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## Students show less passion despite win

*Enthusiasm lower than usual in game against winless squad*

By PATRICK CASSIDY  
News Writer

October began on a positive note for the Irish and their fans, as Notre Dame emerged Saturday with a respectable 4-1 record through five games.

But while the Irish came out on top of the winless Cardinal of Stanford with a score of 31-10, for some students, the victory could have been much



Students from Knott Hall engage in pushups at the pep rally Friday as part of a student contest.

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*Pep rally attendance mediocre compared to previous years*

By ROHAN ANAND  
News Writer

It seemed that most dorms on campus were offering some extra incentive to encourage students to attend Friday's pep rally at the Joyce Center.

Siegfried Hall offered its residents free pizza. Men from St. Edward's Hall dressed up in togas. Zahm Hall marched in carrying its mascot dressed in a

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## Queen to honor educator

*Royal Society of Arts to induct SMC prof*

By KIM ABEEL  
News Writer

Dr. Cyriac Pullapilly is getting the royal treatment.

Next February in London, Queen Elizabeth will induct Pullapilly, a history professor at Saint Mary's, into the Royal Society of Arts.

The Society honors those who make major contributions in literature, arts, science, philosophy, politics and social uplift. Pullapilly will be inducted by merit of his extensive work in a number of qualifying fields.

At Saint Mary's, Pullapilly developed the Semester Around the World program in 1983, offering students the opportunity to travel and study throughout Europe, Asia and India. Pullapilly has also organized three major world conferences at the College.

"[Pullapilly] writes intensively in several disciplines and is absolutely a great guy to work with," said Dr. William Svelmoe, associate professor of history at Saint Mary's. "It will take me decades to even come close to accomplishing what he has."

Pullapilly also founded a publishing company and published one of the first inclusive-language New Testaments, Svelmoe said. Pullapilly is currently a senior academic visitor at Cambridge University in

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## Veteran ushers uphold tradition



Ushers Dave Sayers and Jim de Arrieta hold a conversation during Saturday's game against Stanford.

By EILEEN DUFFY  
Assistant News Editor

It's 9:30 a.m. on a Friday, and deep in the bowels of Notre Dame Stadium, Cappy Gagnon is deploying his troops.

"Stanford will be here at two [for a walk-through], and they want no one in the bowl," says the coordinator of stadium personnel.

Gagnon points, relaying the men to their posts, and five bright gold brims nod back at him.

They are not widely acclaimed, and most never even earn a penny. But each home football weekend, 857 men and women still migrate from 21 different states to South Bend to be Notre Dame Stadium ushers.

Seen from above on a Saturday, the stadium crowd

is dotted with gold-jacketed ushers — they're stationed on the field, in the press box and every five to six rows in between. Outside the brick walls, they line the perimeter of the stadium, guard entrances to campus and oversee parking lots.

From taking (valid) tickets to spying secret imbibers to escorting football recruits on and off the field, Gagnon said, each usher's duties are as significant as the next's.

"Everybody's job is critical," he said. "Any usher could have a situation occur which would make him the most important usher that day."

Usher William "Red" Clynnch proved essential during the soggy Sept. 30 Purdue game, when a man in his section fell.

"I saw him coming out of

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## SIBC advisor endures Kuwait

*Former staff member misses times with family, Notre Dame students*

By BECKY HOGAN  
News Writer

Waking at 5:30 a.m. each day to a blazing sun in 130-degree weather, taking a quick shower on rotting floors and enduring both the stench of outdoor bathrooms and a 16-hour workday is the reality that Susan Soisson now faces.

A mother of four from South Bend who served as a former assistant program manager for the Mendoza College of Business and advisor to Notre Dame's Student International Business Council (SIBC),



Lieutenant colonel Susan Soisson takes a break to spend time with allies at Camp Bucca Wednesday.

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## Lecturer scrutinizes judicial independence

*Personal beliefs deemed unacceptable in court*

By MEGHAN WONS  
News Writer

In the appropriate setting of Notre Dame Law School's courtroom, 9th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Diarmuid O'Scannlain spoke to Notre Dame Law School's Federalist Society and mem-



O'Scannlain

bers of the South Bend community Friday about the history, myths and implications of judicial independence.

His talk, entitled "The Federal Judiciary Today," explained judicial independence — a difficult-to-explain concept, he said, that is necessary to support "our great nation and our great tradition."

O'Scannlain recalled the founding fathers' intention to keep the three branches of government — executive, leg-

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# INSIDE COLUMN

## Forever young (and online)

The other day I was shocked when my dad asked me how I did on my Constitutional Law midterm.

It wasn't the question itself that surprised me. It was the fact that he asked me over Instant Messenger.

**Kaitlynn Riely**

My siblings and I have used IM practically since we learned how to use the computer. We've mastered the lingo, we've perfected the art of the away message, but we did not expect our parents to enter the AIM domain.

My sister IM'd me the next day. "Dad has a screen name now," she said.

I told her I knew.

"Weird, huh?" she replied.

It did seem strange at first. But the fact that my father has successfully jumped the generational divide into the land of "lols" and "tlys" has made me think about whether I will still be online when I am his age.

I am sure I will keep using AIM during college. How else am I going to find out when my friends down the hall are going to dinner? Why walk 20 feet when I can send out an IM and get a quick response? It's so convenient to have it now, even if I don't need to know how each and every one of my buddies are feeling, where they are and what they are doing every minute of the day.

I think I will still use AIM after I graduate. I want to be able to keep in touch with my friends. In a few years I won't ask them what time dinner is, but I can find out what's new in their lives.

Will I ever sign off for good? Maybe not. But what will my away messages and online conversations look like in the future?

For the college student, the away message — sometimes informative, sometimes vague — usually just gives mundane information. I am studying. I am at the dining hall. It is Friday night, I am not here.

But will our generation turn the away message into a documentation of life's defining moments?

Moving into my first apartment, leave me a message. Getting married, be back after the honeymoon. At the hospital having my first child. Retirement!

These away messages are causes for celebration, but what do you say to a friend whose away message for the past two weeks has been "mid-life crisis?"

Once you needed a letter, a phone call, an invitation, or just a conversation to convey this information. With the away message, "Buying my first house" or "I got a promotion" can be posted on the same spot where once was "At class" and "Studying for finals."

Away messages can be changed quickly, but a screen name is more permanent.

Can a screen name transcend 60 years? In 2050, will our children's children IM Sportygirl77 and LaxGuy08 to tell grandma and grandpa thank you for their birthday presents?

Who knows what the future holds, but it may only be a matter of time before children get a new screen name and add their parents to their buddy list, and not the other way around.

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRADE PLACES WITH FOR ONE DAY AND WHY?



**Steve Tortorello**  
junior  
O'Neill

"Benjamin Franklin, because he got all the ladies."



**Kirsten Elazic**  
freshman  
Walsh

"The people I'm stalking for 'Assassins' because then I'd finally know where they were."



**Molly Smith**  
freshman  
Walsh

"Professor Seth Brown, because I'd love to be that smart for once."



**Joe Maciuba**  
freshman  
O'Neill

"Molly Smith, because she can actually come up with answers for these questions."



**Candace Montgomery**  
freshman  
McGlinn

"A kindergartner, because then I'd have nap time and a much lighter workload."



**Lauren Wickel**  
sophomore  
Badin

"The Rock's wife, because he is the most perfect specimen of man there is."



HY PHAM/The Observer

"Snakes on a Plane" references were rampant as 200 animals from the local zoo were shown at halftime of the Notre Dame women's volleyball game Saturday, which the Irish won 3-0 over Syracuse in the Joyce Athletic Center.

## IN BRIEF

Professor of French Studies and Comparative Literature **Pierre Saint-Armand** of Brown University will present a lecture entitled "The Pursuit of Laziness: Idleness and the French Enlightenment" today at 5 p.m. in 119 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Former president of Honduras **Ricardo Maduro Joest** will present a lecture entitled "New Democracies, Poverty and Governance" at 6 p.m. today in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

Director of the National Center for Photovoltaics **Dr. Lawrence Kazmerski** will present a lecture entitled "Energy: Can Technology Help Save Our World?" Tuesday at noon in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

Author, professor and recipient of the Freedom and Human Rights Prize **Naomi Chazan** will present a lecture entitled "Can the World Afford to Abandon Africa?" Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The lecture will be followed by a reception.

The **Bayanihan Philippine National Dance Company** will perform diverse music and dance traditions of the Philippines Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$15 for students, \$30 for faculty, staff and seniors and \$36 for the general public.

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

## OFFBEAT

### Thai snake charmer puckers up to cobras

PATTAYA, Thailand — A Thai snake charmer kissed 19 highly poisonous king cobras in an attempt to set a world record Saturday.

One by one, the cobras were released onto a stage set up in this Thai beach resort town, as the snake charmer, Khum Chaibuddee, kissed each beast and then moved on to the next.

Four additional snake charmers flanked the stage at each corner and a medical team waited on the sidelines with serum in case one of the snakes snapped, said a statement from Thailand's

Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum, which organized the event.

The museum's manager, Somporn Naksuetrong, said Ripley's planned to submit the record attempt to the Guinness Book of World Records to overtake a previous record set in 1999 when American Gordon Cates of Alachua, Florida, kissed 11 venomous snakes in 1999.

### Sports fan names newborn son ESPN

BILOXI, Miss. — Leann Real promised her husband, an avid sports fan, that if they ever had a son he'd get to pick the name. ESPN

Montana Real was born this week at Biloxi Regional Medical Center.

Rusty Real, of D'Iberville, chose ESPN (pronounced Espen) after the sports network and Montana after football legend Joe Montana.

Baby ESPN isn't alone. Three others were cited in a 2005 report on [tivocommunity.com](http://tivocommunity.com) about the network's 25th anniversary. They are Espn Malachi McCall in Pampa, Texas; Espn Curiel in Corpus Christi, Texas; and Espn Blondeel in Michigan.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 69 LOW 48	HIGH 63 LOW 48	HIGH 54 LOW 51	HIGH 57 LOW 36	HIGH 41 LOW 30	HIGH 43 LOW 33

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## Brazilian activist awarded prize

Special to The Observer

Dr. Zilda Arns Neumann, a pediatrician who founded and leads Pastoral da Criança (the Pastoral of the Child), an innovative public health program that works with more than 265,000 volunteers to help poor families in her native Brazil, will receive the third annual Opus Prize in a Nov. 8 ceremony hosted by the University of Notre Dame.



Neumann

The \$1 million Opus Prize is affiliated with the Opus Group, a \$1.4 billion national real estate development company headquartered in Minneapolis, and is given annually to honor a person who "combines a driving entrepreneurial spirit with an abiding faith to combat poverty, illiteracy, hunger, disease and injustice." The award is annually presented by a Catholic college or university in partnership with the Opus Prize Foundation to provide students with inspiring exemplars of humanitarian work rooted in religious faith.

Neumann began to organize the Pastoral of the Child in 1983 at the urging of her brother, Cardinal Paulo Evaristo Arns, then archbishop of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Although an ecumenical project, it takes advantage of the Brazilian Catholic Church's ecclesial infrastructure, uniquely com-

binning local community organizing and large-scale public health initiatives to promote the health of children and to reduce infant mortality.

"Children are the seed for peace or violence in the future, depending on how they are cared for and stimulated," she says of her work. "Thus, their family and community environment must be sown to grow a fairer and more fraternal world, a world to serve life and hope."

Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize last year, Neumann has received numerous other honors for her work, including special awards from UNICEF, the Pan American Health Organization Prize, Brazil's National Order of Educative Merit, the University of São Paulo's Human Rights Prize, Lions Club International's Humanitarian of the Year Prize, Rotary International's Jean Harris Prize, B'nai B'rith's Human Rights Medal, the National Council of Brazilian Women's Tribute of Respect, the Simon Bolivar Medal and the United Nations Association's Human Rights Prize.

Enlisting some 265,000 volunteers, most of them poor women working in their own communities, the Pastoral of the Child annually serves more than 100,000 pregnant women and nearly two million children in every state in Brazil. In the impoverished communities it serves, the infant mortality rate has been reduced to 15 deaths per thousand, roughly half the national average.

The Pastoral's numerous and

varied activities include education, counseling and support of pregnant women; breast-feeding incentives; nutritional guidance and monthly weight monitoring of small children; instruction on the preparation and consumption of inexpensive, but highly nutritional products and often discarded leaves, peels and seeds; the control of preventable illnesses such as diarrhea and respiratory diseases through the use of homemade serums and the organization of community pharmacies; vaccination programs; natural family planning instruction and counseling; educational programs for the prevention of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases; literacy and recreational programs for children and parents; and catechetical programs to encourage non-violence in families and communities.

Other exemplars of entrepreneurial community service receiving honors from the Opus Prize Foundation during the Notre Dame ceremony will be the Office for Farmworker Ministry (OFFM) in Apopka, Fla., and the Cristo Rey Network. Since 1971, the OFFM has established several nonprofit organizations — including health care clinics and a credit union — to support some 6,000 farmworker families in the rural Apopka area. The Cristo Rey Network, founded in 2001, is a national association of Catholic high schools providing college preparatory education to economically disadvantaged young people through work study and other programs.

## University plans to enhance coursework

*Undergrad research opportunities to increase*

Special to The Observer

The Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL) has selected the University of Notre Dame, along with 86 other higher education institutions and networks worldwide, to participate in a program to improve undergraduate and graduate education. Notre Dame's area of focus will be on enhancing undergraduate research.



Jacobs

The CASTL Institutional Leadership Program is a three-year partnership between Carnegie and selected colleges, universities and organizations with a strong commitment to the examination of teaching and learning. Participants were selected for their ability to influence work in 12 areas, ranging from assessment and accountability to undergraduate research.

All selected institutions have developed and implemented innovative strategies to strengthen teaching and improve student learning on their own campuses. Through participation in the Carnegie program, they will collaborate with other institutions to further examine that work and expand activities in those same areas.

"Our participation in the Carnegie program provides a wonderful opportunity for us to explore and document the distinctive value that undergraduate research adds to a Notre Dame education," said Dennis Jacobs, Notre Dame vice president, associate provost and professor of chemistry and biochemistry, who was named the Carnegie U.S. Professor of the Year in 2002.

Notre Dame offers numerous effective undergraduate research programs, including laboratory research projects within science and engineering, the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) in the College of Arts and Letters, community-based research and international study grants that allow students to pursue abroad a line of scholarly inquiry in collaboration with Notre Dame faculty.

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## Ushers

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row 36, and the stairs are pretty slippery. He just went down headfirst and hit his head on the concrete," Clynych said. "I signaled for medical attention and kept everybody clear of the way till the medics came."

When the game was over, Clynych returned to his room at the Motel 6, where he stays between consecutive home games — it's not worth going back to his hometown of Durby, Conn. for such a short time.

While Clynych has four years under his belt, Morris Zink has nearly 50 more.

Zink cut his teeth as an usher in 1953, the last year Frank Leahy coached the squad. An unplanned half-century later, Zink remains.

"I didn't know I'd be here for this many years, but I've enjoyed it, so I'm still here," he said. "I'm still enthused about working and I have no plans to retire soon."

"Cappy's going to have to put up with me for a while yet."

Of all the games Zink has seen, one stands out in his memory. In 1980, Notre Dame played Michigan. Down two points with very little time left, the Irish drove to within several yards of Michigan's

goal line. On fourth down, a field goal would win the game — but the wind was blowing hard against kicker Harry Oliver.

"The minute they lined up, the wind died down. It really did! The flags fell still," Zink said.

Oliver kicked the field goal and Notre Dame won the game.

"That was probably the most amazing thing I've seen," Zink said.

And while Zink has seen marvelous things, other ushers — like Ajax Arvin — have done them. A 44-year veteran who drives 156 miles to usher on game days, Arvin recalls the medicine bottle he once found in

post-game litter.

"It was quite important for a terminal disease. But it had the address on it, it was somewhere in Pennsylvania, so I mailed it," he said. "I got a call thanking me because the medicine was so expensive."

While Arvin signed up to usher because he couldn't buy football tickets and wanted to see the game, usher Sue Adent just wanted an excuse to return to Notre Dame Stadium after her son Joseph, a football walk-on, graduated in 1996.

"We wondered, what do we do on game weekends? We heard Cappy was hiring women ... hence, here I am, almost 10 years later," Adent said.

Gagnon opened the usher

position to women when he was hired in 1995. Since his arrival, he's also established stricter uniform rules — all ushers wear white shirts and ties (or for ladies, "neckwear") — and depending on where they're located, they wear either a yellow vest or a yellow jacket. All wear colored hats signaling their ranks; gold is reserved for the highest-ranking ushers. Ushers said Gagnon has also established "Welcome to Notre Dame" as the official usher phrase, and asks his staff to say it as often as possible.

"I guess [ushering] is mainly just being what Notre Dame should be — friendly and

open, smiling at people," Adent said. "I help people love Notre Dame just as much as I do. I want them to go home and say, 'I had a great time there.'"

However upbeat today's ushers may be, they'll find it hard to compete with the original ushers Knute Rockne hired when the stadium opened in 1930.

The crowd was rarely more than 20,000, Gagnon said, but Rockne hired 1,000 ushers.

"This was a big deal when Rockne started it," Gagnon said. "It was the Depression. People didn't have a lot of money, so these men could go to the game."

According to Gagnon, who has spoken with ushers from that era, Rockne gave them a pep talk on the field before their first game. He showed them how to lead a lady to her seat: grasp her hand and her elbow and guide her up the steep stairs.

"It was a courtier time back then," Gagnon said.

Sixty-six years after it began, Clynych says he's thrilled to be a part of the tradition of greeting people in a friendly atmosphere.

"It's like being in heaven," he said.

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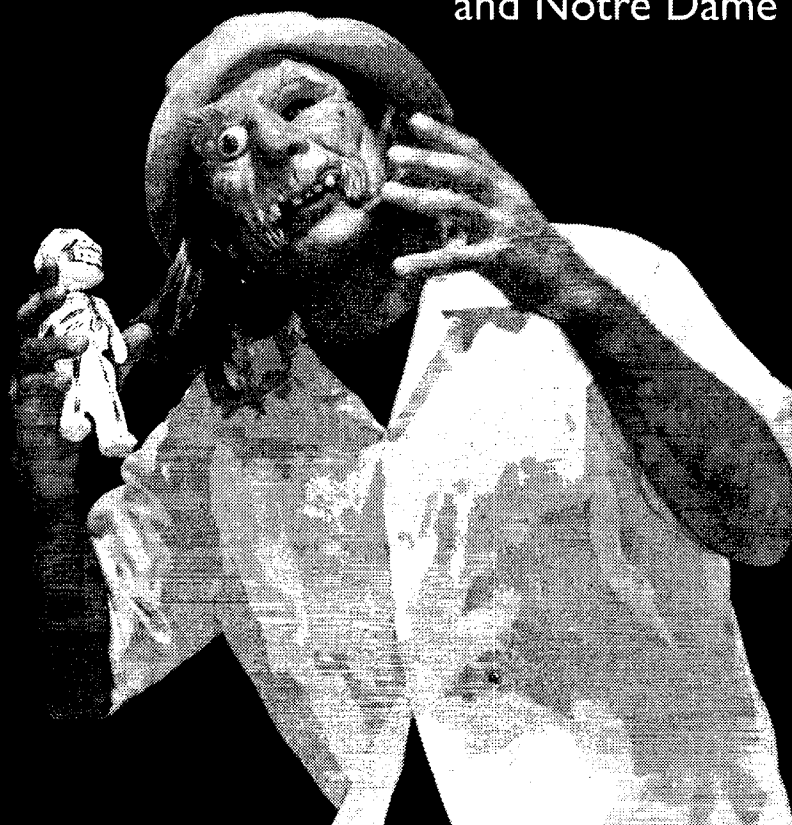
*"I guess [ushering] is mainly just being what Notre Dame should be — friendly and open, smiling at people."*

**Sue Adent**  
usher

## Masked Migration

An improvised performance

with masks by Zarco Guerrero  
and Notre Dame students



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## Game

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more decisive.

"We played well, but we could have done a lot more," freshman John Altenberger said. "It looked like Stanford was overmatched but we just couldn't capitalize as much as we wanted or expected."

The game was still very much in question after a close first quarter, in which Stanford showed an unexpected ability to drive down the field on the Irish defense, which senior George Heidkamp saw as a sign of weakness.

"The key to our defense is the play of the front four," Heidkamp said. "If they can penetrate and put some pressure on the backfield it makes up for our lack of athleticism and experience in the secondary."

Freshman Andrew Saville expressed concern over Notre Dame's failure to answer Stanford's trick play — a half-back pass that wound up in the end zone.

"It seemed that in the fourth quarter we were a little more hesitant than usual," Saville said. "I would have liked to answer their trickery with a couple more touchdowns and assert ourselves more."

With the combination of low attendance at the weekend's pep rally and a winless opponent, some said the student section seemed unenthusiastic.

"We [the students] didn't seem into the game — maybe because it seemed like an easy win," freshman Jenna Newcomb said.

The Irish are now ranked in the top 10 going into their bye week. With students looking forward to a fall break of their own, the entire Notre Dame community will have a chance to return with renewed enthusiasm.

"With the bye week coming up, both the Notre Dame fans and team will be able to rest and come back for the UCLA game with much more energy," Newcomb said.

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## Professor Naomi Chazan to Speak at the University of Notre Dame

**Tuesday, October 10**

**Can the World Afford to Abandon Africa?**  
4 PM Hesburgh Auditorium (Hesburgh Center)

**Wednesday, October 11**

**Options for an Israeli-Palestinian Peace:**  
**Thinking Out of the Box**  
8 PM McKernan Auditorium (CCE)

**Thursday, October 12**

**What Women Bring to Peace: A Comparative**  
**Look at the Role of Women in Conflict**  
**Resolution Today**  
4 PM Hesburgh Auditorium

Professor Chazan is the ND Provost's Distinguished Woman Lecturer. She is a renowned professor of Political Science and African Studies and heads the School of Government and Society, Academic College of Tel Aviv. From 1992-2003, she was a member of the Israeli Knesset. An author of numerous publications, Professor Chazan received the Freedom and Human Rights Prize from the Foundation for Freedom and Human Rights in Switzerland in 2005.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Denmark grapples with anti-Islamism

COPENHAGEN — Denmark's prime minister on Sunday condemned members of an anti-immigrant party who appeared in Web videos mocking the Prophet Muhammad, prompting renewed protests from Muslim leaders around the world.

The videos, first reported by the Danish daily newspaper Nyhedsavisen on Friday, came in the aftermath of violent protests around the Muslim world after 12 drawings of the Prophet Muhammad were published last year by another Danish newspaper.

In the video clips posted online this past week, a group of young politicians was shown conducting a drawing contest during a camp meeting in August. One woman presented a drawing of a camel with the head of Muhammad and beer cans for humps as the group laughed.

In another clip, a man held up a drawing depicting a bearded man wearing a turban next to a plus sign and a bomb that equals a nuclear mushroom cloud. The politicians appeared to have been drinking.

### Iran undeterred by sanction threat

TEHRAN — Iran called the threat of international sanctions over its disputed nuclear program a "rusty" weapon and repeated Sunday that it would not abandon uranium enrichment.

The six countries at the center of efforts to persuade Iran to drop uranium enrichment — a key step in the production of nuclear weapons — said Friday they have agreed to pursue possible sanctions.

However, all five permanent security council members — the U.S., France, Britain, Russia and China — stopped short of demanding Iran be punished by the U.N. Security Council.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Lettuce recalled after E. coli scare

SAN FRANCISCO — Less than a week after the Food and Drug Administration lifted its warning on fresh spinach grown in California's Salinas Valley, a popular brand of lettuce grown there has been recalled over concerns about E. coli contamination.

The lettuce does not appear to have caused any illnesses, Salinas-based Nunes Company Inc. said in a statement.

The company initiated a voluntary recall Sunday of green leaf lettuce purchased last week under the Foxy brand name. Foxy is one of the nation's largest suppliers of lettuce, celery, broccoli, vegetable platters and stir-fry mixes. The recall covered lettuce sold in seven Western states.

### Curiosity seekers descend on Amish

NICKEL MINES, Pa. — Curiosity seekers left flowers and messages of sympathy Sunday near the one-room Amish schoolhouse where a quiet milkman killed five young girls and wounded five more.

Along the road leading to the West Nickel Mines Amish School, authorities posted dozens of "No parking or standing" signs to encourage people to keep moving.

Ken Urbany, 57, a prison guard from Philadelphia, had hoped to stop at the school to offer a prayer for the victims but kept driving because of the restrictions. He said, "It doesn't matter. The Lord will hear my prayer in my hotel room."

## LOCAL NEWS

### Stores clamor for liquor licenses

MUNCIE — More Indiana convenience stores are seeking permits to sell beer and wine — a move the store owners say will help them expand sales, but the package liquor industry says could essentially deregulate the sale of wine and beer.

So far this year, 142 convenience stores in Indiana sought grocery store permits that allow beer and wine sales. Only 46 stores sought beer and wine permits from the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission in 2005.

Some convenience store owners may want to get permits now in case the legislature tries to limit such permits during future sessions of the General Assembly.

# GOP loses ground with mothers

*Latest polls show married women with children evenly divided between parties*

Associated Press

NEW ALBANY, Ind. — After winning over moms in back-to-back elections, Republicans have lost their advantage among married women with children this year.

The Republican Party has seen the support of people like Jeannette Hopkins evaporate.

A 30-year-old married mother of two and a Republican, Hopkins voted for President Bush in 2004. But she says she probably will support the Democrat in her congressional district this fall "because of the way that everything's been handled" with the GOP in charge of Congress and Bush in the White House.

"We're in a really scary place right now," Hopkins said recently. She vented about what she called the gone-on-too-long Iraq war, a sluggish economy, the bungled Hurricane Katrina response and a continuing terrorism threat.

She blamed Republicans as she hustled down an alley to the office she manages in this Louisville, Ky., suburb.

Votes like hers could decide which party controls the House and Senate after the Nov. 7 vote.

Poll results and interviews with political analysts indicate the GOP has lost ground with a voting group that helped the party keep hold of Congress and the White House in 2002 and 2004. Married moms have become a volatile swing group just as Democrats need to gain 15 GOP-held House seats and six in the Senate to win control of Capitol Hill.

An Associated Press-Ipsos poll this month found that support is now evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans among married women with children in the house. Republicans won this voting group by 18 percent-



Tina Wagner waits with her children Aug. 25 in Ft. Wright, Ky. Wagner voted for Bush in 2004 but now expresses disappointment about his job performance.

age points in 2002 and Bush won it by 14 percentage points in 2004.

The shift among married moms was reflected in the anxiety-laden voices of several in the Ohio River Valley, a conservative region home to several competitive House seats.

"People have no money. The economy is not going well," said Michele Huber, 29. A married mother of three, she gave the country a "poor to fair" rating as she speed-walked in a suburban Cincinnati park with one of her children, a niece and a nephew in tow.

A Republican, she voted for Bush in 2004. She said she was not sure whether she would again if she had

the chance or whether she would vote with her party next month — a sentiment echoed by others.

For years, the GOP has held a slight advantage with this group of voters. Republicans made additional gains leading up to and through the 2000 presidential election, in part because, according to analysts and exit polls, married moms were attracted to Bush's emphasis on social conservatism and had a general fondness for the man himself.

In the 2002 congressional elections, more than half of married moms sided with Republicans while only 35 percent voted with Democrats. Two years

later, in a presidential election year, married moms preferred Bush over Democratic Sen. John Kerry by 56 percent to 42 percent.

That GOP advantage has evaporated.

In the AP-Ipsos poll, married women with children split evenly on the question of whether they would vote for or lean toward the Democratic or Republican candidate in their congressional district.

The frustration in this group of voters is a reflection of the broader population, now down on the president and Congress as the unpopular Iraq war drags on and economic growth has slowed.

## IRAQ

# U.S. operation kills 30 militants

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The U.S.-led coalition said it killed 30 fighters in a battle Sunday with the country's most powerful Shiite militia amid growing American impatience with the Iraqi government's inability to stop militias responsible for escalating sectarian violence.

The clash was the second with the Mahdi Army in the predominantly Shiite southern city of Diwaniyah in as many months. Officials from the party of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, which heads the militia, denied any of their fighters were killed.

A U.S. Abrams tank was seriously

damaged when it was hit by rocket-propelled grenades, but no casualties were reported among the U.S. or Iraqi forces.

However, the military announced the deaths of five U.S. troops elsewhere in the country. Two soldiers were killed Saturday — one in the capital and the other northwest of Baghdad — while three Marines were killed Friday in western Anbar province, the military said without elaborating.

The deaths brought to 29 the number of Americans killed in Iraq this month — many of them in Baghdad as part of a district-by-district crack-down aimed at reducing mounting

violence by clearing the city of weapons and fighters.

At least 14 Iraqis also died in other violence around the country Sunday, including a Shiite woman and her young daughter who were killed when gunmen opened fire on their minivan in Baqouba, northeast of Baghdad.

Police also found 51 bullet-riddled bodies in various parts of Baghdad during a 24-hour period ending Sunday morning, police 1st Lt. Mohammed Khayoun said. They were all apparent victims of the sectarian death squads that roam the capital, with many of the bodies showing signs of torture.

# Judge

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islative and judiciary — separate as a means of balancing powers.

One of the biggest complaints from judges serving under King George was that they felt their livelihood and salaries were subject to how well they followed his opinions, O'Scannlain said. The founding fathers wanted to safeguard against this non-independent judiciary found in Great Britain.

But the system set up in the Constitution was not impenetrable, said O'Scannlain, who explained that judicial independence has been threatened in the past and is still threatened today.

Justice Samuel Chase, the only Supreme Court justice to date to have been served with articles of impeachment, was charged — and eventually acquitted — of "political bias" in the handling of the trial of John Fries, O'Scannlain said.

"The early impeachment of Justice Chase may have been the first attack on the judiciary, but it certainly wasn't the last," he said.

More than 100 years later, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt proposed a bill that would allow him to replace justices over the age of 70 even if they did not want to step down. If passed, this bill would have allowed Roosevelt to "stack the court" and guarantee support for New Deal legislation, O'Scannlain said.

The bill was not passed, but with the "switch in time that saved nine" — the name given to Justice Owen Roberts' shift from the conservative to the liberal wing of the Supreme Court in a case decided shortly after Roosevelt's court stacking bill proposal — many believe feelings of threatened judicial independence may have led to Justice Roberts' switch.

O'Scannlain said there is still an "enduring political power on judicial independence."

Two "myths" about judicial independence, O'Scannlain said, is that it "protects judicial activism" and "protects judges from criticism of other opinions."

Judicial activism is opinion based on politics or personal opinion, O'Scannlain said — not the faithful upholding of laws. He said judicial activism and judicial independence are "wholly incompatible."

"Judges are independent," he said, "but not independent from the law."

In regards to the second myth, O'Scannlain said criticism of judges must be protected by the First Amendment.

"It is a prized American ideal to speak one's mind," he said.

Judges must not, however, bow to public criticism. In cases where judges do seemingly succumb to criticism, "appellate review should occur," he said. He stressed that "fidelity to the law should exist in the first instance."

In his concluding remarks, Judge O'Scannlain quoted another judge: "Leave to the people an independent judiciary and they will prove that man is capable of governing

himself."

A question and answer period followed the lecture, extending the conversation to topics such as judicial stripping, the effect of criticism on judges and what

role personal convictions or morality plays in the professional lives of judges.

Expanding on earlier comments he made about criticism directed towards the judiciary, O'Scannlain said,

"The courts are not immune from criticism. ... It is important because reasonable

minds can differ.

"Hopefully criticism can be done in a climate of maturity and in a way that respects the institution."

Personal convictions should not affect how a judge applies the law, he said.

"There are lots of laws with which I disagree that I have to enforce on a daily basis. ... I don't have the power to strike it down unless it is not within the Constitution," O'Scannlain said.

If he believes a law is unjust,

O'Scannlain said he can bring it to the attention of the legislature. A judge can also recuse him or herself from a case if he or she feels there is a conflict of interest.

In response to a question about judicial activism, O'Scannlain said he viewed the judge as a "neutral applier of the law."

He said it would be appropriate for judges to provide data to Congress regarding opinion on certain legislation or make suggestions for sys-

temic change only after applying sentencing guidelines as defined by law.

O'Scannlain was appointed to the 9th Circuit Court by President Reagan and confirmed by the Senate in 1986.

Notre Dame law professor Anthony J. Bellia Jr. introduced O'Scannlain Friday.

"He has been a leader in working to ensure the quality of opinions on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ... and he has been a tremendous friend to the University," Bellia said.

O'Scannlain received an honorary degree from Notre Dame in 2002.

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## MARKET RECAP

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**AMEX** 1,881.67 -6.97  
**NASDAQ** 2,299.99 -6.35  
**NYSE** 8,534.32 -36.16  
**S&P 500** 1,349.58 -3.64  
**NIKKEI(Tokyo)** 16,436.06 -13.27  
**FTSE 100(London)** 6,001.20 -3.30

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INTEL CP (INTC)	-0.72	-0.15	20.63
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-1.00	-0.05	4.97
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## IN BRIEF

### MySpace to organize benefit concerts

NEW YORK — The online hangout MySpace.com will organize 20 concerts featuring bands promoted on its site as part of a campaign to raise awareness and money for humanitarian relief in Sudan.

The site, which grew in popularity thanks to its early adoption by emerging bands and their fans, has in recent months taken a more active role in promoting social causes, such as environmental awareness and voter registration.

"The crisis in Darfur is a global concern and as a global community we have a responsibility to take action," Chris DeWolfe, MySpace's chief executive, said in a statement. "MySpace's reach gives us an extraordinary opportunity to spread the word and empower individuals to help address the horrors in Darfur."

Some 2.5 million people have been made homeless by three years of fighting between the Sudanese government and rebel groups in the vast, arid Darfur region of western Sudan. At least another 200,000 people have been killed since hostilities erupted.

Just last week, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan warned that Darfur is creeping ever closer to catastrophe, with rape and violence on the rise and humanitarian access at its lowest level since 2004.

### Goodyear, union prepare for strike

AKRON, Ohio — Legend has it you used to be able to smell the rubber in this blue-collar city, home to the world's third largest tiremaker.

But these days the most noticeable scent near Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.'s hulking headquarters is the smell of wood burning in metal barrels that keep striking workers warm from the unusually chilly fall air.

As of Saturday, days after United Steelworkers union members walked off the job, no new talks had been scheduled between the company and the union.

"We're in the beginning stages. We're in this for the long haul," said Eric Pirogowicz, 50, a 33-year Goodyear employee who most recently made race car tires in Akron and was among more than 12,000 union members from 16 plants in the United States and Canada who went on strike Thursday.

Analysts say the strike could cost Goodyear up to \$2 million a day.

## Booksellers seek niche markets

Independent store owners struggle to attract customers from chains, online outlets

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Adam Brent knew his 11-year-run selling best sellers and new releases was over when mail carriers started walking into his building to deliver books from Amazon.com to the tenants upstairs.

"Literally, they didn't walk downstairs or take the time to make a phone call," Brent said of the neighbors of Brent Books & Cards in the city's business district.

Brent's experience is shared by scores of independent bookstore owners around the nation that have been knocked out of business by huge chains like Borders Group Inc. and Barnes & Noble Inc., massive retailers like Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and most recently Internet sites like Amazon.com.

But Brent is also part of a growing number of independent bookstore owners refusing to give up. He's closing his store this month but plans to reopen as a discount book store. Others are luring customers by putting in cafes or opening specialty shops that cater to a specific audience, like mystery lovers. Some are following the lead of public television and selling memberships. Or they're being saved by investors who can't bear the idea of losing these local institutions.

Not only that, but even as 200 to 300 independent book stores close a year, the number of independent book stores opening is creeping up.

"For a long time, from 1992 to 2002, you literally could count on two hands the number of openings," said Oren Teicher, chief operating officer of the American Booksellers Association. "In the last three years there are 60, 70, 80 stores opening" each year, he said.

That's welcome news for an association that's watched its membership plummet from 4,000 to about 1,800 since the early 1990s.

"There are a lot of ways to



Adam Brent, owner of Brent's Books & Cards, a struggling independent bookstore in downtown Chicago, is reflected in one of the store's security mirrors Sept. 27.

make money in the business," said Brent, whose father, Chicago bookseller Stuart Brent, closed the city's most famous bookstore after a half century in 1996.

Gary Kleiman, who owns BookBeat in the northern California community of Fairfax, decided the way to do it was to get rid of the clutter and make his store a gathering place.

"We had 10,000 or 13,000 books in the store," said Kleiman. "Now we have maybe 1,500."

Last fall, Kleiman gave all but a handful of his used books to charity. Then he tore down shelves and in their place put tables and chairs and a small stage for live performances. He started offering free wireless

Internet access. And to help convince people to take advantage of it all he got a beer and wine license.

As for the books, most of the ones left are new and they're confined to the perimeter walls. While he's selling about the same number of books as he used to, new books are selling better. And his store has a lot more customers — eating, drinking and listening to music — than he did before. About 60 percent of the store's profits come from the cafe.

Kleiman's drastic move after six years of business is in large part the result two things he came to understand about the Internet.

The first was that there were just too many used books online and they were

just too cheap — far cheaper than he could afford to sell them.

The second was that for all the talk about the speed of ordering books online, he could be faster.

"I can order today and they will be here tomorrow," he said — one reason customers choose him instead of the Internet.

Some bookstores have survived by giving their customers what they say chain stores often do not: Employees who know what they're talking about.

"You can discuss books with us. We are all readers," said Arlene Lynes, who opened Read Between the Lynes in Woodstock, Ill., in 2005. "To me, that's what's bringing people back."

## Stocks drop from all-time highs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street ended a record-breaking week quietly Friday, edging lower after the Labor Department said employers added far fewer jobs than expected last month. The major indexes all scored big gains for the week.

While the jobs report gave investors further confirmation that the economy is slowing — employers created just 51,000 jobs last month, well off the 120,000 Wall Street expected — the market is now concerned that the economy might be moderating too much.

Even the prospects of a rate cut by the Federal Reserve came as little comfort Friday.

"We've had a market that wants to see bad news as good news with respect to the Fed," said Bryan Piskorowski, a market analyst at Wachovia Securities LLC. "(Now the) economy is slowing, the housing market is slowing, consumer spending is starting to slow. You run that tightwire where bad news eventually becomes bad news."

Investors concerned about the jobs report Friday were also disappointed by news of the resignation of a General Motors Corp. board member who lobbied unsuccessfully for an alliance with other automakers.

But hopes for a Fed rate cut as well as a further decline in oil prices helped drive the 30-stock Dow Jones industrial average to three straight record high

closes this week. The blue chips also set new intraday highs. Broader indexes also showed robust gains, though remained well below their all-time highs.

The Dow was down 16.48, or 0.14 percent, at 11,850.21 Friday, slightly below the record close of 11,866.69 set the day before.

Broader stock indicators also fell Friday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 3.64, or 0.27 percent, at 1,349.58, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 6.35, or 0.28 percent, to 2,299.99.

The week was a memorable one for investors, with the Dow finally recovering from the dot-com meltdown early in the decade, recession and then the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

## Honor

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England, working on his fourth book on the Catholic Reformation entitled "The Intellectual History of the Catholic Reformation."

Pullapilly received several Fulbright Grants and one grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. He founded several organizations in India for the education and welfare of youth and the politically oppressed.

"I am always amazed at the extent of Cy's contacts around the world," Svelmoe said. "He has had personal meetings with

a wide array of world leaders — from popes to presidents."

Pullapilly said he is honored to be a member of the RSA and is enjoying his opportunity to interact with other scholars at Cambridge.

He hasn't forgotten South Bend, however.

"I look forward to getting back to my students and colleagues at [Saint Mary's]," he said. "RSA members are allowed to continue working in their current professions, but are expected to contribute to the maximum extent in their fields for the welfare of the society at large."

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## Kuwait

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Soisson is on military leave in Kuwait as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army's 336th Transportation Group.

While stationed in Camp Arifjan, Soisson's transportation unit performs missions in Iraq. Most of Soisson's tasks are computer related, and while she has become accustomed to frequent power outages in her camp, she may never get used to missing her family.

The greatest challenge she faces every day, Soisson said, is being so far away from her husband, Tom, and children Allie, Adam, Claire and Annelise.

"I miss impromptu hugs with my husband and kids, I miss having dinner together ... watching a video on a Friday night and especially, lately, fall and Notre Dame football," Soisson said. "It is the normal part of life that I crave."

But aside from her husband and kids, it is the small amenities — like indoor plumbing — that Soisson misses most.

"The temporary bathrooms here really stink, and there is no indoor plumbing in the work or sleeping areas," she said.

In November 2005, Soisson was notified to transfer to Camp Arifjan. Initially, she didn't think the deployment would become a reality. She had received similar notifications several times before, and usually the circumstances didn't require her to leave.

But after four months of training, Soisson arrived in Kuwait in July. Reflecting back on her deployment, Soisson said, "I believe that God has a plan for us all and I am still trying to fully understand my role here."

Soisson joined the Army in 1980 as a scholarship cadet. She later left active duty to move to South Bend with her husband so that he could open his pediatric practice. In 1992, she joined the Army Reserves as a way of meeting people and making some extra money.

Besides longing for an Irish football game, Soisson also misses her contact with the Notre Dame community. In her role with the SIBC, Soisson said she enjoyed working with some of the University's most dedicated and intellectually gifted students.

And she realizes now, she

said, how fortunate she was to have kind and devoted co-workers at Notre Dame — something she doesn't encounter in her current work environment.

"I work with some nice people, but I would say this has been an experience of isolation," she said.

While Soisson attributes this sense of isolation to the intensity of the mission that the service members endure each day, she is not willing to accept it. In addition to her regular duties, she receives quarterly training as the "Consideration of Others" program officer.

"This is a real program, which reminds people to remember we are all of value," Soisson said. "The message may get out, but the practice of kindness is far from perfected."

Given the lack of facilities in Arifjan and the intense working conditions that constantly challenge Soisson, she said it is difficult to be certain whether her sacrifices are truly improving the world.

"I would like to believe that I am making a difference in the units we serve, [but] I am totally unclear on the strategic level if we are making a difference," she said.

During these trying times, Soisson said her faith provides her with strength "to make each day a possibility."

Her fellow service members, Soisson said, are what keep her strong during her time in Iraq and Kuwait.

"The service members I work with are my heroes in many ways," she said. "Most risk their lives for their country every time they leave post, and they are completely dedicated to their mission."

Two members of Soisson's group have died, and she said attending the memorial services for these soldiers would be "a real test of emotions."

Soisson plans to return to her family in July 2007, just in time for her youngest daughter's 11th birthday. She said she hopes to continue working at Notre Dame in some capacity, if not directly with the SIBC, and plans to apply for a Kroc Fellowship.

"I have learned here we can all serve humanity on different levels and finding the right place for your service is essential," she said. "We will see about God's plan for the next phase."

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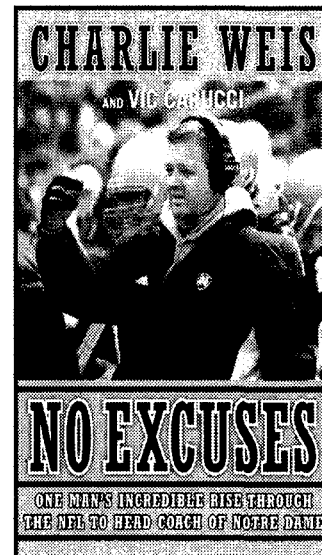
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giant moose outfit. Nearly every hall engaged in push-up contests to get the fans riled up.

But the efforts haven't been sufficient to drum up more Irish enthusiasm. Lately, a decline in student attendance at pep rallies has been apparent.

Director of Football Operations Chad Klunder told The Observer that just 1,700 students attended the Purdue pep rally, even though 4,000 seats were reserved.

Klunder did not have attendance numbers for the Stanford pep rally available this weekend, although he thought there was an "increase in student participation at [Friday's] pep rally [compared to] the one before the Purdue game."

Junior Tom Martin, president of

Siegfried Hall, agreed there were "definitely more" participants on Friday compared to Purdue's rally — but he also said the overall planning and execution of the events have caused a decrease in popularity.

Part of the problem, Martin said, is that pep rallies are "becoming more tailored to the public."

"They make students come an hour and a half before the pep rally starts so that they can fill up all the seats," he said. "The extra down-time makes students less interested. Plus, right now they're playing 'Switch' by Will Smith, which isn't good."

Upperclassmen like junior Pedro Gochicoa are less interested in participating, explaining that

free time is limited and class-free Fridays afternoons are their only chances to relax.

"I'd rather be playing soccer or taking care of other things," Gochicoa said. "Pep rallies are fun for freshman year, but after a while they become the same."

*"Pep rallies are fun for freshman year, but after a while they become the same."*

**Pedro Gochicoa**  
junior

But even freshmen have expressed apathy. For Shea Bettwy, pep rallies are "becoming too much of a hassle."

"It takes up a major chunk of your Friday evening," Bettwy said, "and we don't get as pumped up for them as we do for the games."

Other students said attending the pep rallies is not worth sacrificing their commitments to other extracurricular activities or a

demanding academic workload.

"I have a ton of work to do," sophomore Mike Hawking said. "So why should I go if the pep rallies have been so lackluster?"

At about 6:30 p.m. Friday, just as the football team made its entrance, the students in attendance grew progressively louder in anticipation of the speakers and recognition of former alumni.

Irish running backs coach Michael Hayward and defensive coordinator Rick Minter organized the football team's portion of the pep rally and recognized deceased Notre Dame Heisman Trophy winner Leon Hart, whose family was attending the event. Teammates Darius Walker and Maurice Crum Jr. spoke, along with head coach Charlie Weis and leprechaun Kevin Braun.

"I think that everybody has to embrace the tradition here," Klunder said. "We can try to get in a celebrity to speak every week,

or we can try to keep it to a team factor.

"In the end it's about the team and about Notre Dame, which includes everybody involved in the Notre Dame community."

The next three pep rallies will feature three of Notre Dame's Heisman Trophy winners — Paul Hornung for the UCLA game, John Huarte for the UNC game and Tim Brown for the Army game.

Despite the waning interest that's grown increasingly pervasive among students, those who love the rallies won't be absent anytime soon.

"We can't take our football team for granted," freshman Larisa Esmilla said. "And we have to support Notre Dame football by preventing the lack of participation spread."

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## Navigation system adapted to aid the visually impaired

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Satellite-based navigation gadgets can guide motorists from high above, saving bumbling drivers countless hours and extra trips to the gas station. But directing people on a much smaller scale — such as inside an office — is a much greater challenge.

Locator equipment based on Global Positioning System satellites is accurate to about 10 feet — fine for drivers searching for the next right turn but not for pedestrians seeking a front door.

And the range of GPS is limited indoors, and it can't on its own differentiate between a path and a wall.

Georgia Institute of Technology researchers are trying to pick up where GPS leaves off. Its System for Wearable Audio Navigation, or SWAN, consists of a wearable computer connected to a headband packed with sensors that help sight-impaired users know where they are and how to get where they're going.

Besides a pendant-sized wireless GPS tracker, there are light sensors and thermometers that

help distinguish between indoors and outdoors. Cameras gauge how far away objects and obstacles are. A compass establishes direction. And an inertia detector tracks the roll, pitch and yaw of the user's head.

All the data are crunched by a computer in a backpack, which relays high-pitch sonar-like signals that direct users to their destinations. It also works with a database of maps and floor plans to help pinpoint each sidewalk, door, hall and stairwell.

Bruce Walker, an assistant psychology professor who helped

develop the system, said in a few years it could be used to help guide blind people, first-responders to emergencies or soldiers through unknown territory.

"It's going to take time," Walker said. "But getting floor plans for buildings is possible. We're trying to show that given a map, we can show the blind how to get places."

Like a sonar device, the SWAN system sends out audible blips that quicken as users move closer to a preprogrammed target and slow as they get farther away. The sound of a hinge opening plays as it passes by a door, and

cues can signal bathrooms, restaurants, stores, and other attractions.

The sounds are sent through bone-conducting headphones, specialized devices that are worn behind the ears to appease users reluctant to have their ears covered.

"This is not intended to replace a guide dog or a white cane," Walker said. "This just supplements it."

Besides university research, a handful of companies have tackled the tricky business of helping people navigate on a small scale.

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## Chase like a champion today

The non-ESPN national media delights in chastising Division I colleges for their over-emphasis on the latter half of the phrase "student-athlete." These criticisms have ranged from a recent New York Times piece on the unbalanced spending on athletic facilities at Rutgers University to the annual mockery of the pathetic graduation rates of all top-25 football teams not named Notre Dame to the downright embarrassing class schedules of all former USC quarterbacks named Matt Leinart.

While many of these attacks on America's universities are undoubtedly merited, there is a crucial aspect of this lopsided treatment at "jock schools" that gets about as much press coverage as the war in Afghanistan. Yes, this devious system of unseen rewards for athlete-students is so sinister and manic that even the lofty ideals of the utopian NCAA fail to acknowledge its existence. Like steroids in baseball before the late 1990s and the entire female gender under the Taliban, these things are known to exist but never spoken of, and, for the most part, ignored entirely by the authorities.

I'm talking, of course, about jersey chasers.

Defined by the always-reputable online Urban Dictionary as "a girl that only goes for guys on a certain sports team," these strumpets of the sidelines get their kicks not by watching an athletic competition and cheering for their peers, but by blatantly attempting to hook up with said peers after their game-day heroism has solidified their

greatness in the eyes of the cheering thousands.

At some schools, the primary activities of these institution-of-higher-learning Lolitas are purely sexual in nature. At the University of Miami — the Harvard of south Florida, if you will — former football stars like Tavares Gooden, Darnell Jenkins and our own Greg Olsen achieved cult-sensation status for bravely exposing the lewd and disgusting activities that these jersey chasers often forced helpless athletes into doing in their pseudonymous "7th Floor Crew" rap.

At other schools, these varsity-letter vixens are not always as libidinally motivated, and even waiting outside of a locker room with a plate full of baked goods or doing an athlete's laundry and homework on a daily basis are frequent forms of acceptable jersey chasing.

Still, the mysterious and underhanded world of jock adulation does not end there. Perhaps the most disturbing cases of this obsession can be found in college classrooms, even at Notre Dame, where the most dogged and determined jersey chasers are not sitting at student desks wearing black mini skirts and red snakeskin boots, but standing behind podiums giving academic lectures. Professors across campus — and particularly in several athlete-loaded classes in the Mendoza College of Business — are famous for spending half an hour on Mondays and Fridays either praising players for their previous week's victories or gearing them up for their upcoming games. Some go so far as to bring in newspaper clippings highlighting a star player's performance — as if these constantly glorified individuals did not already realize that Googling their names would yield more than four million results.

Clearly, the fervor and passion with

which these sport-star stalkers go about their business deserves greater acknowledgment than that which the traditional news media currently gives them. For that reason, the time has come for the NCAA to finally recognize jersey chasing as an official varsity sport. Perhaps then these adoring fans will at last be legitimized in the eyes of a cruel America who currently views them as the crud of the collegiate cosmos.

Imagine: Scantly clad girls stepping across the mound of lost XXXL hooded sweatshirts on their apartment floors, reaching above their front doors, and slapping a gold "Chase Like a Champion Today" sign before they head out for a night of drinking at the athlete Mecca of Finnegan's. Sports reporters sending in their ballots every Sunday to decide which school's jersey chasers put up the most impressive numbers over the weekend. Replay officials analyzing a girl's pathetic pickup line to a basketball player from an upstairs booth, then throwing a yellow flag after determining that "You can bounce your balls off my backboard any day" is an unacceptable use of athletic sexual metaphor.

Yes, when this great day arrives and legitimacy is at last restored to the recreational activities of these misunderstood students (and professors), all of our lives will surely change for the better.

I already know where I'll be: sitting at a table in Finnegan's, patiently awaiting my chance to become America's first jersey chaser chaser.

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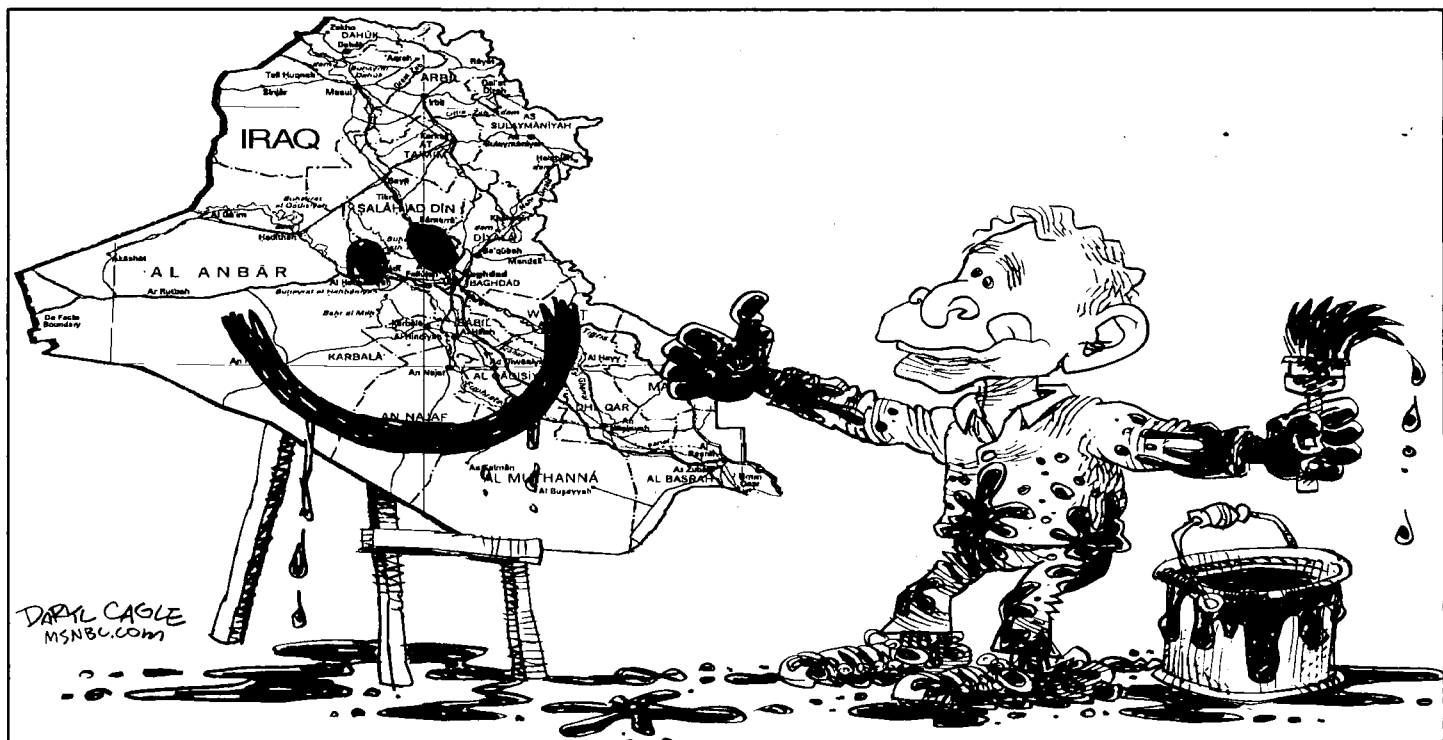
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Joey Falco

Forty Ounces to Falco

### EDITORIAL CARTOON



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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I've always believed that if you put in the work, the results will come. I don't do things half-heartedly. Because I know if I do, then I can expect half-hearted results."

Michael Jordan  
basketball player



## GUEST COLUMNIST

# Cruel, unusual and unethical

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun, in his dissenting opinion of February 1994, expressed dismay over capital punishment in America's judicial system. "From this day forward," Blackmun wrote, "I no longer shall tinker with the machinery of death." Almost 20 years after the 1976 reinstatement of the death penalty in the U.S., Blackmun believed he was "morally and intellectually obligated simply to concede that the death penalty experiment has failed."

**Andrea Laidman**

*Guest Columnist*

Yet 12 years later, as "the death penalty experiment" continues to prove a procedural and legal nightmare, Justice Blackmun's reference to capital punishment as the "machinery of death" has become literal.

In April of this year, the execution of North Carolina inmate Willie Brown was monitored by machinery alone, with no supervision of assigned medical personnel — a method of killing illegal to administer to dogs in all but two states.

While 48 states maintain a veterinarian must be present at the euthanizing of an animal, a federal judge ruled that in North Carolina a man could be killed by lethal injection under the watch of a brain wave monitor. Both the manufacturer of the monitoring device and the American Society of Anesthesiologists protested the use of the device as a stand-alone means, insisting that its purpose was to assist anesthesia professionals rather than replace them.

The debate is complicated by the reason for the absence of medical officials at executions. Medical codes of ethics, under the American Medical Association, prohibit doctors and other health professionals from participating in executions — a position that makes a statement about morality and the death

penalty.

The ethics of medical participation in executions reveals one of the many complexities of capital punishment in the U.S. In an effort to maintain ethics within the legal system, judges are increasingly calling for medical personnel to supervise executions. However, with medical ethics in mind, doctors and anesthesiologists assert that physicians are healers, not executioners, and therefore cannot participate in the administration of lethal drugs.

If states, like North Carolina, feel they must purchase devices to carry out the death sentences of their inmates, can this punishment be considered ethical and humane? Medical codes of ethics aside, I believe that the reluctance of a state or a judge to employ any human being in taking the life of another person reveals the inherent aversion to killing that has been present as long as capital punishment itself.

In recent months, states are stalling and abandoning executions due to a flood of lawsuits framing lethal injection, especially without a medical practitioner present, as a violation of the rights of a U.S. citizen. The execution of Joseph Clark in Ohio in May demonstrates some of the issues surrounding lethal injection that are currently being examined. Prison technicians had trouble finding a suitable vein through which to administer lethal chemicals to Clark. After multiple attempts, the lethal dose began, but minutes later Clark raised his head and said, "It's not working." Another vein was painstakingly located, and drugs administered, in an execution that lasted almost 90 minutes in all.

As residents of the United States, we currently live in a nation that provides more humane treatment to dogs than to citizens imprisoned on death row, despite our position as a leader of international progress and justice. In August, the United Nations Human Rights

Committee issued a report recommending that the United States impose a moratorium on executions. While this UN statement bears no penalty or enforcement beyond international scrutiny, it does raise the 1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights as a document long endorsed by the United States. The United States' 1992 ratification of the treaty (a hard-law update of the 1948 Universal Declaration on Human Rights) included a number of reservations — notably, provisions on the death penalty.

Similar to the ever-increasing presence of domestic campaigns against the death penalty, the U.N.'s recommendation can do little more than appeal to lawmakers and judges and request a closer examination of the procedural flaws and injustices of capital punishment — an evaluation that can only fully be achieved through a moratorium.

The current ironic reality is that it requires outrageous mistakes and questionable rulings (such as the prolonged execution of Clark or the debate over Brown's machine-monitored death) to bring the institutional injustices and problems of capital punishment in America under scrutiny.

In working towards a moratorium in the state of Indiana, we can prevent additional, unnecessary injustices from occurring, and utilize already existing and sufficient evidence and research to confirm Judge Blackmun's 12-year-old stance that the death penalty has failed in the United States.

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## U-WIRE

# Violence in schools out of hand

During the course of the last week there have been three school shootings. All have left innocent people dead, yet we are no closer to answers that might prevent similar tragedies in the future. How can we see these things coming? How can we make schools safer? In retrospect, police have found cause for concern in all of the perpetrators, but hindsight is always 20/20. What can we do now to stop this from happening tomorrow?

**Adrian Martinez**

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It's easy to see why schools make such easy targets. Sure, most schools and districts have strict policies requiring visitors and employees to wear identifying name tags. But such precautions can only work if both the teachers and the students are constantly vigilant about unauthorized people wandering in and out of the school. Such expectations are unrealistic and virtually impossible to enforce.

Schools are more like shopping malls than anything else. There are dozens of easily accessible entrances and exits, most of which are usually unlocked and unsupervised. There are hundreds, or sometimes thousands, of people roaming free in the hallways — a crowd large enough to easily hide in. But unlike shopping malls, the overwhelming majority of a school's occupants are children and young adults, easily intimidated victims that will not fight back when confronted with a deadly weapon.

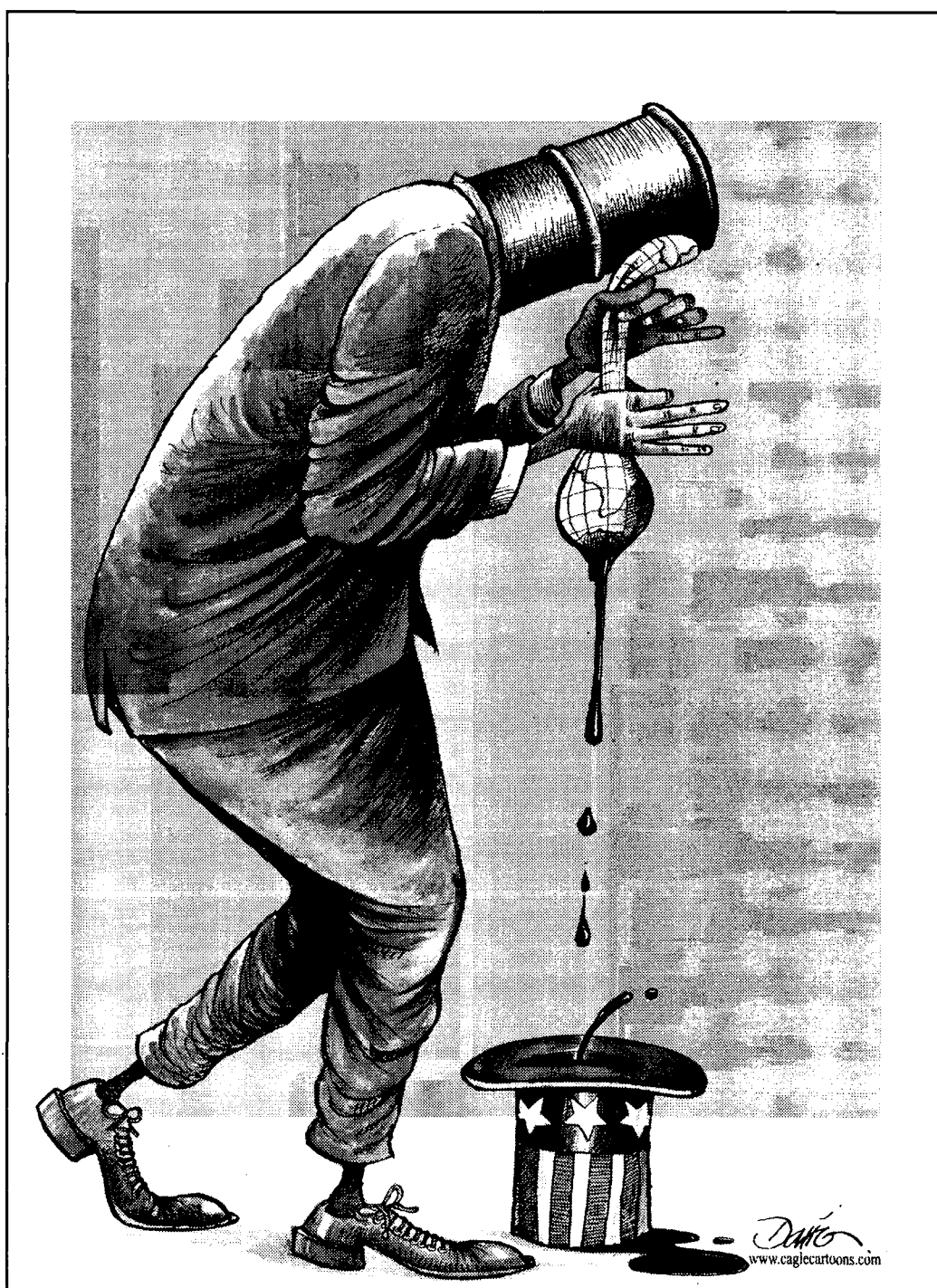
It's difficult enough to try to keep a school safe from outside aggressors that might be looking for easy prey, but what about when the aggressors are among the very students you are trying to protect? Last Friday in Cazenovia, Wis., a school principal was killed by his own 15-year-old student. The student, Eric Hainstock, told police that he shot principal John Klang because he was upset for being reprimanded earlier that week. How are principals supposed to do their jobs, and occasionally correct bad behavior, if they have to worry about these kinds of repercussions?

I'm both lucky and unlucky enough to have public school principals as parents, and they've come home with some pretty incredible stories (although the most incredible ones tend to involve parents more than students). My father's first school administration job was at one of the most gang-infested high schools in San Antonio. You could say he's pretty much seen it all. He's seen teenagers firing fully automatic weapons out of a moving vehicle's passenger-side window. He's seen the drugs. He's seen a gang-member's younger brother brutally murdered in crossfire. Yet he still went to work every day and did his best for the other students. He did what he could.

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON



## DPAC SPOTLIGHT

## El Gran Combo spices up evening at DPAC

*Salsa band energizes student-filled crowd with song and dance*

Photos by CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

Left, El Gran Combo entertains a relatively full audience with its energetic beats and flavorful salsa sounds. The group tours all over Latin America and made a special stop at the DPAC on Wednesday. Right, lead singers Charlie Aponte and Jerry Rivas sing and dance for the interactive audience.

By LAURA MILLER  
Scene Writer

Internationally acclaimed salsa band El Gran Combo offered a lively and stimulating performance at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts last Wednesday.

El Gran Combo has rocked the world of Latin music ever since its formation in 1962. After the release of its first album in 1963, the group quickly rose in stature, touring all over Latin America. Despite a somewhat constantly changing membership, the band has managed to overcome internal problems and continues to produce good music. It was awarded the "Agüeybaná de Oro" prize in 1969, indicating its status as the best music group in Puerto Rico. Since then, it has continued to produce songs that top the charts.

Considering the band's unique sound, its long-lasting success is less than surprising. An amazing conglomeration of vocal and instrumental talent embodies the spirit of the famous Combo.

On Wednesday, its brass (Taty

Maldonado on trumpet and Victor Roderigues and Moisés Noguerras on the trombones) created a big band classic atmosphere. The use of the conga (Miguel Torres), timbales (Domingo Santos) and bongos (Mitchell Laboy) modernized the music while allowing the band to direct each song to embody the salsa culture. Also included on the jam-packed stage were a piano (Rafael Ithier, musical director), alto saxophone (Eddie Perez), saxophone (Freddie Miranda) and bass (Freddie Riviera).

The three vocalists (Charile Aponte, Jerry Rivas and Papo Rosario) had strong, steady voices, which only added to their general likeability. Their willingness and ability to connect with a much younger audience — which included taking song requests — made the show especially enjoyable.

The three also had choreographed dance moves that partially explain their success in the entertainment industry. These days, it is unusual for popular music groups and singers to fully understand how to produce a good concert. Dancing is usually either distracting or barely enough to keep the audience interested.

El Gran Combo's expertise in show

business was clearly evident in its ability to produce a captivating performance. They successfully engaged a college-aged audience — a crowning achievement considering the young age of the group itself. Many of El Gran Combo's members are middle-aged or older, but the group had the talent to bridge generational gaps and made the performance entertaining for people of all ages.

This was very well reflected in the diversity of age in those attending the concert. Student attendance is a consistent problem at the DPAC. This problem was partially remedied for El Gran Combo's performance, because unlike other DPAC events, free tickets were available through several venues for students who took the time to pre-order — and the difference in attendance was astounding. While the DPAC was not sold out, there was a larger amount of students present than in many sell-out crowds.

Beyond the numbers, the students in attendance were all extremely excited

about seeing El Gran Combo, which was apparent in their participation. Not only was the performance vibrant, but the Notre Dame students also reflected and intensified the energy coming from onstage. During the first song, most of the students had stood up and were dancing by their seats. By the second, most moved down in front of the stage, around the aisles and to the box seats in order to show their salsa skills or have a good time learning some moves.

Although most of the older members of the audience remained seated throughout the performance, it was apparent that they enjoyed watching the students dance. For the final song, El Gran Combo requested everyone to join in the dancing. The DPAC felt alive and electrified.

Between the top-of-the-charts performance from El Gran Combo and the energy from the audience, Wednesday night was more like a party than just one of the days before midterms. El Gran Combo drew out Notre Dame students' love of dancing by letting the Latin music flow and added spicy flavor to an otherwise typical weekday evening.

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Left, Aponte snaps to the rhythm as Miguel Torres beats the conga in the background. Aponte has been a vocalist with the band for more than 25 years. Right, Torres performs a solo on the conga. His beats contributed to the modernized sounds of El Gran Combo's salsa music, inciting movement throughout the audience.



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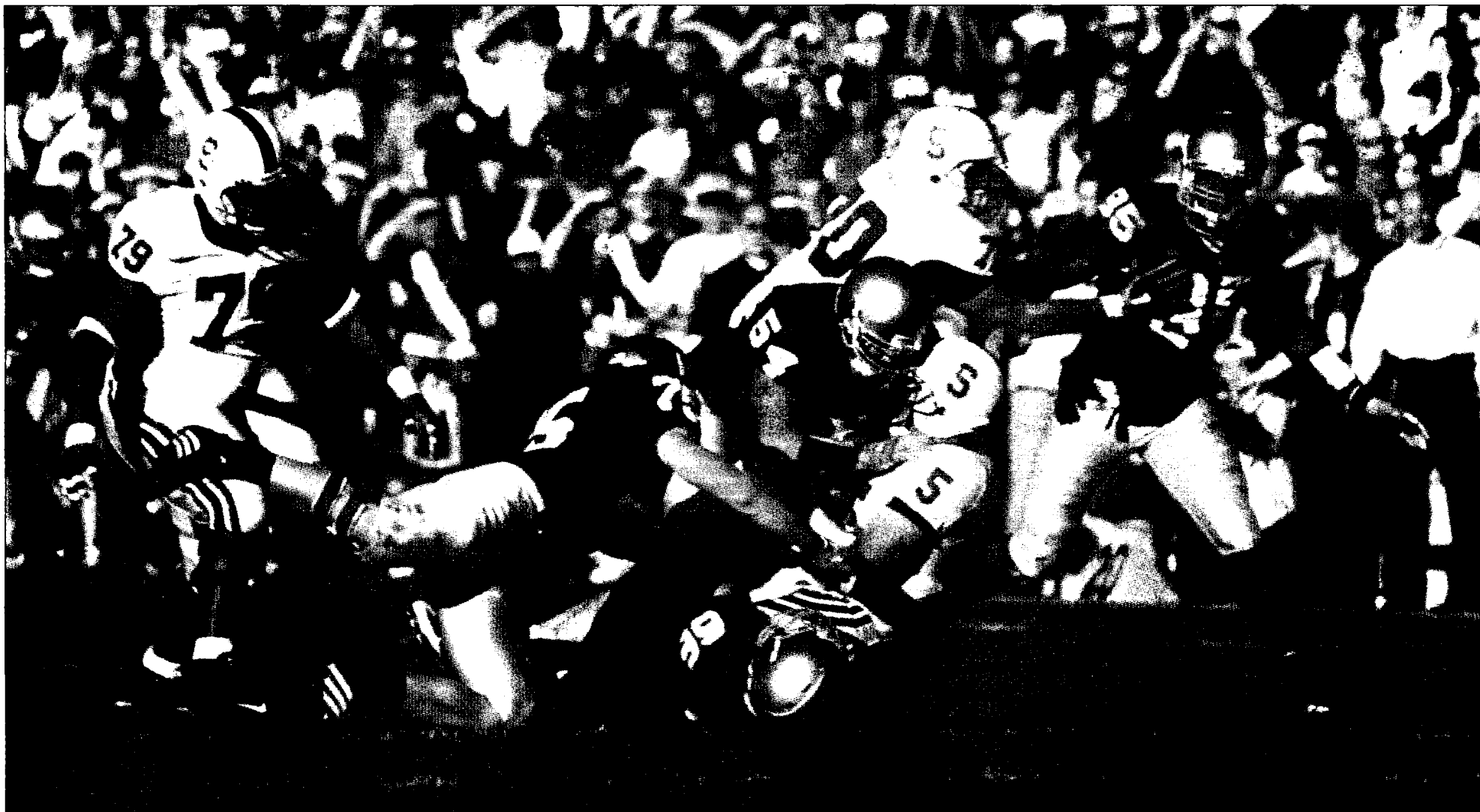
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Notre Dame 31, Stanford 10

## Win at the half

*Quinn throws three touchdowns to three receivers as Irish drop the Cardinal*



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Stanford quarterback Trent Edwards is crushed by Irish linebacker Anthony Vernaglia (54), defensive end Chris Frome (75) and defensive tackle Derek Landri during Saturday's 31-10 win over the Cardinal. The Irish compiled 436 yards of total offense and sacked Edwards five times in the victory.

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Associate Sports Editor

Junior tailback Darius Walker ran for 153 yards on 25 carries as No. 12 Notre Dame improved its record to 5-1 with a 31-10 win over Stanford Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

"It was a good team collective effort," Walker said. "Everyone played really well, especially the offensive line. It was good day all around for us."

As a team, the Irish rushed for a season-high 204 yards on 39 carries.

"I'd always like to call a game that's balanced 50-50," Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said. "It puts the defense in a mental bind when they know you can run or pass."

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn completed 27-of-37 passes for 232 yards and three touchdowns. His counterpart, Stanford signal-caller Trent Edwards was 7-of-13 for 68 yards. Edwards was also

sacked five times.

"We weren't able to make the plays we needed to make when we needed to make them to keep it a closer game," Stanford coach Walt Harris said.

The Cardinal, who have struggled running the ball this year, managed 72 yards on 38 carries, led by 64 yards on 15 carries by junior Anthony Kimble.

Stanford was 1-of-8 on third down for the game. Notre Dame converted 7-of-13 attempts.

"That's where you win games and that's where you lose games," Harris said. "We've been struggling with [third downs] all years."

The Irish opened the game with a 17-play, 91-yard drive that took more than seven minutes off the clock and ended with a pass from Quinn

to receiver Jeff Samardzija for the touchdown. It was the longest drive of the season for Notre Dame in terms of yardage, plays and time.

The Cardinal responded with a 71-yard drive of their own that ended in a field goal by junior Aaron Zagory to make

the score 7-3 at the end of the first period.

Neither team scored for most of the second quarter.

"I was really pleased with that long meticulous drive to start the game, but then they had a drive of their own," Weis said. "It seemed like our

offense kind of fell asleep after that and there was kind of a lull in the action."

With the score still 7-3 with three minutes left in the first half, the Irish switched to their no-huddle offense and drove 68 yards in 9 plays, capped by

*"We weren't able to make the plays we need to make when we needed to make them to keep it a closer game."*

Walt Harris  
Stanford coach

*"Every time we go to [the no-huddle], it seems like we make something happen."*

Brady Quinn  
Irish quarterback

with a 57-yard halfback pass from Kimble to junior wide receiver Kelton Lynn on the second play of the fourth quarter, but Notre Dame answered with a 78-yard drive to follow, culminating in a one-yard touchdown pass from

Quinn to tight end John Carlson. Carlson made a one handed, diving catch for the score.

"That was phenomenal. It was a heck of a catch," Weis said of the play. "Of course, when he came to the sideline I

said, 'Two hands next time, please.'"

The Irish have a bye week next week before playing UCLA at home Oct. 21.

"Getting a win before a bye week is always good," Walker said. "You get to feel good about it for two weeks."

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### player of the game

Victor Abiamiri

The senior defensive end had three sacks and a tackle for a loss as Notre Dame shut down the Cardinal offense.

### stat of the game

9

The number of tackles — five solo, four assisted — made by freshman strong safety Ray Herring.

### play of the game

Rhema McKnight's touchdown

The wide receiver's touchdown reception with :29 seconds remaining in the first half gave the Irish a comfortable 11-point lead.

### quote of the game

*"That was phenomenal. I thought the ball was overthrown, to tell you the truth. Of course when he came to the sidelines I said, 'Two hands, please.'"*

Charlie Weis  
Irish coach

## report card

A

**quarterbacks:** Quinn had another solid performance. He completed 73 percent of his passes and threw three touchdowns. His yards weren't as important as the steady pace he brought to the offense.

A-

**running backs:** Walker started slow but wore down Stanford to the tune of 150 yards. Prince and Aldridge also saw some action, but Stanford did enter with the worst rush defense in the country.

B

**receivers:** Despite a few drops, Samardzija, McKnight and Carlson all had touchdowns. But Quinn's 6.1 yards per attempt show the receivers weren't getting open deep.

A

**offensive line:** Quinn was sacked just once, and Weis called it a "coverage sack." Notre Dame also ran the ball for 220 yards, the team's best total of the year.

A

**defensive line:** Notre Dame's lineman collected five sacks, led by Abiamiri's three. Landri and laws stuffed the middle, and Frome and Talley played well on the right end. Stanford gained just 2.3 yards per attempt on the ground.

A-

**linebackers:** Joe Brockington once again played a solid game as Travis Thomas' backup. Maurice Crum played well against the run, and Trent Edwards did not find many receivers over the middle.

A-

**defensive backs:** Mike Richardson is quietly becoming a shut-down corner, and Terrail Lambert played well for the third straight week. Edwards passed for just 68 yards, and Stanford's only touchdown came on a halfback pass.

C

**special teams:** George West made good decisions on punt returns and Ryan Burkart had two touchbacks. But Darrin Walls misplayed the opening kickoff and a holding penalty cost a big kickoff return.

B+

**coaching:** Weis worked the clock and pound Stanford with the rushing game. The strategy started well on the opening drive, had a few hiccups in the second quarter and then put the Cardinal away.

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**overall:** Notre Dame didn't stomp all over Stanford but did a good job at keeping the game out of reach.

## adding up the numbers

Times under Charlie Weis the Irish have scored over 30 points — out of 18 total games. **14**

**5-1** The first time since 1998 Notre Dame has started a season with this record.

The time of possession for the Irish on their opening drive — the longest of the season. **7:10**

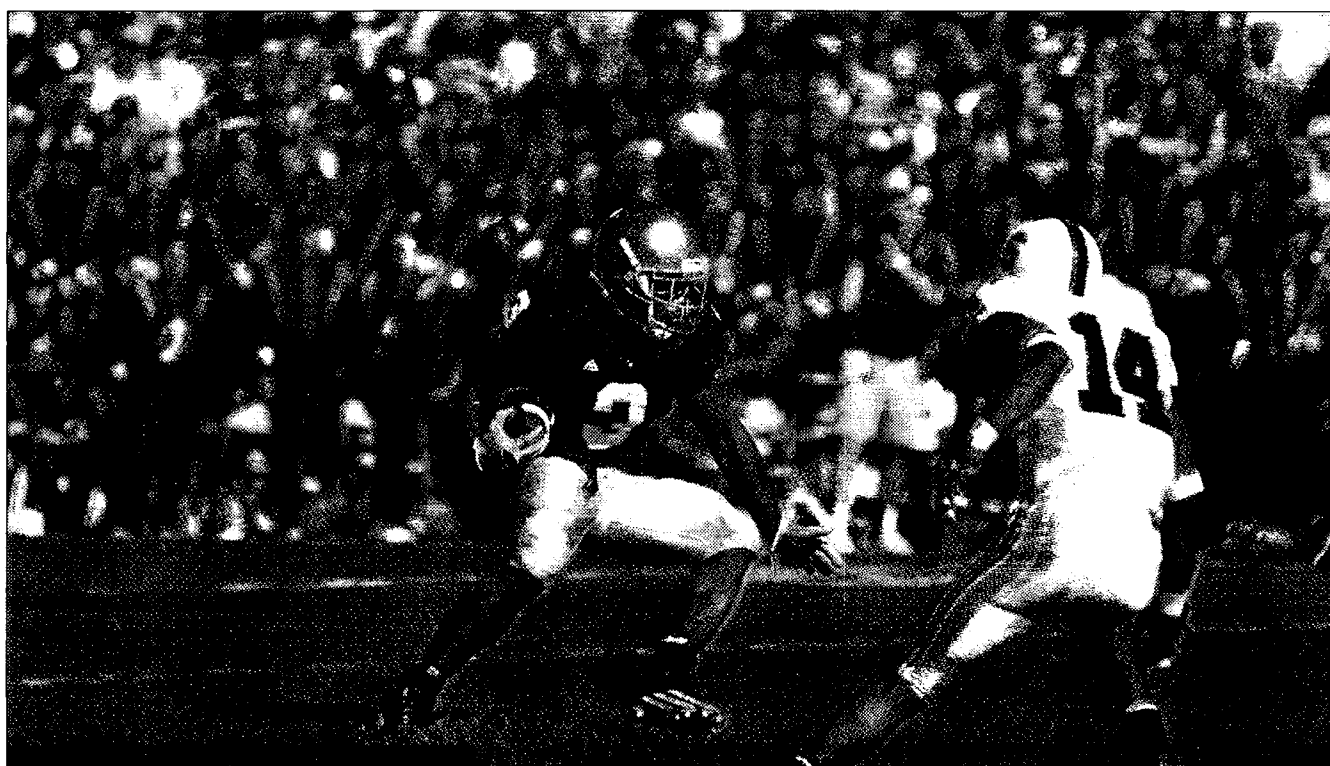
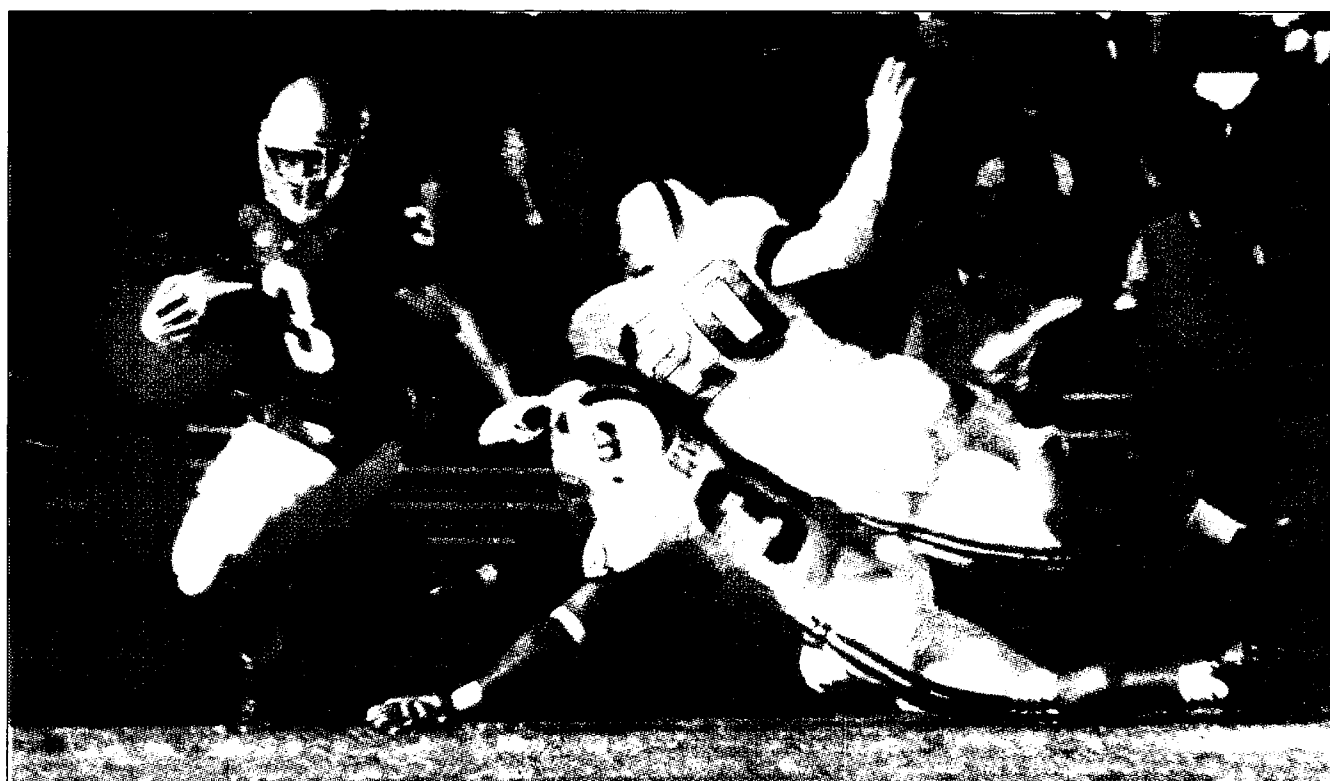
**6:35** Stanford's time of possession on a 14-play, 71-yard drive that ended in a field goal — the longest by an opponent this year.

Interceptions by Terrail Lambert in the fourth quarter, the first two of his career. **2**

**32** Length of Darius Walker's third-quarter touchdown run — his longest run of the season.

Sacks recorded by the Irish — three by Victor Abiamiri — for a season high. **5**

**2** Times this season the Irish have scored a touchdown on their opening drive.



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Top, Notre Dame running back Darius Walker dodges Stanford linebacker Clinton Snyder (20) and Tyrone McGraw. Bottom, Walker gives a stutter step to Stanford defensive back Tim Sims.

## Confidence factor huge in Irish win

Charlie Weis brought one thing with him two years ago. One thing that's more important than his Super Bowl rings, his big playbook or his talented coaching staff. It's the one thing that ensured Notre Dame of a win over Stanford and assured those in the stands that they didn't have to suffer from frayed nerves or chewed fingernails as they filed out of Notre Dame Stadium Saturday evening.



Mike Gilloon

Sports Writer

That one thing is confidence — the belief that Notre Dame doesn't have to worry about losing to Stanford anymore.

The Cardinal was less talented, less motivated and not as prepared as the Irish. In between dropping passes and playing asphalt to Victor Abiamiri's steamroller, Stanford managed to get run over by a Notre Dame team with no time for 0-5 football teams.

It wasn't always this way. Back in 2004, Notre Dame was fresh off a huge upset of Michigan, a road win over Michigan State and a blowout of Washington. Former coach Tyrone Willingham and the

Irish looked like they were on their way toward a successful season as they awaited that week's game with Purdue.

Forty-one points and four Kyle Orton touchdowns later, Notre Dame had suffered its first home loss to Purdue in 30 years and saw its season take a nose dive. It had caved in front of 80,000 home fans to a team with less talent but a better coaching staff. It had failed to execute and forgot how to tackle. It did everything this year's Notre Dame team doesn't do.

Against the Cardinal, the Irish played smart. They didn't throw interceptions. They didn't make many mental errors. And, except for one fluky double pass, they didn't give up a big play.

Weis deserves credit for keeping the team focused in the face of a winless PAC-10 opponent and a tempting fall break. He and Quinn are the biggest reasons for Notre Dame's success — that's obvious.

But there's another guy that shouldn't be forgotten. The guy who does nothing spectacular and nothing wrong — Darius Walker.

Notre Dame's tough, spunky running back squirted, scratched and strained for every inch of his 198 total yards of offense against the Cardinal. That's with no runs over 32 yards and none of his six receptions going for more than 14.

Everything Walker gets he earns. It didn't matter Saturday if Jeff

Samardzija or Rhema McKnight were covered — Walker was usually open a few yards away from Quinn for nice little five-yard pick-up.

It didn't matter if the offensive line opened a hole — Walker churned out at least a little room.

It didn't even matter if a Cardinal defender laid a big hit on No. 3 — Walker wasn't going to fumble.

Without Walker, maybe Stanford would have pulled the upset. It's unlikely, but if Cardinal receivers would have come up with a few more grabs and if Notre Dame made a few miscues, the outcome could have been different.

Of course, give credit to Weis. The Irish came out focused and made sure the more talented team won the game — a completely different performance than the one two long years ago against Purdue.

Just don't forget about Walker.

Because, in calmly grinding out 153 unspectacular yards on an early October afternoon, he moved the Irish one step closer toward a pretty spectacular game in early January.

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# Abiamiri devours Cardinal passers

Senior defensive end torches Cardinal O-line for second straight year

By FRAN TOLAN  
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Stanford quarterbacks can breathe a little easier knowing that Victor Abiamiri has faced them for the last time.

In Notre Dame's final regular season game last season, the 6-foot-4, 270-pound senior defensive end recorded four sacks against Stanford — as many as he had recorded in all 10 games up to that point.

A year later, Abiamiri once end again performed well against the Cardinal, collecting three sacks and two quarterback hurries in the 31-10 Irish triumph Saturday.

"He turns into a pass-rushing demon when we play against [Stanford]," Irish coach Charlie Weis said after the game.

But Abiamiri said "nothing in particular" about the Cardinal spurred his strong play. Instead, he said, he was determined to put forth a fierce effort because of Notre Dame's upcoming bye week.

"Knowing we had a bye coming up, I just wanted to leave it all on the field," he said.

Stanford coach Walt Harris is relieved that his team will not have to face Abiamiri again because the lineman is due to graduate at the end of the year.

"I just think he's a good football player," he said. "He can't wait to play us — that's what it looks like."

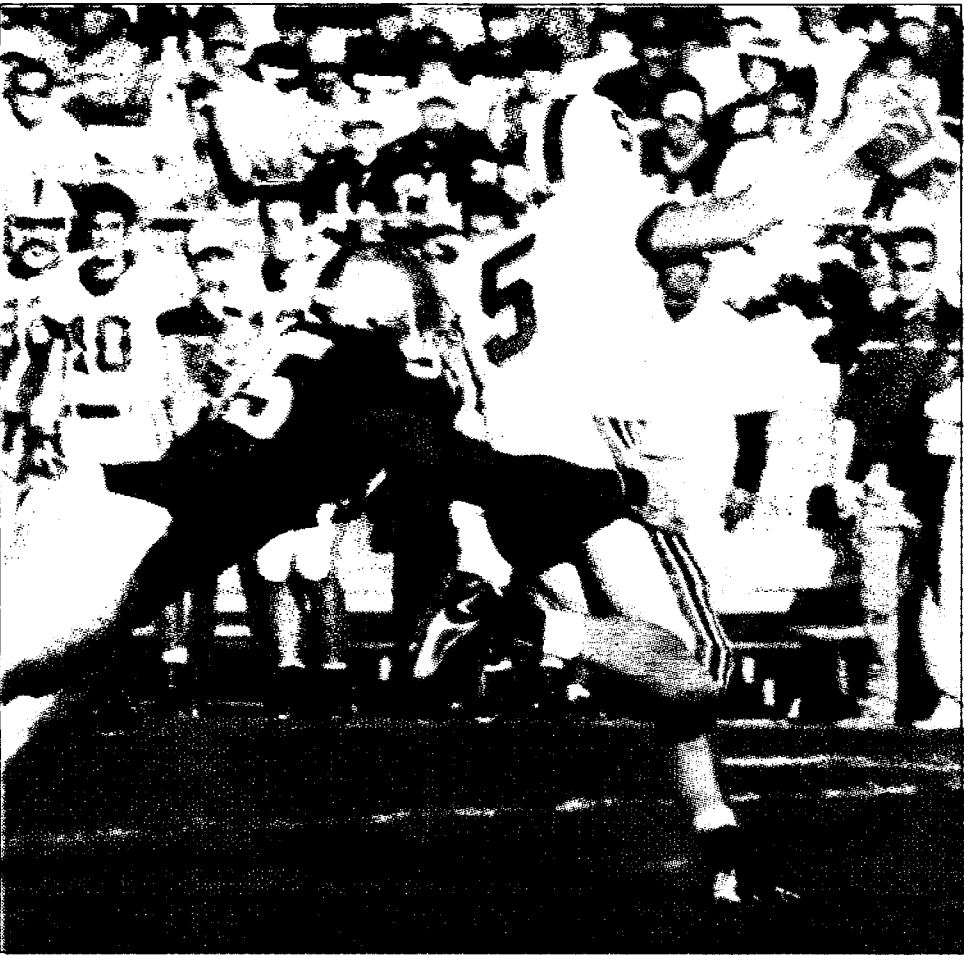
But for Abiamiri, last week was more important than last year.

A week after Notre Dame failed to sack Purdue quarterback Curtis Painter as he threw for 398 yards on 46 attempts, Abiamiri and the Irish defense never allowed Stanford signal-caller Trent Edwards to feel comfortable in the pocket.

"Getting to the quarterback was definitely a point of emphasis for us this week," Abiamiri said.

Abiamiri served as Notre Dame's defensive leader with seniors Tom Zbikowski and Travis Thomas injured. His front four set the tone for the rest of the defense, which surrendered few big plays after Stanford drove for a touchdown on its first possession.

"The line's playing great," defensive



Irish defensive end Victor Abiamiri sacks Stanford quarterback Trent Edwards during Saturday's 31-10 win. Abiamiri had three sacks and a tackle for a loss.

tackle Trevor Laws said. "We got challenged by Coach Weis and we've really picked it up."

The defensive front responded to that challenge, registering five sacks and hounding Edwards throughout the game.

"It wasn't a big blitz day today, and I thought that [the line] had sustained good pressure on them, on the quarterback, for most of the day," Weis said.

The front four was also responsible for squashing a fourth quarter Stanford drive that would have given momentum and a trace of hope back to the Cardinal.

Trailing 31-10 with just over five minutes remaining in the game, Stanford left its offense on the field to attempt a conversion on fourth-and-two. Several Irish linemen won their one-on-one battles, and tackle Derek Landri was the first to sack Edwards.

"Once the defensive line gets after them, you can sense the other team gets their rhythm thrown off,"

Abiamiri said.

Abiamiri, who now has five sacks this season and 16 for his career, said he realized that he and the rest of the defensive front needed to set the tone for the Irish, especially since the secondary has been weakened by injuries lately. Along with starters Zbikowski and Thomas, cornerback Ambrose Wooden was also sidelined Saturday.

Weis said this game could help Abiamiri springboard into a strong second half of the season.

"We might just try to get him to see a psychologist and see if we can put an S on all these helmets we're going against," he quipped.

But Abiamiri is not fully satisfied with the way his teammates played.

"We have yet to play our best game," he said. "It was a good day. But I'm going to evaluate the film tomorrow and find some things wrong with the way I played."

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## scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	7	7	10	7	31
Stanford	3	0	0	7	10

**First quarter**  
Notre Dame 7, Stanford 0  
Jeff Samardzija 8-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 7:50 remaining. (Gioia kick)  
Drive: 17 plays, 91 yards, 7:10 elapsed

Notre Dame 7, Stanford 3  
Aaron Zagory 19-yard field goal with 1:15 remaining.  
Drive: 14 plays, 71 yards, 6:35 elapsed

**Second quarter**  
Notre Dame 14, Stanford 3  
Rhema McKnight 15-yard reception from Quinn with 0:29 remaining. (Gioia kick)  
Drive: 9 plays, 68 yards, 2:26 elapsed

**Third quarter**  
Notre Dame 21, Stanford 3  
Darius Walker 32-yard run with 9:25 remaining. (Gioia kick)  
Drive: 6 plays, 76 yards, 2:32 elapsed

Notre Dame 24, Stanford 3  
Gioia 35-yard field goal with 5:50 remaining.  
Drive: 10 plays, 46 yards, 4:30 elapsed

**Fourth quarter**  
Notre Dame 24, Stanford 10  
Kelton Lynn 57-yard reception from Anthony Kimble with 14:27 remaining. (Zagory kick)  
Drive: 4 plays, 80 yards, 1:35 elapsed

Notre Dame 31, Stanford 10  
John Carlson 1-yard reception from Quinn with 9:12 remaining. (Gioia kick)  
Drive: 12 plays, 77 yards, 5:15 elapsed

## statistics

total yards	
STANFORD	226
rushing yards	
FORD	72
passing yards	
STANFORD	154
return yards	
STANFORD	67
time of possession	
STANFORD	25:20

# Zbikowski sits after Purdue 'late hit'

Weis files complaint with Big Ten conference over knock to safety's helmet, Thomas sits also

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame strong safety and captain Tom Zbikowski did not play in Saturday's 31-10 win over Stanford after suffering a shoulder injury returning a punt against Purdue Sept. 30.

Irish coach Charlie Weis said he complained to the Big Ten conference about the play, which he described as a "late hit." He said Zbikowski was hit in the helmet on the play but he did not have a concussion.

"I just didn't feel he had total strength back," Weis said. "I think he could have played but I wanted to all I could to save him so he can be back after the two weeks off."

Weis said Zbikowski, who was dressed for the game and walked out for the coin toss with fellow captains

Brady Quinn and Travis Thomas, wanted to play.

"Zibby, I know, will he never tell me the truth when it comes to how he's feeling," Weis said.

**Injury bug bites**

Several other injured players did not see action Saturday. Weis said linebacker Travis Thomas, cornerback Ambrose Wooden and kickoff specialist Bobby Renkes could have played but were held out for precautionary reasons.

In addition, offensive tackle Paul Duncan did not dress for the game due to illness.

"All those guys were pretty close to being able to play, but I thought I'd bite my lip and see if I couldn't buy some extra time, which fortunately worked out okay," Weis said.

Even if he expected the game to be close, Weis said, he "still would have [erred]

on the side of caution."

**Aldridge sees first playing time**

Freshman tailback James Aldridge saw his first collegiate action Saturday, rushing for 25 yards on four carries.

Aldridge had been expected to contribute right away for the Irish, but missed the first five games of the year with a knee injury he sustained in spring practice.

"I thought it was a good idea to get him in there, get his feet wet, and let him get tackled by the bad guys for a change," Weis said.

Aldridge had carries of -1, 5, 10 and 11 yards.

Fellow first-year running back Munir Prince also saw increased playing time, getting six carries for 21 yards including a career-long 11-yarder in the first half.

Nineteen freshmen saw the field for the Irish, including

seven at once on Notre Dame's last offensive possession.

**End of half efficiency**



Notre Dame used its no-huddle offense to score a touchdown with a 9-play, 62-yard drive on its last possession of the first half. It was the fifth time in six games that the Irish have scored on the last drive before half-time.

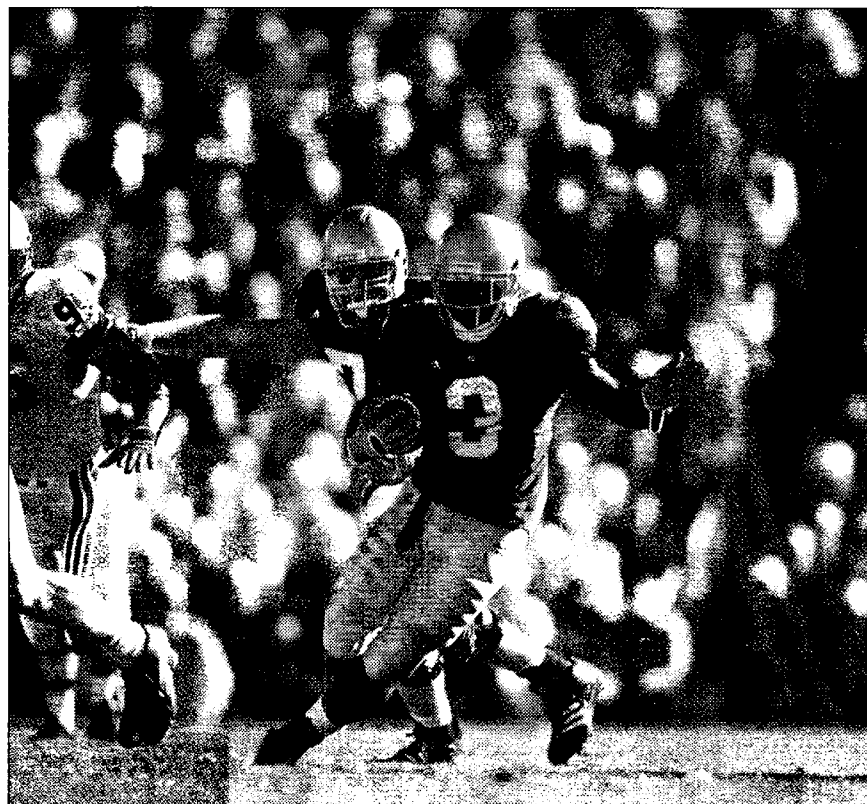
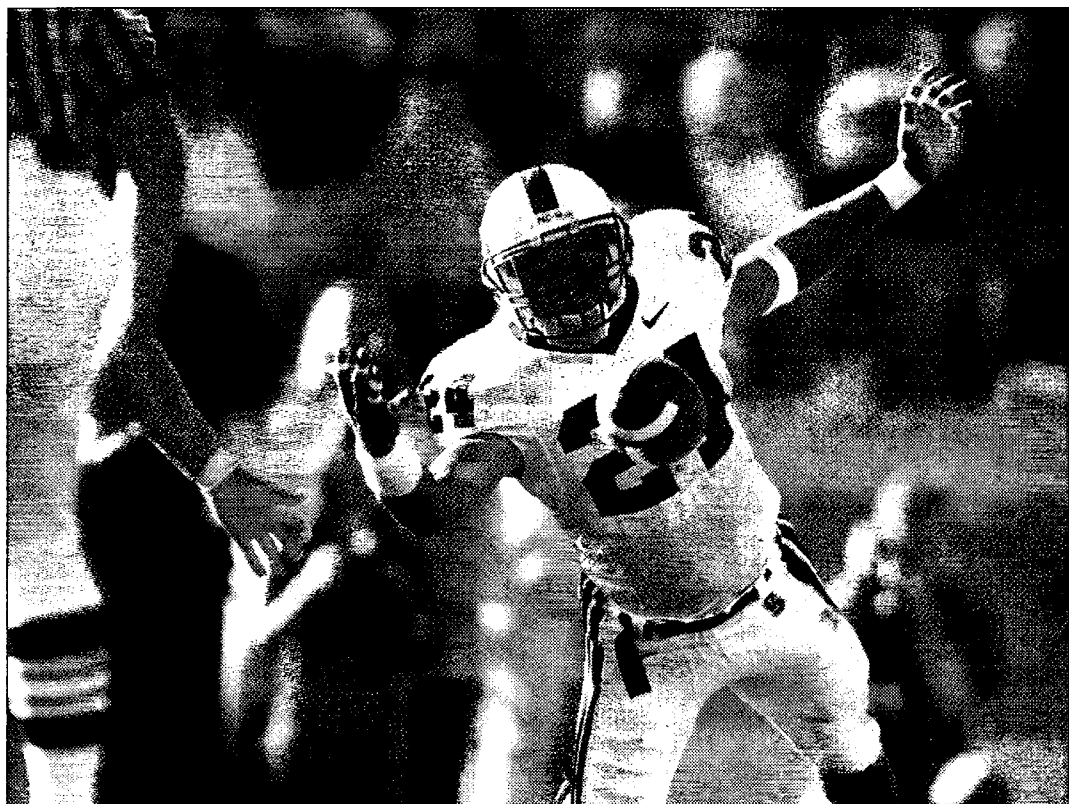
The only game Notre Dame in which hasn't scored right before the half was Purdue Sept. 30.

**Coin Toss**

Stanford won the coin toss but deferred the option to the second half. Notre Dame elected to take the ball and now have received the opening kickoff in every game this year.

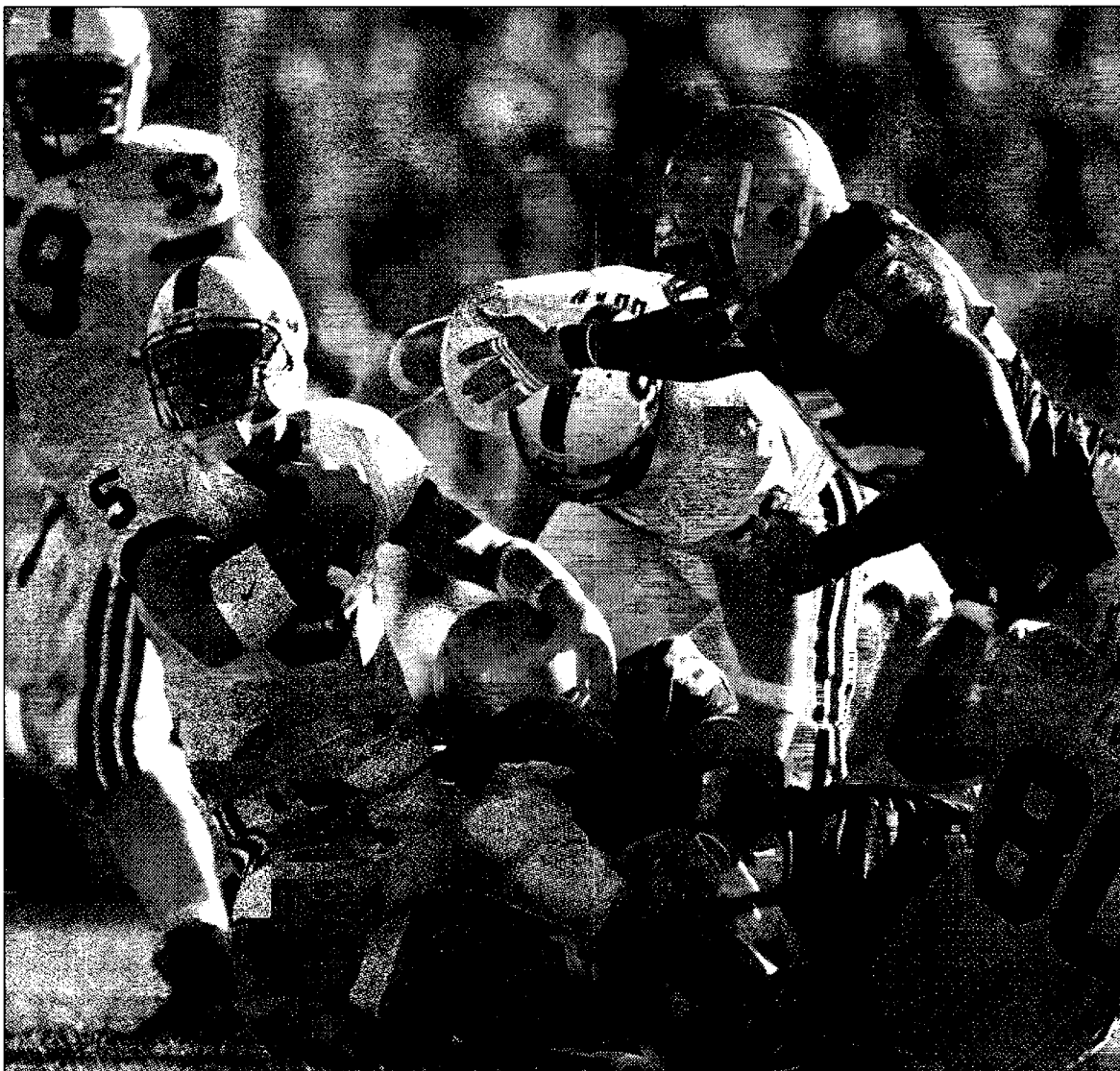
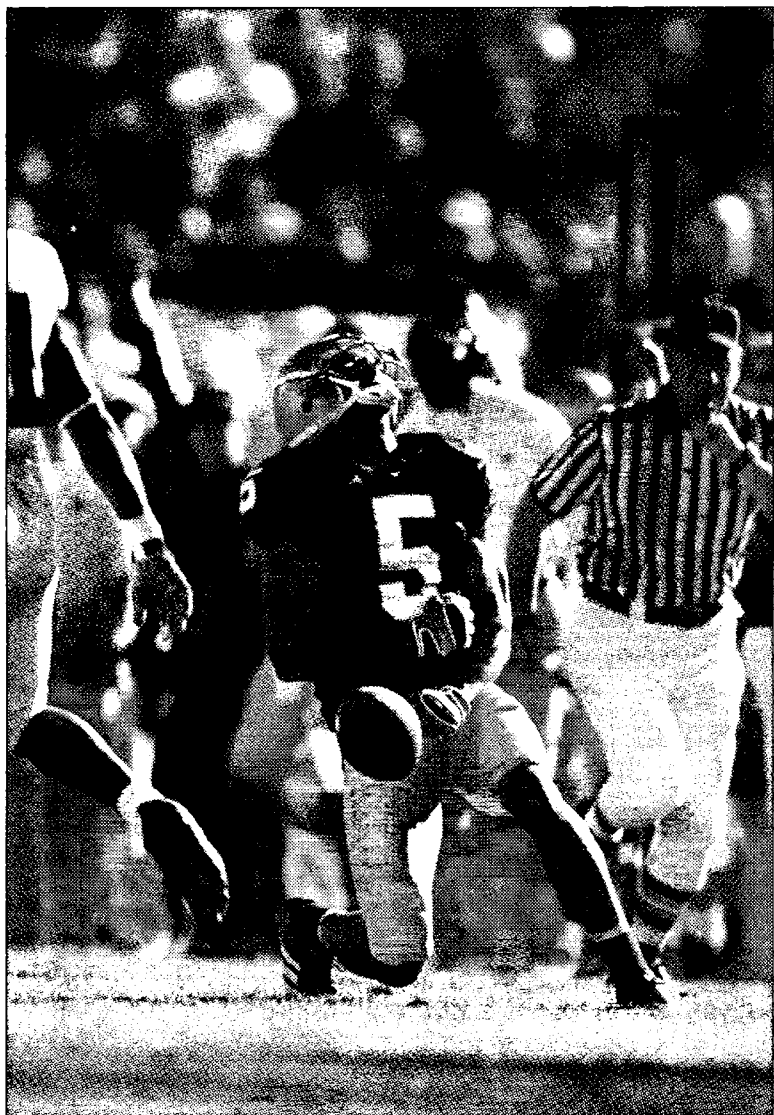
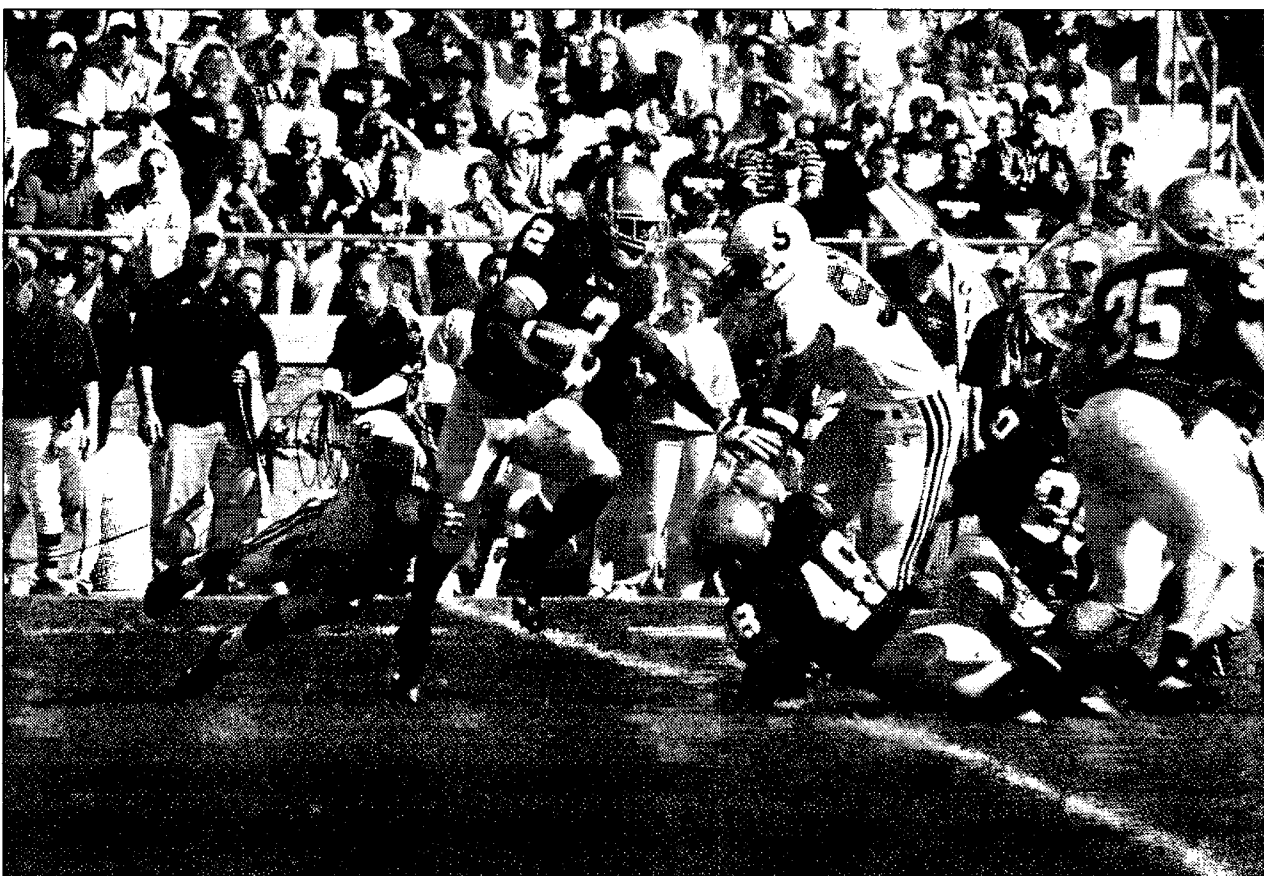
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39-204	rushes-yards	31-72	
27-38-0	comp-att-int	10-18-1	
3-117	punts-yards	5-171	
0-0	fumbles-lost	0-0	
4-37	penalties-yards	7-47	
29	first downs	14	
passing			
Quinn	27-37-0	Edwards	7-13-0
Samardzija	0-1-0	Ostrander	2-4-1
rushing			
Walker	25-153	Kimble	15-63
Aldridge	4-25	Gerhart	6-28
Prince	6-17	Ostrander	1-11
Quinn	4-9	Nnoli	1-1
receiving			
Samardzija	7-50	Lynn	4-86
Walker	6-45	Yancy	3-30
Carlson	6-38	Dray	2-19
McKnight	5-62	Kimble	1-19
tackles			
Herring	9	Okwo	12
Laws	8	Lofton	11
Crum	7	Snyder	10
Ndukwe	6	Sims	7
Abiamiri	5	Hooper	7
Brockington	5	Osaisai	5
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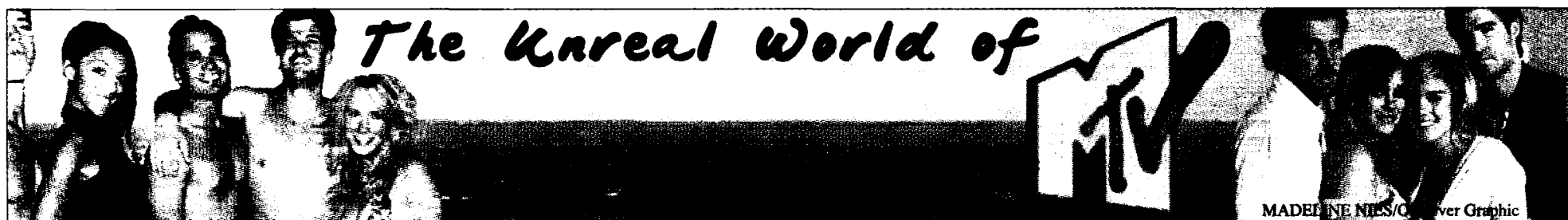
Notre Dame scored a touchdown on its opening drive for the second time this season and never relinquished the driver's seat. Brady Quinn threw three touchdown passes and Darius Walker rushed for 157 yards as the Irish offense tore through the Cardinal defense for 436 total yards. Victor Abiamiri sacked Trent Edwards three times as the defense limited Stanford to a first-quarter field goal and a fourth-quarter touchdown.



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Top left, Stanford safety Trevor Hooper barely misses out on an interception. Top right, Notre Dame running back Darius Walker makes a cut and finds an open lane in the second quarter. Center, Cornerback Darrin Walls is brought down by Hooper on a kickoff return. Bottom left, Irish wide receiver Rhema McKnight drops a Brady Quinn pass. Bottom right, Cardinal quarterback Trent Edwards is sacked by Victor Abiamiri, Ray Herring and Joe Brockington.





By **SHELDON DUTES** and **LESLIE SHUMATE**

Scene Writers

This is the true story of a group of suburban teenagers picked to dress well, engage in staged melodrama and have their lives taped to find out what happens when television stops being "scripted" and starts getting "real."

In 1992, MTV and Bunim/Murray Productions made television history when they launched one of America's first reality television series, "The Real World." Compared to the popular sitcoms and prime time soap operas that dominated television during the early 1990s, "The Real World" was innovative and groundbreaking.

However, as MTV became a teenager, its reality programming became less socially conscious and more of a perpetual Spring Break in Cancun. While now dominated by series such as "Laguna Beach" and "My Super Sweet 16," MTV reality was once good — and "The Real World" led the way.

To produce "The Real World," a camera crew rigged a house and taped its seven diverse occupants as their interpersonal relationships evolved. While the camera crew documented the roommates' behavior, the production crew interviewed them to cultivate potential story lines. After several months of taping and interviews, the footage was edited into half-hour weekly installments for MTV's target audience.

Aside from its novel production scheme, "The Real World" was also innovative in its content. Young adults — not actors — from diverse backgrounds dealt with controversial issues of race, religion, politics and sexuality in a raw, unprecedented manner. From race debates in season 1 to accusations of rape in season 2 to the death of an openly gay HIV positive cast mate, Pedro Zamora, in season 3, viewers were constantly exposed to contemporary issues.

However, somewhere between the early season's groundbreaking episodes and Teck's naked escapades in the first episode of Hawaii's season the show took a sharp turn — arguably, for the worst. Long gone were the average-looking cast members with compelling stories to share. They were instead replaced by promiscuous, attractive airheads who desired nothing more than to have their 15 minutes of fame.

While "The Real World" still deals with such contemporary issues as eating disorders, sexuality and alcoholism, these problems have been clouded by its cast members' salacious behavior and melodrama. All of the show's meritorious attempts at social commentary are often overlooked or hard to find amid the hot tub hook-ups



Photo courtesy of tv.com

Season 3 of "Laguna Beach" follows the lives of the next generation of rich kids. "Laguna" has become a staple on MTV, but its reality is questioned due to its seemingly scripted dialogue.

and binge drinking.

As much as "The Real World" was a revolutionary series in its fledgling years, it has sent the rest of American television — especially MTV — down a slippery slope. Due to the success of "The Real World," reality series have saturated the network's lineup and continue to cheat their audiences out of wholesome entertainment.

Reality television has marred MTV. Instead of attempting to make social commentaries through documentary-style filming, MTV has opted to focus on the lives of melodramatic suburban teenagers in television shows like "Laguna Beach: The Real OC," "The Hills" and "My Super Sweet 16."

In 2004, the success of FOX network's "The O.C." led MTV executives to adapt the hit show into their own reality series, "Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County." The show documents a group of gorgeous, wealthy, Orange County teenagers throughout the course of a year. Viewers are privy to the backstabbing and heartache that characterize the lives of these privileged adolescents.

The first season focuses mainly on the heated love triangle between Stephen Colletti, Kristin Cavallari and Lauren Conrad. The gossip, feuds and juicy love triangles that pervade the show's plot made "Laguna Beach" an immediate success.

The show's second season keeps most of the same characters while introducing some new ones. Most of the same dramatic situations and relationships continue into the new season, but one noticeable alteration in the second season is the shift in the show's narration from Lauren to Kristen. Accordingly, Kristen becomes the

show's central character and the "girl we love to hate."

Audiences remained faithful to the show throughout its first two seasons, despite that its "documentary-style" filming seems more scripted than reality. Many situations seem altered and contrived with thorough editing. Nevertheless, MTV producers and executives firmly defend the authenticity of their documentary, acknowledging only minor interference on behalf of production.

Following the success of "Laguna Beach," MTV created the spin-off, "The Hills," which chronicles Lauren's new life in Los Angeles. The reality show, which premiered in May 2006, follows Lauren as she attends the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising and works as an intern for "Teen Vogue."

While "The Hills" highlights the new aspects of Lauren's life, it also integrates old components of her "Laguna Beach" days. Lauren's ex-boyfriend, Jason, reemerges as a main character when he surprises her by moving to L.A. The show's plot is refocused around Lauren and Jason's rocky relationship, which becomes the main allure to audiences.

"The Hills" is similar to "Laguna Beach" in many aspects, but it lacks the spark that made "Laguna" so popular. While Lauren's new life provides fresh and more interesting situations that relate to an older audience, the comparatively smaller cast of "The Hills" limits the number of subplots that made "Laguna Beach" so irresistible.

The saving grace of the show is the audience's pre-invested interest in its protagonist, Lauren. As viewers follow her through the ups and downs of early adulthood, they share in her embarrassment,

heartache and shining moments while witnessing decisions that make them want to pull out their hair (namely, Lauren's decision to rent a beach house with Jason rather than work in Paris for the summer).

The next step in the digression of MTV reality shows is its creation of "My Super Sweet 16." The series features subjects that are spoiled and narcissistic, lifestyles that are unrealistic and memorable quotes such as, "Stop telling me the world doesn't revolve around me because today, it does!" Overall, "My Super Sweet 16" cannot relate to its audience — the original hallmark of reality TV. Yet, viewers are still intrigued by the over-the-top lavishness and colorful characters.

Each episode follows a privileged teenager who plans and attends her 16th birthday party.

The show begins with an introduction of the featured teenager as she takes the cameras on a tour of her hometown, mansion and her designer-packed closet. Viewers accompany the bratty birthday girl as she hands out invitations, previews the hall and shops for the perfect dress. Predictably, her favorite rap artist and a brand-new Mercedes show up as surprises. An average "Sweet 16" can cost upwards of \$100,000.

It is clear that "My Super Sweet 16" has completely deviated from any resemblance of reality. However, MTV has successfully ascertained what its target audience wants to watch — how the other half lives. Riding on the success of such shows as "The O.C." and "Laguna Beach," MTV aims to expose the lives of the young, beautiful and wealthy. Viewers don't want to watch the reality that they live everyday — they want drama and extravagance. This is the type of "reality" that "My Super Sweet 16" and other MTV reality shows now present to an eagerly accepting audience.

Regrettably, this type of reality television has established itself as a main staple in this network's lineup of shows. While some of its documentary shows, like "True Life," have some merit as reality series, the network has digressed tremendously from the innovative documentary-style genre that started it all. The new wave of MTV reality may be a passing fad, but for now, the network has forced viewers to sacrifice music entertainment and personal edification.

Gone are the early days of "The Real World." Lauren and Kristen will make sure they never return.

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Las Vegas is considered one of the trashiest seasons that "The Real World" has produced. Trishelle, far left, raised the bar for promiscuous behavior and later posed for "Playboy."



Photo courtesy of mtv.com

The triplets throw an \$80,000 "Sweet 18" after never having a "Sweet 16." The trio spends the entire jealousy-filled episode bickering and trying to upstage one another.

## NFL

# After consecutive losses, Jaguars pummel Jets

*Manning leads Colts' escape, Giants shut down Redskins offense*

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars must have been in a hurry to end their two-game losing streak.

The Jaguars scored touchdowns on four of their first five possessions, quickly rebounding from consecutive losses and beating the New York Jets on Sunday.

Maurice Drew ran for two touchdowns, Fred Taylor added another and Byron Leftwich capped the fast start with a 1-yard TD pass to George Wrihster.

The Jets (2-3) provided plenty of help along the way.

Chad Pennington threw two interceptions that Jacksonville (3-2) turned into touchdowns. Ben Graham had a punt blocked that resulted in a score and two questionable roughing the passer penalties made it even worse.

The result was exactly what the Jaguars wanted after losses at Indianapolis and Washington. The offense, almost nonexistent in the second half against the Colts, came up with several big plays against New York's woeful defense. Jacksonville's defense, embarrassed after giving up 481 yards and 36 points to the Redskins, clamped down on Pennington & Co.

Pennington finished 10-of-17 for 71 yards. He was picked off three times and sacked three times. His friend and former college teammate fared much better in their third meeting. Leftwich was 9-of-20 for 140 yards and two touchdowns.

Leftwich had the better supporting cast, too. Taylor ran 21

times for 111 yards, and Drew added 59 yards.

## Colts 14, Titans 13

Peyton Manning has mastered the great escape.

Now the Indianapolis Colts want to make things a little easier for their quarterback.

For the third straight week, the two-time MVP led Indianapolis on a late touchdown drive, this time throwing a 2-yard touchdown pass to Reggie Wayne with 5:10 left to give the Colts a victory — and avoid Tennessee's improbable upset bid Sunday.

"You can't end up relying on that, falling back on it," coach Tony Dungy said. "We've just got to play better and I think we will."

Manning used an unorthodox strategy, scoring twice on touchdown runs, to beat Jacksonville and the New York Jets the previous two weeks.

Against winless Tennessee (0-5), Manning used a more conventional method. He connected with Marvin Harrison and Wayne for second-half scores that rallied the Colts from a 10-point deficit. The win kept the Colts (5-0) unbeaten and in control of the AFC South, even if it was far from perfect.

Manning finished 20-of-31 for 166 yards with one interception.

When it mattered most, Mr. Reliable pulled another one out.

## Giants 19, Redskins 3

Don't write off the New York Giants' defense just yet. For that matter, don't write off the defending division champions, either.

Shrugging off intense criticism

and the always treacherous bye week, the Giants rediscovered the team that won a division title a year ago. For at least a week, New York also renewed its own hopes that this team is still capable of big things.

Michael Strahan and the much-maligned defense limited Washington to 164 total yards, and Eli Manning threw a touchdown pass and set up three of Jay Feely's four field goals with long passes to lead the Giants to a victory over the Redskins on Sunday.

"It's something to build on," Strahan said after the Giants (2-2) dominated Washington (2-3) in every phase in their first game since tight end Jeremy Shockey said New York was outcoached in a loss to Seattle. "It's something to get excited about. It's about we time we came out as a team and defensively played the way we're capable of playing. We just went out there today and played good football."

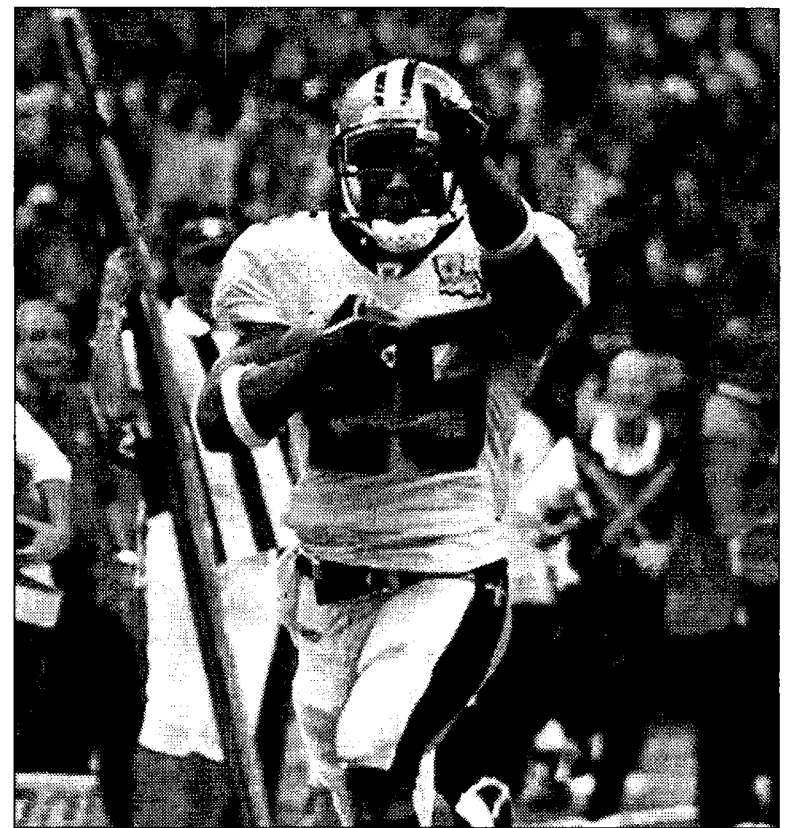
The victory was only the Giants' fourth in 18 post-bye week games. It snapped a five-game skid in the week after the bye and was only their second in the last 11 post-bye games.

Even \$49 million linebacker LaVar Arrington made a rare big play Sunday, knocking down and almost intercepting a screen pass by Mark Brunell.

## Saints 24, Buccaneers 21

With a few waves, Reggie Bush beckoned the crowd to its feet as he awaited a critical punt. Soon, he would have all of them in ecstasy.

Shut out of the end zone in his first four games as a pro, Bush



Saints running back Reggie Bush celebrates as he scores on a 65-yard punt return in New Orleans' 24-21 win over Tampa Sunday.

took the punt 65 yards with under five minutes to lift the New Orleans Saints to a victory over Tampa Bay on Sunday.

Bush escaped the Buccaneers' initial pursuit by scampering across the field to his right, then accelerating quickly as he cut upfield, leaving several defenders grasping for air as bedlam erupted in the Louisiana Superdome. He pointed at the fans in the end-zone seats as he scored.

"When you see Reggie take those high steps, you know he's bound to make something happen," Saints defensive end Charles Grant said. "I knew he was gone."

The celebration was interrupted briefly while referees sorted out a flag thrown against the Buccaneers, then fans jubilantly chanted "Reg-gie! Reg-gie!" as the score was made official. Bush was hugged by numerous teammates as he made his way back to the sideline.

## Panthers 20, Browns 12

Keyshawn Johnson sneaked off to the side of the tunnel, got onto his knees and genuflected as Julius Peppers was introduced to the crowd before the game.

It was fitting, because Peppers and the Carolina defense bailed out the offense Sunday.

Peppers had a sack, forced a fumble and hit quarterback Charlie Frye five other times, and Richard Marshall returned an interception for a touchdown as

the Panthers beat Cleveland Sunday, even though Johnson and Steve Smith failed to have big games against the Browns' banged-up secondary.

"Steve and I were using the restroom and as we came out, the team was already on the field," Johnson said. "We were stuck in the tunnel, but I thought maybe we should go out with them. So I thought we would go out there and mess with him and praise him."

For good reason. Coming into the game tied for the league lead with five sacks, Peppers was a nightmare for Frye, who was 26-of-43 for 173 yards and two interceptions, the last by Mike Minter that iced it. The Browns managed only four field goals by Phil Dawson.

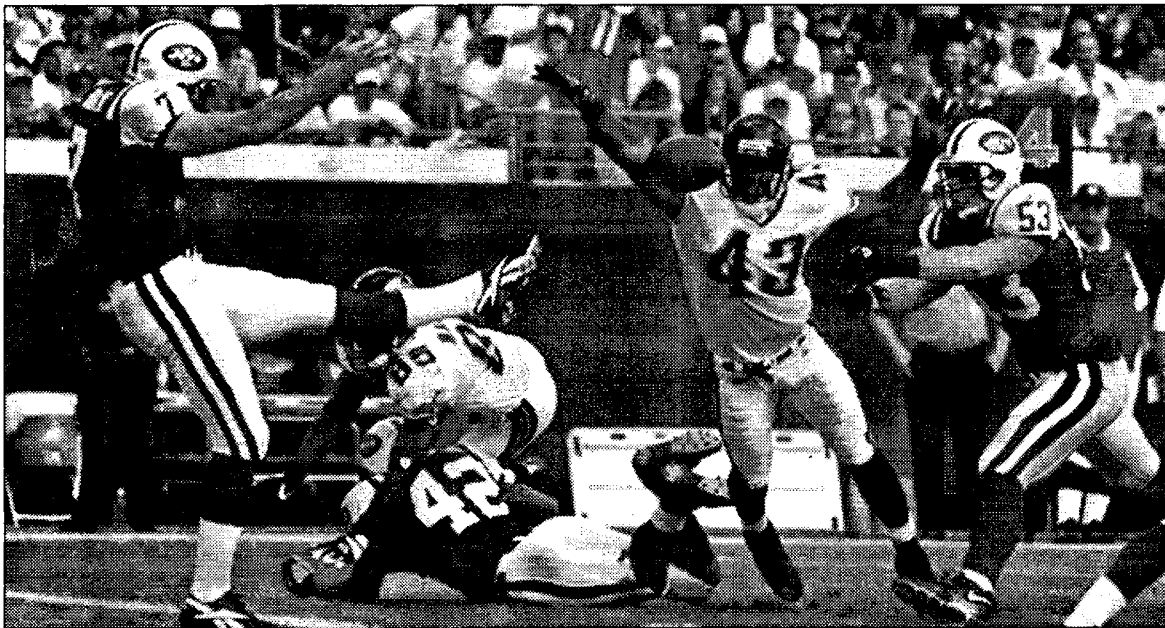
## Vikings 26, Lions 17

Trailing by 14 points to start the fourth quarter against hapless Detroit, somebody on the Minnesota Vikings had to put the ball in the end zone.

The offense sure wasn't having much luck, so the defense took over, delivering an effort that would make the old Purple People Eaters proud.

The Vikings scored two defensive touchdowns in the fourth quarter to rescue the struggling offense, turning a 17-3 deficit into a victory.

"Every time we take the field, we try to score or get the ball back," defensive coordinator Mike Tomlin said.



Jaguars safety Gerald Sensabaugh (43) blocks Jets punter Ben Graham's punt in the second half of Jacksonville's 41-0 victory over New York at Alltel Stadium Sunday.

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## NCAA Football Associated Press Top 25

	team	record	points	previous
1	Ohio State (63)	6-0	1623	1
2	Florida	6-0	1516	5
3	USC	5-0	1451	3
4	Michigan	6-0	1429	6
5	West Virginia (2)	5-0	1416	4
6	Texas	5-1	1294	7
7	Louisville	5-0	1247	8
8	Tennessee	5-1	1159	13
9	NOTRE DAME	5-1	1068	12
10	California	5-1	1017	16
11	Auburn	5-1	943	2
12	Clemson	5-1	876	15
13	Georgia Tech	5-1	739	18
14	LSU	4-2	693	9
15	Iowa	5-1	661	19
16	Georgia	5-1	615	10
17	Arkansas	4-1	482	NR
18	Oregon	4-1	474	11
19	Missouri	6-0	469	23
20	Boise State	6-0	449	20
21	Nebraska	5-1	431	22
22	Virginia Tech	4-1	360	21
23	Oklahoma	3-2	271	14
24	Rutgers	5-0	194	24
25	Wisconsin	5-1	86	NR

## NCAA Football USA Today Coaches Poll

	team	record	points	previous
1	Ohio State (62)	6-0	1574	1
2	USC	5-0	1461	2
3	Florida (1)	6-0	1412	5
4	West Virginia	5-0	1398	4
5	Michigan	6-0	1358	6
6	Texas	5-1	1240	7
7	Louisville	5-0	1207	8
8	NOTRE DAME	5-1	1044	12
9	Tennessee	5-1	1031	14
10	Auburn	5-1	958	3
11	California	5-1	911	17
12	Clemson	5-1	899	15
13	Iowa	5-1	672	19
14	Georgia	5-1	661	9
15	Georgia Tech	5-1	592	20
16	LSU	4-2	565	10
17	Virginia Tech	4-1	523	18
18	Oregon	4-1	510	11
19	Boise State	6-0	472	21
20	Nebraska	5-1	460	22
21	Missouri	6-0	387	25
22	Oklahoma	3-2	268	13
23	Arkansas	4-1	264	NR
24	Rutgers	5-0	261	23
25	Boston College	4-1	108	NR

## NCAA Football Harris Poll Rankings

	team	record	points	previous
1	Ohio State (112)	6-0	2848	1
2	USC (1)	6-0	2621	2
3	Florida (1)	5-0	2599	5
4	Michigan	6-0	2557	4
5	West Virginia	5-0	2434	6
6	Texas	5-1	2246	8
7	Louisville	5-0	2181	7
8	Tennessee	5-1	1959	13
9	NOTRE DAME	5-1	1917	12
10	Auburn	5-1	1728	3
11	California	5-1	1712	16
12	Clemson	5-1	1499	15
13	Iowa	5-1	1244	18
14	Georgia	4-2	1150	10
15	Georgia Tech	5-1	1084	20

## MLB



Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols, right, celebrates with second baseman Ronnie Belliard after scoring on a triple by outfielder Juan Encarnacion in St. Louis' series-clinching 6-2 win over San Diego Sunday.

## Cardinals finish off Padres in NLDS

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Just like last year, the St. Louis Cardinals breezed by the San Diego Padres and into the NL championship series.

Chris Carpenter recovered from a shaky start for his second victory of the series, Juan Encarnacion hit a tiebreaking triple and the Cardinals beat the San Diego Padres 6-2 Sunday night to win their best-of-five first-round NL playoff 3-1.

St. Louis nearly wasted a seven-game lead in the final two weeks of the season but rebounded against

the Padres, a team they swept in the first round in 2005. Escaping trouble in each of the last two innings, the Cardinals sealed the win when Adam Wainwright got Dave Roberts on a ground-out with two on, with Albert Pujols stepping on the first-base bag for the final out.

Back in the NLCS for the third straight year, the Cardinals open the next round Wednesday night at the New York Mets, who won the season series from St. Louis 4-2. While the Cardinals won the NL pennant in 2004 before getting swept by Boston, the Cardinals lost last

year's NL championship to Houston in six games.

San Diego manager Bruce Bochy, whose team won the division for the second straight year, dropped to 1-9 in the post-season against the Cardinals, who also swept the Padres in the opening round in 1996. The Padres were 2-for-32 (.063) with runners in scoring position in the series.

Carpenter, who won Tuesday's opener 5-1, fell behind 2-0 in the first inning when he walked Russell Branyan with the bases loaded and Mike Cameron followed two pitches later with an RBI grounder.

But that was all the NL West champions would get off him. Carpenter got Josh Barfield to hit into a forceout and followed with six innings of shutout, five-hit ball, leaving him at 2-0 in the series with a 2.02 ERA. Because Cardinals manager Tony La Russa pitched him Sunday instead of saving him for a possible fifth game, he likely won't be available until the third game of the NLCS.

Ronnie Belliard, 6-for-13 in the series, tied it in the bottom half with a two-run, two-out single against Woody Williams. The game stayed tied until the four-run sixth.

## IN BRIEF

### Loaiza to start Game 2 for A's against Detroit

Ten of Oakland's top decision makers held a closed-door meeting in the manager's office Sunday and cast their votes on who should start for the Athletics in Game 2 of the AL championship series — Rich Harden or Esteban Loaiza.

The tally: Harden 5, Loaiza 5.

Loaiza won the tiebreaker based on his health, recent results and reliability. Harden has only pitched three times since missing more than three months with an elbow injury.

As expected, the A's named left-hander Barry Zito the starter for Game 1 on Tuesday night in the Coliseum against the wild card Detroit Tigers, who lost the ALDS opener before rallying to win three straight and eliminate the New York Yankees on Saturday.

"There was a lot of debate," general manager Billy Beane said. "I'm not sure there was a clear answer."

### Vickers steals crucial win from contenders

Brian Vickers isn't allowed to attend Hendrick Motorsports team meetings.

Now he might not even be allowed in the building.

Vickers stole his first Nextel Cup victory Sunday by nudging teammate Jimmie Johnson into race leader Dale Earnhardt Jr., then skirting by the two spinning cars on the last lap at Talladega Superspeedway.

It robbed what looked to be a victory for Earnhardt and a solid chance for Johnson to resurrect his fading Nextel Cup title hopes. And it certainly spoiled what should have been a crowning moment for Vickers, who has just six races left in his Hendrick ride before his impending defection to a Toyota team.

"I got into Jimmie and I hate it," Vickers said. "The last thing I wanted to do was wreck either one of those guys, but what happened, happened."

### Ochoa earns first LPGA win in native Mexico

Mexican star Lorena Ochoa won her first LPGA Tour title in her home country Sunday, closing with a 4-under 69 to hold off Julieta Granada and Paula Creamer in the Corona Morelia Championship.

Ochoa, who never trailed after shooting a course-record 64 in the second round Friday, won for the fourth time this season to tie Karrie Webb for the tour lead. The 24-year-old Ochoa finished at 20-under 272 on the hilly, Jack Nicklaus-designed Tres Marias course, five strokes better than Granada.

Granada, the 19-year-old up-and-comer from Paraguay, shot a 71. The 20-year-old Creamer had Sunday's best round, a 65 that left her third at 14 under.

Ochoa began the round three strokes ahead of Granada, but things got a bit tense after Ochoa bogeyed the 161-yard, par-3 third hole.

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## NCAA FOOTBALL

# Huskies fail to run final play, lose to Trojans

Tennessee topples Georgia with second-half surge, Georgia Tech holds off Maryland, Navy beats Air Force in thriller

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — No. 3 Southern California held on again and resurgent Washington came up just short of its biggest victory in years.

John David Booty threw for 243 yards and a touchdown, Mario Danelo kicked four field goals and the Trojans outlasted underdog Washington 26-20 on Saturday.

The Trojans' last loss at the Coliseum was to Stanford in 2001, when current Washington coach Tyrone Willingham was the Cardinal coach. And Willingham, in his second season trying to rebuild a once-great program that won only three games the past two seasons, nearly pulled it off again.

USC scored the first time it had the ball and never trailed, but the game wasn't decided until the final play.

The Huskies (4-2, 2-1) had moved from their own 20 to threaten in the closing moments. Isaiah Stanback completed a 19-yard pass to Sonny Shackelford to get Washington a first down at the USC 15 with 2 seconds left and the clock stopped to move the chains.

Officials huddled before spotting the ball and finally starting the clock. Then before Washington could get a play off, officials signaled the game was over.

Danelo's final field goal, a 21-yarder with 1:34 remaining, gave the Trojans (5-0, 3-0 Pac-10) some room after Stanback's 6-yard touchdown pass to Johnnie Kirton had closed the gap to 23-20 with 10:06 left.

A week earlier, USC had escaped with a 28-22 victory at Washington State when the Trojans intercepted a pass on their 3-yard line on the final play.

Despite the narrow victories, USC could move up in the polls — No. 2 Auburn was upset 27-10 by Arkansas earlier Saturday. USC routed the Razorbacks 50-14 in Arkansas in the season opener.

## No. 13 Tennessee 51 No. 10 Georgia 33

Erik Ainge and Tennessee shredded the nation's stingiest defense, becoming just the second team to put up 50 points on Georgia between the hedges.

Ainge threw for two touchdowns and ran for another to lead the No. 13 Volunteers to a wild victory Saturday night that defied the norm in the defensive-minded Southeastern Conference, which had three Top-10 teams lose on the day.

Arian Foster scored three times for Tennessee (5-1, 1-1 SEC), all on 1-yard runs. The Vols piled up 383 yards and 27 first downs, going a perfect 6-for-6 scoring TDs each time they got inside Georgia's 20.

The 10th-ranked Bulldogs (5-1, 2-1 SEC) went down to the same fate as No. 2 Auburn, knocked off by Arkansas 27-10, and No. 9 LSU, which lost 23-10 to fifth-ranked Florida. The Bulldogs hardly looked like a team that was allowing a nation's-best 6.8 points per game — only 34 all season.

Tennessee scored more points than that in the second half, finishing with the second-most ever by a visiting team at Sanford Stadium. Only Florida, which won 52-17 in 1995 during the height of Steve Spurrier's Fun-n-Gun offense, scored more points on the Bulldogs in Athens.

## No. 5 Florida 23, No. 9 LSU 10

Florida doesn't have a quarterback controversy. It's more like a quarterback coalition.

Backup quarterback Tim Tebow threw two touchdown passes, including one on a play that could have come from basketball coach Billy Donovan's playbook, and ran for a score to give the fifth-ranked Gators a win against No. 9 LSU on Saturday.

"You've got to be creative in this league," Gators coach Urban Meyer said.

Florida improved to 6-0 for the first time since 1996 — the school's lone national championship season — and extended its home winning streak to 13 games.

The Gators (4-0 Southeastern Conference) also beat the Tigers for the first time in three years and won their 18th straight homecoming game.

Tebow made it look relatively easy.

The highly touted freshman, who teams with starter Chris Leak to give Meyer maybe the nation's best quarterback combo, ran nine times for 35 yards, including a 1-yard plunge on fourth down that evened the score at 7 in the first quarter.

## No. 18 Georgia Tech 27 Maryland 23

Chan Gailey already knew his Georgia Tech team was talented.

Against Maryland, he learned something else just as important.

"This football team has a lot of character," he said.

The No. 18 Yellow Jackets rallied with 13 fourth-quarter points behind Tashard Choice and Reggie Ball, then survived a last-minute scare to beat Maryland Saturday.

"These guys in here know that they didn't play their best," Gailey said. "We were very fortunate to win the football game, and it says a lot about our character, in my opinion."

A mistake-prone Georgia Tech trailed Maryland 23-14 through three quarters, showing little resemblance to the team that won at Virginia Tech last week.

Tech rallied for the lead with fourth-quarter touchdown runs by Ball and Choice, but then came another stress test.

Maryland's Sam Hollenbach completed a 57-yard pass to Darrius Heyward-Bey for a first down at the Georgia Tech 7 with a minute left. Backup defensive end Michael Johnson saved the Yellow Jackets by sacking Hollenbach on third and fourth downs.

Johnson, a 6-foot-7, 250-pound sophomore, had only one sack for the season before the two big plays.

## Arkansas 27, No. 2 Auburn 10

Arkansas made the first

major upset of the college football season look easy.

With a swarming defense and unstoppable tailbacks, the Razorbacks knocked off No. 2 Auburn in a stunningly one-sided victory Saturday that rearranged the top of the rankings.

Arkansas (4-1, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) entered as 15-point underdogs and left with the SEC West lead.

"We want people to respect us," said tailback Darren McFadden, who ran for 145 yards and a 63-yard touchdown against a defense that hadn't allowed a TD on the ground all season.

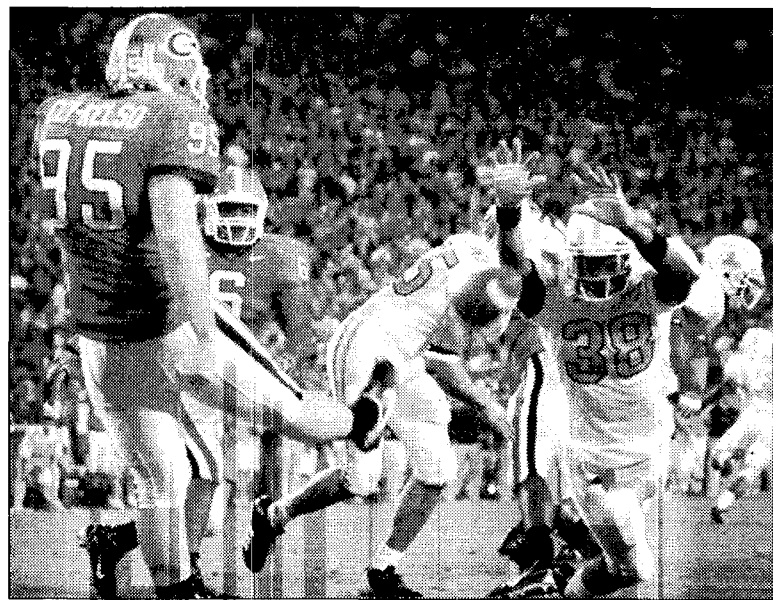
"We came out here with the mentality that we were going to earn that respect."

Auburn (5-1, 3-1) becomes the first top-10 team to lose to an unranked opponent this season, a huge blow to its national title hopes. The Tigers leave with questions about a defense abused for 279 rushing yards and an offense that totaled 213 yards.

"They beat us to the punch on both sides of the ball," Tigers coach Tommy Tuberville said. "We've got to find ways to get it done, especially at home. We're disappointed but this is not over. This was the first half of the season."

## Navy 24, Air Force 17

A late stand by Navy's defense and the inside-outside rushing attack of Adam Ballard and Brian Hampton guided the Midshipmen to a



Volunteers freshman Antonio Wardlow, right, blocks a punt by Georgia senior Gordon Ely-Kelso in Tennessee's 51-33 win Saturday.

win over Air Force on Saturday.

Like all recent Navy-Air Force games, this one went down to the wire. Air Force, trailing 24-7 midway through the fourth quarter, pulled to within a touchdown with 3:06 left and recovered the onside kick.

However, the Midshipmen defense held as Rashawn King broke up a pass by Shaun Carney to Victor Thompson on a fourth-and-6.

Navy (5-1) takes its first step toward retaining the Commander-in-Chief Trophy, given annually to the best of the three service academies. Navy has won three straight.

Navy's senior class is one step away from becoming the

first in school history to go 4-0 against both Air Force (2-2) and Army. All that stands in the way is a win over Army on Dec. 2.

Hampton bounced off Falcons tacklers all afternoon, rushing for 105 yards and two touchdowns. His 1-yard touchdown dive in the second quarter marked the sixth straight game he's scored. It's the fifth-longest streak in the nation.

Ballard had 27 carries for 134 yards, all on fullback dives.

For a change of pace, the Midshipmen gave the ball to Reggie Campbell, who had 58 yards.

The last three Navy-Air Force games have been decided by three points, but this one

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## SMC CROSS COUNTRY

## Gray leads Belles to fourth-place finish

By KATE GALES  
Associate Sports Editor

Megan Gray built upon her strong season this weekend, finishing second overall at the Eagle Invitational. Her effort was part of the reason the Belles finished fourth overall in the event, held in Lisle, Ill. and hosted by Benedictine College.

The six-kilometer race ran through scenic Lisle Community Park. The race featured 23 women's teams and 25 men's

teams. The women's first-place team was Division-I Northern Illinois. The individual first-place finisher was Goshen College's Petrana Petkova, who came in at 22:45.5 minutes.

Gray finished with a time of 23:18.6 to lead the Saint Mary's squad. Sara Otto was 19th overall, coming in at 24:45.0.

Megan McClowery finished with the 27th best time of 25:15.3. Alicen Miller was 41st with 26:02.2 and Caitline Stevenson clocked in at the 26th minute, with a 26:34.6 — good

for 48th overall.

Rounding out the Saint Mary's finishers were Kelly Biedron and Emily Graf. Their placements went down to the wire. Biedron captured 52nd place with 26:44.9 minutes, and Graf recorded a 26:47.7 minute finish.

The total team score of 137 put Saint Mary's behind Northern Illinois, Goshen and St. Joseph's. The Belles were the only participant from the MIAA conference.

The total team time was 125:58, good for a Belles aver-

age time of 25:12.

The strong showing at the Eagle Invitational follows a 17th overall team finish out of 33 teams at the Sean Earl Lakefront Invitational. Saint Mary's was fifth overall at the first MIAA Jamboree of the season on Sept. 23.

Next up for the Belles is the Manchester College (Ind.) Invitational, starting at 8 a.m. on Oct. 14.

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## MEN'S GOLF

## ND will play host this week

*After three weeks off, Irish welcome 12 teams to Gridiron Classic*

By FRAN TOLAN  
Sports Writer

The Irish will host the Gridiron Golf Classic today and tomorrow on a course they know very well — their own.

After finishing ninth in a field of 12 at Minnesota's Gopher Invitational Sept. 17, the Irish hope to rebound with a strong showing at Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course.

The 12-team field includes four squads ranked among the top 50 by Golfweek, including No. 28 Lamar, No. 31 Florida State, No. 44 Augusta State and No. 49 Vanderbilt. But even though these teams are ranked higher than Notre Dame, Irish coach Jim Kubinski believes that his team has a distinct edge.

"The home course gives us a big advantage," he said. "[This is true] in golf, even more so than other sports."

Senior co-captain Cole Isban agreed and said playing at Warren is a significant benefit.

"It's a huge plus to know the course," he said. "Realistically, I think that this week we have a good chance to win."

Kubinski said he hopes his team can record one of the top three scores for two rounds of play.

"If you get in the final group Tuesday, there are 18 holes to go and anyone can win," he said.

The Irish are very balanced, Kubinski said, optimistic that his team will be able to remain near or on top of the leader board throughout the event. Senior Adam Gifford, the team's number five player, holds the lowest stroke average at Warren.

While the Irish will be on their own course today, they understand the possibility of the three-week break affecting their play in this tournament.

"The problem is we're not tournament-sharp," Isban said. "Hopefully, we aren't too unsettled out there."

Teams will play two rounds of 18 holes each today, with the opening round teeing off at 9:15 a.m. The second round will begin within an hour of the conclusion of round one. The third and final round will be held tomorrow morning.

The Irish are eager to return to competition in the only event they will host this season.

"We're excited to be close to school," said Isban, who will play in his final home tournament. "We're looking forward to having some fun."

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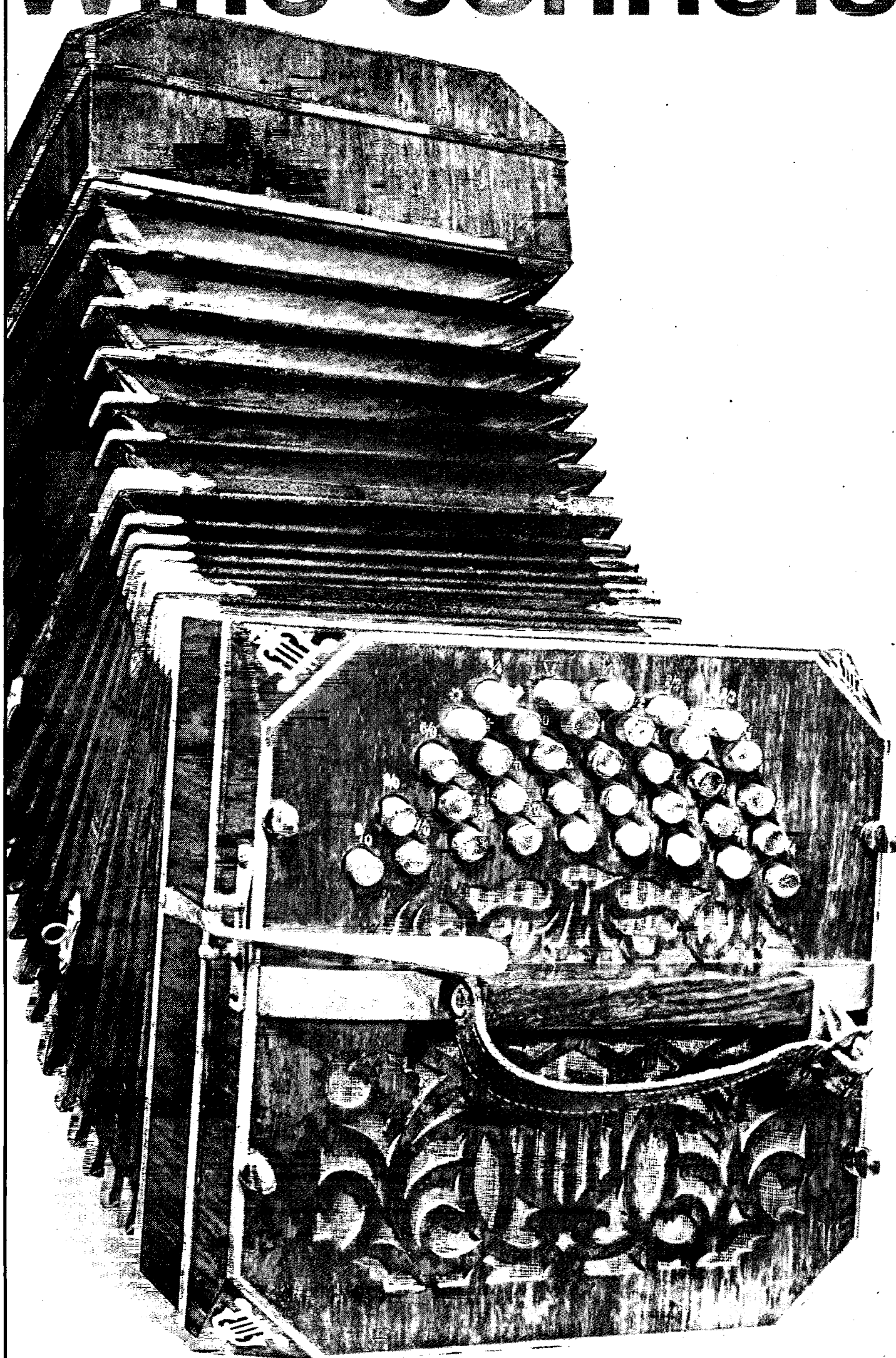
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## SMC SOCCER

## Hinton takes down Olivet

*Saint Mary's scores two late goals to come from behind Saturday*

By DAN MURPHY  
Sports Writer

Senior captains Colleen Courtney and Ashley Hinton both scored clutch second-half goals in a come from behind victory against Olivet Saturday.

The 3-2 win boosted the Belles to second place in the MIAA with a 3-1 conference record.

Saint Mary's has now won three of its last four games, bringing the team's overall record to 4-6.

The hot streak dates back to a 2-1 victory over Alma College Sept. 26. In that time the Belles have cemented themselves as a legitimate contender in the conference with wins over Kalamazoo, Alma and Olivet.

After falling behind early in the second half, Saint Mary's took control of the game and clawed their way back.

Courtney scored her first goal of the season in the 64th minute on a pass from Hinton.

Hinton found the net herself 10 minutes later on a shot from over 30 yards out. The midfielder lobbed it over the head of Comets goalie Shane Brady to regain the lead for good.

Hinton also started the scoring for the Belles with 15 minutes remaining in the first half. Like the game-winner, she was unassisted on a long shot.

Her five points in the game put the senior in first place in the MIAA in that category. She also leads the conference with four assists and is tied for the lead in goals with three. Hinton also caught her sister Lauren Hinton with six goals on the season including non-conference play.

Olivet sophomore Megan Reardon answered less than three minutes after to tie the score at one going into the half. The goal was her first of the season.

Senior Kristin Dickinson started off the second half with another Comets goal

when she received a pass from Katie Wolf and buried a shot in the top right corner of the net out of the reach of goalkeeper Laura Helene.

Helene finished with four saves as the Belles defense was able to hold Olivet to 12 shots — only six of which were on net. And the defense, which struggled early, seems to be coming together at the right time.

Saint Mary's offense also turned out a strong performance in Saturday's game. The team out shot the Comets 14-12 including nine shots from sophomore forward Lauren Hinton. Hinton put eight of her nine on net but wasn't able to get one past Brady for her seventh goal of the season.

The Belles play Hope College Saturday in another MIAA matchup. The Flying Dutch are 3-6-2 in 2006, and they are still searching for the first victory in the conference.

No members of the team were available for comment following the game.

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## MEN'S SWIMMING

## Irish cruise to easy win at Dennis Stark Relays

*ND sets four records, scores 264 points in weekend domination*

By DAN MURPHY  
Sports Writer

The Irish picked up where they left off last season with a dominating victory in the Dennis Starks Relays at the Rolfs Aquatic Center Friday night. Notre Dame blew the competition out of the water, outscoring all five other teams by at least 100 points.

The team racked up 264 points by winning 11 of the 13 relays. The next closest school, Oakland College, registered 158 points to sneak past Ball State by two points for second place out of the six teams in South Bend.

"We just wanted to give every guy a chance to race in that environment before we got started with our dual meets," assistant coach

Matt Tallman said. "It worked out well, and we were pretty happy with the results."

The 200-yard freestyle team of Louis Cavadini, Tim Kegelman, John Lytle and Ray Toomey started the season off with a victory with a record-setting time of 1:25.46. The race was one of five record-breaking performances for the Irish in the meet.

The swimmers also set new marks in the 400-yard butterfly relay (3:23.76), 400-yard backstroke relay (3:28.36) and the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:07.01). Toomey, a freshman, was on three of the four relays in his collegiate debut.

"We are expecting [Toomey] to keep doing more of the same and just work hard everyday

and he should really help us out this year," Tallman said.

The fifth meet record came from diving duo sophomore Michael Bulfin and junior Sam Stoner. Their synchronized diving score of 244.20 placed them in the record books. The pair — who each received All-Big East honors last year — also combined for 643.35 points in the diving relay to win that event for Notre Dame as well.

The most impressive streak of the night came when the Irish swimmers rolled off seven consecutive first-place finishes starting with the 800-yard freestyle relay. Sophomore transfer Jeff Wood joined fellow sophomore Daniel Lutkus and juniors Jay Vanden Berg and

Rob Seery to finish in just under seven minutes.

"We are pretty deep now," Tallman said. "We have been able to bring in more quality guys over the years which has made each relay a little bit stronger."

Vanden Berg and Seery also finished off Notre Dame's streak with a win in the 1000-yard freestyle race. They raced to any easy victory, finishing 20 seconds ahead of Ball State's Kyle Hembree and Ben Karwowski.

Oakland College, the only other club to win a race, stopped the hot streak with a win in the 200-yard medley by beating out the Irish team by less than a second.

The win was Notre Dame's 10th in the past 11 years at the Dennis Stark Relays. The annual meet has been held in South Bend for 38 years, and the Irish have been the top squad in 22.

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## SMC VOLLEYBALL

# Belles take care of business

*Saint Mary's collects first win over Alma since 1999*

By SAMANTHA LEONARD  
Sports Writer

Two big conference matches for Saint Mary's led to two league wins this weekend against Olivet Friday and Alma Sunday.

Olivet provided little challenge until the final game. The Belles knocked off Olivet 3-0 (30-14, 30-17, 30-26) Friday evening.

Senior outside hitter Kristen Playko was on fire with 15 kills. She was aided by senior libero Anne Cusack, who contributed a match-high 29 digs.

"Well, we ended the week on a very positive note in terms of conference play," Belles coach Julie-Schroeder-Biek said. "Beating Olivet and Alma in three-game sets each was something that we really needed at this point in the season."

Freshman outside hitter L o r n a Slupczynski added 11 digs to the win.

The Belles played superbly against Olivet, who is now 0-9 in the MIAA Conference and 0-18 overall.

The Belles improved their record to 13-6 overall and 6-4 in the MIAA conference.

## Saint Mary's 3, Alma 0

For the first time since the 1999 season, Saint Mary's posted a win over Alma — and did so in a convincing fashion with a 30-21, 30-25, 30-15 victory Sunday afternoon.

The Belles snapped their 13-match losing streak against Alma and improved their record to 14-6 overall and 7-4 in the conference.

"We are pushing hard to accomplish our goal of being a host site for the MIAA tournament," Schroeder-Biek said. "At this point, we have three teams — H o p e ,

Adrian and us — all with seven wins behind Calvin, who is undefeated and with 10

wins. We are in the home stretch with some tough matches ahead of us. We just need to take things one game at a time and finish strong."

Alma fell to 8-10 overall and 5-5 in the MIAA conference.

Slupczynski recorded a double-double with a match-high 17 kills to go with her 16-dig effort.

Playko played another strong game posting a double-double with a 16-kills and 18 digs performance in the win.

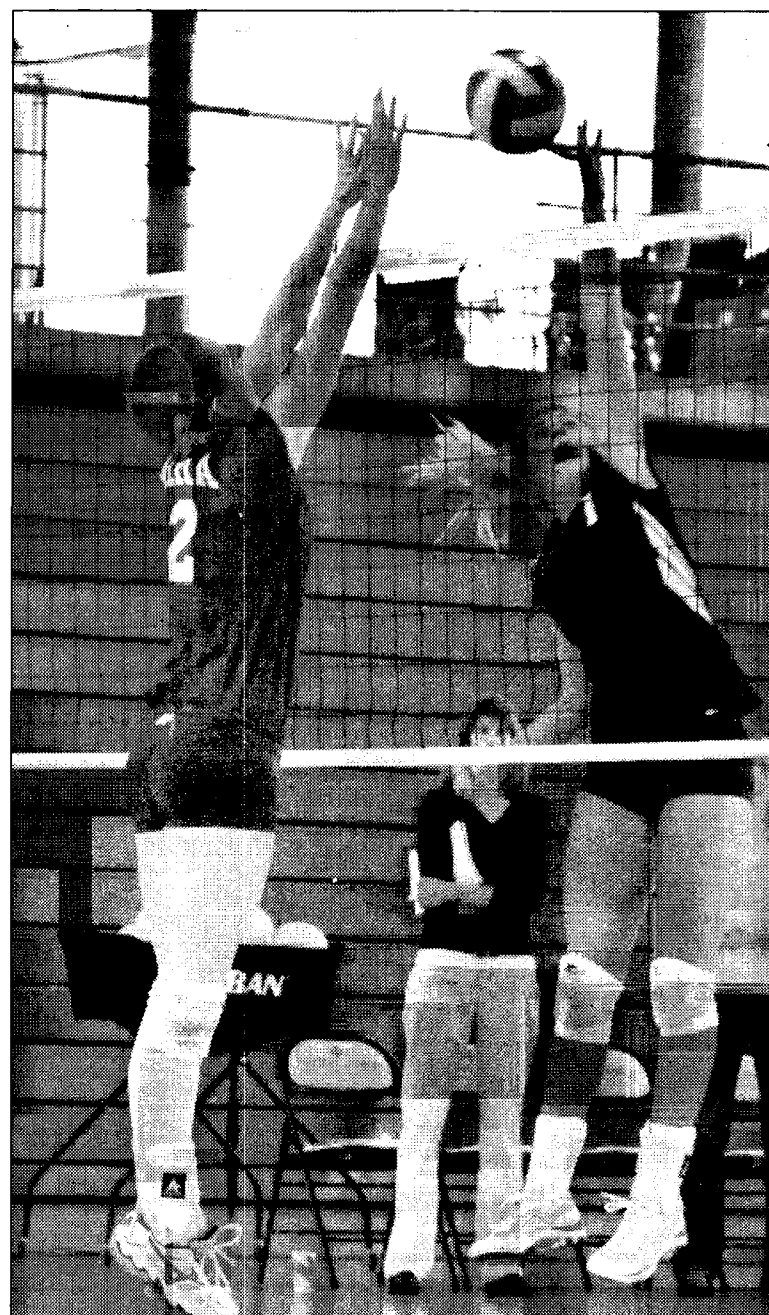
Cusack, the MIAA leader in digs, tallied 24 in the winning effort.

The Belles will take on another conference foe, Hope College, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Mary's.

Saint Mary's will honor seniors Carpenter, Cusack and Playko at the game.

Hope is second in the MIAA conference with a 7-1 MIAA record, and Saint Mary's stands at fourth after the weekend's action.

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Senior outside hitter Ann Carpenter spikes a ball over Alma sophomore Rebecca Bruning in a 3-0 victory Saturday.



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## Hat trick

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Notre Dame's starting goalie, made eight saves in two periods before he was replaced by sophomore Jordan Pearce.

Freshmen Dan Kissel, Ryan Thang and Kyle Lawson got their first career starts Friday. Fellow first years Kevin Deeth and Brett Blatchford also saw playing time. Kissel and Thang scored goals.

"The things that are important [for freshmen] are, number one, understanding the game, number two, competing, and number three, skating skills," Jackson said. "I saw a lot of positives tonight."

Sophomore Justin White also scored his first goal in an Irish uniform, but it won't

count in the stats because the contest was an exhibition.

Jackson said the ice quality was poor Friday due to the relatively warm weather outside, a football luncheon earlier in the day and a mechanical problem in the Joyce Center's cooling system.

*"The things that are important [for freshmen] are, number one, understanding the game, number two, competing, and number three, skating skills. I saw a lot of positives tonight."*

**Jeff Jackson**  
Irish coach

"The doors were open all day, but I understand there was a compressor problem," Jackson said. "Some of the machinery broke down. This place is getting too old."

Sophomore left wing Garrett Regan extended the Irish lead to 3-0 5:07 into the second period with Notre Dame's first even-strength score of the young season.

Just a little later, the Irish crashed the net on a rebound, and Condra put in his third goal of the night. Kalleitner was pulled immediately after in favor of

sophomore Jeff Cutter.

Cutter fared no better than his predecessor. Less than five minutes later, Irish defenseman Dan VeNard took a pass on the right side and chipped the puck over Cutter's pad to give Notre Dame a 5-0 advantage.

Kissel scored his first collegiate goal with a little over a minute left in the second period, punching home a rebound on an Irish power play to put Notre Dame up 6-0. Five minutes into the third period, Thang intercepted a pass and beat Cutter for his first goal in an Irish uniform to extend the lead to 7-0.

Barely a minute later, Notre Dame was up by eight on White's first Irish goal.

With 9:40 left in the game, Notre Dame scored its ninth goal on power play shot by Kissel. The score resulted in the second goalie change of the night for the Lancers, who brought in junior Kris Gabriele.

Thursday's contest with the Mavericks will begin at 7:30 in the Joyce Center.

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## Wins

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primary goals. I know we have a lot of tough matches ahead of us, but it's a good start."

Junior captain Adrianna Stasiuk led the Irish in kills with 28 for both games and tallied 31 digs, including a 20-dig match against Marquette.

"She is our best all-around player," Brown said. "Both matches this weekend, I think she's leading with a lot of confidence, a lot of passion and just being very competitive."

Notre Dame is now 9-0 and 14-1 all-time against Marquette and Syracuse, respectively.

### Notre Dame 3, Marquette 1

The Irish beat the Golden Eagles (7-9, 3-2 Big East) 30-17, 30-17, 21-30, 30-24 in a match prior to the pep rally Friday.

The score was tied at 17 in the third game, before back-to-back blocks allowed Marquette to put together a

five-point run for an 18-24 lead. After a kill from sophomore Mallorie Croal and blocks from Justine Stremick, Marquette scored four more points to seal the game.

Marquette recorded six unanswered points to begin the fourth game. With Marquette leading 12-10, a kill from Stasiuk kicked off a six-point run that would put Notre Dame ahead for the rest of the game. Croal's ninth kill of the evening gave Notre Dame its fourth Big East victory.

Notre Dame came out strong at the beginning of the first game, establishing an 8-3 lead early. A 5-1 run that ended with a Stasiuk kill closed the first game.

Trailing 12-5 in the second game, Marquette took a timeout to reorganize.

Immediately following the timeout, a kill from freshman Megan Fesl reversed the game's momentum. Another Fesl kill ended it.

Stasiuk, who led with 13 kills and was second with 20 digs, recorded her 11th double-double of the season and scored six service aces. Senior Danielle Herndon led the team with 23 digs. The dominant offensive performance also benefited from seven kills from Stremick — a hitting percentage of .538.

### Notre Dame 3, Syracuse 0

The Irish defeated the Orange (7-17, 1-4 Big East) 30-25, 30-22, 30-23 in a matinee sweep that saw freshmen Serinity Phillips and Fesl each put on 11-kill performances.

Phillips had three kills and one block for a point in a back-and-forth third game, and Fesl added several crucial kills to end a late Orange comeback.

"The whole match Serenity played really, really well," Brown said. "She's obviously our best blocker. She hit very efficiently and smart. I think she was our most consistent player throughout the day today."

The two teams exchanged the lead numerous times in the first part of the third game and Syracuse called its final timeout with the Irish leading 21-19 to regain its composure. Instead, Notre Dame came out of the timeout with the momentum and went on a 9-2 run to take the match.

Phillips had kills on the 23rd and 26th Irish points before Notre Dame took the game point on a ball hit out of bounds by the Orange.

"The girls were really talking to me, and first of all the passing was there, the set was there," Phillips said. "We were meshing really well."

Syracuse took a 13-11 lead halfway through the third game, but the points were taken away when it was ruled that the Orange served out of rotation. The call reversed the Syracuse run and knotted the game at 12 apiece.

A Stasiuk kill ended a first game that had been close until the Irish went on a nine-point run after the score became 12-10.

Stasiuk put away the second game as well with another kill against the Syracuse defense.

Notre Dame will next play Friday against DePaul at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

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# Hoyas

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about its performance has changed.

"We've played all year, but we're just taking our chances now," Clark said. "This team deserves a lot of credit for believing in themselves and their teammates. A lesser team would have folded and lost confidence, but things seemed to have turned right for us."

Notre Dame didn't wait long to open the scoring Saturday as senior forward Justin McGeeney gave the Irish the lead in the 13th minute. It was McGeeney's fifth goal of the season, but his first since he scored Notre Dame's lone goal against Cincinnati Sept. 17.

The play started when sophomore midfielder Cory Rellas slotted a through ball into the path of an onrushing McGeeney, who fired the ball into the corner of the net

from 12 yards out. Rellas has assisted on the first Irish goal in three consecutive games.

Georgetown responded in the 30th minute when forward Ricky Schramm received a pass from Daniel Grosso, eluded Irish goalkeeper Chris Cahill and deposited the ball into the net.

Schramm's goal was the first scored on Cahill in 342 minutes, who has allowed only four goals in his nine games since definitively assuming the team's starting goalkeeper responsibilities Sept. 10 against DePaul. Cahill's record on the season stands at 8-2-1.

"Confidence and calmness are the best things to describe [Cahill]," Clark said. "He's been there before, and he knows what he's doing. A goalkeeper needs to have a calming effect on the defense, and Chris's experience gives him a calmness."

Notre Dame didn't wait long to respond to Georgetown's

goal. Less than five minutes after the Hoyas tied the game, Lapira gave the lead back to the Irish as he one-timed a low hard cross from freshman Justin Morrow into the net.

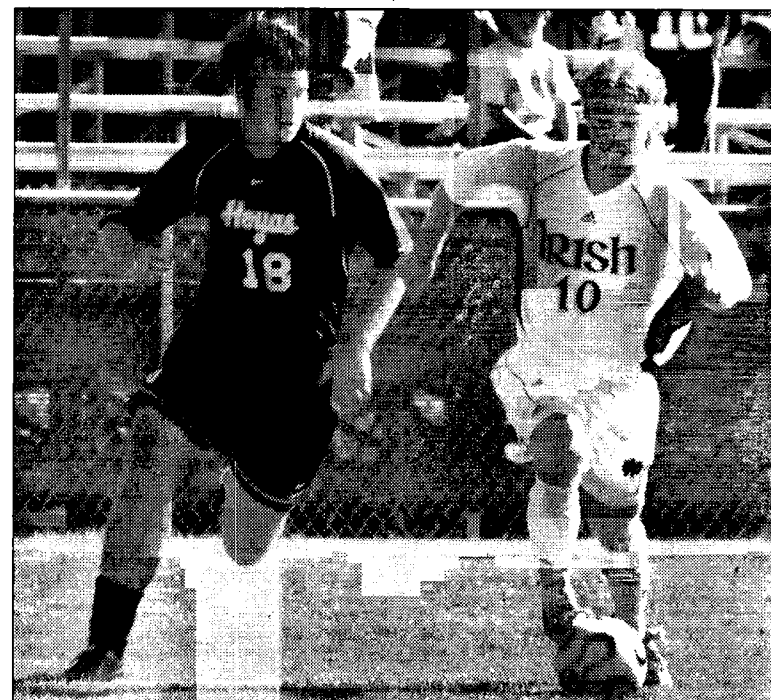
"Our opening 25 minutes were as good as we've played all year, so for them to get their goal took a little wind out of our sails," Clark said. "To get one back quickly helped a lot."

Lapira would double Notre Dame's lead in the 60th minute off a misplay from Georgetown keeper Joe Devine. Irish defender Jack Traynor sent a long ball towards the Hoya penalty box, but Devine's clearance rebounded off Lapira, who proceeded to collect the ball and deposit it into the empty net.

Lapira, who entered the game leading the nation with 15 goals, now has 17 on the year.

Senior co-captain Greg Dalby scored Notre Dame's final goal when he headed a Lapira corner kick into the corner of the net. It was Dalby's second goal on the season.

Notre Dame will return to



JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Irish forward Joe Lapira, right, fends off Hoyas midfielder Mark Zeman during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Georgetown Saturday.

action this Wednesday at home when it plays Michigan State at 7 p.m. The team has just four regular season games remaining, but Clark refuses to look too far ahead.

"We're obviously getting

better every day, but my only concern right now is Michigan State," Clark said. "We're taking it one game at a time."

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# Solidify

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ment.

"As long as we're winning, that's all that's important right now," she said.

Waldrum said he was impressed by Rutgers and expects to see the team again in the conference tournament.

"They'll be right there at the end in the Big East standings," he said.

The Irish outshot the Scarlet Knights 31-3 and had 10 of those shots on target to Rutgers' none. Since allowing a score against West Virginia Sept. 29, the Irish have allowed just two shots on goal.

"[Our back four have] really started to gel and come together," Waldrum said. "I don't keep tracks of streaks or shot totals, but I know our keepers haven't had much to do in the last couple of games."

Senior defender Christie Shaner credited the defensive success to chemistry.

"A lot of that comes from the great leadership that we have in the back," she said.

Sophomore forward Brittany Bock opened the scoring for Notre Dame, taking a centering pass from Hanks and drilling it past Rutgers keeper Erin Guthrie in the 35th minute of the first half.

Early in the second half, junior forward Amanda Cinalli extended the lead to 2-0. Taking a similar pass from Hanks, she blasted a shot into the corner barely three minutes after the break.

Although the Irish scored considerably less than the five goals they had put up in their previous two contests, Waldrum was happy with the offensive effort against a Scarlet Knights squad that had allowed just four goals all season coming into the matchup.

"You worry about these Sunday games, being tired, but I thought we played with great energy today," he said.

## Notre Dame 5, Seton Hall 0

Hanks helped No. 1 Notre Dame jump ahead of Seton Hall early with two first half goals before adding another score and an assist en route to an

Irish win.

Hanks' two first half goals marked the most the Irish had scored since netting six during a 9-0 win in the season opener against Iowa State.

Eighteen minutes in, Bock received a pass from senior midfielder Jill Krivacek just outside the 18-yard box. With her back to the net, Bock danced around her defender and found Hanks screaming down the left side before smashing a low left-footed shot past Pirate keeper Amanda Becker for the first score.

"The last week and a half we've been working with [Bock] on [playing with her back to the goal]," Waldrum said. "She's just so good at holding the ball. You saw it on the first goal how she screened her player. She made a great play to get Hanks in there."

Krivacek hooked up Hanks six minutes later, sending a ball just between two Pirate defenders that the forward tracked down and slipped underneath a charging Becker.

Given Notre Dame's second biggest first-half lead this year and a boisterous crowd of 3,000 plus, the game was never in doubt. In addition to a strong show of support from O'Neill Hall, the Irish received a boost of noise from Goshen College men's soccer coach Tavi Mounsithiraj and his players, who brought drums and organized chants to energize the crowd.

It certainly energized Hanks, who added her third score of the game and an assist minutes into the second half.

In the 55th minute senior midfielder Jen Buczkowski sent a cross to the back post, where Hanks put a leg on it and redirected it just inside the near post. Minutes later, Buczkowski crossed another gem to Hanks, who passed it off to freshman forward Michele Weissenhofer in the box, who touched it past Becker.

Coming off a two-goal, one-assist game last Sunday against Pittsburgh, Hanks was excited

to put together another productive performance for her team.

"It's just awesome not only to score but to win," she said.

"Just for our team to succeed and for us to keep winning keep being number one, we want to continue having this number one ranking, so when it comes to [the tournament] we can play at home as long as possible."

Freshman midfielder Courtney Rosen saw her first action since suffering a foot injury in Notre Dame's 3-1 vic-

*"As long as we're winning, that's all that's important right now."*

Kerri Hanks  
Irish forward

tory over Santa Clara seven games ago, creating four shots, though none found the net. Waldrum said he was pleased with her play considering the time she has missed.

Buczkowski capped the scoring in the 66th minute, placing an upper shelf shot over the reach of the keeper from 18 yards out.

## Notes:

◆ Among the Goshen-led cheers were chants for various people to "do a dance," which included the entire Irish team after the game. Despite an invitation, Waldrum refused.

"I told them if we win the

national championship then I'll dance," he said.

◆ Sunday's game, which was played before just over 3,000 people, was the last regular season home game for the Irish. Notre Dame has four more regular season games before the Big East and NCAA Tournaments, both of which might include contests at Alumni Field.

◆ The Irish will return to action next week, traveling to UConn on Friday and Providence on Sunday.

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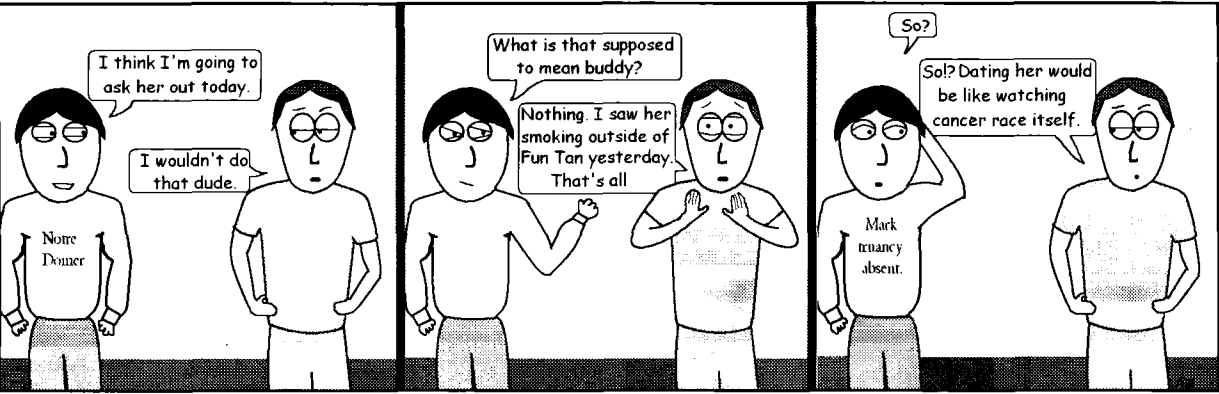
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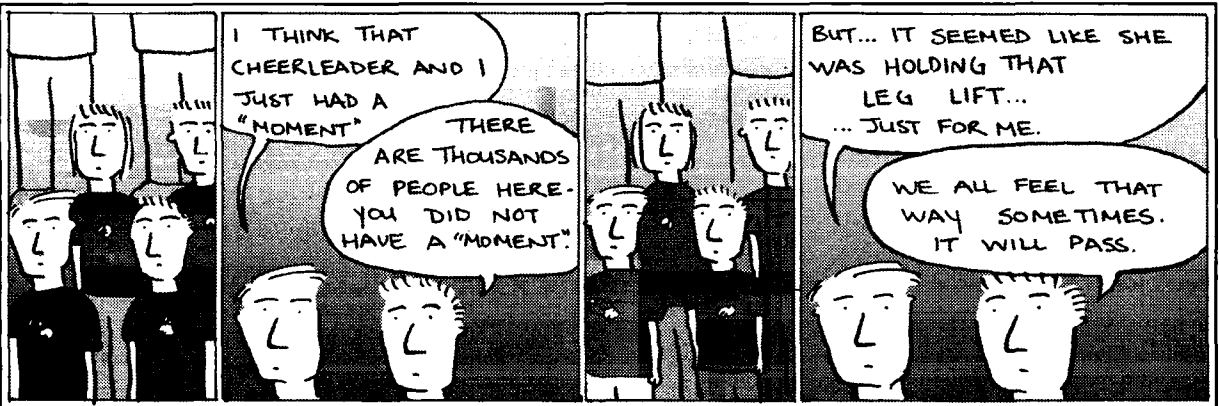
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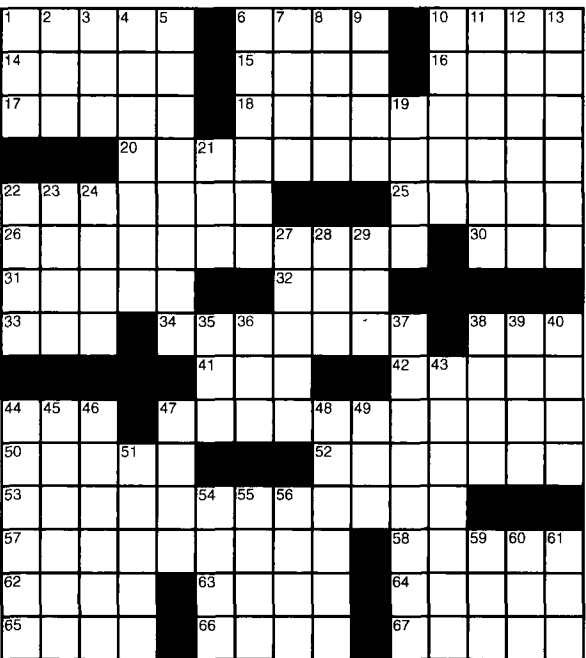
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- 17 City chief
- 18 Lady's escort
- 20 Bit of encouragement
- 22 Bent over
- 25 Frankie of the Four Seasons
- 26 Stephen King novel
- 30 Wide shoe width
- 31 "Farewell"
- 32 The WB rival
- 33 Old draft letters
- 34 Casino supervisor
- 38 Cambridge sch.
- 41 Stocking's end
- 42 " hooks" (box warning)
- 44 CPR giver
- 47 Antes
- 50 "Me, too"
- 52 Pixies
- 53 Hoodwink
- 57 On the way
- 58 Wrinkled citrus fruits
- 62 Barbara of "I Dream of Jeannie"
- 63 Cries of surprise
- 64 Poor
- 65 Georgia and Lithuania, once: Abbr.
- 66 Corduroy feature
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- 2 Son gun
- 3 Bit of sunshine
- 4 Request a hand?
- 5 Barely gather together, as funds
- 6 Chinese temple
- 7 Dentist's request
- 8 remover
- 9 Plaster backing
- 10 Queen of biblical V.I.P.
- 11 Mexican dish
- 12 Soothsayer
- 13 Little finger
- 19 Impose, as a tax
- 21 President pro
- 22 Restful resorts
- 23 Kennedy and Turner
- 24 "Miss Regrets"
- 27 Centers of Christmas wrapping paper
- 28 G.I.'s address
- 29 M.D.'s associates
- 35 Skater Midori
- 36 Wee one
- 37 Envelop
- 67 One with a dish towel



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- 38 Competition with shot putters and hurdlers
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- 43 Bee or wasp
- 44 Catches sight of
- 45 Piles
- 46 Rag
- 47 colada
- 48 Infectious fly
- 49 Kind of financing, for short
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## ND SOCCER

# The comforts of home

*Irish women solidify grip on top spot in Big East with two wins, men tied for second in division after 4-1 victory*

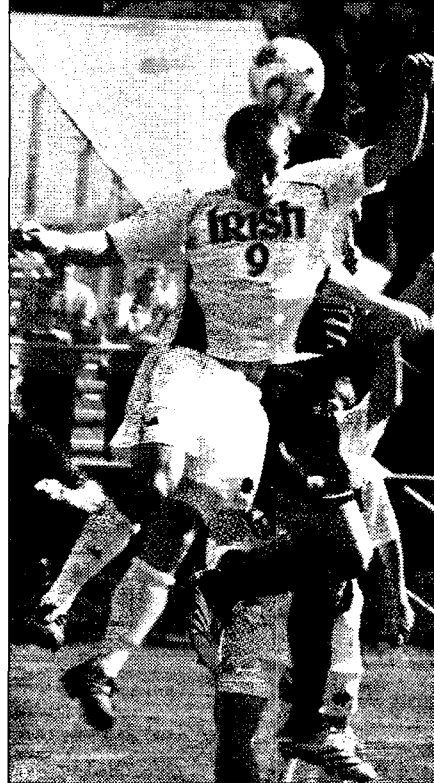
By CHRIS KHOREY and TIM DOUGHERTY  
Sports Writers

No. 1 Notre Dame just keeps on winning.

The Irish (13-0, 6-0 Big East) moved into first place in the Big East's National Division with a 5-0 win over Seton Hall Friday and a 2-0 victory over Rutgers Sunday at Alumni Field.

"The last two weekends we've really started to come into our own," Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum said. "Before we were playing well enough to win, but now I think we're playing up our potential."

The Scarlet Knights (11-2-1, 5-1-1 Big East) came into Sunday's game in first place in the National Division by one point, thanks mainly to having played one more game than the Irish. Sunday's victory moved Notre Dame into the top spot, but sophomore forward Kerri Hanks downplayed the achieve-



Right, Irish forward Amanda Cinalli protects the ball from Rutgers midfielder Nicole Aquila in Notre Dame's 2-0 win Sunday. Left, Irish forward Justin McGeeney wins a header in Notre Dame's 4-1 victory.

By GREG ARBOGAST  
Sports Writer

It's only mid-October, but Notre Dame is in post-season form.

The No. 8 Irish won their fifth consecutive game on Saturday, beating Georgetown 4-1 at Alumni Field behind two goals and one assist from junior forward Joseph Lapira.

With the win, Notre Dame improved its record to 9-3-2 (6-2-0) and kept pace with Providence to remain tied for second place in the Big East's blue division, one point out of first.

The Irish are currently enjoying a season-high six-game unbeaten streak — twice as long as their next highest unbeaten streak of three games. But despite his team's newfound consistency, Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark doesn't think much

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## HOCKEY

# Irish start strong in exhibition victory

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Associate Sports Editor

Sophomore right wing Erik Condra recorded a hat trick Friday as Notre Dame beat Windsor 9-0 in an exhibition contest.

The game was the first of the year for the Irish, who open the regular season Thursday against Minnesota State at the Joyce Center.



Condra

"Tonight was about evaluation," Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson said. "It was good for me to see something tonight, but I'll see more on film later tonight."

Two of Condra's goals came shorthanded on turnovers that happened while he was "concentrating on defense."

"The bounce went my way and I found myself on a breakaway," he said.

Condra's first shorthanded tally came at 10:56 of the first period. During the Windsor power play, Condra intercepted a pass at center ice and skated in untouched on Lancers goalie Reese Kalleitner and beat him top shelf.

Six minutes later, Condra added his second shorthanded goal of the night off another turnover, this time at the Notre Dame blue line. Condra skated down ice and again beat Kalleitner over his shoulder to make the score 2-0.

Condra's third goal came six minutes into the second period. To his dismay, no hats flew onto the ice.

"We have to teach our fans some of the classics of the game, I guess," he said.

Senior Dave Brown, returning for his second season as

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## ND VOLLEYBALL

# Team records two weekend wins

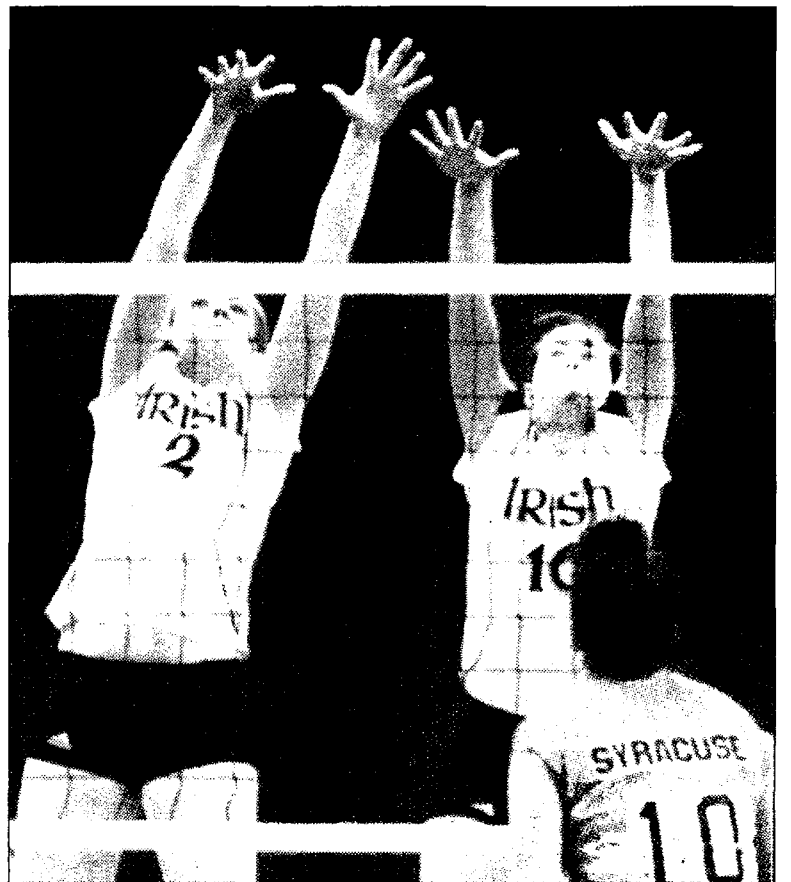
*Irish drop one game against the Orange and Golden Eagles*

By KYLE CASSILY and DEVIN PRESTON  
Sports Writers

Notre Dame returned home this weekend after more than a month on the road, dominating Marquette and Syracuse in two conference matches to remain tied with St. John's for first place in the Big East.

The Irish (12-4, 5-0 Big East) defeated Marquette 3-1 Friday and followed it up with a 3-0 win Sunday over Syracuse. It was the first match in the Joyce Center for the team since a 3-0 loss Sept. 3 to Santa Clara.

"It's a tough thing where St. John's is the only other team that is undefeated right now and every match is critical to win the regular season," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said. "And that is certainly one of our



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Irish outside hitter Mallorie Croal, left, and middle blocker Tara Enzweiler work to block defensive specialist Joscle Kaup in Sunday's 3-0 win.

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## SPORTS AT A GLANCE

### SMC VOLLEYBALL

**Saint Mary's tops Olivet, Alma**

The Belles improve to fourth in the MIAA with two wins this weekend.

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### SMC SOCCER

**Saint Mary's 3 Olivet 2**

A comeback victory secures the crucial MIAA conference points for the Belles.

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### MEN'S SWIMMING

**Irish win Dennis Starks relays**

Notre Dame racks up 264 points by taking 11 of the 13 relays this weekend.

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### MEN'S GOLF

**Irish to compete in Gridiron Golf Classic**

The final men's event of the season at the Warren Golf Course starts today.

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## IRISH INSIDER

Brady Quinn was 27-for-37 for 232 yards and three touchdowns in ND's 31-10 win over Stanford.

