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Kramer hires off-campus security

South Bend landlord takes measures in hopes to curb theft, break-ins over holidays

By JENN METZ
Assistant News Editor

South Bend landlord Mark Kramer hired a private security company Friday to patrol his more than 150 properties after recent car break-ins.

"We've had some car break-ins and one is too many as far as I'm concerned," he said. "I just haven't had much cooperation with the police department when we've had problems. ... Safety is very important, so I made the decision to hire a private company."

Kramer said the recent break-ins that prompted him to hire the company took place at his properties on Corby Street and

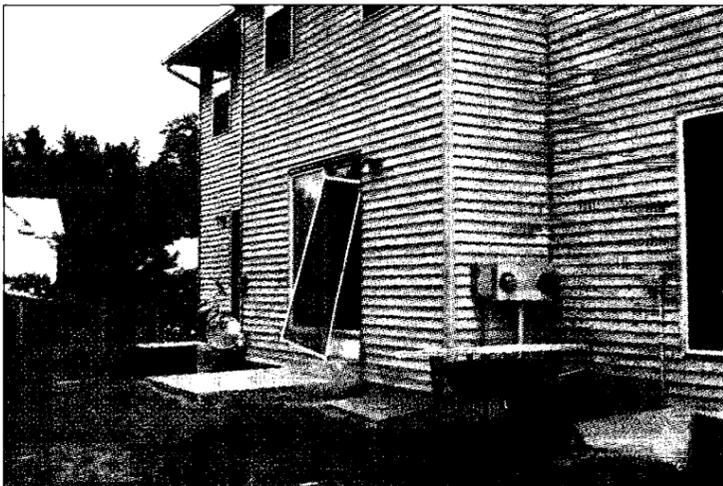
on North St. Peter's Street, near Washington Street. He said he could not give a number of break-ins.

"I don't know exactly how many there have been," he said. "I don't necessarily hear of them right away."

The security company, Majestic Security, Inc., is based in South Bend. Security detail will patrol Kramer properties between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. every day — "peak crime hours," Kramer said.

"With breaks coming up and the students being gone, we're concerned about safety," he said. "We try to patrol [the properties] ourselves, but it's not easy for

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Observer File Photo

A door is torn off a townhouse at Lafayette Apartments. South Bend landlord Mark Kramer has hired a security company to patrol his properties.

Professors address poverty

SMC faculty panel discusses globalization

By KATLYN SMITH
News Writer

Saint Mary's professors examined the impact of globalization on poverty through four angles Friday at the College.

Mathematics professor Fozia Qazi moderated the panel, titled "Overcoming global poverty: Is globalization the problem or the solution?" The discussion ended International Week at the College.

Jerry McElroy, professor of business administration and economics, focused on trade and migration.

McElroy said the speed of the Internet and the cross-border movement of goods and capital have contributed to globalization, although the World Bank has not researched a clear convergence.

Globalization, he said, means workers increasingly emigrate from rural regions.

"As a result of these labor movements, the overall productivity diminishes in underdeveloped countries, especially Latin America," McElroy said.

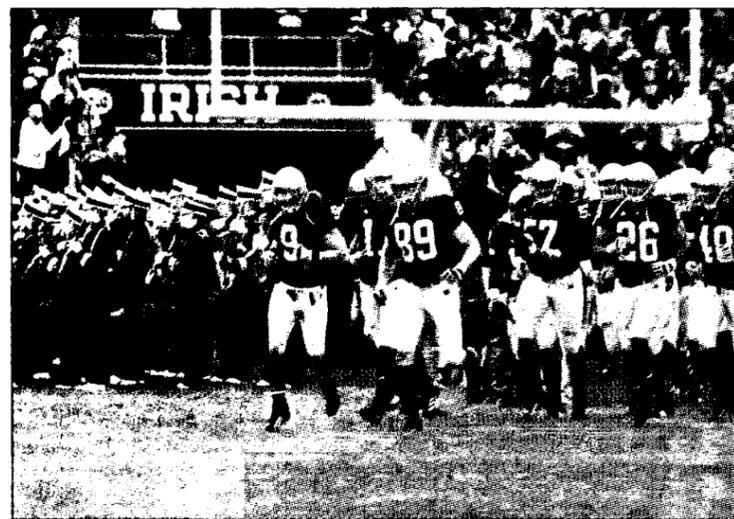
The influx of Mexican laborers to the U.S. translates into low Mexican wages, McElroy said. In the U.S., however, the increasing supply of laborers, productivity and demand preserve high wages.

"We are seeing this persistent wage inequality on a global scale," McElroy said.

Political science department chair Marc Belanger said he recently wit-

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Seniors celebrate last home victory



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Senior football players run out of the tunnel for the last home game Saturday. Notre Dame defeated Duke 28-7.

Marshmallow tradition continues as students remember the highs and lows of four seasons

By JOSEPH McMAHON
News Writer

Saturday's game against Duke was the last time the Class of 2008 would crowd into Notre Dame Stadium as students and cheer on the football team.

"It was good to see a victory, but it was rough that it took until Duke to see it," senior Brian Bak said.

Buoyed by the successes of years past, including upsetting Michigan freshman year, coming within seconds of beating USC sophomore year and starting the season ranked second

overall in the BCS last year, many seniors were disappointed with the team's current record.

"We had two really good years our sophomore and junior years and then had a very rough rebuilding year. I was hoping for at least four victories," Bak said.

Senior Nick Ransom echoed Bak's sentiments. "It was very disappointing considering our freshman year, where in our first home game ever we stormed the field because we upset third-ranked Michigan, and our sophomore and junior

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Community protests Iraq conflict

Over 40 students, residents gather in anti-violence demonstration

By A. MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

A group of about 40 students and South Bend residents gathered Friday at the University main gate on Notre Dame Avenue to protest the continued war in Iraq, as well as any form of armed conflict around the globe.

Sophomore Beck Roan said he organized the demonstration during the last football weekend of the season to take advantage of the increased alumni presence on campus and "spread the message to as many people as possible."

"There are so many of us here at Notre Dame that are anti-war," Roan said. "There is clearly a focus on the war in Iraq, but really, we are opposed



A. MARCELA BERRIOS/The Observer

Students and South Bend residents display signs at the anti-violence protest Friday along the Notre Dame Avenue entrance to campus.

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Sophomores' ad appears on NBC

By AMBER TRAVIS
News Writer

Notre Dame sophomores Cristina Bufalino, Maria Bufalino and Mandy Miller won an NBC-sponsored campus-wide commercial contest Friday.

The commercial "But on Saturday..." debuted Saturday afternoon during halftime of the football game against Duke.

"I was really proud of our commercial being on television. That was the coolest part of it all," Maria Bufalino said.

The commercial focused on game-day traditions, Bufalino said — "tailgating, the band and the student section."

The sound of a snare drum and cymbals played throughout the commercial, which was produced and directed by sophomores Brandon Drenon and Danielle Sclafani.

"It was uniquely created and really made the viewer feel as if you were a part of the Notre Dame game day experience," said Lindsay Fitz, project manager of communications and marketing for NBC Sports. "It really gets the viewers involved."

The "Notre Dame Student Promotional Challenge" was the first contest of its kind for NBC. Fitz said the network wanted to work with

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INSIDE COLUMN

Sunday night

Sunday is a day of many interests — the day of rest for the religious, NFL football for the sports fans, and of color comics in the newspaper. It's the day banks and other government buildings are frustratingly closed, and the day playing Dominoes is forbidden in Alabama (at least according to Wikipedia).

Up until college, Sunday was just another day for me, perhaps a chance to do some last minute homework for some class or other, but nothing special, besides it being the weekend still. But all that changed when I moved into Keough four years ago — since that time, Sundays have become for me (and hopefully shall ever be) movie night.

As the name implies, after dorm mass every Sunday my friends and I would congregate in our quad and take an hour or two to watch a movie. However busy our coming week looked, we stuck to our ritual, through good movies and bad. Sometimes the bad ones were just as entertaining, with clever and sarcastic comments increasing at each instance of bad acting.

I remember an especially horrible Halloween movie, *Deer Woman*, about a murderous half-deer, half-woman who would hide her hooves and lure unsuspecting males into private before trampling them to death.

Since moving off campus my senior year, the Sunday night movie tradition has been harder to keep alive. My roommates and I have signed up for Blockbuster Online, so acquiring movies has become easier, but where in the dorm we could easily get eight or more people just by walking down the halls, it's now usually just my roommates and I.

The method used in choosing movies so far has been rather haphazard. In the dorms, our choices were limited to the movies one of us owned, though it helped that one of the guys living down the hall had the largest movie collection of anyone I've ever met.

Usually the movie was determined by popular vote, but if someone felt they had a particularly good movie they could nominate that movie at their own risk — meaning if the movie ended up not making the cut that was one strike against the nominator.

No one ever accumulated enough strikes to permanently bar them from suggesting future movies, but I think of my friends I got the closest, being banned temporarily on a couple weekends I can remember.

But in the end, it doesn't matter whether I choose the movie or not, or even if it's good or bad — just spending that time with friends is always a relaxing and enjoyable experience I can look forward to before the hectic week.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Dustin Mennella at dmennell@nd.edu

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Photo Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT THANKSGIVING FOOD WOULD MAKE THE BEST PROJECTILE?



Aaron Pierre
sophomore
O'Neill

"Mashed potatoes embedded with peas."



Matt Panhans
sophomore
Knott

"Sweet potatoes because I don't eat them anyway."



Nicole Crnich
senior
Pangborn

"Stuffing. I haven't tried it, but it seems like it would be kind of bouncy."



Szymon Ryzner
junior
Morrissey

"Kielbasa, because it's very aerodynamic."



Tanya Barrios
freshman
Lyons

"Peas because they're small and can go pretty far with a spoon."



Valerie Allen
junior
Lewis

"Jello because it's gooey."



JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Senior Mary Beugelsdijk plays the trumpet during the final home football game of the season Saturday.

OFFBEAT

Cattle disturb peace in western Pa. town

STOYSTOWN, Pa. — Cattle roundups are mostly a thing of the past, and this is western Pennsylvania, not the Wild West.

None of that mattered Thursday, when a resident called to report a herd of cattle stampeding through her yard.

Mayor Bill Boyd was first on the scene, honking his horn at the nine bulls, cows and calves that were plodding along, barely 100 yards from Main Street in the borough of just over 400 people about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

"Two of them had pretty good horns on them," Boyd

told the Johnstown Tribune-Democrat. "It's the first time I've known a mayor to get involved in cattle wrangling."

Mystery Fla. animal likely a fox squirrel

MACCLENNY, Fla. — An animal sneaking around Baker County is not an orangutan as originally thought but likely a fox squirrel, state wildlife officials said Friday. Officers with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission laid doughnuts at a base of a tree after residents reported seeing a "big orange ball of fur."

The animal was probably an orange phase fox squirrel,

Fish and Wildlife investigator Ken Holmes told The Florida Times-Union. The red-orange animals can grow to be about 2 feet tall and can climb in trees.

"I'll be astonished if it's an orangutan," Holmes said. "I can quite confidently say it's probably not an orangutan."

He said the animal's eating habits did not match with the patterns of a primate.

"I'm not discounting anything," Holmes said. "However, this creature, whatever it may be, simply isn't acting like a primate."

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The first lecture in the Nieuwland series in biological sciences: "Bee Aware: Are honey bees in trouble?" will be held today at 4 p.m. in 101 Jordan Hall of Science. Dr. May Berenbaum will present.

The rosary will be said tonight at 6:45 at the Grotto. The rosary is said daily.

Notre Dame hockey will play Bowling Green tomorrow at 7:35 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

There will be a general discussion about the history of the Miami Nation of Indians in Indiana tonight at 8 p.m. in the Pasquerilla West Hall lounge. The guest speaker will be Erin Dunnagan Oliver of the Miami Nation of Indians in Indiana, public relations director and '05 ND alumna.

There will be a panel discussion titled: "The Evolution of Microfinance: One Tool to Address Global Poverty" tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. in C-100 Hesburgh Center auditorium. Maria Otero, President & CEO, ACCION International and Recipient of the 2007 Notre Dame Prize for Distinguished Public Service in Latin America and Tara Kenney, Managing Director, Deutsche Asset Management, Inc. will speak.

Craig Cramer will deliver a faculty organ recital tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Reyes Organ and Choral Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are \$3.

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

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Students gather for Divali

India Association sponsors annual Hindu festival Sunday night

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

The India Association of Notre Dame sponsored a campus-wide celebration of the Hindu festival known as Divali Sunday night in LaFortune Ballroom.

Physics professor Umesh Garg led a cultural presentation and prayer to inform more than 100 people about the significance of this festival.

Divali is traditionally celebrated near the end of October or beginning of November and commemorates the triumph of good over evil.

"It's like a combination of Christmas, New Year's, Thanksgiving, and Fourth of July all rolled up into one for the Indian people," Garg said. "Indian families like to celebrate it once monsoon season finishes, and do things like clean up the house, fill it with sweets and potpourri, and decorate poojas [worship rooms for Indian deities] and celebrate with music, dancing and friends."

The story of Divali began 15 days after the mythological figure Rama, son of the King of Ayodhya Raja Dasharatha, was sent into exile to defeat Ravana, the representation of evil and temptation in Sri Lanka. Rama was then joined by his wife, Sita, and his close brother, Lakshman.

Rama's army built a bridge between Sri Lanka and the mainland, and after defeating all of Ravana's forces, the battle finally came down to single combat between Ravana and Rama.

Using a special weapon that he had received from the saint Agastya, Rama shot Ravana in the belly and killed him, symbolizing the "Dussehra" or "defeat."



ROHAN ANAND/The Observer
Professor Umesh Garg and sophomore Sahil Rajvansh pray to Rama, Lakshman and Sita at the Divali celebration Sunday.

However, 14 years had passed after the Dusshera before the people in Ayodha began to worry that Rama, Sita and Lakshman would not find their way back, so it became crucial to guide the heroes' home by lighting up the city with fireworks and lamps. Divali, therefore, celebrates the journey home thanks to the guiding lights.

"Rama represents the ideal human being — as a son, a king, a warrior, and a husband," Garg said. "It's something we celebrate with gusto, but we also like to clean our houses, hold pooja ceremonies, and cook food because we believe we are formally inviting Lakshman and Sita into our warm homes through these rituals."

Divali also represents the new fiscal year for Indian businesses.

In the past, the India Association used to celebrate Divali on a smaller scale at Garg's house, but this year it decided to have a larger event open to more students.

"We were pleased to see that there are a lot of non-Indian students here celebrating Divali with us and wanted to be part of the event," said IAND co-president Chandan Mozumder, a third-year graduate student.

After Garg's presentation, students were invited to worship and pray in a pooja that IAND had set up in the ballroom. Afterwards there was a catered dinner followed by music and dancing — known as dandia raas — or stick dancing in line formations.

"Of course, no Indian festival celebration is complete without music and dancing," said senior Divya Mahadevia, who helped coordinate the evening. "So we figured that teaching people the relatively easy-to-learn movements of dandia raas would be easier than Bollywood karaoke — since that wouldn't work out so well with people who aren't Indian."

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Pieronek distinguished by engineering society

Special to the Observer

Catherine F. Pieronek, director of academic affairs and the Women's Engineering Program in the College of Engineering at the University of Notre Dame, has received the first ever Outstanding Faculty Adviser Award from the Society of Women Engineers (SWE).

The inaugural award, honoring a SWE leader who has made outstanding contributions to a collegiate section as an adviser, was presented during the society's national conference in Nashville, Tenn., last month. Pieronek was cited for her "dedication to female undergraduates through support of the Notre Dame Collegiate Section, developing it into a premier organization in the College of Engineering, and for implementing programs that have dramatically improved the retention of female engineering students."

Pieronek joined the College of Engineering in 2002 in order to establish the women's engineering program and address the low retention rate of women from the first through sophomore years.

"In her first semester, Cathy mobilized and energized a group of women who quickly established SWE as the most prominent and effective student organization in the College of Engineering," says Frank P. Incropera, dean emeritus and the Clifford and Evelyn Brosey Professor of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering. "Whether the activity involved recruitment of prospective women engineering students, outreach programs for high school

and grade school students in the community or assuming major responsibilities for the college's Industry Career Day, the outcomes have been spectacular."

Pieronek's initial program and initiatives led to a 25 percent improvement in the retention rate of female students, placing it on par with male engineering students. The number of admitted engineering women choosing to attend the University also increased by more than 20 percent. In addition, membership in the SWE Notre Dame Collegiate Section increased from a handful of women to more than 75 active members.

During Pieronek's tenure as section advisor, SWE-ND has hosted a successful Region H Conference and won the society's Outstanding Collegiate Section Award for a medium-sized section for 2006 and 2007. It also has been recognized for its outstanding success on campus, including club of the year in 2003, and outstanding program of the year in 2005.

A senior member of SWE, Pieronek also is a senior member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), as well as a member of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) and Women Engineering Program Advocates Network (WEPAN). Her focus on engineering education, particularly issues that affect the retention of women in engineering, has led to the publication of numerous papers and presentations at conferences sponsored by SWE, AIAA, ASEE, WEPAN and Frontiers in Education.

ND professor awarded two AHA book prizes

Special to the Observer

Sabine G. MacCormack, Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Professor of Arts and Letters at the University of Notre Dame, has been awarded two American Historical Association (AHA) book prizes for "On the Wings of Time: Rome, the Incas, Spain and Peru," published last year by Princeton University Press.

MacCormack is the recipient of the 2007 James A. Rawley Prize in Atlantic history, which recognizes outstanding historical writing that explores aspects of integration of Atlantic worlds before the 20th century, and the John E. Fagg Prize honoring the best publication in the history of Spain, Portugal or Latin America.

"These prestigious book awards reinforce Sabine's standing as one of the world's most eminent scholars of both classical antiquity and colonial Latin America," said Mark Roche, Notre Dame's I.A. O'Shaughnessy Dean of the College of Arts and Letters.

Challenging long-held assumptions about the cultural impact of the Spanish conquest of Peru, "On the Wings of Time" provides a more sophisticated understanding of Latin America, both in a historical and contemporary context.

Among historians, it long has been taken for granted that the Spanish imposed their culture and religion on the indigenous populations during the 16th and 17th centuries. Using original

sources, MacCormack asserts that civil society was born of the intellectual endeavors that commenced with the invasion itself, as the invaders sought to understand an array of cultures.

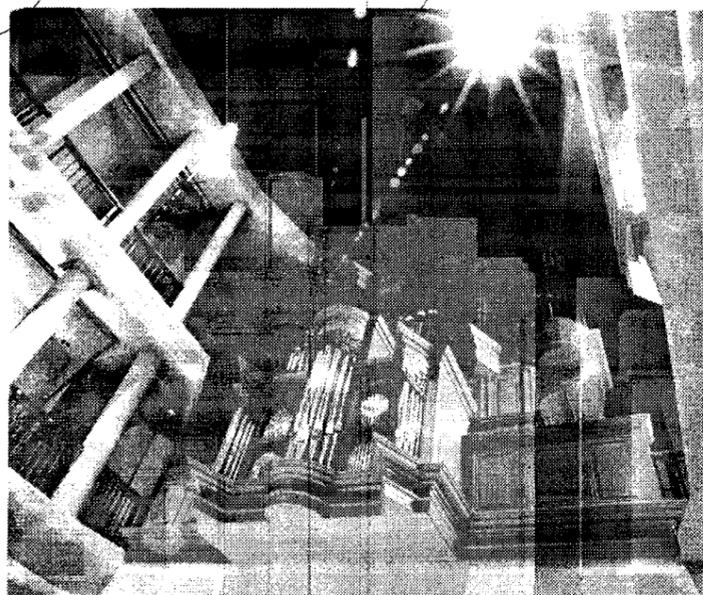
"The book shows that European and Spanish culture was much less monolithic than is usually supposed," MacCormack said. "The intellectual and cultural experience of engaging with the Mediterranean ancient world conditioned those Spanish who were interested in Andean cultures to think of cultural multiplicities."

They did not assume that their own political and cultural traditions were the only possible or even the best ones. In comparing the Inca empire to that of Rome, Spaniards recognized Inca political and cultural achievements as exemplary and highlighted aspects of governance, including communications and the management of natural catastrophes, where the Incas had been infinitely more successful than their European contemporaries.

An internationally-renowned scholar of ancient Rome and the Spanish empire, MacCormack specializes in late antiquity and colonial Latin America. Her scholarly publications include "The Shadows of Poetry: Vergil in the Mind of Augustine," "Religion in the Andes: Vision and Imagination in Early Colonial Peru," and "Art and Ceremony in Late Antiquity."

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nessed the effect of globalization when he took a group of students to Honduras.

Belanger described the capital city Tegucigalpa as an "urban nightmare" and said unchecked growth has led to urban violence and overcrowding.

To reduce labor movements, "we must rethink agricultural policy to benefit the world's poor," Belanger said.

Agriculture provides a more viable option for the poor and an alternative to dislocation, Belanger said. Economically, middle and

small-scale agriculture also have a greater effect on GNP and poverty. However, "the credit and infrastructure is not present for small producers to get their goods to market," Belanger said.

He said the World Bank must advocate investment in public goods, such as electric and water grids to provide easier transport of goods. He also said the World Bank must look at the poor through a more humane and environmental viewpoint.

Belanger discussed the role of the Heifer Project, which is an interna-

tional non-profit organization committed to relieving global hunger and poverty, and its strides in aiding financially dependent families around the world.

Although not a rapid process, "the emphasis on an economic asset to produce income provides a sustainable, stable future for the poor," Belanger said.

Edith Miguda, a history professor at the College, expanded on Belanger's ideas of globalization and

its importance in lesser developed countries, especially on women.

"Globalization is a word one hears in even the remotest African villages," she said.

In Tanzania, for example, Russian aircrafts take Lake Victorian fish to U.S. markets. Not only does that create an environmental hazard, Miguda said, but it forces women to search for remaining scraps for their children and destitute households.

Women make use of global opportunities in female-run trade shops that feature goods from China, U.S. and London, Miguda said.

"The UN must facilitate and support women's initiatives to minimize the negative social effect of globalization," she said.

In 2000, announcing its role in a new global era, the United Nations declared globalization must provide benefits for all, Miguda said.

Sociology professor Mary Ann Kanieski spoke about the effect of globalization on family life.

"The current form of globalization perceives the family as a personal, optional responsibility, not a basic right," she said. "The career takes precedence over the family."

Kanieski also discussed labor movements and the separation of families over large distances. Few family protections and increased employment of mothers have impoverished family life, she said.

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my staff to be at all places at all times. ... This is the most economical and sensible way to do it."

During the specified time period, each house will be visited a minimum of seven times, with security personnel exiting their vehicles periodically. The personnel will be armed and authorized to apprehend any suspicious persons, Kramer said, and will immediately call the police to make an arrest.

There will be no additional cost to tenants.

Kramer said the security company began to patrol Lafayette Square Friday night.

"We will get detail on all the properties Monday," he said. "I wanted to make sure they were in place before Thanksgiving."

Car break-ins are a citywide issue, Kramer said, and hiring the security company is "taking a proactive approach to it."

Kramer said he initially contacted the South Bend Police Department and talked to off-duty police officers who offered a service for a cost, "but they were not able to patrol for the length of time I thought was necessary."

"Burglary and larceny have been an issue up in the student areas for as long as Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students have lived off campus," said Capt. Phil Trent, public information officer for the South Bend Police Department. "Unfortunately, it is abundantly clear to criminals when students are going to be in town and out of town."

Burglaries tend to spike when students go away from their property for any length of time, he said.

"Our department goes to great lengths to educate about leaving valuables in your residence ... just general crime prevention efforts," Trent said. "Vehicle break-ins are not just a Notre Dame thing, they're a community thing. ... If you're going to leave your vehicle, leave it as sterile as possible."

Kramer said he hired Majestic Security because he has seen con-

sistent service and protection effect change on crime rates.

"It will send a clear message," he said.

Trent said he found it difficult to imagine a situation "where because there's private security presence there's not going to be any crime."

"It's nice to have an extra set of eyes out there, but you can't eradicate in 100 percent. In the sense of an apartment complex, or rental homes all in a row, if there's security there, they think they're not going to be burglarized if there's a presence," he said. "There needs to be a constant presence. That's not going to happen. There are still going to be crimes."

Though the use of a security company is not a "foolproof solution," Kramer said he thinks its presence will help deter crime on his properties.

"These criminals — whatever you want to call them, they might be kids — obviously are going to notice there's patrols going on. It will push them away from my houses. They're going to stay away," he said.

Kramer will be posting signs on all of his properties to "make it apparent that there's patrols going on," he said.

He said he thinks it is still safe to live off campus, regardless of break-ins.

"In the 15 years that I've been involved in off-campus housing, I've never had any of the students harmed in any way. There've been break-ins, but in terms of violence I've not have that experience, and I'm going to thank God for that. We just need to take additional precautions to make sure its safe," Kramer said.

In addition to the presence of security personnel, Kramer said his properties are lighted adequately and are equipped with alarm systems. However, the students living in the properties must also take the initiative to keep themselves safe, he said.

"They've got to put the alarms on, leave lights on over break, when they park they've got to make sure their belongings are secure and their cars are not

temptations," he said. "It is a dual effort between myself and my tenants."

Kramer owns or manages 90 houses, 30 town houses at Lafayette, 44 apartments at Notre Dame Apartments and six condos at East Race Condominiums.

He said the feedback he's received from tenants has been thankful and positive.

Senior Delphine Risto lives in a Kramer house on Washington

Street. She said she was concerned by recent car break-ins.

"My roommate's car was broken into during the day last Sunday," she said. "I am happy that Kramer has decided to hire a security guard to patrol the neighborhoods because it could possibly deter future break-ins."

She still worries about crime in her neighborhood, however.

"The patrol will only be during the night, which won't help the

students who have dealt with break-ins during the day," she said.

Risto said home security systems alone are sometimes not good enough.

"Hopefully the new security patrol will help," she said. "but I guess we will just have to wait and see."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Taliban militants torture policemen

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Taliban militants tortured five abducted policemen in southern Afghanistan and then hung their mutilated bodies from trees in a warning to villagers against working with the government, officials said Sunday.

The discovery of the bodies came as officials said that recent violence and clashes had left at least 63 other people dead across Afghanistan.

The officers had been abducted two months ago from their checkpoint in southern Uruzgan province, said Juma Gul Himat, the provincial police chief. The Taliban slashed their hands and legs and hung the bodies on trees Saturday in Gazak village of Derawud district, he said.

Japan hunts whales despite protest

SHIMONOSEKI — A defiant Japan embarked on its largest whaling expedition in decades Sunday, targeting protected humpbacks for the first time since the 1960s despite international opposition. An anti-whaling protest boat awaited the fleet offshore.

Bid farewell in a festive ceremony in the southern port of Shimonoseki, four ships headed for the waters off Antarctica, resuming a hunt that was cut short by a deadly fire last February that crippled the fleet's mother ship.

Families waved little flags emblazoned with smiling whales and the crew raised a toast with cans of beer, while a brass band played "Popeye the Sailor Man." Officials told the crowd that Japan should not give into militant activists and preserve its whale-eating culture.

"They're violent environmental terrorists," mission leader Hajime Ishikawa told the ceremony. "Their violence is unforgivable ... we must fight against their hypocrisy and lies."

NATIONAL NEWS

Clinton brings plants to library roof

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Bill Clinton likes to brag about his presidential library being an eco-friendly building.

Now even the roof is going green.

Over the past two weeks, workers have been hoisting 90 species of plants and more than four truckloads of soil atop the William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum to create a garden on an area surrounding Clinton's penthouse apartment.

Instead of bare concrete, the glass and steel building will be topped with strawberries, ferns, switch grass, roses and other greenery.

"This is just an area he can come and relax in and just enjoy the view," Clinton Foundation Facilities and Operations Director Debbie Shock said in a recent interview on the roof.

Babies found near dead mother

OLATHE, Kan. — Authorities responding to a report of a foul odor found malnourished 3-week-old twins under a bed in an apartment containing their mother's decomposing remains.

Both infants were taken to a hospital Friday, where one, a girl, later died. Her twin brother was in critical condition Saturday. Authorities said their 36-year-old mother, Virginia Wanjiru Njoroge, appeared to have been dead for several days.

An autopsy found no evidence that foul play contributed to her death, police said.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana trees have unusual foliage

BLOOMINGTON — Indiana's unseasonably mild autumn has produced an unusual late display of colorful foliage, with many trees still hanging onto their leaves in late November.

Leaves typically turn early after years with a hot, dry summer, said Sam Carman, education director for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources' Division of Forestry.

But the opposite happened after this year's summer-long drought.

"This has been a very, very unusual year in terms of color," Carman said. "Trees should be pretty well bare by now."

UKRAINE

Methane blast in coal mine kills 63

Relatives criticize government, mine director for lack of attention to safety; 37 still trapped

Associated Press

DONETSK — A methane blast ripped through a coal mine in eastern Ukraine early Sunday, killing at least 63 miners in the ex-Soviet nation's worst mining accident in years, emergency officials said.

More than 360 miners were rescued but 37 others remained trapped inside the mine — one of Ukraine's largest and deepest — with a raging fire hampering efforts to save them, officials said.

The explosion occurred around 3 a.m. more than 3,300 feet deep inside the Zasyadko mine in the regional capital Donetsk, the heart of the country's coal mining industry, the Emergency Situations Ministry said.

Authorities evacuated 367 miners. Twenty-eight were hospitalized, the ministry said.

Vitaliy Kvitkovsky, a miner in his thirties, was among those evacuated. He said he had to walk over the bodies of his dead colleagues in order to climb to the surface.

"The temperature increased sharply and there was so much dust that I couldn't see anything," Kvitkovsky said in footage broadcast on Ukraine's Channel 5 television. "So I was moving by touch over dead bodies along the rail track."

The accident — the worst in Ukraine in seven years — highlighted the lack of attention to safety in a country with some of the world's most dangerous mines.

President Viktor Yushchenko blamed his Cabinet for not doing enough to reform coal mining and ordered an official panel to investigate the accident and bring those responsible to account.

Local authorities declared three days of mourning for the dead miners.

Dozens of teary-eyed relatives gathered at the mine's



Ukrainian Emergencies Ministry rescuers prepare to enter the mines where an explosion occurred around 3 a.m. Sunday. It was Ukraine's worst mining accident in years.

headquarters in Donetsk waiting for news on their loved ones. As grim-faced officials emerged to announce the names of the workers found dead, the relatives broke into sobs and cries, some fainted.

Natalia Piskun, a middle-aged woman, who waited for news on her husband believed trapped inside the mine, said she would never forgive the mine's director, if her husband was found killed.

"If, God forbid, he is lost, I promise I will, if I manage, I will bite this fat beast on his leg! I promise, I swear to you," Piskun, her face distorted by anger and pain, told AP Television News.

It was the deadliest mine accident in Ukraine since an

explosion at the Barakova mine in the eastern Luhansk region killed 81 miners in March 2000.

Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, a native of the mining region, visited the site about 450 miles south-east of Kiev, pledging to help victims' families.

Yanukovich said a safety watchdog had reported that miners were working in accordance with norms. "This accident has proven once again that a human is powerless before the nature," he said.

Experts say Ukraine's mines are dangerous largely because they are so deep, typically running more than 3,280 feet underground. In comparison, most European coal beds lie at a depth of

1,640 to 1,970 feet.

Methane is a natural byproduct of mining, and its concentration increases with depth. More than 75 percent of Ukraine's some 200 coal mines are classified as dangerous due to high methane concentrations.

Mines must be ventilated to prevent explosions, but some rely on outdated ventilation equipment, officials said. Safety violations and negligence add to the problem.

Last year, a blast at the mine killed 13 workers. In 2002, an explosion killed 20 and 54 died in a similar explosion in 2001. In May 1999, 50 miners were killed in a methane and coal dust blast there.

Parents vaccinate children after threat

Associated Press

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. — The threat of jail time injected a little motivation into scores of parents who lined up around the courthouse Saturday to get their children vaccinated on the spot or prove they've already had the shots.

It was one of the strongest efforts yet by a U.S. school system to ensure that youngsters are immunized, upsetting some parents who grumbled that Prince George's County officials went too far and irking opponents of mass vaccinations, who demonstrated outside.

Two months into the school year,

officials in the suburban Washington county realized that more than 2,000 students still didn't have the vaccinations required to attend class. So Circuit Court Judge C. Philip Nichols ordered parents in a letter to appear at the courthouse Saturday or risk as many as 10 days in jail.

"It was very intimidating," said Territa Wooden of Largo. She said she presented the paperwork at the courthouse and resolved the matter.

By about 8:30 a.m., the line of parents stretched outside the courthouse in the county on the east side of Washington.

"I could be home asleep. My son

had his shots," said Veinell Dickens of Upper Marlboro, who said the school system had misplaced the records.

Aloma Martin of Fort Washington took her children, Delontay and Taron, in 10th and 6th grade, for their hepatitis shots. She said she had been trying to get the vaccinations for more than a month, since the school system sent a warning letter. She had an appointment for Monday, but came to the courthouse to be safe.

"It was very heavy handed," she said of the county's action. "From that letter, it sounded like they were going to start putting us in jail."

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years where we were pretty good."

This year has also been a shock for the freshmen, who are experiencing Notre Dame football for the first time.

"I think it was great to finally get a home win, but I think it would have been even better if it had happened earlier in the sea-

son and against a better opponent than Duke," freshman Chris Gattis said. "You come to Notre Dame expecting a great football season and when you don't get to experience a home win until the very last game when nobody is that much into the team anymore, that's kind of disappointing."

However, senior Brittany Baron chose to look at the positives of the season.

"The tradition of Notre Dame is just really special in general because even though we're 2 and

9, all the students, especially the seniors, still went to all the games," Baron said.

During halftime Saturday, the entire senior section engaged in a massive marshmallow fight, a tradition banned by the stadium's security team because some students were putting coins and other hard objects in the marshmallows. Against Duke, the marshmallow throwing escalated.

"We weren't that worried about getting kicked out considering it was our last game," Bak said.

Although there is a disciplinary risk for throwing marshmallows, many seniors overlooked that to revert back to tradition.

"I enjoy the marshmallow tradition and it's definitely a huge part of being a senior. This year, even more so because nobody really cared about the game that much," Ransom said.

After the game, the seniors stayed long after the Alma Mater. For many, it was an opportunity to reflect on their four years of football.

"We stayed in the Stadium until all the ushers came and physically started pushing us out," Ransom said. "We wanted to savor it. I went down to the bottom benches just for a little bit and just took it all in. When you're in the student section cheering for Notre Dame, you all cheer for the same things. It just brings everyone a lot closer together."

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to all kinds of armed conflict."

Holding a full-scale banner with the peace sign but no writing, Roan said he thought there was a need on campus for an event where people like him, who don't support violence and occupation, could express their opinions.

The Student Activities Office authorized Roan's proposal for a demonstration — even if it wasn't officially sponsored by any student club or organization on campus — under the condition the event remained student-run throughout, Roan said.

He encouraged students to participate with a Facebook invitation and by informing clubs and groups that would be interested, including the Progressive Student Alliance. Roan also invited city residents through the Michiana Coalition for Peace and Justice, since the organization holds a weekly protest against the war in Iraq in downtown South Bend.

Steve Francis, a 1987 Notre Dame graduate and a member of the Coalition, took Roan up on his invitation and brought about six other Coalition members to hold up "Honk for peace" posters as cars drove by the University main gate Friday.

"We've been getting lots and lots of honks today. I'll tell you. Including one from a fire truck," Francis said. "I've been active against the war [in Iraq] since it began and I remember we wouldn't get these many honks back then."

Francis said he has noticed in the last three years "a turn in how the general public feels

about Iraq."

"Now things are at a point where almost every car that drives by is honking. It's deafening how many people want this war to end already," Francis said.

There were a few cars that drove by and yelled out profanities to him and the other demonstrators, but Francis said he remained optimistic about the overall success of Friday's protest in promoting peace and the end of occupation in Iraq.

"Just look at the great turnout we got," he said. "And it's a cold Friday evening."

Roan said he was pleased with the amount of students that showed up with banners and posters, saying the numbers exceeded his expectations.

Sophomore Guru Velasco said he heard about the protest from different friends and decided to participate because he's personally opposed to armed conflicts, as "violence breeds more violence."

He believes demonstrations like Friday's are effective in showing the rest of the country and its leaders how many people share this pacifist view.

"Hopefully we can make people stop and really think about what the war [in Iraq] implies, and we can create awareness about that and spread the message to more and more people. And maybe it'll eventually reach the people who have the power to end it," Velasco said.

Sophomore Bridget Mahoney said she decided to join the demonstrators because she wants the American troops abroad to return to their homes. She said she knows "someone who did two tours in Afghanistan."

"He has four children and I

know it was really hard on his family while he was gone," Mahoney said.

She said she hopes the troops still stationed abroad share her friend's luck and return to the country safely. But the Associated Press reported Sunday that at least 850 soldiers have died in Iraq in 2007, making it the deadliest year since the war began in 2003.

So new foreign policies that can stop the bleeding are in order, protesters said.

Sophomore Caroline Hawes said she joined Friday's demonstrators to "protest both the continued war in Iraq and the policies that haven't shown any sign of working."

Hawes and senior Heather Frost both said they were happy with Friday's turnout, even though many of the students usually involved in anti-war movements on campus were unable to attend Roan's protest because they were in Georgia for another protest.

"Many of the kids that would normally be here went to the School of the Americas vigil," Frost said. "That's why it's all the more amazing how many people came out [Friday] to support the cause."

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Contest

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Notre Dame because of the relationship between Notre Dame and NBC.

"It provided a unique opportunity for the students of the University," Fitz said.

The rules of the contest, Fitz said, were pretty basic.

The contest was open to all current Notre Dame students. The commercials also had to fill a 30-second time slot. The winners were announced on NBC.com and given the opportunity to meet with NBC producers.

The winners successfully followed all of the necessary rules and won due to the popularity of the commercial, Fitz said.

The writers of the commercial are not Film, Television and Theatre majors, so they expressed their appreciation for Drenon and Sclafani's work.

"We couldn't have done any of it without them," Bufalino said.

Making the commercial was

an exciting process, the sophomores said.

"I enjoyed it all," Drenon said. "As far as the process of putting everything together, everything went kind of smoothly."

"It was my first major production that had the potential to be played on television, so I was extremely excited. It was a good feeling to know that millions of people saw what I cre-

ated. There was a good sense of pride and accomplishment."

Bufalino said she and the others involved in the commercial were grateful to everyone who took part in their success.

"Everyone has been very helpful and supportive,"

Bufalino said.

The Notre Dame student body played a major part in the decision to create the contest, Fitz said.

"They're the ones that contribute to the pride and heritage of Notre Dame, and this is why we really wanted to promote the commercial," she said.

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IN BRIEF

Product recalled after infant's death

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Jetmax International Ltd. is recalling about 36,000 boy's and girl's storage racks with canvas totes after an 8-month-old boy died when he pulled on the storage rack and the top rail landed on the infant's neck, a government safety group says.

Young children are at risk of injury when the storage rack can tip over, posing an entrapment and suffocation hazard to them, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said Friday.

The Irving, Texas, company sold the storage racks, made in China, under the brand "Home Trend Kids 9 Canvas Bin Boy's and Girl's Organizers," at Wal-Mart stores nationwide from August 2004 through July 2005 and at Ollie's stores nationwide from July 2006 through June this year.

The storage rack is wooden with three levels and nine removable canvas totes. The boy's storage rack, in a natural wood color, has red, yellow, green and navy canvas totes. The girl's storage rack is white-colored wood with pink, yellow, lime and purple canvas totes.

Senate extends law to aid insurance

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Senate voted Friday to extend for seven years a post-Sept. 11 law guaranteeing federal help for the insurance industry in the event of a catastrophic terrorist attack.

The Senate measure, approved by voice vote, differs considerably from a House version passed in September, and the two chambers have until the end of the year, when the current Terrorism Risk Insurance Act expires, to work out their differences.

The program, known as TRIA, was created in 2002 after the private insurance market for developers collapsed in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. "Without this program, terrorism insurance will become unavailable or prohibitively expensive, construction projects would grind to a halt and Americans would lose jobs," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said.

SAUDI ARABIA

OPEC asks for dollar alternative

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's comments reveal divisions within cartel

Associated Press

RIYADH — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Sunday that OPEC's members have expressed interest in converting their cash reserves into a currency other than the depreciating U.S. dollar, which he called a "worthless piece of paper."

His comments at the end of a rare summit of OPEC heads of state exposed fissures within the 13-member cartel — especially after U.S. ally Saudi Arabia was reluctant to mention concerns about the falling dollar in the summit's final declaration.

The hardline Iranian leader's comments also highlighted the growing challenge that Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil producer, faces from Iran and its ally Venezuela within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

"They get our oil and give us a worthless piece of paper," Ahmadinejad told reporters after the close of the summit in the Saudi capital of Riyadh. He blamed U.S. President George W. Bush's policies for the decline of the dollar and its negative effect on other countries.

Oil is priced in U.S. dollars on the world market, and the currency's depreciation has concerned oil producers because it has contributed to rising crude prices and has eroded the value of their dollar reserves.

"All participating leaders showed an interest in changing their hard currency reserves to a credible hard currency," Ahmadinejad said. "Some said producing countries should designate a single hard currency aside from the U.S. dollar ... to form the basis of our oil trade."



King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, left, and Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez, right, talk Saturday at the OPEC summit. Leaders discussed the U.S. dollar's impact on the oil trade.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez echoed this sentiment Sunday on the sidelines of the summit, saying "the empire of the dollar has to end."

"Don't you see how the dollar has been in free-fall without a parachute?" Chavez said, calling the euro a better option.

Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah had tried to direct the focus of the summit toward studying the effect of the oil industry on the environment, but he continuously faced challenges from

Ahmadinejad and Chavez.

Iran and Venezuela have proposed trading oil in a basket of currencies to replace the historic link to the dollar, but they had not been able to generate support from enough fellow OPEC members — many of whom, including Saudi Arabia, are staunch U.S. allies.

Both Iran and Venezuela have antagonistic relationships with the U.S., suggesting their proposals may have a political motivation as well. While Tehran has been in a

standoff with Washington over its nuclear program, left-wing Chavez is a bitter antagonist of Bush. U.S. sanctions on Iran also have made it increasingly difficult for the country to do business in dollars.

During Chavez's opening address to the summit on Saturday, the Venezuelan leader said OPEC should "assert itself as an active political agent." But Abdullah appeared to distance himself from Chavez's comments, saying OPEC always acted moderately and wisely.

Producers will negotiate with writers

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood film and TV writers who've been on a nearly two-week strike against studios will return to contract negotiations on Nov. 26, their union and producers said Friday.

In a joint statement, the Writers Guild of America and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers said both sides had agreed to return to formal negotiations.

The statement said no other details would be released.

Meanwhile, the writers, who went on strike Nov. 5, would continue on the picket line, said Gregg Mitchell, a spokesman for the guild.

Some writers applauded the return to talks.

"That's fabulous, that's great," said

Sean Jablonski, a writer for the FX drama "Nip/Tuck." "You can't get a deal until two sides sit down and talk about it," Jablonski said.

"It's a good message to hear around the holidays," he said.

John Aboud, a TV writer and a strike captain, said he hoped a return to talks would quickly lead to a contract.

"I'm delighted to see they're starting to move forward and I hope we can wrap this thing up soon," Aboud said.

It's unclear what pushed both sides back to the table. The strike has been bruising and very public, with writers being joined by actors on picket lines and producers taking out full-page newspaper ads to tell their side of the story.

Since the strike began Nov. 5, late

night talk shows and several sitcoms have gone to reruns. Other shows are counting down the number of episodes they have left before running out of scripts.

Industry analysts had thought there would be enough scripts to produce shows well into January. But many shows have gone off the air at a faster pace than expected, as cast members and show runners have refused to cross picket lines.

Compensation for shows offered on the Internet is at the heart of the dispute.

The producers have said it's offering writers a share of licensing fees paid by Web sites to stream shows. The union has rejected the offer, saying the payments wouldn't begin until six weeks after a show goes online and viewer interest is nearly exhausted.

Bangladesh cyclone devastates coastal towns

Associated Press

DIHAKA — Hundreds of thousands of survivors were stuck Saturday behind roads blocked by fallen trees, iron roofs and thick sludge as rescue workers fought to reach towns along Bangladesh's coast that were ravaged by a powerful cyclone that killed at least 1,723 people.

Tropical Cyclone Sidr, the deadliest storm to hit the country in a decade, destroyed tens of thousands of homes in southwest Bangladesh on Thursday and ruined much-needed crops just before harvest season in this impoverished, low-lying South Asian country. More than a million coastal villagers were forced to evacuate to government shelters.

The official death toll rose to 1,723 and authorities feared the figure could rise further as the country works to recover.

The government scrambled Saturday to join international agencies and local officials in the rescue mission, deploying military helicopters, thousands of troops

and naval ships.

Rescuers trying to get food and water to people stranded by flooding struggled to clear roads that were so bad they said they'll have to return on bicycles.

"We will try again tomorrow on bicycles, and hire local country boats," M. Shakil Anwar of CARE said from the city of Khulna.

Along the coast, 150 mph winds flung small ferries ashore like toy boats, cutting off migrant fishing communities who live on and around hundreds of tiny islands across the area's web of river channels.

Many of the evacuees who managed to return home Saturday found their straw and bamboo huts had been flattened by the storm.

"We survived, but what we need now is help to rebuild our homes," Chand Miah, a resident of Maran Char, a small island in Khulna district, told The Associated Press.

Bodies were found among muddy paddy fields and along river channels, said Bishnu Prasad Chakravorty, a local journalist who visited the hard-hit

coastal area of Bagerhat.

"Advance warnings from the weather office helped us take shelter, but still, the damage is colossal," said Abu Hanif, 60, a Bagerhat resident.

The government has allocated \$5.2 million in emergency aid for rebuilding houses in the cyclone-affected areas, a government statement said.

The German government offered \$731,345 while the European Union released \$2.2 million in relief aid. The World Food Program was rushing food to the country.

Bangladesh's interim government head, Fakhruddin Ahmed, visited some of the affected areas Friday and Saturday and assured cyclone victims of government assistance.

Bangladesh President Iajuddin Ahmed, meanwhile, was expected to visit some of the worst-hit areas in coming days.

Aid organizations feared that food shortages and contaminated water could lead to widespread problems if people remain stranded.



Villagers carry the body of a victim from Saturday's cyclone in Borguna, about 110 miles south of the city of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Television images showed crowds of people scrambling beneath military helicopters as troops dropped food packages through open hatches.

At least 1.5 million coastal villagers had fled to shelters where they were given emergency rations, said senior government

official Ali Imam Majumder in Dhaka.

Many parts of Dhaka, the biggest city in this poor, desperately crowded nation of 150 million people, remained without power or water Saturday. The storm killed at least four people in Dhaka.

Child abuse increases with presence of live-in boyfriends

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Six-year-old Oscar Jimenez Jr. was beaten to death in California, then buried under fertilizer and cement. Two-year-old Devon Shackelford was drowned in an Arizona swimming pool. Jayden Cangro, also 2, died after being thrown across a room in Utah.

In each case, as in many others every year, the alleged or convicted perpetrator had been the boyfriend of the child's mother — men thrust into father-like roles which they tragically failed to embrace.

Every case is different, every family is different. Some single mothers bring men into their lives who lovingly help raise children when the biological father is gone for good.

Nonetheless, many scholars and front-line caseworkers interviewed by The Associated Press see the abusive-boyfriend syndrome as part of a broader trend that deeply worries them. They note an ever-increasing share of America's children grow up in homes without both biological parents, and say the risk of child abuse is markedly higher in the nontraditional family structures.

"This is the dark underbelly of

cohabitation," said Brad Wilcox, a sociology professor at the University of Virginia. "Cohabitation has become quite common, and most people think, 'What's the harm?' The harm is we're increasing a pattern of relationships that's not good for children."

The existing data on child abuse in America is patchwork, making it difficult to track national trends with precision. The most recent federal survey on child maltreatment tallies nearly 900,000 abuse incidents reported to state agencies in 2005, but it does not delve into how rates of abuse correlate with

parents' marital status or the makeup of a child's household.

Similarly, data on the roughly 1,500 child-abuse fatalities that occur annually in the United States leaves unanswered questions. Many of those deaths result from parental neglect, rather than overt physical abuse. Of the 500 or so deaths caused by physical abuse, the federal statistics do not specify how many were caused by a stepparent or unmarried partner of the parent.

However, there are many other studies that, taken together, reinforce the concerns. Among the findings:

◆ Children living in households with unrelated adults are nearly 50 times as likely to die of inflicted injuries as children living with two biological parents, according to a study of Missouri abuse reports published in the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics in 2005.

◆ Children living in stepfamilies or with single parents are at higher risk of physical or sexual assault than children living with two biological or adoptive parents, according to several studies co-authored by David Finkelhor, director of the University of New Hampshire's Crimes Against Children Research Center.

McCain refuses to criticize Clinton

Associated Press

COLEBROOK, N.H. — Republican presidential hopeful John McCain on Saturday said he won't follow his rivals' lead in taking personal shots at Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton, and that voters seeking a candidate who will do that should look elsewhere.

"I think people want a respectful

debate and a respectful discussion. And if they don't, then obviously, I'm not the person to be their candidate," McCain told reporters in response to questions about criticism of Clinton by Republican rivals Rudy Giuliani and Mitt Romney.

"Legitimate policy differences, those should be debated and discussed," McCain said. "But I don't think you should take shots at peo-

ple, like imitating her voice. I'm serious, I'm not sure what you gain by doing that."

The Arizona senator's comments come days after he faced criticism for not repudiating a voter in South Carolina who called Clinton a "bitch." McCain chuckled in response to the voter's question, but didn't embrace the epithet. A few minutes later he said he respects Clinton, a New York senator and colleague.

His campaign, though, used news coverage of the incident to launch a fundraising e-mail. A spokesman for McCain said it brought the GOP candidate his single-highest day for online donations. A figure was not immediately available.

Romney and Giuliani have made criticism of Clinton a major focus on their campaigns. Romney, in a television ad running in New Hampshire, compared Clinton to an intern, invoking the specter of the Monica Lewinsky scandal that clouded President Bill Clinton's second term. He also says her views are parallel to Socialist Karl Marx and that her dream would be to turn the United States' economy into one based on a weak European model.

Giuliani frequently tells voters Clinton simply cannot be trusted. Earlier this month, he said her views change so frequently, he

can't keep track of them. "I remember John Kerry used to be accused of being a flip-flopper. She makes him look like an amateur," Giuliani said while campaigning here.

McCain said Romney and Giuliani can run their own campaigns, but he won't follow their example.

"If people think indulging in personal attacks and disparaging people's character is a way to get the nomination and win an election, I'm not their guy," McCain said. "I'm sure they can find somebody else."

Earlier Saturday, McCain called for the reimportation of prescription drugs from Canada as a way to bring health care costs under control. Speaking to reporters about a mile from the Canadian border in Vermont, McCain said high drug prices account for too much of the cost of health care and drugs from Canada could result in a 16 to 60 percent discount.

"Drug companies and the lobbyists they pay in Washington want to keep your drug prices high. Obviously, I want them to be affordable," McCain said, returning to his criticism of how Washington works.

Until drugs are cheaper, the cost of health care is going to skyrocket, helping to bankrupt Medicare and Medicaid, McCain said.



Presidential candidate John McCain (R-AZ) speaks in New London, N.H. McCain has said he will not criticize Hillary Clinton.

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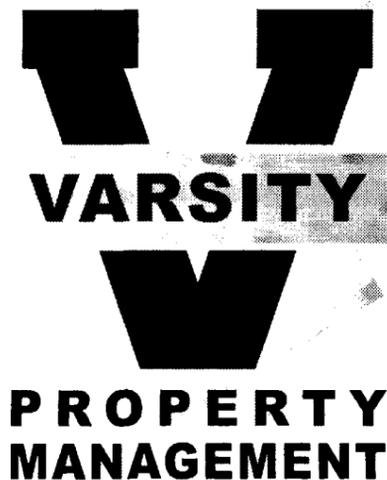
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Global daughters and sons

Last week's production of *Loyal Daughters and Sons* drew large audiences to Washington Hall and spurred conversation in Notre Dame's dorms and dining halls — as well as headlines in this paper — focusing on issues of gender and sexual violence. And rightfully so, as U.S.

Department of Justice statistics cited by Observer reporter Karen Langley on Nov. 16 ("Campus engages sexual violence issues") report that 20 to 25 percent of American women are raped during their time in college. These numbers make it likely that most of us know someone who has experienced sexual assault, proving the current topic of conversation on campus one that ought to be particularly sustainable, engaging and important.

We should maintain this focus on gender issues not only to better our own campus atmosphere and community, but also to engage in an international debate about sexual violence. Our discussion must extend beyond the borders of Notre Dame since, as a recent news story indicates, injustices surrounding sexual assault continue around the world.

While *Loyal Daughters and Sons* was being performed last week, a 19-year-old woman was jailed in Saudi Arabia — an unexpected consequence of her appeal in a gang-rape case. During the first trial of seven men who abducted her and a male friend and raped both of them multiple times, the woman received 90 lashings for violating laws on segregation of the sexes. She had been in a car with an unrelated man at the time of the attack.

The seven men received sentences ranging from 10 months to five years in prison at the first trial. This was considered a lenient sentence since their crime was death-penalty eligible under Saudi and Islamic law. In the

new decision handed down by the Qatif General Court last Wednesday, the defendants' punishment was changed — now two to nine years.

With this change, however, the Court more than doubled the victim's sentence, not due to the severity of her own offense, but because of "her attempt to aggravate and influence the judges through the media," as reported by Arab News.

The young woman's attorney who won the appeal had his law license revoked in the ruling and was explicitly barred from defending his client. He is adamant that he will appeal this decision:

"Currently she doesn't have a lawyer, and I feel they're doing this to isolate her and deprive her from her basic rights," he said. "We will not accept this judgment, and I'll do my best to continue representing her because justice needs to take place."

The victim's lawyer added that the decision is astonishing because "justice is supposed to be independent from all pressures as well as personal considerations, be it a feeling towards the lawyer or defendant herself."

He said the ruling reflects the court's displeasure over the young woman escalating the issue of the original sentence, with her lawyer and with judicial authorities who granted the appeal.

"My client is the victim of this abhorrent crime. I believe her sentence contravenes the Islamic Sharia law and violates the pertinent international conventions," he said.

The Saudi lawyer is not alone in thinking that this ruling lies outside of Muslim belief and law, but very much within the current power structure and gender discrimination in Saudi Arabia. Muslim leaders from outside the Middle East have called for a more just sentence, while hundreds of internet posts on the topic — many by citizens of Saudi Arabia — stress that the ruling is a reflection of the regime and

not the country's religion.

Commentators point to a long list of restrictions women face in a country that is a crucial American ally in the war on terror. Saudi women are subject to a strict dress code, are banned from driving and need a man's permission to travel or have surgery. Their political participation is curbed, as they cannot vote and can only testify in court if about a private matter that was not witnessed by a man. These restrictions are eerily close to those under Afghanistan's Taliban regime — laws that were condemned at length by U.S. officials and the Bush administration.

This case is just one example of the level of sexual violence occurring internationally. It is especially alarming not only because of the horror of the crime itself, but also because of its handling by the Qatif Court and its place inside a country full of structural violence against women. It is alarming because this country is one continually cooperating with and supported by our own. It seems that in fighting the war against terror, the U.S. has failed to work against the very real presence of terror in the lives of female residents under the rule of an American ally.

As we continue our discussion on gender issues and sexual violence at Notre Dame, we should extend our questions, asking how to improve the global status of women and how to hold our government accountable for the company it keeps.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Older men declare war. But it is youth that must fight and die. And it is youth who must inherit the tribulation, the sorrow and the triumphs that are the aftermath of war."

Herbert Hoover
American president

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The changes in our life must come from the impossibility to live otherwise than according to the demands of our conscience ... not from our mental resolution to try a new form of life."

Leo Tolstoy
Russian novelist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Absolute moral code not necessary for moral behavior

I am writing this in response to Nathan Loyd's letter "More to life than sex" (Nov. 16). In the final paragraph of his letter, Loyd offers to the reader a curious critique of moral relativism. He states that moral relativism "questions our ability to decide that extra-marital sexual activity is wrong." I find it strange that he believes that moral relativism denies us the ability to decide the morality of certain actions. By claiming that no universal standard of morality exists, moral relativists allow themselves to judge the goodness of actions by whatever standard they choose. How does this stance obstruct an adherent's ability to decide if "extra-marital sexual activity" is wrong? Believers of moral absolutism do not

get to decide that extra-marital sexual activity is wrong because this fact would have already been decided a very long time ago. I believe that Loyd meant to say that moral relativism questions our ability to reaffirm that extra-marital sex is undoubtedly wrong.

Loyd's final sentence indicates that he does not have a firm grasp of the essence of moral relativism. He writes that this belief "would lead us to question our ability to say that theft, rape and murder are wrong, if for no other reason than that the people committing these crimes feel fulfilled by doing them." Why should it be an issue for an individual to independently determine the morality of these actions? He states

earlier that without an absolute moral code "we could have no law." It is unclear whether he means that we would have no law, or if it is possible that we would have no law. Either way I find this view to be extremely disturbing. This line of thinking insinuates that without a certain absolute moral code to guide us, we could fall into a state of anarchy. I tend to have more faith in people than that.

Here is a hypothetical for those who follow an absolute moral code (e.g. the Ten Commandments): If your code and all laws ceased existing at this very moment, what would you do? Would you commit murder or steal from the person sitting next to you? Hopefully you answered no. But why not? There

is no code or authority figure to stop you! I would not commit these crimes because I care about humankind and value order in society. Perhaps people can have their own sets of beliefs as to what is right or wrong without an absolute moral code to guide them.

I agree with Loyd when he writes that Christians "have the ability and right to say that a particular action is against [their] moral code." However, this right should only extend as far as the rights of Muslims, Buddhists, and any other moral absolutists to do the same.

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 Nov. 18

Anti-gay message shows problem on campus

Shirts underline need for student-led GLBTQ group

At this point, two weeks have passed and many an opinion has been voiced regarding several young men and their "Gay? Go to Hell" shirts, but I feel that I can no longer sit idly and keep silent my opinion on this issue. As the co-president of Notre Dame's unofficial gay-straight alliance, alliancend, the fact that even one student has taken it upon himself to flagrantly promote hate speech on campus appalls me. The emergence of such a shirt highlights just how pressing is the need for a student-led gay-straight organization on this campus.

First off, I would like to commend the Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs for the alacrity with which they addressed this despicable act. In their Letter to the Editor ("Offering a welcoming home for all," Nov. 9), the courageous students, faculty and staff involved with the Council provide a compelling argument for their place within the University administration. I have many friends on the Council, and I support them wholeheartedly for their tireless efforts to make Notre Dame a more tolerant and accepting place for all students regardless of sexual orientation.

Despite the great strides that the Core Council has made with the CommUnity sessions for freshmen and their programming for GLBTQ students and their allies, the progress that has been realized thus far is not enough, apparently, to root out blatantly homophobic/heterosexist attitudes on campus. The only effective way to reform such opinions is through student-led education aimed at fellow students. As such, the mission of alliancend is to "create a supportive environment that fosters respect, dialogue and education regarding sexual orientation among the Notre Dame student body." Though I do support the intended purpose of the Core Council, its position as an administrative rather than student organization hampers its efficacy in dealing with such matters. The CommUnity sessions for freshmen are certainly valuable to educate new members of the Notre Dame community on issues of Catholic social teaching, but for many students, exposure to messages of tolerance and acceptance for GLBTQ persons end there. A student-led and student-centered organization would be, by its very nature, focused on correcting mal-formed opinions of GLBTQ individuals from the ground up.

The Core Council's greatest disadvantage is its position as an administrative body, whose work is necessarily top-down. Alliancend or some iteration thereof has applied for official club status through the Student Activities Office for nine of the past 10 years, and has been denied all nine times. While past explanations for our denial from Student Activities have ranged from the old citations of Catholic theology regarding sexuality to the new argument that the Core Council makes our organization obsolete because it already addresses the concerns of the GLBTQ community, these allegations are, in the light of the "Gay? Go to Hell" shirts, false, and underscore the need for such a group on campus to supplement the work of the Core Council and other groups devoted to promoting the recognition of the fundamental human dignity of all persons in the Notre Dame family.

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Acceptance of all is necessary

I would like to further contribute to the campus dialogue about sexuality here at Notre Dame by drawing attention to some concerns raised by Mary Daly's letter ("Campus, Catholicism and homosexuality," Nov. 13). I wholeheartedly agree with her conclusion that the University should offer more support to those homosexual students who wish to live celibate lives in a chaste and healthy manner. I am disappointed that nothing was done to follow up on IDND's early effort to provide a crucial support to many (often closeted) homosexual students who seek help in conscientiously following current Church teaching. Furthermore, I agree with Daly's affirmation of the need to uphold the "'intrinsic dignity of each person,' especially homosexual persons." For this reason I would suggest that the shirts worn by a few students on Nov. 1 that said "Gay? Go to Hell" were not just "inappropriate" (as Daly wrote); they were inexcusable.

Now at this point, I would like to consider further one implication of respecting the human dignity of homosexual persons. The Catechism states that, "Man has the right to act in conscience and in freedom so as personally to make moral decisions. He must not be forced to act contrary to his conscience. Nor must he be prevented from acting according to his conscience, especially in religious matters" (CCC 1782). Thus, respecting the dignity of homosexual persons requires that we not prevent them from acting in accord with conscience. It is our duty to encourage homosexual persons in the formation of their consciences such that they are well formed and able to make mature moral decisions (See CCC 1783-1785).

A few homosexual people at this University take Church teaching very seriously, examining all that it says. After a long process of examining (with many tears and prayers) the interplay of our experiences, Church tradition, scripture, and reason we have decided that we cannot, in good conscience, give full assent to or withhold our assent from the Church teaching on "homosexual acts". I am happy to discuss how this plays out in my life with anyone who approaches me in goodwill.

Returning to the point at hand, I would like to call to the attention of the university students, staff, faculty, alumni, and administration the need to respect the hard work that some homosexual students have put into the formation of their consciences and the judgments that they ultimately make. I'm not saying that anyone need agree with students who

dissent from Church teaching in conscience. Nor should students light-heartedly dissent with a poorly formed conscience. I am calling primarily for a greater trust in the capacity of all students to form and act on their own consciences and for a more active encouragement that students confidently, but carefully, do so. Sadly, the current campus climate has a tendency to silence the open discussion of homosexuality, often by blithely quoting the catechism on how homosexuals are disordered. It is unhelpful to students who already know what the Church teaches to hear the same restatement of what the catechism says. For those who do not understand, a different and more proactive means of conveying current Church is required. More than anything, we need people to listen before speaking. It is better to remain silent in ignorance than to speak insensitively and falsely.

To emphasize my point, I will present briefly the story of Job. Job, in his affliction, insists that he has done nothing wrong before God that would merit the plagues and misfortune that beset him. His "friends," in trying to "help" him, take the conventional stance he has sinned and need only repent so that "life will be brighter than noonday and darkness will become like morning" (Job 11:17). But Job continues (still in good conscience) in his insistence that he has done no wrong and ultimately decides to sit in silence awaiting an answer from God. When God does finally answer, he rebukes Job's "friends," saying, "I am angry with you ... because you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has" (Job 42:7).

I think it is quite clear the parallels Job's story has with all people who struggle with conventional religious teachings and with those that tactlessly assert them. So, I will merely end with a plea that all make an effort to be more understanding of our gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered/same-sex-attracted brothers and sisters. Let us promote an environment at Our Lady's University where all are encouraged to honestly and courageously consider complex moral issues in their lives without fear of judgment, callousness, or exclusion.

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Shortly before Beowulf rips Grendel's arm from its socket, the monster begs to know the hero's name. Beowulf bellows: "My name is strength! And lust! And power! I am Beowulf!" The Old English epic poem has hit the big screens, but with it, director Robert Zemeckis ("The Polar Express," "Castaway") brought significant change to the story and characters we once knew.

The movie begins with a celebration in Heorot, the great mead hall of Hrothgar, King of the Danes. Hrothgar (Anthony Hopkins) is being celebrated in glorious drunken fashion for his war victories. But while gold coins and women fly about the room, Hrothgar's Queen, Wealtheow (Robin Wright Penn), sits at an uncomfortable distance, rather disgusted by the display.

Before long, the film transitions slowly away from the hall to an eerie mountain cavern where noise of the celebration invades the monster Grendel's quiet abode. Enraged by the sound of the merriment, Grendel (Crispin Glover) bursts into Heorot, hurls a few Danes against the walls, impales one on a pike and tears a few others in half before coming to an abrupt stop in front Hrothgar. The two share an awkward moment — absent from the original text — before

Grendel bounds away. The meaning behind this previously absent confrontation is where Zemeckis' "Beowulf" begins to differ from the one we know.

In the morning, Hrothgar orders the hall closed. When Unferth (John Malkovich), Hrothgar's creepy, cowardly counselor, asks if they should pray to the Christ-God for protection from the monster, Hrothgar replies, "God will do nothing for us that we won't do for ourselves. What we need is a hero!" Enter Beowulf (Ray Winstone).

Before the film ends, Beowulf is called upon three times to save the kingdom: once for the Queen, twice for the King, and three times for glory. But there is more to this version of the story than hand-to-hand combat between monsters and men. Zemeckis raises new questions as to Grendel's origin, as well as Hrothgar and Beowulf's enduring military success.

Grendel's mother (Angelina Jolie) plays a large role in this new vision of Beowulf as a disturbingly beautiful demon temptress.

The movie's resolution is no doubt tied to that of the original tale, but because of thematic shifts within the movie, the ending will not make you think it should. This isn't your ancestor's 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th century Beowulf — well, at least not quite.

Zemeckis' Beowulf is still as physically strong and super-human as he was 1,000 years ago, but in those 1,000 years, he's developed a romantic weakness. It's hard to tell exactly how many women Beowulf falls for in

the film, but it's more than one. Near the end of the tale he asks Wealtheow to remember him as a "man, fallible and flawed."

Wealtheow differs largely from the original tale. Those changes, however, do not highlight or come as the result of any flaw; they set her apart from the debauchery of the kingdom.

Grendel is probably the film's tastiest treat. Zemeckis has taken enormous liberties with Grendel's character, but on the whole, these changes work. Unlike the Grendel of old, this new Grendel has a voice (he even speaks in Old English) and hints of a personality. Though he ultimately has it coming, he elicits a great deal of sympathy. In a

sense, the monster's evils are not the result of his faults. Rather, they are the repercussions of the lecherous revelry of Heorot, whose echoes vibrate exponentially in the poor monster's head, torturing him with the world's worst migraine.

Like he did with "The Polar Express," Zemeckis has created a film with characters lost between the world of animation and live action. At times, the characters feel more real than they look, and during others — notably the battle sequences — they feel the exact opposite.

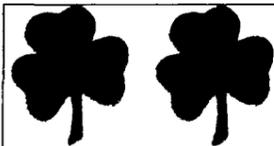
Regardless of its faults, there is something darkly beautiful about this animation. In a sense, Beowulf is better depicted in this half-animated style, because something more human would cause its characters to lose their magical and spectral appeal. Then again, Zemeckis' modernizing of the themes may have done just that.

Our hero has changed much from the classic Beowulf. The story has shifted genres and changed plot tensions. "Beowulf" has sold out thematically, and just like its hero, the film pays a price.

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Beowulf

Director: Robert Zemeckis
Starring: Ray Winstone, Angelina Jolie, Anthony Hopkins and Robin Wright Penn



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Frosh steal show

Hughes, Clausen have big days as Irish take down Duke 28-7 on senior day



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Irish freshman running back Robert Hughes breaks away from Duke defenders during Notre Dame's 28-7 win Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. Hughes ran for 110 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries as the Irish earned their second win of the season.

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

It was senior day at Notre Dame, but the freshmen stole the show Saturday as the Irish earned their first home win of the season, 28-7 over Duke.

Freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen threw for 194 yards and three touchdowns, while classmate halfback Robert Hughes had a touchdown and 110 yards rushing. Freshman wide receiver Duval Kamara added a touchdown catch.

"Their statistics speak for themselves. Jimmy made some great throws. Robert [Hughes] ran hard and made some great plays. And Duval [Kamara] had a heck of a catch in the end zone," senior tight end John Carlson said. "I think it's a glimpse of some things that are to come. I think it's great that they've gotten so much game experience. They've been in the heat of the battle and I think that will help them next year."

With the win, the Irish improved their record to 2-9 and avoided becoming the first Notre Dame team in 74 years to lose every home game. The Blue Devils, playing on national television for the first time since 2004, dropped to 1-10 on the season.

"[It was a] frustrating and disappointing loss. The turnovers were huge like they always are, and our performance on third down, I thought those were the two most critical factors in the football game," Duke coach Ted Roof said. "It was certainly a great opportunity for us that didn't work out."

Both teams came in with offenses divided near the bottom of Division I-A — and it showed in the first half. Both squads missed field goals in the first quarter, and it

seemed like they would head into halftime scoreless.

But then Notre Dame came alive.

The Irish forced two fumbles in the last 1:17 left in the second quarter, which resulted in two 25-yard touchdown passes by Clausen — the first to junior David Grimes and the second to Kamara — and a 14-0 lead at the half.

"It gave me an opportunity to get those guys in there. And I know for them it means a lot ... those kids who practice every day and hardly ever get in there."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

The two touchdowns passed tied for the longest touchdown throw of Clausen's career with the Irish.

The second fumble came with less than 30 seconds remaining in the half. The Irish tried two passes to Kamara in the end zone. The first was incomplete, but he

brought the second down for the score.

"That was a big momentum changer going into the locker room," Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

The Irish scored yet another touchdown late in the third quarter. After a 13-play, 69-yard drive, Hughes scored from 13 yards out with 25 seconds remaining in the quarter.

But the Irish were not finished.

Two possessions later, Clausen completed a nine-yard pass to Carlson for the tight end's final home touchdown.

"It's not something I was thinking about while it was going on. That was my last offensive play and it's pretty special," Carlson said.

After gaining a 28-point lead, Weis decided to give all the seniors a chance to play — including safety Tom Zbikowski at quarterback.

"It gave me an opportunity to get those guys in there," Weis said, "And I know for them, it means a lot ... those

kids who practice every day and hardly ever get in there."

Zbikowski, who did not attempt a pass, rushed four times but did not gain any yardage. He handed off to fellow senior Travis Thomas, who burst up the middle for 17 yards but then lost the ball.

After the fumble, Duke began its first successful offensive possession of the game. Sophomore backup quarterback Zack Asack finished the drive by running six yards for Duke's first and only touchdown.

Carlson said the win helped Notre Dame's morale. The Irish had lost four straight games coming into Saturday.

"I think next week, being our last game, we would have been motivated anyways. But it's nice to have a little momentum, and we'll feel good Tuesday coming into practice and hopefully we can get one next week too," he said.

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player of the game

Robert Hughes

Notre Dame's freshman tailback ran for 110 yards and a touchdown — his first game over the century mark on the ground.

stat of the game

0

Points scored by Duke on Notre Dame's starting defense. The Blue Devils scored with just over a minute remaining in the game.

play of the game

David Bruton's second quarter fumble recovery

The recovery stopped a promising Duke drive and led to Notre Dame's first score of the game.

quote of the game

"It's like a weight has been lifted."

Charlie Weis
Irish head coach

report card

- A** **quarterbacks:** Clausen had his best performance to date. He looked much more comfortable in the pocket than in previous weeks and threw strikes on all three touchdown passes.
- A** **running backs:** Robert Hughes got the most carries and took advantage to the tune of 110 yards and a touchdown. Armando Allen and James Aldridge were also effective on the ground.
- C** **receivers:** For the second straight week, dropped passes were a problem — some in key situations. But Duval Kamara and David Grimes both made nice catches for touchdowns.
- C+** **offensive line:** Notre Dame was better in short yardage than it had been all season, but even though Clausen was only sacked once, he was still under pressure far too often.
- B** **defensive line:** Ian Williams played well in his first start, and Trevor Laws was his usual self, but the Irish only had one sack and Duke was able to move the ball decently on the ground.
- C+** **linebackers:** Duke's sweeps were much more effective than they should have been, and Lewis found receivers out of the backfield. But the Blue Devils didn't score on the first string defense.
- B-** **defensive backs:** The secondary ran hot and cold. On some plays, they completely blanketed Duke receivers, whereas on others, Blue Devils ran free — although Lewis rarely hit them.
- C+** **special teams:** Maust punted well for the injured Geoff Price, including a nice play to get a kick off after a bad snap. Walker missed a short field goal, but did convert all four extra points.
- B** **coaching:** Notre Dame's freshmen — especially Clausen, Hughes and Kamara — showed dramatic improvement in this game. The Irish came out fired up and won one for the seniors.

2.85 **overall:** The competition wasn't the best, but the Irish dominated statistically and earned their second win of the season.

adding up the numbers

- Irish players who saw the field on Saturday. Weis said he tried to play as many seniors as possible. **66**
- In yards, Jimmy Clausen's career-long touchdown pass. Clausen threw two from this distance Saturday. **25**
- Notre Dame wins at home this season. Saturday was the first. **1**
- Wins by Duke over the past two seasons combined. **1**
- Touchdown receptions by Duval Kamara this season, the most ever by a Notre Dame freshman. **4**
- Passes thrown by safety Tom Zbikowski in his brief appearance at quarterback Saturday. **0**
- Carries by Zbikowski in the five plays he was under center for the Irish. **4**
- Players who have taken a snap from center for Notre Dame this year — Jones, Clausen, Sharpley, Bragg, Allen and Zbikowski. **6**



Irish players Evan Sharpley (13), Darrin Walls (2), Golden Tate (23), Robby Parris (82) and Ian Williams (95) dance after Notre Dame's 28-7 win over Duke Saturday.

ND celebrates victory as family

Students, band remain after first home win to cheer seniors' victory lap

After the "Alma Mater," after the "Victory Clog," even after "When Irish Backs Go Marching By," Notre Dame was still there.

Not just the football team, but everything that Notre Dame means. The students, the band, and even University President Father John Jenkins were still celebrating long after the final whistle blew.

Everyone in the Stadium was acting as one Saturday night — and not just in singing "Notre Dame, Our Mother." Wide receivers Golden Tate and Robby Parris and nose tackle Ian Williams danced the Irish jig along with the students. Underclassmen joined fans still in the stands to cheer the seniors during their victory lap.

And even when some players tried to go into the locker room and out of the cold rain they had endured for over three and a half hours, tight end John Carlson called players back out of the tunnel to go back to the student section to thank their classmates for sticking out this game — and this season — with them.

"It's kind of our way to show some thanks to them because I feel that they've stuck behind us all year long and we really appreciate that," the fifth-year senior said.

And the team didn't just go toward the students — it joined them.

Safety Tom Zbikowski, defensive end Trevor Laws and Carlson did their own mini-Lambeau Leaps into the student section. The students, desperate for one last souvenir from the Stadium, took their hats and wiped Zbikowski's sweat on them.

Laws, responding to the students' chants, followed Zbikowski into the

stands to embrace any student lucky enough to be in the front row.

Carlson was smiling like a kid on Christmas when he went searching for an untouched piece of the section, wanting to become a more intimate part of the celebration.

"That's what it was all about. We were 1-9 and they were there with us the whole time. They stayed out in the freezing rain the whole game to be part of us. All the senior students, the whole student body, that's part of our program, too," Laws said. "It's great, and I don't think anywhere else, any other school in the nation has that kind of support. It's just a great feeling."

Irish coach Charlie Weis, an alumnus of Notre Dame who spent four seasons in the student section, understands

that's what makes Notre Dame great. "[The players] don't feel like they are segregated or on a pedestal," Weis said.

"They feel like they are part of that group, and I think that our players like to share those moments with the students, because the students are the ones that have been there for us during all these trials and tribulations."

And even though the team hasn't always seemed as loyal as the students to this close relation-

ship, it tried to make up for it on Saturday.

What a difference a win makes.

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Irish players raise their helmets to the student body after their 28-7 win over Duke on Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

Bruton, defense dismantle Duke

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

The Irish haven't had many big hits this season — most of their tackles came when chasing a ball-carrier from behind.

But safety David Bruton bucked the trend Saturday when he destroyed Duke's Nick Stefanow after the tight end jumped for an overthrown pass in the beginning of the second quarter.

"It was fun, that was something I haven't done all season as a safety," Bruton said. "It looked like it was sailing, so I was going to either pick it or, once I saw his hand touch it, I was like, 'All right, time to do something like Brian Dawkins or something, just lead with the forearm and let him have it.'"

Bruton's hit was like Notre Dame's performance on defense — one of the best of the season. The only game where Notre Dame held its opponent to fewer points was against UCLA and the Bruins' third-string walk-on quarterback.

The Irish defense, which has allowed 32.4 points per game this season, held Duke scoreless until the final 1:12 of the game. By that time, one of Notre Dame's defensive players was taking snaps under center and most of the players on defense for the Irish were walk-ons.

"I think that they did a really good job even when the few times there was a play — they played stout right off the bat, got off the field and turned the ball over a couple of times," Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

Bruton said the defense met the goals it set before the game.

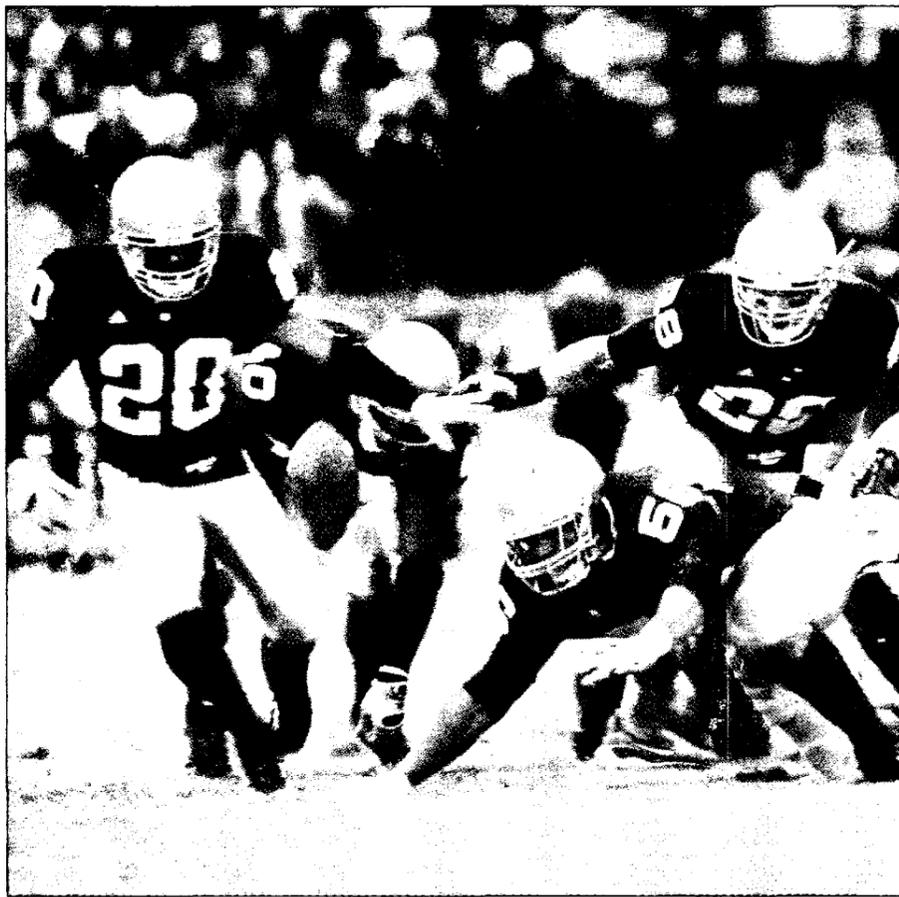
"Get a lot of three-and-outs, try to get three turnovers, try to shut the offense up, and just try to eliminate all big plays," Bruton said. "I feel like we did that today."

With 2:29 left in the first half, Bruton recovered a Thaddeus Lewis fumble on his own 42-yard line. One minute later, the Irish offense put points on the board. Moments later, safety Kyle McCarthy forced Duke wide receiver Jomar Wright to fumble, and cornerback Ambrose Wooden fell on the ball on Duke's 25-yard line. Two plays later, freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen's touchdown pass to freshman receiver Duval Kamara put the Irish ahead 14-0 heading into the half.

Duke also converted four of its 16 third downs, something Blue Devils coach Ted Roof said affected the result of the game.

"The turnovers were huge like they always are, and our performance on third down, I thought those were the two most critical factors in the football game," Roof said.

Duke rushed for 94 yards on 27 carries, its best production on the ground since it rushed for 95 yards in its 41-36 loss to Wake Forest earlier this season. The Blue Devils averaged just 52.9 yards per game and 1.8 yards per carry this season, so on Saturday, they ran



QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

Irish defenders Terrail Lambert (20), Kyle McCarthy (28) and Kerry Neal (56) scamper after a Duke fumble in Notre Dame's 28-7 win Saturday.

fairly well in comparison.

But Notre Dame's defense stopped them when it counted — Duke did not reach the red zone until the final minutes. And the Irish defense, which has been giving up more than 200 yards per game on the ground, held a team to well under their average.

Weis said he was more concerned with playing the seniors near the end of the game than with keeping Duke out of the end zone.

"I think the defense played well the whole game," Weis said. "You don't want to give up a shutout, but I would rather get those kids in the game than worry about the shutout."

Notre Dame forced punts on seven of Duke's 13 possessions. Two more ended in fumbles and one in a turnover on downs. Duke ran 15 fewer plays than Notre Dame and averaged 3.6 yards per play in comparison to Notre Dame's 5.2 yards per play.

The wet, slippery conditions also gave the defense an advantage.

"The field was so terrible the whole game, you just have to play and get around," said defensive end Trevor Laws, who had six tackles and a sack in the game. "We just made plays that we needed to win."

Linebacker Maurice Crum said the team had gelled into a cohesive unit throughout the season and practiced well before the game.

"I think it's just everybody being tuned in and having a great week of

practicing," Crum said.

The Irish defense, which usually allows 372.5 yards per game, held Duke to 232 total yards in Saturday's contest. Notre Dame's passing defense, which was No. 5 in the country and allowed 164.9 yards per game through the air, held Duke to 138 yards passing.

Safety Tom Zbikowski said the Irish matched Duke's talent well and that Notre Dame's success stemmed from pre-game preparation.

"I think a lot of it comes down to good game plan and scheming pretty well, and I think guys just wanted to make sure we got this win and played pretty hard," Zbikowski said.

The Irish haven't usually had time of possession on their side this season, but the success of the offense, especially Clausen and freshman running back Robert Hughes, ensured the defense was well-rested. The offense held the ball for 35 minutes, 11 more than Duke's offense.

"That is always a plus when you're not on the field," Crum said.

Laws said the defense enjoyed the offensive success from a defensive — as well as team — point of view.

"It's always nice when the offense can move the ball," Laws said. "It's the best defense we ever see on the sidelines, I say. You watch them move the ball and you're sitting there relaxing on the bench, man, it's a good thing."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	0	14	7	7	28
Duke	0	0	0	7	7

First quarter

No scoring

Second quarter

Notre Dame 7, Duke 0

David Grimes 25-yard reception from Jimmy Clausen with 1:17 remaining.

Drive: 5 plays, 58 yards, 1:12 elapsed.

Notre Dame 14, Duke 0

Duval Kamara 25-yard reception from Clausen with 0:04 remaining.

Drive: 2 plays, 25 yards, 0:14 elapsed.

Third quarter

Notre Dame 21, Duke 0

Robert Hughes 13-yard run with 0:25 remaining.

Drive: 13 plays, 69 yards, 6:02 elapsed.

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 28, Duke 0

John Carlson 9-yard reception from Clausen with 6:51 remaining.

Drive: 4 plays, 46 yards, 2:19 elapsed.

Notre Dame 28, Duke 7

Zack Asack 6-yard run with 1:12 remaining.

Drive: 8 plays, 49 yards, 1:12 elapsed.

statistics

total yards

DUKE	232
ND	414

passing yards

DUKE	138
ND	104

rushing yards

DUKE	94
ND	220

return yards

DUKE	74
ND	39

time of possession

DUKE	24:25
ND	35:35



Irish get third-ever win against Devils

Williams makes first career start

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

The Irish have faced Duke just four times before. The previous meeting between the two teams occurred in 1966 when the Irish defeated the Blue Devils 64-0.

Williams gets start

Freshman nose tackle Ian Williams earned his first

career start with the Irish. This season, 27 Irish players started for the first time in their careers.

Clausen tosses TDs

Freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen's 25-yard pass to Grimes marked his longest pass this season. He tied that record 73 seconds later with another pass — this time to fellow freshman Duval Kamara.

Laws breaks 100

Senior Trevor Laws was the fifth Notre Dame lineman to achieve over 100 tackles in a single season. Laws has 105

this season.

Other Irish players to achieve this honor are Steve Niehaus with 113 in 1975, Ross Browner with 104 in 1977, Melvin Dansby with 103 in 1997 and Jeff Weston with 101 in 1975.

Carlson reaches milestones

Senior John Carlson recorded his second longest career reception with his 41-yard catch in the first quarter. His longest reception was a 61-yard touchdown against Michigan State in 2006.

Carlson's 97 career receptions are the second most of

any tight end in Irish history. Ken MacAfee holds the record, with 128 receptions between 1974 and 1977.

Kamara's record

Kamara's four touchdown receptions this season are the most ever by a Notre Dame freshman.

Aldridge injured

Sophomore starting halfback James Aldridge rolled his ankle in the first half of the game.

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passing

Clausen	16-32-0	Lewis	16-33-0
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rushing

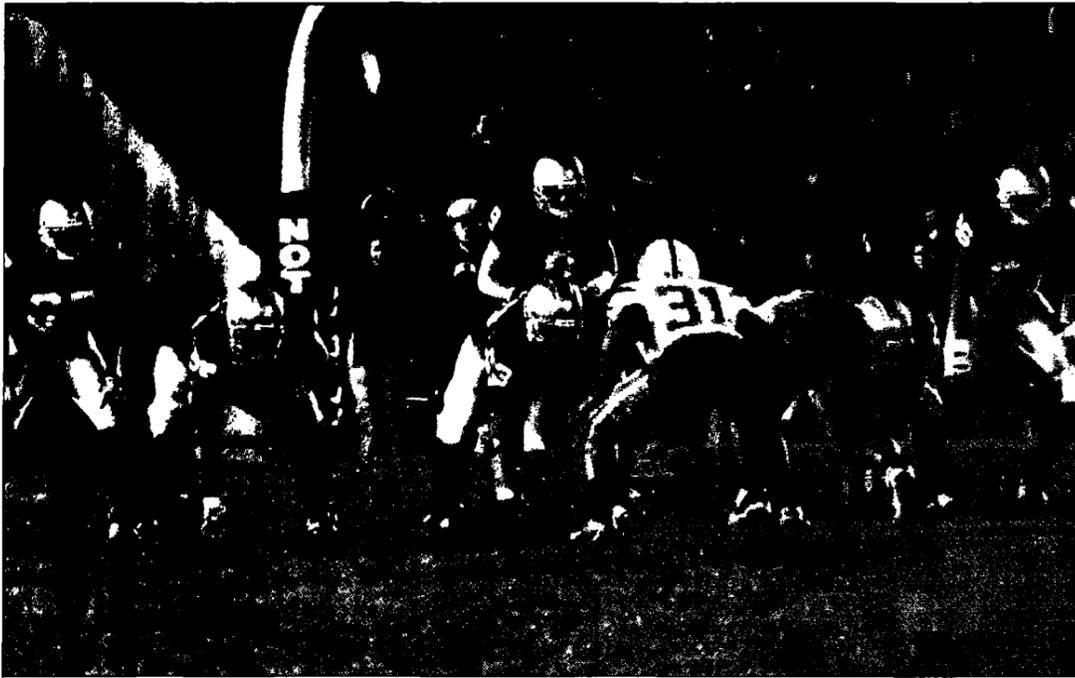
Hughes	17-110	Boyle	8-45
Allen	9-42	Boyette	8-35
Aldridge	8-27	Harris	2-12
Thomas	1-17	Asack	1-6
Jabbie	2-14	Drummer	2-4
Clausen	7-25	Lewis	6-(8)

receiving

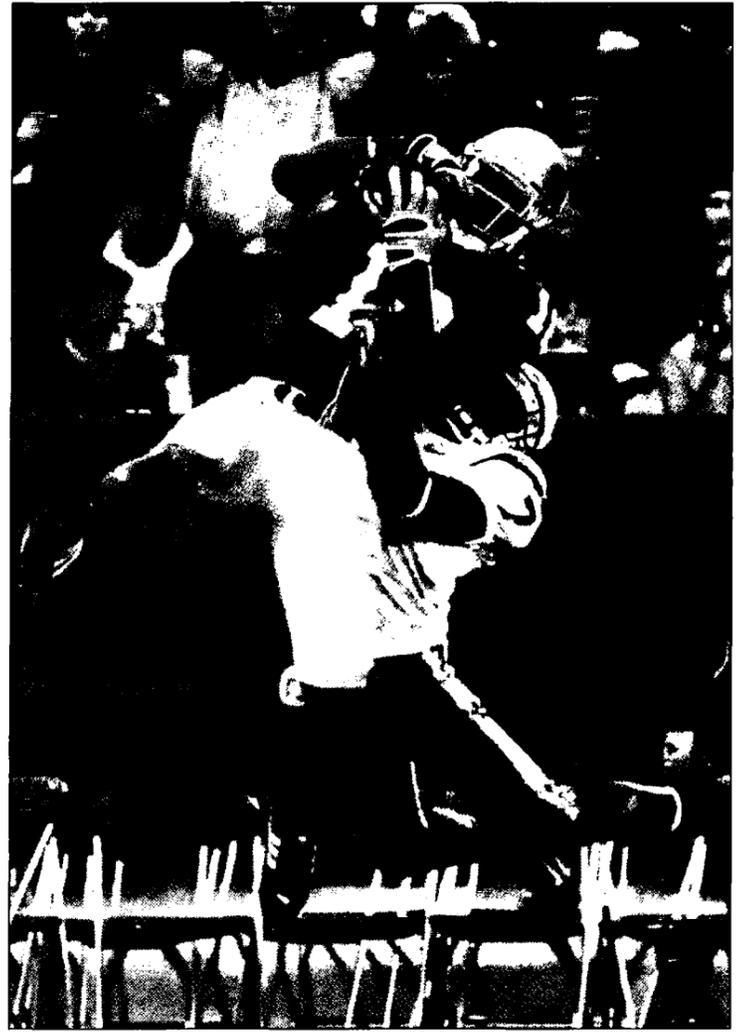
West	4-24	Wright	5-11
Carlson	3-58	Riley	3-50
Kamara	2-32	Drummer	3-15
Grimes	2-26	Harris	2-24
Allen	2-17	Belle	2-16
Jabbie	1-17	Boyle	2-10
Hughes	1-13	Kelly	1-12

tackling

Brockington	7	Tauillili	12
Bruton	6	Gainey	10
Laws	6	Rey	10
Walls	6	Davis	7



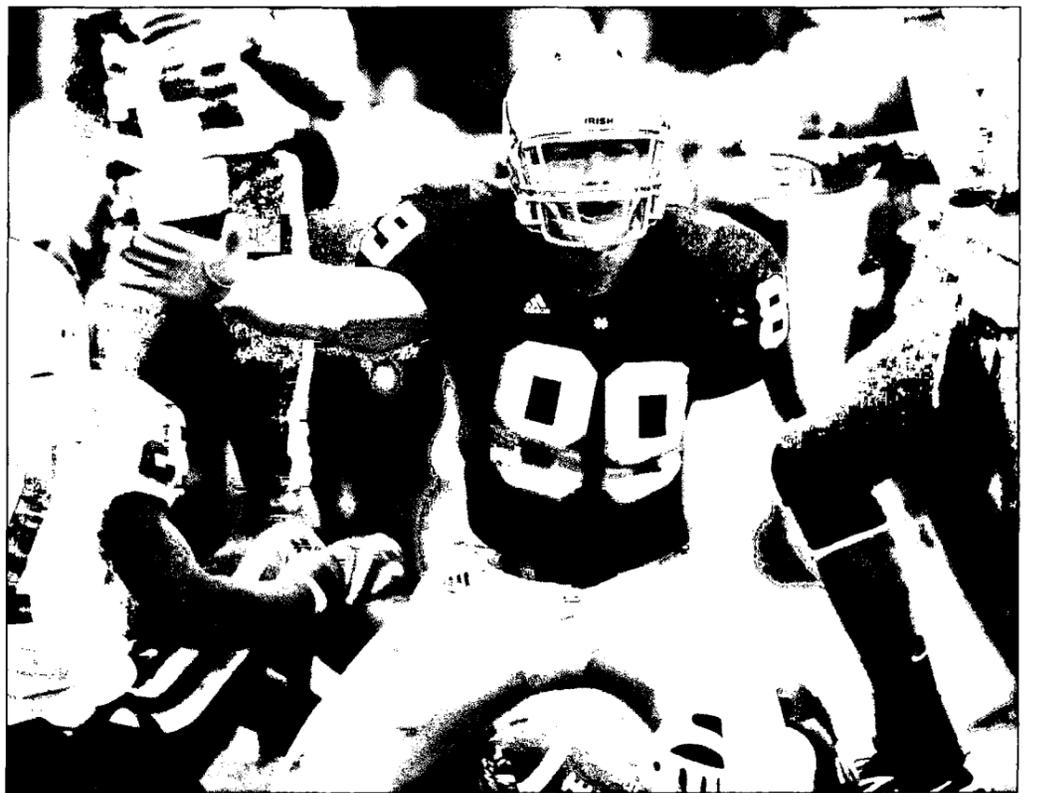
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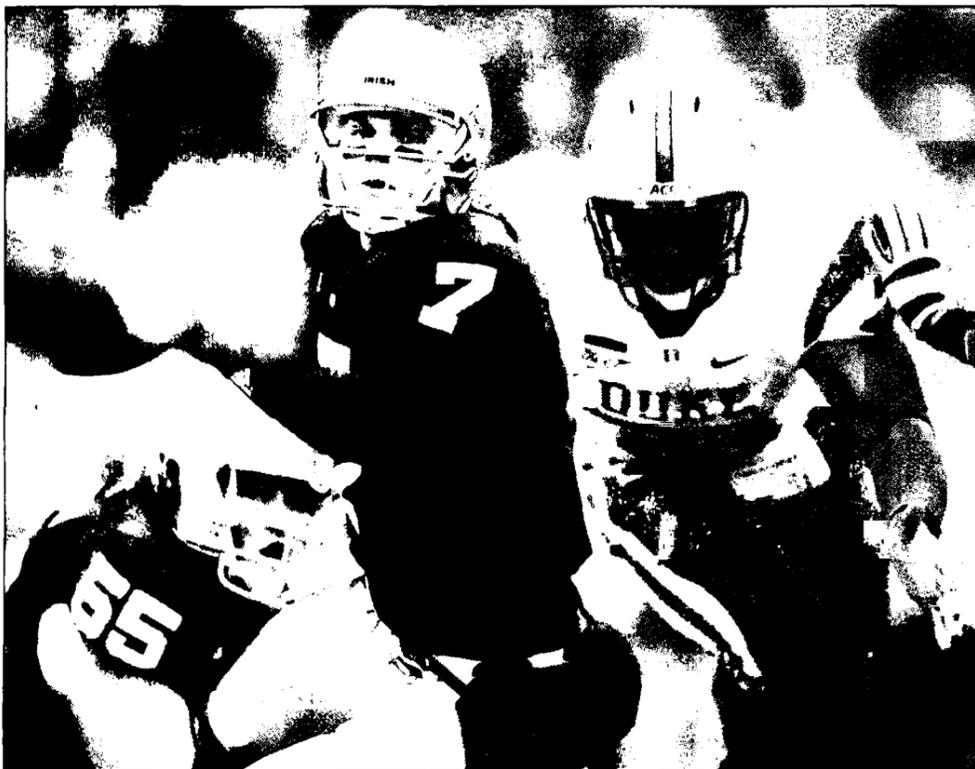
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A win... at last

It took a while, but Notre Dame finally got its first home win. The Irish sent their seniors out in style with a 28-7 home victory over hapless Duke. Although it was senior day, freshmen stole the show for Notre Dame. Running back Robert Hughes rushed for 110 yards on 17 carries and scored a touchdown, while quarterback Jimmy Clausen completed 50 percent of his passes for just under 200 yards and three touchdowns — one of them to freshman wide receiver Duval Kamara. The Notre Dame defense frustrated the Duke offense, holding the Blue Devils scoreless the first 59 minutes of the game. As the clock ran down, Irish coach Charlie Weis emptied his bench, getting walk-on seniors into the game and inserting safety Tom Zbikowski at quarterback. When the contest ended, the seniors took a victory lap, cheered on by their teammates, the band and the student section.



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Top left, Irish safety Tom Zbikowski lines up at quarterback. Top right, freshman wide receiver Duval Kamara hauls in a touchdown pass. Middle, fifth-year senior tight end John Carlson celebrates a first down. Bottom right, freshman running back Robert Hughes fights through traffic. Bottom left, freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen avoids pressure.

BACK IN BLACK STANFORD IS IN THE HOUSE

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

Birds circled high above Notre Dame Stadium yesterday against a bleak and dreary autumn sky as the Griffins of Stanford Hall took on the Knights of Keenan. Icy winds ripped through the hallowed monument as a dedicated flock of rabid Griffins gathered below, braving the elements to voice their support for team and dorm.

Trash and debris from Saturday's varsity home finale littered the stands, setting the stage for what turned out to be a nasty, grimy grudge match against Keenan. This was smash mouth football. This was no-guts-no-glory gridiron. This was payback for a hall that has spent far too long in the shadow of its brother dorm.

Stanford Hall has a chant that goes "Who's in the house tonight? Stanford! Who's in the house tonight? Stanford!

Stanford's in the house oh-my-God, oh-my-God, Stanford's in the house oh-my-God." On Sunday, the Griffins struck the fear of God into the cowering hearts of the Knights in the biggest of houses, Notre Dame Stadium.

Keenan fans slunk in late with their heads down and left early like beaten puppies, whimpering with their tails hanging between their legs. They might as well have stayed home. In the past, Keenan would undoubtedly have found a way to thwart Stanford, relying on its usual mix of trickery and underhanded technique. But not on this day.

A rowdy, raucous group of Stanford Hall residents poured into Notre Dame Stadium, sending echoes reverberating throughout the con-

crete monolith and generally causing an ill ruckus.

This was Stanford Hall football. And the Griffins would not be denied.

The Griffins descended upon the Knights like the fierce mythological creatures for which they are named, shredding them limb from limb and leaving only carrion for scavengers to pick at and bones to bleach in the winter sun. The black-and-green clad Griffins left Keenan black and blue, broken and bitter as they trudged off the frozen, torn-up tundra of Notre Dame Stadium's field in defeat.

These were not your father's Griffins. These were Griffins decked out in intimidating black and green uniforms. These were Griffins with swagger and verve, not to mention

electric play-makers such as David Costanzo, Tregg "Lil T" Duerson, Matt "House of Pain" Templemire and Rob "Ruthless" Huth.

Duerson, at running back, punched

through the Knights' armor and scored a first half touchdown in what would ultimately be the decisive score in the game. Dynamic cornerback Chris Gill sealed the Knights' fate with an interception of Keenan quarterback Brian Costello, racing to the Stanford sideline, where teammates mobbed him and he reveled in the adulation of hundreds, if not thousands of Stanford supporters.

Ever since the University constructed the joint residence hall building in 1957, the two dorms have gone in different directions. Keenan immediately set about becoming the University's poster children for tool-baggery. A dorm full of dastardly dogooders, Boy Scouts and boy wonders, Keenanites spend much of their time traipsing around in neatly

pressed shirts, popped collars and impeccable hair parts.

When it gets warm outside, you can usually count on Keenan men to gather on the quad, clad in their signature muscle cut-off tees, preening, flexing and backslapping each other, to put on a public bench press display show. Sunday's game showed Keenan's true colors, exposing them as a bunch of dorm-land Derek Zoolanders.

Stanford men, on the other hand, have carried a reputation for being a walk on the wild side. Stanford men have long been known for their belligerent and boisterous behavior. This is the same dorm which once had a number of its residents arrested during a DisOrientation party. These are the Irishmen your mother warned you about. If Notre Dame dorms were X-Men, Keenan would be Cyclops. Stanford would be Wolverine.

It's common knowledge on North Quad that Stanford Hall is the best male dorm on campus. What the Cinderblock Palace of Love lacks in facilities and commodities, it makes up for with its athletics, lack of lame factor and sheer number of ResLife appointments.

And lately, we've even beaten Keenan at its own game: Stanford Hall took home the overall Hall of the Year award for 2006.

So as you stew in the bile of your defeat, Keenan, and nibble at that rather large slice of humble pie we cut for you, as you go to Mass inside what is now our chapel and walk around what is now the property of one Stanford Hall, let this ruminate in your thoughts.

You know what they say about pay-back.

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NFL

Vinatieri breaks out of slump with game-winner

Strahan records season-high three sacks to help Giants win and claim the top spot in the NFC wild-card race

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri spent all week ignoring the critics and then drowned out the boos Sunday afternoon.

Eventually, he silenced everyone with his usual late-game magic.

Vinatieri, last week's goat, overcame a subpar day to rescue the Colts, making a 24-yard field goal with 4 seconds left to give Indianapolis a desperately needed 13-10 victory over Kansas City.

"Every time you're out there, if something bad happens, you've got to be able to shrug it off and go back out there and forget about it if you can," Vinatieri said. "Don't let it linger longer than you have to."

For Vinatieri, the November slump had lingered long enough.

He missed his first field goal ever inside the RCA Dome against New England two weeks ago.

Last week, he missed a 29-yard attempt that could have beaten San Diego. That miss prompted midweek speculation that Vinatieri may have lost his title as the NFL's best clutch kicker.

So when he lined up for a 49-yard attempt in the first quarter, fans greeted him with boos. When he pushed that kick to the right, the chorus grew louder, and when he pulled his next attempt, a 38-yarder, to the left, the decibel level rose again.

Suddenly, Vinatieri had missed four in a row, his longest streak

since missing three straight in 1999.

When it mattered most, however, Vinatieri was himself. He played through the soreness in his plant foot to tie the score at 3 with a 27-yarder late in the first half, drawing mock cheers, then won it with the 24-yarder that finally brought the crowd to its feet.

"He's one of the last guys I'd be worried about," coach Tony Dungy said. "I think the law of averages will swing back our way, and I'd be surprised if he misses again this year."

Clearly, though, the Colts (8-2) were missing more than Vinatieri's consistency Sunday.

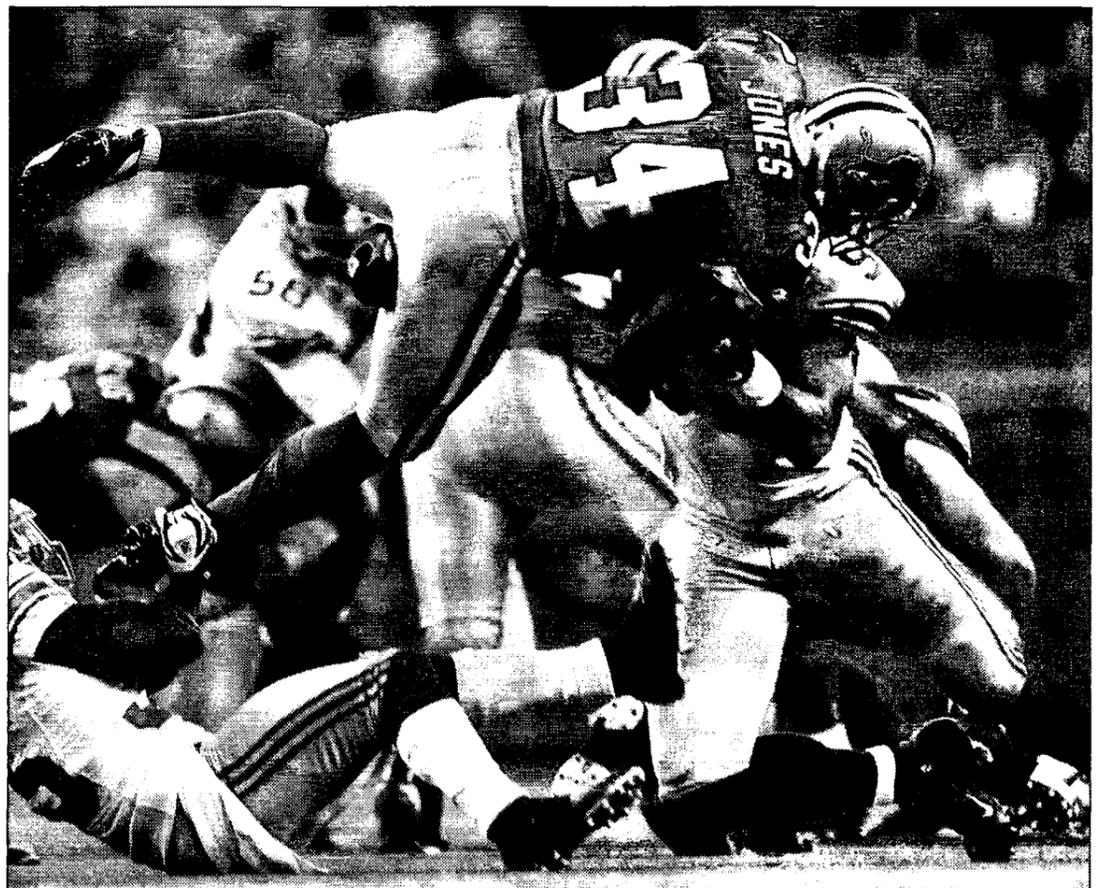
Peyton Manning again looked ragged with Marvin Harrison (bruised left knee) out for the fourth straight week, and Kansas City (4-6) took advantage of Indy's makeshift line.

At halftime, Manning's passer rating was only 23.4 and despite a masterful closing drive to set up Vinatieri's winning kick, Manning still finished only 16-of-32 for 163 yards with one interception and a 52.0 rating.

Still, it was good enough to extend the Chiefs losing stream to three.

"We've got to get to the point where we stop people," said Chiefs defensive end Jared Allen, who deflected four passes and was in the backfield almost as much as Joseph Dada. "We've got to win the close games."

Brodie Croyle, making his first NFL start, was 19-of-27 for 169 yards with one touchdown, but he also lost a fumble that set up



Giants defensive end Michael Strahan (right) and cornerback Kevin Dockery (bottom left) tackle Lions running back Kevin Jones in a 16-10 Giants victory Sunday in Detroit.

Vinatieri's first field goal. The numbers suggested he actually outplayed Manning, but the scoreboard told Croyle something else — the Chiefs must get better.

"I felt comfortable out there," he said. "But we obviously didn't move the ball well enough. You learn something every time you go out there."

Indianapolis managed only 73 yards in the first half, marking the first time this season it had not produced a first-half touchdown. Yet thanks to Croyle's fumble and Vinatieri's field goal, the Colts were still tied 3-3.

In the second half, it appeared the offenses would right themselves.

Manning went to Addai eight times on a nine-play drive in the third quarter and Addai eventually scored on a 3-yard run to give Indy a 10-3 lead.

It wasn't enough to satisfy Manning.

"We need to start playing a little better offensively and being more efficient and not counting on our defense to hold their offense to 10 points," he said. "If your defense is holding their offense to 10 points, you ought to be able to win the game pretty soundly."

Croyle answered with a nifty pass to Dwayne Bowe on the side of the end zone. Bowe did a spectacular toe-tapping dance along the sidelines and hung

onto the ball with his knees, which stood up to Dungy's challenge, to tie the score at 10.

Manning finally took the lead with 6:47 left, marching the Colts all the way to the Kansas City 2 before taking a knee three times and then giving Vinatieri a chance at redemption.

Giants 16, Lions 10

Michael Strahan showed he's still got it, just days before he turns 36 and in a year he pondered retirement.

Strahan had a season-high three sacks, helping the New York Giants beat the Detroit Lions Sunday to gain the advantage in the NFC wild-card race.

"From the time he got off the bus, he was very focused," said teammate Sam Madison, who had one of the victory-sealing interceptions in the final 2:04.

"He was very energetic. He was the Stra of old. He's getting his legs under him. He's getting his second wind."

"He's showing he can still play the game."

New York (7-3) broke a third-place tie with Detroit in the conference and improved its chances of making the playoffs. In the Super Bowl era, 78.4 percent of teams that won seven of their first 10 games ended up in the postseason.

The Giants lost their first two games, won six straight, then

lost to Dallas for a second time before handing Detroit its first defeat at home.

"We'll take the 7-3. I'm too tired to worry about how we got there," Strahan said. "Hopefully, we'll get another run going. We started one today."

The Lions (6-4) dropped back-to-back games for the first time this year, and took it hard after losing their other three games by double digits.

"Yeah, it's more difficult because that is not a better football team than us," quarterback Jon Kitna said. "We gave them the football game."

Strahan took offense to Kitna's take on the game.

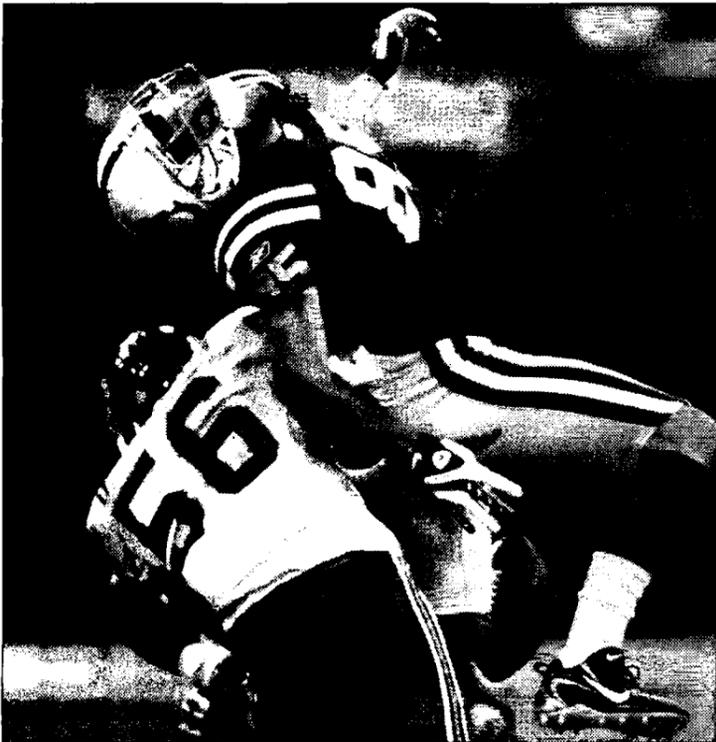
"I honestly thought in the first half that was one of the worst teams we played that was 6-3," he said. "I don't quite understand why Jon would say that."

"Maybe we'll see them down the road and if that's the case, we'll beat that a— again."

Detroit might need to beat the NFC North-leading Green Bay Packers at home on Thanksgiving to maintain a realistic chance at making the playoffs for the first time since 1999.

"Is the season over? Absolutely not," offensive tackle Jeff Backus said. "It's one stumble in our path."

The Giants leaned on their defense to block Detroit's road to success.



Chiefs linebacker Derrick Johnson breaks up a pass intended for Colts wide receiver Aaron Moorehead in a 13-10 Colts win Sunday.

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NCAA College Football AP Poll

team	record	previous
1 LSU (60)	10-1	1
2 Kansas (3)	11-0	4
3 Missouri (1)	10-1	6
4 West Virginia (1)	9-1	5
5 Ohio State	11-1	7
6 Georgia	9-2	8
7 Arizona State	9-1	9
8 Virginia Tech	9-2	10
9 Oregon	8-2	2
10 Oklahoma	9-2	3
11 USC	8-2	11
12 Florida	8-3	14
13 Texas	9-2	12
14 Hawaii	10-0	13
15 Boston College	9-2	18
16 Virginia	9-2	16
17 Boise State	10-1	17
18 Illinois	9-3	20
19 Tennessee	8-3	19
20 Connecticut	9-2	25
21 Clemson	8-3	15
22 Wisconsin	9-3	24
23 Brigham Young	8-2	NR
24 Cincinnati	8-3	21
25 Auburn	7-4	NR

NBA

Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	home	road
Boston	8-0	1.000	5-0	3-0
Toronto	5-4	.556	2-3	3-1
New Jersey	4-6	.400	3-5	1-1
Philadelphia	3-6	.333	2-3	1-3
New York	2-7	.222	2-2	0-5

Central Division

team	record	perc.	home	road
Detroit	6-3	.667	2-0	4-3
Milwaukee	4-4	.500	4-0	0-4
Cleveland	5-5	.500	2-2	3-3
Indiana	4-6	.400	3-3	1-3
Chicago	2-6	.250	1-3	1-3

Southeast Division

team	record	perc.	home	road
Orlando	8-2	.800	2-2	6-0
Charlotte	5-4	.556	4-2	1-2
Washington	4-5	.444	2-2	2-3
Atlanta	3-6	.333	3-2	0-4
Miami	2-8	.200	0-4	2-4

Northwest Division

team	record	perc.	home	road
Denver	7-3	.700	4-1	6-0
Utah	7-4	.636	4-1	1-2
Portland	4-6	.400	4-0	2-3
Seattle	2-9	.182	0-4	0-4
Minnesota	1-7	.125	1-4	2-4

Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	home	road
Phoenix	8-2	.800	3-1	5-1
LA Lakers	5-3	.625	3-2	2-1
LA Clippers	5-4	.556	3-2	2-2
Sacramento	3-6	.333	3-1	0-5
Golden State	2-6	.250	1-4	1-2

Southwest Division

team	record	perc.	home	road
New Orleans	9-2	.818	3-1	6-1
San Antonio	8-2	.800	6-0	2-2
Dallas	7-2	.778	5-0	5-1
Houston	6-5	.545	3-2	4-5
Memphis	2-7	.222	1-3	2-5

MLS



Dynamo players celebrate after defeating the New England Revolution 2-1 to win the MLS Cup Sunday at RFK Stadium. Houston became the first team to win consecutive MLS titles since D.C. United did it in 1996 and 1997.

Houston Dynamo repeat as MLS champions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Make it two in a row for the Houston Dynamo, the first MLS team to repeat in a decade.

The men in orange rallied with two goals in the second half Sunday to beat the New England Revolution 2-1 in the MLS Cup, securing the win with Dwayne De Rosario's powerful 12-yard header in the 74th minute.

The Dynamo have won the championship both years since the team disbanded as the San Jose Earthquakes and was reborn in Texas last year, beating the Revolution both

times. The Earthquakes also won the title in 2001 and 2003, which makes for a dominant run of four championship rings in six years for several Houston players.

The Dynamo became MLS' first repeat champions since D.C. United won the league's first two titles in 1996 and 1997.

The Revolution, meanwhile, fell at the final hurdle for the fourth time. New England lost the 2002 and 2005 MLS Cups in overtime and was beaten in a penalty kick shootout following overtime last year.

The Revolution were hoping to capture some of

the sports fervor that has overrun Massachusetts this year. The Red Sox won the World Series, and the Patriots and Celtics began the day undefeated. But the MLS trophy will go to Houston again.

Taylor Twellman gave the Revolution the lead in the 20th minute, but Joseph Ngwenya tied it in the 61st before De Rosario's winner 13 minutes later. The Dynamo's rally came after coach Dominic Kinnear made a tactical halftime switch, changing from a 4-4-2 formation to a 3-5-2 to create more scoring opportunities.

The game drew 39,859 to the neutral site of RFK

Stadium, with sections of fans decked in orange for the Dynamo, blue for the Revolution and black for the stadium's usual home team, D.C. United. Dismayed that their team wasn't in the final, United's fans poked fun at the proceedings with chants of "bor-ing."

The game had moments of nervousness common in a championship setting. New England goalkeeper Matt Reis nearly allowed an early goal by misplaying a loose ball directly in front of the net, but otherwise the Revolution were the more settled team in the first half, dominating possession for long stretches.

IN BRIEF

Federer wins Masters Cup, claims 53rd career title

SHANGHAI, China — Top ranked Roger Federer won his fourth Masters Cup title in five years Sunday, overwhelming No. 6 David Ferrer 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

It was the third consecutive dominating performance by Federer, who won his 53rd career title — including eight this year — and ran his record against Ferrer to 8-0.

"It was a nice victory, especially proving it to myself and the world, that I can do it over and over again," Federer said. "This is the year-end tournament that only the best can make it to. For me to win is a fantastic experience."

Federer collected \$1.2 million and a new car for the win, increasing his winnings this season to over \$10 million — a record for the ATP Tour.

USA beats Cuba to capture Baseball World Cup

TAIPEI, Taiwan — American pitchers scattered seven hits, Jayson Nix and Jason Jaramillo had two RBIs apiece and the United States defeated Cuba 6-3 Sunday to win the Baseball World Cup.

The U.S. took command in the second inning when Jaramillo singled in a run, and Cuban starter Yadel Carrillo walked in two straight batters with the bases loaded to give the Americans a 3-0 lead.

Jaramillo singled in his second run in the third, and in the next inning Nix homered to put the U.S. ahead 5-0.

Cuba cut the lead to 5-2 on Alfredo Rodriguez's two-run single with two out in the fifth. Justin Ruggiano singled in a run in the seventh to put the U.S. up 6-2.

Alexander Kerr's RBI single in the eighth cut the margin to 6-3, but reliever Jeff Stevens shut down the Cubans in the ninth.

Jimmie Johnson wins second Nextel Cup Championship

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Totally calm and cool, Jimmie Johnson left the pre-race drivers' meeting Sunday afternoon flashing the peace sign at people wishing him luck.

Two fingers. Two straight championships.

Johnson became the first driver to win consecutive championships since Jeff Gordon in 1997 and '98, wrapping up the title by finishing a trouble-free seventh in the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway. Matt Kenseth won the race.

When it was over, he and crew chief Chad Knaus were already thinking about a third.

"We're just really hitting our stride," Johnson said. "I think that we have a lot of good years ahead of us and we'll be fighting for more championships and certainly winning more races as the years go by, and hopefully be a three-time champion in the near future."

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NBA

Magic hand Celtics their first defeat of season

Stephen Jackson returns to Warriors after suspension, balanced scoring from starters helps defeat Raptors

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Boston Celtics' big three — and big 3-point attack — come up short Sunday.

The NBA's best-shooting team, the Celtics found themselves uncharacteristically down 20 points and still trailing after three quarters. They came back and made it close, but Paul Pierce missed an off-balance jumper with time running out and Orlando dealt Boston (8-1) its first loss, 104-102.

"We're not perfect," said Kevin Garnett, who had 14 points and 11 rebounds. "We didn't think we were going to go 82-0. But we are a team of character. We do play hard. We do play together — just not perfect."

Garnett, Ray Allen and Pierce were each averaging 20 points. Only Pierce topped the mark Sunday, scoring 28 points and keying several quick runs that brought Boston back. Allen finished with 19, but had just eight points on 4-of-12 shooting before the fourth quarter.

"We knew it was going to be a tough game on the road — two of the top teams in the East right now," Pierce said.

It was a chance for Orlando (9-2) to show it deserved the conference's second-best record. The Magic forced 20 Boston turnovers, shot 50.8 percent and won despite the Celtics' 41-28 rebounding edge. Perhaps more importantly, they didn't collapse when Boston made a late run.

It was the first time a team shot better than 50 percent against the Celtics and the first time Boston trailed at the half and entering the fourth quarter.

Orlando was up as much as 20, but the Celtics chipped away in the third and fourth quarters. Mounting several small runs, Boston finally claimed its first lead — 88-87 — halfway through the fourth on consecutive 3's by Eddie House and James Posey.

"That's what I said to them after the game — 'It's great, guys, that you answered the run again, but some nights it's OK to not let them have a run and just win the game, so I can live to 50,'" said Magic coach Stan Van Gundy.

Two nights after beating Miami by one, the Celtics lost despite shooting 53.3 percent.

The Magic went cold early in the fourth, missing five of their first seven shots and going four minutes without a field goal. Howard, swarmed reliably by two or three Celtic defenders on each touch, missed several free throws during the scoring drought.

But the Celtics missed easy buckets too, and Jameer Nelson hit two free throws to put Orlando ahead 101-97 with 1:28 left. Lewis appeared to ice it 1:13 later with two more foul shots, but Ray Allen, who struggled from the field all night, drained a 3 with 7.7 seconds left to draw Boston to 103-102.

Lewis made a free throw, Pierce's shot bounced off the rim and Howard grabbed the rebound to seal the win.

"The biggest thing for our team was that last year when a team made a run we would kind of fold," Howard said.

"This year, we're trying to stick to our game plan, and when teams make their run, just calm down, don't point fingers and stay focused."

Nelson had 18 points and six assists, Hedo Turkoglu had 16 points and six rebounds and Keith Bogans scored 10.

Rajon Rondo scored 18 for Boston on 8-of-9 shooting — including 14 in the second quarter.

The Celtics, off to their best start since a 10-0 beginning to the 1972-73 season, weren't just winning, they were dominating. Other than the Miami game and a three-point overtime win over Toronto, Boston had won each game by at least 11. The Celtics' 15-point average margin of victory was a staggering six points better than the second-place Nuggets and Hornets.

"I thought we matched up pretty good with them, but the main thing is we played good defense against them," Lewis said.

The Celtics and Magic were the NBA's fifth and sixth-best 3-point teams, but both struggled from long-range. Orlando was 7-of-25, while Boston shot 4-of-16.

Warriors 106, Raptors 100

With Stephen Jackson back from suspension, the NBA's highest-scoring team has another valuable option.

Jackson scored 17 points, Andris Biedrins had 15 points and 14 rebounds and the Golden State Warriors beat the Toronto Raptors on Sunday.

"It was fun being back with my team, not only getting a win but being back with my family," Jackson said. "It feels real good."

Baron Davis had 16 points, nine rebounds and seven assists to help Golden State win its second straight after opening the season with six consecutive losses.

Kelenna Azubuike scored 16 points, and Al Harrington added 10 for Golden State, which saw all five starters reach double figures scoring.

Despite the early struggles, the Warriors entered play Sunday leading the NBA in points per game.

Jackson began the season by serving a seven-game suspension, the result of his guilty plea to a felony charge of criminal recklessness for firing a gun outside an Indianapolis strip club in October 2006.

"Sitting at home watching the team start off 0-6 was hard," Jackson said. "I couldn't really criticize or critique anybody because I wasn't there so I just had to try to learn from watching from the sidelines and try to stay in shape as best as I could."

With Jackson back, Warriors coach Don Nelson has another option besides Davis to spark his high-energy offense.

"It's good to have Stephen Jackson back in our lineup," Nelson said. "We sure missed him. He played over 40 minutes but I guess he's well rested."

Davis also appreciates Jackson's help.

"We have confidence in him running the offense and me finishing on the back end," Davis said. Now I can be off the ball

and I can finish plays instead of starting and finishing."

Forward Austin Croshere said the 6-foot-8 Jackson presents matchup problems for most opponents.

"We don't have a whole lot of guys on the team who can post up like he can, draw a double-team as well as create off the dribble," Croshere said. "You have to be very aware of Jack wherever he is on the floor. He makes things a little bit easier for guys on the perimeter or cutting to the basket."

Nelson expects Golden State's offense to be even more potent once forward Matt Barnes recovers from a dislocated finger and second-year guard Monta Ellis improves his passing.

"It makes it so much easier for me as a coach," Nelson said. "It gives me more ways to initiate the offense, more guys who can be in a scoring position."

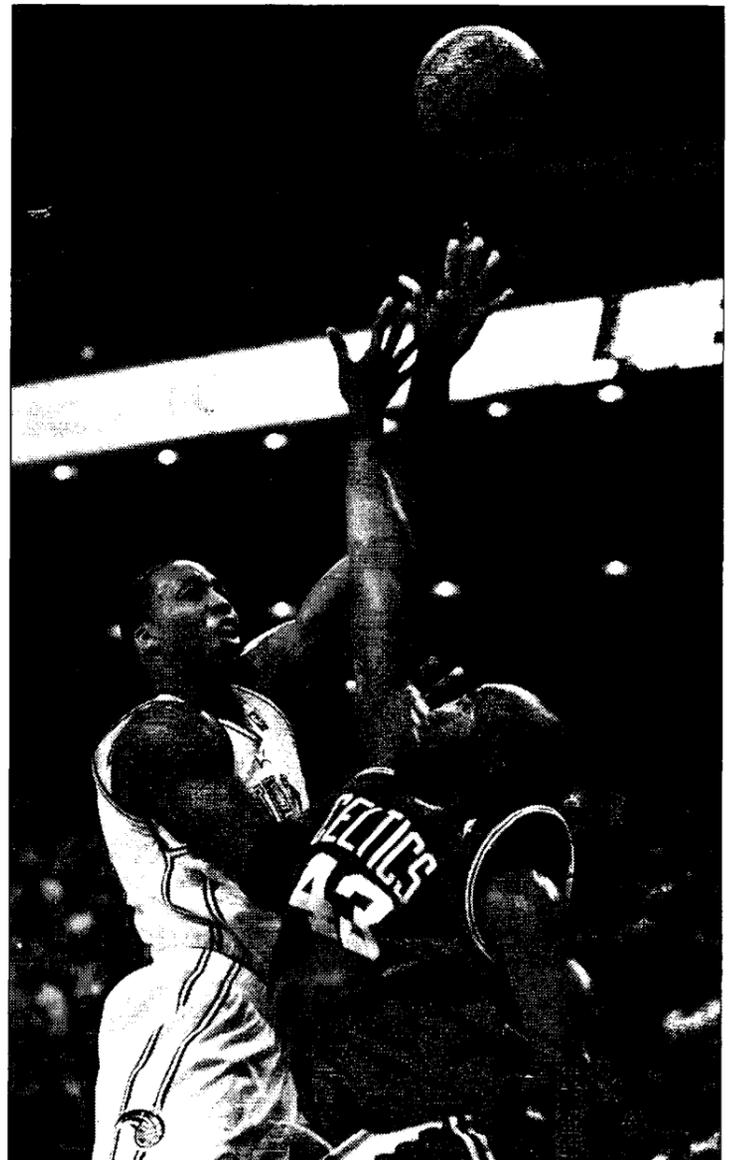
T.J. Ford scored 29 points for the Raptors (5-5), who have won just twice in six tries at home this season. Ford added eight assists and six rebounds.

"He's a handful," Nelson said of Ford. "He's as close to (Steve) Nash as anyone I've seen."

Andrea Bargnani scored 12 points and Chris Bosh had 11 points and 10 rebounds for Toronto.

Golden State trailed 88-80 after three quarters, but opened the fourth with an 11-3 run that tied it at 91 with 6:39 remaining.

"We made a spurt at the right time and they didn't," Nelson said.



Magic center Dwight Howard puts up a shot over Celtics center Kendrick Perkins in a 104-102 Magic win Sunday. AP

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish take 10 of 16 events in second-straight win

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

The Irish men were able to capture their second straight dual meet victory Friday, defeating Cleveland State 171-124 at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The win came in convincing fashion, as the Irish took first in the opening four events en route to winning 10 of the 16 events.

Junior Jeff Wood, sophomore Ross Moore, junior Sam Pendergast and sophomore John Lytle got things started for Notre Dame, taking first in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:32.75. Lytle was instrumental in the victory, erasing the lead held by Cleveland State coming out of the final turn. Lytle added another first-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle, beating out Cleveland State's Steven Grove by nearly a half-second at 21.04.

Moore also took first in the 200-yard fly, while Pendergast finished second in the 100-yard backstroke. Wood scored points by finishing third in the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyle events.

The Irish dominated the 1,000-yard freestyle, taking four of the top five spots, with freshman Michael Sullivan finishing first. A similar performance came in the 200-yard freestyle, when sophomore MacKenzie LeBlanc won

and freshman Steven Brus finished in fourth to join Wood in scoring points for the Irish.

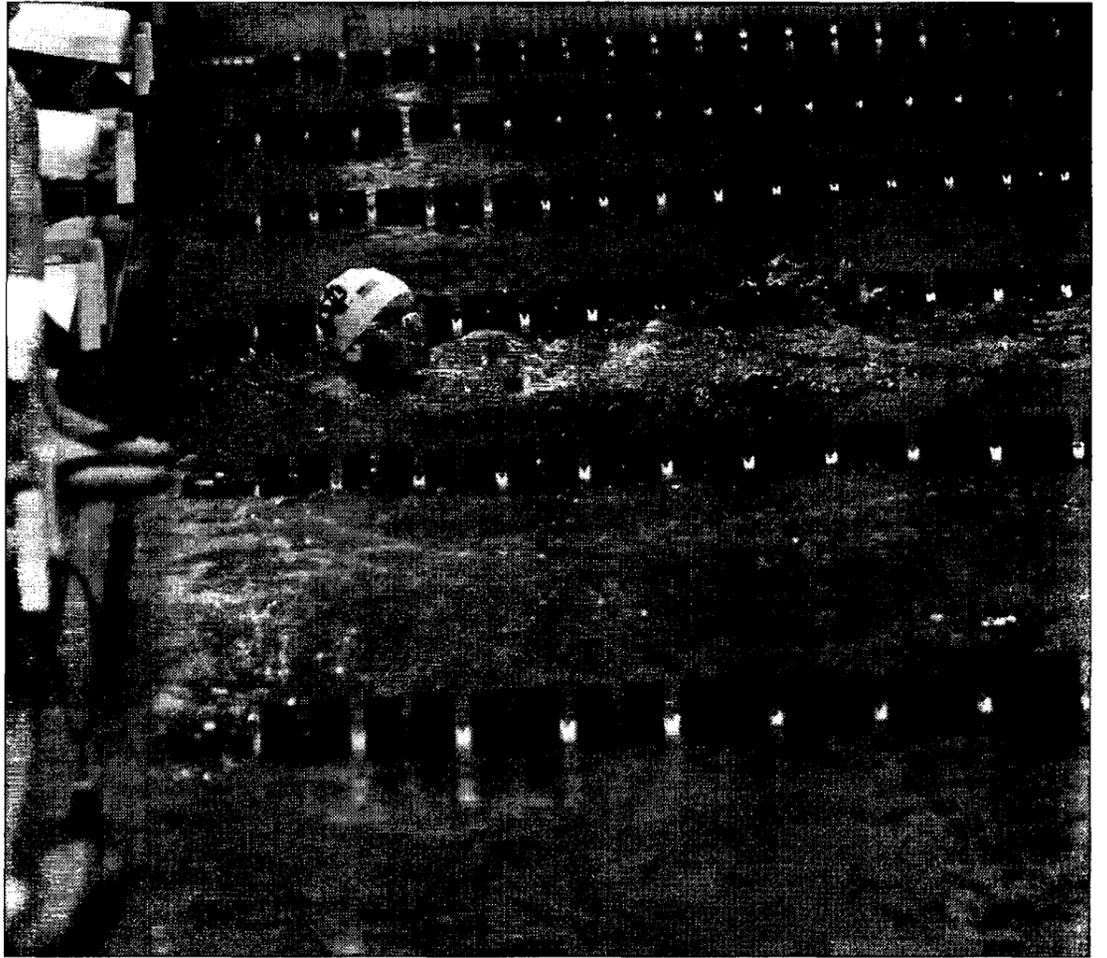
Notre Dame also swept the top-three positions in the 100-yard backstroke and 500-yard freestyle. Freshman Christopher Wills finished first in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 52.26, while freshman Joshua Nosal and junior Bill Bauman tied for second in 53.53. Sullivan won the 500-yard freestyle in 4:40.97, Nosal took second in 4:42.76 and Wood finished third in 4:46.69.

Irish divers turned in dominant performances, sweeping the top-three positions in both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events. Senior Sam Stoner won the 1-meter event with a score of 312.30, while freshman Eric Lex and junior Michael Bulfin finished second and third, respectively. Bulfin took the 3-meter event, scoring 347.30, Stoner finished second and Lex finished third.

The win moved the Irish record against the Vikings to 24-10 all time, and 21-2 under current head coach Tim Welsh.

The Irish hope to ride the momentum from two straight wins into the Ohio State Invitational, which will run from Nov. 30 to Dec. 2.

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Irish swimmer Michael Sullivan awaits his official time in the 1,000-yard freestyle Friday at the Rolfs Aquatic Center. Notre Dame defeated Cleveland State for its second straight dual meet win. WU YUE/The Observer

ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame exits Big East tournament with Louisville loss

By PAT O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame fell in the Big East tournament Saturday to Louisville in the semifinals — a team the Irish beat a week ago.

After posting a 3-1 (30-26, 30-24, 23-30, 30-24) victory against fifth-seed Cincinnati in the quarterfinals, the fourth-seeded Irish dropped a 3-0 (30-25, 30-20, 30-27) decision to the top-speeded Cardinals to be eliminated from postseason play.

Just six days after losing to Notre Dame by a 3-1 score, the Cardinals got their revenge by knocking out Notre Dame for the second straight year. After leading the first game by an 18-17 tally, Notre Dame never got momentum back on its side.

Louisville (22-6) ripped off a 13-7 run to claim game one. The next two games were more of the same for Notre Dame; after the five-point mark of those

"I think that the match against Cincinnati will always be an emotional match for me because I'm playing against my sister. I think that had a lot to do with my individual play, but as a team, everything was really clicking."

**Megan Fesl
Irish outside hitter**

games, the Irish never mustered a lead. Louisville out-blocked and out-hit the Irish. The tallies were 13 to 4 blocks and .363 to .244 in hitting percentage.

"[Louisville] did change their lineup a little bit against us," sophomore outside hitter Megan Fesl said. "They really took advantage of their really dominant, really tall outside hitters that could hit right over our block. I think the last weekend when we played them, they might have underestimated us a little bit. This weekend, they just out-matched us."

Freshman middle blocker Kellie Sciacca led the Irish with a .623 percentage that resulted in 14 kills. Senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk and Fesl checked in with 15 and 11 kills, respectively.

Junior outside hitter Tatyana Kolesnikova, senior middle blocker Svetlana Dukule and junior outside hitter Jana Matiasovska combined for 42 kills from the Louisville side of the net. Junior outside hitter Rui Liu led the Cardinals with 11 digs, while sophomore setter Samantha Dabbs contributed with 46 helpers.

The win against Cincinnati (18-11) on Friday extended the Irish winning streak to five matches. After the first game, where the Irish were always slightly ahead of Cincinnati, they found them-

selves down by a count of 16-18 in the second game. Notre Dame then capitalized on Bearcats mistakes and Fesl scored four kills in a row to close the game out on a 14-6 Irish run.

Game three completely turned the momentum toward Cincinnati as the Bearcats out-hit the Irish .300 to .111 in a game where the Bearcats held a 22-12 lead at one point. However, game four turned back to the Irish as they took an early four-point lead. Fesl finished off the match with her 21st kill.

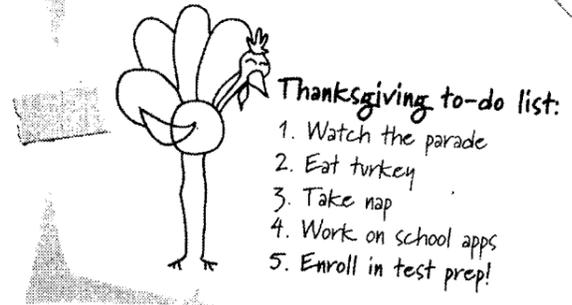
Along with the work from Fesl, Notre Dame (14-13) was led by double-doubles from its two seniors — Stasiuk and setter Ashley Tarutis. Stasiuk had 20 kills on a .368 average while notching 17 digs. Tarutis had 50 assists and 14 digs of her own.

Cincinnati was led by 19 kills from freshman outside hitter Stephanie Niemer. Megan Fesl's sister, freshman setter Annie Fesl, helped with 51 assists.

"I think that the match against Cincinnati will always be an emotional match for me because I'm playing against my sister" Megan Fesl said. "I think that had a lot to do with my individual play, but as a team, everything was really clicking."

The Irish travel to Tennessee to take on the Volunteers for their season finale Friday at 7 p.m.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Gray takes 38th in Championships

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

Megan Gray closed out her Saint Mary's career with a bang Saturday, finishing in 38th place at the Division III National Championships, held at St. Olaf's in Northfield, Minn.

Gray improved nearly 100 places from her 133rd-place finish at last year's Nationals, and her time of 22:21 put her just two seconds behind Calvin College's Christina Overbeck, the runner with whom Gray hoped to remain close during the six-kilometer race.

Amherst captured the national

team championship, while Willamette's Sarah Zerzan took home the meet's top individual honors with a time of 20:54.

Gray, who battled through a series of injuries during her first two years at St. Mary's, certainly made her mark on a rapidly improving Belles program over her four years. She became the first Saint Mary's runner to be named to the all-MIAA first team and to qualify for Nationals, and she helped lead the squad, which she captained, to a school-best fourth-place MIAA finish this season.

"Her road to success was never an easy one, but it was one

marked with faith, trust, persistence and a lot of hard work," said coach Jackie Bauters, who has developed a close relationship with Gray during their time together. "I could not be more proud or happy for her to have achieved everything she has over her career, and especially this year."

Though the Belles will certainly miss Gray, who has led the Saint Mary's pack in every race over the past two seasons, they look to remain strong next year with the return of current freshmen Sam Wiczorek, Catie Salyer and Claire McVey, along with current sophomore Megan McClowry and senior-to-be Caitlin Brodmerkel, a captain this season.

"Megan has been a driving force in our program, especially in the past two years," Bauters said. "She has been a huge asset to our program and is definitely a class act."

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Jackie Bauters
Belles coach

SMC SWIMMING

Belles win first conference matchup

By MARIE BUGNITZ
Sports Writer

Winning 134-100, Saint Mary's defeated Albion in its first meet against a conference opponent this season.

Captain Melissa Gerbeth who won all three of her individual events, contributed to the win, as well as Lauren Hartman, Casey Niezer, Caroline Arness and Maggie Williams who all won one of

their events.

Gerbeth said the victory shed a positive light on the rest of the season.

"I am excited to see how the rest of the season unfolds. We currently have a 4-1 record, which is a great start to the season, especially compared to previous years," she said. "Based on the rest of our schedule, we should win a couple more meets and hopefully everyone's times will keep improving."

Beating Albion was a huge win for the Belles, the captain said.

"We knew that it was going to be a close meet so we were all very happy to win," Gerbeth said. "The confidence of our team improves with each win, which is fun to see." The Belles will next compete in the DePauw Invitation after Thanksgiving break.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Despite improvement, Irish drop two meets

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame showed significant improvement but still lost its dual meets to Northwestern and No. 16 Wisconsin this weekend at Norris Pool in Evanston, Ill.

The Irish fell 208-162 to Northwestern and 218-151 to Wisconsin, dropping to 1-5 in dual meets this season. It was Notre Dame's first meeting with the Badgers and eighth meeting with the Wildcats, who have a 5-3 advantage in the all-time series.

"We got in a big hole yesterday and the girls worked really hard to bring it home tonight," coach Carrie Nixon said. "Our girls swam some really great races tonight, despite having a slow start to the whole meet. Wisconsin is a really tough team so we were up against tough competition."

Highlighting the weekend for the Irish was freshman Sam Maxwell, who took the title in the 200-yard breaststroke and 100-yard breaststroke. Maxwell's 2:15.65 time in the 200-yard breaststroke and 1:03.31 time in the 100-yard breaststroke were both season bests for Maxwell and the Irish.

Freshman Amywren Miller finished third in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:05.46, Notre Dame's second-best time on the season.

In the 1,650-yard freestyle, sophomore Lexie Shue and freshman Lauren Sylvester fin-

ished in the No. 2 and 3 slots, respectively. It was the first time Notre Dame participated in the 1,650-yard freestyle this season. Shue finished with a time of 16:47.67, and Sylvester ended in 16:51.76.

Freshman Lauren Parisi finished third in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:01.15. This was also a season best for both Parisi and the Irish.

Junior Christa Riggins reached a personal season-best, taking second in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 51.15. Riggins also finished second in the 200-yard freestyle with a 1:50.62 time.

The diving half of the team put up impressive numbers. Sophomore Natalie Stitt took second in the one-meter diving competition with a score of 275.55, falling just short of Northwestern leader Leanne Dumais, who scored a 278.80. Notre Dame freshman Heidi Grossman and senior Laura Rings also finished in the top five, placing third and fifth, respectively.

The Irish hope to get a little rest this week after a long stretch of tough competition.

"We've had a lot of meets in a row here so having next week off will be great," Nixon said. "The girls are a little beat down and each meet we've had this fall has been really tough so week after week they're swimming as hard as they can."

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Smyth leads team to Tournament bid

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

Junior Patrick Smyth will take his Great Lakes Regional crown to Terre Haute, Ind., today, in the NCAA Championships at Indiana State.

Smyth is coming off the first NCAA Regional title for an Irish runner since 2000, when current volunteer assistant coach Luke Watson took first in the region. Hot on Smyth's heels in the regional meet was senior Jake Watson, who earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Championships along with Smyth by virtue of his fourth-place finish.

After finishing one spot away from a guaranteed berth in the Championships in the regional meet, the entire Irish team received one of 13 at-large bids distributed by the NCAA.

Joining Smyth and Watson will be seniors Brett Adams, Dan Curran and Mike Popejoy, freshman Dan Jackson and sophomore Jake Walker.

Adams, Smyth, Walker and Watson all have some NCAA experience under their belts after competing for the Irish in last year's meet. The team fin-

ished 19th overall last year, while Smyth finished 36th overall en route to earning All-America honors for the first time in his career.

Michigan and Wisconsin are the teams from the Great Lakes Region who received automatic bids into the national meet, while two other regional foes, Indiana and Ohio State, also received at-large bids.

The Irish have run in Terre Haute already this season. At the Pre-National Meet on Oct. 13, they finished fifth overall in a field that consisted of several teams that the Irish will face today. In that race, Notre Dame finished behind UTEP, Colorado, North Carolina State and Michigan. The Irish will get another crack at all of those teams in today's meet.

Individually at the Pre-National Meet, Smyth and Watson posted top-20 finishes, with Smyth placing fifth and Watson finishing 17th. While the site is the same, today's race is 2,000 meters longer than the 8k event run at the Pre-National Meet and is set to begin at noon.

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any way, and she is very impressive to watch. Whether we were in zone, man or box, it didn't matter what we did. She was going to score."

Terrapins coach Brenda Frese said she was happy with Toliver's play and eager to see where she would take the team.

"We're excited to see the level that Kristi is playing at, where she's looking in transition, how unselfish she's being and the way she steps up to shoot the ball," Frese said. "Since we've tipped off the season, she's been on another level, and it's exciting to see her lead this team."

Maryland forward Marissa Coleman hit four-of-seven from behind the arc on a night when Maryland shot 60 percent from 3-point range.

"I really liked to see where we understood the game plan," Frese said. "In the first half, the perimeter play, the way we were shooting from the 3-point line."

Notre Dame kept the game close in the first half and took a 24-21 lead when guard Charel Allen sank a layup with 7:32 remaining in the first half. At that point, a 3-pointer from Coleman sent the Terrapins on a

10-2 run that made the score 31-26 with 3:56 left in the half.

Freshman forward Becca Bruszewski and guard Lindsay Schrader each hit jump shots down the stretch, but Notre Dame went into the half down 38-32.

Toliver had 11 points at the half and had made 4-of-7 field-goal attempts, including three of her five 3-pointers.

"My teammates were running the floor really well for me," Toliver said. "I think that made it able for me to have easy passes. Our post players are the best players in the country, so to be able to go inside-out and have wide open shots makes my job easy."

Terrapins guard Laura Harper pulled down eight rebounds in the first half alone. She finished the game with 13.

"Rebounding was something that we were worried about, keeping them off the boards," McGraw said.

Schrader and freshman forward Devereaux Peters each had 10 points by halftime.

Maryland started the second half by hitting two quick threes, one by Coleman and the other by guard Marah Strickland. A 9-2 Terps scoring run, capped by a Toliver layup, gave Maryland a 59-43 lead with 14:43 to go in the game. Neither team would make a field goal for the next

2:16 until guard Melissa Lechlitner sank a jump shot with 11:27 left.

Three-point shots by Toliver and a four-point play by guard Ashleigh Newman helped extend the Terrapins' lead to 20 with 4:11 remaining. Jump shots from Peters and Allen helped narrow the margin, but the Irish couldn't close the gap.

Notre Dame finished the game shooting 44.4 percent from the foul line and 36 percent from the field.

"Defensively, to be able to hold such a great team like Notre Dame to 36 percent from the field. ... We were just very excited with what we were able to do," Frese said.

In contrast, Maryland shot 47.4 percent from field-goal range and hit nine of their 10 foul shots.

The Irish turned the ball over only three times in the game. McGraw said her offense played well but her defense left something to be desired.

"We didn't have many turnovers," McGraw said. "We took good care of the ball, we did a lot of the things we wanted to do offensively. But we still have a lot of work to do defensively and that was probably our biggest issue."

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sive zone coverage."

The sweep allowed the third-place Irish to keep pace with No. 1 Miami and No. 2 Michigan in the conference standings, who are four and two points, respectively, ahead of Notre Dame, each having lost only once this season.

The Irish were deadlocked at 1-1 after the first period, despite outshooting the Broncos 11-6, but a three-goal second period with a 15-3 shot advantage put the game away.

VeNard scored the fourth goal of his career and second this season when he ripped a shot from the point past Broncos goaltender Riley Gill at 2:16 of the second period for the 2-1 lead. VeNard's shot was low, but it hit off the stick

of a Western Michigan defenseman and deflected over Gill's shoulder.

Irish right wing Erik Condra and center Mark Van Guilder then each beat Gill in the last five minutes of the second period on the power play to pad the Notre Dame lead to 4-1. Condra beat Gill over his blocker on a shot from the low left slot, while Van Guilder wristed the puck through traffic and the five-hole for the goal.

"Up until a couple weeks ago, we were all out there, kind of thinking a little bit too much, trying to figure out the system," Van Guilder said. "But I think it's starting to come now, it's starting to come together. We got lines that are starting to get comfortable together."

Irish right wing Ryan Thang put the Irish up 1-0 at 10:41 of the first period when he took a shot to the glove side while sprawled out in

the slot on his stomach.

"I rolled around the corner, kind of got hooked a little bit," Thang said. "On my first shot attempt it kind of fell over, but the puck was still there so I took another whack at it."

Western Michigan tied the game at 1-1 with 57 seconds left in the first when Broncos center Mike Lesperance skated down the right side unchallenged and stepped around a diving Pearce to slide the puck in.

On Saturday night, Irish freshman left wing Calle Ridderwall scored the first goal of his career, which tied the game at 1-1 in the first period, en route to the 5-1 win. The Irish outshot the Broncos 27-11 and scored their third power play goal of the weekend on a second-period goal from Thang.

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backer Lizzy Brown.

"We had two opportunities at the goal line, and we just didn't capitalize," Welsh Family assistant coach Mark Mihallo said. "We couldn't punch it in."

Cavanaugh couldn't take advantage of their big stops. It punted the ball and turned it over on downs on its only two first-half possessions and the teams ended the first half in a scoreless tie.

At halftime, the Chaos got a huge momentum boost when a few members of the marching band arrived, instruments in hand, to inspire Cavanaugh's already raucous fans.

"I think the fans set us apart," Dunn said. "Look at it, we have pretty much our whole dorm here."

Cavanaugh came out for the second half fired up and marched down the field on its first drive. Dunn completed four passes for 26 yards, and senior Tarah Brown rushed the ball three times for 15 yards. On third and goal from the nine-yard line, Dunn found Dolan in the right side of the end zone for a touchdown and a 7-0 Chaos lead.

The teams traded three-and-outs until Cavanaugh received the ball on its own 26-yard line and proceeded to rip off a clock-killing 11-play touchdown drive. With cheers of "Dunn for Heisman" echoing from the Cavanaugh fans, the junior led the Chaos down the field and completed three passes for 31 yards, including a 14-yard strike to Dolan on fourth and goal. The Chaos converted the extra point and took a commanding 14-0 lead with two minutes left to play.

Welsh Family completed three long passes on their final drive and moved the ball to the Cavanaugh 14-yard line. It was too little, too late, though, for the Whirlwinds, and the clock expired on their comeback.

After the win, the Cavanaugh fans charged the field, circling around their team and chanting "Dunn" as the band played the 1812 Overture.

The Whirlwind players, meanwhile, huddled in the corner of the field. For the second year in a row, Welsh Family ran up an undefeated regular season only to fall in the playoffs. Last year, the Whirlwinds were upset in the semifinals.

"After last year, we said that we weren't going to let that happen again," Whirlwinds junior quar-

terback Jenny Gargula said.

The Chaos defense had different plans, though, shutting out Welsh Family's prolific offense.

"[Cavanaugh's] defense did a great job," Whirlwinds coach Mike Kaiser said. "I've got to give a lot of credit to their defensive line."

After the game, Land also praised his defense.

"They were flying around and doing a great job of getting to the ball," Land said.

As the Chaos celebrated on the Notre Dame Stadium field, Welsh Family was left to think about what went wrong.

"We did it to ourselves," Gargula said. "[Cavanaugh] didn't do anything different, we just didn't play to our potential."

Despite the loss, the Whirlwinds remained optimistic about next season, with several key players, most notably Gargula, returning.

"We're going to come back next year to finish it off," Gargula said.

Cavanaugh also looks to field a strong team next year. Dunn, along with many others, will be back to defend their title.

"We'll definitely be strong," Land said. "But we're a deep team. We'll lose some players, but others will step in."

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The game started off slowly, when Keenan recorded the only first down in the first quarter on a nine-yard scamper by freshman quarterback Brian Castello. After a three-and-out to begin the second quarter, the Knights pinned Stanford on its own 27-yard line. It was here that the Griffins struck.

After getting a first down, Stanford quarterback Brian Salvi hit freshman wide receiver Tom Smith on a 43-yard bomb, putting the Griffins at the Keenan 2-yard line. Salvi said after the game that the play — a play-action with a fake reverse — worked just as he'd planned it.

"We set it up earlier in the game," Salvi said. "We knew it was going to work because their safety [bit] on the reverse. As soon as I turned around, I knew I had [Smith]."

Stanford needed just one play to capitalize on the big gain when senior running back Tregg Duerson crossed the goal line.

Down 7-0, the Knights began a comeback attempt. On the second play of the drive, Castello hooked up with senior receiver Jon Wood for a 42-yard pass, putting his team in position to score at the Stanford 24-yard line. After a 10-yard run by senior fullback Joe Pappas, however, the Knights' drive stalled.

With 1:40 left in the half, Keenan decided to go for it on a fourth-and-three from the Stanford 7-yard line. Castello hit junior Jim Zenker in the end zone for what would have been the game-tying score, but the play was called back for offensive holding and after a botched fake field goal, the half ended.

While he credited his opponents, sophomore captain Pat Burns said the Knights' multiple missed opportunities fell mainly on themselves.

"Stanford's defense stepped up when they had to," he said. "Obviously our offensive line did everything they could. Every once in a while [Stanford called] the right blitz at the right time but there's still no excuse for us not scoring that close to the goal line."

It was just execution that was the problem."

The second half saw another long Keenan drive that went 73 yards in 14 plays before Stanford freshman inside linebacker Colin McNamara picked off a Castello pass on the first play of the fourth quarter.

After holding the Griffins to a three-and-out, Keenan got the ball back on the Stanford 47-yard line, but were forced to punt after making just one first down. It looked like the Griffins would finally seal the deal, but an interception by Wood gave the Knights the ball with 2:30 left in the game on the Stanford 37-yard line. At this point, senior captain Rob Huth and the rest of his Stanford teammates had plenty of reason to feel uneasy. But Huth said this was nothing new.

"We've won with defense all year," he said. "I'll put our defense out there against anybody. I knew we'd get the stop. [Our] back [was] kind of to the wall, but when we've had our backs to the wall we've done well this year, so I really wasn't worried."

The defense came through as sophomore cornerback Chris Gill intercepted a Castello pass intended for Wood inside the five-yard line to clinch the title for the Griffins.

"[We knew] we couldn't let anything behind us," Gill said. "We needed to keep everything in front of us, make the tackles, keep them in bounds, keep the clock running. If you could make a play, don't take a chance, but step up and make it and end the game."

With the game over, and the championship and chapel won, Huth said this was the perfect ending to Stanford's perfect season.

"It feels awesome to walk away from this, the last time the seniors put the pads on [with a win]," Huth said. "This feels great for everybody, we put a lot of hard work in this season. I feel like a lot of people underestimated us all season, didn't give us our due, but we went out here and proved today by beating [Keenan] again that we're the best team in Interhall this year."

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the Huskies. Akeem Priestly took the kick and Arad headed it inside the near post for the early lead.

Arad stuck again less than 10 minutes later. This time sophomore Mike Pezza took the corner kick, sending a ball to the far post where Arad was waiting for the goal. Pezza led the nation in assists during the regular season with 15.

"It's not what I tried to do this season, I tried to work hard, win balls, do the other stuff," Arad said. "I was lucky, but the most important thing is that we won."

The senior midfielder started all 20 games in the regular season for the Huskies without scoring a goal but scored three this weekend, including one in Connecticut's 4-1 semifinal win over Louisville. Arad was named to the All-tournament team and also won the Most Outstanding Offensive Player Award.

Connecticut opened up a two-goal lead in the last meeting between the two teams Oct. 27. That game, which was in South Bend, ended in a 3-3 tie, but this time around Notre Dame was unable to mount a comeback.

"Their goalkeeper had a couple big saves at key moments in the game. If he doesn't bring these saves, you know the whole game revolves around goals, but full marks to him for that," Clark said.

Notre Dame was able to increase the pressure in the second half with five shots on net, but Connecticut freshman goalkeeper Josh Ford was ready for each one.

"The environment helped us, being at home with out field and all our fans behind us," Ford said.

Ford made a diving save to deny freshman Jeb Brovsky with 10 minutes left in the first half and several more in the second. He was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Defensive Player, allowing only one goal in three tournament games.

Senior Chris Cahill started

the game in net for the Irish but he was replaced in the second half by junior Andrew Quinn.

"We felt we wanted to play further up the field and Quinn has better feet," Clark said. "He did very well, it was nothing on Chris Cahill, more that Quinn just has excellent feet."

Quinn made a series of good saves to keep the game in reach, while the Irish looked to pour on the pressure in the second half.

Clark also moved Lapira back to outside midfield and worked Brovsky, Kurt Martin and Tamba Samba in the two forward spots in an attempt to create more chances up front.

The plan seemed to work when Samba poked one in with a little under five minutes left on the clock, but the goal was disallowed because Ford had controlled the ball before Samba pried it free for the shot.

Notre Dame 2, DePaul 1

No. 11 Notre Dame hung on to a slim lead through an action-packed second half Friday night to advance to the Big East finals with a 2-1 win over No. 19 DePaul at Connecticut's Morrone Field.

The Irish jumped out to an early lead when sophomore Michael Thomas netted his second goal of the year in the fourth minute. Thomas one-touched a cross from freshman Steven Perry and lofted it into the top right corner.

Perry, who was making his first collegiate start, also picked up his first career points with the assist. Freshmen have played a big role in both of Notre Dame's conference tournament wins this year — forward Josh Thiermann scored the team's lone goal in a 1-0 win over St. John's in the quarterfinal round.

Perry got the start to give senior forward Joseph Lapira some rest to make sure he was ready to go for the rest of the game.

"Perry did very well," Clark said. "We wanted to spare Joe [Lapira]'s legs a little bit. It was quite nice."

The strategy paid off as Lapira pitched in with his team-leading seventh goal in the 67th minute to give Notre

Dame a 2-0 lead. Senior Alex Yoshinaga started the play with a shot on net. The rebound bounced to the front of the net and Lapira was in position for the easy finish.

Lapira, who was named to the All-Big East first team Thursday night, sparked an aggressive Irish attack all game. He created chance after chance for his teammates throughout the second half.

DePaul goalkeeper Brian Visser made several spectacular saves to keep the Blue Devils in the game until the very end. Visser was named the Big East goalkeeper of the year Thursday night.

"He's an excellent goalkeeper," Clark said. "He put on a great show tonight with a few very good saves and handled things well."

The junior made a diving save in the 82nd minute to highlight his performance, robbing what looked to be a game-clinching goal from Yoshinaga.

DePaul had scored eight minutes earlier to move within one goal. Sophomore midfielder Erich Reichmann ripped a shot from 30 yards out that sailed past Irish keeper Chris Cahill.

The Blue Devils kept the pressure on until the final whistle but were unable to produce any more threatening chances.

Notre Dame was able to use the 33-degree temperature and high winds to their advantage. The Irish have played several of their last games under cold and windy conditions.

"I thought we handled the game well, getting the ball down and playing," Clark said. "We made some very good chances."

Note:

♦ Senior midfielder Ryan Miller was also selected to the All-Big East first team. Junior defender Matt Besler and Cahill were named to the second team, senior forward Kurt Martin and junior defender Jack Traynor made the third team and freshman defender Matt Armstrong picked up an honorable mention.

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however, didn't prevent the Irish from getting scoring chances.

Minutes into the game, forward Kerri Hanks touched the ball to Amanda Cinalli, who replaced Bock at forward. Cinalli touched the ball over to forward Michele Weissenhofer, who dribbled her way into the six-yard box and fired a point-blank shot, but keeper Lindsey Carstens fell to her left and made the save.

Weissenhofer scored with 18:26 left in the first half when midfielder Amanda Clark played a through-ball to Cinalli down the right side.

"It was a really good ball through by AC, she just stepped on the field and tried to make an impact and she did," Cinalli said. "She stepped in and won that ball."

The Illini defense blocked Cinalli's shot, but Weissenhofer followed the play, found the rebound in front of the net and put her shot past Carstens to give Notre Dame a 1-0 lead.

"I followed to the ball and just placed it," Weissenhofer said. "Actually there was one just like it earlier in the half that I missed, so it was nice that that one went in."

In the final 10 minutes of the half, the offense started to set up offensive plays, control the ball in the offensive third and create scoring chances.

With three minutes remaining before the break, Illinois midfielder Jackie Santacaterina positioned herself in front of the net and headed the ball toward the right side of the goal, but Irish keeper Lauren Karas dove to her right to make the save.

With 1:28 to go in the half, Hanks attempted to cross the ball from the right side into the center of the box. The cross deflected off Illinois defender Emily Zurrer and past an unsuspecting Carstens for an own-goal and a 2-0 Irish lead heading into the

half. Illinois put more pressure on the Irish in the second half and kept the ball in its attacking third for most of the period. The Illini pressure overwhelmed the Irish defense, but Notre Dame did not allow a goal.

"I was a little disappointed in our composure in the 20 minutes," Waldrum said. "I don't think we handled it very well."

Weissenhofer said that the extra man Illinois brought into the attacking third caused the Irish problems.

"We had to figure that out and put more people on the back," she said. "We just wanted to get the ball cleared out as fast as possible. There's things we need to work on definitely for next weekend, but we got it done."

The defense looked flustered at times and struggled to keep up with Illinois' attack. But

Waldrum said the difficulty they had may aid them against North Carolina. "Maybe you need that kind of a game, where things aren't going the whole time your way," Waldrum said. "I think the positive out

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Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

of it is as much havoc as they created, I don't think Lauren had much to do. Even as busy as it was around her and in front of her, she didn't really have to come up with any big saves."

In the absence of Bock, Waldrum moved Cinalli to the forward spot and started Rebecca Mendoza at midfield. The loss of Bock hurt, Waldrum said, but it showed his team's true ability.

"You've got a player with fourteen goals sitting on the bench, and that takes a lot away from your team," Waldrum said. "You've got to be pleased that you're able to win at this level without one of your key players."

Waldrum said Mendoza handles the ball well and provides stability in the midfield.

"People look at her size and things and don't expect much from her but she really is a calming effect on our team," Waldrum said of the 5-foot-2 Mendoza.

Bock and Hanks ensured that the Irish reached the second round of the tournament with their performances in Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Loyola-Chicago on Friday. Bock scored two goals and Hanks assisted all three.

With 7:06 remaining in the first half, midfielder Amanda Clark crossed the ball to Hanks on the far side. Hanks headed it across the box to Bock, who controlled it and put it past the keeper for a 1-0 lead.

Hanks had her 11th corner kick assist with 32:04 left in the second half. Her kick hung in the center of the box for center back Carrie Dew, who charged up the middle of the field and headed the ball into the center of the net to score her sixth career goal and put the Irish up 2-0.

Less than two minutes later, Hanks passed to Bock on the right side of the field. Bock crossed the ball back to the left, past the charging keeper into the left side of the net.

Notre Dame plays North Carolina at noon on Nov. 24 in Chapel Hill, N.C.

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MEN'S SOCCER COMMENTARY

Clark misused Lapira vs. UConn

When Notre Dame went down 2-0 to Connecticut after 30 minutes in the Big East final, odds were against the Irish making a comeback. The Huskies' defense has been one of the stingiest in not just the Big East, but the entire nation, this season conceding only 12 goals in 20 games entering Sunday's match.



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However, whatever chance Notre Dame had of coming back to tie or win the game likely rested on the boots of Joe Lapira. Notre Dame's most explosive offensive player — and last year's Hermann Trophy winner — was the player who scored two goals keying the Irish comeback from a 2-0 deficit against the Huskies on Oct. 13. If anyone was going to be able to direct a similar comeback Sunday, it was Lapira.

That's what made Irish coach Bobby Clark's tactical use of Lapira so confusing.

Lapira, arguably the fastest and shiftest player on Notre Dame, is most dangerous when he gets the ball in open space where he can run at the defense. After the first half of Sunday's game, though, Lapira had found about as much open space as he inevitably would on the long flight home.

The problem was tactical. On Sunday, Notre Dame

employed their standard 4-4-1-1 formation in which Lapira plays as a lone target forward, while Kurt Martin drops behind him as more of a holding forward. Given that the Irish had utilized that formation all year with success, it's hard to second-guess changing it before Sunday's game. But it was evident by halftime that Lapira was not getting the ball against the Huskies defense in the places he needed to.

"We know [Lapira] likes to make diagonal runs and get behind the defense," Connecticut defender Julius James said. "We just tried to keep him in front of us."

When Martin dropped back toward midfield, he was usually marked by one of Connecticut's two defensive central midfielders leaving the Huskies entire back four to concentrate solely on Lapira. The result was that, instead of receiving the ball behind the defense in space, Lapira only saw the ball with his back to the goal — a problem given the size differentials.

At 5-foot-8, 150 pounds, Lapira was often matched up against Connecticut's central defenders Kwame-Watson Siriboe (6-foot-3, 200 pounds) and Julius James (6-foot-0, 175 pounds). The results were predictable.

Given Lapira's ineffectiveness in the first half, tactical changes were needed for the final 45 minutes. Why not move Martin or another forward up top with Lapira forcing the Connecticut defense to account for two attackers? Such a move would have drawn attention away from Lapira and, perhaps, opened

some space for the reigning Hermann Trophy winner to work some of his magic.

Clark's initial adjustment? Nothing.

For the first 30 minutes of the second half, the Irish attacked out of the same 4-4-1-1 formation with similar results as the first half. Ultimately, Clark ended up moving Lapira to outside midfielder with 15 minutes to play — seemingly out of desire to give his forward more space to work.

"He's very fast, and it gave him a different look," Clark said.

Why not make the tactical switch sooner, though?

The move seemed to succeed in giving Lapira more space to work with as he received the ball in one-on-one situations on the flanks with Huskies defenders. While it's no guarantee that an earlier tactical change would have spurred an Irish comeback, it would have given Notre Dame more ability to attack out of its most dangerous formation given the way Sunday's game was playing out.

Sunday's game was a setback on Notre Dame's path to its goal of reaching the Final Four and, ultimately, winning the national championship. If that goal is to become a reality for the Irish, however, they're going to have to find a way to get to more out of their top striker.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dunn's late three seals Bears' victory

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Baylor guard Lacerious Dunn finished with only six points, but his clutch 3-pointer with 32 seconds remaining gave the Bears a 65-62 lead on their way to a 68-64 win over Notre Dame.

The loss denied the Irish (2-1) a chance to avenge their NCAA Tournament loss last season to Winthrop in the finals of Paradise Jam Tournament.

Irish guard Tory Jackson missed on Notre Dame's next possession after Dunn's basket and Baylor (3-0) guard Curtis Jerrells, who finished with 17 points, grabbed the rebound and found guard Tweety Carter for an open layup, giving Baylor (3-0) a five-point lead with 13 seconds left. Irish forward Rob Kurz added a pair of free throws late, but the damage had been done and the Irish lost their first game of the season.

Notre Dame will play Georgia Tech today, who lost 79-73 on Sunday to Winthrop for third place, while Baylor advances to play Winthrop for the title.

"They're a good basketball team," Irish coach Mike Brey said in a post-game radio interview. "We felt we were going to be in a Big East [type game]. You're frustrated because you had control of the thing and they made some big plays."

Notre Dame led the entire game until a Jerrells 3-pointer gave Baylor its first lead of the night, 61-60 with 3:15 left. Neither team scored until a pair of Rob Kurz free throws with 1:33 remaining gave Notre Dame a 62-61 lead. Jackson fouled Jerrells on Baylor's next possession, and Jerrells hit one of two free throws to tie the game at 62.

Irish forward Luke Harangody, who finished with a game-high 22 points, missed on Notre Dame's final possession before Dunn's three gave Baylor the lead for good. Aside from Harangody's 9-for-14 performance, Notre Dame shot 11-for-45 (24 percent) from the field, including a 1-for-11 night from junior guard Kyle McAlarney.

"We didn't get great looks for Kyle. People are taking Kyle away and we've got to look at some things to get him more looks," Brey said. "... I think the thing he's learning to adjust to, when's he's playing off the ball, like Colin Falls was always guarded. He's hugged, he's grabbed, he's frustrated with that."

At one point in the second half, Harangody scored seven straight points for Notre Dame, helping the Irish stave off Baylor, who kept chipping away at Notre Dame's lead. His layup with 8:30 left gave the Irish a 57-52 lead, but those would be Harangody's final points of the night.

"They really did a better job taking him away at the end," Brey said. "He gave us

a great stretch there."

The Bears also held the rebounding edge over the Irish, 41-38, and were able to get 15 second-chance points. But what killed Notre Dame in the end, Brey said, was its inability to cover Baylor on the fast break.

"Our transition defense hurt us," Brey said. "It really hurt us the whole game, but it hurt us the last six minutes. They ran it down our throat."

But it was Notre Dame who came out running in the first half, jumping out to an 8-0 lead. Baylor kept close with the Irish, but a 10-0 run gave Notre Dame a 32-18 lead with 4:50 to play in the first half. Baylor used a pair of threes from Carter and Dunn to pull within 38-32 at halftime.

Forward Aaron Bruce added 14 and center Josh Lomers netted 12 for the Bears, who shot 24-for-58 for the game.

Kurz, who was battling flu-like symptoms, added 13 for the Irish on 2-for-11 shooting, while junior forward Ryan Ayers added nine.

Notre Dame 76 Monmouth 33

Notre Dame employed a balanced offensive attack and stingy second-half defense to clobber Monmouth in the opening round of the Paradise Jam Tournament on Friday.

The Irish outscored the Muhawks 39-8 in the second half and forced 16 turnovers on the night. Offensively, Kurz had a game-high 15 points to go along with six rebounds while Ayers chipped in seven board and 13 points on 5-for-6 shooting.

Ayers was also charged with guarding Muhawks guard Jhamar Youngblood — who scored 27 points in Monmouth's 89-81 overtime loss to Seton Hall on Nov. 11 — when Notre Dame played man-to-man defense. Youngblood scored just eight points on 4-for-10 shooting.

Notre Dame opened a 17-4 lead in the first half by hitting their first five 3-pointers of the game. McAlarney had two 3-pointers during that stretch on his way to a 13-point, three-assist performance. Monmouth cut Notre Dame's lead to 25-22 with 4:52 remaining in the first half, but McAlarney's third and final 3-pointer of the night ignited a 12-3 Notre Dame run to close out the half ahead 37-25.

The Irish clamped down on defense in the second half and used a 16-6 run to open up a 53-31 lead with 10:44 remaining. Kurz had seven points during the run.

After Youngblood's layup with 10:31 remaining made the score 53-33, Monmouth didn't score the rest of the game. Monmouth shot only 2-for-23 from the field in the second half and lost the rebounding edge to Notre Dame 46-18.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMENTARY

Team needs to improve for UNC

Yes, the Irish crushed Loyola on Friday night. And, yes, they shut out Illinois on Sunday. But they will have to be even better to have a shot of beating

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North Carolina
next
Saturday.

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The Tar Heels showed why they are the most storied program in the country as they rolled over UNC-Greensboro Sunday to reach the third round of the NCAA Tournament for the 26th straight year.

The No. 11 Irish are technically unbeaten in their last 15 matches. But despite getting credited with a tie against West Virginia last weekend, they fell to the Mountaineers in a shootout to lose the Big East championship. West Virginia was the only team the Irish faced during their streak that can even compare to North Carolina talent-wise.

And the Tar Heels have been playing terrific soccer lately. They beat High Point 6-1 in their first-round matchup and then won 3-1 over UNC-Greensboro. In the second round contest, UNC-Greensboro goalie Katherine

Ryan was forced to make 11 saves to even keep the score respectable.

So the Irish defense and senior goalie Lauren Karas will have to deliver for the Irish to have any chance when they head to North Carolina for next weekend's matchup. The back line must perform better than it did against Illinois when the unit surrendered 10 shots. In that contest, the Irish were often careless, especially as they were often unable to immediately clear balls away in their own zone during the second half.

The good news for the Irish is that Karas has been perfect during the team's two NCAA games. Against the Illini, the goalie made a tremendous diving save at the end of the first half to preserve Notre Dame's two-goal cushion.

But if the defense replicates its sloppy play from the second half of that game, the goalie will have no chance of stopping the ACC-champion

Tar Heels. The team is No. 26 in the country in goals per game, despite playing against some of the nation's top teams.

Notre Dame played North Carolina to a 2-2 tie in a preseason match Aug. 19 as the host Irish outshot the Tar Heels 14-7. But Saturday's game will be played in Chapel Hill, and the Tar Heels are attempting to continue their march toward defending last year's national championship.

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The Irish must be more error-free than they were Saturday to avoid falling behind early and allowing the Tar Heels to get the crowd into the game.

INTERHALL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Perfection lost ... and won

Chaos ruin Whirlwinds unbeaten season in final

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

No. 6 seed Cavanaugh defeated No. 1 seed — and previously undefeated — Welsh Family 14-0 on Sunday at Notre Dame Stadium to claim the women's Interhall championship.

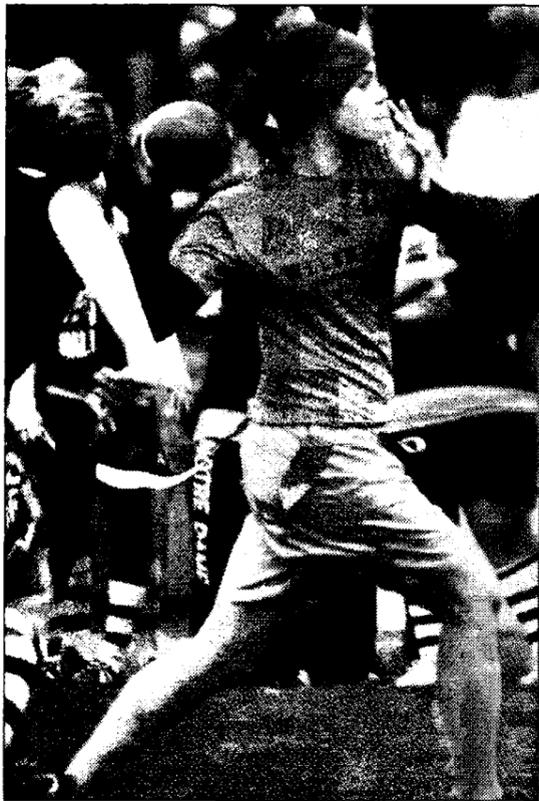
The Chaos, however, didn't think their win was an upset.

"We definitely didn't consider ourselves underdogs," Cavanaugh coach Hunter Land said. "We came into this game confident."

Led by junior quarterback Katie Dunn, the Chaos offense put up 14 points on a defense that hadn't been scored on in its past three games. Dunn threw touchdown passes of nine and 14 yards, both to sophomore Erin Dolan.

Welsh Family's offense looked promising early, getting into the red zone twice in the first half. The Chaos defense held tough and forced a turnover on downs and an interception by senior line-

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Whirlwinds quarterback Jenni Gargula throws the ball during Welsh Family's 14-0 loss to Cavanaugh.



Griffins running back Colin McNamara carries the ball during Stanford's 12-8 win over Keenan.

Griffins win second Battle of the Chapel

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI
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Though there will be no physical change to the chapel shared by Stanford and Keenan, the residents of both North Quad halls know that the sanctuary will be very different until next fall.

With Stanford's 12-8 victory in Sunday's Interhall Football championship, it not only won the title, but also the Battle for the Chapel, meaning all masses held for the two dorms in the coming year will be held in the "Stanford-Keenan Chapel."

Keenan had won the Battle for as long as Stanford seniors have been at Notre Dame, so when the Griffins beat the Knights 12-8 in the regular season, it looked like the tables had finally turned. But when both teams won their semifinal games, the Chapel was once again up for grabs.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish fall to Huskies in Big East finals

By DAN MURPHY
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STORRS, Conn. — Connecticut midfielder Dori Arad scored two goals in the first 20 minutes Sunday, which was more than enough for the Huskies to hold off Notre Dame 2-0 and capture

their third Big East crown in the past four years.

No. 2 Connecticut, who now has seven total conference championships, attacked the Irish right out of

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the gate, needing only 20 seconds to force its first corner kick. The Huskies had five corner kicks in the game, two of which led to goals.

"Set pieces win big games," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "It's one of the things we talk about, full marks to Connecticut but from our

point of view it was disappointing."

Connecticut's first goal came in the eighth minute following an Irish defensive miscue. No. 11 Notre Dame turned the ball over deep in its own half and the ensuing play led to a corner kick for

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Own goal helps ND top Illinois

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

When forward Kerri Hanks didn't have partner Brittany Bock to help her score because of an injury, she decided to use the opponent's defense instead. Hanks' centering pass led to an own-goal by Illinois that put the Irish up 2-0, the final margin in the second-round NCAA tournament win Sunday at Alumni Field.

The Irish, a four seed, advanced to the round of 16, where they will face No. 1 seed North Carolina in a rematch of last year's national championship game.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum held Bock out of the game because of a sore hip flexor. He said she was scratched right before the game.

"She warmed up, but said she didn't feel 100 percent," Waldrum said.

The Irish kept the ball in the attacking third for much of the first half of the game, but for the most part, Illinois prevented them from setting up an offensive formation. This,

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Toliver's 25 points lead No. 3 Maryland in win



Irish guard Lindsay Schrader fights for the ball during Notre Dame's 75-59 loss to Maryland on Friday at College Park, Md.

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

The 25-point performance of Terrapins guard Kristi Toliver led No. 3 Maryland to a 75-59 win over Notre Dame on Friday in the semifinals of the preseason NIT.

Toliver scored 25 points on 10-of-15 shooting and made five of

seven 3-point attempts. The Terrapins as a team made 12 three-pointers in the game at College Park, Md.

"She's an All-American, for sure, and definitely one of the best point guards in the country," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said after the game. "We could not contain her in

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HOCKEY

Icers sweep WMU in weekend series

By KYLE CASSILY
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No. 10 Notre Dame smothered Western Michigan's offense in a sweep of the league opponent this weekend, surrendering only 23 shots in two games.

The Irish (9-4, 7-2 CCHA) defeated the Broncos 4-1 at home Friday night and then traveled to Kalamazoo, Mich., on Saturday where they won 5-1. Notre Dame put 71 shots on net in the two games, outshooting Western Michigan 44-12 on Friday.

"I think [Friday night] dealt with our forwards' ability to possess the puck, that's something we've been harping on all year — our inability to control the puck," Irish defenseman Dan VeNard said.

Western Michigan (3-7, 1-5

CCHA) was unable to sustain a forecheck in the Irish zone Friday for more than 20 seconds at a time, and it went on several 10-minute stretches when it got no shots on Notre Dame goalie Jordan Pearce. The Notre Dame offense, a young unit that has gelled in the last few weeks, scored two even-strength goals in the first game — something Irish coach Jeff Jackson had stressed as one of the team's weaknesses — and otherwise dominated the Broncos with superb cycling and a barrage of shots.

"We controlled the tempo for probably seventy-five percent of the game from the offensive zone perspective and our work ethic," Jackson said. "We spent a lot of time working on that early in the week, and we spent a lot of time working on defen-

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