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Chicagoans mixed after 2016 bid fails

Students from area depressed after losing games to Rio de Janeiro, happy city will save money

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

During his daily ritual of scanning news sites online, junior Steven Ouyang saw something Friday morning that shocked him. After almost four years of working to bring the 2016 Summer Olympics to Chicago, the city lost the bid in the first round of voting.

"The favorites were Rio and Chicago, so when Chicago got kicked out in the first round, I was really disappointed," Ouyang, a Chicago-area resident, said.

Chicago had spent almost \$50 million to bring the Olympics to the area, but Tokyo, Madrid and

Rio de Janeiro all passed the city in votes during the first round, with Rio de Janeiro eventually winning the bid, according to an Associated Press report.

"I think it's good that [Rio de Janeiro] got it, especially because a South American country has never hosted the Olympics. From that standpoint, it's fantastic," Ouyang said. "But the city has some really big security issues to deal with."

"It's unfortunate. I was really looking forward to hosting the Olympics," he said.

Sophomore Mary Glennon, from the southern suburbs of Chicago, said she was also surprised and disappointed when

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Citizens of Chicago gather downtown to cheer on their city. Despite the show of support, the games were awarded to Rio de Janeiro.

Walgreens former chief emphasizes high values

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

Walgreens former president and CEO Daniel Jorndt spoke to business students and faculty Friday morning about the lessons of his life and the importance of high values in building a business to last.

Jorndt started his lecture by talking about how he first began his career in the pharmaceuticals industry — as a delivery boy for a corner store pharmacy in 1950.

"I didn't know about trade areas or marketing," he said. "I did feel good delivering medicines to sick people."

Jorndt then attended Drake University in Iowa, where he worked at a pharmacy adjacent to "the busiest little whorehouse in Des Moines."

After college, Jorndt went to work for Walgreens, which had first been established in Chicago in 1901. Jorndt rose through the company to



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Soaked students celebrate close win



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Students celebrate in the rain after watching the Irish narrowly defeat the Washington Huskies in overtime Saturday. Despite the inclement weather, many fans stayed for the entire game.

By BRIAN METZ
News Writer

Despite Saturday's freezing rain, the student section was loud and many people stayed for the entire game as the Irish defeated the Washington Huskies 37-30 in overtime.

"The rain is an unfortunate part of the sport. But it makes the games a lot more exciting, and adds a degree of uncertainty," graduate student Nil Valls said.

However, some students, especially freshmen, weren't ready for the cold.

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Walsh Hall celebrates 100th anniversary

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Marking its 100th anniversary, the Wild Women of Walsh Hall hosted events including a hospitality tent, dinner and a Mass that were attended by over 100 alumni as well as a number of present students.

"Our celebration is not only this weekend, but the entire year will be a celebration," senior Meg Mirshak said. "This is not only about remembering the history of Walsh Hall, but celebrating the men and women who lived here."

Sophomore Kelsey Burke said

Walsh began the weekend by gathering everyone in a hospitality tent for pizza Friday.

"After the pep rally on Friday all the girls in the dorm, alumni, family and friends were invited to enjoy pizza in the hospitality tent," she said.

Burke said she has helped with planning of the festivities, which started last spring, and has continued throughout this year.

"We sent out e-mails to alumni of the Hall saying we had 100 tickets to the game and to please join us," she said. "We were expecting over 100 alumni to attend."

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Pink extensions help raise money

Group sells creative hair styles to help fight breast cancer

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

For many, sporting a pink hairdo is a bold fashion statement reserved for rock stars and cartoon characters. That trend was bucked this past Friday by the Notre Dame community in support of the battle against breast cancer, as Crowley Music Hall hosted the "Race to Raise the Most for United Health Services."

Pink hair extensions were sold for \$10 and done by employees of Paradigm Salons. The event raised money for United Health Services to provide mammograms to women in St. Joseph's County whose insurance does not

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TAYLOR ITSELL/The Observer

Saint Mary's student Sarah Korbonits receives pink hair extensions to help raise funds to battle breast cancer.

INSIDE COLUMN

Blessing in disguise?

The Second City has finished fourth. All signs pointed to a winning bid for America's heartland city. After millions of dollars spent on what seemed to be a successful campaign and visits from an all-star cast including a last minute plea from the president himself, Chicago still could not bring home the win.

Ann-Marie Woods

News Writer

Friday's vote by the International Olympic Committee in Copenhagen eliminated Chicago in the first round, leaving the city, IOC members and many Americans shocked and stunned at the disappointing fourth place finish, with Rio de Janeiro ultimately winning the bid.

But maybe it was a blessing in disguise. Is America, namely Chicago, really ready to play host for the world?

While some said bringing the games back to United States would help boost confidence and morale, jumpstart the economy, and show the world a new, stronger America, hosting the Olympics could very well have done the opposite. Estimated to have cost \$4.8 billion, many Chicago residents feared the implications of turning their city, already struggling to stay afloat in this economic recession, into the 2016 Olympic games site.

In a poll taken in August for the Chicago Tribune, 45 percent of Chicagoans were opposed to bringing the games to their city altogether, with an alarming 84 percent against the bid, fearing the costs would fall heavily on the taxpayers to fund the games.

While Mayor Daley touted the games as central to an economic boom for the city, there were no guarantees that the Olympics would have been profitable for Chicago.

Were Chicagoans really willing to take that risk? It seems the glitz and glamour of hosting the three-week international event overshadowed substantial concerns about what the games could do to the Windy City.

With an unreliable, worn-down commuter system and traffic-clogged highways, transportation would have been Chicago's primary problem, something the IOC called to the city's attention prior to the final vote. Everyday life would come to a startling halt for the metropolitan area's 9.6 million residents.

Hosting the games also meant a series of new building projects and improvements for the city's lakefront and civic centers. While this comes standard for most cities holding the Olympic games, Chicago's history of delayed civic construction projects and the city's already insolvent economy would have magnified the difficulties of this task.

Finally, an important yet conveniently overlooked feature of bringing the games to Chicago was the inevitable displacement of local residents in predominantly poor and working class neighborhoods of the South Side in order to make room for Olympic venues and the Olympic Village. A history of the Olympic games reveals a pattern of displacement among cities' poorer inhabitants, and Chicago would not have been any different.

So instead of grumbling over an unfair vote, be thankful for fourth place and move on. Celebrate with Brazil as they begin the difficult task of welcoming the world to their nation, more broadly their continent, for the first time in the Olympic history.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE 80'S MOVIE?



Rachel Chisauski

freshman McGlinn

"Troll 2." Probably the worst movie ever made."



Nicky Mikkilineni

junior Stanford

"I'm Gonna Get You, Sucker."



Billy Wardlaw

sophomore O'Neill

"Breakfast Club."



Meaghan Crowley

junior Lyons

"Dirty Dancing" probably."



Nick Rowek

freshman Keough

"Which 'Rocky' was in the 80s?"



Matt Hubberd

freshman Knott

"The Goonies" — that was alright."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Members of the Notre Dame Marching Band shout, "Arrrrgh" during the third quarter "We are ND" cheer during Saturday's football game against Washington.

IN BRIEF

An HBO documentary, "Thin," will be shown tonight at in the Annenberg Auditorium in the Snite Museum of Art from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The showing is free and open to the public.

The New Playwrights Workshop presents "Cargo" and "Scattered Voices" from Oct. 6 to Oct. 11 in the Philbin Studio Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase through the box office or at performingarts.nd.edu

A lecture, "The Plundered Planet and Restoring Natural Order in the Bottom Billion," will take place on Oct. 8 in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center at 5 p.m. Paul Collier, Director of the Centre for the Study of African Economies at the University of Oxford, will lecture. The lecture is free.

"Breast Cancer," a lecture in the Cancer Care Lecture Series will take place on Oct. 8 in the auditorium at Indiana University School of Medicine — South Bend, located at 1234 Notre Dame Avenue, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, but requires registration at southbendclinic.com

A film, "Goodbye Solo" (2008), will be shown on Oct. 9 at the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 6:30 p.m. Buy tickets at the box office or online at performingarts.nd.edu

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

OFFBEAT

Nude man accused for pounding on passing cars

GREELEY, Colo. — A man who told officers he was a medical marijuana provider has been arrested for allegedly standing naked in a Colorado highway, pounding on passing cars and spitting at a state trooper. Dustin Robbins, 27, of Westminster, faces 13 counts including indecent exposure, assault and driving under the influence of marijuana.

Robbins was arrested Sept. 25 on U.S. 34 east of Greeley. Witnesses told investigators he was cursing at cars and hitting some.

Two women in their 70s

and 80s told deputies a naked man jumped on the hood of their car, broke windows, walked across the roof and jumped off the back. Damage was estimated at \$1,200.

Joke zombie plan removed from university Web site

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The University of Florida's response plans for a zombie apocalypse are no longer available for public consumption.

UF spokesman Steve Orlando said Friday the university removed a link to a disaster recovery exercise, which detailed how the

school could respond to an outbreak of the undead. The link was taken down late Thursday afternoon.

Orlando says officials felt the joke "didn't really belong" on the site, which also included plans for dealing with hurricanes and pandemics.

The exercise lays out the university's response to attacks by "flesh-eating, apparently life impaired individuals." It notes that a zombie outbreak might include "documentation of lots of strange moaning."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 63 LOW 46	HIGH 48 LOW 46	HIGH 61 LOW 45	HIGH 56 LOW 43	HIGH 57 LOW 43	HIGH 52 LOW 39

Atlanta 59 / 55 Boston 66 / 49 Chicago 63 / 51 Denver 65 / 38 Houston 85 / 77 Los Angeles 70 / 52 Minneapolis 52 / 47 New York 67 / 49 Philadelphia 68 / 49 Phoenix 81 / 62 Seattle 64 / 45 St. Louis 71 / 56 Tampa 91 / 75 Washington 72 / 52

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become CEO and president, where he oversaw a period of unprecedented expansion of the company.

"No business can stand still," he said.

Using the model "crawl, walk, run," Jorndt helped expand Walgreens from 2,821 stores in 1999 to 6,996 stores in 2009.

Jorndt said he always experimented with ideas to help expand Walgreens business, including the institution of a one-hour photo booth and a drive-through pharmacy.

"You have to keep trying things and experimenting," he said.

Although the one-hour photo booth took 12 years to perfect, Jorndt said the drive-through pharmacies were an immediate success.

"A lot of little towns couldn't support a full-size Walgreens," he said. "We had to open five stores in [Evansville, Ind.] to realize McDonald's had already

trained the world on the drive-through."

Jorndt, citing James Collins' "Built to Last," said the author had discovered "the key ingredient to companies lasting a long time was high ideals and high values."

Jorndt said high values allow the best companies to attract the best people.

"We believe that honest goods can be sold to honest people through honest methods," he said, citing the Walgreens creed.

Jorndt said the creed as well as the Rotary International's "four-way test" helped inspire his employees.

"Real basic stuff, but basic stuff, read over and over, sets the bar real high and is very motivating," he said.

Jorndt said lonely decisions are the hardest to make, but often lead to better results than something formulated by a committee.

"The tough ones need an outlier to fight for it," he said.

Jorndt said the experiences of explorer Ernest Shackleton, who despite suffering a disas-

trous turn of events did not lose a single man on his expedition to Antarctica, demonstrate this principle.

"If the ship is sinking, the leader has to go to the front," he said.

Jorndt said it is always important to avoid hubris in business, and that despite the title of the James Collins' book often associated with top management, no one ever goes from "Good to Great."

"Once an outfit starts thinking they're great, sell their stock," he said.

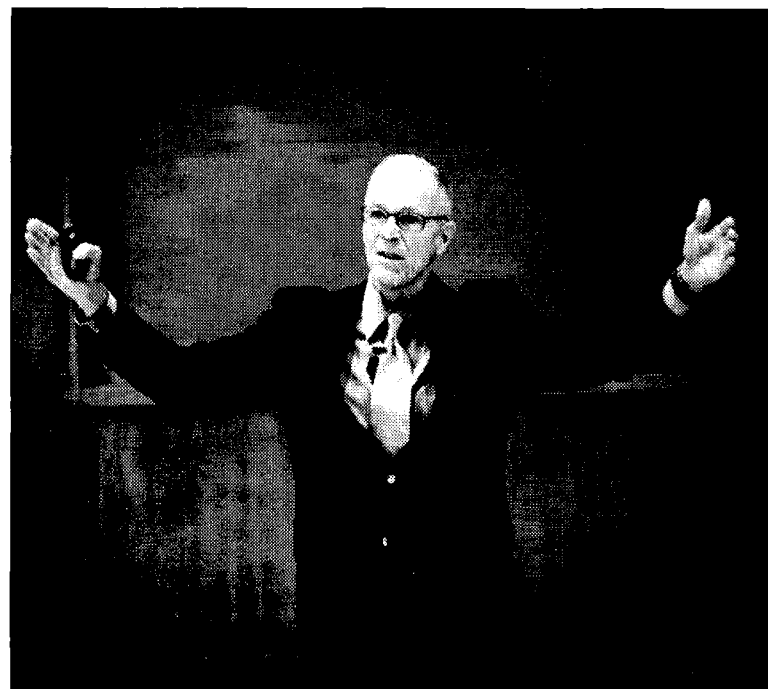
Jorndt also said procrastination is a natural enemy of success while invoking the saying "do it now."

"It's part of the human condition," he said. "We all procrastinate."

Jorndt summarized his lecture at the end by simply saying thank you to the audience for listening.

"Thank you. I think it is one of the most underused words in the English language," he said.

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Former Walgreens CEO and president Daniel Jorndt talks about the importance of values in business in the Jordan Auditorium Friday.

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cover the procedure or who cannot afford it.

Noelle Elliott, Publicity and Concert Coordinator said she wanted to devise a fundraiser that was unique and appealing to the Notre Dame community.

"You can show your support every day unlike a T-shirt or a bracelet and it goes with every outfit," she said.

Elliott said the event was received very well, as 365 people signed up in two days. She said both men and women participated.

"Originally we ordered just 300 [hair extensions] but we ordered 100 more and they

have been going like crazy," she said.

Elliott said the extensions were made of real human hair from India and are curable and washable.

"They want it to look nice and blend but be noticeable," she said. "It's removable and won't hurt your hair."

Many of the participants had their extensions put in as a show of support for family or friends who battled breast cancer.

"My aunt successfully beat breast cancer during her pregnancy so it's a family topic," freshman Hannah Reiser said. "It's something little I can do."

Others participated because the fundraiser was for a good cause with a fun twist.

"I thought it was a great

fundraiser," first-year law student Kendall Loebbaka said. "I haven't been able to look in the mirror but I'm sure it looks awesome."

Freshman Alyssa Dammann was able to view the end result shortly after participating and was thrilled with her pink locks.

"I love it!" she said. "I think it's fun and for a good cause."

The event struck a more personal chord for junior Sarah Ruszkowski, whose grandmother is a breast cancer survivor. She was looking forward to showing her family her new hairdo.

"[I plan to keep it] at least until I see my Grandma in Thanksgiving," she said.

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A major component that went into planning the celebration was collecting history and reflections from members of the Walsh Hall community, Mirshak said.

"Walsh Hall was the first women's dorm, in 1972, which was the first year of co-education at the University," she said.

Included in this weekend's events and decorations were posters marking important events in Walsh Hall's history, a poster with pictures of notable alumni and a 20-minute documentary of past and current Walsh residents.

"We put together a documentary with reflections from both male and female alumni, Fr. Hesburgh, Fr. Blantz and current residents," Mirshak said. "They spoke of their experiences, funny stories, current traditions, the spirit of the hall and the community."

Mirshak said one of the reasons why they were able to compile the documentary was because the community of the dorm is so powerful.

"Our community is so strong, who wouldn't want to be a part of it?" she said.

Sophomore Kate Gerbich, whose mother also lived in Walsh, said community is one of her favorite parts of the

dorm.

"My favorite aspect of Walsh is its community and tradition," she said. "With less girls you get to know all of them more."

The celebration of the 100th anniversary of the residence hall will continue with various events though the year

"Celebrating 100 years is so important, it shows just how important the dorm community is," Mirshak said. "Even with the new dorms that have been built, the old ones are continuing their legacy."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Samoans mourn tsunami victims

DAPIA — Islanders gathered Sunday to mourn victims of the South Pacific tsunami that obliterated entire villages on the shores of American Samoa and Samoa, leaving at least 176 dead.

Monsignor Ioane Vito celebrated the first Mass of the day in a 19th century Roman Catholic cathedral on the waterfront of the Samoan capital, Apia, urging the congregation to unify to rebuild from the disaster that devastated the opposite side of Upolu island.

"Don't dwell on it but rebuild our lives together as a community," Vito said at the Immaculate Conception of Mary Cathedral. "Pain will unite us, and unity will give us strength."

Honduras faces anti-jewish claims

TEGUCIGALPA — A Jewish civil rights organization is expressing alarm over conspiracy theories claiming Jews and Israel aided the ouster of the Honduran president and attempts to dislodge him from his refuge in the Brazilian Embassy.

The U.S.-based Anti-Defamation League cited statements made by ousted President Manuel Zelaya as well as the news director of a radio station that was closed by the interim government in Honduras and by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, among others.

Most of the comments repeat widely circulated rumors that Israeli soldiers — or in some versions, mercenaries — worked with the troops backing interim President Roberto Micheletti, allegedly supplying some form of tear gas used at the embassy and providing other assistance.

NATIONAL NEWS

Obama to take stance on military gays

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will focus "at the right time" on how to overturn the ban on gays serving openly in the military, his national security adviser said Sunday.

"I don't think it's going to be — it's not years, but I think it will be teed up appropriately," retired Gen. James Jones said.

The Democratic-led Congress is considering repealing the 1993 law. Action isn't expected on the issue until early next year.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid recently wrote Obama and Defense Secretary Robert Gates asking them to share their views and recommendations on the contentious policy. In Sept. 24 letters, Reid also asked for a review of the cases of two U.S. officers who were discharged from the military because of their sexuality.

SoCal forest fire destroys 3 homes

LYTLE CREEK — A fire driven by winds of more than 40 mph destroyed three homes and threatened dozens of others in a rugged warren of mountains and canyons northeast of San Bernardino on Saturday.

As a huge wall of flames chewed through thick timber and brush in the Lytle Creek area 15 miles northeast of San Bernardino, residents of some 50 homes in its path fled, taking horses and pets with them. No injuries were reported.

"We do have structures lost, three homes in Swarthout Canyon," said Norma Bailey, a fire information officer with the U.S. Forest Service. The area is not far from Interstate 15, a major route connecting Las Vegas with Southern California.

LOCAL NEWS

Teachers take nontraditional approach

INDIANAPOLIS — An increasing number of teachers without traditional education degrees are poised to enter Indiana's classrooms.

Supporters argue that such teachers bring expertise in subject areas that education schools don't always provide. But critics question whether they're equipped to handle special cases such as helping children who struggle with reading.

The programs are enjoying strong political support from Gov. Mitch Daniels, a Republican, and President Barack Obama, a Democrat.

Snatched Tenn. newborn found

After recovering the baby of Nashville mother, four children taken into protective custody

Associated Press

NASHVILLE — A week ago, Maria Gurrolla was celebrating the birth of her fourth child. A blue yard sign announced: "IT'S A BOY!" She visited a local welfare office that helps low-income mothers.

Then her 4-day-old son was abducted by an attacker who posed as an immigration worker, then stabbed her. The newborn was found safe, but after a brief reunion state officials took the baby away from Gurrolla again, along with her other three children.

Now Gurrolla is left to wonder when she might see any of them again. A judge will review the case this week to determine when Yair Anthony Carillo and his siblings — ages 3, 9, 11 — can come home.

State officials say the children were taken into custody Saturday for safety reasons but have not offered details. A spokesman said a hearing must occur within three days of when the children were taken into state custody.

Tammy Renee Silas, 39, was arrested and charged with kidnapping. She waived her initial court appearance in Alabama on Saturday and is expected to be brought to Tennessee sometime this week, FBI spokesman Joel Siskovic said Sunday. She was appointed an attorney, but Siskovic didn't know their name and the jail wouldn't release any information.

Police have not released a motive, but Silas' live-in boyfriend said she told him she could not have children and wanted to adopt a child from a relative who was going to jail.

Gurrolla, 30, had returned home with the infant and her 3-year-old daughter on Tuesday when she answered a knock at the door.

A heavy-set woman with blonde hair claimed she was an immigration agent and wanted to know about false information Gurrolla had



Norma Rodriguez carries flowers Saturday to the home of her cousin, Maria Gurrolla, in Nashville, after Gurrolla's newborn son was found in Alabama Friday after being kidnapped.

given during a visit that morning to a Women, Infants and Children, or WIC, office. WIC is a federal program that provides vouchers to women to purchase approved foods at grocery stores and pharmacies.

Gurrolla's attacker stabbed her with a knife eight times, mostly in the neck and chest. When the attacker briefly walked away from Gurrolla, she darted to a neighbor's house, pleading for help. Sometime after that, the attacker fled with the newborn.

Gurrolla was left bloodied from head to toe, a long scratch mark on her face. When she held a news conference Tuesday from the hospital to plead for her baby to be found, her eyes

were bloodshot and her face was swollen.

Gurrolla has told police that she heard the attacker talking on the phone in Spanish, saying, "The job is done" and that the mother "was dying."

Authorities have not said whether they think anyone else was involved.

Police found a surveillance tape from a local Walmart showing a Kia Spectra with Indiana tags that appeared to have followed Gurrolla. It turned out to be a rental from the Nashville airport, and a phone number registered with the rental led police to Silas on Friday night.

Investigators were talking with her live-in boyfriend, Martin Rodriguez, when Silas appeared holding the

infant, covered in a blanket.

Speaking through an interpreter, Rodriguez told The Associated Press that Silas told him she was adopting a baby from a cousin who had to go to jail, and was going to El Paso, Texas, to get the child.

He said Silas had a newborn with her when he picked her up from the Huntsville airport Tuesday. The rental car was returned in Huntsville, authorities said.

"She was acting normal around the baby, and I didn't really see any difference, but I think she was happy," Rodriguez said from their one-story home, where a box of baby clothes for a boy overflowed in the dining room. "What woman isn't happy to carry a baby?"

GREECE

Socialists trounce conservatives in election

Associated Press

ATHENS — Greece's Socialists trounced the governing conservatives in a landslide election Sunday, with voters angered by scandals and a faltering economy ousting Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis halfway through his second term.

Humbled by his New Democracy party's worst electoral performance ever, Karamanlis, 53, resigned as its leader and said a new chief is needed for the party founded by his late uncle Constantine Karamanlis 35 years ago.

George Papandreou, 57, now follows in the footsteps of his father,

Andreas Papandreou — who founded his Panhellenic Socialist Movement party, or PASOK — and grandfather and namesake George Papandreou, both of whom served several terms as prime ministers.

"We bear a great responsibility to change the course of the country. ... We know that we can make it," Papandreou, a former foreign minister, told jubilant supporters lighting flares and waving PASOK flags depicting the party's symbol of a green rising sun outside his party headquarters in central Athens.

"I know the potential of the country very well, a potential being drowned by corruption, favoritism,

lawlessness and waste," Papandreou said.

"We must all believe again we can succeed ... we cannot waste a single day."

Results from 87.65 percent of votes counted showed PASOK winning with 43.93 percent, compared to 34.03 percent for New Democracy. Turnout was at 70.44 percent. Voting is compulsory in Greece, although penalties for failing to vote are no longer enforced.

The result gives PASOK a solid majority of 160 seats in the 300-member parliament, bringing the party back to power after five years of conservative governance.

IRAN

U.N. program sees Iran's cooperation

Associated Press

TEHRAN — The visiting head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog set Oct. 25 as the date for his inspectors to check Iran's newly revealed uranium enrichment site and struck an upbeat note Sunday, saying Tehran's confrontation with the West is shifting gears to more cooperation and transparency.

Though the United Nations has no "concrete proof" of an ongoing nuclear weapons program, the chief of the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency, Mohamed ElBaradei, said he has "concerns about Iran's future intentions."

The inspection of the site and the outcome of more nuclear talks later this month with the United States and its allies will be crucial in determining the direction of the six-year stand-off over Iran's nuclear activities.

"I see that we are at a critical moment. I see that we are shifting gears from confrontation into transparency and cooperation," ElBaradei said at a news conference in Tehran with Iran's top nuclear official.

His visit followed a week of intense diplomatic activity surrounding Iran's nuclear program, set off by the revelation that Tehran had been secretly constructing a new uranium enrichment plant just north of the holy city of Qom. On Thursday, Iran and six world powers put nuclear talks back on track at a landmark session near Geneva that included the highest-level bilateral contact with the U.S. in years.

President Barack Obama's national security adviser said Sunday that Washington was also pleased with the level of cooperation from Iran.

"The fact that Iran came to the table and seemingly showed some degree of cooperation, I think, is a good thing," James Jones said on CNN's "State of the Union" program.

"But this is not going to be an open-ended process. ... We, the world community, want to be satisfied within a short period of time," Jones added. "So it's not going to be extended discussions that we're going to have before we draw our conclusions to what their real intent is. But for now, I think things are moving in the right direction."

France's foreign minister, Bernard Kouchner, also talked of a "wind of medium optimism." He said "something happened" at Thursday's talks in Switzerland and "we no longer want to talk of sanctions."

ElBaradei was in Iran to set up the U.N. inspection of the enrichment facility near Qom.

The site sparked serious concern, in part because its location next to a military base and partly inside a mountain adds to suspicions that Iran's nuclear program could have a military dimension. Obama, who accuses Iran of seeking to keep the site hidden for years before notifying the IAEA about it, has said Tehran's actions "raised grave doubts" about its promise to use nuclear technology for peaceful purposes only.

Iran, which insists its nuclear

work is only for nonmilitary purposes like energy production and medical research, says the site's location near a military base is intended to protect it from potential aerial bombing.

"It is important for us to send our inspectors to do a comprehensive verification of that facility, to assure ourselves that it is a facility that is built for peaceful purposes," ElBaradei said, seated beside Ali Akbar Salehi, the head of Iran's nuclear agency. "We agreed that our inspectors would come here on the 25th of October to do the inspection and to go to Qom and I hope and I trust that Iran will be as transparent with our inspectors team as possible."

The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations said that the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council are studying options for more sanctions if Iran does not fully open its nuclear program to international inspections.

"But right now we are in a period of intense negotiations," said Ambassador Susan Rice, speaking on NBC TV's "Meet the Press." "It's not an infinite period. It's a very finite period," she said, while refusing to set a deadline.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told ElBaradei that Iran's cooperation with the agency has left no ambiguity over Tehran's nuclear activities.

"Outstanding issues were resolved due to good cooperation between Iran and the agency," state TV quoted Ahmadinejad as saying. "Today, there are no ambiguous issues left."

But the IAEA says there are still issues that Iran needs to clarify, including alleged studies by Iran on high explosives and a missile delivery system for a nuclear warhead.

"As I have said many times and I continue to say today, the agency has no complete proof that there is an ongoing weapons program in Iran," ElBaradei said. "There are allegations that Iran has conducted weaponization studies. However these allegations we are still looking into and we are looking to Iran to help us clarify," he added.

Iranian officials have challenged Obama's accusations that they sought to keep the new enrichment site hidden, saying a Sept. 21 letter informing the IAEA about the facility was sent a year earlier than required.

"We disagree with the interpretation of Iran. ... Iran should have informed the IAEA the day it decided to construct the facility," ElBaradei said.

The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty's Additional Protocol requires notification before construction starts. The Additional Protocol, which Iran says it stopped implementing in response to U.N. sanctions, also allows intrusive inspections.

"It is important to us that Iran reapplies the Additional Protocol," ElBaradei said.

ElBaradei also discussed a plan to allow Russia to take some of Iran's processed uranium and enrich it to higher levels to fuel a research reactor in Tehran.

Jackson, others at youth's funeral

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The funeral of a Chicago teen who was beaten to death on his way home from school drew civil rights leader the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan on Saturday, both calling for an end to youth violence.

Farrakhan said he came to the funeral because he was "deeply pained" by the death of 16-year-old honor roll student Derrion Albert. The boy was walking to a bus stop after school when a group of teens attacked him during a street fight late last month.

"Naturally, we wonder why such a beautiful life? Such a future we thought was waiting for this young man," Farrakhan said. "This was a special young man of righteous bearing who God took from us so young."

Cell phone video footage shows Albert being kicked and hit with splintered railroad ties. Four teens are charged in his death.

President Barack Obama is sending U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and Education Secretary Arne Duncan, who once led Chicago Public Schools, to Chicago on Wednesday to meet with school officials, students and residents and talk about school violence.

"The eyes of the world are watching," Pastor E.F. Ledbetter Jr. told mourners at the Greater Mount Hebron Baptist Church on the city's South Side. "This has affected people all over the globe."

Mayor Richard Daley, just off a plane Saturday from an

International Olympic Committee meeting in Copenhagen where Chicago lost the 2016 Summer Games, said he would work with police, the community and school officials to break the "code of silence" that happens after street violence.

Police, ministers and com-

munity leaders have been asking people to come forward with information about Albert's killing.

"The code of silence is unacceptable in this day and age where we have young children being killed," Daley said at a news conference at O'Hare International Airport.

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IN BRIEF

Automaker plans to make house calls

NEW YORK — Taking a cue from house-call services like Best Buy's Geek Squad, electric carmaker Tesla Motors is launching a maintenance plan where mechanics travel to owners' homes or offices to perform repairs and tune-ups.

Tesla, which makes the \$109,000 Roadster electric car, said the plan is convenient for customers who won't have to bring their vehicle to a showroom, while cutting costs by making a large network of Tesla service locations unnecessary.

"You know how there's a Chevy dealer on every block or strip mall? We don't intend to have a footprint like this," spokeswoman Rachel Konrad said.

But the service won't be cheap. The carmaker will charge vehicle owners \$1 for every roundtrip mile its technicians travel, from showroom to garage, with a minimum charge of \$100 per trip.

For the Tesla driver in Manhattan, where the company opened a store over the summer, the cost won't be much. But for Roadster devotees in Honolulu, that's a charge of about \$4,800 per trip — not including the cost of repair.

Hawaii increases solar power

HONOLULU — Hawaii is clearing the way for homeowners and businesses to put solar panels on their rooftops and get paid for their contributions to the power grid.

State regulators at the Public Utilities Commission recently issued a 128-page ruling that starts a program allowing small and midsize energy projects to easily sell renewable electricity for use by Hawaii's island power companies.

Hawaii, the nation's most fossil-fuel dependent state, is one of the first regions in the country to institute this policy, known as a feed-in tariff. It guarantees renewable energy producers a fixed price for their power for 20 years.

"Your home can now become a power plant, and that signals a turning point in Hawaii's energy trends," said Jeff Mikulina, executive director of the Blue Planet Foundation, founded to support clean energy initiatives.

The exact rates that will be paid for renewable energy will be set by regulators over the next few months. But this decision commits the state to feed-in tariffs.

David Letterman blackmailed

CBS producer plots to overcome debt through extortion of popular TV host

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A CBS newsman who prosecutors said was desperate and deep in debt was charged Friday with trying to blackmail David Letterman for \$2 million in a plot that forced the late night comic to acknowledge having sex with some of the women who have worked for him.

The bizarre case created a messy legal and professional problem for one of CBS' most valuable personalities. Commentators and bloggers quickly accused Letterman of hypocrisy because he has made a career of mocking politicians mercilessly, often for their sexual transgressions.

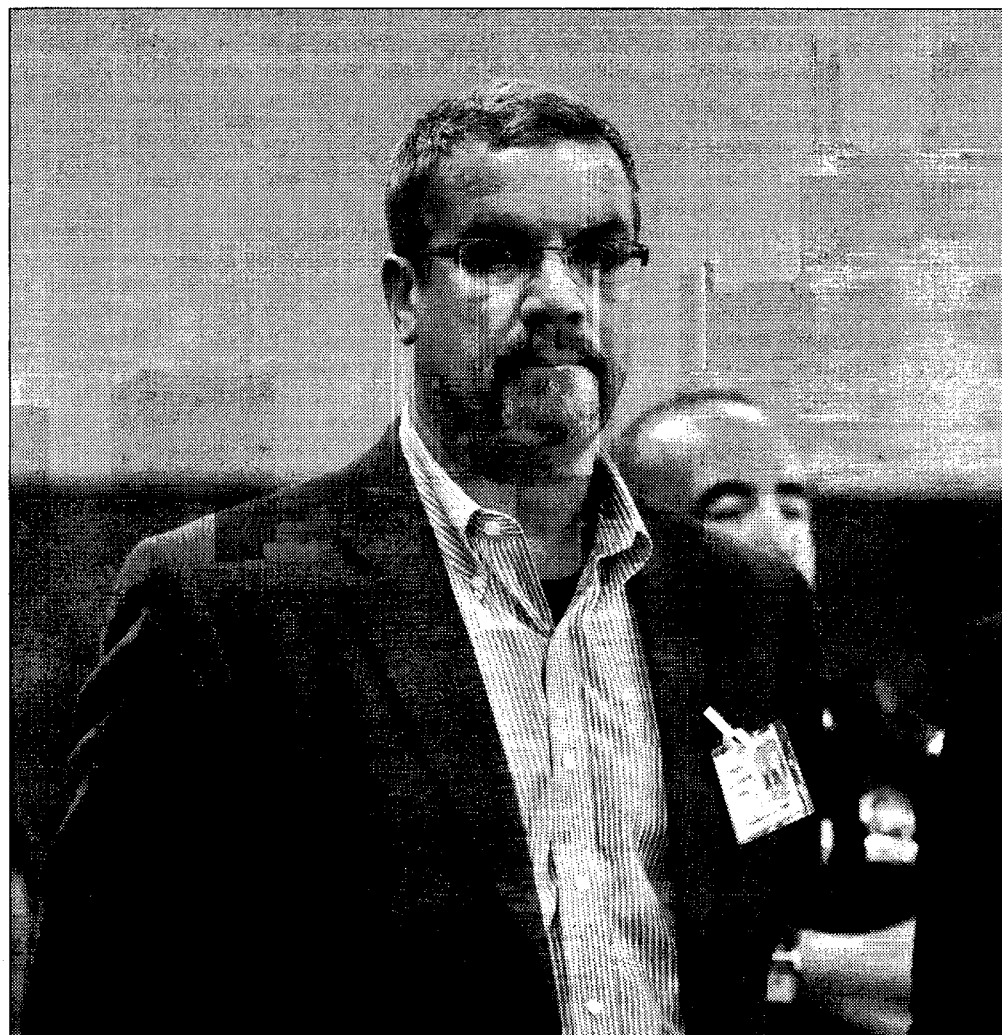
From a strictly business perspective, Letterman's revelations on Thursday's show were an immediate success: His overnight ratings were up 38 percent over the same night a week ago, the Nielsen Co. said.

It remains to be seen whether Letterman will suffer long-term damage just as his career appears to be peaking. Letterman has taken over as the king of late-night in the ratings this summer, and last week he beat NBC's Conan O'Brien for the first time among young viewers.

Robert J. "Joe" Halderman, a producer for the true-crime show "48 Hours Mystery," pleaded not guilty in a Manhattan court as he was arraigned on one count of attempted first-degree grand larceny, punishable by five to 15 years in prison. He was released after posting \$200,000 bail.

Halderman's connection to Letterman was not immediately clear, but public records show that until August, he lived in Norwalk, Conn., with Stephanie Birkitt, a 34-year-old woman who works on the "Late Show" staff and used to work at "48 Hours."

Birkitt was an assistant to Letterman on the "Late



CBS producer Robert Halderman appears in New York Supreme Court Friday for an arraignment on an attempted grand larceny charge after trying to blackmail David Letterman for \$2 million.

Show" and frequently appeared on camera with the host in comedy bits. Last month, Birkitt moved to Manhattan's upper West Side. There was no answer Friday at a phone listed in her name.

It was unclear how many women were involved in relationships with Letterman, 62, who married longtime girlfriend Regina Lasko in March. The couple began dating in 1986 and have a son, Harry, born in November 2003.

All the affairs took place before Letterman's marriage, said Tom Keaney, spokesman for Letterman's production company, Worldwide Pants. Keaney also said Letterman "is not in violation" of the compa-

ny's harassment policy "and no one has ever raised a complaint against him."

CBS issued a statement Friday: "We think it was appropriate for Dave to disclose the matter publicly as he has, and we are continuing to cooperate with authorities."

CBS would not address questions about whether Letterman faced any disciplinary actions for relationships with subordinates. CBS News also declined to address questions about whether Halderman's alleged actions call into question any of the work he has done for the news division.

David Lande, a New York City-based civil attorney whose cases have included

sexual harassment, said Letterman presumably was in a position of power with a voice in hiring, firing and promotions.

"So, to the extent that he had control over these factors with the women he was involved with, he could be subject to liability," he said. "I am sure CBS lawyers are reviewing the matter very carefully."

Shanti Atkins, president of ELT, a firm that consults on ethics and sex in the workplace issues, said Letterman, his company and CBS could also be vulnerable to claims of sexual favoritism by others in the company if they believe people got ahead because they were sleeping with the boss.

Greenspan predicts more unemployment

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan predicted on Sunday that the jobless rate will pass 10 percent and stay there for a while, and a second stimulus plan is not needed now.

He spoke favorably of extending unemployment benefits and tax credits for health insurance, options the Obama administration is considering for helping people laid off during the recession. With more than 15 million people out of work, unemployment reached 9.8 percent in September, the highest rate in 26 years.

"This is an extraordinary period and temporary actions must be taken, especially to assuage the angst of a very substantial part of our pop-

ulation," Greenspan said on ABC's "This Week."

"I don't actually consider those types of actions stimulus programs. I think that they are essentially programs which support people — essentially their living standards in part. I grant you it has a stimulus effect, but that would be my primary focus," he said.

Calling the jobs report released Friday "pretty awful," Greenspan said he is particularly concerned with statistics showing the number of people out of work for six months or more has reached 5 million after going up sharply last month.

"People who are out of work for very protracted periods of time lose their skills eventually," he said. "What makes an economy great is a

combination of the capital assets of the economy and the people who run it. And if you erode the human skills that are involved there, there is a real and, in one sense, an irretrievable loss."

Looking ahead on the unemployment picture, he said his "own suspicion is that we're going to penetrate the 10 percent barrier and stay there for a while before we start down."

The former Fed chief said he would recommend that President Barack Obama focus on trying to get the economy going but without doing so much that the government's action are counterproductive. With growth for the third quarter appearing to reach or surpass 3 percent, Greenspan said he would not propose a second stimulus package.

Town gets rid of tons of rotting meat

Associated Press

BRIDGE-WATER, S.D. — Behind the freezer doors at a meat plant mysteriously abandoned by its owner, the 44 tons of bison meat managed to hold its own for months, masked by the brutal chill of two South Dakota winters.

Once the power was cut and spring thaw arrived, nature took over. And enough rotting meat to fill a high school gym did exactly what you'd expect: It stank.

It stank at the bank. It smelled at the law office. It reeked at the cafe. Even the jewelry store wasn't immune. Everyone in this tiny town could smell it, everywhere they went. A putrid odor so downright nasty the cleaners sent to mop up the gooey mess of liquefied meat — topped by a blanket of swarming white maggots and buzzed by a legion of flies — gave up after two days.

"You've also got the city offices, the grocery store and the post office. And then you spread out to the local residences," said Mayor Marty Barattini, pointing to each place. "This is a small town. We have just over 600 people, so that stench was enough to overwhelm the entire town. Not just this street."

Fed up with the smell, a brave crew of 18 city and county workers took matters into their own hands this summer and stormed the plant to haul away the putrid meat and take back their town. What came

next was the biggest indignity: Three months after the cleanup, the owner still hasn't paid the \$11,151 cleanup bill, and owes about \$14,085 in unpaid property taxes on top of it.

"We tried to work with that guy," said a dismayed Barattini.

The saga of the smell began in January 2008, when owner Ilan Parente closed Bridgewater Quality Meats and moved the business to Dawson, Minn., as Noah's Ark Processors LLC. He left the boxed kosher bison meat behind, apparently to be sold to a pet food company. It stayed frozen until the electricity was cut off in December for lack of payment.

When the town about 40 miles away from Sioux Falls began to warm in the spring, the smell began to creep out. Some said the scent was like road kill. The mayor said he spent two tours of duty in Vietnam and could not recall smelling anything as bad.

"This is worse than rotten bodies," Barattini said.

The city sent a notice to Parente to remove the caustic cause, and he dispatched two workers who toiled without protective masks, clothing, equipment or access to water or electricity. Defeated by the mess, they quit after two days.

So city and county officials got permission from the South Dakota Animal Industry Board to go inside and finish. It then became clear that the source of the smell was the meat: 88,420 pounds, according to the scale

at the Sioux Falls landfill, where the mess was hauled in five dump trucks and three extra-large trash bins.

The crews and a skid loader spent two days removing the meat, which had swollen so much that the shrink-wrapped bags had burst, which caused the stacked boxes to topple. Most crew members wore an oxygen mask and hazardous materials suit because of the strong ammonia odor. Crews cleaned the building with fire hoses and doused it with bleach.

City employee and volunteer firefighter Todd Letcher wore his fire gear. "I don't think anybody should ever do something like that," he said of the job. "That was bad."

Parente's phone number is disconnected and the attorney representing him, Mike Unke, declined to comment. A woman who answered the phone at the Minnesota business said Parente is no longer affiliated with it. Requests for someone to comment went unanswered.

Parente has said before that he checked the meat in May and found it iced over due to a broken water pipe. He's claimed the meat might have stunk but says he never put anyone in danger.

"I feel bad for the people of Bridgewater who had to live with the smell. But that's really where the extent of my feeling bad goes. It wasn't ever a health hazard to anyone," he told The Daily Republic of Mitchell in July.

EGYPT

Pres. urges Israel to resume peace talks

Associated Press

CAIRO — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak urged Israel to resume peace talks with the Palestinians where they broke off more than a year ago, warning that the peace process "can't take another failure."

Israeli-Palestinian negotiations tapered off last year and haven't resumed since last winter's war in Gaza and the election of Benjamin Netanyahu as Israeli prime minister. Since then, the two sides have yet to establish a framework to renew talks. The Palestinians want to pick up where negotiations left off, while the hawkish Netanyahu says he is not bound by any concessions his more dovish predecessor made.

But in an interview published Sunday, Mubarak called on Israel to respond positively to the renewed push for peace and resume talks where they left off.

"It is unreasonable and unacceptable to start from zero," Mubarak told the Armed Forces newspaper. "I told (Israel) that ... settlements are eating away Palestinian land and must stop immediately."

Mubarak's comments were part of a wide ranging interview published days ahead of the 36th anniversary of the 1973

Arab-Israeli war that opened the way for the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty six years later.

U.S. President Barack Obama has spearheaded renewed efforts to bring the Israelis and Palestinians back to the negotiating table, but key sticking points remain.

The Palestinians say talks should resume where they left off, and want a complete freeze of Israeli settlement construction in the West Bank.

Israel has agreed to slow settlement building, but has rejected a total halt to construction. Israel had pledged to stop settlement building in a 2003 U.S.-backed peace plan, but has not done so, claiming that the Palestinians have not carried out their obligations.

Mubarak said he was optimistic that U.S. efforts would bring the two sides back to the table and would usher in wider regional talks to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"The region is rife with crises, conflicts and tension," Mubarak said. "The Middle East will remain a region of instability in the absence of a peaceful and just settlement to the Palestinian issue. The situation is critical, and the peace process ... can't take another failure."



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Chinatown could get Chinese rep

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chinatown is likely to get its first Chinese-American representative on the City Council, and a Taiwanese immigrant is headed for city-wide office — a dramatic change for the nation's largest city, which had no Asian-Americans in elected office just eight years ago.

For the first time in its 150 years, the downtown Manhattan neighborhood, which is one of the biggest Chinese communities outside Asia, could be represented by a Chinese-American. Margaret Chin, whose family emigrated from Hong Kong in 1963, when she was 9, beat incumbent Alan Gerson in a Democratic primary last month and is expected to win the seat on the 51-member council in November.

Chin, a community organizer and immigrant advocate who speaks three Chinese dialects, is heavily favored to beat Republican Irene Horvath. She said it was exciting to finally break the barrier.

"People want to get involved and want to be part of the mainstream and want to make sure that the community that they come from is represented," Chin said. "The dynamics of the city are changing."

And John Liu last week won the Democratic primary runoff for comptroller, the city's chief financial officer and one of its top three elected positions. Liu, whose family emigrated from Taiwan when he was a child, is on his way to becoming the first Asian-American to hold city-wide office in New York City.

Liu, a Queens councilman, beat fellow Councilman David Yassky in the runoff and is expected to win the Nov. 3 gen-

eral election against lesser-known Republican Joe Mendola.

Experts say Liu's primary campaign, along with a handful of local races in which Asian-American candidates were running, helped fuel unprecedented enthusiasm among Asian-American voters.

"There's definitely a sense of excitement — it has an energizing effect that led to a turnout surge," said Democratic strategist Evan Stavisky, who is working for Chin and worked for Liu's past campaigns.

In Chinatown, Chinese-Americans have run for City Council before — including Chin three times. But several factors, including low Asian turnout in past primaries and multiple Asian candidates splitting the vote, prevented their victories.

Asians account for about 12 percent of the city's 8.3 million people, compared to blacks' 25 percent and Hispanics' 27 percent. They represent just under 5 percent of registered voters, according to Stavisky's analysis of enrollment data.

More than 40,000 Chinese and Koreans have registered since the last mayoral election in 2005, according to another analysis by John Mollenkopf, director of the Center for Urban Research at the City University of New York Graduate Center.

The primary on Sept. 15, when Liu was running in a four-way race and several other Asian-Americans were seeking council seats, brought out many first-time Asian voters.

An exit poll of 790 Asian-American voters by the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund found 17 percent said it was their first time casting a ballot. Of those polled,

55 percent were Chinese, 30 percent were Korean and 91 percent were foreign-born naturalized citizens.

The night Liu won the runoff, he stood before a diverse room of supporters and described how he and his family had learned early on that the promise of New York City and America was "if you work hard, meet your obligations, recognize the social responsibility that belongs to each of us, that you will have every opportunity to do better for yourself and your family."

An analysis of results from the Sept. 29 runoff showed Liu was propelled not only by Asian-American voters but also by strong backing from blacks and Hispanics. He had campaigned with black leaders including the Rev. Al Sharpton and highlighted his record on civil rights and racial equality.

Since Liu made history when he won his council seat and became the city's first Asian-American elected official in 2002, no other Asians have followed his path. But that is set to change this year, with Chin and possibly two others.

Liu's council seat is likely to be represented by Yen Chou, who was born in Taiwan. She won the Democratic primary and is favored over Republican Peter Koo, a businessman who emigrated from Hong Kong in 1971, in the general election.

Also in Queens, Kevin Kim won the Democratic primary for a council seat vacated by Tony Avella, who ran unsuccessfully for his party's nomination in the mayoral race. Kim faces a strong Republican challenger, Dan Halloran, in November, but if elected he would be the first Korean-American on the City Council.

AFGHANISTAN

Eight U.S. soldiers killed in fighting

Associated Press

KABUL — Hundreds of insurgents armed with automatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenades stormed a pair of remote outposts near the Pakistan border, killing eight U.S. soldiers and capturing more than 20 Afghan security troops in the deadliest assault against U.S. forces in more than a year, military officials said Sunday.

The fierce gunbattle, which erupted at dawn Saturday in the Kamdesh district of mountainous Nuristan province and raged throughout the day, is likely to fuel the debate in Washington over the direction of the troubled eight-year war.

It was the heaviest U.S. loss of life in a single battle since July 2008, when nine American soldiers were killed in a raid on an outpost in Wanat in the same province.

Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan, plans to shift U.S. troops away from remote outposts that are difficult to defend and move them into more heavily populated areas as part of his new strategy to focus on protecting Afghan civilians.

U.S. troops used artillery, helicopter gunships and airstrikes Saturday to repel the attackers, inflicting "heavy enemy casualties," according to a NATO statement. Fighting persisted in the area Sunday, U.S. and Afghan officials said.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack. NATO spokesman Brig. Gen. Eric Tremblay said the assailants included a mix of "tribal militias," Taliban and fighters loyal to Sirajudin Haqqani, an al-Qaida-linked militant based in sanctuaries in the tribal areas of Pakistan near the Afghan border.

Afghan authorities said the hostile force included fighters who had been driven out of the Swat Valley of neighboring Pakistan after a Pakistani military offensive there last spring.

"This was a complex attack in a difficult area," U.S. Col. Randy George, the area commander, said in a statement. "Both the U.S. and Afghan soldiers fought bravely together."

Details of the attack remained unclear Sunday and there were conflicting reports of Afghan losses due to poor communications in the area, located just 20 miles (30 kilometers) from the Pakistani border and about 150 miles (230 kilometers) from Kabul.

A NATO statement said the attacks were launched from a mosque and a nearby village on opposite sides of a hill, which included the two outposts — one mostly American position on the summit and another mostly Afghan police garrison on a lower slope.

NATO said eight Americans and two Afghan security troopers were killed.

An Afghan military official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of security issues, said three Afghan sol-

diers and one policeman had been killed in two days of fighting. He also said at least seven Afghan army soldiers were missing and feared captured.

In addition, provincial police chief Mohammad Qasim Jangulbagh said 15 Afghan policemen had been captured, including the local police chief and his deputy. Jangulbagh estimated that about 300 militants took part in the attack.

"Kamdesh is one of the most dangerous areas of Nuristan province," he said, noting that the area is across the border from parts of Pakistan where al-Qaida-linked militants operate.

Jangulbagh said that after Pakistani forces drove militants from most of the Swat Valley five months ago, militants "received orders to come to Nuristan and destabilize the situation."

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said militants overran both outposts, but U.S. spokeswoman Capt. Elizabeth Mathias said U.S. troops were holding the outposts Sunday. She also said a roadside bomb killed a U.S. service member southwest of Kabul on Saturday, bringing the U.S. death toll for the month to 15.

The fighting occurred in a region where towering mountains and dense pine forests have long served as a staging area for Taliban and al-Qaida fighters who move freely across the Pakistani frontier.

The region was a key staging area for Arab militants who fought alongside Afghan warriors during the U.S.-backed war against the Soviets in the 1980s and is one of the few parts of South Asia where Muslims follow the hardline Wahhabi sect of Islam.

The weekend fighting was reminiscent of the July 2008 battle of Wanat when an estimated 200 militants stormed an outpost defended by about 70 U.S. and Afghan soldiers, nearly overrunning the position.

Last week, Army Gen. David Petraeus ordered a new investigation into the Wanat fighting due to allegations of mismanagement by senior commanders.

The Wanat fighting convinced U.S. commanders that they should move Western forces away from remote areas where foreigners are unwelcome to more populated parts of the country, closing outposts such as the ones attacked Saturday.

However, the governor of Nuristan, Jamaludin Badar, complained that more — not fewer — Western troops should be sent to the area to stop infiltration from Pakistan.

"We had concerns about security in Kamdesh and we have already asked for extra forces," he told The Associated Press. "If there are fewer security forces, this sort of thing will happen again."

He also complained about a lack of coordination between international forces and Afghans.

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Will health care reform be another clunker?

This summer, the U.S. economy remained mired in a recession as Americans waited in vain for Congress's \$787 billion "stimulus" package to take effect. Faced with the increasingly evident failure of its massively wasteful spending program, the federal government devised a characteristically nonsensical solution: yet another massively wasteful spending program. This time, Congress decided to meddle in the automobile industry with the now-infamous "Cash for Clunkers" program. The government offered car-buyers a \$3,500 to \$4,500 rebate in exchange for their used vehicles, which car dealers were required to destroy.

The Clunkers program was initially lavished with praise by pundits and the news media — after all, car sales got a boost, consumers got cheap cars and the environment was bound to benefit somehow, even if it wasn't entirely clear how demolishing thousands of functioning cars qualified as "sustainable." What could go wrong? Well, as it turns out, plenty. With consumers satiated by this summer's government handouts, car sales declined precipitously last month. Figures released last week show that government-owned General Motors sold a whopping 45 percent fewer cars last month than in September 2008, while the recently bailed-out Chrysler suffered a 42 percent loss. In the words of G.M. executive Mark LaNeve, "It was a real post-clunker hangover."

The cause of this precipitous collapse is no mystery. When federal legislators, rather than markets, set prices, inefficiency is the inevitable result. The short-lived frenzy of the Clunker rebates exhausted demand and robbed

dealers of months of potential sales. It would be wonderful, of course, if the federal government could arbitrarily lower the prices of goods with no negative repercussions, but that's scarcely possible in the reality in which we live. As the Nobel Prize-winning economist Milton Friedman would say, there's no such thing as a free lunch.

Perhaps the most regrettable part of the Cash for Clunkers debacle is that we're all paying for it. Three billion hard-earned tax dollars were redistributed to those lucky enough to be in the market for a new car in July and August of this summer, while car dealerships were treated to a momentary burst in sales in return for a decline in demand that could last for months. In the end, only two of the top 10 car models purchased under the program were made by an American manufacturer. Worse yet, dealers were forced to scrap the nearly 700,000 perfectly good vehicles traded in through the program. The sheer perversity of this senseless destruction is difficult to comprehend — why would a "stimulus" program mandate the disassembly of hundreds of thousands of functioning automobiles, many of which could have been resold on the used car market? The highly-touted environmental benefits of replacing "clunkers" with new vehicles, meanwhile, have been shown by multiple analyses to be virtually nonexistent.

In the end, Cash for Clunkers proved to be little more than a boon for a handful of lucky car-buyers and an opportunity for legislators to claim to be "doing something" while haplessly chipping away at the U.S. economy. Members of Congress, of course, never consciously aim to harm the very citizens who elected them, but years of misbegotten legislation have proven the inevitability of unintended conse-

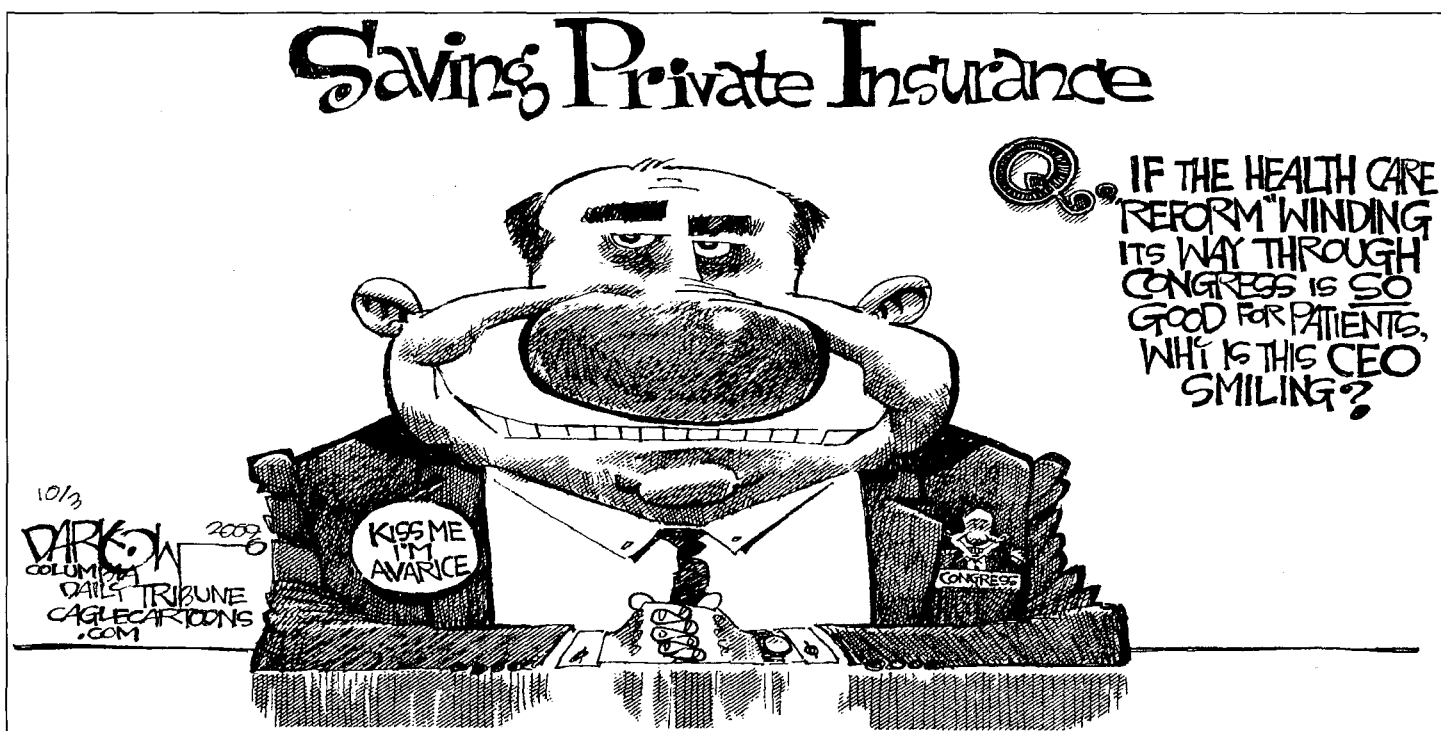
quences. Programs that look good in the press rarely deliver the predicted benefits. Instead, Washington's efforts to manipulate the U.S. economy consistently create economic uncertainty and waste taxpayers' hard-earned money on ill-considered endeavors.

As the health care reform debate heats up in Congress in the coming days, legislators and constituents will be faced with a crucial question: Can we trust the federal government to extend its reach to a fundamentally important facet of Americans' lives and to intervene in the U.S. economy on an unprecedented scale? If past events are any indicator, the answer is no. Congress' attempts to intervene in a limited sector of the economy with the Cash for Clunkers program failed, bringing about a variety of unintended negative consequences. Its broader effort to stimulate the economy has done little more than to provide an excuse for hundreds of billions of dollars of wasteful spending. Grand nation-building projects overseas, meanwhile, have been even less successful. The lesson here is clear: No matter how pure its intentions, government is seldom efficient, effective or nearly as wise as it thinks itself to be. Cash for Clunkers was a harmful (but thankfully temporary) setback for our economy. Any action Congress takes to reform health care will likely be permanent. Congress has proven that it can't run the automobile industry, and there's no reason to believe it will do any better with the medical industry. America can't afford a healthcare clunker.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Some defensive suggestions

The bye-week presents a conundrum for weathered alums whose lives have deteriorated to work and Notre Dame football. (Don't laugh, undergrads. You are staring at your fate.) Is the bye-week a blessing or a curse? "What the hell am I going to do next weekend?" Or, "The boys really need a break — both emotionally and physically." That said, the bye-week needs to be used to great advantage if we want to "return to relevance." (Skip "return to glory." It's self-

aggrandizing and it's not realistic. More than anything, Notre Dame simply needs get back in the college football picture. Hm. Good idea for next year's The Shirt — "Return to Relevance.")

I'd start at the start: defensive fundamentals. Huge kudos to the defense for tremendous heart and toughness time after time. However, many of the predicaments we've escaped resulted from absolutely terrible fundamentals. Chris Polk is not Jim Brown — never will be.

However, our arm tackling made him look like the pro-football Hall of Famer. The Washington receiving corp continually caught balls because our cornerbacks miss-timed jumps or simply fell down during cross over steps at high speed.

Again, the team has shown incredible desire and heart. Their gumption can't be questioned. That said, Tenuta and Brown owe it to the guys to spend a lot of time on tackling drills and coverage skills this coming week. I'm sure the defense will

cringe when they read this. However, nothing eliminates arm tackles on Saturday more than tackling drills on Wednesday.

Sorry guys, but I know that after a long look in the mirror, every one of you would agree.

Jeff Barber
alumnus
class of 1982
Oct. 4

Stuck in the past

Reading the recent debates over women in the priesthood, one is disappointed to see how many at this University are simply stuck in the past. They seem boxed inside a narrow, ossified way of thinking that we had all hoped was about to give way to a fresh breath of reason and openness. They appeal to the ideals of a time they really don't know — a time they certainly were not around to see. From their nostalgic tone, one would think this one epoch of Church history had been the definitive instantiation of Catholicism, an epoch from which progress and advance were unnecessary, if not harmful.

I'm speaking, of course, about the 1970s. An intolerance toward two millennia of teaching and tradition; a blind obedience paid to the tenets of the feminist movement; an almost servile drive to keep up with the rest of the world in its indiscriminate concept of "equality" ... one would have hoped that we had left these behind along with mullets and bell bottoms. How is it that so many good-hearted young people have been sheltered within the teachings proceeding from that one decade? Just because those hundreds of other decades are different doesn't mean they're bad. Now of course, for some it isn't easy to let go of the past. But at the same time, this is an institution of research and learning, and at some point we need to make way for the future.

I don't mean to rant. It's just disheartening to see well-intentioned colleagues shy away from the overwhelming justification of the male priesthood simply in order to follow the rigid banner of decades past. People. It's 2009.

Will Erickson
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Sept. 28

Cartoon offensive

In regards to the Oct. 1 SMC Cartoon by Guappone and Krafcik ("Schad and Freude"): Maybe someone forgot that an attack (via cartoon) on some women is an attack on all women (including girls at Notre Dame and Holy Cross). You are essentially making fun of an institution and its girls that believe in the empowerment of women. How noble of you to pick such a thing to tear down. You would never joke about African Americans in such a way. Why women? And are your artists so narrow minded as to assume that all Saint Mary's girls are the same? Are they so unwise as to label all Saint Mary's girls the same because of the actions of a few? I'm sure many Notre Dame students would not like it if they were all assumed to be pathetic brats simply because that has been my experience with a few.

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Oct. 2

Go ahead. Recycle.

U-WIRE

Obama: still beating his war drum

It hasn't taken long for Obama to show his true colors on foreign policy. It seemed as if many votes were cast in his favor on the belief that he was some sort of "peace" candidate. I never was fooled by his rhetoric because I knew his voting history and read his older speeches. Obama was a warmonger, through and through.

It is sad that the American people had to choose between two men who were so horribly misinformed on foreign issues, but that was the option we were given. However, Obama has left little doubt as to his violent intentions with his new chest-thumping rants towards Iran.

Speaking on Iran's announcement that it is constructing a second uranium enrichment facility, Obama demanded the country come clean with its true intentions or face a possible U.S. attack. Obama claimed Iran was breaking rules that all nations must follow. The United States is familiar with breaking rules other nations must follow. We did it when we tortured and killed more than 30 prisoners. Obama did it by refusing to prosecute people suspected of violating international law.

Even so, Iran has admitted that it is constructing a second uranium enrichment facility for purposes of providing energy to its people. However, that does not mean the country is doing anything wrong. The International Atomic Energy Agency requires the country to report these types of facilities six months before they are operational. The current site is still a year away from being operational. Therefore, contrary to Obama's statement, Iran has not broken any rules.

The Iranian government also made it clear they would allow the IAEA to inspect the facility. Also, the IAEA still admits there is no evidence of a nuclear program in Iran. Even more important, according to CNN, the United States has known about this "new" facility for several years already. And even with all the hot air coming out of Washington, the U.S. intelligence community still holds the position that Iran is not working on a nuclear weapons program. Even more, according to Newsweek, Obama is consistently updated on the nation's Iranian intelligence. So, it is clear that Obama is receiving the updates that tell him Iran is not working on a nuclear weapon. However, his war rhetoric is still flowing rapidly.

Ironically, upon Iran following international law and reporting its construction of nuclear facilities as it is supposed to, the United States is still threatening them with violence and sanctions. How should Iran disclose this infor-

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mation? So far there has been no evidence found that shows Iran is working on nuclear weapons. However, our leaders constantly impose sanctions and threaten Iran with violence if they do not turn over evidence of a nuclear weapons program that, all facts held constant, doesn't even exist.

But, entertaining the idea that Iran might actually have nuclear weapons, would this be cause for huge alarm? If you buy into our government's "Pinky and the Brain" theory that states the Iranian government is purely evil and bent on world domination, it might be an alarming development. If Iran is as crazy as the United States claims, they would not care that if they did use a nuclear weapon, they would soon be liquefied by a U.S. counterstrike.

However, judging by Iran's history, they are not this absent-minded. The last war Iran was involved in was the Iran-Iraq war, which was started by Iraq's leader Saddam Hussein in 1980. It is important to point out that the United States backed Iraq in this war by providing them military weapons along with Iranian military intelligence. Therefore, the last time Iran was involved in an external conflict was when they were attacked by Iraq and the United States. However, since 1980, the United States has been involved in more than 30 military forays. We are currently involved in two wars, both of which are illegal under national and international law and were started by our own government against countries that had done nothing to us.

The United States currently has about 2,200 nuclear weapons on hair-trigger alert: an arsenal that could end life on this planet. Also, we are the only country to ever use nuclear weapons. Our track record shows that our government is far more violent than Iran's. We should also not forget that Iran is surrounded by nuclear powers: Israel, Pakistan and India. The United States did not threaten these countries with war when they were developing nuclear weapons. Furthermore, Israel has the most powerful lobbyist group in Washington that consistently pressures our government to be tougher on Iran.

Seems to me that if Obama didn't want Iran to develop nuclear weapons, he shouldn't threaten them with violence on a day-by-day basis. These accusations are a case of the pot calling the kettle black.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



Notre Dame Grad Gets 'Odd' in First Novel

By ERIC PRISTER
Scene Writer

A member of the Notre Dame Class of 2000, young adult fantasy writer James Kennedy, in his first novel "The Order of Oddfish," tries to create an 'urban Narnia' which brings the norms of fantasy writing in contact with an entirely new fantasy setting.

"One of the other things was that I wanted a fantasy with a girl protagonist, and I also wanted something urban," Kennedy said. "I had this idea that I wanted an 'urban Narnia.' Narnia very much valorizes country life, and I like city life. So I wanted something that was in a city. In Narnia, you have talking animals, so I had talking cockroaches."

Kennedy is referring to Sefino, a talking cockroach butler, who is just one of the many outrageous creatures featured in "The Order of Odd-Fish." Another of these characters, Colonel Korsakov, a Russian colonel who makes decisions based on his intestines, is inspired by a pre-existing fantasy character, something Kennedy did often during the writing of his first novel.

"I love young adult literature," Kennedy said. "It's something that I'm obsessed with. I wanted to have a character who was guided by some intuition, but I wanted it to be funny and I wanted it to be something that I hadn't seen before. In ["Confederacy of Dunces," by John Kennedy Toole], the main character, Ignatius Riley, he's kind of a prude, but secretly enjoys the depravity of New Orleans. He's always complaining about his valve. It's his excuse for everything. I wanted to have something that was like that, but positive."

"The Order of Odd-Fish" traces the journey of Jo Larouche, the adopted daughter of a former actress who disappeared for 40 years, only to reappear and go back to her old partying lifestyle. At one of these parties, Jo is whisked away by Colonel Korsakov and Sefino to the Order of Odd-Fish, a group of knights who seek to study only

the most crackpot and unusual. The Odd-Fish represent acceptance according to Kennedy, a message he thinks shines through in his work.

"The premise of the Order of Odd-Fish as an order is kind of this messy, rambunctious place that is very tolerant and for-

giving in a way."

Kennedy said. "There are members of the Order of Odd-Fish who have broken the law and they seem to always be drunk, but they tolerate each other's eccentricities and even encourage

each other's eccentricities."

In opposition to the Order of Odd-Fish is one of the villains of the work, the Silent Sisters, who Kennedy likes as a villain due to their respectability.

"[The Silent Sisters] have a positive program and they want to bring about peace," Kennedy said. "But it's a program of forced innocence. It shuts down all further growth. I think it's

always good in the villains of the book to have something that you can conceive of and conceive of fighting for — it's not just evil. The Silent Sisters have a very positive program, but are just going about it in a very destructive way."

Beyond this message, humor was also a goal for Kennedy in writing "The Order of Odd-Fish," and his combination of sarcasm and slapstick humor succeeds.

"I kind of took my cue from Douglas Adams," Kennedy said. "I wanted it to be from page to page entertaining."

Though difficult to follow at some points, "The Order of

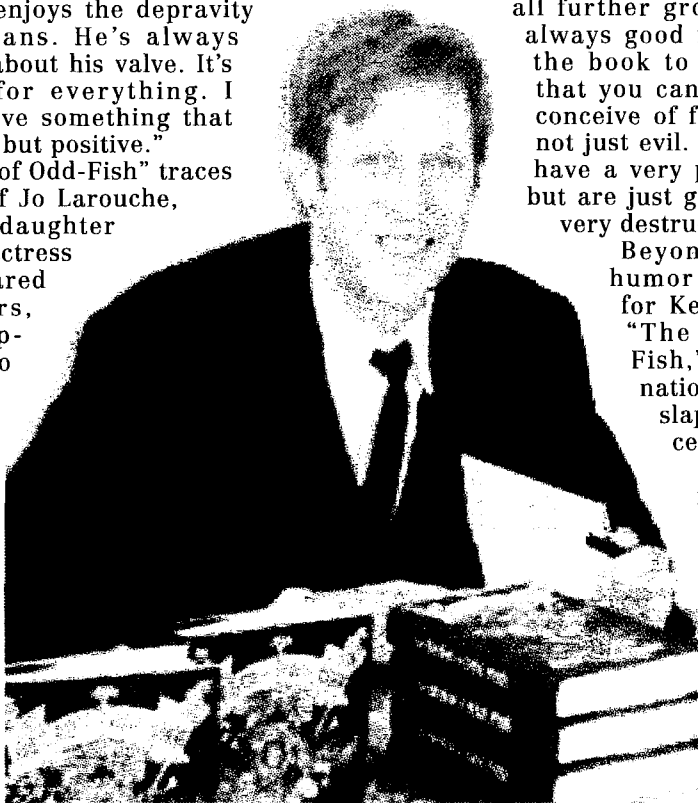
Odd-Fish" succeeds in keeping the reader on his or her toes, since nothing about the characters or the plotline can be considered normal.

"I wanted the work to start in one wonderland and move to another wonderland," Kennedy said. "Every time I would finish a chapter, the plot would change, and I would have to go back and revise everything I did before. A certain kind of personality can have it all tied-in and figured out from the very beginning, but that's kind of alien to my spirit and alien to the spirit of the book, which is more free-wheeling."

Overall, "The Order of Odd-Fish" is somewhat typical in structure, but is so off-the-wall in content and writing that it appeals to those who enjoy stories well outside of the ordinary, but still succeeds in providing a message to its readers.

"I also wanted to write a fantasy that used the freedom of fantasy but didn't want to use the trappings of it," Kennedy said. "I wanted to use the freedom that fantasy affords and use to it illuminate ordinary experiences like moving to a new big city, finding your feet, making friends, having a secret. Using fantasy takes that and heightens it and makes it more vivid and universal."

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Notre Dame 37, Washington 30 (OT)

Working overtime

Clausen leads late touchdown drive as Irish beat Huskies 37-30 in OT

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Bringing it down to the wire is becoming a habit with this Irish team, having their last four games come down to the final drive — and this game was no exception. And the one thing the Irish (4-1) continue to do is fight until the last whistle.

"I'm just happy, really happy for these kids," head coach Charlie Weis said. "They just keep on fighting and fighting and fighting."

This contest had a little bit of everything, three goal-line stands, two late scores, a two-point conversion and overtime dramatics. It is enough to drive a coach and fan-base crazy.

"I think that the entire game, the ebb and flow of the game, probably the whole game came down to that double goal line stand," Weis said.

Washington freshman running back Chris Polk appeared to put the Huskies up by two scores for a 30-22 lead with 7:07 left on the clock, but an official review put the ball on the half-yard line.

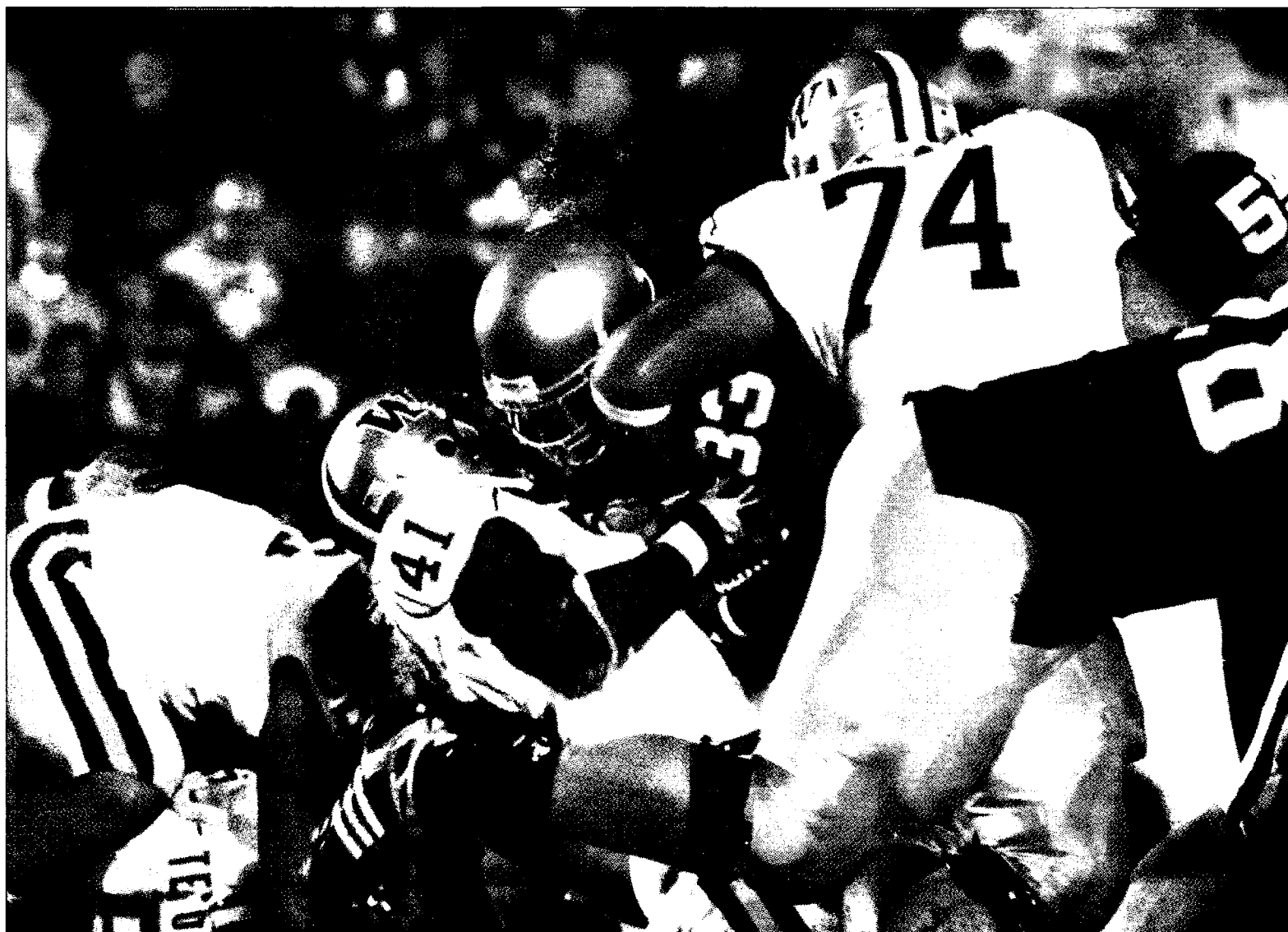
"I felt like I got into the end zone," Polk said.

But the run set the stage for a series of plays that epitomize Notre Dame's season and living on the edge between victory and defeat.

The Irish managed to stop the Huskies three straight times and appeared to hold Washington to a field goal try and preserve their hopes for victory. But a roughing the snapper penalty on junior nose tackle Ian Williams gave the Huskies another three downs to try and punch the ball into the end zone. The Notre Dame defense stayed stout, however, and stuffed Washington junior quarterback Jake Locker for no gain on third and goal from the one yard-line. The Huskies had to settle for a field goal from sophomore place-kicker Erik Folk, leaving the score within reach at 27-22.

The double goal-line drive was not even the first of the game. In the third quarter the Irish again held the Huskies out of the end zone on four plays, regaining the ball on the turnover on downs.

"I've never seen so many guys get tackled so close to the goal-line that many



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Notre Dame junior running back Robert Hughes (33) powers through Washington defenders on an Irish two-point conversion attempt in the fourth quarter. Hughes conversion gave Notre Dame a 30-27 lead.

times," Washington head coach Steve Sarkisian said. "Obviously it's frustrating when you had an opportunity like we had there in the fourth quarter to put the game in a situation to be a two-score game, and we weren't able to do it."

Junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen went 23-of-31 for 422 yards and two touchdowns. The pass yardage was a career high for Clausen, and included a 67-yard touchdown pass to junior wide receiver Golden Tate, a 77-yard pass to Tate — a career long for Tate — and a 12-yard touchdown pass to Kyle Rudolph with 1:20 left in the game to give the Irish a 28-27 lead. Clausen was picked off once after a pass careened off the hands of junior running back Armando Allen.

"[Clausen] has taken it to a whole different level about moving in the pocket and moving from the pocket and keeping his eyes downfield,"

Weis said.

Clausen's two minute drill touchdown set the Irish up for a two-point conversion attempt to put them up by a field goal. Junior running back Robert Hughes took the direct snap and forced his way into the end zone through a pile of Washington defenders, putting the score at 30-27.

"I was just driving," Hughes said. "[The offensive line] picked me up after I scored and were yelling so I knew I was in."

Hughes was the leading rusher for the Irish on the afternoon, gaining 70 yards on eight carries with one touchdown and the two-point conversion.

The 80 seconds left on the clock was just enough for Locker and the Huskies as they drove down the field to set up Folk for the game-tying 37 yard field goal with six seconds left to send the game into overtime, 30-30.

The Irish seized the initia-

tive in overtime on their first drive and Clausen connected with Tate for a 22-yard pass on the first play. Hughes followed up the play with a touchdown run to put the Irish up 37-30, a score that would hold up.

Locker was unable to drive the Huskies down to the end zone in overtime and the Irish won their third game in a row by the skin of their teeth.

Locker was 22-of-40 for 281 yards and a touchdown. He was sacked three times, including on the overtime drive to put the Huskies in bad position.

"We're just clutch," Tate said. "We're a clutch team. In the trenches we know what to do and we've been doing a good job of that, I think."

The game could not have been won without clutch kicking from freshman place kicker Nick Tausch, who hit a career-high five field goals on five attempts, his long being from 40 yards out.

"Well, I mean, there's some inclement weather, and every field goal and extra point he made," Weis said. "Except for that one kickoff against the wind that looked a little bit short, I think he had a pretty good day at the office for a freshman."

The Irish do not like having to take all their games down to the wire, but if they keep on winning them, they will take it.

"Four weeks in a row you get into the same situation, and the first one doesn't turn out right, turn out the way you want it, and now three weeks in a row they've come up," Weis said. "There was a lot of bad stuff in the game, but I'm going to have a tough time feeling bad tonight."

The Irish take their bye next week, before returning to action Oct. 17 when the University of Southern California comes to town.

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player of the game

Jimmy Clausen
Irish quarterback

Clausen threw for 422 yards and two touchdowns in leading his team to its second consecutive late victory.

stat of the game

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The number of times Washington had the ball within the Irish 1-yard line and were stopped from reaching the end zone.

play of the game

Robert Hughes' rushing two-point conversion with 1:20 remaining

Hughes pushed a massive pile of bodies to cross the goal line for a crucial two points late in the game

quote of the game

"We're just clutch. We're a clutch team."

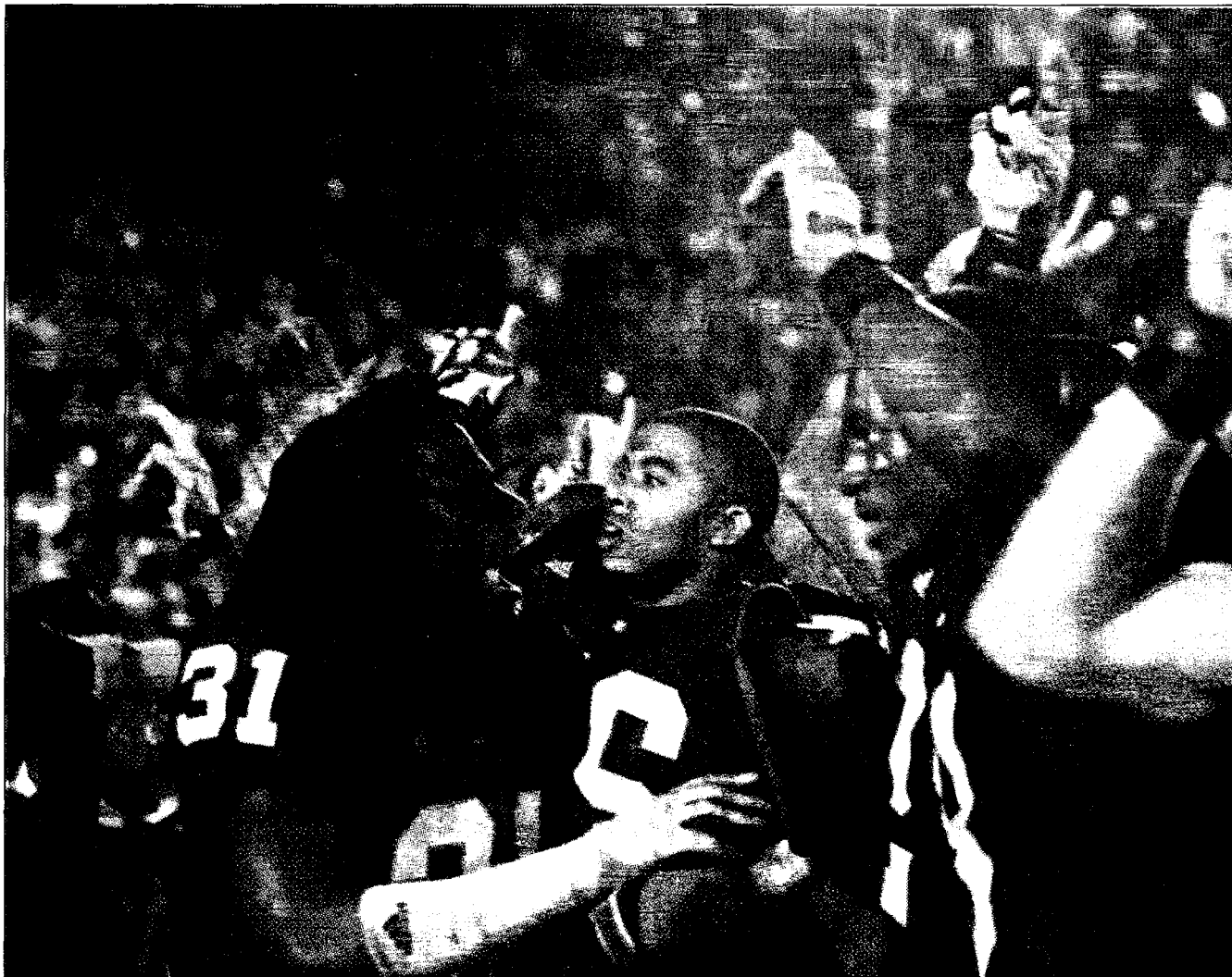
Golden Tate
Irish wide receiver on Notre Dame's ability to win close games

report card

- A-** **quarterbacks:** Clausen made one costly mistake that turned into a Washington score, but he again showed why he is the unquestioned leader of the offense.
- B+** **running backs:** Hughes ran tough, averaging 8.8 yards per carry with Allen banged up late, and had a big 25-yard reception that was the longest of his career.
- A-** **receivers:** Tate made plays all over the field en route to a career-best 244 yards. Parris dropped a sure touchdown on a drive that resulted in just a short Tausch field goal.
- B** **offensive line:** The line cut down on its penalties and paved the way for a decent day on the ground, but Clausen was sacked three times.
- A-** **defensive line:** The front four finally made its presence felt, particularly around the goal line. Lewis-Moore and Johnson each had a tackle for loss and a sack.
- B** **linebackers:** Te'o had the best game of his young career, making 10 tackles. Neal filled in admirably for Fleming with a tackle for loss and a sack.
- C** **defensive backs:** McCarthy led the Irish in tackles yet again, but the secondary failed to intercept Locker, who connected on 22 of 40 passes for 281 yards.
- A-** **special teams:** Tausch was flawless in drilling five field goals as the red zone offense sputtered. Turk punted twice but averaged a net of just 29.5 yards with one touchback.
- B+** **coaching:** Notre Dame adjusted well on the defensive side of the ball to at least slow down Washington's offense, and Charlie Weis called a solid game on offense.
- 3.27** **overall:** It may not have been pretty, but a win's a win. The Irish eked out another close one to move to 4-1 heading into the bye week.

adding up the numbers

- The number of interceptions Jimmy Clausen has thrown in the fourth quarter this season to go along with four touchdown passes. **0**
- 17** Total point differential in Notre Dame's last four games (a loss to Michigan and wins over Michigan State, Purdue and Washington).
- Golden Tate's yards per catch in a nine reception, 244-yard performance that included a 67-yard touchdown. **27.1**
- 10** Tackles by true freshman linebacker Manti Te'o, who saw the most playing time of his young career in Saturday's victory.
- Consecutive times Notre Dame has defeated Washington. After Saturday, the Irish are 8-0 all time against the Huskies. **8**
- 5** The number of field goals attempted and made by freshman Nick Tausch. Tausch entered the game 5-for-6 on field goals this season.
- Time of possession for the Huskies on their 10-play, 69 yard drive in the fourth quarter that resulted in a field goal. **9:19**
- 3** The number of first-and-goal opportunities for the Irish, who failed to register a touchdown in any of those situations.



Notre Dame senior safety Sergio Brown pumps up his teammates at the end of the Alma Mater after the game Saturday. Brown notched three tackles in the win over Washington. VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Close wins show team's heart

There was nowhere for Robert Hughes to go.

After Jimmy Clausen and Kyle Rudolph connected for a crucial late touchdown (again), the equally important two-point conversion looked to be stuffed. The Washington defense hadn't been fooled on the play-fake, and there was no hole in the line for Hughes to run through.

But in a play that epitomized the resiliency and toughness of this Notre Dame team, Hughes charged into the mass of bodies blocking him from the end zone. And with his legs still moving and the scrum of offensive linemen pushing the pile forward, Hughes and the Irish picked up two game-saving points in another display of heart and determination.

Maybe Hughes and the linemen were just following the example of the defense, which managed to stop the Huskies at the goal line again and again in the second half. With Washington up 24-19 after the Irish offense stalled in the red zone again, the defense was able to keep Jake Locker from scoring twice on runs from inside the one.

The Huskies offensive line simply couldn't get any push on the Notre Dame defenders with their backs against the wall. Then in the fourth quarter, in case anyone thought the first stand was a fluke, the Irish did it again. And then, thanks to a

bizarre penalty, a third time.

With the home team still down 24-22, Locker again drove down to within inches of the Notre Dame end zone. After the Irish caught Chris Polk in the backfield for a loss, forced an incompleting and brought Locker down at the two, it seemed like another vital goal line stop was complete.

After Nick Folk apparently put Washington up 27-22, Ian Williams was flagged for roughing the snapper, a violation that despite its rare appearances is apparently real and enforceable.

For most teams, that penalty would have been the end of it. The defense had seemingly done its job and held the opponents to a field goal, saving the team from an impossible two-score deficit. I can't imagine how frustrating it would be to be told they would have to go do it again.

For the third straight time though, the defense stood strong backed up as far as possible. Polk couldn't gain any ground up the middle. Kyle McCarthy and Harrison Smith combining on a perfect tackle to keep fullback Paul Homer from six points. Another stop of Locker on a quarterback sneak forced another Folk field goal try.

In total, Washington had 10 plays within five yards of the end zone and came away with just three points. Seven times the Huskies were at the Notre Dame 1-yard line and were stuffed.

No one will assert that this is the most physically imposing version of an Irish football team, as anyone who saw them try and tackle Polk will attest to. But in terms of mental toughness, desire to win and leav-

ing everything they have on the football field, it's hard to find a worthy adversary.

After four games in a row with endings like Saturdays, some critics will say this team has underperformed and is lucky. Luck, however, does not make goal line stands, last-minute interceptions or fourth-quarter drives. No matter how it has happened, Notre Dame is 4-1, and given the team's battles with injuries and how easily many of those games could have gone the other way, I think it's difficult to say that record is underachieving. How many of these games does the 2008 team win? The value of this team's maturity and confidence is critical — the confidence level going into overtime Saturday compared to last season against Pittsburgh is night and day.

And while not a great team yet, it seems like the Irish get closer with every game they play. They have evolved from a team that believes it can win to a team that in any situation believes it will win, and will fight for every inch.

The bye week will be a huge asset to a team battling injuries all over the offense and probably happy to have a weekend without an emotionally draining fourth quarter (I know I am).

And for all the talk of close games, if the Irish are in it at the end of the game in two weeks, I don't think anyone will be complaining.

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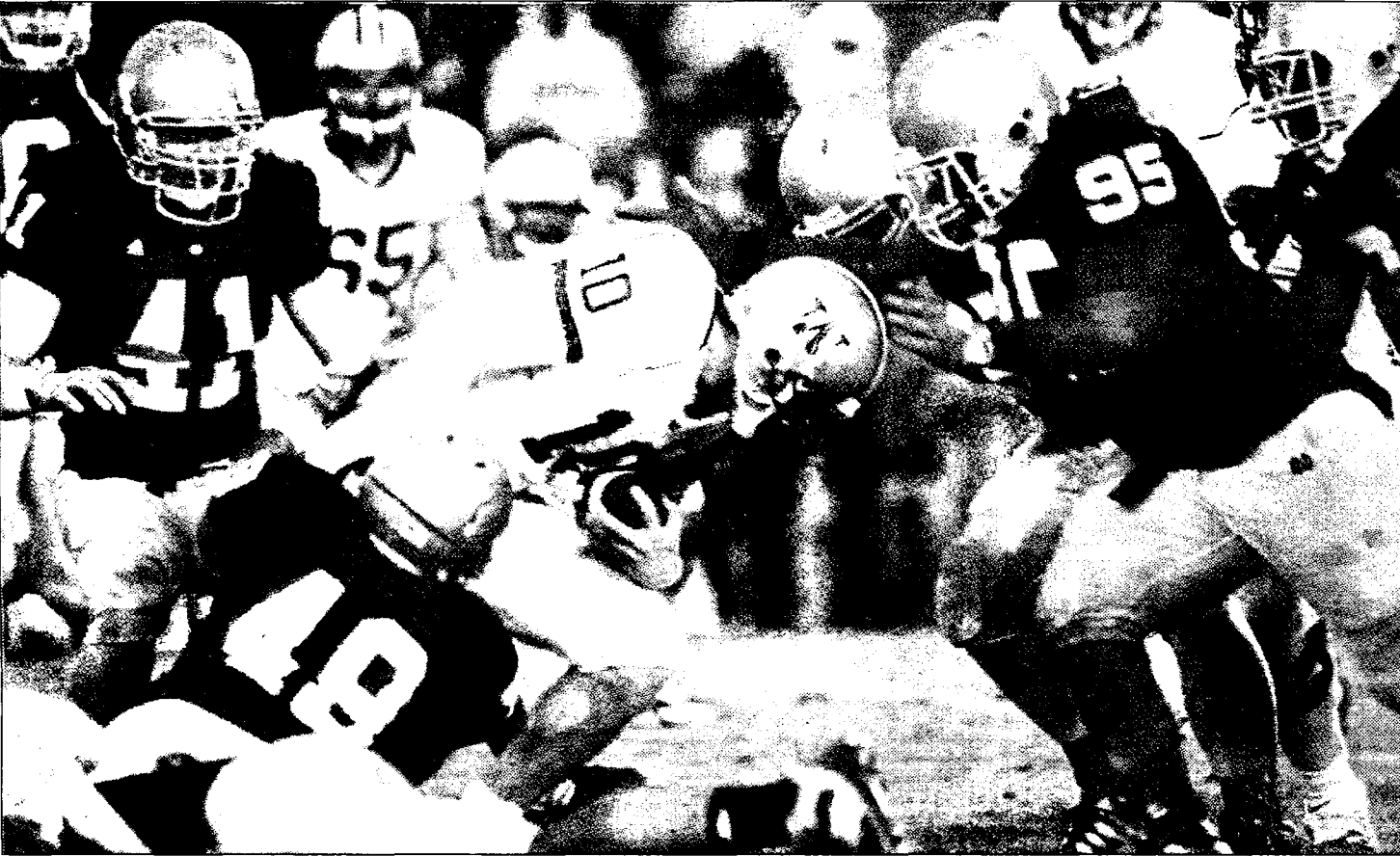
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Defensive line steps up in victory



Junior nose tackle Ian Williams (95) and senior middle linebacker Toryan Smith (49) tackle Washington quarterback Jake Locker. Locker finished with 55 yards rushing in the loss.

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

The quarterback threw for 422 yards. The receiver caught 244 of those yards. The freshman kicker hit five field goals. And the defensive line coach got the game ball.

Not only that, but Randy Hart led the fight song in the Irish locker room after the win. Notre Dame's much-maligned defensive line was instrumental in three goal line stands against Washington, stopping the Huskies in 10 plays from within the Irish 8-yard line and allowing just one field goal in those drives.

"That was huge," senior safety and defensive captain Kyle McCarthy said. "You can credit the defensive line and linebackers there. They really buckled up their chinstraps and lined up to play some hard-nosed football. Those goal line stands in the third and fourth quarters were obviously huge for this game."

Hart, who spent 21 years as defensive line coach at Washington, came to Notre Dame after the 2008 season to coach the young Irish linemen — two of the three starters are sophomores.

So far, the line has struggled in 2009 and is currently ranked 67th in the country in rush defense with 139.6 yards per game. However, they are tied for eighth in red zone defense. Opponents this season have

scored in just 65 percent of chances from inside the 20-yard line, and have managed a touchdown in only 50 percent.

"The key is just to go as low as possible while keeping your feet moving," sophomore defensive tackle Ethan Johnson said. "It's all about the first step and staying lower than the offensive line. Just make plays. It's not that complicated."

The red zone defense is something Hart has emphasized, players said.

"We practiced goal line stand all through camp, going against our guys," junior defensive end Kerry Neal said. "Our linemen are bigger than [Washington's], so we felt like we were ready for it."

The linemen credit that readiness to confidence in themselves and their teammates.

"We just kept our composure and just kept believing in each other and we had each other's back," sophomore defensive end Kapron Lewis-Moore said. "It's just confidence and heart to go out there and not give it up."

Added Johnson: "It was all heart, staying low and just wanting it more than [Washington]."

With each successive stop, the plays got easier, Lewis-Moore said.

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Kapron Lewis-Moore
Irish defensive end

"After every stop, we feel like we're just gaining more and more momentum. By the time the fourth down came, we just felt like we could do it," he said.

In the fourth quarter of Saturday's game, the defense made one goal line stop only to have it nullified when nose tackle Ian Williams was called for roughing the snapper on the ensuing Husky field goal attempt.

McCarthy said the defense was still confident despite the fresh set of downs the penalty gave to the Huskies.

"That's a pretty tough call, especially in a game like that," McCarthy said. "But our guys knew we still had a chance. Coach Tenuta always preaches that if you give yourself a chance, good things can happen. Hats off to our defense, we really came up big there."

Defenders agreed that the fourth quarter stand, during which the Irish stopped the Huskies six straight times to keep Notre Dame within one score, was crucial.

"I don't think we've ever had that many in a row," Johnson said. "But hard work pays off."

Which is why Randy Hart has a new souvenir.

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Washington	7	10	7	6	0	30
Notre Dame	3	13	3	11	7	37

First quarter

Washington 7, Notre Dame 0
Jake Locker 5-yd run (Erik Folk kick) with 10:10 remaining. Drive: 9 plays, 56 yards, 4:50 elapsed.

Washington 7, Notre Dame 3
Nick Tausch 34-yd field goal with 7:11 remaining. Drive: 7 plays, 49 yards, 2:59 elapsed.

Second quarter

Washington 7, Notre Dame 6
Tausch 40-yd field goal with 14:08 remaining. Drive: 10 plays, 58 yards, 5:27 elapsed.

Notre Dame 9, Washington 7
Tausch 34-yd field goal with 7:20 remaining. Drive: 10 plays, 72 yards, 4:42 elapsed.

Washington 14, Notre Dame 9
Desmond Trufant 17-yd fumble recovery (Folk kick) with 4:39 remaining.

Notre Dame 16, Washington 14
Golden Tate 67-yd pass from Jimmy Clausen (Tausch kick) with 3:27 remaining. Drive: 3 plays, 78 yards, 1:12 elapsed.

Washington 17, Notre Dame 16
Folk 40-yd field goal with :00 remaining. Drive: 5 plays, 53 yards, :51 elapsed.

Third quarter

Notre Dame 19, Washington 17
Tausch 21-yd field goal with 12:51 remaining. Drive: 5 plays, 76 yards, 2:09 elapsed.

Washington 24, Notre Dame 19
Jermaine Kearse 8-yd pass from Locker (Folk kick) with 8:57 remaining. Drive: 9 plays, 64 yards, 3:54 elapsed.

Fourth quarter

Washington 24, Notre Dame 22
Tausch 21-yd field goal with 12:51 remaining. Drive: 5 plays, 76 yards, 2:09 elapsed.

Washington 27, Notre Dame 22
Folk 24-yd field goal with 3:04 remaining. Drive: 19 plays, 69 yards, 9:19 elapsed.

Notre Dame 30, Washington 27
Kyle Rudolph 12-yd pass from Clausen (Robert Hughes rush) with 1:20 remaining. Drive: 5 plays, 63 yards, 1:44 elapsed.

Notre Dame 30, Washington 30
Folk 37-yd field goal with :06 remaining. Drive: 9 plays, 70 yards, 1:14 remaining.

Overtime

Notre Dame 37, Washington 30
Hughes 1-yd run (Tausch kick). Drive: 2 plays, 25 yards.

statistics

total yards

ND	530
WAS	457

rushing yards

ND	108
WAS	176

passing yards

ND	422
WAS	281

time of possession

ND	27:31
WAS	32:29

Notes: Tate's long catches, FG record

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

◆Tate's receptions of 67 and 77 yards were good for his longest and third longest of his career. Tate's 244 yards receiving was a career high.

◆Clausen's 422 yards passing marks the second time he has surpassed 400 yards passing in his career. His previous career-high was 401 yards against Hawaii in the 2008 Hawaii Bowl.

◆Tausch equaled the single game record for field goals in Notre Dame Stadium with five. He is the first Irish kicker ever to connect on five

field goals in a game without registering a single miss.

◆Notre Dame has played in four consecutive games decided by a touchdown or less. It is the first time since the 2000 season that the Irish have had four consecutive games decided by a touchdown or less. That last streak was against Nebraska, Purdue, Michigan State and Stanford.

◆McCarthy on playing in Notre Dame Stadium: "It's football and in a game like that it's a huge game, there's 80,000 people and this is Notre Dame so you know there's a whole bunch of fans living and dying with every play. So it's an honor to play

in these types of games and I'm just really happy to get out of here with a win."

◆Despite the win, Notre Dame remained in the category of "Others receiving votes" when the latest Coaches and AP Polls were released Sunday.

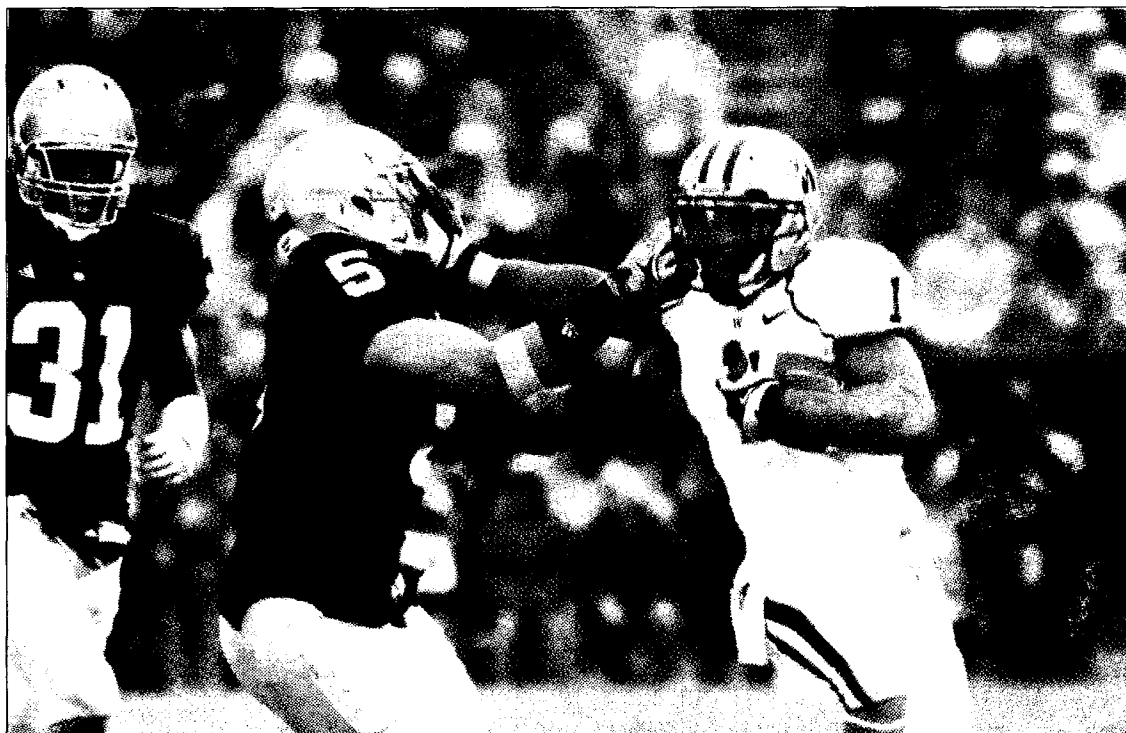
"If you compare apples to apples, I think that we deserve to be there right with everybody else," Irish coach Charlie Weis said Sunday.

◆Junior running back Armando Allen played a lot early against the Huskies, but was removed in favor of classmate Robert Hughes for most of the second half. Weis said that Allen slightly tweaked an ankle injury that

had been bothering him earlier in the week, but could have played again if needed.

"I really think that Armando [Allen] could have gone back into the game, but he was starting to be stiff standing on the sideline, and to be honest with you, Robert [Hughes] had it rocking and rolling at the time," Weis said. "If Armando was ready to go back in, I certainly wasn't going to take Robert out when we had momentum with him in there. I think once he got in there and got it going, that wasn't a time to make a switch, even if Armando was as full speed and ready to go."

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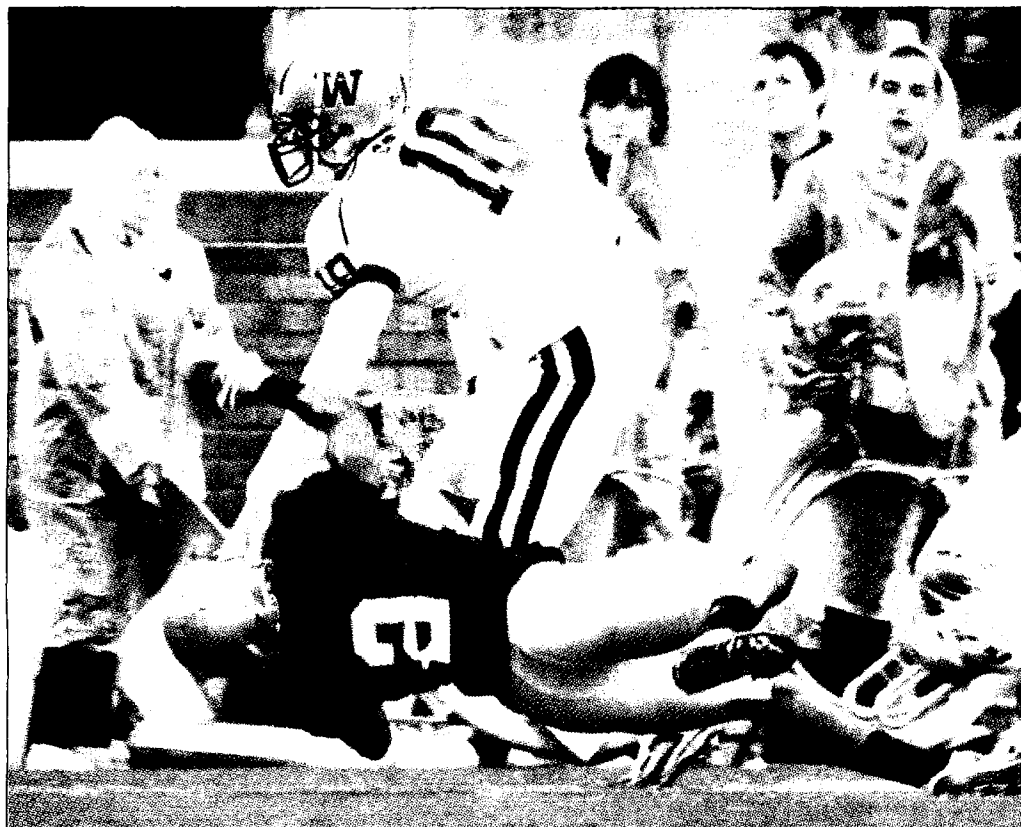
Silencing the Dawgs

Notre Dame survived its third straight nail biter, as the Irish needed overtime to dispose of Washington in a 37-30 thriller. Junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen led another fourth-quarter comeback to vault himself into Heisman contention, throwing for 422 yards — 244 to Golden Tate — and two touchdowns to overcome a costly mistake that led to a first-half Washington touchdown. Freshman Nick Tausch made five field goals as the Notre Dame offense struggled to convert in the red zone, but the Irish defense came up huge with two goal-line stands in the final minutes to give the offense a chance to score. The Huskies held the ball for 9:19 in the fourth quarter and took a 27-22 lead on an Erik Folk 24-yard field goal with 3:04 to play. Clausen took the Irish right down the field, however, hitting Kyle Rudolph on a 12-yard fade route to give Notre Dame the lead. Robert Hughes' two-point conversion rush proved critical, as the Huskies tied it with a last-second field goal before Hughes plunged in for a touchdown on Notre Dame's overtime possession.

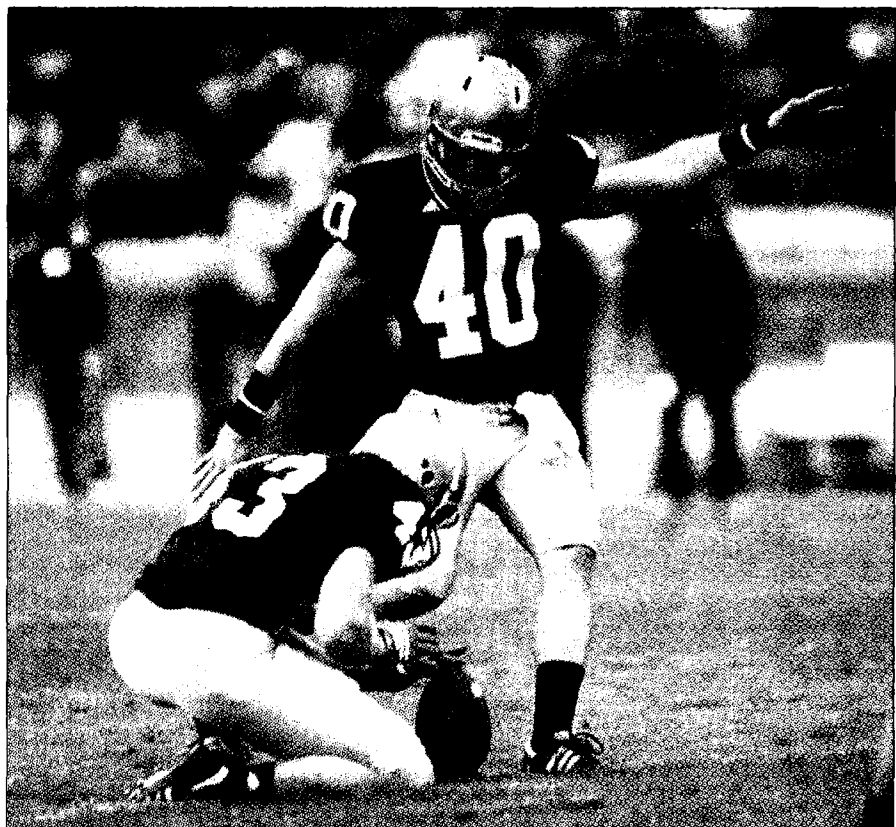
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Clockwise from top: Notre Dame freshman linebacker Manti Te'o tries to bring down Washington running back Chris Polk, senior offensive lineman Sam Young throws a block, junior quarterback Jimmy Clausen throws a pass, freshman kicker Nick Tausch connects on one of his five field goal attempts, and senior cornerback Darrin Walls tackles Washington's Jake Locker.



By COURTNEY ECKERLE
Scene Writer

Based on the novel "Derby Girl" by Shauna Cross, Drew Barrymore's directorial debut "Whip It!" is nothing in the way of groundbreaking. However, it is a great feel good, endearingly goofy, finding your "bliss" kind of movie, in which big dreams meet a small town. While it sometimes precariously walks the line between endearing and cheesy, as Barrymore herself often does, it never slips, and if it does, falls headfirst into funny, fearlessly bypassing what could be obvious and eye-rolling.

Ellen Page plays Bliss Cavender, a punk-spirited, combat-boots kind of girl growing up in a small Texas town, where she is numbingly forced to take part in backwater beauty pageants by her misguided but well-intending mother. She and her best friend, Pash (Alia Shawkat), who fans will recognize from "Arrested Development" fame, work in a roadside diner where they dream of one day escaping the social hierarchy that reigns triumphant (best line of the movie: "We deserve better villains"). A usual plot, yes, but done as colorfully as some of the derby girls' hair.

One night, Bliss takes a fateful trip to a roller derby exhibition. She tries out for the team, and is surprisingly fast despite her Barbie roller skates. She ends up joining a group of hell-on-wheels roller derby femme fatales who call themselves the "Hurl Scouts." She also finds that she has joined a family as well, one that is the total opposite (although not as much as she thinks) of her beige-and-taupe 50s-print-ad family at home.

When Bliss makes it onto the Hurl

Scouts, they are the worst team in the league, and her underdog story merges with theirs as they battle their way to the championships.

The movie's true heart is in the ensemble of actresses who play the derby girls, as well as their cutoff-jeans wearing coach Razor, played by Andrew Wilson, who definitely inherited his brothers' (Owen and Luke) comedic timing. Barrymore takes a small role in the film as one of Bliss' teammates, playing

Smashley Simpson, a lovable goof with an anger management problem who has almost definitely taken one-too-many blows to the head.

The one gag-worthy point in "Whip It!" is Bliss' love affair with skinny, alternative, cartoony-eyed, Johnny Ramone-type lead singer

Oliver (Landon Pigg), playing a knight in shining ray-bans gone wrong.

A sweet love story is usually a must have for any coming of age tale, but this movie would have fared better without it, or, at the very least, it should have been more of a background story line.

Even with a fantastic cast of indie favorites, Ellen Page is the true breakaway. Despite being in a similar kind of movie, she steers away from the "Juno" stereotype and plays a much sweeter, less angry role than the

role that made her an overnight sensation.

However, she still can't seem to find a character in possession of a somewhat normal name. Her transformation from passive and resigned-to-the-boring-life Bliss to the doesn't-take-any-crap-from-anyone Babe Ruthless (her roller derby name) is hysterical and completely plausible.

"Whip It!" is a great lesson in mediocrity gone wrong, but unfortunately the story doesn't hit as hard as the girls do. Overall, it is impressive for Barrymore's first effort behind the camera, although the direction is not its strong suit or where it finds its heart. So while this movie may not be love at first sight, like its characters, it is an underdog movie that has you rooting for it throughout, only to fall short of fantastic in the end.

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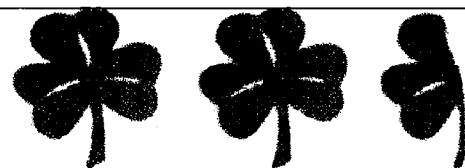


Whip It!

Fox Searchlight Pictures

Director: Drew Barrymore

Starring: Ellen Page, Marcia Gay Harden, Landon Pigg, Andrew Wilson, Drew Barrymore, Juliette Lewis, Alia Shawkat, Kristen Wiig



By LIZ CHATEN
Scene Writer

In my house, Friday nights always meant pizza. Whether Chicago-style or thin-crust, a good slice of pie always brought the family together at the end of a hectic week. Although the pizza options on campus — from Reckers, to NDH's make-your-own — certainly satisfy the average pizza craving, here are a few creative pizzas to add to your dining hall rotation.

Mediterranean Pizza

My vegetarian pal Andrea always creates imaginative ideas for dinner, including this quirky twist on the Italian classic. Despite

its savory taste, this pizza is full of healthy goodness. The protein and fiber in hummus help satisfy hunger pains. Feta adds a bit of calcium and a topping of veggies can sneak a few vitamins and minerals into your dinner.

1. Grab a pita by the sandwich station. If desired, grill in the Panini maker to add some crispiness to your crust.

2. Spread hummus on top.

3. Top with shredded carrots, red onions, cucumbers, feta cheese crumbles, and chickpeas. Slice and enjoy!

Mexican Pizza

Taco Bell, a haven for late-night Mexican munchies, introduced me to this clever twist on a classic. Easily recreated in the din-

ing hall, I offer a simple variation on this drive-thru delight.

1. Top a tortilla with a layer of shredded cheese. Place another tortilla on top and grill on the Panini maker to make a quesadilla-style crust.

2. Top the crust with refried beans, salsa, shredded cheese, diced tomatoes, and any other Mexican fixings you crave. I'm a fan of the chipotle lime sauce at North. Slice and enjoy!

Treat-za Pizza

Many junior high sleepovers were spent making this sweet treat. Share this decadent dessert with a friend or two.

1. Grab a pita by the sandwich station.

2. Spread peanut butter on top.

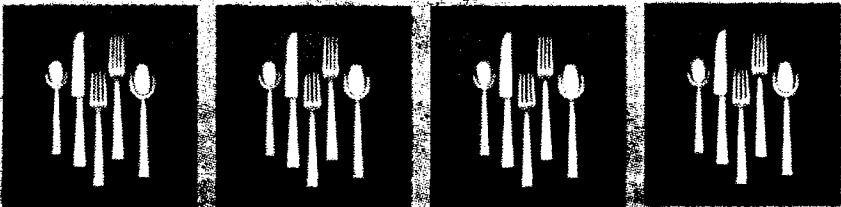
3. Spoon chocolate pudding over the peanut butter.

4. Send through the oven at South Dining Hall.

5. Sprinkle powdered sugar on top. Finish with your favorite ice cream toppings: Oreo crumbs, M&Ms, marshmallows or a drizzle of caramel can add a touch of whimsy.

QUICK TIP: Did you know that you can request olive oil instead of pizza sauce at NDH? By using olive oil, you can cut calories and create a fabulous Margherita pizza of tomatoes, onions and mozzarella.

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail jshaffe1@nd.edu



Dining Hall Dish

NFL

Chicago runs over Detroit as Forte breaks out

Washington rallies in third quarter to overcome four early turnovers in 16-13 victory over winless Tampa Bay

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jay Cutler and the Chicago Bears weren't about to let Detroit make it two straight wins.

Cutler threw two touchdown passes and ran for another, and the Bears pulled away in the second half to beat the Lions 48-24 on Sunday a week after Detroit snapped its 19-game losing streak.

Matt Forte ran for 121 yards, rookie Johnny Knox returned a kickoff 102 yards and the Bears headed into their bye with their third straight win.

The Lions were celebrating a win over Washington that snapped a slide that matched the second longest in league history. This time, they were holding their breath after watching quarterback Matthew Stafford, the No. 1 draft pick, twist his right knee while being sacked in the fourth quarter.

The Lions had a third down on the Bears 6 when he was sacked by Adewale Ogunleye, forcing Detroit to kick a field goal that cut Chicago's lead to 34-24. Stafford had his leg wrapped and Daunte Culpepper replaced him on Cutler's next drive, a sobering sight for a team that has taken its share of blows over the years.

With a chance to put together consecutive wins for the first time since 2007, the Lions (1-3) hung in for a half before Chicago (3-1) pulled away.

Not that this wasn't a painful afternoon for the Bears.

Devin Hester left with a shoulder injury in the second quarter and Knox injured his right leg in the second half, leaving the Bears thin at wide receiver. Before he left the game, Knox did a spot-on impression of Hester when he ran 102 yards untouched up the right side to open the third quarter for the second-longest kickoff return in franchise history.

Forte broke off a 61-yard run that set up Chicago's first touchdown and added a 37-yard TD in the fourth quarter.

Robbie Gould kicked two field goals, including a career-high 52-yarder in the third quarter, and Tommie Harris set up an early touchdown with his first career interception.

Stafford threw for 296 yards and Calvin Johnson caught eight passes for 133, but Detroit still hasn't put together

consecutive wins since a 6-2 start in 2007. The Lions won one game the rest of that season in an epic meltdown that saw them post the league's first 0-16 mark last year.

Coach Rod Marinelli was let go at the end of that season. He's now the Bears' defensive line coach, and with 31 new players, he could be excused if he didn't recognize the team on the other side of the field.

What happened early probably had a familiar feel to him, though.

Slow starters the first three games, the Bears immediately fell behind again.

Stafford connected on a 45-yarder with Johnson, who beat Zackary Bowman, along the left side to put the ball on the Chicago 28, and Smith ran it in from the 1 after two penalties by the Bears. First, safety Al Afalava jumped offside as Jason Hanson kicked what would have been a 40-yard field goal, giving the Lions a first down instead. Alex Brown got called for a facemask, putting the ball on the 13, and three plays later, Detroit had a short-lived lead.

Chicago immediately responded, with Forte bursting through the line for a 61-yard run that put the ball on the 5. It also set up a TD run by Cutler, who spun like a helicopter propeller after two Lions hit him as he crossed the goal line with the Bears' first points in an opening quarter this season. But it was a painful first half for them.

Hester was apparently injured after catching a short pass on second down with just under 12 minutes left. He tried to juke the Lions' Louis Delmas and William James, but instead took a hard hit. He quickly got up showing no obvious signs of an injury, and it wasn't clear which shoulder he hurt.

Buccaneers 13, Redskins 16

Within the first two minutes, the Washington Redskins had given up two sacks and lost a fumble.

They had also allowed a quarterback making his first NFL start to throw for a touchdown on his first pass of the game. By halftime, they were down 10 to a winless team, and Jason Campbell had thrown two interceptions.

Forget all that talk about whether Jim Zorn would last the season. For a while, one



Bears quarterback Jay Cutler hands off to teammate Matt Forte during the second half against the Lions in Chicago on Sunday. Forte ran for 121 yards on 12 carries.

had to wonder whether the booing fans would allow the coach, his quarterback and the rest of the team back on the field for the start of the second half.

Spurred by an interception by DeAngelo Hall, the Redskins found some of the energy, life and momentum that had been missing all season. They rallied to score on three straight possessions in the third quarter Sunday and beat the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 16-13.

"At halftime, I was like, if we don't pull this one out, I don't know what I'm going to do on Monday," Campbell said. "I might as well hibernate."

It was another narrow win over a bad team, much like the 9-7 ugly result against the St. Louis Rams that felt more like a loss two weeks ago. But Washington (2-2) nevertheless has a .500 record, and that doesn't look so bad in print — especially after last week's sky-is-falling loss to the Detroit Lions.

"It's a good feeling because of what we had to go through all week, hearing all those things about losing to Detroit and all that stuff," defensive end Phillip Daniels said. "So it's a great feeling just to be 2-2."

The loss left Buccaneers rookie coach Raheem Morris still seeking his first NFL victory, but it's not as if Tampa Bay (0-4) didn't finally have its chance after three double-digit losses to start the season.

Mike Nugent missed two first-half field goals and was 0 for 4 on the season until making a 37-yarder on the final play of the half, and Aqib Talib's three interceptions lose some of their glow because he was beaten down the right sideline on the 59-yard pass from Campbell to Santana Moss that gave the Redskins the lead for good.

"I bet he'd give the other three back for that one," Morris said.

Campbell finished 12 for 22 for 170 yards with two touchdown passes and three interceptions. He claimed it was the first three-interception game of his entire football life — including Pee-Wee ball.

"It was really frustrating for us all. I started looking at the game plan, wondering: What else could go wrong?" Zorn said. "It was, offensively, like two different halves."

Nimble second-year quarterback Josh Johnson went 13 for 22 for 106 yards with one touchdown and one interception

for the Bucs. He also ran seven times for 41 yards.

"The young kid didn't do a bad job at all for it being a hostile environment like this," said Carnell Williams, who ran for 77 yards on 16 carries. "We can't do nothing but go up from here; we're 0-4. That's how we've got to look at it."

Johnson threw an 8-yard scoring pass to Antonio Bryant just 120 seconds into the game, but that was Tampa Bay's only touchdown. The Redskins, who entered the game last in the NFL in third-down defense, allowed the Bucs to convert just 2 of 13 on Sunday.

"I mean, it was just one of those things: Look, we're at a point in the season where ... we had to stand up," said defensive coordinator Greg Blache, who gave his players an unusually emotional Saturday night speech. "We had to change. We had to draw a line in the dirt."

Publicly, Blache had promised a "riverboat gambler" and "maverick" approach to the defense this week, but he said he didn't blitz or take any more chances than usual.

"Sometimes," he said, "you just make 'em think it. You put the clothes on and look the part."

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I've seen things you people wouldn't believe. Attack ships on fire off the shoulder of Orion. I watched C-beams glitter in the dark near the Tannhauser gate. All those moments will be lost in time, like tears in rain. Time to die.

The end is near. I hear a noise at the door, as of some immense slippery body lumbering against it. It shall find me. God, that hand! The window! The window!

I will have no sleight of hand!! The phone calls...must...stop!

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I cannot think of the deep sea without shuddering at the nameless things that may at this very moment be crawling and floundering on its slimy bed, worshipping their own stone idols and carving their own detestable likenesses on submarine obelisks of water-soaked granite. I dream of a day when they may rise above the billows to drag down in their reeking talons the remnants of puny, war-exhausted mankind -- of a day when the land shall sink, and the dark ocean floor shall ascend amidst universal pandemonium.

You've gotta tell them! Soy lent Green is people!

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USTFCCA Men's Cross Country Division I Top 25

team	points
1 Oregon	357
2 Oklahoma State	346
3 Stanford	336
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5 Northern Arizona	310
6 Colorado	303
7 Iowa	290
8 Portland	270
9 Alabama	262
10 Georgetown	256

MLB



Florida Marlins' Hanley Ramirez, right, is congratulated by teammate Jorge Cantu after hitting a two-run home run in the fourth inning of a game against the Washington Nationals on Sept. 5. The Marlins won 9-5.

Ramirez, Mauer to become batting champs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Minnesota's Joe Mauer all but locked up his third American League batting title in four seasons, and Hanley Ramirez became the first Florida Marlins player to win a National League batting crown.

In a year in which home runs increased from last year's average of 2.01 per game to 2.07, there were no 20-game winners on the mound. It was only the second time that's happened in a non-shortened season since 1900. The other time was 2006.

Mauer, the only catcher to win an AL batting title, has a .364 average. While Minnesota meets Detroit on

Tuesday in an AL Central tiebreaker that counts in the regular-season statistics, Mauer would have to go 0 for 18 or worse to drop behind Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki, who is second at .352.

"I'll worry about winning the game before I worry about all of that," Mauer said. "The game is the only thing on my mind right now."

Ramirez finished with a .342 average and became the first NL shortstop to win a batting title since Dick Groat for Pittsburgh in 1960.

"It's a lot of work, a lot of dedication. And the coaching, they've been on me from Day 1," Ramirez said.

"I know I have to keep working hard and try to get better. My family will be happy."

The Yankees' CC Sabathia, the Mariners' Felix Hernandez, the Tigers' Justin Verlander and the Cardinals' Adam Wainwright tied for the major league lead with 19 wins apiece. Sabathia and Wainwright fell short of 20 in their final starts.

"Guys are throwing less innings," Sabathia said. "Pitch counts, things like that. It is tough."

Kansas City's Zack Greinke led the AL with a 2.16 ERA, the league's lowest since Pedro Martinez's 1.74 for Boston in 2000. Chris Carpenter of the

Cardinals led the NL at 2.24 after missing most of the previous two seasons because of reconstructive elbow surgery and an injured shoulder.

Verlander led the major leagues with 269 strikeouts, and San Francisco's Tim Lincecum topped the NL for the second straight season with 261.

St. Louis' Albert Pujols won his first NL home run title, leading majors with 47 despite not hitting any in 79 at-bats after Sept. 9. Tampa Bay's Carlos Pena shared the AL home run title with the Yankees' Mark Teixeira at 39. Pena's season ended when he broke two fingers when hit by a pitch from Sabathia on Sept. 7.

IN BRIEF

Cubs send hitting coach Von Joshua to Triple-A

CHICAGO — The disappointed Chicago Cubs wasted little time making a change, dropping hitting coach Von Joshua after Sunday's season finale while offering him a similar spot at Triple-A.

Joshua had been promoted from Triple-A Iowa on June 14 when Gerald Perry was fired as hitting coach after 2½ seasons.

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"He will be given the opportunity to go back to his other job in Des Moines," general manager Jim Hendry said.

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CHICAGO — Detroit Lions rookie quarterback Matthew Stafford and receiver Calvin Johnson left during the fourth quarter of Sunday's 48-24 loss to the Chicago Bears because of leg injuries.

The Lions had a third down at the Bears 6 when Stafford twisted his right knee as he was sacked for an 11-yard loss by Adewale Ogunleye.

That forced Detroit to kick a field goal, which cut Chicago's lead to 34-24 with 8:15 left. Daunte Culpepper replaced Stafford on the Lions' next possession, and Stafford got the knee wrapped on the sideline. He will undergo more tests in Detroit.

"If I was feeling a little bit better they would've let me back in," said Stafford, who threw for 296 yards.

Johnson, who had 133 yards receiving, also left the game late with a leg injury, although the nature of the problem wasn't clear.

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HOUSTON — Houston safety Eugene Wilson was inactive against the Oakland Raiders because of an illness, and two other Texans were available to play but were also ill on Sunday.

Houston had the NFL's first confirmed case of swine flu earlier this week in tight end Anthony Hill. The other players got sick on Saturday night and Sunday morning, but the team did not confirm any other cases of swine flu.

Running back Chris Brown was available but not feeling well and didn't play. Linebacker Xavier Adibi was also ill but played on special teams.

"Eugene got very sick last night, it continued through this morning, so there was no way he could play," coach Gary Kubiak said. "We're monitoring the situation. It's something that's hit us in the past four days and we just have to work through it."

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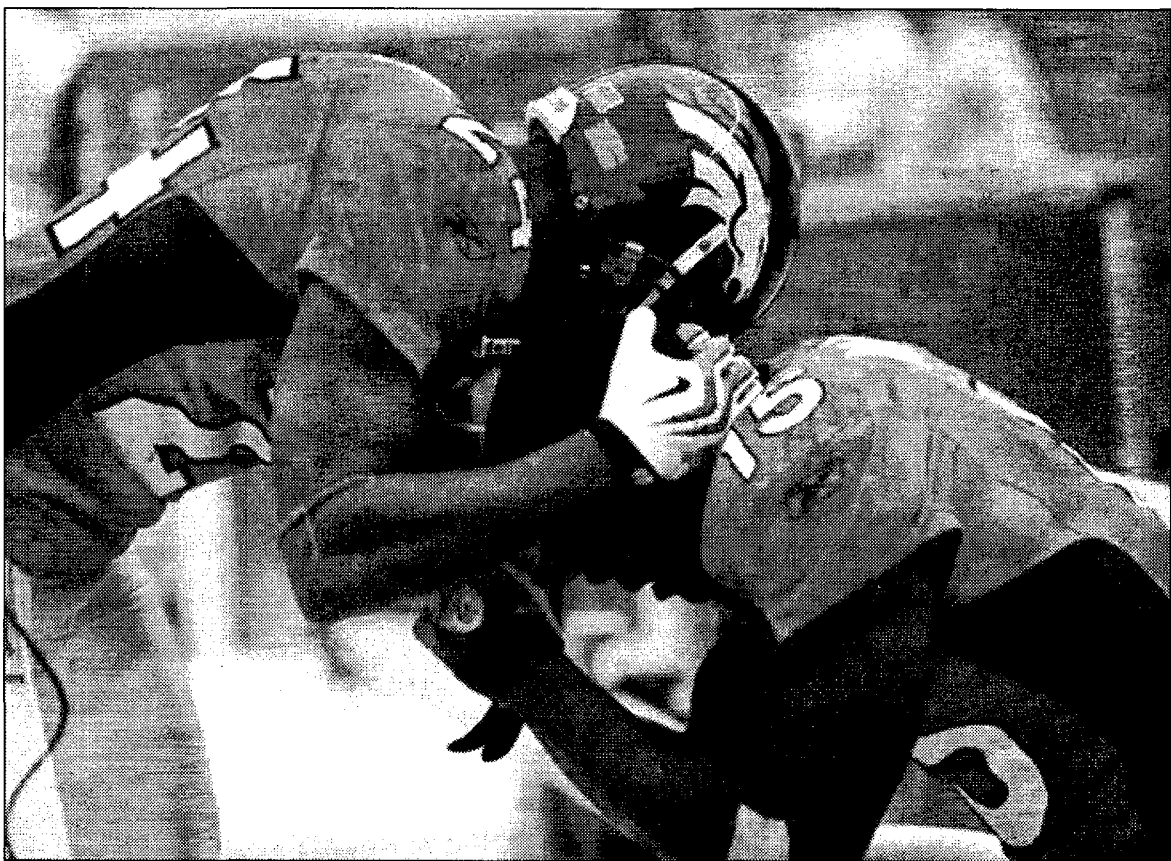
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NFL

Moss grabs first touchdown of season in victory

Resurgent Manning outduels Seattle's Wallace in 34-17 win over Seahawks; Colts QB racks up 353 yards, 2 TD

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FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Mark Clayton got open and waited for the fourth-down pass that could keep the Ravens' chances alive.

Joe Flacco reached his target inside the Patriots 10-yard line and beyond the first-down marker, but Clayton didn't hold on with 28 seconds left. New England did — eking out a 27-21 win over Baltimore on Sunday.

"Flat out drop," Clayton said. "It was a perfect ball. Joe put it on the money. To not come up with it is tough. It cost us the game."

The Ravens lost left tackle Jared Gaither after a collision that put him on his back for about 10 minutes before he was taken off the field on a stretcher midway through the second quarter. X-rays at Massachusetts General Hospital, where he had tests on his neck and shoulder, were negative.

Flacco fell onto Gaither's back as the quarterback was shoved by defensive end Ty Warren.

"We knew it wasn't serious," Baltimore coach John Harbaugh said. "We'll see how long he'll be out."

The Ravens failed on another fourth-down play on their next-to-last series as they tried to overcome the first scoring pass of the season from Tom Brady to Randy Moss and a 1-yard touchdown sneak by the quarterback.

On that fourth-and-1 at the Ravens 45-yard line, Warren stopped Willis McGahee for no gain with 5:09 remaining.

"That was quite a finish," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "Stop them on fourth down twice in the fourth quarter, that's when you've got to be there. Luckily, we were."

But Ravens players thought McGahee had made the first down.

"The spots were terrible," Baltimore safety Ed Reed said.

Moss' touchdown made it 24-14 late in the third quarter, but Flacco's 13-yard scoring pass to McGahee cut that to 24-21. Stephen Gostkowski's 33-yard field goal gave the Patriots (3-1) a six-point lead midway through the fourth quarter.

After McGahee came up short, the Patriots punted and the Ravens (3-1) got the ball back with 5:09 left then moved to a fourth-and-4 at the 14.

"We thought we had them down, but they started coming back," Patriots running back Sammy Morris said. "It was just one of those tough slugfests."

The game was decided when Clayton dropped the ball and the Patriots ran out the clock as they kept their unbeaten record against the Ravens with their fifth win.

"We were confident," Baltimore wide receiver Derrick Mason said. "The defense did a great job of holding them and giving us the opportunity to put some points on the board."

Trailing 17-7 at halftime, the Ravens made it 17-14 when Terrell Suggs hit Brady for a sack and knocked the ball out of his right hand. Dwan Edwards recovered in the end zone for a touchdown with 6:19 left in the third quarter.

"We kind of had control of the game and then Suggs turned it around," Belichick said.

But Brady led the Patriots on

their next possession, a 79-yard drive ending with his 14-yard touchdown pass to Moss.

Moss caught 23 scoring passes in 2007, his first season with Brady, who was sidelined for all of last season except for the first half of the first quarter of the opener.

The Ravens responded with an 80-yard drive, 50 on a run by Ray Rice, who finished with 103 yards on 11 carries, and the final 13 on the pass to McGahee.

"We gave up too many big plays and couldn't get off the field on third down," Patriots safety Brandon Meriweather said. "We did a lot of things that good defenses don't do."

The Patriots struck quickly after Brandon McGowan recovered Chris Carr's fumble as he returned the opening kickoff. That led to a 32-yard field goal by Gostkowski.

Flacco then led the Ravens on a 15-play, 81-yard drive capped by a 20-yard scoring pass to Mason, who had six catches for 77 yards on the series.

The Patriots went ahead 10-7 on the next series with a 1-yard sneak by Brady.

"Head-to-head with Ray Lewis, I certainly wasn't thinking of that one going to bed last night," he said.

The Patriots made it 17-7 with 3:57 left in the half on Morris' 12-yard run.

Lewis complained about rushing the passer penalties that helped the drives on which Brady and Morris scored.

"Without totally going off the wall here, it is embarrassing to the game," Lewis said. "Brady is good enough to make his own plays, let him make the play."

The Ravens then drove from their 20 to the Patriots 17 with a chance to cut the deficit to 17-14 at halftime. But Leigh Bodden intercepted Flacco's pass at the 9.

Seahawks 17, Colts 34

Peyton Manning is back in his old groove.

The clock-beating drives, the milestones, the victories are all

part of his weekly routine again. Not even those opponents trying to play keep-away can foil the three-time MVP these days.

Manning led the Colts to touchdowns on four of their first five drives Sunday, tied league marks established by Fran Tarkenton and Dan Marino and extended Indianapolis' regular-season winning streak to 13 with a 34-17 victory over Seattle.

"We played greatness today," Seattle coach Jim Mora said. "He's one of the finest of all times."

For Manning, whose trophy case already includes three MVP awards and a Super Bowl ring, it's been possibly his most impressive start in 12 NFL seasons.

On Sunday, he was 31 of 41 for 353 yards, marking the first time Manning has topped 300 yards in four consecutive games. It's also a franchise record.

By that point, Manning had already reached two other milestones. His first TD pass went to Reggie Wayne for a 5-yard score, making Manning and Dan Marino the only quarterbacks in league history to throw 55 TD passes to two different receivers. Manning threw 112 TDs to Marvin Harrison. Marino's two receivers were Mark Clayton and Mark Duper.

Manning's second TD pass, a 21-yarder to rookie Austin Collie after a brilliant audible, put him alongside Tarkenton for No. 3 on the NFL's career list. Both have 342, trailing only Marino (420) and Brett Favre (469).

That accomplishment came with a personal touch.

"Fran and my dad are friends and my dad has told me great stories about Fran Tarkenton," Manning said. "He was a unique player."

Manning's amazing efficiency is his signature trait.

In the first half, only three of Manning's 20 passes hit the ground — one was a throw-

away, one was batted at the line and one was overthrown.

Seattle (1-3), which was again missing quarterback Matt Hasselbeck (rib) and left tackle Walter Jones (knee), didn't have the firepower to avoid losing its third straight — or keeping up with Manning's efficiency.

"With our situation being what it is, it's going to be tough until we get back to full strength," Seahawks coach Jim Mora said. "We have a small margin for error, and we made some errors."

Manning wasted no time in taking advantage.

He gave the ball to rookie Donald Brown for a 1-yard scoring run to make it 7-0. Two series later, Manning hooked up with Wayne for a 14-0 lead with 5:29 left in the half.

Seattle got on the scoreboard with a 38-yard field goal, but left Manning with 1 minute, 22 seconds to go — too much time to score. Manning took the Colts 78 yards in 79 seconds, with a nifty throw-and-catch to Collie with 3 seconds left.

"With 9 seconds left, you look at some things and you may not try that with a more inexperienced quarterback," Colts coach Jim Caldwell said. "But this guy has been around a long time and he knows how to take care of the ball."

The Colts sealed the outcome with Joseph Addai's 12-yard run midway through the fourth quarter, two field goals from Adam Vinatieri and a solid defensive performance that limited Seattle to just 49 yards rushing.

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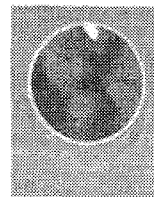
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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish place 10th, 16th at Invite

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Friday's 54th annual Notre Dame Invitational gave both the men's and women's cross country teams a chance to compete against some of the nation's best runners and most competitive programs.

The men finished the day in 16th place while the women finished 10th.

As the hosts of Friday's meet at the Burke Golf Course, the Irish looked on their invitational as an opportunity to measure their chances of getting a bid to the NCAA championships event in late November.

"Overall, the meet was a bit of a sobering experience," junior Mat Abernethy said. "It showed us that we need to refocus our efforts in the weeks to come in order to have a chance at qualifying for the national meet."

Seventeen ranked teams traveled to Notre Dame for the meet, including the defending champion

Washington Huskies, Arizona, Arizona State, Florida, Florida State and New Mexico.

"This was by far the best competition we've seen this season as of yet," Abernethy said. "A number of ranked teams were in the field, and as such the pace was telling."

The men's team totaled 384 points. Junior Dan Jackson (24:37) finished first among the Irish and 45th overall. Senior Jake Walker, sophomore Joe Miller, junior Ryan Jacobs and sophomore Johnathan Shawel all finished in the top 100 runners for the men's blue division.

"We entered the meet with expectations to finish in the top five," Jacobs said. "The team walked away from the meet extremely dissatisfied as we expect to compete with and beat the best teams in the nation in every race we run."

On the women's side of the competition, senior Lindsey Ferguson (17:08) finished first for the Irish in 15th place and made her best performance at the Notre Dame Invitational since joining the team.

Junior Marissa Treece (17:38), sophomore Rachel Velarde, junior Erica Watson, senior Beth Tacl, junior Theresa Cattuna and freshman Rebecca Tracy all finished in the top 100. The women's team totaled 288 points.

"We would have liked to have a better showing but it was still a good starting point to the season," Ferguson said.

Despite not placing as high as they had desired on Friday, it helped to set the rest of the season in perspective as they prepared themselves to qualify for nationals.

"We know what our competition will be like, how they will race, and what we need to do in order to beat them," Treece said. "We have a very positive outlook coming out of this weekend, even if we did not perform to the level we had hoped for."

The next event for both teams is the Pre-National Meet on Oct. 17 in Terre Haute, Ind.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles swept twice by non-conference teams

By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

After a canceled tournament this weekend, the Belles dropped two non-conference games Saturday at Anderson University in Anderson, Ind.

The Belles (7-8, 3-4 MIAA) lost their first game 3-0 to Transylvania before losing 3-0 again to host Anderson.

Despite the fact that these games bear no significance in the Belles' MIAA standing, they would have provided the team with a boost of momentum as they head into a week with three tough conference matches, including games against foes Adrian and Trine.

This weekend's leaders for the Belles included Lorna Slupczynski, who notched 19 kills, 13 digs and 2 blocks in the two matches, and Andrea Sasgen who contributed 10 kills, 2 blocks and 2 aces.

Despite the rough weekend outing, the Belles will look to regain some momentum this Tuesday as they host the annual Dig for the Cure match.

"We will be trying to raise money for the Susan G. Komen breast cancer research foundation," Belles' coach Toni Kuschel said.

"We will be selling t-shirts and deserts and taking pledges for our average amount of digs before and during our game next Tuesday."

**Toni Kuschel
Belles coach**

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The event will be hosted during the Belles' match with MIAA rival Calvin.

Kuschel emphasized the importance of the cause and said she hopes as many people as possible will show up to support the fight against breast cancer.

"It should be a fantastic event and we are hoping to have a lot of support," she said.

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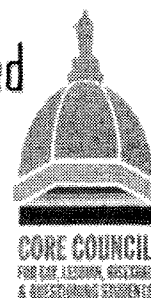
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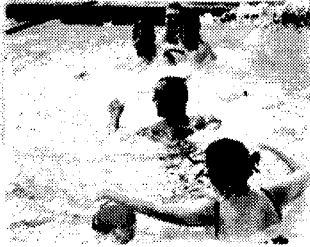
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SMC GOLF

Belles grab MIAA tournament win

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

No. 2 Saint Mary's continued its MIAA dominance this weekend as it won the fourth and final regular season conference jamboree with a team score of 327 at Blackthorn Golf Club in South Bend.

The Belles set a course record as well as beating out conference foe Olivet's previous record by seven strokes.

"We came out on top Saturday which is a great victory given the conditions of the day," Belles captain Perri Hamma said. "The weather was difficult but we played hard and won."

Olivet took second Saturday, just two strokes behind Saint Mary's. Hope came in third with 331 before Trine in fourth with 356 and Calvin two strokes back for fifth. Albion took sixth with 367, followed by Alma with 374 and Kalamazoo with 389. Adrian rounded out the day in ninth with a 402.

Hope's Megan Scholten was the medalist with a low round score of 77, a course record for an individual MIAA round.

Freshman Martyna Mierzwa led the Belles with a 79 to put her in second place, followed by junior Mary Kate Boyce in third with a 78. Sophomore Natalie Matuszak and junior Rosie O'Connor each took a share of ninth with rounds of 84.

Hamma took fifth for the Belles and 17th overall with a score of 87.

Saturday's win places Saint Mary's 17 strokes over Olivet to lead the MIAA heading into the conference tournament next weekend.

"Seventeen strokes is a good cushion for the final tournament on Friday and Saturday," Hamma said. "It is important that we don't get too comfortable in that lead though. This course is a good course to make a move so we need to play smart and well to maintain our lead. A win this fall is really important to our spring season."

The MIAA teams participate in three spring contests to determine the conference's automatic entrance into the NCAA tournament, where the Belles placed 10th this past spring.

The Belles held the conference title from 2002-2005, but have fallen to Olivet the last three seasons. Their conquest for the title will continue Friday and Saturday at Bedford Valley Golf Course in Michigan hosted by Hope.

"The team's goal is to get out there Friday and Saturday and break up all our hard work this season with another win," Hamma said. "But most importantly we all want to have fun in the last event of the fall."

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The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao

Junot Díaz



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SMC SOCCER

Belles rout worst team in MIAA

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

After a failed first attempt, the Belles notched their first MIAA conference victory with a 6-0 blowout win over Trine Saturday.

Saint Mary's (4-7-1, 1-1 MIAA) jumped out to an early lead, netting its first goal just 16 minutes into the match when senior midfielder Colleen Ferguson found the back of the net. It was Ferguson's second goal of the season.

Senior forward Katy Durkin was next for the Belles, scoring the second goal of the match, before adding another in the second half. Durkin's goals against the Thunder gave her four on the season, making her the Belles' leading scorer.

Sophomore defender Taylor Paton gave Saint Mary's a comfortable 3-0 lead heading into halftime after receiving a pass from classmate Bridget Ronayne and burying a low shot inside the right post.

The second half offered more of the same from the Belles, who controlled the game from start to finish. After Durkin's goal in the 56th minute, senior Sam Smogor scored her first goal of the season five minutes later off an assist from Paton.

Ronayne capped the scoring with a successful penalty kick in the 73rd minute.

Once again the Belles got a solid performance in net from senior Patty Duffy. She made a save on the only first-half shot from the Thunder before giving way to freshman replacement

Adele Bruggeman. Duffy's save brings her tally to 57 for the season. Bruggeman recorded her sixth save of the season on the Thunder's lone shot of the second half.

Saint Mary's kept the offensive pressure on for most of the game, outshooting Trine (0-11-0, 0-2 MIAA) by a margin of 23-2. The Belles also won the corner kick battle, winning 11 without surrendering one to the Thunder.

The Belles will now turn their attention to two more conference home games, the first coming against Calvin Tuesday. Saint Mary's will then face Alma Saturday before a final non-conference matchup with Elmhurst Oct. 14.

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Leaders

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Ocampo, has led the Irish to a fifth place finish at the Gopher Invitational and a sixth place finish at the Mason Rudolph Championship already this year.

"Now we are a year older and wiser and of course Josh is back playing for us," Kubinski said. "I think everyone is comfortable and confident."

The two-day, 54-hole tournament begins Monday at 9 a.m. with 36 holes. The final round will be played Tuesday, and Notre Dame hopes to prove a point to its competition by the end of it.

"The guys feel like they are one of the best teams in the country, and are preparing to show everyone," Kubinski said.

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Aces

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really good and it made it tough for them to do that.

"One of our goals that the team came up with was to have a better ace-error ratio than Villanova. It's a big goal considering that's a strength of theirs. I like that the team competed and stepped up to that challenge."

The first game remained close throughout and the lead changed several times. Neither team ever led by more than four. It finally ended on a service ace by senior setter Jamel Nicholas, who finished with four aces on the day.

"I think we played with a lot of poise and confidence and we didn't get tight thinking that it would be closer than we thought it would be," Brown said. "I think it was the poise and confidence that came through at the end of that game."

The second and third games were not as close, as the Irish got off to big leads and were able to maintain those throughout the sets.

"Both teams were playing well [in game one]," Brown said. "We didn't have any serving runs, and then we did in two and three which helped us to go for a lead and have more success."

Senior outside hitter Serenity Phillips and sophomore outside hitter Kristin Dealy both recorded double-doubles in the match. Phillips had 11 kills and 10 digs while Dealy had 13 kills and 12 digs. Each also contributed to Notre Dame's serving success.

"[Dealy] was good in every aspect," Brown said. "She was good defensively, she took some great swings and she had several serving runs. She was on her game and that was certainly a big key to our success."

Notre Dame maintained its lead in the Big East, with Cincinnati right behind. Villanova, which swept DePaul on Friday, is now 10th.

The Irish have almost week off before taking on Cincinnati Saturday at 2 p.m. and Louisville Sunday at 5 p.m. Both games will take place at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

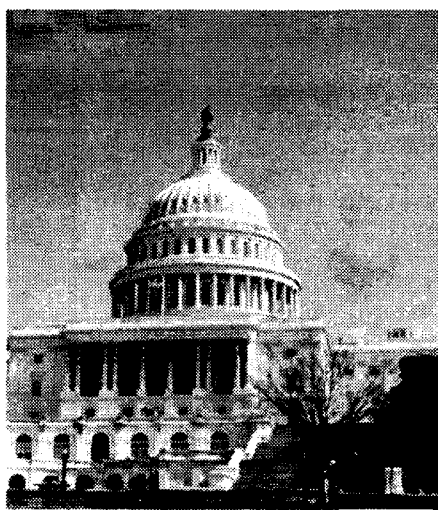
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Clark

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they certainly came out with a different attitude in the second half."

Seton Hall (4-5-1, 1-3-1) struck early with a goal from Brayan Martinez in the 19th minute.

However, that was all the offense Seton Hall could muster. The Irish defense held the Pirates to just two shots on goal and seven overall shots. The second shot on goal, also by Martinez, was saved by senior goalkeeper Philip Tuttle.

The Irish were unable to score in the first half, but came out fast in the second period. Senior midfielder Michael Thomas scored in the 51st minute on a penalty kick to tie the game at one.

"The first goal always gets it back," Clark said. "The longer the game goes the more excited the other team becomes."

Senior midfielder Justin Morrow secured the game with a shot from 35 yards in the 71st minute. The shot went right through the hands of Seton Hall goalie

Paul McHenry and into the goal.

"It was very well shot by Justin," Clark said. "Their goalkeeper played exceptionally well throughout. I think if he looks back he'll think if he had moved his feet a little quicker or if he had gotten his body behind it, it might have hit his body. It was a very good strike."

After scoring most of their goals in the second period, the Irish have earned a reputation as a second-half team.

"We had to chase the game, which we do in quite a few games," Clark said. "Even in the games we've lost, we've played very well in the second half. In the games we've won the goals have come in the second half as well. It's

good in that it shows the team has drive, determination, they perform, they have good fitness. But it's hard to spot why we don't score earlier."

The win moves the Irish into a third-place tie with Georgetown in the Big East Blue Division, while Seton Hall dropped to seventh.

"Like every game, if we're going to do what we did the last two years, win the league, there's not a lot of

room," Clark said. "It's pretty clear what we've got to do. The win was very important."

The Irish will continue their conference schedule as they travel to Marquette Wednesday. That game is scheduled to start at 8:05 p.m.

Note:

Sophomore defender Aaron Maund and freshman midfielder Dillon Powers will return to Notre Dame earlier than expected.

The two left the Irish on Sept. 15 to play for the United States at the Under-20 World Cup in Suez, Egypt. The Americans lost 3-0 to Germany, defeated Cameroon 4-1 and lost 3-0 to South Korea. Their overall score of three did not qualify them to move on to the next round in the tournament.

Clark said Maund and Powers were scheduled to land in New York early this morning but there is no decision yet about whether they will play at Marquette.

"We've got to see where they are with their academics," Clark said. "The big thing is with Internet you can catch up and do a lot, and the professors have been very helpful."

"So the first question is academically can they make the trip to Marquette. Obviously we would love to have them but the academics come first."

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"Even in the games we've lost, we've played very well in the second half. In the games we've won the goals have come in the second half as well."

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

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Henderson ran a give-and-go off junior Rose Augustin before taking a short-ranged shot that squeezed through the hands of the Mountaineer goalkeeper.

After that, West Virginia (4-4-4, 1-2-1) mounted a comeback that had the Irish back on their heels. After a shot from 35 yards out that hit the crossbar, West Virginia capitalized on the rebound by touching the ball just past Irish senior goalkeeper Kelsey Lysander to tie the game just before halftime.

Early in the second half, West Virginia struck again. This time, the slippery weather conditions, rather than the Mountaineers, proved too much to handle on the play. Lysander, seeming to have a beat on the long distance Mountaineer shot, slipped as she was moving laterally to make the save, allowing the ball to sneak just inside the far post.

But the Irish would not be denied a victory. Just minutes after the go-ahead goal, senior defender Haley Ford hit back. After a cross from Augustin that was mishandled by the Mountaineer keeper, Ford raced in and sent a header into the back of the net to regain momentum and hope for the Irish.

As regulation came to a close, Notre Dame really turned up

the pressure offensively. Augustin once again found herself in the middle of the action after receiving a ball over the top from junior Julie Scheidler, but sent a diving volley just over the crossbar.

With under a minute to play, Henderson swung in a cross that found freshman Tereza Stastny in the center of the box, but her header deflected off the post before being cleared out.

The Mountaineers couldn't hold off the Irish for much longer. From the opening kick-off in overtime, Notre Dame took the ball straight down the field where sophomore Molly Campbell's cross found Knaack on the back post for the game-winner.

Against Pittsburgh (6-2-4, 1-0-4), an equally effective Irish offense was unable to break through for a goal in the muddy conditions. Junior Nikki Weiss got the start in net for the Irish, recording a career-high four saves in her first career complete-game shutout.

The tie breaks the Irish's four-game Big East winning streak on the season. However, Notre Dame remains atop the conference standings with 13 points.

The Irish will continue its string of road contests with two more conference showdowns against No. 13 Rutgers Friday and at Seton Hall Sunday.

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MEN'S GOLF

Squad looks to prove itself at Fighting Irish Classic

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

The Irish will try to defend their home course today when the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic tees off at Warren Golf Course.

In the fourth year of the annual tournament, Notre Dame (18-9) will compete against 14 other teams, including 2008 Classic

champion and NCAA runner-up Arkansas. In order to beat the No. 20 Razorbacks, the Irish will need to be at their best, which Irish coach Jim Kubinski said is a possibility.

"The guys are playing really well, and have practiced well this week," Kubinski said. "They are definitely prepared. We have put a lot of time in this week, even though it is our golf course."

Not only has Notre Dame prepared well, but there will be extra motivation in this tournament, Kubinski said.

"There is a little extra motivation to come out here, on the heels of a great football win yesterday," he said. "The guys are excited and I know they have some friends and family coming in, so they want to put on a good show."

After finishing second in

the initial Classic, Notre Dame slipped to 8th and then 15th out of 15 teams last year. Kubinski attributed the disappointing last place showing to a void in leadership of the Irish.

"[The last place finish] came after learning that Josh Sandman, then our lone senior and captain, would not be playing for us the whole year," he said. "The guys really did not know

who the leader was going to be, who was going to step up and play well, or who was going to be in the number one position."

This year, if the Irish have similar questions, it is due to an abundance of leadership. Sandman returned to the team for a fifth year, and he, along with seniors Doug Fortner and Carl Santos-

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MEN'S SOCCER

Second Half Success

Notre Dame rallies to defeat Seton Hall

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame just needed to warm up a little.

On a cold and rainy night at Alumni Stadium, the Irish (5-4-1, 3-2 Big East) scored two goals in the second half for a come-from-behind 2-1 victory over Seton Hall.

"I think everyone was a little disappointed about how we played in the first 45 minutes," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "I think the players knew they hadn't performed the way they're capable of. But full marks to them. It's not always easy to pull themselves up and they showed good character and



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Irish junior midfielder Josh Thiermann goes for the ball during Notre Dame's 1-0 loss to Cincinnati on Sept. 27. Notre Dame defeated Seton Hall 2-1 Friday.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish serve up loss to Villanova

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame knew going in to their match against Villanova that it needed to watch out for the Wildcats' above-average serving.

Apparently no one told Villanova to do the same.

The Irish (9-4, 3-0 Big East) had eight service aces Sunday as they swept the Wildcats (27-25, 25-16, 25-16). Villanova (12-5, 1-3) had just two.

"I think that Villanova relies heavily on their serving game and scoring points in runs," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "I think our passing was

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish set new NCAA record

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

The Irish traveled to Morgantown, W.Va., Friday with an opportunity to cement their name atop the list of elite programs in NCAA history. And that's exactly what they did.

Junior forward Taylor Knaack's first goal of the season, which came 41 seconds into overtime, gave No. 8 Notre Dame a 3-2 victory over Big East foe West Virginia and extended the team's conference unbeaten streak to an NCAA-record 56 games. The Irish followed up that performance with a 0-0 tie against Pittsburgh Sunday, despite outshooting the Panthers 25-7.

Notre Dame (8-3-1, 4-0-1 Big East) broke out to an early lead against West Virginia off sophomore Melissa Henderson's goal 17 minutes into the match.



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Freshman defender Jazmin Hall fields the ball during Notre Dame's 1-0 win over Louisville on Sept. 27.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Experience key as team heads to Windy City

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Irish will travel to Chicago today for the Windy City Collegiate Classic.

This will be Notre Dame's first time participating in the tournament, although the Irish did compete in the Northwestern Invitational for the 1996-97 season. The Invitational was played on the same course, and the Irish finished fifth.

Despite the experience on the team from previous years, this season is still young.

"We are two tournaments in to a 10 tournament season, so we have a ways to go," Irish coach Susan Holt said.

Notre Dame's best finish came in last weekend's Bettie Lou Evans invitational, where it tied Tennessee-Chattanooga for third place. Before that, it

struggled in the Mary Fossum Invitational on Sept. 13, tying for 10th in a 17-team field.

The Irish will get no relief from the tough competition they have faced so far this year, as the Collegiate Classic features a 15-team field that contains three top-25 programs. Among these are top-ranked Purdue, No. 11 New Mexico and No. 17 Arizona.

The Irish lineup for the Classic will remain consistent with the previous two tournaments, with seniors Annie Brophy and Kristin Wetzel, juniors So-Hyun Park and Katie Conway and sophomore Becca Huffer set to play for the Irish.

Huffer has put up the best numbers so far in 2009, with a team-best stroke average of 74.4. Even though she is the youngest player in the lineup,

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