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New research park breaks ground

Facilities will support high-level research; first building to be finished in 2009

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Notre Dame joined forces with the South Bend community Friday to break ground on the construction of Innovation Park at Notre Dame, a technology park focused on transforming high-level research from theory to practical application, University Provost Thomas Burish said at the groundbreaking ceremony.

The aim of the park is to "facilitate the transformation of innovative ideas into viable marketplace ventures," according to the company's mission statement.

Innovation Park will foster research in areas such as aerospace, the environment, nanoelectronics, life sciences and more, Burish said.

It will be a learning environment for students and will hopefully make South Bend more economically vibrant, he said.

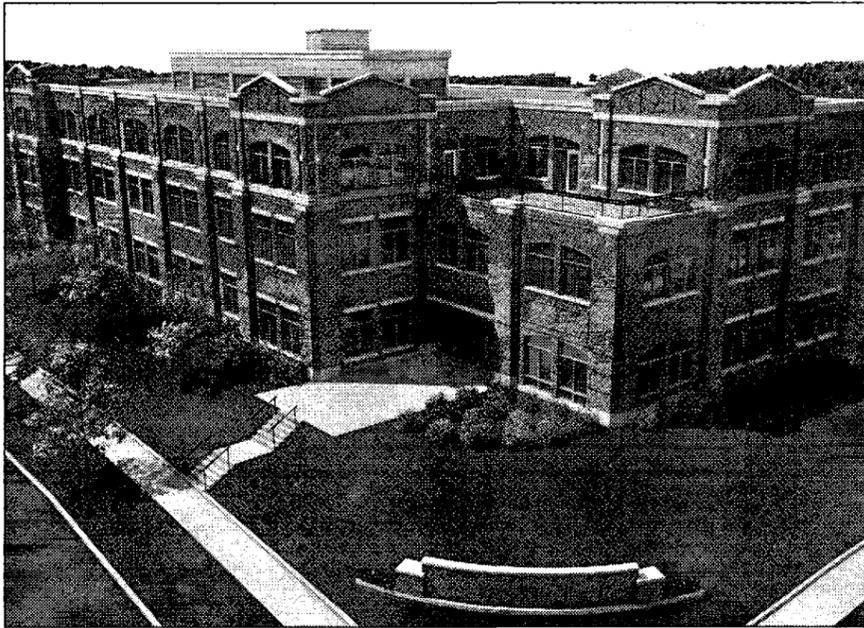


Photo Courtesy of Innovation Park

An artist's rendering shows the future Innovation Park at Notre Dame. University and community officials broke ground for the research facility Friday.

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First election debate draws ND viewers

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Associate News Editor

The Coleman-Morse Lounge is usually deserted weekend nights, except for the presence perhaps of a few stalwart studiers, but last Friday the lounge was packed with Notre Dame students and some parents for the first presidential debate.

Similar scenes played out across campus in lounges and dorm rooms and throughout South Bend in apartments and houses, as students started off their weekends by tuning into the first matchup between Democratic candidate Sen. Barack Obama and Republican Sen. John McCain.

Jim Lehrer, PBS news anchor, moderated the debate. The first of three scheduled debates between the two candidates focused on foreign policy and national security — as well as questions about the finan-

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Saint Mary's professor writes body image book

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Ask any woman about her personal feelings towards her body and odds are that she is discontented about something. Body dissatisfaction is most commonly associated with eating disorders, but it encompasses much more, Bettina Spencer, associate professor of psychology said. Terri Russ, an associate professor at Saint Mary's College set out to prove just that, she said.

Russ's book "Bi***n' Bodies: Young Women Talk About Body Dissatisfaction" started as a seminar essay for a class on friendship in the fall of 2000, she said. Thinking she would find a myriad of information about friendship and body dissatisfaction, she was surprised at the lack of available information, Russ said.

"There was information about ways the media affects how women view themselves and about eating disorders," Russ said. "But there was nothing about how women live with body dissatisfaction, how they talk about it."

Eight years later, her research has developed into her first solo publication, she said.

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Duncan reveals 'Highlander' mascot

By ROBERT SINGER
Sports Writer

A band of highlanders from Duncan Hall breached the gates of the Joyce Center on Friday evening to help host the pep rally. The other host dorms were Lyons Hall, St. Edward's Hall, Walsh Hall, Lewis Hall and Badin Hall.

Though the name "Highlander" was announced a week ago, it marked the first time that the Duncan mascot has been displayed to the public.

Many Duncan Hall residents in attendance sported T-shirts

bearing the official design, a silhouette of the Scottish warrior. Others heeded the battle cry, donning kilts and war paint and arming themselves with plastic swords and shields.

They were pleased with their mascot, emphasizing its toughness.

"It's intimidating; it's Braveheart meets Notre Dame," senior Graham Austin said.

Other Duncan residents at the pep rally commented that the choice was a good fit for their dorm's Scottish heritage.

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JESS LEE/The Observer

Residents of Duncan Hall dressed in costume for Friday's pep rally where their new mascot, the Highlander, was revealed.

Gryffindor defeats Slytherin on Stepan Fields



Photo Courtesy of John Fullard and Peter Mushenheim

Notre Dame students organized and played a game of Quidditch, the fictional game from the Harry Potter series, Saturday.

ND students organize, play Quidditch game

By JENN METZ
News Editor

If you paid attention to the scoreboard during Saturday's Irish victory over the Boilermakers of Purdue, you would have seen something strange appear between the results of other football games across the nation: Gryffindor: 170, Slytherin 60.

No, you weren't dreaming. The score of a land Quidditch match, based on the immensely popular game for wizards, was displayed Saturday, much to the surprise of the members of the rival House teams.

"I guess the score got up there

by magic," junior Tamuto Takakura, of Gryffindor, said.

Takakura, and nine other Notre Dame students suited up in their Quidditch robes — meaning regular athletic apparel and capes of either scarlet or forest green — to play the magical sport, adapted, of course, for Muggles.

Junior Tim Latham, who played for Slytherin, told The Observer how one plays the game — typically played on flying broomsticks — on land.

"Exactly the way you would if you were a wizard," he said. "Except you put a broom between your legs and run

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INSIDE COLUMN

Ethan: 'Lost' and found

Ethan, I thought you were out of my life forever.

Last year, over Christmas break, I had my tonsils removed and a deviated septum fixed in my nose. For a few weeks, I couldn't do much except eat soft food, pop Percocet like it was candy and watch "Lost."

I never got into "Lost" when it first premiered, but when I was stuck at home in the recliner, I decided it would be a good time to check it out.



Chris Hine

Editor-in-Chief

Like millions of others (no pun intended), I became instantly hooked, and stayed up late at night watching the DVDs.

For those of you who aren't fans of the show, Ethan was an "other," or someone who was on the island before the plane crashed in the first episode.

He gave me nightmares. He tried to abduct Claire, a pregnant woman on the island, then, he tried to kill another character, Charlie.

But what really got to me was his face.

Ethan just had this face that scared the crap out of me. And when you're watching TV at 2 a.m., all the lights are off and everyone's asleep, seeing Ethan's face, full of mysteriously bad intentions, is enough to send chills up your spine.

When I was younger, I hated the dark. I dreaded having to turn off all the lights and walk up our stairs by myself, completely in the dark. I never felt that way for years — then I saw Ethan. For about a week, as I walked up the steps, I was afraid that Ethan, his creepily grinning face illuminated by the glow of a nightlight, was waiting to kill me at the top of the staircase.

Then, (spoiler alert) after a few more episodes and few nights of waking up in a cold sweat, Charlie killed Ethan. Now, even when Ethan shows up in a flashback, I don't care because I know he gets killed. So no more worries — until now.

Ethan is still alive. How do I know? I saw him getting lunch in South Dining Hall on Friday.

I was walking out of the DH with two friends, both of whom are also "Lost" fans, when we spotted him making his way around the stations. I have trouble with faces, but not his. The second I saw it I knew it was him and so did my friends. But why would he be at Notre Dame?

It turns out Ethan is played by an actor named William Mapother, who, according to his official website, graduated from Notre Dame in 1987 with a degree in English Literature. Dan Murphy, an Observer sports editor, told me Mr. Mapother spoke to one of his classes last week, and I'm sure he stayed for the football game.

I regret this now, but I didn't approach Mr. Mapother to say "hi" or tell him about all the nightmares he gave me a few months ago. Plus, I'm sure he's probably tired of people saying "Hey, are you Ethan." I'm sure he'll be hearing enough of that the rest of his life.

Thankfully, I've slept the past two nights without any problems, but my mind will never be completely at ease.

Even if he is a Domer, Ethan is still out there.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU GOT TO MEET SARAH PALIN IN PERSON, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?



Jenni Ross
senior off-campus

"I can see Canada from my house."



David Onuscheck
senior off-campus

"I think global warming is God hugging us closer too."



Tim Scallen
senior off-campus

"Hot for teacher,' by VanHalen."



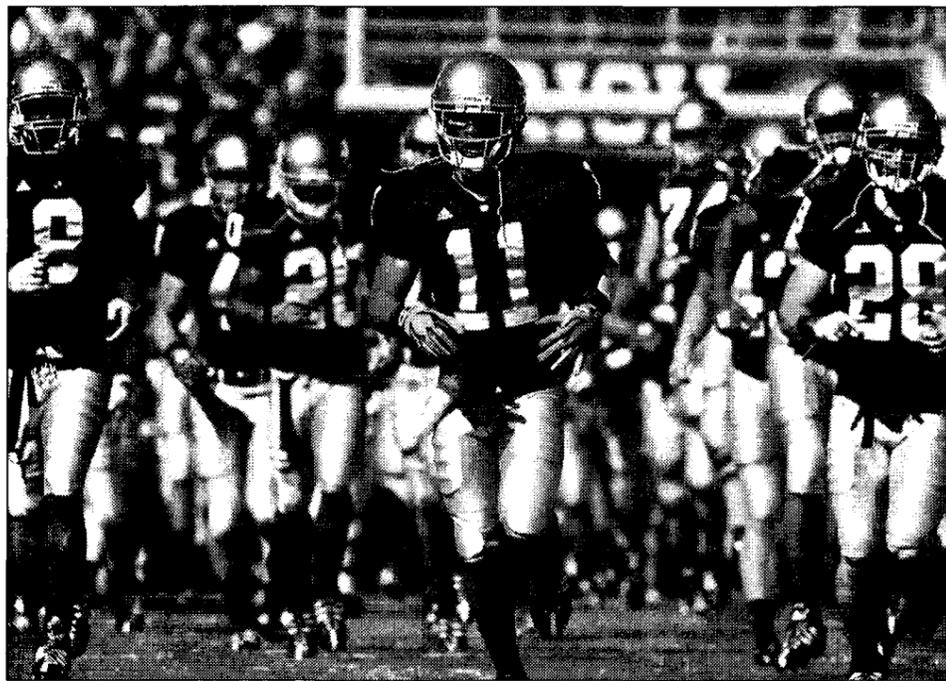
Jared McBrady
junior Knott

"Will you marry me?"



Matt Thomas
junior Knott

"Will you marry him?"



DAN COOPER/The Observer

Notre Dame's Raeshon McNeil, David Grimes and Kyle McCarthy run out of the tunnel into the stadium during Notre Dame's game against Purdue Saturday.

IN BRIEF

A lecture entitled, "Women & Conflict: Does Transitional Justice Have a Gender?" on Monday from 12 to 1:30 p.m. will be given by Nahla Valji, of the Transitional Justice Programme, Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation, Cape Town, South Africa. This event is free, open to the public, and located in C-103 Hesburgh Center. It is sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

The Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy, in conjunction with the Hispanic Law Students Association, is sponsoring "Yearning to Breathe Free: Immigrants and the American Dream," a symposium on immigration, on Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Law School courtroom.

Haiti experts from campus and abroad will be leading Round Table Discussions on Tuesday, from 7-9 p.m. in McKenna Hall entitled "Why Haiti?"

The film, "The Fog of War" a documentary about the life of former U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara will be shown on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center. The film, directed by Errol Morris, follows McNamara's life from WWII through the Vietnam War. It won the 2004 Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature and the Independent Spirit Award for Best Documentary Feature.

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

OFFBEAT

Woman finds bat in coffee filter after drinking

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — It wasn't just the caffeine that gave an Iowa woman an extra jolt after she had her morning coffee. It was also the bat she found in the filter.

The Iowa Department of Public Health says the woman reported a bat in her house but wasn't too worried about it. She turned on her automatic coffee maker before bedtime and drank her coffee the next morning.

She discovered the bat in the filter when she went to clean it that night. The

woman has undergone treatment for possible rabies.

Health officials say that the bat was sent to a lab but that its brain was too cooked by the hot water to determine whether it had rabies.

Man steals uniform, poses as Dodger

LOS ANGELES — A man faces criminal charges for allegedly stealing a uniform from Dodger Stadium and posing as one of the team's players.

Ronald Higgins pleaded not guilty to several charges Friday, including burglary

and trespassing.

The 47-year-old Higgins was arrested Wednesday morning after a security guard found him walking on the field in a Dodgers uniform and holding a glove with two balls. Higgins allegedly identified himself as a Dodgers player, but the guard recognized him from an earlier incident and called police.

Prosecutors say Higgins' clothes were later found in the bat boys' locker room. It was not immediately clear where he got the uniform.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 71 LOW 55	HIGH 56 LOW 52	HIGH 61 LOW 48	HIGH 64 LOW 43	HIGH 57 LOW 40	HIGH 64 LOW 43

Charity walk attracts over 75 dogs

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer



MEGAN HRDLICKA/The Observer

South Bend area residents brought their dogs to campus Sunday for the third annual Domer Doggy Walk.

Yesterday afternoon, the Notre Dame and South Bend area community came together in front of the Rockne Memorial to participate in the 3rd Annual Domer Doggy Walk.

The dog walk's proceeds go to the St. Joseph County Spay Neuter Assistance Program, or SJC-SNAP, a program that helps overpopulation in the St. Joseph County area, according to the pamphlet handed out to participants.

Around 75 dogs and their owners showed up to participate, said head coordinator, senior Meghan O'Donoghue.

The walk and corresponding charity were founded three years ago by the Animal Welfare and the Human Animal Bond class taught by Professors Michelle Whaley and Kay Stewart, said Whaley.

"The charity that the walk is supporting is important ... The Saint Joseph County Spay Neuter Assistance Program, Inc., a not for profit organization, will assist low income pet owners with spay or neuter surgeries and educate the community on pet overpopulation, the value of pet sterilization, and responsible pet ownership," Whaley said.

O'Donoghue is also president of the Pre-vet club, which organized the event with the Biology club and the Animal Welfare class, Whaley said.

"I love this event because it gives everyone a chance to meet other dog lovers," Meghan O'Donoghue said. "I

especially like seeing professors and other employees at Notre Dame in this aspect, because it shows a completely different side of their lives. It's just a fun day to get together, take your dog for a walk, and raise money for a good cause."

Registration started at noon in front of the Rockne Memorial, and the blessing of the animals took place at 1 p.m.

Other events scheduled were the one and two-mile walks around the lakes, spray-on doggy tattoos, and contests, according to the pamphlet.

Before the walk began, Father Michael Driscoll gave the blessing of the animals. A dog owner himself, Father Driscoll was asked by the Biology department to give the blessing at last year's and this year's event said Driscoll. Father Driscoll read the blessing from the steps

of the Rockne Memorial. The dogs and owners were blessed as they made their ways to the walk.

Walkers brought their pets and feelings towards the issue at hand.

Chris, from Mishawaka, and Hershey, her miniature schnauzer, came out to support the program's charity.

"Overpopulation is sad," Chris said. "That's why I'm excited about the charity."

Volunteers from local shelters, like The Humane Society and Pet Refuge, were also in attendance.

Abby, from Clay Township and a volunteer at Pet Refuge, brought Nemo, her own dog, and Chloe, a dog that she is fostering, to the Walk.

"It's nice, just coming out, seeing other dogs, and having fun," she said.

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Century-old statue protects College

St. Michael statue on Saint Mary's campus has history of watching over students, Sisters

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

In front of Augusta Hall on Saint Mary's College campus stands a statue of Saint Michael the Archangel.

"It's a very impressive statue," said Saint Mary's Archive Director John Kovach.

According to a 1906 narrative written by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, St. Michael was placed on its pedestal in that year.

Kovach said that the statue was built on May 5, 1906. This date marked the fifty-year anniversary of Saint Mary's at its present site, he said. The statue still stands in its original location watching over the Sisters of the Holy Cross and Holy Cross Hall, he said.

The statue appeared in the June 1906 edition of the Saint Mary's Chimes. According to Chimes, the statue is "of Italian workmanship, is of white marble, and is nine feet high; the massive pedestal on which it rests is of granite."

According to a monetary record from the sisters' narrative, the statue was first thought of after "Exhibition Hall known as St. Michael's Chapel" was set on fire. After the fire, a statue was promised to St. Michael with all of the buildings placed under his care, the narrative said.

According to the Chimes, "The Great Archangel is one of St. Mary's special patrons and his protection is invoked against fire and pestilence." Funds were collected for the statue as early as 1880, according to a monetary record from the sisters' narrative.

The present statue is surrounded by lights, which read, "Who is like unto God." The "crimson lights" were first lit on September 14, 1906, the narrative said. According to Kovach, the lights were lit during the blessing.

"The light on St. Michael had always been on since the statue was dedicated. At some point in time there were some financial difficulties for either the college or the congregation, so the decision was made to turn the lights off," Kovach said. "The very first night that the lights were off there was this fire in a barn [on campus]. Once that happened, the decision was made that whatever happens, the lights above St. Michael need to always be on."

Saint Mary's junior Mia Cipperoni said, "I think there's truth in the story. I think when you try to take away from what God is trying to let you see and what you learn everyday, he will punish you in a way."

Since that point in time the lights above the statue have always remained lit, Kovach said. "It's a very beautiful statue, and the story is very interesting to know and share with future generations," said



LIZ HARTER/The Observer

The St. Michael statue stands near Holy Cross Hall at Saint Mary's.

Saint Mary's freshman Jordan Bartrom.

According to a document written by Sister M. Campion Kuhn provided by Sister Kathryn Callahan, Records Director with the Congregation, "There were other nearly miraculous occasions."

Each occasion serves to prove that St. Michael watches over the sisters and students of Saint Mary's and continues to protect them from fire incidents, according to the document. The document serves to explain the sisters' devotion to St. Michael.

During the summer of 1961, Sister Redempta smelled a burning scent in the kitchen of Saint Mary's Convent. Both the Notre Dame Fire Department and the South Bend Fire Department responded.

After searching, no source of fire was found. The Notre Dame Fire Department continued searching and found that the beams above the stoves were blackened and charred. The ceiling would have collapsed and fallen on the floor where the Sisters lived had this not been discovered.

Another occasion was on April 2, 1953. Flames and smoke were seen in the chemistry lab in Holy Cross Hall. Miraculously, the fire did not spread beyond the chemistry room, although there was noticeable smoke damage throughout the building.

In 1995 smoke was found in the south half of Augusta Hall. All of the Sisters were safely evacuated and fire was prevented.

The statue remains standing today to protect Saint Mary's students, as well as the Sisters of the Holy Cross, the document said.

"The fact that it has such a long standing tie to St. Mary's College, and to see that there's still interest in the statue I think is pretty neat," said Kovach.

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The bus is coming.

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Book

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Russ' book made its debut Thursday night at Saint Mary's Student Center as the closing event of "Love Your Body Week," put on by the campus' Women's Resource Center, Feminists United and the Women's Studies Program.

Saint Mary's Women's Studies Program and Communications, Dance and Theatre Department also collaborated to put together the event. The event was free and open to the public.

The night's events included a book reading and signing by the author and a student interpretive dance performance entitled "Because of Barbies and other Dumb Broads." Members of the Saint Mary's Dance Company performed the dance, choreographed by Saint Mary's alumna Jaclyn Thompson. The dance illustrated how intense pressures can lead to body dissatisfaction and how this can become a competition between women — even to the point of downright fighting. Hannah Fischer, one of the performers, knows that the dance was not simply for entertainment; it shared an important message of body dissatisfaction that hits home for women of all ages.

"The dance was not designed and then handed to us," Fischer said. "It was created to represent our own experiences. It's something that every woman goes through and can relate to."

"Bi***n' Bodies is a combination of Russ' voice with the

voices of the women she interviewed for her research, she said. Each chapter opens with one woman's story and all chapter titles are direct quotes from the women interviewed. Russ chose to publish her research in this format because she wanted to be able to share it with women of all backgrounds, not just those who are familiar with an academic tone.

"I wanted to extend the reach of academic research to make it accessible for a varied audience," she said. "That's why I've taken the voice that I have. I want to share information with them, not talk at them."

Both the topic and the style in which the book is written appealed to students present at the book release. Lauren Toth, one of Russ' students, is excited to read the book.

"I think that the coolest part about it is the stories at the beginning of all the chapters," Toth said. "That's why I want to read it. I like the kind of stories that make me feel like I'm not the only one who feels this way."

The book is available at Saint Mary's Bookstore. Russ has a blog by the same name as the book that deals with the same issues and has opportunities for discussion, she said. In addition to the blog, Russ is currently working on a complement to her first publication, a book titled "B***n' Back," an anthology of essays, stories, artwork, and poems about personal body dissatisfactions composed by men and women of all ages, she said.

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Quidditch

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around like a fool."

For those unfamiliar with the traditional rules, each Quidditch team normally consists of seven players: three Chasers, two Beaters, one Keeper and one Seeker. Full explanation of the rules can be found in "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

The two teams who played Saturday were made up of 10 residents of Knott and Pasquerilla West Halls. One Chaser and one Beater were removed from each roster.

Peter Mushenheim, who did not know that much about Quidditch prior to playing, was one of the organizers of the match. To get people involved, he scheduled an event on Facebook.

The only preparation for the match was a group watching of "Wizard People, Dear Reader: An Unauthorized Retelling of Harry Potter," by Brad Neely, he said.

Mushenheim and his roommates bought brooms and fabric for capes for the match.

"Luckily, there were many novelty brooms available due to the current proximity to Halloween," he said.

His roommate, Michael Croteau, worked on the capes.

"Peter and I magicked the capes out of red and green fabric we bought at Walmart," Croteau said.

The original plan for the con-

struction of the three hoops at each end of the match was to use Hula hoops, but due to their high cost, Mushenheim and company decided to "improvise and make goals out of cardboard, which were suspended from the cross-bars of the soccer goals," he said.

Latham, the Slytherin Beater, had the job of attacking pegging

Chasers in possession of the Quaffle — a volleyball painted yellow with a smiley face "for a touch of irony," he said.

Since Muggles are at a disadvantage, owing to the lack of magical devices,

the Snitch, a hard-to-see golden ball that awards its finder with 150 additional points, is played by a human, who is completely visible.

John Fullard, the Snitch on Saturday, wore yellow, Latham said. He began the game by throwing up the Quaffle — a volleyball — and was given a grace period to exit the pitch before the Seekers on each team could attempt to catch him, or rather, catch the sock attached to the back of his pants.

The human Snitch is allowed to run all round the pitch, and can leave the pitch whenever he wants "just like the real Snitch could," Latham said.

Fullard ran, "taunting the combating teams whilst evading capture," Mushenheim said.

Fullard was responsible for bringing the magical sport to campus. After seeing a clip on YouTube of CBS sports personality Greg Gumbel covering a

Quidditch match between Princeton and Middlebury, he decided he and his friends should start playing.

Mushenheim said the group decided they needed "a tradition for before home football games," like the North Quad croquet players.

"We decided that Quidditch would be our signature event," he said.

To the best of Mushenheim's knowledge, last Saturday's match was the first time a game of organized Quidditch was played at Notre Dame.

He said he feels "that this has the potential to grow on campus. If there is enough interest, we may consider applying for club [or] Interhall activity status in the future."

"At the very least, we plan on playing before every home game," he said.

On Saturday, Croteau and Keaton VanBeveren each scored one goal for Gryffindor. Lauren Demeter caught the Snitch, winning the game for her team.

For Slytherin: Mushenheim scored five goals and Felix Salazar, called "the heir to Slytherin" by Mushenheim, scored one goal.

The match was held at Stepan Fields. Attendance at the game included "family, tailgaters, and a suspicious looking helicopter," Mushenheim said.

As far as a possible tournament, Mushenheim is open to challengers. "We only have supplies for two teams," he said. "So if others want to take up the other two houses ad compete with us ... they should show up on Saturday."

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**Peter Mushenheim
Junior**

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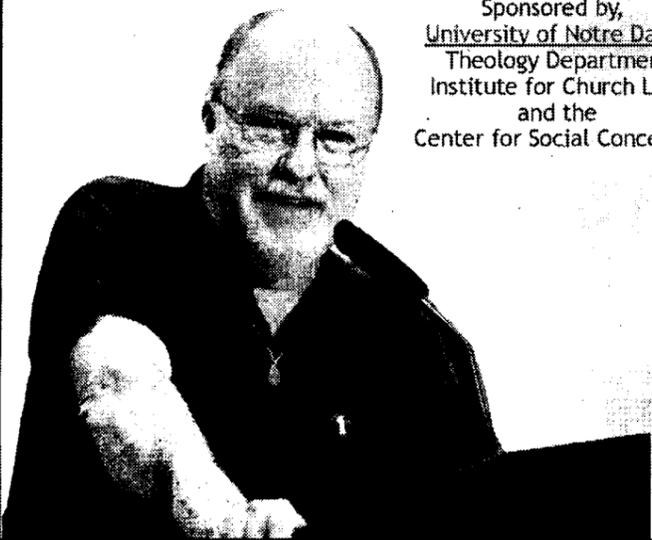
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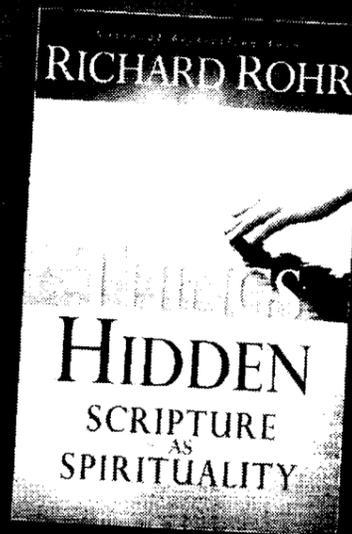
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Alleged tampering in Belarus election

MINSK, Belarus — Belarusians voted Sunday in parliamentary elections that opposition leaders insisted were already rigged, despite promises by the country's authoritarian leader that international voting standards were followed.

President Alexander Lukashenko welcomed more than 400 election monitors from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to prove his country is embracing democratic reforms. In national elections four years ago, the opposition wasn't even allowed to run.

"It will be very difficult for the observers not to recognize these elections," Lukashenko said after casting his ballot Sunday.

A total of 263 candidates, including 70 from the opposition, were competing in Sunday's elections for 110 parliamentary seats.

China's spacewalk team returns home

BEIJING — Three Chinese astronauts emerged from their capsule Sunday after a milestone mission to carry out the country's first spacewalk, showing off China's technological know-how and cementing its status as a space power and future competitor to the United States.

A senior space official said the mission — China's most ambitious yet — took the country one step closer in its plan to build a space station and then to land a man on the moon.

Wang Zhaoyao, deputy director of manned space flight, said the program is looking to launch a new orbiting vehicle and set up a simple space lab by 2011. There are also hopes of sending unmanned and manned space vehicles to perform docking activities with the target vehicle.

By 2020, China wants to launch a manned mission to experiment with technologies that will enable astronauts to take care of spacecraft for longer periods of time, Wang told reporters.

NATIONAL NEWS

Maryland helicopter crash kills four

DISTRICT HEIGHTS, Md. — A medevac helicopter taking accident victims to a trauma center crashed in suburban Washington early Sunday, killing four of the five people aboard, authorities said.

The accident killed two police officers on board, one of them the pilot. Also killed were an Emergency Medical Services staffer and one of the accident victims, said Mark Brady, a spokesman for the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department.

A second accident victim survived the crash, which happened near Andrews AFB.

Officials lost radio contact with the craft, known as Trooper 2, around 12:30 a.m. as it was headed to the base, according to a press release from the Maryland State Police. The crew had radioed in that it needed to land due to weather conditions. After an intensive search, public safety officials found the downed helicopter on a park trail.

UCLA group finds new prime number

LOS ANGELES — Mathematicians at UCLA have discovered a 13 million-digit prime number, a long-sought milestone that makes them eligible for a \$100,000 prize.

The group found the 46th known Mersenne prime last month on a network of 75 computers running Windows XP. The number was verified by a different computer system running a different algorithm.

"We're delighted," said UCLA's Edson Smith, the leader of the effort. "Now we're looking for the next one, despite the odds."

LOCAL NEWS

Principal faces two years in prison

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — A former high school assistant principal who admitted that he had a sexual relationship with a student has been sentenced to two years in prison.

Kristopher J. Sennett, 36, was sentenced Friday after pleading guilty in July to two counts of child seduction for his sexual relationship with the girl, a 17-year-old Wayne High School student.

Sennett wept as an Allen County judge sentenced him to two years in prison and a year on probation. As deputies led him away in handcuffs, Sennett's wife, Tami, called out "I love you."

Maine under tropical storm warning

Residents brace for severe weather, power outages as Hurricane Kyle approaches

Associated Press

MACHIAS, Maine — Fishermen moved boats to shelter from a rare burst of tropical weather along Maine's rugged eastern coast Sunday as a weakening Hurricane Kyle spun past on its way to Canada, threatening a glancing blow equivalent to a classic nor'easter.

A hurricane watch for Maine was discontinued Sunday, but a tropical storm warning remained in effect from Stonington, at the mouth of Penobscot Bay, to Eastport on the Canadian border, the National Hurricane Center said. The Canadian Hurricane Centre issued a hurricane warning for parts of southwestern Nova Scotia, with tropical storm warnings for parts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

The Category 1 storm's track was expected to bring its center ashore in southwestern Nova Scotia late Sunday, but by then it is expected to have less than hurricane strength, said Peter Bowyer of the Canadian center in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

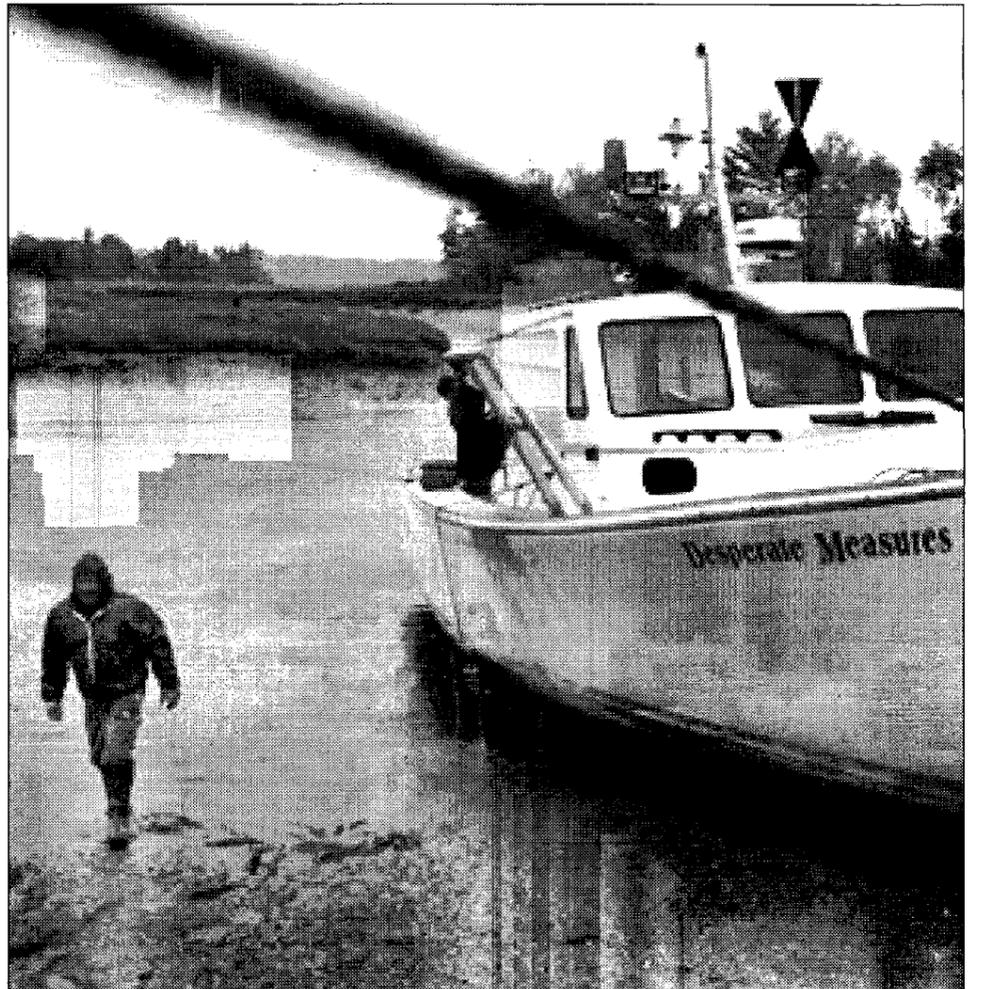
There were no immediate plans for evacuations in Maine, although residents were warned of potential power outages and interruptions in ferry services to islands.

Heavy rain lashed the state Sunday for a third straight day. As much as 5.5 inches had already fallen along coastal areas. Flood watches were in effect for the southern two-thirds of New Hampshire and southern Maine through Sunday evening.

Maine emergency responders had been bracing for wind gusts as high as 60 mph and waves up to 20 feet, but as the storm pushed toward the Canadian Maritime Provinces, it became clear that the state was escaping a direct hit.

Officials still expect strong winds and "the attendant power outages," Lynette Miller, spokeswoman for the Maine Emergency Management Agency, said Sunday evening. "We're cautiously optimistic that things will not be as bad as we originally feared."

Residents of the area, which New Englanders refer to as Down East, are accustomed to



Lobstermen in Milbridge, Maine take precautions to protect their boat from Hurricane Kyle on Sunday.

rough weather, but it most often comes in the winter when nor'easters howl along the coast. Maine hasn't had anything like a hurricane since Bob was downgraded as it moved into the state in 1991 after causing problems in southern New England.

While residents took precautions, many weren't impressed by Kyle.

"It probably won't be much different than a Nor'easter except we don't have to deal with the snow," said Jesse Davis of Marshfield, who planned to ride out the wind and rain at home with his wife and 2-month-old daughter. He gassed up his vehicles and generator, took in his deck furniture and filled up water jugs, but said that's what he does for any big storm.

"Down East we get storms

with 50 to 60 mph winds every winter. Those storms can become ferocious," said Washington County Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Hinerman. Down East is the rugged, sparsely populated area from about Bar Harbor to the Canadian border.

Many lobstermen moved their boats to sheltered coves, said Dwight Carver, a lobsterman on Beals Island. Some also moved lobster traps from shallow water.

"I'm sure we'll have a lot of snarls, a lot of mess, to take care of when it's done," Carver said. "It'll take us a few days to straighten things out."

In Lubec, the easternmost town in the U.S., town workers pulled up docks and fishermen moved boats across the harbor into Campobello Island, New Brunswick, which has coves

and wharves that offer shelter.

At 5 p.m. EDT Sunday, Kyle was centered about 180 miles southwest of Halifax, Nova Scotia, the National Hurricane Center said. It was moving toward the north-northeast at nearly 25 mph and was expected to continue that track for the next day or so.

Kyle's maximum sustained wind was blowing at nearly 75 mph, or just barely hurricane strength. The storm was expected to lose its tropical characteristics late Sunday or early Monday.

Emergency Measures officials in New Brunswick were concerned that people living inland were not taking the storm warnings seriously enough.

"We're talking to people on the street and they're shrugging this off," said spokesman Ernie MacGillvray.

SOMALIA

Pirates demand \$20 million ransom

Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — As a heavily armed U.S. destroyer patrolled nearby and planes flew overhead Sunday, a Somali pirate spokesman told The Associated Press his group was demanding a \$20 million ransom to release a cargo ship loaded with Russian tanks.

The spokesman also warned that the pirates would fight to the death if any country tried military action to regain the ship, and a man who said he was the ship's captain reported that one crew member had died.

Pirates seized the Ukrainian-operated ship Faina off the coast of Somalia on Thursday as it headed to Kenya carrying 33 Russian-built T-72 tanks and a substantial amount of ammunition and spare parts. The ordnance was ordered by the Kenyan government.

The guided missile destroyer USS Howard was stationed off the Somali coast on Sunday, making sure that the pirates did not remove the tanks, ammunition and other heavy weapons from the ship, which was anchored off the coast.

A spokesman for the U.S. 5th fleet said the Navy remained "deeply con-

cerned" over the fate of the ship's 21-member crew and cargo.

In a rare gesture of cooperation, the Americans appeared to be keeping an eye on the Faina until the Russian missile frigate Neustrashimy, or Intrepid, reaches the area. The Russian ship was still in the Atlantic on Sunday, the Russian navy reported.

Pirate spokesman Sugule Ali said he was speaking Sunday from the deck of the Faina via a satellite phone — and verified his location by handing the phone over to the ship's captain, who also spoke with the AP. It was not possible to further confirm their identities.

Debate

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cial crisis on Wall Street — and took place at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Miss.

Lehrer asked the candidates to describe where they stood on the proposed financial recovery plan, whether there were fundamental differences between the two candidates' approaches to relieving the financial crisis and what spending cuts the next president will be forced to make as a result of the proposed bailout.

The questions then turned to foreign policy, with Lehrer asking the candidates what they believed the lessons of Iraq were, whether more troops should be sent to Afghanistan, what threat Iran poses, their thoughts on Russia and what the candidates believed were the chances of another Sept. 11-type attack on American soil.

ND Votes '08, a non-partisan campaign of the Center for Social Concerns, hosted the debate watch in Coleman-Morse.

Senior Mallory Laurel, a co-chair for ND Votes '08, said she was "pleasantly surprised" by how many students took part in the group's debate watch. Laurel said she thought Lehrer did a good job moderating the debate.

"I liked him. I think he lets the candidates speak," she said. "He isn't too pushy of a moderator."

There was only slight vocal reaction from the group in Coleman-Morse to the candidates' answers, but many people laughed each time Lehrer tried to encourage the candidates to banter back and forth and address each other, rather than the moderator, in their answers.

Freshman Nicole Burson, a McCain supporter, watched the debates at Coleman-Morse. Afterwards, she said both candidates did a good job answering the questions, but that McCain did a better job.

"I felt McCain's parts were more substantial," she said.

A few buildings away from the Coleman-Morse debate watch, the Notre Dame College Democrats rooted for Obama in the first floor television lounge of LaFortune, club co-president Spencer Howard said. Howard said the first floor of LaFortune was overwhelmed with Obama supporters.

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College Democrats
co-president**

Howard said he thought Obama won the debate.

"He really handled himself well, especially on the economy," he said. "He definitely held his own on foreign policy, which was supposed to be

Sen. McCain's strong point."

The Notre Dame College Republicans had their own debate watch at club president Ed Yap's apartment.

"I think [McCain] won this debate," Yap said. "He showed how strong he is on foreign policy and how he would be the leader that leads us through this current war in Iraq, the war in Afghanistan and brings lasting peace to America."

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Yap said his apartment was crowded with McCain supporters, and also a few undecided voters. The crowd was enthusiastic, Yap said — they ran out of McCain-Palin stickers.

Two more presidential debates are scheduled, on Oct. 7 and Oct. 15.

ND Votes '08 will host a debate watch for the vice presidential debate between Republican candidate Gov. Sarah Palin and Democratic candidate Sen. Joe Biden on Thursday at 9 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

The Notre Dame Debate Team will provide post-debate commentary in the lounge at 10:30 p.m., according to an e-mail from ND Votes '08.

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Duncan

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"The Duncan family is Scottish, and Highlanders are Scotts, so we can at least do a tribute to them," freshman Nico Volsky said.

"Duncan is a Scottish name and we're right near the golf course, so we asked ourselves how we can build on the Scottish heritage?" senior Josh Uniewski said.

The Duncan family, the main benefactors of the hall, has ancestral roots in Scotland and will be visiting next week for the dorm's inauguration.

"We're trying to give a Scottish heart to our dorm which has a Scottish name," senior Chip Brady said. "We want to get the

campus excited because the Duncan family is here next week."

The dorm colors are based on the age-old Duncan tartan: a crisscrossing kilt pattern of royal blue and Kelly green, according to Austin, that symbolizes the family's Scottish legacy.

The design artist, senior Hugh Monahan, took many of these ideas into consideration with his portrayal of the Highlander.

"With the design itself, we wanted something that was intimidating and Scottish," he said. "We wanted something tough but also iconic."

The unveiling of the Duncan Highlander was just one of many highlights Friday evening. Also featured were performances by Harmonia, the all-women a cappella group of 16, and a D.L.C. — Dorm League Competition —

fought among the six host dorms of the pep rally.

The lions, gentlemen, highlanders, wild women, chicks, and bullfrogs battled it out in a single elimination tournament that featured musical chairs, a fill in the lyrics "singing bee," a paper airplane toss, crab walk, and hotdog eating contest.

St. Ed's senior Paul Macias anchored the final leg of the competition, bringing his dorm to victory over Lewis Hall by being the first to finish two hot dogs. Macias credited his success to his 6'2," 240 pound physique.

"The girl was very fit and I was not," he said. "But as Chuck Lennon said, I have the best student body in the nation."

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Park

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"[Innovation Park] will make Notre Dame a more complete university," Burish said.

President and CEO of Innovation Park at ND David Brenner said the park is a transformational space that will connect innovative ideas with experts who can carry them out. The park will act as a vehicle to accelerate viability and growth potential, he said.

"The growth potential goes well beyond the immediate footprint of these 12 acres," Brenner said, noting the possibility of spin offs for major corporations and opportunities to bring business to South Bend.

Brenner said that Notre Dame students will be able to benefit from Innovation Park as well.

"This, for the students, is going to be one of the greatest opportunities to see their

ideas come to life," he said.

The company will hire student interns to take part in research and turn their great ideas into reality, Brenner said.

"Students will have the opportunity to take what they have learned and turn it into something useful to society," he said.

South Bend mayor Stephen Luecke spoke at the event, emphasizing the importance of Innovation Park to South Bend as well as Notre Dame.

"Innovation Park will be a vital economic driver for this region," he said. "We will stimulate new jobs and investments throughout South Bend."

The city of South Bend is proud to join with Notre Dame in the endeavor, Luecke said.

"Innovation Park at Notre Dame is the new connector between Town and Gown," he said.

The South Bend community is excited about the research that will happen, but is more

excited to see the research turn into commercial projects that will be an economic driver in the region, Luecke said.

"Together we have an outstanding team that can do and will do make successes," he said. "This idea will succeed."

Indiana's Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman said Innovation Park will help provide a bright future for the state as a whole as well as the community.

"We couldn't be more pleased to have this tech park located here...Notre Dame is a great economic engine," Skillman said.

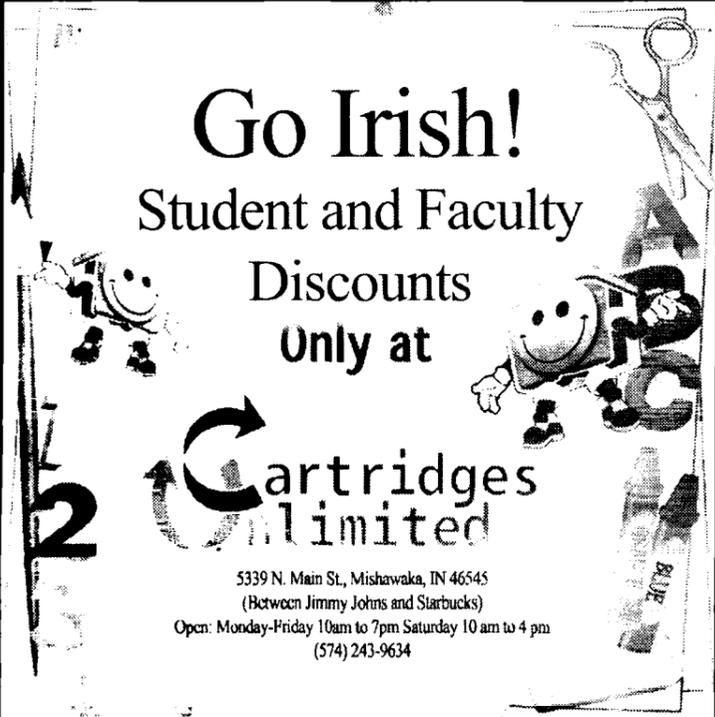
Indiana is becoming the location of choice for business around the Midwest and this is economic development at its finest, she said.

The park's first building is slated for completion in fall of 2009. It will fill 12 acres of land and house research labs, offices and conference rooms.

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IN BRIEF

Freight train brakeman sues railroad

LOS ANGELES — The brakeman on the freight train involved in a deadly collision with a commuter train filed a lawsuit Friday against the commuter railroad and the companies that provide its engineers.

The lawsuit, filed by Dominick Fravola and his wife, blames the defendants for not properly screening, supervising and training the Metrolink engineer who ran his commuter train past a red signal on Sept. 12 and collided with a Union Pacific freight train. Twenty-five people died in the crash, the nation's deadliest train accident since 1993.

"Basically the guy was asleep at the switch and not paying attention to what was going on around him," Fravola's attorney, Barry Novack, said of the Metrolink engineer, who was killed in the crash.

The lawsuit also names Veolia Transportation and its subsidiary, Connex Railroad, which employs the Metrolink engineers. It seeks an unspecified amount in damages, medical and psychological expenses and loss of income. Fravola's wife also seeks damages for loss of consortium.

The trains collided at a curve in the track near where a tunnel separates the Chatsworth area of Los Angeles from Simi Valley and Moorpark in Ventura County. Federal investigators have said the engineers had only seconds to brake before the other train came into view.

Farmers open 'green' restaurant

WASHINGTON — North Dakota farmers have spent \$6 million to open a pair of Washington restaurants, one just blocks from the White House, to showcase food from family farms. The newer eatery aims to be "Washington's greenest restaurant."

"We believe we are doing the right thing, doing it the right way, and the profit will come," says Ralph DeRose, general manager of Founding Farmers, a modern space with an environmentally friendly design.

The North Dakota Farmers Union, which has 42,000 members, has made the investment despite the economic downturn, high food prices and risks inherent in running a restaurant. With Founding Farmers, which opened this month, the group is betting on the success of a growing trend in the business: food straight from the farm, in a place with a green focus.

Agreement reached for rescue deal

The White House and Congressional leaders agree on terms for \$700 million bailout

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional leaders and the White House agreed Sunday to a \$700 billion rescue of the ailing financial industry after lawmakers insisted on sharing spending controls with the Bush administration. The biggest U.S. bailout in history won the tentative support of both presidential candidates and goes to the House for a vote Monday.

The plan, bollixed up for days by election-year politics, would give the administration broad power to use taxpayers' money to purchase billions upon billions of home mortgage-related assets held by cash-starved financial firms.

President Bush called the vote a difficult one for lawmakers but said he is confident Congress will pass it. "Without this rescue plan, the costs to the American economy could be disastrous," Bush said in a written statement released by the White House. He was to speak publicly about the plan early Monday morning, before U.S. markets open.

Flexing its political muscle, Congress insisted on a stronger hand in controlling the money than the White House had wanted. Lawmakers had to navigate between angry voters with little regard for Wall Street and administration officials who warned that inaction would cause the economy to seize up and spiral into recession.

A deal in hand, Capitol Hill leaders scrambled to sell it to colleagues in both parties and acknowledged they were not certain it would pass. "Now we have to get the votes," said Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., the majority leader.

The final legislation was released Sunday evening. House Republicans and Democrats met privately to review it and decide how they would vote.

"This isn't about a bailout of Wall Street, it's a buy-in, so that we can turn our econo-



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid discuss the financial crisis during a news conference on Sunday.

my around," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

The largest government intervention in financial markets since the Great Depression casts Washington's long shadow over Wall Street. The government would take over huge amounts of devalued assets from beleaguered financial companies in hopes of unlocking frozen credit.

"I don't know of anyone here who wants the center of the economic universe to be Washington," said a top negotiator, Sen. Chris Dodd, chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs

Committee. But, he added, "The center of gravity is here temporarily. ... God forbid it's here any longer than it takes to get credit moving again."

The plan would let Congress block half the money and force the president to jump through some hoops before using it all. The government could get at \$250 billion immediately, \$100 billion more if the president certified it was necessary, and the last \$350 billion with a separate certification — and subject to a congressional resolution of disapproval.

Still, the resolution could be vetoed by the president, meaning it would take extra-

large congressional majorities to stop it.

As Bush's team stepped up its efforts to corral reluctant Republicans, the White House released a letter from his budget chief, Jim Nussle, to Republicans saying the measure would cost taxpayers "considerably less" than its eye-popping \$700 billion total.

Lawmakers in both parties were poring over the 110-page bill; many were uncertain about how they would vote. Democratic leaders have made it clear they will not support the rescue unless a substantial number of Republicans join them.

Child pornography bill sent to President

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress is sending President Bush several bills that would tighten laws on child pornographers' use of the Internet.

The House on Friday passed by 418-0 a measure clarifying that images obtained over the Internet were subject to federal interstate commerce laws. The bill was in response to a federal court ruling that prosecutors must show that images kept on a computer had crossed state lines.

"This legislation closes the jurisdictional loophole that allowed a guilty man to escape punishment," said Rep. Nancy Boyda, D-Kan., the bill's sponsor.

The same legislation contained another bill sponsored by Rep. Christopher Carney, D-Pa., that would allow prosecutors to include

money laundering as a tool in child pornography cases. That would fix another loophole that has allowed Internet users to evade child pornography laws by not downloading or saving the images.

The House was also scheduled to take up legislation, passed by the Senate on Thursday, that would provide federal funds to create a nationwide network of trained law enforcement experts to address the problem of child exploitation.

The legislation, sponsored by Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., requires the Justice Department to develop a national strategy to fight child exploitation. It also requires the attorney general to set up a grant program to ensure that local agencies have the resources needed to create robust cyber units with highly trained investigators.

The bill contains a proposal by Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., to require more electronic service providers to report online child pornography and make failure to report known child pornography a federal crime.

Currently, Internet service providers are required to report child pornography to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The legislation would expand those companies with reporting obligations to include search engines such as Google and Yahoo!, social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace, domain name registrars and wireless phone carriers.

These companies would not be required to monitor Web sites, but the legislation would triple fines for knowing failure to report child pornography.

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As an op-ed writer, it's easy to fall into a solipsistic mindset about your small corner of the paper. After all, every week you have to convince yourself that your opinions are good enough to be out there for public consumption, and that you are writing on something worthy of comment. Which is why, in a situation familiar to anyone who has had to write a term paper at the last minute, every two weeks I stare at a blank computer screen in a desperate attempt to find anything worthwhile to say before my deadline passes, and even though something always ends up in the pages of this paper, it's probably far too self-congratulatory to hope that all — or even most — of what ends up here has been decent, let alone intelligent.

There are two main reasons I write this column, which I suspect are true for everyone else who contributes to this paper. Obviously, there is plain and simple egoism — the knowledge that several thousand pairs of eyes at least slide past your writing before going on to the sports page (especially on a Monday), and the hope that



Darryl Campbell

Speak Up, Please

Why I write

some of them even stop to read it. Deep down, writers are all quite selfish: They desire to be read, understood, talked about and, if they get particularly lucky, to be seen as at least clever, if not intelligent.

But during the course of these bi-monthly ego trips, I also try to make everyone who reads this column think just a little harder about the topics on which I write: education in general and Notre Dame in particular. Notre Dame boasts nearly 12,000 students, 5,000 faculty and staff and 120,000 or more alumni — and just as many opinions. Just last week, Viewpoint featured articles and letters about sustainability, parietsals, football, underage drinking and politics, among others. Yet every single person who reads this paper has (or has had) a personal stake in educational issues and in Notre Dame's intellectual life there is as much reason for our concern for educational issues to stop once we leave the classroom as there is for our concern for Notre Dame to stop once we set foot off campus.

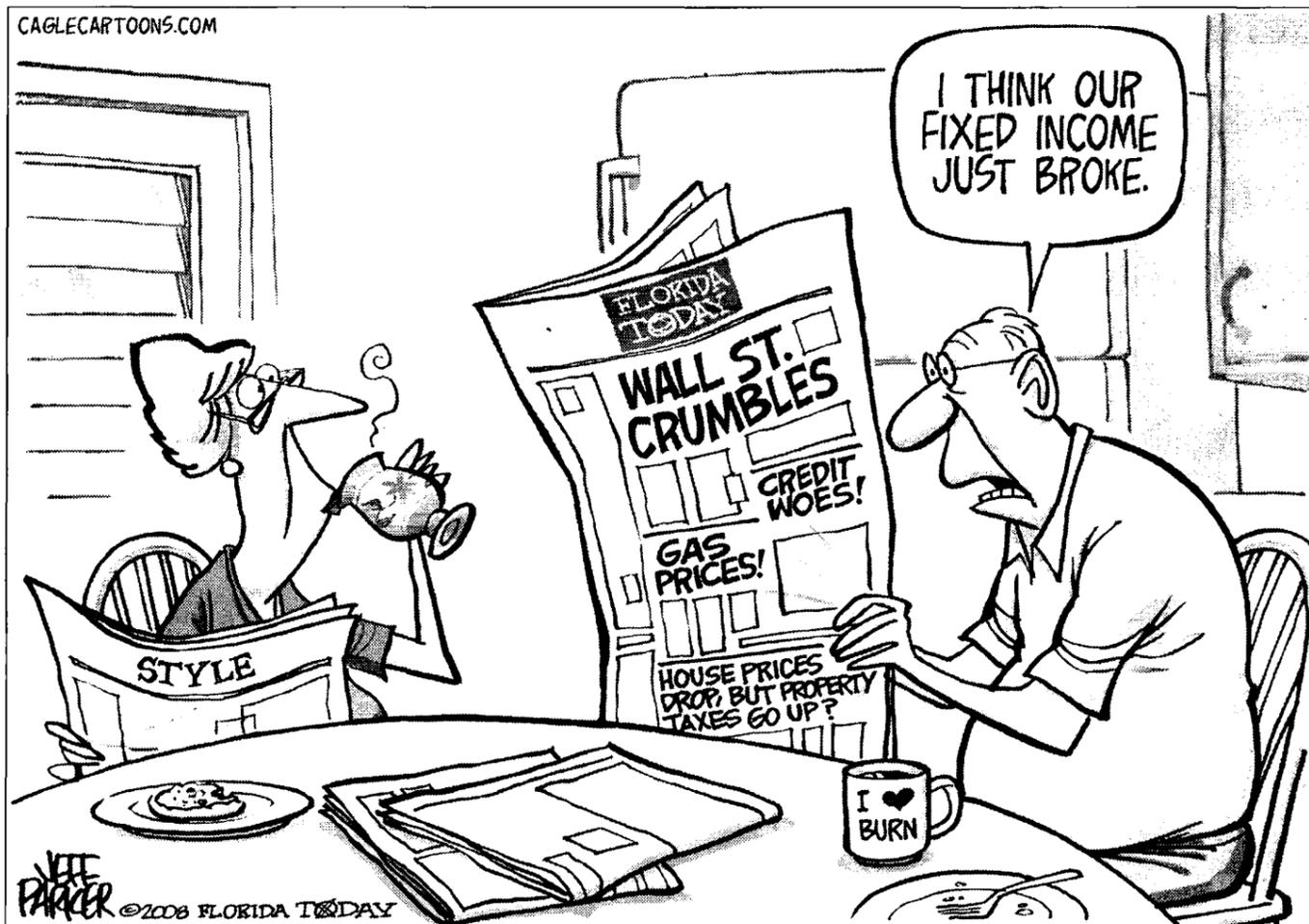
Still, there is also the risk that Viewpoint writers come off not like thoughtful, nuanced commentators but like gadflies and nitpickers, eternal malcontents who prefer to browbeat their audiences rather than to offer anything constructive. Between deadlines and word limits, op-ed pieces have pretty strict constraints and they are almost always half-baked. But for all their shortcomings,

they all serve a political purpose, not in the sense that each has an ideological axe to grind, but in the broad and very crude sense that they try and push people in a particular direction or to get them to realize that they should uphold a particular cause.

And at a time when politics and ideology are used interchangeably, when verisimilitude ("truthiness") is more important than truth itself, when some people think that political campaigns are a more trustworthy source of information than the media, and when it's easier to find a blog, a commentator, or a politician to think for you instead of doing the intellectual heavy lifting yourself, I really do believe that education and all its attendant side effects — critical and analytical thought, healthy measures both of skepticism and curiosity and the realization that there is more to the world than our own limited personal experience — is as important now as ever. I have strong opinions on the things that I write about simply because I care about them. If I didn't, then this column would probably be nothing more than artistic expression, and I'm not much of an artist.

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"Secrets are things we give to others to keep for us."

Elbert Hubbard
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't vote

Why not vote? Unfortunately, voting does not make you free and voting in this election will not make you any freer. The liberty and freedom this country was founded on, consistently paid lip service by politicians and citizens alike, have consistently eroded (when not denied altogether) since that foundation. Even if each voter had the unilateral ability with his or her vote to elect Obama or McCain, that will not end the inflation of the dollar, the theft through taxation of nearly half your day's work, the intervention abroad and the regulation and government entities that destroy our economy and wreak havoc socially.

Yes, many around the world and throughout history have suffered terrible injustices at the hands of even more oppressive governments than our own. However, that does

not justify the propagation of this government and its continued infringement of our freedom, economically, socially and personally.

While many will be voting for change in this election, the change I believe in cannot be attained at the voting booth. Stop telling me then why I should register and go to the polls in November, because morally I cannot support and practically I cannot stop the repression and the growth of power of the government through my vote.

John Plonka
 senior
 Zahm Hall
 Sept. 26

Notre Dame needs off-campus all-student neighborhood

Say what you will about Notre Dame's relationship with SBPD and the Excise police, but as long as we lack a true student neighborhood, we will continue to debate a never-ending issue. Let's face it, college students just don't mix with families. What baffles me is not the enforcement of the drinking laws, the response to neighbor complaints or the numerous busts I've seen in my four years here. The real issue is that nobody is attacking the root of the problem: we have no real student neighborhood or college town and nothing is in development. The Eddy Commons do not count because they lack student housing and bars — in an alleged college town! Sadly, despite all the developments around campus, nothing is working to give us students a decent place to be off campus. We have the Eddy Commons, Irish Crossings, Wexford Place, Dublin Village and the Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization, among others, and they are all specifically targeted at non-students. I cannot blame developers, but certainly the University is at fault here.

Notre Dame has the money, the influence and the available land (as shown by all the new stuff being built) to work to develop a student neighborhood off campus. In a student neighborhood, we would no longer live in dangerous areas of South Bend, we would have no neighbors to disturb and NDSP could even aid in the policing of the area. As much as Notre Dame tries to keep us in the bubble, students will always live off campus (I'm in year two and despite these problems, it's made college so much better that I wish I had done it earlier). We need to do so, not just for the sake of our social lives, but also for preventing dorm overcrowding. It's high time that the administration recognizes that and steps up to the plate. Until that happens, we will continue to be spread across the city, living in dangerous neighborhoods, and causing ill community relations because ... well, we're college students and we will always have parties on the weekends.

Dave Venker
 senior
 off-campus
 Sept. 26

Show solidarity, keep Charlie

Michael Burdell's Sept. 26 piece titled "Time for Weis to go," while articulate, is uninformed and unnecessary. First, we need to take a look at Notre Dame during and after Ty. Ty couldn't win with his and Davie guys. Davie was a good recruiter who recruited McKnight, Stovall, etc. Then, Ty has one class (Quinn's), but leaves the cupboard bare with the following two classes. In his 2004 class, six players stayed with the Irish out of 16 that Ty recruited. Ty followed that class with a 15-man class, of which 13 are still with us. Corso and other talking heads like to credit this last class (Kuntz's class) as Charlie's, but anyone who knows recruiting knows it takes more than a year to recruit these guys, not two weeks. Additionally, Ty gets credit for Stovall and McKnight's class, even though, again, it takes more than a year to recruit these kids; so that is Davie's class.

Adding up the numbers, Ty had Brady's class, then proceeded to recruit 31 players for 50 available spots, retaining 19 players for those 50 spots. There is a lack of numbers in the senior class and fifth-year class from a pure mentorship perspective. There aren't enough bodies. A player's junior year is a magic year, when the player tends to mature. Charlie's first class is maturing this year. Wait until next year when Jimmy's class does the same. This talk of "fire Charlie" is ridiculous and shows a lack of fortitude. I ask The Observer to stay above the regular media irresponsibility by refusing to publish articles like "Time for Weis to go," especially when Shaq Evans is on campus.

Also, we don't run bubble screens. Burdell was uninformed about a number of issues.

Derek Horner
 alum
 class of 2003
 Sept. 26

SBPD has gone too far

The multi-agency "raid" on an off-campus house Sept. 21, in which 37 Notre Dame students were arrested for underage drinking, must be one of the most colossal wastes of resources in St. Joseph's County history. According to reports, members of SUDS, St. Joseph's County Police, Indiana Excise Police and the Indiana State Police joined forces — not to break up a crack ring, but to arrest University of Notre Dame students who were drinking (gasp!) beer out of a keg. Yes, underage drinking is illegal, and yes, authorities are there to enforce the law. Nevertheless, instead of writing a few citations and breaking up the party, a patrolling officer felt it necessary to call in pretty much everyone but Patton's First Infantry Division.

What makes this particularly disturbing is that police resources are said to be in short supply. I recently read an article from the South Bend Tribune from Sept. 24 entitled "Police: Violent Crime Up in South Bend," detailing the rise of violent crime in South Bend, with the Chief of the South Bend Police Department describing some of the murders as "scary." It goes on to explain that the Mayor and the Chief of Police believe that budget cuts will make it difficult to reduce crime in the city. I find it fascinating that while violent crime escalates, there are still plenty of resources available to persecute the dangerous lot of Notre Dame students.

I attended the University of Notre Dame, graduating in 2001, and often felt the police went out of their way to bust students for relatively harmless offenses. Though I do not spend as much time in South Bend now, I have frequently been carded or otherwise harassed while tailgating before football games (I am 29 years old). Students are now banned from tailgating and apparently are not even allowed to have parties in their own off-campus houses when the primary residents are of legal age. Since when was Carrie Nation appointed Chief of Police in South Bend? As a refresher for those who don't know, which doubtlessly includes every single member of the South Bend Police Department, Carrie Nation was a member of the temperance movement in the early 20th century who would make her point by entering bars and smashing the kegs and bottles of alcohol with a hatchet. The idea that Notre Dame is the only place in the country where college students drink before legal age is laughable. While drinking and driving and other more serious crimes should never be tolerated, having a quiet off campus party that results in a SWAT team raid is not only absurd, it's negligent. To think there were other more serious crimes going on Saturday night at the exact moment the police were myopically focused on a few inebriated students with SAT scores in the 99th

percentile should make everyone question the priorities of local law enforcement. Aren't the police paid to serve and protect the public?

This story makes it sound like South Bend police are far more concerned with telling Notre Dame students "just who's boss." The residence in question received no noise complaints and the police claimed that an officer driving by "noticed underage drinking" going on. To describe this official line of the SBPD as preposterous is being generous; it is obvious the students were targeted by the police department. This is from the article I referenced above: "According to statistics released by the South Bend Police Department, there have been 10 murders in South Bend, 54 rapes and 235 aggravated assaults so far this year. Those numbers compared with the same time frame since 2005, and this year the numbers are higher in every category." I hope the residents of South Bend will have enough sense to demand that their valuable police resources be spent on combating violent crime instead of repressing common college student behavior.

Ellis Carson
 alum
 class of 2001
 Sept. 26

Stop the chop

Notre Dame Student Body: Please, please, please do not do the chop after a first down. We are not Florida State University; not only do our athletes and students actually graduate, but we have more class. Freshmen, don't start it; it's really not that cool. And sophomores, you should know better. The chop looks horrible and it's definitely not Notre Dame.

Kevin Kimberly
 sophomore
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 Sept. 27

Welcome to the empty space of Viewpoint.
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Television's longest-running animated series is at it again, and for the twentieth time. Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa, Maggie and the rest of the Springfield crew have entered our TV screens once more, with no sign of quitting while they're ahead.

The show's lifespan is an impressive one, given the brief shelf lives of most series on any of the major networks, let alone those on Fox.

It's a testament to the ability of "The Simpsons" to continually stay relevant, not to mention funny, through two decades of programming. Even a jump to the silver screen in the series' full-length film last year didn't put a stop to the residents of Springfield. If anything, the film, which grossed over \$500 million at the box office, strengthened the power of the show. The best of Fox's "Animation Domination" Sunday night lineup, "The Simpsons" can't be missed.

The season premiere of "The Simpsons" spins a Homeric yarn much like those of the nineteen

seasons before it. Marge and Homer both embark on "business ventures," with Homer joining forces with an unexpected ally, Ned "Diddly-o" Flanders, in a lucrative bounty-hunting scheme. "Good Neighbors Bounty Hunters," indeed. Marge finds herself working for an Irishman, baking in a certain type of bakery for a particular clientele. Matt Groening and his creative crew refrain from showing most of the

The Simpsons
Sundays at 8 p.m.
on Fox

baked goods, leaving the viewers' imaginations to picture the pastries on their own.

The episode also opens with an unexpected holiday celebration, a booze-free Saint Patrick's Day parade and festival. With both Northern and Southern Irishmen in attendance, only Lisa's peace-keeping abilities can stay the fighting for more than five minutes. The leprechaun battle is particularly funny.

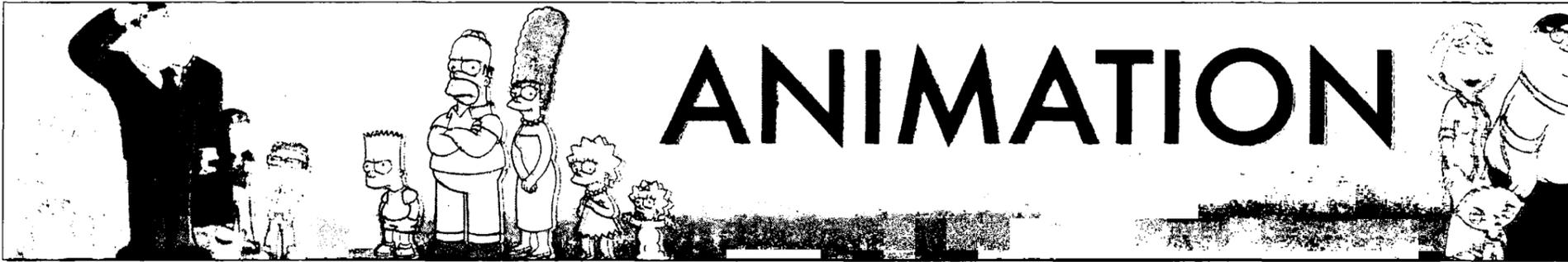
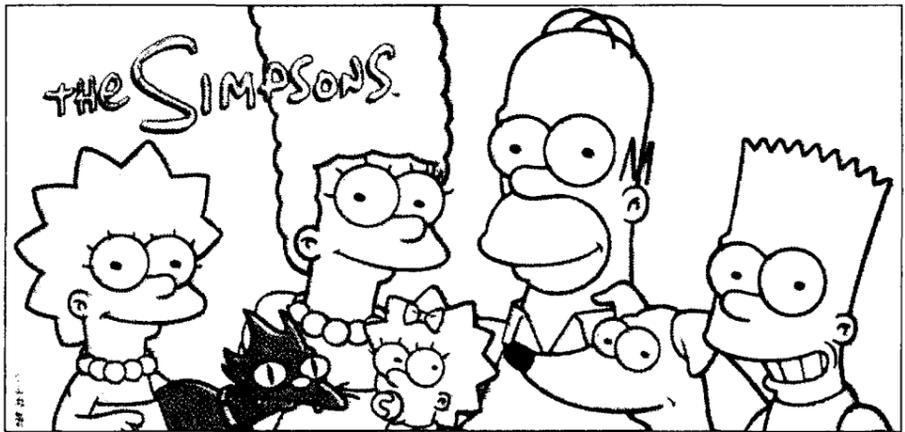
If the premiere suffers from anything, it might be a lack of invention. The episode doesn't feel like a huge departure from the preceding season; if anything, it fits so well into the grain of the show that viewers would need to be told it was a season premiere.

This is a small criticism, however, of a show that's been as consistently witty and creative as "The Simpsons."

Much has been made of a debate between "Family Guy" and "The Simpsons," and often the teasing and interplay are explicitly done on both shows. When it comes to a discussion of superiority, however, "The Simpsons" will likely be remembered as the better of the two. If the premiere is any indication, it's virtually impossible that this season will be its last.

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The standard in TV animation, "The Simpsons" is nearly legal and not looking back. After nineteen seasons, you'd think that a show might start to lose some steam, feel tired, or end in a blaze of glory. Homer, Marge and Co. have shown no signs of slowing down, and the twentieth season is off to a strong start. Time will tell as to how long "The Simpsons" will last, but why not enjoy the skateboard ride in the meantime?



By SZYMON RYZNER
Scene Writer

The seventh season of "Family Guy" looks like the six before it. With consistent spontaneity and enough pop culture references to stump Ken Jennings, fans can expect to get much more of the same.

The first episode of the season didn't start on a particularly strong note; in fact, it focused on the family's dog Brian, and his search for a love life. Though the narrative was straightforward and mostly uninteresting, references to older episodes are readily available.

The show feels tired after its six-year run, its gags looking for more absurd and more difficult-to-catch references while the remaining characters are trapped rehasing old jokes. Quagmire is still a womanizer, Stewie is still evil and dependent on Brian, and the rest of the characters are shoved aside for this particularly uninteresting story.

Family Guy
Sundays at 9 p.m.
on Fox

Cleveland Brown, one of Peter Griffin's friends, has even managed to get a spin-off show of his own. "The Cleveland Show," as it will be called, will start airing in 2009 and will undoubtedly have the same charm as other MacFarlane shows.

In fact, Cleveland will have a daughter and two sons, one of which appears to be a toddler, not to forget the potential antics of his neighbors, the anthropomorphic bears and a family of rednecks.

Hilarity will undoubtedly ensue in this completely original and unique spin-off.

"The Simpsons" has managed to stay relatively fresh with its material, tackling almost every topic under the sun. Perhaps this is because they do not have a single joke premise that is reused endlessly like the "Family Guy" writers do. Perhaps it's a lack of creativity or effort, but "Family Guy" seems like a one trick pony.

How does a cartoon stay on the air for 20 years? Maybe humor, gags and allu-

sions are part of it, but sincerity and sentimentality provide the viewer with a stronger bond to these animated characters.

It may be too late for the "Family Guy" cast to create some chemistry, but there will no doubt be some hilarious quips. Despite a weak season premiere, the fact remains that if there's one show that can be so absurd it will make you laugh out loud, then "Family Guy" is still that show.

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If your sense of humor is of the reference-random-seventies-shows-and-obscure-pop-culture-figures variety, then "Family Guy" is the animated series for you. Few characters will fill your need for the unexpected quite like Peter Griffin and the rest of his clan. Creator Seth McFarlane has fashioned a twenty-first century sitcom family from Quahog, Rhode Island, complete with the token matricidal, British-accented baby.



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Notre Dame 38, Purdue 21

Off to the races

Notre Dame put up 21 points in the third quarter on their way to a 38-21 win

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Third quarter? No problem.

Prior to Saturday's game Notre Dame had failed to put up a single point in the third quarter this season. This time around was a little bit different.

The Irish (3-1) busted out of the locker room after a 14-14 halftime deadlock and put 21 third quarter points on Purdue (2-2) to seal a 38-21 win the team needed to prove their mental toughness.

"It's 14-14 at halftime, and basically I told these guys it's the most important drive of the entire season," head coach Charlie Weis said. "It put us with the momentum in our favor and it carried it through right into the fourth quarter."

Sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen attributed the victory to being prepared to play this week.

"We came out, executed the game-plan, and got a victory, and that's all we really want to do," Clausen said.

The Irish have bounced back nicely from their 23-7 loss to Michigan State, showing a resilience that was lacking last season.

"The line of scrimmage was moving the wrong direction last week," Weis said. "[The offensive line] took it personal, and they did something about it."

The game started with both teams exchanging punts until Purdue fifth-year senior wide receiver Desmond Tardy gave Purdue good field position at their own 41 yard-line.

Purdue fifth-year senior quarterback Curtis Painter drove the Boilermakers down the field for the score, culminating in a 22-yard TD rush on the misdirection by fifth-year senior running back Kory Sheets.

The Boilermakers had a chance to score again in their next possession, but Purdue junior placekicker Chris Summers pulled the ball wide left on a 28-yard field goal attempt.

"Thankfully they ended up missing that field goal," Weis said. "It could've made the score 10-0 early."

Sophomore placekicker Brandon Walker also missed a field goal to start up the second quarter, but the Notre Dame stole the momentum when freshman cornerback Robert Blanton intercepted a Painter pass and returned it 47 yards for a touchdown through Boilermaker tacklers to tie the game.

"That was a huge play," Weis said. "That play gets it to a tie



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Freshman cornerback Robert Blanton races toward the end zone after intercepting Curtis Painter's pass in the second quarter. Blanton returned the pick 47 yards to tie the game at 7-7 with 9:56 remaining in the half.

ballgame. It really settled everybody down."

Blanton's interception changed the team's perception of how the game was going.

"It was huge," junior linebacker John Ryan said. "At the time we were down, and they almost made it a two score game. Blanton's interception put us right back into the ballgame."

Purdue answered right back, however, driving the ball from their own 22 all the way down to the goal-line where Painter connected with senior wide receiver Aaron Valentin for a 3-yard TD.

The question then became could the Irish answer right back and seize back the momentum going into halftime.

The answer was yes, as Clausen connected with freshman wide receiver Michael Floyd on a circus catch over a Purdue defender to set up a 6-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Golden Tate, knotting things up at 14-14 going into the half.

In the second half Clausen and sophomore running back Armando Allen took over.

Clausen threw for two quick first downs to open things up

before Allen rushed three times for 8, 21, and 16 yards. The final rush was good for the Irish's first touchdown and points this year in the third quarter.

"It feels great," Allen said. "We went out there and showed people that we really can run the ball. We always hear that we can't run the ball, so to go out there and run the ball effectively is great."

Allen rushed for a career high 136 yards on 17 carries and a TD to carry the Irish running game, taking pressure off Clausen and the wide receivers.

"That was awesome," junior guard Eric Olsen said. "Any time you can get a big run like that, it makes everybody feel great. Sometimes there are games when you just have to throw the ball the whole time and the defense can just tee off on you, so any time you can run the ball it's great."

Weis was happy to see someone step up in the running game and fill that void in the offense.

"I think [Allen] had a big day," Weis said. "We say, where you been? You could have been taking a little pressure off us in the running game a little earlier

here to make a few of these runs."

The resurgence of the running game finally gave Clausen a chance to excel.

Clausen threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to freshman tight end Kyle Rudolph and another 20-yarder to senior wide receiver David Grimes in the Irish's next two possessions to complete a prolific third quarter and stretch the lead to a 35-21 Irish lead.

"I thought he improved a lot," Grimes said. "He was coming up to the line of scrimmage and calling plays just like Brady [Quinn] used to do. I think he grew up a lot today. I'm proud of him."

Painter spoiled a perfect Irish third quarter by connecting with Tardy for a 54 yard TD pass down the right sideline.

The fourth quarter saw just one scoring play for either team, but it was a significant one for the Irish, as Walker successfully converted his first field goal of the year.

"I said look, you are going to have to make a kick here in this game, and it's just like kicking an extra point," Weis said.

"For the game specifically it

made it a three possession game, so that was the most important part," Walker said. "It boosted my confidence, the coaches' confidence, and the players' confidence in me, so it was a relief."

The Irish defense shut Purdue out for the entire fourth quarter, sealing the win. The Boilermakers struggled to move the ball after losing Sheets to a shoulder injury in the fourth quarter.

"He's had his shoulder that slips on him every now and then. It did that," Purdue head coach Joe Tiller said. "He's in the locker room and he's improving now. He'll be sore this week, but hopefully he'll be back."

The win marks Notre Dame's fourth straight win at home stretching back to a 28-7 win over Duke last season.

"We feel for the first time in a while we're starting to feel comfortable here," Weis said. "We're kind of feeding off our crowd."

The Irish will have the home field advantage once again next weekend when they face Stanford at 2:30 p.m.

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player of the game

Armando Allen

Allen had a breakout game with 134 yards on the ground and a 16-yard touchdown to open up the second half and give the Irish a 21-14 lead.

stat of the game

201

Irish rushing yards, 139 of which came during the second half as Notre Dame dominated the line.

play of the game

Robert Blanton's 47-yard interception return for a TD

The freshman burst on to the scene with a game-changing play and an impressive run back.

quote of the game

"I think Armando had a big day. We were getting on him pretty good ... I said, Where you been?"

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

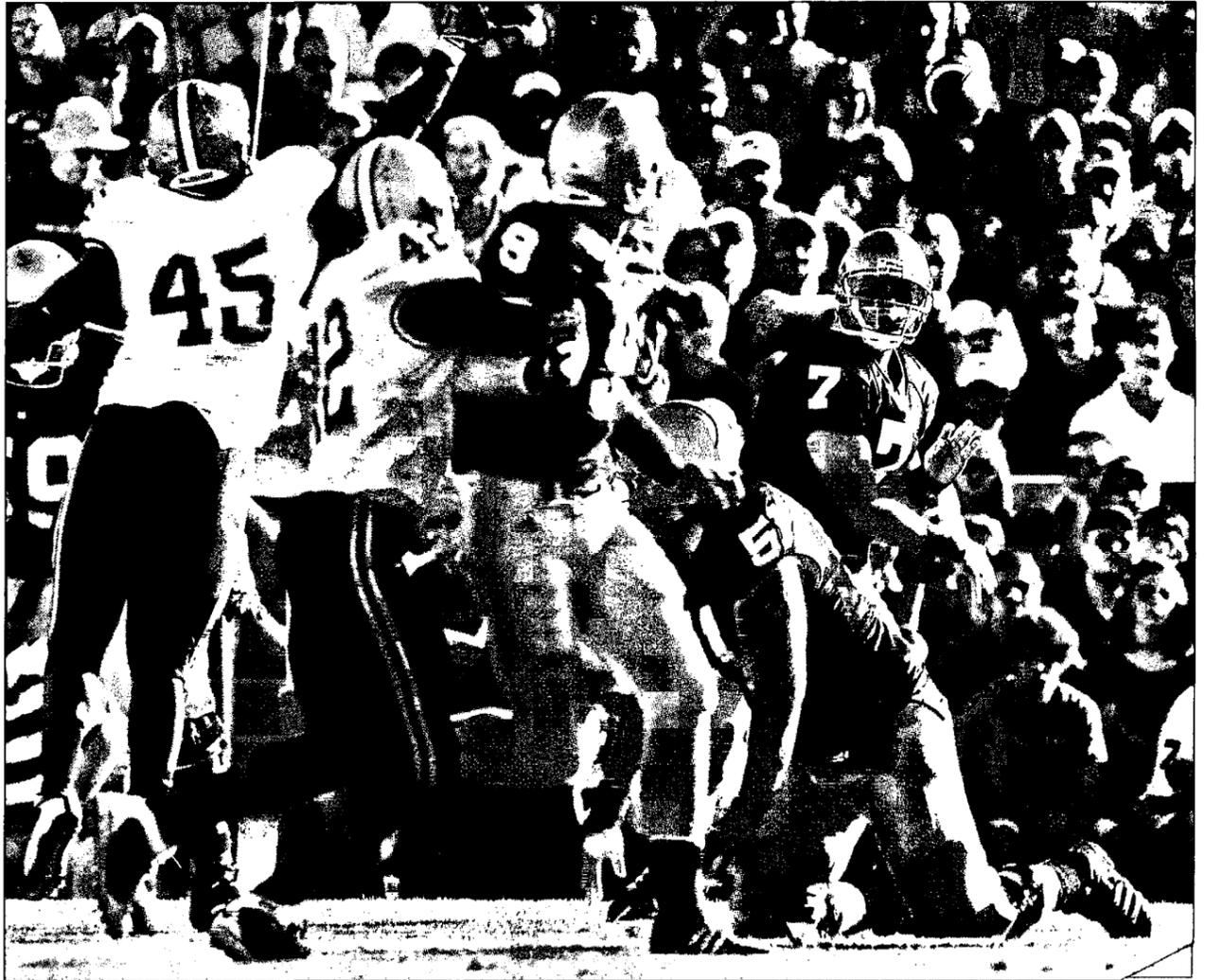
report card

- A-** **quarterbacks:** Clausen threw a few perfect passes for touchdowns and was virtually mistake free. He did get away with two could-be INTs which keeps him from the perfect score.
- A** **running backs:** Allen had a career day with 136 yards on the ground. Hughes and Aldridge also did well filling their roles and picking up yardage in key situations.
- A-** **receivers:** Grimes looked good in his return to the field and Floyd took advantage of the extra attention on Golden Tate. The only hiccup was a single drop from Kamara.
- A** **offensive line:** Allen had massive holes to run through and Clausen walked into the one sack allowed on the afternoon. The Irish won the war in the trenches hands down.
- B** **defensive line:** The line effectively clogged up the Purdue running game, but failed to get to Painter all day except for one intentional grounding call.
- B+** **linebackers:** Harrison Smith was all over the field and Brian Smith and Crum continued to play solid up the middle. Purdue barely got ove 100 yards rushing.
- B** **defensive backs:** Blanton's pick and a TD-saving tackle in the first quarter from McCarthy went a long way in making up for the 359 yards passing that Painter put up.
- B+** **special teams:** Kickoff coverage shut down two dangerous returners and Walker finally broke his slump with a 41-yarder in the fourth quarter.
- A** **coaching:** Weis used the pass to set up the run instead of the other way around. He also fired up the team heading into the third quarter and they took it from there.

3.71 **overall:** The Irish cracked the Dean's List for the first time since 2006. It's tough to find anything to be upset with after Saturday's victory.

adding up the numbers

- Notre Dame's total yards in the third quarter against San Diego State, Michigan and Michigan State combined. **188**
- Notre Dame's total yards against Purdue in the third quarter. **204**
- Irish defender who had five or more tackles Saturday. Bruton, Kuntz and Crum had six each to lead the way. **6**
- Percent success rate on fourth down conversions for Notre Dame. They went 3-for-4 including a 30-yard touchdown pass. **75**
- Consecutive starts for linebacker Maurice Crum, Jr. That streak places him seventh among active college football players. **41**
- Irish record under Coach Weis when outrushing an opponent. Notre Dame outrushed the Boilermakers 201-103. **12-0**
- Yards Irish running back Armando Allen averaged per carry against Purdue. **7.9**
- Yards receiving for Golden Tate through 4 games. The highest total at this point since Tom Gatewood in 1970. **367**



Sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen throws to freshman tight end Kyle Rudolph during the third quarter of Saturday's game. Rudolph had three catches for 32 yards and a touchdown against Purdue. JESSICA LEWIS/The Observer

One drive can change it all

At halftime on Saturday, Irish head coach Charlie Weis told his team that the most important drive of the game — and the season — was the opening one of the second half. He said it would define the team's season after an uneven first half and a loss the week before.



Jay Fitzpatrick

Managing Editor

That game could obviously have gone either way at that point. For us to be able to take the ball right down the field and score, it kind of put us, you know, with the momentum in our favor and carried it through right into the fourth quarter," he said.

And fortunately for Weis, his team responded.

The Irish scored just over two minutes into the half off a 16-yard touchdown run by sophomore tailback Armando Allen — the team's first touchdown in the third quarter this season.

But Notre Dame did not stop there. The Irish scored twice more in the quarter to push their lead to 35-21 going into the final 15 minutes.

This is how you can be confident that this team is nowhere near last year.

Notre Dame had only eight first downs in the first half and only carried the ball 14 times for 62 yards, but understood that the offense needed to jump start the Irish going

into the second half.

"It was definitely an important drive [to start the third quarter]," Irish guard Eric Olsen said. "We needed to get points on the board. If we came out and sputtered, it would have given them the ball right away, and with their high-powered offense, anything can happen."

Sophomore wide receiver Golden Tate put it best when he described the Irish team that played the third quarter as a different one completely from the rest of the season.

"We just turned into a different team. We felt we could throw the ball at any time and run the ball at any time. We just went out there and did it," he said.

Going into the matchup with Purdue, Notre Dame still left lingering questions with much of the fan base.

The team looked sloppy against San Diego State through three quarters. Notre Dame beat Michigan, but largely thanks to six Wolverine turnovers. Weis' "pound it" strategy never got off the ground in East Lansing and the Irish made crucial mistakes to lose to Michigan State.

But all of that was answered with that one drive.

The Irish looked solid running the ball — in part because it complimented quarterback Jimmy Clausen's passing game.

Clausen played arguably the best game of his Notre Dame career on

Saturday (20-of-35 passing, three touchdowns, no picks), which enabled running back Armando Allen to have his best game, too (136 yards on 17 carries and a touchdown).

"We just turned into a different team. We felt we could throw the ball and run the ball at any time."

Golden Tate
Irish sophomore

"Obviously, any time you're throwing the ball well the defense is going to start teeing off on you. It really starts getting the running game going first because then you get the defense trying to get up in the box and get as many guys as they can to stop the run and that helps with the

passing game," Olsen said. This offensive efficiency was helped by Notre Dame's strong defensive performance in the second half, allowing only seven points.

Unlike the turnover-filled Michigan game, the defense played smart, and the only takeaway was freshman Robert Blanton's pick-six in the second quarter.

But beyond the team's improvements from the other games this year, Notre Dame was also to take another step away from last season's debacle.

"But I think the promising thing was how they came out in the second half and the game could go either way. Remember now, it wasn't in the too distant past that we would go in the tank," Weis said in his post-game news conference.

What didn't happen Saturday is just as important as what did: The team was down, but not out, losing but not lost. But the biggest difference? A third win instead of a second loss.

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Allen back at full speed Saturday

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It's been more than two years, he said, but sophomore running back Armando Allen is back.

Allen totaled a career-best 247 all-purpose yards Saturday, including 134 rushing on 17 carries, in his most explosive performance since a left ankle injury robbed him of his senior high school season.

"This off-season I really worked on strengthening my ankle," Allen said, who was bothered by the injury for parts of his freshman season. "I came into spring ball feeling very confident ... but now that I feel better, I think I can produce."

Allen looked so little like the player who ran for just 71 yards in the season's first three games that Irish coach Charlie Weis could only ask on the sideline, "Where you been?"

"We talk about it all the time," Allen said. "I practice hard and sometimes in games it doesn't go as well as we planned, but today everything was going well."

Not just for Allen, but for an offensive line that "took it personal" when the Irish mustered only 16 yards on the ground last week at Michigan State, Weis said.

"The line of scrimmage was moving the wrong way last week ... but they did something about it," Weis said.

Junior right tackle Sam Young said the unit agreed to "passionately find a way" to make strides in the running game, and 201 team rushing yards later, it

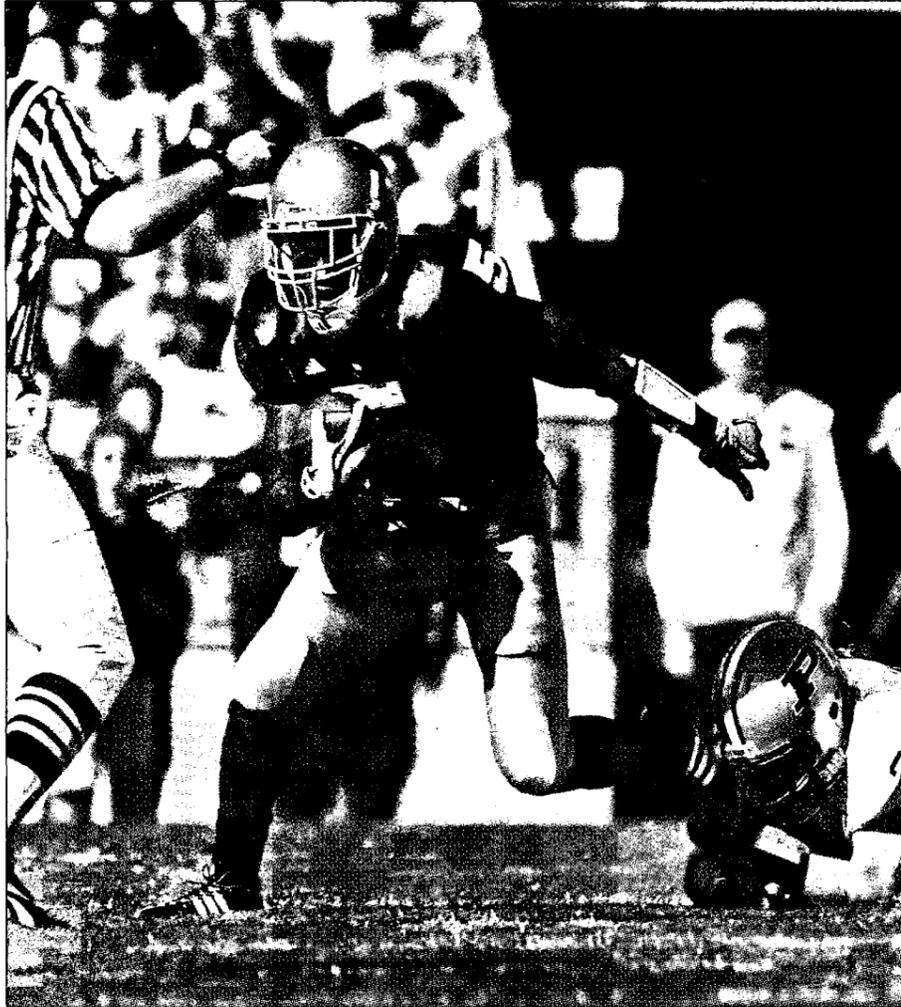
"Anytime you get the run game going, it's positive for the offensive line," Young said. "It's a fun game, and it's meant to be played with emotion."

Notre Dame came out of the halftime intermission with that mindset, and after sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen completed a pair of long passes to the Purdue 45 yard-line, it was three straight gives to Allen, capped by a 16-yard burst through a gaping hole on the right side that got the Irish into the end zone for a 21-14 lead.

"Brilliant," Young said. "Our job is to make Armando's job easy. He found the holes and just skated right through them."

Allen showed the big-play capability that netted him a scholarship to Notre Dame in the first place, both out of the backfield and on kick returns.

He returned four kick-offs for a total of 105 yards, including two he nearly took to the house following Purdue



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Irish sophomore running back Armando Allen breaks free of a Purdue tackler during one of his 17 carries in Notre Dame's 38-21 win on Saturday.

touchdowns.

Allen's 35-yard return in the second quarter set the Irish up at the 35 yard-line following a Boilermakers touchdown that put Notre Dame down 14-7.

His 36-yard scamper to the 46 yard-line put his team in good position to extend its 28-21 lead in the third.

"We take pride in our special teams," Allen said. "We haven't had a kickoff return in a long time, so I think that's one of our goals this year. Each week we're getting closer and closer, so now we're just waiting for

that big one."

Before Saturday, the same could have been said about Allen as a running back — his longest career rush was 15 yards. But he shredded a Boilermakers defense decimated by injuries at linebacker for four runs of at least that distance.

"That was awesome," junior guard

Eric Olsen said. "Any time you can get a big run it makes everybody feel great. Sometimes there are games when you just have to throw the ball the whole time and the defense can just tee off on you, so any time you can run the ball it's great."

And it wasn't just Allen who enjoyed the fruits of the offensive line's labors. Junior James Aldridge (8 carries, 34 yards) and sophomore Robert Hughes (9 carries, 26 yards) each ran with infinitely more success than they did a week ago against the Spartans.

"Our backfield is full of talent, so no matter who's in the game you're going to get the same production," Allen said.

It was his day, though, as the Irish spread the field and allowed Allen to find space on a heavy diet of stretch plays that called for him to get outside the tackle box and use his speed.

"We went out there today, with the offense a little more spread out, and it really felt comfortable," Allen said. "It really gave me the opportunity to go out there and do what I can do best."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	0	14	21	3	38
Purdue	7	7	7	0	21

First quarter

Purdue 7, Notre Dame 0
Kory Sheets 22-yard run with 9:04 remaining.
Drive: 8 plays, 59 yards, 4:16 elapsed

Second quarter

Purdue 7, Notre Dame 7
Robert Blanton 47-yard interception return with 9:56 remaining.
Drive: 0 plays, 47 yards
Purdue 14, Notre Dame 7
Aaron Valentin 3-yard pass from Curtis Painter with 4:46 remaining.
Drive: 14 plays, 78 yards, 5:10 elapsed
Purdue 14, Notre Dame 14
Golden Tate 6-yard pass from Jimmy Clausen with 2:35 remaining.
Drive: 6 plays, 65 yards, 2:11 elapsed

Third quarter

Notre Dame 21, Purdue 14
Armando Allen 16-yard run with 12:56 remaining.
Drive: 5 plays, 81 yards, 2:04 elapsed
Notre Dame 28, Purdue 14
Kyle Rudolph 5-yard pass from Jimmy Clausen with 6:37 remaining.
Drive: 11 plays, 78 yards, 4:56 elapsed
Notre Dame 28, Purdue 21
Desmond Tardy 54-yard pass from Curtis Painter with 5:24 remaining.
Drive: 4 plays, 64 yards, 1:13 elapsed
Notre Dame 35, Purdue 21
David Grimes 30-yard pass from Jimmy Clausen with 1:24 remaining.
Drive: 9 plays, 54 yards, 4:00 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 38, Purdue 21
Brandon Walker 41-yard field goal with 10:26 remaining.
Drive: 9 plays, 64 yards, 3:55 elapsed

statistics

total yards

PURDUE	462
ND	476

rushing yards

PURDUE	103
ND	201

passing yards

PURDUE	359
ND	275

return yards

PURDUE	106
ND	104

time of possession

PURDUE	24:34
ND	35:26

passing			
Clausen	35-20-0	Painter	55-29-1
rushing			
Allen	17-136	Sheets	13-89
Aldridge	8-35	Siller	2-6
Hughes	9-26	Smith	
receiving			
Floyd	6-100	Tardy	10-175
Tate	5-64	Orton	9-90
Grimes	4-65	Sheets	5-56
tackling			
Bruton	6	Heygood	11
Kuntz	6	Holland	11

Notre Dame running on all cylinders

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

After rushing for just 16 yards as a team in last weekend's loss to Michigan State, Notre Dame improved by 185 yards to total 201 as a team.

Sophomore running back Armando Allen led the rejuvenated ground game with a career-high 134 yards. Junior James Aldridge (8 carries, 34 yards), sophomore Robert Hughes (9-26) and sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen (5-8) contributed to the team totals.

Saturday marked the ninth time a Charlie Weis-led Notre Dame team rushed for more

than 200 yards, and the 5.0 yards per carry average ties for the sixth-best since Weis took the helm in 2005.

Pick-six

Freshman defensive back Robert Blanton's 47-yard interception return for a touchdown made him the fifth Irish freshman to return a pick for a touchdown.

Vontez Duff was the last Notre Dame player to return an interception for a touchdown against Purdue. Duff's was one of three Irish defensive touchdowns on Sept. 7, 2002.

Coverage dominance

Not only did the Irish kick-off

unit limit the nation's second-best return team to 13.9 yards per return (compared to the Boilermakers' gaudy 31.8 yard average coming in), but they kept Desmond Tardy, the nation's leader with a 40.3 yard return average, from registering a single kick return.

Notre Dame entered the game allowing an average of 14.0 yards per return, good for third in the country.

Senior Mike Anello made his team-leading eighth special teams tackle on the opening kick-off. Seven of his eight tackles were solo.

The 'Golden' Boy

Sophomore wide receiver Golden Tate caught his third

touchdown of the season and the fourth of his career. Tate also caught a touchdown pass against Purdue last season.

He finished with five receptions for 64 yards, giving him 20 catches for 367 through four games. He leads the Irish in receptions, yards, touchdowns and yards per catch (18.4).

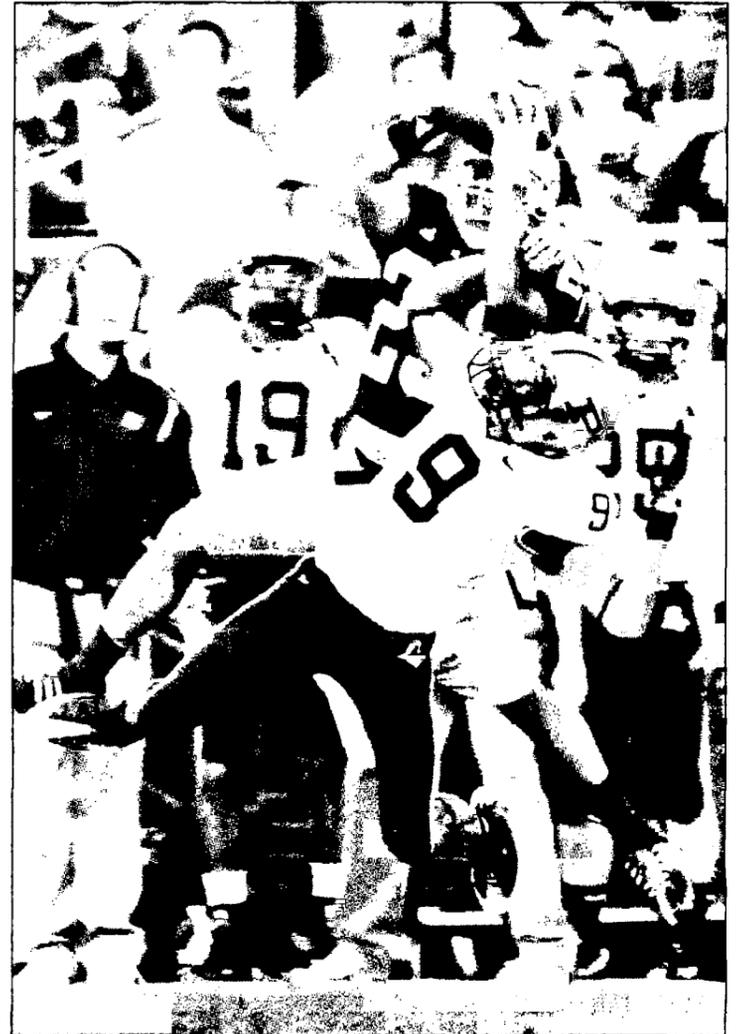
Adios, Coach

Purdue coach Joe Tiller, who earlier this year announced this season would be his last, finished his career 5-7 against the Irish, including 1-5 on the road.

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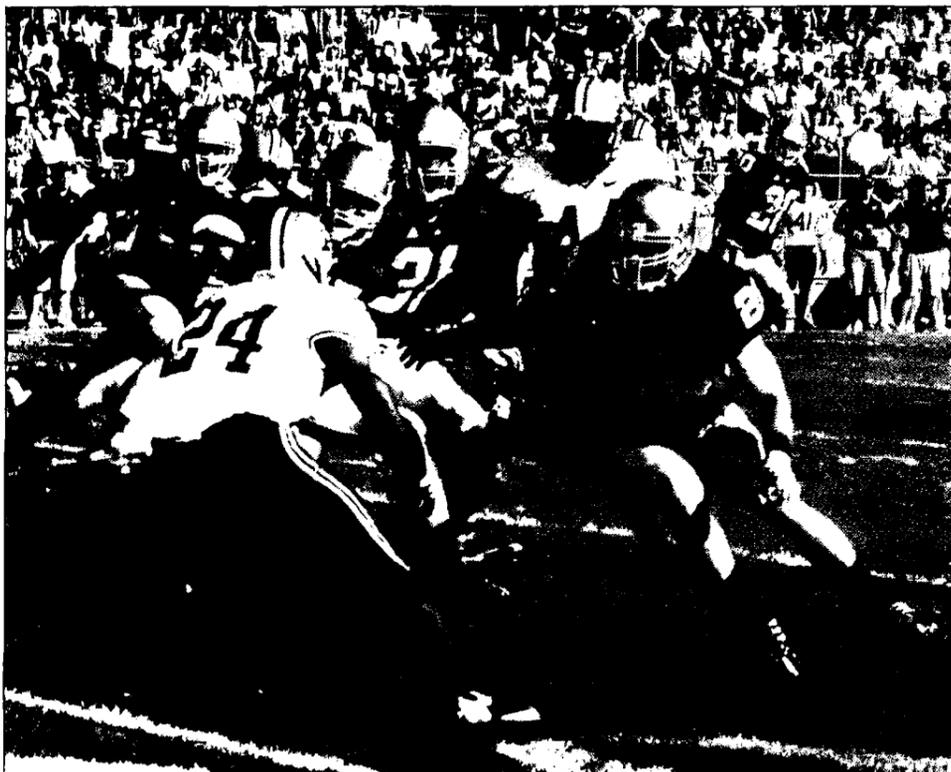
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Boiling Over

Youth ruled the day for the Irish. Sophomore sensations Jimmy Clausen and Armando Allen both had career days. Allen with 134 yards rushing on 17 attempts and Clausen with three touchdown passes and no interceptions. Their classmate Golden Tate also added his third touchdown reception of the year. Freshmen Kyle Rudolph and Robert Blanton also added big touchdowns as the Irish rolled to a 38-21 victory over the Boilermakers. Michael Floyd also added 100 yards receiving for the freshmen class. The game remained closed through two quarters. But Notre Dame emerged from the locker room after half time as a team possessed. They put together three third quarter scoring drives which but the game out of reach, and placekicker Brandon Walker put an exclamation point on the decisive win with a 41-yard field goal in the third quarter.



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Clockwise from top left: The Purdue offensive line picks up a Notre Dame blitz. Golden Tate pulls in a circus catch over a Purdue defender. Kory Sheets is tripped up at the line of scrimmage by an Irish defender. Brandon Walker lines up his 31-yard missed field goal attempt. Kyle McCarthy leads a pack of Irish tacklers containing Sheets.

Whether or not you're actually from Texas, it's easy to find humor on "King of the Hill." Hank Hill and his crew are your easygoing drinking buddies, hanging out on a weekday afternoon and not doing anything in particular. Hank's good-natured personality and Peggy's brand of quirkiness are the basis of this animated nuclear family. Often overlooked by fans of Fox's other animated series, "King of the Hill" deserves a second look.

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Editor

"Slow and steady" might be the best way to describe Fox's "King of the Hill." The show has been part of the network's animated lineup since 1997, yet has a lower profile image than "The Simpsons" and less obvious humor than "Family Guy." A creation of Mike Judge, the brainchild behind MTV's "Beavis and Butthead," "King of the Hill" tells the story of Texan Hank Hill (Mike Judge), his wife Peggy (Kathy Najimy), their son Bobby (Pamela Adlon) and their older niece Luanne Platter (Brittany

Murphy). Hank's drinking buddies also make regular appearances on "King of the Hill," as do Bobby's school friends.

"King of the Hill" returns to the Animation Domination lineup with "Dia-BILL-ic Shock," its premiere episode for the show's eleventh season. Airing just after "The Simpsons" is a prime time slot, and "King of the Hill" undoubtedly benefits from the residual audience. In the premiere, Hank's friend Bill, a snacker with a passion for sweets, collapses at the local carnival after showing Bobby and Hank how to ask for a lollipop wrapped in cotton candy.

His cantankerous doctor tells him that he is showing signs of adult onset diabetes, prompting Bill to start using a wheelchair. Funnily enough, the chair introduces him to a paraplegic rugby player named Thunder, who shows Bill the bright side — or, perhaps, the crazier side — of life on two wheels. In one memorable scene, Bill and his friends remodel Bill's house, lowering all of the countertops by two feet and painting a handicap symbol on the driveway. Plus, the Texas drawl is hard to resist.

The show's funniest subplot involves Peg taking a similar health-conscious approach to life that Bill is forced to take by doctor's orders. Bobby's snacks go from candy bars to seaweed bars, and the fallout is pretty funny. At one point, Bobby's friend Junior gives his friend a chocolate bar out of concern. Bobby, however, finds that his taste buds have been altered by the onslaught of health food, and can't bring himself to eat unhealthy snacks anymore.

"It's too sweet!" he says after a bite of chocolate. "It's making my teeth itch!"

The episode is as low-key as its protagonist, Hank Hill. Hank, unlike his neighbor in Springfield, is, surprisingly enough, not an idiot sitcom dad. He cares about his friends and family, even if that caring is stilted and humorous more often than not. When Bill thinks he'll be in a wheelchair for life, Hank and his friends remodel Bill's house, lowering all of the countertops by two feet and painting a handicap symbol on the driveway. Plus, the Texas drawl is hard to resist.

King of the Hill
Sundays at 8:30 p.m.
on Fox

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DOMINATION

cartoon series return to Fox for brand new season

MADELINE NIES | Observer Graphic

"American Dad" finds itself in the funny position of trying to play second act to "Family Guy," one of Fox's most popular shows. Also a creation of Seth MacFarlane, "American Dad" can't help but draw comparisons to its lead-in. Granted, Stewie isn't exactly a German goldfish, but the similarities are there. Still, whether or not "Family Guy" fans stick around, "American Dad" is trying to forge its own cartoon identity.

By SZYMON RYZNER
Scene Writer

To many, "American Dad" has become "that show that airs after 'Family Guy.'" The story of C.I.A. agent Stan Smith and his family is very reminiscent of Peter Griffin and his, though the humor of "American Dad" seems to play on taboos and a complete disregard for political correctness.

The shock value of "American Dad" seems to be the only goal of its jokes, and the characters are set up for it perfectly. The nerdy son, Steve, is experiencing puberty, an awkward time for most; the

daughter of the conservative Stan, Hayley, is an extreme liberal; the family is also blessed with the presence of an extremely flamboyant alien named Roger and a German goldfish named Klaus. Exploiting all of these stereotypical characters is at the heart of "American Dad," as is satirizing politics and the media.

The season premiere deals with Roger and his upcoming 1,600th birthday, a very important day in the life of his particular alien species, and the start of Steve's puberty, a phase that the Smiths would rather avoid entirely. These two premises comprise the entirety of the storyline, with Roger being blatantly ignored due to Steve's puberty and the forced changes his parents induce to avoid the raging hormones and oily skin.

Though ripe for a parody of MTV's "My Super Sweet Sixteen," and various famous teen high school films, it only really achieves minimal allusion by ending with a "Sixteen Candles" reference. Ultimately, it feels like the writers missed more opportunities for wittiness than they achieved, and thus showed why

the show is second to "Family Guy" and more of a place to display their second rate jokes.

This second show from Seth MacFarlane has never really achieved strong footing with viewers. Though it follows the ever-popular "Family Guy" and possesses a similar humor, almost

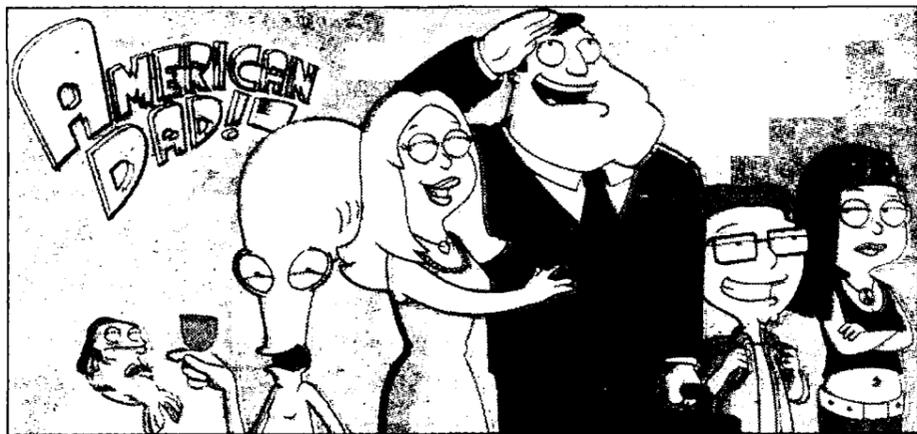
half the viewers choose to change the channel when it comes on. Its ratings, though, have been stable, and it does about as well as the much longer running "King of the Hill," a popular show among critics.

As it appears to be with "Family Guy," "American Dad" simply needs to achieve a strong connection with its fans, the family itself needs more character and unity, and the premises and jokes need to be thought out and properly placed.

A show that is ripe for dishing out satire and "un-pc" jabs should do a better job of establishing this identity and sticking to it. The show will undoubtedly have many humorous episodes with strong wit, but overall this season premiere was underwhelming.

American Dad
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NFL

Injured Favre has career day in win over Cardinals

Browns' quarterback Anderson keeps starting job with fourth-quarter surge; Chiefs end 12-game losing streak

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Sore ankle and all, Broadway Brett joined Broadway Joe in the Jets' record book.

Brett Favre set a career high and tied Joe Namath's Jets mark with six touchdown passes, including three to Laveranues Coles, and New York took advantage of a series of mistakes by Arizona in a big second quarter before holding on to beat the Cardinals 56-35 on Sunday.

"Throwing six touchdown passes was awesome," Favre said. "That had nothing to do with how I felt I played. It was one of those games. More importantly, I felt the overall game itself, I managed it well."

Favre, showing no signs of a left ankle injury that hobbled him during the week, finished 24-for-34 for 289 yards and an interception for the Jets (2-2).

"I asked him if he had tied a career high and he said, 'I've never thrown six,'" said Jerricho Cotchery, who had two TD catches. "That was like the end of the conversation because I'm scratching my head, like, 'Really? He's never thrown six touchdown passes before?' He played great today."

"He was just dialing it up and telling everybody, 'Hey, get ready. The ball is coming.'"

Arizona wide receiver Anquan Boldin was carted off the field after a scary helmet-to-helmet collision with New York safety Eric Smith in the end zone with 27 seconds remaining. Boldin was moving all his extremities on the field and was talking to his teammates, but was immobilized and taken to Mount Sinai Hospital in New York for precautionary reasons.

"He's alert," Cardinals coach Ken Whisenhunt said. "He asked to get up and the doctors wouldn't let him."

New York's defense rattled Kurt Warner and forced three fumbles and two interceptions in the first half, and the Jets set a franchise record by scoring 34 points in the second quarter.

"That's more like it," safety Kerry Rhodes said. "We came after them with some looks and wrinkles they hadn't seen."

Coles had eight catches for

105 yards after campaigning to the coaches for more plays earlier in the week.

"I think it was a little bit of me being a brat," he said. "Sometimes you want to be involved a little bit more, not in a selfish way. I feel if given an opportunity, I can help the team win some ballgames. I went and voiced that to the coaches and they heard me."

Warner tried to bring the Cardinals (2-2) back in the second half as Arizona scored 35 points. Warner, 40-of-57 for 472 yards, threw a 14-yard TD pass to Jerheme Urban with 4:49 left, but lost the ball again on a fumble with less than 3 minutes left.

"It's a game, you know?" said Warner, clearly shaken up by Boldin's injury. "I didn't play well. I'll bounce back and play better next week."

Favre hit Dustin Keller for a 24-yard touchdown and a 2-point conversion with 1:54 remaining to seal it for the Jets, wearing their navy and gold New York Titans throw-back uniforms.

"It's just one game," Favre said. "Don't expect six touchdowns every week, but we, as an offensive unit, should see and expect a lot of ourselves."

Cleveland 20, Cincinnati 12

Three quarters, three points. Cleveland's offense was having another meltdown day, and Derek Anderson was running out of chances to keep his job.

The quarterback's one good moment was enough to save his job—and the Browns' season, too.

With Brady Quinn on the sideline ready to take over at any time Sunday, the embattled Anderson threw a touchdown pass and rallied the Browns to a victory over a winless Cincinnati Bengals team missing its starting quarterback.

"I decided to give him another chance," said coach Romeo Crennel, who considered replacing Anderson. "He went ahead and took advantage of it and finished on a good note."

Anderson threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Braylon Edwards that put the Browns (1-3) ahead to stay in the fourth quarter, his best play on an afternoon that had few of them. Even that moment came with an asterisk: A Bengals



Jets quarterback Brett Favre, right, hugs wide receiver Laveranues Coles after Coles caught a touchdown pass Sunday in the second quarter of New York's 56-35 win over Arizona.

penalty wiped out a potential interception on the drive.

Anderson wore a green T-shirt, tan cargo shorts, brown flip-flops and a big grin to his postgame news conference. He cut off the first mention of losing his job.

"Nope, don't go there," said Anderson, who went 15-of-24 for 138 yards with an interception. "I stayed in the game. You're not going to score every single down."

He had help from the down-and-out Bengals.

Carson Palmer rested a sore passing elbow that forced him to miss a game for the first time since 2004, a huge setback for a struggling offense. Cincinnati couldn't do much behind Ryan Fitzpatrick, who hadn't completed a pass in a regular-season game in three years.

Fitzpatrick threw three interceptions and finished the game as Cincinnati's leading rusher with 41 yards on four

scrambles, underscoring the Bengals' futility. They're 0-4 for the first time since 2002, when they went a franchise-worst 2-12 that got coach Dick LeBeau fired.

"We desperately needed this one," Fitzpatrick said. "This was a devastating loss for us in terms of dropping to 0-4 and going to Dallas next week."

Kansas City 33, Denver 19

It did not seem like 11 months to Brian Waters since Kansas City's last victory.

"It seemed like 10 years," said the veteran left guard, grinning ear-to-ear. "It's a sigh of relief to be able to have a little bit of joy in your life."

Larry Johnson, two weeks after complaining that he was being phased out, ran for 198 yards and two touchdowns to lead the previously winless Chiefs past the previously unbeaten Broncos Sunday, snapping a franchise-record

12-game losing streak.

"It's like getting the whole world off your back," said rookie cornerback Brandon Flowers, whose 37-yard fumble return set up Johnson's 1-yard TD run. "Twelve games, that's real tough."

The Chiefs had not won since Oct. 21, 2007. Until Nick Novak kicked the first of his three field goals in the first quarter, they hadn't even held a lead since halftime against Tennessee on Dec. 16—a span of 22 quarters.

"It was ridiculous," safety Jarrad Page said. "Coming in here after that game was one of the best feelings I've had in the NFL."

The Broncos (3-1) put up numbers befitting the highest-scoring team in the league. Jay Cutler threw for 361 yards, including a 16-yard touchdown to Brandon Marshall. But he also was intercepted twice, and the Broncos gave up two fumbles.

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NCAA Football AP Top 25

team	points	record
1 Oklahoma (43)	1,599	4-0
2 Alabama (21)	1,565	5-0
3 LSU	1,466	4-0
4 Missouri (1)	1,453	4-0
5 Texas	1,362	4-0
6 Penn State	1,252	5-0
7 Texas Tech	1,105	4-0
8 Brigham Young	1,098	4-0
9 USC	1,087	2-1
10 South Florida	1,035	5-0
11 Georgia	1,018	4-1
12 Florida	914	3-1
13 Auburn	860	4-1
14 Ohio State	829	4-1
15 Utah	713	5-0
16 Kansas	650	3-1
17 Boise State	549	3-0
18 Wisconsin	520	3-1
19 Vanderbilt	459	4-0
20 Virginia Tech	290	4-1
21 Oklahoma State	277	4-0
22 Fresno State	232	3-1
23 Oregon	199	4-1
24 Connecticut	126	5-0
25 Wake Forest	107	3-1

NCAA Football USA Today Coaches' Poll

team	points	record
1 Oklahoma (57)	1,520	4-0
2 LSU (1)	1,399	4-0
3 Missouri	1,398	4-0
3 Alabama (2)	1,350	5-0
5 Texas (1)	1,310	4-0
6 Penn State	1,146	5-0
7 Brigham Young	1,054	4-0
8 Texas Tech	1,047	4-0
9 USC	990	2-1
10 Georgia	888	4-1
10 South Florida	888	5-0
12 Ohio State	854	4-1
13 Florida	832	3-1
14 Auburn	776	4-1
15 Utah	684	5-0
16 Kansas	555	3-1
17 Wisconsin	521	3-1
18 Boise State	446	3-0
19 Vanderbilt	351	4-0
20 Oregon	286	4-1
21 Fresno State	280	3-1
22 Oklahoma State	229	4-0
23 Connecticut	180	5-0
24 Virginia Tech	161	4-1
25 Wake Forest	148	3-1

MIAA Women's Volleyball Standings

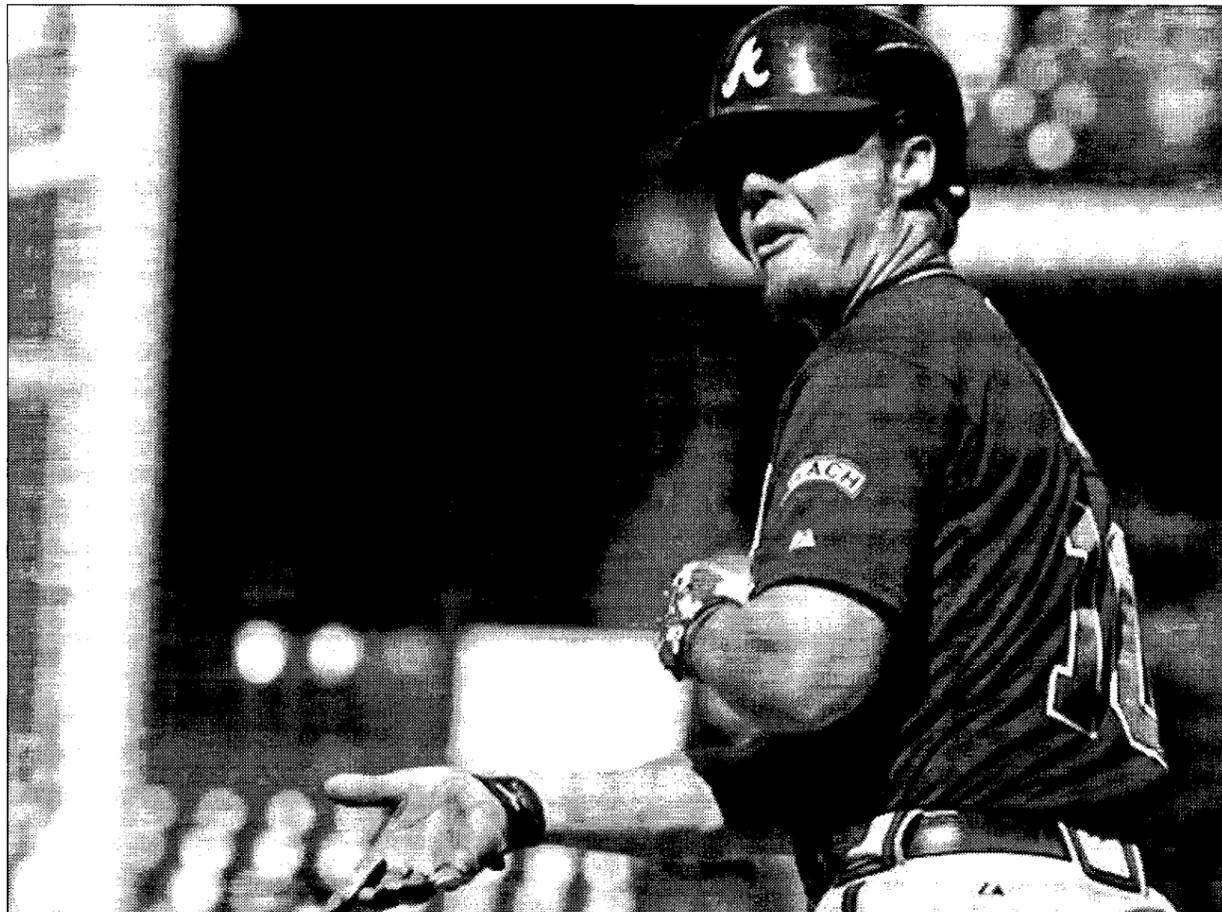
Team	Record	league overall
1 Hope	7-0	16-3
2 Alma	5-1	13-5
3 Calvin	5-2	11-4
4 SAINT MARY'S	4-3	11-5
5 Albion	4-3	11-7
6 Adrian	3-5	7-9
7 Trine	2-5	5-10
8 Kalamazoo	2-6	5-13
9 Olivet	0-7	4-13

around the dial

NFL

Ravens at Steelers
8:30 p.m., ESPN

MLB



Braves third basemen Chipper Jones tosses his bat after drawing a walk Sunday in the ninth inning of Atlanta's loss to Houston. Jones earned his first NL batting title with a .364 batting average.

Jones earns NL batting title

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Chipper Jones walked in his only at-bat against Houston on Sunday and earned his first National League batting title, edging St. Louis' Albert Pujols.

Jones finished with a career-high .364 average; Pujols went 1-for-2 on Sunday to finish at .357. Jones' average was the highest for an NL batting champ since Barry Bonds won with a .370 average in 2002.

"It's a tremendous feather in the cap, from an individual standpoint," Jones said. "It's one of those things that

brings instant credibility. Hopefully, I already had it around the league. But once you have the label of batting champion, you're respected and recognized by that."

Jones drew a pinch-hit walk against Jose Valverde in the ninth inning Sunday and fell just shy of Mickey Mantle's season record for a switch hitter. Mantle batted .365 in 1957.

"When I was growing up, there were two guys that I wanted to be mentioned with, when I was done playing—Mickey Mantle and Eddie

Murray," Jones said. "I'm starting to reach that kind of company now and I'm honored and humbled to be there."

The 36-year-old Jones is the oldest switch-hitting batting champion in history. Bill Mueller was 32 when he won the AL crown with Boston in 2003. Mueller was also the last switch hitter to win a batting title, though Jones is the first switch hitter to take the NL title since Terry Pendleton won in 1991 with Atlanta. Pendleton is now the Braves' hitting coach.

"Obviously, I would

trade a batting title for being in the playoffs," Jones said. "But being in the batting race the last couple of years has given me a lot of motivation to play the season out."

The Braves also finished last season in Houston and Jones went 0-for-3 in the final game to lose the batting title to Colorado's Matt Holliday. Jones finished with a career-best .337 average, but Holliday hit .340.

Jones said he didn't think about the batting title as much this season and hit better as a result.

IN BRIEF

Bryant kicks three field goals a day after burying son

TAMPA, Fla. — Matt Bryant choked back tears.

A day after burying his 3-month-old son in Texas, the Tampa Bay kicker booted three field goals to help the Buccaneers beat the Green Bay Packers 30-21 on Sunday.

"I don't know what I needed today," Bryant said. "It worked out OK. Could've been better, but given the circumstances it turned out OK."

Bryant's youngest son, Matthew Tryson, was found dead at home in Tampa on Wednesday. It will be several weeks before the kicker and his wife learn the cause of death.

Bryant did not practice all week, and coach Jon Gruden left it up to him to decide if he would play.

"The biggest thing for me, I wanted to honor Tryson's name," Bryant said. "I mean, I don't think it was very fair for his life to end so short. This is the best way I believe I could get out and honor him."

Tigers fire two coaches after disappointing season

DETROIT — The Detroit Tigers fired pitching coach Chuck Hernandez and bullpen coach Jeff Jones on Sunday.

Although the season is not yet over for the Tigers, who will play a make-up game against the Chicago White Sox on Monday, the club dismissed the two coaches immediately following Sunday's 8-7 loss to the Tampa Bay Rays.

"The two glaring problems with us this season was the pitching and the defense," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. "Somebody had to pay the price."

Hernandez was first hired as the team's pitching coach after the 2005 season and has served in the position for the last three seasons. However, the Tigers' pitching staff struggled all year and entered Sunday with the fourth-worst team ERA in the majors at 4.87.

Hochuli involved in another questionable call

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Referee Ed Hochuli was at the center of another questionable call Sunday, flagging Julius Peppers for a roughing-the-passer penalty that wiped out Carolina's interception return for a touchdown in the first quarter against Atlanta.

After Matt Ryan's pass was intercepted by Richard Marshall, Hochuli threw a flag and announced Peppers made a helmet-to-helmet hit on Ryan. It erased the touchdown and gave the Falcons a first down on a drive that ended with a punt.

Replays showed Peppers made contact as Ryan released the ball, and appeared to hit him first with his shoulder.

"Ed came over and explained to me, he said that I hit him with my helmet," Peppers said. "He said I hit him with my helmet in his head and that's what he called. It wasn't really roughing, late hit. It was just my helmet hit his helmet, so it was just one of those calls that, you know, player safety is what that was about."

SMC CROSS-COUNTRY

Squad finishes fifth at home race

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Host Saint Mary's took fifth place at Friday's nine-team MIAA Jamboree as junior Megan McClowry led a tightly-grouped Belles unit that had all its runners finish within 20 seconds of each other.

This was the first home meet for the Belles since the 2002-2003 season, and the Belles took it as an opportunity to show off the program's progress in recent years.

"The Saint Mary's cross country team is such a great group of women," senior co-captain Caitlin Brodmerkel said. "We have a difficult time getting people to see that since we always compete so far from

campus. I am so glad that we finally got to show our friends, classmates and faculty what our hours of hard work has enabled us to do."

McClowry finished the race in 20:43, with Brodmerkel (20:55) and freshman Joanne Almond (20:58) also finishing in under 21 minutes.

Freshman Arianne Rodriguez (21:01) and sophomore Katie Salyer (21:03) also provided counting times for the Belles.

"We are looking for our pack to continue to close the gap

with McClowry and Arianne Rodriguez," Belles coach Jackie Bauters said before the meet.

"I am so glad that we finally got to show our friends, classmates and faculty what our hours of hard work has enabled us to do."

**Caitlin Brodmerkel
Belles' captain**

"Arianne has been sick and we're hoping to see her feeling better and have an outstanding day at home. The Calvin team is ranked second in the nation and will undeniably lead the entire field, but I would like to see our ladies stick up there with some of the young talent from Hope."

Calvin won the meet while Hope took second. Kalamazoo finished third while Adrian finished just ahead of the Belles.

"My goal for our team is to continue to improve throughout the season, as we have been," Brodmerkel said. "I would love to finish fourth or better in the MIAA conference again, which we did last year for the first time in our history. Personally, my goals are to be a good senior captain for my teammates and to improve my race times at each meet."

The Belles will compete in the Adrian Invitational on Oct. 3 and then head to Kalamazoo for the MIAA Championships on Nov. 1.

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SMC SOCCER

Belles fall after eleven day layoff

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's dropped its first conference match of the season to Olivet College 3-1 on Saturday.

The match was the Belles' (1-5-1, 0-1 MIAA) first since Sept. 17, when they lost a heart-breaker to Hope 2-1. Coach Ryan Crabbe thought the long layoff may have affected his squad.

"Certainly a tough loss," he said. "We started the game still looking like we were asleep on the bus. By the time we fell behind two goals, it was a large deficit to overcome seeing as we haven't been able to score goals in bunches."

Olivet (5-4-1, 1-0 MIAA) freshman Lizzy Julian capital-ized on the Belles' slow start and scored back-to-back goals in the 28th and 32nd minutes to give the Comets a 2-0 lead heading into the half.

The Comets scored first in the second half as well, as senior Cori Barrera scored in the 75th minute to widen Olivet's lead to 3-0.

The Belles finally got on the board with freshman Katelyn Tondo-Steele's first career goal in the 81st minute. Junior captain Bridget Ronayne got the assist.

Saint Mary's was outshot for the second straight game, this time by a 27-16 margin. Against Hope, the Belles were outshot 20-8.

Junior goalkeeper Patty Duffy played all 90 minutes in goal and recorded 11 saves despite giving up three goals.

The Belles return to action at home against Illinois Wesleyan on Wednesday before a rematch at Hope on Saturday.

"Hopefully getting into a more normal playing rhythm this week with two games we can get on track," Crabbe said.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Team's morning loss fuels afternoon victory

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's split its week-end matches against a pair of conference opponents, falling to No. 16 Calvin in straight sets Saturday morning (25-14, 25-13, 25-12) before rebounding against Adrian (25-22, 25-23, 29-27) that afternoon.

The Belles (11-5, 4-3 MIAA) remain in fourth place in the conference after the MIAA mini-tournament at Calvin's Huizenga Center in Grand Rapids, Mich.

After the blowout loss in the morning, Saint Mary's rallied to scrape out three tough sets in the late match, playing off the emotion and teamwork that Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek has emphasized throughout the season.

"More than anything else I want this team to believe in themselves," Schroeder-Biek

said. "They have a lot of ability. If they can come together as a team and play as one cohesive unit, we will be in position to be a top team in the league standings."

In the 11 a.m. match, the Knights (11-4, 5-2 MIAA) romped over the Belles in straight sets, relying on smothering defense to keep Saint Mary's in check. Calvin posted six blocks on the match while holding the Belles to a .071 attacking percentage.

Junior hitter Lorna Slupczynski and senior hitter Kaela Hellmann both had seven kills to lead Saint Mary's. Sophomore defensive specialist Ellen Huelsmann had a team-high 13 digs in

the loss.

The Belles bounced back in the afternoon match against the Bulldogs, who had dropped Saint Mary's in straight sets in a meeting earlier this season.

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**Julie Schroeder-Biek
Belles coach**

The Belles ground out the win with a workman-like effort, posting a .215 attacking percentage while holding Adrian to .179 in a defensive struggle. Slupczynski lead the squad with 20 kills, while Huelsmann spearheaded the defensive effort with 20 digs. Hellmann contributed with eight kills and 14 digs of her own, while sophomore setter Dani Brink turned in a solid

all-around game with four kills in 11 attempts, 38 assists, eight digs and two service aces.

The weekend marked another set of solid games by Slupczynski, who leads the team with three kills per game while adding 2.91 digs per game, third on the squad. She has also collected All-Tournament honors at both of the tournaments in which she has competed.

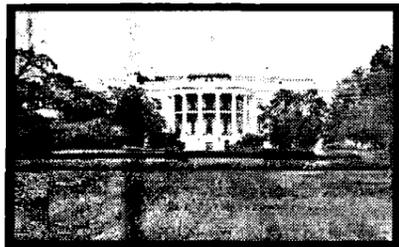
"Lorna is putting together a fine career at Saint Mary's," Schroeder-Biek said. "Her teammates really feed off her energy and on-court play from the outside hitter position. The opponents know she is one of our stronger players and Lorna is going to have to continue to raise her game."

The Belles will host Trine University on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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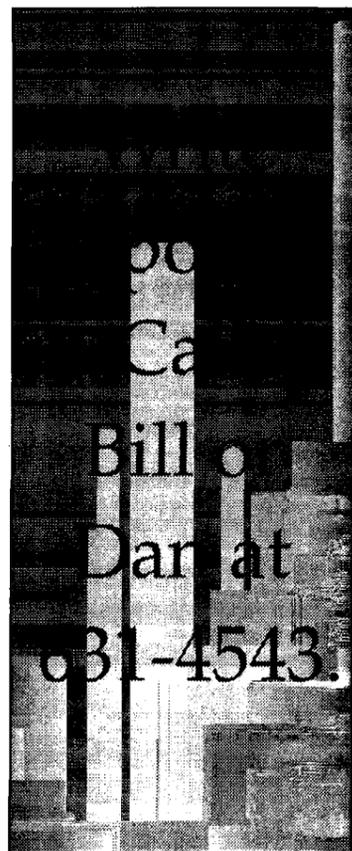


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NFL

Redskins top Cowboys, shake up NFC East

Bills beat struggling Rams to improve to 4-0; Tomlinson scores 2 late TDs to lead Chargers comeback at Raiders

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Jim Zorn will go down in history as the only Washington Redskins coach with a perfect regular-season record at Texas Stadium.

Better yet, the Redskins are going into October as a legitimate contender in the NFC East.

Jason Campbell threw two touchdown passes and Clinton Portis ran for 121 yards, leading Washington to a 26-24 victory Sunday that gave the Dallas Cowboys their first loss and made the toughest division in the NFL even more interesting.

The Redskins came in with consecutive wins since a lousy performance in the opener, but there were still questions about how good they were. Going on the road to beat one of the most talented teams in football certainly improves their perception. For now, at least, Washington has turned the NFC East into a four-team race.

"It feels good watching our players take these strides," Zorn said. "The football team believes in what we're doing and that feels good."

A few weeks ago, there was doubt whether Zorn was the right guy to replace Joe Gibbs. Now, he's off to a great start, including being 1-0 against Washington's biggest rival and ending a 1-for-12 skid at Texas Stadium. With Dallas moving to a new stadium next season, the only way he'll coach here again is if it's in the playoffs.

"I've always said this is going to be a process," he said. "We have to maintain our composure after this win, too. We're not going to the Super Bowl next week."

The Cowboys of course weren't either if they had won, but with a soft October schedule, fans saw this as a gateway to an 8-0 start and an early November showdown with the New York Giants. Now, Dallas has to fix a running game held to 44 yards, a passing game that worked hard to get big plays out of Terrell Owens and a defense that had too many players on the field during a critical play midway through the fourth quarter.

"The reality of it is, you have the opportunity to go 16-0 every year in the regular season, but that's not realistic," said quarterback Tony Romo, 1-3 against Washington and 22-6 against everyone else. "We're a confident bunch. I think we'll come back next week with a lot to prove."

Romo was 28-of-47 for 300 yards with three touchdowns, but wasn't able to move Dallas (3-1) as well as the stats suggest. Two of his best drives came in 2-minute drills, with the second — an eight-play, 82-yard march that ended with an 11-yard touchdown to Miles Austin — giving the Cowboys a chance for a stirring rally.

A field goal away from the lead, Dallas went for an onside kick with 1:42 left. The ball came up high and catchable for receiver Sam Hurd but he wasn't able to hold it, losing the ball out of bounds. The Cowboys were out of timeouts, so the game was effectively over, causing team owner Jerry Jones to grimace on the sideline; wherever Redskins owner Dan Snyder was, he was certainly celebrating.

"Everybody has to look at the

Redskins in a different light now," running back Ladell Betts said. "This is a great team. We can beat anybody. We can play with anybody. We proved that right now."

Campbell was 20-of-31 for 231 yards, Santana Moss caught eight passes for 145 yards and the Redskins made it four straight games without a turnover on offense. Shaun Suisham was 4-for-4 on field goals, none longer than 33 yards.

Washington's defense held what had been the NFL's most-explosive offense to its fewest yards and points of the season. Marion Barber ran for only 26 yards on eight carries and Owens had seven catches for 71 yards, but none longer than 18. He did have a 10-yard touchdown catch that tied it at 17 early in the third quarter.

"It's no secret, when I get involved, we move the chains. When I don't, we're more stagnant in our offense," Owens said.

Campbell turned a 7-0 deficit into a 17-7 lead by picking on Dallas cornerback Terence Newman for a 3-yard touchdown pass to James Thrash, a 2-yard touchdown to Antwaan Randle El and a 53-yard strike to Moss that led to a field goal after Moss landed out of bounds on a third-down fade.

After Dallas tied it, Washington scored two touchdowns on its next series — yes, two — and neither counted because of penalties, both on center Casey Rabach. The Redskins wound up with another field goal, then Romo threw an interception, leading to yet another Washington field goal and a 23-17 lead.

Aiming for a go-ahead touchdown, Romo instead threw three straight incompletions to Owens on the next drive. Then Dallas' defense made a big third-down stop, but it didn't count because there were 12 men on the field. The Redskins again got a field goal, the one that put the lead out of reach.

"It's a reality check," Dallas cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones said. "Truly, I think we needed it as a team. ... It will all work out at the end of the year."

Bills 31, Rams 14

The Buffalo Bills are 4-0 for the first time in 16 years. Unlike the previous two weeks, there was no need for late-game heroics to keep them unbeaten.

Jabari Greer's 33-yard interception return on the first play of the fourth quarter was the go-ahead score in an 18-point fourth-quarter that finished off the surprisingly competitive, go-for-broke St. Louis Rams on Sunday.

"We knew they could beat us, and we were pretty certain we could beat them, too," Bills coach Dick Jauron said. "We just ended up making more plays at the end, and that's what this game is all about. So there it is."

After three blowout losses to open the season and amid rumors he might be fired during the team's bye week, Rams coach Scott Linehan benched quarterback Marc Bulger in favor of 38-year-old Trent Green. Linehan had six new starters in all, four on defense.

The shakeout worked for a while, with rookie wide receiver



Redskins quarterback Jason Campbell, left, and head coach Jim Zorn discuss strategy during Washington's 26-24 road victory over the Cowboys Sunday.

Donnie Avery scoring on a 37-yard pitch and a defense led by revived Leonard Little sacking Trent Edwards four times in the first half. Linehan wouldn't commit to another start for Green, at Washington on Oct. 12 in the first game after the bye.

"I think we wanted to come out and be aggressive," Linehan said. "What did we have to lose? Come out, freewheel and go for it. I liked how that went in the first half."

The Bills' first defensive score of the year — also Greer's first career touchdown — came off an overthrown pass on second-and-12. It signaled an end to the Rams' fun and games while handing St. Louis (0-4) its 17th loss in the last 20 games.

"It was crucial," Greer said. "I was excited I was able to make a play that could give us the momentum."

Green blamed miscommunication between he and Torry Holt, the intended receiver on the play. Holt is the Rams' only wide receiver Green has not thrown to much.

"Unfortunately, that came back to bite me," Green said. "Unfortunately, that kind of snowballed things in the fourth quarter, and that weighs heavily on me."

Buffalo drove 81 yards on its next possession, capped by Lee Evans' 39-yard reception and conversion catch for a 28-14 cushion.

The Bills are 4-0 for the first time since 1992, the middle of its dominant AFC years. The Bills have gotten an early jump on the franchise's second winning season since 1999. But the previous two wins were nailbiters by a total of five points.

"It's not easy being 4-0," owner Ralph Wilson said after visiting the victorious locker room. "It's not easy being 1-0 in this league."

Steven Jackson had 110 yards on 24 carries, the first 100-yard

rushing game the Bills have allowed any team this season, and five catches for 78 yards. Jackson's 29-yard scoring run early in the second quarter was the high point for the Rams, putting them ahead 14-6. His exuberance got the best of him when he climbed into the stands and then took his helmet off in the end zone to draw an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

Jackson had criticized Linehan's decision to bench Bulger during his weekly radio show.

Linehan, 11-25 in his third season, last week was put on notice to make immediate improvements by owner Chip Rosenbloom and he pulled out all the stops. The Rams took their first lead of the season on Avery's 37-yard run off a pitch from Green, his first carry of the year.

In the first half alone, the Rams also called an end-around and an option pass, both by Dante Hall to some success. They also went for it on fourth-and-3 from the Buffalo 42 late in the half, but had an incomplete pass.

Linehan said he wasn't concerned that this might have been his final game.

"I'm going to continue to do the best I can, OK, and that's the only thing I can control," Linehan said. "That's what I've done my whole life and that's what I'm going to do the rest of my life."

Chargers 28, Raiders 18

For three quarters, the Oakland Raiders stopped LaDainian Tomlinson and appeared poised to stop a long losing streak to the San Diego Chargers.

Then Tomlinson got loose, the Chargers pressured JaMarcus Russell and the longest winning streak any team has held against the Raiders grew to 10 games.

Darren Sproles' long kickoff return set up Nate Kaeding's go-ahead 47-yard field goal with 1:51 to play and Tomlinson sealed the 28-18 victory Sunday with his second fourth-quarter touchdown that gave him yet another 100-yard game.

"Every year is different. They're a better team," said Tomlinson, who had 75 of his 106 yards in the fourth quarter. "We pride ourselves on how we start, finishing the game strong. It didn't matter that it was against the Raiders."

Closing a game out was important for the Chargers (2-2), who lost their first two games of the season in the final minute. But those games weren't against the Raiders (1-3), who showed they can blow a lead against the Chargers as easily as they can get blown out.

"Obviously when you've won that many in a row, you've got a grasp on how to beat them," said quarterback Philip Rivers, who went 14-for-25 for 180 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions.

"We just kept fighting. It wasn't our prettiest win, but our defense gave us a chance. There was no panic."

The loss marked the second straight week the Raiders (1-3) were unable to hold onto a two-score lead in the fourth quarter and might finally signal the end of coach Lane Kiffin's tenure in Oakland.

The Raiders blew a nine-point fourth-quarter lead last week in Buffalo. They led 15-0 at halftime Sunday and went into the fourth quarter with a 15-3 lead. Now with a bye coming up this week, the questions about Kiffin's job security will only intensify.

"That's not my call," he said. "I don't know what I expect. I'm not going to do anything different than I've been doing, keeping this team together the best I can."

NCAA FOOTBALL

Week of upsets shakes Associated Press poll

Oklahoma moves to No. 1, Alabama is No. 2

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Oklahoma, where the No. 1 ranking rests again.

The Sooners sit atop the AP Top 25 on Sunday after the first upset-filled weekend of the season gave the media poll a powerful shake. Alabama was both a mover and a shaker, as the Crimson Tide rose to No. 2 after a surprising 41-30 pounding of Georgia.

Previously top-ranked Southern California lost at Oregon State to set the tone for a weekend that brought back memories of the topsyturvy 2007 season.

On Saturday, two more top-five teams fell. Florida was stunned at home by Mississippi, 31-30. Georgia, which started the season No. 1, was down 31 points by halftime to Alabama and never recovered.

Overall, nine ranked teams lost, six to unranked foes.

The last time such a shake-up occurred? One year ago, when in the last week of September three of the top-five teams fell and seven ranked teams lost to unranked opponents.

"I think we talked (Friday) that anyone can beat anyone on any given Saturday, and that's why you've got to come out and you've got to play on edge, full tilt every game because if not, someone's liable to come in and beat you," Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford said after the Sooners' 35-10 victory over TCU on Saturday.

Oklahoma is No. 1 for the 96th time in the history of the AP poll, breaking a tie with

Notre Dame for the most ever. The last time the Sooners were No. 1 was 2003, when they were atop the polls all season before losing the Big 12 title game to Kansas State.

Oklahoma received 43 of a possible 65 first-place votes and 1,599 points.

Alabama's impressive performance jumped the Tide six spots. Alabama hasn't been ranked this high since it was No. 2 for the first eight polls of the 1993 season.

The Tide received 21 first-place votes and 1,565 points.

LSU is No. 3, moving up two spots. No. 4 Missouri, which received a first-place vote, and No. 5 Texas also moved up two places and left the top five under the control of the Big 12 (three teams) and Southeastern Conference (two).

Penn State moved up six spots to No. 6 after its 38-24 victory against Illinois.

Texas Tech was idle, but took advantage of the attrition in the top 10 to move up to No. 7. BYU is eighth, USC dropped eight spots to No. 9 and South Florida is No. 10.

In the USA Today coaches' poll, Oklahoma was No. 1, but LSU was No. 2, followed by Missouri, Alabama and Texas. In the Harris poll, which came out for the first time this season Sunday and is used in the BCS standings, Oklahoma was No. 1, followed by LSU, Alabama, Missouri and Texas.

Georgia and Florida each dropped eight spots in the AP poll. The Bulldogs are No. 11 and Florida is No. 12, followed by fellow SEC rival Auburn at No. 13.



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Dame appeared poised to complete a 2-0 weekend and move its Big East record to 4-0-1, but the Cardinals were awarded a penalty kick. Midfielder Aaron Clapham stepped forward to convert the kick sending the match into overtime. Five minutes into the extra frame, Louisville would pull out the win when defender Austin Berry headed home a corner kick.

"It was very disappointing to lose on a penalty kick in the 90th minute," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "That's always a tough one. I thought we opened the game well, but I didn't feel it was one of our better games."

The final stats back up Clark's assessment of his team's performance. Despite taking the minimal advantage into the final minute of regulation, Notre Dame was outshot by Louisville 13-5 in the second half and 21-10 for the entire match.

Despite Louisville's superiority in the second half, the Irish were the first team to find the back of the net. In the 51st minute, sophomore forward Jeb Brovsky's shot was deflected by Cardinals' keeper Andre Bordeaux straight to Irish forward Bright Dike. The senior controlled the ball and put it home to give Notre Dame the lead and register his team-leading sixth goal of the season.

Dike's goal was followed by an onslaught of Louisville pressure. The Cardinals created chances in the 71st and 87th minutes, but they wouldn't break through until the penalty in the final minute.

"After we got the goal in the second half, we kind of sat back on it," Clark said. "They became very direct and they have some pretty big boys. They are always going to be dangerous whether in corner kicks or long throw-ins. They

pinned us in for long periods of the second half."

Notre Dame didn't leave themselves such a slim margin for error earlier in the weekend at Cincinnati. After opening the scoring once again early in the second half, the Irish pushed home two more goals for a comfortable 3-0 win over the Bearcats.

The first tally came twelve minutes into the second half when junior forward Tamba Samba received a pass from fellow forward Steven Perry, turned his defender and finished far post. It was the second consecutive game that Samba scored off a feed from Perry, and Clark was complimentary of the play of his two forwards.

"The big thing today was the play of Steven Perry and Tamba Samba," Clark said. "They were terrific. They came on and for the first time this season I feel they really stamped their authority in a game and that

was terrific."

After Samba's goal, some of the Irish's usual suspects made sure to leave their mark on the game. Just over ten minutes after the opening goal, junior midfielder Michael Thomas received a pass at the top of the box from fellow midfielder Justin Morrow. Thomas proceeded to fire past Cincinnati keeper Robert Cavicchia for his fifth goal of the season.

Dike would finish off the scoring in the 88th minute unassisted when he muscled through the Bearcat defense and fired home from six yards out.

Notes

◆ Notre Dame's win over Cincinnati Friday night was Clark's 100th career victory with the Irish. That puts him third on the list for career wins behind Rich Hunter — 128 wins from 1977-1983 — and Mike Berticelli — 104 wins from 1990-1999.

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Bobby Clark
Irish coach

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Irish goal in the net to give Notre Dame the definite 6-0 conference win.

Sunday wasn't the only conference win the Irish picked up this weekend. The Irish ticked off Louisville 4-1 at home Friday night.

Hanks posted her second multi-goal game of the season, scoring twice. The Irish came out early as Hanks converted a cross from Julie Scheidler within the first 20

minutes of play. Notre Dame had the 3-0 lead at half time, and despite posting a strong first half, struggled a little in the second — something Waldrum attributes to the fact that in-conference teams know each other well.

"The teams in conference just know each other so well, and you know their personnel and they know yours and their tendencies, and that makes it more difficult just that familiarity," he said.

Louisville's Shannon Smyth got the first goal of the second half, but the Irish responded in under a

minute. Hanks got her second goal of the game to secure Notre Dame's win at 4-1.

Courtney Barg and Erica Iantorno notched the other two Irish goals. Barg was the fourteenth goal scorer for the Irish this season.

"It gives you so many more weapons to choose from," Waldrum said of the team's versatility. "They all are a little different type players so it makes it very difficult for the opponent to mark."

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MLB

Brewers in; Mets out again

Associated Press

Already standing tall, CC Sabathia climbed on top of the Brewers dugout and sprayed fans with bubbly.

A vintage scene, indeed.

For the first time since 1982, when it was a member of the American League and well before wild cards even existed, Milwaukee is going to the playoffs.

"It's our time," Sabathia said after beating the Cubs 3-1 Sunday.

No such luck for the New York Mets. They lost on the field — and the out-of-town scoreboard — and again were eliminated by Florida on the final day. Making it worse, a farewell-to-Shea Stadium followed.

"We failed. We failed as a team," star David Wright said after a 4-2 loss. "There's no pointing fingers. There's no excuses. We as a unit didn't get the job done."

No telling yet about the Minnesota Twins and Chicago White Sox. They still haven't sorted out their AL Central scramble.

So while workers at Wrigley Field and Tropicana Field put up the postseason bunting, this year is going to extra innings.

One slot left, guys.

"It's kind of an ongoing joke that it seems like nobody wanted to win the Central, so this is kind of probably the way it should go down, going into a game tomorrow when the season's supposed to be over," Twins closer Joe Nathan said.

On Monday afternoon, Detroit visits Chicago in a makeup from a September rainout. If the White Sox win, the would host the Twins in a one-game tiebreaker Tuesday for the AL Central title.

Then on Wednesday, the playoffs begin with three games: Manny Ramirez, Joe Torre and the Los Angeles Dodgers take on the Chicago Cubs, the wild-card Brewers travel to Philadelphia and the World Series champion Boston Red Sox play the 100-win Los Angeles Angels.

Along with playing the winningest team in the majors, the Red Sox will face another obstacle: Josh Beckett, who was supposed to pitch the opener, will not start until Game 3 after straining a muscle in his side a few days ago.

By then, the Tampa Bay Rays will have made their postseason debut. They host either the White Sox or Twins on Thursday.

Before the Rays beat Detroit 8-7 in 11 innings Sunday, manager Joe Maddon held a brief team meeting.



Brewers interim manager Dale Sveum leads the clubhouse celebration after Milwaukee clinched the National League wild card.

"Joe just said to keep everything normal — like any other game. There's no reason to start showing up five hours before the game now. It's another game and we need to prepare like it's another game," pitcher James Shields said.

Inside their clubhouse at Comerica Park, there also was a note on a dry erase board: Wear your AL East champs shirts on the flight back home, it reminded the Rays.

The White Sox hoping to join the Rays this week. They gave themselves a chance with a 5-1 win over Cleveland while Minnesota was beating Kansas City 6-0.

"You play 161 games and today is supposed to be the last day of the year," Mark Buehrle said after pitching the White Sox to victory. "Everybody is going home, a lot of people are going to the playoffs and here we got to play another game that matters for us and not for the other team."

The Brewers and Mets went into the final day even at 89-72, facing the possibility of a wild-card tiebreaker at Shea.

Instead, in a moment's notice, the whole playoff picture took shape.

Right after the scoreboard at Miller Park showed the Mets had fallen behind — the bullpen again was the culprit, with Scott Schoeneweis and Luis Ayala giving up back-to-back home runs in the eighth inning, the Brewers struck.

With Milwaukee fans still buzzing about the big doings in New York, Ryan Braun hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning. Sabathia then closed it

out, pitching a four-hitter in his third straight start on three days' rest.

"He's the best pitcher in baseball," Braun said. "The best pitcher on the planet. He's our MVP this year. No chance for us to do this without him."

After their fans watched the Mets' loss on the giant video board in center field, the Brewers celebrated. Quite an end for a team that fired manager Ned Yost with two weeks left, promoted third-base coach Dale Sveum to run the club and overcame a 3-11 September start.

"I give all the credit to Ned," Sveum said. "He's one of my good friends. Just some unfortunate incidents. I love Ned from the bottom of my heart and I wish he was here right now."

The Mets and their fans could only wonder what went wrong.

A year ago, they blew a seven-game division lead with 17 games left. This year, they wasted a 3 1/2-game edge with 17 remaining.

Minus the 1981 split season, the Mets became the first club in big league history to hold 3 1/2-game division leads in consecutive Septembers and fail to make the postseason both times, the Elias Sports Bureau said.

Hardly a way to send out their old ballpark.

"It would have been better if we would have won today, but I don't think it spoils the celebration," general manager Omar Minaya said. "What's going on out there, it's about the history of this building, the history of the players, the history of this organization."

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and 25-22.

The second match was on Sunday against a hostile Georgetown (8-7; 1-1 Big East) team eager to prove itself defending its home turf. The Irish ended Georgetown's five game home winning streak with a three set sweep of the Hoyas.

"We were able to take their outside hitters out of the game," Brown said.

Kaelin and Sciacca again both paced the Irish with 12 and 9 kills, respectively.

Sciacca had five of her kills in the first set along with four kills and one block from Enzweiler. The team hit .343.

The Irish dominated the second set 25-16 as Kaelin Enzweiler, Sciacca, Stremick and freshman outside hitter Kristen Dealy all had at least three kills in the frame.

In the final frame, strong defense led to 15-3 run that sealed the match for the Irish.

The Irish will continue Big East play on Saturday when they travel to Kentucky to face Louisville before matching up with Cincinnati on Sunday.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Still rolling

Top-ranked Irish outscore two Big East opponents 10-1 in cruising to a pair of conference wins

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They stepped off the field at the end of the first half with a 2-0 lead over Cincinnati, but the Irish were nowhere near done Sunday. Kerri Hanks notched the first goal for Notre Dame, followed by freshman Melissa Henderson in what proved to be a rough and gritty first half. The Bearcats tried to stop Notre Dame from gaining any sort of rhythm by pulling shirts and racking up nine fouls in the first half.

"It wasn't that they were overly physical or more physical than us, it was just that they were more disruptive," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "Every time you would beat a player off the dribble they were pulling your shirt or they're fowling you and they just never let you get a rhythm."

But that only fed Notre Dame's fire and the Irish

came out running in the second half.

Henderson scored her second goal of the game in the 71st minute, followed four minutes later by Courtney Rosen. And just 33 seconds later Henderson buried her third goal, giving the freshman her first career hat trick.

With three goals within five minutes of each other, the Bearcats knew who they were dealing with.

"We came out with a much higher level of intensity, and even though the first half, we had the game handled, and they were never really dangerous, it was just one of those things that I think we needed to come out and make sure we stepped up the intensity level and make them try to match that and they couldn't match the depth and they couldn't match the intensity level once we really got it going in the second half."

Haley Ford put the final

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Sophomore midfielder/forward Erica Iantorno boxes out a defender during Notre Dame's 4-1 victory over Louisville Friday.

ND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Team starts conference slate with a pair of victories

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The Irish stepped up to the plate and came up huge this weekend, starting the Big East season off right with two solid wins against South Florida and Georgetown.

Notre Dame improved its overall record to 2-0 in the Big East (7-7 overall) to propel itself into a tie for first place in the conference with Seton Hall.

Irish coach Debbie Brown kept things in perspective,

however, not wanting her team to get ahead of themselves.

"It's still way too early [to worry about first place]," Brown said.

Up first for the Irish on Friday was a strong South Florida (10-6, 1-1 Big East) team led by All-American junior outside hitter Marcela Gurgel. The Irish defeated the Bulls 3-1.

Gurgel paced the Bulls with 19 kills and 11 digs, but the Irish were able to control her for the most part.

"We had a pretty high num-

ber of kills, which helps," Brown said. "We held her under her percentage average, and we took some of her shots away."

Notre Dame's lineup changes in light of junior outside hitter Serinity Phillips absence due to an ankle injury saw senior outside hitter Justine Stremick on the right with junior middle blocker Tara Enzweiler and Sciacca in the middle. Brown cited this formation as helping her team deal with USF.

Starring for the Irish against the Bulls was sophomore out-

side hitter Kellie Sciacca. Sciacca had 20 kills on 28 attempts for a .643 average in the match.

"[Sciacca] came alive offensively, she was on her game," Brown said. "It was really, really good to see."

Junior outside hitter Christina Kaelin also pitched in with 18 kills and a .429 hitting percentage.

"Kaelin let her competitiveness take over," Brown said. "She wanted the ball and she had some great swings. I was really pleased with her performance."

The first set against the Bulls went well for the Irish largely due to the power of Sciacca's six kills in the frame, including the set-winner.

In the only set that the Irish would drop this weekend, the second, the Irish nevertheless drove the Bulls to the wire 21-25 and posted a .406 hitting percentage.

Sciacca's kills and the Notre Dame defense continued to stand strong in the final two sets, winning them both 25-21

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MEN'S SOCCER

ND falls in OT heartbreaker

By GREG ARBOGAST
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All good things must come to an end, but this one was particularly difficult to swallow for No. 3 Notre Dame.

The Irish's seven-game unbeaten streak, Fifteen-game regular season Big East unbeaten run and stretch of 395 minutes without conceding a goal all come to an end with a 2-1 OT loss at No. 19 Louisville.

It all changed on one blow of the whistle.

Leading 1-0 in the final minute of regulation, Notre



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Senior forward Bright Dike tries to control the ball during Notre Dame's 4-1 defeat of Marquette on Sept. 11.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Boulder, Colo. to host 19-team tournament

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Notre Dame will look to build off its third place finish in the Mary Fossum Invitational last weekend as the Irish prepare to compete in the Heather Farr Memorial in Boulder, Colo., a two-day event beginning today.

The 19-team event will be played at Omni Interlocken Golf Club, the home course for the University of Colorado.

The Irish are led by senior captain Lisa Maunu, whose 73 scoring average through the first two events is the best on

the team. Maunu will be supported by junior Annie Brophy and freshman Becca Huffer, each of whom shot under par in their final round last weekend to help clinch the third place finish.

Also competing for the Irish are sophomore So-Hyun Park, who finished tied for 11th place with Brophy and Maunu at the Fossum Invitational, and sophomore Katie Conway, who will be competing as a member of Notre Dame's five-woman team for the first time this season.

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