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Sticky situation causes ejections

Marshmallows drive game ejections to 181

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Marshmallow-related ejections spiked at the seniors' last home football game Saturday, contributing to the 181 ejections from the stadium made by ushers, coordinator of stadium personnel Cappy Gagnon said Sunday.

Forty-three students were ejected for marshmallows, 46 students were ejected for alcohol-related offenses and 92 non-students were rejected for alcohol-related offenses, Gagnon said.

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MATT SMEDBERG/The Observer

Seniors hurl marshmallows at one another during halftime of Saturdays football game.

Seniors cheer Irish at final home game

By STEVE KERINS
News Writer

The last Notre Dame home game of the season is often bittersweet, but seniors said Saturday's unseasonably pleasant weather and Irish victory over Syracuse made the conclusion of the season more bearable.

"I thought [the game] was awesome after the first quarter," senior Amy Locke said. "The marshmallow fight at halftime was fun ... and it was especially fun to stay for

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Tours not limited to students

By COLLEEN SHULA
News Writer

While many prospective students attend information sessions and explore the University through the Admissions Office, other visitors drawn to Notre Dame's campus take tours through the Eck Visitors' Center.

"Notre Dame is a tourist attraction," said Eck Center tour guide Katy Kemnetz, a junior.

The Eck Center offers tours during the week to a wide array of visitors including University benefactors, football fans and school groups. The center gives free public tours twice a day Monday through Friday, and prescheduled private tours are offered daily for a \$25 fee.

Approximately 40 Notre Dame students work as tour guides for the Eck Center. Associate Director Jaime Cripe said that for visitors, "to interact with a student is overwhelmingly meaningful."

The student tour guides enjoy this interaction as well. Sophomore Clint Cyr has been giving tours since May, and said he enjoys meeting people from across the country and around the world.

"I like the interaction with people of all types and all backgrounds," he said.

Cripe said since the tours are geared toward visitors rather than prospective students, the content of the tours differs from those of the Admissions Office. The Eck Center's tours are more his-

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Report third this semester

Observer Staff Report

A Saint Mary's student reported to the College's security department Sunday morning she was sexually assaulted, according to an e-mailed statement released to the campus by security director David Chapman Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

The statement did not specify when the alleged assault took place but did say it occurred while the student was attending an off-campus party.

The alleged victim was offered counseling and any other services she requested, according to the statement.

"Counseling and other services are standard procedure and we will be with the victim through every step of the process," Chapman said.

The e-mail did not say whether alcohol or illegal substances played a factor in the alleged incident.

The case has been handed over to the St. Joseph County Police Department, according to the statement.

Sunday's announcement was the third alleged sexual assault on a Saint Mary's student this semester. The first was reported over Freshman orientation weekend and the second was reported to have occurred the weekend of Oct. 29-30.

In compliance with the Jeanne Cleary Act the College is required to release information about campus crimes.

Saint Mary's College security officials were unavailable for comment Sunday night.

University, The Copy Shop clash

By KATE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

After nearly three months of legal battle, The Copy Shop and the University are still in the midst of a lawsuit, as both sides fight to possess the same space in the basement of LaFortune Student Center.

On Aug. 26, the University filed a lawsuit in the St. Joseph Circuit Court in Mishawaka against Copy Services Inc. asking the courts for immediate possession of the property. Copy Services inc. operates under the name The Copy Shop.

"We are not going to comment at all from the University while litigation is going on," said University spokesperson

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SOFIA BALOON/The Observer

Tim Wright, owner of The Copy Shop, has been fighting a legal battle to remain in LaFortune.

Sole black freshman adjusts to College

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

No one told Melissa Gates she would be the sole black freshman in a class of 379 students moving onto the Saint Mary's College campus in August — she knew.

"They didn't have to [tell me]," Gates said. "Being the type of school it is and the region it is in and how expensive it is, people in my [financial situation] and my background are like 'Wow — first, I bet I can't even get in and my parents probably can't even pay for it.'"

Although she was raised in Midwest City, Okla., Gates was born in Buchanan, Mich., and was well aware of

the strong academic reputations of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's as she began her college search.

It was more than the outstanding academic reputation, however, that ultimately compelled Gates to apply to Notre Dame, her first choice between the two schools, and then to Saint Mary's.

"I've been in band since I was 12, and ever since I was 12 I was like, 'I am going to be in the Notre Dame band,'" Gates said.

After being denied admission from the University, Gates chose to accept an 80 percent scholarship from Saint Mary's and fulfill her dream of playing clarinet in

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KATE FENLON/The Observer

Saint Mary's freshman Melissa Gates reads for class in her dorm room in LeMans Hall last week.

INSIDE COLUMN

Sex, drugs and ... marshmallows?

When my grandmom asks me at Thanksgiving dinner about my final home game at Notre Dame Stadium, I will tell her it was a 42-21 win over Navy.

This Saturday, for what was supposed to be my final home game as a Notre Dame student, I — a kid who did not go abroad because he didn't want to miss football and basketball — was sitting at Legends, lounging at Turtle Creek apartments, doing my best to forget that an usher had just kicked me out of the Notre Dame-Syracuse game, taken my ticket booklet and acted without any sensibility or independent thinking while performing his job ... all because I had a bag of marshmallows.



Pat Leonard

Managing Editor

There are only two places in the world where a marshmallow is a bad thing — Notre Dame and the city of New York in Ghostbusters.

What do you think of when you hear the word "marshmallows?" Soft, fluffy and white, right? Smores, hot chocolate ... having fun. You would never think a bag of marshmallows had the potential to wreak havoc on an entire community, or even worse, ruin a person's day.

But welcome to my Saturday.

I approached Gate E of the Stadium slightly after 2:30 p.m. wearing my throwback Return to Glory shirt, jeans, a winter hat and a blue winter coat. I had zipped the coat halfway to conceal a bag of marshmallows inside. I hadn't bought them myself, but I'd found them at a tailgate and decided my final game as a senior should include marshmallows.

I approached an usher with my ticket booklet and student identification card in my hands. The usher looked me in the eyes before accepting my tickets or ID and said, "What do you have there?" and pointed to my jacket.

"A bag of marshmallows," I said frankly.

He asked for the bag, and I handed it over to avoid unnecessary further discussion. Then the usher grabbed my ticket booklet from my hands without asking for it, and then he walked away.

I followed him.

"What are you doing?" I said.

The usher took the bag and tickets to another usher who told me to leave. I asked why and he said, "Is this your bag of marshmallows?" I said it was. "Then you have to leave."

If I hadn't been so furious I would have keeled over laughing. Can you imagine watching an episode of Cops with the officers chasing a man through a neighborhood, pinning him against a wall and saying, "Hand over the marshmallows?"

Confiscating marshmallows is Notre Dame's version of shooting a koala bear.

"You've got to be kidding me," I said. Were they really not letting me into the Stadium, for my final home game, after having taken my marshmallows? And who in their right minds does not understand that stealing a bag of marshmallows is enough punishment for a 21-year old football fan?

What was I going to throw in the student section without marshmallows? My wallet? "You have to leave," the usher repeated.

A pair of Notre Dame students and now even better friends of mine stopped and pleaded with the usher to let me in.

"He gave you the marshmallows, why don't you let him in?" a fellow senior said. "It's his last home game."

The usher wouldn't have it. And that's the story of how, after covering countless Notre Dame home games in the press box and on the field, conducting myself professionally for three years as a team beat reporter and student and trying my best to represent Notre Dame well to the outside world every day of my life, two men sent me to pack my bags early.

But I guess they handled the situation correctly. After all, if they hadn't kicked me out, I never would have opened up a bar tab at Legends. And drinking at Notre Dame isn't as big of a problem as marshmallows, is it?

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW DID YOU FEEL ABOUT THE LAST HOME FOOTBALL GAME?



Andrew Nesi

freshman
Morrissey

"I thought we looked ugly, but a win's a win."



Veronica Bradham

junior
Cavanaugh

"I liked the new traditions they set."



Mike Santos

senior
Stanford

"I hit Chris Shane with a lot of marshmallows in the face and he liked it."



Chris Doughty

sophomore
St. Ed's

"I wept because I won't see a home game for two whole years."



Ron Kerelegon

freshman
St. Ed's

"It was expected."



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Fans cheer Zahm Interhall football team on to a victory over Keenan during Sunday's championship game that took place inside Notre Dame stadium.

OFFBEAT

Rare plant draws crowd with odor

WASHINGTON — Its scent has drawn comparisons to garbage and spoiled meat, but that isn't stopping crowds from flocking to see — and smell — an unusual plant in bloom at the U.S. Botanic Garden.

The titan arum plant, nicknamed "corpse plant" for its rank smell, is attracting thousands of visitors during the day or two it remains in bloom.

"It's quite spectacular: the color and the

form and the strong odor," said John Kress, chairman of the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History's botany department, which owns the plant. "I think that's what most people come to see. Or smell."

The long, conical bloom of the titan arum is believed to be the largest flower that doesn't grow on a tree. It has been known to grow 12 feet high in its native habitat on the island of Sumatra.

The specimen at the botanic garden, which

began blooming early Sunday, is about 5 feet high.

Now that it's in bloom, the plant has also started emitting a smell that's drawn comparisons to garbage, spoiled meat, and rotting fish. But the plant's stench is actually the key to its survival: carrion beetles and other pollinators in its native Sumatra are attracted to the smell, Kress said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Patrick Toole, vice president of business transformation for IBM's Enterprise on Demand Transformation and Information, will give a lecture titled "A Perspective on Engineering and Innovation" today at 12:50 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo Hall.

Herman Rapaport, professor of English at the University of Southampton, will give a lecture titled "At Loose Ends: Art, Music, and Literature in the '60s" today at 4:30 p.m. in 210 McKenna Hall. It is part of the "Art worlds of the Sixties" lecture series sponsored by the Department of English.

David Kay, former head of the hunt for Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, will give a lecture titled "What is the future of non-proliferation?" tonight at 7:30 p.m. in McKenna Hall Auditorium.

Fabio Ribeiro, associate professor of chemical engineering at Purdue University, will give a lecture titled "A Discussion of Recent Methodologies to Study Heterogeneous Catalysis" Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in 140 DeBartolo Hall.

R.M. Berry, professor of English at Florida State University, is giving a lecture titled "Did the Novel Die? (and Would We Know?)" Tuesday at 4:40 p.m. It is part of the "Art worlds of the Sixties" lecture series sponsored by the Department of English.

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Faculty named AAAS members

Professors, Dean honored for their work in science and engineering

Special to The Observer

Four Notre Dame faculty members have been named fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in honor of their work in the fields of biological sciences and engineering.

AAAS, founded in 1848 as a nonprofit organization, is the world's largest scientific society and publisher of the prestigious journal *Science*. The new Notre Dame AAAS fellows are: Nora J. Besansky, professor of biological sciences; Roger K. Bretthauer, professor emeritus of chemistry and biochemistry; Frank P. Incropera, Matthew H. McCloskey, Dean of Engineering and H. Clifford and Evelyn A. Brosey, Professor of Mechanical Engineering; and Wolfgang Porod, Frank M. Freimann, Professor of Electrical Engineering.

Besansky, who joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1997, was cited for "significant contributions to understanding the molecular, population and evolutionary biology of Anopheline mosquitoes, major vectors of malaria in Africa." In researching the evolutionary

genomics of the mosquito, she uses classical genetic, molecular and bioinformatics approaches to understand the mechanisms behind Anopheline evolution.

Bretthauer, a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1964, was cited for "fundamental studies on biosynthesis and structure of glycosylated proteins in eukaryotes and in baculovirus-insect and Pichia yeast expression systems." A biochemist specializing in carbohydrate metabolism and protein biosynthesis, he has done extensive research on glycoproteins, large molecules containing proteins and sugars whose functions in the body include controlling the interaction of cells, and the recognition of other substances by cells.

Incropera, who joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1998, was cited for "distinguished contributions to the field of heat transfer and convection and for significant contributions to engineering education as both classroom teacher and engineering dean." A member of the National Academy of Engineering and one of the 100 most frequently cited engi-

neers in the world, his research is in the areas of free and mixed convection, double-diffusive convection, boiling and two-phase flow, materials processing and electronic cooling.

Porod joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1986 and is director of the University's Center for Nano Science and Technology (NDnano). He is the co-inventor of the Quantum-dot Cellular Automata (QCA) concept, a transistorless approach to computing. His research focuses on solid-state physics and its application to electronics, quantum devices and architectures for nanoelectronics, and the limits imposed by the laws of physics on computation.

The tradition of AAAS fellows began in 1874 and this year the association is honoring 376 members as fellows. Currently, members can be considered for the rank of fellow if nominated by the steering groups of the association's 24 sections or by any three fellows who are current AAAS members (so long as two of the three sponsors are not affiliated with the nominee's institution) or by the AAAS chief executive officer.

Sister appointed to Providence College

Special to The Observer

Dominican Sister Kathleen Cannon, associate dean of the College of Science at Notre Dame, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of Providence College in Rhode Island and elected secretary to the Providence College Corporation.



Cannon

"We are very pleased to have Sister Kathleen's extensive higher education experience and leadership skills serving Providence College," said Rev. Brian J. Shanley, the recently elected president of the college. "She is a devoted alumna and I know she will make a significant contribution to our board."

Sister Cannon earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Ohio Dominican College, a master's degree in religious studies from Providence, and her doctorate in ministry from the Catholic University of America. Prior to coming to Notre Dame in 1990, she served on the faculty of Chicago's Catholic Theological Union. She also taught at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Conn., where she was chair of the

religious studies department, and she has held visiting positions at American University, Princeton Theological Seminary and Notre Dame.

Also serving in a concurrent appointment as an associate professor at Notre Dame, Sister Cannon's responsibilities as associate dean of the College of Science include advising associated programs of the college, diversity issues, college election and award committees and the joint honors program of the Colleges of Science and Arts and Letters.

Sister Cannon served Notre Dame as associate provost and a faculty member in the Department of Theology from 1990 to 1997. During her tenure in the Provost's Office, she designed and implemented the Distinguished Women Visitors Series, a program that has brought more than 40 senior women scholars to campus for extended visits. She also initiated the Women's Award of Achievement, which in a three-year period recognized the achievements and contributions of 18 Notre Dame alumnae from all the colleges, the Law School and the Graduate School; and she pursued and articulated the need for on-campus child care, an initiative that resulted in the Notre Dame Early Childhood Development Center.

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THOUGHTS ON THE UNTHINKABLE

NOVEMBER 21 // DAVID KAY

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Game

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the alma mater with the team still on the field, raising their helmets."

Senior Matt Paluch said the last game proved to be a memorable part of his college experience.

"I thought [the game] was a great time, especially since the marshmallow fights got off the ground," he said. "I thought [the season] has been a huge success, especially since we weren't expected to be better than .500 ... but [Notre Dame] still need[s] a couple of years to develop before they're a perennial powerhouse."

Despite being from New York and having several friends who are avid Syracuse fans, senior Laura Heslin always remained a Notre Dame fan.

"I think it's a great way, as a senior, to go out," she said. "[Charlie Weis] has done such a great job with the team ... and I got to rub [Notre Dame's victory] in my friends' faces." Junior band member Jonathan Schuster said Saturday's game did not seem different from the other home games, and that the band put "as much effort into their playing as usual."

"I think the seniors were sad to see their last home game come to an end," he said.

Saturday's game also marked the end of the first home football season for the freshman class.

"There were high expectations for Notre Dame to dominate the game, which is actually not what happened," freshman Pablo Cruz said.

Cruz said he could overlook Notre Dame's difficulties early in the game.

"We still won, which is the way it should be," he said. "[Charlie Weis] wants to start ... a legacy. He wants to bring ND back into its prime as a football powerhouse."

Many seniors said although this is their last football game as Notre Dame students, they will return for future games.

"It's always sad to know that the Class of 2006 will never be together for a home football game, but it's comforting that the traditions will continue with classes to come," Locke said.

Heslin agreed, and said she hopes to continue to take part in Notre Dame traditions — even after she graduates this spring.

"I think it's surreal, and I still can't believe it's the last game," Heslin said. "At the same time, it's comforting to know that I'll be able to come back [for future games] ... If it's feasible, I would like to come back every year. [After graduation], my Notre Dame identity will be an important part of who I am."

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MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer

Students in the stadium's senior section participate in a fierce marshmallow fight Saturday. 181 students were ejected from the stadium in marshmallow-related incidents during the last home game of the season.

Ejections

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Gagnon said "about 15 or 20" of the 43 students ejected for marshmallows were never allowed in the stadium.

"The last game of the year seems to be ... well it's a drinking game, maybe a prank game," Gagnon said. "If we caught [students with

marshmallows] at the gate they didn't get in and the marshmallows didn't get in. None of them were permitted in and we confiscated the booklet."

Gagnon said the halftime marshmallow flurry probably wasn't triggered by the recent drop in temperature — "It was cold, but not much colder than the week before," he said — but possibly by seniors mistakenly thinking there would be no repercussions.

"I think maybe there were some students because of something erroneously reported last year that if you're caught the last game, there is no punishment," Gagnon said. "Obviously you're not losing your ticket booklet, but you're still referred to [the Office of Residence Life and Housing]."

Some of the students who weren't permitted into the game "actually got in because Syracuse didn't use all of

their tickets and there were some tickets floating around outside," Gagnon said.

"And if they were smart they just sat in those seats," he said. "But some did try to get into the student section."

Gagnon said the number of non-students ejected from the stadium — 92 — was not unusual given the game's 2:30 p.m. start time.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Terrorist arrests made in Morocco

RABAT — Moroccan police have dismantled a terrorist network, arresting 17 people, including two former prisoners at the U.S. base in Guantanamo, Cuba, the official MAP news agency reported Sunday. At least some of the suspects were linked to al-Qaida in Iraq.

Brahim Bencheikroun and Mohammed Mazouz — among five Moroccans freed from Guantanamo — in August 2004 were among the suspects.

They were arrested Nov. 11 at their homes in connection with a probe into al-Qaida, a Moroccan security official said, among 17 implicated in the network. The official, not authorized to speak publicly, asked not to be identified by name.

Information about the network, dismantled before it was fully structured, remained sketchy, and it was unclear when the other arrests were made.

The top two suspects, Khaled Azig and Mohamed R'ha, were recruiting extremists for their cause, MAP quoted police as saying. Members of the network had links with small groups on the Iraqi border and close ties to leading members of the al-Qaida terror network, MAP reported.

Sharon leaves Likud Party

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon took the initiative from the rejuvenated Labor Party, quitting the Likud Party he himself founded in 1973 and striking out on his own — a daring pre-emptive strike before elections set for days after his 78th birthday.

Fed up with internal Likud opposition after he completed his withdrawal from Gaza, Sharon informed Likud leaders late Sunday that he was leaving to set up his own movement.

NATIONAL NEWS

Six injured in mall shooting

TACOMA, Wash. — A gunman opened fire inside a busy shopping mall Sunday, wounding several people in the halls and taking three people hostage in a music store before police arrested him, authorities said.

Witnesses described hearing a noise and then seeing a man walking backward through the mall, firing.

At least six people were injured, one critically, as shoppers and store clerks scrambled for cover.

Tacoma Police spokesman Mark Fulghum said the suspect, arrested about four hours after the shooting began, was a young man but he had no other details about him or his possible motives.

Police were interviewing the victims and hostages, he said.

Radio City union settles

NEW YORK — The union representing the orchestra for Radio City Music Hall's "Christmas Spectacular" approved a contract deal Sunday that allowed its musicians to return to work following a bitter labor dispute.

The contract was approved late Sunday afternoon, union spokesman Shawn Sachs confirmed by telephone.

Neither the union nor Radio City Entertainment has released details of the long-term deal, which was reached earlier this week with the help of a mediator and the encouragement of Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

LOCAL NEWS

Recycling center in violation

GRIFFITH, Ind. — Environmental officials have ordered a northern Indiana recycling center to stop accepting solid waste after inspectors found that it was operating more like a trash dump than a recycling center.

During a recent inspection of Austgen Recycling Inc., workers with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management found the site loaded with regulated solid waste.

EGYPT

Violence and riots erupt at polls

Opposition supporters clash with police with the start of the second round of voting

Associated Press

DAMANHU — Widespread violence marred the second round of Egypt's parliamentary vote Sunday as opposition supporters and police clashed with knives, metal chains and Molotov cocktails, officials said. At least one person was killed and scores were wounded.

The violence was in sharp contrast to the Nov. 9 first round of voting, which passed in relative peace and saw the banned opposition Muslim Brotherhood party double its representation in parliament.

There are 1,706 candidates competing in 72 constituencies in this round of elections.

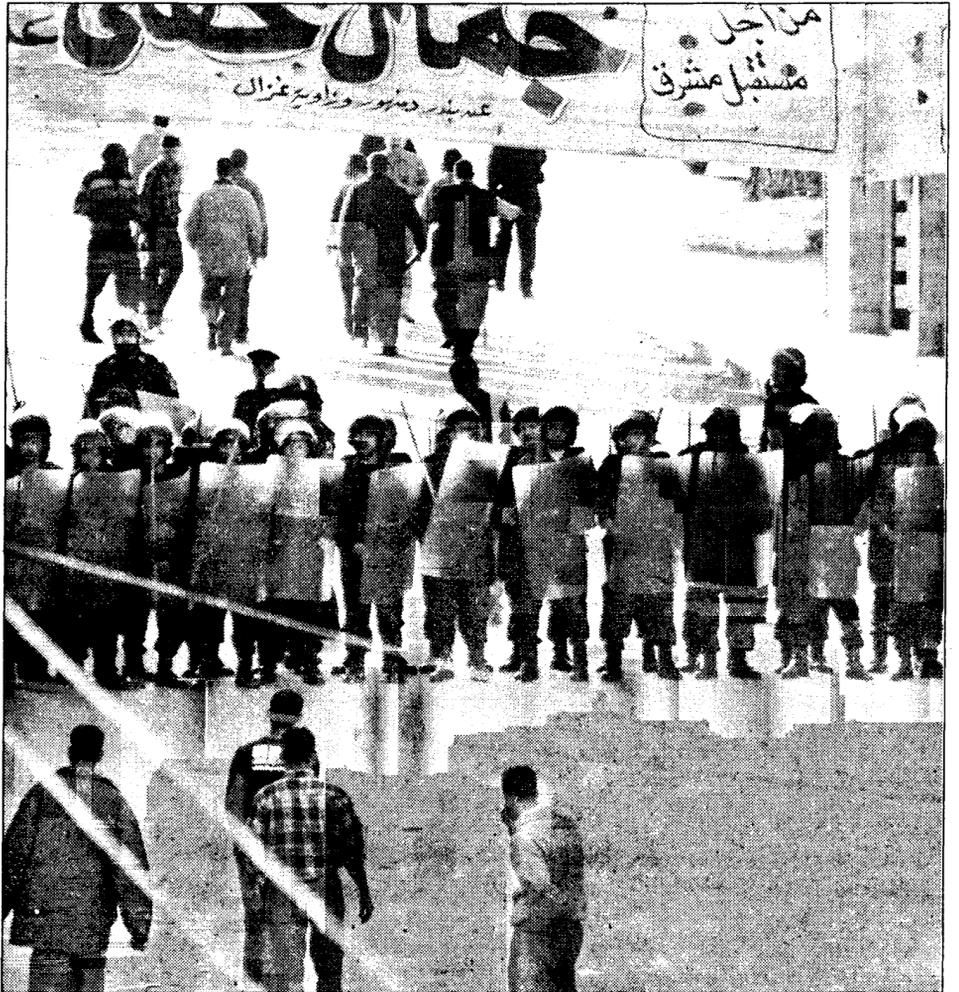
Late Sunday, the Brotherhood said its count showed most of its 60 candidates had either won seats or gained sufficient votes to participate in run-off balloting Saturday. Interior Ministry officials said a partial tally showed at least six Brotherhood candidates had won outright. The top two vote getters in constituencies where no candidate wins an outright majority move to the run-off.

No figures were available for candidates of the ruling National Democratic Party or non-Islamic opposition contestants.

Police and Brotherhood supporters exchanged accusations over who started the melees, which also involved supporters of President Hosni Mubarak's ruling National Democratic Party.

Ibrahim Hammad, a spokesman for the Interior Ministry, accused the Brotherhood of using thugs to intimidate voters and attack other candidates' supporters.

But the Brotherhood



Egyptian anti-riot soldiers block a road leading to a polling station in Damanhur, 140 kilometers (85 miles) north of Cairo, Egypt, during the second round of the Egyptian parliamentary elections Sunday.

candidate Mustafa Awadallah accused the government of hiring men to cause trouble outside polling stations to create a pretext for closing them early.

"This is unbelievable government terrorism," he said.

The Egyptian Organization for Human Rights also blamed the ruling party in a report Sunday.

Candidates associated with the Brotherhood, banned in 1954, won 34 seats in the first round of

voting. While prohibited from formally becoming a political party, the Brotherhood fields candidates as nominal independents whose sympathies are widely known by voters.

The Brotherhood calls for implementing Islamic law but is vague about what that means. It advocates the veil for women and campaigns against perceived immorality in the media, but insists it represents a more moderate face of Islam than that followed in deeply conser-

vative Saudi Arabia.

The government generally tolerates the group, which renounced violence in the 1970s, but hundreds of members have been detained in recent months amid increased protests against Mubarak, Egypt's leader for 24 years.

The Brotherhood said about 300 people had been arrested across the country on Sunday. The Interior Ministry said hundreds were arrested, mostly Brotherhood members detained for inciting violence and rioting.

IRAQ

Suspected Al-Qaida killed in gunfight

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — U.S. forces sealed off a house in the northern city of Mosul where eight suspected al-Qaida members died in a gunfight — some by their own hand to avoid capture. A U.S. official said Sunday that efforts were under way to determine if terror leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi was among the dead.

Insurgents, meanwhile, killed an American soldier and a Marine in separate attacks over the weekend, while a British soldier was killed by a roadside

bomb in the south.

In Washington, a U.S. official said the identities of the terror suspects killed in the Saturday raid was unknown. Asked if they could include al-Zarqawi, the official replied: "There are efforts under way to determine if he was killed."

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.

On Saturday, police Brig. Gen. Said Ahmed al-Jubouri said the raid was launched after a tip that top al-Qaida operatives, possibly including al-Zarqawi, were in the house in the

northeastern part of the city.

During the intense gunbattle that followed, three insurgents detonated explosives and killed themselves to avoid capture, Iraqi officials said. Eleven Americans were wounded, the U.S. military said. Such intense resistance often suggests an attempt to defend a high-value target.

American soldiers controlled the site Sunday, and residents said helicopters flew over the area throughout the day. Some residents said the tight security was reminiscent of the July 2003 operation in which Saddam Hussein's sons, Odai and Qusai, were killed in Mosul.

Suit

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Matt Storin.

According to Tim Wright, owner of The Copy Shop in Notre Dame's LaFortune Center, the University wanted the space because it had already made commitments to FedEx Kinkos, which has already opened a copy center in Grace Hall.

"This is obviously a legal dispute," Wright said. "It started out by the University filing a summons and complaint in which the University asked the court to award them immediate possession of the LaFortune Copy Shop space."

The Copy Shop is an independent business, not affiliated with the University. The shop provides copying, scanning and faxing services, and handles print jobs for students, employees, academic departments and other community members.

The dispute began shortly after Wright sent his lease to the University in January 2005, as he had done every year since he took over the shop in 2001.

"A couple months later, the University sent a letter saying they did not accept our offer to renew," Wright said.

"Now, I sent them a letter and I said this was not an offer. It was the exercise of an option. That's the basic dispute that the University was involved in with us when they filed their complaint. They said it was an offer, we said it wasn't."

For Wright, and former owner Dan Foley, the lawsuit pits them against their alma mater.

"We shouldn't have had to do this. None of this from my view should have happened at my Catholic university," said Wright, a 1963 Notre Dame graduate. "One part of it does a superb job in teaching what it means to be a Catholic university, but then there's another part of the University that either doesn't get it or doesn't believe it."

Foley, a triple Domer with a bachelor's degree, master's degree and law degree from the University, started the shop on campus in 1989.

When Foley started The Copy Shop, a lease was drafted and included an "option to renew." Though renegotiated in 1998, the option to renew was kept in the lease, Wright said.

This option gives an owner an explicit option to renew the lease until the owner decides he or she does not want the space anymore or until they violate a rule of the lease, such as failing to pay rent. The provision gives the tenant the ability to let the landlord know of his or her intention to exercise the option of renewal and continue to use and occupy the rental premises for the duration of the option period, Wright said.

"Pre-1989, the University prepared two draft leases in the negotiation process with Dan Foley. Neither of those two leases contained the renewal clauses that are at

dispute now," Wright said. "Under both of those drafts the University or the copy shop could walk away with appropriate notice for any reason or no reason at all."

However, in discussions with Foley, the University agreed to add restrictions, largely because of Foley's large economic investment in the shop.

"He needed some guarantee that the University would not arbitrarily just pitch him out," Wright said, adding that it was at this point that the option to renew was added. "The 1998 lease is the lease that we are currently under now. Both the 1998 lease and the 1989 lease contain this renewal provision," Wright said. "That language did not change from the first lease in 1989 to the second lease in 1998. It's identical."

It is under this provision, Wright said, that The Copy Shop renewed its lease for one more year ending June 30, 2006. The lease term is from July 1 to June 30 and it mirrors the University's fiscal year.

"The issue, from the University's perspective, is whether or not we properly renewed the lease," he said.

Though on Sept. 30 a judge issued an order saying that The Copy Shop's lease is valid for the 2005-06 renewal, the judge does not have say over whether or not The Copy Shop can renew each year or just this one time, Wright said.

"The only way the University can require us to leave is if we are in violation of the lease itself. We have the right to the space ... until they tear the building down," Wright said.

Wright said, since the lawsuit began, The Copy Shop has been treated differently by the University.

"My affidavit talks about some of the things that the University has done in the interim. There are certain types of conduct that the University has engaged in to try to force us to get out," Wright said.

Each year, for example, Wright said he worked with the Hammes Bookstore to produce course packets or course material to be sold to students. This year, The Copy Shop has not been contacted as frequently for such business. Wright also said that Notre Dame has tried to exclude him from the system allowing individual departments to charge orders to University accounts.

"With this business what you see is what you get. Ninety to 95 percent of the revenues are through the interdepartmental services. They take that off and we're dead," Wright said. "I filed a motion and asked the court to issue a preliminary injunction to tell the University to stop doing the things they're doing ... My biggest concern is that the University will drive us into bankruptcy. We're trying to set up another shop — but our long-term debt won't be paid off for another year and a half."

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Junior Katy Kennetz and sophomore Clinton Cyr serve as tour guides for the Eck Center. Tours around campus include visits to the Grotto, the Basilica and the stadium.

Tours

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torical in nature and provide information about notable figures like University founder Father Edward Sorin and important events like the 1879 Main Building fire, she said.

Kennetz, who gives tours for both the Admissions Office and the Eck Center, said that on Eck Center tours she talks less about college life and statistics about the student body.

The tours visit some of the campus' most illustrious landmarks, including the Main Building, Grotto, Basilica, Hesburgh Library and football stadium. Kennetz said on Eck Center tours she takes the group into the Basilica, but does not do this for Admissions tours. Pre-designated tours go inside the football stadium during the summer.

Cripe said the center gives about 1,200 tours over the course of a year and many visitors are awestruck by the sites and history of the campus.

"It's been their lifelong dream to come to Notre Dame," she said.

Cyr said many people are surprised by how big the campus is despite its relatively small student body.

"A very common reaction is people exclaiming how beautiful this campus is," he said.

There are perks to giving tours for the Eck Center as well. Kennetz said although she gets paid the same amount for tours at the Eck Center as at the Admissions Office, she is allowed to keep tips from these tours — tips as high as \$78 on a single tour.

Kennetz said over the summer she gave a tour to two dancers from Riverdance who were visiting South Bend to perform at the Morris Performing Arts Center. After the tour they gave her tickets to the show. Another time, members of a wedding party took a tour with Kennetz and invited her to join them at the wedding's reception.

But Kennetz said she enjoys giving tours for reasons beyond the material benefits. She said she has learned

a lot about Notre Dame's history and she likes seeing how people react to the campus.

"People are awestruck," she said. "It helps keep your own sense of awe in the University."

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"A very common reaction is people exclaiming how beautiful this campus is."

Clinton Cyr
tour guide

Student

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Notre Dame Stadium.

"It's so funny because I missed the deadline to turn [my application] here, and they called me and they were like, 'Is she still applying?'" Gates said.

While her family and friends strongly supported her decision to leave home and enroll at the College, some acquaintances doubted that she was actually a member of the band. Gates' mother took photos of her wearing her uniform to her former band director as proof.

"What kind of upset me a little was when people didn't believe that I was going so far away," Gates said.

The experience of being a member of the Notre Dame marching band has lived up to her highest expectations, Gates said, describing it as "one big family." Fellow band members, especially her clarinet section leader, have made her feel welcome.

"I couldn't image being in another band," Gates said. "It is such a great fit for me. The music is fun. It is definitely a

dream come true for me."

In her first semester as an undergraduate, Gates has faced graduate typical of college freshmen, including roommate conflicts and tough classes. She has enjoyed the opportunity to see another part of the country and flew for the first time on a flight home for fall break.

However, while she has made friends through student groups such as the Saint Mary's Sisters of Nefertiti, Gates has struggled to connect with many of her classmates.

"I have had a hard time relating to freshman ... because I had to grow up a lot faster," Gates said.

Working since she was 16, sometimes as many as 20 hours a week during the school year and more than 40 in the summer, Gates has long been responsible for paying bills including car insurance and cell phone fees.

Freshmen also tend to travel in packs, Gates said, making them easily distinguishable from upperclassmen. Meanwhile, she has been largely on her own and has become increasingly independent.

She recalled one conversation in which a fellow student

described how she maxed out her parents' credit card and was promptly given another one. Never having owned a credit card herself, Gates said she was amazed to discover what was considered "normal" for other students.

Gates does not feel she has faced blatant prejudice since arriving at Saint Mary's but said sometimes other students ask her "patronizing" questions.

"Some people just ask you 'Oh my gosh, is that your hair?' and 'How did you do that?'" Gates said. "I don't ask you about your hair."

If anything, Gates said, she occasionally finds herself "overlooked."

"Sometimes I feel invisible," Gates said. "They see me and they move on to the next person, and even in band it is sometimes like that."

Saint Mary's could benefit from a more diverse student body, Gates said.

"I would probably [tell incoming minority students] just don't be surprised at some of the things people may ask, some of the things people might say and definitely be prepared to meet people from different backgrounds not only to learn from them but to teach them about different ethnic [groups]."

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"Sometimes I feel invisible. They see me and they move on to the next person."

Melissa Gates
student

MARKET RECAP

Stocks			
Dow Jones	10,766.33	+46.11	
▲ Up: 2,444	Same: 160	▼ Down: 832	Composite Volume: 2,298,037,890
AMEX	1,702.32	+1.48	
NASDAQ	2,227.07	+6.61	
NYSE	7,634.58	+33.46	
S&P 500	1,247.27	+4.47	
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	14,623.12	0.00	
FTSE 100(London)	5,498.90	+38.90	

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	-2.01	-0.35	17.02
NASDAQ 110 TR (QQQQ)	+0.35	+0.14	41.45
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.36	+0.10	28.07
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	+1.90	+0.07	3.75
AMAZON.COM (AMZN)	+2.65	+1.24	47.98

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	+0.99	+0.46	46.92
10-YEAR NOTE	+0.96	+0.43	45.02
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.91	+0.40	44.31
3-MONTH BILL	0.00	0.00	39.12

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+0.06		57.21
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-0.70		486.20
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.78		88.53

Exchange Rates			
YEN			119.1100
EURO			0.8490
POUND			0.5828

IN BRIEF

GE sells insurance unit

TAMFORD, Conn. — General Electric Co. sold most of its insurance unit to Swiss Reinsurance Co. Friday for \$6.8 billion in cash and securities, completing a strategy to leave a troublesome segment and redeploy cash to investors and faster-growing businesses.

GE, the industrial products, financial services and media conglomerate based in Fairfield, boosted its dividend and expanded its stock repurchase plan as it announced the deal.

The sale of most of GE Insurance Solutions fulfills a strategy the company began three years ago to sell its insurance businesses.

Over the last five years, the Insurance Solutions business lost \$700 million and required the infusion of \$3.2 billion of capital, company officials said.

Television soon available online

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Betting that video will drive the future of networking, Cisco Systems Inc. agreed Friday to buy the cable television technology company Scientific-Atlanta Inc. in a \$6.9 billion deal that would create a one-stop shop for sending TV over the Internet.

The acquisition is expected to help fuel the revolution in how TV is distributed and watched — a change that's accelerating as telephone companies barge into the domain of cable operators and begin offering programming over fiber-optic networks using the language of the Internet.

New flu treatment approved

WASHINGTON — Tamiflu is a safe and effective treatment for the flu, federal health advisers said Friday, finding no direct link between the drug and the deaths of 12 Japanese children.

The Pediatric Advisory Committee, which often meets in obscurity, found the world watching on Friday because it was conducting a routine review of a drug that could play an important role in a pandemic caused by bird flu or another superflu strain.

The committee, in a unanimous vote, told the world not to worry. At the same time, though, it said it would continue to monitor any adverse reactions to the drug.

CHINA

Trade is focus of visit to China

Bush makes effort to open Chinese markets to U.S. farmers and businesses

Associated Press

BEIJING — Amid concern over a crackdown on dissidents, President Bush pressed China on Sunday to expand religious, political and social freedom and won little more than promises from President Hu Jintao to open China's huge markets to U.S. farmers and businesses.

Hu said the two leaders sought an outcome of "mutual benefit and win-win results."

But their meeting Sunday at the Great Hall of the People on the edge of Tiananmen Square appeared to produce no breakthroughs on U.S. demands for currency reforms in China and no details about how China would cut its trade surplus with the United States, on track to hit \$200 billion this year.

Bush's two-day China stop — his third as president to the communist giant — was the centerpiece of a weeklong Asia tour, but an acrid debate at home about the war in Iraq has followed him here. While overseas, the White House has not let a day go by without a no-holds-barred verbal counterattack against Democratic critics of the president's war policies.

Bush appeared determined Sunday to scale back the rhetoric. Appearing before reporters at his hotel just before he attended a lavish dinner with his Chinese counterpart, Bush said "I totally reject" the notion that someone could be called unpatriotic for disagreeing with him.

"People should feel comfortable about expressing their opinions about Iraq," he said. "This is not an issue of who is patriotic and who is not patriotic. It's an issue of an honest open debate about the way forward in Iraq."

On Thursday, Bush was



President Bush, center left, reviews Chinese troops with his Chinese counterpart Hu Jintao during welcoming ceremony at the Great Hall of the People Sunday in Beijing.

asked whether he agreed with an assertion by Vice President Dick Cheney that the critics are "reprehensible" or others who say asking questions is patriotic. The president chose Cheney.

Bush also toned down sharp comments by his aides about Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa. The long-time defense hawk's call for withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq prompted the White House to compare the combat-decorated Vietnam veteran to war critic-movie producer Michael Moore and suggest Murtha was counseling

surrender to terrorists

On Sunday, Bush called Murtha a "fine man and a good man."

"I know the decision to call for the immediate withdrawal of our troops with Congressman Murtha was done in a careful and thoughtful way," the president said. "I disagree with his position."

A Chinese crackdown on dissidents before Bush arrived dismayed U.S. officials, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the U.S. side would continue to raise the issue "quite vociferously with the Chinese government."

She also expressed disappointment with China's response to a U.S. request in September for action on specific human rights cases — a list Bush described bluntly as "dissidents that we believe are unfairly imprisoned."

"We've certainly not seen the progress that we would expect," Rice said.

No questions from the press were permitted during the joint appearance by Bush and Hu, so the U.S. president's give-and-take with reporters on his own was scheduled later in part to make a point about press freedom.

Major indexes finish at a four-year high

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A late rebound gave Wall Street modest gains Friday as two acquisitions and upbeat earnings from Hewlett-Packard Co. helped lift the major indexes to four-year highs. The major indexes had their fourth straight winning week.

Lower oil prices also help stocks, easing worries about consumer spending ahead of the holiday shopping season. But many analysts remain split over whether the market will have its usual year-end rally, and trading has become erratic as mixed economic and earnings data has left investors wondering about the economy's health.

"You've had a pretty good run off the

October bottoms," said Russ Koesterich, senior portfolio manager at Barclays Global Investments. "But there really are no major catalysts to help support the market coming into these levels."

"You don't want to read too much into a Friday of late November," he added.

Crude futures fell to five-month lows although the approaching winter weather still has many concerned about oil and gas supplies. A barrel of light crude dropped 20 cents to settle at \$56.14 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

At the close of trading, the Dow Jones industrial average climbed 46.11, or 0.43 percent, to 10,766.33, after retreating from a 76-point gain earlier in the day.

Broader stock indicators reached their highest levels since mid-2001. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 5.47, or 0.44 percent, at 1,248.27, and the Nasdaq composite rose 6.61, or 0.3 percent, to 2,227.07.

Bonds slipped, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.5 percent from 4.47 percent late Thursday. The U.S. dollar was mostly lower against other major currencies in European trading, while gold prices were little changed.

Although recent reports show the nation withstood the blows dealt by hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, investors continue to be uncertain about future economic growth and corporate profits.

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When Harry met America

There aren't many things that can keep a recently-turned-21-year-old like myself away from Thursday night's sacred shrine of strobe lights, shadow dancers and fake IDs: Club Fever. Apart from an F-5 tornado slicing through downtown South Bend or a hippie nudist colony taking over campus and forcing everyone to drink electric kool-aid and dance naked to Enrique Iglesias music in the brightly lit Stepan Center, there is no excuse for skipping a Thursday night grind-fest at the Feve.



Joey Falco

Forty Ounces

Nevertheless, last Thursday rolled around, and I found myself anxiously seated in a packed movie theater awaiting the midnight premiere of the newest Harry Potter film: "The Goblet of Fire."

The funny thing is, I wasn't alone. Hundreds, if not thousands, of other self-professed nerds and losers had logged on to Fandango.com days in advance to purchase their tickets to one of the numerous midnight showings in the area, and most of them still arrived hours early to the theater (some wearing witch hats and robes and dozens sporting Hogwarts-style polo shirts) so that they would get a seat that would put them at eye-level with the scintillating action.

Best of all, in my particular theater, there were no more than a handful of people under 14 years old in attendance to watch a movie about 14-year-old witches and wizards who — when they aren't battling the forces of evil — gossip and cry about who is taking whom to a school dance. Needless to say, this sort of teenage drama is not the subject matter you would expect an audience of 18-30 year olds to yell and whoop about in a movie theater at two in the morning on a Club Fever night.

How, then, does one explain the adult fascination with the Harry Potter series? Why do millions of middle-aged Americans admit to stopping their work lives to devour J.K. Rowling's 800-page novels when they are first released? Why does the Harry Potter series rank nearly as high as the Koran on the reading lists of Islamic terror suspects at the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay? Why do the first three Harry Potter films all rank in the top 15 on the all-time worldwide gross charts? Why would I choose a romantic evening with Albus Dumbledore over an incoherent orgy of booze at the Feve?

Some avid readers would argue that Rowling's stories are simply so magical and full of childhood adventure that they have bewitched America under a spell worthy of a Hogwarts classroom. Still, as exciting as her tales are, Rowling's novels do not even come close to matching the adventure and magic present in Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" series, nor do they compare to the child-hero stories of C.S. Lewis' "Chronicles of Narnia." And as far as literary value is concerned, Rowling certainly won't be seeing herself on a list of finalists for the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Why, then, have Harry Potter and Ron Weasley replaced cocaine and coffee as the most addictive substances in America? And why would grown men and women sacrifice their dignity to show up at a movie theater dressed as storybook characters? It's not like average American adults (English professors aside) go parading around town dressed as Hamlet or Jay Gatsby or Emma Bovary — and those are at least respectable literary figures.

The popularity of the stories is also certainly not driven by a fascination with the social commentary imbedded within the plot — the racial undertones that accompany the poor treatment of "muggles" and "half-bloods," the slap at aristocratic supremacists like the neo-Nazi Malfoy family or the attack

on materialists like Harry's gluttonous aunt, uncle and cousin, to name a few. If Americans really reacted this strongly toward social commentary, there would be much higher sales of Al Franken and Rush Limbaugh masks during the Halloween season.

Why, then, would a series of novels by a formerly unknown British woman convince an American society that is usually too lazy to skim 800-word newspaper columns to read (and re-read) 800-page tomes of literature?

It cannot possibly be a result of the outcry from conservative Christian groups and Bible freaks around the globe who accuse the Harry Potter series of encouraging children to give up God for the Wicca life of hex signs, cauldrons and broomsticks. If Americans truly only read books as an act of rebellion against the authorities who attempted to have them banned, then Vladimir Nabokov and J.D. Salinger would still be household names like Rowling's.

The way I see it, unless Rowling truly is a witch who signed her soul away to the devil in return for international fame and fortune, Harry Potter is simply one more example — like "Star Wars," hula hoops, and "The Da Vinci Code" — of overzealous people turning a cultural success into a social obsession by squeezing every bit of life out of it while it is chic. Consequently, by 2010, after the final Harry Potter movie is released and the world tires of consuming her stories, J.K. Rowling's name will inevitably fade away into an abyss of nothingness.

Like her own villain, Voldemort, and scads of other material fads, she will become "She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named."

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Character is higher than intellect. A great soul will be strong to live as well as think."

Ralph Waldo Emerson
American author

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is good to have an end to journey toward, but it is the journey that matters in the end."

Ursula K. LeGuin
American author

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Anti-wave support

This is in response to the letter written by Dan Keough in The Observer's Viewpoint section on Nov. 17. I have long felt that "the wave" should not be attempted again at Notre Dame stadium. It was attempted many times while I was a student, but never too successfully. I think it actually made it around the stadium once my senior year. That was the only time I saw it done right.

My sophomore year, I had the opportunity to go the University of Florida's homecoming and "Gator Growl." They had it down to the science. They could do "the wave" in regular speed, fast forward and slow motion. I have to say, the wave in slow motion is one of the most impressive things I've ever seen in a stadium.

I agree with Keough, it takes a lot of coordination and effort. And every time we do it wrong, we just embarrass ourselves. We should just focus on being loud, intimidating, and a disruptive crowd.

That's just my two cents.

Mathew Vadaparampil
alumnus
Class of 1994
Nov. 20

Keep your eye on Congress

Don't look now, but some lawmakers want to cut billions of dollars from federal student loan programs. That's \$14.3 billion in cuts to student aid. Paying attention yet?

The cuts would give the average student \$5,800 more debt on top of the current average debt of \$17,500, according to figures from the non-partisan State Public Interest Research Groups.

That should set off a few alarm bells — even from the other side of the country.

Fortunately, our student government decided to tune in this week, spreading the word about the possible cuts and hosting a Thursday night forum on the topic.

Across the country, student activists have made thousands of calls to lawmakers to protest the plan. It might be working.

Thursday night in the U.S. House of Representatives, where the \$50 billion savings — also known as a cut — package has been stalled for days, a vote was scheduled to be finished some time after 1 a.m. in Washington, D.C. As of this section's press time, the vote had not finished.

So maybe there's still time to call up your representatives and leave them a nice weekend message. If they've made a decision by the time you read this, call them anyway and let them know how you feel about their votes.

Call Republican Sen. Gordon Smith and tell him you'll vote Democrat next time. Call Rep. Greg Walden and tell him how you really feel about having more debt. Maybe you'll have better luck than we did — both offices didn't return calls the Barometer made for a story this week. Perhaps they forgot.

On top of that, a representative from Smith's office told a Barometer reporter after ASOSU's public forum Thursday night that all of his comments were off the record. Here's a fun fact: public comments are on the record. Especially in public forums for constituents.

Look at who supports the cuts. It's hard not to reduce this to yet another partisan battle. Democrats are united against the cuts, while the mainstream Republicans want to push them through in the name of savings.

However, some moderate Republicans helped stall the bill last week. There's no telling if student loan cuts had anything to do with the delay, but we can be thankful that some in the majority party have some sense.

As things fall apart for the Bush administration and Republicans lose their grip on Congress, things might start looking up for students. But that doesn't mean it's time to sit back and keep ignoring D.C. Now's the time to tune in and be heard.

Unless you happen to have that \$6,000 just sitting around.

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Giving thanks

Four weeks from today will mark the beginning of Winter Break. Four months, Spring Break. And just four days separate us from starting to "give thanks" — Thanksgiving Break, that is.

During a time when names like "Christmas" and "Easter" have proven themselves too exclusive, Thanksgiving somehow managed to escape from the specific religious associations that doomed the two former companions on university calendars. After all, no matter how it began, a holiday that's literally about "giving thanks" wouldn't seem to place anyone at the risk of becoming an outsider. It's possible to be thankful even without a god — which is crucial, since it's no secret that quite a few people in universities have foregone exactly that.

A place like ours is one of few where a topic like atheism can be raised seriously, yet even here, the discussion about who (if anyone) is "getting our thanks" isn't without its own sort of uneasiness. Atheism as a religious ideology — or, perhaps, lack of ideology — gets an unusual reception insofar as, a person's mere announcement of atheism is often taken as an accusation.

Bring almost any two sorts of believers on campus together and, no matter how much they may differ, they're unlikely to see any major reason to distrust one another.

But any sort of meeting between the atheist and believer has to deal with another layer of complication. In this university community, whenever belief clashes with unbelief, the issue usually isn't about whether the atheist "can have morals" or is blasphemous; today, it's suspicion of condescension that causes problems. One side is conscious of being typed out as "naive" or "stupid," and the other as "lacking imagination" or being "cold-hearted."

Today, if we were to debate the specific merits of different faith doctrines and deities, our speculations would almost certainly end in irresolvable reflections on a person's circumstances, upbringing, etc. But a debate over belief or unbelief threatens to dig up sensitive questions of a more invidious kind — over qualities like a person's intelligence, maturity or even courage. And few people enjoy feeling like they're held in secret, sneering contempt.

This fear of contempt also springs from the very structure of atheistic disbelief itself. Disbelief works through negation. When presented with any statement of belief in a god, the atheist must, if pushed for an answer, admit that he finds cause to deny it.

Philip
Sugg

The Chronicle
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University

Thanksgiving somehow managed to escape from the specific religious associations that doomed the two former companions [Christmas and Easter] on university calendars.

The theist is, self-evidently, a walking statement of belief in a god. Hence, by no more than declaring atheism, the atheist has, in some sense, set himself against and denied the believer his god.

Technically, a similar denial would also have to take place on matters of specific doctrine between the members of two different religions. But because most believers here tend to concern themselves with the positive nature of their own beliefs, and they hold the largest answers in common, conflict doesn't rear up so quickly. In contrast, the atheist's position may appear to the theist like more of a (negative) statement about the theist's beliefs than any sort of independently founded idea. The result? Guards are immediately raised on both sides.

This thought experiment's exact outcome would depend somewhat on our understanding of atheism, but it would seem fair to state that atheism and theism involve a psychological dynamic of confrontation that is stronger than that between particular faiths.

But writing at such length over a subtle tension overshadows how smoothly the majority on campus has dealt with it. This ability to tolerate apparently

fundamental differences is nothing particularly new; college environments have long diminished the emphasis on "correct" beliefs in favor of their practical effects.

A 1923 essay titled "Religion and the Young Generation," written by a Williams College professor, notes that "The old-fashioned prayer-meeting has indeed been given up ...

[Students] spend evenings teaching English or arithmetic

to newly arrived immigrants, or their Saturday afternoons directing a Boys' Club, or they study social conditions with a view to the betterment of society and prevention of evil." Looks like we'll always have more in common with our grandparents — and great-grandparents — than we think.

Yet if many of us, believers and non-believers alike, have managed to coexist so well, it may be precisely because we know about grandparents — which means, we know how long it takes to get there, how much the conditions and quality of life can change, how atheism is still something of a joke during idyllic college years, how faith is still largely untested, and how on most days, especially Thanksgiving, these distinctions matter very little.

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Nothing wrong with a little flirting

I love to flirt almost as much as I love being flirted with. Who doesn't like to feel at least a little desirable every now and then?

There are lots of reasons to flirt. One, it relaxes people. I know if I flash a big smile at someone and say something a little risqué, the anxiety in the room goes down a notch.

Secondly, flirting is a confidence booster, not just to the flirter, but also to the flirtee as well. Everyone wants to feel irresistible.

Thirdly, flirting is a good way to get to know people. Try telling someone you like their biceps or their bookbag and just see how they respond.

Are they confident? Embarrassed? Do you like them

even more now or not at all? How someone takes a compliment is a big indicator of who they are.

Fourthly, and this is only if you are a skanky ho, which I am not, flirting with someone who is attached can bring out the worst in their significant other, thus making you look even better.

Flirting with someone is basically harmless.

It's fun and keeps things exciting. If you are dating a flirter, don't be alarmed. It just means you are with someone who is comfortable with him or herself and who likes to make other people feel that way too.

Flirters are the people who make parties more fun, the work-day less stressful and college life more hopeful. Flirting is usually very innocent. It's a testing ground for real love and a litmus test for compatibility.

If done properly, it can also be a good indicator of sense of humor,

which is a big deal, at least for me. I know if someone doesn't laugh at my jokes, for instance, they aren't for me.

If you don't get each other's sense of humor, then it's probably not a good match. Who wants to sit around with someone and explain everything that comes out of his or her mouth? Either they get it or they don't.

So flirt away, my fellow collegians. See where it gets you or doesn't get you. Just remember that flirting is subtle, not harassing. Respect others and hopefully they will respect you. Have fun and good luck!

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SHOW REVIEW

Asian Allure blends culture, entertainment

By CHRIS MCGRADY
Assistant Scene Editor

Reflecting on the past, looking into the future but always living in the present. That was what Asian Allure 2005 set out to do, and that is exactly what was accomplished. The annual show, this year accurately titled "Reflections," is showcased as a celebration of Asian culture ranging from the style of the bustling cities of Japan to the soothing hula dances from the wind-swept shores of Hawaii.

The performance was a visual and cultural feast, fully immersing the viewers in a stunning portrayal of Asian and Asian-American culture. There were also showings by the Vietnamese Student Association, the Filipino American Student Organization, the Chinese Culture Society, the Hawaii Club, the Indian Association of Notre Dame, the Pakistan Student Association, and several other groups and clubs. There were a series of "fashion shows"

in which student-models showcased cultural outfits. These outfits ranged from traditional kimonos and masks to modern clothing such as business apparel and clothing inspired by today's "hip-hop culture."

Students Camille Gabriel and Angelo Gacad emceed the show and delighted

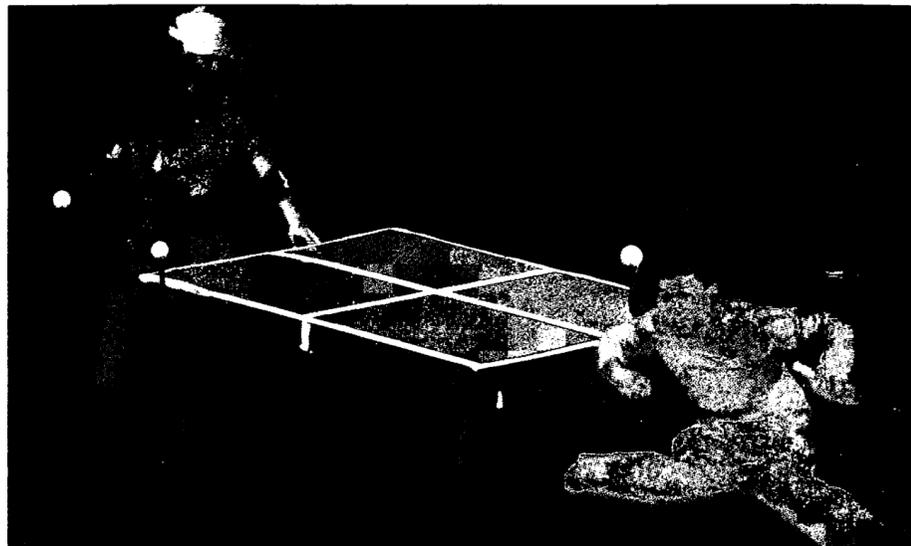
the audience with humorous banter and a handful of well-placed jokes. Gabriel and Gacad controlled the audience with a casual yet commanding stage presence. The duo's appearances were just enough to guide the audience through the show without detracting from the focus of the performances.

One of the fan favorites was the performance of a "Bollywood-style" dance. Bollywood is an Indian musical movie genre and is immensely popular in many parts of the world. Sophomore Sheena Plamootil was one of the lead dancers in this act and has been performing and dancing in this style since she was young.

"It is so fun performing on stage with everyone cheering you on. Showing people something they haven't seen before is exciting," Plamootil said.

The Bollywood performance, which was done under the Indian Association of Notre Dame as well as the Pakistan Student Association, was obviously carefully planned and was an immediate crowd favorite. The group practiced three times a week leading up to the show, and during the week immediately before the show met every night. The hard work paid off as the dance went off flawlessly.

Another fan favorite was the performance of "Matrix Ping-Pong" by the Asian American Association. In this piece, two



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A piece called "Matrix Ping Pong" was done by the Asian American Association. Performers and crew members created a seemingly gravity-defying game.

ping-pong players acrobatically engaged in a match with the help of several stage crew members. The stage crew lifted the players, tilted the table, and controlled the ball (attached to a stick) to simulate a game which was designed to remind the crowd of the time-lapse sequences in "The Matrix" movie series. The result was an impressive display of precision and visual tricks that had the audience on their feet.

The show set out to ultimately show-

case the proud Asian culture held by many of the members of the Notre Dame community and accomplished just that in the process.

The choice of "Reflections" as the theme of the show was ideal and the show fully reflected to the audience just what Asian and Asian-American culture is all about.

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The Indian Association of Notre Dame staged its Bhangra dance Punjabi Mirchi. Asian Allure featured many performances and dances with traditional costumes.



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A group of fan dancers wows the crowd at Asian Allure. A variety of groups performed during the show, showcasing everything from dancing to modeling.

ARTS ON CAMPUS



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The altos and sopranos sing with members of the Notre Dame Chamber Orchestra. Chorale specializes in music from the Renaissance to the present.



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The bass members of Chorale perform during the group's 2005 Fall Concert. The group is the official concert choir of Notre Dame and has 55 members.



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MOVIE REVIEW

By **MOLLY GRIFFIN**
Assistant Scene Editor

Since its release, one question has surrounded the book, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" — how is anyone going to adapt this 734-page behemoth of a children's novel into a palatable film?

While the book is one of the most popular in the "Harry Potter" series and the pivotal fourth book in a seven book series, it is a web of complex subplots and character development. Thankfully, first time "Potter" director Mike Newell manages to par the book down to a film that is both well-plotted and faithful to the heart of the novel.

Fears surrounded Newell taking the helm of the "Harry Potter" series, as his directorial experience was limited to more adult films like "Four Weddings and a Funeral" and "Donnie Brasco." This was compounded by the fact that Alfonso Cuarón's "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" was regarded as the best of the series and an artistic achievement in its own right.

While not as artistically shot as

"Azkaban," Newell manages something that hasn't yet been achieved in a "Harry Potter" film — economy. Chris Columbus, director of the first two films, was so faithful to the books as to make the movies dreadfully slow. Even Cuarón was guilty of dragging out scenes and including too much information from the books.

Newell cuts the film down to an exciting, less ponderous movie. While the first few scenes don't gel perfectly and seem jerky, the film eventually coheres.

The movie focuses almost exclusively on the magical Triwizard Tournament, eliminating the lengthy passages on the Quiddich World Cup, Harry's time with the Dursleys and Mrs. Weasley and Hermione's crusade for house elves. Without these distractions, the film's action builds rapidly and without deviation, which makes for an ultimately more entertaining movie.

Newell is helped by the fact that the stars of the series have grown into much better actors, as well as the fact that "The Goblet of Fire" introduces an array of interesting new faces. The three actors at the heart of the series — Daniel Radcliffe (Harry), Emma Watson (Hermione) and Rupert Grint (Ron) — do a fantastic job with the darker material and the added trials of adolescence in the story. Other characters like Neville Longbottom, Cedric Diggory, Fleur Delacour and Viktor Krum add dimension and humor to the film without requiring too many bulky subplots.

"The Goblet of Fire," with its dependence on characters, truly requires some familiarity with

the "Harry Potter" universe and the book itself. Characters aren't always introduced, and viewers are expected to understand their back-stories in order for certain things to make sense.

This allows the film to flow better, but it will also provide some confusion for those who are unfamiliar with the details of the novel.

The movie builds toward its terrifying climax, long-anticipated by "Potter" fans because it finally introduces Voldemort as a physical presence. The film doesn't disappoint — the conclusion is terrifying and justifies the film's PG-13 rating. Ralph Fiennes does a fantastic job in the part, and there is none of the let-down that usually follows the revelation of an unseen character, particularly villainous ones.

While not necessarily the artistic achievement of Cuarón's "Azkaban," "The Goblet of Fire" does what has so far proved elusive in the "Harry Potter" series — adapting the book instead of trying to create an exact replica of the novel on screen. While there is no doubt that some fans will be disappointed with just how much had to be removed from the film, the movie is truly better because of the risks the writer and director were willing to take.

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Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire



Director: Mike Newell
Writer: Steven Kloves
Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint

A NIGHT OF MAGIC

It seems that seeing a movie should be the same no matter when or where you see it, since, by their very nature, movies never change. There is something to be said, though, for seeing a movie the night it opens, especially a movie like "Harry Potter." It's not so much a matter of the movie being different but instead is a result of the audience being particularly concentrated with fans.

Mugglenet.com, a Web site started by Notre Dame freshman Emerson Spartz, sponsored a midnight showing of "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" film this past Thursday at the Cinemark 14 movie complex. Included with the ticket were a food

voucher, a T-shirt and a chance to see a normal night at the movies become a particularly interesting experience.

Getting tickets to the event required reservations, advanced payment and showing up to the theatre early, which showed just how desirable passes to this advanced screening were. On arriving at the theatre, there were masses of people waiting to get seats and a general air of excitement in the complex.

A large number of people were in "Harry Potter" inspired T-shirts, including a group of people in self-made "Irish Quiddich" uniforms. There were also a number of shirts revealing allegiance to the Gryffindor house (where Harry lives) and, naturally, a huge number of people showing their "Potter" pride by sporting their free Mugglenet.com shirts.

Some individuals went a step further and dressed up for the showing. Round glasses, lightning scars and striped scarves abounded, as well as people in robes and others

carrying homemade wands.

Prior to the film's start, Mugglenet.com founder Spartz spoke about his experiences with running a "Harry Potter" website, from why he started it to what has happened to him as a result of the project. He discussed meeting J.K. Rowling, author of the "Potter" series, and his visits to several of the movie sets and premieres.

The intensity of the "Harry Potter" fans in attendance was then revealed with a trivia contest. Questions were beyond the knowledge of mere fair-weather "Potter" fans and included such difficult queries as "What form does Hermione's Patronus take?" (An Otter).

The real fun started when the film began. The hard-core audience was very engaged with the film, which resulted in a less than quite viewing environment, but it also made the movie much more interactive.

The minute Cedric Diggory, a favorite character among fans, appeared on screen there were a number of catcalls. The clear-

ly tense relationship between Hermione and Ron received equal attention from the rapt audience. There were cheers when Harry succeeded in his trials during the Triwizard tournament and there was more than a little bit of whispering when Harry appeared without his shirt on.

The film ended to applause from the audience, and there was an excited buzz running through the theatre as everyone began discussing what had just happened in the movie.

While a few lines in the film may have been missed because of the vocal audience, the sheer excitement of seeing a film with a group of people so completely engaged with it, to the point of dressing up and making shirts, is just something that can't be missed.

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A graveyard provides an eerie background for Harry to face the evil Lord Voldemort in the film. Fans have longed to see the movie's terrifying conclusion.



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Hermione (Emma Watson), left, Ron (Rupert Grint), center, and Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) sit at Hogwarts. The trio faces bigger, darker challenges in this film.

NFL

Seahawks hangs on to move to the top of the NFC

Eli Manning's three touchdowns and fourth quarter composure leads Giants over Eagles in NFC East rivalry game

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — When Ken Dorsey's final pass took an unlucky bounce, the Seattle Seahawks avoided yet another collapse — and escaped San Francisco with the NFC's best record.

Shaun Alexander rushed for 115 yards and two touchdowns, and the Seahawks stopped the 49ers' 2-point conversion attempt with 28 seconds left in their sixth straight victory over San Francisco on Sunday.

Matt Hasselbeck was 19-of-31 for 233 yards and one TD as the league's most prolific offense dominated the first three quarters, racking up 357 total yards. But Seattle (8-2) stalled in the fourth quarter, managing just 16 yards and no first downs — and awakening memories of the franchise's lengthy history of embarrassing midseason losses.

With coordinator Ray Rhodes back home in Seattle after his second stroke-like episode this season, the Seahawks defense nearly blew a victory that put them alone atop the conference after Carolina's loss to Chicago.

The 49ers (2-8), whose offense has been terrible all season, nearly rallied from a 15-point deficit in the fourth quarter with backups making most of the big plays. After snapping a streak of 47 consecutive possessions without a touchdown earlier in the game, San Francisco made a last-ditch, 13-play scoring drive stretching nearly 6 minutes.

Dorsey, who passed for 249 yards in his second start of the season, was 6-of-8 for 77 yards in the series, and Jason McAddley went 29 yards on his first reception of the season. Third-string running back Maurice Hicks finished it with a 1-yard dive, stretching over the goal line.

But on the 2-point conversion attempt, Dorsey bounced a tough throw to Johnnie Morton in the back of the end zone. Marquand Manuel recovered the onside kick, and the Seahawks knelt on their fifth straight victory over San Francisco.

Chicago 13, Carolina 3

CHICAGO — Nathan Vasher didn't set a record this time — he set the tone.

One week after returning a missed field goal a record 108 yards, Vasher intercepted two passes, and the North-leading Bears stamped themselves as a contender in the NFC on Sunday with a victory over the Carolina

Panthers, Chicago's sixth straight win.

"I'm playing as well as anybody," Vasher said. "Our defense is playing as good as — if not better — than anybody."

The NFC South-leading Panthers (7-3) saw their six-game win streak end. After scoring at least 20 points in every game, they managed 238 yards against the NFL's No. 1 defense, and quarterback Jake Delhomme was sacked eight times.

Vasher's first pick led to a 3-yard touchdown reception for former Panther Muhsin Muhammad, and the second resulted in a 33-yard field goal by Robbie Gould in the first quarter. The second-year pro has six interceptions.

Adewale Ogunleye tied a career-high with three sacks, and Alex Brown added two and forced two fumbles for the Bears (7-3).

Muhammad had six receptions for 49 yards and a touchdown against his former team but dropped several passes. Justin Gage caught seven balls for 81 yards.

Thomas Jones ran for 87 yards on 25 attempts after missing last week's 17-9 victory over San Francisco with sore ribs. Kyle Orton was 15-of-26 for 136 yards, a touchdown and interception.

NY Giants 27, Philadelphia 17

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Barely more than a full season into his NFL career as a starting quarterback, Eli Manning is practically immune to fourth-quarter pressure.

Kept in check for most of three quarters by the Philadelphia Eagles, Manning threw two of his three touchdown passes in the fourth quarter, including a 61-yarder to Plaxico Burress that helped the Giants pull away to a victory Sunday.

The play followed a familiar script for Manning and the Giants this season. Against Dallas and Minnesota he threw touchdown passes in the final minutes to tie games New York eventually lost. In between, he threw a winning touchdown pass against Denver in the final seconds.

Sunday's pass to Burress came with the Giants leading 20-17, but it was just as important for a team that hadn't defeated its NFC East nemesis in the last four meetings. The victory also helped the Giants (7-3) surpass their 2004 win total and remain tied atop the division with



Shaun Alexander celebrates after leaping into the endzone for one of his two touchdowns in San Francisco on Sunday. The Seahawks improved to 8-2 with a 27-25 win over the 49ers.

Dallas, which defeated Detroit.

"After the first three quarters, you have a feel for what a team is doing," said Manning. "It seems like once we get into the fourth quarter, we realize we've got to step up and make the plays."

With third-string quarterback Mike McMahon playing a gutsy game in place of injured Donovan McNabb, the Eagles (4-6) trailed 20-17 in the fourth quarter after McMahon's 1-yard touchdown run. Earlier in the drive, he juked and jived a la McNabb on a 12-yard run on third down to keep the drive alive, leaving several Giants defenders clutching at air.

Then Manning and Burress went to work. On third-and-2 at the Giants 39, Burress gave a hitch-and-go move to Sheldon Brown, and when the cornerback fell for it Manning lofted a pass to the streaking Burress. He outran Brown to the end zone with 5:24 left.

Indianapolis 45, Cincinnati 37

CINCINNATI — Carson Palmer and Chad Johnson didn't have to drive to Indianapolis for this lesson. They can't beat Peyton Manning in a game of one-upmanship.

Manning threw three touchdown passes in an offense that reached the end zone on its first five possessions Sunday, and the Colts stayed unbeaten with a vic-

tory over the Cincinnati Bengals.

Indianapolis became the 17th team to go 10-0 and the first since Denver in 1998. With the Colts' defense faltering for the first time, it was up to Manning to protect that perfect record.

The Bengals (7-3) couldn't stop him until it was too late. Manning went 24-of-40 for 365 yards with one interception, calling plays at the line that more often than not found a soft spot in Cincinnati's harried defense. Edgerrin James ran for 89 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Dallas 20, Detroit 7

IRVING, Texas — Bill Parcells warned the Dallas Cowboys that the Detroit Lions might be a "trap" game. The way they played, it could've been — if only the Lions had stopped getting flagged.

Marion Barber III ran for two short touchdowns and Billy Cundiff kicked a franchise-record 56-yard field goal a day after rejoining the club, giving the Cowboys a victory over the penalty-magnet Lions.

Detroit was penalized 17 times for 129 yards and nine first downs. Each of Dallas' four scoring drives included a failed third down that became a first down thanks to a penalty against the Lions.

"Hey, we appreciate that," Cowboys safety Roy Williams said.

Dallas needed the help because its offense wasn't clicking. Drew Bledsoe threw for a season-low 110 yards and didn't have a touchdown pass for the first time. Julius Jones returned to the starting lineup and ran for 92 yards, but lost a fumble and was stuffed three straight times from the 1.

Still, the Cowboys (7-3) dominated the clock, didn't have any other turnovers and allowed only one sack to win their third straight and fifth in six games. This one also gives them more wins than they had last season.

Cleveland 22, Miami 0

CLEVELAND — The official distance: 75 yards. The official time: 18 seconds. Reuben Droughns, though, will remember the best run of his NFL career to this point as going on forever.

Showing elusiveness, power and savvy, Droughns scored on a 75-yard run on Cleveland's first play and finished with 166 yards as the Browns put together their most complete game this season, a rout of the Miami Dolphins.

On the Browns' first snap, Droughns started right, spun left and darted for daylight. Picking up a few blocks, he ran as fast as he could for 50 yards and slowed near the sideline. He then zigged right, zagged left and jogged into the end zone, giving the Browns a quick lead.

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A.P. Football Top 25

	team	record	points
1	USC	10-0	1,586
2	Texas	10-0	1,550
3	LSU	9-1	1,499
4	Penn State	10-1	1,390
5	Virginia Tech	9-1	1,283
6	NOTRE DAME	8-2	1,281
7	Ohio State	9-2	1,249
8	Oregon	10-1	1,107
9	Auburn	9-2	1,101
10	Miami	8-2	981
11	UCLA	9-1	932
12	West Virginia	8-1	862
13	Georgia	8-2	857
14	Alabama	9-2	723
15	TCU	10-1	722
16	Fresno State	8-2	663
17	Louisville	7-2	522
18	Texas Tech	9-2	448
19	Florida	7-3	384
20	Georgia Tech	7-3	347
21	Boston College	8-3	319
22	Michigan	7-4	235
23	Florida State	7-3	214
24	Wisconsin	8-3	160
25	Clemson	7-4	141

ESPN/USA Today Top 25

	team	record	points
1	USC	11-0	1,536
2	Texas	10-0	1,501
3	LSU	9-1	1,415
4	Penn State	10-1	1,344
5	Virginia Tech	9-1	1,277
6	NOTRE DAME	8-2	1,185
7	Ohio State	9-2	1,137
8	Oregon	10-1	1,102
9	Auburn	9-2	1,025
10	Miami	8-2	990
11	UCLA	9-1	970
12	West Virginia	8-1	881
13	Georgia	8-2	797
14	Alabama	9-2	727
15	TCU	10-1	704
16	Fresno State	8-2	543
17	Texas Tech	9-2	525
18	Louisville	7-2	520
19	Florida	7-3	383
20	Boston College	8-3	345
21	Florida State	7-3	341
22	Wisconsin	8-3	218
23	Michigan	7-4	158
24	Georgia Tech	7-3	149
25	Iowa State	7-3	135

Men's Big East Basketball

	team	total W-L
1	West Virginia	2-0
2	Cincinnati	1-0
3	Connecticut	1-0
4	Georgetown	1-0
5	Louisville	1-0
6	NOTRE DAME	1-0
7	Pittsburgh	1-0
8	Rutgers	1-0
9	South Florida	1-0
10	St. John's	1-0
11	Villanova	1-0
12	Syracuse	3-1
13	Seton Hall	2-1
14	Marquette	1-1
15	Providence	0-0
16	DePaul	0-1

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Penn State quarterback Michael Robinson scrambles for a 33-yard touchdown in the Nittany Lions' title-clinching win over Michigan State at East Lansing Saturday.

Penn State, LSU move ahead in polls

Associated Press

LSU and Penn State each moved up a spot in The Associated Press Top 25, taking advantage of Miami's loss to move behind unbeaten Southern California and Texas.

The Tigers were No. 3 with 1,449 points in the media poll Sunday, ahead of the Nittany Lions' 1,390 points.

Penn State coach Joe Paterno's resurgent team, which had won a total of seven games the past two seasons, won his second Big Ten title on Saturday

with a 31-22 victory at Michigan State. The Nittany Lions (10-1) will play in the Bowl Championship Series for the first time and they'll do it with their highest ranking since they were No. 2 entering November of 1999.

LSU (9-1) beat Mississippi 40-7 and needs only a victory over Arkansas to earn a spot in the Southeastern Conference title game Dec. 3.

Top-ranked USC survived another scare, defeating Fresno State 50-42 for its 33rd straight vic-

tory. The Trojans have run their record streak of No. 1 rankings to 31 straight polls, but their fight to the finish against the Bulldogs cost USC six first-place votes.

USC (11-0) received 50 first-place votes, and 1,616 points. No. 2 Texas, which has been on the Trojans' tail since the preseason, received 14 first-place votes and 1,550 points.

Jeff Parson of the Wichita Eagle in Kansas switched his first-place vote from USC to Texas this week, because the Longhorns haven't played as many close games as

the Trojans.

"Another factor for me is how good Ohio State is playing," he said. "Texas won at their place and I think that's even more impressive than [USC's] Notre Dame victory."

"It's really close to me but if they played right now I'd favor Texas and this is the first time I've felt this way."

The Longhorns (10-0) were off Saturday and play next at Texas A&M on Friday. The Trojans are off until Dec. 3, when they play UCLA. A USC-Texas Rose Bowl for the national championship still looms.

IN BRIEF

Stewart wins second NASCAR championship

OMESTEAD, Fla. — Tony Stewart was smooth and steady for an entire race. An entire season. An entire championship run.

Stewart cruised to his second NASCAR championship in four years Sunday, capping an uncharacteristically calm season for the former Bad Boy. He won races, kept his temper in check and avoided every major incident long enough to cement himself as one of the greatest drivers of his time.

Homeing only to run a clean race at Homestead-Miami Speedway, he hovered just outside the top 10 and away from any potential danger. He ended up 15th, winning the title by 35 points over Greg Biffle, who won the race for the second straight year by besting teammate Mark Martin in a door-to-door finish.

Stewart became just the 14th driver in NASCAR history with more than one championship and joined four-

time winner Jeff Gordon as the only active drivers with multiple titles.

Patriots' Belichick leads team after father's death

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Steve Belichick, the father of New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick, died Saturday night of heart failure. He was 86.

"I coached this game with a heavy heart," Bill Belichick said after Sunday's 24-17 win over the New Orleans Saints. "My dad passed away. I found out about it the middle of last night."

The Patriots' coach learned his meticulous game preparation by watching his father, an assistant coach at Navy for 33 years.

"Obviously, he had a tremendous influence on my life personally, and particularly in the football aspect," Bill Belichick said. "It was great to be able to share the tremendous memories with him and some of our recent successes."

Patriots owner Robert Kraft pre-

sented Belichick with the game ball after Sunday's game in honor of his father's memory.

"I know how important his father was to him, having him (Steve) here at training camp every year," quarterback Tom Brady said. "And he was a great man and he raised a great son."

Colts' Harrison reaches milestone in win Sunday

CINCINNATI — Colts receiver Marvin Harrison reached 900 career catches Sunday faster than anyone in NFL history.

Harrison reached the mark with his second catch against the Cincinnati Bengals, a 3-yard loss on a screen late in the second quarter with the Colts already up 28-17.

Jerry Rice reached the milestone in 168 games, previously the fastest to get there. Harrison made it in his 149th game. Only five other receivers — Rice, Cris Carter, Tim Brown, Andre Reed and Art Monk — have caught 900 passes.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Kurz emerges as strong force on the inside for Irish

There is a member of the Notre Dame men's basketball team who has made 17 of his 21 shot attempts in preseason and regular season play. They're the statistics of a sharpshooter, evoking the image of a guard who drains threes from deep.

Rob Kurz isn't a sharpshooter by any means. And it wouldn't be fair to evaluate the sophomore's performance after two

exhibition games and his first career college start. But so far the 6-foot-9, 238-pound power forward has shown no signs of being anything less than reliable on the court — his shooting numbers provide only one example.

Kurz is maximizing the minutes he sees, which serves Notre Dame well because of coach Mike Brey's numerous options at virtually every position and his

constant substitutions to find an effective lineup.

In the team's first exhibition game against Lewis, Kurz played 23 minutes, scored five points, grabbed seven rebounds and made two blocks.

Against Quincy Oct. 11, he played 19 minutes (six other players saw more playing time) and managed 14 points, three rebounds and two steals.

He's not the most recognizable player on the roster. He is the only member of Notre Dame's sophomore recruiting class. He played 66 total minutes last year as a freshman.

Granted, playing against two Division-II teams and Lafayette will not provide the most accurate assessment of a Big East player's true worth. But when a sophomore leads his team in scoring in his first career start, a few heads should turn.

"He understands how to fit in and do the dirty work," Brey said. "He likes to do that, [and] he's grasped that. I don't want him to turn down shots, though."

That won't be a problem.

In the middle of a brief 7-1 second half run that stretched Notre Dame's lead to 20, Kurz took and

drained a 3-pointer from the top of the key. He scored all seven Irish points in that stretch, but those three came from an unexpected distance. Or did they?

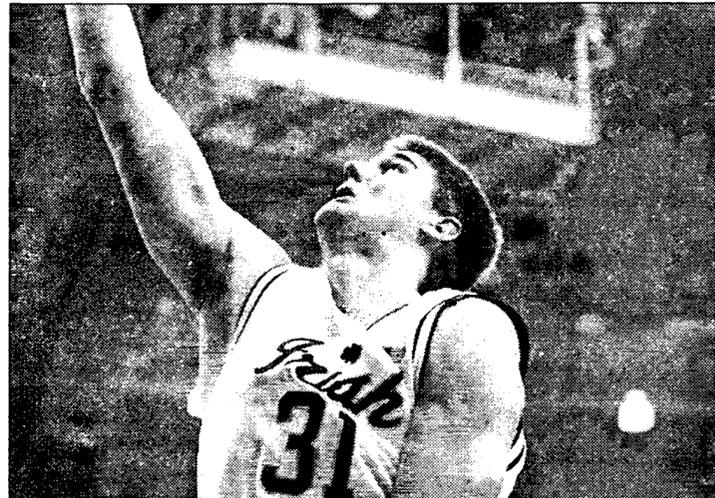
After the game, Brey said Kurz's range — in terms of being able to make shots consistently — stretches further than most would think.

"At the end of practice last year he was making threes," Brey said. "He was really comfortable playing against the key guys and he made that jump shot [from] 18 feet at a high clip."

A major reason Kurz's offensive efficiency deserves attention this early on — if not praise — is because he also played well at the end of last season.

Playing sparingly in 14 games last year, Kurz finally received an opportunity to create a rhythm on the court during a first-round NIT loss to Holy Cross. He was, at times, the only working offensive option on the floor for Notre Dame, and he finished with 11 points and seven rebounds.

That was a promising glimpse, and now it seems Brey should be sliding Kurz along with Quinn into the pile of players who are a sure thing in his starting lineup.



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Rob Kurz goes up for a layup in a preseason game against Quincy on Nov. 11. Kurz made his first career start Sunday.

Kurz said after Sunday's win that coaches have harped on playing defense and rebounding as the major contributions he can make to earn consistent playing time. That may be more obvious when Big East teams stick bigger, bulking forwards on Kurz to make him work even harder.

But in the early going, while Kurz has been active on defense

and on the glass, his solid decision-making and scoring also have been major reasons for increased playing time.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish sweep meet with St. Bonnie's

By JACK THORNTON
Sports Writer

After two close road wins, the Irish returned home and resumed winning big Saturday night with a 203-92 victory over St. Bonaventure in Rolfs Aquatic Center.

From the first gun to the final relay, the Irish overwhelmed the Bonnies. Notre Dame's swimmers touched the wall first in all 15 swimming events while the diving team went 1-2-3 in both the one-meter and three-meter diving.

The Irish would have won by an even larger margin, but after the first 10 races, much of the Irish team swam as exhibition competitors, making them ineligible for points.

"It was our last dual meet of the semester so it was nice to bring it home to to win big," co-captain Patrick Heffernan said.

The Irish entered the meet coming off consecutive comeback road wins. On Nov. 4, the Irish rallied from down 23 points to beat rival Pittsburgh by one point. They followed that up the next week with a two-point victory over Michigan State.

The blowout win was fueled by a flurry of season-best times in individual events. Senior Doug Bauman and junior Ted Brown took team season-best times in the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard butterfly, respectively.

Junior Tim Kegelmann gave his best performances of the year in both the 200-yard butterfly and 200-yard medley while junior Justin Barber did so in the 500-yard freestyle.

Seniors Steve Shomberger and Chris Barnes also participated in the benchmark-setting, putting up season-best times in the 100-yard fly and the 100-yard freestyle, respectively.

"Chirs Barnes had a great win in the 100 freestyle," Heffernan said. "He really stepped up in the 100 and won so it was exciting for him and for us."

By swimming so many exhibition competitors, the Irish were also able to give several swimmers racing experience in less familiar events.

"We were able to move the lineup around a little bit and allow some guys to swim some new events this year or swim some events that weren't really their main focus and they didn't let up on those alternative events," assistant coach Matt Tallman said.

The Irish are now 4-1 in dual meets this season. With no dual meets for the remainder of the semester, Notre Dame can now focus on its marquee event, the Irish Invitational December 1-3.

"It's kinda cool because it's different from a dual meet; you get to swim a lot of different events and it has the 'prelim' set-up where you swim in the morning and then come back at night, so it's got a championship feel, so it's kinda like a direct rehearsal for the Big East [Championship]," Heffernan said.

The Invitational is swam every year on the weekend after Thanksgiving break.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles split in tournament play

Saint Mary's bounces back after rough start in weekend tourney

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's basketball season got off to a rocky start this weekend in a 68-51 loss to Hanover, as the Belles shot 17-of-50 from the floor in the first game of the Hanover Tip-Off Classic.

The Belles started the game off slow, but managed to gain some momentum in the first half to go ahead 26-24 at half-time. The second half was a different story.

Facing Hanover's 2-2-1 full-court press, Saint Mary's was unable to move the ball up the floor, leading to a 9-0 Panthers run. After taking the lead at the beginning of the half, Hanover never looked back.

Hanover controlled the boards, as the Panthers outrebounded the Belles 46-to-31. Hanover also had twice as many steals — 14 to 7 — and eight fewer turnovers in general.

Despite the statistics, head coach Steve Bender was still thoroughly impressed with Saint Mary's effort in the game. "The final score was not at all indicative of the game itself," Bender said.

But Bender was able to pinpoint some problems with his team's play in the first game of the regular season.

"We just were not able to deal with the press, and that hurt us early in the second half. We also weren't waiting for the right shots, we were shooting much too quickly,"

Bender said.

Point guard Bridget Lipke had 13 points, six rebounds and seven assists to lead the Belles in a 65-61 upset of Franklin College in the second game of the Hanover Tip-Off Classic. Franklin College was last year's Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference champion and a participant in last year's Division III tournament.

Lipke's offensive presence helped Saint Mary's with the

win, but more important was her defensive play. She held Franklin guard Lindsey Robertson — a returning senior and last year's HCAC Most Valuable Player — to 5-of-15 shooting. Lipke also forced Robertson to take shots from three-point range, as 11 of her 15 field goal attempts were from beyond the three-point arc.

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season.

Kurz led all scorers with 18 points on 8-of-10 shooting, but more important were his eight rebounds — seven of which came on the offensive end — that allowed the Irish to control the boards by a 43-to-29 margin.

Kurz scored six points on three putbacks in the second half alone.

"The thing that kind of really broke it open was Kurz on the offensive boards," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "His energy kind of gave us a lift to stretch it to 20 or 22 or whatever it was."

Quinn finished the game 5-of-10 from the field for 15 points. He added nine assists and five steals, but turned the ball over four times in his first regular-season game handling the point full time for the Irish.

"That's probably a few too many turnovers for him," Brey said. "I'm shocked he turned it over four times, but it's a little different than when he played before because it's in his hands all the time. But still he made plays."

Quinn made two field goals at the end of the half to give the Irish momentum, one coming on a layup with 52 seconds remaining and the other a runner with four seconds left.

After rushing shots early in the half, Quinn settled down and impressed his coach in his first regular season game of the year.

"I guess probably the best compliment I would give is I never even worry about that position," Brey said. "I was watching the other four guys. When you have a good guard like that, hopefully you just watch the other four guys and figure out what you're doing there."

The Irish ran their offense quickly during the first half, not allowing Lafayette to set up on the defensive end. Brey said he wanted to move the ball up the court in order to get easy looks.

"We just want to get down a little quicker," Brey said. "I think it really gets you on your toes rather than on your heels."

"It stretches the defense down the floor and it gives Quinn and Falls opportunities to attack on early offense instead of walking it up and grinding it five on five all the time."

Quinn said after the game that getting the ball and running was a key for Notre Dame heading into the contest.

"We wanted to get out and run and be aggressive on the offensive end of the floor," Quinn said. "I think [in this game] and the last exhibition we did a great job of running the floor and it showed in our offensive production."

Brey experimented with a variety of on-court combinations for the third straight game this season. He used Quinn with McAlarney in the backcourt, and the freshman looked especially good handling Lafayette's full-court pressure.

"I feel really confident with my ball-handling skills and the guys who are out there with me

do a good job coming back to the ball on the trap," McAlarney said.

Brey said he was disappointed with some of the little things that Notre Dame did wrong, namely missing easy layups and free throws. Irish guard Colin Falls missed a layup with 14:36 remaining in the first half.

Falls finished the game with 15 points on 5-of-13 shooting, 5-of-10 from three-point range.

The Irish made one field goal — a layup by Russell Carter with 3:20 remaining — in the final nine minutes. They did score 16 points in that stretch, however.

"I thought we did a better job in the second half using the line; I think that can be a weapon for us," Brey said.

Torin Francis finished the game with 8 points on 2-of-5 shooting and a game-high 14 rebounds.

Notes

◆ Former Indiana Mr. Basketball Luke Zeller fouled out in just 11 minutes in his first game with the Irish. The 6-foot-11 freshman was held scoreless and had just three rebounds.

But his coach was impressed with the intensity he brought on the defensive end.

"I feel for Luke a little bit, but a couple of his fouls, I love that he just crushed somebody and nobody got an easy look at a bucket," Brey said. "We gotta give our body up there, we have enough big guys we can play if someone's in foul trouble."

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KIRSTEN HOELMER/The Observer

Irish guard Colin Falls catches a pass in Sunday's 84-65 win against Lafayette College. Falls had 15 points in the victory.

NCAAs

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Constantly when she touched the ball I was scared she was going to score. Every time she touched it, something was happening."

Notre Dame jumped out to a 2-0 lead on goals from Amanda Cinalli and Brittany Bock but Yale did not lose focus. The Bulldogs kept the ball in the Irish zone, applying constant pressure instead of sitting back and waiting for scoring opportunities.

"I told you going in that they were going to be a better team than a lot of people thought they were," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "What a dangerous team on the counter-attack. I thought they've been one of the best teams we played all year just making a commitment to defend and attack."

But Notre Dame's own offensive attack was too much. Whenever the Bulldogs would make it a one-goal game, the Irish would respond with a goal to further the gap.

In the first half Laurel Karnes scored at 31:11 to make it a 2-1 game. But Pinnick's goal at 39:16 gave the Irish comfort.

Emma Whitfield's goal at 50:40 made it a 3-2 game, but 13 minutes later at 63:42 Kerri Hanks scored her 27th goal of the season to retake a two-goal lead. Hanks scored again at 84:45 to put the Bulldogs out of the game for good.

"I think it was key that we definitely got those goals after they had scored," Cinalli said. "They were a very good team and they never let down, so it was important that we kept our focus and we played tough throughout the whole game."

Notre Dame advanced to the



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Irish forward Katie Thorlaxson pushes the ball uphill during Friday's 5-2 win against Yale in the third round of the NCAAs.

round of eight with the win and will travel to Portland Friday for a quarterfinals match with the top seed in its bracket. But Irish head coach is not worried that playing on the road will have much effect on how his team plays.

"I guess seeding were the underdog going into

Portland but I don't think any of our kids will look at the game that way," Waldrum said. "I think they'll just expect it to be a game we're capable of winning like every other game we play."

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NFL

Johnson, Chiefs beat up on Texans 45-17

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Larry Johnson always felt he was too good to be a backup. On Sunday night he proved it.

Johnson broke the Chiefs' rushing record with 211 yards and scored two touchdowns to lead Kansas City to a 45-17 win over the hapless Houston Texans on Sunday night.

The previous record was 200 yards, set by Barry Word in 1990.

Johnson, in his third year, has gained more than 100 yards in both of his starts since Priest Holmes was placed on injured reserve because of head and neck injuries.

"When it's never been done before that's outstanding," Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil said of Johnson's record.

Johnson got going in the first quarter when he slashed up the middle of Houston's porous run defense and shook off four would-be tacklers before scoring on a 23-yard run to put Kansas City (6-4) up 10-0.

He extended the lead to 24-7 with a 1-yard run in the second period after Houston's Phillip Buchanon was called for pass interference. That score was set up by a fumble by Houston receiver Andre Johnson.

The 211 yards were the most allowed to a single player in Texans history and the seventh time this season an opponent has gained more than 100 yards against Houston's NFL-worst run defense.

Johnson was supposed to

come into the interview room after the game, but then told Chiefs officials he wouldn't talk.

"We were looking for big things from him," Chiefs quarterback Trent Green said. "It's very important for him to come up big. When Larry's had opportunities to play, he's played well."

The Texans (1-9), who have looked slightly improved in recent weeks, were back to their old selves against the Chiefs.

They had only 129 yards at halftime to 292 by Kansas City, which piled up 31 first-half points a week after managing only three points in a loss at Buffalo.

David Carr threw an interception just before the break that Eric Warfield returned 57 yards for a touchdown. Carr was in position to tackle Warfield before he reached the end zone, but instead stood with his arms outstretched and appeared to yell at his teammates to help.

"This is not the way we're going to play," Texans owner Bob McNair said. "We'll do whatever we have to to improve the situation. We're all disappointed. This is not what we're about."

When asked if coach Dom Capers could lose his job this week, McNair said making changes during the season just "makes things worse."

Carr was 19-of-36 for 182 yards and fumbled twice, but was only sacked season-low one time.

FOOTBALL

Quinn disappointed with performance in win

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn wasn't too satisfied after Saturday's 34-10 Notre Dame win over Syracuse.

He said he thought he had not played that poorly since Michigan on Sept. 10 when he completed 19-of-30 passes for 140 yards and two touchdowns. The three-year starter was 21-of-37 for 270 yards and two touchdowns against the Orange.

But completing less than 60 percent of his passes for just the third time this season and throwing for 50 yards below his season average of 320 yards per game left him disappointed — which is just what Charlie Weis

wants to see.

The Notre Dame coach said at his Sunday press conference that Quinn's lack of satisfaction with his performance is a sign of the quarterback's growth through 10 games playing as the starting quarterback for Weis in his first year as a college head coach.

"Good or bad, he's starting to be more like me," Weis said. "There's good and bad in that, but he has raised the expectation of his own play, which I personally believe is a good thing. So now those numbers, to a lot of other people, would be impressive, but to him that's disappointing and that makes me feel good that he thinks like that."

Quinn might have had good

reason to feel disappointed, though. He has steadily raised expectations of many this season after throwing for 29 touchdowns compared to just five interceptions. His top two receivers, Maurice Stovall and Jeff Samardzija, have shared in his success — teaming for 116 receptions for 1,886 yards and 23 touchdowns.

So his play against Syracuse, which boasted the nation's No. 6 pass defense entering the matchup, did not sit well with Quinn.

"You look at his statistics, everyone thought he had a horrible game," Weis said. "It's just that we're getting used to him completing every pass."

Weis said Quinn's leadership and confidence has improved

along with his passing statistics this season.

"Leadership has to be something that you really have," Weis said. "It can't be something that's fabricated. He obviously has it."

Notes:

◆ Chase Anastasio was named by Weis as special teams captain for this week based on his performance against the Orange. The Irish wide receiver partially blocked two Syracuse punts from his position on the edge of the Notre Dame punt block formation.

"I was pleased with the punt coverage," Weis said. "Chase I thought played a really, really excellent game."

◆ Weis didn't leave a lot of

time for sleep after the victory Saturday. The coach was up until near midnight watching several college football games on television, then rose just after 4 a.m. to begin his Sunday routine of watching film of Syracuse and beginning to plan for next week's game against Stanford. "I really tried to get a peek at four different games ... I'm driving my wife nuts," Weis said. "I watched a little of the Stanford-California game and the USC-Fresno State game and finally called it a night about quarter to 12, because that alarm clock was ringing about quarter after four, and I thought enough was enough by that time."

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MEN'S SOCCER

On to round two

Irish defeat Western Illinois 2-0 to move on to the next round

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

They're still in it.

The Irish kept their season alive on Friday with a 2-0 win over Western Illinois in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Notre Dame will play Indiana Tuesday night after advancing.

"I thought we deserved it fairly well," coach Bobby Clark said. "I thought it was an interesting game, I thought they came to play and they had some very good players."

Western Illinois managed just three shots on goal — all saved by Chris Cahill, who recorded his eighth shutout.

"Chris was excellent," Clark said. "He obviously didn't get overwhelmed tonight; what he did I thought he did very well."

The defense had a particularly solid night against a Western Illinois attack that had a number of weapons.

"Although they didn't get many good shots off I certainly felt they had players that could threaten us," Clark said. "I thought we defended well as a unit. I don't think it was just the defense, I thought we defended well as a whole today."

Midfielder Greg Dalby said the idea of the entire team playing defense was important to the Irish scheme.

"I think it starts with our strikers," he said. "We just make it really difficult for them [to get possession]."

Dalby, a semifinalist for college soccer's highest honor, the Hermann Trophy, said he thought the team started slow after a long hiatus.

"We came out real slow, I don't know if it was just nervousness, I thought the first 10 minutes of the game was pretty back and forth," he said.

However, the Irish hit their stride early with a goal in the 20th minute by Joe Lapira. Although a Western Illinois gameplan had been to keep the ball away from Lapira, he broke free on a pass play with defender Ryan Miller.

"He set up the ball to me around the [penalty kick] spot and I hit it left footed which doesn't happen very often," Lapira said.

The Irish retained the 1-0 advantage until Kurt Martin scored when a Western Illinois defender intercepted an Irish cross pass but misplayed it in front of the goal.

Lapira said that the Irish offense, which has struggled at times this season, has come a long way.

"Now we're starting to click," he said. "The communication between the midfield and the forwards is almost where it needs to be."

Lapira, Justin McGeeney and Nate Norman were all dangerous in the offensive third for the Irish, and the defense was able to hold Western Illinois to just three shots.

On an individual level, Clark commented on Dalby's play, which has been consistent all season.

"I thought Greg Dalby was great, I thought he was a great leader as he played today," he said of the junior tri-captain. "I thought he took control of the midfield ... winning balls, he was distributing the ball well, winning headers, he was pretty well doing everything tonight. He set a great example for the rest of the team."

Although the Irish took time to find their rhythm in the game, Clark said the team was motivated from the start.

"If you come out flat in the NCAAAs we've got a problem," he said. "They know what they're playing for and I think we're very excited about this game today."

Notre Dame faces in-state rival Indiana tomorrow at 7 p.m. The Irish lost 3-0 to the Hoosiers on Oct. 26.

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HOCKEY

Irish make last trip to Goggin

ND loses one, ties one against Miami

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

The Miami University hockey arena in Oxford, Ohio, which had been a house of horrors for the Irish in recent years, played host to a two-game series this weekend between Notre Dame and the No. 11 Redhawks. The two teams played to a 2-2 tie Friday night before Miami shut out the Irish 3-0 Saturday.

Miami will be tearing down Goggin Arena after this season in favor of a more modern arena. The Irish were 7-15-2 in the arena all time, including 0-5-1 there in the last three seasons.

Irish defenseman Noah Babin said a raucous home crowd gave the Redhawks a unique home ice advantage.

"[Friday night] there was a fan sitting right next to the benches, yelling in our faces," he said.

Babin also said despite the hecklers and Notre Dame's poor record, he will miss playing at Goggin.

"It was an awesome atmosphere," he said. "I hope they can translate that atmosphere to their new place, because Goggin was really fun to play at."

Junior goaltender Dave Brown started both games for the Irish, his second and third straight starts after alternating with freshman Jordan Pearce for much of the season.

"I think his performance last Saturday night against Bowling Green was a really positive step in his performance, so I came back with him Friday, and I wanted to see how he would play back-to-back nights," Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson said. "I think he played pretty well Saturday."

Babin said Brown provided a steady hand in net for both games, even though the rest of the team didn't play as well as they would have liked.

"[Brown] played really, really well both Friday and Saturday night," Babin said. "He made some huge saves. It's a shame we couldn't play well enough in front of him to get him a win."

The Irish and Redhawks played to a standstill through the first period and most of the second Saturday before Ryan Jones deflected a Nathan Davis shot past Brown at 17:24 of the period.

"We played well in the first period and the beginning of the second period, but then we gave up a goal and we didn't respond," Babin said.

The Redhawks scored again at 12:57 of the third period as Jones knocked in the rebound of another Davis shot.

Notre Dame got a chance to respond after Davis was called for roughing at the 13:53 mark of the third period, giving the Irish a two minute power play. Unfortunately for the Irish, a little over a minute later, Miami defenseman Matt Christie stole the puck in the neutral zone and dashed down the ice, beating Brown stickside to ice the game for the Redhawks.

Notre Dame 2, Miami (OH) 2

The Irish jumped out to a 2-0 lead Friday night before allowing two third period goals and having to settle for a tie.

Sophomore forward Mark Van Guilder opened the scoring 3:48 into the second period when he took a pass from junior defenseman Wes O'Neill at the left face of circle and blasted it past Miami goalie Charlie Effinger.

Barely a minute later, after a Miami penalty, Josh Sciba, Notre Dame's leading goal scorer, took a pass from senior forward Tim Wallace and scored his seventh goal of the season.

The two goal lead would not hold up.

A pass by Miami center Andy Greene hit Christie in the skate and slipped past brown to cut the lead to one at 6:36 of the third period.

With less than three minutes left in the game, Redhawks defenseman Mitch Ganzak intercepted a Notre Dame pass and passed to Marty Guerin for a breakaway goal to tie the game.

"The first goal was off a break, and the puck kind of bounced in off a skate," Babin said. "We didn't respond very well to it and gave up another goal. It was a bad third period."

Jackson was disappointed that a solid outing by the Irish didn't

turn into a win.

"It was two cheap goals, which is unfortunate because we played pretty well," he said. "We didn't turn the puck over much, but when we did it turned into goals."

Sciba was also the leading scorer for the Irish last season despite netting just six goals all season.

"[The coaching staff is] preaching to pay the price more this year," Babin said of the offensive improvement. "Last year we were trying to score pretty goals or perimeter goals, but this year we're trying to be grinders in front of the net."

The Irish will be back in action Friday and Saturday against Ohio State in the Joyce Center.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish open the regular season with two big victories

Duffy's 19 points and perfect free-throw shooting boost Notre Dame over Western Michigan in close game on Sunday

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw opened the regular season on a high note, recording her 500th career win Friday night.

Notre Dame defeated Michigan 55-45 at the Joyce Center in the team's home opener. The No. 15 Irish followed that up with another victory Sunday, downing Western Michigan 71-68 on the road.

Notre Dame 71, Western Michigan 68

Senior point guard Megan Duffy led the Irish Sunday, scoring 19 points and grabbing seven rebounds. Freshman guard Lindsay Schrader chipped in with 11 points, while senior forward Courtney Lavere added 10 points off the bench.

While happy to come away with a win, McGraw was disappointed with the way her team played against Western Michigan — particularly on the defensive end.

"I was really disappointed in our defense," McGraw said. "We gave up 68 [points] to this team today. That is obviously about 18 more than we want to give up."

The Irish had trouble dealing with Western Michigan's perimeter shooting. The Broncos shot 42.3 percent from three point range in the game.

Guard Casey Rost spearheaded Western Michigan's perimeter assault, scoring 29 points and connecting on 7-of-10 shots from beyond the arc.

"She was the best player on the floor," McGraw said. "We couldn't guard her. We couldn't stop her."

Rost's hot shooting kept the Broncos in the game, despite the fact that Notre Dame only trailed in the opening minutes. With 11:50 left, Rost hit a three to bring the Broncos within one point.

McGraw was confident the Irish would prevail down the stretch, though, thanks to the clutch play of the team's second-year captain.

"I wasn't worried because I thought they would foul [Duffy] and she would make free throws," McGraw said. "And that's pretty much what happened."

Duffy was 8-of-8 from the line for the game. She connected on four free throws with less than a minute remaining to seal the victory for the Irish.

Notre Dame 55, Michigan 45

McGraw's 500th victory came Friday night thanks in

large part to the two areas she felt her team needed to improve on heading into the season — defense and rebounding. The Irish held Michigan to 45 points and just 32 percent shooting, while outrebounding the Wolverines 54-33.

"I was really pleased with the rebounding, especially in the second half," McGraw said. "They only had one offensive rebound at halftime, which was awesome. And then to hold them to nine offensive boards for the game, I thought that was just a great job we did."

Michigan held Duffy to just three points in the game, but two young players led the way for the Irish. Sophomore Charel Allen scored 16 points, and freshman Lindsay Schrader posted 10 points and a game high 14 rebounds. McGraw was thrilled to see her two young guards step up.

"Charel Allen was the player of the game on the offensive end," McGraw said. "And I thought [Schrader] was the defensive player of the game. She did just a great job — 14 rebounds. I mean, that's how we won the game."

Reserve forward Ta'Shia Walker paced the Wolverines with 16 points and nine rebounds. The Irish struggled to defend Walker in the post



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Megan Duffy drives around a Michigan defender on Friday. The Irish beat the Wolverines 55-45.

all game.

McGraw was happy with the way the team played. The coach said she hoped Notre Dame's problems in the game could be attributed to the fact that it was the season opener.

"I think it was mostly the

first-game jitters," McGraw said. "The first game is always a tough one and Michigan had had two games already. So I think it was just that."

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McGraw earns 500th victory against the Wolverines

Irish coach has led her team to success on and off the court in her 18 seasons at head of women's basketball program

It wasn't pretty, but it's over. Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw finally got her 500th win on Friday night and then 501 on Sunday.

But the coveted 500 came only after a devastating loss in the NCAA Tournament



Heather Van Hoegarden

Sports Writer

last year that ended the Irish season abruptly. Friday against Michigan, the Irish found a way to get their coach 500 wins before the age of 50, a feat that only 10 Division I coaches have accomplished.

After the game was over, McGraw immediately ran to University President Emeritus Father Edward "Monk" Malloy to hug him. Malloy was the president of Notre Dame in May of 1987 when McGraw was hired.

"It's really an honor to be coaching at Notre Dame," McGraw said after the game. "I just am so thankful. That's why I went to Father Malloy first because I'm just so blessed to be here at such a great place."

McGraw was then greeted by athletic director Kevin White, her husband Matt and son Murphy. Her team waited at center court, well-aware of what the win meant to its coach. For McGraw it was a moment in her 18 years at Notre Dame she won't soon forget.

"I am overwhelmed at the moment," she said. "It's just such an honor to be at Notre Dame and be here with so many great people that I've had the opportunity to work with and work for, particularly Father Malloy — somebody that's been with me for every one of them."

McGraw is grateful to be at Notre Dame, but the Irish should consider themselves lucky to have McGraw. The

soon-to-be 50 year-old (her birthday is Dec. 5) has led the Notre Dame women's basketball program to heights it had never seen before her tenure.

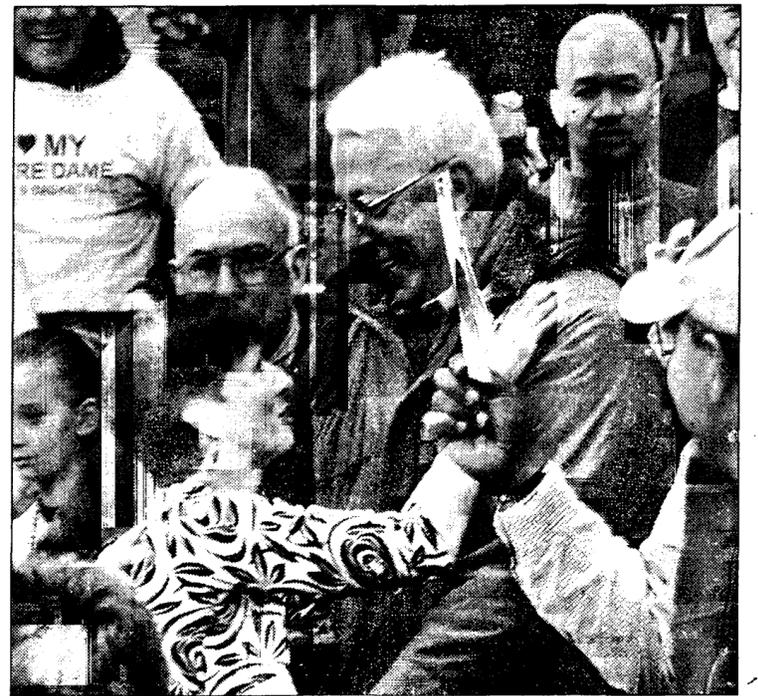
Everyone knows about the 2001 National Championship, but what about the six Sweet 16 appearances in the last nine years? Or the two Final Four appearances? Better yet, the way her players conduct themselves on and off the court? Or the 6,000-plus fans that she brings to the Joyce Center day-in and day-out, a rarity in collegiate women's basketball?

McGraw has embraced the community of South Bend and it has responded. Although students don't support the team in abundance, those from the community do, and it is in large part due to McGraw. She has embraced her job as the women's basketball coach and as the mainstay of the program, and she appreciates every bit of fan support the Irish get.

"I think we have the best fans in the country, and it's so great that we were able to win at home," she said Friday night. "I think that was added incentive for the team to really get that one tonight for the fans."

And on the court, McGraw runs a tight ship, one she doesn't let sink.

Her players play defense, first and foremost, and everything else takes a backseat. They play hard, like they did on Friday. And if they don't play well, she is the first to tell them and the



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Muffet McGraw embraces Father Edward "Monk" Malloy after defeating Michigan for her 500th career victory Friday night.

media how she felt about how they played.

McGraw is the true captain of Notre Dame women's basketball, 413 wins at Notre Dame later.

Now all that's left is for Notre Dame to name the court for her like Mike Krzyzewski of Duke's men's team and Pat Summitt of the Tennessee Lady Vols. Sure McGraw doesn't quite have 600 wins, but she's well on her way.

Even legendary Notre Dame men's coach Digger Phelps "only" had 393 wins for the Irish.

And so one day, maybe it really will be Muffet's court.

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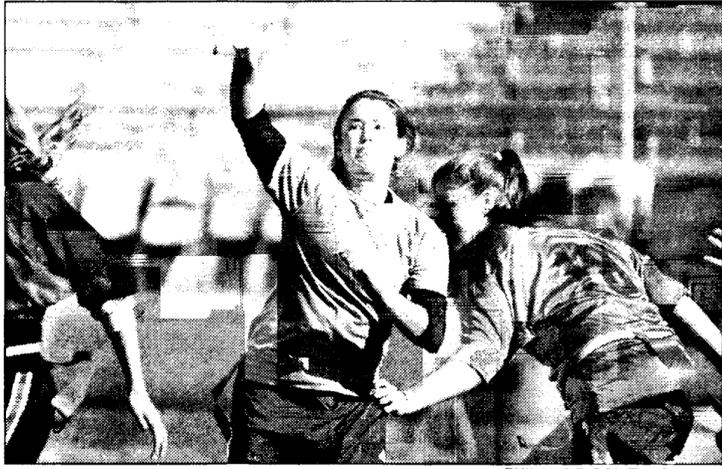
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Pasquerilla West quarterback Cara Davies throws a pass against Pangborn in Notre Dame Stadium Sunday.

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zone early and allowed only 48 yards of total offense in the second half.

Pasquerilla West got a strong performance on both offense and defense from junior Maureen Spring, who scored both of her team's touchdowns and also recorded an interception on defense. Her first touchdown catch was a 63-yarder late in the first half, and was the first play of a drive that began when she picked off a wayward Pangborn pass. She later scored again from 12 yards out to seal the game for the Purple Weasels, who ended with 193 total yards.

"We were really happy that everything came together," Pasquerilla West junior safety Bridget Bulfin said.

Sunday's game proved that anything could happen in the stadium. Pasquerilla West had an unlikely run to the championship as the No. 5 seed, finishing the regular season 3-1-2. The Weasels upset top-seeded and undefeated Cavanaugh in the semifinals to make it to the stadium.

Pangborn came into the game as the No. 2 seed, boasting a 5-1 record with one of its wins coming against Pasquerilla West.

"We did [make some changes]," Bulfin said. "Because we had played them previously, we knew that they were an option offense and they like to run the ball a lot, so we pushed up our defense to look for the option first and

the deep pass second. We were much more able to contain the run this time, which for them is a very effective offense."

But while the Purple Weasels changed their defensive strategy against Pangborn's rushing attack, they stuck with what had worked through the playoffs on offense.

"We ran the same plays on offense this time," Bulfin said. "We just got much better at executing as the season went along. We were able to throw a few deep balls, and a few short outs to gain yardage. The offensive line gave [quarterback] Cara [Davies] a lot of time — she was able to see the plays develop and the receivers did a great job of creating after the catch."

Pangborn was disappointed by the loss, but the team was proud of what it accomplished through the season.

"We had a good year," Pangborn coach Tom Holder said. "A couple of years ago, we had no wins. It's a credit to the girls. They came out and practiced hard, played hard every game."

His assistants agreed. "We'll be back next year," Phoxes coach Taylor Stuckey said.

Pasquerilla West was excited after capping a thrilling season with a win in the championship.

"Our defense and offense played great," Purple Weasels coach Jim Lynch said. "We came in as underdogs, but the girls never gave up. They gave it their all, all season."

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quarter to give the Knights a 6-0 advantage. Zenker caught Coly's pass at the 5 and rumbled across the goal line for what would be Keenan's only score of the game.

"I was nervous when they scored on that big pass," Gourley said.

The Bats, however, kept the score within reach going into the second half and righted their ship in the third quarter.

"I felt a lot more confident in the second half," Gourley said.

In Zahm's first drive of the half, after tailback Theo Ossei-Anto ran the ball for a Zahm first down, Mike Tieu caught a 35-yard pass tie the score at 6-6. The Bats converted the point after and took a 7-6 lead, which would eventually represent the game's final score.

For Keenan, the loss was toughest because of the narrow margin.

Keenan's Alex Staffieri said the final score of 7-6 testified to evenness of the teams and the game.

"It was a tough loss," Alex Staffieri said. "Any time you lose by such a narrow margin it's tough to stomach."

After Zahm took its 7-6 lead, the Bats defense battled to hold the Knights back, and the strategy proved successful.

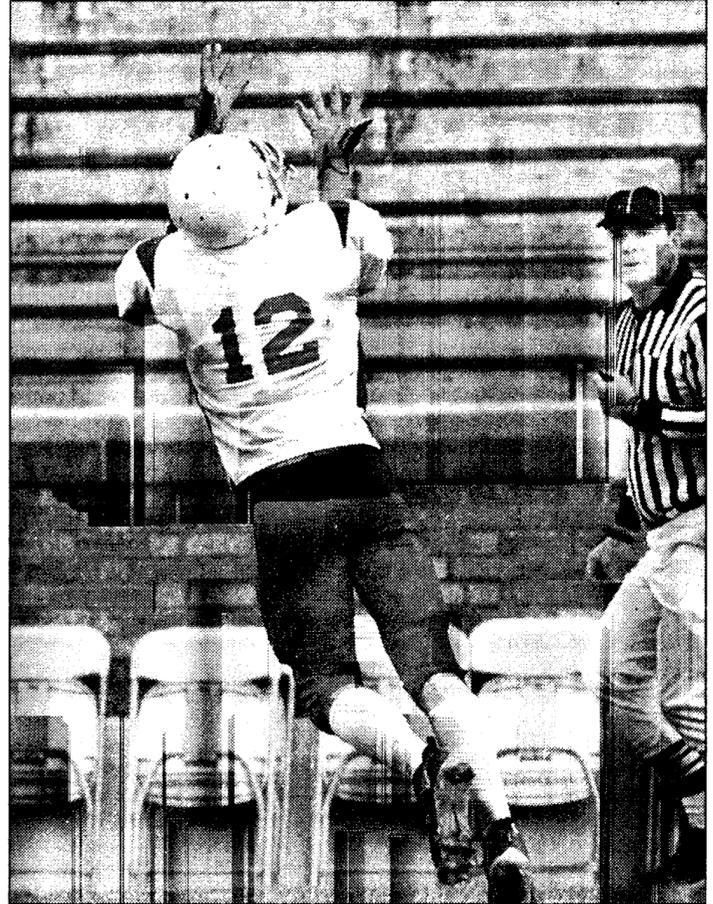
Zahm stuffed Keenan early in the fourth quarter to force a momentum-changing turnover on downs, and the Bats offense effectively held onto the ball, letting time tick off the clock throughout the game's final 30 minutes.

But Keenan did not go out without a fight.

The Knights drove downfield and threatened to reclaim the lead with three minutes left in a quarter. Then the Zahm defense came through in the clutch.

Keenan fumbled the ball just when it looked as though the Knights were to threaten the end zone again, and the Bats recovered.

Keenan forced a three-and-out and breathed new life with just 27 seconds left on the clock when the defensive front blocked Zahm's punt attempt at the Bats' 37-yard



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer
A Zahm receiver watches a ball into his hands during Sunday's 7-6 win over Keenan.

line.

The Knights, however, could not capitalize on Zahm's mistake.

After two incomplete passes, Zahm defensive back Kris Patterson intercepted a pass with 18 seconds remaining in the game, sealing the Zahm victory.

For Keenan, the missed opportunity was indicative of the way the game went.

On Zahm's opening drive, Keenan intercepted a pass by Zahm quarterback Sean Wieland.

Keenan tried quickly to take advantage of the Bats' miscue, first with a 30-yard Coly pass, and then a 10-yard run. But the Zahm special teams unit made its first crucial play of the game, blocking the Knights' field goal attempt and keeping the game scoreless.

Staffieri said Keenan's miscues cost the better team the championship.

"The effort and dedication were definitely there, but in the second half we made a few too many mistakes to

overcome," Staffieri said. "But I think we were definitely the better team out there today."

The 7-0 Bats disagreed with that assessment, exhibiting pride in their championship.

"Obviously, it feels amazing," Gourley said. "Couldn't end a career on a better note. The undefeated [season] doesn't mean much [to the championship], it just adds a little extra. It was always one game at a time. No one else, except us, thought we would make it this far."

The freshman Ossei-Anto, who led the Zahm offense throughout the game and season, felt the same way.

"It is unbelievable; I have never been so happy," he said. "This really is a dream come true."

Gourley already made a prediction for 2006.

"Look out for us next year," he said. "We're only losing me. This same team is going to be back again next year."

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Louisville

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digs to break the Notre Dame career record, broke it after a 25-dig performance — and her Irish teammates had a fun time.

"It was really fun," she said. "It's games like this that we play for, this competition. A team like Louisville, who, like coach said, we have a tremendous amount of respect for them ... it just makes it that much more fun."

Brewster also enjoyed the competition.

"It's [Louisville] one of the more difficult teams to hit and block against," she said. "But it's also really challenging and fun. You look back over the five games, and I think they're such a good net team, the way they block and the way they hit. It's so hard to defend."

While Brewster had some incredible blocks — seven blocks in the match — she said the overall defense was one of the main reasons the Irish won.

"Our defense was really good," she said. "When I missed a block, they [her teammates] were there to get the dig. Meg saved me a couple of times. We like challenges."

In addition to Henican's career day, junior Danielle Herndon had 16 digs.

Sophomore setter Ashley Tarutis again paced the offense with 62 set assists.

With the Louisville band and cheerleaders on hand and the majority of the Kentucky International Convention Center crowd wearing Cardinal red, the Irish fell behind early. After dropping the first game, the Irish fell behind 11-4 in the second game.

Still, as usual, Notre Dame stayed confident. The Irish welcomed the roar of the crowd. They were hardly flustered.

"They [Louisville] came up and played in our facility and this is like coming in and playing in theirs," Brown said. "It's just a good atmosphere to play in, and I think that's what we had up at Notre Dame — a lot of people

there, big crowd. Sometimes it doesn't matter who the crowd is for.

"It's just an awesome atmosphere to play in."

Sophomore outside hitter and Big East tournament MVP Adrianna Stasiuk said the Irish never got flustered given the magnitude of the match.

"We weren't nervous at all," Stasiuk said. "The whole game, we were just competing really hard against them. There weren't any nerves. Neither team was really up tight I don't think. It was just a really fun match between two really good teams."

Senior Lauren Kelbley nailed 13 kills. Fellow senior Carolyn Cooper added 11.

No doubt, the Irish proved their mettle — and their depth. Freshman Mallorie Croal entered the match after the first game and provided a huge spark for the Irish. She pounded 15 kills.

Stasiuk finished with 18 kills and 13 digs.

"I'm a little hard on myself," she said. "It was definitely a

team effort. Everyone played awesome. Everyone was playing together, and that's what we want."

Despite Louisville's early leads in the first few games, Kelbley said she and her teammates remained focused and confident.

"We did; we pulled together," she said. "We looked in each other's eyes, and we knew that we could do it. Both teams were playing great, so it wasn't that we were struggling as far as our skills or anything. We just had to find the edge and shut Louisville down."

Brown considered the second game a must-win.

"I think finishing strong in game two was huge for us," she said. "It's a whole lot different going into the break 1-1 rather than being down 2-0."

"I was out for the TV [interview between games], and they said, 'How big was that?' and I said, 'It was huge, absolutely huge.'"

En route to the championship, the Irish beat No. 8 seed Villanova 28-30, 30-24, 30-26,

30-23 Friday afternoon and No. 4 seed Cincinnati 30-20, 30-20, 30-14 Saturday afternoon.

Friday against the Wildcats, Stasiuk registered a double-double with 10 kills, 10 digs, three blocks and three aces. Brewster had 15 kills on .400 hitting. She also nabbed eight blocks. Kelbley added 13 kills. Cooper pounded nine kills, and Henican recorded 19 digs.

Against the Bearcats, Brewster and Henican each had a stellar defensive match — with 11 blocks and 18 digs, respectively.

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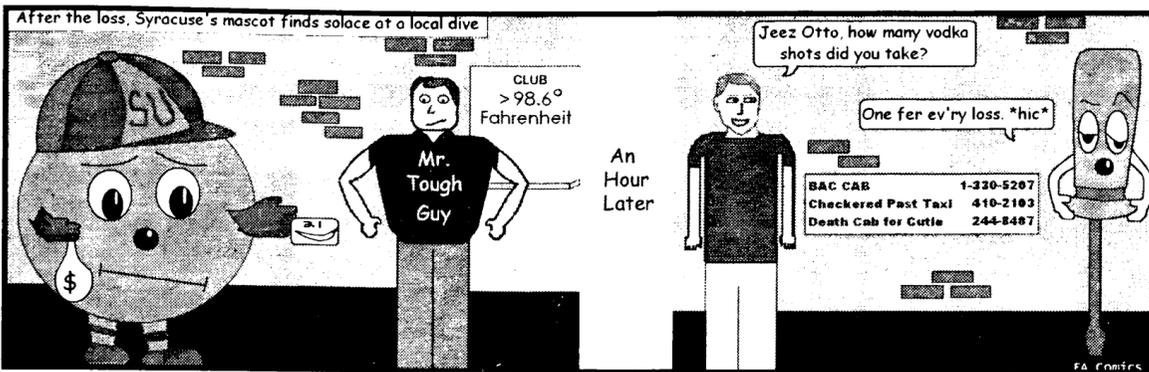
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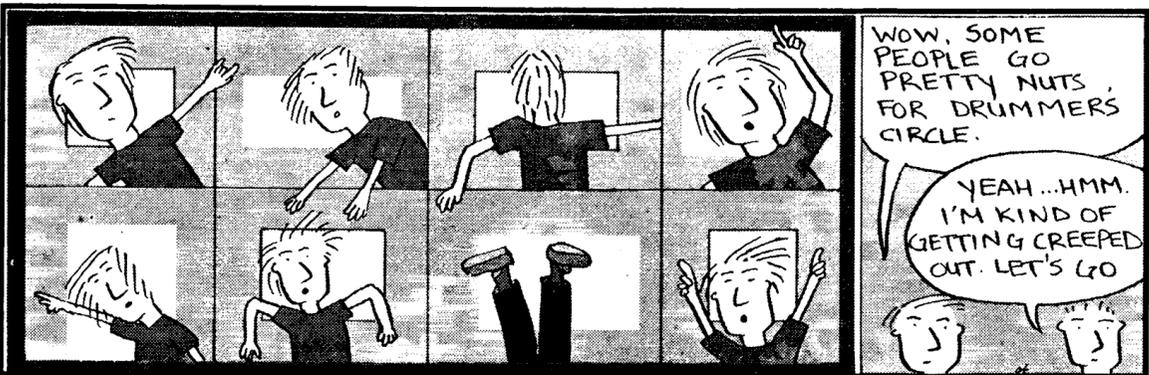
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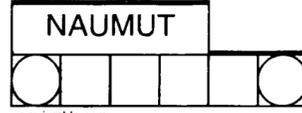
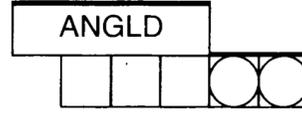
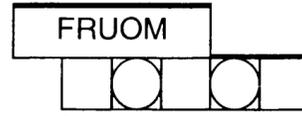
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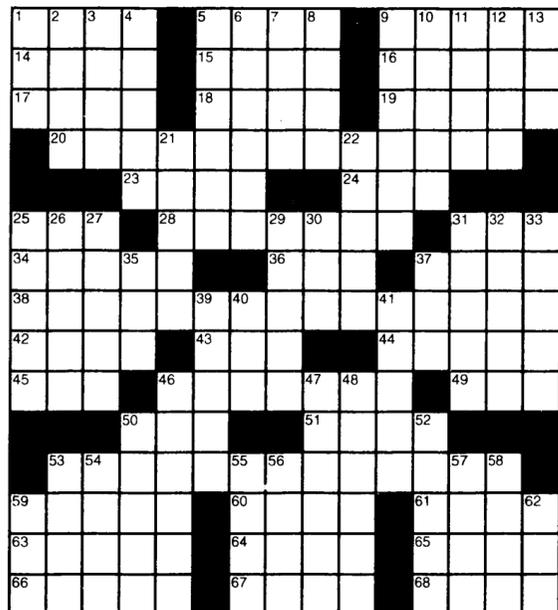
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 - 17 "___ small world!"
 - 18 Extended family
 - 19 Backside
 - 20 Old-fashioned
 - 23 Nonverbal O.K.'s
 - 24 Author Harper
 - 25 Amer. soldiers
 - 28 Result of a hung jury, maybe
 - 31 Fit ___ fiddle
 - 34 Fess up (to)
 - 36 Driver's lic. and such
 - 37 +
 - 38 Fundamental
 - 42 ___ liquor
 - 43 Two halves
 - 44 "All in the Family" spinoff
 - 45 The whole ball of wax
 - 46 Mt. Rushmore material
 - 49 "Law & Order" fig.
 - 50 Shipwreck signal
 - 51 Instrument hit with a hammer
 - 53 Petty
 - 59 Lethal snake
 - 60 Yankee nickname starting 2004
 - 61 Workbench attachment
 - 63 "Doe, __, a female ..."
 - 64 Sagan or Sandburg
 - 65 Glimpse
 - 66 It might be 18 oz. on a cereal box
 - 67 Safe sword
 - 68 ___ the wiser
- DOWN**
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 - 2 Justice ___ Bader Ginsburg
 - 3 By the same token
 - 4 Long (for)
 - 5 Ebb
 - 6 "Finally!"
 - 7 Tehran's land
 - 8 What usurers do
 - 9 Gas up again
 - 10 Spitting ___
 - 11 Weapon of 59-Across
 - 12 Wee
 - 13 Underhanded
 - 21 After a fashion, informally
 - 22 Really good time
 - 25 Alpha, beta, ___
 - 26 Perfect
 - 27 Wee
 - 29 Turn red, as a strawberry
 - 30 Wedding vow
 - 31 Not silently
 - 32 Luxury leather
 - 33 Liability's opposite



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- 46 Fun park car
- 47 Tune out
- 48 Walk like a little 'un
- 50 It fits into a nut
- 52 First, as a name
- 53 Lymph bump
- 54 "Yeah, sure"
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- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Opportunities must be taken advantage of even if you don't feel much like doing anything. Don't let personal issues stand in your way or hold you back from a good deal. ****
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Take a stab at doing things differently and you will be a big hit among your peers. You have a good eye, and when you put your savvy sophistication to work, good things happen. ***
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Thorlakson's three assists enough to beat Yale

By **BOBBY GRIFFIN**
Associate Sports Editor

It was a record-setting day for Katie Thorlakson and the Irish Friday as they continued their national title defense with a 5-2 win against Yale in the third round of the NCAA tour-

nament.

Thorlakson and Kerri Hanks became the first teammates to ever surpass 70 goals and 70 assists in a season. Thorlakson's last assist — her 34th of the year — put her past ex-North Carolina star Mia Hamm for second all-time in a single season.

"What a great tandem tonight," Waldrum said. "[Thorlakson's] just such a special player and does so many wonderful things for you. Every night she just does something ... it just blows me away the things she can do. And then [Hanks] again was great, just clinical finishing. I

hope they keep challenging each other."

Thorlakson had three assists in the game, including one on the third goal when she found Susan Pinnick in front of the net with an open shot. Thorlakson was being forced towards the endline when she found a seam in the defense

and somehow fit a pass behind the defender.

"She ain't about the best, she is the best [in college soccer]," Yale head coach Rudy Meredith said. "As far as being dangerous and putting the other teams defense under pressure.

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL FINALS

Champs!

Zahm beats Keenan in a hard-nosed 7-6 game for the title

By **CATHERINE KANE**
Sports Writer

Senior Zahm captain Pat Gourley raised the interhall championship cup high in the air and led the chants of the Rabid Bats: "We are Zahm House!"

Zahm had just defeated Keenan in a thrilling championship game, and the celebration was on for the Bats in Notre Dame Stadium Sunday.

Keenan was first to both threaten the end zone and score, but the Knights failed to make the point after, a play that would loom large in the final outcome.

Keenan quarterback Rob Coly hit Dan Zenker for a 30-yard strike in the second



A Zahm player, left, hoists the championship trophy over his head as he celebrates with his teammates. Pasquerilla West teammates hug each other, right, after beating Pangborn Sunday.

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Pasquerilla West wins championship after entering as No. 5 seed

By **TIM KAISER**
Sports Writer

Pasquerilla West proved the postseason is where wins count as it topped Pangborn 13-0 to claim the women's interhall crown in Notre Dame Stadium Sunday. Pangborn had beaten the Weasels 20-0 earlier in the season and was heavily favored going into the matchup, but the Weasels prevailed to take home their first football title since 1993.

After jumping out to an early lead, the Purple Weasels relied on a stifling defense to hold off the Phoxes' potent rushing attack. Although PW allowed some big plays through the air, the Weasels stopped Pangborn in the red

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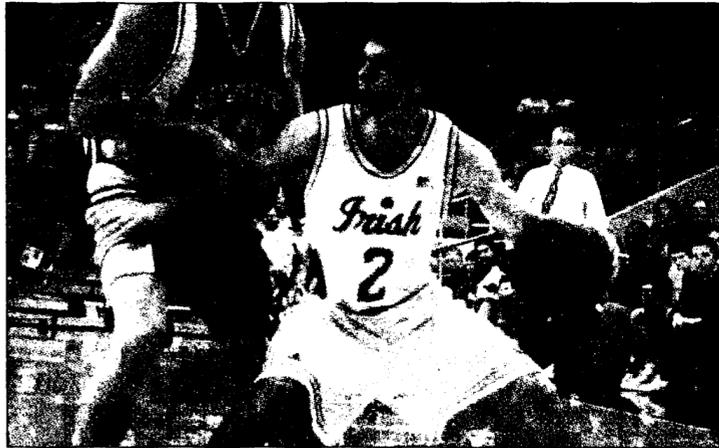
MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish roll Lafayette, 84-66

By **BOBBY GRIFFIN**
Associate Sports Editor

Irish forward Rob Kurz made his presence known in the low post and Chris Quinn settled into his new point guard responsibilities Sunday as Notre Dame beat Lafayette College 84-66 in the team's first regular season game of the

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"Kurz emerges as dominant force on the inside" page 14



Irish guard Chris Quinn surveys the floor in Notre Dame's 84-66 win against Lafayette Sunday afternoon.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame prevails in Big East tourney

By **TOM DORWART**
Sports Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — In a back-and-forth, nail-biter match, Notre Dame (27-2) defeated No. 2 seed and seventh-ranked Louisville (27-2) 28-30, 31-29, 30-21, 23-30, 15-8 to win the Big East tournament championship in Louisville, Ky. Sunday.

It was a roller coaster ride, just as Irish coach Debbie Brown predicted.

"I expected that," she said. "I

expected that it would be a very hard-fought match. The previous match [at Notre Dame in the regular season], I think each game was decided by two points or maybe three. There was nothing that was going to be different.

"I think we executed well. I think we served well."

Notre Dame beat the Cardinals in four games on Oct. 29.

To say the least, senior libero Meg Henican — who, heading into the tournament needed 61

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND WOMEN'S BBALL

Notre Dame 55 Michigan 45

Muffet McGraw won her 500th career game at the Joyce Center Friday night.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Notre Dame 203 St. Bonaventure 93

The Irish crushed the Bonnies as all 15 swimmers finished first in their races.

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HOCKEY

Notre Dame 2 Miami (Oh.) 2

Josh Sciba scored once as the Irish tied the No. 11 Red Hawks Friday night.

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NFL

Giants 27 Eagles 17

Eli Manning led the New York Giants with three touchdown passes against the Philadelphia Eagles Sunday.

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In their final home game of the season, the Irish had little trouble stopping Syracuse, with the Notre Dame defense preventing the Orange from scoring a touchdown until the fourth quarter.

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Orange crush

Emotional senior day takes center stage as Notre Dame routs Syracuse

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

It took a sophomore's big play to give the seniors their last triumphant hurrah in Notre Dame Stadium.

Leo Ferrine returned an interception 16 yards for a touchdown just 13 seconds into the second half to give Notre Dame a 21-3 lead and help the Irish pull away in a 34-10 victory in Notre Dame Stadium for the season's final home game.

Although the Irish struggled in the red zone and on third-down conversion, especially in the first half, a strong defense and 420 yards of total offense left head coach Charlie Weis satisfied, despite trailing 3-0 at the end of the first quarter.

"We came out and scored two touchdowns in the second quarter and got the game back under control," Weis said. "After those two scores in the second quarter and the one on the interception, I think the game was back in hand."

Brady Quinn went 21-of-37 for 270 yards with two touchdowns — both in the second quarter — and no interceptions.

"He's had better days, but once again no interceptions," Weis said. "One thing you can count on is he doesn't throw picks, but he had a couple dropped balls."

Quinn became Notre Dame's first 3,000-yard single-season passer and broke Ron Powlus' career passing record.

After Ferrine's touchdown return, kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick connected on two field goals to make the game 27-3. However, a roughing-the-kicker penalty after the second field goal gave the Irish a first down, which took away the field goal as Weis chose to continue the drive. Darius Walker capped the drive with a 3-yard touchdown run to make the score 34-3 and seal the game for good.

Walker rushed for 123 yards and one touchdown on 23 carries, including a career-long run of 37 yards.



Irish senior linebackers Corey Mays (46) and Brandon Hoyte (39) lead the Irish seniors on a victory lap around the field after their final game at Notre Dame Stadium Saturday.

"I thought he was running the ball so well, I wanted to force-feed him carries," Weis said. "He looked very spunky today, and sometimes you go by a feel and the feel was that he had it going."

The Irish defense held Syracuse to 221 yards of total offense, including just 78 yards of passing. Much of the Orange

rushing came on a 51-yard dash by Damien Rhodes, who ran for 112 yards. Quarterback Perry Patterson completed only 9-of-22 passes and had one interception.

"We had an aggressive game today," senior linebacker Corey Mays said. "Guys did what they're supposed to do."

After trailing 3-0 at the end of the first quarter — the first time the Irish have failed to score in the first period all season — Fitzpatrick's field goal attempt at the Syracuse 26-yard line was blocked, the first time a Notre Dame field goal has been blocked since Navy did it in 2002.

But Chase Anastasio partially blocked a punt on fourth-and-10 and Quinn found Stovall on a 25-yard pass with 9:09 left to give the Irish the lead, which they would hold the rest of the game.

After the Irish defense held the Orange to three-and-out on the next possession, Quinn hit Samardzija on a 29-yard route to put the Irish on top 14-3 going into halftime.

"I think offensively it took us about a quarter [to get into the game]," Weis said. "It was far from perfect, but when you're playing against a good defense it's going to be far from perfect."

After Walker's touchdown, Weis pulled the starters in favor of giving seniors the field for their last home game.

"These guys bought into the program right from the start and they've really done a great job showing leadership," Weis said. "To be able to turn to the captains and the leadership committee, week in and week out, I can't say enough about the guys. I have a lot of respect for them."

After the game, the team stayed on the field, singing the fight song and the alma mater with the student section in the northwest corner of the stadium.

"I think winning the game is almost a relief and they got to sit there and sing the alma mater and the fight song and enjoy the time with the fans," Weis said.

Fifth-year senior and Irish co-captain Brandon Hoyte led the seniors on a lap around the field after they sang.

"Notre Dame is a place where dreams come true," the linebacker said. "I really mean that. I came here and they've done nothing but put me in a position to do well. There is no room for mediocrity."

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Left, receiver Maurice Stovall reaches to make a leaping touchdown catch against Syracuse cornerback Steve Gregory in the second quarter of Notre Dame's 34-10 victory over the Orange Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. Right, linebacker Brandon Hoyte takes down Syracuse quarterback Perry Patterson.



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player of the game

Irish secondary
Notre Dame's much-maligned secondary dominated, holding Syracuse to only 78 passing yards in the contest. Ferrine's interception return put the game out of reach.

stat of the game

7,618
Brady Quinn's career passing yards, passing former Irish quarterback and current director of player personnel Ron Powlus (1994-97) to set a new Notre Dame record.

play of the game

Leo Ferrine interception return
With the Irish leading 14-3, Ferrine picked off a bobbled Perry Patterson pass and returned it 16 yards for a touchdown to put the game on ice for the Irish.

quote of the game

"It's not done. Coach is going to do a great job of bringing us back to earth from this emotional high."

Corey Mays
Irish linebacker

report card

- B+** **quarterbacks:** Brady Quinn was solid, but unspectacular. He threw for 270 yards and a pair of touchdowns in the contest, but later said it was his worst performance since Sept. 10.
- B** **running backs:** Darius Walker picked up his sixth 100-yard rushing game of the season, grinding out 123 yards and scoring his fifth rushing touchdown of the season in the win.
- B** **receivers:** After failing to find the end zone last week, Jeff Samardzija returned to paydirt against the Orange. Maurice Stovall snagged his ninth touchdown in the last four weeks.
- B** **offensive line:** The line played well for the most part, allowing only one sack and providing Quinn with adequate protection. The running game wasn't great, but got the job done.
- B+** **defensive line:** While the line allowed 143 rushing yards, most of them came on three big plays. Derek Landri and Trevor Laws both picked up .5 sacks and a tackle-for-loss in the game.
- B+** **linebackers:** In his final game in Notre Dame Stadium, Corey Mays dominated, recording a team-high 10 tackles and a pair of sacks. Hoyte kicked in five tackles and 2.5 tackles-for-loss in the win.
- A-** **defensive backs:** The much-maligned Irish secondary controlled the Syracuse passing offense, allowing only 78 passing yards. Leo Ferrine's interception return for a touchdown iced the game.
- B-** **special teams:** The kicking game was subpar as D.J. Fitzpatrick missed one field goal and was blocked on another. Chase Anastasio got his hand on a couple of punts.
- A** **coaching:** Weis once again demonstrated that he gets it, choosing to calm down his excited players instead of chewing them out after a slow start. The tactic worked, and the Irish never looked back.

3.26 **overall:** The Irish weren't as dominate as expected, but they won by 24 and Weis still had the opportunity to get the seniors playing in their final home game at Notre Dame.

adding up the numbers

- 26** Number of seniors on the Irish roster. All of them had the opportunity to play on Saturday.
- 1** Brady Quinn's rank in Notre Dame history in passes attempted, passes completed, most passing yards, most touchdown passes and most games with 250 or more passing yards.
- 6** Number of 100-yard rushing games Darius Walker has had this season, including 123 yards against Syracuse.
- 3-2** Notre Dame's all-time record against the Orange. The team is now 56-20-1 against teams from the Big East conference.
- 78** Passing yards for Syracuse. Quarterback Perry Patterson threw one interception and one touchdown pass.
- 16** Length of the pass third-string quarterback Marty Mooney completed to fellow senior Mike O'Hara in the fourth quarter — coach Charlie Weis' favorite play of the game.
- 20** First downs for the Irish, compared to 11 for the Orange.
- 6** Notre Dame's most recent rank in both the AP and USA Today/Coaches poll.



Irish coach Charlie Weis watches the postgame festivities with his son, Charlie, after Notre Dame beat Syracuse 34-10 Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish overcame a slow start to rout the underdog Orange.

Weis helps Irish pick up pace

It wasn't exactly what the Irish faithful, national media experts and Las Vegas oddsmakers were expecting, but in the end, it was close enough.

Predicted by many to rip through the tunnel — and shortly thereafter, an overmatched Syracuse squad — the Irish resembled a lost puppy more than an unleashed junkyard dog in the early minutes of a contest they would eventually go on to win convincingly 34-10.



Matt Puglisi
Associate Sports Editor

Riding high on the emotion of senior day at Notre Dame Stadium, the Irish offense sputtered out of the gate, punting three plays after receiving the opening kickoff, missing a pair of field goals — one of which was blocked — and falling behind 3-0 at the end of the first quarter to a 35-point underdog in the Orange.

But Irish coach Charlie Weis gets it.

As the events of the disappointing first quarter unfolded, fans cringed at the thought of the intense tongue-lashing Weis would undoubtedly deliver to his ineffective, sloppy offensive unit. And Weis did call his group over in the waning minutes of the first quarter.

But his message was a little different than anticipated.

"I just went to the offense towards the end of the first quarter, after we kind of floundered out there, just when you thought I'd get on them," Weis said after the game. "I just said, 'Relax, relax, just gain your composure.

You're acting like you're down 50-0, you're down three points, relax."

And relax they did. Just over five minutes into the second quarter, quarterback Brady Quinn hit receiver Maurice Stovall for a 25-yard touchdown strike, and Notre Dame was back on track. Not five minutes later, Quinn delivered once again, finding receiver Jeff Samardzija for a 29-yard score and a 14-3 advantage.

Despite rebounding after trailing an inferior Syracuse team — making the kind of mistakes reminiscent of the frustrating losses of the last couple years — there was no collective sigh of relief at Notre Dame Stadium. As bad as Notre Dame looked, failing to execute kicking game fundamentals, dropping passes and allowing big plays — including a 34-yard sneak by Orange quarterback Perry Patterson and a 51-yard scamper by running back Damien Rhodes — the outcome of the game was never in doubt.

While the Irish won by 24 and final numbers were still respectable — Notre Dame racked up 420 total yards, including another 100-yard performance from running back Darius Walker and 270 more passing yards from Quinn — they didn't play the kind of football that has gotten them to this point, now 8-2, ranked No. 6 in the most recent Associated Press poll and likely on their way to a BCS bowl in early January.

Entering the game converting 48 percent (73-of-152) of its third downs, Notre Dame failed to move the chains on each of its first seven third downs situations, eventually earning a fresh set of downs on six of 17 opportunities. Even more telling, the offensive failed to put points on the board in

each of its first three trips to the red zone, missing one field goal, getting another blocked and failing to convert a fourth-and-goal at the Syracuse three yard line in the third quarter.

Suffice to say, especially considering the opponent, it clearly wasn't Notre Dame's best game.

But it didn't have to be. "We didn't start as fast as we wanted; in fact, we didn't start fast at all," Stovall said. "But we made enough plays today to beat Syracuse."

And Weis had enough experience and tact to recognize it wasn't a lack of effort plaguing the Irish squad, but simply the nerves that accompany the end of such a significant chapter in the lives of the seniors on the roster.

"I thought they were a little tight," Weis said. "I think they were mentally ready to go, but they were a little excited. Unless you've gone out of this tunnel, really this is the last time for the seniors."

And he knew that chewing out the players wasn't going to help. Coaches who both understand the circumstances and possess the ability to appropriately address the situation — then pull the most out of their players, all things considered — are rarer than they appear.

Regardless, the Irish have one in Weis.

And as long as he's patrolling the sidelines, it doesn't matter what the underlying emotional story is or how the Irish play in the first quarter — they always have a good chance to win.

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Seniors steal the spotlight Saturday

Mooney to O'Hara fourth-quarter pass captures mood from emotional final game

By MATT PUGLISI
Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame signal-caller leaned in behind center, took the snap, backpedaled, read the defense and hit his streaking receiver for 15 yards and an Irish first down.

But it wasn't Jeff Samardzija hauling in the pass to convert the third-and-seven and extend the drive, nor was it Maurice Stovall, Matt Shelton, Anthony Fasano or even Darius Walker. And it certainly wasn't quarterback Brady Quinn recognizing the open receiver and delivering another first down. Instead, senior Mike O'Hara grabbed the pass. And the gunslinger? Fellow senior Marty Mooney.

As the referees spotted the ball, cheers of "Mooney, Mooney" resonated from the Irish student section. In a game where one Notre Dame quarterback broke the school record for both career completions and passing yards, it was the seldom-used third-stringer, not the Heisman hopeful, receiving the most recognition.

After the contest, Irish coach Charlie Weis had little trouble identifying his most memorable play from the 34-10 drubbing of heavy underdog Syracuse Saturday.

"My favorite play off the game was Marty Mooney to O'Hara, I'll tell you that right now," Weis said. "All those other plays you can throw out. That was my favorite play. Maybe some of you had the same favorite play, I'd like to think."

Many Irish players had the same opinion.

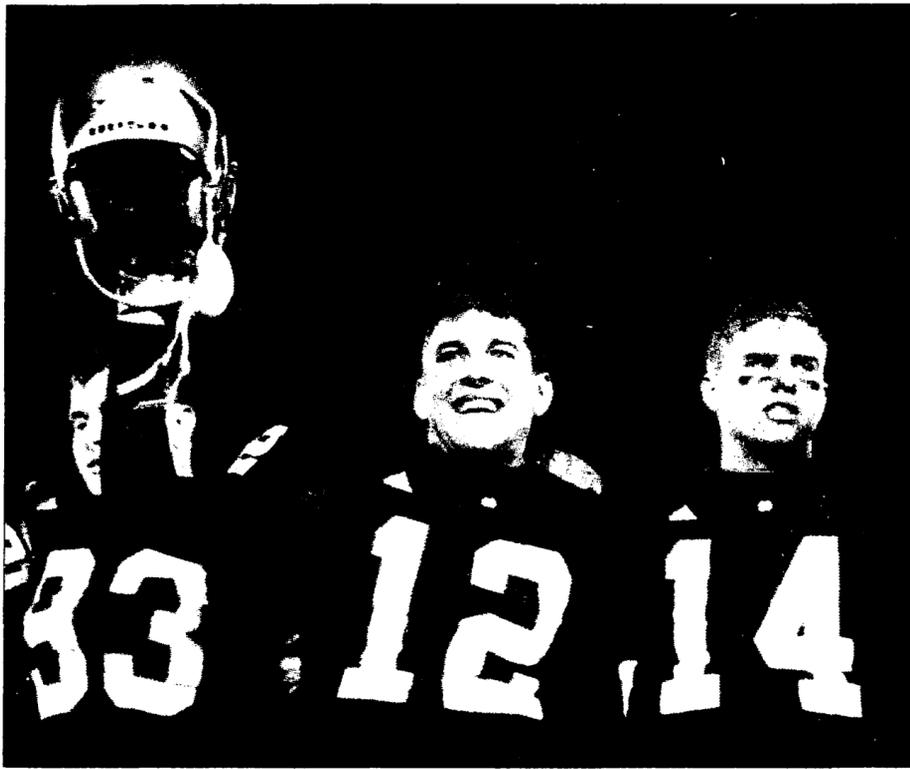
"That was great," said Shelton, smiling. "Those guys put in just as much work as anyone else on the team; they deserve it."

Quinn was equally happy for the senior signal-caller.

"That was awesome," Quinn said. "The chance to convert a big down like that, to hit a slant like that and go down one-for-one is just awesome."

While O'Hara was surprised Weis called for a passing play after two consecutive handoffs to senior running back Jeff Jenkins, the clock winding down the and the Irish eager to put the senior day victory to bed, he recognized before the ball was even snapped that he'd get at least a chance to snag his first career reception.

"When I went to line up, I noticed it was off coverage and I thought it might be coming to my side," O'Hara said. "I actually looked over at Mooney, and we made



Senior quarterback Marty Mooney (12) raises his helmet in celebration as Dan Chervanick (93) and Dave Wolke (14) join him in singing the alma mater Saturday.

eye contact for a split second, and I know it was coming my way. I caught it and got upfield like I've done every day in practice, and the feeling was incredible."

The short offensive drive that expired with the clock followed a lengthy defensive series composed entirely of senior Irish defenders. In the end, every senior Notre Dame player saw action in the contest.

Mooney's completion to O'Hara ultimately proved a microcosm of a significantly different senior day than last season, when Notre Dame fell to gritty quarterback Tyler Palko (five touchdown passes) and Pittsburgh in a 41-38 heartbreaker.

The tears still flowed Saturday afternoon, but for a different reason.

"I was happy," Weis said after the game. "After we to such a slow start offensively, I was concerned we'd never get to that point. You lie in bed at night and envision how you'd like this whole thing to work out."

"Obviously, the most important thing you have to worry about is winning the game, but at the same time, I think I had an ethical responsibility to our seniors to make sure I got them involved in the game, and I'm happy to be able to do that. Every one of them got out there."

And so after the seniors had the opportunity to sing both the alma mater and fight song in front of the student section, they took off on one last memorable jaunt around the field.

Weis said there the seniors had free reign to express themselves — almost.

"They could have done anything," Weis said. "Well, there are a couple things that were done in the past that would have gotten me upset, so I lied. We talked about it."

While none of the players were positive who started the victory lap, they were happy to participate, cramps and all.

"I enjoyed it, but I kind of cramped up there at the end," Shelton said. "I didn't know we were doing a circle, I thought we were just going down and back. I just saw guys running so I took off following them."

Stovall had a slightly more emotional experience.

"[The victory lap] felt good, actually got the chills, jogging around there with my teammates, guys in my class who have been through the same type of football struggles as I have," Stovall said. "A lot of younger guys really, didn't understand. It felt good to play in the last home game, and even better winning."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Syracuse	3	0	0	7	10
Notre Dame	0	14	10	10	34

First quarter

Syracuse 3, Notre Dame 0
John Barker 31-yard field goal with 1:55 remaining.
Drive: 7 plays, 66 yards, 2:39 elapsed

Second quarter

Notre Dame 7, Syracuse 3
Maurice Stovall 25-yard pass from Brady Quinn with 9:09 remaining (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick).
Drive: 3 plays, 36 yards, 1:01 elapsed
Notre Dame 14, Syracuse 3
Jeff Samardzija 29-yard pass from Quinn with 5:21 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick).
Drive: 2 plays, 40 yards, :34 elapsed.

Third quarter

Notre Dame 21, Syracuse 3
Leo Ferrine 16-yard interception return with 14:47 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick).
Notre Dame 24, Syracuse 3
Fitzpatrick 44-yard field goal with 7:37 remaining.
Drive: 4 plays, 1 yard, 1:42 elapsed.

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 27, Syracuse 3
Fitzpatrick 29-yard field goal with 13:45 remaining.
Drive: 14 plays, 75 yards, 5:34 elapsed.
Notre Dame 34, Syracuse 3
Darius Walker 3-yard run with 7:42 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick).
Drive: 11 plays, 51 yards, 4:43 elapsed.
Notre Dame 34, Syracuse 10
Joe Kowalewski 18-yard pass from quarterback Perry Patterson with 3:18 remaining (Barker kick).
Drive: 12 plays, 69 yards, 4:24 elapsed.

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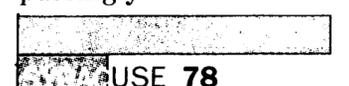
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rushing yards



passing yards



return yards



time of possession



	ND	SJ
36-134	rushes-yards	38-143
22-38-0	comp-att-int	9-22-1
3-41.3	punts-yards	8-30.6
1-0	fumbles-lost	1-0
4-50	penalties-yards	8-46
20	first downs	11

	passing	
	Quinn	Patterson
	22-38-0	9-22-1
	rushing	
	Walker	Rhodes
	26-123	22-112
	Jenkins 4-5	Patterson 11-25
	receiving	
	Stovall	Kowalewski
	3-91	3-34
	Samardzija 7-80	Williams 2-20
	Shelton 3-62	Shor 1-11
	tackling	
	Mays	Smith
	10	12
	Hoyte 5	Davis 10
	Wooden 5	Smith 8
	Landri 5	Gregory 8

Quinn assaults record books once again

Squad struggles to convert third downs early in the contest

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Brady Quinn continued his record-breaking season on Saturday, becoming Notre Dame's first 3,000-yard single-season passer. He now has 3,201 yards this season.

Quinn also broke two Ron Powlus records against Syracuse — most passes completed and career passing yards. The junior now has 7,618 passing yards in his third year as a starter, with Powlus in second place with 7,602.

He also has 568 completions to Powlus' 558.

Quinn has downplayed his record-setting performances all season, though, emphasizing that he plans to be back next year to solidify his place

in the record books.

He also thought he played poorly on Saturday.

"It was a really poor performance," he said of himself. "I'd have to stretch back to the Michigan game to feel as bad as I do now with how I played today."

Weis said that Quinn's most valuable performance against Syracuse was game management.

"He does such a great job of managing this team," Weis said. "He gets us out of a lot of trouble that people don't even realize because he's so sharp at what he does."

Powlus was quarterback from 1994-97 and is now Director of Player Personnel at Notre Dame.

ND struggles in red zone, on third-down conversions

Notre Dame ended the game 2-for-5 in red zone scoring after starting 0-for-2 in the first half. The team was also 0-for-7 on third down conversions in the first half,

but 2-for-2 on fourth downs.

The Irish finished 6-for-17 in third-down conversion and 2-for-3 on fourth downs.

"It's always frustrating not to get the productivity that you want, and not to convert on third downs and not to score in the red zone," Irish running back Darius Walker said. "That's always the key, to score in the red zone, that's always a goal."

Walker thought the team adjusted well as the game went on.

"I think midway through the game we caught onto their gimmicks and schemes they were running so we kind of turned it around," he said.

Special teams are up and down

Kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick missed a 39-yard go-ahead field goal attempt in the first quarter, which went wide to the left. He also had a field goal attempt blocked at the Syracuse 28-yard line — the first time a team has blocked

an Irish field goal attempt since Navy did in 2002.

However, Chase Anastasio had two blocked punts, and Weis commended Maurice Crum's defensive play.

"Coach places a big emphasis on special teams," Anastasio said. "It's always in the game plan of what we need to do to win."

Fitzpatrick also tied the single-season record for PAT's with 48. Carl Gioia kicked the final extra point of the game after Fitzpatrick left with an injury.

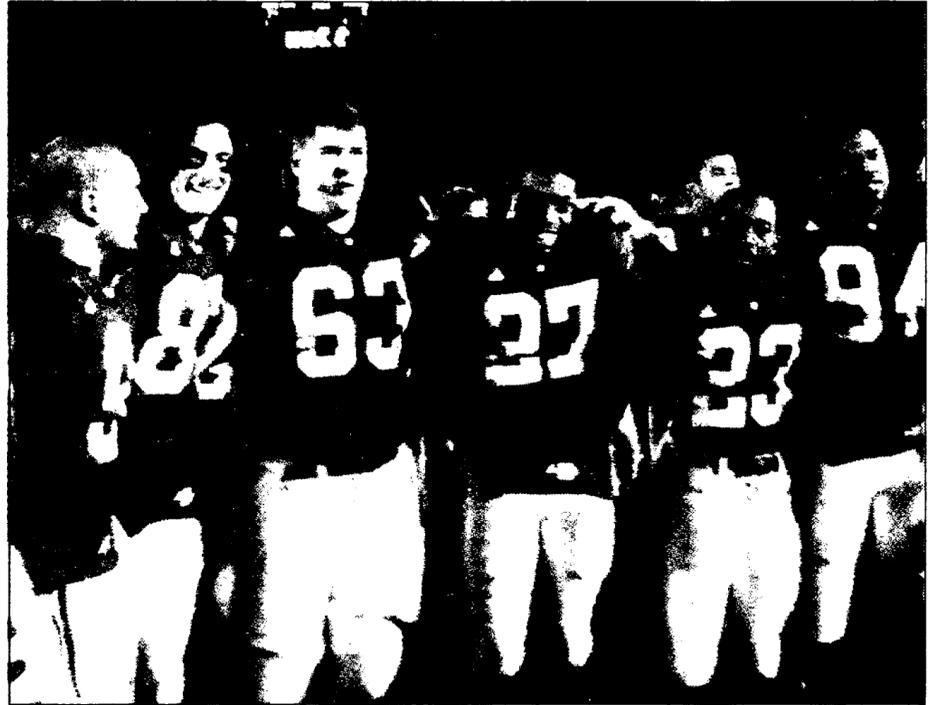
Gameday captains

Linebacker Brandon Hoyte and Quinn served as defensive and offensive captains, respectively, as they have all season. Fitzpatrick was named special teams captain after a solid season. Hoyte and Fitzpatrick are both seniors. This was their final game in Notre Dame Stadium.

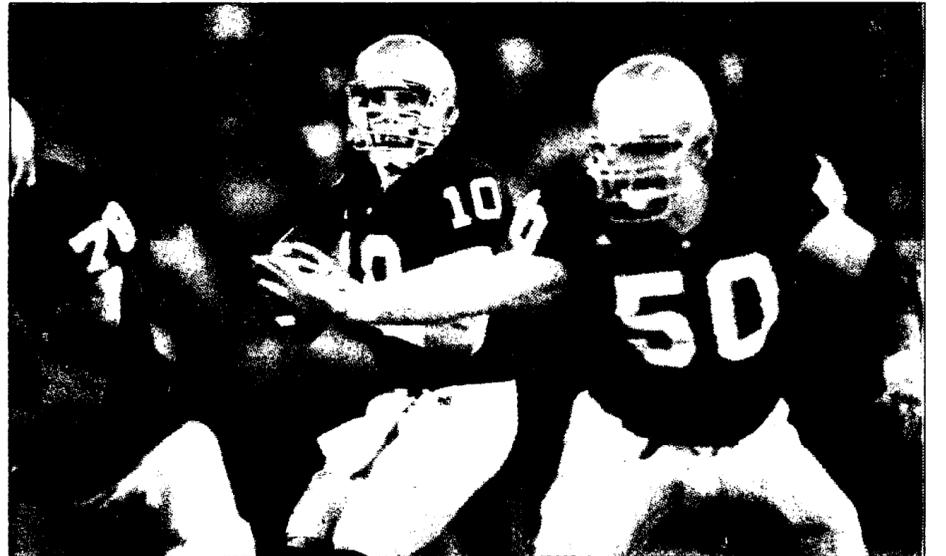
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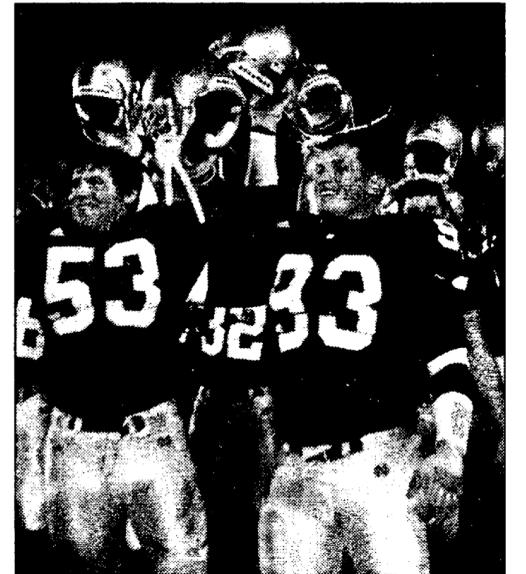
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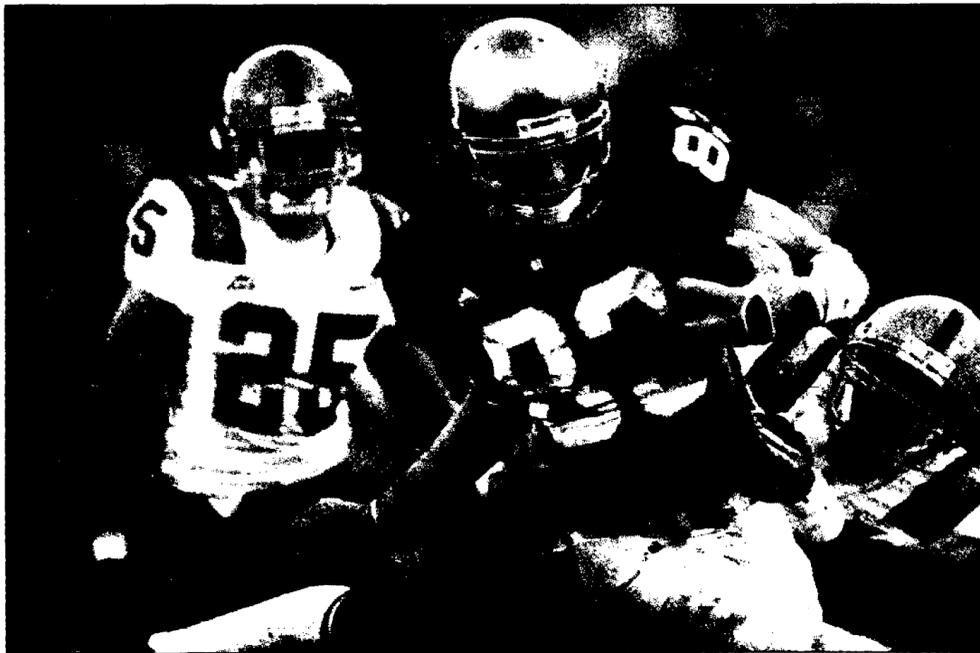
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Bidding farewell

Notre Dame continued to dispose of inferior opponents, downing Syracuse 34-10 on senior day at Notre Dame Stadium Saturday. The Irish weren't as crisp as they have been in recent weeks, struggling out of the gate and falling behind the visiting Orange 3-0. But a Charlie Weis pep talk loosened up a tight Irish offense and the unit rolled, scoring a pair of second-quarter touchdowns on Brady Quinn touchdown passes to receivers Jeff Samardzija and Maurice Stovall. Leading 14-3 at halftime, sophomore cornerback Leo Ferrine — playing for an injured Mike Richardson — picked off a bobbled Perry Patterson pass 13 seconds into the second half and returned it 16 yards to seal the senior day victory for Notre Dame. Quinn continued his record-breaking performance this season on Saturday, setting Notre Dame highs for both career passing yards (7,618) and completions (568), in addition to becoming the first Irish quarterback to throw for 3,000 yards in a season. The blowout victory gave Weis a chance to play every senior, including quarterback Marty Mooney and receiver Mike O'Hara, who hooked up for a 16-yard pass late in the fourth quarter. After the game, the seniors sang both the alma mater and the fight song, before taking off on a memorable victory lap around the field.



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Top left, linebacker Brandon Hoyte makes a tackle. Top right, Irish players sing the alma mater. Middle top, quarterback Brady Quinn looks to pass as lineman Dan Santucci protects. Middle bottom, seniors Joe Boland (53) and Dan Chervanick (93) raise their helmets. Bottom right, seniors Mark LeVair (73) and Dan Stevenson (74) salute the crowd. Bottom left, receiver Jeff Samardzija scores a touchdown.