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Energy audits increase efficiency

Nearly 3,000 fluorescent light bulbs distributed around campus as part of NBC's Green Week

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Over 75 student volunteers canvassed Notre Dame's campus Sunday in attempts to increase energy efficiency and decrease energy consumption.

As part of the program, the volunteers distributed about 3,000 compact fluorescent light bulbs in dorms.

Lourdes Long, president of GreeND, said GreeND and the Office of Sustainability coordinated the energy audits and light bulb exchange, with help from sustainability commissioners from dorms.

"We probably got around 3,000 light bulbs out there ... and we

went to about 1,000 rooms," Long said. Long said that each dorm had about three or four volunteers participate, and students visited 29 of Notre Dame's 30 residence halls.

The event comes at the beginning of NBC Universal's Green Week, which will feature sustainability initiatives at Notre Dame and Syracuse during the television broadcast of the football game Saturday.

Sunday, volunteers exchanged light bulbs and performed energy audits in dorms on campus. Long said one of the primary parts of the audit was to check if thermostats were functioning properly.

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O'Neill environmental commissioner Kent Gonzales, left, and GreeND vice president Colleen Kelly hand out light bulbs at South Dining Hall Sunday.

Two bands entertain students

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Two distinct sounds blared from Stepan Center on Friday night as Cartel and Citizen Cope took the stage.

Cartel performed first followed by Citizen Cope at the Student Union Board (SUB) sponsored concert.

The atmosphere of the audience seemed to be dictated by the energy of the band performing. When Cartel was on stage, the crowd standing in front of the stage was more rowdy, energetically jumping up and down in tandem with the fast-paced strums of electric guitars.

The crowd's atmosphere changed dramatically when Citizen Cope took the stage as the audience took more to head-bobbing and foot-tapping rather than crowd surfing.

"The crowd for Cartel was definitely way more rambunctious. We go pushed around so much. Everyone was moshing," said freshman Caitlin Alli.

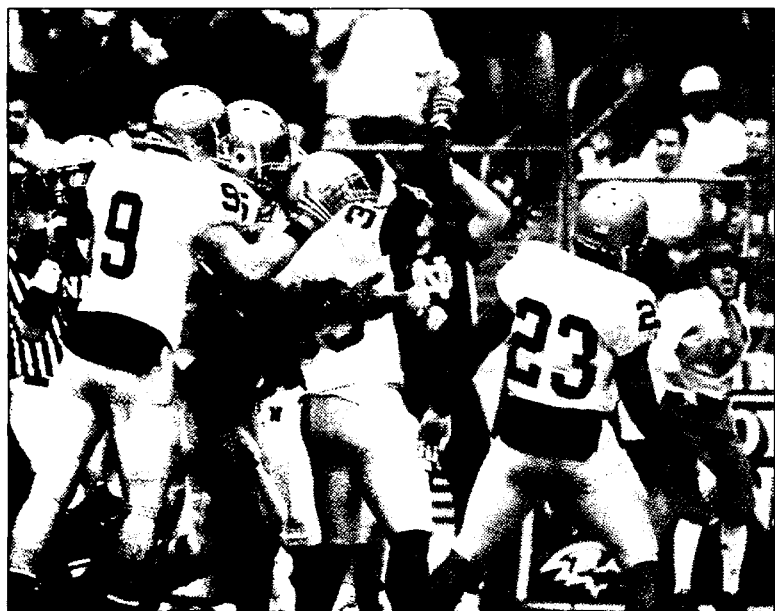
Freshman Andrew Bolka described Cartel's music as more "energetic" and "upbeat," while Citizen Cope's music was more "chill" and "laid back."

However, Bolka said that the audience was into both types of music and knew the words to the songs of both bands.

Bolka saw Cartel as having "the rock star image of playing onstage and being flashy," while he said Citizen Cope was "more about the music."

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Fans excited as Irish become bowl eligible



Players celebrate after scoring a touchdown in Notre Dame's 27-21 victory over Navy Saturday.

By KATIE KOTARAK
News Writer

After two straight losses, Notre Dame fans got a much-needed win when the Irish downed Navy 27-21 in front of over 70,000 at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, Md., Saturday.

Senior Lauren Desrosiers made the 11-hour drive to Baltimore with some friends for the game. Desrosiers described the atmosphere in the stadium as "electric" and had fun cheering on the Irish.

"It was really exciting. We were in the highest row in the end zone and later when some people left because of the rain, we moved down to be closer to

the field," Desrosiers said. "We sat with some band members who led us in cheers and we even made it onto the Jumbotron," she said.

Desrosiers, whose father served in the Navy until she was 17, admired the respect both teams and their fans expressed for each other.

"At the end of the game, it was silent when both teams stood for each other's alma mater. The mutual respect between Notre Dame and Navy is really impressive," Desrosiers said.

Saint Mary's senior and Notre Dame cheerleader, Jenny Antonelli traveled to Baltimore with the squad to

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FCC conducts project for homeless

Freshmen make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, package meals

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Freshman Class Council (FCC) held their second event of the year Sunday afternoon, and made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and packaged meals for the homeless, FCC president Malcolm Phelan said.

"We thought this was a good combination of a childhood favorite activity and service toward community," Phelan said.

FCC bought supplies to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches from their budget, and FCC members used meals at Grab N' Go to buy chips and juice boxes. Freshmen then made meals of a sandwich, chips and a

juice box, said Phelan.

Freshman Catherine Soler, head of the FCC service committee that organized the event, said that around 315 sandwiches were made.

The meals were given to Hope's Shelter Men's Center and The Center for the Homeless, Soler said.

Both Soler and Phelan said that the event was a success and that the freshmen who attended were enthusiastic.

"The event was supposed to be two hours long and it ended up we got so many enthusiastic and efficient people that we finished all the supplies within 45 minutes," Phelan said. "We had to basically turn people away at some point because we didn't have anything else left to do."

"I think it was a good amount considering that it was a Sunday afternoon," Soler said. "Everyone there seemed to have a good time so we're thinking that it's an indicator for future events."

Phelan said that because the sandwiches were perishable, FCC was limited with how many they could make.

"In the future, we'd like to have more events where we aren't limited by supplies because we definitely have the manpower we need in the student body," he said.

Soler said that the FCC service committee has come up with ideas for future events, including a charity concert, an event that freshman athletes play games

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College holds 5K run for children's hospital

By SARAH MAYER
Sports Writer

In an effort to raise money for their annual Dance Marathon to be held April 4 Saint Mary's College held a 5K run/1 mile fun walk called "Trot for Tots".

The event kicked off Saturday at 9 a.m. with about 60 participants, special events committee chair Caitlin Murphy said. Students, faculty, and members of the South Bend community all took part, Murphy said.

The walk, which was held on Saint Mary's campus and on trails northwest of campus, raised over \$500 and long-sleeve T-shirts will be on sale this week for \$10, Murphy said. According to Murphy, the real reward was the community involvement.

"Looking at the monetary amount is a great indicator," Murphy said. "But also as I looked through the registration forms people had indicated various ways in which they heard about it. There was quite a bit of community involvement."

The event was held to help raise awareness for Dance Marathon in the community and it accomplished its goal, she said.

Some may have wondered why the event was not held earlier in the year when the weather was warmer, Murphy said. However, the event was held in the spirit of thanksgiving, and so held just before the holiday, she said.

"In my home town, we have huge turnouts for turkey trots and so that is how we angled the date

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INSIDE COLUMN

Should I stay
or should I go?

As soon as I stepped onto campus for a visit during my senior year of high school, I immediately knew I wanted to attend Notre Dame. The school where my grandfather had graduated from 60 years earlier, this University seemed like a magical place to me — the place where I wanted to spend my next four years. I'll always remember the first time I saw the Golden Dome, and how I thought it was truly the most beautiful building I had ever seen. But soon I will be leaving.

Joseph McMahon
Assistant News
Editor

It now appears I will only actually spend three and a half years at Notre Dame, as I prepare to study abroad next semester in Innsbruck, Austria. The seven weeks I spent in Germany during the summer of 2006 were the best weeks of my life, and I absolutely cannot wait to leave icy South Bend behind in favor of the snowcapped Alps.

However, my decision to study abroad has led me to reflect on my first year and a half at Notre Dame. For the most part, I have loved it. The friends I have made are some of the best people I will ever know, and I will miss them terribly.

But aside from that, I feel that breaking from routine and traveling halfway across the world will help me treasure my time at the University even more.

But even some of the things I love most about Notre Dame, from my classes to my job at The Observer to dorm life, have gotten a little stale. The excitement with which I approached everything and anything that had to do with Notre Dame when I was a freshman has been numbed by malaise.

There are aspects of the University that I absolutely despise. While I watched news coverage of other schools around the nation during election night and saw students dancing in the streets with joy, South and North Quads were filled with eerie silence. After growing up in New York City, the utter lack of diversity (this year's freshman class was only three percent black) can sometimes make me incredibly uncomfortable. The relationship between the University and the South Bend community has grown so bad that students even make jokes about how local police officers are more concerned about busting parties than protecting their safety.

It's sad for me to admit, but I have become a little jaded about Notre Dame. Please don't misunderstand me. Every time I look at the Golden Dome I am still filled with the same sense of awe I felt the first time I laid eyes on it. I still love this school and I am thankful to my parents and incredibly appreciative of this amazing opportunity that has been given to me. I would not trade going here to going to any other university in the world.

However, I feel going abroad will help me appreciate the great things about Notre Dame even more when I return home. For all its faults, I'm sure I will miss this place, but for right now I think it's time for a break.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE YOUTUBE CLIP?



Jasmine Reed

sophomore
Lyons

"Soulja Boy,
Barney Remix."



Ben Frost

junior
Dillon

"The one with
the dude
dancing."



Molly Oelerich

sophomore
P.W.

"Charlie bit my
finger — it's
pretty
hilarious."



Kris Kast

sophomore
Carroll

"The grape lady
falls — the
sounds she
makes are
hilarious."



Julie Hull

sophomore
Lewis

"Gunther —
Crazy Summer
Love because of
all the fruit."



HY PHAM/The Observer

Bill the Goat, the Navy mascot, patrols the sidelines during Notre Dame's 27-21 victory over the Midshipmen Saturday. The goat pictured, Bill XXXIII, is the 36th goat to serve as the Academy's mascot.

OFFBEAT

Boy allegedly hits mom
with saw, offers her \$5

FORT PIERCE, Fla. — Authorities say an 11-year-old boy hit his mother in the head with a saw and then offered her \$5 not to call police. The St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office reported that the boy and his 41-year-old mother got into an argument Wednesday when she was trying to get him to take his medication.

The boy left and went to another home, where he began hitting a tree with a saw. When the mother finally caught up

with the boy, authorities say he hit her in the head with the saw, causing a minor laceration. A sheriff's report said that's when the boy began pleading with his mother not to call police and offered her a \$5 bill.

The boy is facing an aggravated battery charge.

Man accused of urinating
on arresting officer

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. — A 35-year-old man faces charges after allegedly driving drunk and then urinating in the back of a squad car and on the

arresting officer. A criminal complaint said the man was pulled over early Wednesday after an officer saw him driving erratically and striking a pole at a gas station.

The complaint said the man failed field sobriety tests and when he was being taken to the police station, urinated in the back of the squad car and sprayed the officer, hitting him in the back of the head.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Zhigang Suo, professor of engineering and applied sciences at Harvard University, will present a seminar on the thermodynamics of large deformation in soft active materials Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. The topic has applications in medical devices, robotics, energy harvesting, microfluidics, and oil wells.

G.F. Michelsen will read from his latest novel, *Mettle*, at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Creative Writing Program and is open to the public.

Estampas Portenas, a tango group from Argentina, will dance at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Wednesday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for students and can be purchased online or at the Ticket Office.

This month's Evenings of Prayer from Around the World will feature Muslim prayer. The service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in 330 Coleman-Morse. Students of all faith traditions are welcome to the Campus Ministry-sponsored event.

The Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will show the film "Boy A" at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Thursday. In the film, a man who committed a terrible crime as a child is released from jail as an adult into a world he has never been part of.

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

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Nagle: Supreme Court follows Roosevelt's path

Special to The Observer

The Supreme Court ruled Wednesday (Nov. 12) in favor of the U.S. Navy regarding the use of sonar in training exercises even when it risked harming whales and other mammals.

In doing so, according to John C. Nagle, John N. Matthews Professor of Law in the Notre Dame Law School, the court invoked the memory of President Theodore Roosevelt in a novel and significant way.

"We are accustomed to hearing Theodore Roosevelt being quoted in favor of environmental conservation," Nagle said. "We forget that T.R. also served as assistant secretary of the Navy. Chief Justice John G. Roberts invoked that experience in this week's Supreme Court case."

"Roberts quoted T.R.'s statement that 'the only way in which a navy can ever be made efficient is by practice at sea, under all the conditions which would have to be met if war existed. The court thus overturned a preliminary injunction that a Los Angeles federal trial judge had issued against naval training exercises off the coast of Southern California pending the completion of further studies of the impact of the training on nearby whales."

According to Nagle, "The case reached the Supreme Court in an unusual posture. The court presumed that the Navy had acted illegally by conducting its exercises

before completing the environmental studies required by federal law. The remaining question was what to do about it."

"Federal courts issue injunctions only if, among other things, the harm resulting from the contested action outweighs the benefit of continuing it. Normally that supports injunctive relief in environmental cases because the harm that could occur by, for example, building a dam or paving a road is irreversible and far greater than the economic consequences of a temporary delay."

"But the Navy insisted that its exercises were an essential component of its anti-terrorism efforts," Nagle said, "and the court faulted the trial judge for overlooking those national security interests. So the exercises and the environmental studies will both proceed, and other courts will work to implement the court's guidance in the increasingly frequent conflicts between military operations and environmental law."

Nagle, the author of "Law's Environment: How Environmental Law Affects the Environment," teaches, speaks and writes on numerous issues related to environmental law and legislation. He also has received Fulbright Awards to teach environmental law and property law at the Tsinghua University Law School in Beijing and at Fudan University in Shanghai.

ACE study focuses on U.S. pastors

Research is a response to ND's 2005-06 report on Catholic education

Special to The Observer

Three members of the University of Notre Dame faculty have completed a national research study titled "Faith, Finances and the Future: The Notre Dame Study of U.S. Pastors," to be published by Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Press.

Authored by Rev. Ronald Nuzzi, director of the ACE Leadership Program, and ACE faculty members James Frabutt and Anthony Holter, the report presents findings from a 2008 nationwide study of pastors with responsibility for Catholic schools, as well as recommendations for addressing the most pressing issues those pastors identified. Only the third such study in the history of American Catholic education, and the first in nearly 10 years, the Notre Dame Study of U.S. Pastors is a systematic analysis of pastors' needs and perceptions regarding Catholic schools and Catholic education.

More than 2,000 pastors from nearly every diocese in the country were contacted to participate in the study, the findings of which indicate that "regardless of location of the parish school, pastors consistently identify Catholic identity and finances as the two most important needs facing their schools."

Findings also show that pastors who believe the mission of their parish school is valued and supported by Catholic institutions of high-

er education tend to value the school more significantly than those pastors who do not perceive such external support for their schools.

The authors of the study offer several recommendations to address the needs illuminated by their findings. In the area of finances, they propose that Catholic school systems decrease expenses by establishing regional or national cooperatives to cut health care and energy costs, as a few dioceses have already successfully accomplished. At the same time, the authors suggest, Catholic schools can increase revenues by better accessing federal and state funds available to them, becoming more active in the school choice arena, and taking a more sophisticated approach to pooled investments.

In regard to the Catholic identity needs the pastors expressed, the research team recommends that the school community be more consciously integrated into the overall life of the parish, so that schools might be seen "as an integral part of the parish's larger pastoral services framework." Increasing efforts to sustain and strengthen the spiritual growth of faculty and staff also is proposed as a means of enhancing the Catholicity of schools.

Workshops about the study, its findings, and subsequent recommendations are available to diocesan leaders and Catholic school system administrators upon request.

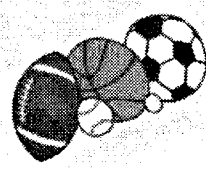
The Notre Dame Study of U.S. Pastors is just one of many recent undertakings of the ACE program in response to the final report of the 2005-06 Notre Dame Task Force on Catholic Education, titled "Making God Known, Loved, and Served." The task force, convened by Notre Dame's president, Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., was composed of 50 leaders from throughout the country, including Catholic educators, diocesan representatives, philanthropists, investment specialists and Notre Dame faculty and staff, and was chaired by Rev. Timothy R. Scully, C.S.C., co-founder of the ACE program.

The task force's report outlined 12 strategic objectives for Notre Dame to address the most pressing needs of U.S. elementary and secondary Catholic schools; to date more than 10,000 copies have been distributed to dioceses and Catholic school systems across the nation. Among many recommendations and action steps for the renewal of Catholic education, the report recognized the uniquely important role of pastors and that no effort to serve Catholic schools can succeed without them.

"Identifying and then responding to the needs of pastors with schools is an important step in the ongoing revitalization of Catholic education and continues the ACE mission to sustain, strengthen, and transform our Catholic schools," Father Nuzzi said.

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SUB

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Cartel played songs from both of their albums, plus a cover of Oasis' "Wonderwall," which the crowd sang along with. They closed with their hit single "Honesty."

Citizen Cope played a versatile range of music, said Bolka, performing both with a band and without, with an electric guitar and then an acoustic guitar.

The versatility of Citizen Cope's music is "genre breaking," said Bolka.

Towards the end of his performance, the one-man-act of Citizen Cope, Clarence Greenwood, and his band, left the stage, then came back, left again to perform his encore solo. He ended with his hits "Son's Gonna Rise" and "Sideways."

Sophomore Dylan Fernandez, who was a bigger fan of Citizen Cope, said that seeing Greenwood perform was a good way to start the weekend.

"I really like the way my man Clarence grooves. He hits you in the face with a real chill vibe," said Fernandez.

Co-programmer of the con-

cert and senior Clint Simkins said that SUB wanted to host a concert that would appeal to the majority of the student body.

"Having two different acts was the best way to do this," he said. "These two acts explore genres that are fairly separate, but maintain a common fan-base for the most part."

A major difference from past concerts is that the floor of Stepan Center was set up as standing room only with chairs on the sides. In the past, chairs have been placed throughout the main area in Stepan Center, said Simkins.

Alli liked this new set up because while the Stepan Center is spacious, it is also possible to get up close to the band.

"It's a big space so there's room to spread out but you can get pretty close to the stage," said Alli. "You are right there with the band."

Currently, SUB has no plans for another major concert at Stepan Center this year, but is planning two shows at Legends in the spring, said Casey McNeill, co-programmer of the concert.

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Energy

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working, it needs to be reported," Long said.

Senior Carol Matasci volunteered to help check dorm rooms Sunday night. Matasci said that between her and a few other Farley residents, they knocked on every door in Farley to offer light bulbs and perform an energy audit.

Matasci said students were receptive to the light bulbs and receiving tips on saving energy.

"Some people already had [the fluorescent light bulbs], but the people who didn't were happy to take the new ones," she said.

Matasci said she asked residents about their thermostats, and reported that she alone had been to 10 rooms with thermostat issues that needed to be reported.

"We also asked about the computer power settings, because a lot of people don't have their computers on the energy saving set-

ting," she said.

She also asked students if their windows closed properly and if they had recycling bins, which all residents did, Matasci said.

Matasci said students were concerned about energy consumption, "but they haven't necessarily taken the steps yet, or a lot of people didn't know how to change the power settings on their computer," she said.

The light bulbs used in the exchange were purchased by the Office of Sustainability with money from a \$2 million green loan fund. Long said the investment would see savings that exceeded the cost within a year.

"That's a pretty quick return on an investment," Long said.

NBC challenged both Notre Dame and Syracuse to get as many people as possible to reduce carbon using the Web site Carbon Rally, by joining and taking challenges to reduce carbon emissions.

As of Sunday evening, the "Fighting Irish" team had 1,034 members, far exceeding

Syracuse's "Be Orange Think Green" team with 394 members. The team with the most members wins \$10,000.

Long said students can sign up on the Office of Sustainability's Web site.

NBC will also be sponsoring an ad competition between Notre Dame and Syracuse. Students from both schools can create 30-second films about sustainability issues, and the winning ad will be broadcast during the Notre Dame-Syracuse football game.

Also as a part of Green Week, the game itself will be carbon neutral — a first for the University.

Long said emissions from fan travel and any activities at the stadium on game day will all be taken into account in determining how much carbon needs to be offset in order to have a carbon neutral game.

Emma Driscoll contributed to this article.

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Run

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first annual 5K to benefit Riley Hospital for Children," Murphy said.

The weather may have been cold, but the participants were upbeat, Murphy said.

"Everyone was really excited to be there," Murphy said. "It was a bit chilly and windy, but everyone was ready to go with lots of smiles."

Keeping with the theme of Dance Marathon, everything is done "for the kids." The children of Riley Hospital were in everyone's thoughts the morning of the race.

"It's hard not to get excited

about these kind of things; we are doing it for the kids at Riley Hospital, for children who may not be able to take advantage of these events so we can't complain about the cold weather," Murphy said.

Senior Emily Bernath participated in the race.

"I ran Trot for Tots because I love 5K races I think they're a lot of fun," she said.

She said that this fundraiser was better than some other Dance Marathon fundraisers because people got to do something in addition to giving money.

"You weren't just donating money you were doing something that benefits yourself and others," she said.

Katie Ciresi, a freshman member of the Dance Marathon community marketing committee also

ran the 5k race with a friend who is not on the committee.

I was involved with the dance marathon at my high school ... I just think it's a really important cause," Ciresi said.

So far, Dance Marathon has held their signature "Charity Denim" event, as well as a date auction, and recently had members travel to see Indiana University's Dance Marathon to see how Indiana ran its event.

Trot for Tots added to the fundraising success.

"I think it was a great success," Murphy said.

Mandi Stirone contributed to this article.

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with children with disabilities, and a St. Baldrick's Day, in which people volunteer to shave their heads to support children with cancer.

Phelan said that students have non-service events to look forward to as well. These include caroling around campus and candy grams.

"The people who receive the most candy grams are going to be visited by the carolers," he added.

Phelan also said that students who were involved in student government in high school will have an opportunity to be involved. FCC is planning to form a committee comprised of freshmen who want to volunteer to help out with events.

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Game

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cheer on the Irish. Antonelli was also impressed with Navy's friendly fans and agrees that "respect" was an important element in Saturday's matchup.

"[Navy] fans are so friendly and respectful and you could tell they really wanted a win," Antonelli said. "[Notre Dame] luckily pulled through, but Navy had their hearts in it until the end and didn't give up; they're tough boys," she said.

Desrosiers was happy with how Notre Dame played, although she did admit to being a little nervous when Navy started to come back.

"It could have gone downhill, but the offense decided to show leadership and get the job done," she said. "But for a second, it was a little nerve-wracking," Desrosiers said.

Saint Mary's senior Katie Danko watched the game on

TV. Danko was also nervous during the fourth quarter.

"Overall, I have to say, [Notre Dame] kind of gave me a heart attack in the last 20 minutes of the game," said Danko.

Sophomores Matt DeStefani and Ty DeBoer watched the game from their dorm room and were dissatisfied with the close win.

"It was an ugly way to win. At least we didn't lose, but we barely got by," DeStefani said.

DeBoer thought things started off really well and was happy with how the team played, but he blamed the tight score on the coaching.

"The first half looked great, we shut down [Navy's] rushing offense," DeBoer said. "The second half should have made a statement, instead [coach] Charlie [Weis] put in the second string ... Overall I was pretty disgusted to be honest. It is just another example of terrible coaching."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Indonesia under tsunami warning

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A powerful earthquake struck waters off eastern Indonesia early Monday, generating tsunami warnings for coastlines within 600 miles of the epicenter.

The U.S. Geological Survey put the quake's preliminary magnitude at 7.5 and said it struck 13 miles beneath the sea. It was centered 54 miles from Gorontalo, a coastal town on Sulawesi island.

Fauzi, an official with the local geological agency who goes by only one name, put the magnitude at 7.7. He did not have any immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said the quake had the potential to generate a destructive tsunami along coasts within 600 miles of the epicenter.

Four killed in Gaza City airstrike

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — An airstrike killed four Palestinians as they were firing mortars at Israel Sunday, the latest in a surge of clashes that have rocked a 5-month-old truce between Israel and Gaza's militant Hamas rulers.

In a separate incident, Palestinian rocket fire injured one Israeli.

Both sides say they would like to preserve the truce, which expires next month. But with violence escalating over the past two weeks, the cease-fire appears to be unraveling.

The militants killed in the airstrike were from a small Hamas-allied group known as the Popular Resistance Committees. Abu Attaya, a spokesman for the group, said the four were firing mortars when they were killed.

NATIONAL NEWS

Man rides across US on horseback

SEATTLE — More than halfway through his 2,000-mile horseback journey across the West, Mark Ryan stopped at Zeb Bell's ranch outside a tiny town in southern Idaho.

"He just showed up at my back door, all of the sudden there he was," recalled Bell, a pro rodeo announcer. "He introduced himself, and asked to just stay here for the night. It's not the first time we've had someone like him."

Bell, 61, described Ryan as a long rider — someone who rides horseback for hundreds or thousands of miles, echoes an era long gone.

For Ryan, riding across the West on his horse — Mister Doodles — to visit a friend was a chance to see the country in a way not many other people do.

Burlington named healthiest city

BURLINGTON, Vt. — What's the healthiest city in America? It appears to be Burlington, Vt.

Vermont's largest city is tops among U.S. metropolitan areas by having the largest proportion of people — 92 percent — who say they are in good or great health.

It's also among the best in exercise and among the lowest in obesity, diabetes and other measures of ill health, according to a recent report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

LOCAL NEWS

LaPorte to cut back on Christmas lights

LAPORTE, Ind. — The city of LaPorte says it won't hang Christmas lights downtown this year because it doesn't have money on hand to fix damaged electrical outlets.

An ongoing property tax reassessment in LaPorte has caused delays in tax receipts. The city has had to borrow money to get by, and can't afford the \$3,000 it would take to fix 20 to 30 in-ground electrical outlets needed to operate the Christmas lights.

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles battles three wildfires

500 homes in Orange County, San Fernando Valley totally destroyed

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Metropolitan Los Angeles was seemingly surrounded by flames Saturday, with three wildfires consuming spacious mansions and tiny mobile homes at the edges where bone-dry wilderness meets burgeoning development.

Notorious Santa Ana winds topping 75 mph carried flying embers on an erratic path, sometimes picking off just a house here and there on otherwise untouched Orange County streets of big, expensive homes and manicured lawns. The destruction was near total in other areas: Some 500 mobile homes in Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley were transformed into a smoking wasteland.

"I can't even read the street names because the street signs are melting," Los Angeles Fire Capt. Steve Ruda said at Oakridge Mobile Home Park.

Tens of thousands of residents have evacuated their homes in the valley, Santa Barbara County and along the Orange-Riverside county line. For millions of others, major freeways were shut down and the prospect of blackouts hung in the air like the smoke.

No deaths were reported, but the Los Angeles police chief said he feared authorities might find bodies in the devastated mobile home park, which housed many senior citizens. Crews were waiting for the ground to cool before bringing in search dogs.

The series of fires have injured at least 20 people and destroyed hundreds of homes from coastal Santa Barbara to inland Riverside County, on the



A firefighter approaches a home in the Sylmar area of Los Angeles on Saturday as a wildfire nears the area.

other side of the heavily populated Los Angeles area.

A blaze that ravaged the Sylmar community in the hillsides above Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley grew to more than 12 square miles and was only 20 percent contained Saturday.

It sent residents fleeing in the dark Saturday morning as it torched cars, bone-dry brush and much of the mobile home park.

The blaze, whose cause was under investigation, threatened at least 1,000 structures, city Fire Department spokeswoman Melissa Kelley said. A burned resident

was in serious condition, and four firefighters were treated for minor injuries.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency in Los Angeles and Orange and Riverside counties. Fire officials estimated that its peak, 10,000 people were under orders to evacuate.

Extreme fire conditions were expected to continue into Sunday morning, with humidity at just 10 percent to 15 percent and winds gusting to 45 mph through canyons. Winds, however, could reverse direction and dip to 5-mph breezes Sunday

afternoon.

"We still have another 15 hours of red flag conditions," Robert Balfour, a senior meteorologist with the National Weather Service in San Diego, warned fire officials at a briefing Saturday night.

Many heat records were set as the region withered under the Santa Anas. Downtown Los Angeles was 20 degrees above normal at a record 93 degrees.

Lucretia Romero said she saw smoke above the hills beyond the front door and then, within an hour, saw that a canyon across from her home was red with flame.

BLM auctions off drilling platforms

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The view of Delicate Arch natural bridge — an unspoiled landmark so iconic it's on Utah's license plates — could one day include a drilling platform under a proposal that environmentalists call a Bush administration "fire sale" for the oil and gas industry.

Late on Election Day, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management announced a Dec. 19 auction of more than 50,000 acres of oil and gas parcels alongside or within view of Arches National Park and two other redrock national parks in Utah: Dinosaur and Canyonlands.

The National Park Service's top official in the state calls it "shocking and disturbing" and says his agency wasn't properly notified. Environmentalists call it a "fire sale" for the oil and gas industry by a departing administration.

Officials of the BLM, which oversees millions of acres of public land in the West, say the sale is nothing unusual, and one is "puzzled" that the Park Service is upset.

"We find it shocking and disturbing," said Cordell Roy, the chief Park Service administrator in Utah. "They added 51,000 acres of tracts near Arches, Dinosaur and Canyonlands without telling us about it. That's 40 tracts within four miles of these parks."

Top aides to Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne stepped into the fray, ordering the sister agencies to make amends. His press secretary, Shane Wolfe, told The Associated Press that deputy Interior Secretary Lynn Scarlett "resolved the dispute within 24 hours" last week.

A compromise ordered by the Interior Department requires the BLM to "take quite seriously" the Park Service's objections, said Wolfe.

However, the BLM didn't promise to pull any parcels from the sale, and in an interview after the supposed truce, BLM state director Selma Sierra was defiant, saying she saw nothing wrong with drilling near national parks.

Chinese students on the rise in U.S.

Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Chinese students are enrolling in U.S. universities in record numbers, encouraged by aggressive recruiting combined with China's booming economy and growing middle class.

Their enrollment grew by 8 percent in the fall of 2006 and by 20 percent last year, according to Institute of International Education figures being released Monday.

Individual universities surveyed by The Associated Press also are reporting high growth this year.

Chinese enrollment increased 300 percent this year at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. George Fox University in Newberg, Ore., accepted 65 students from China, more than double its 2007 figure.

Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., already boasting a strong international student program, is enrolling 290 Chinese students, up from 127. The spike was more than 400 percent at Ohio State University, the nation's largest campus, with 115 undergraduates from China compared with 20 last year.

Xiaoli Liu, an Ohio State freshman from Beijing, said Chinese universities offer solid academics but can't compete with the overall experience of an American college, including more opportunities for out-of-class activities, an open learning environment and diversity.

"In China you can seldom find people from the U.S., but in the U.S. you find people from all over the world," Xiaoli said.

The influx is part of a solid and welcomed rebound in the number of international students coming to the United States, with its giant pool of 4,000 colleges and universities.

Numbers of international students had dropped alarmingly due to competition from other countries and tighter visa procedures after the September 2001 terrorist attacks. But the latest IE report finds 7 percent more students at U.S. universities than a year ago, at an all-time high of 624,000.

India again sent the most students, followed by China and South Korea. Enrollment from Saudi Arabia jumped 25 percent, putting the country back into the top 10 for the first time since 1982, thanks to a new Saudi government scholarship program.

A snapshot survey the institute did of campuses this fall found that 55 percent reported increases in students from China, the most from any country.

"The misperceptions have finally been laid to rest — that it's impossible to get a visa," said Peggy Blumenthal, IE's chief operating officer. Students choosing strictly at academic issues, because there's no reason to believe they'll have any more trouble getting to the States than getting to Australia."

Kansas State enrolled 199 Chinese undergraduates, up from 65 last fall.

"There is a whole emerging middle class of Chinese, well over 300 million, many of them with one-child families who are interested in sending their son or daughter abroad with higher educational experience," said Kansas State provost Duane Nellis. "We're trying to capitalize on that and also enrich our campus community."

International students and their families contribute more than \$15 billion annually to the U.S. economy, according to a separate survey by NAFSA, the Association of International Educators, also being released Monday. And they typically pay higher out-of-state tuition, so they're an important revenue source for colleges at a time when the supply of college-age American students is beginning to crest.

Out-of-state students pay an average \$515 more per credit hour at Michigan State University, where the number of new undergraduate Chinese students soared from 95 last year to 327 this year.

Universities also like the international students' cosmopolitan flair.

"We're thrilled about the cultural benefits, the educational benefits it brings to our resident students," said Mike Brzezinski, Purdue's associate dean of international programs. "It gives them a study abroad experience right here on campus."

The number of Americans studying abroad is also at a record high, the Institute of International Education reports, increasing 8 percent to 242,000 in 2006-2007 — the latest year figures are available. Students continued the trend toward more untraditional destinations, with increases of more than 20 percent each to China, Argentina, South Africa, Ecuador and India.

Next year's increases may slow as a reflection of the struggling economy and weak dollar, but Blumenthal says U.S. colleges are committed to study abroad and keeping it no less expensive than college in the United States.

The number of new Chinese students still represents a fraction of overall enrollment: just 2 percent of the Ohio State freshman class, for example. They must meet the same entrance requirements as anyone else, including passing an English-language test. Siyi Chen, a freshman from Changsha in China's central Hunan province planning to study finance, was especially impressed by Ohio State's array of 32 libraries.

But like Xiaoli, she has no interest in staying on after graduation.

"I probably will go back to China to work there and find more opportunity there," she said. "I didn't know any reason for me to stay here than staying with my family. That's more important."

Home's sale causes concern

Associated Press

ROSWELL, Ga. — Like all illegal immigrants, Lorenzo Jimenez knew the knock on the door from immigration agents could come at any time.

Still, he had enough faith in the American dream to buy a house in this Atlanta suburb, even though signing the papers meant raising the risk: He put his 2-year-old, American-born daughter's name and Social Security number on the title.

And it worked, for a while. Jimenez and his family lived happily enough for several years alongside "regular" citizens.

Nicole Griffin's mom lived a few doors away, and when Griffin visited, she said, her kids played with the Jimenez children. When Jimenez put his four-bedroom, two-bathroom home up for sale last spring, wanting more space, Griffin was immediately interested.

A contract was negotiated but when the sale appeared to go sour, Griffin raised a new issue: that she was a citizen and Jimenez wasn't. She told local media, immigration officials, his boss and others that he was here illegally. She even put signs in the yard of the house exposing his residency status.

As a result, agents came knocking last month, and now Jimenez is fighting to keep from being deported. He also lost his job.

"I'm very sad and very worried," said Jimenez, 32. "I can't sleep because I'm thinking about my family. What's going to happen? I don't know."

Griffin insists her intent was to buy the house, nothing else. The 28-year-old single mother of two maintains she was wronged first, so she acted to protect her interests. She has no regrets.

"At the end, do I feel bad the family got in trouble? No, not at all," she said.

Those who enter the U.S. illegally often say they're just striving for the same things that most American citizens want out of life — a good job, home ownership, maybe a chance to get a little bit ahead. But the ambitions of citizens and non-citizens can collide and, as the painful entanglement between Jimenez and Griffin shows, both sides can wind up feeling like victims.

Jimenez, who is Mexican, has been in the U.S. for about a decade. When he bought the house four years ago, the real estate agent handling the sale told him he could get a better interest rate using his daughter's information on the closing documents than he could using the federal tax identification number he uses to pay income tax here.

Jimenez later filed papers to

have his own name added to the title, and that's how it stayed until Griffin spotted the "for sale" sign and \$164,500 list price this spring.

With both sides enthusiastic about the sale, a deal was reached and the closing was set for May 15.

Griffin, a payroll clerk and first-time homebuyer, asked to postpone the closing until June 1 because she had problems locking in her interest rate. Jimenez agreed but asked that she move into the house as planned and pay rent until the closing.

Shortly after Griffin moved in, her attorney said there was a problem with the title on the house, namely that Jimenez's young daughter's name was on the title but her signature wasn't on the sale documents. Attorneys said some extra paperwork — establishing a conservatorship to watch out for the child's interest, the first step in getting the title transferred solely to her father — would clear the title, and everyone agreed to postpone again.

Griffin didn't pay the rent, however, claiming she was promised three months free since the delay was Jimenez's fault. She has an e-mail from his real estate agent, Alina Carbonell, saying he'd made the offer.

Jimenez's lawyer, Erik Meder, told her that offer was never firm and insisted she pay rent or vacate the house.

Locked in a letter war with Meder, Griffin escalated her actions. She contacted the FBI, the Roswell Police Department, local media, the state attorney general's office and the governor's office, among others. She asked her congressman, U.S. Rep. Tom Price, for help, saying she felt Jimenez and Meder had deceived her. Price's office, in turn, contacted U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, said Brendan Buck, a Price spokesman.

"I am a law-abiding American merely trying to purchase a home," Griffin wrote in mid-July in a letter to American Homebuyers, a non-profit that helps low- to moderate-income families buy homes. "An illegal family fraudulently obtained a mortgage using a 1 yr old SSN, and appear to have all the rights in this situation — How can this be when they shouldn't even be in America?"

She said she contacted anyone she could think of who might be able to help the sale go through.

Jimenez said she started making his life a nightmare. He claims she caused cosmetic damage to the house and intentionally clogged the plumbing, both of which she denies.

Griffin also went after Carbonell, the real estate

agent. She contacted the Georgia State Real Estate Commission to try to get her license revoked. Carbonell said the threat to her reputation and to her career caused her so much stress she had to take a leave of absence.

Griffin said she reported Carbonell because the agent knew Jimenez's daughter's name was on the title from the beginning but didn't tell her right away. (Carbonell was not the real estate agent who originally advised Jimenez to use his daughter's name.)

In September, Meder got a judge to order Griffin to pay retroactive rent and get out of the house within a week.

Griffin then went to the upscale Atlanta restaurant where Jimenez worked as a cook and told his boss he was undocumented, which Jimenez said resulted in his firing.

"It was my last resort," Griffin said, "but once I realized my family had seven days to get out of a house that a family's not even legally supposed to own, I did go to his employer and I did let his employer know."

She also put bright red signs in the yard reading, "This house is owned by an illegal alien." When Jimenez tore them down, she put up new ones.

Griffin said she wanted the neighbors to share her outrage over what was happening.

"I don't feel bad for anything that happens to the Jimenez family at this point," Griffin said recently, "because no one feels bad that all I tried to do was buy a house, and I ended up living back with my mother."

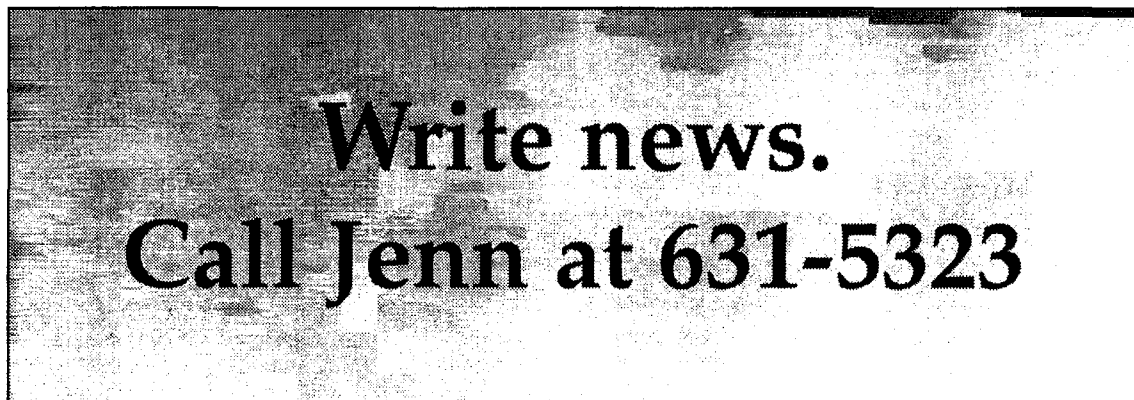
In early October, plainclothes ICE agents showed up at Jimenez's apartment. They asked him about his residency status and his purchase of the house, then handcuffed him and took him away. He was released a few hours later and is due before a judge in January and could face eventual deportation.

His lawyers plan to apply to keep Jimenez in the country permanently, a process that could last several years. While it's pending, he will be eligible for a work permit. But even if he gets one, Jimenez will be living in limbo. His application to stay could be rejected, which means he still could be ordered to leave the country.

Jimenez has taken the house off the market but doesn't want to move his family back in amid the uncertainty, so they're still in the apartment that was supposed to be a transitional stop until they bought a bigger place.

Griffin hasn't tried to buy another home, in part because she can't afford to, so she and her kids are still staying with her mother.

Down the street, the Jimenez house sits empty.



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Stocks			
Dow Jones	8,497.31	-337.94	
Up: 645	Same: 68	Down: 2,531	Composite Volume: 1,589,192,559
AMEX	1,307.98	-59.64	
NASDAQ	1,516.85	-79.85	
NYSE	5,452.63	-263.16	
S&P 500	873.29	-38.00	
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	8,296.20	-178.83	
FTSE 100 (London)	4,232.97	+63.76	
COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-4.99	-4.55	86.62
CITIGROUP INC (C)	+0.74	+0.07	9.52
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-4.86	-1.48	28.98
FINANCIAL SEL (XLF)	-5.07	-0.68	12.73
Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.78	-0.07	3.75
13-WEEK BILL	-31.58	-0.06	0.13
30-YEAR BOND	-2.38	-0.10	4.23
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.68	-0.0400	2.3470
Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-1.20	57.04	
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+37.50	742.50	
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.05	85.30	
Exchange Rates			
YEN		96.1950	
EURO		0.7937	
CANADIAN DOLLAR		1.2400	
BRITISH POUND		0.6779	

IN BRIEF

Law professor challenges music industry

BOSTON — The music industry's courtroom campaign against people who share songs online is coming under counterattack.

A Harvard Law School professor has launched a constitutional assault against a federal copyright law at the heart of the industry's aggressive strategy, which has wrung payments from thousands of song-swappers since 2003.

The professor, Charles Nesson, has come to the defense of a Boston University graduate student targeted in one of the music industry's lawsuits. By taking on the case, Nesson hopes to challenge the basis for the suit, and all others like it.

Nesson argues that the Digital Theft Deterrence and Copyright Damages Improvement Act of 1999 is unconstitutional because it effectively lets a private group — the Recording Industry Association of America, or RIAA — carry out civil enforcement of a criminal law. He also says the music industry group abused the legal process by brandishing the prospects of lengthy and costly lawsuits in an effort to intimidate people into settling cases out of court.

Times Square to put up "green" billboard

NEW YORK — This winter, New Year's Eve revelers will have a close-up view of Times Square's first environmentally friendly billboard powered entirely by wind and sun.

But the billboard might not be quite as dazzling as some of its high-powered neighbors along the Great White Way.

Construction on the 35,000-pound sign advertising Ricoh Americas Corp. is to begin this month across the avenue from the building where the ball drops on New Year's Eve. Body copy the rest of the way Body copy the rest of the way Body copy the rest of the way

Powered by 16 wind turbines and 64 solar panels, the sign is expected to save \$12,000 to \$15,000 per month in electricity costs. Ricoh, an office equipment and document storage supplier, estimates the sign will also keep 18 tons of carbon out of the environment.

Auto bailout showdown imminent

Democrats pledge to help struggling companies, but need GOP support to pass bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hardline opponents of an auto industry bailout branded the industry a "dinosaur" whose "day of reckoning" is near, while Democrats pledged Sunday to do their best to get Detroit a slice of the \$700 billion Wall Street rescue in this week's lame-duck session of Congress.

The companies are seeking \$25 billion from the financial industry bailout for emergency loans, though supporters of the aid for General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC have offered to reduce the size of the rescue to win backing in Congress.

Senate Democrats intended to introduce legislation Monday attaching an auto bailout to a House-passed bill extending unemployment benefits; a vote was expected as early as Wednesday.

A White House alternative would let the car companies take \$25 billion in loans previously approved to develop fuel-efficient vehicles and use the money for more immediate needs. Congressional Democrats oppose the White House plan as shortsighted.

Majority Democrats will need at least a dozen GOP votes in the Senate to prevent opponents from blocking their measure — assuming all Senate Democrats support it. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky questioned whether there was sufficient Democratic support for an auto bailout in a statement released Sunday.

"The silence from the Democrat rank and file on this matter has been deafening," McConnell said.

So far two Republicans publicly have voiced support for the idea. Several others, including Minnesota Sen. Norm Coleman on Sunday, have indicated they might accept a rescue under strict conditions.

Sens. Richard Shelby of Alabama and Jon Kyl of Arizona said it would be a mistake to use any of the



Ford CEO Allan Mulally arrives in Washington on Thursday to meet with several members of Congress, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Wall Street rescue money to prop up the automakers because a bailout would only postpone the industry's demise.

"Companies fail everyday and others take their place. I think this is a road we should not go down," said Shelby, the senior Republican on the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. "They're not building the right products," he said. "They've got good workers but I don't believe they've got good management. They don't innovate. They're a dinosaur in a sense."

Added Kyl, the Senate's second-ranking Republican: "Just giving them \$25 billion doesn't change anything. It just puts off for six months or

so the day of reckoning."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said over the weekend the House would aid the ailing industry, though she did not put a price on her plan. "The House is ready to do it," said Democratic Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee. "There's no downside to trying."

Frank's committee has scheduled a Wednesday hearing on an auto bailout.

It is a more difficult fight in the Senate, given the Democrats' slim edge and President George W. Bush's opposition. Bush wants to speed the release of \$25 billion from a separate loan program intended to help the

automakers develop fuel-efficient vehicles and have that money go toward more urgent purposes as the companies struggle to stay afloat. The loan program was approved by Congress last year, but more legislation would be necessary to change its purpose.

"That should be done this week," Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez said. He said reopening the Wall Street bailout and including automakers could attract other industries looking for bailouts.

"If you start that, where do you stop?" he asked. "There's a line of companies of industries waiting at Treasury just to see if they can get their hands on those \$700 billion."

Obama plans for financial overhaul

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama isn't president yet, but his must-do list just got longer.

The newest addition to the lengthy list of tasks after taking office: helping oversee the overhaul of the world's financial regulatory system. That is one of the assignments to the president-elect from current global leaders after their weekend summit, where they pledged action to avoid a repeat of the financial mess that has caused worldwide economic chaos.

"Obama has a tall order," said Morris Goldstein, a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics who spent

years working at the International Monetary Fund, the world's financial firefighter.

"He has a lot of things he has to do quickly in a number of areas and doesn't have a lot of time to think about them," Goldstein said in an interview Sunday.

That will put a lot of pressure on Obama. He did not participate in the emergency two-day summit that concluded Saturday, instead sending representatives to meet with leaders on the sidelines.

After taking the oath of office Jan. 20, Obama will have to figure out in short order how far his administration is willing to go in revamping oversight of financial companies and

products, in the United States and abroad, and nailing down the crucial details.

"Obama has an incredible mountain to climb in the way of the economic and financial situation," said Richard Yamarone, economist at Argus Research.

President George W. Bush hosted the summit, where nearly two dozen foreign leaders endorsed broad goals to fend off any future calamities and to revive the global economy.

It will be up to finance ministers to flesh out the details to put such changes in place by the end of March. Leaders plan to hold the next summit by April 30 — just months into Obama's term.

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Goodbye, book learnin'

When I received my B.A. in 2006, I was told by the president of my university that my degree was a ticket to "the fellowship of educated men and women," and similar sentiments are replicated in commencement ceremonies across the country.

Yet these celebrations of learning and educational accomplishment also mark an end for many of these newly-minted bachelors of arts and sciences. After they earn their degrees, nearly half of all college graduates in the United States — 42 percent, according to the National Endowment for the Arts — never read another book in their lifetime. And even such a dismal rate pales in comparison to the American population as a whole, in which 70 percent of adults have never been in a bookstore in the last five years, 80 percent of families have not read or purchased a book in the last year and about 60 percent of adults never read a book after high school. Such rates are probably lower among Notre Dame graduates, but still, there are probably those among you who, once you finish up that last paper for your last class of your undergraduate career, will do the same.

Such a bookless existence is almost unthinkable to me. As a graduate student, of course, my intended career depends in large part on constant reading and books play such a central role in my life that I cannot imagine doing without them. But the part of me that is an aspiring teacher feels something much more visceral: confusion, outrage and fear that the problem is



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nearly insurmountable — the same feelings, in fact, that the last two years of Irish football, or the last two months of economic news, have inspired. Unless you are in the fields of publishing or library science, the big problem is not that people are reading no books at all. Instead, these dismal reading habits indicate something deeper: that, despite the completion of their undergraduate programs and despite a bachelor's degree ostensibly being the entrance requirement to the "fellowship of educated men and women," just under half of those educated men and women will knowingly and willfully shut themselves off from the single best (but, admittedly, most demanding of thought and effort) source of information, entertainment and intellectual expansion — or, put another way, the communication medium with the best signal-to-noise ratio (take that, Internet).

So is it the students' fault for being so apathetic to books? Is it the teachers' fault for failing to make students appreciate reading, let alone learning in general? Or is it that undergraduate education is so muddled and inconsistent that students don't know what to do when goals and philosophies — if at all stated — vary from department to department, class to class, instructor to instructor? The answer probably lies somewhere between these three extremes; yes, there are uninterested students and bad teachers and vague pedagogical goals, but neither one accounts for the staggering failure of a college education to reach nearly half of its recipients. Without a clear way forward, in the face of apparently overwhelming indifference, and with an apparently disappointing return on the investment of time, energy and passion, teaching can sometimes feel as futile and self-defeating as trying to fill a shot glass with a fire hose. After all, between trying to teach critical and

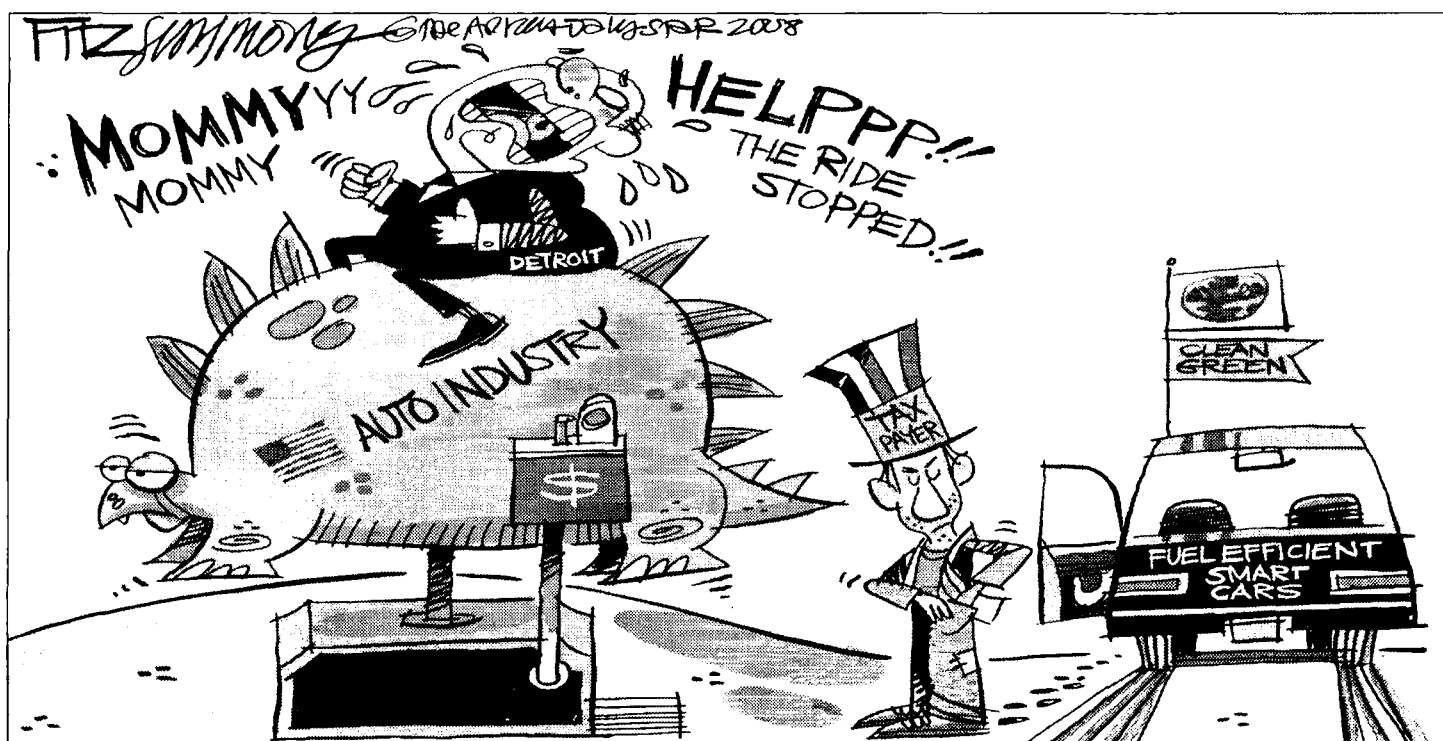
abstract thought, drawing up lesson plans, grading, ensuring that students are prepared for exams, making sure that everyone has done the week's reading and generally competing with all the other demands on students' time and energy, my job as a teaching assistant leaves little time to instill a love of reading books for the sake of intellectual — not merely academic — reward; I assume this is true of more than just history TAs. But without a concerted effort by everyone — students, teachers, and full-time pedagogues — there is probably not much to do except beat on, boats against the current, borne ceaselessly not into past but into an indifference towards reading and the sustained, nuanced intellectual exertion that it demands.

But what do you, dear reader, think about this? There is, after all, nothing worse than being nothing but a critic and offering no constructive suggestions, but in this case I can think of no solution except a profound shift in everyone's attitude toward reading, books and learning in general, which one sole teaching assistant/Observer columnist simply cannot do. Do you think that this rejection of books is a symptom of a larger rejection of complex thought and mental engagement? Or has my own academic upbringing made me oblivious to the ability of television, radio and the Internet to do exactly the same thing as books while being cheaper, more efficient and more accessible? And for those who are already looking forward to never reading another book for as long as you live — where did we, the teachers, go wrong?

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Tolerance is a very dull virtue. It is boring. Unlike love, it has always had a bad press. It is negative. It merely means putting up with people, being able to stand things."

E. M. Forster
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Learn to love

This summer, Ben Stiller's "Tropic Thunder," which satirizes actors who take themselves too seriously, sparked a nation-wide controversy for its jokes about people with special needs. Just prior to the movie's release, many groups, including Special Olympics, American Association for People with Disabilities and the National Down Syndrome Congress, organized a national boycott of the film because of its casual and repeated use of the r-word and callous imitations of people with intellectual disabilities. The creators of the movie predicted that they might be into hot water with the character of Robert Downey Jr., so they previewed the movie with members of the NAACP and other test audiences. It did not even occur to them to screen the movie before groups advocating for the massive — as well as massively ignored — population of people with special needs. In fact, they were entirely surprised by the above groups' adverse reaction. This lack of foresight epitomizes the ignorance on display throughout this film. The satire fails and people who love and respect their friends with special needs feel violently offended and terrified that the ones they love will suffer these "jokes." And it is not because we lack a sense of humor. It is because we have a sense of human dignity.

In Colin Keeler's Nov. 12 Letter to the Editor ("Learning to laugh"), he claims that he does "not mean to downgrade any of the great challenges those with disabilities encounter." Well, you do, and saying "no offense" doesn't make it OK. Asking people to put the lines like, "Never go full retard!" and "Once upon a time ... there was a retard ..." into context does not remove the painful sting of such a crude insult. Parallels cannot be drawn between the way "Tropic Thunder" abuses people with special needs and the way "Legally Blonde" pokes fun at a stereotypical dumb blonde because when you make a joke at the expense of a little girl with Downs Syndrome, she is not laughing with you; you are laughing directly at her. People with special needs do not participate in these jokes and they aren't given the opportunity to defend themselves. These jokes feed our very serious social problem of an entirely restricted view of people with special needs, seeing only their handicaps while ignoring their extraordinary blessings, like a capacity to love wholly and purely, by which they far surpass you and me.

As Soeren Palumbo pointed out in his letter on Nov. 7 ("Lessons from a beloved sister"), "our treatment of people with intellectual disabilities" is "one of the greatest remaining barriers of ignorance and hatred left in our society." Tropic Thunder's hurtful representation of "Simple Jack" is not a noble or productive satire; it only reinforces the social acceptance of casually mocking those with disabilities. The group fighting to change this is small; their calls for respect are barely heard and hardly register with the general population. At times the struggle may seem futile, but then I see Theresa laugh. Our only recourse is to pray as the Special Olympians do: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." Love your neighbor.

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Nov. 13

'Tropic Thunder' a satire

In the Nov. 14 issue of The Observer, two Letters to the Editor by Lindsey McMahon ("Still not laughing") and Meghan Kaler ("Learn where to draw line") discuss the issue of insensitivity towards the mentally handicapped in the movie "Tropic Thunder," highlighting the inability of the handicapped to defend themselves and the use of hate words respectively as reasons for the censorship of the film. I personally respect their strong conviction, as the intent behind their words shows a desire for justice and equality. However, I cannot help but disagree on their methods.

Whenever controversy overcomes a piece of media, whether it be literature, television or film, it is often a good idea to consider the overall intent and theme of the work. In "Tropic Thunder," the purpose of the film is not, as Kaler and McMahon suggest, to denigrate and disparage the mentally handicapped, but to lampoon the outrageousness of the film industry. The portrayal of the mentally handicapped is used mainly in the context of the faux film "Simple Jack," ridiculing such stars as Tom Hanks and Dustin Hoffman for using roles portraying mentally handicapped characters as fodder for acclaim. Therefore, if it wasn't obvious before, "Tropic Thunder" is, without a doubt, a satire. The production of a satire is generally used as an attack on something which the creator disagrees strongly with; in this case, that something is the film industry and, more specifically, the use of roles by big name actors which inspire compassion simply as a medium for praise. Satire uses exaggeration and parody as two of its main weapons to confront the inherent ridiculousness of its subject.

The portrayal of the mentally handicapped within the context of the movie industry is exaggerated and parodied to an enormous extent; so much so, in fact, that it inspires the outrage of many like Kaler and McMahon. But it has a purpose and it performs its purpose well. The attack of "Tropic Thunder" on the established methods of the film industry is well crafted, unique in its main concept and, if it matters, hilarious. Even if you completely disagree with all that it stands for and cannot see the brilliance, humor and elegance of its satire, the very least you ought to do is familiarize yourself with opposing viewpoints. Only by confronting that with which you disagree can you confirm that which you believe. Censorship, boycotts and rhetoric only serve to turn well-intended support into blind belief.

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Lack of acceptance an issue of ignorance

Yesterday, I was shocked and saddened by Colin Keeler's gross misjudgment ("Learning to laugh," Nov. 12) of what is considered an acceptable subject to "poke fun at." Colin, acceptable topics to poke fun at are that you are "elated" when SUB is showing a certain movie or that you actually use the phrase, "I hate to break the news." You see, Colin, I can make fun of you, because — even though you are just a freshman — you can choose to respond and defend yourself. In addition to your capability of responding, no matter how weakly, you can also understand the humor that I am aiming at you. People with special needs can neither defend themselves, nor even understand the jokes being told at their expense. That is the difference between "poking fun" at the mentally handicapped and doing so at any ethnic, religious or sexually oriented group; regardless of whether your jokes are offensive, those groups of people have the opportunity to either protest or laugh along with you. Persons with special needs are never laughing with us, we are laughing at them. That is why it is degrading.

Of course, Colin, your ignorance is not completely your fault. I have noticed in Viewpoint that the advocates of developmentally disabled persons are almost exclusively siblings or family members of someone with special needs (this being no exception — my younger brother has autism and Downs Syndrome). This is probably due to a past tradition of segregating the mentally handicapped from the rest of society. Most Catholic schools cannot or choose not to afford a special education program, while public schools, until recently, have kept the children with special needs in a classroom together, apart from the "normal" children. This separation leads to a loss of respect, dignity and understanding of a whole segment of our society. And,

equally as important, a lost opportunity to discover gifts of our own and of others who are "differently labeled." It's no wonder family members are the main advocates of persons with special needs — no one else has gotten a chance to experience these amazing people!

Fortunately, children of more recent years will not be denied this chance, at least not in the public schools. (The Catholic schools, regardless of funding, still only take "normal" children, because Christ loves the bright, beautiful and talented students the most). Inclusion programs are becoming a norm in public education, and are immensely benefitting both the mentally handicapped and regular education children. Our country's public school setting, without any intention of living out Christian values, offers all its students the opportunity to learn to accept others and appreciate each others' gifts. Hopefully someday schools that do boast Christian values will at least attempt to live up to this standard as well.

Anyway, Colin, I understand that you are just naïve. I honestly encourage you, and anyone else who has not had a relationship with someone who is developmentally disabled, to overcome your ignorance and get involved in some of the many programs on and off campus that give you the chance to interact with them. I promise, doing so will change your perspective and possibly your life. My younger brother's unassuming lessons of patience and love have inspired me more than anyone else ever can; like the siblings of other recent Viewpoint writers, he is an angel on earth who we all can benefit and learn from, not laugh at.

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Nov. 12

Support women's soccer

Students of Notre Dame: You come out in the thousands for our football; you pack the seats and bleachers behind the basket at the JACC; and last year, you extended your fandom to include the increasingly exciting Frozen Four hockey team. Well, Notre Dame, now I invite you to expand your fandom once more to include our No. 1 Women's Soccer team — before this amazing season ends. The Irish have not only been No. 1 for a large part of the season, they also have not lost and have not tied. They are dominating. They are 23-0-0.

I am only a casual soccer fan. I get excited for the World Cup and the European Championship, but otherwise, I don't follow soccer too closely or know all that much. However, you need not know much to get excited for and enjoy the dominant play of this team. The Irish control every game they play pretty much from the start, and there is a dominance about them that is entertaining to any sports fan. The most recent example of this was Friday night in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. As the No. 1 seed, they faced a Toledo team who came in as a heavy underdog despite having just four losses. "C'mon, girls, we've got nothing to lose!" I heard one of the Toledo players say. Well, the only thing the Rockets lost that night was their season, and their hopes were crushed early as the Irish went up 3-0 just 17 minutes into the game and hit 22 shots while allowing just four in the first half. But sadly, there were maybe as many Toledo fans there as Irish fans and that is unacceptable.

So as the Irish make their run, throw your support behind them. Even if they do not get another game on campus, they still need our support. The reign of terror of the North Carolina Tar Heels over NCAA Women's Soccer needs to come to an end and the Irish are making it happen. Even if you don't like soccer or standing outside on cold Friday nights, these talented student-athletes wear Irish on their jerseys, so regardless of which sports you like or don't like, they deserve the passion and excitement of the Notre Dame student body.

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2008 Literary Festival

closes with Aleksandar Hemon

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In a year that has included artists ranging from a magazine journalist to the writer of a genre-defying novel, Bosnian-Herzegovinian journalist and fiction writer Aleksandar Hemon will close the 42nd Literary Festival with three different events today.

Hemon's work in English began in 1995, when he first published articles in a variety of English-language magazines, including "The Paris Review" and "The New Yorker." His first book, the critically acclaimed story collection "The Question of Bruno," was published in 2000. It was followed two years later by a novel, "Nowhere Man." In subsequent years, Hemon has become an esteemed favorite of literary critics, receiving a MacArthur "genius" grant four years ago.

Currently, Hemon is riding the critical waves of his latest release, a novel entitled "The Lazarus Project." The novel, a finalist for the National Book Award, describes the life of Lazarus Averbuch, an eastern European immigrant who was shot by the Chicago police in 1908. Averbuch's narrative is contrasted in the novel with a present-day writer named Brik who is researching his life.

"What I like about literature are the transformative possibilities," Hemon told the Los Angeles Times in a May 25 interview. "The great books teach you how to read them. Joyce, Sebald — not that I count myself in that group — but those writers cause you to have to drop your habits and expectations and give yourself to the book."

The Literary Festival is presented by Student Union Board (SUB) and the University's Creative Writing Program. In its more than four decades of history, the festival has attracted its fair share of famous authors, including McSweeney's engineer Dave Eggers ("A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius") and the late Norman Mailer.

In keeping with changes made for last year's festival, SUB has staggered the invited authors over a period of several weeks. Hemon is the last of this year's four writers, a group whose variety has hallmarked the festival's events.

On Nov. 6 the Observer reported that Ben Nugent was the first of the Festival's



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Aleksandar Hemon is the final author to appear at the 2008 ND Literary Festival.

invited authors to appear on campus on Nov. 4. Nugent is a journalist and essayist whose work has appeared in Time, GQ and New York Times magazine, among others. His best-known book, "American Nerd: The Story of My People."

Nugent told the Observer that "It's a combo of memoir, history and cultural criticism. It has stories of my nerdy childhood and also a history of nerdy people."

Nugent has also written a biography of late musician Elliott Smith.

The festival's second writer, Galchen, is a Canadian-American author who currently teaches at Columbia University. Galchen received an M.D. from Mount Sinai before switching profession and sides of the brain; she later completed an M.F.A. at Columbia.

She has also been published in the New York Times and The New Yorker, among other publications.

Galchen is best known for her novel "Atmospheric Disturbances." As of last month, the novel had been named as a finalist for several prizes, including the Governor General's Award, a prestigious Canadian prize. Galchen spoke at Notre Dame on Nov. 6.

Marisa Silver, the third speaker, is an author, director and screenplay writer. While still in college, Silver directed her first film, "Old Enough," which won the Grand Jury Prize at the 1984 Sundance Film Festival. She has published several short stories in "The New Yorker," as well as a short story collection, 2001's "Babe in Paradise." Silver's most recent novel is "The God of War," which was published this past spring. Silver spoke at Notre Dame on Nov. 12.

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Ben Nugent

Nugent, a native of Amherst, Massachusetts, is a journalist and essayist. His work has appeared in Time, GQ and New York Times magazine, among others. His recent work, *American Nerd: The Story of My People*, was "one of the season's most talked-about cultural studies" according to the Los Angeles Times. He has also written a biography of late musician Elliott Smith, and was the original keyboardist for a Brooklyn-based indie band called The Cloud Room. Nugent spoke at the Festival on November 4th.

Rivka Galchen

Galchen is a Canadian-American author who currently teaches at Columbia University. An English major as an undergrad, Galchen first received an M.D. from Mount Sinai before completing an M.F.A. at Columbia. In 2006, she received the Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers' Award for women writers. She's best known for her novel *Atmospheric Disturbances*, the story of a professor at a fictional university with the same name as her father, Tzvi Gal-Chen. As of last month, the novel had been named as a finalist for several prizes, including the Governor General's Award. She has also been published in the New York Times and The New Yorker.



Marisa Silver

Silver is a native of Shaker Heights, Ohio, the daughter of a pair of film directors. She is an author, director and screenplay writer. While a student at Harvard, Silver directed her first film, "Old Enough," which won the Grand Jury Prize at the 1984 Sundance Film Festival. Having since switched professions, Silver has published several short stories in *The New Yorker*. Her 2001 short story collection, *Babe in Paradise*, was named a New York Times Notable Book of the Year. Silver's most recent novel is *The God of War*, published in April 2008.

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Notre Dame 27, Navy 21

Stomping ground

Irish run all over Navy, hang on to lead for a 27-21 victory in Baltimore

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BALTIMORE — Just in case the combination of the pouring rain and the dull offensive schemes of both Notre Dame and Navy caused fans to lose interest, the teams spiced it up at the end.

A couple onside kick recoveries, a long pass and some touchdowns, and everyone watched with rapt attention.

Navy almost mustered its second comeback in two years, but couldn't finish the job, and Notre Dame hung on to win 27-21 in Baltimore Saturday. With memories of last year's triple-overtime defeat that ended a 43-year Irish winning streak still fresh, the last few minutes got tense, but the Irish stuck it out.

Navy recovered two consecutive onside kicks in the final two minutes and had a shot at the win until the Irish defense forced a turnover on downs with 22 seconds left.

"I'm looking to see if anyone wants to be on my hands team next week," Irish coach Charlie Weis joked during his post-game press conference. "Any volunteers?"

Navy got the ball with 2:30 left in the game after a Notre Dame three-and-out and slot back Shun White broke a 24-yard touchdown run to make the score 27-13. On the ensuing onside kick, Notre Dame wide receiver Robby Parris knocked the ball out of bounds, but the referees called an illegal batting penalty and ordered a re-kick. On the second kick, Navy's Corey Johnson came down with it.

On Navy's first play from scrimmage, quarterback Ricky Dobbs, who replaced starter Jarod Bryant midway through the game, completed a 40-yard pass to receiver Tyree Barnes, setting up first-and-goal on the 1-yard line. Two plays later, he leaped over a pile into the end zone to bring the Midshipmen within six.

Another onside kick, another recovery by Johnson.

"Usually you don't spend a whole bunch of times on hands team," Weis said. "You practice it a couple times a week. But obviously we'll give it a lot more time this week."

The Midshipmen moved the ball to the Irish 31-yard line, but nose tackle Pat Kuntz' sack forced a third-and-13 for Navy, and two incomplete passes later, Notre Dame became bowl-eligible. Weis said he didn't mention the eligibility that came with Notre Dame's (6-4) sixth win, but quarterback Jimmy Clausen said the team talked about it.



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Irish sophomore running back Robert Hughes runs over one Navy defender and past another during Notre Dame's 27-21 victory in Baltimore Saturday. The Irish rushed for 230 yards while holding the Midshipmen to 178 yards on the ground.

The game defied expectations — the Irish held Navy, who ranked second in the nation with 308 yards per game rushing, to 178 yards on the ground. Notre Dame, by contrast, rushed for 230 yards.

Receiver Michael Floyd left the game during the first possession because of a knee injury, and linebacker Brian Smith left when a Navy lineman chop-blocked him, injuring his knee as well. Cornerback Terrail Lambert missed the game as well because he rolled his ankle in practice Thursday, Weis said.

When one Smith left, another took his place in a seamless transition — Toryan Smith led the defense with 10 tackles.

Clausen completed 15 of his 19 passes for 110 yards with two interceptions and a fumble, passing efficiently but failing to drive the offense.

The offense struggled early, but the Irish scored first when special teams player Mike Anello blocked

a Navy punt. The ball ricocheted upwards and fell into the hands of Toryan Smith, who returned it 14 yards for a touchdown.

Navy didn't get an offensive first down until midway through the second quarter, and for the most part, stalled against Notre Dame's defense. Starting quarterback Kaiponoa Kaheaku-Enhada missed the game because of a hamstring injury, and Bryant had trouble running the triple-option offense. Navy punted nine times in the game and converted one third down in 13 attempts.

"We had to play fast, we had to beat them up because we oversize them," Toryan Smith said. "Those guys are tough. They took it down to the end, but it was a good win."

Navy eventually evened the score on a 22-yard touchdown run from slot back Cory Finnerty with 2:39 left in the half.

Near the end of the second quarter, Notre Dame adopted a run-first offensive philosophy.

Weis said part of his decision was based on the look of Navy's defense, a soft Cover-2 zone where the safeties played far off the line of scrimmage and the defense only rushed three men at times.

"We went to dink and dunk and ran the ball," said Weis, who resumed play-calling duties this week. "That was a little bit dictated by the soft cover two that they were playing with."

Notre Dame dominated the third quarter. The defense forced three punts and the offense put together two touchdown drives and started another that led to a field goal. The rushing game caught fire in the quarter, and Armando Allen ran for 31 yards on the first drive, including an 11-yard touchdown that gave the Irish a 17-7 lead.

On Notre Dame's next drive, Robert Hughes rushed six times for 48 yards and scored on a seven-yard touchdown run with 4:03 left in the quarter.

Then it was James Aldridge's turn, who moved the ball to the Navy 21-yard line, but a pass to Aldridge resulted in a loss of seven yards. Clausen completed a pass over the middle to receiver Robby Parris to set up a 36-yard field goal from Walker, and the Irish led 27-7 with 5:02 remaining in the game. Aldridge rushed for 30 yards on the drive.

After a turnover on downs, freshman running back Jonas Gray got a chance to run the ball. He helped the Irish get a first-and-goal on the Midshipmen two-yard line, but fumbled, and Navy recovered. The Irish forced a Navy punt, but turned the ball over on downs themselves, leading to Navy's near-comeback.

"For [Gray's] sake I wish that's not the way it turned out," Weis said. "It made the game a lot more exciting than it needed to be."

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player of the game

Toryan Smith
Irish linebacker

Smith led Notre Dame with 10 tackles and scored the game's first touchdown on a blocked punt.

stat of the game

1-for-13

Navy's third down conversion total.

play of the game

Toryan Smith's touchdown on a blocked punt

The score gave the Irish a 7-0 first-quarter lead with the offense struggling.

quote of the game

"I know they say act like you've been there, but I act like I'm never going back."

Toryan Smith
Irish linebacker on his touchdown

report card

C+

quarterbacks: Clausen's stats were unimpressive and he had three turnovers, but he wasn't needed as much as usual, thanks to the running game's success.

A

running backs: The Irish rushed for 240 yards, and the trio of Allen, Aldridge and Hughes each ran for at least 60 yards. Allen was also the team's leading receiver with seven catches for 60 yards.

B

receivers: The team's two best receivers, Golden Tate and Michael Floyd (knee injury), were both held without a catch. The receivers did a nice job blocking downfield.

B+

offensive line: Two of Notre Dame's turnovers were the unit's fault, but the line also opened up huge holes for the running backs to skate through.

A

defensive line: The men up front helped hold down the Navy rushing attack all day, and Pat Kuntz's sack on the final drive proved critical in thwarting the rally.

A

linebackers: Toryan Smith stepped up when Brian Smith went out with an injury, making 10 tackles, and the unit held Navy in check.

B

defensive backs: Navy completed just three passes for 64 yards, but the 40-yard completion in the fourth quarter set up the score that made the game interesting.

C+

special teams: The good — two Brandon Walker field goals and a blocked punt for a touchdown. The bad — Navy recovered a pair of critical onside kicks.

C+

coaching: The defense looked great and the offense made solid adjustments in the run game, but Charlie Weis may have aided Navy by pulling the starters a bit early.

3.15

overall: A tumultuous ending overshadowed an otherwise solid performance by the Irish in a must-win game that qualified Notre Dame for a bowl game.

adding up the numbers

Notre Dame's turnover margin in games away from home this season. The Irish have turned it over 18 times in those five games.

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51 The number of times Notre Dame rushed the ball Saturday, its highest total of the season. The Irish gained 240 yards on the day.

The number of completions and attempts by Irish quarterbacks Saturday, the lowest under Weis.

15-19

35 The number of consecutive starts Irish junior right tackle Sam Young has made. He has started every game of his Notre Dame career.

The number of consecutive times Notre Dame has beaten Navy either on the road or at a neutral site, a streak that dates to 1960.

24

1 The number of first downs Navy gained during the first quarter. The Midshipmen totaled 21 yards on 12 plays in the period.

Navy's time of possession Saturday, its lowest number since Oct. 22, 2005, against Rice.

24:27

9 Jimmy Clausen's rank among Notre Dame's passing yardage leaders. He has now thrown for 3,651 yards in his career.



Navy split back Cory Finnerty breaks away from Irish cornerback Robert Blanton on a run to the outside during Notre Dame's 27-21 win in Baltimore Saturday.

Irish still lack killer instinct

BALTIMORE — For those of you too busy saying Rosaries thanking the Virgin Mother for not letting her school lose to Navy again, here's a quick recap of a game you may have missed.

With only seconds remaining on the clock and his team losing to rival Southern Cal 45-17, Stanford coach Jim Harbaugh sends out his field goal unit on fourth down — an apparent act of "gamesmanship."

Not to be outdone, Trojans coach Pete Carroll uses one of his remaining time outs to ice the Cardinal kicker.

Harbaugh takes offense — not at the act itself, but at Carroll's attempt to out-class him — and sends back out the offense. Harbaugh runs a play for the end zone, and tight end Austin Gunder catches an 18-yard touchdown pass, cutting the Trojan lead to only 22 points with triple zeroes on the scoreboard.

Now I told you that story to tell you this one.

With 9:07 left in Saturday's game against Navy, Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis sends in his second-string offense to try to run some time off the clock. That works pretty well, until freshman running back Jonas Gray fumbles at the Navy 5-yard line. After a Navy punt and a failed fourth-and-three for the Irish, Navy drives 53 yards for the touchdown, cutting the lead to 27-14.

Weis said after the game that he felt his team should have been able

to score with first-and-goal on the two, but the fact of the matter is they couldn't.

But even if you think you can get those two yards, wouldn't it be better to just go out and actually get them?

In hindsight, that fumble was the biggest play of the game because it let Navy think it had a chance. And if that didn't, the touchdown sure did. And if that didn't, the onside kick did, too.

On the other hand, a touchdown — or even a field goal — would have made it a four-score game and really put things out of reach.

Now, this isn't to say Weis and the Irish should engage in the kind of gamesmanship mentioned above, running up the score for the sheer joy of scoring or padding stats. But with representatives from bowl games in attendance and a reputation that his team plays soft in the second half with the lead, Weis needed to go for the kill.

This win was even more important with all of the rumors swirling on ESPN and various other news outlets about Weis being on the "hot seat." These rumors might not have meant anything — they could have been time-or space-fillers used to incite debate — but the rumors were serious enough for Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick to comment that Weis has been doing a good job and is moving the program in the right direction.

But the look on Weis' face during the last 1:39 of the game did not exude the same kind of confidence that his boss had during the week.

Weis looked like a man on bor-

rowed time, like a dead man walking, as he watched his hands team fail to grab two onside kicks and his defense give up two quick touchdowns.

But when Midshipmen quarterback Ricky Dobbs' fourth-and-13 pass to slot back Cory Finnerty fell incomplete, Charlie Weis, Jr., had one immediate reaction.

"I think that he said two words and it was like 'Thank God' or something like that," the elder Weis said at his press conference Sunday.

But if the Irish want to get back on track to being an elite school, they are going to need to win this kind of game without divine intervention. Schools like Florida, Southern Cal and Texas routinely pound on lesser opponents, putting the game away early and keeping it out of reach late.

After the game, Notre Dame quarterback Jimmy Clausen said that it didn't matter what the score was, as long as the Irish won he was

happy.

"A win is a win. It doesn't matter if you win 3-0 or you win 60-0," he said.

Well it might not matter to the team in the locker room after the game, but it is going to matter in the future. If the Irish can't develop a killer instinct — instead keeping their complacency — God will continue to be very busy on Saturday afternoons.

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Charlie Weis
Irish coach

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Ground game keys Irish victory

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

This game featured bizarre football. Navy, statistically the second-best rushing team in the nation coming into the game, sputtered on the ground. The Midshipmen only rushed for 178 yards, 130 yards below their season average. Neither Jarod Bryant or Ricky Dobbs led the option offense effectively at quarterback.

Notre Dame, on the other hand, rushed for 230 yards (114 more than its average), averaged 4.5 yards per carry and spread those yards between its three running backs.

Irish coach Charlie Weis decided at halftime that the offense, which had not accomplished much in the first half, needed a change. He said he watched Navy's previous games and thought Navy would use a coverage similar to when Navy played Rutgers — a soft Cover-2 zone that took away deep passes and left the rush and short passes open.

"That's basically what we ended up getting. In the first half, we were trying to throw the ball down the field, but they were playing a soft shell and dropping eight a lot of times and there weren't very many windows," Weis said. "I came in at halftime and told them we were going to spread it out and we were going to run the ball until I get sick of running it."

Weis never got tired of running it. The Irish gained 147 yards on the ground in the second half.

"It was great," said running back Armando Allen, who finished with eight carries for 60 yards and a touchdown. "We practice with each other every day so we know that we can do it, but to go out there and perform was just amazing."

Allen got his share of the carries in the beginning of the third quarter, accounting for 44 yards of Notre Dame's first drive, including an 11-yard touchdown run through a huge hole on the right side of the field.

"You just come from halftime and the coaches say we're going to run the ball," Allen said. "We haven't had an opportunity to run the ball as good as we know we can so to go out there and run the ball and be on the same page is great."

Allen also caught seven passes for 60



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Irish junior running back James Aldridge splits a pair of Navy defenders during Notre Dame's 27-21 victory in Baltimore Saturday.

yards and played a large role in the "dink-and-dunk" passing game Weis ran in the second half. The offense ran short passes in the flat, over the middle or behind a screen, and Allen took a couple of those screen passes for first downs.

"When they talk about throwing the ball, the first thing on my mind is pass protection," he said. "I got to block. But just to go out the backfield and be able to catch the ball is also a plus for me."

On the next drive, Weis gave running back Robert Hughes a turn. Hughes rushed six straight times, the last

resulting in a seven-yard touchdown run. Hughes finished with 64 yards and a touchdown on 13 carries.

"It felt good," Hughes said. "Whenever

you can get everybody in the rotation and get going in the run game is great."

James Aldridge, who led the team in carries and yards (16 for 86) rushed six times for 30 yards on Notre Dame's final scoring drive.

Near the end of the game, Weis decided to give freshman running back Jonas Gray a chance to carry the ball. Gray rushed for 16 yards on seven carries and had a chance to punch the ball in from the two-yard line but fumbled.

"It's 27-7, we got the ball on the two-yard line, first and goal, I think we should expect to score," Weis said. "When you don't get some guys an opportunity to carry the ball in pressure situations, you can't make a judgment on where you are with them. I think that in that situation right there I would have liked to see us run it in with the guys we had in there."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	7	3	14	3	27
Navy	0	7	0	14	21

First quarter

Notre Dame 7, Navy 0
Toryan Smith 14-yd blocked punt return (Brandon Walker kick) with 6:03 remaining.

Second quarter

Notre Dame 7, Navy 7
Cory Finnerty 22-yd run (Matt Harmon kick) with 2:39 remaining. Drive: 5 plays, 58 yards, 2:00 elapsed.
Notre Dame 10, Navy 7
Walker 28-yd field goal with 0:00 remaining. Drive: 8 plays, 44 yards, 1:09 elapsed.

Third quarter

Notre Dame 17, Navy 7
Armando Allen 11-yd run (Walker kick) with 9:31 remaining. Drive: 6 plays, 54 yards, 2:51 remaining.
Notre Dame 24, Navy 7
Robert Hughes 7-yd run (Walker kick) with 3:29 remaining. Drive: 8 plays, 61 yards, 4:03 remaining.

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 27, Navy 7
Walker 36-yd field goal with 11:17 remaining. Drive: 10 plays, 46 yards, 5:02 remaining.
Notre Dame 27, Navy 14
Shun White 24-yd run (Harmon kick) with 1:39 remaining. Drive: 4 plays, 57 yards, :51 elapsed.
Notre Dame 27, Navy 21
Ricky Dobbs 1-yd run (Harmon kick) with 1:21 remaining. Drive: 3 plays, 41 yards, :15 elapsed.

statistics

total yards



rushing yards



passing yards



return yards



time of possession



passing

Clausen	15-18-2	Dobbs	2-8-0
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rushing

Aldridge	16-80	Kettani	11-42
Hughes	13-64	Bryant	10-41
Allen	8-60	White	5-39
Gray	7-16	Dobbs	13-27
Grimes	1-10	Finnerty	1-22

receiving

Allen	7-60	Barnes	2-54
Grimes	3-22	Washington	1-10

Floyd, Smith ruled out until bowl game

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Managing Editor

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said that wide receiver Michael Floyd and linebacker Brian Smith will miss the remaining two regular season games because of knee injuries suffered Saturday against Navy.

Floyd injured his knee on the first drive of the game. Smith injured his because of an illegal chop block. Although both will miss the next two weeks, Weis said they should be healthy by the middle of December, meaning they will likely be active if the Irish go to a bowl game.

"They are both looking at a four week period, and fortunately for us, that would take us to the middle of December, and still giving you over a couple of weeks to get their cardiovascular up and be ready to go," Weis said.

Notre Dame cornerback Terrail Lambert did not play

either on Saturday after injuring his ankle on Thursday. Weis said the fifth-year senior is "50-50" for Notre Dame's game against Syracuse on Saturday and should be ready by Nov. 29 when the Irish play USC.

Fresh faces

Freshman Robert Blanton started the first game of his Irish career in place of the injured Lambert. Blanton is the sixth freshman to start for Notre Dame this season, joining Floyd, tight end Kyle Rudolph, defensive end Ethan Johnson, linebacker Darius Fleming and offensive guard Trevor Robinson.

Very special teams

Senior Mike Anello continued his impressive season on special teams for Notre Dame, blocking the first punt of his

career in the first quarter. The block led to a Toryan Smith touchdown, also the first of his career.

"It was just something (special teams) coach (Brian) Polian and coach Weis set up for me," Anello said. "I was lucky enough to get a hand on it."

Mike Anello
Irish special teamer

"It was just something coach Polian and coach Weis set up for me. I was lucky enough to get a hand on it."

Cornerback Sergio Brown had the first in the season opener against San Diego State.

Speaking of punts ...

Eric Maust's second quarter punt Saturday marked the first time since 2004 that Navy forced the Irish to punt, when D. J. Fitzpatrick did so in the fourth quarter of Notre

Dame's 27-9 win that season. Notre Dame ran 247 plays against Navy in between punts.

Offensive changeup

Notre Dame ran 51 times against Navy — a season high. Also, Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen only threw the ball 18 times against the Midshipmen. As a team, the Irish were 15-of-19 with 110 yards and two picks — record lows for Weis' time at the University for attempts and completions.

Shoring up the defense

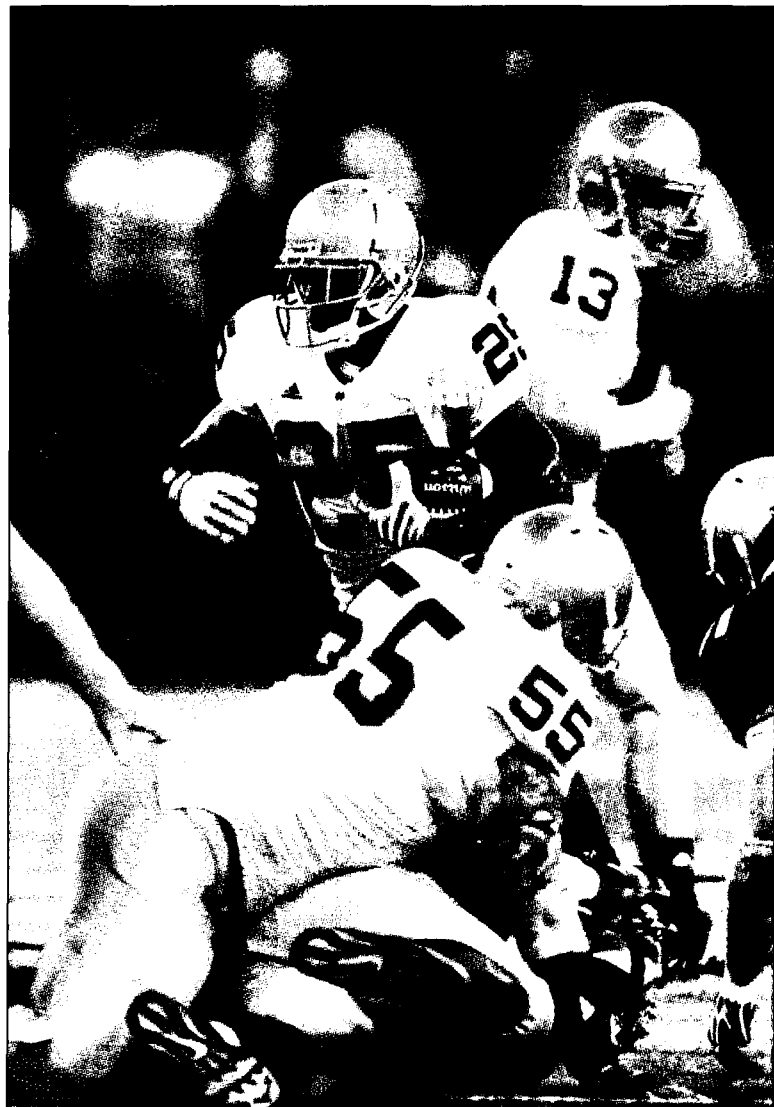
Navy ran for only 178 yards Saturday, its lowest total in the series since 2001, when it managed 177 yards. Coming into this game, the Midshipmen were averaging 308 yards per game on the ground.

Saturday also marked the first time all season Navy did not score on its opening drive.

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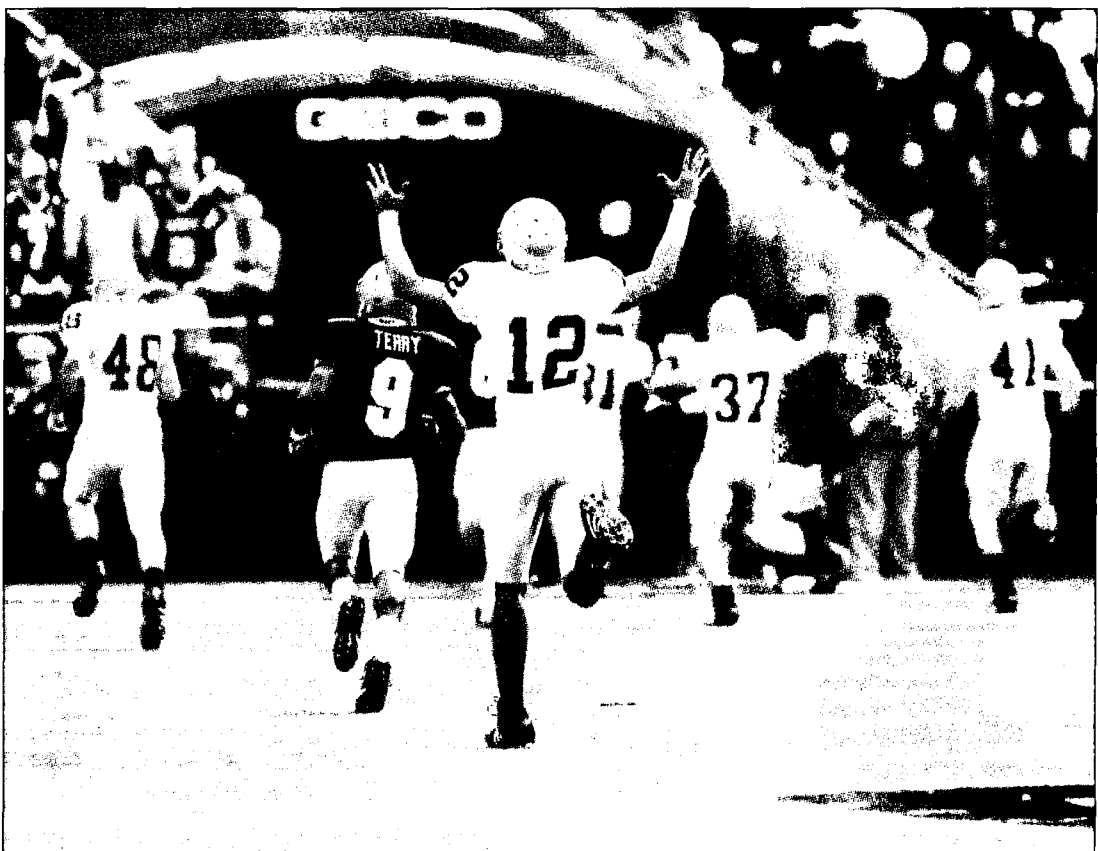
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Time to exhale

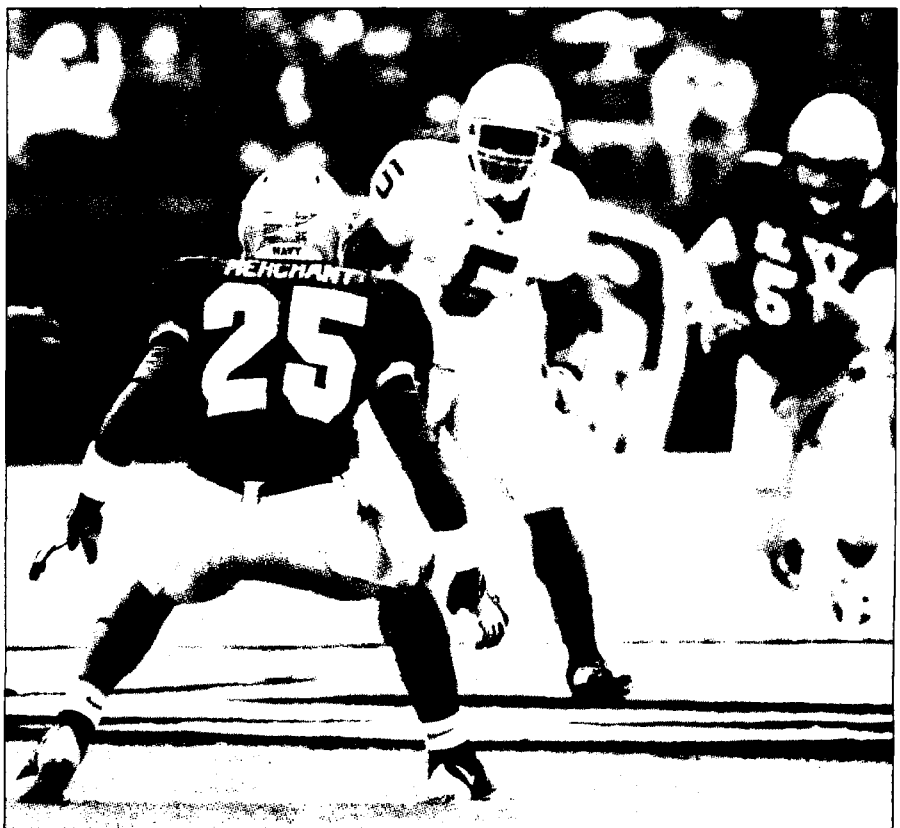
Navy was supposed to be the team with the dominating rushing attack, but somebody must have forgotten to tell Notre Dame. The Irish rushed for 240 yards while holding the Midshipmen to 178, 130 yards under their season average. Notre Dame never trailed despite a lackluster performance from quarterback Jimmy Clausen that included three of the team's five turnovers. The Irish struck first when Mike Anello blocked a first-quarter punt and Toryan Smith scooped it up for a touchdown. After Navy tied the game 7-7, Brandon Walker gave the Irish a 10-7 lead with a field goal as time expired in the first half. Then the Notre Dame running back trio of Armando Allen, Robert Hughes and James Aldridge took over, as Allen and Hughes punched in scores on consecutive third-quarter drives to give Notre Dame a 24-7 lead. Walker added a field goal to make it 27-7 with five minutes to play, and with most of the Irish starters on the sideline, the game looked to be well in hand. But Navy scored a pair of touchdowns to cut the lead to 27-21, and Notre Dame needed a last-minute defensive stand to stop what would have been a shocking comeback by the Midshipmen.



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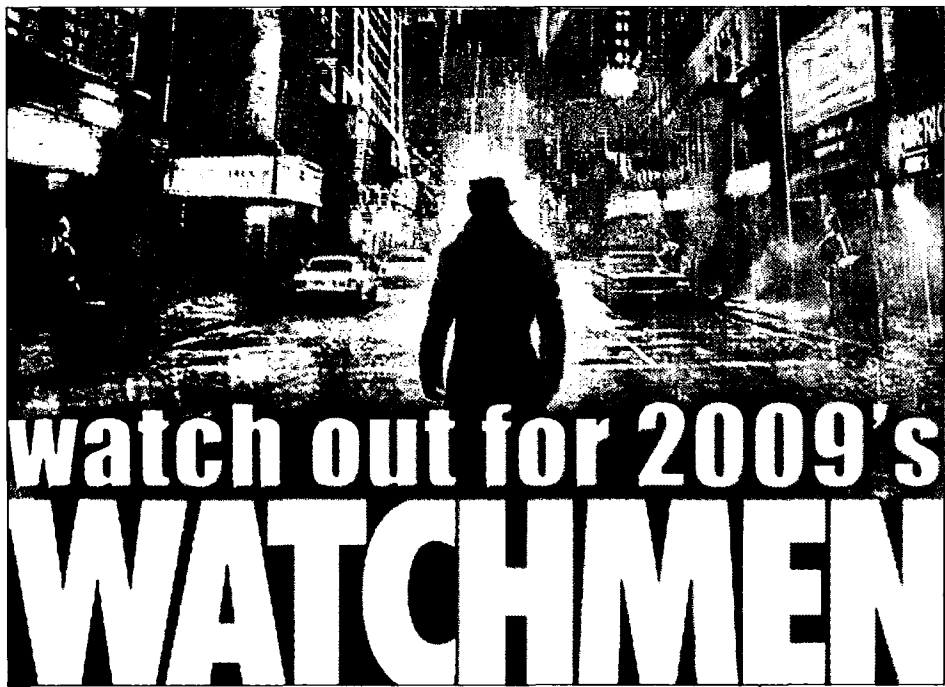


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Clockwise from top, Jimmy Clausen points out the middle linebacker for his offensive lineman; Jonas Gray looks for a hole after taking a handoff; Robert Blanton (12) leads Notre Dame's celebration of Toryan Smith's touchdown; Armando Allen gets ready to make a move; Harrison Smith defends a Navy option play.



watch out for 2009's WATCHMEN

MARY CECILIA MITSCH | Observer Graphic

Many of you have, no doubt, seen trailers for a new superhero movie. The trailer looks fairly generic, filled with 300 style effects and a plethora of unknown actors. Though the marketing teams seem confused with the film's direction, the many fans of its source material are counting down the days until it appears at the local Cineplex.

Szymon Ryzner

Scene Writer

"Watchmen" has been a hit with all types of nerds, geeks and dorks, and like everything they have come to love, it will soon be as mainstream as every other superhero has become in these last few summers. The story centers on costumed crime fighters who, with one exception, have no special powers. Surprisingly, they are completely human.

The story is filled with betrayals, hubris, omnipotent cynics, good, evil and the confusion in between. Taking place during the Cold War, the story of "Watchmen" begins with the murder of a former caped crusader and doesn't slow down.

The film is based on a graphic novel, originally 12 comic book size chapters — yes, 12, like a watch, there's plenty of symbolism for you. Filled with quotes and quotable moments, references and allusions, it is a virtual time capsule of the 1980s. The characters, too, are worth mention, with most portrayed as morally ambiguous and all being character studies of quality.

Alan Moore, the creator of "Watchmen," has also written the original works on which films such as "V for Vendetta," and "From Hell" have been based. He has often been a critic of the movie industry's take on graphic novels, firmly believing that since he created "Watchmen" as a comic, then it should remain as one. Never has he given a green light to make film versions of his creations, but he has said that the screenplay for the upcoming "Watchmen" film is the closest he could imagine a screenplay adaptation could come.

With its captivating and memorable visuals, the graphic novel has often been called a cinematic work, yet most have considered the text to be "unfilmable."

Directors such as David Hayter and Darren Aronofsky have been trying since 1986 to cinematically interpret the novel, and the ultimate product is set to emerge this March.

There are many reasons why this film has potential; being called the "Citizen Kane" of comic books is a good place to start.

"Watchmen" is the only comic book to be on Time magazine's list of the 100 best English language novels (from 1923 onwards). It has won the Hugo award and garnered universal critical acclaim.

From a film perspective, "Watchmen" has another thing going for it — it's not unlike another comic book film that came out this summer, one that was based on a popular graphic novel.

Though the other film had an all-star cast and much more name recognition, "Watchmen" and "The Dark Knight" both spring from the same creative vein.

There are only so many ways to inspire interest in a film that's not due to be released until next spring, and it would be difficult to mention more without giving valuable information away. Rewatch the trailer, read the graphic novel, convince your friends, and go see the movie. One of those four will no doubt be enlightening to some degree, and might even be fun.

Moore's graphic novel has been around for over twenty years, and will no doubt be influential in various media for decades to come.

The original text may be called a seminal work, but it will only matter in March of 2009 when we find out who actually watches the "Watchmen."

The view expressed in Scene and Heard are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Observer.

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Jeffrey Dean Morgan ("Grey's Anatomy") is set to star as the Comedian in 2009's "Watchmen." The film is an adaptation of a graphic novel.

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SCENE'S TOP VIDEO PICKS

You

Stupid Cats



Yep. Stupid cats.

Swedish Chef – Making Donuts



How do you like them donuts?

The Wiggles – Fruit Salad



Fruit Salad?
Yummy yummy.

Demetri Martin – Rock, Paper, Scissors



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structurally
damaged.

NFL

Eagles-Bengals contest ends in NFL's first tie since 2002

Grant rushes for 146 yards in Packers' rout of Bears; Titans remain undefeated with win over Jaguars

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Donovan McNabb expected to keep playing until someone scored, no matter how long it took. Mercifully, the NFL's rules set a time limit on terrible play.

Eagles 13, Bengals 13. It could not have ended any other way.

McNabb fumbled and threw three interceptions in regulation Sunday, and the Bengals botched the only scoring chance in overtime, leaving the equally inept teams with the NFL's first tied game in six years.

Cincinnati's Shayne Graham missed a 47-yard field goal with 7 seconds left in overtime, falling to the ground as the ball sailed a few inches wide to the right. It was a fitting finish to a game played like the very definition of a tie. Despite all the shanked punts and trick plays, this one went nowhere.

"Terrible," Bengals quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick said.

No one was more surprised than McNabb that it ended so soon — 3 hours, 46 minutes after the opening kickoff. The 10th-year quarterback thought it would keep going until someone scored, just like a playoff game.

Wrong. "I didn't know that," said McNabb, who played a leading role in keeping it tied. "I've never been part of a tie. I never even knew it was in the rule book. I was looking forward to getting the opportunity to get out there and try to drive to win the game. But unfortunately with the rules, we settled with a tie."

It was the first tied game in the NFL since Nov. 10, 2002, when the Falcons and Steelers finished 34-34 with Michael Vick and Tommy Maddox matching each other pass for pass. In this one, the teams matched each other gaffe for gaffe.

The Eagles (5-4-1) have yet to win a close game this season, going 0-4 with a tie in games decided by less than a touchdown. McNabb had a big hand in this one, matching his career high with three interceptions and setting up 10 of Cincinnati's points.

He nearly had another pass picked off in overtime, but Johnathan Joseph dropped a potential interception near midfield. Each team had three chances in the extra 15-minute quarter, but only the Bengals (1-8-1) got close

enough to try a field goal.

They missed it, leaving them with only their second tied game in franchise history. They played Houston to a 31-31 tie in 1969, their second season.

"We didn't win. We didn't lose, either," said Graham, who had been 6-for-6 from 40-49 yards. "But sometimes, tying stings a little more."

Philadelphia had not finished with a tie since a 10-10 game against Baltimore in 1997. The Eagles' defense had eight sacks and compensated for McNabb's fumble by pulling off a goal-line stand from the 1 in the first half. The game soon settled in that pattern—a blitzing defense trying to erase the offense's mishaps.

It ended in a draw.

McNabb, who had only five interceptions coming in, went 28-of-58 for 339 yards. He repeatedly missed open receivers in an offense that has come to rely on him almost entirely because it can't run.

Stunning stat: Philadelphia tried to pass on all of its 18 of its third-down plays, including three third-and-1 plays. The Eagles converted only three of their third-down plays as they got away from their ineffective running game.

"It makes you look at different options," said Brian Westbrook, who ran for only 60 yards. "Today we tried a couple of different things, and we weren't successful."

Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Darren Howard (90) recovers a fumble against the Cincinnati Bengals in the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008, in Cincinnati. The Eagles and Bengals played to a 13-13 tie, the NFL's first in six years.

Green Bay 37, Chicago 3

Hello, Ryan Grant.

Goodbye, "Soldier Field North."

Grant finally hit his stride — and justified his big contract — for the Green Bay Packers on Sunday, rushing for 145 yards and a touchdown in a dominant victory over the Chicago Bears.

The win boosts the Packers (5-5) into a three-way tie with the Bears and Minnesota Vikings atop the muddled NFC North. It has been an up-and-down season for the post-Brett Favre Packers, but Sunday's win puts them in position to win the division again.

"We're the champions,"



Bengals safety Chris Crocker, 42, falls after intercepting a pass from Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb Sunday in the second half of the teams' 13-13 tie.

Grant said, "until somebody takes it to us."

Sunday's win also was the Packers' first victory over the Bears at Lambeau Field since Lovie Smith took over as Chicago's head coach in 2004. That's important, but Packers coach Mike McCarthy was more interested in what happens next.

"Is it going to feel good when you walk through the door? Absolutely," McCarthy said. "But it was a game that was important for our season. To get to 5-5 and tied with Minnesota and Chicago, that's where we wanted to be today." Chicago, meanwhile, didn't look much like a playoff contender on either side of the ball Sunday.

Kyle Orton started at quarterback for the Bears after sitting out last Sunday's game with a sprained right ankle. But Orton was outplayed by Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, who completed 23 of 30 passes for 227 yards with two touchdowns and an interception.

"They ran it, they threw it," Bears linebacker Brian

Urlacher said. "They did whatever they wanted to do."

Grant and Rodgers both benefited from much-improved play by the Packers' offensive line, which pushed around a Bears defense that had been strong against the run but vulnerable to the pass.

Tennessee 24, Jacksonville 14

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Behind, ahead. Home, away. Backups, starters. No matter the situation, the Tennessee Titans keep finding ways to win.

And stay unbeaten. Kerry Collins threw three touchdown passes, Albert Haynesworth dominated defensively again and the Titans improved to 10-0 with a victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday.

Tennessee overcame a 14-3 halftime deficit, got solid play from third-string cornerback Chris Carr and extended its franchise-record winning streak in the regular season to 13. The Titans also won their seventh consecutive regular-

season road game.

The Jaguars (4-6) lost for the fourth time in six games, fell six games behind AFC South leader Tennessee and probably ended any chance they had of returning to the postseason.

Collins was at his best when the team needed him most, directing consecutive touchdown drives in the third quarter that turned an 11-point deficit into a three-point lead.

He sealed the victory with a perfect 38-yard TD pass to Justin Gage with 3:57 remaining. Collins and Gage also hooked up for a 56-yard score in the third period—the only third-down conversation of the day for the Titans. They finished 1-of-12 on third down.

Tennessee Titans wide receiver Brandon Jones, cannot make the fingertip catch during the second quarter of an NFL football game against the Jacksonville Jaguars, Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008, in Jacksonville, Fla.

Collins was 13-of-23 for 230 yards. Gage caught four passes for 147 yards.

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2	Texas Tech	.9698	2
3	Texas	.8911	3
4	Florida	.8755	4
5	Oklahoma	.8388	5
6	USC	.7873	6
7	Utah	.7643	7
8	Penn State	.6957	8
9	Boise State	.6559	9
10	Ohio State	.6154	11
11	Georgia	.6129	10
12	Oklahoma State	.5672	13
13	Missouri	.5600	12
14	BYU	.4393	17
15	Michigan State	.4021	15
16	TCU	.3858	18
17	Ball State	.3673	14
18	LSU	.2727	20
19	Cincinnati	.2594	22
20	Pitt	.2171	21
21	Oregon State	.2027	NR
22	North Carolina	.1329	16
23	Miami	.1023	NR
24	Oregon	.0630	NR
25	Maryland	.0550	NR

Associated Press NCAA Football Top 25

	team	points	record
1	Alabama (42)	1601	11-0
2	Texas Tech (21)	1574	10-0
2	Florida (2)	1476	9-1
4	Texas	1437	10-1
5	Oklahoma	1369	9-1
6	USC	1310	9-1
7	Penn State	1178	10-1
8	Utah	1158	11-0
9	Boise State	1098	10-0
10	Ohio State	1017	9-2
11	Oklahoma State	987	9-2
12	Missouri	913	9-2
13	Georgia	864	9-2
14	Ball State	714	10-0
15	TCU	659	9-2
16	BYU	656	10-1
17	Michigan State	612	9-2
18	LSU	526	7-3
19	Cincinnati	413	8-2
20	Pittsburgh	406	7-2
21	Oregon State	389	7-3
22	Maryland	161	7-3
23	Miami (FL)	139	7-3
24	Oregon	126	8-3
25	North Carolina	115	7-3

CCHA Men's Hockey Standings

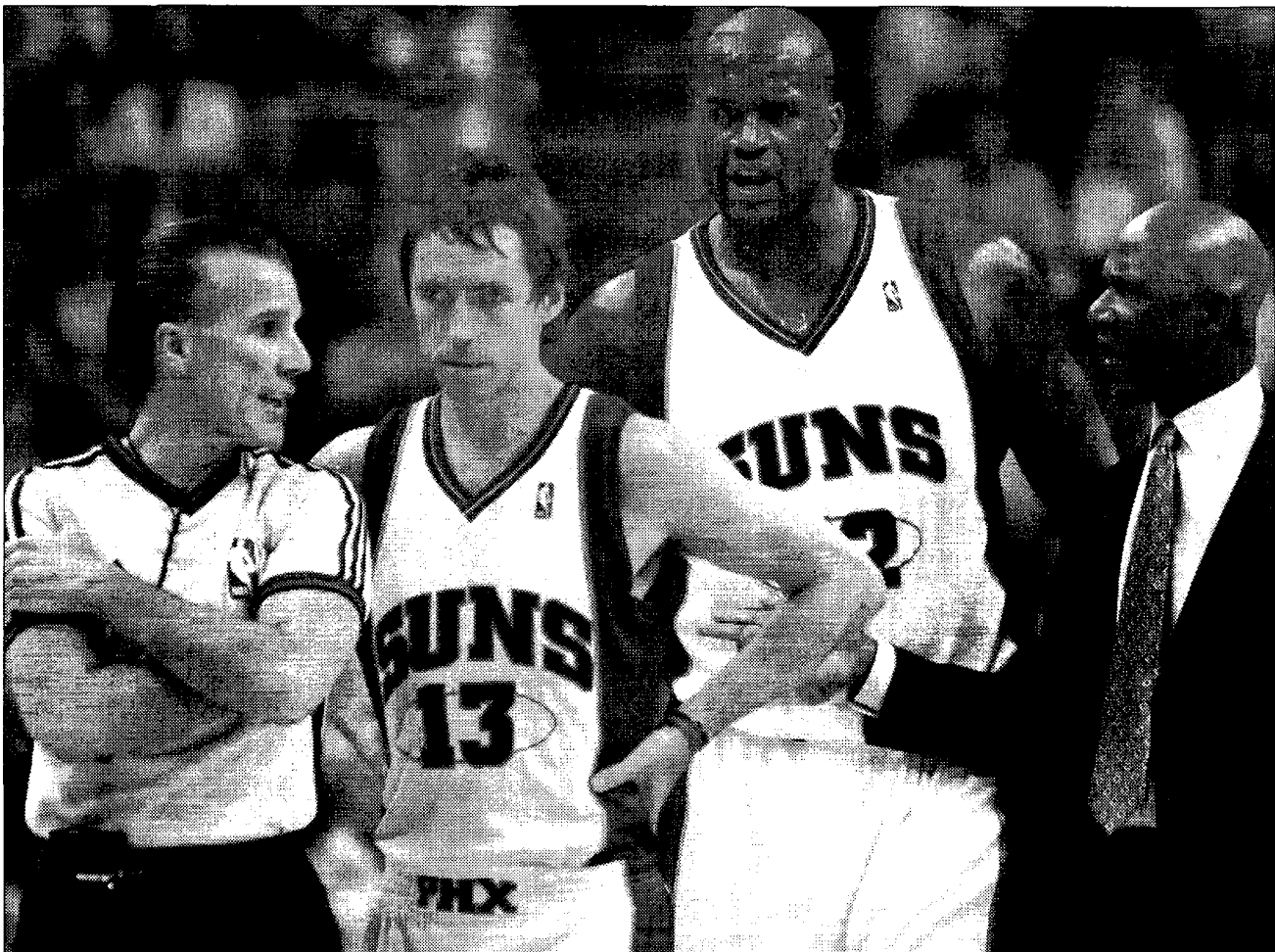
	Team	Record
		league points
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2	Ferris State	4-2-2 10
3	Michigan	5-3-0 10
4	Bowling Green	4-3-1 9
5	Lake Superior	3-3-2 9
6	Nebraska-Omaha	3-2-1 8
7	NOTRE DAME	3-2-1 8
8	Michigan State	2-4-2 8
9	Ohio State	3-4-1 8
10	Alaska	3-3-0 6
11	Western Michigan	1-4-3 6
12	Northern Michigan	1-6-1 3

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NFL

Browns at Bills
8:30 p.m., ESPN

NBA



Phoenix Suns head coach Terry Porter argues with referee Ken Mauer on the behalf of the Suns' Shaquille O'Neal. O'Neal was ejected for a flagrant foul in the second quarter of the game Sunday night.

Shaq ejected against Pistons

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Amare Stoudemire had 29 points and 11 rebounds on his 26th birthday and the Phoenix Suns overcame Shaquille O'Neal's second-quarter ejection to beat the Detroit Pistons 104-86.

Steve Nash, back from a one-game suspension for his part in a skirmish with several Houston Rockets on Wednesday night, added 17 points and seven assists for the Suns, who already were without two players before O'Neal was tossed for a flagrant foul with 5:19 left in the first half. Boris Diaw had 13 points for Phoenix.

Richard Hamilton scored

19 for the Pistons, who entered the game 3-0 on a four-game western swing that began Tuesday. In their previous stop, they handed the Lakers their first loss of the season Friday night in Los Angeles.

Detroit's Allen Iverson scored nine points on 4-for-17 shooting.

The Suns made 14 of their first 19 shots and never trailed again.

O'Neal had 10 of his 12 points in the second quarter before his night came to an early end.

The call was made with 5:19 left in the half when Rodney Stuckey went up for a layup and O'Neal sent the Pistons' player crashing

chest-first to the court. The flagrant foul two, which is an automatic ejection, was upheld after a review by referee Ken Mauer.

O'Neal stayed on the court to argue vehemently as Mauer ignored him before the Suns' big man finally leaving as US Airways Center echoed with boos.

Stuckey made both free throws to cut Phoenix's lead to 48-35.

But the Suns scored the next six to take their biggest lead of the half, 54-35, on two free throws by Robin Lopez with 3:19 left in the half. A 9-1 Detroit spurt cut the lead to 55-44 but Nash made two 3-

pointers in the final 29 seconds to put Phoenix ahead 61-46 at the break behind 70 percent first-half shooting.

The Suns led 81-67 after three, then Detroit scored the first five points on the fourth quarter to cut it to 81-72 when Will Bynum stole the ball from Nash for a layup with 10:26 to play. After a timeout, Nash sank a 20-footer, and Detroit never cut it to single digits again.

Diaw sank a 3-pointer, then made an inside hook, and Stoudemire scored on a drive, then followed with a dunk on a three-point play, putting Phoenix ahead 93-75 with 7:43 remaining.

IN BRIEF

Armstrong meets with Tour de France officials

MILAN, Italy — Seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong plans to meet with Tour officials before deciding to compete in the 2009 race.

The Gazzetta dello Sport reported Sunday that Johan Bruyneel, Armstrong's team director at Astana, said the pair had asked for a meeting.

"The decision will be made down the road, after having talked with the organizers. We have asked for a meeting," Bruyneel told the Italian newspaper.

Armstrong announced his comeback from a three-year retirement in September and joined the Astana team. Bruyneel teamed with Armstrong for all seven Tour de France wins from 1999-2005.

Armstrong has feuded for years with Tour officials over drug-testing issues, but Tour director Christian Prudhomme has said the Astana team will be allowed to race next year.

Miller finishes second in slalom World Cup event

LEVI, Finland — Bode Miller hadn't stepped on the podium after a World Cup slalom event since winning in 2004.

On Sunday, Miller was edged by Jean-Baptiste Grange of France in the slalom opener by 0.79 seconds, finishing second in 1 minute, 45.28 seconds on Levi's Black Course north of the Arctic Circle.

Miller used an aggressive second run to post his best slalom finish since a victory four years ago in Sestriere, Italy.

"It's been a while, but it's been a lot of times when I felt good and comfortable but couldn't put it together in a race," Miller said. "So it was important today for me to get to the finish line."

Miller nearly pulled off an American double on the weekend. Lindsey Vonn won the World Cup slalom on Saturday, her first victory in the event.

Johnson wins his third straight Cup championship

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Jimmie Johnson and Chad Knaus never slowed down enough to consider what a record-tying third consecutive championship would mean to their legacy.

Don't count on them doing it now. After tying Cale Yarborough's 30-year mark as the only driver with three straight championships, Johnson and his crew chief were already thinking about going after No. 4.

"I could go race again next week and start the season and go for four," Johnson said after Sunday's finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway. "It's on our minds. It's not that we're chasing a number, we just know what we're capable of. We know we can do better. It's a search to do the best we can."

Knaus, the first crew chief in series history to win three straight, even offered to report to work Monday.

NFL

Steelers win bizarre game

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — There has never been a game like this in NFL history.

The bizarre 11-10 final score was fitting because the Chargers still haven't had the regular-season finish they want in Pittsburgh: a winning one.

Ben Roethlisberger stayed away from the mistakes that cost the Steelers their previous two home games, Willie Parker ran for 115 yards and Jeff Reed's third field goal won it — a 32-yarder with 11 seconds remaining — as Pittsburgh rallied to beat the Chargers on a snowy Sunday.

The first such score in 12,837 NFL games was in jeopardy when Troy Polamalu returned an errant lateral 12 yards for an apparent touchdown on the final play. The play was overturned on review — it was called an illegal forward pass — and the 11-10 final was restored.

After the game, referee Scott Green said the officials realized afterward the touchdown should have counted, though it wouldn't have affected the result.

"It was weird," Steelers receiver Hines Ward said. "We definitely have to work on our offense. But this game is about wins and losses, and we won."

The only thing perfect on a snowy, frigid day when the weather and the offenses were equally awful was San Diego's regular-season record in Pittsburgh. Make it 0-13.

"I like playing on grass, mud, anything that slows down an offense," said linebacker James Harrison, who made a series of key plays.

Nate Kaeding put San Diego (4-6) up 10-8 with a 22-yard field goal with 6:41 to play, after missing from the 41 in the third quarter with the Steelers (7-3) leading 8-7.

Kaeding's miss came at Heinz Field's open end, where breezes blowing off the nearby three rivers cause tricky kicking conditions. Reed made his decisive kick at the same end following a 13-play, 73-yard drive in which Roethlisberger was 6-of-6 for 49 yards.

"I hit that one the best, and I knew it right away," Reed said.

The Steelers outgained the Chargers 410-213, and most teams with a 300-yard passer, a 115-yard rusher and a 124-yard receiver (Ward) normally have plenty of offense.

But the Steelers couldn't get into the end zone even as Roethlisberger went 31-of-41 for 308 yards against the NFL's worst passing defense, partly because they had 13

penalties for 115 yards to San Diego's two for 5 yards. Also, Mewelde Moore was stopped from a foot out on a fourth-and-goal play late in the first quarter.

A snow squall about 45 minutes before the late-afternoon kickoff coated Heinz's grass surface on a breezy, 35-degree day that began with a wind chill of 26. The mid-November conditions were a visible reminder of the warm-weather Chargers' struggles in Pittsburgh, where they have never won a regular-season game, although they are 2-0 there in the playoffs.

"I'm not going to say that snow didn't help us. It did," safety Ryan Clark said.

Roethlisberger was not intercepted after being picked off eight times, with only one touchdown pass, in his previous three games, including seven interceptions in successive home-field losses to the Colts (24-20) and Giants (21-14). Still, the Steelers' only scoring drives ended with Reed's field goals of 21, 41 and 32.

"We've gotten into some close games and we haven't found a way to win. It was important for us to get into a close game like this and find a way to win," Aaron Smith said after Pittsburgh regained first place in the AFC North.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Robinson out at 'Cuse with dismal record

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Greg Robinson's career as Syracuse coach started poorly and never got better. When he was fired with two games left in a fourth straight dismal season, even he figured it was coming.

"I don't think it really comes as a surprise to anyone. It doesn't come as a surprise to me," Robinson said at a news conference Sunday. "I ran out of time. I still see improvement. As always, I'm optimistic, I think with more time I could do better. Obviously, I didn't get it done. That's the bottom line. I understand why the decision was made, so I go from there."

Robinson, who will coach the final two games of this season, is 9-36 overall and 3-25 in the Big East in three-plus seasons. He had another year left on a contract that pays \$1.1 million per season.

He said it was important to him to finish the season.

"I wanted to make sure under no uncertain terms I was the football coach," Robinson said. "I've seen it become chaotic. This will not be chaotic."

Syracuse (2-8, 1-5) lost to Connecticut 39-14 on Saturday night and is trying to avoid a third 10-loss campaign under Robinson. The Orange had never reached double-digit losses in a season before Robinson was hired by athletic director Daryl Gross in January 2005 to replace Paul Pasqualoni.

"Last week we fell out of bowl contention and this week was senior week. We just thought at this point the community could relax," Gross said, explaining why he waited until Sunday to make a decision. "He's a guy who wanted to live here the rest of his life. A guy like that you give a chance."

After Syracuse went 2-10 last season, Gross decided to retain Robinson despite calls for change from both alumni and fans. But Gross said he needed to see "tangible improvement" in the program and that never happened.

Syracuse stayed close to Pittsburgh and West Virginia in its first two Big East games this season, but were blown out 45-13 at South Florida on Oct. 18, accumulating 9 yards of offense and no first downs in the second half.

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Spanish Popular Music under the Late
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by Prof. Daniel Part
12:00-1:00 pm, 114 Moreau Center
French Dinner
4:30-7:30 pm
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7:30pm, Little Theater

Tuesday - November 18

Leadership Lunch/CWIL Colloquium with
CWIL Fellow Naida Lehmann: "Restoration
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12:00-1:00 pm
Student Center Conference Room A & B
German Dinner
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7:00-9:00 pm, Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans
Study abroad returnees presentation on their international and intercultural learning experience. All students are welcome to attend the event and find out more about CWIL student travel grants for study abroad. Mandatory attendance for all 2008-09 grant recipients and students wishing to apply for the 2009-10 CWIL student travel grants.

Foreign Language Film
"IM JULI" (German)
7:00 pm, 152 Regina Hall

Wednesday - November 19

China summer Program Info Session
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Conference Room A/B/C
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Foreign Language Film
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7:00 pm, 152 Regina Hall

Thursday - November 20

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7:00 pm, Vander Vennet Theater

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish get sweep in Ohio tri-meet

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame swept a tri-meet against Cleveland State and Miami (Ohio) Saturday at Cleveland State's Busbey Natatorium. The Irish beat the Vikings 132-109 and raced past the Redhawks 143-100.

In total, the Irish won five of 13 events on the day. Irish junior John Lyttle was one of two Irish swimmers to win a pair of races. Lyttle took the 50-yard freestyle by just over one tenth of a second, out-touching Cleveland State's Stephen Grove with a time of 20.83 compared to Grove's 20.94. Lyttle also took first in the 100-freestyle with a time of 45.60.

Irish sophomore Michael Sullivan continued his strong season, earning two first-place finishes just days after being named the Big East swimming and diving athlete of the week. Sullivan dominated the 200-individual medley with a time of 1:55.11, which was nearly two seconds ahead of the next closest finisher. He was equally as dominant in the 200-backstroke, taking first place honors with a time of 1:51.60.

Sullivan also swam backstroke on Notre Dame's

second-place 400-medley relay, which consisted of Sullivan, Lyttle, senior Daniel Rave, and sophomore Patrick Augustyn.

Irish junior Andrew Hoffman claimed Notre Dame's fifth first-place finish with his performance in the 200-freestyle.

Hoffman's time of 1:41.89 was about a second and a half faster than that of second-place finisher Chris Gunnels from Miami.

The Irish put forth a strong effort on the diving board, and finished with three of the top five scorers in both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events. Senior Michael Bulfin finished in second in the 1-meter and fifth in the 3-meter event.

Sophomores Eric Lex, Wesley Villafor and Nathan Geary combined for the rest of Notre Dame's top five finishes. Lex took third in both the 1-meter and 3-meter events while Villafor took fifth in the 1-meter event and Geary took fourth in the 3-meter event.

With the wins, the Irish improved to 3-2 on the season. The Irish are now 22-2 against Cleveland State under coach Tim Welsh.

The Irish return to action when they head to Columbus for the Ohio State Invitational on Dec. 5.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Smyth wins second straight title

Men, women finish fourth at regionals, advance to NCAA championships

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

The Irish ran well enough Saturday to run one more race.

Both the men's and women's teams earned at-large bids to the NCAA Championships with fourth-place finishes at the Great Lakes Regional at Purdue University.

"We're very happy to have made the championships, no doubt about it," men's head coach Joe Piane said. "Everything went according to plan."

The top two teams in the region gained automatic entries to nationals, but the Irish had to wait a day and a half to find out if they made it.

Senior Patrick Smyth won the regional for the second straight year, finishing the men's 10-kilometer race in 31:06.

"[Smyth] is one of the best runners in the country, I think he proved that Saturday," Piane said. "I'm very anxious to see how he runs at nationals. Of course we want him to be an All-

American again, but I think he can be pretty high in the rankings, too."

Smyth, a four-time All-American (two in track and field), finished 15th out of the 250 runners at the 2007 nationals.

Following Smyth in the men's race were freshman Joe Miller, who finished 20th, sophomore Dan Jackson in 28th and senior Daniel Clark in 30th.

The men Wisconsin won the meet with 39 points, followed by Michigan with 62 points and Butler with 104 points. Notre Dame had 124 points.

Junior Lindsey Ferguson led the Irish and finished 10th overall in the women's 6K race in 21:29. Ferguson has paced the Irish consistently this season, leading in all but one race.

Sophomore Marissa Treece came in 14th with a time of 21:40. Senior Heidi Rocha finished 31st in 22:04, with freshman Rachel Velarde

right behind her in 34th with a time of 22:06.

Michigan won the women's race with 72 points, with Wisconsin in second with 80. Michigan State placed third with 83 points. The Irish totaled 125 points.

Piane said the team will scale back in training this week to prepare for nationals.

"You're not going to get in better shape at this point, you'll only injure yourself," he said. "We'll do short

things, maybe two workouts this week, then head out on Friday."

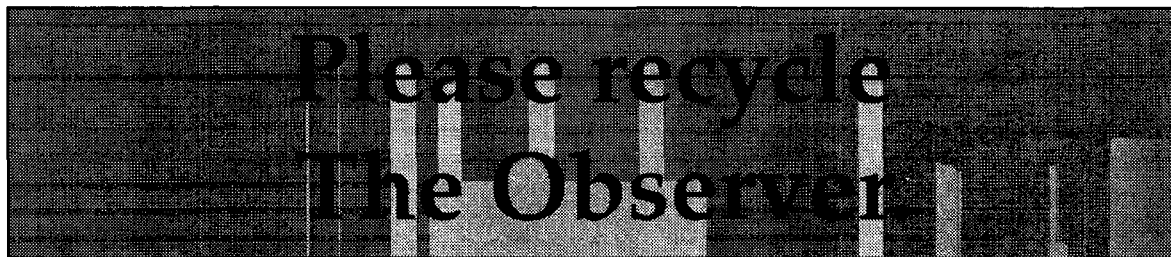
This will be Piane's 19th time leading a team to the national championships, and 21st bringing at least one runner.

Indiana State University will host the championships on Nov. 24 in Terre Haute, Ind.

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"Everything went according to plan."

Joe Piane
Irish coach



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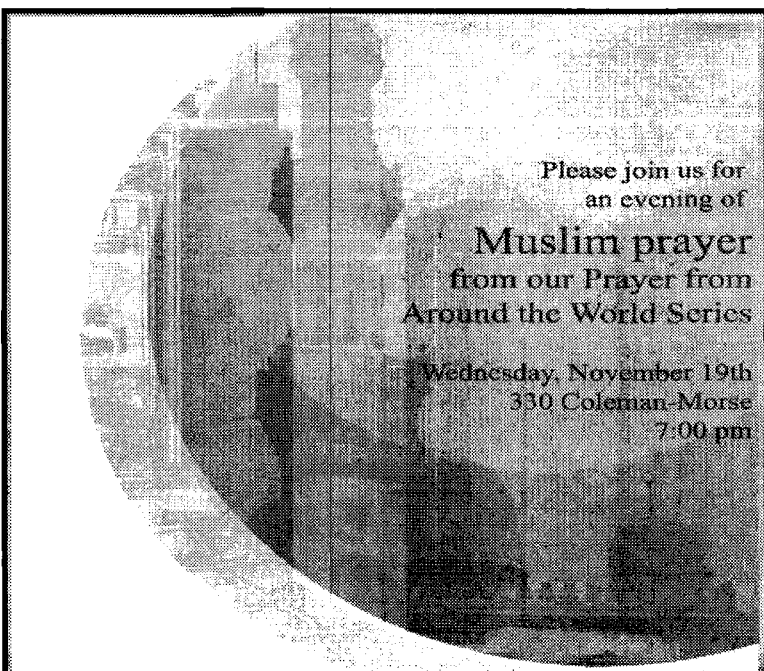
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish lose to St. John's, beat UConn in five sets

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Two days after a close five-set loss to Big East leader St. John's, the Irish pulled off a nail-biting win of their own, downing Connecticut 3-2.

Friday night against the Red Storm (21-8, 12-2 Big East), the Irish (14-13, 9-5) received a balanced offensive effort in the 25-17, 18-25, 16-25, 25-19, 16-14 defeat, with four players tallying more than 10 kills. Junior outside hitter Christina Kaelin paced the Irish with 14 kills, and senior middle blocker Justine Stremick led the team with a .455 hitting percentage.

After St. John's won the first set, courtesy of a 10-0 run at one point, the Irish rebounded in the second set with a 9-0 run of their own. Notre Dame held the Red Storm to .029 average in second set, and a .030 hitting percentage in the third.

The Irish took advantage of a strong defensive showing, tallying a season-high 19 blocks on the night. Stremick led Notre Dame with 10 stuffs.

The fourth set was tied 16-16 before St. John's pulled away to force a fifth game.

In the fifth, the Irish rallied from behind to force a 14-14 tie, but two kills by St. John's senior outside hitter Valeria Kovaleva swung the match in favor of the Red Storm.

Kovaleva also had seven aces in the match to pace the Red Storm, who had nine as a team.

The Irish were determined to rebound Sunday afternoon against the Huskies (21-8, 10-4), who came in one spot ahead of Notre Dame in the Big East standings. Notre Dame won the match 26-28, 25-21, 20-25, 25-23, 15-11.

Stremick and freshman Kristen Dealy led the way over Connecticut, with the duo posting 17 and 16 kills, respectively.

After Connecticut claimed a back-and-forth first game, the Irish responded with a strong defensive showing the second game, posting five team blocks.

"Just that heart and that desire to not let anything hit the floor is really important," Notre Dame coach Debbie Brown said.

Dealy led the Irish offensively

in the first two games, notching 11 kills for a .500 hitting percentage.

"After game two in the locker

room, [Kristen] was really the only positive offensive weapon that we had," Brown said. "We really needed to find a way to get some other people involved."

Stremick certainly stepped up to the call. The Langdon, N.D. native posted 12 kills in the third, fourth, and fifth sets.

The Irish struggled offensively in the third set, posting a paltry .026 hitting percentage, but rebounded to edge the Huskies in the fourth game. With the score tied 21-21, Stremick shouldered the load and posted two kills and two blocks to force a deciding set.

"I think Justine absolutely picked it up in the fourth game, and was the difference in the fourth game," Brown said. "And then we carried that momentum into the fifth game, so that was really good to see."

In the fifth, the Huskies jumped out to a 9-5 lead when Brown called her final timeout of the game. Brown said she doesn't remember exactly what she told the team during that break.

"We were just trying to stay calm," she said. "It was a struggle for us today. We were not playing real well and I just tried to stay positive with them and

encourage them and just reminded them that there was nothing Connecticut was doing that was taking us by surprise. It was just a matter of us picking up the execution a little bit."

The Irish bolted out of the timeout and, led by two Stremick kills, claimed 10 of the next 12 points to take the match.

"We just had this 'Do not let anything hit the ground' mentality," Stremick said. "We were scrapping. It wasn't pretty."

That's what separates a good team from a great team. If you're in a tight crunch, you need to find a way to win. It doesn't matter how pretty it is."

After the match, Brown said she was happy with the win, even though her team didn't play up to potential.

"To win a match and hit 13 percent, that's some ugly volleyball," she said.

The win sets up a rematch with the Huskies next weekend in the first round of the Big East tournament in Pittsburgh. Brown said as long as the offense played as well as it could, she was confident the team could beat Connecticut again.

"I think we can obviously

make some adjustments with our blocking and defense a little bit," she said. "But I think more than that was our offense, and we just weren't really efficient."

Stremick said the team expects nothing less than a conference tournament title next weekend.

"Every game that we've lost, we've been competitive, and I'd say the teams we did lose to in the Big East, we didn't have our best matches," Stremick said. "I think if we bring our 'A' game we can compete against anyone. Obviously there are some good teams out there and there are going to be some good matches, but I'm excited for it."

Brown echoed Stremick's sentiments, and said the win was big to give the team momentum going into the conference tournament.

"I think it's huge, just going into the Big East tournament," Brown said. "We felt good about how we played on Friday, obviously not happy with the loss, but we know that we played really hard and to come back and not play as well but find a way to win is important. We have momentum going into the Big East tournament, and it's our goal to win that. I mean we will not be happy with anything less than that. We've got a tough week ahead of us, but we're excited for the challenge."

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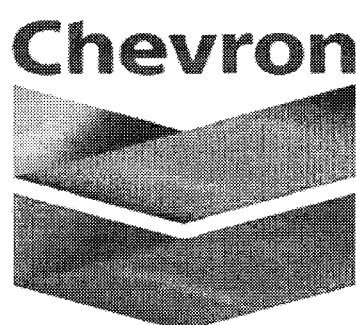
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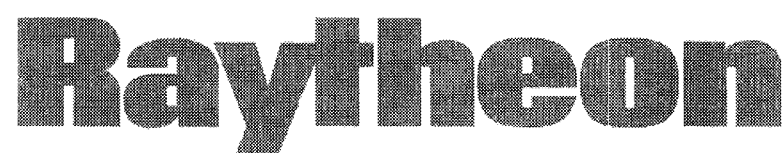
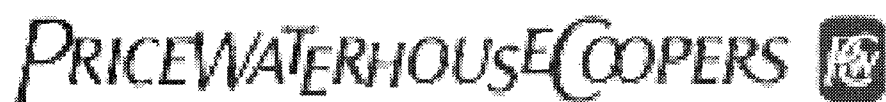
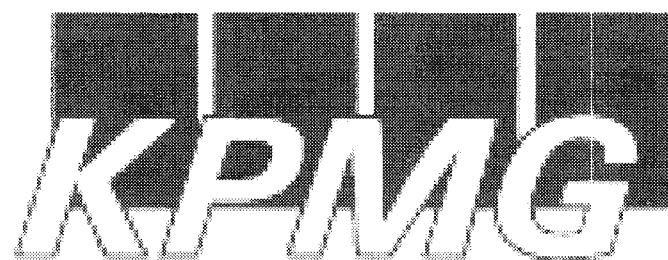
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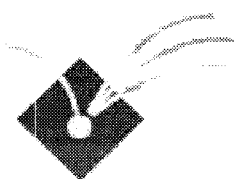


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Tournament seeding, which will be released today.

"If we'd won both games down here, I think we had a fair shot at a top-four [NCAA Tournament] seed," Irish coach Bobby Clark said, referring to the semifinals and finals of the Big East tournament. "If we'd won one game, I think we had a chance at being a top eight seed. Now, I think we have to hope for a top 16 seed which is where we've been for the last two years."

Should Notre Dame receive a top 16 seed, it will receive a first-round bye and second-round home game, but the Irish would need to win two subsequent road games to reach the Final Four. Knowing the tournament path that most likely awaits his team, Clark said he saw Friday night's road contest at South Florida as a positive despite the loss.

"I look at it as a great test for us," Clark said. "Hopefully later in the season, we're going to have some similar games, and we've got to go and win

them. We were close to managing it tonight, but we didn't quite get a hold of it."

The game looked good for the Irish early on. Notre Dame dominated the first 25 minutes of play, repeatedly winning the ball in midfield and counterattacking down the flanks with crosses. The early pressure nearly resulted in the opening goal in the 12th minute when senior defender Matt Besler saw his header ricochet back off the left post.

The Irish would find the back of the net seven minutes later. Sophomore forward Jeb Brovsky fed a ball into the path of fellow striker Bright Dike, who ripped a shot into the lower right corner of the goal from 15 yards out. The goal was Dike's 12th of the season — tops amongst Big East players.

"The opening 25 minutes were as good as we've played all season," Clark said. "I felt the game for us slowed down [after that]. Somehow in the second period we never found our rhythm. We didn't connect as well as we had in the first half."

South Florida was only too happy to take advantage.

After not putting a shot on goal the entire first half, the Bulls managed to tie the game in the 69th minute when midfielder Francisco Aristeguieta took a pass from forward Zak Boggs and fired past Irish keeper Phillip Tuttle from the left side of 18-yard box. Thirteen minutes later, Aristeguieta scored the decisive goal when he rocketed a shot past Tuttle from just outside the 18-yard box.

The Irish also had their chances in the second half. Forward Steven Perry's shot flew just over the crossbar in the 58th minute, and midfielder Justin Morrow nearly tied in the game in the 85th minute when he put a low shot just wide of the far post. Both teams registered six shots in the second half.

"It was a psychological thing, not a tactical thing," Clark said of South Florida's comeback in the second half. "They were a goal down, and they had to get in the game so they upped the tempo."

"A good thing was I felt we matched that energy, and then we got caught again on a freak [second] goal. It was a great goal, but it wasn't a classic buildup or anything."

The Irish now return home to await their NCAA Tournament pairing. The pairings will be released live on ESPNNews tonight between 6 and 6:30.

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Jackson

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him have success."

Minella added another goal in Saturday's win to bring his season total to three through 11 games.

After a slow start to the first period on Saturday, Notre Dame finished the weekend series with a little more authority, with three unanswered goals in the final two stanzas.

"To be able to bounce back tonight, especially after the mediocre first period we had, was just huge for us," senior center Christian Hanson said.

Hanson assisted on two of the three late goals, including Ridderwall's goal, which sealed the game with about three minutes remaining.

Irish defenseman Brett Blatchford, working with a 5-

on-3 advantage, started the play with a shot towards the net, which Hanson deflected to Ridderwall to finish.

"I saw Hanson's stick, he's a big body in front, so I was just shooting for his stick trying to get a tip. He didn't tip it on goal but he made a real nice play to tip it to Calle back door," Blatchford said.

Senior captain Erik Condra, sophomore Teddy Ruth and Maday also scored on the night to round out an impressive 5-2 win.

"It was a good night all around and hopefully we can have a good week of practice and come out and do the same thing next Friday night," Jackson.

Next Friday, the Irish welcome Bowling Green to the Joyce Center for another CCHA matchup.

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Zeller

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Zeller chipped in 18 points.

"With our group, it's kinda like, 'How are they gonna play us?'" Brey said. "Because we obviously do have a lot of offensive weapons."

Harangody picked up 18 points before halftime but the game was close for much of the first stanza. Notre Dame began to pull away right before the break. Harangody highlighted the spurt when he took a pass from Zeller on a fast break and made a layup while getting fouled. He knocked down the ensuing free throw to give the Irish a 39-31 edge.

On USC Upstate's last possession of the first half, Notre Dame's man defense forced Spartans guard Josh Chavis to travel and the Irish got the ball back with 5.7 seconds on the clock. After Brey called a timeout, Irish point guard Tory Jackson streaked up the left side of the court before finding Zeller for an open 3-point attempt. Zeller knocked down

the trey as the buzzer sounded to give Notre Dame a 44-33 edge at halftime.

"That's just huge at the end of the half, that's just big right there," Brey said. "We did a real good job — Tory did a good job — of getting in there and finding him and to go in at [halftime] like that [is important]."

And the Irish didn't let up after the break. The team came out of the gates by scoring the first seven points of the period. Harangody made a layup before senior co-captain Ryan Ayers picked up a steal and finished the play with a dunk. Ayers hit a contested jump shot on Notre Dame's next possession to give the Irish a 51-33 lead with 19:16 left in the game.

To the delight of the Joyce Center crowd, Notre Dame had a slew of dunks in the second half. Ayers, Harangody, senior Zach Hillesland and sophomore Carleton Scott each threw down at least one as the Irish sealed the victory.

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Spartans

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Waldrum said. "... Every minute you see tick down, you go, 'It's getting closer and closer.' Luckily I don't think we panicked at all on the field but I think there was some anxiety on the sideline."

The win kept Notre Dame's undefeated season alive and brought the team's overall record to 23-0-0.

"Good teams find a way to win, whether it's in the first five minutes or the last second of the game," Irish senior forward Kerri Hanks said.

Notre Dame will play Minnesota at home in the next round of the tournament. Minnesota beat South Dakota 2-0 to advance.

Augustin's goal was her third of the weekend after she netted a pair in Notre Dame 5-2 win over Toledo Friday.

Hanks made history in that game as she notched two assists to become the third player in NCAA history with

70 career goals and 70 assists. Hanks added another assist when she set up Augustin's goal Sunday.

"Obviously the 70-70 on Friday was nice to get but the most important thing was getting that win," Hanks said. "And coming into [the Michigan State] game it didn't really matter if I got 70-70 or not because what's more important is winning the national championship."

The Irish outshot the Spartans 29-3 Sunday but were constantly stymied by Fliestra and the Spartans defense.

"We should have finished it way before [Augustin's goal] but that's how it goes," Hanks said. "Give credit to Michigan State. The goalie did well in saving a bunch of shots, their back line held us."

Hanks played the first half with a massive knee brace as a result of an MCL injury she sustained on Nov. 2 against Cincinnati. But she took the brace off during the second period before helping to break the scoreless tie.

"I was more moving [the brace] than I was focused on how I played so I was just like, 'You know what, take it off,'" Hanks said. "This could potentially be my last game and I don't want it to. I knew that I did my rehab earlier in the week so [the knee] should be strong whether I played with [the brace] or without it."

Augustin had one of Notre Dame's best chances in the second half, minutes before scoring the game-winner. She carried the ball on a break-away before shooting it off a sliding Fliestra. Despite the miss, Augustin said she had hoped to get another chance.

"When I missed it I knew we would have more opportunities," she said. "I knew I'd get another one so I just tried to forget about it."

When Augustin took a pass from Hanks in front of the net, her level-headedness paid off as she extended Notre Dame's season.

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the defense and displayed a good deal of versatility.

"When she came in we were able to press," McGraw said. "She rebounded, blocked shots, got some steals, she did a little bit of everything. I thought she changed the game when she came in."

The Irish held the Tigers scoreless from 3-point range; LSU went 0-for-4 from behind the arc.

"I couldn't be happier with that," McGraw said. "That's what we needed to do."

After Barlow helped pull the team ahead, the Irish led for the rest of the second half. Another Solomon free throw

gave Notre Dame a 39-30 lead with 15:04 remaining. Courtney Jones made a layup, and then Allison Hightower stole the ball from Barlow and made another layup to pull the score within 43-40. But a Schrader layup, a Peters jump shot and a free throw from forward Becca Bruzowski started a 10-point run to put Notre Dame ahead 53-40 with 6:30 left.

Andrea Kelly led the Tigers with 10 points, and Katherine Graham pulled down nine rebounds.

McGraw said she knew the game would be a defensive battle based on LSU's lineup, and she wasn't disappointed. The first half started slow for both teams; Notre Dame led 11-6 with 10:50 left in the first half.

"LSU was very good defen-

sively," McGraw said. "Their guards on the perimeter are good and they're big and strong inside."

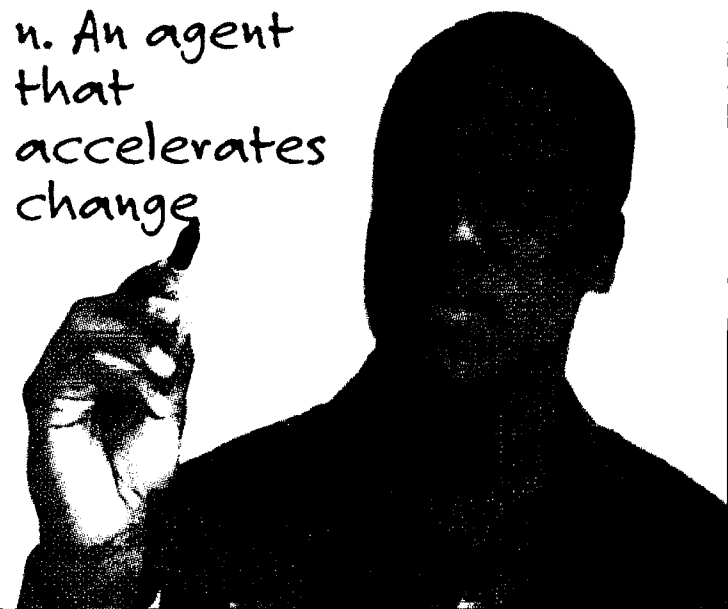
A free throw from freshman forward Erica Solomon put the Irish ahead 18-10, but the Tigers went on a 10-point run to take a 20-18 lead with 4:46 left. Schrader's lay-up tied the score at 20, and the teams traded free throws to end the first half tied at 24.

Notre Dame shot 44 percent from field-goal range in the game, but only hit 36 percent in the first half. In the second half, it made 52 percent of its shots. The Tigers only hit 33 percent of their shots, but had a better free throw percentage (81) than Notre Dame (67).

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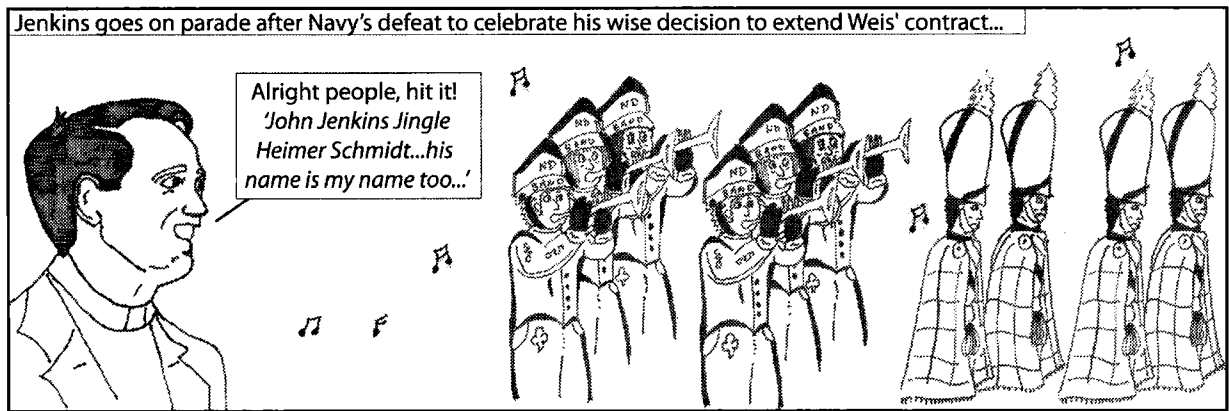
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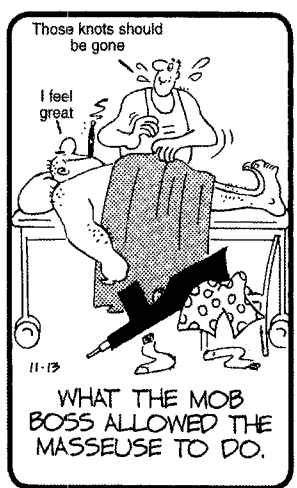
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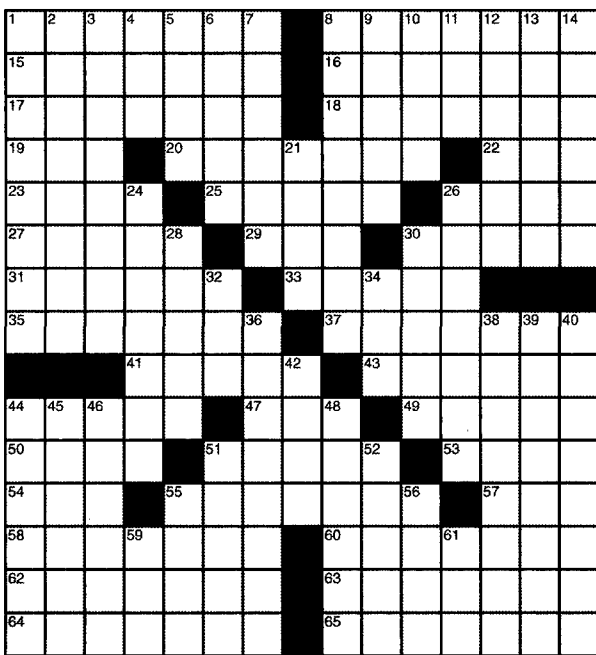
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 - 8 Material for drainage lines
 - 15 Just as anyone can be
 - 16 What some bombs release
 - 17 Early filmmaking brothers Auguste and Louis
 - 18 What a cause might turn into
 - 19 Noted 1915 West Point grad.
 - 20 Bond type whose first purchaser was F.D.R.
 - 22 Atkins diet no-no
 - 23 "No god but God" author — Aslan
 - 25 Malfoy, bully in Harry Potter books
 - 26 German city where Napoleon defeated the Prussians
 - 27 States
 - 29 Org. with a Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs
 - 30 Pitch problems?
 - 31 May day events, perhaps
 - 33 Big name in coffee makers
 - 35 Ruffles
 - 37 "Oh, I give up!"
 - 41 Rot
 - 43 Minus sign equivalent
 - 44 Fractional currency
 - 47 A sucker, for short
 - 49 Layered dessert
 - 50 Reunion gatherings
 - 51 Apollo's birthplace
 - 53 Be reminiscent of
 - 54 Part of "the many," in Greek
 - 55 Scull part
 - 57 Printed
 - 58 Noted Art Deco building in the Big Apple, with "the"
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 - 62 Some
 - 63 1962 hit with the lyric "Like the samba sound, my heart begins to pound"
 - 64 Shop tool with pulleys
 - 65 Has at a spread
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 - 2 Brandy
 - 3 Mountain, e.g.
 - 4 What many workers look forward to: Abbr.
 - 5 Refuse
 - 6 "The East" (1960s Chinese anthem)
 - 7 Nissan model
 - 8 Track warm-up leaders
 - 9 Back of a leaf
 - 10 "Red, White & " (2005 rock album)
 - 11 On the plus side?: Abbr.
 - 12 Deadly 2003 hurricane that hit North Carolina
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- 39 "Who'd a thunk it?!"
- 40 Paper that calls itself "America's Finest News Source"
- 42 Dialectal contraction
- 44 Brokerage giant
- 45 Zoological cavity
- 46 Criticize harshly and repeatedly
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't look back or waste your time lamenting over past mistakes. It's what's ahead of you that counts. Rid yourself of negative people and implement the positive changes you need in your life. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Open up your heart and your mind to the people offering you friendship, opportunity and guidance. Talks will lead to solutions and a general feeling that you are on the right track. A short trip or visit will do you good. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): With a little patience and thought you will come up with a moneymaking idea. A new business you can operate from home will help raise your earning potential. Keep things small, efficient and within your budget. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A responsibility you have to someone older will pay off in the end. Love is looking good and the opportunity to spend some quality time with someone special should be put into play. Use your imagination and good things will happen. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get involved in activities that take your mind off worries and keep you busy and out of trouble. Don't argue with someone you live with or care about. Children may play a key role in your outlook and attitude. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A change of location and scenery will give you a new outlook on your life and some insight into how you can make adjustments to suit your needs. Love is looking good and an opportunity to form a close bond with someone special is apparent. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't give in to bullying. You have to feel comfortable in order to accomplish. Use your own creative ideas and consider ways that you can change your position by putting some of your talents to work for you. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Things are opening up for you. Ask questions, follow through with your plans and don't fear taking a unique approach. It's following your dreams that will make you happy and help you get ahead in the end. Love will teach you a lesson. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Let your heart guide you but don't give in to emotional blackmail. You have to be true to yourself before you can let go of your inhibitions. Research about the way you earn your living will point you in a new direction. 3 stars

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HOCKEY

It takes a shootout, but Notre Dame sweeps Lakers at home

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

No. 9 Notre Dame won its first ever sudden death shootout Friday night and finished a sweep of Lake Superior State with a 5-2 win the next day to extend its winning streak to six games.

"Since we lost to Miami a few weeks ago, we really wanted to bounce back and get some points in the league here. That really matters," sophomore Calle Ridderwall said.

The Irish dropped a pair of

games to Miami on Oct. 24 and 25, the last time they were in South Bend, but they haven't lost a game since.

Ridderwall was played a large part in keeping that streak going with the game-winning goal in sudden death Friday night and a goal and two assists on Saturday.

True freshman Billy Maday scored Notre Dame's only goal in the regular shootout, but Irish goalkeeper Jordan Pearce stopped two out of three as well, sending the game to sudden death.

Ridderwall was first to shoot

for the Irish. He deked to his backhand, weaved across the crease and flipped a shot over Lake Superior's Brian Mahoney-Wilson.

"I pretty much had the whole move planned out and luckily it worked out. I've been practicing that move for a long time," he said.

Junior wing Nathan Perkovich had a chance to force another round for Lake Superior, but Pearce was up to the challenge and made the save.

"[Pearce] handled it very well. He made a couple of big saves for us and won the game," Irish

coach Jeff Jackson said.

Pearce had 40 saves when all was said and done, including several big stops late in the game.

"They definitely put a lot of heat on me and had a lot of chances," Pearce said.

Notre Dame pushed the game to overtime on a goal from sophomore Ryan Guentzel with just under 10 minutes left to tie the game 3-3. Guentzel's first goal of the year came on a rebound off of a Justin White shot from the point.

"[That line] probably generated as many scoring chances as

any of our lines tonight because they executed the game plan," Jackson said.

Guentzel's goal came just over a minute after Lake Superior had taken the lead on a shot from senior Josh Sim.

Ben Ryan and Christiaan Minella also added goals for the Irish earlier in the game.

"[Minella]'s playing with a lot of confidence right now. He's big and strong along the walls. He can be an effective player for us," Jackson said. "I'm happy for him, it's good to see

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sweet victory

Augustin puts home game-winning goal, sends team to Sweet 16

By FRAN TOLAN
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame's dream season seemed to hang in the balance for much of the team's NCAA Tournament second-round game against Michigan State Sunday. But Rose Augustin ended the suspense with just under 18 minutes left in the contest.

The sophomore midfielder beat Michigan State goalie Jill Fliestra and deposited a low shot in the right corner of the net in the 73rd minute of play, giving the Irish a 1-0 win. The Notre Dame sideline erupted as the team was able to convert an opportunity after a slew of near misses.

"That was great that we were able to get that one. I think that's why you saw the emotion," Irish coach Randy

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Senior forward Kerri Hanks dribbles between two Michigan State defenders during Notre Dame's 1-0 win over the Spartans Sunday in the NCAA Tournament second round.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Zeller has career high in victory

By FRAN TOLAN
Associate Sports Editor

No. 9 Notre Dame bookended halftime with two big runs and used those spurts to secure a 94-58 victory over USC Upstate Sunday.

The Irish went on a 10-2 run to end the first half then came out of the locker room with seven unanswered points on the way to the blowout win.

"How we ended the half and how we started the second half were big as far as breaking the [game] open," Irish coach Mike Brey said.

In its first regular-season game of the season, the Irish offense showed no signs of rust as the team made 50.7 percent of its field goals. Irish forward Luke Harangody led all scorers with 30 points on 12-of-21 shooting and senior co-captain Luke

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Barlow, Peters succeed against LSU defense

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Ashley Barlow scored 19 points, Lindsay Schrader scored 13 and No. 16 Notre Dame beat No. 24 LSU 62-53 in Baton Rouge, La. Sunday.

Barlow, a junior guard, hit two 3-pointers and two free throws in the first four minutes of the second half to give Notre Dame a 36-28 lead. The teams were tied at 24 at the half when Notre Dame went on a 13-4 run.

"In the first half we were reluctant to shoot," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said in a telephone interview. "We needed

to stretch the defense. We talked about shooting more in the second half. She took advice well. She came out and looked for her shot."

Sophomore forward Devereaux Peters, in her first game back since tearing her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in February, shot 6-for-7 from the field and scored 12 points. She also had six rebounds, three steals and three blocks.

"She played a great game," McGraw said. "I thought she was the key to the game for us."

McGraw said Peters helped

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MEN'S SOCCER

Squad falls in quarterfinals

No. 9 Notre Dame waits today for seed in NCAA Tournament

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

If No. 9 Notre Dame wants to advance to the program's first ever Final Four, it's going to have to do it the hard way.

Two second-half goals propelled No. 8 South Florida to a 2-1 win over the Irish in the Big East tournament semifinals played this weekend, at the Bulls' home field in Tampa. The loss left Notre Dame wondering what it might have lost in terms of NCAA



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David Donahue attacks the ball during Notre Dame's 1-0 win over Louisville on Nov. 8 in the Big East quarterfinals.

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