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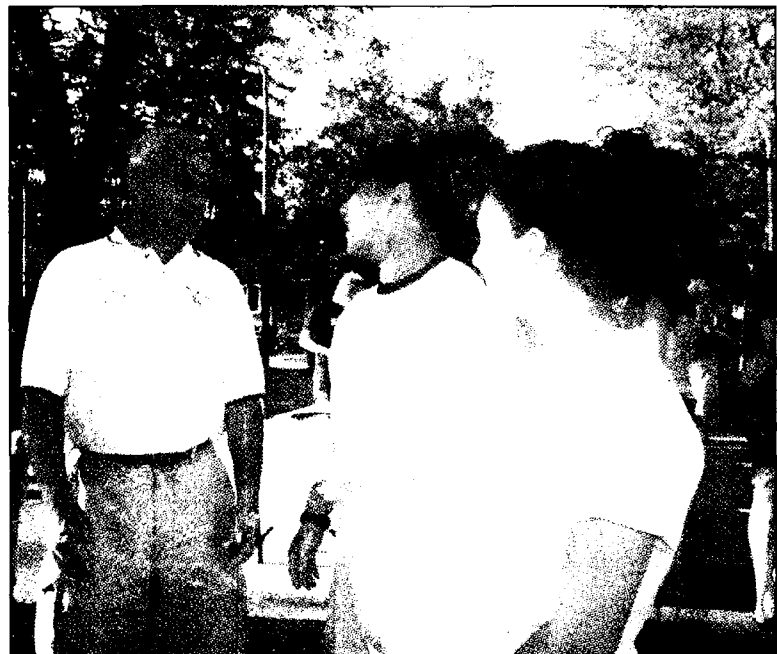
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Residents unsure of party ordinance

South Bend neighbors frustrated with ND students, but question legislation's effectiveness



South Bend landlord Mark Kramer, left, speaks to student residents at a block party Sunday on Notre Dame Avenue.

DUSTIN MENNELLA/Observer

By JENN METZ and
JOE McMAHON
News Writers

One week before the public hearing of the Common Council's proposed party ordinance, a number of South Bend residents said there are indeed problems with rowdy student neighbors — though not ones the ordinance would necessarily solve.

The ordinance would require residents of boarding houses — defined as homes where more than two unrelated persons live — to apply for a permit to host gatherings at which more than 25 people would have access to alcohol. The ordinance, proposed this summer, will be discussed Sept. 17 at the South Bend City-County Building.

Some student renters — and

their late night visitors — detract from the home lives of their neighbors when they mark each weekend by littering beer cans to the street or causing noise so loud it wakes neighborhood children, residents told The Observer Sunday.

John Whelan, who lives on Notre Dame Avenue, does not know if the proposed ordinance will be effective, but is glad the "real problem of out-of-control student behavior" is being addressed.

"Being a Notre Dame Avenue resident, the problem is real — drunk students urinating, defacing property and committing vandalism," he said.

That large parties are frequently followed by student transgressions ranging from the inconsiderate to the egre-

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Linney leaves for UAB

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

Former Interim Dean of the Graduate School Don Pope-Davis has replaced Jean Ann Linney as University vice president and associate provost.

Linney said she would leave the University after three years on the post to become the dean of the



Linney

School of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB).

Pope-Davis replaced her on Aug. 15, the same day Linney took office in Birmingham. In a news release, Provost Thomas Burish called Pope-Davis "an accomplished researcher, teacher and administrator with an unwavering commitment to Notre Dame's Catholic mission."

Despite Linney's short tenure at Notre Dame, Burish said, her contributions were numerous and will have a lasting impact.

"Jean Ann worked hard and effectively to oversee a broad array of academic and administrative areas, including the tenure and promotion procedures for faculty, new faculty orientation, the Snite

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Jenkins encourages dialogue through film series

Religion, ethnicity, class, gender subject of semester-long event to celebrate CSC anniversary

By JENN METZ
Assistant News Editor

The Office of the President and the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) have launched a semester-long film series called WorldView, a project aimed at promoting dialogue about religion, ethnicity, class and gender.

The first film, "God Grew Tired of Us," was screened Sunday night to a sold-out crowd in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

University President Father John Jenkins introduced "God Grew Tired of Us," the story of the Sudanese Lost Boys, as "a

wonderful, beautiful film" that is "accessible, but powerful."

WorldView is a partnership between the Office of the President and the CSC to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the CSC. The goal, Jenkins said, is to use the arts to create a universal expression of solidarity.

"Film is both accessible and capable of high expression," Jenkins said.

Sunday's film was "intended



Jenkins

for a particular, educational purpose," he said. "I hope the series gives rise to conversations. ... We come from different backgrounds and cultures that have a beauty that express God's grandeur."

Bill Purcell, assistant professional specialist for the CSC, spoke after Jenkins and said he hoped the series would help create a global community at Notre Dame.

"The arts are a way that we can lift up the human spirit in solidarity," he said. "Film is one of the best ways to lift that up."

Purcell had the opportunity to travel to Sudan and called the people "inspiring."

"They are the holiest people I've ever met," he said.

The film follows three refugees from Sudan to Ethiopia, to Kenya and finally to the U.S. Though the Lost Boys experience the worst kinds of suffering possible, they still hold out hope for their families' safety and are able to achieve their dreams and reunite in America.

"God Grew Tired of Us" was directed by Christopher Quinn and produced by Brad Pitt. Nicole Kidman narrated the two-hour-long film.

Other films in the WorldView series to be presented through-

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SMC offers free physical education classes

By KATIE STAAK
News Writer

All Saint Mary's students will now be able to take physical education classes free of charge.

In past years, students who were not taking the classes for academic credit would be required to pay a \$50 fee at the beginning of each semester to participate.

The reason for the policy change is simply to encourage more students to take any of the six classes offered at the Angela Athletic Facility.

"I just felt that some of our students were having a hard time finding an extra \$50 per

semester and I did not want the fee to be in the way of anyone taking our fantastic education classes," said Lynn Kachmarik, director of athletics at Saint Mary's.

Kachmarik said there has been a noticeable influx in participation under the new policy.

"It is nice to see the women of Saint Mary's more physically and mentally healthy," she said.

Freshman Caitlin McGuire, who is taking the yoga class, likes the flexibility with the classes.

"I've only gone to one class so far, but because I'm not taking it for credit, I can go anytime I want and I like that," she said. "I've also

tried Pilates. I'd definitely recommend trying some of these classes."

For some students, the appeal of the classes is not only fitness but also affordability.

"I like that the classes are free because at home, I had to pay \$5 for each class," freshman Claire Phalange said.

Classes are available on a first come, first serve basis, giving preference to those taking class for credit, followed by other students and faculty. They are offered Monday through Thursday and include spinning, personal fitness instruction, Pilates,

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KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Fitness instructor Bridgette van Schoyck demonstrates a stretch during a Pilates class Thursday in Angela Athletic Facility.

INSIDE COLUMN

Why we'll beat Michigan

I've lived and died with Notre Dame football since I was eight years old, but I'm not that upset with the rough start to this year's football season.

Part of that is because the Irish are so young this year. With all the experience these guys are gaining, we'll be much better next year and the year after.

However, another part of my happier-than-would-be-expected mood is the dream season another power college football program is having.

It's the season I've always dreamed of, anyway.

Michigan is 0-2, with two losses arguably worse than either of the embarrassments Notre Dame has suffered. It lost in an historic upset to Division I-AA Appalachian State and then gave up an historic number of yards in a 39-7 loss to Oregon. Both games were at home.

I grew up in Michigan and more than 50 members of my high school class now go to school in Ann Arbor. Every time they win, I hear about it. Every time the Irish lose, I hear about it. God forbid the two happen on the same day.

But hating Michigan is about more than just ribbing from students and fans from that school. I hate The University of Michigan because it is everything that Notre Dame is not.

Notre Dame is private, small, welcoming and religious. Michigan is public, huge, bureaucratic and atheist. Notre Dame is focused on undergraduate education. Michigan is focused on faculty research.

But the difference between the two schools is more than numbers and missions. There is a very different prevailing attitude on campus — one that has a direct bearing on how the football teams will recover from their terrible starts.

At Notre Dame, students are loyal to each other — especially their classmates on the football team. They stay to the end of every game, win or lose, to sing the Alma Mater, because, no matter what, we all still Love Thee Notre Dame.

Notre Dame is about overcoming adversity — whether it's something silly like parietals, something serious like gunshots outside Club 23, or something that's a bit of both, like losing a football game.

At Michigan, the emphasis is on being the best. If something isn't up to snuff, it's quickly disregarded. This obviously leads to some impressive university accomplishments, but it also leads to things like a low four-year graduation rate and a student body that turns on its own football team when times are tough.

The difference can even be seen in the two school's fight songs. Students singing the Victory March pledge to "cheer her over," and be "loyal to Notre Dame" "what though the odds be great or small."

Those who sing The Victors cheer only the "leaders and best" and the "conquering heroes."

Which attitude do you think better helps a team down on its luck recover and start winning again?

The Irish are regrouping this week, with the help of a supportive student body. The Wolverines are infighting while boos rain down from their own crowd.

And that is why we'll beat Michigan on Saturday.

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

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Chris Khorey

Sports Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER THE PENN STATE GAME?



Eric Hoffman
senior
St. Eds

"I'm in the band, so I just rode back. It was a pretty quiet bus ride."



Caitlin Pulte
freshman
Welsh Family

"We had a fire drill in Welsh Fam."



Pat Mulhern
freshman
Morrissey

"I drowned my sorrows in quarter dogs."



Caitlin Garvey
freshman
Welsh Family

"I went out with my friends from P.E."



Tim Loftus
senior
off campus

"Got heckled by Penn State fans."



Christine Hedge
senior
McGlinn

"Left State College as fast as possible."



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Students congregate in the Grotto for the Junior Class Mass Sunday. Father Bob Dowd presided over the Mass. More than 100 students were present.

OFFBEAT

Japanese man remains air guitar champion

OULU, Finland — A Japanese man out "played" challengers to win the Air Guitar World Championship for the second consecutive year at a contest in northern Finland.

Ochi Yosuke received the highest score from a panel of judges in the final late Friday at the Teatria rock club in Oulu, near the Arctic Circle.

Apart from the glory, he received a custom-made Flying Finn electric guitar worth \$3,400.

The talent on display was variable at best. The surprise of the qualifying round was

Oulu native Hilka "Gore Kitty" Suvanto, who has twice before scored the lowest points ever in that round but now achieved a perfect six from many of the judges.

Synagogue seats go for \$1.8M at auction

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Just in time for the Jewish high holidays, two lifetime front-row seats to services at a synagogue here are being auctioned off on eBay. The bidding starts at \$1.8 million.

Besides getting to schmooze up front with the rabbi, the lucky winner's family name will be

engraved on Seats 1 and 2 of Row 1, Section DD, at Temple Emanu-El. The winner also will receive free parking, two custom-made prayer shawls and yarmulkes, and a hefty tax write-off. Plus, the winning bidder can pass the seats down to his or her children.

"It's a gift that goes from one generation to another," said Rabbi Kliel Rose, who came up with the concept with a little bit of chutzpah and the help of two congregants who work in advertising and marketing.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

There will be an information session for students in the Mendoza College of Business who are interested in studying abroad tonight at 5 in room 101 DeBartolo Hall. Dr. Gina Shropshire, undergraduate academic advisor, will present.

There will be altar server training Tuesday at 8:30 in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. This event is mandatory for all interested.

Campus ROTC units will do a demonstration to remember September 11 tomorrow at 7 a.m. The event will take place at the reflecting pool of the Hesburgh Library. Head basketball coach Mike Brey will speak, as well as the ROTC chaplain.

There will be a student mixer Tuesday evening at 6:30 for entrepreneurial-minded students at Legends. The mixer will combine short speeches, information tables from the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, MBA club and the 4 Horsemen Club.

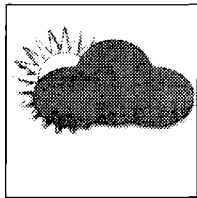
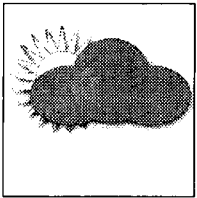
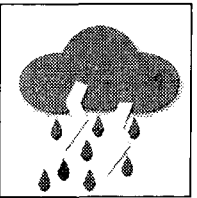
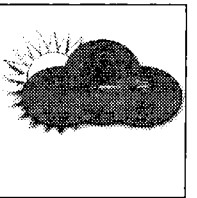
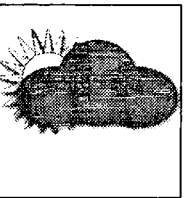
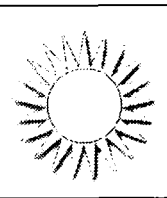
There will be a staged reading and premiere performance of "Ballade Nocturne" by playwright Gao Xingjian Wednesday at 3:45 p.m. in McKenna Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

The rosary will be said Wednesday night at 6:45 at the Grotto.

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

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Gondoli examines growth

Associate psychology professor focuses on child progression in study

Special to The Observer

To paraphrase a proverb, it may take a village to raise a child, but there's no guarantee that everyone in that village will see eye-to-eye on parenting, especially when it comes to adolescents. Just ask Dawn Gondoli, associate professor of psychology at Notre Dame.

In 2001, she received a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to complete a five-year study of moms and their first-born children as the kids progressed from fourth to eighth grade.

"A theme in the parenting literature is that parenting doesn't change much," she says. "However, I believed that if one made use of more cutting-edge techniques . . . one might see fairly substantial patterns of change."

An area Gondoli planned to focus on was maternal knowledge — mothers' awareness of their children's activities, whereabouts, acquaintances and behaviors when not at home — which she says has been consistently associated with positive outcomes for kids and the parent-child relationship.

Around the same time,

Swedish researchers began publishing studies indicating that firm parenting might not be the best way for moms to stay informed and that they should instead focus on building warm relationships with their children, a claim that caused some controversy.

"The Swedish folks saying that control wasn't important

"A theme in the parenting literature is that parenting doesn't change much."

Dawn Gondoli
psychology professor

for knowledge seemed to many like an attack on authoritative parenting, or a recommendation for permissiveness, something which American parenting doesn't endorse," Gondoli says.

It was in this climate that she and her team initiated their study. She started with 181 mother-child pairs, and 162 completed the full five years. Once a year, they would come to her lab, where they would fill out surveys separately and be videotaped together while discussing issues that recently had caused conflict between them.

Using advanced statistical methods, Gondoli found that maternal knowledge usually exhibited "a modest but significant decrease" as kids went through adolescence. She calls

this a "normative" change that doesn't tend to have an adverse effect on mother or child.

"It is important to document just how knowledge may change during the transition to adolescence," she says, "and we seem to be the only researchers in the country and internationally who have data that can describe this over this particular period."

As for whether being strict maintains maternal knowledge?

"Our results are actually more consistent with the Swedish researchers," Gondoli says. "We have found that mothers' warmth toward their children and the emotional cohesion and closeness of the mother-child relationship is a much more important predictor than is mothers' firm control."

But while her study doesn't make a strong case for strict parenting, Gondoli doesn't feel it points to a hands-off, "kids-will-be-kids" approach, either.

"This might reflect my training as an American parenting researcher, but I find it hard to dismiss control entirely," she says, noting that the way her team measured control was "a bit extreme." Most of the moms who had healthy relationships with their kids were quite firm even if they weren't considered "strict," making it difficult statistically to isolate the effect of control.

Abroad students adjust to campus life at ND

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

After spending a semester abroad, many students say they view Notre Dame differently — a change that requires readjusting to on-campus classes, housing situations and South Bend social life.

One of the biggest differences, returnees say, is campus life. Senior Kaitlyn O'Leary spent the spring semester studying at John Cabot University in Rome.

"Living off campus this year helps because I was much more independent [in Rome]," she said. "I lived with five girls and cooked all of my meals. Dorm life would have been much harder to adjust to."

Senior Kim Crehan, who studied in Toledo, Spain and lived with a host family, also said living on campus would have been a difficult adjustment.

"It's easier to live off campus this year because I was more free in Spain," she said. "People stay out much later, which would be a problem living on campus."

Many students said returning to campus meant readjusting to greater demands in schoolwork.

"I had a much smaller workload in Rome, although I did miss some of the academic challenges of Notre Dame," O'Leary said.

Senior Amanda Deckelman, who studied in Dublin, also felt the differences in academic structure.

"The biggest adjustment was

being busy again," she said. "Classes are structured differently here."

For some students, however, studying abroad was similar to Notre Dame — making the return home less of an adjustment.

"Notre Dame London is much more like ND than other study abroad programs," senior Christy Laufer said. "I took classes with students from Notre Dame. It was a lot like Notre Dame."

Other students who studied in countries where a significant cultural immersion was necessary faced a greater adjustment.

Senior Katie Ward spent last semester teaching English in Puebla, Mexico. Living in Puebla was "more like high school," she said, "because I was living with a family and taking a bus to school."

Regardless of where seniors spent last semester, returning to Notre Dame meant coming home.

"Coming back to campus, I am trying to maintain my friends abroad. My circle of friends just got bigger," O'Leary said.

Senior Mary DeBartolo, who studied in Copenhagen, said coming back to Notre Dame was something she looked forward to all semester.

"I am very happy to be back home with my friends at Notre Dame for my senior year," she said. "It feels like home."

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Museum, Notre Dame University Press, and a large number of other areas," Burish said in an e-mail.

Her resume and work at Notre Dame made her a strong candidate for the UAB position, according to the UAB Web site. Philip Way, associate provost for undergraduate programs at UAB, said he conducted "a very thorough national search and brought forward candidates who truly were exemplary."

Linney said she appreciates the importance of behavioral sciences in understanding the

world's most difficult conflicts, and she said she is looking forward to working with the UAB faculty and students to produce more research on those disciplines.

"UAB is a major research university and the programs in the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences have the potential to make a significant difference in the world. I am excited to be a part of that," Linney said in a statement. "Many of the world's most difficult issues can be better understood with contributions from the disciplines within the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences."

Burish praised Pope-Davis' contributions to the school's racial diversity and graduate

programs, as well as his "willingness to serve in this critically important position."

Pope-Davis was associate vice president of the Graduate School from 2004-06 and as acting dean during the 2006-07 academic year after Jeffrey Kantor stepped down in July 2006 to return to the classroom full-time.

He has been coordinator of the University's Multicultural Research Institute since 2000, and last year he was also appointed chair of Notre Dame's Faculty Board on Athletics and its NCAA faculty athletics representative.

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yoga, yagalates and a "cardio combo" class. Each class is 50 minutes long.

There is no pre-registry

required, unless students are taking the class for credit.

"Students are encouraged to dedicate themselves to a certain class weekly, so they can receive the best results from the workout," Kachmarik said.

Kachmarik hopes to attract a wide variety of students by

offering several different types of classes.

"All of the classes are free, so it depends on what you like. There is something for everyone," she said.

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Neighbors

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gious is not surprising to residents of the highly student-populated neighborhoods surrounding the University

Notre Dame Avenue resident Janet Jessup's main complaint was the noise — particularly in the early hours of the morning, when her children are sleeping. Students walking back from late-night parties frequently cause enough noise to wake her family inside their house, she said.

"I have kids who have to get up for school," she said.

The members of the Phillips family, who live at 902 E. Washington Street, are some of the only non-students in their neighborhood, which is lined by houses rented to students by landlord Mark Kramer.

It is a neighborhood that gets rowdy.

"Kramer has turned Washington Street into a party Mecca," James Phillips said.

The family has lived in the house for 15 years and has long endured the noise and disruption from parties.

They did not complain about their student neighbors, but rather the hundreds of other University — and high school — students who flock to the street each weekend.

"It has turned my life and marriage into a pressure cooker," Heidi Phillips said. "Our life has been ugly here."

Students who choose to live off campus need to treat their new communities with respect, she said.

"If you live in the neighborhood, you are expected to be a responsible citizen of the city," she said.

James Phillips agreed. "Students feel they've bought the right to party," he said.

"You haven't bought that right. It can be taken away."

The Phillips call in noise complaints "quite often," but are never satisfied with the results, they said.

The ordinance, if passed, could help the situation by "giving law enforcement the tools they need to keep order," James Phillips said.

In a move he said could help ease tensions between students and the community, Kramer hosted a block party Sunday afternoon on Notre Dame Avenue between Howard Street and Corby Boulevard.

The crowd, split between students and other residents, numbered about 30.

Tom Guinan and Jean McManus, like many residents who chose to attend, reported favorable impressions of the student population — at least during the week.

Guinan, a local resident, said the students bring "funkiness" to the neighborhood. He disagreed with the tone set by passing new laws regulating student behavior.

"The ordinance breeds ill will," he said.

McManus, who lives on the corner of Notre Dame Avenue and Howard Street, said she has had predominantly good experiences with students.

"I love seeing the students — they're very friendly," Jean McManus said.

However, "there's the occasional person who's just rude," she said.

Neither residents at the block party nor those at their homes expressed high confidence that an ordinance or similar legislation would have lasting impact on long-established patterns of student behavior.

Jessup, whose child was awoken by noise from student neighbors on school nights, said an ideal solution would depend on communication and respect within the community,

Lund are expected to appear at the screenings.

The series organizers hope a positive dialogue will come out of these screenings, Jenkins said.

"Film will help," he said. "It's a good start."

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out the semester include "El Norte," "From A Silk Cocoon," "Rebirth of A Nation" and "All the Invisible Children." Director Gregory Nava, DJ Spooky and director Katia

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Al-Qaida takes credit for deadly attack

ALGIERS — Al-Qaida's North African affiliate claimed responsibility Sunday for a car bombing that killed 30 coast guard officers and another recent blast that ripped through a crowd waiting for the president.

In Saturday's blast, explosives planted in a van ripped through barracks in the northern coastal town of Dellys, about 30 miles from the capital, Algiers. The bombing appeared timed to kill as many officers as possible when they were grouped together to raise the flag.

Al-Qaida in Islamic North Africa claimed responsibility in a statement posted on the group's Web site, and it said it also was behind a blast Thursday that killed at least 22 in eastern Algeria.

"We swear to God to continue sacrificing our lives until you stop supporting the crusaders in their war, apply the Islamic tenet and stop your war against God's religion," the group said in the statement.

Pope ends trip to Austria with request

VIENNA — Pope Benedict XVI, beset by drab weather and relatively small crowds, ended a pilgrimage to Austria on Sunday by reminding Europeans of their Christian heritage as they grapple with immigration and Islam.

Bereft of huge throngs of adoring pilgrims such as the 1 million Brazilians who turned out to see him in May, the German-born pontiff appealed to far smaller gatherings of believers in mostly Catholic Austria not to discard their faith.

In a farewell speech, he urged Austrians "to bring the traditional values of the continent — values shaped by the Christian faith — to European institutions."

NATIONAL NEWS

Whale shot off Washington coast dies

NEAH BAY — A California gray whale that was harpooned and shot with a machine gun off the western tip of Washington state has died, officials said.

Coast Guard Petty Officer Kelly Parker said five people believed to be members of the Makah Tribe shot and harpooned the whale Saturday morning.

Petty Officer Shawn Eggert said the whale disappeared beneath the surface in the evening, dragging buoys that had been attached to the harpoon, and did not resurface. A biologist working for the Makah Indian tribe declared it dead, Eggert said.

Search for missing pilot continues

RENO — Rescue crews were headed to another potential sighting of Steve Fossett's plane Sunday afternoon near where the famous aviator took off on Labor Day.

The sighting occurred within a 50-mile radius of the airstrip about 80 miles southeast of Reno, said Kim Toulouse, a spokesman for the Nevada Department of Wildlife assisting in the search operation.

"We have aircraft and ground forces en route to that location," Toulouse told reporters, refusing to take any questions.

At least six times during the past week search and rescue crews have spotted airplane wreckage they thought might be Fossett's only to learn they were from crash- years and sometimes decades ago.

LOCAL NEWS

Mayoral candidate claims innocence

FORT WAYNE — Republican mayoral candidate Matt Kelty has taken to the radio to profess his innocence weeks after being indicted on charges of campaign finance violations and perjury.

Kelty's campaign has started airing radio commercials in which he says he filed his campaign reports correctly and told the truth to the grand jury.

"Only one side of this story has been told," Kelty said in the advertisement. "I am wrongly accused, and I am innocent."

A grand jury indicted Kelty last month on nine charges, including seven felonies, related to how he reported \$158,000 in loans to his mayoral campaign in Indiana's second largest city.

If convicted, he faces six months to three years in prison on each of the felony charges.

PAKISTAN

Nation prepares for Nawaz Sharif's return

Current government awaits the arrival of ousted prime minister to Islamic state

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Police manned roadblocks and rounded up supporters of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif who left London Sunday after seven years in exile to return to Pakistan and lead a campaign to topple the country's U.S.-allied military ruler.

Before leaving London, Sharif warned that President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's government might try to arrest or deport him. At the last minute, he asked his brother Shabbaz Sharif to remain in Britain so that he can lead the party in case anything happens to the former prime minister.

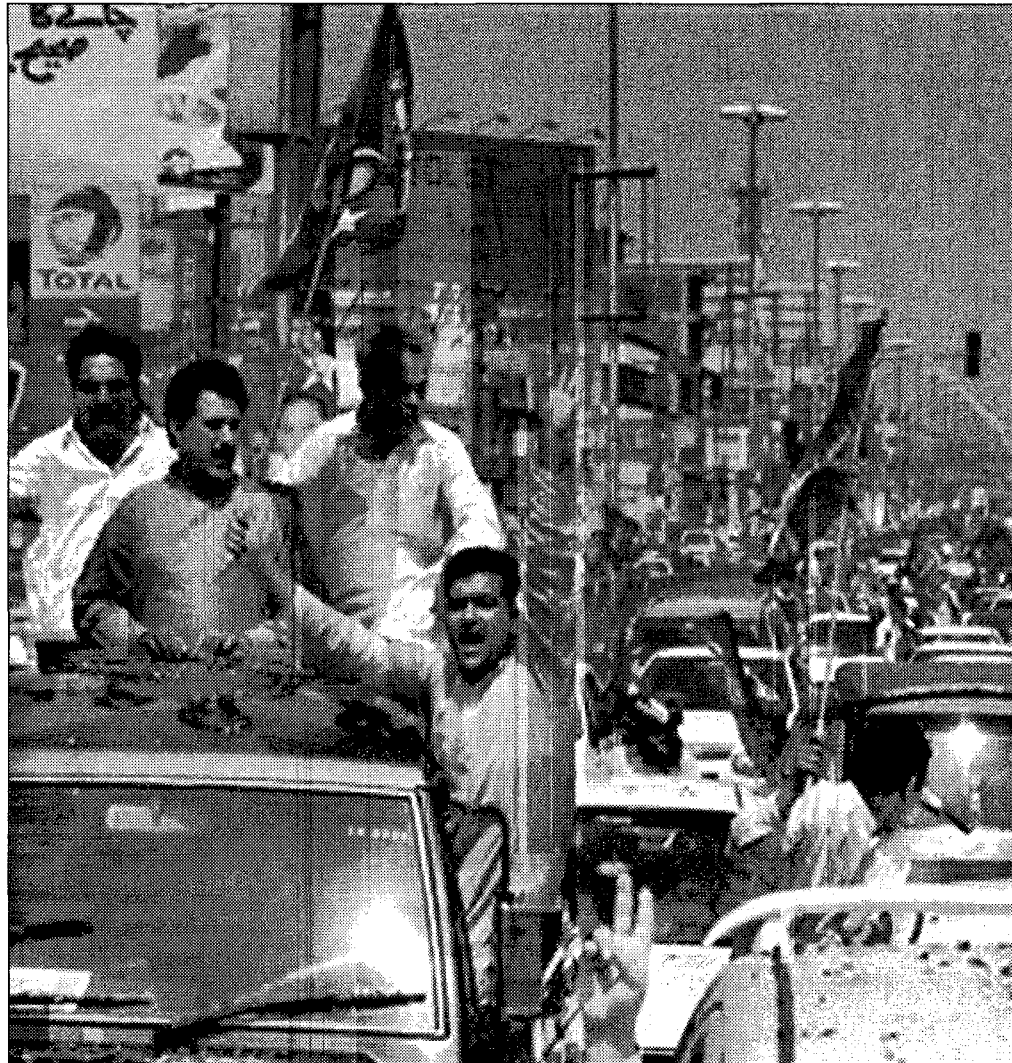
The Pakistani government has hinted it may arrest or deport Sharif when he arrives, and an arrest warrant was issued against his brother last week in connection with a murder case.

Any attempt to arrest Sharif, whose elected government was ousted by Musharraf in a 1999 coup, is likely to sharpen political tensions ahead of presidential and legislative elections and could trigger street violence.

The looming showdown could further weaken Musharraf's faltering grip on power and comes as the country battles surging Islamic extremism that has spread from the Afghan border, where Osama bin Laden and other al-Qaida leaders are believed to be hiding.

"We are going, nothing can stop us," Sharif told reporters at London's Heathrow airport before boarding the Pakistan International Airways flight. "We are happy we are going go back to our country after seven long years in exile."

He said he expected Musharraf to invoke emergency powers to stop his supporters in Pakistan, but



Supporters of former Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif packed the streets in Rawalpindi, Pakistan Sunday, rallying the day before Sharif's return.

he said that only underscored the need for him to return and fight to restore full democracy and the power of the judiciary.

"We are not scared of anything — prisons and jails we have gone through all that," Sharif said.

At the boarding gate, Sharif turned to his brother, who had a boarding pass to travel with him, and asked him to stay behind in Britain.

"In case anything happens in Pakistan, you can run the party from here," he told his brother, who had tears in eyes.

Hundreds of his supporters crowded the departure hall, briefly disrupting operations at the check-in counters of Pakistan

International Airways and a handful of other airlines. They carried banners wishing him well and chanted "Go Musharraf, Go!" and "Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, people are waiting for you!"

Scores of journalists and party workers were booked on Sharif's plane, a commercial flight that is scheduled to transit in Oman.

After his expected arrival in Islamabad Monday morning, Sharif plans to travel in a motorcade to their home and political base in Lahore, about 180 miles to the south. The trip through Punjab province could take three days as he greets supporters along the way, Sharif's party said.

More than 2,000 Sharif

supporters in Punjab have been detained in a crackdown over the past four days, and others have gone into hiding, said Ahsan Iqbal, a spokesman for Sharif's party. Police and security officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, confirmed about 700 arrests.

On Sunday evening, police patrolled and manned roadblocks on the main roads leading from Lahore to Islamabad. One mobile squad swooped down on three buses carrying suspected Sharif supporters. Armed officers mounted each bus and ordered the drivers to take the passengers away — apparently into custody.

Tropical Storm Gabrielle hits North Carolina

Associated Press

HATTERAS — Tropical Storm Gabrielle made landfall Sunday on North Carolina's Outer Banks, packing 50 mph winds and rain, but it wasn't enough of a threat to scare vacationers from the shore and surfers from the beach.

"It's a lot rougher out there, but this is what we look forward to every year," said Derek Creekmore, 32, of Chesapeake, Va., as he carried his surfboard into tall, breaking waves near Cape Hatteras. "We plan to stay out here until we get tired."

Although Gabrielle strengthened slightly Sunday morning, it was a weak tropical storm when its small

center made landfall along the Cape Lookout National Seashore around 11:45 a.m.

Forecasters said Sunday afternoon it appeared that much of the rain — concentrated well to the south of the storm's center — will miss the parched inland coast.

"Some of it may work over towards Hatteras, but the bulk of the precipitation is going to remain just offshore," said James Wingenroth, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Newport.

While moving over Pamlico Sound on Sunday afternoon, Gabrielle was expected to take a sharp turn and reach Nags Head around sunset before heading back

out into the Atlantic. At 5 p.m., the center of the storm was about 30 miles southwest of Kill Devil Hills, headed north near 12 mph. Its maximum sustained winds were close to 50 mph, with stronger gusts, and it was expected to weaken slightly in the next 12 hours.

Forecasters kept a tropical storm warning in effect for the North Carolina coastline north of Surf City through the Outer Banks and to the Virginia border. A tropical storm warning was also issued northward to Cape Charles Light, Va., along the Atlantic Coast, and a watch remains in effect for the area extending to New Point Comfort peninsula, along the Chesapeake Bay.

Disorderly conduct under review

Senator will ask court Monday to rescind guilty plea in case

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Larry Craig will file court documents Monday asking to withdraw his guilty plea in a sex sting that seems likely to end his career, his attorney said.

Craig, an Idaho Republican, pleaded guilty in August to disorderly conduct following a sting operation in a men's bathroom at the Minneapolis airport.

He has said he regrets that decision, which he said he made hastily and without talking to an attorney. He said he was under stress and pleaded guilty only to put the matter behind him.

Attorney William Martin said Sunday night that a request to withdraw that plea would be filed Monday. Such requests are rarely granted. Martin would not discuss the argument he planned to make in court.

Martin said he was not involved in discussions about Craig's future in the Senate. Craig originally announced he

would resign at the end of the month, then said he was reconsidering that decision. His chief spokesman later said Craig had dropped virtually all notions of trying to finish his third term.

"My job is to get him back to where he was before his rights were taken away," Martin said.

Craig's congressional spokesman has said the only way that Craig is likely to remain in the Senate is if a court moves quickly to overturn the conviction, something that is unlikely to happen before the end of the month.

But Judy Smith, a spokeswoman for Craig's legal team, said the lawyers are focused only on the Minnesota case, not political outcomes.

Many Republicans have urged Craig to say for sure that he will resign. That would spare the party an ethics dilemma and the embarrassment of dealing with a colleague who had been stripped of his commit-

tee leadership posts.

It also would negate the need for a Senate ethics committee investigation, which GOP leaders had requested.

If Craig succeeds in undoing his plea, he would likely try to have the charges dismissed to avoid an embarrassing trial.

A police report alleged that Craig had solicited sex from a male officer at the Minneapolis airport in June.

Appearing on CNN's "Late Edition," Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said Craig is entitled to his day in court.

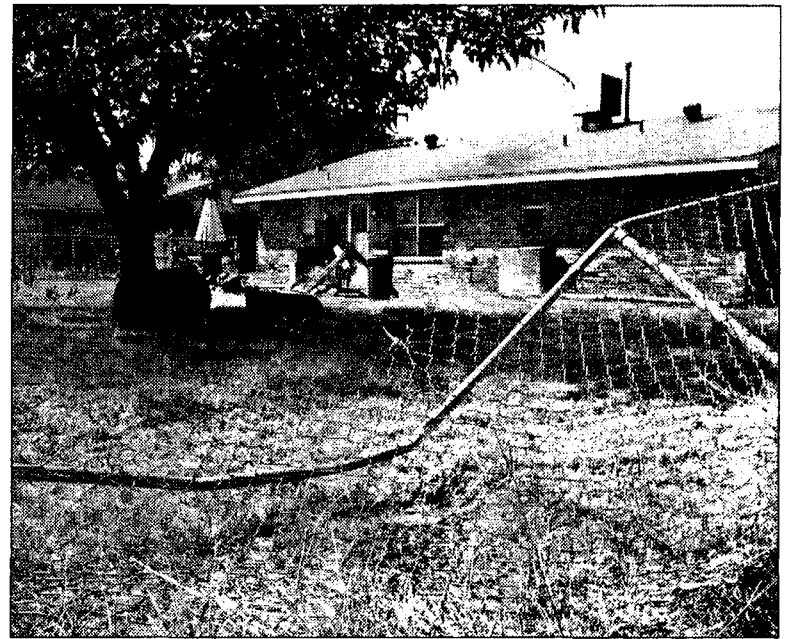
"Maybe he'll be convicted, but I doubt it," said Specter, the Senate Judiciary Committee's ranking Republican.

Specter said that when he learned the details of the arrest "I was convinced that he couldn't be convicted if he fought the case."

Minnesota law is that a guilty plea may be withdrawn if it was not intelligently made "and what Sen. Craig did was by no means intelligent," said Specter.

Man shoots officers in domestic disturbance

Two killed, another critically wounded in Texas



This house in Odessa, Texas is the location of a shootout Saturday that resulted in the death of two police officers and the injury of a third.

Associated Press

ODESSA, Texas — Two police officers responding to a domestic disturbance were killed and a third was critically wounded by a gunman who led authorities on an hours-long standoff, authorities said.

Investigators said a woman leaving the home Saturday night told the responding officers her husband had hit her. When the officers were unable to enter the house through the front door, they tried to go in the back door, where a man came out shooting at them, said Tela Mange, a Department of Public Safety spokeswoman.

The suspected gunman, Larry White, 58, went back into the house, where he held police in a four-hour standoff until he surren-

dered around 10 p.m., Mange said.

The Texas Rangers are investigating the shooting deaths of Odessa Cpl. Arlie Jones, 48, and Cpl. John "Scott" Gardner, Mange said.

Cpl. Abel Marquez remained hospitalized in critical condition after being shot in the face, Mange said.

White, who was shot in the abdomen and was in stable condition at a hospital under police guard, likely will face two counts of capital murder and attempted murder of an officer, Mange said. It was not immediately clear who shot White.

"This is a tragic day for Odessa," Mayor Larry Melton said. "Our concern now is for the families of the officers."

Odessa is about 300 miles west of Austin.

Another 9/11 victim named

Long sickness still debated as 6th anniversary of attacks nears

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joseph Jones marks his wife's death on two days each year.

Every Feb. 10 — the day she died of lung disease — Jones lays flowers at her grave in Staten Island. On Sept. 11 — the day the World Trade Center collapsed and she inhaled the toxic dust cloud that enveloped lower Manhattan — Jones watches television at home, listening to 2,749 names of the financial workers, firefighters, parents and children who were killed in the attack.

For the first time on Tuesday, Jones is going to a small park southeast of ground zero, where he will stand for hours with those victims' families marking the sixth anniversary and hear the name of his wife, Felicia Dunn-Jones, who died just five months after the towers fell. He is not sure how he will feel.

"It's just a sense of sadness, really," he said. "It's just a sense of acknowledgment that ... her death was caused by events happening that day."

The addition of Dunn-Jones, a 42-year-old civil rights attorney, to New York City's Sept. 11 death toll occurred in a year that sharply focused on post-Sept. 11 illness — and the legacy of the cleanup of ground zero — more than ever before.

That legacy was painfully altered by the unearthing of several hundred human remains from streets and sewer lines around the trade center site, which officials acknowledged were missed the first year. Doctors published more studies establish-

ing direct links to respiratory illnesses and the exposure to the mixture of pulverized concrete, asbestos, mercury and other toxins that wafted over ground zero for close to a year. One study showed a powerful connection to sarcoidosis — the lung-scarring disease that killed Dunn-Jones — and city firefighters.

"I don't think anyone's questioning any more how many thousands of people are sick," said David Worby, who represents close to 10,000 plaintiffs suing the city and contractors who oversaw ground zero's cleanup. More than 100 of his plaintiffs have died, he says.

City officials have argued that more research is needed before the true health effects of Sept. 11 can be proven. But they significantly changed their position this year, commissioning a health panel that concluded in February that treating the ailments of exposed workers could cost close to \$400 million a year.

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Joseph Jones
widower

"We are not about to abandon the men and women who helped lift our city back onto its feet during our greatest time of need," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said at the time.

Three months later, city Medical Examiner Charles Hirsch surprised many by adding Dunn-Jones' name to the official Sept. 11 victims' list.

Citing "accumulated scientific research" that linked sarcoidosis to ground zero exposure, Hirsch wrote in May, "the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner has thus concluded that Mrs. Dunn-

Jones' exposure to World Trade Center dust on 9/11/01 contributed to her death and it has been ruled a homicide."

His ruling did not bring her husband money — he had already received over \$2 million from special master Kenneth Feinberg, who oversaw the federal fund that compensated Sept. 11 victims. Jones just sought recognition that her death was caused by Sept. 11 to allow him to hear her name read at anniversary ceremonies and etched onto the Sept. 11 memorial.

"Feinberg said she was a victim of the terrorist attacks. If she was a victim of the terrorist attacks, her name should be on the list," said Jones, 55, although he added he understands why more people haven't waged similar fights. "Sometimes people just don't want to get involved. It's hard enough losing somebody."

On Sept. 11, while Jones watched planes hit the towers from the Staten Island Ferry terminal, Dunn-Jones tried to escape her office a block from the north tower. She put a piece of clothing over her face but couldn't keep the choking, white dust out of her lungs, Jones said.

She developed "just this crazy, persistent cough," mostly at night, Jones said. She was diagnosed with asthma and kept working at the U.S. Department of Education, going on a four-day field trip to upstate New York the weekend before her death and keeping up trips to the gym three times a week.

She woke up tired on the morning she died, barely ate and died that afternoon in her teenage daughter's bed after asking her husband to bring her some tea. An autopsy later found she had had a heart attack brought on by sarcoidosis.

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S&P 500	1,453.55	-25.00
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Treasuries

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IN BRIEF

The dollar is down, gold prices are up

NEW YORK — Gold prices advanced Friday as investors sought a haven from sinking stock prices, a falling U.S. dollar and heightened world political risks.

Wall Street slumped after the Labor Department reported payrolls dropped by an unexpected 4,000 in August — the first decline in four years and a shock for economists who projected the nation's employers would add 110,000 jobs to the payrolls. The weakness bolstered the case for a cut in the Federal Reserve's benchmark interest rate, and in turn undermined the U.S. dollar.

Investors have been wary of any sign that the housing slump or tighter credit conditions would spread and spoil growth in the broader economy, and the poor jobs data was "one signal that definitely contradicted the containment scenario," said Jon Nadler, senior analyst with Kitco Bullion Dealers.

Nelnet forced to make budget cuts

OMAHA — Student loan company Nelnet Inc. said Thursday it will have to eliminate 400 jobs, including hundreds in Indianapolis, because of new lending rules before Congress that would cut back on federal subsidies for student aid.

The Lincoln-based company says it will close five small loan origination offices and significantly reduce its Indianapolis customer support operations from 320 people to about 55.

Nelnet plans to cut expenses by at least \$25 million annually and the reductions announced Thursday represent more than 12 percent of the company's 3,300 employees.

Nelnet Chairman and CEO Mike Dunlap said the company is changing its approach to the student loan business because of the changes Congress is expected to approve.

The company announced the cuts a day after House and Senate negotiators announced a proposal that will boost aid to college students by cutting roughly \$20 billion in government subsidies to banks that issue student loans.

Companies penalize at-risk workers

Unhealthy employees forced to shape up to avoid higher health insurance costs

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — First they tried nudging. Now companies are penalizing workers who have high health risks such as obesity and high blood pressure or cholesterol as insurance costs climb.

Lee Morrison, 51, doesn't mind the push, which came in the form of added insurance charges from his employer, Western & Southern Financial Group.

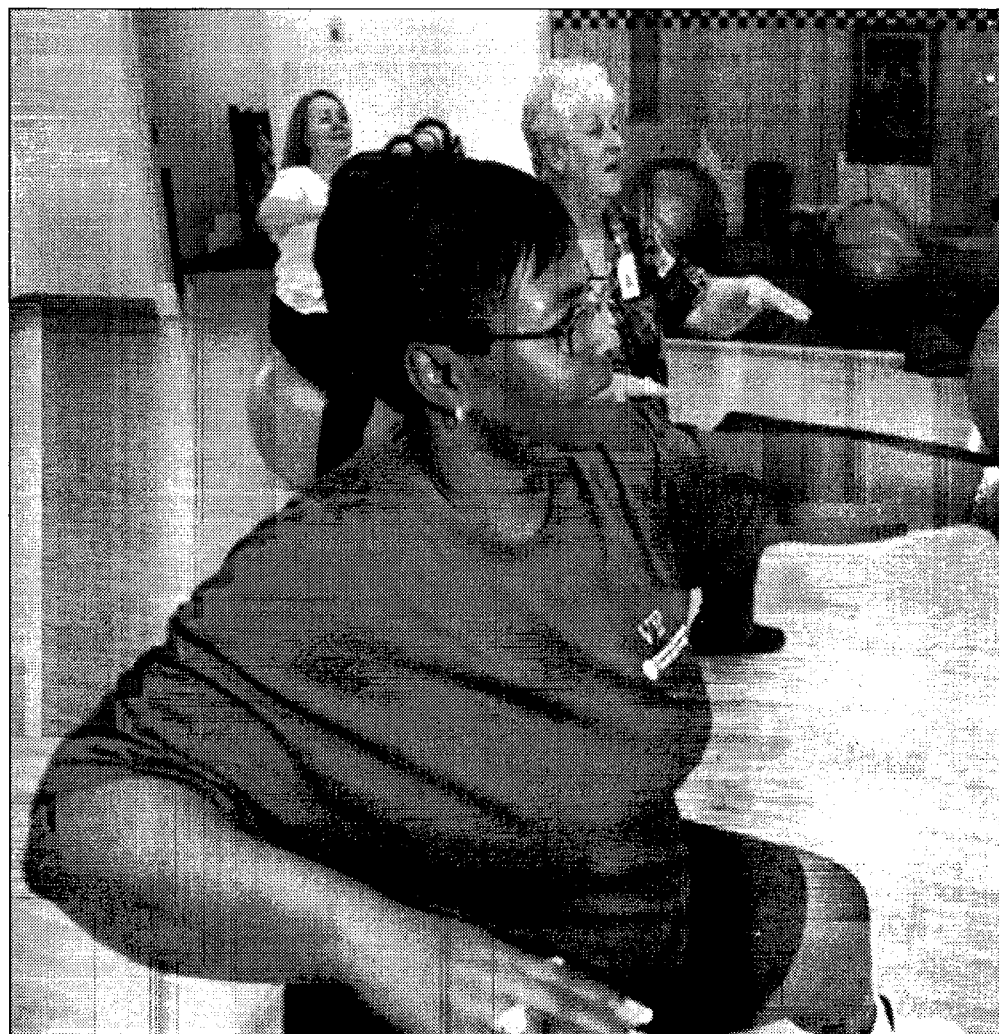
"I knew if I wanted to be healthier and pay less, it was up to me to do something about it," said Morrison, who has lost 54 pounds and lowered his body mass index enough to earn refunds the past two years.

A small number of companies have linked health factors to what employees pay for benefits, but the practice is expected to grow now that some federal rules have been finalized, spelling out what's allowed by law. Employee advocates worry that other anti-discrimination laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act won't cover the person who is 20 or 30 pounds overweight.

The businesses are deducting from employees' paychecks, adding insurance surcharges or offering insurance discounts or rebates only to low-risk workers.

"Employers know they have to do something," said Garry Mathiason, a senior partner at the national employment and labor law firm Littler Mendelson, based in Boston. "I believe that in just the next two years more employers will turn to penalties to change employee behavior."

Mathiason said more than 300 companies have sought advice on creating more aggressive wellness pro-



Western Southern Financial Group employees, like Elaine Sanders, take the company up on its offer of aerobics and other physical health classes.

grams since the firm released a study in April on legal issues and trends associated with requiring healthy practices.

Health care spending in the United States is estimated to reach \$2.2 trillion this year, with at least 54 percent of spending in the private sector, and is expected to nearly double by 2016, according to the National Coalition on Health Care.

A 2003-2004 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey showed about two-thirds of adults in the United States were overweight and almost one-third were obese. A U.S. surgeon

general's report said health care costs of obesity totaled more than \$117 billion in 2000.

More employers have charged higher insurance premiums the past few years for tobacco-using employees. Otherwise, wellness programs had been primarily voluntary, offering in-house fitness centers and free health screenings, for instance.

But many employees of Indianapolis-based Clarian Health didn't use the programs, hospital spokesman James Wide said.

In 2009 the company will start reducing pay for

employees in its health plan by \$10 per paycheck if their BMI — a measurement of body fat through a height and weight ratio — is in the obese range of more than 29.9. The deduction will be \$5 per check if they don't meet required cholesterol, blood pressure or blood glucose measurements. Workers will be required to complete an annual health risk assessment and can appeal to have their fees dropped if they show improvement.

"We want more people to participate so that they can take control of their health," Wide said.

Small business owners back to school

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the fall semester begins at colleges and universities across the country, thousands of small business owners will be among the students. Many people who run their own companies realize they need to learn more about finance, marketing and managing, and so they decide to squeeze courses into their already tight schedules.

Peter Figueredo, CEO of NETexponent, a New York-based advertising agency, had run the company for three years when he realized he needed to learn more about operating a business.

"I know the actual type of advertising and marketing we do

extremely well," Figueredo said. But "how to manage people, set up an infrastructure, finances, human resources was still something very new to me."

So in 2004, he began a three-year program on entrepreneurship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Besides classroom learning that led to his being granted a certificate from MIT, he came away with a network of other small business owners who he still turns to when he needs help or advice.

Michael Cramer had taken plenty of undergraduate and graduate business courses, but realized after he'd founded Adagio Teas that he didn't know enough about public relations. And he knew that "the best way to get people to get to know you is through media stories. I was never exposed to that side of

the equation."

So Cramer, whose company is based in Clifton, N.J., took a course at nearby Montclair State University. All of Adagio's public relations is now done in-house, and the company has gotten itself mentioned in a number of very high-profile newspapers, magazines and Web sites.

Colleges and universities around the country — junior colleges as well as the big-name schools — are an ever-growing resource for company owners looking to further their business education. And with many schools catering to small business owners, there is a huge range of individual courses as well as certificate and degree programs available. And many schools offer flexible-attendance programs and online learning.

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Be true to your school

Saturday night, about a half hour before kick off in Happy Valley, I was talking via AIM to several groggy Notre Dame study abroad students. At 5:30 a.m. Sunday morning in Fremantle, Australia, the whole group was getting ready for Game Day, Aussie style. Although they were only going to be able to listen to the game on the Internet, the Notre Dame Australia kids showed their true school spirit. Even after an unsuccessful home opener last weekend, fans from around the world joined together to support the Irish and give them another chance.

After Saturday's game, however, many Irish fans are upset — especially those who woke up at 5:30 a.m. to listen to the Irish lose. Complaints concerning the quarterbacks, the offensive line and the coaches are being echoed throughout campus, on Sports Center and at Alumni Club parties. The fate of the rest of the football season is in serious question.

Although others may disagree, winning football games is not the most important attribute of Our Lady's University. Academic excellence, enduring tradition, and the Catholic spirit all contribute to making Notre Dame one of the top 20 universities in the nation. The grotto, Touchdown Jesus, and the Golden Dome are just several of the many campus landmarks that make Notre Dame so

unique. Debauched SYR's, exhilarating Drummers' Circles and world-renowned Bookstore Basketball are traditions that cannot be found anywhere else.

So while the rest of the football season may look grim, there are many other things around campus to get excited about, or at least make the football season a little more bearable.

◆ **Campus Concerts:** This fall the Notre Dame concert schedule is jam-packed. After hearing Ok Go and Lupe Fiasco last weekend, we still have the Format and John McLaughlin to look forward to this year.

◆ **More Flex Points:** Notre Dame food services decided to boost our ability to dine outside of the dining halls. If you are anything like me, in past years the previous Flex Point stipend had me dining hall-bound starting mid-November. But with \$310 Flex Points, students will take advantage of Subway, Reckers and the Huddle Mart all semester long.

◆ **Domer Dollars in the Stadium:** To ease one's pain of watching the Irish on the field, the Notre Dame Stadium now proudly accepts Domer Dollars. When you cannot bear watching Jimmy Clausen get sacked one more time, head on down to the concessions, where a delicious Stadium hot dog or some tantalizing nachos are sure to so ease your aching Irish heart, or at least help prevent you from a massive hangover Sunday morning.

Campus Construction: Excitement and anticipation linger as we all anxiously await the completion of Duncan Hall and the new Law School building. The three-story male residence hall is sure to be a beautiful addition to West Quad, while the addition to the Law School is a great excuse for why you were five minutes late to class.

We all wish we could have the perfect football season, the perfect grades, the perfect boyfriend. Yet, as I have learned the hard way, that is not always a reality. Thankfully, at Notre Dame those things are not necessary to have fun and enjoy college life. And with the tradition and spirit of Notre Dame, fans of the Fighting Irish will still come together to support their team. Tailgating will still go on (even more so now — continuing one, perhaps two hours into game time), Rocco's will still have a two hour wait on Friday night ... and the Notre Dame Australia students will still get up at the crack of dawn, huddle around a computer, and cheer on their beloved Irish while listening to them play. Regardless of the outcome of the 2007 football season, embrace all that Notre Dame has to offer, and, as the Beach Boys so eloquently put it, be true to your school.

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"Write the bad things
that are done to you in sand,
but write the good things
that happen to you
on a piece of marble."

Arabic proverb

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tear down North

To the students, faculty, staff and administration of the University of Notre Dame: Greetings and peace.

In accordance with all standards of equality, there ought to be a more striking similarity between the dining halls. The North Dining Hall is a full-fledged post-modern cafeteria with a labyrinthine layout and several separate levels of eating areas. The South Dining Hall is a true hall in the collegiate sense, although it is regrettably divided into two Dining Rooms, West and East, with a central court between them, which is systematically arranged for the benefit and satisfaction of all.

These almost diametrically opposed dining alternatives display a lack of sincerity by the University administration which must be remedied at any cost. This writer does not suggest revolution, as Will Guappone has done ("Fight for your Cocoa Puffs," Sept. 5). A more peaceful way is possible.

The University intends to build several residence halls on the east side of campus, near the Hesburgh Library. It is the opinion of this writer that in addition to these new dormitories, a new dining hall ought to be constructed at the expense of North, which would be demolished at the earliest possible date. This new edifice, to be called the East Dining Hall, would resemble its southern counterpart in architecture, layout, service, and mission. In this way, not only would the grave disparity between the current dining halls be remedied, but there would also be an opportunity for true competition, for which in the past few decades the reasonable grounds have been at best mediocre.

Timothy Gotcher
sophomore
Fisher Hall
Sept. 7

Host family praises band members

We were honored to have two members of your amazing band as visitors to our home on the eve of the Penn State-Notre Dame game. The band performed for our local football game on Friday night. The halftime and post-game shows were amazing, but more enjoyable to me was seeing these spirited young men and women in the stands with our high school band.

After the game, we collected Patrick and David and took them to our home to sleep before going off to Happy Valley the next day. They are delightful young men and wonderful representatives of your school. Being far from "home" and in a competitive venue can't be easy (nor was the long bus ride, complicated by an emergency on the Pennsylvania Turnpike), but these students were a joy to have. Thanks for sharing your band with us and with Altoona.

Megan Hess
Duncansville, PA
Sept. 8

Students encouraged to continue fight against ordinance

Take business elsewhere

As a 1995 grad, I'm finally shocked at the lengths South Bend is going to to show Notre Dame students how unwelcome their presence is. There are plenty of places to drink enough to end up in the hospital, other than Marion Street, St. Pete's, etc. Banning house parties is primarily harassment.

If the proposed ordinance is passed, I would like to see a follow-up PowerPoint presentation that breaks down the number of house parties busted under the ordinance that are hosted by Notre Dame students versus IUSB students — and those at random townies' houses (like the crack-house that used to sit behind my townhouse at Lafayette Square, with large "gatherings" of unrelated people at all hours).

I have a suggestion: How about, starting this weekend, for the rest of the football season, Notre Dame students make the three-mile trip north, and purchase all of their alcohol in Michigan. As a resident of Illinois, I'll make sure that the 20 cases of Miller Lite I bring for USC weekend is purchased in Illinois. Same for the rest of you traveling alums. Buy your booze out of state, and let's see how the impact of lost tax revenue and grocery/liquor business sits with South Bend.

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Demand answers

After reading Kaitlynn Riely's article on the new proposed South Bend ordinance ("ND drinking habits under scrutiny," Sept. 7), I am troubled by the reasoning that is behind the law.

For starters, Council member Kirsits probably amazed the Council with his prowess at PowerPoint presentations, but his findings are, quite frankly, bunk. He showed statistics on hospital visits to St. Joe's Medical Center without even proving that the patients were Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross or IUSB students. Kirsits also used the hearsay testimony of various paramedics and hospital workers (none of whom he attached a name to) as further reasoning that Notre Dame students visit the area hospitals in droves due to excessive drinking habits. Ms. Riely quotes him as saying he "heard paramedics and hospital workers complain." Now, I don't know about the complete details of the goings-on in the South Bend City Council, but if a law is passed because a member "heard people complain" about something, then I fear not for the students, but for the city at large.

Mr. Kirsits provided data showing that in four months in 2005, 119 people were admitted to St. Joseph's Medical Center with injuries. Assuming that Mr. Kirsits is using those four months because of Notre Dame Football season, I'll assume that the numbers drop off during the year. So, give-or-take, 300-360 people are admitted to St. Joseph's per year with alcohol-related injuries. South Bend's population is estimated at 107,789 people. Assuming the worst ratio, that means that 0.3 percent of the population of South Bend goes to St. Joseph's with an alcohol injury. Given the testimony of Memorial Hospital officials, the numbers are not as high, but like Mr. Kirsits

and Ms. Brubaker, I'll just guess and assume numbers.

Say Memorial Hospital takes in the same amount of injuries, 600-720 people attend those two hospitals with alcohol-illnesses. That is paltry 0.6 percent.

I am even more amazed as an alumnus when I read the comments by Ms. Brubaker, a University official. Ms. Brubaker "estimates" on how many students a weekend come to the health center with drinking-related injuries. Why 10 students? Why not 20? 30? If the estimate, as Ms. Riely states, cannot be corroborated, is it even substantial? Why are drinking-related injuries not catalogued? Why state them as injuries? If the problem is as bad as Ms. Brubaker and Mr. Kirsits make it out to be, why not prove their points with data instead of empty guesses and hearsay?

Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross and IUSB students, you deserve better than this. Demand answers. Question your student government. Make sure that you don't get victimized as the problem, when they can't even prove it in the first place. The issue here is not with the student body. It is with the empty reasoning behind a law that is directly aimed at the Notre Dame campus. The Council is using assumption, baseless statistics and an inherent lack-of-proof that Notre Dame students have a clear effect on the health, safety and security on South Bend. Until students fight back at the Council, they will continue to push you around until you will be commuting to campus from Niles, Mishawaka and Elkhart. But their local town councils haven't directed their fury at you yet, so they might not be a bad place to live.

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LUPE FIASCO BRINGS TALENT, CONTROVERSY TO THE SHOW

OBSERVER GRAPHIC | Jarred Wafer

By CORBIN HICKS
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Despite a less-than-impressive familiarity with his critically acclaimed catalogue among some audience members, Lupe Fiasco was undoubtedly able to add a few new members to his fan club after his stellar performance for the Notre Dame faithful at The Show last Friday in the Joyce Center.

Each year, The Show obtains two musical acts, and in recent years, one of them has fallen under the category of hip-hop or rap. The three previous acts were Talib Kweli, Akon and Common, with each putting on flawed shows and so-so performances. Those performers catered only to their core fans without trying to deviate from their proven methods or expand their fan base.

Lupe, however, was able to take the brighter spots of these previous acts and combine them into one hour-long, absurdly high-energy performance.

After a half-hour-long delay, Lupe

emerged from the darkness with his hypeman and immediately opened with the mixtape track "Conflict Diamonds." Made by sampling the Kanye West instrumental from "Diamonds From Sierra Leone," "Conflict Diamonds" let Lupe put his own spin on the diamond conflict and the destructive power of capitalistic greed affecting underdeveloped countries. This theme of economic and political commentary is coupled with a powerful social consciousness, heard clearly during "American Terrorist," "The Instrumental" and "He Say She Say."

The complexity of Lupe's songs should keep them from being casually perused on the way to other, more radio-friendly offerings.

Lupe's near-constant energy level can largely be attributed to his song choices. The chosen tracks were carefully picked in an order that kept Lupe's faithful entertained. From his show-stealing verse in another West song, "Touch The Sky," complete with Roc-A-Fella diamond hand signs, to a hip-hop medley

featuring the monster single "Kick, Push," Lupe chooses and performs songs that truly bring him joy as an artist.

In an attempt just to show off, he per-

formed the mix tape track "Switch," displaying his mastery of double-time rhyming.

This led to other high-energy performances of tracks like "I Gotcha," "Cool" and "Daydreamin'." He even chose to debut his new single, "Superstar," which sounds like a surefire hit.

While many at this university may take offense to a song title like "American Terrorist" — or to Lupe's vocalized wish that President George W. Bush fall down a flight of stairs — one must understand that with the current state of American affairs, these statements are hardly unexpected from any rap act.

Although most artists don't go so far as to pen a song referring to crooked police officers as "The Pigs" (a track that can actually be attributed to his hypeman), concertgoers should understand that listening to Lupe's full catalogue definitely puts these statements into a proper context.

The complexity of Lupe's songs should keep them from being casually perused on the way to other, more radio-friendly offerings. However, it is easy to see how

limited exposure to these songs can lead listeners to a biased opinion against what Lupe stands for. Only by listening to the song in its entirety, breaking down the lyrics, and keeping an open mind can one truly appreciate what these songs stand for and what they represent.

These are not the views of an angry Muslim rapper aiming to get under the skin of fans of country western music. Rather, Lupe is a frustrated American using his talents for songwriting to express his complaints in a timeless song format.

When fans of hip-hop music envision an entertaining concert, they should look at the film of Lupe Fiasco's performance at The Show as a blueprint to follow. The song choice was superb, and the energy level and passion for his material that he displayed could convert even casual fans into full-fledged followers.

Hopefully this passion will permeate the rest of the music industry, replacing the lackluster performers that fill the charts today.

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AARON LEWIS OF STAIN'D GIVES SOULFUL ACOUSTIC PERFORMANCE



OBSERVER GRAPHIC | Jarred Wafer

By BOB COSTA
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Aaron Lewis, the lead singer of the popular alternative metal group Stain'd, stopped by the Morris Performing Arts Center in downtown South Bend on Friday evening for a poignant, if simple, solo acoustic performance.

Lewis, 35, has been the lead vocalist and guitarist for the Massachusetts-based Stain'd since 1995. Stain'd's breakthrough 2001 album "Break the Cycle" spawned the hit singles "It's Been Awhile," "Outside," "Epiphany" and "Fade." The band's subsequent releases — "14 Shades of Grey" and "Chapter V" — both hit the No. 1 spot on the Billboard charts.

Lewis' current tour, "Have Guitar, Will Travel," with an emphasis on acoustic music and personal connection between audience and performer, is a much quieter affair than Stain'd's usually raucous live gigs in rock clubs and arenas.

He walked alone onto the Morris Center's expansive stage clad in simple

black tee, rumpled blue jeans and a black baseball cap pulled down low over his furrowed brow. The lights were minimal, with only a spotlight shining on center-stage. The set's black background seemed more like PBS's "Charlie Rose" than a rock concert.

With just a stool, an acoustic guitar and his music, Lewis brought a welcome sense of emotional authenticity to his stripped-down concert, evoking such grunge-rock favorites as Pearl Jam and Nirvana on the MTV television series "Unplugged." In the recent past,

Lewis and Stain'd also appeared on the legendary program.

Lewis began the show with a somewhat rocky take on "Please," a track off 2005's "Chapter V" album. While he may be nowhere near a guitar maestro, Lewis' emotive style and deeply resonant voice are the welcome hallmarks of his music.

Much like folk musicians, Lewis focuses on telling a story or sharing a feeling in his songs, stretching his imperfect voice between soulfully earnest and deeply troubled. Lewis' raw emotions easily held the audience's rapt atten-

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tion more than once during the show, especially on the recently penned "Angel" and "Everything Changes."

Other highlights of the performance included another new song called "Anywhere But Here," which Lewis amusingly noted was written in a parking lot in Sioux Falls, S.D. Lewis also gave fans a moving take on Stain'd's single "Home" from the album 1999 "Dysfunction," singing with an almost unbridled despair.

However, even though many of Lewis' songs seem depressed or nearly tragic, he is an artist who knows how to let an audience enjoy themselves.

Between deeply personal acoustic takes on different tracks, Lewis threw in fun songs like "Bong Hits for Breakfast," a blues-based ode to cannabis that he wrote as a teenager. Toward the end of his set, Lewis also played a medley of classic rock covers, from Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven" to Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Free Bird" and even Kermit the Frog's "Rainbow Connection" (which is about as far from metal as one can get).

Although Stain'd has a public percep-

tion as a hard-rock and metal band, Lewis let his softer side show during the Morris Center concert, chatting casually between songs about dropping his daughter off on her first day of school.

After a brief encore, Lewis returned to his stool to strum out his hit songs "Outside" and "It's Been Awhile," inviting the audience to sing along.

In a rock 'n' roll world where being super-skinny, super-hip and super-ironic is the "in" thing, Lewis plods on with his cross-country acoustic tour. He plays solid and straightforward meat-and-potatoes rock songs to the delight of fans who like their musicians singing about love, loss

and hope instead of "girls from the club" or something being "bootylicious."

At the Morris on Friday night, the Vermont-born Lewis seemed to feel right at home in the Midwest. Maybe John Mellencamp doesn't need to be the only popular rocker in Indiana anymore.

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Penn State 31, Notre Dame 10

Nittany blues

Irish offense fails to reach end zone in second straight blowout loss

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STATE COLLEGE, Penn. — For the second straight muggy Saturday, Notre Dame's offense was sluggish.

And for the second straight week, its defense wilted in the heat in the fourth quarter.

The Irish were competitive early, but couldn't move the ball consistently and fell to 0-2 with a 31-10 road loss to No. 14 Penn State (2-0) Saturday.

"Obviously, on offense, we weren't doing enough to protect a defense that was, for three quarters, playing their butts off," Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said.

The Irish mustered only 144 total yards — including zero net rushing yards — in the first start for freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen. Clausen, who passed sophomore Demetrius Jones and junior Evan Sharpley on the depth chart, was sacked six times a week after the three quarterbacks took a combined nine sacks.

"We've been trying different things and trying different personnel groups, but the production just isn't there," Weis said. "Maybe we need to reduce what we do and try to find some things we can hang our hat on and do them."

Clausen completed 17-of-32 passes for 144 yards and an interception, with most of his attempts in the first half coming on short swing passes and screens.

"There were only a couple times the whole night that he wasn't looking in the right direction," Weis said. "... I'm not doing cartwheels, but I'm not displeased either."

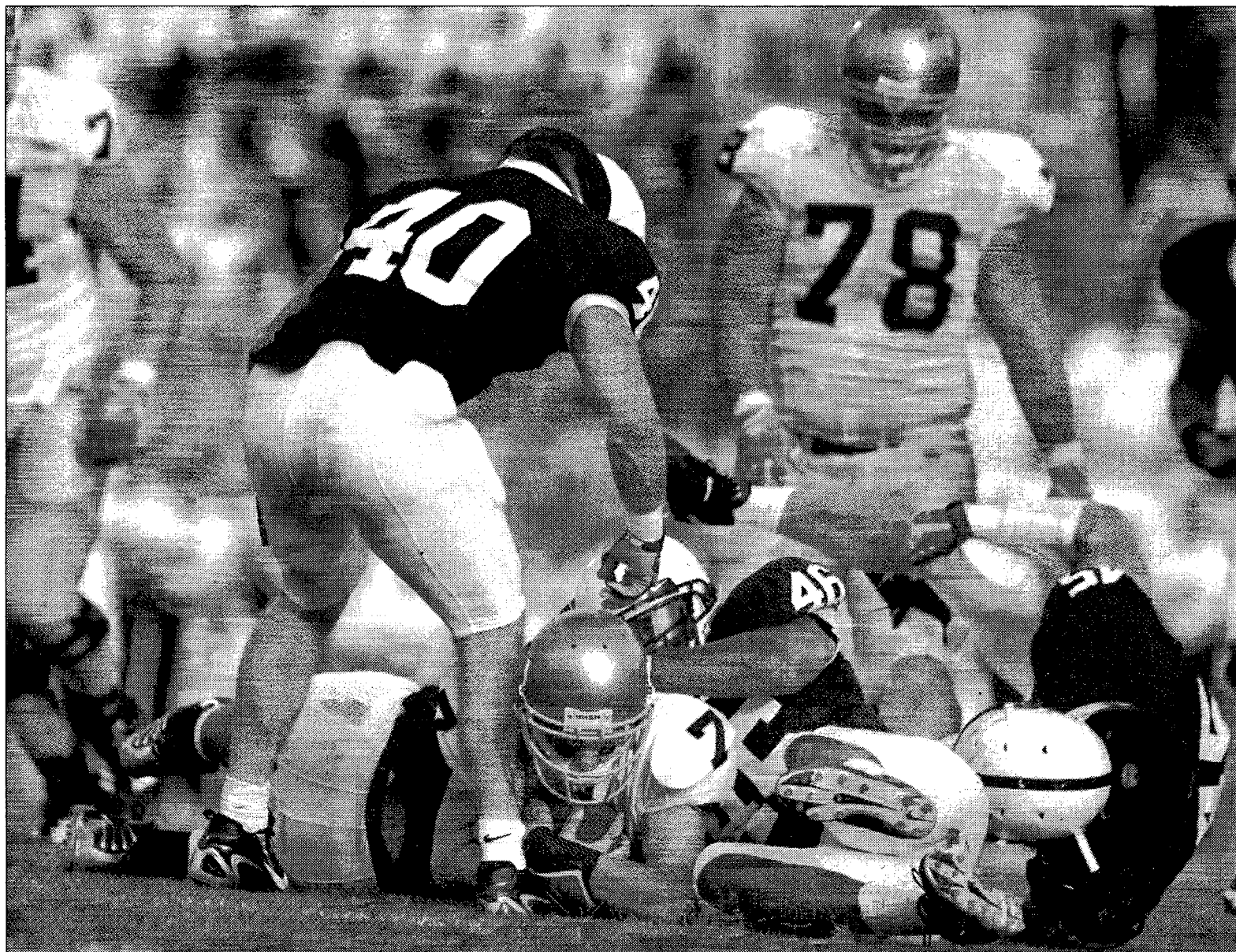
Penn State, behind senior quarterback Anthony Morelli, had limited success on offense through 40 minutes but wore down the Irish defense late. The scene was reminiscent of a week ago, when Georgia Tech exploited an overworked Irish defense in the second half en route to a 33-3 win.

Morelli finished the game 12-of-22 for 131 yards with a touchdown and a costly interception on the Nittany Lions' opening drive.

Irish sophomore cornerback Darrin Walls intercepted a deep pass by Morelli and ran it back 73 yards to score the first Irish touchdown of the season — and give Notre Dame its first lead of the year.

Nittany Lion running back Austin Scott fumbled at his own 46 on Penn State's next possession, but a false start penalty and a sack left Notre Dame with no points from the drive.

It was a missed opportunity the Irish would regret.



JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen is brought down by Nittany Lions linebackers Tyrell Sales, 46, and Sean Lee, 45, during Notre Dame's 31-10 loss to Penn State Saturday at Beaver Stadium. Notre Dame gained only 144 yards on offense during Clausen's first start.

Penn State wide receiver Derrick Williams returned a punt 78 yards for a touchdown to tie the score with less than a minute remaining in the first quarter. Williams broke attempted tackles by Irish defensive backs Terrail Lambert and David Bruton, juked his way out of trouble and zig-zagged downfield for the score.

"The other guys on the touchdown return did a great job," Williams said. "I had the easy part of just running. ... I just tried to make something happen."

Seven minutes later, Morelli found wide receiver Jordan Norwood for a 10-yard touchdown score to put the Nittany Lions ahead 14-7. Norwood caught the ball at the 5 and dove into the end zone, giving Penn State a lead it would not relinquish.

The Lions fumbled in their own territory late in the half, but again the Irish couldn't take advantage. Still, Weis said, Notre Dame was happy to go into intermission just

one score down.

"After last week's performance, we wanted to make sure we went into the half with a chance to win the game," he said.

Penn State cornerback A.J. Wallace returned the second-half kickoff 68 yards, sending the home crowd into a frenzy, but the Irish defense stiffed. Scott was stuffed on third-and-one at the Notre Dame 18, and the Lions had to settle for a field goal by Kevin Kelly.

Notre Dame would get back within a touchdown — thanks to its own special teams. Tom Zbikowski returned a punt 47 yards down to the Penn State 7, but Notre Dame couldn't punch it in after two Clausen passes fell incomplete. Freshman Brandon Walker split the uprights to make the score 17-10.

Penn State answered right back, starting with the game's first big offensive play — a 51 yard pass from Morelli to wide receiver Chris Bell that pushed

the ball down to the Irish 8.

Scott scored two plays after an Ambrose Wooden pass interference penalty on third down gave the Nittany Lions a new set of downs on the Irish 2.

After yet another three-and-out by Notre Dame, Penn State broke the game wide open with a 10-play, 62-yard drive on all rushes, capped by a five-yard touchdown run by Scott.

"If you don't start getting first downs and keeping your defense off the field, once you get to the fourth quarter, you start to wear down a little bit," Weis said.

Penn State finished the game with 295 yards of total offense, including 164 on the ground. Scott led the rushing attack with 28 carries for 116 yards and two touchdowns.

Down 31-10 late in the game, the Irish offense switched to the no-huddle and looked briefly sharp, going 65 yards in nine plays, including a 35-yard pass from Clausen to sophomore

Robby Parris.

But Parris and freshman Duval Kamara dropped passes in the end zone, and Parris' drop resulted in an interception on fourth down. Even though the Irish didn't score, Weis said, the drive was important for Clausen's confidence.

"If you think about the grand scheme of things, you want the kid to leave with a decent taste in his mouth," he said. "At least he could leave the field at the end of game with those last couple drives, even though they didn't end up with points, feeling that he was doing better."

Notre Dame earned nine first downs and was 2-for-16 converting third downs Saturday. It opened the game with an 11-play, 48-yard drive, but sophomore Nate Whitaker missed a 50-yard field goal.

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player of the game

Dan Connor

The Lions middle linebacker wreaked havoc on Notre Dame's offense, accumulating 12 tackles — 2.5 for a loss — and a sack.

stat of the game

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Notre Dame's offensive touchdowns — the first time since 2002 the Irish offense did not score in the first two games.

play of the game

Austin Scott's 1-yard
touchdown run

The run gave Penn State a 24-10 lead and put the game out of reach for Notre Dame.

quote of the game

"[Clausen] played a great game. He was calm for the most part. He looked like Brady Quinn out there."

Dan Connor
Nittany Lions linebacker

report card

- B** **quarterbacks:** Clausen played well in his first start, but still threw one interception and no touchdowns. However, Clausen's 144 yards accounted for all of the Irish offense.
- C-** **running backs:** Allen looked impressive on the opening drive and ended the game as Notre Dame's leading receiver. But Aldridge's fumble and zero total rushing yards need improvement.
- C** **receivers:** The receivers had trouble getting open all game, leading to multiple coverage sacks. When they were able to find room to work with, they generally did catch the ball.
- D-** **offensive line:** The line did improve from last week, but there is still far too much work left to do. Five false starts and two holds are bad enough, but the squad also allowed six sacks.
- B+** **defensive line:** Even though Georgia Tech ran for 164 yards, most of that came in the fourth quarter against a tired defense. Laws and Kuntz stuffed the run well in the first three quarters.
- B-** **linebackers:** Crum and Brockington played well on the inside, but the outside linebackers have room to improve. John Ryan missed tackles in the backfield that could have put more pressure on PSU.
- A-** **defensive backs:** Walls was obviously one of Notre Dame's key performances against the Lions, scoring the team's only touchdown, but the rest of the squad kept Morelli in check all game.
- C** **special teams:** Price punted well and Zbikowski had a nice punt return, but a PSU return for a score and a long kick return hurt the special teams.
- C** **coaching:** Weis did well preparing Clausen for his first start, but called a poor game, filled with penalties. The defensive coaches, however, got the team ready to face the Lions.
- 2.82** **overall:** Notre Dame looked better against Penn State than last week, but the offense stagnated after a promising first drive. It needs to continue to improve for next week.

adding up the numbers

Irish rushing yards — the second consecutive week the Irish failed to gain positive yardage on the ground. **0**

1 Touchdowns Notre Dame has scored in the last 10 quarters — on Darrin Walls' interception return. The Irish have no offensive touchdowns this season.

Third downs Notre Dame converted in 16 attempts. The Irish are 7-of-32 for the season. **2**

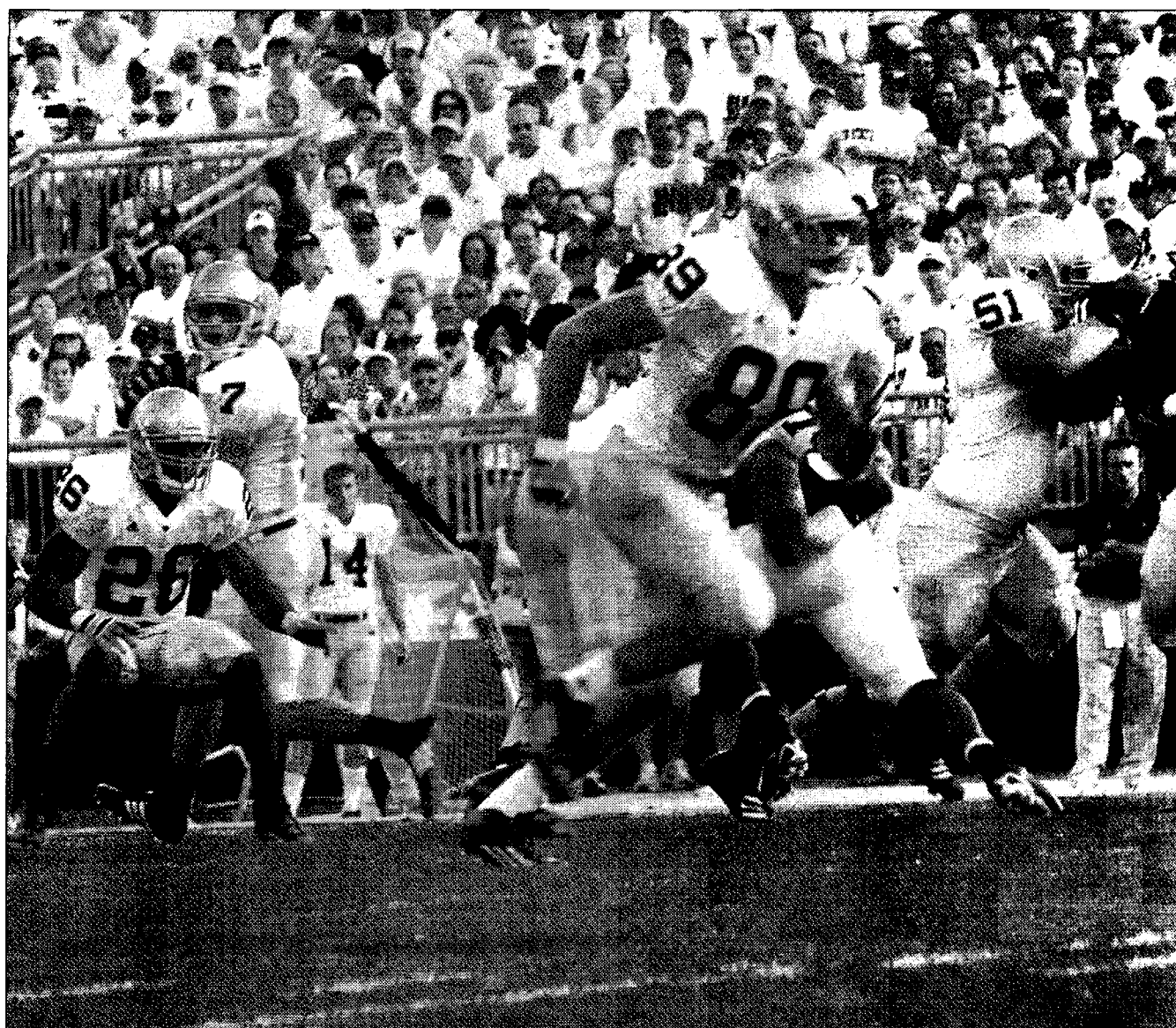
144 Passing yards for Notre Dame freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen in his first start. Clausen completed 17-of-32 attempts with one interception.

Red-zone scores for Penn State on four attempts. The Irish were 0-for-1. **4**

111 Lions rushing yards in the fourth quarter, including a 32-yard rush by Rodney Kinlaw against the second-string defense.

Penn State time of possession in the fourth quarter. **10:32**

448 Notre Dame punter Geoff Price's gross yards on 10 kicks Saturday.



KATE FENLON/The Observer

Irish freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen, 7, drops back to pass while fifth-year running back Travis Thomas, 26, looks to pick up the blitz and sophomore guard Dan Wenger, 51, blocks.

Team just needs time to gel

It would be easy to write a column and slam coach Charlie Weis for another poor game plan or crucify the offensive line for another poor performance. It would be easy, and even cathartic, but it would be useless.

Weis knows these past two games have not been his best coaching efforts, and the offensive line knows it did not play well. Notre Dame is 0-2 and fans are, to say the least, frustrated.

Still, there were some glimmers of hope defensively during Saturday's game.

Notre Dame cornerback Darrin Walls ran back an interception for a touchdown. Two plays later, the Irish recovered a fumble inside Penn State territory and gave fans hope that last week's nightmare against Georgia

Tech was long gone.

But then reality set in — the reality that Notre Dame has a young, and mostly inexperienced, offense.

After the fumble, the Irish committed an illegal procedure penalty, followed by a 12-yard sack. Notre Dame had to punt despite starting the drive on Penn State's 37.

Notre Dame's inexperience showed at another critical time in the game.

In the third quarter, the Irish had an opportunity to cut Penn State's lead to 17-14 following a Tom Zbikowski punt return to the 7-yard line. But Notre Dame settled for a field goal.

All game, the Irish offense struggled.

With no help from the other side of the ball, the defense wore down once again late in the game and allowed Penn State to put the game out of reach.

The Irish offensive line, which only returned two starters this season, had trouble creating room for the running backs, most of whom are young (Armando Allen, James Aldridge) or are not used to being the

primary back (Travis Thomas).

Without a solid running game, the Irish had to rely on the arm of a freshman quarterback, who had to throw to an inexperienced receiving corps that had trouble getting open downfield. It's going to take some time for this team to gel every Saturday, but just how much time that will take is a mystery.

Every good team, regardless of age, has a moment where everything clicks. Things that were hard to do a week ago become second nature, and everybody on the team elevates his game to the next level. Once an offense clicks under Charlie Weis' system, the possibilities are endless.

In 2005, the offense clicked immediately, but that group had played together for a significant amount of time before Weis came to Notre Dame. They had already developed a solid chemistry from playing together and learning each other's tendencies.

In order for this year's team to click, Clausen has to develop a rapport with his receivers so that on every play, they are thinking the same thing. The offensive line has to trust each other that everybody will pick up their man. When that happens, Clausen will not have to worry so much about the pass rush. It will take a lot of effort, and a little luck, but it will happen.

The talent on offense is apparent. Nearly everybody that has played was once a highly touted recruit coming out of high school. But it takes more than talent to make a good football team. Teams need chemistry, that intangible quality that turns talent into a good football team. Right now, the Irish don't have chemistry, but they will get it. They have a good coach and good players. They are too good not to click.

But don't worry if the Irish never click. You can always blame the coach.

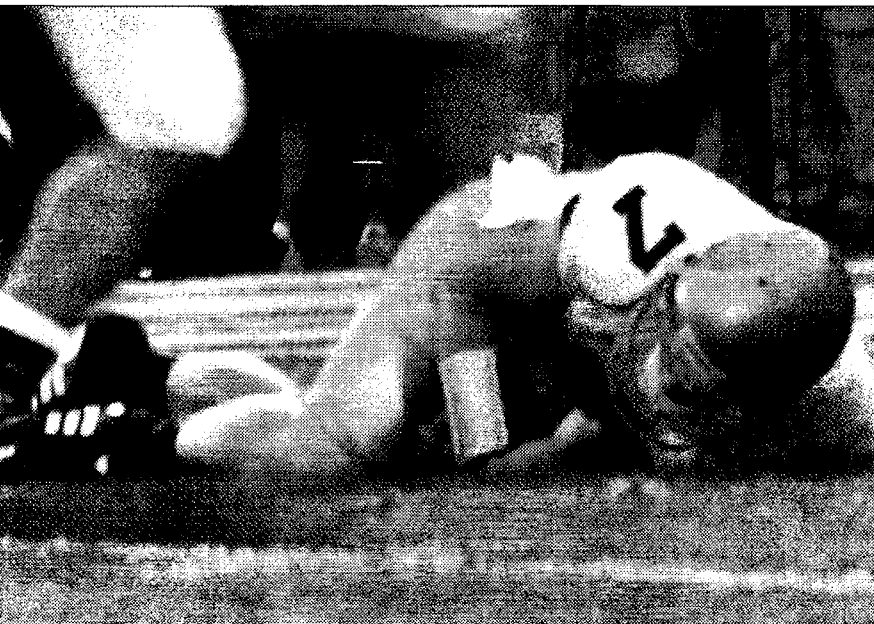
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Irish freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen lays on the ground after getting sacked during Notre Dame's 31-10 loss to Penn State Saturday.

Penalties stifle Irish momentum

Team committed fouls in all three aspects of game

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STATE COLLEGE, Penn. — After Notre Dame forced Penn State to punt from its own 14-yard-line, a fair catch by Tom Zbikowski gave the Notre Dame first-and-10 from its 44-yard-line with 2:35 remaining in the first quarter. The Irish had prime field position and momentum on their side.

Then they saw the flag.
Fifth-year captain Travis Thomas was flagged for a personal foul, unsportsmanlike conduct penalty after Thomas got in a scuffle with Penn State wide receiver Jerome Hayes after the punt, forcing the Irish back to their own 29.

"They had a player on the ground, he came up swinging. I happened to be near him when he came up swinging. We're on the road, we're in Happy Valley, things aren't going to go our way," Thomas said.

Before viewing the replay, Irish coach Charlie Weis said that although he didn't see exactly what happened, he was disappointed that Thomas committed the penalty.

"I did say to Travis when he got off the field, 'Look, you're 50 yards away from the play. Why are we even in a position to get a penalty 50 yards away from the play,'" Weis said. "That's not using very good sense in that situation."

This penalty was one of 14 the Irish committed against Penn State, giving the Nittany Lions 97 free yards in the 31-10 Penn State win. The Irish drew flags on offense, defense and special teams — meaning the problem is more widespread than just one position.

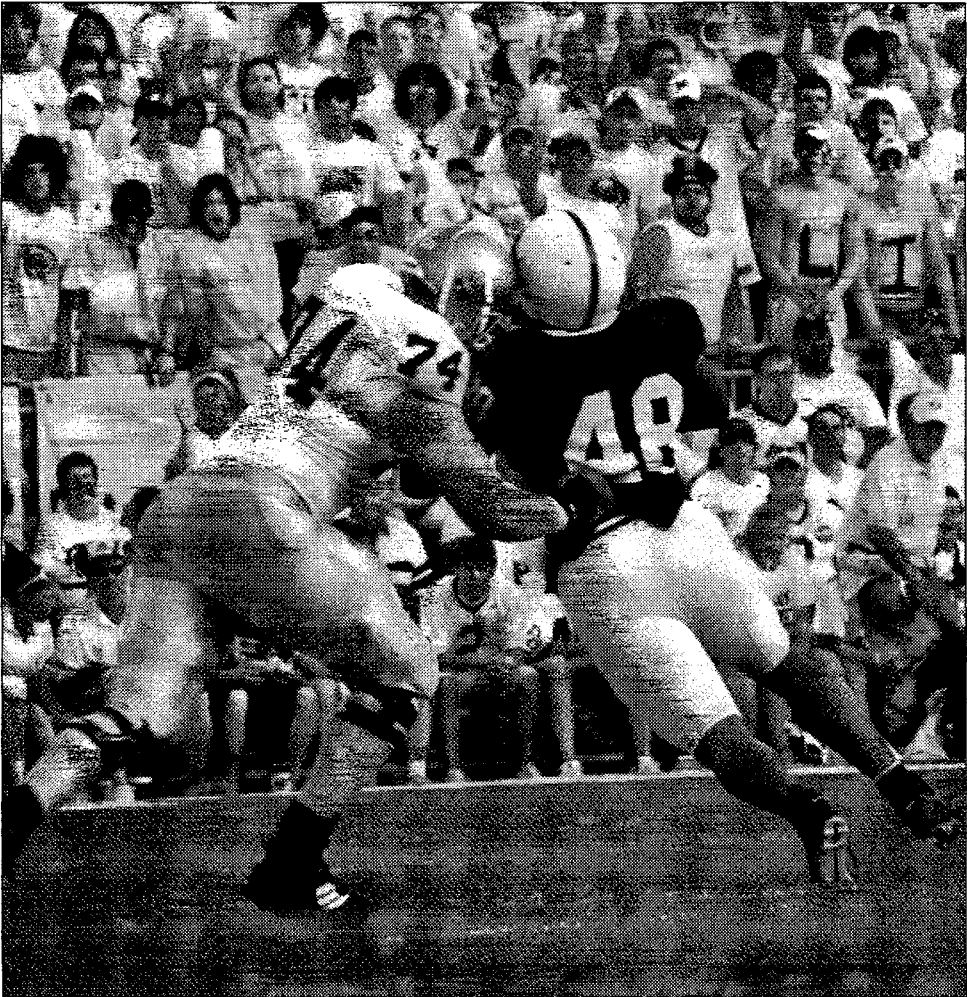
"It seemed like any time you're playing and you're not playing a very efficient offense yourself, any time you have the number of penalties in there, it just doesn't bode well for any type of momentum," Weis said.

Irish cornerback Ambrose Wooden was called for pass interference after reaching around Lions wide receiver Deon Butler, giving Penn State the ball at the Irish one-yard-line and a fresh set of downs.

The Irish committed crucial, drive-killing penalties on both sides of the ball Saturday, either adding fuel to the Lions' fire or killing whatever momentum they could muster.

One of the key problems with penalties came from the offensive line, who as a corps committed four false starts and two holds.

Although Weis said the false starts could be in part attributed to the noise



Irish right tackle Sam Young attempts to block Lions linebacker Maurice Evans during Notre Dame's 31-10 loss Saturday at Beaver Stadium.

level at Beaver Stadium, he said most of the blame lies with a lack of concentration on Notre Dame's part.

Irish senior center John Sullivan agreed.

"You can never condone false starts. Penn State is a loud place to play, but false start penalties, line of scrimmage penalties — things that we can control — we don't want," he said.

Junior guard Dan Wenger agreed that Notre Dame's offensive linemen need to return to the basics and focus on how to continue to improve.

"It's not just one guy that's jumping off sides, it's everyone that has to realize the situation that we're in," he said. "We knew we were going to get a lot of noise, we knew the crowd was going to be crazy. We just have to be more focused and everything like that."

Wenger also said that, while Penn State's defense did do a lot to put pressure on the Irish line, the penalty problem lay more in Notre Dame's inability than Penn State's skill.

"We knew what they were going to bring. It's not a matter of what they brought that caused us to hold, it's a matter of us not executing, it's a mat-

ter us not doing fundamentals and technique and we've got to get back to that," he said.

Defensively, Notre Dame committed several drive-extending penalties.

The defense was flagged twice for incidental facemask — one committed by middle linebacker Joe Brockington and one by defensive end Morrice Richardson. Although the penalties were not serious enough to warrant a personal foul, both extended Penn State drives. Brockington's followed a six-yard run from Lions tailback Austin Scott, giving Penn State a first down at Notre Dame's 24-yard-line. Penn State took advantage of the free yardage with a touchdown and 14-7 lead.

But the offense is just as concerned about the calls as the defense.

"We have to go back and look at everything we did wrong and correct it," Wenger said. "It's going to be tough, it's going to be hard, but that's what it's going to take. That's what it's going to take for us to get back on top."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	7	0	3	0	10
Penn State	7	7	14	7	31

First quarter

Notre Dame 7, Penn State 0
Darrin Walls 73-yard interception return for a touchdown with 8:23 remaining (Walker kick)
Drive: 1 play, 73 yards, 0:00 elapsed
Notre Dame 7, Penn State 7
Derrick Williams 78-punt return with 00:52 remaining (Kelly kick)
Drive: 1 play, 78 yards, 0:00 elapsed

Second quarter

Penn State 14, Notre Dame 7
Jordan Norwood 10-yard pass from Anthony Morelli with 6:37 remaining (Kelly kick)
Drive: 6 plays, 51 yards, 2:17 elapsed

Third quarter

Penn State 17, Notre Dame 7
Kevin Kelly 37-yard field goal with 13:13 remaining.
Drive: 4 plays, 7 yards, 1:36 elapsed
Penn State 17, Notre Dame 10
Brandon Walker 22-yard field goal with 8:16 remaining.
Drive: 4 plays, 2 yards, 0:56 elapsed
Penn State 24, Notre Dame 10
Austin Scott 1-yard touchdown run with 4:47 remaining (Kelly kick)
Drive: 7 plays, 65 yards, 3:32 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Penn State 31, Notre Dame 10
Austin Scott 5-yard touchdown run with 7:40 remaining (Kelly kick)
Drive: 10 plays, 62 yards, 5:12 elapsed

statistics

total yards

PENN	295
ND	144

rushing yards

PENN	164
ND	0

passing yards

PENN	131
ND	144

return yards

PENN	196
ND	221

time of possession

PENN	34:00
ND	28:00



passing

Sharpley	17-32-1	Morelli	12-22-1
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rushing

Thomas	6-13	Scott	28-118
Allen	8-12	Kinlaw	9-50
Jabbie	1-5	Hahn	4-22

receiving

Allen	6-38	Norwood	3-20
Grimes	5-45	Hahn	2-16
West	2-9	Golden	2-15
Parris	1-35	Williams	2-14

tackling

Brockington	10	Connor	12
Kuntz	10	Sciroto	5
Laws	8	Sales	4
Zbikowski	6	Lee	4
Crum	6	Sargeant	4
Ryan	4	Davis	3

Clausen 8th freshman starting QB for ND

Walls scores first ND pick-six since MSU

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

First time starter

On Saturday, freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen became just the eighth freshman to start at quarterback for Notre Dame since 1951. Clausen also became only the second freshman starter to lose his debut.

The only other freshman quarterback to lose his inaugural start was Brady Quinn, who threw one touchdown pass and four interceptions in a 23-10 loss to Purdue in 2003.

Defensive scores

Sophomore cornerback

Darrin Walls' 73-yard interception return in the first quarter was Notre Dame's first interception return for a touchdown since Terrail Lambert returned a Drew Stanton pass for a score against Michigan State last season. Lambert's score capped a 16-point, fourth-quarter comeback in East Lansing.

Specializing kickers

Sophomore Nate Whitaker — Notre Dame's long-range kicker — attempted the first field goal try of Saturday's game. His 50-yarder was long enough, but missed wide right.

Freshman Brandon Walker — the short range kicker — made the second field goal the Irish attempted, a 22-yarder in the second quarter.

Whitaker is a walk-on, while Walker and sophomore Ryan Burkhart are Notre Dame's two placekickers on scholarship.

Struggling offense

Notre Dame's offense has not scored a touchdown since the second quarter of the team's 41-14 Sugar Bowl loss to LSU. The scoreless streak has spanned 10 quarters.

Huge crowd

The announced crowd of 110,078, who mostly dressed in white as part of Penn State's "white out," was the second largest in Beaver Stadium history.

"You hear legends about 110,000, but playing in front of them is something you just have to experience," Nittany

Lions receiver Terrell Golden said. "You cannot put it in words."

Washington introduced

Former Notre Dame basketball player and new Penn State women's basketball coach Coquese Washington was introduced during the second quarter.

Washington was previously an assistant for the Irish before being named the Nittany Lions' coach in April.

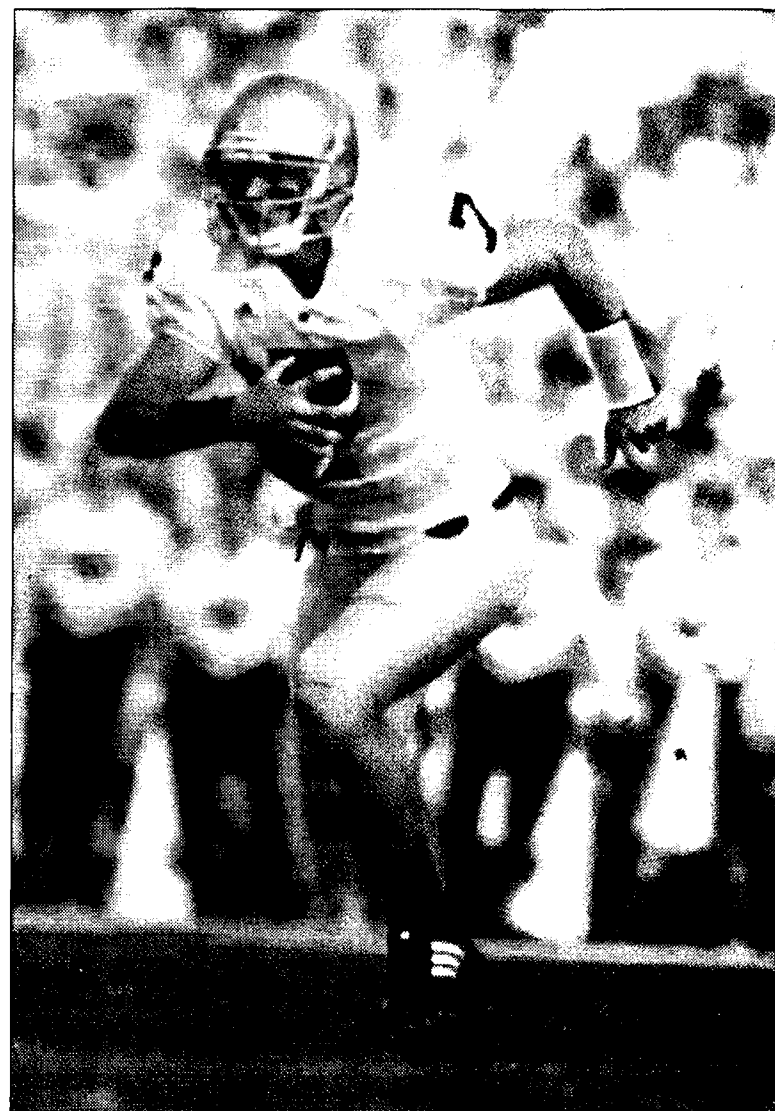
Coin toss

Penn State won the toss, but deferred to second half. Nittany Lions kicker Kevin Kelly boomed the opening kick into the Notre Dame end zone for a touchback.

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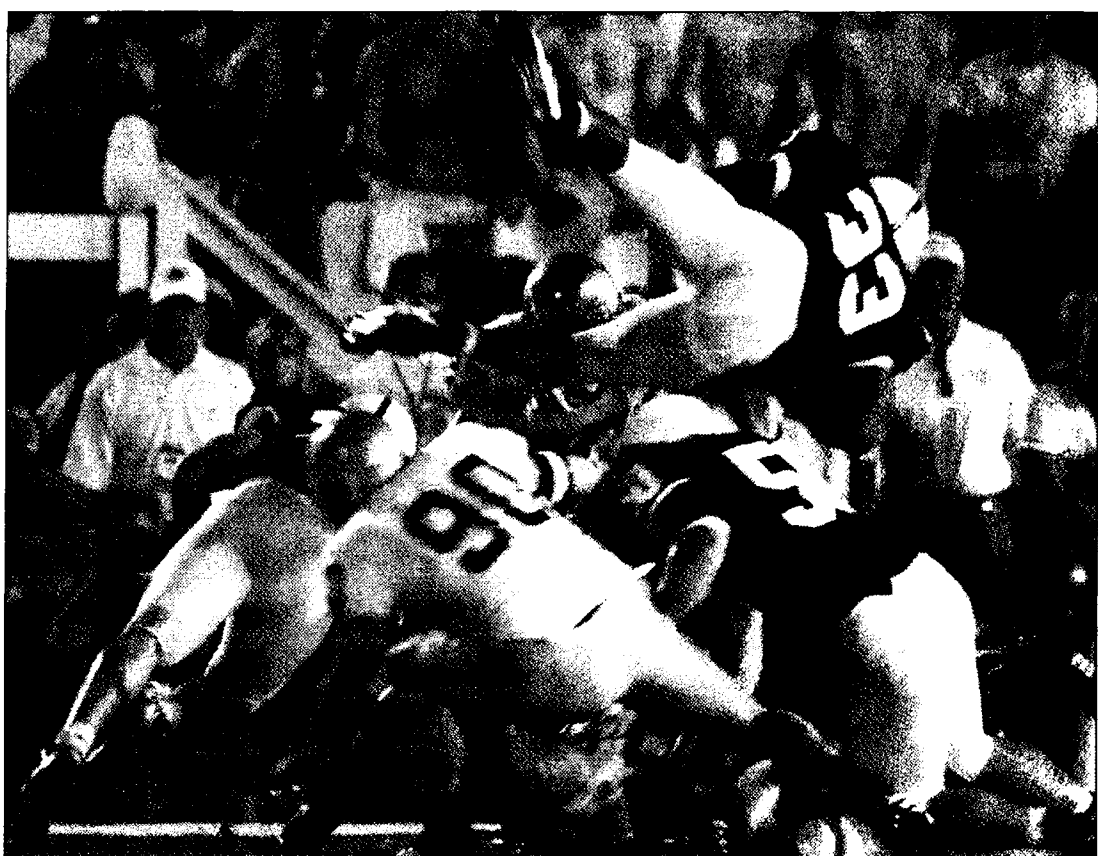
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Big hopes, bigger fall

Notre Dame and freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen started off with an impressive opening drive, taking the ball 47 yards down the

field before missing a long field goal. The Irish took an early 7-0 lead over No. 14 Penn State after cornerback Darrin Walls' 73-yard interception return, but the Nittany Lions responded with a 10-yard touchdown pass to Jordan Norwood and a 78-yard punt return from

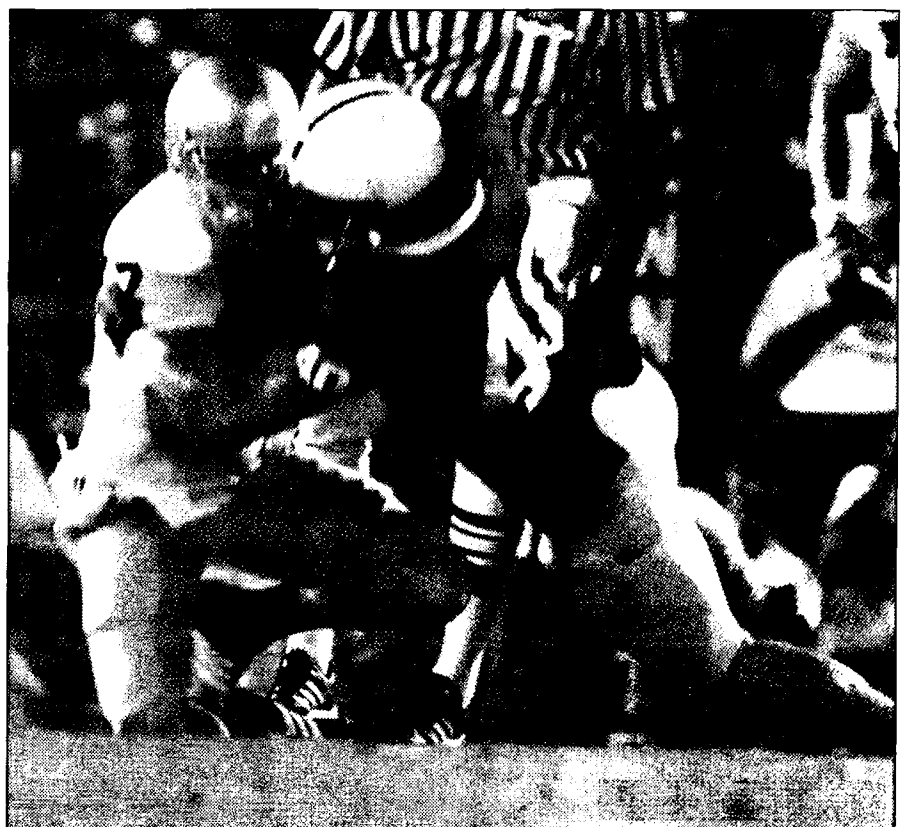
Derrick Williams to regain the lead — one Penn State would not relinquish. The Lions defense continued to pressure Notre Dame all game, and the Irish were unable to regain the success of their first drive. Although Notre Dame's defense continues to improve from last season, it could not hold off the relentless Penn State attack, giving up a late touchdown after being on the field the majority of the game to push the score to 31-10.



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Top left, Irish cornerback Darrin Walls returns an interception for a touchdown. Top right, Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen runs upfield. Center, Lions tailback Austin Scott jumps for a touchdown. Bottom right, Lions linebacker Dan Connor sacks Clausen. Bottom left, Irish linebacker Anthony Vernaglla tackles Lions tailback Rodney Kinlaw.



Brothers Solomon fails to deliver



OBSERVER GRAPHIC | Jarred Wafer

By CASSIE BELEK
Assistant Scene Editor

It's a shame that people with such great comedic talent can make such a humorless and boring film as "The Brothers Solomon." It's difficult to put the blame on any one person, but within the first 10 minutes of the slow-moving comedy, the audience knows it's in for a stinker.

Of course, there's only so much a person can do with the material that he or she is given. Will Forte ("Saturday Night Live") pens the script and also co-stars as Dean Solomon. Dean and his brother

John (Will Arnett) resolve to give their father, Ed (Lee Majors), a grandson as his dying wish. But the two brothers (who happened to be home-schooled at the North Pole) aren't very lucky with the ladies, and they eventually settle on a surrogate — Janine (fellow "SNL" player Kristen Wiig).

Forte's script isn't all bad. The funny is there; we just never see it on the screen. Blame that on director Bob Odenkirk, who hasn't spearheaded any significant projects prior to "The Brothers Solomon." There are a few laugh-out-loud moments, but everything in between feels drawn-out, and many of the gags fall far short of being comedic.

Between Odenkirk's directing and Forte's writing, the movie is left with implausible situations and far too many underdeveloped characters.

The most tragic aspect of "Brothers Solomon" is that the cast is filled with some of the comedic world's best. Arnett stole scene after scene as Gob in the now-defunct "Arrested Development," but he

perhaps draws too much on the character he played in that late, great sitcom. His character here, John, evokes no sympathy and instead borders on creepy and psychotic. As for the "Saturday Night Live" cast members in the movie,

Forte is harmless enough, but Wiig is disappointingly underused. As the lead female, her character is as boring as any of the stock female characters thrown into male comedies for the sole purpose of advancing what little plot actually exists. Wiig deserves better material than what she is given — maybe even a joke or two.

The only funny character that we actually come to like is Janine's on-again, off-again boyfriend James, played by Chi McBride — a wonderful television actor seen in the upcoming ABC series "Pushing Daisies." Maybe James is the funniest because he's the most realistic of all the characters. John is too forceful, Dean isn't forceful enough, Tara is too mean and Janine shows no passion for anything. Janine is just right.

In addition to the director and actors, quite a bit of blame lies with Forte — a

talented but unspectacular "Saturday Night Live" cast member. He's good enough when it comes to sketch comedy, but writing sketch comedy isn't the same as writing a feature film. And just like "Saturday Night Live" sometimes struggles to find proper endings for sketches, Forte fails to find a proper ending for "The Brothers Solomon."

The conclusion (which doesn't come quickly enough) seems almost like an afterthought, a way to quickly tie up loose ends for characters we care too little about.

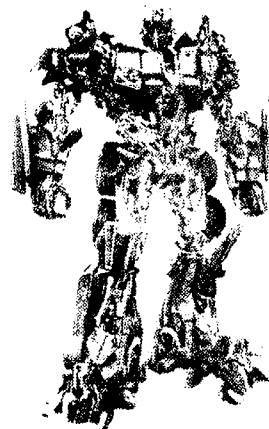
After a summer dominated by Judd Apatow and his legion of smart, sophisticated and funny actors, writers and directors, "The Brothers Solomon" only succeeds in making us wish that another Apatow project were in theaters right now. Not every comedy has to be a commentary on society, but it should at least make us laugh more than seven times. In this post-Apatow world, we have raised our comedy standards, and "The Brothers Solomon" fails to measure up in too many ways.

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The Brothers Solomon

Directed by: Bob Odenkirk

Starring: Will Forte, Will Arnett, Lee Majors, Kristin Wiig and Chi McBride



AUTOBOTS AND DECEPTICONS BATTLE IN "TRANSFORMERS THE GAME"



OBSERVER GRAPHIC | Jarred Wafer

By DAMON JASON
Staff Writer

"Transformers: The Game" parallels the summer blockbuster based on much-beloved '80s pop culture icons the Autobots (good guys) and Decepticons (bad guys). The game's loose plotline revolves around the "AllSpark," or the life force of all Transformers. Somehow the AllSpark has fallen to earth, and the dueling forces of the Autobots and Decepticons must race against time and each other to retrieve it.

As cool as this may sound, eventually gamers have to play the actual game, which is broken up into two separate

campaigns. The two opposing storylines are both painfully short, as the entire game can be completed in approximately six hours, and they are far too similar. In the Autobot campaign, players must retrieve the AllSpark while working to preserve human life. In the Decepticon campaign, players must retrieve the AllSpark while, in a shocking twist, working to destroy human life.

The Decepticon campaign might have been more fun to play if the environments were designed to be fully destructible, but they aren't very consistent.

Why is it that gamers can easily level a house, but chain link fences are as unyielding as the Great Wall of China?

Graphically, the game is respectably average. The in-game engine is done well enough that all of the Transformers resemble their cinematic counterparts.

But while it may just

be nostalgia, the cartoon-like, anime-inspired versions of Transformers of yore are much preferred over the newly mechanized and industrial look featured in "Transformers: The Game." The computer-generated cut scenes look beautiful, however, complete with voiceovers

featuring actors cast in the film.

Each of the Transformers has its own unique assortment of weapons, which include both a primary gun and secondary missile.

Any player must admit that running around with Optimus Prime and his double wielded pistols is one cool gaming experience. But all Transformers have the exact same three-hit melee combo, a circumstance that gets old very quickly.

The control scheme itself would be passable if it weren't for the awkward camera angles that jerk excessively during battles. Occasionally, the camera work also gets "hung up" on buildings and other environmental elements.

For those not in the know, all

Transformers also have a vehicle form. Even if gamers are spoiled by racing titles like "Need For Speed" and "Burnout," is it wrong for them to expect somewhat realistic car physics from these vehicle formations? True, the game is, in the end, only a game.

But when every Transformer's vehicle form handles like a '96 Buick Regal — read: not very well — one has to voice their concern. Gamers are forced to restart levels multiple times because the terrible handling for each vehicle prevents them from racing back to the green checkpoint beacon before time expires.

Ultimately, "Transformers: The Game" is only the latest in a seemingly endless series of shameless cash-ins to popular summer blockbusters. It looks and plays decently, but too much of the game feels like a "been there, done that" experience for most gamers. "Transformers: The Game" is fine for a limited rental, but there are far better games on the market that are deserving of any player's \$60.

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Transformers: The Game

Developer: Traveller's Tales

Consoles: Playstations 2 and 3, Xbox 360, Nintendo Wii, Nintendo DS and PC



New target Moss propels Patriots to victory

LaDainian Tomlinson helps Chargers take down Bears in season opener with rushing touchdown, TD pass to boot

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Randy Moss caught a long pass and stepped into the end zone, flashing the dominant playmaking ability that made him one of NFL's most feared wide receivers.

Looks like it's time for opposing defenses to get scared again.

Moss caught nine passes from Tom Brady for 183 yards and a touchdown in his New England debut, leading the Patriots to a 38-14 victory over the New York Jets on Sunday. Ellis Hobbs also set an NFL record by taking the second-half kickoff 108 yards for a score.

"I was nervous before the game," Moss said. "I didn't know how much I was going to play or what might happen. I settled down after the first catch and the first hit. I don't think I ever was more anxious or more nervous. I didn't know how I would play."

Neither did anyone else, including the Patriots.

Moss, acquired from Oakland in a draft-day deal, missed most of training camp with a hamstring injury and it was unclear how much of an impact he would have with his new team, or if he'd even play against the Jets.

In the end, Moss made all the difference.

"I've been playing long enough

so that I've pretty much got down catching balls and making plays after I get them," Moss said. "I've got that covered, but I've got to get my mind ready."

Moss was prepared after two miserable years with the Raiders. A perennial Pro Bowl receiver with Minnesota, he appeared rejuvenated Sunday, showing no ill effects from the missed time in camp.

"He was a great player before he got to the Patriots," Brady said. "Obviously, he's still a great player."

Brady, who faced little pressure from the Jets, was 22-of-28 for 297 yards and three touchdowns, including a 5-yarder to Benjamin Watson that was set up by catches of 22 and 33 yards by Moss. Brady continued his mastery of the Jets, improving to 7-0 against them at Giants Stadium, and 11-2 overall. Brady has thrown 17 touchdown passes and only five interceptions in his 14 appearances against the Jets.

With many fans still returning to their seats from the halftime break, Hobbs caught in Mike Nugent's kickoff deep in the end zone and surprisingly ran it out.

Hobbs made a few cuts to the left sideline and took off untouched into the end zone to give New England a 21-7 lead 14 seconds into the third quarter.

"When you start going, you



Bears free safety Daniele Manning tackles Chargers tight end Antonio Gates after a completed pass in Sunday's season opener. The Chargers won 14-3 behind Gates' nine catches.

can feel it opening up more and more," Hobbs said. "You just want to head for that end zone. I always try to find that sixth or seventh gear, the gear they don't even make."

The play also tied the record for longest in NFL history, matching the 108-yard missed field goal returns by Chicago's Devin Hester last season against the Giants, and the Bears' Nathan Vasher the previous season against San Francisco.

"That was tough to swallow," Jets linebacker Jonathan Vilma said. "It was tough for us to give up that."

Laveranues Coles had two touchdown catches for the Jets, who had a scare in the third quarter when quarterback Chad Pennington hobbled to the sideline with a lower right leg injury.

On second-and-12 from the Patriots 49, Pennington went back to throw and was hit hard by Jarvis Green. Pennington was slow to get up and was in obvious pain before standing up, then collapsing to the turf after taking a few steps. Pennington eventually hopped on his left leg to the sideline.

"I've never had a lower leg injury before," Pennington said. "I'm not going to lay there, I'll tell you that."

Pennington flung his helmet to the ground as he hopped over to

the bench, where he was surrounded by team trainers. Kellen Clemens replaced him, but Pennington came back to start the Jets' next series with his right ankle heavily wrapped. He led the team on a scoring drive capped by Coles' 1-yard touchdown catch.

Chargers 14, Bears 3

Maybe this wouldn't be such a good Super Bowl matchup, after all.

At least not the way the Chicago Bears and San Diego Chargers looked on Sunday.

LaDainian Tomlinson and the Chargers finally took control of a sloppy season opener, with the reigning NFL MVP throwing for one touchdown and rushing for another in a win over the defending NFC champion Bears.

It's clear these two teams, each with high expectations, have some work to do.

The Bears, who topped the NFC last year at 13-3 before losing in the Super Bowl to Indianapolis, were nothing short of brutal with four turnovers. Two of them set up the game's only two touchdowns.

The Chargers, an NFL-best 14-2 in 2006 before their playoff pratfall against New England, had two turnovers and allowed three sacks.

Still, Norv Turner came away a

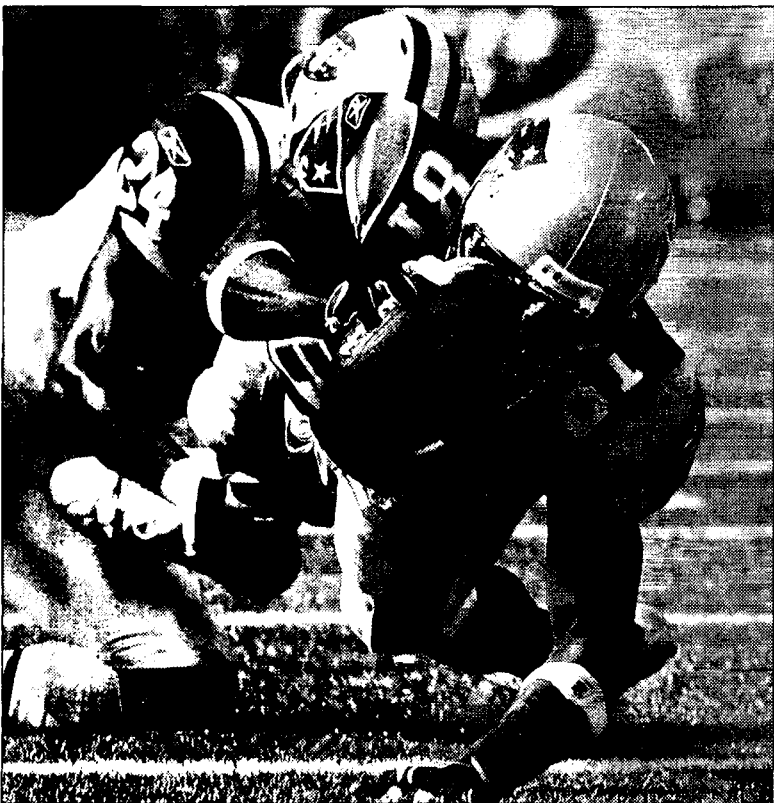
winner in his debut as Chargers head coach, raising his overall head coaching record with three teams to 59-82-1.

Tomlinson threw a 17-yard TD pass to All-Pro tight end Antonio Gates with 45 seconds left in the third quarter, then scored on a 7-yard run with 9:09 left to play.

While Tomlinson tore through Chicago's defense in a shoe commercial that's been airing recently, he didn't fare nearly as well against the real Bears. He was held to 25 yards on 17 carries, the second-lowest total of his seven-year career. His longest gain of the day was 10 yards on the final play of the first half, when the Chargers ran out the clock and went into the locker room trailing 3-0.

Tomlinson did catch seven passes for 51 yards, but the guy who saved the Chargers was Gates, who had 107 yards on nine catches.

The Bears got away with a big one in the third quarter, when the Chargers were poised to punch it in from the 1. Defensive tackle Tommie Harris appeared to be offside as he anticipated the snap and flew into quarterback Philip Rivers, forcing him to fumble. Mike Brown recovered and, despite the Chargers' protests, the Bears kept the ball. They ended up punting, though.



Patriots wide receiver Randy Moss reaches for yardage past Jets cornerback Darrelle Revis in a 38-14 victory Sunday.

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NFL Week 2 predictions
CIN over CLE, IND over TEN
DAL over MIA, CHI over KC
NYJ over BAL, SD over NE
CAR over HOU, NO over TAM

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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Boston	87-57	.604	7-3	-
NY Yankees	81-62	.566	7-3	5.5
Toronto	72-70	.507	5-5	14
Baltimore	61-81	.430	3-7	25
Tampa Bay	60-83	.420	7-3	26.5

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Cleveland	82-60	.577	7-3	-
Detroit	77-66	.538	6-4	5.5
Minnesota	70-73	.490	3-7	12.5
Kansas City	62-80	.437	3-7	20
Chicago Sox	61-82	.427	4-6	21.5

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
LA Angels	84-58	.592	6-4	-
Seattle	75-66	.532	2-8	8.5
Oakland	69-75	.479	4-6	16
Texas	68-74	.479	8-2	16

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
NY Mets	81-61	.570	8-2	-
Philadelphia	75-67	.528	5-5	6
Atlanta	73-70	.510	5-5	8.5
Washington	64-79	.448	6-4	17.5
Florida	61-82	.427	3-7	20.5

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Milwaukee	73-69	.514	7-3	-
Chicago Cubs	72-70	.507	4-6	1
St. Louis	69-71	.493	5-5	3
Cincinnati	64-79	.448	3-7	9.5
Pittsburgh	63-80	.441	4-6	10.5
Houston	62-81	.434	3-7	11.5

National League West

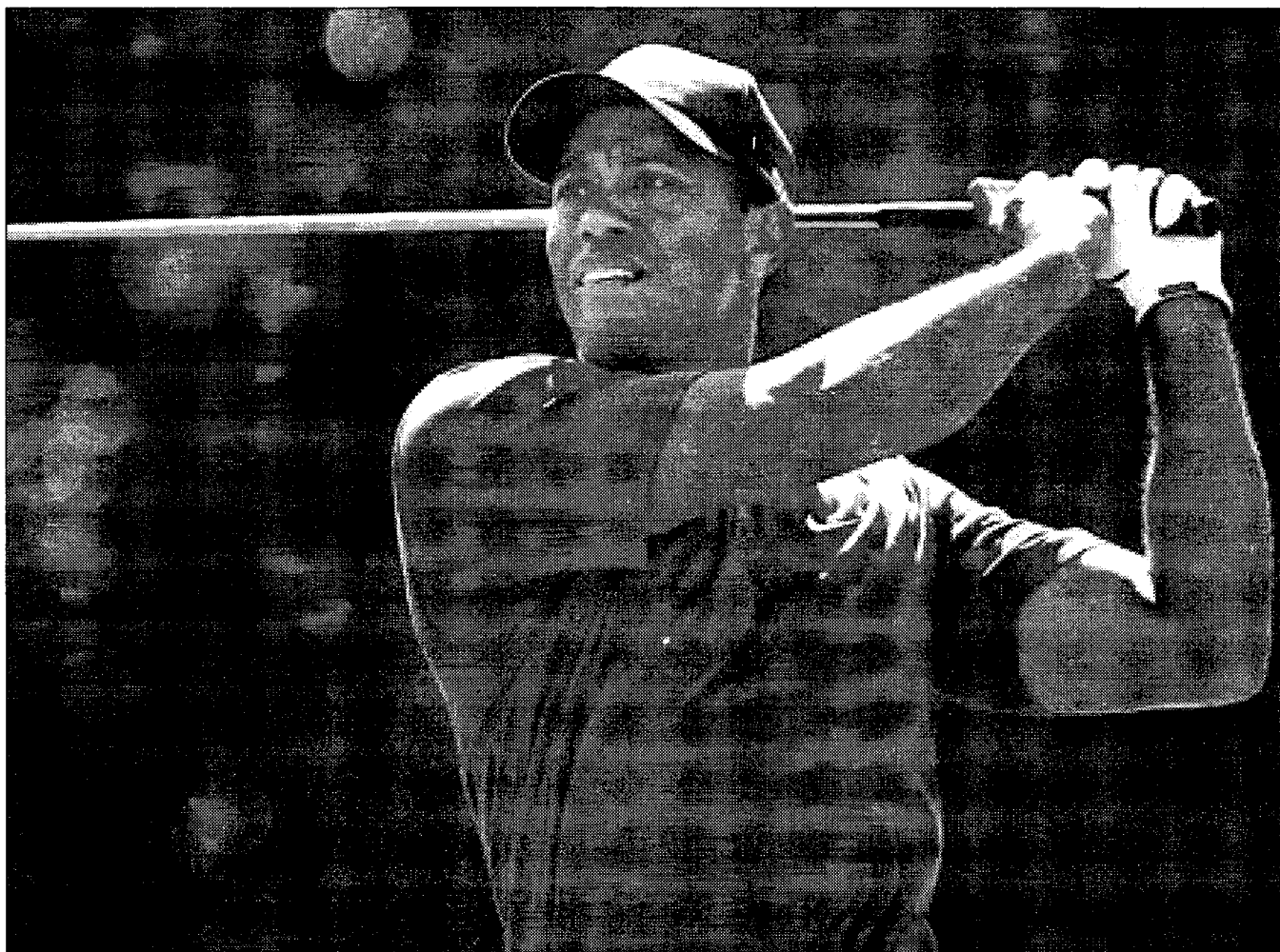
team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Arizona	81-63	.563	7-3	-
San Diego	77-65	.542	4-6	3
LA Dodgers	75-68	.524	5-5	5.5
Colorado	74-68	.521	7-3	6
San Francisco	65-78	.455	4-6	15.5

Division I NSCAA

Women's Soccer

	team	record	previous
1	Portland	1-0-0	4
2	NOTRE DAME	1-0-1	2
3	Texas A&M	2-0-0	5
4	Texas	2-0-0	9
5	Stanford	2-0-0	10
6	North Carolina	0-1-0	1
7	UCLA	0-1-0	3
8	Florida State	0-1-0	6
9	Santa Clara	1-0-0	8
10	BC	1-0-0	11
11	Virginia	2-0-0	17
12	Rutgers	2-0-0	12
13	Tennessee	2-0-0	25
14	Florida	1-1-0	13
15	Penn State	1-1-0	7
16	Cal	2-0-0	18
17	UConn	1-1-0	16

PGA TOUR



Tiger Woods tees off in the fifth hole at the BMW Championship at Cog Hill Golf & Country Club in Lemont, Ill. His victory Sunday helped him earn his 60th win on the PGA Tour.

Woods wins third FedEx Cup event

Associated Press

LEMONT, Ill. — Playing next to Tiger Woods for two days was daunting enough. It was when Steve Stricker watched him from 200 yards away on an elevated tee that he realized how tough it would be to beat him Sunday in the BMW Championship.

He arrived on the par-3 12th tee in time to see Woods, in his customary black pants and red shirt, rap a putt that traveled from one side of the green to the other until the ball disappeared after a 50-foot journey and gave Woods an unlikely birdie.

"It looked like he looked

back to make sure that we were watching him make birdie," Stricker said.

Not so, Woods replied.

"I didn't do a Sergio," Woods said with a smile, referring to when Sergio Garcia stared him down at nearby Medinah eight years ago in a fruitless chase at the PGA Championship.

Woods only cared about making birdies, and he got enough of them at Cog Hill to close with an 8-under 63 for a two-shot victory over Aaron Baddeley. Along the way, Woods shattered the tournament scoring record, collected his 60th career victory on the PGA Tour and moved atop the stand-

ings in the FedEx Cup with one week remaining.

"If you wanted to win this tournament, you had to make putts," Woods said. "And I just happened to make them today."

The 63 matched Woods' lowest final round to win, and he finished at 22-under 262 to break by five shots the 72-hole record at Cog Hill first set by Scott Hoch in 2001 and matched by Woods two years later.

And while his 60th tour victory surprised him, the amazement wore off when he was reminded that it was only 13 months ago at the Buick Open that everyone made a fuss over Woods winning No. 50.

Baddeley gave him a good chase until he ran out of birdies on the back nine and settled for a 66. Stricker was tied for the lead until his 3-iron clipped a tree and came up well short on the 12th, leading to a bogey no one could afford. He wound up with a 68 to finish alone in third, enough for him to move up to No. 2 in the FedEx Cup standings.

"There isn't a lot you can do," Stricker said. "I would have had to shoot 63 today to beat him. When you see him ahead of us making the birdies and hearing the roars, you know that he's on a roll and not making many mistakes. It's tough."

IN BRIEF

Bills' Kevin Everett has surgery for cervical spine injury

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Kevin Everett had surgery Sunday evening, hours after the Buffalo Bills reserve tight end showed no signs of movement after sustaining a severe neck injury in the team's season opener against Denver.

Bills spokesman Scott Berchtold said he was informed by the team's medical staff the player went into surgery at a Buffalo hospital at about 8 p.m. Berchtold said he had no further information, and didn't know whether Everett had shown any signs of movement since he was driven off the field in an ambulance.

Coach Dick Jauron said immediately following the game that the player sustained a cervical spine injury, but wouldn't discuss the severity of the injury.

The player's agent Brian Overstreet was not immediately available for comment.

Gibbons received illegal prescription medications

NEW YORK — Baltimore Orioles outfielder Jay Gibbons received performance-enhancing steroids and human growth hormone after both substances were banned by baseball, SI.com reported Sunday.

Gibbons is the latest athlete to be linked to the Florida pharmacy under investigation for illegally distributing prescription medications.

Major League Baseball asked Friday to meet with St. Louis' Rick Ankiel and Toronto's Troy Glaus after two reports said they received performance-enhancing drugs from Signature Pharmacy several years ago.

Between October 2003 and July 2005, Gibbons got six shipments of Genotropin (a brand name for synthetic human growth hormone), two shipments of testosterone and two shipments of human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG), SI.com said.

Franchitti wins PEAK Antifreeze Indy 300

JOLIET, Ill. — Dario Franchitti topped off "a crazy season" with an unlikely victory Sunday at Chicagoland Speedway, winning his first IndyCar Series title in what might be his farewell to open-wheel racing.

The difference for the Scot in the PEAK Antifreeze Indy 300 was his ability to squeeze out half a lap more than Scott Dixon on their final lap of fuel, with the New Zealander running out of ethanol while leading two turns from the end of the 200-lap race.

Franchitti, who nearly saw the chance of winning his first open-wheel title slip away with crashes in each of the four races leading up to the season finale, could hardly believe his good fortune after struggling with traffic and an ill-handling car most of the day.

"It's been a crazy season," said Franchitti, who also won his first Indianapolis 500 in May.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Federer wins fourth straight U.S. Open title

Swissman now within two championships of American legend Pete Sampras' record for career major titles

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Roger Federer sure gave Novak Djokovic chances, plenty of chances, to pull off a major upset in the U.S. Open final.

Federer knows how to win these things, while Djokovic is still learning, and that made the difference Sunday. Hardly at the top of his game, Federer came through, beating Djokovic 7-6 (4), 7-6 (2), 6-4 for his fourth consecutive U.S. Open championship and 12th Grand Slam title overall.

Federer is the first man since Bill Tilden in the 1920s to win the American Grand Slam four years running, and, still only 26 years old, he moved within two of Pete Sampras' career record of 14 major titles.

"I think about it a lot now," Federer said of Sampras' mark. "To come so close at my age is fantastic, and I hope to break it."

How many Slams can he win?

"I don't know," Federer said. "I hope more than Pete."

This one was a close call. The 20-year-old Djokovic was in his first Slam final, yet he led 6-5 in each of the opening two sets.

In the first, he held five set points. In the second, he held two.

Federer erased all of those, showing the craft and cool that have allowed him to hold the No. 1 ranking for the past 188 weeks, the longest run ever.

"My next book is going to be called, 'Seven Set Points,'" Djokovic said, flashing the same sort of humor he displayed when he did on-court impersonations of other players after his quar-

terfinal victory.

On a more serious note, the No. 3-seeded Djokovic said of Federer: "Once again, he showed he's the best."

In Djokovic, Federer was facing the only man to beat him over the past three months, but that was in early August at Montreal, not early September at New York, and in a Grand Slam tuneup, not the real deal.

So, not just talented with a racket but prescient, too, Federer pretty much predicted what would transpire. Shortly before walking out for Sunday's match, he said knowingly, "It'll be interesting to see how he handles the final."

Sure was.

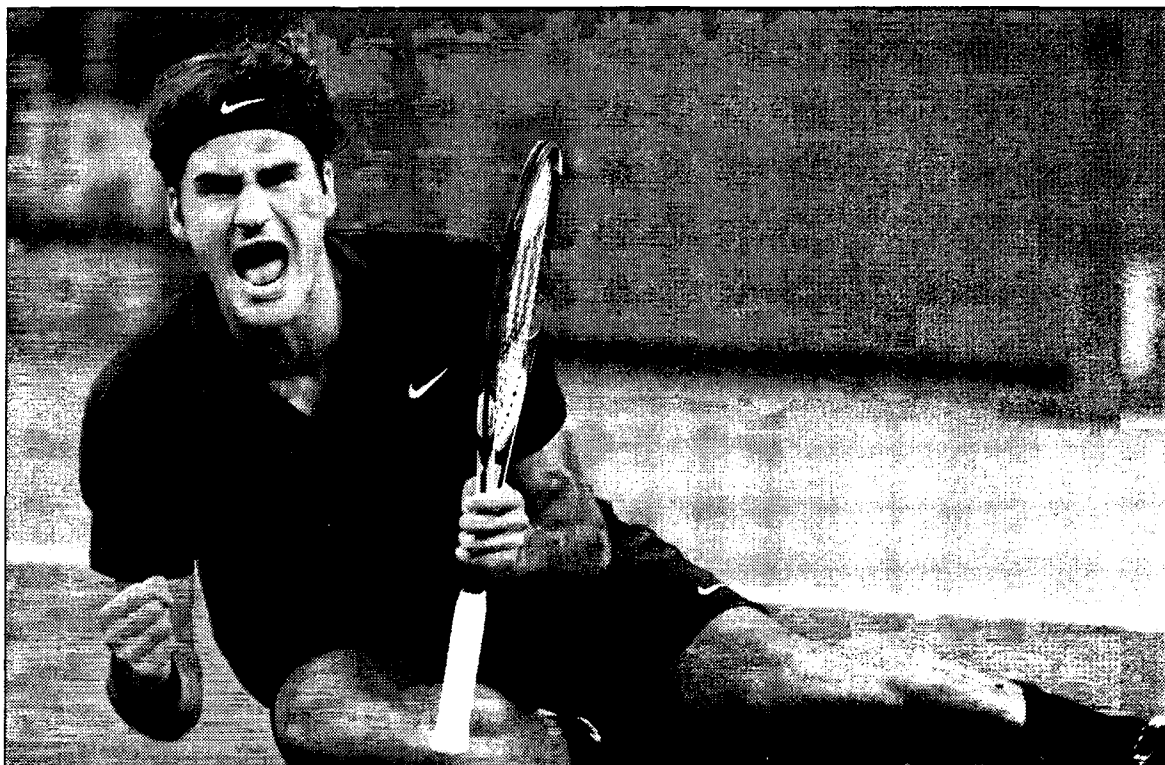
Afterward, Federer spoke about having enjoyed getting another shot at Djokovic.

"New guys challenging me — this is my biggest motivation out there," Federer said. "Seeing them challenging me, and then beating them in the finals."

In the end, about the only category Djokovic won on this day was "Most Intriguing Guests," with 2006 Open champion Maria Sharapova — "just a friendship," he said — and actor Robert De Niro sharing a box with his parents in the stands.

Federer was dressed for an evening on the town — all in black, from headwrap and wristband to socks and shoes, from shirt to shorts with tuxedo-like satin stripes down the sides — and he finished things under the lights by breaking Djokovic in the last game with the help of a no-look, over-the-shoulder volley winner.

It's the type of shot that has



Swissman Roger Federer falls to the court in celebration after beating Serbian Novak Djokovic for his fourth straight U.S. Open title Sunday. The victory raised Federer's mark to 12 Grand Slam titles.

prompted plenty of people to call Federer the greatest to ever swing a racket.

Which is why, at the start, it was surprising that Federer was not the Federer everyone has to come to expect. When Federer double-faulted, then sprayed two forehands long, Djokovic broke to go up 6-5. Perhaps thinking they'd witness an upset, many in the over-capacity crowd of 25,230 got on their feet, clapping and screaming.

So, serving for the first set, Djokovic raced to a 40-love edge.

Three set points.

Three chances to take a one-set lead against Federer in the U.S. Open final.

And just like that, they vanished: Federer hit a cross-court forehand winner that caught a line, and Djokovic missed two backhands.

Then came two more set points that Federer erased. Then, in the tiebreaker, Djokovic made three backhand errors and two double-faults, including on the last point.

"He knows what it feels like to be in that kind of situation. He

knows how to cope with the pressure," Djokovic said. "For me, this is something new."

It showed again later.

When Federer served while trailing 6-5 in the second set, Djokovic let two more set points go by the wayside. Again they went to a tiebreaker, and again Federer was better. When he ended it with a backhand passing winner down the line — placing the ball through the one, tiny opening there was — Federer skipped toward the sideline, screamed and punched the air.



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TRACK AND FIELD

Powell sets record for 100-meter dash

Jamaican bests his previous record mark

Associated Press

RIETI, Italy — Asafa Powell set another world record in the 100 meters, and suspects he can go even faster.

The world's fastest man improved his record Sunday, winning a heat at the Rieti Grand Prix in 9.74 seconds despite easing at the end.

"This means that I can do even 9.68," Powell said. "I'm worth that time, I know it."

The record comes only two weeks after the Jamaican finished a disappointing third at the track and field world championships in Osaka, Japan.

"I made a couple of mistakes and I corrected them," said Powell, who lowered the mark by 0.03 seconds, having run 9.77 three times. "That's what happens when I start to listen to the coach."

The heat, the second of two, was run with a strong tail wind, but it was below the maximum allowed by track and field's governing body, making the record valid.

In the final, Powell won in 9.78 — with no tail wind. Michael Frater of Jamaica was second in 10.03, followed by Jaysuma Saidy Ndure of Norway in 10.10.

"Today I ran like I should have done at the worlds," Powell said. "At Osaka I was too tense, I was thinking about the race and the time I had to set. Instead here I was relaxed."

In the heat, Ndure was second to Powell in 10.07, and Kim Collins of St. Kitts and Nevis was third in 10.14.

After winning the final, Powell celebrated amid a crowd of photographers on the field of Raul Guidobaldi stadium, throwing a bouquet of flowers into the stands. He also ran a lap of honor, shaking hands with fans and signing autographs.

"Me and my coach have been working to getting myself back to normal," Powell said. "I came here today and I executed properly and did what I was supposed to do."

Powell is only the fourth non-American to hold the 100 world record since 1912. Donovan Bailey of Canada (1996), Armin Hary of West Germany (1960) and Percy Williams of Canada (1930) are the others.

Rieti is a fast track on which six middle-distance world records have been set. That was not lost on Powell, who was trying to bounce back from his disappointing performance at the

worlds.

"It's a very fast track. I love this track. It's very bouncy," said Powell, who trains in Italy three months of the year. "Italy is a good place for me. It's my second home."

Powell first set the world record of 9.77 in June 2005 in Athens, Greece. Justin Gatlin matched the time in May 2006, but the American faces a suspension of up to eight years following a positive doping test for testosterone and other steroids at the Kansas Relays a month earlier. In June 2006, Powell again ran 9.77, and then did it a third time in August 2006.

But despite the fast times, Powell has struggled at major competitions, missing a medal at the 2004 Athens Olympics. At the worlds, he finished behind gold medalist Tyson Gay and Derrick Atkins, running 9.96. The bronze was Powell's first major medal.

"That was a race I had to win and I didn't. Enough. I lost," Powell said. "The real Powell is the one from today, not the Osaka one."

Powell had also been one of the favorites at the 2003 worlds, but he was disqualified in the heats for a false start. He missed the 2005 worlds because of a groin injury.

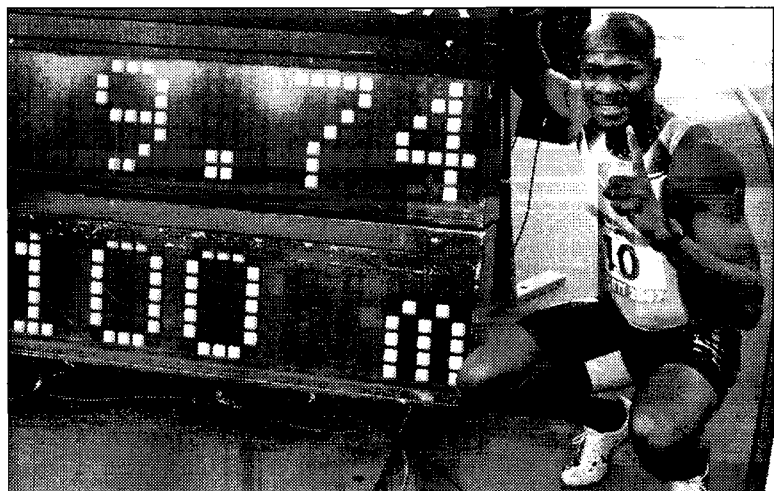
Michael Johnson, the world record holder at both 200 and 400 meters, criticized Powell during the worlds last month, saying the Jamaican is "not a great competitor." Johnson said Powell gave up in Osaka when he was overtaken by Gay in the final 40 meters.

"He's not a great competitor, you can see it in his eyes," Johnson wrote in his column for the BBC. "He can learn to be a great competitor, but first you have to admit that you're not."

Powell should get another chance to race Gay next Sunday. Both are scheduled to compete at the Golden League's Memorial Van Damme meet in Brussels, Belgium.

Sally McLellan of Australia won the women's 100 in 11.30, with Stephanie Durst of the United States second in 11.37 and Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie of the Bahamas third in 11.38.

Several world champions also won, including Lauryn Williams of the United States in the women's 200, Janeth Jepkosgei of Kenya in the women's 800, Yargelis Savigne of Cuba in the women's triple jump and Irving Saladino of Panama in the men's long jump.



Jamaican Asafa Powell celebrates by the timer after setting the world record for the 100-meter dash Sunday in Italy.

SMC GOLF

Belles finish in second

Senior Katie O'Brien shoots 76 to lead all players in the field

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's golf team got off to a good start in the 2007 MIAA season Saturday in Kalamazoo, finishing second to Olivet in the first of three MIAA jamborees with a score of 345.

Senior captain Katie O'Brien shot a 76 to lead all players in the field. Freshman Emily Gore sustained some momentum from last weekend in shooting an 86, while freshmen Michelle Hird and Amanda Mainstone shot a 93 and 95, respectively.

Junior Perri Hamma shot a 95 to round out the scoring for the Belles. Gore's 86 placed her one stroke behind a top ten finish on the individual leaderboard.

Freshmen Megan Lehr and Rosie O'Connor both shot 90s while competing as individuals.

Before Saturday's jamboree, head coach Mark Hamilton stressed the need for consistency in MIAA competition. With the tightly packed MIAA standing, Saint Mary's cannot afford to have any bad days this year. The Belles experienced no such hiccup at Kalamazoo, coming

in only 10 strokes behind 2006 conference champion Olivet.

O'Brien's performance was especially impressive. She finished a comfortable five strokes ahead of her nearest individual competitor, Olivet's Megan Rimmel.

Consistency will continue to be key, as only 18 strokes separate second-place Saint Mary's from sixth-place Albion. Tri-State and Hope are just two and three strokes behind the Belles, respectively.

The Belles look prepared to top their record from last year. The 345 they tallied on Saturday is 19 strokes better than their best round in MIAA competition in the 2006 fall season.

Olivet will likely provide stiff competition throughout the year. Four Olivet golfers placed in the top 10 on the individual leaderboard.

If O'Brien and Gore continue playing the way they have so far, the Belles will be able to keep pace with Olivet and compete for the MIAA championship.

Saint Mary's will be back in action Tuesday at Tri-State when it participates in the second MIAA jamboree.

The Observer could not reach any members of the team for comment following Sunday's tournament.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Gray leads Saint Mary's to seventh-place finish

By KATE ARNOLD
Sports Writer

In its second event of the season, Saint Mary's finished seventh at the five-kilometer Aquinas Invitational, placing ahead of Lansing Community College and MIAA foe Olivet.

Grand Valley State won the event, followed by Indiana Tech, Aquinas, Cornerstone, St. Xavier and Sienna Heights.

Belles coach Jennie Bauters was proud of the team's finish because most of the teams participating were much larger than Saint Mary's.

"Although it shows we finished 7th overall, the teams above us are NCAA Division II and NAIA teams that we do not ever score against," she said.

The Belles' times improved significantly from their first race. The course at the Aquinas Invitational is notoriously flat, and Saint Mary's believes its hard throughout the week paid dividends. But the team was not satisfied with its times and hopes to continue to cut them down.

"There was a mix of feelings after the race. Some girls ran very well and some were slightly disappointed with their times," Bauters said. "We ran in pace groups for the first two miles, which really seemed to help a number of the girls race better."

Coming in first for the Belles

was senior captain Megan Gray. With a time of 20:09, she took 32nd place overall.

"Megan has many strengths. As a runner, she is patient to see results and has tremendous drive and determination," Bauters said. "As a captain, she carries herself well and leads by example well. She has really taken a few freshmen under her guidance this year which has been beneficial to such a young team."

Gray's leadership seems to be paying off, as three of the top five Belles' runners were underclassmen. Following closely behind her were sophomore Megan McClowry (20:31), freshman Catie Salyer (21:04), freshman Sam Wiczorek (21:08) and senior Olenka Bilyk (22:21).

For Gray and sophomore Emily Graf, the event was their first of the year.

"I think waiting to race until this week was better physically and mentally for them," Bauters said.

The Belles will next run Sept. 22 in the MIAA Jamboree at Angola, Ind. The team remains confident and ready to run.

"I feel like we're in a good spot for this time of the season and leading up to preparing for our Jamboree," Bauters said.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Strong leadership creates 2 wins

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's had a roller-coaster weekend, going 2-2 at the Hiram Invitational. The young Belles squad picked up some valuable experience in the busy tournament.

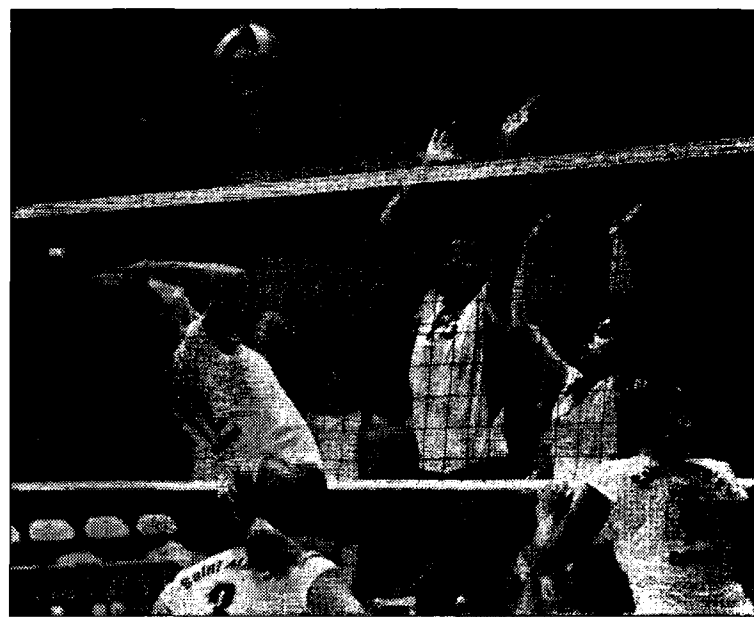
"We experienced some good success this weekend. I felt that we finally started to gel as a team and that players were really working hard for their teammates," head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "I made some position changes, and after some initial adjustments, those players really stepped it up and excelled in those positions."

The tournament got underway Friday afternoon, when the Belles took on Texas Lutheran and fell 3-0 (30-22, 30-24, 30-21).

Sophomore outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski and junior middle blocker Kaela Hellmann had big games in the losing effort. Slupczynski had a team-high 10 kills in the opening match, while Hellmann contributed seven kills and 10 digs.

Saint Mary's bounced back with a win over Thiel College later that night. Thiel put up a tough fight, but the Belles were able to pull out the victory in five games (29-31, 30-16, 17-30, 30-16, 17-15).

The Belles had to fight off a match point at 14-13 in game five before they could claim the win over the Tomcats. Slupczynski posted 17 kills and a .452 hitting percentage to lead the Belles offensive. Hellmann and junior middle blocker Cathy Kurczak both



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Junior Kaela Hellman (12) jumps for a spike in a 3-1 victory against Tri-State last September.

posted double figures in kills with 14 and 11, respectively. Senior setter Amanda David contributed to the win with an impressive 48 assists.

The Belles started day two of the Hiram Invitational with a match against Geneva College. The team won the match in four games 3-1, (30-22, 25-30, 30-27, 30-22).

In the opening match, the Belles' team leaders stepped up again. Slupczynski had 15 kills and 10 digs while Hellmann added 11 kills and 14 digs in the win. Freshman middle blocker Andrea Sasgen stepped up with three service aces to assist in the win.

The Belles finished their weekend against M.I.T., and fell in five games 3-2, (29-31, 30-23, 30-25, 21-30, 15-13).

The final match of the invita-

tional was hard fought by the Belles. Slupczynski led the pack with another double-double, 17 kills and 18 digs. She was named to the Hiram College Invitational All Tournament team.

The Belles now look forward to the week ahead. Saint Mary's will take on conference foe Olivet Tuesday, for their first home match of the season. They will play another conference competitor, Alma, on Thursday also at home.

The Belles and Schroeder-Biek are ready to be home.

"Being on the road so much these past two weeks is tough," Schroeder-Biek said. "We are anxious for the home crowd to see us play."

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SMC SOCCER

Belles lose first of season

Hope outlasts Saint Mary's in conference showdown Saturday

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's suffered its first loss of the season Saturday in a 3-1 loss to Hope College.

The Belles broke through first on a goal by junior forward Lauren Hinton in the 37th minute. Freshman midfielder Julia Gragtmans assisted on Hinton's third goal of the season.

"We started a little bit sluggish," Belles coach Caryn MacKenzie said. "But we

worked our way through that and started creating good chances and doing some fun stuff."

The lead was short-lived. Less than one minute later, junior forward Suzi Knowles assisted on a goal by senior forward Julia Fischer. The goal came off of one of Hope's seven corner kicks in the match.

The game remained tied until the 50th minute when Hope struck on a goal by Sonya Masghati, assisted by Emily Cook. Hope grabbed the momentum and never looked

back.

"When they got that second goal, it took the wind out of our sails," MacKenzie said. "It wasn't that we quit, but we felt that if we'd gotten a break and scored that second goal, the outcome of the game could have been a lot different."

Hope senior Ellie Tresslar added an insurance goal in the 86th minute on an assist by Masghati.

Despite the 3-1 score, MacKenzie was pleased with the overall performance against an organized and well-coached Hope squad.

"The score doesn't reflect how competitive the game was," MacKenzie said. "It was a really well-played game by both teams. We were disappointed that we lost, but we did a lot of very good things."

While the Belles were disappointed by the loss, MacKenzie is well aware of some of the benefits that can come from an early non-conference defeat.

"It's good to lose early," said MacKenzie. "You learn a lot more about yourself when you lose, and it gives us the opportunity to prepare for our conference matchups later in the year."

The Belles will be back in action Wednesday at Saint Mary's when they host Calvin, the 2006 MIAA champions.

The Belles record now stands at 3-1, while Hope improved to 2-2.



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Junior Lauren Hinton dribbles during a 2-1 loss to Albion Sept. 6, 2006. Hinton scored the Belles' only goal Saturday against Hope.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Men and women both win in season opener

By JAY WADE
Sports Writer

The men's and women's teams both started their seasons by running away from the competition at the Crusader Invitational last Friday in Valparaiso, Ind.

The men, looking to build on their success from last year, showed no signs of slowing down, as they placed five runners in the top 15. The Irish finished 30 points ahead of the second place team, host Valparaiso, and Wisconsin-Milwaukee filled out the top three, finishing with 75 points.

Junior Chris Rodriguez was the top runner for the Irish, finishing first with a time of 19:51 for the 6K course. He was followed closely behind by teammate junior Kevin Veselik, who came in second overall with a time of 20:01, only 10 seconds off Rodriguez's time.

The other runners for the Irish fared nearly as well, with Kevin McFadden (20:28), Mark Moore (20:30) and John Daly Jr. (20:36) finishing ninth, 10th and 11th, respectively.

With all five players in the top

15, and only seconds apart from one another, the men's team looked sharp and well prepared for the upcoming season.

The women's team avenged last year's heartbreaking one-point loss at the invitational by blowing away the competition this year. Western Michigan finished in second place, more than 20 points behind the Irish.

The leading runner for the Irish was Beth Traci, who completed the 4K course in just 19:01 to finish third. The Irish also managed to get three more runners into the top 10, with Abby Higgins (19:27), Emily Wauford (19:46) and Julie Opet (19:54), who finished sixth, seventh and ninth.

Both teams showed they would be contenders for the Big East title this season, and both teams hope to build on Friday's strong performance and use it as momentum for the coming season.

Notre Dame's next meet will be the National Catholic Championships, which the Irish will host in South Bend at 4:15 p.m. Friday.

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ninth in the nation by the American Junior Golf Association is in a five-way tie for seventh place.

The third-best score on the day for the Irish belonged to sophomore Annie Brophy. The second-year golfer put up a three-over par (75) for the first round and stands in a tie for 48th place.

Fellow sophomore Kristin Wetzel carded a four-over par (76), which placed her in a tie for 54th place. Rounding out the top five finishers for Notre

Dame was freshman Katie Conway, who shot a six-over par (78) on the day, leaving her in a tie for 73rd.

Tee times for the second round begin today at 7:40 a.m. Notre Dame will look to build upon its record-setting day in an attempt to climb the leader board and begin the season with a tournament victory.

The Cougar Classic will finish Tuesday afternoon, giving the Irish less than a week to prepare for the Napa River Grill Cardinal Cup in Louisville, Ky.

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Clark said. "He played real well, and he caused a lot of trouble. I thought that was a real positive."

There still were negatives to come for Notre Dame, though, as senior goalie Chris Cahill appeared to injure his quad muscle late in Friday night's game, and junior defender Jack Traynor was sent off after receiving his second yellow card.

Although the personnel losses were heavy heading into Sunday's game with Northern Illinois, Clark did not appear too worried about the short or long-term prospects for his team.

"[The injuries] shouldn't have any effect, and I don't think it does," Clark said. "This is an opportunity for the youngsters, and this is when you've got to step up. [Injuries] were how Joe Lapira got his chance his freshman year, and the youngsters can't wait to take advantage of this."

It would be one of those youngsters who gave Notre Dame a chance to win Sunday afternoon against the Huskies. With the two teams tied at 1-1 entering the second overtime period, Donahue arrived first at a loose ball in Northern Illinois' penalty box, where a vicious slide tackle from Huskies defender Chris Rufa took him down.

The referee pointed immediately to the penalty spot, but Martin's kick sailed over the crossbar.

"[The penalty kick] would have been the icing on the

cake because that would have been the game right there," Clark said. "That's what makes it hard. That's what makes it seem like a loss because you had the game within your grasp."

Despite missing the penalty kick, Martin was the primary reason Notre Dame didn't lose the game. After receiving a pass 40 yards from the Huskies goal, Martin took two touches and let rip from 35 yards out. Northern Illinois' goalie Joe Zimka was helpless as Martin's shot knuckled over his head, dipping down into the back of the net.

The Huskies tied the game 11 minutes later when forward Ben Thomas slipped behind the Irish defense and finished low near post past an onrushing Cahill.

Notre Dame will be back in action next Saturday when it opens Big East play at Marquette.

"This is an opportunity for the youngsters, and this is when you've got to step up."

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

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♦ After leaving Friday's game with a muscle injury, Lapira came back to play in the second half and the first 10-minute overtime against Northern Illinois. Clark said he removed Lapira from the game after the first overtime period because he didn't want to push Lapira once he became tired.

♦ Cahill played Sunday's game with a heavy wrap over his right quadriceps, and his short goal kicks showed that his leg was not at 100 percent. Clark, however, said Cahill should fully recover by next weekend at Marquette.

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Whitney Russell added 10 kills.

The Irish recovered from a 2-1 deficit to narrowly defeat Alabama 3-2 (25-30, 30-28, 24-30, 30-19, 15-9).

Tarutis assisted 56 hits and marked 15 digs during the match play while Phillips had 18 kills and 10 digs.

Crimson Tide All-American player Crystal Hudson marked the most kills of the game with 19.

Heading into the final match of the weekend with an overall record of 3-3 and an undefeated Shamrock Invitational record, the Irish struggled to compete with No. 13 Ohio. Though they kept their losses within a seven-point margin and won the second game of the set, the Irish ultimately lost 3-1 (26-30, 30-25, 28-30, 23-30).

Stasiuk and Fesi dominated in kills for the evening while freshman libero Angela Puente held the defense together.

Though the Irish played

effective defense, Bobcats' sophomore Ellen Herman's offensive attacks were unstoppable. Senior Stephanie Blackburn also had a big game for Ohio serving the ball as well as on defense.

"Overall, we played a really tough weekend schedule," Fesi said.

The Irish left the weekend with a tournament record of 2-1 and an overall season record of 3-4. Ohio also finished with a weekend record of 2-1, while the College of Charleston and Alabama both went 1-2.

"This weekend we saw a lot of improvement. It's very exciting and gives us a lot of hope and encouragement for the rest of the season," Stasiuk said.

"[We] played some really good teams and pulled it together especially at the end of the matches."

Notre Dame travels to The Bronco Invitational in Santa Clara, Calif., Friday to play UC Santa Barbara, No. 15 Cal, and No. 19 Santa Clara.

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"Overall, we played a really tough weekend schedule."

Megan Fesi
Irish junior

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the first half on a one-timer off a pass from Hanks in the 34th minute. Sophomore forward Kelley O'Hara tied the game for the Cardinal in the 52nd minute, and the score remained tied until senior midfielder Shari Summers put a penalty kick past freshman Nikki Weiss in overtime.

"We played a very good Stanford team," Waldrum said. "It was one of those games that could have gone either way. It's one that you really want to at least get a draw or get a win out of."

For much of the Stanford game, Notre Dame was without senior forward Amanda Cinalli, who suffered a concussion in a collision with the goalkeeper and a defender during a cross.

"That really takes a lot away when you don't have her on the field as well, because her and Hanks are so good together," Waldrum said.

The Irish once again rotated all three of their keepers. Senior Lauren Karas started the game against Santa Clara, but was replaced by sophomore Kelsey Lysander at half-time. Weiss started and played for the entire game against Stanford.

"We were not good in goal at all Friday night, too many mistakes," Waldrum said. "And Nikki was there for us today. Still a couple mistakes that she made, but overall she was a little bit better for us today. I would imagine that Nikki would get the look next Friday in our tournament, and then we'll go from there. Basically, it's still wide open."

While Waldrum said he expected the defense to go

through an adjustment period, he expected more out of the offense.

"I'm a little surprised because from an attacking standpoint we got pretty much everybody back," Waldrum said. "It's a little bit disappointing that we haven't done a better job on the offensive end of things."

Notre Dame has a very tough schedule to begin the season. Of its first six games, including the preseason, five

teams have been ranked in the top 10.

Waldrum hasn't lost confidence in his team's ability to succeed this season.

"Tough weekend, but there's a lot of big games left for us in the year," he said. "If we continue to approach things the right way, we'll be okay by the end of the year. We'll be fine."

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Freshman midfielder Erica Iantomo dribbles around a defender during Notre Dame's 0-0 tie with Michigan Aug. 31 at home.

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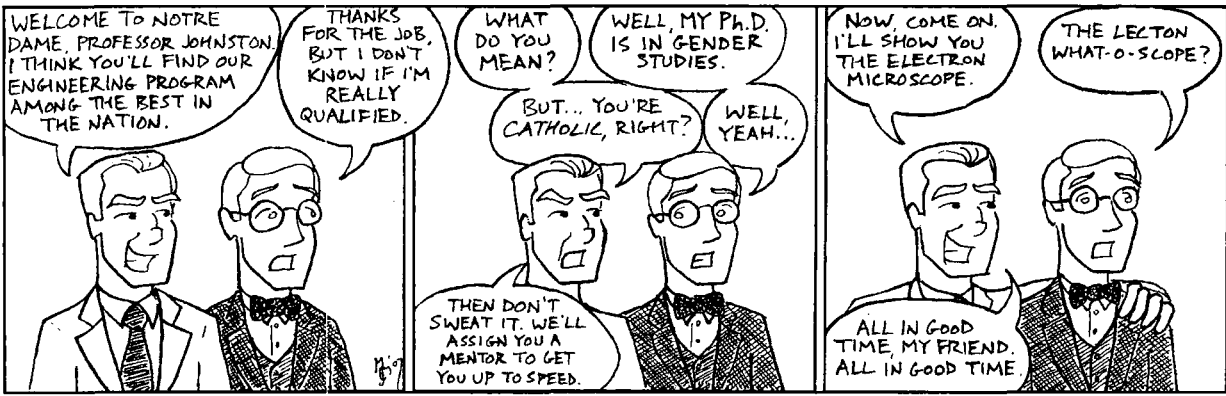
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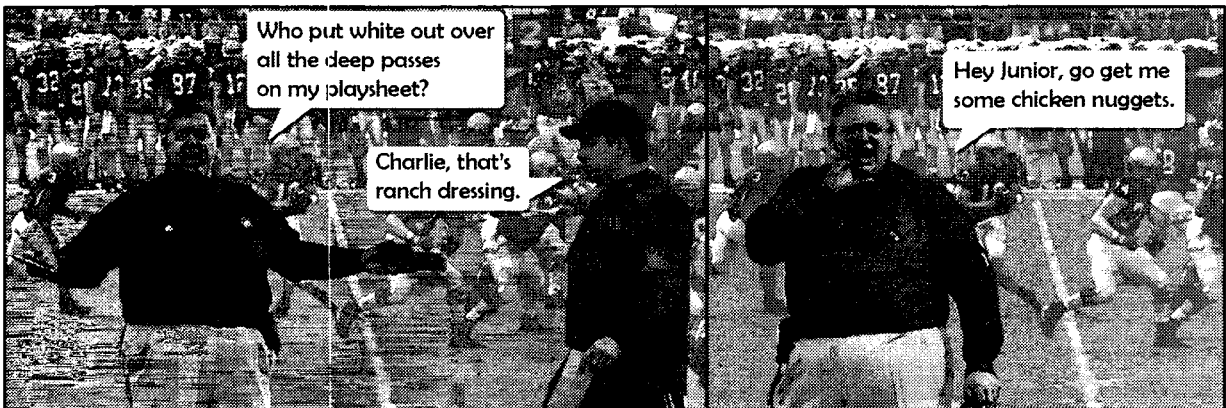
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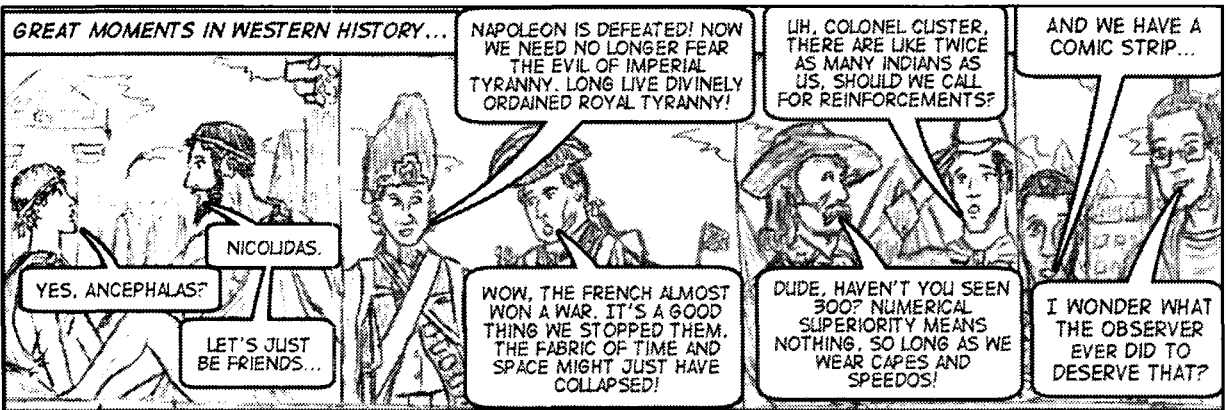
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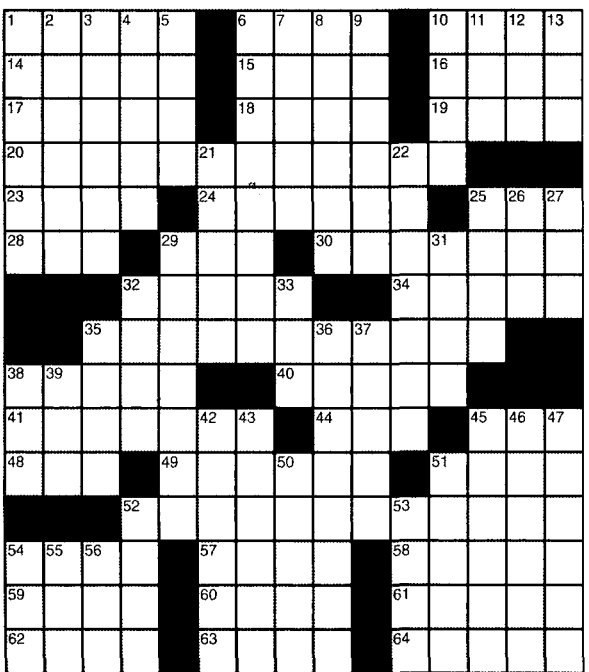
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CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
- 1 Old ___ tale
 - 6 Fiction's opposite
 - 10 Two-wheeler
 - 14 Novelist Zola
 - 15 "Are you ___ out?"
 - 16 Luau instruments, informally
 - 17 Wee
 - 18 Cost of an old phone call
 - 19 Check for a landlord
 - 20 Game equipment for an old sitcom star?
 - 23 Son of Seth
 - 24 Organic salt
 - 25 Greek T
 - 28 ___ Kippur
 - 29 Chem. or biol.
 - 30 Captains of industry
 - 32 Sudden outpouring
 - 34 Mark in "piñata"
 - 35 Game location for an actress?
 - 38 Major mix-up
 - 40 Deflect, as comments
 - 41 IBM/Apple product starting in the early '90s
 - 44 Pull tab site
 - 45 Pinup's leg
 - 48 Product pitches
 - 49 Carved, as an image
 - 51 Florence's river
 - 52 Game site for a popular singer?
 - 54 Plastic building block
 - 57 Mélange
 - 58 When repeated, classic song with the lyric "Me gotta go"
 - 59 Rainbow goddess
 - 60 Pasta sauce first sold in 1937
 - 61 Ponders
 - 62 Like some Steve Martin humor
 - 63 "___ It Romantic?"
 - 64 "Give it ___" ("Quit harping!")
- Down**
- 1 Actor Snipes of "Blade"
 - 2 Prefix with suppressive
 - 3 Owner of MTV and BET
 - 4 New York Harbor's ___ Island
 - 5 Order in a bear market
 - 6 Faithfulness
 - 7 Licorice-like flavor
 - 8 Hand-to-hand fighting
 - 9 8-Down ender
 - 10 Singer lves
 - 11 "I Like ___" (old campaign slogan)
 - 12 Barbie's doll partner
 - 13 Inexact fig.
 - 21 Train that makes all stops
 - 22 Speaker's spot
 - 25 Spilled the beans
 - 26 &
 - 27 "It's no ___!" (cry of despair)
 - 29 Go all out
 - 31 Like a mechanic's hands



Puzzle by Elizabeth A. Long

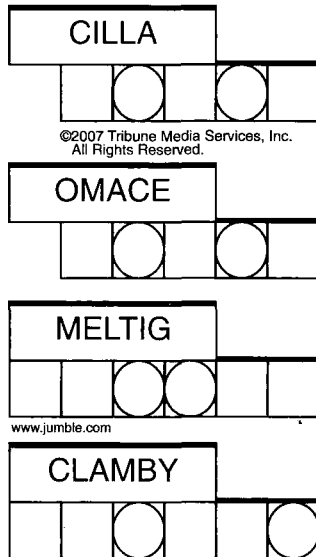
- 32 Ump's call with outstretched arms
- 33 Paranormal ability
- 35 Tools with teeth
- 36 Wasn't turned inward
- 37 Tehran native
- 38 Place for a mud bath
- 39 Doze (off)
- 42 A ___ (kind of reasoning)
- 43 Maria of the Met
- 45 Bellyache
- 46 "___ Song" (John Denver #1 hit)
- 47 Not given to self-promotion
- 50 Winston Churchill flashed it
- 51 Love of one's life
- 52 Inquisitive
- 53 ___ mater
- 54 Gossipy Smith
- 55 Pitcher's stat.
- 56 Beefeater product

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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Saturday's Jumbles: FETCH NOVEL AGHAST NAUGHT
Answer: What she got when she dried her laundry outdoors — THE "HANG" OF IT



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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Michelle Williams, 27; Henry Thomas, 36; Adam Sandler, 41; Hugh Grant, 47

Happy Birthday: You can make some interesting changes to your home and personal life that will open up greater opportunities in other areas of your life this year. Your will power and determination will lead to your success and happiness. Your numbers are 6, 11, 22, 35, 36, 43

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Anger never solved anything. If you are creative, entertaining and use your Gemini charm, you will get much further ahead. Someone from your past may try to inch his or her way back into your life. 2 stars

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): As long as you keep your personal thoughts to yourself and your emotions intact, no one will deny you what you want. You should make some changes at home or even a residential move. Confusion regarding a friend or family member may leave you at odds. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be walking a tightrope when it comes to communications. Don't promise what you can't deliver. Travel will be costly and you can expect delays. Love is on the rise. Choose wisely. 5 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You have to follow through with plans. There is money to be made and deals to be closed. Real estate, moves, renovations and making personal changes should all be up for grabs. Be sure to take an older friend's advice. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do things that will help you better prepare for the week ahead. If you participate in something that allows you to help others, you will hook up with someone who has something interesting to offer you. Love is in the stars, so put time aside to spend with someone special. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Someone may offer you something that isn't feasible. Do your homework before you put too much time and effort into something that isn't likely to fly. Focus on what you can do to make personal improvements. Avoid arguments with loved ones. 3 stars

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MEN'S SOCCER

Battering the Rams

Injured Irish come away with a win and a tie in tournament

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Due to a combination of injuries and cards, the Irish squad that took the field this weekend featured some new faces, but No. 8 Notre Dame managed a win over Rhode Island and a draw with Northern Illinois to finish in second place in the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament.

Already missing starting center midfielder Michael Thomas, who broke his jaw last weekend against UCLA, things went from bad to worse for the Irish on Friday night against Rhode Island.

Senior forward and 2006 Hermann Trophy winner Joseph Lapira pulled up grabbing his hamstring while chasing down a long ball in the 11th minute.

Though Lapira would return to play about 30 minutes Sunday against Northern

Illinois, the injury ended his night against Rhode Island. The Irish had no problem coping without him, cruising to a 3-0 victory.

The scoring started before Lapira's injury when sophomore Dave Donahue, starting in place of Thomas, notched his first goal in an Irish uniform. Senior Ryan Miller fed an overlapping Kyle Dagan down the right side.

Dagan's cross skipped through the Rhode Island box to an unmarked Donahue at the back post, who made no mistake sliding the ball into the Ram net first-time.

Another new face made his way on to the scoring sheet when sophomore Justin Morrow tallied his first career goal to double Notre Dame's lead in the 57th minute. In for the injured Lapira, Morrow ran down an Alex Yoshinaga through ball, beat one defender on the end line and cut back towards the center of the box, firing past Ram goalie Chris Pennock.

"It was nice to see Morrow get his first goal in a Notre Dame uniform," Irish coach Bobby

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Irish junior defenseman Jack Traynor slide tackles Rhode Island's Steve Mellen during Notre Dame's 3-0 victory over the Rams Friday afternoon at Alumni Field.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

No. 5 Stanford takes down Irish with OT penalty kick

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

The Irish had a rough weekend on the West Coast, where they lost to Santa Clara 7-1 Friday and dropped their second game to No. 5 Stanford 2-1 in overtime Sunday to lower their record to 1-2-1.

Sophomore forward Kiki Bosio, senior midfielder

Brittany Klein and senior forward Meagan Snell had two goals apiece for Santa Clara.

The Broncos led 2-0 midway through the first half until sophomore forward Michele Weissenhofer scored off an assist from junior forward Kerri Hanks in the 24th minute. Santa Clara scored again and took a 3-1 lead into the half, when Irish coach Randy Waldrum felt it was

time to make adjustments. The Irish played a 4-4-2 formation in the second half.

"So now at halftime, you're changing the game. You need two to tie it," Waldrum said. "We gambled a little bit, the coaching staff. I think the score really was not indicative of the game. We moved another player up front in the second half and took one of our defenders off. We needed to

get a goal. It didn't matter at that point, losing 3-1 or 7-1."

The strategy failed. Santa Clara scored four goals in the second half, and the Irish were unable to put any of their six shots home.

"We kind of gambled a little bit and unfortunately it backfired on us," Waldrum said. "We gave up four goals in the second half because of it. I think it was a little bit more of

an attempt to get back in the game. We could have continued playing the way we played, and maybe end up 3-1 and it looks respectable."

The Irish performed better against Stanford, which defeated Notre Dame on an overtime penalty kick.

Freshman midfielder Lauren Fowlkes put the Irish ahead in

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Stasiuk reaches milestone

Senior gets 1,000th kill as team goes 2-1

By PAT O'BRIEN and
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Sports Writers

Senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk reached a milestone with her 1,000th kill this weekend as the Irish took two of three matches at home.

Stasiuk had 14 kills and became the 7th player in Notre Dame history to obtain her 1,000th career kill



Stasiuk

in a 3-2 victory over Alabama Saturday night.

"I think it's a reflection of the team," Stasiuk said. "It just shows how well the passes and sets are and how well our team works together."

Notre Dame got things started in the Shamrock Invitational with a 3-1 (30-24, 24-30, 30-26, 30-19) win over the College of Charleston. Four Notre Dame players recorded double-doubles in a game where the Irish pulled through with a powerful finish.

Stasiuk recorded two aces for points 29 and 30 of the third game to put the Irish ahead 2-1.

After three tough games, Charleston seemed lifeless in the fourth contest. There were a few early ties, but Notre Dame stepped on the

throttle and never looked back for a convincing 3-1 final.

Sophomore outside hitter Megan Fesl led the way for the Irish with 19 kills and 15 digs. Both Stasiuk and sophomore outside hitter Serinity Phillips added 16 kills and 12 digs, while Stasiuk also had three aces. Senior setter Ashley Tarutis had a game-high 54 assists while recording 15 digs.

The Cougars were led by the effort of freshman setter/outside hitter Cole Dawley, who amassed 15 kills. Senior defensive specialist Megan Parkinson tallied a team-high 18 digs. Senior middle blocker Annie Uthe helped with 12 kills, and freshman outside hitter

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Maunu sets record with six-under par

Junior leads Irish to second place in first round of tournament

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Junior Lisa Maunu etched her name in Notre Dame history after the first round of the Cougar Classic Sunday. The co-captain shot a school-record round of six-under par (66) at the Yeaman's Hall Golf Club in Hanahan, S.C.

In the 2004-05 campaign, then-senior Karen Lotta set the previous program best round with a score of four-

under par (68). Maunu's record-setting day has her leading the field by two strokes. The top score helped to propel the Irish within one shot of first place as a team with a mark of 287. This score is two strokes off the program best mark for a single round of golf.

Alabama and Louisiana State are tied atop the leaderboard with a team score of 286. Texas and Tennessee are behind the Irish in a tie at 288 to round out the top five.

Freshman So-Hyun Park, playing in her first collegiate tournament, shot a two-under par (70). The recruit ranked

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