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Honor code violations increase

Notre Dame Code of Honor Committee attempts to make students, faculty aware of rules

By JENN METZ
Assistant News Editor

A total of 89 violations of Notre Dame's honor code were reported and resolved during the 2006-2007 academic year, said Dennis Jacobs, the associate provost and faculty co-chair of the Notre Dame Code of Honor Committee.

Notre Dame students and faculty are expected to adhere to the simple code — "as a member of the Notre Dame community, I will not participate in or tolerate academic dishonesty" — that lays the foundation for the University's high standards of academic integrity.

The number, which includes all cases resolved by June 7, is an aggregate approximation of the violations committed in the last academic year. Some additional cases may have occurred in the spring semester that were not fully resolved at the time of the year's report — "but that's a small number," Jacobs said.

Two years ago, the number of violations resolved was 58. Jacobs gave two possible explanations for the increase in violations.

First, it could be because the "faculty understands the process better than they did," he said. The process for reporting and resolving violations changed in 2005; before

then, all cases went to a hearing.

"There has been an increase in the number of cases since we instituted the new report," Jacobs said. "Faculty are more likely to pursue a case if they feel they have a mechanism that's efficient and that leads to an appropriate resolution."

The other possibility, he said, is that there is more cheating going on now than in the past.

"It could be a combination. It could be less cheating and more compliance. We just don't know," he said.

Jacobs said students accused of academic dishonesty sometimes claim ignorance, in cases of plagiarism

and unauthorized collaboration on homework.

Jacobs said he is working with faculty to ensure guidelines for a specific class are laid out clearly for the students so the number of times ignorance is used as a defense will decrease. He encourages faculty to put their expectations in writing, either in the syllabus or on a hand-out sheet, so the students fully understand how the honor code applies to their class.

Upon entering the University, all students receive a booklet in their orientation materials informing them of the honor code. They must

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Bloggers type on travel, ND

Privacy worries still a concern, writers say

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

Blogging has become a popular means of mass communication, and some Notre Dame students are joining the millions of Internet users who maintain personal Web sites.

Seniors Rob Arseniadis and Chris Wilson write a blog about Notre Dame football and basketball. They created their blog — www.rakesof-mallow.com — in July 2006.

Arseniadis said the concept of "blogging" didn't appeal to him until he realized he could make it humorous while maintaining enough hard content to keep readers interested.

"Really, our main goal was to get opposing fans mad at us — which we have," he said. "Honestly, we just wanted to design a site where viewers can get a student perspective on our sports teams, and we do basic things to keep them coming like adding photos or YouTube videos."

Sophomore Aldrich Anderson also has his own blog. Anderson travels frequently to the Philippines to visit his relatives. For him, blogging serves as a way to document his journeys.

"Especially for those who are obsessed with memory like me, maintaining a blog while abroad eases the fear

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University looks to boost recycling

Greater student, faculty involvement needed to increase waste reuse percentage

By MAUREEN MULLEN
News Writer

Student environmental activists and University administrators say they want to improve and expand recycling at Notre Dame by implementing new initiatives and organizing educational campaigns this year.

Many departments and individuals at the University expend great effort to recycle, said Amy Amoni, director of Project Management for University Business Operations.

But, she said, "there are also so many opportunities for improvement."

Notre Dame currently recycles 61 percent of its solid waste. This summer, the University switched to a single-stream recycling system. This switch represents a major step forward, said junior Lourdes Long, a student environmentalist and member of the Energy Center Student Advisory Board.

Until recently, Long said, campus recyclables had been sorted and disposed of separately, according to the particular material. A single-stream system allows for the mingling of recyclable paper and mixed containers

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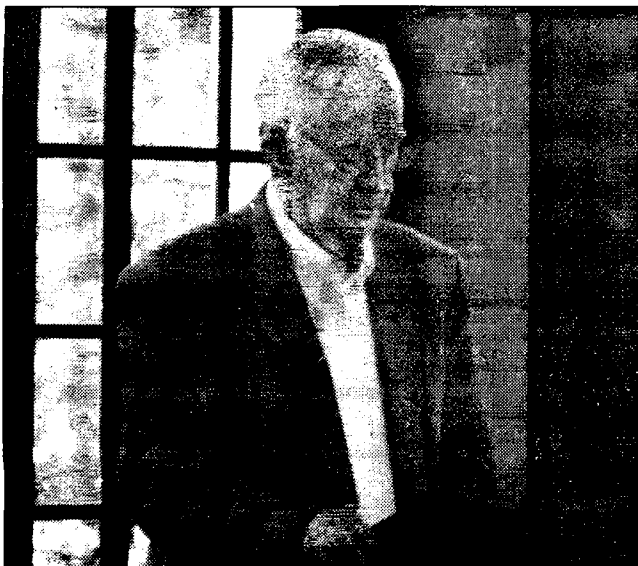
Recap of the Notre Dame Recycling Program by Fiscal Year from 1990-91 through 2005-06

Material	Total Since 90/91 (in pounds)
Aluminum Cans	488,703
Newspaper	3,123,613
Glass	1,743,843
Plastic	461,113
Corrugated	11,097,953
Wood	3,771,252
Mixed Paper	5,458,147
White Paper	2,148,783
Miscellaneous	5,573,645
Compost	11,760,000
Magazines	782,456
Ash Disposal	69,495,962
Mixed Metals	4,015,003
Grand Total	107,883,250

Courtesy of Energy & Environmental Issues Committee

JULIE GRISANT/Observer Graphic

Doxology vital, Haughey says



John Haughey, a senior fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown, speaks Thursday.

Holy Cross founder praised God through Eucharist, life

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Congregation of Holy Cross founder Father Basil Moreau praised God by living his life in unity with the Holy Spirit, said John Haughey, a senior fellow with the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University.

"The primary act of his life was the life of the Eucharist," Haughey said Thursday at Saint Mary's.

Haughey's lecture — "Saint Mary's College and Doxology: Why? How? Where? When?" — was the first lecture of the Saint Mary's Endowed Fall

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Irish fans split on traveling for game

Some students plan trip despite 0-4 record

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

Notre Dame's struggling start in football has dissuaded some Notre Dame fans, like junior Ron Kerelegon, from making the trip to West Lafayette, Ind., Saturday to see the Irish take on the Purdue Boilermakers.

Kerelegon said he will watch the game on television from campus and get some homework done. The team's performance this year

has made it hard for Kerelegon to be enthusiastic for the upcoming games.

"I am just hoping at least to win the last half of our games," Kerelegon said.

Not all students are despairing after Notre Dame's rough start. Sophomore Miguel Berrios plans to drive to Purdue with two of his friends.

Notre Dame's performance in the last four games did not impact his decision to make the three-hour drive, Berrios said.

"I would have gone anyways," he said. "I'm a hardcore fan."

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INSIDE COLUMN

'We delivery' woes

There's something wrong with this semester.

Look at the bizarre, awful things that have happened:

♦ There was a shooting outside Club 23.

♦ There was an Internet scam that preyed on Notre Dame Federal Credit Union customers.

♦ The women's soccer and volleyball teams have losing records.

♦ The football team is 0-4.

What could be causing all of this?

What evil curse has descended on this campus?

Like most of you, I was extremely confused by all of this. I couldn't for the life of me figure out what was going on at Notre Dame.

And then, on the way back from Ann Arbor last week, just when I thought life couldn't get any worse, I saw the problem, the root of the tragedies, frustrations and struggles.

We were driving down SR-23, coming up on Ironwood Road. And I saw that beacon of life, liberty and sweet and sour chicken — Golden Dragon Chinese Restaurant.

In my depressed, post-loss state, I looked at the establishment as one of the first signs that I was home, safe in South Bend, far away from the evil of Ann Arbor.

And then I saw something that struck me with horror.

In place of the beautiful, reassuring, neon sign announcing to the world that "We Delivery," Golden Dragon had an awful monstrosity hanging from its window.

The new sign, in garish pink and green, reads: "We Deliver." That lovely 'y' that I had learned to count on for three whole years under the Dome was gone.

I don't know when Golden Dragon changed its sign, but I do know this: Bad things have been happening on this campus, and it isn't a coincidence. Ever since "We Delivery" has been gone, life at Notre Dame hasn't been the same.

Other college towns take good care of their cheeky, silly advertising slogans.

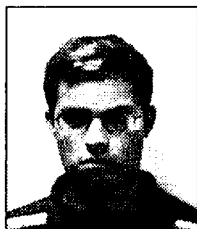
Krazy Jim's Blimpie Burger near the University of Michigan still insists that its sandwiches are "Cheaper than Food." In Newark, Del. University of Delaware students make sure to frequent the pizza place on Main Street even when the sign says "Sorry, We're Open."

So, Golden Dragon, I implore you — bring back "We Delivery." Give us back safe streets, secure bank accounts, and winning football. Give us back our school.

It's our darkest hour. We need your help.

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

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Sports editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WOULD YOU EVER GO SKYDIVING? WHY OR WHY NOT?



Joanie Fisher

freshman
Walsh

"I'll never do skydiving because I'm deathly afraid of heights."



Jordan Brooks

senior
Off campus

"Yes, but only if I'm strapped with Zach."



Eddie Velazquez

sophomore
O'neil

"Yes, I will. Then I can taste the rainbow ... oh, wait."



Mary Claire Sullivan

senior
Walsh

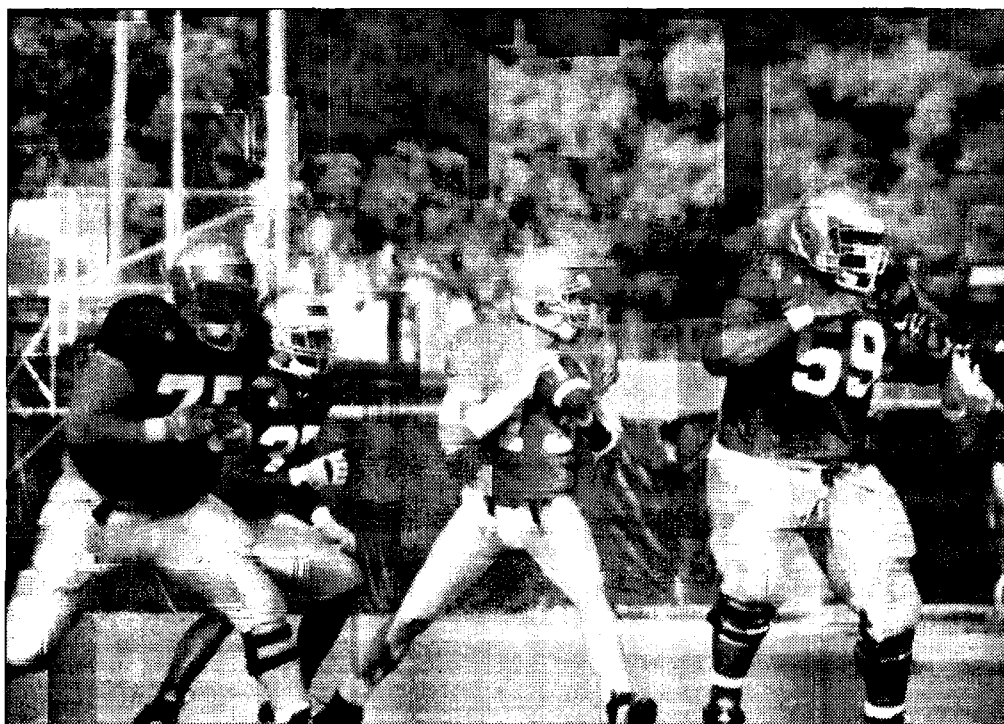
"No, because I'm grounded."



Brendan Ryan

senior
Keough

"I'd love to go skydiving, because it is out of this world."



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Quarterback Evan Sharpley tries to find a receiver in practice on Sept. 20. The football team will face Purdue Saturday in West Lafayette, Ind.

IN BRIEF

Francois Truffaut's French language film "Jules and Jim" will be shown today at 7 and 10 p.m. at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3 for students.

The men's tennis team will compete in the Tom Fallon Invitational Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion/Courtney Tennis Center. Matches will take place at various times throughout the weekend.

Kwame Anthony Appiah and Martha Nussbaum provide keynote speeches at the "Cosmopolitanism: Gender, Race, Class and the Queset for Global Justice" conference today at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in McKenna Hall.

Chinese Ink Paintings by Gao Xingjian will be on display this weekend at the Snite Museum of Art as part of the "Between Homeland and Heartland" celebration spotlighting Xingjian and Julia Alvarez.

Thirteen rare 1950s automobiles designed by Virgil Exner will be on display during a book signing of his biography, Virgil Exner: Visioneer, by Peter Grist, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

As part of the "Worldview" film series, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will show "From a Silk Cocoon," a Japanese American renunciation story, Saturday at 7 and 10 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students.

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

OFFBEAT

Two-headed turtle goes on display in Pa.

NORRISTOWN, Pa. — A two-headed turtle captured by a turtle collector is a rare example of a conjoined-twin birth, its owner said.

The turtle would have likely died in the wild because it swims awkwardly and would be an easy target for predators, according to Jay Jacoby, manager of Big Al's Aquarium Supercenter in East Norriton.

The store bought the tiny turtle from the collector for an undisclosed price and will keep it on

display, he said.

The 2-month-old turtle, known as a red-eared slider, fits on a silver dollar. It has two heads sticking out from opposite ends of its shell, along with a pair of front feet on each side. But there is just one set of back feet and one tail.

The turtle is seemingly healthy, and the species can live 15 to 20 years, Jacoby said. The turtle has not yet been named.

N.C. man charged with 'coughing' assault

MORRISVILLE, N.C. — Morrisville police have

charged a man with assault on a government official after an officer said the man coughed into his face during a traffic stop.

Officer Chris Gill said in his report that Kent Kauffman looked into his eyes before "hacking" in his face three times, according to Morrisville spokeswoman Stacie Galloway. Kauffman said he did cough from the window of his minivan but did so toward Gill's waist.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

LOCAL WEATHER

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
HIGH	75	65	76	78	70	77
LOW	48	38	53	50	55	57

Atlanta 80 / 54 Boston 76 / 66 Chicago 70 / 50 Denver 84 / 50 Houston 90 / 73 Los Angeles 75 / 60 Minneapolis 72 / 46 New York 75 / 67 Philadelphia 79 / 66 Phoenix 97 / 74 Seattle 58 / 49 St. Louis 81 / 54 Tampa 90 / 74 Washington 82 / 66

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Immigration film presented

Award-winner shows work; only audience is Observer reporter, photog

By LINDSAY SENA
News Writer

Award-winning filmmaker Stephanie Black presented her first film on Jamaican immigration, "H-2 worker," a documentary about the migration of Jamaican men to southern Florida sugar cane plantations, at the Hesburgh Center Thursday.

The only two people to attend were an Observer reporter and an Observer photographer.

The film, which won the 1990 prize for Best Documentary and Best Cinematography at the Sundance Film Festival, follows the men as they live in poor housing conditions and work at jobs that call for intensive labor.

The film includes interviews with U.S. senators and farmers, and it includes a scene from an American Workers Union meeting, in which a speaker argues that Jamaicans are stealing work from American workers.

Black estimated that, at the time it was filmed, the Jamaican men were supposed to be making \$5.32 per hour, or close to \$40 per day.

"But in reality," Black said, "they were only paid \$20 a day, which was subject to further deductions by Jamaican law."

One problem Black illustrated is that the United States labor laws are not being enforced on the plantations for



WU YUE/The Observer

Filmmaker Stephanie Black sits in front of her documentary about Jamaican migration Thursday at Notre Dame.

H-2 guest workers.

"Here are 10,000 workers who aren't voting," she said. "Legislators always want to reflect the interests of sugar corporations, not employees, so the laws were there but enforcement wasn't."

Now, sugar cane can be harvested mechanically, but the guest worker program is still being examined and could be expanded.

Black also spoke about her 2002 film, "Life and Debt," a documentary about the migration of Jamaican workers from their home country to the United States. The film follows

the lives of Jamaican workers and explores how many choose to leave their homes and migrate to North America to pursue work.

Black appeared as part of the Kellogg Institute's Lecture and Seminar Series.

She got her start in the documentary industry as a student at New York University's film school. Her most recent film is called "Africa Unite." It documents the celebration of Bob Marley's 60th birthday in Ethiopia.

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ND psychology scholar studies spatial cognition

Special to The Observer

At one time or another, we've all been lost and sought out a relative, friend or gas station attendant for directions. But while "Take Cleveland west and turn on Lilac, just before the bank" seems simple enough, there's a lot that goes into that advice.

Laura Carlson, associate professor of psychology at Notre Dame, says spatial cognition — the way we represent and remember objects and their locations — is intricately tied to other cognitive processes, like attention, memory and language.

"If you're walking on a path and there's a landmark right in front of you, it's pretty easy to say 'Proceed until you get to the fountain.' But if there's a landmark that would be sort of diagonally to you instead, that's a more difficult relation to describe . . . So I may forego that landmark altogether because the other one is much easier to express."

One way Carlson, who is assisted in her lab by both graduate and undergraduate students, studies spatial cognition is by doing experiments in which participants are asked to describe an object's location on a computer screen, in a photo or on a table.

Say the object is a set of keys, and it's placed on a black table with several black objects as well as a red stapler, the idea being that the stapler stands out much like a notable landmark would. In what Carlson describes as a baseline configuration, the keys are set close to this "landmark," typically leading people to describe their location relative to it, as in "The keys are in front of the stapler."

But what happens when the keys are moved closer to one of the black objects?

"It turns out that participants pick [the black object] overwhelmingly," Carlson says. Further, when the keys are diagonal to both the stapler and another object, the

stapler is not selected significantly more often. This pattern of data suggests that reference objects are chosen more for their proximity to items of interest than their defining physical characteristics.

Carlson also explores this process through more natural interactions, having one of her students call out "Can you tell me where my keys are?" and seeing how the participant, who thinks the experiment hasn't started, responds. The results have been consistent with the more-controlled experimental tasks, even when the experimenter uses the stapler before leaving the room, thereby drawing the participant's attention to it.

"All the claims in the literature are that you pick a landmark that is really easy to find, or it's presumed that the person you're speaking to knows where it is and can find it," Carlson says, making her results "somewhat surprising."

The next step is to see if these findings translate to a larger environment. In a related experiment, participants fill out packets in which they give directions from one campus spot to another. They're also asked to rate the frequency with which they use certain buildings and how easy several landmarks, such as Notre Dame Stadium, are to imagine visually. Carlson plans to look at how often buildings participants pay the most attention to (i.e., those they visit most) and the ones that are particularly notable (the easiest to imagine) show up in their directions.

"If you want to generalize from [the lab] data," Carlson says, "the prediction would be that participants will figure out a path first based on spatial relations that are easy to express, then they will pick out landmarks that fall along the path."

Unfortunately, understanding why people pick specific routes still can't guarantee they'll remember if a road is closed for construction.

New book on feminism published by professor

Special to The Observer

"Does Feminism Discriminate Against Men? A Debate," by Warren Farrell and James P. Sterba, professor of philosophy at Notre Dame, was published this month by Oxford University Press.

According to its publisher, the book's co-authors offer "a sharp, lively, and provocative debate on the impact of feminism on men. Warren Farrell — an international best-selling author and leader in both the early women's and current men's movements — praises feminism for opening options for women but criticizes it for demonizing men, distorting data, and undervaluing the family. In response, James P. Sterba — an acclaimed philosopher and ardent advocate of feminism — maintains that the feminist movement gives a

long-neglected voice to women in a male-dominated world and that men are not an oppressed gender in today's America."

Praising the book in an early review author and philosopher Tom Digby wrote that "the relationship between men and feminism has never been addressed in such an exciting and accessible way, or with such extensive and engaging evidence and anecdotes."

A member of Notre Dame's philosophy faculty since 1973, Sterba also is a fellow of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. He teaches courses in ethics, social and political philosophy, and contemporary moral problems, including war and peace issues. He has published numerous other books including, most recently, "The Triumph of Practice Over Theory in Ethics."

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Blogs

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of forgetting a spontaneous conversation with a local, a breathtaking scenery, or a cultural insight you have gained while away from home — all of which involve a story worth sharing with others," he said.

Anderson said he tells students who travel abroad to explore the idea of blogging. People miss out on inspirations when they don't document their thoughts and experiences.

Some students said it will probably take a few more years before they feel comfortable posting information on a public domain.

Junior Apurva Aslekar, who is studying abroad in Toledo, Spain, said he keeps a daily journal of what he does in Europe but prefers a safer means of communicating with friends and family.

"The dangers of the non-private nature of a blog are precisely the reason why I prefer sending out a mass e-mail to posting a blog," Aslekar said. "I don't include any details that I consider personal within the context of my mass e-

mail, but if I were to post even impersonal things on an Internet blog, it would bother me if people I didn't know were reading what I'm going through."

While Anderson and Arseniadis said they are not bothered by any presumed dangers, they both control the type of information they put on their sites.

"I don't attach my full name to the blog, and I don't want employers to see it," Arseniadis said. "I still feel like it is kind of a nerdy thing to do, so I don't

spend more than 20 minutes per day updating our site, just to keep it as a hobby."

Anderson said he keeps in mind that blogs are designed for a public audience.

"As with all other forms of speech, just be cautious of your content," he recommended to students considering their own blog. "Don't think those stories of your cultural sensitivities and adaptability will get you that internship after boasting on the same post of your late-night arrest at that local pub."

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Code

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take an online quiz, which tests students on eight hypothetical situations of academic dishonesty, Jacobs said.

Senior Desiree Zamora, the student co-chair of the Notre Dame Honor Code Committee, gave a presentation to freshmen and parents during orientation this year.

"We emphasized a commitment to academic integrity," Jacobs said. "Academic integrity is an important value for the University. ... Our core quest as a University is the pursuit of truth, and so to misrepresent one's thoughts or ideas or work flies in the face of that."

Assistant Dean of First Year of Studies Kenneth DeBoer said becoming a member of the University community "is about academic integrity, about learning how to do work well as a University student. ... We're teaching students to be good students."

He said the position of First Year of Studies is "always to support the student and help them learn as we do in all cases."

"We turn first-year students into sophomores. ... Part of the process is becoming comfortable with the honor code," DeBoer said.

First Year of Studies released a statement that said they "cannot speculate on the

numbers" of first-year students who commit honor code violations.

"If in fact the occurrence of honor code violations is higher among first year and sophomore students, we might attribute this to the overall adjustment that students make from high school to the University," it said.

Becoming an academic citizen of Notre Dame, DeBoer said, is a learning process. He said First Year of Studies is "teaching students how to be good students," and part of that is conveying information about the code.

"It's not a dishonest code, not a cheating code — it's the honor code," he said.

The Code of Honor Committee's membership is a balance of students and faculty, Jacobs said.

A dialogue about potential honor code violations begins between professor and student, he said. If the situation is deemed in violation of the honor code, two paths are available for resolution.

A student has the right to elect to have a hearing before an Honesty Committee. Academic departments or colleges organize these committees and are made up of faculty and students, Jacobs said. The majority of the committee members are students.

The second option is a discussion between professor and student about an appropriate penalty for the violation that conforms to certain principles that are listed on the

Honor Code Web site.

"If someone chooses to commit an honor code violation in order to gain advantages, the penalty should leave them worse off than if they hadn't chosen to cheat at all," Jacobs said.

If an agreement is established, an honor code violation report is filled out and signed by both parties.

Upon completion, the report is sent to Jacobs' office, where he reviews the agreement to ensure it is consistent with the honor code and signs it.

By signing the form, the student waives his or her rights to a hearing but has seven days after it is submitted to revoke the agreement, he said. In that case, the matter will be resolved in a hearing.

"We try to establish a process for resolving honor code cases that is fair and equitable," Jacobs said.

Next week, Jacobs and Zamora will meet with student body vice president Maris Braun to discuss student government's initiative to reduce the amount of cheating that takes place at the University.

"I'm a big believer in students stepping forward on this issue," Jacobs said, "so I hope that Maris and other students can think about ways to have a dialogue around this topic and that in the end we all work together to promote academic integrity."

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Moreau

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Lecture Series. Doxology is a hymn or form of words containing an acknowledgment of praise to God.

Haughey spoke to about 30 students, faculty and Holy Cross sisters in Stapleton Lounge in LeMans Hall.

Sister Kathleen Dolphin, the director of the Center for Spirituality at Saint Mary's, welcomed Haughey and introduced the series' theme — which, she said, echoes Moreau's philosophy. The Congregation of Holy Cross founded Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

Since Haughey spoke only a few days after Moreau was beatified in France, he decided to explore doxology as it relates to the current Saint Mary's student.

"Doxology and the Eucharist go together," Haughey said.

A Catholic institution of higher learning needs to have some way to connect the work of the campus with the faith that sponsors it, Haughey said, adding that Christianity as a whole has lost something when it comes to doxology.

"We don't go to the act of Eucharist like we're Mary's without our Martha's," Haughey said, referring to the story in the Gospel of Luke in which two sisters receive Jesus into their home and Mary, a friend of Jesus, sits at Jesus' feet and listens to his stories while Martha does all of the household work and takes care of their guest.

Christians are supposed to approach the Eucharist with their entire selves, and the work of their hands, hearts and minds, Haughey said.

Catholics cannot disenfranchise themselves from their identities as students and members of the communities of which they are a part, Haughey said.

"Christ has an agenda, and we are the middle managers in the completion of that agenda and the execution of that agenda," Haughey said.

Dolphin said she warned her freshman religious studies students that the lecture might be hard to understand.

"I told them to be prepared for a challenging lecture, one that might be a little on the abstract side," Dolphin said.

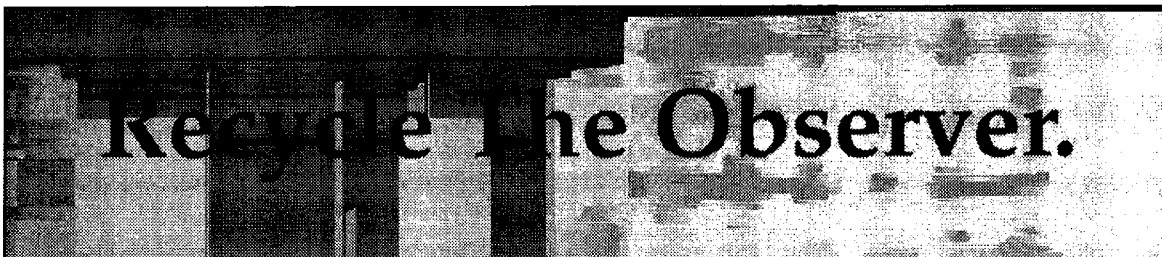
Upon hearing that, Haughey tried to make his statements more concrete by placing them in the Saint Mary's culture.

"If I'm a member of the sociology department of Saint Mary's, and I'm going to Eucharist, it seems to be not only what I am doing there, it is also what my department is doing there," he said.

Each person is a part of some organization and within that organization we must become priestly mediators, or stewards to God, Haughey said.

"That's not at all abstract, it's concrete. ... It's only as abstract as our faith is unclear," Haughey said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

British toddler remains missing

ZINAT, Morocco — The parents of missing British 3-year-old Madeleine McCann had their hopes dashed again Wednesday when a girl resembling their daughter who was photographed in Morocco turned out to be the child of an olive farmer.

The excitement over the photo, taken by Spanish tourist Clara Torres in northern Morocco and widely published on the Internet, testified to the international frenzy the McCann case has sparked. Many people have hoped for signs that Madeleine is alive more than four months after she disappeared from a Portuguese resort.

Interpol said Wednesday that investigators have been studying the blurry detail of the photo. Only vague outlines of the girl's face were visible in the picture, which showed a group of people that includes a woman wearing Moroccan-style clothing and carrying a fair-haired girl on her back. It did not suggest any effort by the woman to hide the child's face.

Two countries named most corrupt

LONDON — Myanmar and Somalia have been ranked as the most corrupt nations in Transparency International's 2007 index, released Wednesday — adding pressure to the Southeast Asian country's military regime as it faces the biggest anti-government protests in nearly two decades.

Transparency International's 2007 Corruption Perceptions Index scored 180 countries based on the degree to which corruption is perceived among public officials and politicians.

Myanmar, also known as Burma, and Somalia received the lowest score of 1.4 out of 10.

Denmark, Finland and New Zealand were ranked the least corrupt — each scoring 9.4.

NATIONAL NEWS

Rape charges filed against Utah man

SALT LAKE CITY — Prosecutors filed a rape charge Wednesday against the ex-husband whose marriage was at the center of polygamous-sect leader Warren Jeffs' trial.

The charge against Allen Glade Steed came a day after Jeffs was convicted of rape by accomplice.

Steed was 19 and his bride — also his first cousin — was 14 when they were married in 2001. He is accused of having sex with the girl against her will after the arranged marriage.

Steed, now 26, testified at Jeffs' trial that he did not force himself on the girl and said she initiated their first sexual encounter. He said he believed marrying the 14-year-old was right under "God's law."

Trial of Spector ends in mistrial

LOS ANGELES — The murder trial of music producer Phil Spector ended in a mistrial Wednesday because of a deadlocked jury.

The mistrial came on the 12th day of deliberations on whether Spector murdered actress Lana Clarkson more than 4 1/2 years ago. The 12-member panel had heard about five months of testimony.

The jury foreman reported the panel was deadlocked 10 to 2 but did not indicate which way it was leaning. The jury reported a 7-5 impasse last week and had resumed deliberations with modified instructions.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana woman possibly abducted

NEW PALESTINE, Ind. — Police are searching for a New Palestine woman who they think was abducted by her estranged husband.

Allison Thomas was reported missing this morning. She called home shortly after 11 a.m. and spoke to relatives and police, but had not been found as of 5 p.m.

Police say the 35-year-old woman's husband, 40-year-old Ron Thomas, forced Thomas to get into his silver-colored Chevy Trailblazer this morning. The couple's three children — all under the age of 4 — were asleep when Thomas left the home and were not harmed. Relatives are now caring for the children.

IRAQ

Critics: Blackwater was unprepared

Democrats say company was responsible for Fallujah incident and recent killing of 11 Iraqis

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Blackwater USA triggered a major battle in the Iraq war in 2004 by sending an unprepared team of guards into an insurgent stronghold, a move that led to their horrific deaths and a violent response by U.S. forces, says a congressional investigation released Thursday.

The private security company, one of the largest working in Iraq and under scrutiny for how it operates, also is faulted for initially insisting its guards were properly prepared and equipped. It is also accused of impeding the inquiry by the Democratic staff of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

The results of the staff inquiry come less than a week before Erik Prince, a former Navy SEAL and Blackwater's founder, is scheduled to testify before the committee, which is chaired by Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., a longtime critic of Blackwater.

The March 2004 incident involving Blackwater was widely viewed as a turning point in the Iraq war after images of the mutilated bodies of the four guards were seen around the world. Four days after the Blackwater guards were killed, a major military offensive, known as the Battle of Fallujah, began.

The combat lasted almost a month in Fallujah, which is 40 miles west of Baghdad. At least 36 U.S. military personnel were killed along with 200 insurgents and an estimated 600 civilians, the congressional investigation found.

In a statement, Blackwater spokeswoman Anne Tyrrell called the report a "one-sided version" of a tragic incident. She said the committee has documents that show the Blackwater team was "betrayed" and steered into "a well-planned ambush."

The report does not



A Blackwater private contractor signals for helicopter colleagues as they fly overhead in Baghdad. Critics accuse the company of being unprepared prior to leaving the U.S.

acknowledge "that the terrorists determined what happened that fateful day in 2004," Tyrrell said. "The terrorists were intent on killing Americans and desecrating their bodies."

David Marin, the committee's Republican staff director, criticized the Democratic staff for reaching conclusions before the committee could dig deeper for answers.

"We certainly don't get there in this plaintiff's roadmap masquerading as an investigative report," Marin said.

Donna Zovko, whose son, Jerko "Jerry" Zovko, died in the Fallujah incident, said she hopes the staff report will lead to more oversight and more discussions about the use of contractors.

"Congress can't change anything for my son. He is gone and nothing can bring him back," Zovko said. "But let's see what they can do for the others out there because someone needs to care for these contractors. Blackwater cares about nothing but the mighty dollar."

The families of the four slain contractors filed suit against the company in January 2005, saying Blackwater's cost-cutting measures led to the deaths. That lawsuit is still pending as a federal judge tries to determine whether it should be heard in arbitration or in open court.

Blackwater has argued in court that it is immune to such a lawsuit because the company operates as an

extension of the military and cannot be responsible for deaths in a war zone.

The results of the Democratic staff's probe cast Blackwater in a more negative light.

On Sept. 16, 2007, 11 Iraqis were killed in a shoot-out involving Blackwater guards protecting a U.S. diplomatic convoy in Baghdad.

The State Department, one of Blackwater's largest customers, has opened an investigation into the incident. Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte told Congress on Wednesday that the Baghdad incident was tragic, but that private security companies like Blackwater were essential to operations in Iraq.

Idaho senator will try to reverse plea

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Sen. Larry Craig's lawyers are in search of a rare legal prize — a do-over. And getting it won't be easy.

"He's already gotten lots of justice and fairness. A court will view this as taking not just a second bite at the apple, but a fourth and fifth bite," said Mary Jane Morrison, a professor in criminal law at Hamline University.

On Wednesday, attorneys for the Idaho Republican will join the parade of drunk drivers and teenage leadfoots at what is usually a sleepy suburban courthouse. They hope to convince Judge

Charles Porter that Minnesota's justice system made a terrible mistake in accepting the senator's guilty plea.

Judges usually don't let defendants try another approach after the first one fails. Craig's first approach was an unnoticed guilty plea after his arrest in a men's bathroom sex sting. It stayed unnoticed for several weeks and then was widely reported last month, sparking calls for his resignation.

Craig contends that he did not solicit sex in the bathroom and erred only in pleading guilty by mail to disorderly conduct without consulting a lawyer. He has said he would resign by the end of the

month but has since linked his political future to whether he can take back the guilty plea.

Craig won't be attending the hearing, according to Judy Smith, a spokeswoman for Craig attorney Billy Martin.

Craig has said his foot-tapping, hand gestures and looks into a bathroom stall were misconstrued by the police officer who arrested him. His attorneys say that he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor because he feared his June 11 arrest would trigger a story by an Idaho newspaper that had been investigating his sexual orientation. Craig has denied that he is gay.

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NYSE	10,056.95	+76.83
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SUN MICROSYS INC (JAVA)	-0.53	-0.03	5.59

Treasuries

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13-WEEK BILL	-0.69	-0.025	3.600
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IN BRIEF**Health program spending increases**

WASHINGTON — Congress approved legislation Thursday adding 4 million children to a popular health care program, setting up a veto fight that President Bush probably will win but handing Democrats a campaign issue for next year's elections.

Dozens of Republicans in the Senate lined up with Democrats in voting 67-29 to increase spending on the State Children's Health Insurance Program, or SCHIP, from about \$5 billion to \$12 billion annually for the next five years.

The vote was enough to override a promised Bush veto. But supporters in the House, which passed the bill Tuesday, are about two dozen votes shy of an override. Both chambers would have to muster two-thirds majorities to win a veto showdown.

President's climate meeting opens

WASHINGTON — President Bush's climate meeting opened Thursday with its main problem on full display: The biggest polluters — industrialized and developing nations alike — say their economies are more important than global warming.

Not for the richest nations, retort Europeans, the United Nations and some developing nations.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, anticipating such divisions, urged all sides to work together to "accelerate the prospects" of a U.N.-led solution later this year at talks in Bali, Indonesia.

"Pitting the developed and the developing countries against each other will not lead to economic development and environmental sustainability," he said in remarks prepared for Thursday night. "We must tear down artificial barriers that impede the spread of today's clean technologies. There is no moral or economic reason for tariffs or non-tariff barriers on environmental goods or services."

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice called for a solution "that does not starve economies of the energy they need to grow and that does not widen the already significant income gap between developed and developing nations."

Housing market hurts economy*Consumer confidence in the U.S. plummets as existing home prices see their steepest drop*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Crumbling consumer confidence and slumping home sales could prove to be a bad combination for retailers, and for the broader economy going into the holiday shopping season, if the labor market contracts further and chokes off spending, economic data showed Tuesday.

But markets took some heart from the warning signs, hoping that they would goad the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates more.

Worries about jobs and the economy flared in September, driving a key barometer of consumer sentiment to its lowest level in nearly two years, a private research group said.

The bad news was compounded by a report from the National Association of Realtors that sales of existing homes declined for a sixth straight month in August, pushing activity to the lowest point in five years. The Realtors showed a rise in median home prices, but a separate report done by S&P/Case-Shiller said home prices fell 3.9 percent in July in its 20-city index. Economists said that decline was probably a better reflection of where the market stands now.

The New York-based Conference Board said its Consumer Confidence Index fell to 99.8, an almost 6-point drop from the revised 105.6 in August. The reading was below the 104.5 that analysts had expected.

It marked its lowest level since a 98.3 reading in November 2005, when gas and oil prices soared after hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the Gulf Coast.

"Weaker business conditions combined with a less



A house is put up for sale Tuesday in Tacoma, Wash. The National Association of Realtors reported that sales declined for a sixth straight month in August.

favorable job market continue to cast a cloud over consumers and heighten their sense of uncertainty and concern," said Lynn Franco, director of The Conference Board Consumer Research Center, in a statement. "Looking ahead, little economic improvement is expected, and with the holiday season around the corner, this is not welcome news."

The Present Situation Index, which measures how shoppers feel now about

the economy, declined to 121.7 from 130.1 in August. The Expectations Index, which measures shoppers' outlook over the next six months, declined to 85.2 from 89.2.

Economists closely monitor confidence since consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of U.S. economic activity.

The National Association of Realtors reported Tuesday that sales of existing single-family homes dropped 4.3 percent in

August, compared to July. Sales at a seasonally adjusted annual rate dropped to 5.5 million units, the slowest pace since August 2002.

The S&P/Case-Shiller report, also released Tuesday, showed that the decline in U.S. home prices accelerated nationwide in July, posting the steepest drop in 16 years. The index of 10 U.S. cities fell 4.5 percent in July from a year ago. That was the biggest drop since July 1991.

Company to pay \$50 million fine

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mortgage finance company Freddie Mac on Thursday agreed to pay \$50 million to settle Securities and Exchange Commission charges that it fraudulently misstated earnings over a four-year period.

Four former Freddie Mac executives settled negligent conduct charges by agreeing to pay a total of \$515,000 in civil fines and to make restitution totaling \$275,548. They are former president and chief operating officer David Glenn, ex-chief financial officer Vaughn Clarke, and former senior vice presidents Robert Dean and Nazir Dossani.

"We take these charges seriously, and that's why the Freddie Mac of today is a very different company than the Freddie Mac of the past," said Richard Syron, Freddie Mac's chairman and chief executive officer.

Freddie Mac neither admitted nor denied wrongdoing in the accord but agreed to refrain from future violations of the securities laws.

An accounting scandal erupted at the government-sponsored company in June 2003 when it disclosed that it had misstated earnings by some \$5 billion — mostly underreported — for 2000-2002 to smooth quarterly volatility in earnings and meet Wall Street expectations.

The company's top executives — Glenn, Clarke and then-chairman and chief executive Leland Brendsel — were ousted. The events shocked Wall Street, where Freddie Mac, the nation's second-largest buyer and guarantor of home mortgages, long had enjoyed a reputation as a steady performer and reliable corporate player.

McLean, Va.-based Freddie paid a then-record \$125 million civil fine in 2003 in a settlement with the Office of

Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, which blamed management misconduct for the faulty accounting.

In September 2004, an equally stunning accounting scandal came to light at No. 1 mortgage finance company Fannie Mae. Regulators eventually imposed limits on the two companies' multibillion-dollar mortgage debt holdings, which they have been seeking to have lifted as a way to provide cash to the mortgage market in the recent turmoil.

Fannie Mae was fined \$400 million in May 2006 in a settlement with OFHEO and the SEC — one of the largest civil penalties ever in an accounting fraud case.

Fannie and Freddie were created by Congress to make mortgages affordable and pump cash into the market by buying blocks of home loans from lenders and bundling them into securities for sale to investors worldwide.

Judge releases one Jena 6 teen

Associated Press

JENA, La. — A black teenager whose prosecution in the beating of a white classmate prompted a massive civil rights protest here walked out of a courthouse Thursday after a judge ordered him freed.

Mychal Bell's release on \$45,000 bail came hours after a prosecutor confirmed he would no longer seek an adult trial for the 17-year-old. Bell, one of the teenagers known as the Jena Six, still faces trial as a juvenile in the December beating in this small central Louisiana town.

"We still have mountains to climb, but at least this is closer to an even playing field," said the Rev. Al Sharpton, who helped organize last week's protest.

"He goes home because a lot of people left their home and stood up for him," Sharpton said as Bell stood smiling next to him.

"There's only one person who could have brought me through this and that's the good Lord," Bell told reporters later in front of his father's house.

District Attorney Reed Walters' decision to abandon adult charges means that Bell, who had faced a maximum of 15 years in prison on his aggravated second-degree battery conviction last month, instead could be held only until he turns 21 if he is found guilty in juvenile court.

The conviction in adult court was thrown out this month by the state 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal, which said Bell should not have been tried as an adult on that particular charge.

Walters had said he would appeal that decision. On Thursday, he said he still believes there was legal merit to trying Bell as an adult but decided it was in the best interest of the victim, Justin Barker, and his family to let the juvenile court handle the case.

"They are on board with what I decided," Walters said at a news conference.

Bell faces juvenile court charges of aggravated second-degree battery and conspiracy to commit that crime.

He is among six black Jena High School students arrested in December after a beating that left Barker unconscious and bloody, though the victim was able to attend a school function later that day. Four of the defendants were 17 at the time, which made them adults under Louisiana law.

Those four and Bell, who was 16, all were initially charged with attempted murder. Walters has said he sought to have Bell tried as an adult because he already had a criminal record, and because he believed Bell

instigated the attack.

The charges have been second-degree battery in four of the cases. One defendant has yet to be arraigned. The sixth defendant's case is sealed in juvenile court.

Bell's lawyer, Carol Powell Lexing, said his next hearing is set for Tuesday.

Critics accuse Walters, who is white, of prosecuting blacks more harshly than whites. They note that he filed no charges against three white teens suspended from the high school over allegations they hung nooses in a tree on campus not long before fights between blacks and whites, including the attack on Barker.

An estimated 20,000 to 25,000 protesters marched in Jena last week in a scene that evoked the early years of the civil rights movement.

Walters said the demonstration had no influence on his decision not to press the adult charges, and ended, his news conference by saying that only God kept the protest peaceful.

"The only way — let me stress that — the

only way that I believe that me or this community has been able to endure the trauma that has been thrust upon us is through the prayers of the Christian people who have sent them up in this community," Walters said.

"I firmly believe and am confident of the fact that had it not been for the direct intervention of the Lord Jesus Christ last Thursday, a disaster would have happened. You can quote me on that."

The Rev. Donald Sibley, a black Jena pastor, called it a "shame" that Walters credited divine intervention for the protesters acting responsibly.

"What I'm saying is, the Lord Jesus Christ put his influence on those people, and they responded accordingly," Walters responded.

After the news conference, Sibley told CNN that Walters had insulted the protesters by making a false separation between "his Christ and our Christ."

"For him to use it in the sense that because his Christ, his Jesus, because he prayed, because of his police, that everything was peaceful and was decent and in order — that's not the truth," Sibley said.

Walters has said repeatedly that Barker's suffering has been lost in the furor over the case, and that what happened to the teen was much more severe than a school-yard fight.

Walters also has defended his decision not to seek charges in the hanging of the nooses, which he said was "abhorrent and stupid" but not a crime.

Three guilty in mob shooting

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A federal jury held three aging mobsters responsible for 10 murders Thursday after an extraordinary trial that included colorful witnesses who exposed the seedy inner workings of organized crime in Chicago.

Jurors deadlocked on blame for eight other murders after eight days of deliberations in one of the biggest mob trials in the city's history.

Frank Calabrese Sr., 70; Joseph "Joey the Clown" Lombardo, 78; and James Marcello, 65, were held responsible for murder, raising the maximum sentence each faces to life. Jurors deadlocked on a fourth defendant, Paul Schiro, 70.

Marcello, described by prosecutors as a top leader of the Chicago Outfit, was held responsible for the June 1986 murder of Tony "The Ant" Spilotro, the Chicago mob's longtime man in Las Vegas and the inspiration for the Joe Pesci character in the movie "Casino."

The defendants remained poker-faced as U.S. District Judge James B. Zagel's clerk read the verdicts one by one in a packed federal courtroom.

All four men were convicted Sept. 10 of taking part in a racketeering conspiracy that included illegal gambling, extortion, loan sharking and the 18 mob murders, which had gone unsolved for decades.

A fifth defendant, retired

Chicago police Officer Anthony Doyle, was convicted of racketeering conspiracy but not accused of any murders.

After convicting the four men, the jury began a second round of deliberations to determine whether the defendants were individually responsible for any of the 18 murders listed in the racketeering count, qualifying them for possible sentence of life in federal prison.

Calabrese's defense attorney Joseph Lopez left the courthouse grumbling that there was no way to give his client a fair trial.

"I don't think anyone charged with a case like this can get a fair trial anywhere, because of publicity prior to trial, because of shows that they make in Hollywood and because of scripts they write in Hollywood," he said. "Al

Capone is probably the most famous Chicagoan we have."

Movies and television often glamorize the mob, but the trial showed its devastating effects on real families, said FBI agent Robert Grant.

"Our work doesn't end here," he said. "It's just a continuation of a legacy of hard work."

Lombardo attorney Rick Halprin agreed that the Outfit's reputation hung over the trial, but said the government did a "remarkable" job in organizing its case.

"Mitch Mars and his team did a hell of a job of organizing this evidence, sifting out what they didn't need; they're due the

credit for not overplaying their hand," Halprin said.

In addition to Tony Spilotro's murder, Marcello was found responsible for the death of the victim's brother, Michael. Witnesses said they were lured to a suburban basement where they were beaten and strangled at Marcello's direction. The brothers were later found buried in an Indiana cornfield.

Lombardo, accused of being the capo of a Chicago mob "street crew," was blamed for the September 1974 murder of businessman Daniel Seifert, a federal witness who was hunted down and shotgunned by masked gunmen.

Joe Seifert, Daniel Seifert's son, said he attended nearly all of the trial because he was a child when his father was killed.

"I just wanted some information," Joe Seifert said. "I never had a total picture, so I wanted the total picture — to fit all the puzzle pieces together."

He said he knows Lombardo will likely spend the rest of his life in prison, but "he's had a lot of time free."

Calabrese, 70, a portly, bearded loan shark who according to witnesses doubled as a hit man, was found responsible for seven mob murders. Witnesses including his own brother, Nicholas Calabrese, said he strangled victims with a rope, then cut their throats to make sure they were dead.

Ellen Ortiz said she has been "hoping and praying" for the day when Calabrese would be held responsible for the July 1983 murder of her husband, Richard D. Ortiz, who prosecutors say was killed because he had committed a murder not authorized by the Outfit. But she said it was a struggle to sit through the trial.

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Campuses adopt alert changes

E-mail, Facebook become main communication form after Tech shootings

Associated Press

NEW YORK — When a masked freshman came to campus at St. John's University with what police said was a loaded rifle sticking out of a bag, the school alerted students via cell-phone text messages within 18 minutes.

And when a suicidal gunman was reported to be on the loose at the University of Wisconsin, the school sent out mass e-mails and took out an ad on Facebook to warn students.

As the school year starts, colleges around the country are applying the lessons of Virginia Tech and using high technology to get the word out fast in a crisis.

"This was certainly a surprise. No one thought that we would be testing this latest technology this quickly for an emergency," said James Pellow, executive vice president of St. John's.

The 20,000-student Roman Catholic school in Queens activated its new text messaging system just three weeks ago. The scare came on the same day that the student paper ran a front-page story on the system, under the blaring headline: "In case of emergency."

This week's incidents at St. John's and UW-Madison — both of which ended without bloodshed — underscore how campus security has changed since Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 people on the Virginia Tech campus in April.

Cho shot his first two victims just after 7 a.m. More than two hours later, he massacred 30 people in a classroom building across campus. It was not until 9:26 a.m. that the school sent the first e-mail to students and faculty. An

investigative panel concluded that lives could have been saved if alerts had been sent out earlier and classes canceled after the first burst of gunfire.

Since then, hundreds of schools administrations have installed text-messaging systems to communicate with students.

Omnilert, a company based in Leesburg, Va., saw its business surge after the Virginia Tech rampage. It is now supplying more than 250 colleges and universities around the country with instant messaging capability — a system called e2Campus.

St. John's purchased its inCampuAlert text-messaging system from a California company called MIR3 Inc. over the summer, also in response to the Virginia Tech slayings.

The system sends a message not only to cell phones, but also to digital signs in public places like student unions or dorms, as well as to computers, PDAs and beepers.

"Nearly every major college and university in the country is either in the process of implementing a text message warning system or seriously considering do it," said S. Daniel Carter, senior vice president of Security on Campus, a nonprofit organization based in King of Prussia, Pa., that pushes for safer college campuses.

School officials have not completely given up more traditional ways of communicating with students.

Last week, after two students were shot and wounded at Delaware State University, campus police and residence hall advisers knocked on doors and told students to stay in their rooms, and warnings were posted

on the school's Web site and at dorms.

But it is clear that schools are taking advantage of every innovation they can.

In Wisconsin, officials paid the popular social networking site Facebook \$100 to post a flier on the UW-Madison social network. The ad asked users to click on a link for an update on the campus emergency. That took them to the university's home page, which carried the latest information on the search for a suicidal gunman. Authorities still had not located the man as of Thursday.

In the St. John's incident, text messages were sent so quickly that a student who helped subdue the suspect felt his cellphone vibrate with the information while he was restraining the gunman.

The message to student read: "From Public Safety. Male was found on campus with rifle. Please stay in your buildings until further notice. He is in custody, but please wait until the all clear."

The text messaging "worked like a charm," New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said a day later at a ceremony to honor the student, a police cadet, who helped restrain the suspect. "Young people today are incredibly wired, and administrators have the technology at their fingertips — once they put it in place," said Amanda Lenhart, a researcher for the Pew Internet and American Life Project, a Washington-based nonprofit organization.

More than 70 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds own a cell phone, and 92 percent of them text message, according to a 2006 Pew survey.

Alabama makes plans for fallout shelter

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — In an age of al-Qaida, sleeper cells and the threat of nuclear terrorism, Huntsville is dusting off its Cold War manual to create the nation's most ambitious fallout-shelter plan, featuring an abandoned mine big enough for 20,000 people to take cover underground.

Others would hunker down in college dorms, churches, libraries and research halls that planners hope will bring the community's shelter capacity to 300,000, or space for every man, woman and child in Huntsville and the surrounding county.

Emergency planners in Huntsville — an out-of-the-way city best known as the home of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center — say the idea makes sense because radioactive fallout could be scattered for hundreds of miles if terrorists detonated a nuclear bomb.

"If Huntsville is in the blast zone, there's not much we can do. But if it's just fallout ... shelters would absorb 90 percent of the radiation," said longtime emergency management planner Kirk Paradise, whose Cold War expertise with fallout shelters led local leaders to renew Huntsville's program.

Huntsville's project, developed using \$70,000 from a Homeland Security grant, goes against the grain because the United States essentially scrapped its national plan for fallout shelters after the collapse of the Soviet Union. Congress cut off funding and the government published its last list of approved shelters at the end of 1992.

After Sept. 11, Homeland Security created a metropolitan protection program that includes nuclear-attack preparation and mass shelters. But no other city has taken the idea as far as Huntsville has, officials said.

Many cities advise residents to stay at home and seal up a room with plastic and duct tape during a biological, chemical or nuclear attack. Huntsville does too, in certain cases.

Local officials agree the "shelter-in-place" method would be best for a "dirty bomb" that scattered nuclear contamination through conventional explosives. But they say full-fledged shelters would be needed to protect from the fallout of a nuclear bomb.

Program leaders recently briefed members of Congress, including Rep. Charlie Dent, R-Pa., who called the shelter plan an example of the "all-hazards" approach needed for emergency preparedness.

"Al-Qaida, we know, is interested in a nuclear capability. It's our nation's fear that a nuclear weapon could get into terrorists' hands," Dent said.

As fallout shelters go, the Three Caves Quarry just outside downtown offers the kind

of protection that would make Dr. Strangelove proud, with space for an arena-size crowd of some 20,000 people.

Last mined in the early '50s, the limestone quarry is dug 300 yards into the side of the mountain, with ceilings as high as 60 feet and 10 acres of floor space covered with jagged rocks. Jet-black in places with a year-round temperature of about 60 degrees, it has a colony of bats living in its highest reaches and baby stalactites hanging from the ceiling.

"It would be a little trying, but it's better than the alternative," said Andy Prewett, a manager with The Land Trust of Huntsville and North Alabama, a nonprofit preservation group that owns the mine and is making it available for free.

In all, the Huntsville-Madison County Emergency Management Agency has identified 105 places that can be used as fallout shelters for about 210,000 people. They are still looking for about 50 more shelters that would hold an additional 100,000 people.

While officials have yet to launch a campaign to inform people of the shelters, a local access TV channel showed a video about the program, which also is explained on a county Web site.

If a bomb went off tomorrow, Paradise said, officials would tell people where to find shelter through emergency alerts on TV and radio stations. "We're pretty much ready to go because we have a list of shelters," he said.

Most of the shelters would offer more comfort than the abandoned mine, such as buildings at the University of Alabama in Huntsville that would house 37,643. A single research hall could hold more than 8,100.

Homeland Security spokeswoman Alexandra Kirin said of Huntsville's wide-ranging plan: "We're not aware of any other cities that are doing that."

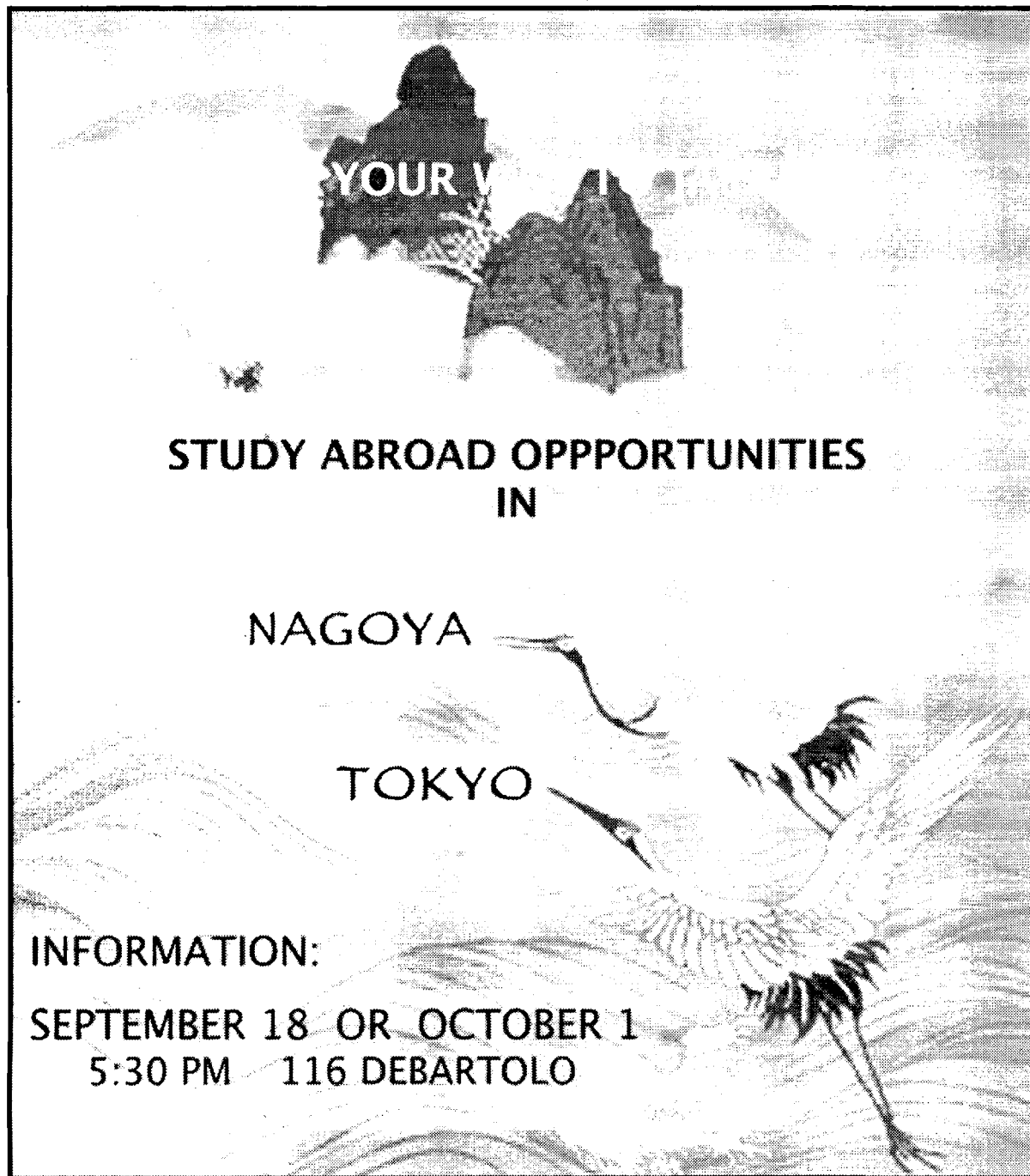
Plans call for staying inside for as long as two weeks after a bomb blast, though shelters might be needed for only a few hours in a less dire emergency.

Unlike the fallout shelters set up during the Cold War, the new ones will not be stocked with water, food or other supplies. For survivors of a nuclear attack, it would be strictly "BYOE" — bring your own everything. Just throw down a sleeping bag on the courthouse floor — or move some of the rocks on the mine floor — and make yourself at home.

"We do not guarantee them comfort, just protection," said Paradise, who is coordinating the shelter plans for the local emergency management agency.

Convenience store owner Tandi Prince said she cannot imagine living in the cavern after a bombing.

"That would probably not be very fun," she said.



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Bookstore's gouging must stop

Everybody knows that the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore is expensive. It's almost not worth complaining about. Customers know it's something they have to tolerate, and, for the most part, they do. People don't expect competitive prices at the Bookstore. If customers really want that "Play Like a Champion Today" sign, there's only one place they can get it, and it's understood that the price won't be reasonable.

What's not understood is the recent spike in course packet prices.

Last year, a theology packet was \$30. This year, it was \$93 — up 210 percent. People might tolerate paying 210 percent more for Notre Dame-brand apparel, but not for photocopies.

Still, the Bookstore knows it's the only supplier, and it shows no sense of obligation to adjust its (undisclosed) markup — like the markup it applies to other course materials. Instead, it cites increased copyright and production fees as primarily responsible for the new prices.

Did copyright and production fees increase by as much as 210 percent?

Maybe the Bookstore is right, and these fees really do increase at more than 50 times the rate of inflation, starting last year and last year only. Yet even in this (astronomically improbable) event, the least the Bookstore could do is reduce — or disclose — its markup.

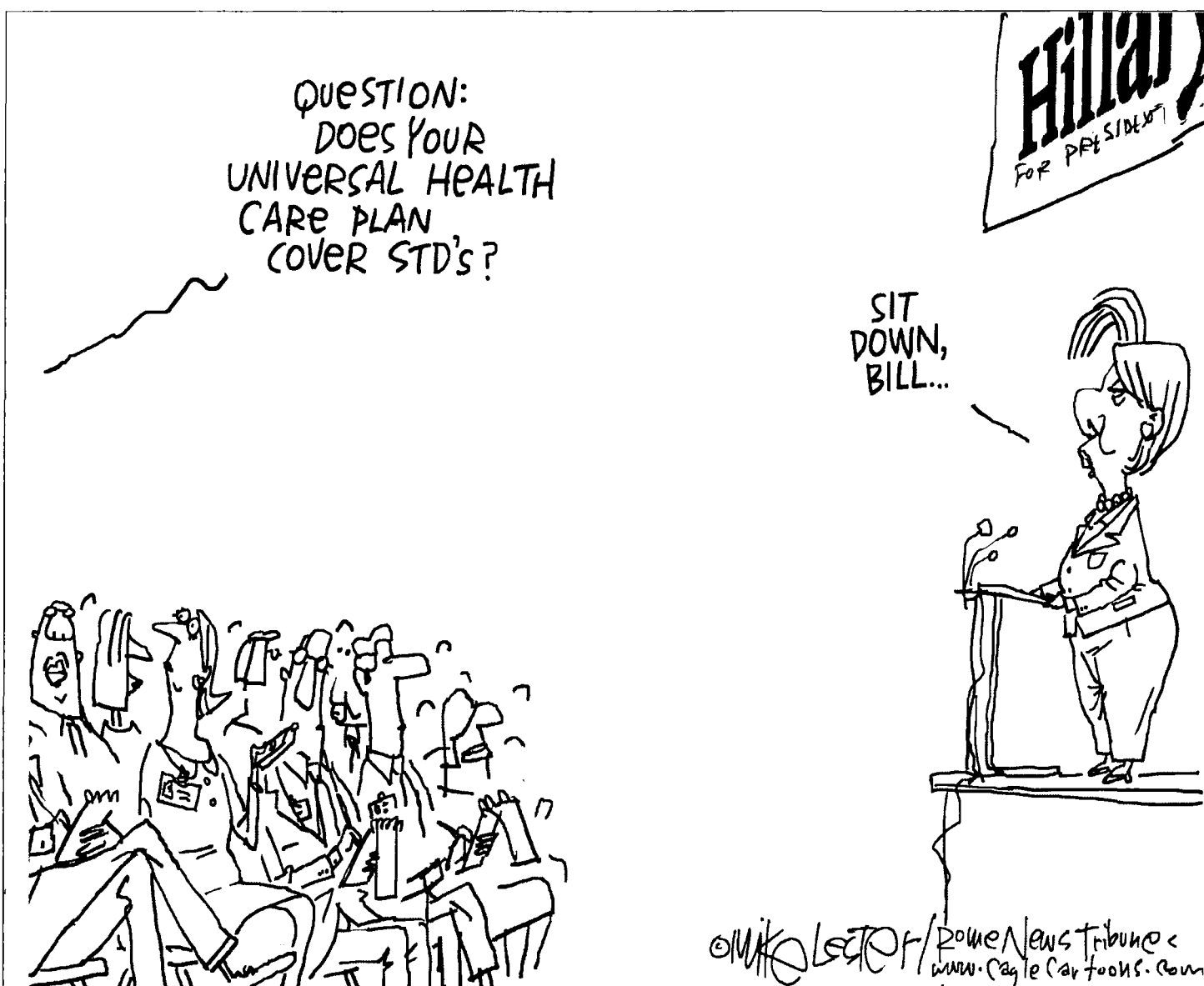
Until then, professors should save students money by putting more material on electronic reserve, a method often more convenient than course packets.

The University could also do its part by allowing competition. There's no excuse for selling black and white photocopies to college students for more than \$90. If the University wants to support a monopoly, it shouldn't support a monopoly that gouges its students.

Any indication that the Bookstore actually cares about academics over markup might lead some on campus to see it as a community supplier — instead of a necessary evil.

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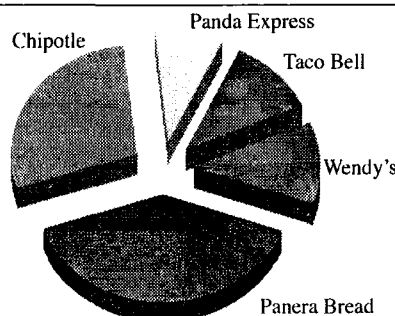
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Observer Poll

What restaurant would you most like to see on campus?

	Votes	Percentage
Panera Bread	389	39%
Chipotle	283	29%
Taco Bell	122	12%
Wendy's	114	12%
Panda Express	78	8%



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Nobody realizes that some people expend tremendous energy merely to be normal."

Albert Camus
French existentialist

Giving our best to America

Tragically, the number of American troops killed overseas surpassed the 3,800 mark this week while we at home sat fat as marshmallows. For nearly six years now, we remain shrouded by fear-mongering and removed from the reality of combat. Americans cower in trepidation of an attack on our homefront, but wallow without so much as sacrificing a gallon of gasoline to aid the war effort. Even our once-celebrated and renamed "freedom fries" at congressional cafeterias have reverted back to the French.



Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

Whether described as a war on terror, a war against insurgents or a quagmire caught in the middle of a civil war, the savage brutality our troops face is typical of every war. This writer recently witnessed firsthand the carnage against our troops when the wounded landed at Andrews Air Force Base. Yet absent in our war effort is sacrifice from American society. Rather, we allow "them" to handle the conflict — politicians, the Pentagon, private contractors and intelligence gathering operatives. The less Americans are involved, the less we know or even care about the details of war.

Within our world of not knowing the

details thrives the shortcomings of our current war operations. For example, at one point, Jane Fonda bought more armor for our troops than the Pentagon. This week, the war's cost surprisingly jumped by an additional \$42 billion without warning. We are oblivious to the security actions of our government done in the name of us. It is time to involve every citizen and to ask for sacrifice.

This week marks the 38th time the number of our dead surpasses another increment of one hundred. That milestone really marks another hundred parts of America lost, another hundred units of freedom lost, another hundred lost fragments of what we knew as American life but now have lost forever. Those hundred have given the ultimate while we ate potato chips, drank beer and watched professional sporting events.

Nearly five years ago when our troops invaded Iraq and Republicans controlled all branches of government, Americans were not asked to partner with the troops. We could have changed our fat, lazy lives by reducing our oil consumption through less driving and smaller vehicles. We should have been asked to buy victory bonds to pay for this war.

It was the ideal time to enact an energy policy that removed our soft, plump bellies pressed behind the steering wheels of such large, wasteful and unnecessary super-sized "look-at-me" luxury SUVs like Escalades, Navigators and Avalanches. Ironically, most principal

owners of companies awarded military contracts (both large and small) personally own, rent or share at least one luxury SUV within their families.

Instead of collecting revenue and involving the public, our free-market governmental leaders turned to entrepreneurs who grew rich-selling "support the troops" ribbon magnets still displayed on so many vehicles. Someday we will fund this trillion-dollar war through what Ronald Reagan called "revenue enhancements." Until then, we look back on what Americans have actually funded thus far — a silly vehicle magnet.

Our lessons learned should be rooted in an appreciation of past wars. The debut this week of "The War," a PBS documentary by Ken Burns, dramatically chronicles the tragically sad sacrifices American families endured throughout World War II. It reminds us of the hundreds of thousands of sons, brothers and fathers who were asked to gamble their lives for victory and who consequently were slaughtered in foreign lands. The documentary offers us guidelines on how to really support our troops.

Americans dedicated themselves to the World War II effort when automobile plants produced hundreds of planes a day. Yet, today we wait for the production of only 1,200 of 8,000 new M-wrap armored vehicles while American blood is shed at a rate of nearly 100 per month. Everyday life in World War II included "victory" goals such as cultivating victory gardens, constructing victory

bins to fight waste and even collecting two billion pounds of waste kitchen fat with enough glycerin for 10 billion rapid fire canon shells. A skillet of bacon grease was known as a little munitions factory.

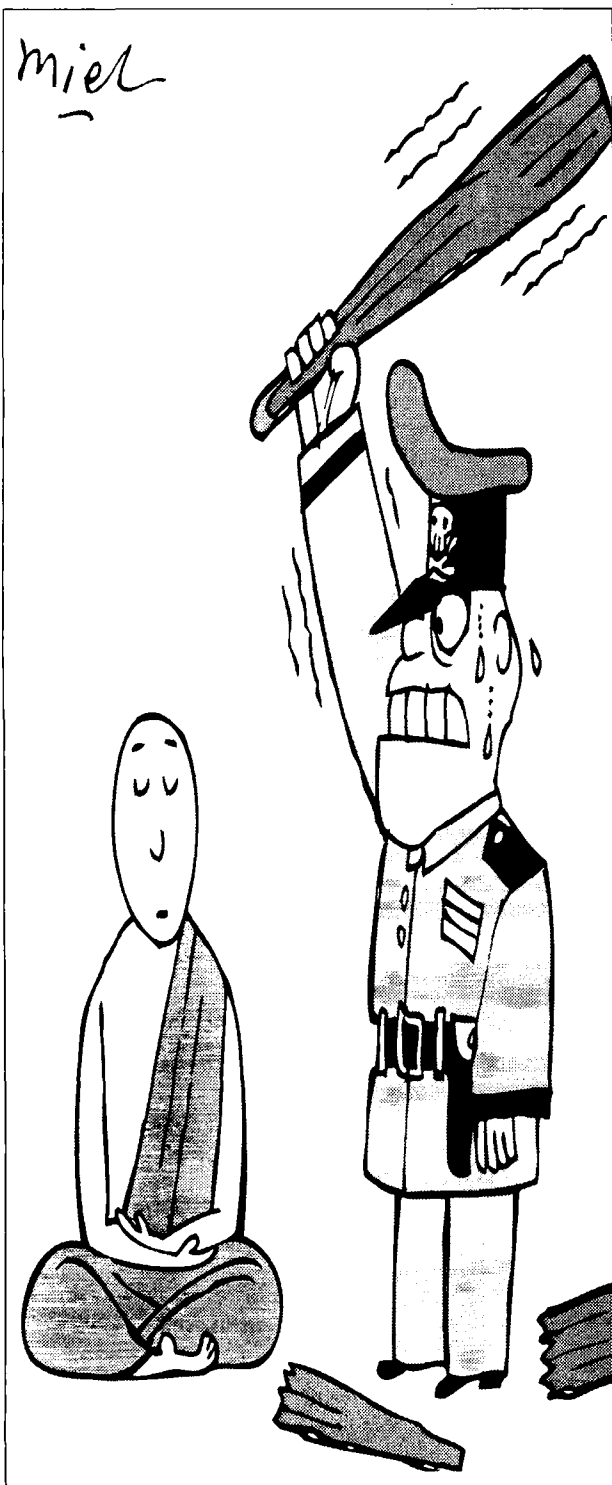
Perhaps we need such reminders of "victory" today or vivid images of dead and wounded American soldiers televised each evening to slap us awake. Once we were awakened in a personal attack on a September day. But now, most of us remain in an arm chair. Rather than each of us representing a unit of freedom, of personally changing our lives to better our nation, we let "them" do it for us in our uniquely spoiled way.

The "them" has just suffered their 3,800th death. The challenge now goes out to the fat, the lazy, the loud and the certain — give your best to America by sacrificing for the war. Burns ends his segments with an inspiring song that each of us should strive to make our own theme: "America, America, I gave my best to you. America, America, I gave my best to you."

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Was it sarcasm?

As an alumnus of this University, I find that Mike Laskey's Viewpoint letter arguing that Notre Dame is a politically activist campus because students wore The Shirt on Friday ("Shirt solidarity day shows activism," Sept. 26) to be deeply embarrassing. Football at Notre Dame is woven into the social fabric of the University, and as such, Friday's show of support was directly involved with the social life of the student body. To claim that it is a sign of political activism, however, is a pompous presumption.

Meanwhile, late Wednesday night, news sources reported that the Myanmar government initiated a crackdown on peaceful pro-democracy demonstrations led by monks. China steadfastly refuses to allow even a resolution of condemnation pass through the U.N. Security Council as innocent civilians are being arrested and killed.

Show solidarity by choosing this Friday to wear orange in support of those monks and their battle for their lives and freedom in Myanmar. Rally outside of the Main Building in favor of higher wages for those people who feed and clean up after you every day. Until events like those regularly take place on campus, don't claim that because Notre Dame students are supporting other Notre Dame students, we've somehow overcome our political apathy. And don't ever place wearing The Shirt at an equal footing of overcoming adversity with those who are fighting in foreign lands for their basic human rights. Every time you do, it only serves as a clear example at how shamefully disconnected from the outside world some can become while at Notre Dame — a place where we're expected to be the best and brightest in this country.

Greg Dworjan
alumnus
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Sept. 27

Evolved campaigns reach further

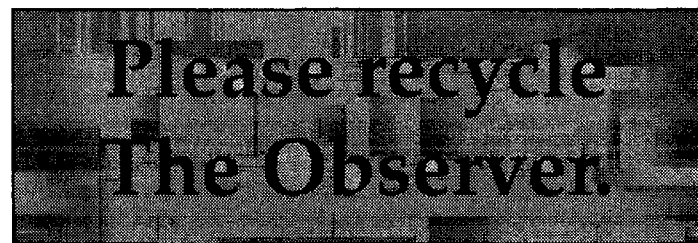
Andrew Nesi's assertion that the motivation of political candidates to create MySpace or Facebook accounts is merely to ingratiate themselves with youth while appearing technologically "hip" at the expense of real persuasion, is false ("An inconvenient truth," Sept. 27).

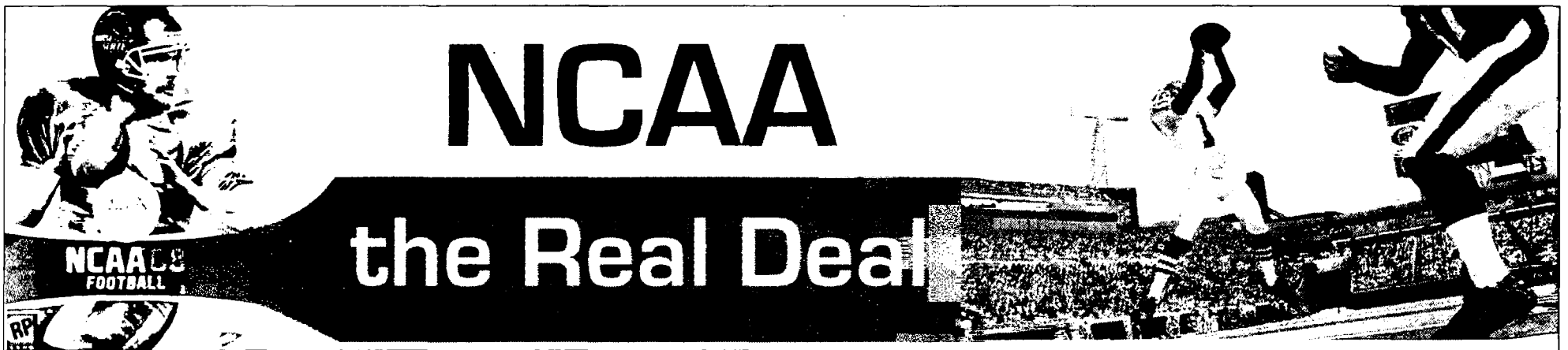
Along with an evolving democracy comes an evolving system of campaigning. The printing press created the world of campaign literature and the internet revolutionized its publications; the next step in this process is the usage of online social networking to find voting bases. Whether or not we college students, who still believe (and perhaps with good reason) that Facebook should exclusively serve our social lives, the undeniable fact is that it does not. Facebook has become a giant in information exchange. I would view it as irresponsible and illogical if political candidates did not tap into such a widely used method of communication.

From personal experience, the Facebook applications that allow users to support candidates have not "dumbed down" political dialog, but increased it. OK, increased it with our convenience in mind, but that isn't such a bad thing, is it? I doubt I'm the only one who has posted on someone's wall about their precarious support of a candidate.

While our natural instinct is to conserve old methods, I'll suppress my desire for nostalgia and opt for Microsoft Word 2007, even if a type-writer seems more noble.

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JULIE GRISANTI | Observer Graphic

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

If it ain't broke, don't fix it. EA Sports developers took good heed of this age-old advice in creating NCAA 2008, subtly tweaking and adding a few new wrinkles to their tried-and-true formula in the latest incarnation of this popular video game franchise. For college football fans itching for their video game fix, NCAA 2008 remains the definitive hook-up for some pixedated pandemonium. For those who have the misfortune of not possessing 4.3 speed or a hand cannon powerful enough to throw footballs over mountains, NCAA 2008 is the closest a couch quarterback can get to "the real deal." NCAA 2008 is a control freak's game: The game features a myriad of options allowing the gamer to micro-manage every aspect of the game. Well, almost everything — the folks at EA Sports have yet to add a "Post-game Press Conference" option in which the coach can embarrass himself on television (ala Mike Gundy or John L. Smith), but it's a fair bet they'll add this feature in the future. On the offensive side of the ball, NCAA '08 has all kinds of new hot

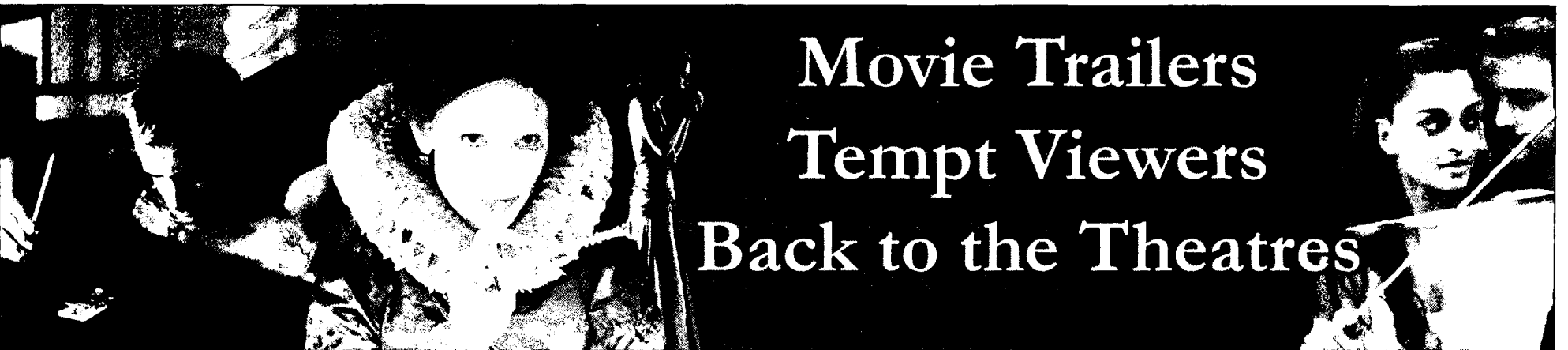
routes, coverage audibles and zone reads, all within the reach of your twiddling thumbs. Plus, NCAA '08 offers nifty new motion plays sporting flashy green arrows which automatically put your players in motion, giving them a head start and some momentum in the quest for the end zone. As always, NCAA '08 features all manner of playbooks and offensive styles to rain ruin down on your opponents, having added most recently Boise State's legendary hook-and-ladder and Statue of Liberty plays. As most red-blooded American males will tell you, the best part of playing video games is the trash talking. And NCAA 2008 offers gamers a whole slew of new weapons in which to embarrass friends and foes, including fake punts, direct snaps and flea flickers. Perhaps the best new feature is the aptly-named Highlight stick, which functions much like the juke stick of previous years, only now the player can

make like Reggie Bush and pull off stutter steps and other shifty moves to rip off scintillating runs and make opposing teams (and by extension, the unfortunate soul directing the defense with the controller sitting next to you on the couch) look plain silly. Even better, the highlight stick is tailored to the specific player using it; lightning-quick backs and receivers will juke defenders out of their jockstraps, while bigger, lumbering tight ends and fullbacks will just smash through enemy lines like tanks, dragging defenders with them or pancaking them along the way. There are more defensive options as well, including quarterback contain defensive audibles to prevent opposing signal-callers from flying the coup and picking up massive chunks of yardage on the ground, safe zones and different blitz packages. The hit stick returns in order to deliver bone-jarring tackles and punishing take-downs on opposing offenses. In other words, you

have everything you need to get a leg up on opposing offenses and shut them down short of a new signal stealing option inspired by Bill Belichick's dastardly deeds with a camera. If you're in it for the long haul and feel like delivering our alma mater from her current football woes, you can throw the game into dynasty mode and build your program up from scratch, recruiting players as you go in pursuit of gridiron glory. If you play as Notre Dame, good luck against USC and some of the bigger boys on the schedule; as of now there's no way to arrange to have the stadium grass grown longer to slow down electrifying opponents. Of course, no video game can encompass the all-inclusive experience that is college football, but NCAA comes pretty close. Pretty much the only things missing from the current game are the fans doing student cheers and the band's halftime show, although you can put on a show of your own with all the new high-octane hijinks available at your disposal. For rookie gamers and seasoned veterans alike, NCAA '08 fixes to impress.

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Movie trailers. They're like the mini candy bars you steal out of jars and eat too many of at Halloween — delicious and bite sized. They let you know what's coming up in the movie world, take a peek at the film adaptation of your favorite book, enjoy a few seconds of your favorite actor or actress, and keep you up to date on the preferred political sentiments of the moment, all without taking more than a few minutes of your time. What more can a busy college student who wants to do nothing more than procrastinate ask for? Studios manufacture the trailers for their movies to lure audiences into seeing the advertised film, and as such they can often stand alone as entertainment. I admit with pride that one of my favorite ways of wasting time is sitting in front of my computer watching the diverse lists of trailers off of Yahoo or Apple. Time flies away as I discern what movies I want to spend my money on and review for all my favorite Observer readers. Sometimes it is disappointing to realize I've already seen every one of the trailers in the previews before the

movie I've gone to see, but I cannot resist. Besides, there is something to be said for the excitement of seeing it in the theatre, and I can make sure everyone with me is paying attention to the good ones. The most exciting trailers are probably those that advertise films you're already looking forward to. Whether it's the sequel to the movie you adored, the adaptation of your favorite book or the movie that features the actor or actress you never mind seeing on a big screen, trailers gift you with the morsels that have to last you until the film is released. I love getting to see the first glimpse of a story I have adored for ages in a new visual format, hoping that I will not be disappointed. Sometimes trailers save you money. There are some films that really aren't worth the exorbitant ticket price or the time to see them. Trailers let you view the best parts of many movies without ever having to see it. You get the one good laugh, the point of high-

est tension, or the one meaningful point. There are several movies that I abandoned the desire to see, certain that in the two and a half minutes before another film I caught everything I needed to and the rest could be released without cost. Trailers aim to display the best of the films have to offer, and for some movies, that is not much. Not only do movie trailers let you take a peek at the movies you want to see, they give you some authority on the movies you want to be able to talk about with other people. When the kid sitting across the way in class launches into a commentary on global warming and cries that everyone should see "An Inconvenient Truth," or disparages the health care system and cites "Sicko," or discusses whatever else catches their fancy and has a complimentary film release, you can nod along with the rest of the class like you know what it is they are talking about. All without having to go to the movie that while good, probably doesn't overwhelm your desire to see

such gems as the latest "Die Hard" sequel. Sometimes trailers are disappointing. They can be cliché and predictable, give away too much — or simply do nothing to salvage a lost-cause film. Of course, the worst is when they advertise a film you can't wait to see, but then let you know it will only be a limited release (in other words, it will not come to South Bend. There are movies I still have not managed to catch.). The rest of the time, they take you on a whirlwind tour of everything there is to look forward to in the upcoming months, tantalizing you back into the world of popcorn and movie stars. So, despite the fact that I have a paper to write, I think it's time to go see what Colin Firth might be up to in "The Last Legion," try to understand what "The Nines" is about, get excited over "Elizabeth: The Golden Age," and worry about what this world has come to with a glimpse of "Alvin and the Chipmunks." Augustine can wait. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Michelle Fordice at mfordice@nd.edu

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EASTERN PROMISES AN UNSETTLING LOOK AT HUMAN INTENTIONS



JULIE GRISANTI | Observer Graphic

By MARK WITTE
Scene Writer

If we had Viggo Mortensen on the line for pocket protection, Jimmy Clausen would never get sacked.

In Eastern Promises, director David Cronenberg ("A History of Violence," "The Fly") reunites with Mortensen to draw us into the violent world of underground London crime, where throats are slit, people disappear and a henchman mysteriously helps a damsel in distress.

When Anna Khitrova (Naomi Watts) stumbles upon the diary of a dying prostitute while delivering the girl's daughter, she enters a world of trouble. Attached to the child for personal reasons, Anna becomes intent on discovering more about the history of the baby's mother. She tries to have the diary translated, ending up on the doorstep of restaurant owner Semyon (Armin Mueller-Stahl), who just so happens to be the head of a ruthless Russian mob — the Vory V. Zakone. (The mob's name might not sound very scary on the paper, but whenever it is mentioned in the film, all the characters quickly shut up.)

Not everything goes as planned, and it turns out the diary contains some incriminating entries about Semyon and

his ruthlessly stupid son, Kirill (Vincent Cassel). Kirill is not a terribly intelligent human being, and he does an excellent job of complicating the plot by whacking a family associate Soyka (Aleksandar Mikic). Luckily for him, he has Nikolai (Viggo Mortensen) as his driver and bodyguard.

Nikolai is undoubtedly one of the most mysterious, badass characters you may ever see on the big screen. He becomes acquainted with Anna and helps her throughout the film, but it becomes difficult to tell whether he is helping her for her benefit or manipulating her other reasons because he keeps such a mysterious cool. At one point Anna asks him how he can do what he does. His causal response: "I'm just a driver."

The film climaxes when Soyka's family comes to town looking for retribution. Semyon starts making demands of Anna, and the dead prostitute's baby suddenly disappears.

Cronenberg's latest work is not an action movie, but the film is not short on violence. There are no shootouts, but Cronenberg's uncanny ability to make his violence brutally realistic causes the few short scenes of killing we do witness to be more disturbing than many recent World War II epics. There is one particular scene in which Nikolai fights his way out of a sauna, that is so viciously scarring, audiences' retinas may never recover.

While the plot seems to resolve itself a bit too easily, the acting performances are a treat.

The transformation Mortensen makes for his role is so convincing that it may take you twenty or thirty minutes to realize that it is actually him you are seeing on the screen. The true delight he brings to his

Cronenberg only lets us get so close. To take us any further, might be to grapple too much in the dark.

Eastern Promises

Directed by: David Cronenberg

Starring: Viggo Mortensen, Naomi Watts, Vincent Cassel



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Viggo Mortensen plays Nikolai Luzhin, a ruthless criminal tied to one of London's notorious organized crime families.



Photo courtesy of eonline.com

Luzhin finds his loyalties divided after meeting Anna Khitrova (Naomi Watts).

Bring Dave Matthews to campus

By MATT MANLEY
Scene Writer

We have until midnight October 15.

Less than three weeks.

AT&T is putting on a contest — The World's Loudest Pep Rally. The college that sends the most invites in relation to its population will have the Dave Matthews Band come and play a concert at its campus. As of right now, Notre Dame is at No. 38, which means if we are to get Dave to play here, we need to mobilize fast. The best way? The following two-step process.

First step: Join the Facebook group "Bring Dave Matthews Band to Notre Dame!!" The group simplifies the invite process, helps you out if you run into problems and makes you look a little cooler on the social networking site.

Second step: Invite Dave. You need to follow the link provided by the Facebook group to attblue-room.com and register. You will then have to give your e-mail among other information. Do not be afraid, AT&T will not send you anything unless you go through the trouble of actually checking some boxes to ask for information to be sent to you.

But the simplest way join in the invite process is to send text messages — a lot of text messages. Inviters are allowed to send out invitations up to 50 times per day, a fact of which Notre Dame needs to take full advantage. It may seem somewhat excessive, but if it means being able to tell your kids that you saw Dave Matthews Band in concert at Notre Dame, would you not be grateful for the opportunity? To invite via text message, simply text "DMB" to 959.

The four other methods involve a little more work but give the added bonus of being entered concurrently into separate competitions with their own awards. These contests are for individuals rather than schools, and each competition supplies a winner with a trip for two, hotel accommodations and two VIP tickets to the concert. So even if Notre Dame does not win the overall competition, by no means is seeing Dave in concert out of reach for a talented student.

These individual competitions are photo, movie, essay, and audio invites. Each entry will be judged on creativity (40 percent), humor and entertainment value (30 percent), and quality of delivery (30 percent). Submitting photos is an easy and fun way to invite, but choosing another medium might mean less competition and a higher chance of winning the individual competition.

Whichever the ideal means of invitation, the fact remains that Notre Dame is still farther down the list than preferred, and we would not want to lose to Baylor, the U.S. Air Force Academy or the University of Tulsa who currently top the list.

So here's the game plan: One, join the Facebook group; two, register; three, text "DMB" to 959 as many times as you can. Lets bring Dave Matthews to campus.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Welsh Family downs defending champs, Lyons rolls

By ERIC PRISTER and
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Welsh Family 6, Pasquerilla West 0

Two seemingly unstoppable offenses were overshadowed by two stifling defenses Thursday as Welsh Family defeated Pasquerilla West 6-0.

The Whirlwinds, who had scored four touchdowns in each of their first three games, were held to only two first downs by an aggressive Purple Weasel defense.

Welsh Family's defense enjoyed success of its own, recording five interceptions, including two by senior Angela McKenzie, and held Pasquerilla West scoreless.

"Our defense really stepped up and played a great game," Welsh senior defensive coordinator Paul Carlson said. "Our goal was to make them throw ... and we picked up five interceptions ... that was the game plan."

The Whirlwinds scored the only points of the game during their first drive of the second half. Junior quarterback Jenni Gargula completed a fourth-down pass to put Welsh Family in the red zone. Gargula capped off the drive with a touchdown pass to senior captain Kelly Bushelle, who made a fingertip grab in the back corner of the end zone.

Pasquerilla West threatened on its next drive, but Welsh's defense stepped up again, sacking freshman quarterback Grace Orians three times and forcing a turnover.

Weasels offensive coordinator Justin Betz isn't worried about the lack of offense, though.

"We just didn't execute when we needed to. ... We'll make adjustments," he said. "We're still going to win the championship. Nothing changes."

The Whirlwinds have championship thoughts as well.

"We plan to go undefeated and go to the Stadium," Carlson said.

Both teams continue their title runs on Sunday, as Pasquerilla West, now 2-1, takes on Pangborn, and Welsh Family plays Lyons.

Lyons 27, Breen-Phillips 0

There was the option, the hook-and-ladder and the Statue of Liberty. And Lyons had a Fiesta at the expense of Breen-Phillips.

The Lions asserted their offensive dominance and trampled the Babes 27-0.

"It was a really big win, especially coming off a tough loss last week," sophomore quarterback Claire Connell said.

Lyons' offense looked as if it had stolen Boise State's playbook. In its second drive of the game, Lyons perfectly executed a pair of 20-yard plays — Connell ran an option-pitch to junior running back Shannon Brady and a hook-and-ladder later in the drive. Connell completed the drive with a 15-yard touchdown pass to sophomore Maria

Petnuch.

Breen-Phillips responded on the next play with its only end zone visit of the game, an 85-yard pass from junior quarterback and captain Melissa Meagher. Unfortunately for the Babes, the touchdown was called back on a penalty.

Such was the Babes' luck throughout the contest. The offense had some tremendous receptions and got as close as the 10-yard line, but the Babes were plagued with too many dropped balls to make it into the end zone.

"We need to start combining good plays in single possessions," Meagher said. "Sometimes we make some really incredible catches of runs, but we don't string them together."

The Lyons offense was too much for the Babes to handle. Freshman running back Neva Lundy's spin moves propelled the rushing game. Connell rushed for one touchdown and passed for three, two of which were to

Petnuch. They even brought back the Boise State style with a Statue of Liberty in the second quarter, resulting in a 25-yard gain.

"We knew we had to turn things around," Connell said. "This game will give us the momentum we need for going up against Welsh [Family] on Sunday."

The win improves the Lions' record to 2-1, while Breen-Phillips will go into Sunday's game against Lewis 3-1.

Badin 13, Lewis 6, Suspended

The Badin-Lewis game was suspended and postponed at halftime due to lightning and weather, senior Bullfrog Ginna Dybicz said. The Bullfrogs led the Chicks 13-7 at the time of suspension. The game will be resumed at a later date.

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Phillies top Braves, tie Mets for lead in NL East

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PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Phillies are done chasing.

After 159 games, the Phillies are finally atop the division standings — albeit tied with the free-falling New York Mets.

Ryan Howard hit his 44th homer, Pat Burrell also connected and the Phillies roughed up John Smoltz, before hanging on for a 6-4 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Thursday night.

The collapsing Mets lost 3-0 to St. Louis to drop into a tie with Philadelphia (87-72) for first place. Both teams have

three games left. The Phillies host Washington, which is coming off a three-game sweep at Shea Stadium. The Mets host Florida.

"It's a good feeling," Howard said. "But, really, we haven't done anything. We have three games left. This is what it's all about."

Chipper Jones and Mark Teixeira hit consecutive homers for the Braves, who were mathematically eliminated from postseason contention for the second straight year after winning 14 straight division titles.

While the Phillies celebrated their 11th win in 14 games, a

crowd of 40,589 cheered wildly and waved their white-and-red "Fightin' Phils" towels.

For a change, there were no "E-A-G-L-E-S" chants at Citizens Bank Park.

"I couldn't hear myself think. That was great," closer Brett Myers said.

Kyle Kendrick (10-4) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings. Tom Gordon escaped a jam in the seventh, J.C. Romero pitches a scoreless eighth and Myers allowed a leadoff homer to Jeff Francoeur in the ninth before getting three outs for his 21st save in 24 chances.

The Phillies hadn't spent a day in first place all season,

and were seven games behind the Mets after losing to Colorado on Sept. 12. They remained one game behind San Diego in the wild-card standings. The Padres beat Milwaukee 9-5. The Rockies are also a game behind the Padres.

After falling short in the final weekend the last two seasons, the Phillies could be heading to the playoffs for the first time since 1993. Meanwhile, Atlanta is going home for the second straight year after their unprecedented string of division championships.

Desperate to keep their faint playoff hopes alive, the Braves

got a poor performance from an unlikely source. Smoltz (14-8) gave up six runs — five earned — and seven hits, striking out eight in four innings. It was his shortest outing since going 3 1-3 innings on May 29, and only the fourth time in 32 starts he allowed more than three earned runs.

"Everybody here can improve on their year and I'm looking forward to it," Smoltz said of next season.

The Braves sliced Philly's lead in half when Jones hit an opposite-field, two-run homer and Teixeira followed with a solo shot to cut it to 6-3 in the sixth.

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Joba rules!

Wow, Thomson, the Mets choked on applesauce

It's 2:23 on a.m. on Thursday night and I'm sitting here typing this. This sucks.

For the love of God, I just need to fill up the rest of the space so I can keep working on the three pages I need to finish so I could go home.

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American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Boston	94-64	.595	5-5	-
New York	91-67	.576	7-3	3.0
Toronto	81-77	.513	7-3	13.0
Baltimore	67-91	.424	3-7	27.0
Tampa Bay	65-93	.411	4-6	29.0

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Cleveland	94-64	.595	7-3	-
Detroit	87-72	.547	5-5	7.5
Minnesota	77-81	.487	5-5	17.0
Chicago	69-89	.437	6-4	25.0
Kansas City	68-90	.430	4-6	26.0

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Los Angeles	92-67	.579	5-5	-
Seattle	84-74	.532	6-4	7.5
Oakland	75-84	.472	2-8	17.0
Texas	75-84	.472	5-5	17.0

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	87-71	.551	4-6	-
Philadelphia	86-72	.544	7-3	1.0
Atlanta	83-75	.525	8-2	4.0
Washington	72-87	.453	6-4	15.5
Florida	68-90	.430	3-7	19.0

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Chicago	83-75	.525	6-4	-
Milwaukee	81-77	.513	5-5	2.0
St. Louis	74-84	.468	4-6	9.0
Cincinnati	71-87	.449	3-7	12.0
Houston	70-88	.443	6-4	13.0
Pittsburgh	68-91	.428	2-8	15.5

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Arizona	89-70	.560	6-4	-
San Diego	87-71	.551	6-4	1.5
Colorado	86-72	.544	10-0	2.5
Los Angeles	80-78	.506	1-9	8.5
San Francisco	70-89	.440	4-6	19.0

MIAA Women's Volleyball Standings

team	league	overall
Calvin	7-0	12-3
Adrian	5-1	8-6
Hope	5-2	10-5
Tri-State	4-2	6-8
SAINT MARY'S	3-4	6-8
Albion	2-4	5-10
Kalamazoo	2-5	5-9
Alma	1-6	5-14
Olivet	1-6	2-13

NBA



New York Knicks president and coach Isiah Thomas leaves Manhattan federal court during the second week of his sexual harassment trial on Sept. 18 in New York.

Thomas accuser says her firing was unjust

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The owner of the New York Knicks dismissed a top female executive solely in retaliation for accusing head coach Isiah Thomas of boorish behavior and to scare other unhappy employees, a lawyer said Thursday in closing arguments at the sexual harassment trial.

Madison Square Garden "completely fabricated its reasons for firing" Anucha Browne Sanders, the plaintiff in the \$10 million lawsuit, said her attorney, Anne Vladeck.

In their closing arguments, defense lawyers argued Browne Sanders

was doomed by her own failure to adapt to an organizational shake up that began with Thomas's hiring in 2004.

Vladeck argued the firing was meant "to impose fear in every Garden employee who may want to complain, particularly about a star" and send the message, "You will be attacked on every level: your integrity, character, honesty and competence."

At the trial in Manhattan federal court, Browne Sanders leveled accusations — denied by Thomas — that he routinely addressed her as "bitch" and "ho" during private meetings. Such conduct "may be OK at the Garden,

but it's not OK under the law," Vladeck said.

MSG and its chief executive, James Dolan, should be forced to pay punitive damages because money "is the language the defendants understand," the lawyer told a jury of five women and three men.

Earlier Thursday, MSG attorney Ronald Green claimed a series of clashes with Thomas and star guard Stephon Marbury, poor job performance and personal financial woes put her in a precarious position that prompted her to make false claims.

"That's not about sexual harassment," he said. "That's about team politics."

Thomas's attorney argued that Browne Sanders defied logic by testifying that the once-abusive coach did an abrupt about-face, declaring his love for her and suggesting a liaison "off site."

"Interesting term — 'off site,'" said the lawyer, Kathleen Bogas. "Not particularly romantic. One would expect, 'Let's have dinner.' 'Let's have lunch.' 'Let's have a drink together.' But 'Let's go off site?'"

The defense also argued that extensive testimony about Marbury's admitted tryst with an MSG intern — meant to demonstrate an environment of harassment — really was a side show.

IN BRIEF

Umpires refuse to oppose Winters' suspension

NEW YORK — The union for baseball umpires will not contest the season-ending suspension given to Mike Winters for using a profanity aimed at San Diego's Milton Bradley last weekend.

The World Umpires Association issued a contrite statement Thursday, and union spokesman Lamell McMorris said the WUA would not challenge the penalty handed down by Major League Baseball a day earlier.

"I've spoken with Mike Winters, and he sincerely regrets what happened on the field that day," McMorris said. "Sometimes, regrettable situations just come out of nowhere and spiral out of control, and everyone involved later wishes that the entire thing can be undone and everyone can go back to the beginning and start over."

Colts' first-round pick from OSU struggles with offense

INDIANAPOLIS — Anthony Gonzalez considers himself a quick study.

But even he was confused by the Indianapolis offense. Three weeks ago, Gonzalez, the Colts' first-round draft pick, acknowledged he was still struggling to pick up Peyton Manning's repertoire of audibles and hand signals.

Now that he's figured that out, Gonzalez is starting to make plays.

"I think when you come into a situation where the quarterback is a veteran quarterback and he's been with veteran receivers, there's certainly a level of trust he has with them," Gonzalez said. "You've got to develop that and that's part of the situation here."

Gonzalez is the next in a long line of Colts draft picks who have been brought along slowly.

Brazil's Marta scores 2 goals in win versus U.S.

HANGZHOU, China — The way Brazil and sensational striker Marta played, it didn't matter who was in goal for the United States.

Marta scored two goals and the Brazilians put on a dazzling display of soccer Thursday, outthrusting the Americans at nearly every turn to cruise to a 4-0 victory in the Women's World Cup semifinals.

The Brazilians will play in their first final Sunday against defending champion Germany.

"If you asked me how I do that, I can't explain," Marta said, even after watching TV replays of her goals. "Things happen very quickly during the match, and afterward I start thinking: 'How do I do that?'"

That's what American goalie Hope Solo was asking. Angry she was replaced for the critical game in favor of veteran Briana Scurry, Solo lashed out at U.S. coach Greg Ryan.

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their opposition off balance, but for the most part, they are sticking to what they do best.

On defense, the Weasels will be looking to sophomore linebacker Cynthia Curley and freshman lineman Mary Forr to stop the Pangborn attack.

The defending champions have high expectations for the rest of the season.

"I think we are going to win it all again," Martinek said. "We are as good if not better than we were in the last two years. We have really good chances."

Pangborn is hoping to play the spoiler, as they enter the game with momentum on their sides. The Phoxes are coming off of a 16-0 win over Lyons. The team has a 2-1 record, with its one loss coming to Welsh Family.

Sophomore quarterback Gabby Tate hopes to carry over from her performance against Lyons last week. Tate and sophomore captain Meghan Bescher connected for two touchdowns on the day, and hope to find the same holes in the Weasels' defense.

Pangborn's defense has also stepped up as of late. The Phoxes hope that their shutout of Lyon's is a sign of good things to come the rest of the season.

Farley vs. Howard

In a matchup between two

potential title contenders, the Howard Ducks face Farley's Finest on Sunday at 1 p.m. in a fight for second place in the Blue League.

Both teams are coming off strong showings, and both feel that they can be highly competitive in the upcoming game.

Not only is Farley going to have to deal with a rejuvenated defense, but they will also have to face off against Bishop's fast-paced offense.

The Farley defense has proved to be up to the challenge so far this season. The Finest have yet to allow a touchdown this season.

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Pasquerilla East vs. Cavanaugh

Pasquerilla East and Cavanaugh look to get their seasons on track after slow starts against each other Sunday afternoon.

The Pyros come into the game at 0-1-2, but P.E. junior captain Megan Becker is hoping that star players — co-captain and senior wide receiver Caroline Nally and sophomore wide receiver Tara Pillai — will continue to contribute to the PE offense.

"Our defense is pretty strong and our offense is improving," Becker said. "We just need more consistency. It's been one or two plays in every game that have really hurt us."

Becker said the team is looking

to eliminate those mistakes Sunday and come out with a win over Cavanaugh.

The Chaos (1-2) hope to continue their winning ways after beating McGlinn to pick up their first victory of the season in their last game.

"This season has been rough so far," senior captain Tarah Brown said. "But we're coming off a win last week and things are coming together for us in practice."

Brown is confident in her team as they head into the game this weekend.

"Our defense is solid as always and we've been working on picking up our momentum on offense," she said.

Lyons vs. Welsh Family

Playoff contender Lyons will take on the undefeated Welsh Family Whirlwinds Sunday at 4 p.m.

After a devastating setback at the hands of Pangborn last Sunday, Lyons' inexperienced but talented backfield — with freshman running back Neva Lundy and sophomore quarterback Claire Connell — hopes to turn their team around and lead it in an upset over the Whirlwinds.

Lundy and Connell combined for 20 points in their first game, against Badin. But things did not go so well against the top-notch Pangborn defense. The Lions offense was kept out of the pay dirt in a 16-0 defeat.

"We had a bit of a problem finding a rhythm on offense last

Sunday, so this week at practice we focused on making sure we will be able to move the ball like we did during our first game," senior captain Katie Mackin said.

Lyons will need Connell and Lundy to step up as well as their defense in order to pick up a win Sunday.

Welsh Family, led by a number of returning starters, hopes to out duel the young duo by countering with a seasoned, veteran defense along with a strong offense behind junior quarterback Jenni Gargula. Gargula has led Welsh's offense to 53 points in their first two games.

"We want to build upon all the good things we have been doing in the past weeks. We expect to keep improving and to keep focusing on our goals," senior captain Kelly Bushelle said.

This mentality seems to have been taken to heart by her team who has not shown any signs of weakness this season.

"I think the strength of our team is how well we work together," Bushelle said.

"We want to build upon all the good things we have been doing in the past weeks."

Kelly Bushelle
Welsh Family captain

Breen-Phillips vs. Lewis

Breen-Phillips and Lewis are looking for a turnaround to salvage the rest of their seasons Sunday at 3 p.m.

The Babes dropped to 1-3 on

the year with a 27-0 loss to Lyons earlier this week. The Chicks (0-2-1) are still seeking their first win of the season.

Despite their record, Lewis is capable of taking the ball to the house. Sophomore quarterback Catherine Guarnieri rallied her team in the second half of their game against Welsh Family for two late touchdowns. Lewis scored 13 points but could not catch up to the Whirlwinds.

The Babes are led by quarterback Melissa Meagher and receiver Tara

McCarron, both juniors. Breen-Phillips' freshman class is especially athletic and should pose a great threat once they perfect their ability to work together.

The Babes have the potential to make plenty of big plays on offense, but they have played inconsistently. Dropped passes have often stymied good drives, but Meagher hopes the team can put some points on the board against Lewis.

"It will be a tight match because Lewis has a lot of talent," Meagher said. "But I think we will pull out the win."

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MLB

Mets squander NL East lead in loss to Cardinals



Mets first baseman Carlos Delgado walks back to the dugout after striking out in the seventh inning of New York's 3-0 loss to St. Louis Thursday.

Associated Press

NEW YORK —The New York Mets' lead in the NL East is gone. They might not even be in the playoffs at all if they can't snap out of their near historic funk.

The spiraling Mets managed just three hits off Joel Pineiro and Jason Isringhausen in a 3-0 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday night that dropped them into a first-place tie with Philadelphia in the division.

"We're tied now, so now we've got three games to get it done," manager Willie Randolph said. "That's the way baseball goes and we kind of made our own bed here so we've got to fight through this."

Not even Pedro Martinez could save New York, which had led the division alone every day since May 16. Randolph quickly tried to lift the players' spirits after the game, delivering what he called a positive message during a brief team meeting.

The Mets (87-72) were ahead by seven games on Sept. 12 with 17 remaining but have lost 10 of 14 overall and seven straight at home, a monumental tailspin for a team that counted on being in the playoffs.

"I think we're due to have something special happen to us because in the time I've been here I don't think we've had a little stretch playing games like that and kind of getting away from us that easy," Martinez said. "So I'm expecting some-

thing good to happen."

No major league team has failed to finish first after having at least a seven-game lead with 17 to play. But with three games remaining in the regular season — a weekend series at home against Florida — the Mets might fail to win the division or qualify as the wild card.

Philadelphia, which beat Atlanta 6-4 on Thursday, closes the season with

three games at home against Washington. San Diego, which beat Milwaukee 9-5 in the opener of a four-game series Thursday, leads the Mets, Phillies and Colorado Rockies by one game in the wild card.

"There's two choices: Roll over and start making vacation plans for the offseason, or battle like hell and win this thing," Mets third baseman David Wright said. "We still feel like this is our division."

The latest loss was inflicted by the Cardinals, who beat the Mets in Game 7 of the NL championship series last year. St. Louis went 12-17 down the stretch last year, squeaked into the playoffs and went on to beat the Detroit Tigers in the World Series.

"I think there's some similarities but it's hard to go beyond there," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "I know they're a very good team that

right now is working hard for a win."

Skip Schumaker's RBI single gave St. Louis a 1-0 lead in the first and the Cardinals pushed across two more runs in the third on a double by Albert Pujols and a single by Ryan Ludwick.

Martinez (3-1) allowed seven hits in seven innings, struck out eight and walked one. He threw a season-high 105 pitches

in his first loss in five starts since coming back from shoulder surgery last October.

While Martinez turned in a solid effort, the Mets offense was nonexistent against Pineiro (6-4), making his first career appearance against New York.

"He was outstanding tonight," Randolph said. "(Pineiro) shut us down and Pedro kept us in the ballgame but obviously it wasn't good enough."

Pineiro struck out six and walked one in a season-high eight innings.

Wright doubled in the first to extend his hitting streak to 14 games, and Carlos Delgado and Shawn Green singled in the fifth, but that was it for New York.

"It almost felt like a pennant game out there even though we're not in it," Pineiro said.

Isringhausen worked a perfect ninth to earn his 31st save and complete the three-hitter.

"Our defense is solid as always and we've been working on picking up our momentum on offense."

Tarah Brown
McGlinn captain

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Fisher vs. Sorin

Fisher looks to get its season started on a positive note Sunday when it faces Sorin at 1 p.m. at Riehle Field.

The Green Wave had a bye last Sunday and will be seeing their first game action of the season. They look to improve on a 2006 campaign that included an undefeated regular season but a disappointing first round playoff loss. This year, there is only one goal on their minds.

"We're looking to win every game," sophomore captain Bill Whitaker said. "Including the playoffs."

The driving force behind Fisher's march to the stadium is its experienced linebacker corps — including Whitaker, senior Pat McInerney, and senior Tom Bufalino, who Whitaker called "the inspirational leader of the team."

The linebackers lead a defense that is hoping to make some big plays this weekend.

"We've got to try and force some turnovers," Whitaker said. "That helped us a lot last year."

The hard-nosed defense will be complemented by a strong passing game led by senior quarterback Kevin Rabil.

"We've got a strong passing game," Whitaker said. "We've got some good receivers."

Fisher used its first-week bye to add extra practices during this week to prepare for Sorin. The Green Wave held an intrasquad scrimmage while the rest of the teams played their first games.

Whitaker also believes emotion will be key in getting a win this week.

"We've got to play with a passion," he said.

Fisher faces a Sorin team hungry to avenge its opening-game loss to St. Ed's.

"We just weren't mentally prepared [last week]," Otters senior captain Ryan Bove said. "We got hurt by penalties and turnovers."

To better ready his team for Fisher, Bove cranked up the heat in practices this week, adding more contact and game-action drills.

On defense, the Otters are led by senior linebacker Chris Schwarber and senior safety Mark Dummett.

On the other side of the ball, Sorin looks to build on a rushing attack led by the tandem of Bove and sophomore Robert Gallic that was very effective against St. Ed's.

"We need to stick to the running game," Bove said. "As long as we stay close and stop making mental mistakes, the rest will take care of itself."

Stanford vs. Dillon

After an 8-0 win over O'Neill last week, Stanford will look to stay hot this week against Dillon at 1 p.m.

The Griffins' defense dominated the Angry Mob last week, but captain Rob Huth sees some room for improvement.

"We want to do a better job finishing on third and fourth

downs," Huth said. "And we want to force more three-and-outs."

Senior defensive end Matt Templemire hopes to draw plenty of double teams and wreak havoc in the Dillon backfield. Sophomore defensive tackle Bob Huguelet had a key sack in last week's victory and looks to contribute this week as well.

Offensively, junior quarterback Brian Salvi will lead Stanford's pro-set offense. He will again look to connect with freshman wide out Kevin Ritt.

"He has great hands and plays hard on every down," Huth said of Ritt.

In addition, Huth said the offensive line had improved, which could lead to big holes for the senior running back Tregg Duerson.

Meanwhile, this will be Dillon's first game of the season. After finishing 1-3 last season, the Big

Red will look to get off on the right foot. The team is very experienced, with the majority of the team returning from last year, including junior captain Alex Duffy. Look for the under-

sized Big Red to spread the ball around and get their faster players out in space.

"We are expecting a very tough game from Dillon," Huth said. "Our game last year with those guys went down to the last minute and the team expects the exact kind of tough match that it was last year."

St. Edward's vs. Carroll

If last week's 12-7 win over Sorin was big for St. Ed's, Sunday's 2 p.m. game against Carroll will be a chance to do something even bigger.

Before their season opening win against the Otters, St. Ed's hadn't won a game in three years. Senior captain Ge Wang, a fullback and middle linebacker, said the win was a great way to start the season.

"It felt really good," Wang said. "It was great that our fans were there, and after the game they rushed the field. I haven't experienced a win since high school, so it felt great."

Wang added that a lot of the credit for the first win goes to first-year coach Cameron Hogue and a host of talented underclassmen, including

freshman quarterback Matt Abeling and freshman wide receiver Dan Crisman.

On defense, Vermin captain Kyle Kownacki said he did a little scouting and has a plan for the two freshmen.

"I actually got to see part of the [St. Ed's-Sorin] game last weekend," he said, "and I noticed they have a pretty good freshman quarterback over there. Defensively we were going to try to neutralize him."

While St. Ed's looks to continue its new winning ways, Carroll will try to rebound from a difficult loss to Zahm in the season opener. The Zahmbies held the Vermin offense to only 71 yards, a fact that Carroll's captain, Kownacki, said was as much caused by first-game jitters as it was by Zahm's defense.

"I'd say we pretty much beat

ourselves," Kownacki said. "Our offense just didn't execute well and on defense we couldn't make plays."

With the Zahm game in mind, Kownacki thinks Carroll will look to come out with a more balanced offensive game plan, using the running game to establish a passing attack. Such an attack will likely be focused on senior wide receiver Paul Tassinari, known to Wang and the men of St. Ed's as "Tall Paul from Carroll Hall."

"We'll definitely be preparing for him," Wang said. "He's pretty well recognized in Interhall as one of the better players."

Morrissey vs. Keenan

Something has to give in Sunday's 2 p.m. showdown between Keenan and Morrissey after both teams looked dominant in season-opening shutout victories.

The Knights handled Keough easily in a 12-0 win last Sunday, and the defense that caused the Kangaroos fits will hope to do the same to the Manorites.

"Our big strength is our defense, and it always has been," sophomore captain Pat Burns said. "This year, our offense is starting to come around. There was no point in that first game that we felt wor-

ried, so we're feeling pretty good coming in."

Burns will anchor the offensive and defensive lines, both of which will be at a size disadvantage against the Manorites.

"Both of their lines are good and big, but we think we're a little quicker," Burns said. "Hopefully we can use that to our advantage."

Freshman defensive lineman Bart Dear and senior linebacker Joe Pappas will try to slow down Morrissey's dangerous offensive attack, and the Knights' offense must be efficient to find a hole in the Manorite defense — a defense, Morrissey captain Nick Bencomo said, that responded to the question marks that surrounded it prior to last week's 20-0 thrashing of Alumni.

"We had a lot of guys in new spots, but on the whole, the defense played pretty well," said Bencomo, a senior running back. "There's always room for improvement, but our depth at each position is looking like it'll be a strength."

Sophomore Ryan Lash and freshman Ryan McSweeney have looked good at corner for the defending champions, Bencomo said, and junior receivers Dan Reimer and Warren Scott should continue to make plays for quarterback Joe McBrayer, a fellow junior.

And just in case the Manorites needed any added motivation for the game, they can look back to last year, when the Knights handed them a 12-6 regular season loss — the only blemish on Morrissey's otherwise perfect season.

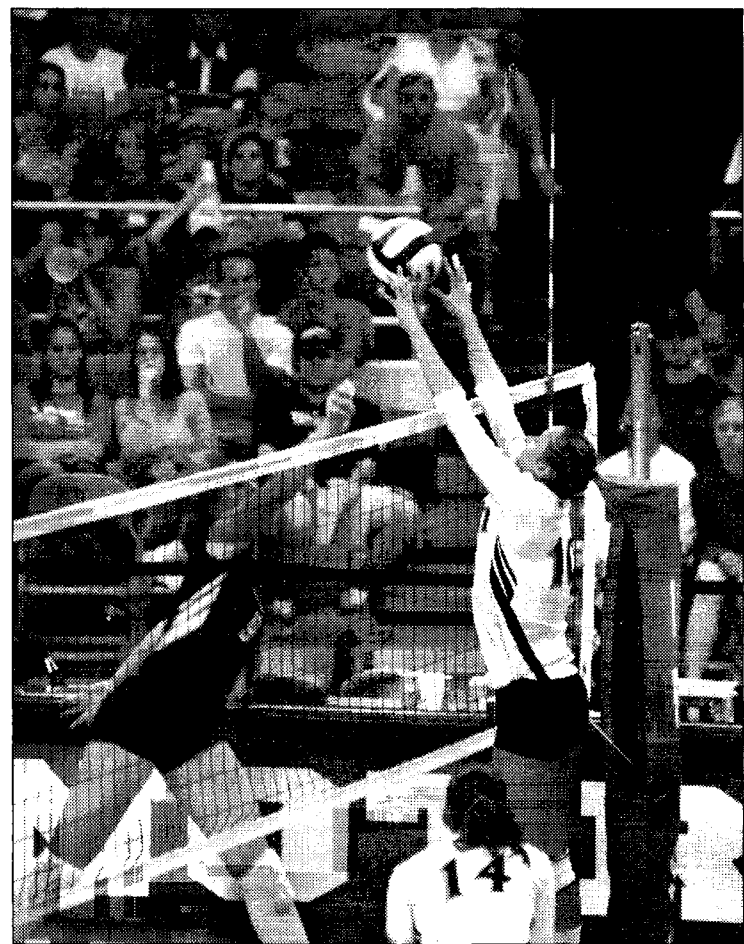
"It might not be as big a deal as people think because we're a different team and we're more focused on [this game]," Bencomo said. "But yeah, it's going to be in our heads, that's for sure."

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Stasiuk breaks records despite new position

Toe injury forces captain to play libero



HY PHAM/The Observer

Senior outside hitter and libero Adrianna Stasiuk goes for a block during Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Bowling Green Aug. 26, 2006.

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

As the Irish went 1-1 last weekend, senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk continued to break Notre Dame records despite an injury that prevented her from starting in her normal outside hitter position.

The Irish attempted to make adjustments by starting Stasiuk in the libero position, but ultimately lost last Saturday's game to Pittsburgh 3-1 (33-31, 32-30, 23-30, 42-40).

"I think a lot of things went wrong on Saturday. We were playing with Adrianna in a different position because of her badly injured toe, so we had a completely different lineup in the game," Irish

coach Debbie Brown said. "We weren't as consistent as we needed to be, and we kept getting leads but failed to close out close games."

Despite the injured toe, Stasiuk posted 14 kills. Freshman middle blocker Kellie Sciacca and sophomore outside and opposite hitter Serinity Phillips matched Stasiuk's kill total, and senior setter Ashley Tauritis recorded 45 assists to keep the Irish in the game.

Stasiuk continued to improve her records upon entering the match against

West Virginia Sunday. She went into the match in sixth place on the Notre Dame's all-time dig list. One match and 17 digs later, Stasiuk moved up to fourth.

Thanks to Phillips' career high 23 kills and Tauritis' effective combination of defense skill and offensive assistance, the Irish defeated West Virginia 3-1.

"Despite the win, I still don't feel that we played up to our full potential against West Virginia," Brown said. "I think we learned a lot

from this past weekend and we put into practice a lot of really good things. We've had some great practices this week that have built some good habits. I feel we are ready for the weekend."

This weekend the Irish (5-7, 1-1) will host two more conference foes — Seton Hall (9-6, 0-2) and Villanova (9-6, 1-1).

Last season, the Irish defeated Seton Hall 3-0 and Villanova, 3-1.

"Every team in the Big East is improving a lot. Villanova had big leads on St. John's, who are a top-20 team. We have our work cut out for us this weekend," Brown said.

The Irish will face Seton Hall Saturday and Villanova Sunday — both at 2 p.m.

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"We're looking to win every game."

Bill Whitaker
Fisher captain

"I'd say we pretty much beat ourselves."

Kyle Kownacki
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"We just weren't mentally prepared [last week]."

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles head to non-conference meet

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

A fourth-place finish at last Saturday's MIAA Jamboree may have put Saint Mary's in position to accomplish its goal of making this season the best in school history, but what it didn't do was give the Belles a week off.

Not that they were counting on one.

"It was right back to business this week," coach Jackie Bauters said. "I don't feel like the success has shocked anybody. For the most part, it's just fired everybody up to continue running well."

That's always the goal, after all, even for Saturday's Sean Earl Lakefront Invitational in Chicago — which won't affect the conference standings. But Bauters is hardly expecting a letdown after last week's fine showing.

"Obviously the conference meets are a little more valuable, but we take each meet similarly," Bauters said. "Every weekend we can learn how each girl can race to her poten-

tial, and as we work toward getting better, we'll start putting all the pieces together."

There's no doubt that the pivotal piece of the puzzle is senior captain Megan Gray. The all-conference returnee led the Belles again last weekend by taking sixth overall. What will make or break the Belles' season, though, is the progression of a young supporting cast.

Bauters said freshman Catie Salyer, who is still recovering from a case of mononucleosis this summer, has begun to assert herself. She was named last weekend's "warrior of the race," a Belles tradition after every meet, for her No. 25 finish in the Jamboree.

Sophomore Emily Graf also battled illness this summer and "has looked a million times better in practice over the past two weeks," Bauters said.

Junior co-captain Caitlin Brodmerkel has been vital in helping along some of the newcomers, Bauters said. Brodmerkel's times are dropping, too — she finished in the Belles' top-seven for the first time in her career last Saturday. Through her hard

work in practice, Bauters said, Brodmerkel leads by example.

"Much of her success is due to her dedication to the summer training program and coming back ready to go," Bauters said. "I believe we'll continue to see great things from her this season."

As for Saturday's meet, Saint Mary's expects to be competitive in the middle of the pack. Last year, the Belles placed 17th among the 33 teams, and Gray paced the effort with her 37th-place finish. Though the sheer number of runners in this race presents the challenge of a crowded course, Bauters remains confident her team will have no trouble dealing with the conditions.

"It should be a fun, relaxing weekend without the added pressure [of MIAA competition]," Bauters said. "It's a good chance for the girls to get on a shorter course, see their times come down, and build a little more confidence moving toward [conference] championships."

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SMC SOCCER

Depleted squad looks to stay hot

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's plays its third MIAA match Saturday against Olivet, a team the Belles defeated 3-2 last season.

Saint Mary's has played well in its first two conference matchups, beating Kalamazoo in the last 10 minutes of play Saturday, and tying traditional foe Albion 1-1 Tuesday after two overtimes. Without junior forward Lauren Hinton and sophomore forward Micki Hedinger, coach Caryn MacKenzie has had to make some adjustments.

Also, the Belles will be without senior defenseman Justine Higgins Saturday. Higgins received two yellow cards in Tuesday's match against Albion and received an automatic one-game suspension.

Tuesday's play against Albion was "sluggish" in a constantly moving game,

Mackenzie said. The Belles have also been struggling to convert in front of the goal, as sidelined scorer Hinton has been sidelined because of an injury.

But the Belles have found other players who can score, including sophomore defenseman Bridget Ronayne and Higgins — both of whom scored last Saturday — and sophomore midfielder Katie Wehrli.

The Belles are No. 2 in the MIAA, and the Comets are No. 9. The two teams may have the same number of overall wins, but Olivet has lost their two conference games to Albion and Kalamazoo — teams Saint Mary's has tied or defeated.

If the Belles can stay flexible and adapt with their personnel, their positive streak could continue beyond Saturday's match.

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MLB

Cubs 'magic number' falls to 2 despite loss



Cubs pitcher Scott Eyre reacts before exiting Chicago's 6-4 loss to Florida Thursday.

Associated Press

MIAMI — Swept by lowly Florida, the Chicago Cubs shambled out of town Thursday with this consolation: If they make the playoffs, they won't have to face the Marlins again.

The problem is Chicago may not make the playoffs.

Struggling to avert another Cubs collapse, the NL Central leaders stranded 10 runners and lost to the last-place Marlins for the third game in a row, 6-4.

"It was a waste of a plane flight," Cubs closer Ryan Dempster said.

"You can look in their dugout, and it's just like panic mode," said Florida's Cody Ross, who drove in a run with a pinch-hit double. "They're pacing up and down. We would be in the same boat if the situation were reversed."

Chicago remained two games

ahead of second-place Milwaukee, which lost 9-5 to San Diego.

"We're still in the driver's seat," manager Lou Piniella said. "We've just got to start winning some games."

The Cubs' magic number for clinching the division fell to two. They close the regular season with a three-game series at Cincinnati beginning Friday, with Carlos Zambrano starting for Chicago.

"We've got the right guy on the mound," Dempster said. "Believe it or not, as bad as this was, we're still confident in ourselves."

Against Florida, not so much. The Marlins beat the Cubs for the 10th straight game over the past two seasons — the longest active streak between major league teams.

"These guys have our number," Chicago first baseman Derrek Lee said. "They came

out and flat-out beat us. We didn't envision a sweep."

Following Wednesday's game, Cubs second baseman Mark DeRosa acknowledged his team might be pressing. Piniella, mindful that the franchise has a history of folding, invited comedian and Cubs superfan Bill Murray to hang out behind the batting cage before Thursday's game.

It didn't help. But the Cubs denied team tradition is working against them.

"We're not worried about history," Lee said. "I understand the history, but we weren't here. I promise, when we're in between the lines, we're not thinking about the history of the Cubs."

Piniella, who contends there's no Cubs curse, blamed the latest loss on squandered opportunities. In the series, Chicago went 3-for-20 with runners in scoring position.

"I didn't think we were tight," Piniella said. "A couple of players are a little out of the norm of the entire season. Maybe they're tired. Other than that, I thought we played nice and loose."

Meanwhile, Florida played like the 2003 Marlins, who overtook the Cubs to win the NL championship series en route to a World Series title.

And even when the Marlins tried to help the Cubs, it wasn't enough.

Florida led 5-1 before a throwing error by third baseman Miguel Cabrera in the sixth inning let Chicago back in the game. With the Marlins leading by a run, Florida reliever Rencyel Pinto came on to walk consecutive batters, loading the bases in the seventh, but Jacque Jones struck out to end the inning.

For the third straight game, Chicago failed to score on the Florida bullpen. Ryan Theriot

hit into a double play against Lee Gardner to end the eighth, and closer Kevin Gregg needed only eight pitches in a perfect ninth for his 31st save in 35 chances.

The appearance was the first in a week for Gregg, who has been nursing a sore forearm.

Bad luck was also part of the Cubs' trouble: Cabrera's opposite-field liner landed on the right-field foul line for an RBI double in the fifth to put Florida ahead 5-1.

Hanley Ramirez hit his 29th homer for Florida while Jeremy Hermida had two hits and finished the series 7-12.

Steve Trachsel (1-3), making his first start in two weeks,

lasted only 4 1-3 innings and allowed five runs. Kerry Wood came on to pitch out of a bases-loaded, no-outs jam in the sixth to keep the Cubs within a run.

Scott Olsen (10-15) gave up a run in the first, then shut down Chicago until Cabrera's error in the sixth. Olsen gave up four runs, two earned, in 5 1-3 innings and won for the first time since Aug. 5. The final home game for attendance-challenged Florida drew 24,809 fans. Most cheered for the Cubs.

"When you've got a lot of their fans in your home ballpark," Marlins reliever Justin Miller said, "you want to go out and shut them up."

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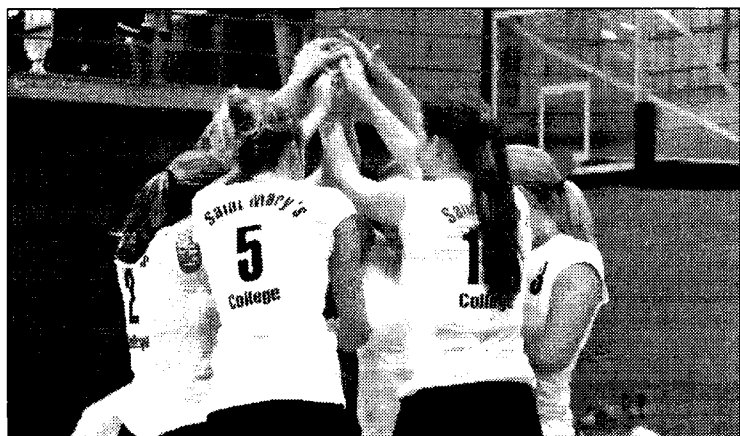
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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Triangular tourney on tap for St. Mary's



Saint Mary's huddles during its 3-0 win over Albion on Sept. 11. The Belles face Bethel and Tri-State Saturday.

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will host a triangular tournament Saturday with Bethel College and conference rival Tri-State.

After getting swept by Calvin on Tuesday, the Belles have been working hard before taking on both the Pilots and the Thunder.

In order to compete against the two squads, then Belles will need to put the Calvin match in the past, Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said.

"From this point forward, our focus has got to be that [this] next match ... is our most important match and play like we mean it — with intensity. No looking forward and no looking back," Schroeder-Biek said.

The Tri-State match will be a little more important to the Belles, since the Thunder are conference competitors and the Pilots are not.

"Tri-State is the only conference opponent that we haven't seen yet this year," Schroeder-Biek said. "We have high goals to accomplish — one of which is to be a first-round host for our tournament."

For Saint Mary's to host a first-round match, it must

finish fourth or higher in the league. Tri-State currently holds the No. 4 spot at 4-2, and the Belles are in fifth at 3-4.

"We will be again working on tightening up our own game," Schroeder-Biek said. "We will have to be on our toes against both of these teams. ... We will be making adjustments in parts of our defense. Primarily quickening it up and working on our players confidently and aggressively playing their positions."

Schroeder-Biek said she has been studying the competition, which are typically strong teams.

"Tri-State is traditionally very strong defensively," Schroeder-Biek said. "And this year, I expect Tri-State's offense to be even more powerful. One of their previously injured attackers is back on the roster and they added a strong junior college transfer. It should be a good match."

Bethel is also a dominant team, and the Belles will not take the non-conference match lightly, Schroeder-Biek said.

The Belles start the meet against the Thunder at 11 a.m.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Runners take to home turf

Irish to face top-notch competition in Notre Dame Invitational

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

In Notre Dame's first two meets, both the men and women placed first in team competition.

After one weekend off, the Irish squads will look to continue their success at the Notre Dame Invitational today.

At the National Catholic Championship on Sept. 14, the newcomers stole the show. Freshman Marissa Treece captured the women's title, while freshman Dan Jackson led the Irish with a second place overall finish. The Irish will need another strong all-around performance if they want to protect their home turf.

The Notre Dame Invitational will host eight women's and six men's teams currently ranked

in the USTFCCCA Div. I poll, including the Irish men (No. 13) and women (No. 27). Other nationally-ranked men's and women's teams include Michigan (No. 26 men/No. 2 women), Providence (No. 11/No. 9), Florida State (No. 24/No. 12), and North Carolina State (No. 10/No. 15).

Other ranked teams include Illinois (No. 7) Baylor (No. 22), and Boston College (No. 26) on the women's side, and Brigham Young University (No. 20) on the men's side.

Friday's Invitational will be the first time this season that the Irish have faced a ranked opponent. The time off, however, should prepare the squads for the challenges they will face.

The Notre Dame Invitational was first held in 1956, and since then, the Irish men have

won it 15 times, with their last title coming in 2003. The women's squad began competing in 1987, and since then they have won six times, with their last victory coming in 2003.

The Invitational is split into a Blue Division and a Gold Division. The Irish and most of the top-tier competition will compete in the Blue Division. The Gold Division includes schools from Div. I, II, and III.

North Carolina State won the men's Blue Division last year, and Michigan took first on the women's side. Both teams will be back this year to defend their titles.

The men's teams will race five miles, while the women will race five kilometers.

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MLB

Yankees still in hunt for AL East

Reliever Chamberlain pitches in consecutive games for first time

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — A day after clinching a playoff berth, the Yankees began preparing reliever Joba Chamberlain for a heavy postseason workload.

The 22-year-old right-hander pitched on consecutive days for the first time Thursday night, helping fellow rookie Phil Hughes beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 3-1 to keep alive New York's slim hopes in the AL East.

Chamberlain struck out B.J. Upton to escape a jam with runners at first and second in the eighth inning. The Yankees have brought him along slowly, but Joba Rules have been eased during the past week, putting him in position where he can be used relatively freely in the postseason.

"He's always said that he could do it, and tonight was a great opportunity after clinching to give him a chance," Yankees pitching coach Ron Guidry said. "I don't think he was as sharp as he normally has been, but I think he did a good job. He got into trouble, he got out of trouble. That's the mark of a good pitcher."

Chamberlain has allowed just one earned run in 23 2/3 innings, a 0.38 ERA, since joining the Yankees in early August and has struck out 34. He said he felt good after the 20-pitch outing in which he allowed a single and also hit a batter.

"It's kind of interesting to see how your body reacts, and it was good. It's been good all year," the 22-year-old right-hander said. "It came back great. My body felt good, so it was another test that, hopefully, I passed."

Manager Joe Torre also liked what he saw.

"He seemed fine. The first thing we checked was Joe Kerrigan in the bullpen to make sure that he had an easy time doing what he was doing, and there were no issues," Torre said, adding that he'd like to bring Chamberlain in during the middle of an inning in his next outing, probably Sunday.

Jose Veras pitched the ninth, completing a six-hitter for his second career save.

New York, which rested Alex Rodriguez, Derek Jeter and four other regulars, closed within two games of first-place Boston with three games to play. The Yankees finish the regular season with a weekend series at Baltimore before opening the playoffs, likely at Cleveland.

"There's a mathematical chance," center fielder Johnny Damon said of the division race. "There's stuff we can't control. All we can control is what we do. ... We just need to try and finish up the best we can."

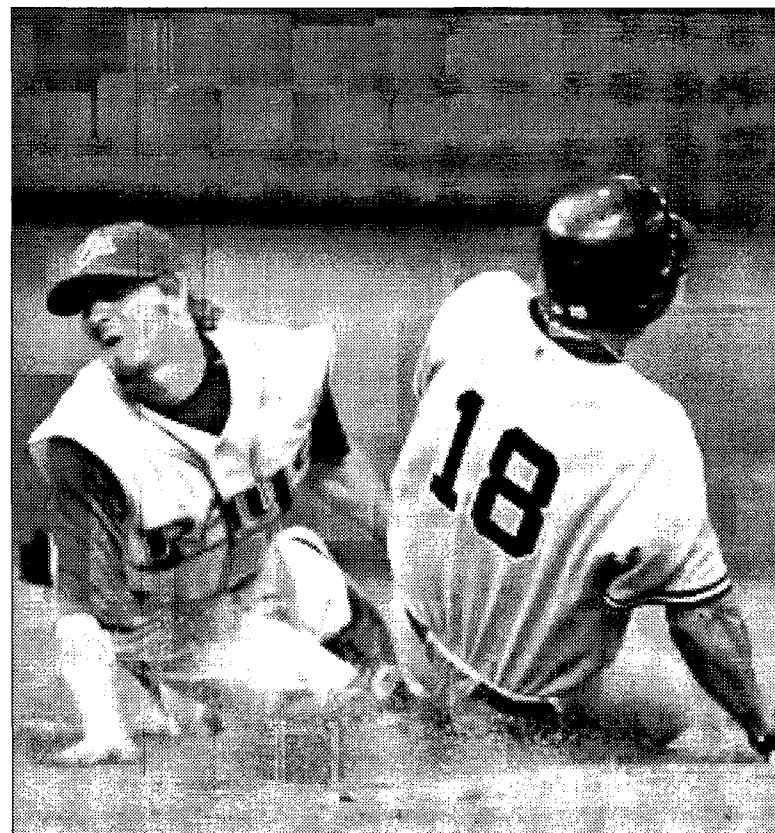
Hughes (5-3) walked two and struck out five. He yielded Carlos Pena's 44th homer in the fourth, as well as singles to Delmon Young, Josh Wilson and Akinori Iwamura.

Tampa Bay wasted a good per-

formance by Scott Kazmir, who allowed one run and three hits in six innings. The 23-year-old left-hander fanned 10 to pass Johan Santana for the major league strikeouts lead with 239.

Kazmir limited the Yankees to Bronson Sardinha's third-inning, infield single — the rookie's first major league hit — until another rookie, Alberto Gonzalez, lined a single to left field with one out in the sixth. Johnny Damon followed with a RBI double that made it 1-1. Damon went 10-for-15 in the series and raised his average to .269 — his highest since late May.

"I tried to get the strikeouts out of my head," Kazmir said. "I just wanted to go out and attack the strike zone and get as deep as I could into the ball game. With the fans behind you like they were, it just makes it all the much more special."



Yankees outfielder Johnny Damon (18) steals second in New York's 3-1 win Thursday.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Golfers seek third consecutive victory

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's fall campaign couldn't have gotten off to a better start.

The Irish received the distinction of Golfweek magazine's women's team of the week to add onto their impressive back-to-back season-opening victories at the Cougar Classic and Napa River Grill Cardinal Cup.

The Irish will try to stay perfect at Michigan's Wolverine Invitational in Ann Arbor this weekend.

If Notre Dame can come out with their third straight victory, it will be the first time in program history the team has started a season three-for-three.

The unit's early success has only made them more confident, but they are still focused on the prize.

"They're good about getting their focus back," coach Susan Holt said. "They know where they need to be. I told them in our team meeting that the key to another win is to stay in the present and have a good week's practice and I think we were able to do that. Now we just have to play the golf course because when you do that, you give yourself a shot to win."

Teeling off from the No. 1 spot will be junior Lisa Maunu, who has had a memorable start to her season. A week ago, Golfweek named Maunu women's player of the week thanks to her record-breaking six-under par 66 at Cougar Classic and her three-way tie for sixth at the Cardinal Cup.

Shooting from the second spot will be freshman So-Hyun Park, who won her second collegiate tournament at Napa River with a three-under-par 213 (70-71-72). In her first event, Park finished second in the field, behind only Maunu.

Sophomore Annie Brophy will play from the No. 3 hole after her 226 (77-73-76) helped her place No. 21 at the Cardinal Cup. Fellow sophomore Kristin Wetzel will shoot fourth and will try to continue her consistent play, after she tied for 13th at the Cardinal Cup.

Rounding out the group will be freshman Katie Conway, who finished strong at the Cardinal Cup, shooting a one-over-par 73. After a final round score of one-over 73, she ended the tournament in a tie for 21st alongside Brophy.

For the Irish to continue their success, they must work on one of their weaknesses, Holt said.

"Our course management needs some work," Holt said. "We came into the final round of the Cardinal Cup with an eight-stroke lead, but we sometimes tend to be overly aggressive and let the competition catch up. We need to keep it simple, and hit fairways."

The Irish are looking to back up their previous performances with a solid campaign as they head to the Wolverine Invitational.

"Success breeds confidence," Holt said. "We're all playing well, and we're being consistent. The team is really feeding off it. They're just excited to go over there and play some golf."

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Susan Holt
Irish coach

MEN'S TENNIS

Irish set to host Fallon tourney

All-American Sheeva Parbhu leads young squad in home debut

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

After a 22-1 showing in last year's Tom Fallon Invitational, a new-look Irish will have to work hard to duplicate those results this weekend at the Eck Tennis Center.

Coach Bobby Bayliss will fill the holes in the lineup left by three impact seniors with a group of freshman standouts.

"We're not sure who's going to fill what spots in both singles and doubles," Bayliss said. "We still need to find out what the team chemistry will be, and learn how to work with the new faces. We need to find this year's team identity."

But freshmen players can pose a dilemma for coaches.

"The good news is we have five freshmen who have a lot of enthusiasm and a want to work," Bayliss said. "The bad news is that we have five freshmen who are still learning, and we're learning about them."

The doubles lineup is a work in progress, and Bayliss said the players need to step up for the Irish to have a good season.

"There is a large lack of experience in our doubles lineup, especially with poaching and movement," Bayliss said.

But the Irish do have some experienced players returning to this year's squad. All-American senior captain Sheeva Parbhu returns to this year's squad and should help the younger players adjust.



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Irish senior captain Sheeva Parbhu sets up a forehand in Notre Dame's 7-0 win over Kentucky on April 11.

Bayliss said junior Brett Hegelson has the potential to be an All-American this year.

"I have essentially two No. 1 [players] in these two," Bayliss said. "They played two and three singles last year, and did extremely well."

In the Olympic Fields Invitational, which opened the season for the Irish two weeks ago, senior Andrew Roth rolled his ankle and is not expected to be in the lineup this weekend.

"We're waiting on results from the orthopedic doctor, to let us know if he needs an MRI or what kind of treatment," Bayliss said.

Even with the inexperienced team, Bayliss did not ease up on the schedule for

the season.

"I am a firm believer in having a stronger schedule, and testing yourself," Bayliss said. "We want to embrace the challenges. We will face with the tougher teams. We will get a lot of answers this weekend about what our team will look like for the rest of the season."

Illinois and Ohio State will be among Notre Dame's top competition this weekend. Illinois was an NCAA finalist last season.

Following the Invitational, the Irish will travel to the ITA All-American Championships beginning on Oct. 4 in Oklahoma.

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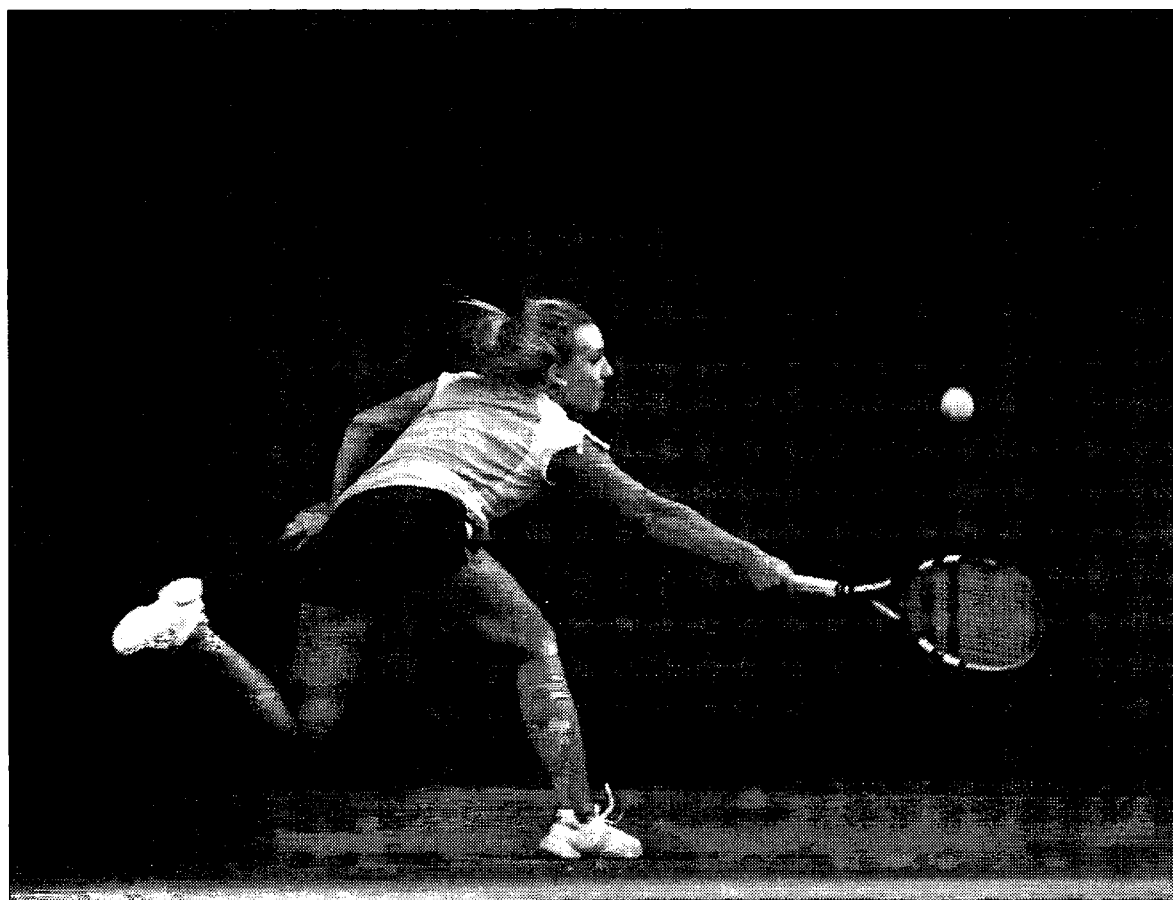
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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish resume individual play



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Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame travels to Ann Arbor, Mich., for the Wolverine Invitational this weekend.

The individual tournament features players from Michigan, Marquette, Western Michigan and Purdue.

Eight Notre Dame players will compete in singles, doubles or both.

In the Maize singles draw, Notre Dame has three seeded

players — No. 1 sophomore Cosmina Ciobanu, No. 3 sophomore Colleen Rielley and No. 4 junior Kelcy Tefft. Ciobanu had an impressive debut season, compiling a 36-5 overall record.

In the Blue draw, the Irish have two more seeded players — No. 1 Kali Krisik and No. 2 Katie Potts.

Two Notre Dame doubles teams are also seeded. Tefft and Krisik are No. 1, while

Reilly and Kristen Rafael are No. 3.

Rafael will also compete in the Maize singles draw.

Denise Ellison and Bailey Louderback are also entered in the tournament — Ellison is in the Blue singles draw and the two will play together in the doubles draw.

No team score will be kept, but individual champions will be crowned in each draw.

Play begins today at 10 a.m.

MEN'S GOLF

Warren Course hosts 2nd Gridiron Classic

Team finished 2nd to Lamar last season

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

After a two-week break, the Irish will be back in tournament competition Sunday at the second Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic.

Notre Dame will play host to a 12-team field for the tournament, played Sunday through Tuesday at Warren Golf Course. Among the top teams competing will be No. 16 Lamar, Michigan State, Georgetown, Arkansas and Virginia.

Notre Dame finished second in the inaugural Gridiron Classic last year, 29 shots behind Lamar, which never trailed in the event. The Irish held off Baylor, Florida State, and Vanderbilt in the final round in cold and windy conditions to take second in their first home tournament since 2004.

Graduated senior Cole Isban led the Irish, but several returning Notre Dame players had success in the inaugural event. Junior Josh Sandman placed eleventh with a 12-over-par 222. He was tied by sophomore Carlos Santos-Ocampo, who aced the fourth hole with an 8-iron.

After a practice round Saturday, the tournament will consist of three rounds played on the par-70, 7,020-yard course designed by Ben

Crenshaw and Bill Coore and recently named one of the top-15 college courses in the nation by Golf Digest.

Notre Dame kicked off its season with two tournaments Sept. 15-16. Despite a tough final round, the Irish placed fourth of 12 teams at the Gopher Invitational — finishing behind Lamar, Arkansas, and Wisconsin. Senior Greg Rodgers led the team individually with a seventh-place finish, one shot ahead of sophomore teammate Doug Fortner. Freshman Connor Alan-Lee had an impressive performance in his collegiate debut, finishing No. 26.

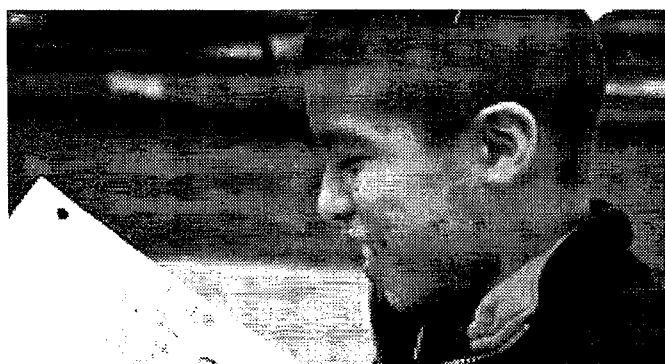
Sandman, an all-Big East selection last season, got off to a rocky start, shooting 18-over to tie for 39th. Senior Eddie Peckels rounded out the Irish team in a tie for No. 37.

While half the Irish team teed off in Minnesota, the rest was competing at the Rutgers Invitational in New Jersey. The Irish team of freshmen and sophomores turned in a strong performance, finishing second out of 18 teams with a team score of 18-over.

With eight underclassmen on the team this year, the Irish will depend on significant contributions from the younger classes. Freshmen Dustin Zhang and Jeff Chen led the squad at Rutgers, tying for eighth individually at six-over.

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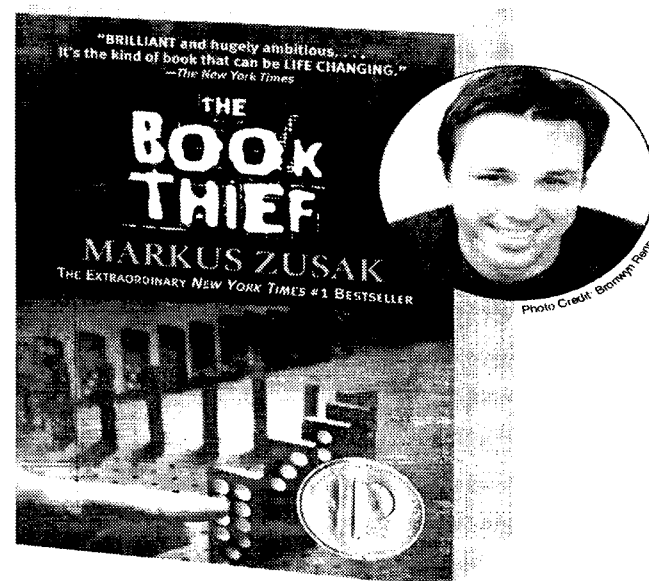
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Bearcats

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year's conference champions, Cincinnati at 7 p.m.

In Cincinnati's two seasons in the Big East, Notre Dame is winless against the Bearcats (3-4, 2-0 Big East), who come to South Bend after a strong showing last weekend on their home turf. Cincinnati took down Georgetown 2-1 and Seton Hall 4-0.

Senior forward Patrick Baxter led the way with two goals against the Pirates, scored the game-winner against the Hoyas and was named the Big East's offensive player of the week.

"In this league, every team has good players," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "We have to concern ourselves more with what we are doing and sorting out our own games."

The Irish seem to have done that pretty well the last few weeks.

Notre Dame (5-1-2) has rolled off three straight shutouts. Senior goalkeeper Chris Cahill enters this weekend with a 0.39 goals-against average.

And Clark knows the Bearcats have had Notre Dame's number.

"It's an opportunity for our team to make history," Clark said. "It would be something they could hang their hats on."

At the other end of the spectrum, Notre Dame has never lost to Sunday's opponent, Louisville. The Irish are 6-0 all-time against the Cardinals, with three of the wins coming at Alumni Field.

The Cardinals split games with Georgetown and Seton Hall in their opening weekend of Big East play. Louisville has put up big numbers offensively so far in coach Ken Lolla's second season at the helm. They have scored four goals on three separate occasions so far this season — wins over Seton Hall (4-0), Kentucky (4-2) and Marshall (4-1).

"I'm not even looking at Louisville at the moment, only Cincinnati," Clark said. "Come Saturday, or Friday night, I'll start to think about the Cardinals."

Louisville starts its weekend in Milwaukee with a game against Marquette Friday night. Sunday's game starts at 3:30.

The Irish hope the home slate this weekend will give them rest to regain full strength as they enter the heart of their conference schedule.

"We're nursing a few bits and pieces, but I think we'll be OK," Clark said. "It's nice from a rest point to be at home."

Notre Dame plays seven of its next eight games at home, with one trip to East Lansing to take on Michigan State mixed in with the home games.

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Senior forward Amanda Cinalli battles for the ball during Notre Dame's 2-1 overtime loss to Oklahoma State.

Big East

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postseason begins. The Irish are 3-4-1 overall but look to stay perfect in league play.

"The non-conference games are the first phase of our season, where we try to improve our seeding for the NCAA Tournament," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "Obviously, we didn't do what we wanted in that phase, but now we're in phase two."

The Irish visit No. 25 Louisville on Friday before returning home to take on Cincinnati Sunday. The Cardinals are 6-1-1 overall and 2-0-1 on their home turf.

"Louisville is a very hard place to play," Waldrum said. "The fans get right behind the goal and yell at the defense and the goalie the whole game."

Louisville senior goalkeeper Joanna Haig, who earned Big East goalkeeper of the week last week after registering shutouts against Kentucky and Cincinnati, has registered five clean slates in the team's eight games this season.

On offense, the Cardinals are led by freshman forward Kelsey Hunyadi and junior forward Shannon Smyth, each of whom has put up three goals and an assist.

"It's not going to be an easy

test," Waldrum said. "They're a good team but you have to beat the good teams."

On Sunday, the Irish will host Cincinnati, which is 3-4-1 overall and 0-1 in Big East play.

The Bearcats took Louisville to double-overtime last Friday before falling 1-0 to their rival.

Waldrum knows that defeating Cincinnati will not be a simple task.

"In this conference, there's such parity that everyone is capable of beating anyone on a given day," he said. "Last year, there were only about two or three really good teams but that's no longer the case."

After a tough loss in which the Irish out-shot Penn State 24-9, Notre Dame still look to cut down on the mental errors that have cost it several games this season.

"Sunday, we gave the game away with some little things we need to work on," Waldrum said. "But the girls know where we are as far as correcting those mistakes."

Irish junior forward Kerri Hanks, who has scored in four consecutive games, looks to add to that streak and start a new one — a team winning streak.

"We're just focusing on Friday at Louisville and trying to win all our Big East games," Hanks said.

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Clausen

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we expected but we just go out there every day just trying to get better, trying to get our first win."

Clausen entered Notre Dame as a highly touted prospect and the top quarterback on most recruiting lists. He led Oaks Christian (Calif.) High School to a 42-0 record but has started this season 0-3 as the starter.

"It's real different, to say the least. In high school I didn't lose a game, but that was high school," Clausen said. "In college, it's a way different game. It's helped me and not only me, but the rest of the team realized that this is a hard game and you have to come out every week and get better."

Even though Clausen was known in high school for his ability to throw the ball down field, he said, he has no plan on forcing a change to the team's current conservative offensive approach.

"I'm a freshman and I'm just trying to help the team win," Clausen said. "Anything I can do to help the team win, I'm going to do."

Clausen said that one of the biggest adjustments he must make this season is adjusting to the speed of the college game.

"It's obviously faster than high school," Clausen said. "But once you get used to it, it's not that bad, it slows down for you a little bit. Obviously it's slowed down for me, and not only me but the rest of the freshmen are making that transition too."

Clausen is also throwing behind an offensive line that has allowed a nation-high 27 sacks — with Clausen taking 18 of those. But the freshman said that all the hits are not taking a mental toll on him.

"Football is a physical sport. If I didn't want to get hit, I should have played golf or something like that," Clausen said.

Clausen's entry to Notre Dame was one of the most well-analyzed in school history. Fortunately for the freshman, his position coach was a well-known quarterback prospect in his own right — Ron Powlus.

"[Powlus and Weis have] helped me balance all the football and all the things off the field and in the classroom, so it's been pretty tough," Clausen said. "Coach Powlus has been great with me because he's been in this situation that both me and

Evan [Sharpley] are in right now."

Allen's has been a different story.

He missed his senior season in high school with a broken leg but was still listed as the 52nd best high school player and the second rated all-purpose back.

Allen said that missing his senior season has made the transition to college football even more drastic.

"For me, it's pretty overwhelming because I missed out on my senior year of high school and so jumping straight from my junior football season to the college game, it's like 'Wow. I can't believe it,'" Allen said.

Allen did not start against Georgia Tech in the season opener, but he made his first

collegiate start at Penn State on Sept. 8. Allen carried the ball eight times for only 12 yards but had a team-high six catches for 36 yards — most of which came on the game's opening drive.

"The Penn State game and first couple of plays were

pretty overwhelming for me, but I liked it," he said.

Allen said going into that game he did not know he would be getting as many touches as he did because of the way Irish offensive coordinator Mike Haywood runs the substitutions.

"Going into the game we really don't know what's going to happen. In practice, everybody practices the same plays," Allen said. "Going out on the field, you basically wait until you're number is called and whenever you're number's called, you first to go out on the field and do it and do whatever you can to fulfill your task."

Allen credited his development to both Haywood — who Allen called "by far the best running backs coach I've ever had" — and senior running backs Travis Thomas and Junior Jabbie.

"[Thomas and Jabbie] pretty much helped me with everything," Allen said. "Maybe if it's a problem that I want to ask him and not ask a coach because I don't want to seem like I don't know anything, they're there for me at all times. I look at them like another member of the coaching staff off the field."

Note:

Irish sophomore offensive lineman Chris Stewart was excused from practice Thursday for personal reasons, director of football media relations Brian Hardin said.

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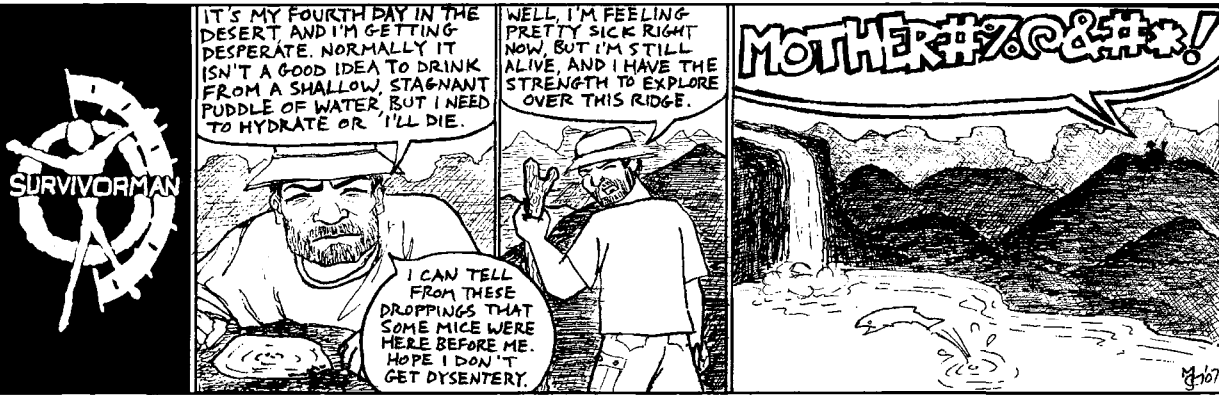
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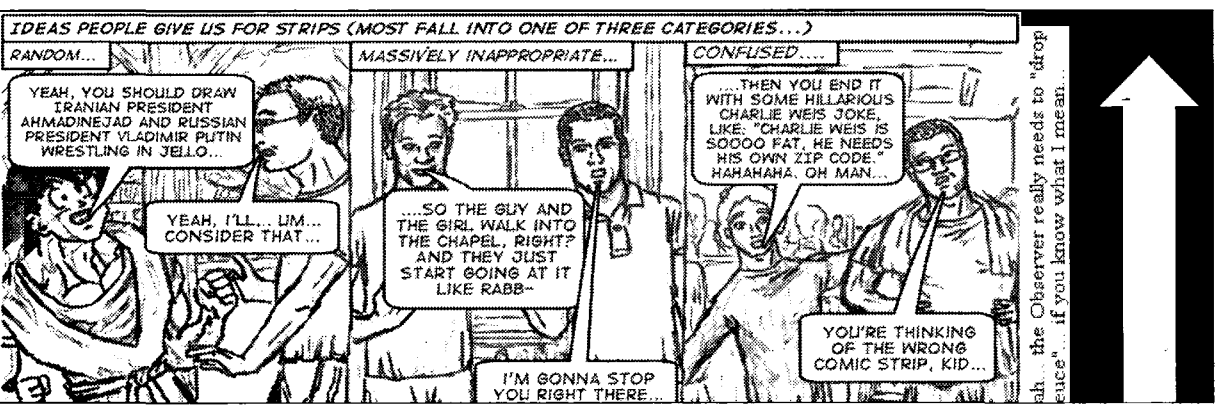
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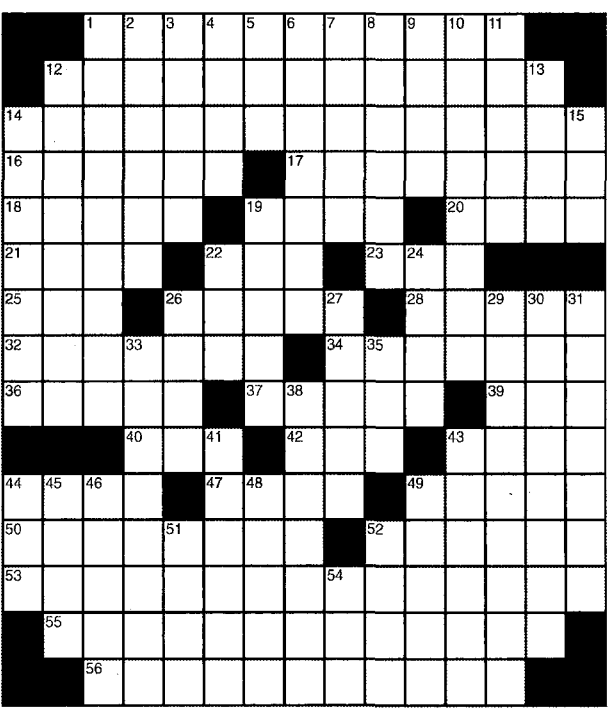
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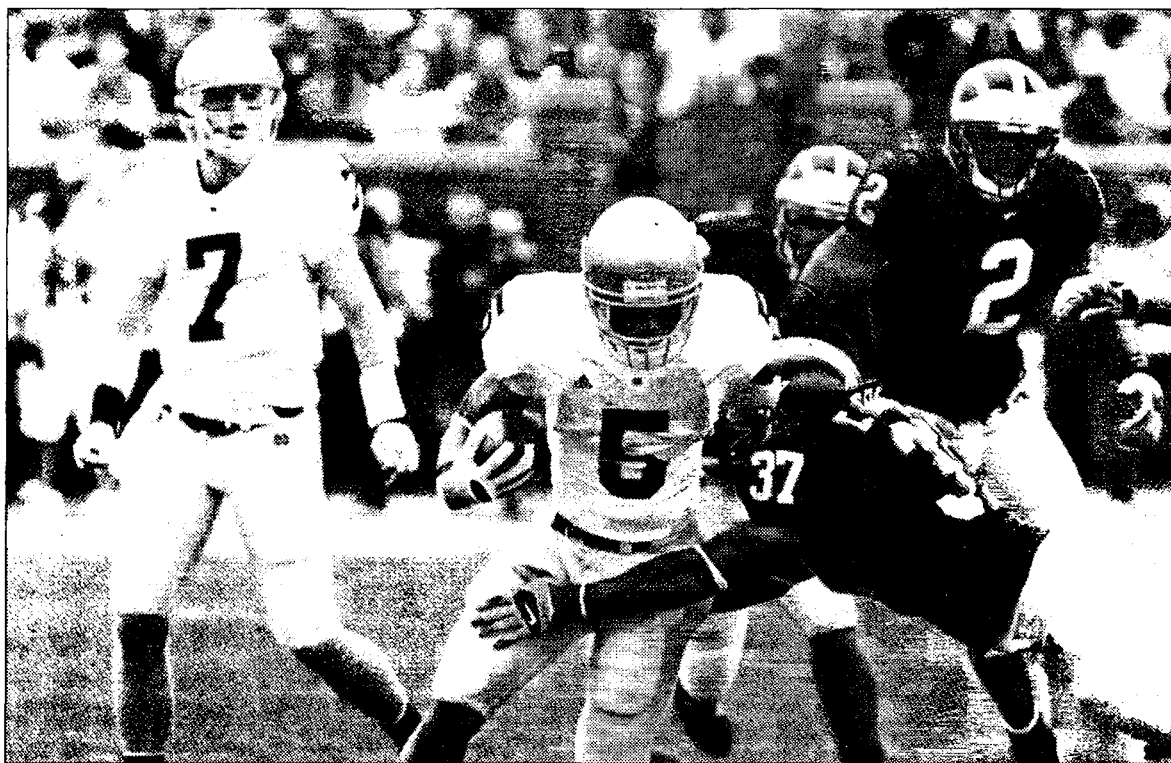
Clausen says he is adjusting to college game

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

One of Notre Dame's strengths in Charlie Weis' first two seasons was the team's experience. Notre Dame had an experienced starting quarterback in Brady Quinn and a returning starter at tailback in Darius Walker.

That's not the case anymore. Notre Dame has started freshmen at both positions — Jimmy Clausen at quarterback and running back Armando Allen.

"It's been fun. It's been a different experience," Clausen said Thursday, in his second meeting with reporters since coming to Notre Dame. "We obviously don't have the wins



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Freshman running back Armando Allen breaks a tackle while freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen looks on in Notre Dame's 38-0 loss to Michigan in Ann Arbor on Sept. 15.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Bearcats, Cardinals visit Irish

Squad looks for first win over Cincinnati since expansion

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

After opening up Big East play with three straight road wins, No. 2 Notre Dame returns home for two more league games this weekend at Alumni Field — one against a team it has never defeated in conference play and one against a team it has defeated every time.

The Irish get started tonight with a showdown against last

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MEN'S INTERHALL

High-flying Zahm faces winless Juggerknotts

By ANDY RENNER, EUGENIA ALFONZO, SAM WERNER, ANDY ZICCARELLI, GRIFFIN DASSATTI and MATT GAMBER
Sports Writers

Zahm and Knott face off Sunday at 2 p.m. with the teams going in opposite directions.

Led by junior running back Theo Ossei-Anto, Zahm blanked Carroll 12-0 in Week 1. Ossei-Anto racked up 123 yards and two touchdowns, but Knott will have to focus on the entire Zahm offense if it wants to win.

"I would say he's a good threat, but not a main threat," Zahm senior captain Sean Wieland said of Ossei-Anto. "A good passing game always helps to open up the running game."

Despite the good start, Wieland is not getting overconfident.

"I thought we played well, but there are always things to work on," Wieland said. "Obviously the goal is to get back to where we were sophomore year, in the stadium."

Knott, on the other hand, suffered a 21-0 defeat at the hands of Mod Quad rival Siegfried. Still, the Juggerknotts are optimistic that they can bounce back

against Zahm.

"We are focusing on keeping everything clean and crisp," Knott sophomore captain Aidan Fitzgerald said. "The playbook won't be the thickest, but it will be the most well-run."

Fitzgerald said Knott will come out fast and furious.

"Our team isn't huge, but we have some head hunters that will let you know we're on the field to crack some skulls," Fitzgerald said.

O'Neill vs. Keough

Both Keough and O'Neill will try to rebound from their opening-day losses Sunday at 3

p.m.

For O'Neill senior captain Pat Conley, it is all a matter of learning from last week's mistakes.

"We got beat last week on a few passes [and] our offense was not schemed correctly," he said.

But the Angry Mob has been working hard to make Sunday's 8-0 loss to Stanford a thing of the past.

"Our pass defense has been the focus of this week's practices along with emphasis on cleaning up the offense," he said.

O'Neill freshman quarterback Robbie Powers will look to have a better chance connecting with junior receiver Nate Forte and

junior running back Don Joyce. They'll have to face some tough competition from Keough, a team that lost to Keenan 12-0 and is looking to redeem itself.

Keough seems to be heading back to the drawing board as well, working on elements that Keenan exploited in Sunday's game.

"At practice we'll work on our defense, tackling and pass coverage," junior captain Tom O'Donnell said. "We're very confident, we think we match up well [and] can take it to them and win the game."

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Phoxes face defending champ Purple Weasels

Opportunity knocks after PW drops first game

By JARED JEDICK, PETER REISENAUR, MIKE GOTIMER, GRIFFIN DASSATTI and MEGHAN MCMAHON
Sports Writers

Pangborn and Pasquerilla West, two Gold League powerhouses, face off Sunday at 5 p.m. on Richle East field.

The Purple Weasels starters gave up their first points of the season in a 6-0 loss to Welsh Family in their last game. The team picked up two wins with stellar defense prior to that against Lewis and Breen-Phillips.

"We are good on both sides of the ball, but I think our strength has to be our defense," senior captain Tina Martinek said. "Lewis only got passed our 50-yard line once, and Breen-Phillips only scored on our back-ups."

Freshman quarterback Grace Orians leads the powerful offense that hopes to rebound from Thursday's disappointing showing.

"She is good both running and passing," Martinek said. "She is great."

The Weasels hope to work in some new trick plays to keep

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish resume Big East play

Team takes perfect league record on the road to Louisville

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

After finishing its daunting early-season non-conference slate, Notre Dame heads into the second phase of its schedule this weekend.

The Irish beat DePaul 4-0 in their first Big East game Sept. 21 before falling to Big Ten foe Penn State 2-1 two days later. Notre Dame will now play 10 straight conference matches before the



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Junior defender Kerry Inglis clears the ball during Notre Dame's 4-0 victory over DePaul on Sept. 21.

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Family Man

David Bruton comes into his own as a starting safety, while learning the lessons of fatherhood.

COMMENTARY

No. 1 draft pick eight losses away

Notre Dame is 0-4 and that can only mean one thing — it's time to start tanking and get the No. 1 draft pick.

Just like the Boston Celtics and Memphis Grizzlies in last year's NBA, it's time for Notre Dame to give up and hope it gets a player that can turn the franchise around.



Chris Hine

Sports Editor

Offensive line, just let everybody through. Defense, let everyone run all over you, and, David Bruton, stop trying so hard.

But don't make it obvious that you're tanking, Irish. Make it look like you're trying, but keep in mind the next Peyton Manning or Troy Aikman is just waiting to be picked. When you get that player, it will only be a matter of time before he develops into the next superstar and leads you to another national title.

Oh wait, what's this I hear about Notre Dame having the No. 1-rated recruiting class in the country? Really? How is that possible?

I had heard our coaching staff stunk and didn't know what they were doing. I forgot this is not the NFL, where the league rewards your lack of effort and/or ability with a No. 1 draft pick.

Notre Dame has a bunch of solid "draft picks" lined up for next season on both sides of the ball and there is a lot of speculation that if things do not improve soon, some of those verbal recruits will go elsewhere. But these recruits have heads on their shoulders and probably won't be influenced by negative recruiters who say their careers will go down the tubes if they go to Notre Dame.

To quote Demetrius Jones in the South Bend Tribune on Sept. 17, "College coaching is a business, but so is playing. So is

playing."

These recruits know Notre Dame is young and that it would be a bad business decision to jump ship at this point. They know they can come in and possibly see playing time right away to become part of the solution.

This is where the current team enters the picture.

I know it's hard to give 100 percent every play when there is no lofty reward waiting at the end of the season. When you are down at the end of the game, and victory is out of reach, it almost seems silly to keep trying. But failing to give 100 percent is worse than any loss this team could suffer.

Lack of experience is an excuse; lack of effort is not. Nothing will turn recruits away faster than watching a team that does not want to be on the field. In a way, the Irish are playing for a national championship — just one that will be a couple of years in the future.

If I was lucky enough to have the talent to be a highly-touted high school recruit, I would not want the players at my future school giving up just because they are down a couple of touchdowns.

If I was lucky enough to be playing as a senior for Notre Dame, I know I want to do all I can to make sure this program is in good hands when I leave. I may not be able to single-handedly win a game, but I can make sure I'm giving 100 percent. People can say it is the coach's job to motivate the players to play. I don't buy that argument.

The players are here to play football. It's their job. They need to motivate themselves to play every down as hard as the last.

Unlike the NFL, nothing good can come from giving up.

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(3-1) L, 9-14, Mich.		at Illinois
(2-2) W, 14-9, PSU		at N'Western
(4-0) W, 31-14, ND		at Wisconsin
(4-0) W, 45-31, Minn.		vs Notre Dame
(3-1) W, 44-31, Wash.		at Oregon St.
(4-0) W, 37-17, Army		vs UMass
(3-0) W, 47-14, WSU		vs Washington
(2-2) W, 46-43, Duke		vs Air Force
(3-1) L, 6-31, BYU		at Navy
(1-3) L, 43-46, Navy		at Miami (FL)
(1-2) L, 31-55, Oregon		vs Arizona State



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Irish running back Armando Allen runs upfield during Notre Dame's 31-10 loss to Penn State on Sept. 8.

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Football for his family

Irish safety David Bruton plays to support his son Jaden — who he calls 'Knucklehead'

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

David Bruton has played many roles in his three years at Notre Dame.

First he was a special teams player.

Then he was backup safety. Now he is the starting free safety.

But if you ask David, he is, and has been, something entirely different.

"I'm a father, and I'm a student," he said.

Working for 'Knucklehead'

Unlike many Division I college football players, Bruton's main concern in his football career is not how it will translate into a professional career. He has more important things on his mind.

In November of his freshman year at Notre Dame, Bruton's son, Jaden, was born. Bruton said that when his girlfriend from home in Miamisburg, Ohio, first became pregnant, he was unsure about how he should act as a father.

"There was a time where there was a debacle between me and my baby momma. We lost contact during her pregnancy," he said. "In the four months before Jaden was born during the summer, I was just out having fun doing things that you wouldn't necessarily consider responsible."

But Bruton realized that he had to act more responsibly once his son, who he calls Knucklehead, was born.

"But as he was born and I got older, I realized the fairness of her being at home and not being able to do much, and then I'm not going doing much," he said. "And am I going to college to have fun, or am I going to college to support Knucklehead. And I narrowed it down to I'm going to school and playing football to support Knucklehead."

Bruton said his first few months at school were difficult because of the pressures put on him. He was trying to earn playing time at a big-time school, adjusting to life as a college freshman and trying to raise a son — all at 18 years

old.

"It was just difficult because I was getting pulled back home because I wanted to be around my son and not being able to see him," he said. "And then just being up here and all the stress of being pulled so many different ways and not being able to know how to use your time, it was difficult my first couple years. But it tended to get better as I matured and got older, and I learned what's best and what's not."

Part of his maturation is his desire to be a large part of Jaden's life. Bruton knows that he cannot be as involved with Jaden as he would like to be because of football, but he has tried his hardest to be with his son when he can.

This season, Jaden was able to come watch his father make his first collegiate start against Georgia Tech.

Bruton said the most important factor in shaping who he is today is his family — especially Jaden.

"I got a younger brother [Kendrick, a tight end at Miami (OH)] — that's my best friend. I've got my little son and that's my Mini-Me there," he said. "I'm just more of a family guy. You wouldn't expect that from a twenty-year-old in college."

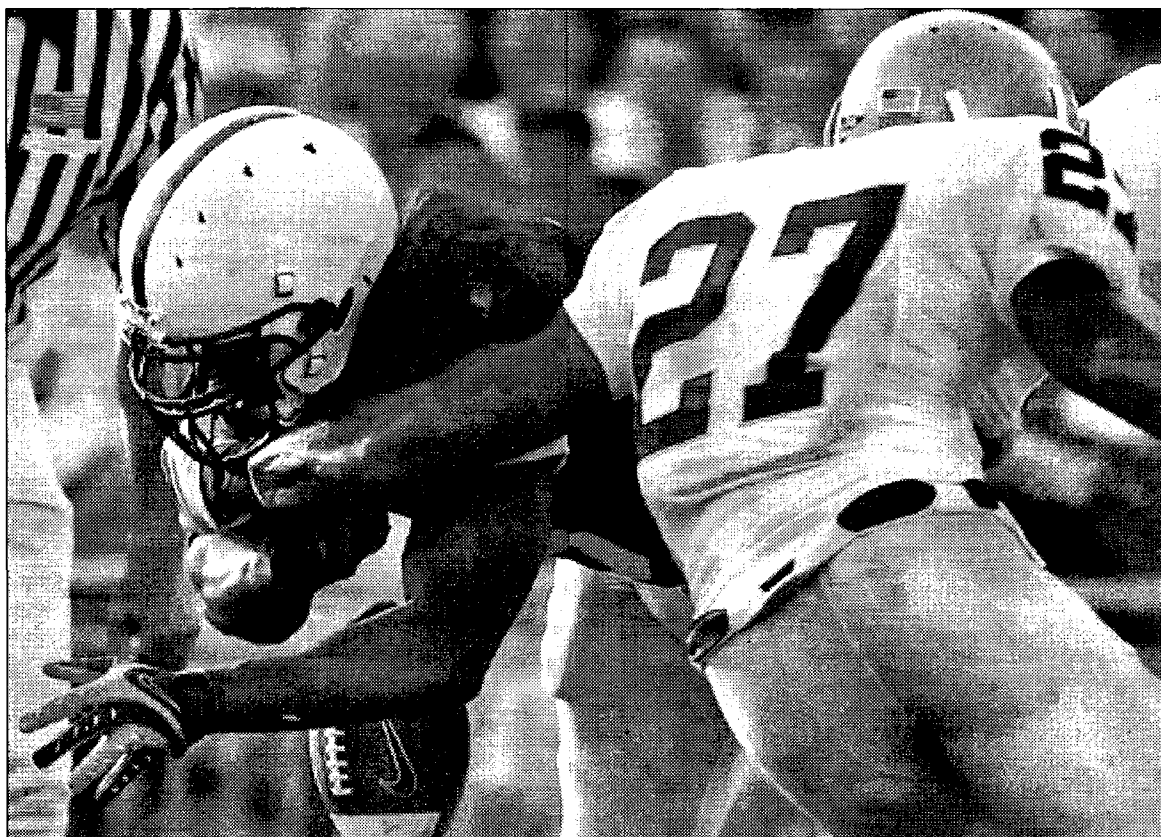
Getting started

Bruton started at safety for two seasons at Miamisburg High School in Ohio, earning a three-star ranking, according to scout.com. During his junior and senior seasons, Bruton tallied 11 interceptions and 112 tackles.

Bruton was a late commit to the Irish coming out of high school and did not even make an official visit until Jan. 7, 2005, during his senior year. Bruton said his biggest influences in committing to Notre Dame were his father and his high school coach Tim Lewis.

"I didn't know about Notre Dame when I was being recruited, and I didn't know such a big deal it was," he said.

Former head coach Tyrone Willingham began recruiting Bruton in high school, but after his firing and current coach Charlie Weis' hiring



Irish safety David Bruton strips Nittany Lions running back Austin Scott of the ball during Notre Dame's 31-10 loss to Penn State on Sept. 8.

Bruton still decided to come play for the Irish.

When Bruton first got to Notre Dame under then-defensive coordinator Rick Minter, he was primarily a special teams player. Bruton logged 3:55 minutes of playing time his freshman year, playing in 11 games for the Irish and making 14 total tackles.

"Just having that opportunity helped with my maturity level," Bruton said. "It also helped with my confidence and just knowing I can play D-one. It's not like a lot of people from my high school got the chance to play D-one. It was just getting to prove to myself and to my hometown that we can play anywhere."

Bruton continued playing on special teams his sophomore year, but was promoted to backup safety that season. He saw his first action on defense early in the season against Penn State and continued to play late downs throughout the season.

Bruton played in every game that season except against

Georgia Tech, accumulating 18 total tackles — including his first tackle for a loss against Army.

He said that one of the main reasons for his success was his coaches, including special teams coach Brian Polian and defensive backs coach Bill Lewis.

"They're patient, but you know how coaches are, they yell at you, they get on your butt about everything," Bruton said. "And it's just little things they help you study from. Studying yourself is something that I never learned to do."

In his first two seasons, Bruton said, safeties Tom Zbikowski and Chinedum Ndukwe helped him mature as a player.

"They've always kept my head up when I'm down. They've always boosted me. They've always kept me close," Bruton said. "Nedu always used to say I was more athletic than him. And Zibby was giving me a confidence boost when needed throughout my younger years, and it's been real helpful in my development as a player."

But after Ndukwe graduated to the NFL, a slot opened at safety that Bruton wanted to fill.

Making his presence felt

Bruton entered spring camp in 2007 competing for the starting safety position next to Zbikowski with, among others, fellow junior Ray Herring. Bruton worked hard throughout training camp to show his desire to make the team.

"I just went out and worked every day. I didn't just work in defense, but I worked in special teams. I always try to work," he said. "I always try to do my best that I can do. And there's something I can't do or something I don't understand, I've always spent extra time to understand everything."

Lewis said Bruton worked harder than the rest competing for the position and that put him above the rest of the competition.

"And that's what it is, it's all about competition," Lewis

said. "One guy against the next, and David was able to, we thought, day in and day out, outperform the other players and that's what we're looking for is to put the best eleven guys, and in the case of the safeties put our two best guys, on the field."

Bruton earned his starting spot going into the fall on a high note, earning defensive most valuable player honors for the 2007 Blue and Gold Game, after he returned an interception 35 yards for a touchdown.

Although Lewis said there is not much schematic difference between Minter and current defensive coordinator Corwin Brown's use of the free safety, Bruton said he feels more comfortable in the latter scheme.

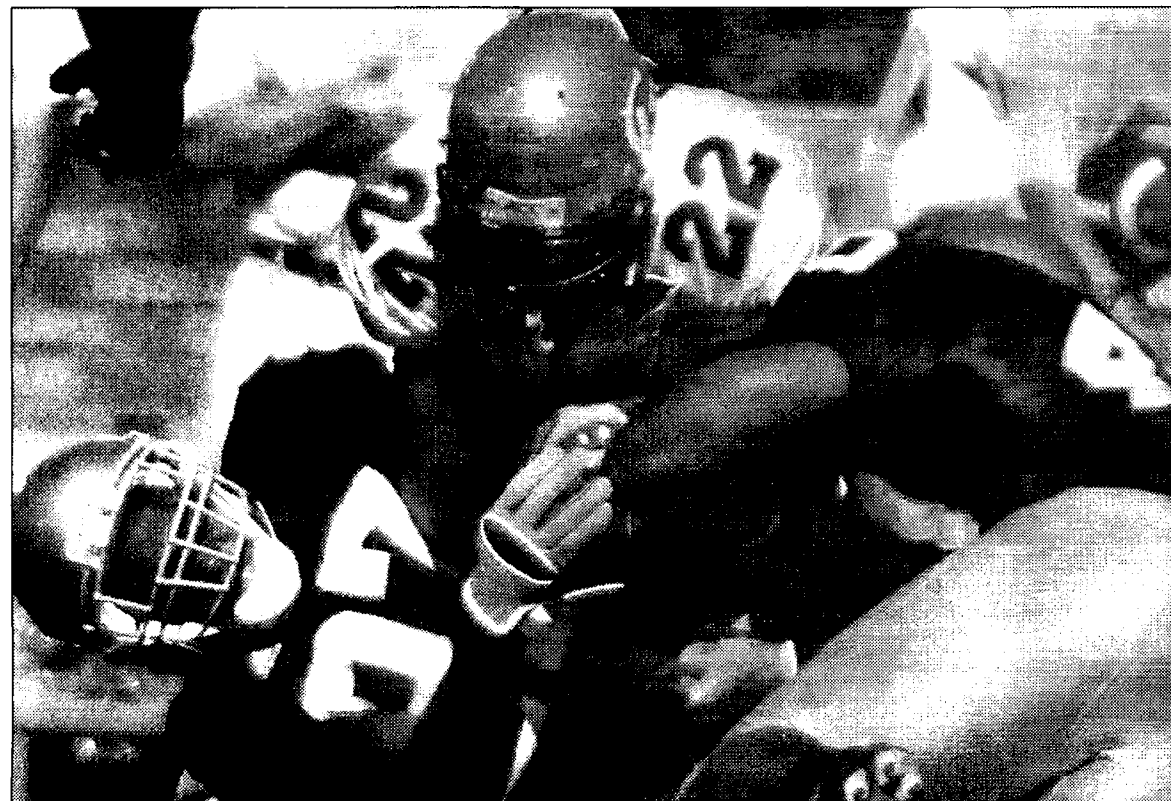
"It's more of a 'just go out there and play' type defense with Coach Brown," he said. "You come from high school; you go out there to showcase what you do in high school. I'm not knocking on Coach Minter, but Coach Minter's gameplans used to have you thinking so much that you couldn't just relax and play. In Coach Brown's you just get to play more freely."

This freedom has allowed Bruton to become a constant presence in the defensive secondary as part of the nation's fourth-best pass defense. Bruton is tied for second on the team with 35 tackles and made the first interception of his career Saturday against Michigan State.

"You saw the interception the other day, that was not just an OK play, that's a guy having great range, not only just taking the proper angle to the ball, just being able to get from the middle of the field all the way to the fade ball up the sideline," Weis said. "There aren't that many people that have the speed to cover that much ground."

But for David, everything — the tackles, the interceptions, the big plays — is for Knucklehead.

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Irish safety David Bruton, left, and Irish linebacker Maurice Crum, Jr., right, tackle Yellow Jackets running back Tashard Choice during Notre Dame's 33-3 loss to Georgia Tech on Sept. 1.

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 0-4

AP: NR

Coaches: NR



Charlie Weis
head coach

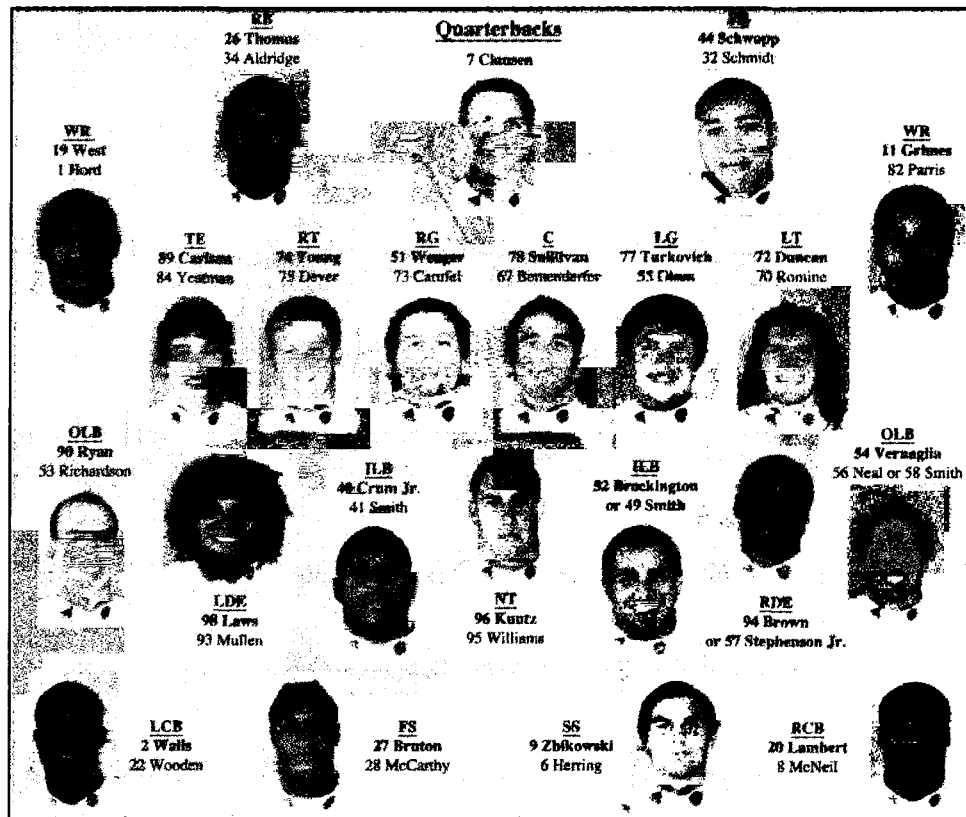
Charlie Weis
Third season at
Notre Dame
career record:
19-10
at Notre Dame:
19-10
against
Purdue: 2-0

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	D.J. Hord	WR	6-1	196	JR
2	Darrin Walls	DB	6-1	180	SO
4	Gary Gray	DB	5-11	180	FR
5	Armando Allen	RB	5-10	190	FR
6	Ray Herring	DB	5-10	197	SO
7	Jimmy Clausen	QB	6-3	207	FR
8	Raeshon McNeil	DB	6-0	187	FR
9	Tom Zbikowski	DB	6-0	207	SR
11	David Grimes	WR	5-10	177	JR
12	Darrin Bragg	QB	6-1	188	SR
13	Evan Sharpley	QB	6-2	216	JR
14	Brandon Walker	K	6-3	197	FR
15	Leo Ferrine	DB	6-0	189	SR
16	Justin Gillett	QB	5-11	180	SR
17	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	208	SR
18	Duval Kamara	WR	6-5	222	FR
19	George West	WR	5-10	197	SO
20	Terrill Lambert	DB	5-11	191	SR
21	Barry Gallup Jr.	WR	5-11	185	SO
22	Ambrose Wooden	CB	5-11	196	SR
23	Golden Tate	WR	5-11	188	FR
24	W. David Williams	DB	5-9	173	SR
25	Leonard Gordon	DB	5-11	194	SO
26	Munir Prince	DB	5-10	184	SO
27	Travis Thomas	RB	6-0	216	SR
28	David Bruton	DB	6-2	207	JR
29	Kyle McCarthy	DB	6-1	207	SO
30	Jashaad Gaines	DB	6-0	203	SO
31	Jake Richardville	WR	6-1	180	SO
32	Harrison Smith	DB	6-2	205	FR
33	Sergio Brown	DB	6-2	196	SO
34	Luke Schmidt	RB	6-3	248	SO
35	Robert Hughes	RB	5-11	238	FR
36	James Aldridge	RB	6-0	222	JR
37	Nate Whitaker	K	5-9	165	FR
38	Kevin Smith	DB	6-0	180	SR
39	Dex Cure	DB	6-1	220	SO
40	Junior Jabbie	RB	5-11	205	SR
41	Wade Lams	WR	5-9	193	SR
42	Ryan Burkhardt	K	5-11	186	SO
43	Kevin Brooks	TE	6-2	241	SO
44	Maurice Crum, Jr.	LB	6-0	230	SR
45	Scott Smith	LB	6-4	235	JR
46	Kevin Washington	LB	6-1	241	JR
47	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	170	JR
48	Eric Maust	P	5-10	177	SO
49	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	180	SO
50	Asaph Schwapp	FB	6-0	261	JR
51	John Leons	DB	5-9	169	JR
52	Kris Patterson	WR	5-11	185	JR
53	Aaron Nagel	LB	6-1	229	FR
54	Steve Quinn	LB	6-2	231	JR
55	Toryan Smith	LB	6-1	245	SO
56	Steve Paskorz	LB	6-2	235	FR
57	Jan Wenger	OL	6-4	287	SO
58	Joe Brockington	LB	6-2	240	SR
59	Morric Richardson	LB	6-2	244	SO
60	Anthony Vernaglia	LB	6-3	234	SR
61	Eric Olsen	OL	6-4	303	SO
62	Kerry Neal	LB	6-2	245	FR
63	Dwight Stephenson	DL	6-2	272	SR
64	Chris Stewart	OL	6-5	339	SO
65	J.J. Jansen	LS	6-3	242	SR
66	Jeff Tisak	OL	6-5	306	JR
67	Tom Benenderfer	OL	6-5	285	JR
68	Neil Kennedy	DL	5-11	266	SR
69	Matt Romine	OL	6-5	279	FR
70	Bartley Webb	OL	6-6	305	SO
71	Paul Duncan	OL	6-7	308	JR
72	Matt Carufel	OL	6-5	295	SO
73	Sam Young	OL	6-8	310	FSO
74	Taylor Dever	OL	6-5	289	FR
75	Andrew Nuss	DL	6-5	292	FR
76	Michael Turkovich	OL	6-6	301	JR
77	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	303	SR
78	Richard Jackson	WR	6-3	204	SO
79	Robby Parris	WR	6-4	209	SO
80	Mike Ragone	TE	6-5	230	FR
81	Will Yeatman	TE	6-6	264	SO
82	Sam Vos	WR	5-10	199	SO
83	John Carlson	TE	6-6	255	SR
84	John Ryan	LB	6-5	253	SO
85	Emeka Nwankwo	DL	6-4	283	FR
86	Derrell Hand	DL	6-3	287	JR
87	Paddy Mullen	DL	6-5	290	SO
88	Justin Brown	DL	6-3	261	FR
89	Ian Williams	DL	6-2	300	SR
90	Pat Kuntz	DL	6-3	285	JR
91	Kallen Wade	DL	6-5	257	SO
92	Trevor Laws	DL	6-1	296	SR

Notre Dame 2007 Schedule

Sept. 1 GA. TECH — L
Sept. 8 at Penn State — L
Sept. 15 at Michigan — L
Sept. 22 MICH. ST. — L
Sept. 29 at Purdue
Oct. 6 at UCLA
Oct. 13 BC
Oct. 20 USC
Nov. 3 NAVY
Nov. 11 AIR FORCE
Nov. 18 DUKE
Nov. 25 at Stanford



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NOTRE DAME

Charlie Weis' success in his first 23 games as Notre Dame head coach suddenly seems like a distant memory. Six straight ugly losses, including four to open this season, raise disturbing questions. Can he turn this thing around?

Charlie Weis' decision to simplify the offense and go to more of a power running game has taken some of the pressure off Jimmy Clausen. The freshman is completing over 50 percent of his passes, but not for many yards.

Notre Dame improved running the ball last week, with James Aldridge leading the way with his first career 100-yard game. The Irish still have a long way to go though — they're still averaging just over 25 yards per game on the ground.

Notre Dame hasn't passed for more the 100 yards since the Penn State game. Part of that is because the Irish are concentrating on running and part of it is because Clausen is throwing short passes. The Irish offensive line is giving up nearly seven sacks per game.

PURDUE

Joe Tiller has been at Purdue for 11 seasons now, and he is one of the most successful coaches in school history. His teams are always effective running his spread offense. The defense under Brock Spack has been shaky at times.

Curtis Painter is back under center this season after throwing for almost 400 yards in a loss to the Irish last season. This year, he's averaging over 320 yards per game through the air in Joe Tiller's spread offense.

The Boilermakers' rush defense has been solid but not spectacular — and it hasn't played against very good competition. Last week, Minnesota ran for 232 yards, with five backs going for over five yards per carry.

Purdue's secondary is much improved over last year, but it still gives up around 230 yards passing every game. Minnesota QB Adam Weber completed just over 50 percent of his passes last week, including a 46-yard toss.

ANALYSIS

Weis has outcoached Tiller the past two years, but the programs seem to be headed in opposite directions right now. Weis is struggling to build, while Tiller shows what 11 years of continuity can do for the strength of a program.

Clausen has a ton of upside, but he's still a freshman, playing behind one of the nation's worst offensive lines. Painter had success against Notre Dame last season and has looked improved over 2006 in his first four games.

James Aldridge might be the best back Purdue has faced this year — but Notre Dame's offensive line needs to open holes for that to matter. Purdue has struggled against the run against less than stellar opponents, but then again, so had Michigan.

The Irish passing game has been putrid this year. Receivers aren't open, linemen aren't blocking, and Clausen isn't throwing downfield. A merely average effort by Purdue defensively could shut Notre Dame down.

Irish experts



Ken Fowler
Sports Writer

Purdue's rush game is too good to ignore. Any team averaging half a dozen yards a carry, against any set of opponents, will be good. The Irish rush defense, because of scheme and personnel issues, is vulnerable. Jimmy Clausen will play the whole game (despite the lopsided fourth-quarter score), and Notre Dame will once again improve on offense with the realization that the defense has work to do.

FINAL SCORE: Purdue 47
Notre Dame 20



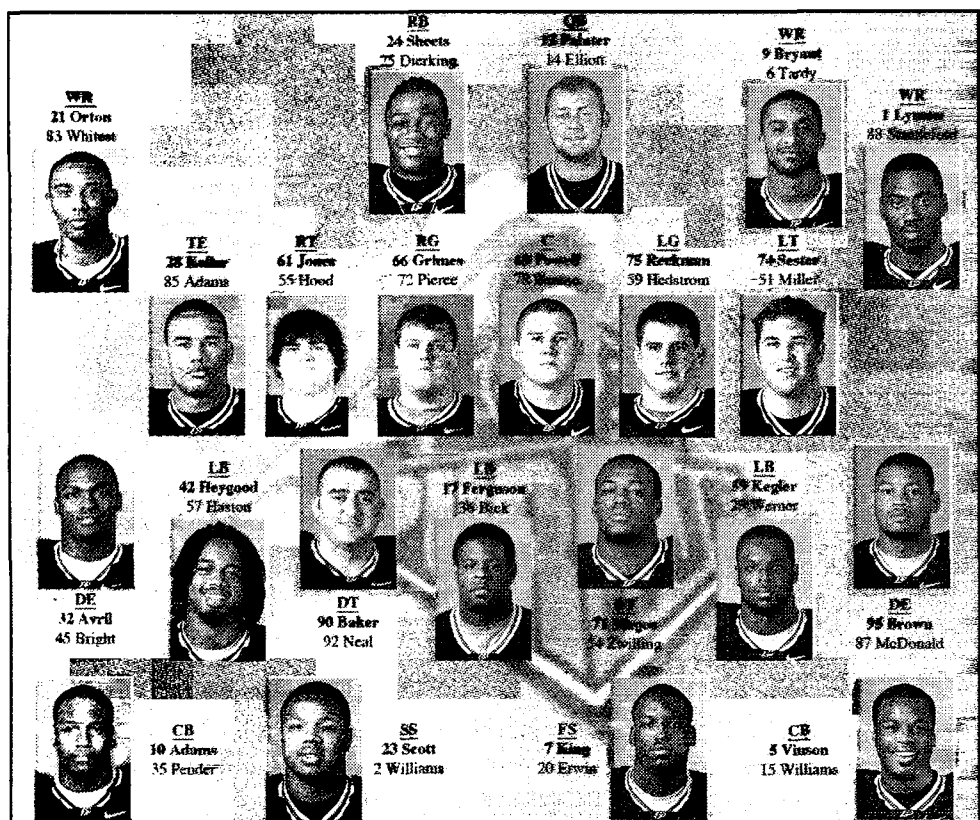
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Early in the game, Jimmy Clausen completes a bomb for a TD, forcing Purdue to move its safeties out of the box and allowing for productive Irish rushing. Meanwhile, Notre Dame's defense looks better against a spread offense than it has against the power teams it has faced. Students rush Stonehenge as a Brandon Walker field goal splits the uprights with no time left. The losing streak ends now.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 23
Purdue 21

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Purdue Boilermakers

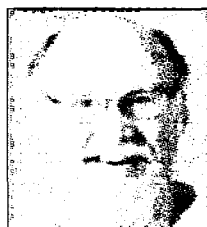


Purdue 2007 Schedule

Sept. 1 at Toledo — W
 Sept. 8 E. ILLINOIS — W
 Sept. 15 C. MICH. — W
 Sept. 22 at Minn. — W
 Sept. 29 vs Notre Dame
 Oct. 6 OHIO STATE
 Oct. 13 at Michigan
 Oct. 20 IOWA
 Oct. 27 N'WESTERN
 Nov. 3 at Penn State
 Nov. 10 MICHIGAN ST.
 Nov. 17 at Indiana

Purdue
Boilermakers
 Record: 4-0
 AP: 25
 Coaches: NR

Joe Tiller
 11th season at
 Purdue
 career record:
 114-79-1
 at Purdue:
 79-49
 against Notre
 Dame: 4-6



Joe Tiller
head coach

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Selwyn Lymon	WR	6-4	215	JR
2	Torri Williams	DB	6-2	217	FR
3	Wayne Graves	WR	6-0	167	SR
3	Frank Duong	DB	5-8	178	SR
4	Fabian Martin	DB	5-11	192	SR
5	Terrell Vinson	DB	5-9	180	SR
6	Desmond Tardy	WR	6-1	100	SR
7	Brandon King	DB	5-11	192	JR
8	Keith Smith	QB	6-2	216	SO
9	Dorien Bryant	WR	5-10	175	SR
10	Royce Adams	DB	6-0	183	SO
11	Jared Armstrong	P	6-3	234	SR
12	Curtis Painter	QB	6-4	223	SR
13	Patrick Carroll	WR	6-1	181	FR
13	Chris Summers	K	6-1	185	SO
14	Joey Elliott	QB	6-2	211	JR
15	Charlton Williams	DB	6-2	190	FR
16	Jeff Panfil	QB	6-5	220	SO
17	Josh Ferguson	LB	6-3	242	SR
17	Chris Bennett	QB	6-3	192	JR
18	Roberto McBean	WR	6-0	217	SR
19	Brandon Whittington	WR	6-2	183	SR
20	Brandon Erwin	DB	6-0	188	JR
21	Greg Orton	WR	6-3	199	JR
22	Iroc Duncan	RB	5-10	187	SO
23	Justin Scott	DB	6-0	209	SR
24	Kory Sheets	RB	6-0	206	SR
25	Mark Thompson	DB	6-0	200	FR
26	Aaron Lane	DB	5-10	182	SR
27	Kevin Green	LB	6-2	225	SO
28	Dustin Keller	TE	6-4	240	SR
29	Jason Werner	LB	6-4	208	JR
29	DeAndre Muhammad	WR	5-10	175	FR
30	Joe Holland	DB	6-1	211	FR
30	Eliot Marshall	RB	5-11	210	JR
31	Josh McKinley	DB	6-1	197	FR
32	Cliff Avril	DL	6-3	251	SR
33	Jaycen Taylor	RB	5-10	186	JR
34	Malcolm Harris	RB	5-9	166	FR
35	David Pender	DB	6-1	180	SO
36	Dan Bick	LB	6-1	223	FR
37	Logan Link	DB	6-1	205	SR
38	Danny Williams	DB	6-2	197	FR
38	Ben Champoux	K	6-1	198	JR
39	John Humphrey	LB	6-1	223	SO
40	Sean Matti	RB	5-11	220	FR
41	Mike Lindsey	DB	5-10	178	SR
41	Monte Conway	DB	5-11	179	FR
42	Anthony Heygood	LB	6-2	230	SR
43	Adam Wolf	DB	5-11	209	JR
44	Frank Halliburton	FB	6-3	251	JR
45	Eugene Bright	DL	6-4	254	SR
46	Jeff Lindsay	LB	6-4	230	SO
47	Mike Durrett	LB	6-0	225	SR
48	Jarred Crank	FB	6-2	230	FR
49	Nickaro Golding	DL	6-5	212	FR
50	Eric Hedstrom	OL	6-6	303	JR
51	Garret Miller	OL	6-8	275	SR
53	Dan Barry	OL	6-2	301	FR
54	Jared Zwilling	DL	6-4	297	JR
55	Eliot Hood	OL	6-5	290	SR
56	Jonathan Patton	OL	6-5	290	SR
57	Tyler Haaston	LB	6-3	222	FR
59	Stanford Koglar	LB	6-2	247	SR
60	Zach Smith	OL	6-4	293	SR
61	Zach Jones	OL	6-5	300	JR
62	Andy Huffman	LS	6-3	287	JR
63	James Shepherd	OL	6-5	300	JR
64	Connor McCulley	OL	6-1	255	FR
65	Auston Moret	OL	6-2	253	FR
66	Jordan Grimes	OL	6-3	325	SR
68	Robbie Powell	OL	6-5	307	SR
69	Neal Tull	OL	6-3	282	SR
70	Andrew Quintana	DL	6-1	276	SO
71	Alex Magee	DL	6-4	295	JR
72	Justin Pierce	OL	6-4	332	SO
75	Sean Sester	OL	6-7	325	SR
75	Zach Reckman	OL	6-6	295	JR
77	Ryan Prater	OL	6-5	295	SO
78	Rory Benton	OL	6-3	275	SR
79	Jermaine Guynn	DL	6-1	288	SR
80	Jerry Wasikowski	TE	6-4	251	SR
81	DeVarro Greaves	LB	6-2	205	FR
82	Kurt Ichenberg	WR	6-1	179	FR
83	Joe Whitest	WR	6-2	206	SR
84	Byron Williams	WR	6-3	200	SR
85	Kyle Adams	TE	6-5	251	SO
86	Derrick Sherman	WR	5-11	181	FR
87	Kris Staats	WR	6-1	197	SO
87	Mike McDonald	DL	6-2	250	SR
88	Jake Standford	WR	6-2	195	SR
89	Colton Mckey	TE	6-5	243	SR
90	Ryan Baker	DL	6-5	288	SR
91	Numa Preston	DL	6-3	275	FR
92	Mike Neal	DL	6-4	293	JR
93	Jeff Benjamin	DL	6-2	278	SR
94	Ryan Kerrigan	DL	6-4	246	FR
95	Keyon Brown	DL	6-3	241	JR
96	John Finch	TE	6-3	218	SO
97	Gerald Gooden	DL	6-3	235	FR
98	Corey Chapman	DL	6-2	234	SO
99	Nick Mondek	DL	6-6	270	FR

BOILERS RUSHING

Notre Dame's front seven is undersized — and it shows. The Irish have been pushed around defensively to the tune of more than 230 yards on the ground per game. The Irish need to fight off blocks and tackle much better.

Kory Sheets leads a Boilermaker rushing attack that is averaging more than 200 yards per game. Purdue mainly relies on draws and stretch plays out of its three- and four-wide formations, but those plays have been very effective.

The Purdue running game is more finesse-based than what the Irish have seen so far this year — which helps out Notre Dame's relatively small front. How much it will help one of the nation's worst rush defenses remains to be seen.

BOILERS PASSING

Opposing quarterbacks are completing less than 50 percent of their passes for fewer than 120 yards per game against the Irish, but part of that success is because teams are running the ball so well. Play-action passing worked well for Michigan State.

Purdue's wide receivers have killed Notre Dame in the past. Last year, Selwyn Lymon had 238 yards receiving, and two years ago Dorian Bryant had 127 yards and two touchdowns. Both still suit up for the Boilermakers.

Facing an experienced quarterback and receivers and coming off a performance against Michigan State that wasn't nearly as good as the statistics indicated, Notre Dame's secondary may be in for a rude awakening this week.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Notre Dame's special teams looked decent this season — until a total meltdown last week. Returns were short, coverage was poor and Geoff Price punted the ball off the side of his foot nearly into the stands. The Irish must get back on track this week.

Purdue has returned two kickoffs for touchdowns this year, including one by Bryant, who also returns punts. Kicker Chris Summers is perfect inside 40 yards, but he has only one touchback in 33 kickoffs.

Bryant is extremely dangerous on both punt and kickoff returns, and the Irish have looked susceptible to both this year. Summers' short kickoffs will give Golden Tate a chance to give Notre Dame good field position. Price needs to find his old form.

INTANGIBLES

Notre Dame looked better last week, but still was far from actually winning a game. The Irish badly need something to get their confidence back. The noon kickoff will mean the Purdue crowd won't be as loud early in the game.

Purdue is 4-0, racking up huge numbers on offense and has two straight losses to the Irish for motivation. Their schedule has been easy, but the Irish don't necessarily offer a step up in competition — just more media attention.

The Irish are taking small steps back to respectable football, while the Boilermakers have possibly their best team in years. Purdue will be up for this contest, which is their first big home game and a chance to beat Notre Dame for the first time since 2004.

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ANALYSIS



Chris Hine
Sports Editor

Notre Dame will still be searching for its first win after this week. The Irish have a solid ground game once again, but Purdue keeps the Irish offense one-dimensional and limits the scoring. Purdue's spread offense gives Notre Dame fits on the outside, the Boilermakers control the tempo of the game, and Joe Tiller captures another victory.

**FINAL SCORE: Purdue 34
Notre Dame 17**



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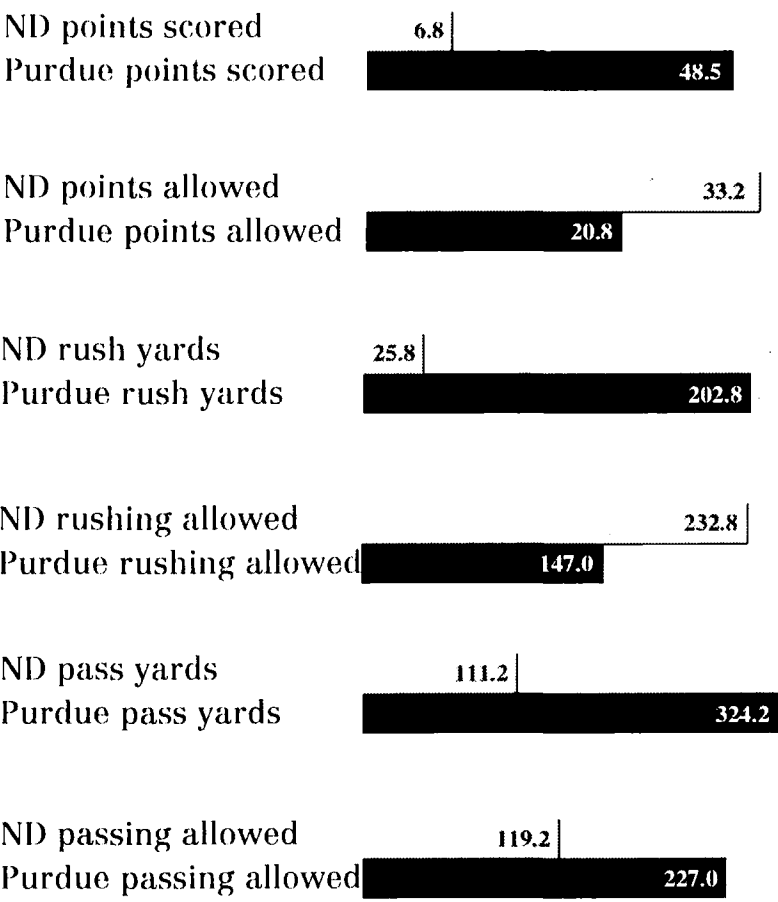
Things looked better on offense last week, but the defense faltered — something that will seriously hurt Notre Dame against Purdue. The Boilermaker's spread offense will kick the Irish while they are down. Purdue's strong rushing attack (more than 200 yards per game) and Curtis Painter will match up well with the Irish, who won't be able to handle it. The offense will continue to improve, but not enough to win.

**FINAL SCORE: Purdue 27
Notre Dame 13**

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Crunching the numbers

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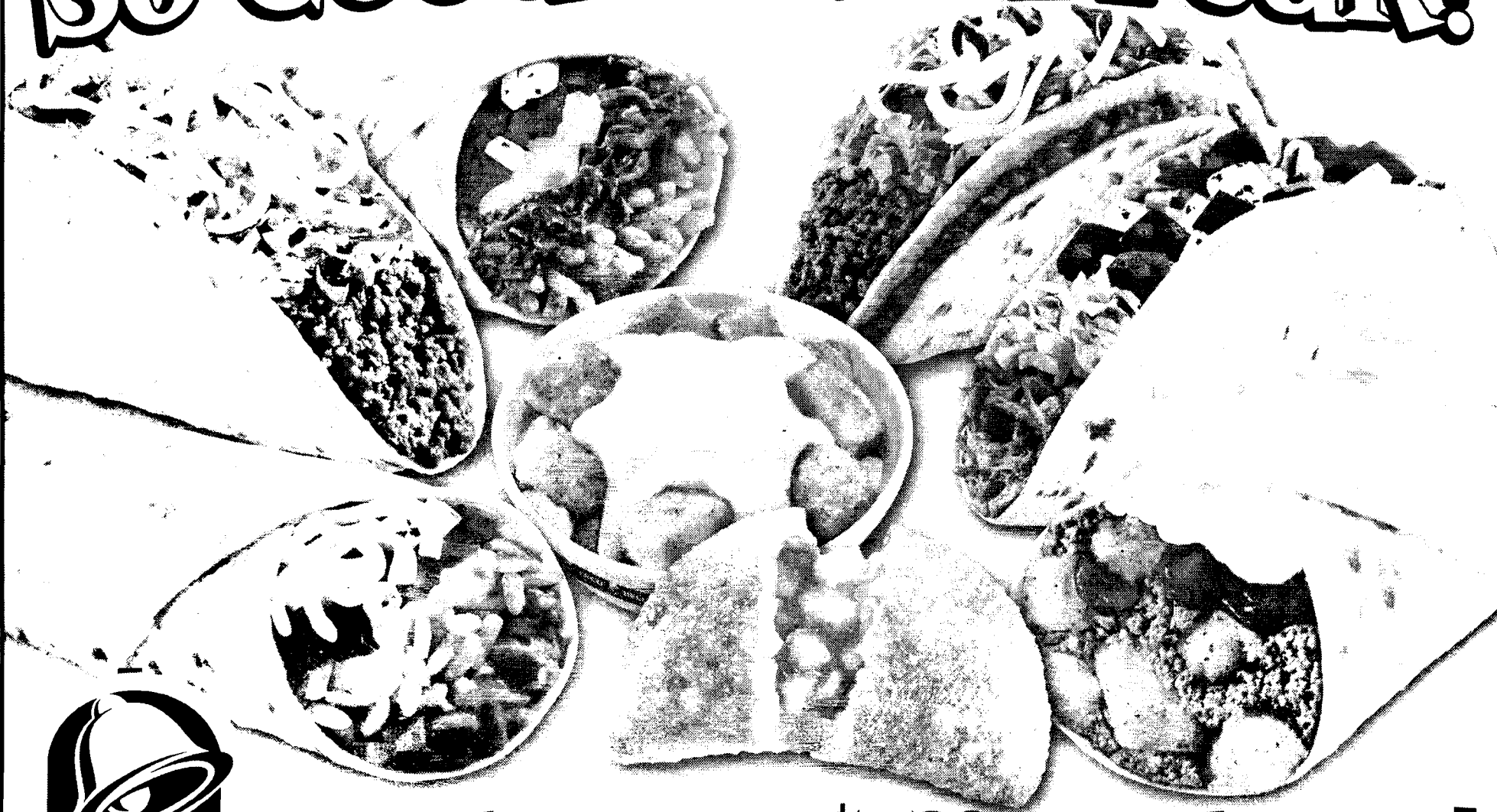


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Season Record:	(58-20)	(63-15)	(66-12)	(66-12)
No. 1 USC at Washington	USC	USC	USC	USC
No. 2 LSU at Tulane	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
No. 3 Oklahoma at Colorado	Okla.	Okla.	Okla.	Okla.
Auburn at No. 4 Florida	UF	UF	UF	UF
No. 5 W. Virginia at No. 18 S. Florida	USF	USF	WVU	WVU
No. 6 California at No. 11 Oregon	Cal	Cal	Cal	Oreg.
Kansas State at No. 7 Texas	UT	UT	KSU	UT
No. 8 Ohio State at Minnesota	OSU	OSU	OSU	OSU
Michigan State at No. 9 Wisconsin	MSU	UW	UW	UW
Maryland at No. 10 Rutgers	Rut.	Rut.	Rut.	Mary.
UMass at No. 12 Boston College	BC	BC	BC	BC
No. 13 Clemson at Georgia Tech	GT	Clem.	GT	Clem.
Florida Atlantic at No.14 Kentucky	UK	UK	UK	UK
Ole Miss at No. 15 Georgia	UGA	UGA	UGA	UGA
Mississippi State at No. 16 S. Carolina	S. Car.	S. Car.	S. Car.	S. Car.
North Carolina at No. 17 V. Tech	VT	VT	VT	VT
No. 19 Hawaii at Idaho	UH	UH	UH	UH
No. 21 Penn State at Illinois	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU
No. 22 Alabama at Florida State	Bama	Bama	FSU	Bama
No. 23 Arizona State at Stanford	ASU	ASU	ASU	ASU
No. 24 Cincinnati at San Diego St.	Cincy	Cincy	Cincy	Cincy
Iowa State at No. 25 Nebraska	Neb.	Neb.	ISU	Neb.

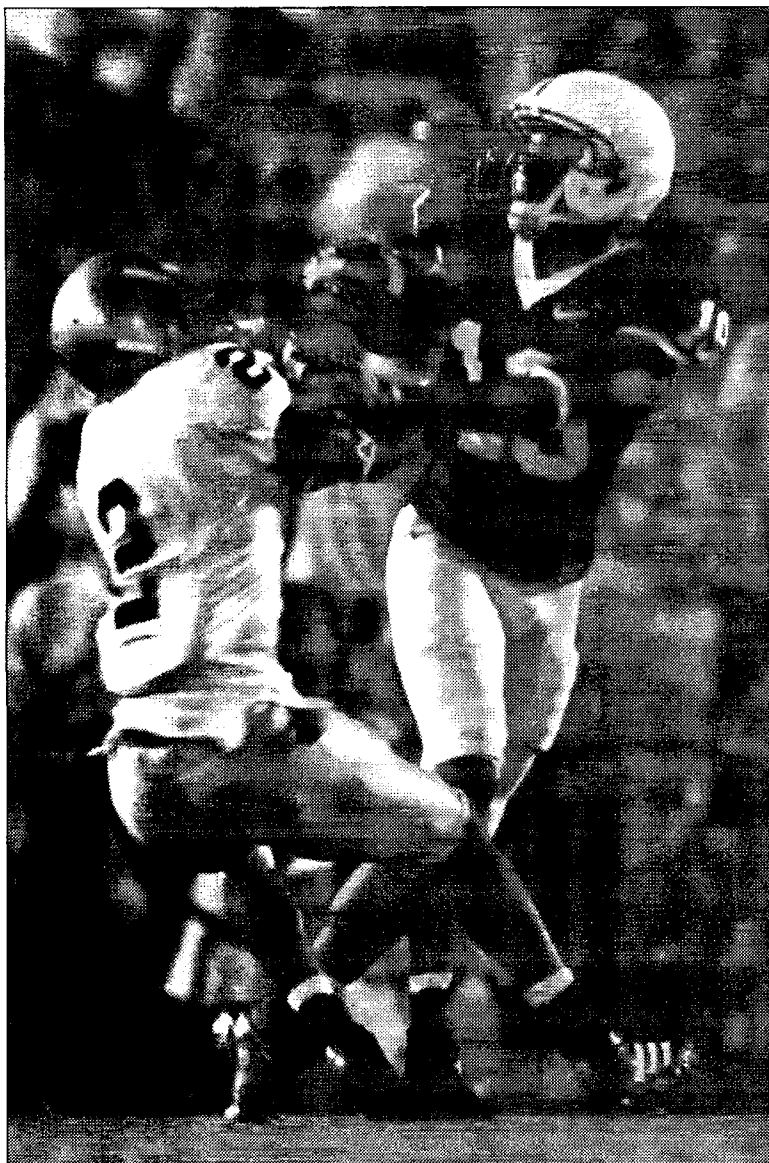
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Spread offense brings tackling to forefront



Irish cornerback Darrin Walls defends Nittany Lions wide receiver Chris Bell during Notre Dame's 31-10 loss to Penn State on Sept. 8.

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By CHRIS KHOREY
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For four straight games, Notre Dame has given up over 150 yards rushing.

But each of those four opponents had something in common — a power running attack using fullbacks and tight ends to clear out the smaller Irish front seven.

This week's opponent, Purdue, offers a different challenge. The Boilermakers run a spread offense, which features at least three wide receivers and a shotgun formation on most plays.

"They spread it around pretty good," Irish defensive coordinator Corwin Brown said. "They do a really good job of executing what they want to get done. It will be a good test."

And while Purdue has been effective running the ball this season — 202 yards per game — the Irish hope their 3-4 front will be better at stopping the Boilermaker's finesse game than it was at stopping the power games of Georgia Tech, Penn State, Michigan and Michigan State.

"It's different for us because we haven't played it this year," Irish linebacker Joe Brockington said. "It's a game

of playing in space, and we just have to make tackles."

Brockington, who made two tackles last year against the Boilermakers, said defending the spread in the 3-4 is similar to defending it in the 4-3 defense the Irish ran last year.

"I don't think it's changed much," he said. "When it comes down to it, you still have to play in space and make tackles."

Fellow linebacker John Ryan said defending the run against a spread offense

is harder because players have to play the pass first — and then react to running plays.

"You have to make your reads and get your drops in the passing lanes, but when it's a run, you have to read the run and come up and stop it," he said.

For this reason, defensive end Trevor Laws said the spread puts more pressure on the defensive line to get into the backfield.

"It's a little bit of a different gameplan. It's up to us on the defensive line to get pressure," he said.

The Boilermakers running game is lead by tailbacks Kory Sheets and Jaycen Taylor, who average around 150 yards combined per game this year.

"They're a good group," Laws

said of the Purdue backs. "They all run hard. We have to keep the ball in front of us."

Purdue coach Joe Tiller has run a spread offense since he took the job in West Lafayette in 1997. Nicknamed "basketball on grass," the scheme was considered groundbreaking when it was seen outside of Florida. Today, teams from Oregon to Florida run some form of the spread.

The offense has also evolved over time. When Tiller first started, it was mainly a passing offense, but teams have figured out how to run out of it, especially using counters, draws and options.

"If you say they're one-dimensional, because they're spread out so much, if you said all they did was throw it all the time, then you could try to just stop the pass," Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said. "But they're averaging over 200 yards a game rushing as well."

Notre Dame has been successful defending the pass this year, allowing less than 50 percent completions and less than 120 yards per game, but Weis said if the Irish concentrate too much on stopping the pass, the Boilermakers will make them pay on the ground.

"They're a passing team first. I think they'll run it to make to keep you honest," he said. "That's why they get some of these gash runs they get."

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Painter evolves into top-flight quarterback

By KEN FOWLER
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It wasn't a pretty beginning, but it showed some promise.

In the young quarterback's first start, against one of the Big Ten's best teams, he completed more than 50 percent of his passes and showed a hint of flash.

That was Curtis Painter, two years ago, against Wisconsin. He went 23-of-44 for 212 yards with a touchdown and three interceptions. Purdue lost that game, 31-20, and its next, 33-15 to Penn State but finished the year on a three-game winning streak behind its red-shirt freshman quarterback.

Fast-forward 24 months, and Painter has become one of the most dependable signal-callers in the nation. His 16 touchdown passes is second in the nation, and he is the only quarterback with more than 12 throwing scores and only one interception. He's the No. 1 reason Purdue is 4-0 and confident.

"He's a strong-armed kid and gets rid of the ball quick, and he's really making good, quick decisions," Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

Painter has led Purdue to the nation's eighth most productive offense. The

Boilermakers average nearly 325 yards passing and more than 200 on the ground. It's a stark contrast to Notre Dame, which easily handled Purdue in 2005 and 2006 under Brady Quinn but now is breaking in freshman Jimmy Clausen with serious growing pains.

Clausen, who also made his starting debut against a tough Big Ten opponent, is 35-of-62 for only 271 yards, two interceptions and no touchdowns in his three starts.

The Irish offense is last in the nation in rushing and third-to-last in passing. Notre Dame's 137 yards per game in total offense is 62 yards fewer than the next-worst offense, Florida International.

The Irish have 548 yards of total offense in four games. The Boilermakers are averaging 527 each Saturday.

Still, Purdue coach Joe Tiller isn't acting like the game is in the bag.

The Boilermakers took a 24-3 lead over Minnesota by halftime last Saturday but surrendered four second-half touch-

downs in a 45-31 victory.

"We can't be overconfident based on our game Saturday, if we watch it [on tape]," Tiller said Monday. "We've got a lot of work ahead of us."

Just not much on the offensive side of the ball.

Painter isn't as speedy as many spread quarterbacks are, but he is mobile. He had a long run of 42 yards in 2006 en route to 288 yards gained on the ground, excluding sacks. This season, he has stuck to throwing the ball — and throwing it well.

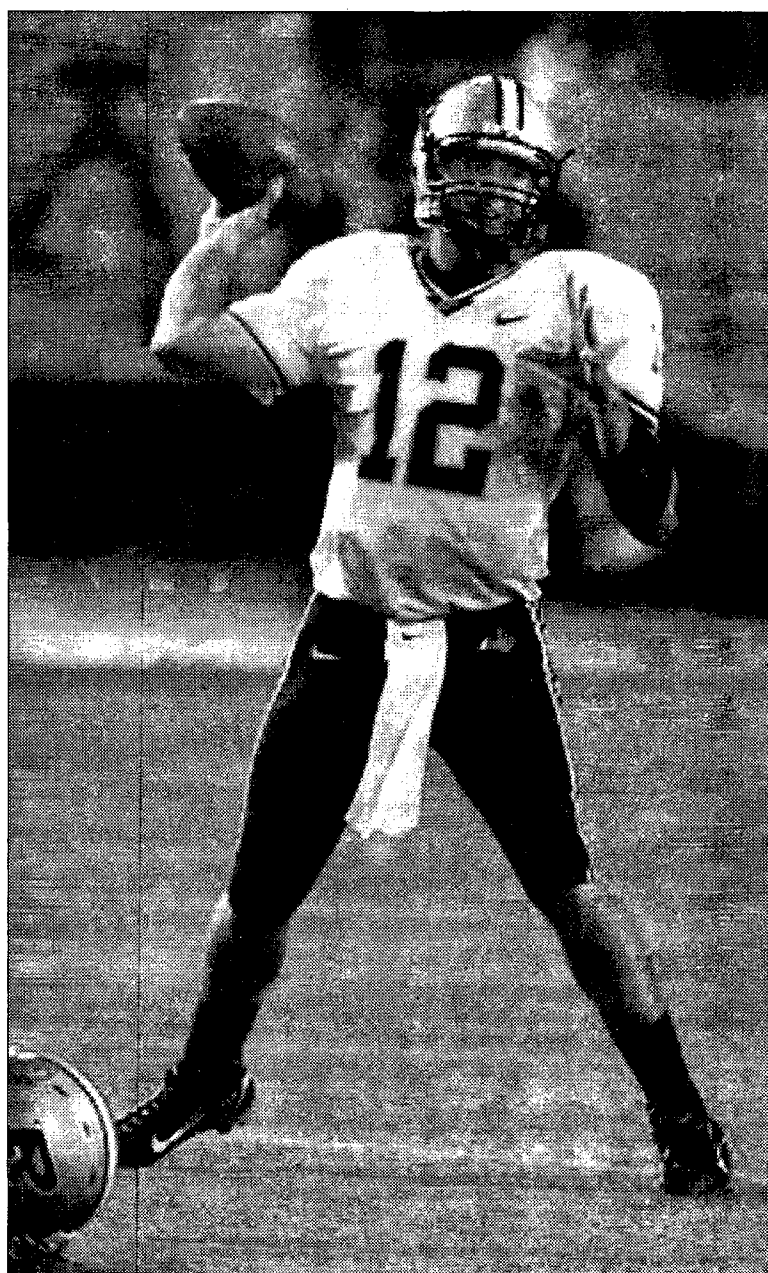
He expects a challenge out of the Notre Dame defense, which is fourth in yards surrendered per game after the 0-4 start but only No. 55 in pass efficiency defense — largely because opponents have stuck with their running game against the vulnerable Irish front seven.

"I don't think that their record really does them justice," Painter said Monday. "They're a great defense, first of all. ... I think their defense will be ready to play."

"I think they'll be one of the better teams we've played so far."

Besides Minnesota, Purdue's opponents this season have been Toledo, Eastern Illinois and Central Michigan.

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Boilermakers quarterback Curtis Painter looks to pass during the second half of Purdue's 45-31 win Saturday over Minnesota.

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