a chance to actually meet him," Bolden recalled. "I saw him and they (said), 'That's Mike right there.' I said: 'No it's not. That's a defensive lineman.' He's a big guy."

Bolden expects to see plenty more of Williams on Sunday, when the Lions (1-1) face the Bucs (3-0) in a game Williams has been looking forward to since April, when Detroit drafted him No. 10 overall.

While playing in his hometown for the first time as a pro figure to be exciting for the 21-year-old receiver, he will not be the most talked-about rookie named Williams in the game.

The Bucs took Carnell "Cadillac" Williams with the fifth pick in the draft, and he's off to the best start by a first-year running back in league history with a league-leading 434 yards through three games.

Mike Williams had hoped his hometown team would draft him, but said he's happy in Detroit.

"That's the business. I think

the Bucs were up front with me. They had a decision to make and they made it," the rookie said.

"But look at the guy they picked. He might be a shoo-in for offensive rookie of the year. Cadillac is a good guy. ... If they were going to pick somebody besides me, they picked a stand-up guy, and a guy that obviously made their team better."

Tampa Bay is off to its best start since 2000, with Cadillac becoming the first player to begin his career with three consecutive 100-yard rushing performances. The shoes and gloves he wore last week against Green Bay are already on display at the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

"Mike Williams' debut has not been nearly as spectacular, although he did score his first NFL touchdown on the only reception he's had in two games.

He sat out last season at USC after a court decision allowing him to apply for early entry to the 2004 draft was reversed and the NCAA denied his petition to become re-eligible to play in college.

Lions coach Steve Mariucci said Williams is still getting into football shape after being out for so long. He played eight snaps in Detroit's season-opening win against Green Bay and about 35 snaps in a loss to Chicago.

"Mike is just trying to get better every week, earn himself more playing time and be a contributor," Mariucci said.

Detroit has selected receivers in the first round each of the past three drafts. Williams feels good about the progress he's made toward getting on the field more with starters Roy Williams and Charles Rogers.

"Mike [Williams] is just trying to get better every week, earn himself more playing time and be a contributor."

Steve Mariucci
Lions coach

MLB — AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yanks-Sox also MVP race

A-Rod and Ortiz will both make final case

Associated Press

It's not just the AL East title up for grabs when the New York Yankees go to Boston for three crucial games this weekend at Fenway Park. The league's Most Valuable Player award might go to the star whose team wins the division.

Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz and Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez both have the eye-popping numbers that will put them near the top of most MVP ballots. But when it comes time for baseball writers to decide who is the most valuable, they often pick players who helped their teams reach the postseason.

"That's how you win an MVP — getting into the playoffs and winning the World Series," Ortiz said this week. "All I want to do is get into the playoffs one way or another."

With the AL East race whittled down to a three-game, head-to-head series in Boston, the Yankees (94-65) held a one-game lead over the Red Sox in the division. Boston was tied with the Cleveland Indians in the AL wild-card race at 93-66.

"I think the focus is on the team. I think a nice side note behind that is, obviously, the MVP race," Rodriguez said. "No question, front and center right now is the Yankees vs. Boston."

The MVP ballot does not require a player to reach the playoffs, but voters frequently say that a guy can't be that valuable if his team doesn't at least contend. Andre Dawson,



AP
David Ortiz, Boston's DH and an MVP candidate, reacts after making the final out against Toronto on Sept. 27.

starring for the Chicago Cubs in 1987, was the only player to win an MVP with a last-place team until Rodriguez won one with the Texas Rangers two years ago.

Of course, the ballot doesn't require a player to play the field, either.

But no one has ever won the award playing designated hitter full-time; Don Baylor won it with the California Angels in 1979 playing 65 games at DH and 97 more in the field. On the other hand, a number of sluggers who were considered defensive liabilities have won the AL award, including two-time winners Frank Thomas and Juan Gonzalez.

Rodriguez's defense is expected to help him; he has just 11 errors and could win a third Gold Glove — his first at third

base. Ortiz played just 10 games at first base this season.

But the strength of Rodriguez's MVP case is still his offense: He is batting .320 with 129 RBIs and 20 stolen bases, and he leads the league with 47 homers and 121 runs. Ortiz has played just 10 games at first base.

"Both are great players, both have had great years," Yankees pitcher Mike Mussina said. "I think I give our guy the nod simply because he plays defense every day and Ortiz doesn't."

But Ortiz is leading the majors with 146 RBIs, he's batting .298 and he matched A-Rod with his 47th homer on Thursday night — a solo shot to tie the game in the eighth inning. Then, the man Boston calls "Big Papi" hit a game-ending single in the ninth.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

CSU tops Air Force, 41-23

Bell runs for 197 yards in decisive Rams win

Associated Press

In the span of two weeks, Kyle Bell, benchwarmer has become Kyle Bell, burgeoning star for Colorado State.

A sophomore who earned his job only when opening-day starter Nnamdi Ohaeri got hurt, Bell came close to the 200-yard mark for the second straight game Thursday night, running for 197 yards and three scores in a 41-23 victory over Air Force.

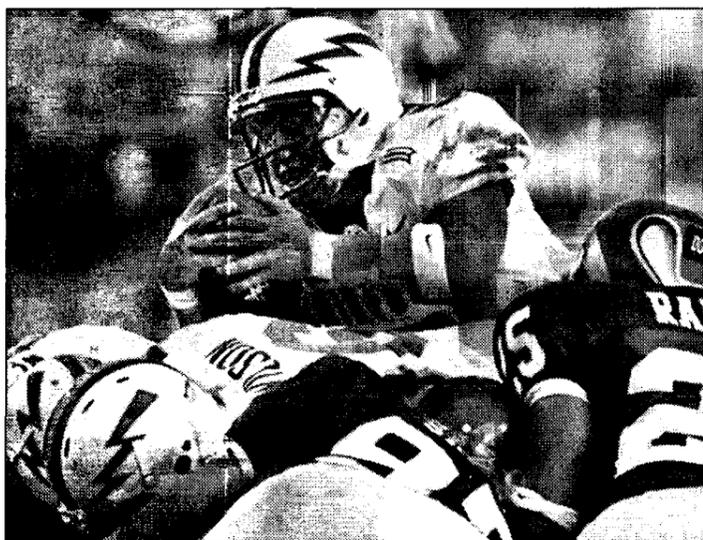
"You don't think about that," Bell said of opening the season on the bench. "You come to play no matter where you are on the depth chart. I got the call and made the most of it."

This added to a 183-yard game last week against Nevada and Bell, the state of Colorado's career high school rushing leader, became the first player for Colorado State (2-2, 1-0 Mountain West) to record back-to-back 100-yard games since 2002.

"Bell was better today than he was last week," Rams coach Sonny Lubick said. "He has stamina. He has been able to play another quarter if there was one to play."

This one was settled early, though, and Bell was a stand-out on a night full of big performances for the Rams, who won their second straight and handed the Falcons (2-3, 1-2) their third straight loss.

David Anderson stayed on pace to become the most productive receiver in school history, catching seven passes for



Air Force quarterback Shaun Carney hurdles over the line for a first down in a loss to Colorado State on Thursday.

105 yards and two scores. This marked his 12th career 100-yard game and Anderson stayed well on pace to reach former Rams great Greg Primus for the most receptions and yards in school history.

Little-used receiver Luke Roberts had five catches for 123 yards and an acrobatic touchdown, caught over the arms of an outstretched defender for a 13-9 lead late in the second.

Throwing the passes was Justin Holland, who went 17-for-26 for 318 yards and three scores. The Rams finished with 551 yards in offense.

"Add all that up there and you've got a good, ol' fanny kicking," Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry said. "That's what it was."

Air Force was coming off

one- and three-point losses to Wyoming and Utah and was hoping to tighten up the small details and pull off a win in this rivalry between teams separated by 110 miles on I-25.

The difference in this one was about more than the small stuff, though.

The Falcons were overwhelmed by Colorado State's offensive line, and as the game wore on, their exhaustion showed — never more than when Bell ran untouched on a misdirection play for a nine-yard score and a 41-23 lead with 6:10 left.

Earlier, their tackling wasn't great, as Bell could attest. His 1-yard touchdown run in the first quarter came on a second or third effort after Air Force failed to bring him down.

NFL

Miami pulls together after disastrous 2004

Team still imperfect, but improved, with Saban

Associated Press

For the Miami Dolphins, ugly lapses persist: overthrown open receivers downfield, false-start penalties on consecutive snaps, a botched short field-goal attempt and three missed tackles by the secondary on a single play.

But through three games, the record looks much better. Miami is 2-1 and tied with New England for the AFC East lead.

That's something to savor after last season, the Dolphins' worst since the 1960s, when they lost the first six games and finished an unsightly 4-12.

"It's pretty obvious to me that, when we get it right, we have a chance to be halfway decent," new coach Nick Saban said. "And when we don't get it right, things don't look too pretty out there."

The Dolphins were painful to watch last season, when at times they appeared unable to block, tackle, run, throw or chew gum. Saban's solution was to turn over half the roster and demand a new level of efficiency and toughness.

One celebrated moment during training camp underscored Saban's no-nonsense approach: his scolding of defensive tackle Manuel Wright during practice made the 330-pound rookie cry.

Players praise Saban's efforts to weed out the lack of discipline that helped derail last season.

"Now the guys are approaching practice more seriously, and the intensity is there all the time, not just on game day," tight end Randy McMichael said. "You don't see guys coasting through a week of practice

trying to save their bodies for the game."

That's not to say the Dolphins have eliminated mistakes. Their 34 penalties are seven more than they committed in the first three games last year, sorely testing Saban's temper. There have been nine false-start penalties, one more than at the same point in 2004.

Miami was penalized 138 yards last week — and still beat Carolina 27-24.

"I can't imagine what it would be like if we didn't have those penalties," quarterback Gus Frerotte said. "There would be no telling how we would have played, or what the score would have been, or what our yardage would end up being like."

With the addition of Frerotte and top draft pick Ronnie Brown at running back, the offense has been much improved. The return of 2002 NFL rushing champion Ricky Williams

when he completes a four-game drug suspension will mean even more firepower.

The line was a league laughingstock last season, but with a cast of holdovers — and a new line coach in the widely respected Hudson Houck — holes are bigger and pass protection is better.

Players rave that new offensive coordinator Scott Linehan's play calling is more creative and less conservative than when Dave Wannstedt was head coach.

"We're playing to win games," guard Rex Hadnot said. "We're not playing to preserve a lead. That has been the biggest key. We put it on the other team to stop us. We're not trying to be cautious."

"It's pretty obvious to me that, when we get it right, we have a chance to be halfway decent."

Nick Saban
Dolphins coach

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NFL

Giants and Jets agree to share new stadium

First dual-owned and operated venue in history

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants and Jets agreed Thursday to build a stadium in the Meadowlands that would become the first NFL venue to be owned and operated by two teams.

The facility will be built near state-owned Giants Stadium, which is currently home to both teams and is among the league's oldest stadiums.

Specific details about the stadium plan are to be developed over the next several months, including its new name. The teams plan to put the naming rights up for bid.

Acting Gov. Richard J. Codey announced the deal during a press conference at the stadium, saying it would guarantee both teams remain in New Jersey for the next 99 years.

Codey, appearing with the owners of both teams, said the Jets would also relocate their practice facility to New Jersey. The Jets now practice at Hofstra University on Long Island.

The project would create "tens of thousands of new jobs," Codey said, adding he was also looking forward to revenue from income taxes from the Jets' payroll.

Jets president Jay Cross estimated the cost would be more than \$800 million, and Giants chief operating officer John K. Mara figured the stadium would hold at least 80,000 spectators. The teams will split the cost of building the stadium and will share in the revenues.

Plans developed by the Giants over the past several months envision a stadium on which a retractable roof could be added, Mara said, but he noted the topic had not yet been addressed in discussions with the Jets.

Both teams — as well as the NFL and New Jersey — would like a roof, but the teams have said the \$200 million additional cost is beyond them. A roof would allow the Super Bowl and college basketball Final Four to be played at the state-run Meadowlands complex.

Regarding a roof, Codey said, "The state will not pay one penny for it."

The state agreed to help both teams find new practice facilities, although Mara said he hoped the Giants would be able to get a new location at the sports complex.

Mara said that while his family, a co-owner of the Giants, was sad that the stadium would have a new name, it would be necessary to sell naming rights in order to finance the project. He had no immediate estimate as to how much the naming rights would bring.

He said he hopes the facility could open for the 2009 season.

Since the teams will be equal partners, disputes over operations would be resolved through mediation, and ultimately, the NFL commissioner, Mara said.

The agreement, which Codey signed during the press conference, apparently ends several years of efforts by both teams to get new stadiums, albeit in different states.

Jets owner Woody Johnson had his sights on rail yards on the West Side of Manhattan. A stadium on that site also would have served as the prime venue for the 2012 Olympic Games. But a key New York panel rejected any assistance in June, dooming that dream.

Meanwhile, the Giants and New Jersey had reached an agreement in April for a team-owned 80,000-seat stadium at the Meadowlands.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Fall tournament play starts

Thompson twins will play in All-American tournament doubles

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Looking across the net and seeing a teammate doesn't usually get the competitive juices flowing. But so has gone the life of a Notre Dame women's tennis player for the last month.

For the first four weeks of practice, the only competition the team has experienced has been playing practice sets against each other.

It's easy to see why the team is geared up to take to the courts this weekend. The Irish will enter players in two tournaments, the Hoosier Classic in Bloomington, Ind., and the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

It will be the first matches of the fall season for the majority of players, and coach Jay Louderback summed up his team's mentality in simple terms.

"They are anxious to play other people," he said.

Three Irish seniors — Lauren Connelly, Katrina Stastny, and Kelly Nelson — competed in last weekend's Maryland

Invitational.

Connelly and Stastny, expected to play No. 2 doubles this season, won the consolation title in the "A" flight of the doubles draw.

The tandem also competed in the singles "A" flight going a combined 4-3. Nelson reached the final in the "B" flight of singles.

The rest of the Irish squad enters the weekend with a clean slate and high expectations, none higher than that of Christina and Christian Thompson.

The twin sisters are the No. 2 ranked doubles team in the country. They will put the ranking on the line in California this weekend in the pre-qualifying round of the ITA tournament. The Thompsons were runners up in the tournament last year.

Louderback spoke highly of his talented doubles team.

"They will enter every tournament feeling that they have a good chance to win it," he said.

The rest of the team will enter the Hoosier Classic, a tournament expected to provide good competition for the Irish. Eight teams will participate, entering players in five flights of singles and one flight of doubles.

Brook Buck, ranked No. 54 nationally in singles, will lead the Irish in the "A" flight. Seniors Kiki Stastny and fresh-

man standout Katie Potts will enter the "B" flight. Lauren Connelly and Kelcy Tefft will battle in the "C" flight, and Kelly Nelson will round out the singles lineup in the "D" flight.

Louderback will enter three teams in the doubles draw.

Teams expected to challenge the Irish include the host Hoosiers, who will field a competitive squad featuring three talented, international freshmen. Kansas State, Kansas and Louisiana State will also enter strong squads this weekend.

Louderback was excited for the tournament for several reasons.

"It's a very good tournament," he said. "It will be nice too with the twins gone, players will be playing higher in the lineup than they are used to and will be facing better players. Two freshmen [Potts and Tefft] will also get a chance to play in their first college tournament."

The fall season will allow the Irish to gain experience before the more intense indoor and spring seasons begin. Louderback also said it would give players who did not play much during the summer the chance to get back into competition.

The Irish will open the home portion of their fall schedule Oct. 14 against Southern California.

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**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

# Belles host talented, tough Pilots

*St. Mary's continues daunting schedule*

By RYAN KIEFER  
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's volleyball team will see something they haven't seen all season when they host Bethel College Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Angela Athletic Center — scholarship athletes.

While the Belles are a Division III school that is permitted to award scholarship money on a need-only basis, the Pilots are members of the NAIA, an organization of smaller colleges that allows schools to give athletic scholarships.

Thus, Bethel has been able to compile a group of talented players, and while the NAIA competition is less than that of the NCAA, the Pilots' 15-2 record speaks to their success this season.

Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek acknowledged the Pilots' talent.

"They are a scholarship team and they are good," she said. "There's always been a good rivalry between Bethel and Saint Mary's. We expect strong competition Saturday."

Saint Mary's enters the match with an 8-9 record including 2-4 in the MIAA. They are coming off a win over Tri-State on Tuesday, a match that went five games despite the Belles' winning the first two.

The Belles just completed one of the toughest portions of their schedule, playing five matches



CHELSEA GULLING/The Observer

**St. Mary's celebrates a point during its victory over Tri-State last Tuesday. The Belles improved to 8-9.**

in eight days. After compiling a 3-2 record during that stretch, Schroeder-Biek gave the Belles a much-deserved day off Wednesday.

"We had a few nagging injuries that needed some rest," she said. "One day won't heal all of the injuries, but the time off can only help us. It's nice to have a day to yourself."

Saint Mary's took to the practice court Thursday to tweak their defense. Schroeder-Biek hesitated to emphasize any particular aspect of her team's play during practice for fear that another area may become weaker. She continued to drive her team to play a solid all-around game.

Schroeder-Biek also stressed the importance of mental toughness and drive in light of the lapses that occurred in games three and four Tuesday.

"They know it should have been finished in three," she said. "We just need to play the

entire game from start to finish."

The Belles have hit the halfway point of their season. Their focus in the second half will be on picking apart MIAA opponents.

The Belles have seen all but two MIAA teams already this season.

Despite the inconsistent play Tuesday, Schroeder-Biek feels her team is focused and ready to make a second-half push.

"I'm very happy that they still have very high goals for themselves at this point in the season," she said.

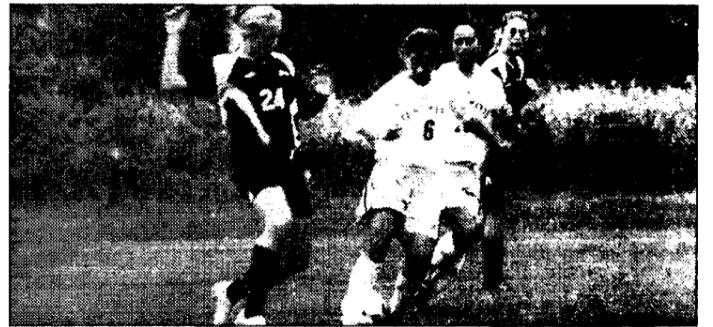
"They know what they are capable of."

The Belles have faced a difficult schedule this year that included ranked teams Elmhurst and Wisconsin-Oshkosh in the first two matches of the year.

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**SMC SOCCER**

# St. Mary's respects underdog opponent



ERIN VRANISH/The Observer

**St. Mary's Mandy Thompson, middle, dribbles by an Adrian defender earlier this week. The Belles won 5-0.**

*Belles flying high after huge win but won't take Thunder lightly*

By KYLE CASSILY  
Sports Writer

The Belles are riding high and firing on all cylinders; their opponent can barely field a complete squad. Most teams would walk onto the pitch with nothing but victory on their minds, but not the Belles.

The Tri-State Thunder face off against the Belles at noon Saturday in an epic mismatch. The Thunder have often not been able to put the full 11 players onto the field, while the Belles are fresh off of a 5-0 pasting of Adrian.

"One of the things I really stress with our women when we play teams of [Tri-State's] caliber is that we respect them," Belles' coach Caryn Mackenzie said. "That way we try to play our game, as opposed to coming down to their level."

The Belles do not fear losing, but they fear they will hurt themselves in the long run if they do not bring their highest caliber game.

"Hopefully we can notch a few early goals and do what we did against Adrian and get a few of our women off of the bench," Mackenzie said.

Several Belles non-starters came onto the field in the second half against Adrian and continued to dominate their out-matched opponents. As a unit, the entire team has been a model of cohesive play in the past few weeks.

"We're doing some good things right now," Mackenzie said. "I think we're starting to really enjoy being on the field with each other. I like what I am seeing from us as a team at the moment."

With Wednesday's crushing defeat of Adrian, the Belles vaulted into third-place in the MIAA standings with a 4-2 conference record and 5-4 overall. Olivet shifted down into the fourth place spot previously inhabited by Saint Mary's.

"It was nice to see us finally move," Mackenzie said. "We beat Olivet head-to-head and they continued to be above us in the standings. So that continued to be a thorn in our sides."

But despite the annoyance to being held inferior to a team that the Belles had defeated, there is more to their team than just numbers.

"I think we know when we are playing well and when things are working for us," Mackenzie said. "We're a team that enjoys that moment and don't necessarily look for every little ... change on the MIAA webpage."

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## ND VOLLEYBALL

# Notre Dame hits road for two Big East contests

*Road warriors, No. 10 Irish travel to New York, Milwaukee*

By TOM DORWART  
Sports Writer

Starting today and through Sunday, the Irish (9-1) will be in four different states in as many days.

Notre Dame (9-1, 1-0 Big East) travels to Syracuse, New York for a 7 p.m. match against the Orange (10-5, 2-0 Big East) Friday. Then, the Irish will head to Milwaukee to take on Marquette (7-6, 1-1 Big East) in a 2 p.m. Sunday match.

On Thursday, the Irish left South Bend for Syracuse. And Saturday, they're flying back to Chicago, only to take a bus to Milwaukee for the Sunday match.

While they might be jet-lagged and road-weary weary, and while their setting is constantly changing, one thing remains a constant for the Irish - volleyball.

No matter where they go, they go to play the same game.

"We leave Saturday morning [for Milwaukee]," coach Debbie Brown said. "We'll walk through some things, and we'll watch film to give our players a good idea of the offense [Marquette runs]."

Syracuse recently lost 3-1 in a hard-fought match against No. 3 Stanford.

Brown knows the Orange pose plenty of challenges for her team.

"They've got a lot of seniors and players who've played quite a bit," she said.

"I don't think they have any glaring weaknesses."

Though the Irish have little time to prepare for both Syracuse and Marquette, they have experience in cramming for matches. Last Sunday, they swept Seton Hall at home. They followed that win with a Tuesday sweep of Loyola Chicago. Just like this weekend, Notre Dame had only a day to prepare for the Ramblers.

Brown's clearly got a plan.

"Right now, obviously, we're focusing more on Syracuse," she said. "And then we'll turn our attention, Saturday, to Marquette."

The Irish knew little about Loyola Chicago but managed to make quick work of the underdog. Marquette, Brown said, is a

stronger, more experienced squad, but, still, the Irish hope for similar results.

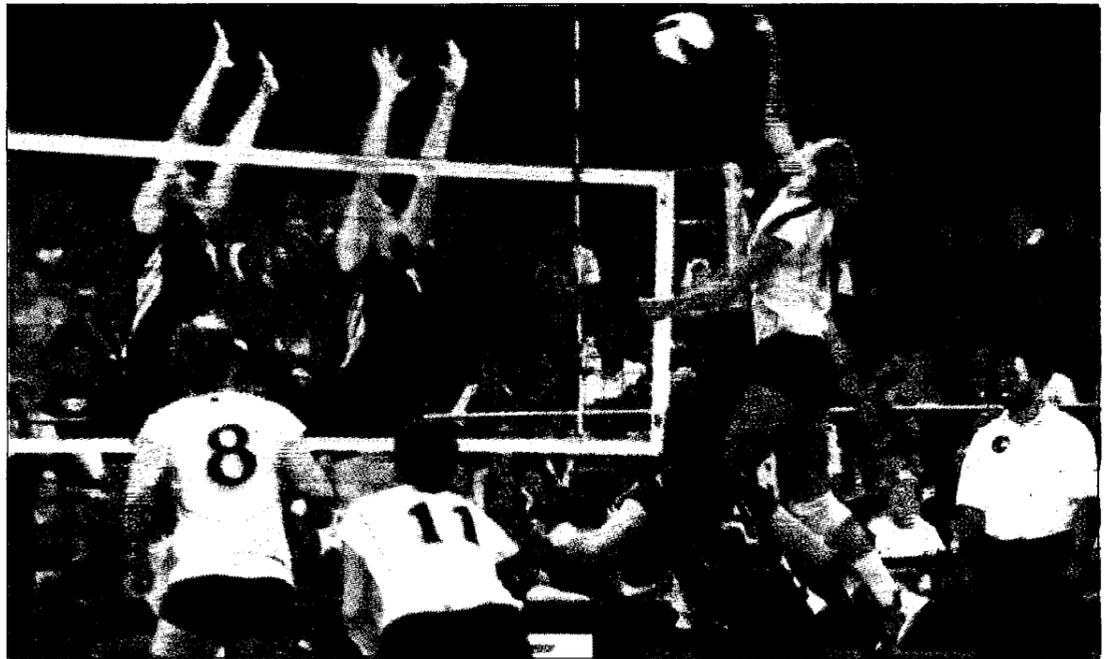
"We don't know as much about them [as Syracuse] just because they're new to the conference," she said.

"They were a team that, last year, I think, many thought they should've been granted an at-large bid because they had a high RPI and finished strong in their conference."

Neither of Notre Dame's weekend opponents should be taken lightly, Brown said.

"I think they're both pretty strong teams and for sure will be in the top half of the Big East this year."

This weekend, the Irish will do much more traveling than they will do playing. They'll be on the road — in unfamiliar places. But, when they're on the court, they'll feel right at home.



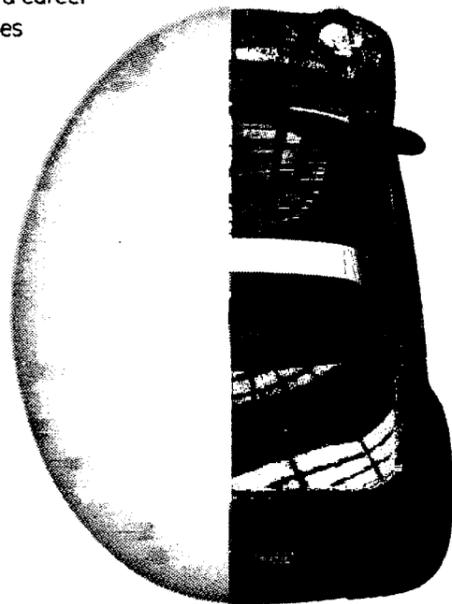
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Sophomore Adrianna Stasiuk drills a kill last Sunday against Seton Hall. Ashley Tarutis (8), Danielle Herndon (11) and Meg Henican (4) watch. Notre Dame won, 3-0.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

# Runners breezing toward Invite



Members of the Irish women's team take off during the National Catholic Championships Sept. 16. The men and women will compete in the Notre Dame Invitational this weekend.

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Sports Writer

After two straight meets against smaller schools, the Notre Dame men's and women's teams will face several of the top-ranked squads in the nation in Friday's Notre Dame Invitational at Burke Memorial Golf Course.

The meet, which has been run continuously since 1955, will host 25 men's and 24 women's teams in the blue division race for larger schools. Headlining the men's field will be No. 1 Wisconsin, No. 8 Arizona and the No. 6 Irish. On the women's side, top teams will include the No. 3 Irish, No. 5 Michigan and No. 18 Butler.

Irish men's head coach Joe Piane said that along with having top competition, the field is very deep.

"One team who's phenomenally underrated is Alabama," Piane said of the Crimson Tide's No. 35 ranked men's team. "They have five Kenyans."

Irish women's head coach Tim Connelly credited the popularity of the meet among top programs to its longevity.

"To qualify for the NCAAs, there are automatic qualifying spots and at-large qualifying spots," he said. "The at large

spots are basically based on who you beat. Our meet has become one of those meets where people know they can see a lot of good competition."

Piane agreed. "Outside of the so-called 'pre-national' meets, there are two meets in the country that are really respected," he said. "This is one of them."

There will also be a gold division race for smaller schools. Twenty-three teams will compete on the women's side and 24 on the men's side. Canadian national champion Windsor and current Division III No. 1 Calvin will both run in the men's race, while traditional Division III powerhouse Edinboro will compete in the women's race.

"The gold race exists because the field had just gotten too big. We can't accommodate that many people in one race," Connelly said. "It's primarily division one teams, but mostly those that aren't quite top twenty caliber. There are also some really good division II and III teams."

Both Notre Dame teams will enter rosters of younger runners in the gold race.

"We're using the gold race for our team as an opportunity to get some younger kids some meet experience," Connelly said. After two meets of running

freshmen and sophomores, both Irish squads will be at full strength this week in the blue race.

For the men, junior Kurt Benninger, senior Tim Moore, senior Sean O'Donnell, freshman Patrick Smyth, sophomore Daniel Curran, senior Vinny Ambrico, sophomore Brett Adams and junior Todd Placek will compete.

"We've got a nice mix of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors," Piane said of his lineup.

Smyth and Adams earned their way into the lineup by virtue of strong performances at both the Valparaiso Invitational Sept. 9 and the National Catholic Championships Sept. 16.

"If I decided [the ND Invitational lineup] before the season, there a couple of guys that are in the gold race that would have been in this race," Piane said.

For the women, senior Molly Huddle, senior Stephanie Madia, sophomore Sunni Olding, freshman Ramsey Kavan, junior Katie DeRusso, senior Elizabeth Webster, senior Jean Marinangeli and junior Amy Kohlmeier will compete.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

# Belles eager for Windy City race

Loyola-Chicago will host Saint Mary's as well as D-I teams

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Writer

The Belles have four freshmen who have already demonstrated an ability to score points in league meets.

They have two veteran runners who are running close to their personal records.

And they have one of their favorite races this weekend.

For Saint Mary's, the outlook is positive for the 50-team Sean Earl Lakefront Invitational on the campus of Loyola-Chicago Saturday.

"I think we're prepared for a race of that size," head coach Jackie Bauters said. "The girls are really excited. It's a really fun meet."

Saint Mary's has competed in the meet every year since Bauters, a 2004 Saint Mary's alumna, ran for the team.

"It was probably one of my favorite races to go to," Bauters said. "It's just a high-energy race."

The Belles will enter the field coming off a fifth-place performance in the MIAA Jamboree last weekend.

Sara Otto and Becky Feauto led the team in their solid performance with

times just over 20 minutes each, and Bauters expects their performances to continue to improve.

"Last week, they were ... getting to that 20 minute barrier that ... lurks there for a lot of girls," Bauters said of her two top runners. "They had really good weeks practicing."

Bauters isn't just looking for good performances from her veterans, though.

She's hoping for continued success from the freshmen.

Last week, four of Saint Mary's top seven finishers were first-year runners.

"The freshman have to continue to step up and show constant improvement," Bauters said. "I think they'll be right up there with our first few runners."

The course of the race has more hills than the ones the Belles have run on so far this year, so times may be up, but Bauters expects the team to stay competitive.

She said the Belles will fare well if they work as a collective unit, as they did last week.

"A lot of positives came out of that race because we did have some girls pack together," she said. "I'm really happy about that. I feel people ran really smart races for themselves [last] weekend."

Saint Mary's will compete in the women's Gold race, one of several races on the day.

The Belles will run against teams from Divisions II, III and the NAIA, and teams from Division I will compete in a separate race.

Bauters said her team enjoys the atmosphere of having Division I schools at the meet but doesn't think it influences the way the Belles run.

"It's fun to be there and have them all there, but it doesn't help us or hurt us," she said of the top-tier schools.

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*"[This race is] probably one of my favorite races to go to."*

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less in their first 11 games. The Golden Eagles posted their sixth shutout of the season Sunday, defeating Providence, 2-0.

Though conventional wisdom may predict a low-scoring affair, Irish head coach Randy Waldrum thinks the game could be high-scoring.

"Sometimes you get just the opposite [of your initial inclinations]," Waldrum said. "I've got a feeling the game could open up."

He said Marquette's aggressiveness on offense often leaves its defense struggling to get back in position when opponents take possession.

"They're very fast, they're very athletic," Waldrum said of the Golden Eagles. "They're not a team that sits back."

"Sometimes they're a little disorganized in getting back in form. It's going to be really important for us to counter [Marquette's aggression] and ... capitalize."

That Notre Dame has done well all year. The Irish lead the nation in goals per game with 4.8 and have the nation's leading scoring tandem in senior forward Katie Thorlakson with 31 points and second-semester freshman forward Kerri Hanks with 37.

The Irish have played three Big East games thus far and have yet to surrender a goal. Marquette is 2-1 in conference play, beating South Florida and Providence and losing to Connecticut, 2-1.

Waldrum said the Irish are sharper and more focused now that the team has played several games and entered its conference schedule.

"I do think we step it up [against Big East opponents]," Waldrum said.

After the Irish play Marquette, they will have a quick turnaround to travel to Tampa to face the Bulls of South Florida.

Waldrum said the team will begin its journey at 4 a.m. with a bus ride from Wisconsin to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, and the team won't

arrive in Tampa until late that afternoon or evening.

"It's a hard thing to do physically — not getting the rest that you should," Waldrum said. "With the way the conference is now, it's the only way you can [play all your conference games]."

He said the Irish will not look past the rebuilding Bulls.

"The new teams [to the conference], it's been a new excitement for the players," he said.

"We played Connecticut three times last year. [Playing South Florida] is kind of exciting because it's something different."

And Notre Dame playing anyone is a big game for the opponent.

"Our kids have to understand that we're probably going to be South Florida's biggest game of the year," Waldrum said.

"They'll be a well-coached, disciplined team," he said.

### Note:

♦ Waldrum said he expected defender Kim Lorenzen to see limited playing time this weekend for the first time since Notre Dame's Sept. 9 loss to Santa Clara.

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Irish forward Molly Iarocci passes the ball during Notre Dame's 6-0 home victory over DePaul Sept. 16.

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Irish forward Kurt Martin, right, dribbles during Notre Dame's 2-1 loss to Cincinnati Sept. 25.

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Morgantown, Va. despite the fact Notre Dame recorded nine more shots in the game. West Virginia ended 2004 in seventh place in the Big East but returns 21 of 26 letter winners this year.

The Mountaineers have had a fairly solid start to 2005, going 6-4 over their first ten games. Notre Dame and West Virginia have two opponents in common so far this year — SMU and No. 1 New Mexico. The Mountaineers lost both games, while the Irish beat SMU 4-1 and tied New Mexico 1-1 in a season-opening exhibition.

Saturday's game represents the start of an important conference stretch for the Irish. At 2-2, Notre Dame has already doubled its conference loss-total from a year ago. After Saturday, the team will travel to Marquette and then return

home next weekend for an important tilt with conference power Connecticut.

The Big East is one of the nation's top conferences every year, and an easy foe is hard to come by. Four Big East teams are currently ranked in the NSCAA top 25 poll, and Notre Dame just fell out of the poll this week.

Clark loves playing in such a fiercely competitive league.

"There's no easy games in this league," the coach said. "It's great. I think our league prepares you well for the post-season. If you do well in our league, you know you are going to do well."

Notre Dame does have some question marks heading into Saturday's game. Senior tri-captain Dale Rellas sat out last game with an injury, while fellow defender Jack Traynor had to be taken out midway

through the second half. Both players are questionable for Saturday.

If Rellas cannot go, Greg Dalby will again leave the midfield to join Ryan Miller and Ben Crouse in the back. Fellow freshman Matt Besler would take Traynor's place.

In Wednesday's win over Baylor, the Irish took an early 1-0 lead but could not find the net for the rest of the game. The Irish are looking to play more aggressively against West Virginia Saturday.

"First off, it's big to have a good start and to come out strong," leading scorer Nate Norman said. "If we get a lead, we want to be able to hold on to that lead, but at the same time keep attacking and keep wanting to score more goals."

*"I think our league prepares you well for the post-season."*

**Bobby Clark**  
Irish coach

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## ND SOFTBALL

# Gumpf pleased with freshmen, new Irish assistant coach

*Four-game exhibition season ends tomorrow with pair of contests*

By ANNA FRICANO  
Sports Writer

The Irish will get their final game preparation before the spring regular season this weekend when they finish exhibition play tomorrow with two games.

Notre Dame will begin the four-team exhibition tournament at 10 a.m. at Ivy Field with a game against Southern Illinois. The Irish will take the field again in the last game of the day versus Wisconsin-Parkside. Western Michigan is also scheduled to be at the tour-

namment, but the Irish will not face the Broncos, whom they beat in a home-opener last spring.

The game plan for this weekend, according to head coach Deanna Gumpf, will include what the team has worked on during the early weeks of training and exhibition play.

Gumpf is also not too concerned about the competition her team will be facing.

"They'll be similar teams [as last week]," Gumpf said. "And they're nice ball clubs, but we're really not focusing on who we're playing. We're focusing on our own team."

This weekend's games will also provide the team a chance to get used to the slightly altered coaching staff that the program has seen this year. New assistant coach Lizzy Lemire has filled a recent vacancy in the coaching staff.

"When I hired Lizzy I knew she was going to be good for our program, because of the person she is," Gumpf said. "But I didn't realize how good she was going to be ... she has completely exceeded my expectations as a coach."

Gumpf is extremely happy with the transition that her team has made so far this year

and is excited as seven freshmen have joined the squad.

"They talk about every team being new every year," Gumpf said. "[The addition of Lemire and the freshmen] has absolutely changed the chemistry of our team both on and off the field and ... I think it's been a very positive transition for this team."

Gumpf noted that this time of the year is primarily used for working on the fundamentals of the game and deciding what kind of direction the team will take. And with the potential of having five freshmen starting during the regular season, this aspect could be the most important part of the off-season.

"The closer we get to the regular season the more we work on becoming a team; on finding

out what kind of team we want to be," Gumpf said.

The team opened exhibition play last Saturday and recorded victories over Wayne State and Detroit Mercy.

The returning members of the 2005 team fell right back into line, getting the games going with their offense and making several solid plays in the field. But at least four of the freshmen were able to see playing time on Saturday.

With months to go before the season officially starts, the last exhibition games will help coaches and players alike see where everyone is at, but no final decisions will likely be made until March.

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*"We're ... not focusing on who we're playing. We're focusing on our own team."*

**Deanna Gumpf**  
Irish coach



## ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Frequent fliers

*The Irish will travel to Milwaukee, then Tampa this weekend*

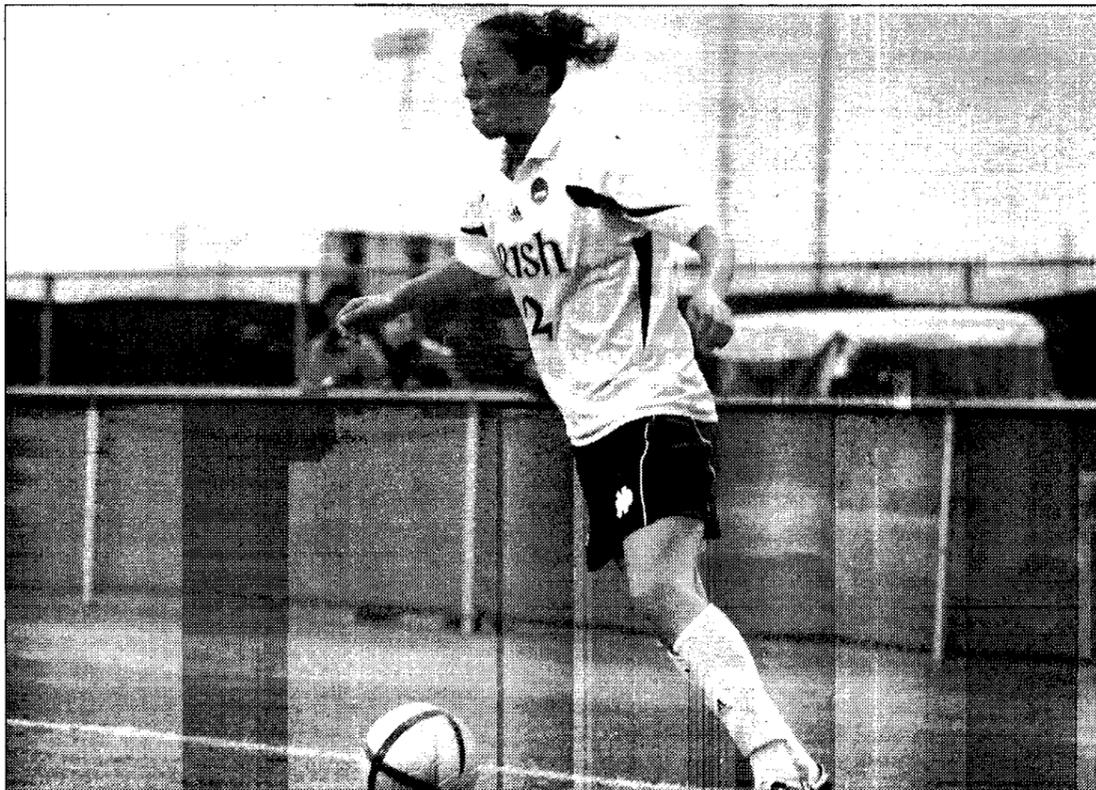
By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will travel to the far corners of the Big East this weekend for two games as the Irish enter the heart of their conference schedule.

No. 18 Marquette (9-1-1), in its first year in the Big East, will host Notre Dame (9-1-0) Friday in Milwaukee in a battle of two exceptional defensive teams. Fellow conference newcomer South Florida (5-2-1) will host the Irish for the first time in history Sunday.

The Irish have allowed just one goal in their last five matches and have posted six shutouts in 10 games this season. Marquette has had just as much defensive success, also holding six opponents score-

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Irish forward Kerri Hanks handles the ball during Notre Dame's 4-0 win over Cincinnati Sept. 23. Notre Dame will take on Big East opponents Marquette and South Florida this weekend.

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## MEN'S SOCCER

# WVU set to tangle with ND

By KEVIN BRENNAN  
Sports Writer

When you lose just one game, it can be hard to forget. Notre Dame certainly hasn't forgotten.

In 2004, the Irish came up short in only one conference match en route to the Big East regular season title. Notre Dame (6-3, 2-2 Big East) can exact some revenge Saturday when it hosts West Virginia at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field.

"We are very aware that they beat us last year," Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark said. "They were the only team that beat us in the Big East, so we'd love to get that sorted out."

The Mountaineers topped the Irish 1-0 last season in

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## MEN'S INTERHALL — GOLD LEAGUE

# 'Battle for the Chapel' anticipated

*Halls share building, but not love, heading into Sunday's game*

By TOM DORWART,  
JIM BRADY and JAMES FEGAN  
Sports Writers

Their dorms are connected. They share a chapel. And last interhall season, they almost finished in a tie.

Now, in a watershed matchup in the men's Gold league, one of them can put themselves in the thick of the title race, while the other will likely fall behind.

Keenan, the reigning interhall champions, and Stanford, a solid team that hasn't made the playoffs in three years, clash Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Field in a North Quad rivalry matchup.

"This is pretty much do-or-die," Keenan senior captain and lineman Vince Lyzinski said.

"You never know if 2-2 is going to get you in the playoffs, but at 3-1, we could control our own destiny," he said, referring to his team's 1-1 record.

Last Sunday the Knights fell 13-8 to the Dillon Big Red, their first loss in two years. Keenan



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Stanford defenders attempt to bring down a Dillon runner during the Griffins' 6-2 win Sept. 18.

feels it cannot afford to lose again and tumble in the standings.

The Griffins' senior captain and cornerback Phil McNicholas is quite aware of his opponent's precarious situation.

"If there's a game that we really want to win this year, it's definitely this one," he said. "We haven't made the playoffs in three years, so being 2-0, having beaten two of the toughest teams in the league in Dillon and

Keenan would definitely put us in a really good position to maybe lead our division going into the playoffs."

The Griffins had a bye last Sunday but beat Dillon 6-2 in the season opener.

If there's any doubt there will be some helmet-popping, trash-talking football going on in Sunday's neighborly battle, look no further than last year's score

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## WOMEN'S INTERHALL — BLUE LEAGUE

# Wild Women to clash with Chaos

*Walsh, Cavanaugh replay last season's title game Sunday*

By JACK THORNTON and  
BEN VINCENT  
Sports Writers

Undefeated Cavanaugh and Walsh meet Sunday at 2 p.m. on the West Quad Fields in a rematch of last year's women's interhall title game. They'll bring with them playoff hopes for this season as well as scars from the last.

"Everybody who's returning knows how big it's going to be, and the freshmen have gotten more and more excited as the season has gone on," Walsh captain Mary Ellen Botta said.

The Wild Women have plenty of reason for excitement this year.

With a 3-0 record, they join the Chaos (also 3-0) as the only remaining undefeated teams in the women's Blue

league. Botta credits offensive ingenuity and turnovers as the keys to Walsh's success so far.

"We've got some creative offense that we've been using in our games this season and a tough defense," Botta said. "We've had at least two interceptions each game — we really rely on our defense."

On top of its stifling defense, Cavanaugh boasts an offense that comes up big in clutch situations.

"The defense has been a big factor in our winning because they haven't allowed one point yet and the offense can make plays when they need to," Chaos receiver Elisa Suarez said. "Whenever we need to step up we do."

For both teams, it will likely be the first time they are challenged all season.

The Cavanaugh defense has yet to allow a point this season, while the Wild Women have outscored their opponents 53-7.

In a battle between two

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## SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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The Irish will take on Southern Illinois and Wisconsin-Parkside tomorrow beginning at 10 a.m.

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### ND CROSS COUNTRY

The Notre Dame Invitational, featuring five top-ten teams; starts tomorrow on the Burke Golf Course.

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### SMC CROSS COUNTRY

The Belles head to Chicago to participate in the Sean Earl Lakefront Invitational this weekend.

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### ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame hits the road to play Syracuse and Marquette in Big East conference play.

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### SMC VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary's faces local rival Bethel College Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Angela Athletic Center.

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### SMC SOCCER

Tri-State will attempt to upset the favored Belles when they meet at noon Saturday on Saint Mary's field.

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## WALKING MAN

Darius Walker spearheads a productive Irish rushing attack poised to take down Purdue

# Last year left Irish wanting more

Last year's game is full of indelible evidence of Purdue's domination at Notre Dame Stadium.

Brady Quinn getting knocked down countless times. Taylor Stubblefield pumping his left arm in Purdue's "Boiler-Up" symbol. Kyle Orton making his first strides up the Heisman Trophy ballots, only to drop off the radar as the season went on.

Yes, these were images from last year's 41-16 thrashing by Purdue — the first time Purdue won at Notre Dame Stadium in three decades.

Quinn was sacked seven times, Stubblefield recorded the longest play from scrimmage against the Irish in history and Orton completed 21-of-31 passes for 385 yards with no interceptions. The image of Stubblefield pumping his arm into the air at the end of his 97-yard reception from Orton over cornerback Dwight Ellick, who tripped on the play, is one to remember. The game, on the other hand, was one

to forget.

And that's what the Irish are setting out to do on Saturday as they travel to Ross-Ade Stadium to face a team that has beaten them in the past two meetings.

Irish coach Charlie Weis has watched last year's tape and said that some of those images won't reappear.

"Seven sacks against us, that's not what we're looking for," said Weis, who expressed this to the team on Tuesday. "And it doesn't make a difference whether I throw it 10 times or throw it 50 times, we're not going to get sacked seven times."

The Irish have something to prove against their in-state rivals, who have beaten them in the last two meetings. But not only that, they need this win.

It's the last game before Notre Dame's first week off, and if the Irish get a win they will sit

4-1, undefeated on the road with just one road game left.

(Notre Dame plays at Stanford on Nov. 26). After the week to prepare and mend bumps and bruises, No. 1 Southern California waits in the wings, as does No. 10 Tennessee. With a win on

Saturday, Notre Dame would breathe much easier with the second half of its season to play.

But Purdue will be on a mission after last week's tough double-overtime loss to Big 10 foe Minnesota. That loss will make the Boilermakers hungry for a win against a quality team, and the Irish are a great team to take it out on — especially in a rivalry game under the lights in West Lafayette.

"It's a staple game every year when we play Notre Dame and all eyes are on us," Purdue quarterback Brandon Kirsch said. "Every other team in the country wants to be in the position to play Notre Dame, and we're fortunate enough to have

that opportunity this Saturday."

But to prevent the Boilermakers from extending their win streak to three games, the Irish must

play well in two areas — the offensive line and the secondary — both of which were abused by Purdue last year.

No one knows this better than Weis.

"They're universally considered by anyone in football the critical factors on offense and defense," Weis said of the offensive line and defensive backs. "They're the positions that have the most guys out there that are the easiest ways for you to win

and the easiest ways for you to lose."

The offensive line has played well thus far this season, but before last week, Purdue had only given

up 36 yards on the ground and has recorded nine sacks in three games.

Kirsch has shown he can throw the ball and run the option just as well in Purdue's spread offense, and Dorien Bryant has proved to be an adequate replacement for Stubblefield.

And so on Saturday Notre Dame will find out just how good its key positions are, and if they're good enough for a win against its intrastate rival this year.

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

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**Charlie Weis**  
Irish head coach

*"It's a new, different style of offense this year. We're just preparing as much as we can."*



**Mike Richardson**  
Irish defensive back

*"They've been in overtime wins and overtime losses, so obviously they're very experienced."*



**Brandon Harris**  
Irish defensive back

*"When you play a team like Notre Dame, your team looks forward to that."*



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# Born to run

Walker wants more than an individual record as his four 100-yard games contribute to 3-1 start

By MIKE GILLOON  
Sports Editor

If someone had told Darius Walker last year that he would begin the 2005 season with four-straight 100-yard rushing performances, he would have been thrilled. But after being the first Irish running back to do just that to open a season, Walker and his teammates aren't satisfied.

Players and coaches say it is this hunger that has made Notre Dame successful in rushing the ball so far — and is key in continuing the solid Irish ground game.

The Irish have thrived this season with a combination of Walker's shifty ability to turn a loss into a 15-yard gain, coach Charlie Weis' shrewd play-calling and — most importantly, according to Walker — the performance of the offensive line.

## Making a move

Three more consecutive 100-yard games and Walker will tie former-Notre Dame running back Lee Becton for the Irish record of consecutive games rushing for over the century mark.

While the sophomore prefers to credit his offensive line for his chance at cementing a place in Irish history, his teammates think he's being too modest.

"What most impresses me is his consistency," Irish fullback Rashon Powers-Neal said. "He just goes out there and plays hard every play. He gives it his all every time."

This effort has propelled Walker to 448 yards this season, well on his way to eclipsing the 786 yards and freshman rushing record he set last season.

His running style can be called unconventional. Instead of hitting the hole right away, Walker often hesitates, opting to juke a defender or reverse to the opposite side of the field to avoid the defense.

Even when the opposition wins the battle on the line, Irish tackle Ryan Harris believes Walker

always has a chance to break open a big play.

"[The key to our success this year is] we have talented backs," Harris said. "We work hard as an offensive line. Coach Latina has really worked us hard in terms of being physical and working technique."

"But a lot of times it's just our backs being talented individuals who can make a play out of nothing or who can just make a guy miss and stretch that run for an extra ten or fifteen more yards."

The new coaching staff has also helped Walker average 4.8 yards per carry and 112 per game. Irish offensive coordinator/running backs coach Mike Haywood, who coached first-round NFL draft pick Cedric Benson last season as running backs coach at Texas, has helped Walker be more patient in his decisions.

"He's helped me understand that some plays take a little longer to develop," Walker said. "I don't feel too antsy and feel like I just have to do something when I have the ball. [The game] is not such a shock anymore."

## Calling the play

Coming to college from his role as offensive coordinator of the New England Patriots, Charlie Weis brought with him a philosophy of taking what the opponent gives you. And with the Irish passing game flourishing and spreading the field, opponent's rush defenses have tended to give Notre Dame plenty on the ground.

Walker credits Weis with knowing what plays to call to thin the defense and efficiently pick it apart.

"Coach has one of those philosophies where we're just ready for everything every week," Walker said. "The object is to do whatever's working. If they roll the safeties down and stuff eight, nine men in the box, then we'll just throw the ball. And if they don't stack it like that, then we'll just run it."

And run it they have. Walker's 23 carries per game have helped

the Irish to an average of 179 yards per game on the ground and seven total touchdowns — two by Walker. All of it comes from Weis' play card.

"[Weis' playcalling] has definitely boosted our confidence," Walker said. "When we're out there the defense doesn't really know what they're going to get from us. We feel that whatever play we're running ... it's going to work. We kind of feel like we can't be touched while we're out there."

Harris, Walker and the Irish have been careful not to criticize the previous coaching staff for struggles in 2004, but they also acknowledge the new leadership is a big reason for their success.

"I don't think there's a better play-caller, I don't think there's a better head coach out there right now," Harris said. "You know that any given play coming in from the sideline could be the play for a touchdown. Whether that's in the middle of the drive, early in the drive or deep into the drive. [Weis] has our full confidence. He's won four Super Bowls. What else do you want to say?"

## Clearing the way

With only six regular contributors, the offensive line has been forced to take on an aggressive, no-excuses attitude under the new coaching staff. The recent injury of center Bob Morton against Washington has thinned the group of regular contributors to five, hampering their numbers but not their attitude.

"We don't get all the glory, [we're spurred on by] that desire to kind of spring the offense," Irish guard Dan Stevenson said. "It all starts up front. I think coach Weis has instilled [this mindset] in us. You can't let yourself feel sorry for yourself because you're tired or you're banged up."

While Morton's injury will hinder the thin unit, Latina continues to stress the need to strive for perfection in order to continue the powerful rushing attack.

"I don't know if you ever play a perfect game in the game of football, but you sure try to," Latina said. "We're trying to correct any little mistake because you never know when that one little fundamental mistake is going to cost you the game."

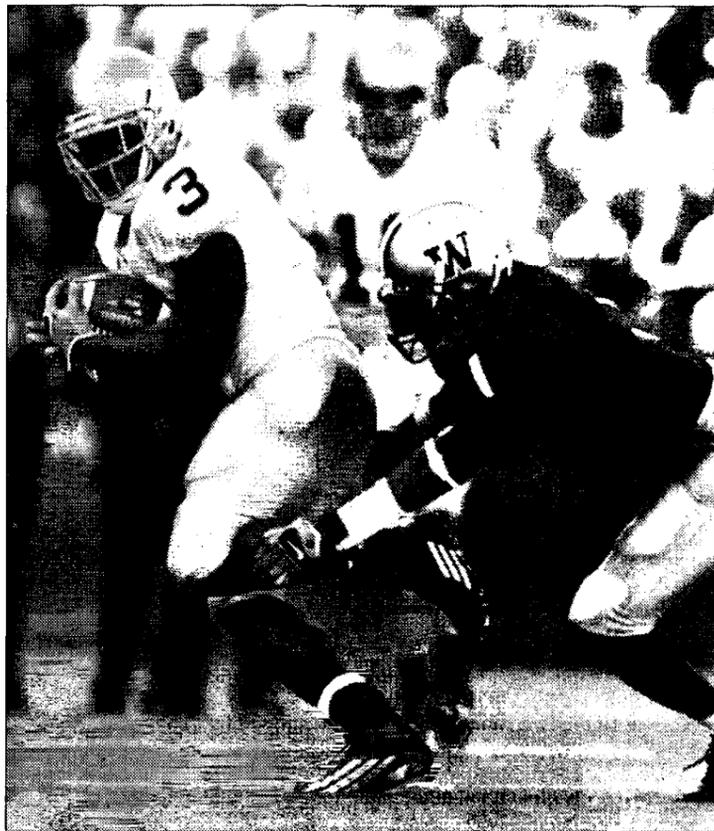
"Every game is a new entity, a separate deal. Every defense that you face ... gives you different problems so you have to get through the week and fix and learn how to attack that defense."

Often underappreciated by fans and the media, the Irish offensive line receives plenty of respect from the one group that has the most to gain from it — Walker and the Irish running backs.

"I really appreciate the things they're doing out there for me," Walker said. "It's not just me. They're making big holes for me to run through, and I'm a smaller guy, so I can squeeze through the holes."

But the line isn't the only group making room for Walker to run in 2005. Rashon Powers-Neal and true freshman fullback Asaph Schwapp have provided a productive combination at the fullback position.

"[Powers-Neal and Schwapp] are incredible," Walker said. "They just clear the lane for me



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The Washington Huskies had difficulty containing Walker, who rushed for 128 yards and a touchdown last Saturday.

They're just two big, fast guys — like trains running through the hole."

## Continuing the success

Notre Dame is impressed with its success rushing the ball this season. But the key to keeping up the potent Irish running game, according to the players and coaches, is to avoid the temptation to be satisfied.

"It does feel good as an offense to have the success that we've had," Walker said. "But at the same time there's pressure because we've got to keep these numbers up."

And the key to continuing the high numbers, Stevenson said, is adding on what the team has been doing correctly.

"We're all on the same page," Stevenson said. "I think the big thing is just confidence. Its something we just need to keep

building on."

If the past is any indication, Notre Dame will struggle at times tomorrow. Purdue has beaten Notre Dame two years in a row. The last time the Irish visited West Lafayette, in 2003, they ran 25 times for 49 yards in a 23-10 loss. The way to win this year's game, the players say, is to run right at the Boilermakers, wearing their defense down and giving Walker a chance to break loose.

"You have to go into every play hoping that that play makes a difference," Harris said. "But if it doesn't you just have to go to the next play."

Because with a difference-maker like Walker in the backfield, that next play might be a touchdown.

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Darius Walker is surrounded by Michigan players on Sept. 10 in a 17-10 Irish upset of the Wolverines.

## by the numbers

Total offense by Purdue in last year's game at Notre Dame Stadium, including 413 passing yards and a then-record-tying four touchdown passes by Kyle Orton. **512**

**25** Number of wins Purdue has recorded against the Irish, second only to USC (28).

Wins Tiller's Purdue teams have at home, against 11 losses. In that span, however, Purdue has been 7-8 against ranked teams at home. **40**

**3** Games in which Brady Quinn has passed for more than 300 yards. He is the first Irish quarterback to do this three times in a single season.

Brandon Hoyte's rank in the country in number of tackles-for-loss per game. The defensive captain is averaging 2.63 per game. **4**

**1896** Year of the first meeting between Notre Dame and Purdue, a 28-22 victory for the Boilermakers.

After Saturday's game, the number of times these two teams will have played each other. **77**

**150** Number of miles that separate Notre Dame (South Bend) and Purdue (West Lafayette).

# Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 3-1  
AP: 13  
Coaches: 14



Charlie Weis head coach

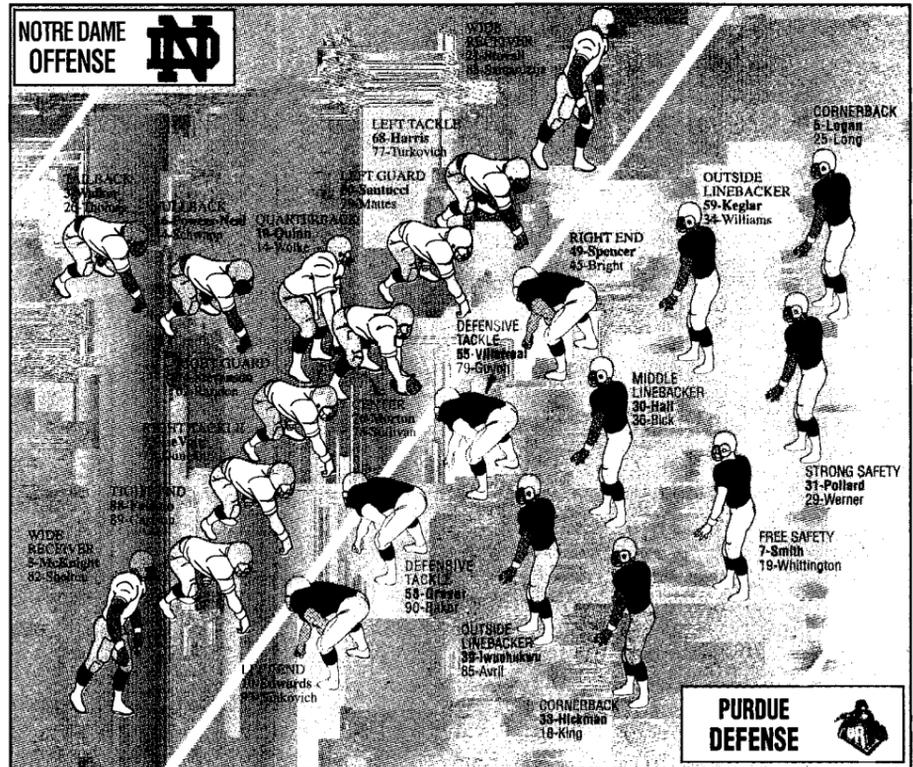
Charlie Weis first season at Notre Dame career record: 3-1 at Notre Dame: 3-1 against Purdue: 0-0

## 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 Wolke        | QB   | 6-2  | 196 | FR |
| 15  | Leo Ferrine        | DB   | 6-0  | 186 | SO |
| 16  | Rashon Powers-Neal | RB   | 6-3  | 238 | SR |
| 17  | Geoffrey Price     | P    | 6-3  | 186 | FR |
| 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  | Terrail 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 Iams          | DB   | 5-9  | 188 | SO |
| 26  | Travis Thomas      | RB   | 6-0  | 215 | JR |
| 27  | David Bruton       | DB   | 6-2  | 187 | FR |
| 27  | 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  | Tommy Lee          | DB   | 6-2  | 200 | JR |
| 35  | Ashley 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 | FR |
| 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 |
| 57  | 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   | 6-5  | 288 | JR |
| 69  | Neil Kennedy       | DL   | 5-11 | 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 | JR |
| 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 |
| 85  | Mike Talericco     | 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 | JR |
| 98  | Trevor Laws        | DL   | 6-1  | 293 | JR |
| 99  | Ronald Talley      | DL   | 6-4  | 261 | SO |

## NOTRE DAME 2005 Schedule

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Sept. 3  | at Pittsburgh - W |
| Sept. 10 | at Michigan - W   |
| Sept. 17 | MICHIGAN ST. - L  |
| Sept. 24 | at Washington - W |
| 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

Charlie Weis is finishing up a tough road stretch for any coach, much less a man whose first college head coaching job is at Notre Dame. He's been perfect so far in opponent's stadiums, and he will need to rely on his sharp play-calling to pull out the win in the night game.

Brady Quinn is on pace for one of the best years by an Irish quarterback since Joe Theismann in 1970. Quinn tallied five touchdown passes in the loss to Michigan State, the most ever by a Notre Dame signal-caller in one contest, and is averaging 295 yards per game.

Walker is off to one of the best starts in Notre Dame history with four consecutive 100-yard games. He is well on his way to a 1,000-yard season with 479 and is living up to last year's hype. Rashon Powers-Neal has four touchdowns rushing to lead the team.

The absence of Rhema McKnight due to injury remains a concern. However, Jeff Samardzija had an eight-catch, 164 yard day last week. He has six scoring receptions in only four games. Tight end Anthony Fasano is tied with Samardzija for the team lead with 21 catches.

### PURDUE

Joe Tiller is in his ninth year at Purdue with a 64-38 record. He's the second-winningest coach in Boilermaker history with an impressive .627 win percentage. He has led the team to eight bowl berths. The coach is 4-1 in night games at Purdue.

Brandon Kirsch started four games in 2002 and two last year after Kyle Orton's down slide. He takes over full-time for Purdue this season. Kirsch averages 212.7 passing yards per game and has tossed four touchdowns along with three interceptions.

Purdue is surrendering only 3.0 yards per rush but gave up 301 yards on the ground to Minnesota in their loss last Saturday. End Ray Edwards has 4.5 tackles for loss. Tackles Brandon Villarreal and Brent Grover, both fifth-year seniors, have combined for a total of 27 tackles.

Akron passed for 362 yards against Purdue in the season-opening win. Brian Hickman has one interception at cornerback while free safety Kyle Smith has two. Cornerback Zach Logan has ten tackles and one sack while the team has nine total sacks this year.

### ANALYSIS

Weis is being heralded for his early season success, and the Irish are playing well. But Tiller is a top Big Ten coach with more college experience and a solid record on his home field, a stat that bodes well particularly in a night game in West Lafayette.

Kirsch is talented but lacks experience, though Tiller's schemes will ensure some points. Quinn is averaging nearly 300 yards per game and has one of the best play-callers in football in Weis. His toughness will keep him standing tall in the pocket under the Purdue rush.

Minnesota runs the ball much more than the average team, so it's expected that the Boilermakers give up more yardage last week. Still, the Irish running game and short game have been effective, and the matchup Saturday will be a deciding factor in the game's result.

Samardzija and Fasano are quickly turning into one of the best pass-catching duos in the nation. Quinn has been efficiently picking apart every defense this year, and Purdue, though experienced, will have a hard time stopping the Irish air attack.

## Irish experts



Pat Leonard Managing Editor

The lowest point total Notre Dame has had, other than its output in the hostile Big House, is 36. Charlie Weis' offense works. And make no mistake, Brady Quinn remembers the last time he played in West Lafayette, and he won't let a similar result happen. The Irish defense steps up when it needs to, and Quinn rolls.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 45  
Purdue 25



Heather Van Hoegarden AME

In a typical Notre Dame-Purdue fashion, this game will be high scoring. But the Irish prevail in this one, unlike the Michigan State game. Brady Quinn will finally get the best of Purdue after two years of throwing over 297 yards and losing. Look for Darius Walker to play a key role in this win, and the momentum will carry it nicely into its week off.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 41  
Purdue 38

# HEAD

## Purdue Boilermakers

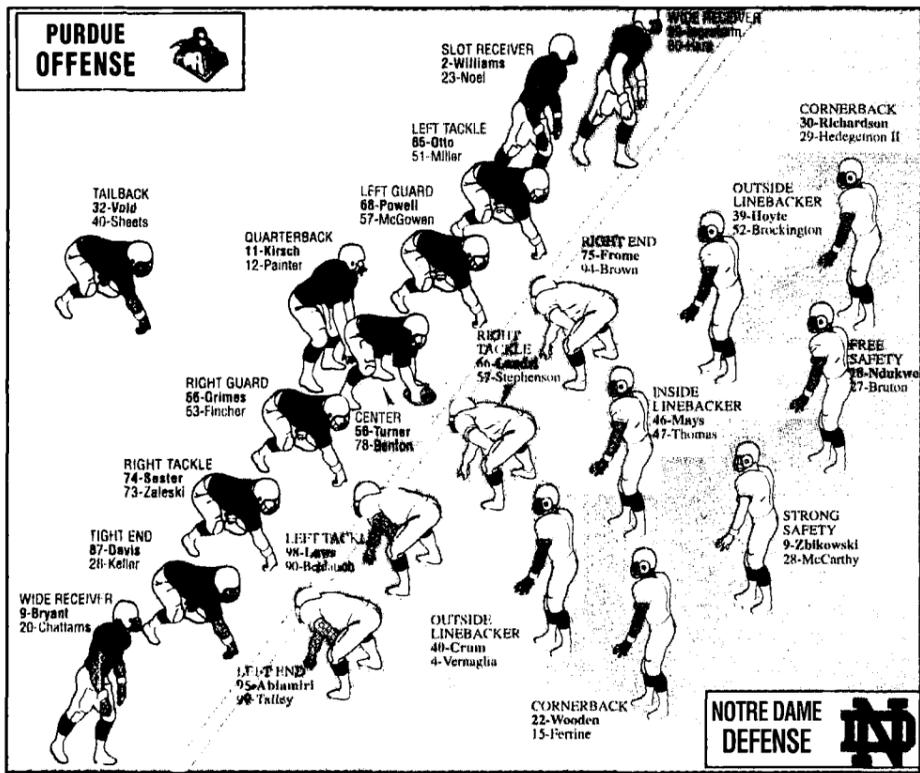
## Purdue Boilermakers

Record: 2-1  
AP: 22  
Coaches: 20 (tied)

Joe Tiller  
tenth season at  
Purdue  
career record:  
101-67-1  
at Washington:  
62-37  
against Notre  
Dame: 4-4



Joe Tiller  
head coach



### PURDUE 2005 Schedule

|          |                  |
|----------|------------------|
| Sept. 10 | AKRON - W        |
| Sept. 17 | at Arizona - W   |
| Sept. 24 | at Minnesota - L |
| Oct. 1   | NOTRE DAME       |
| Oct. 8   | IOWA             |
| Oct. 15  | NORTHWESTERN     |
| Oct. 22  | at Wisconsin     |
| Oct. 29  | at Penn State    |
| Nov. 5   | MICHIGAN STATE   |
| Nov. 12  | ILLINOIS         |
| Nov. 19  | at Indiana       |

### Roster

| No. | Name                | Pos. | Ht.  | Wt. | YR |
|-----|---------------------|------|------|-----|----|
| 1   | Ray Williams        | WR   | 6-2  | 193 | SR |
| 2   | Garret Bushong      | TE   | 6-5  | 240 | JR |
| 3   | Henry Lau           | QB   | 6-5  | 214 | SO |
| 4   | Fabian Martin       | CB   | 5-11 | 188 | SO |
| 5   | Zach Logan          | CB   | 6-1  | 174 | SO |
| 6   | Desmond Tardy       | WR   | 6-1  | 183 | SO |
| 7   | Kyle Smith          | FS   | 6-4  | 216 | SR |
| 8   | Casey Welch         | K/P  | 5-9  | 165 | SR |
| 9   | Dorien Bryant       | WR   | 5-10 | 175 | SO |
| 10  | Ray Edwards         | DE   | 6-6  | 270 | JR |
| 11  | Brandon Kirsch      | QB   | 6-3  | 208 | SR |
| 12  | Curtis Painter      | QB   | 6-4  | 212 | SO |
| 13  | Torri Williams      | FS   | 6-2  | 200 | SO |
| 13  | Joe Williams        | RB   | 5-8  | 197 | SO |
| 14  | Joey Elliott        | QB   | 6-3  | 200 | FR |
| 15  | Christian Graham    | FS   | 6-2  | 182 | FR |
| 15  | David Ramirez       | QB   | 6-2  | 202 | FR |
| 16  | Dave Brytus         | P/K  | 6-4  | 227 | SO |
| 17  | Josh Ferguson       | LB   | 6-3  | 234 | JR |
| 18  | Brandon King        | CB   | 5-11 | 185 | FR |
| 19  | Brandon Whittington | FS   | 6-2  | 198 | SO |
| 19  | Adam Wolf           | SS   | 5-11 | 195 | FR |
| 20  | Andre Chattams      | WR   | 6-0  | 204 | SR |
| 21  | Greg Orton          | WR   | 6-4  | 195 | FR |
| 22  | Dray Mason          | RB   | 5-10 | 180 | FR |
| 23  | Kevin Noel          | WR   | 6-3  | 203 | SR |
| 24  | Sean Petty          | CB   | 6-2  | 174 | SR |
| 25  | Paul Long           | CB   | 6-2  | 193 | JR |
| 26  | Lance Melvin        | SS   | 5-9  | 193 | SO |
| 27  | Brandon Jones       | RB   | 5-11 | 236 | SR |
| 28  | Dustin Keller       | TE   | 6-4  | 245 | JR |
| 29  | Jason Werner        | SS   | 6-4  | 210 | FR |
| 30  | George Hall         | LB   | 6-2  | 250 | SR |
| 31  | Bernard Pollard     | SS   | 6-2  | 226 | JR |
| 32  | Jerod Void          | RB   | 6-2  | 212 | SR |
| 33  | Brian Hickman       | CB   | 6-0  | 178 | SR |
| 34  | Kyle Williams       | LB   | 6-2  | 212 | FR |
| 35  | Ben Jones           | K    | 6-1  | 213 | SR |
| 36  | Dan Bick            | LB   | 6-1  | 216 | SO |
| 36  | Aaron Lane          | RB   | 5-8  | 172 | SO |
| 37  | Paul Dubler         | CB   | 6-1  | 180 | SR |
| 38  | Brian Mattaway      | SS   | 5-8  | 199 | SR |
| 39  | Bobby Iwuchukwu     | LB   | 6-2  | 246 | SR |
| 40  | Kory Sheets         | RB   | 6-0  | 201 | SO |
| 41  | John Kampert        | LB   | 6-3  | 218 | SR |
| 42  | Anthony Heygood     | FB   | 6-2  | 215 | SO |
| 43  | Kyle Mossbrucker    | P    | 5-8  | 191 | FR |
| 44  | Frank Halliburton   | LB   | 6-3  | 240 | FR |
| 44  | Tom Hansen          | K    | 5-9  | 168 | K  |
| 45  | Eugene Bright       | DE   | 6-4  | 250 | JR |
| 46  | Ted Miller          | RB   | 6-1  | 193 | FR |
| 47  | Mike Durrett        | LB   | 6-0  | 210 | JR |
| 48  | Pat Kohtz           | SS   | 6-1  | 208 | SR |
| 49  | Anthony Spencer     | DE   | 6-3  | 263 | SR |
| 50  | Eric Hedstrom       | OT   | 6-7  | 270 | FR |
| 51  | Garret Miller       | OT   | 6-8  | 263 | SO |
| 52  | Adam Hubner         | DE   | 6-3  | 265 | SR |
| 53  | Nick Fincher        | OC   | 6-4  | 287 | JR |
| 54  | Jared Zwillling     | DT   | 6-4  | 270 | FR |
| 55  | Brandon Billarreal  | DT   | 6-2  | 289 | SR |
| 56  | Matt Turner         | C    | 6-3  | 290 | SR |
| 57  | Dan McGowan         | OG   | 6-0  | 279 | SR |
| 58  | Brent Grover        | SR   | 6-3  | 303 | SR |
| 59  | Stanford Keplar     | LB   | 6-2  | 227 | SO |
| 60  | Zac Smith           | OG   | 6-4  | 285 | SO |
| 61  | Chris Mattson       | LS   | 6-0  | 204 | JR |
| 62  | Andy Huffman        | LS   | 6-3  | 280 | FR |
| 63  | Eric Picklett       | C    | 6-2  | 261 | FR |
| 64  | Nick Raben          | OG   | 6-3  | 261 | SR |
| 65  | Mike Otto           | OT   | 6-5  | 292 | SR |
| 66  | Jordan Grimes       | OG   | 6-3  | 251 | SO |
| 68  | Robbie Powell       | OG   | 6-5  | 283 | JR |
| 69  | Neal Tull           | OG   | 6-3  | 292 | JR |
| 70  | Zach Jones          | OT   | 6-4  | 291 | FR |
| 71  | Alex Magee          | DT   | 6-5  | 275 | FR |
| 72  | Jason Johnson       | OG   | 6-3  | 286 | FR |
| 73  | Dan Zaleski         | OT   | 6-4  | 288 | SO |
| 74  | Sean Sester         | OT   | 6-8  | 282 | SP |
| 75  | ZZach Reckman       | OT   | 6-6  | 245 | FR |
| 76  | Jason Kacinko       | OT   | 6-6  | 300 | FR |
| 78  | Cory Benton         | C    | 6-3  | 245 | SO |
| 79  | Jermaine Guyann     | DT   | 6-1  | 276 | SO |
| 80  | Brian Hare          | WR   | 6-3  | 190 | SR |
| 81  | Al Royal            | LB   | 6-0  | 236 | SR |
| 82  | Derek Benson        | WR   | 6-1  | 200 | FR |
| 83  | Jake Cunningham     | WR   | 5-11 | 186 | JR |
| 84  | Byron Williams      | WR   | 6-3  | 191 | JR |
| 85  | Cliff Avril         | LB   | 6-3  | 231 | SO |
| 86  | Chase Lecklider     | WR   | 6-0  | 196 | SR |
| 87  | Charles David       | TE   | 6-6  | 260 | SR |
| 88  | Jake Standoford     | WR   | 6-2  | 197 | JR |
| 89  | Kyle Ingraham       | WR   | 6-9  | 228 | JR |
| 90  | Ryan Baker          | DT   | 6-6  | 267 | SO |
| 91  | Nick Cvallo         | DE   | 6-3  | 256 | SR |
| 92  | Mike Neal           | DT   | 6-4  | 245 | FR |
| 93  | Rob Ninkovich       | DE   | 6-3  | 251 | SR |
| 94  | Jerry Wasikowski    | TE   | 6-4  | 243 | SO |
| 95  | Keyon Brown         | DE   | 6-3  | 230 | FR |
| 96  | David Beigh         | TE   | 6-5  | 258 | FR |
| 97  | Alec Huber          | TE   | 6-5  | 225 | FR |
| 99  | Jonathan Patton     | DT   | 6-4  | 269 | SO |

### BOILERMAKERS RUSHING

### BOILERMAKERS PASSING

### SPECIAL TEAMS

### INTANGIBLES

Jerod Void and Kory Sheets have split carries this fall. Void has five touchdowns for 234 yards while Sheets has three scores on 172 yards. Fifth-year senior center Matt Turner leads the team with two touchdown receptions. Kirsch is 44-of-84 for 638 yards this season and has been sacked only twice.

Dorien Bryant has 18 receptions this season, ten more than the next closest Purdue receiver. Tight end Dustin Keller leads the team with two touchdown receptions. Kirsch is 44-of-84 for 638 yards this season and has been sacked only twice.

Jeff Samardzija and Scott Raridon struggled with basic extra points and field goals last week. D.J. Fitzpatrick is capable of making long kicks when the hold is correct. David Grimes returned his first kickoff for a 31-yard gain, while Tom Zbikowski will return punts again this week.

Notre Dame is unbeaten on the road this year. Tom Zbikowski prides himself in quieting opposing crowds and will look to do the same at Ross-Ade. Charlie Weis had the Irish looking sharp in their only other night game — an opening-game victory at Pittsburgh.

Michigan State had the best day running against Notre Dame this season, gaining 161 yards on 36 carries. The Irish were able to hold Washington to only 41 yards last Saturday. Brandon Hoyte will need to step up and again stop rushers against Purdue as he has all year.

Washington was able to throw for 408 yards on only 19 completions last week. Notre Dame has already given up more than 300 yards passing twice this year. Cornerback Ambrose Wooden has four passes broken up this year, while Chinedum Ndukwe has four fumble recoveries.

Kicker Dave Brytus has nine touchbacks on kickoffs this season. Place-kicker Ben Jones has only attempted one field goal — a 47-yard boot against Arizona. Brytus also handles punting duties, averaging 37.5 yards on 20 kicks. Dorien Bryant has five kickoff returns for 93 total yards.

Purdue shellacked Quinn in his first career start in 2003, intercepting him four times. This is only the fourth night game in Ross-Ade Stadium history and the crowd will be eager to see Quinn struggle again and Purdue win their third straight against Notre Dame.

Void gave the Irish fits last season, gaining 53 yards on only 11 carries. Notre Dame's defense has not given up much on the ground but will need to contain Kirsch, who has 81 yards on the season. If Purdue can run efficiently, the Irish offense will stay off the field.

Notre Dame has not proven it can slow down any quarterback yet this season. Kirsch is known more for his legs than his arm, but Boilermaker quarterbacks have given the Irish fits in the past several games. Wooden and Richardson will be tested once again at cornerback.

Samardzija looked like he had never handled a field goal snap before against Washington. Bryant will try to break through an Irish kick coverage group that has been successful at stifling most returns this season. Brytus' short punts will factor in the field position battle.

The Boilermakers are 40-11 at home but 7-8 against ranked teams under Tiller. The Purdue fans will have all day to prepare and will be extremely loud, making communication hard for the Notre Dame offense and firing up Purdue.



Mike Gillon  
Sports Editor

Purdue hasn't beaten Notre Dame three straight times since 1967-69. But the combination of a night-game atmosphere at Ross-Ade Stadium as well as a stout Boilermaker defense returning 11 starters will ensure a repeat of the past two years. The game will be tight and well-played, but the Boilermakers save their best game of the year for the Irish and come out on top.  
**FINAL SCORE: Purdue 36 Notre Dame 31**



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Associate Sports Editor

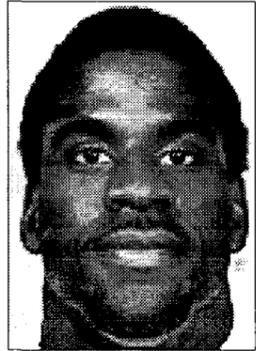
While Purdue and head coach Joe Tiller have added an option component to a high-flying, wide-open passing attack, the Notre Dame defense will once again bend but not break. The Irish snap a two-game losing streak against the Boilermakers heading into a bye week before a much-anticipated showdown with USC.  
**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34 Purdue 20**

## Irish experts

# Sizing up the Irish and the Boilermakers

| AVERAGE PER GAME           | NOTRE DAME'S OFFENSE<br>VS<br>PURDUE'S DEFENSE |       | PURDUE'S OFFENSE<br>VS<br>NOTRE DAME'S DEFENSE |       |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------------------|-------|
|                            | total yards gained                             | 475.0 |                                                | 427.7 |
| total yards allowed        | 399.3                                          |       | 417.7                                          |       |
| rushing yards gained       | 179.8                                          |       | 210.0                                          |       |
| rushing yards allowed      | 104.8                                          |       | 112.3                                          |       |
| passing yards gained       | 295.2                                          |       | 217.7                                          |       |
| passing yards allowed      | 294.5                                          |       | 305.3                                          |       |
| kick return yards gained   | 44                                             |       | 52                                             |       |
| kick return yards allowed  | 85.25                                          |       | 77.7                                           |       |
| punt return yards gained   | 15.8                                           |       | 14.6                                           |       |
| punt return yards allowed  | 4.7                                            |       | 1.7                                            |       |
| yards per punt             | 39.5                                           |       | 37.5                                           |       |
| punts blocked              | 1                                              |       | 1                                              |       |
| turnovers lost             | 4                                              |       | 4                                              |       |
| turnovers recovered        | 10                                             |       | 7                                              |       |
| total points scored        | 34                                             |       | 38.3                                           |       |
| total points allowed       | 23                                             |       | 30.3                                           |       |
| Notre Dame yards penalized | 66.8                                           |       | 64.0                                           |       |
| Purdue yards penalized     | 64.0                                           |       | 66.8                                           |       |

## KEY MATCHUP



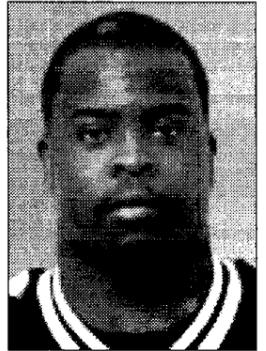
**NOTRE DAME  
DEFENSIVE LINE**

Trevor Laws and Victor Abiamiri, above, had high expectations going into 2005. However, they have been quiet this year and will need to step up against a solid Purdue rushing attack.

Derek Landri has eight tackles, three for a loss, from his nose tackle spot.

The line was able to hold Washington to only 41 yards last week and will need a similar performance.

Taking the rushing game away from the Boilermakers could eliminate the crowd from the game and force new quarterback Kirsch to throw.



**PURDUE  
RUSHING OFFENSE**

The best defense for the Boilermakers will be a rushing offense that controls the clock.

Keeping the ball on the ground will excite the expected sellout crowd and keep Brady Quinn and Jeff Samardzija from outscoring the tough Boilermakers.

Jerod Void, above, and Kory Sheets will split time at running back and keep each other fresh, giving Purdue a chance to wear down the Irish line.

Kirsch has good speed and will cause problems if the Irish let him get outside the pocket.

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# Landri, Laws combine to shut down runs

*Interior linemen are strong point of new Irish defensive line*

By PAT LEONARD  
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Opponents can't run the ball against Notre Dame.

For as long as nose tackle Derek Landri has lined up wearing blue and gold, that much has been true.

In his junior season in 2004 — the second year Landri saw action — the Irish gave up only 88.2 rush yards per game. Landri combined with former defensive tackle Greg Pauly that season to make 77 tackles, 12 1/2 tackles for loss, and he made almost half of his own wrap-ups (19 of 40) solo.

Four games into the 2005 season, the final stats in the opponents' rushing column haven't changed much, and Landri knows part of the reason.

"I had great chemistry with [former Irish defensive tackle Greg] Pauly," he said, "and I think me and Laws just picked up where that left off."

Trevor Laws, a 6-foot-1, 293-pound junior, and Landri (6-foot-3, 263) are not the leading tacklers on Notre Dame's defense. Their numbers are not called often. But the two interior defensive linemen apply pressure in the middle of the field that, so far, has kept opponents' running threats — be it tailback or mobile quarterback — at bay.

"You hear them talk about the Landri/Laws combo, and I like that," Laws said. "I think teams know they won't be able to run

the ball against us, and that's why they pass the ball more."

After four games, Landri has eight tackles, Laws has four and backup tackle Brian Beidatsch has six. With opponents throwing the ball often, though, the Irish linemen have found a majority of the plays occurring behind them.

But when teams try to go back to the run, they do not find much success.

Pittsburgh, Michigan, Michigan State and Washington managed an average of 104.8 rush yards per game against the Irish thus far. Though Washington exploited the Notre Dame secondary with an air attack, when the Huskies did run the ball, the result was a measly 41 yards on 22 carries.

In addition to keeping in on teams' top tailbacks and fullbacks, the Irish rush defense also has done a quiet but efficient job of keeping mobile quarterbacks from hurting them with their legs.

Prior to playing Michigan State, Landri, Laws and the linemen heard enough about Drew Stanton's mobility. Stanton finished with 48 yards rushing on 14 carries, just a 3.4-yard average.

Prior to facing Washington, the media talked up Huskies quarterback Isaiah Stanback's rushing prowess — seven carries, eight yards.

"On some plays, the D-line-

men don't even rush," Laws said. "We'll just spy the quarterback."

Purdue will present a multi-faceted rushing attack in Saturday evening's game, with the Boilermakers averaging 210 rush yards per game. Behind mobile quarterback Brandon Kirsch, the team now runs the option out of the shotgun on occasion, depending on how Kirsch reads the defense.

And the Boilermakers' top two rushers — Jerod Void and Kory Sheets — average over 6.0 yards per carry.

This makes Notre Dame's challenge different from previous years' games against Purdue, when a more one-dimensional passing threat made shutting down the run early more final and sufficient.

"When a team is basically a throwing team first, if you can go in there and make

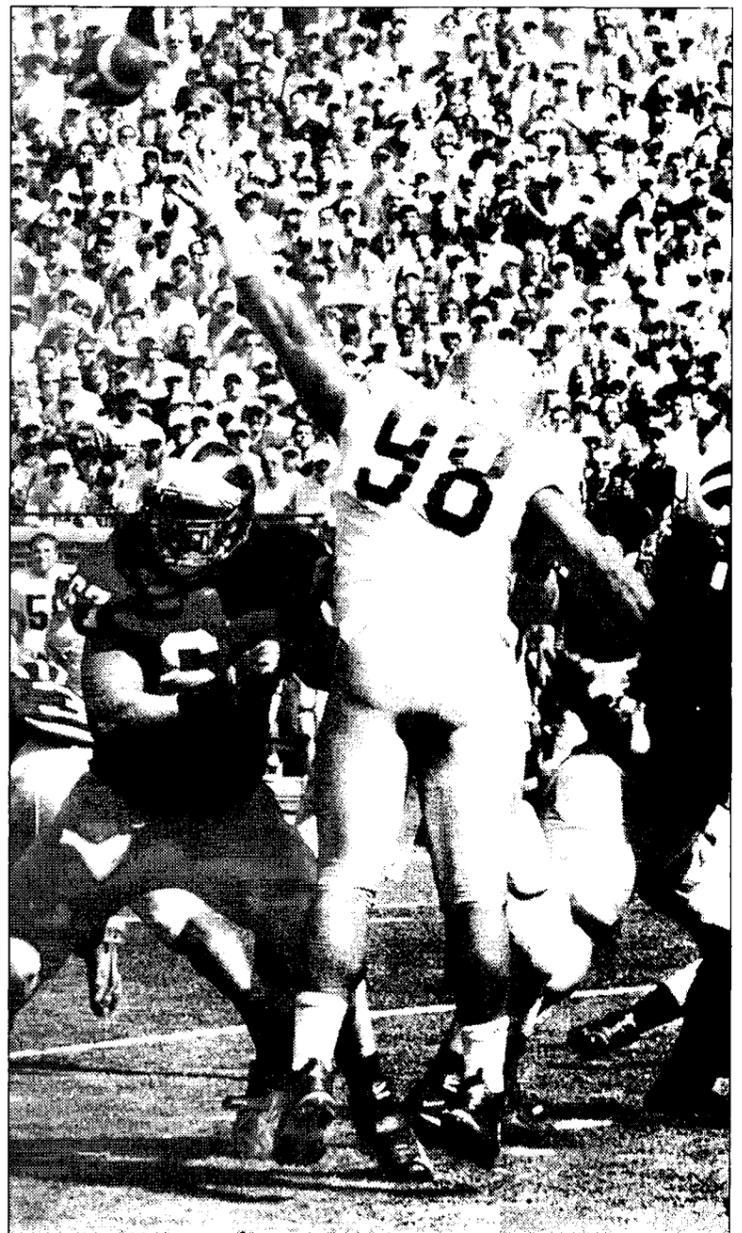
sure that they don't run the ball on you, at least you'll have a fighting chance because you can play a mentality where they are just going to throw it on every down," Weis said at his Tuesday afternoon press conference. "Now, you no longer can perceive their offense as one dimensional."

Even though Purdue no longer has a one-dimensional offense, that doesn't mean Landri and Laws cannot make it so.

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Trevor Laws leaps to block a pass by Michigan's Chad Henne in a 17-10 win over the Wolverines on Sept. 3.

# Purdue's Kirsch is a multi-faceted threat

By MATT PUGLISI  
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There is no shortage of talent at the quarterback position in college football these days. The Irish defense can attest.

After battling gritty, versatile Tyler Palko in the season opener at Pittsburgh, Notre Dame was forced to challenge rising star Michigan quarterback Chad Henne, Michigan State's multi-dimensional threat Drew Stanton and Washington's inexperienced,

yet talented, Isaiah Stanback in subsequent weeks.

With reigning Heisman trophy winning quarterback Matt Leinart coming to town Oct. 15, to say the Notre Dame defense will continue to have its hands full would be an understatement.

However, before the Irish can worry about subduing the projected No. 1 pick in the NFL draft in a couple of weeks, Purdue's Brandon Kirsch stands in Notre Dame's way.

Appearing in six total games last season, including a pair of

starts in place of then-injured and current Chicago Bears quarterback Kyle Orton, Kirsch provided a glimpse of Purdue's future at quarterback. He threw for 711 yards and seven touchdowns.

The senior has picked up right where one-time Heisman hopeful Orton left off this season, leading the Boilermakers to 115 points in the team's first three games.

While his individual numbers don't scream all-star — Kirsch has thrown for 638 yards and

four touchdowns to go along with three interceptions — Notre Dame recognizes his passing statistics thus far don't tell the whole story.

"He's a talented guy, [he] can throw it, run it, they run a little of everything," Irish cornerback Ambrose Wooden said. "We're definitely going to have our hands full."

Kirsch's ability to captain a multi-faceted offense that couples a strong, wide-open passing attack with a unique option offense makes him particularly dangerous, a skill which defensive coordinator Rick Minter attributes to Purdue head coach Joe Tiller's creativity on offense.

"[Kirsch is] a typical Purdue quarterback, a good quarterback," Minter said. "You know he's going to be well-schooled, well-coached and fundamentally sound. I've always had great respect for Purdue and Joe [Tiller], and the job they've done."

For Minter, the continued success of the Boilermakers offense doesn't come as much of a surprise.

"They're always going to give you everything you can handle, from personnel to style," Minter said. "It's a system that has been in place a long time. They've tweaked it a little bit coming into the new year, but all in all, it's hard to beat the success they've encountered in West Lafayette over the past eight or nine years since Joe's been there."

Combined with Kirsch's natu-

ral quarterbacking talent, Purdue's tendency to use a spread-out, open passing game — a trademark of Tiller's offense — provides an effective foil to the new, option-based running attack.

"Purdue is one of several teams in college football that spread the field, they make you play in space," defensive backs coach Bill Lewis said. "And I think that any time that happens, and you have the level of talent that they have at the quarterback, that puts as much strain on the defense as possible."

Though he's yet to find the end zone, receiver Dorien Bryant is Kirsch's most dangerous option, leading the team with 18 catches for 247 yards.

Receiver Kyle Ingraham (eight catches, 133 yards) and tight end Charles Davis (nine catches, 130 yards) round out Purdue's top three receiving core targets.

After criticism concerning its "bend but not break" style of defense last week against Washington, the Irish secondary knows that while Purdue's multi-dimensional attack may not be ideal for righting the pass defense ship, it's nevertheless another chance to improve on the previous week.

"You just have to come out and play," Wooden said. "Every week is a new opportunity to redeem yourself. We've got a big task in front of us."

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Purdue quarterback Brandon Kirsch hurdles over the goal line on a quarterback sneak play in the second quarter of the Boilermakers' 31-24 win against Arizona on Sept. 17.



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