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MCAT exam reveals new online-only version

Notre Dame Acceptance Rates to Medical Schools (for 2006 graduates)	
GPA	Acceptance Rate
3.75 or above	100%
3.25 - 3.5	76%
3.0 - 3.25	52%
National acceptance rate: ~47%	
Notre Dame acceptance rate: ~80%	

Source: Father James Foster, assistant dean in the center for health advising

Computerized test administration could create problems for students lacking access

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

For the first time in nearly 80 years, students sitting for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) need not panic if they forget a number two pencil.

Beginning in January 2007, the MCAT exam will be paperless, offered only on computers at "climate and sound-controlled" Thomson Prometric testing centers off-campus.

This is a big change for the roughly 1,200 pre-medical students at Notre Dame who have

only known the exam being delivered in familiar lecture halls or large classroom facilities.

"The thing about the test when it was being done on the campus of Notre Dame is that it became a sort of community event," said Father James Foster, assistant dean in the center for health advising. "The group that is responsible for this transition from the written test to the computerized test has been very reassuring ... but that culture is going to be lost."

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Weddings will return to LeMans

Hall chapel marriages reinstated for summer

By MAGGIE DUNN
News Writer

Summer wedding bells will soon ring again at Saint Mary's LeMans Hall Holy Spirit Chapel — an on-campus Catholic church that has not been utilized for weddings in several years — when the College re-opens its doors for couples in summer 2007.

The chapel is located on the third floor of the residence hall, and College alumnae can only schedule weddings during the summer months, Campus Ministry Director Judy Fean said.

It was available for weddings a few years ago, Fean said, but even though they were set to take place in the summer, scheduling became difficult because of unpredictable renovations such as plumbing and wiring.

Not knowing what to expect for the next few summers, the chapel was made temporarily unavailable for weddings.

Although the on-campus Church of Our Lady of Loretto has successfully remained open for weddings, many requests still came in for Holy Spirit Chapel after it became unavailable, Fean said.

Now that the chapel will open again next summer, many faculty and alumnae

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Campus erupts in wake of victory

By PATRICK CASSIDY
News Writer

"Emotional rollercoaster" is not a phrase anyone would have used to describe Notre Dame's despairingly disappointing home loss to Michigan last week — unless the rollercoaster was going nowhere but down.

The same can't be said about Saturday's 40-37 win over Michigan State.

For a while, the freefall continued in East Lansing. That is, until the Fighting Irish did their nickname justice, finding themselves strapped in tight on a rollercoaster ride that ended at its peak.

Freshman Brandon Drenon said he had never "experienced so many feelings in a four-hour period."

Doing their best Michigan impression, the Spartans jumped out to a 17-0 first quarter lead. Freshman Anthony Parrish, a trombonist in the marching band, said he knew that "an epic comeback was necessary."

"We just needed the team to step up," he said.

The Irish took more than a few big steps in tough weather, which senior Annie Hollenbeck said was "borderline snow."

"Although it was almost freezing rain, the students were still in high spirits," she said.

Terrail Lambert's interception in the closing minute sent the Notre Dame faithful into a frenzy.

"I was swept up in the urge to hug random people,"

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Students congregate in Stonehenge Saturday after Notre Dame's 40-37 comeback win over Michigan State.

ROHAN ANAND/The Observer

Historical mural rediscovered

Saint Edward's Hall celebrates recovery, restoration of priceless relic

By JENNIFER METZ
News Writer

The Gentlemen of St. Edward's Hall are proud, and with good reason.

Not only is St. Edward's the survivor of a 1980 fire and the site of Knute Rockne's reception into the Church, but it also houses a newly restored, eye-catching Luigi Gregori mural.

The mural, which dates back to 1882, has always resided in St. Edward's, but has not been visible to residents' eyes — until now.



A portion of the Gregori mural in St. Ed's Hall depicts Father Sorin performing a wedding ceremony for local Potawatomi Indians.

ANNA AMBERKAR/The Observer

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Runners fight rain to help battle cancer

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

Members of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross and the local community laced up their running shoes and hit the rainy road for the 24th annual Domer Run Saturday — logging miles and contributing to a good cause.

The run benefited ovarian cancer awareness and education and was in memory of Barbara Link, who battled ovarian cancer before passing away in 2003, and Ruth Bautel, a former member of the Domer Run committee.

Link was a Notre Dame

alumna and the wife of Notre Dame Law School Dean Emeritus Dave Link.

Participants had the option of running a three or six-mile course, or completing a two-mile fun walk.

"We were pretty much right on target [in terms of number of participants] from where we were last year," said Greg Weber, an intern at RecSports and member of the Domer Run Committee. "From our final tally, we had a total of 483 participants ... pretty good considering the race day weather conditions."

According to Weber, the

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INSIDE COLUMN

From scarlet and gray to blue & gold

When I first came to Notre Dame in August, there was little that connected me with the school. I am a first-generation student. I am not Catholic. And, perhaps most importantly, I was raised in a family that avidly supports Ohio State football.

Sonia Rao
News Writer

Eighteen years of brainwashing has made it so I cannot think of a Saturday football game without hearing the echoes of fight songs being played by "The Best Damn Band in the Land" throughout my house. When Ohio State played Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl last year, my dad found pictures of the Pope dressed in scarlet and gray and taped them up all over the house. I traveled with my family to Arizona to see the "pass interference" call that led to a national championship in 2002, and a huge picture of it is displayed in my basement.

Maybe this makes it easy to see how, even when I had decided to attend Notre Dame in the spring, the Irish just didn't really feel like my team. I didn't know the fight song or any of the rich tradition or history associated with Notre Dame football. In a lot of ways, I think I just didn't really get it.

I just went home over the weekend, back into Buckeye territory, and I realized that all of a sudden my house didn't quite feel like "my house." My room was empty, dust was collecting on the nightstand, and my car was bereft of the various newspapers, homework assignments and loose change that used to be there. I had this epiphany that life was going on there without me; my parents were still going to my sister's tennis matches, sitting in the rain during my brother's football games, listening to the latest high school drama at the dinner table. I was still a part of things in a way, but I had more of a cameo role.

Watching the football game on Saturday night I realized that just as my family continued on in their directions, I had found my own. I was the only one in my house to watch what many are calling the best comeback in recent Irish history; and for the first time, I can honestly say I felt the agony when the half ended at 31-14, and elated when we racked up four touchdowns in the second half to come out with a win. Sitting on my old couch watching the football players sing the Alma Mater, I realized that yes, things at home may always feel different from now on, because for me "home" also meant "Notre Dame."

So no, my family isn't steeped in Irish tradition. I still haven't converted to Catholicism. The Ohio State fight song is still going to play in my house on Saturday mornings, with or without me there. I'm not as fanatic as the number one Notre Dame fan.

But I'm working on it.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO WHEN THE FOOTBALL GAME IS AWAY?



Kate Crecelius
sophomore
McGlinn

"Watching the game with my friends because I work first aid at home games."



Jim Groff
junior
Fisher

"Sleep."



Will McLeod
junior
Fisher

"Be in the photo poll."



Mike Lee
freshman
Keough

"Run through Stonehenge."



Sarah Walter
sophomore
McGlinn

"Watching a glorious Irish comeback."



Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis celebrates Saturday's 40-37 comeback victory against Michigan State University in East Lansing.

CLEM SUHENDRA/The Observer

OFFBEAT

Burglars get severed head shock

VIENNA — Burglars in Vienna opted for a speedy getaway after they found eight severed human heads when breaking into the basement of an apartment building, Austrian police said Friday.

A dentist had stored the mummified heads, which he used for research, in a chest in the basement. Burglars stumbled upon the collection when they broke in, police said.

"The burglars were looking for loot when they discovered the heads," said a spokeswoman for Austrian

police. "From what it looks like, they just left them lying and bolted away."

Court says \$32,000 is too much to fondle bosom

HELSINKI — A fee of 25,500 euros (\$32,000) is way too much for a woman to charge a man for fondling her bosom, a Finnish district court ruled. The court jailed a couple in their twenties for more than a year for charging a 74-year-old who suffers from dementia a total of 25,500 euros to enjoy the woman's breasts on 10 occasions.

"Based on general life experience alone, it is indis-

putably clear that a 25,500 euro charge is disproportionate to the compensation in question," Judge Hasse Hakki, who heard the case, told Reuters Friday.

But he said the court in Kookola, about 300 miles north of Helsinki, would not decide "the proper financial value of the compensation."

The retiree filed charges against the couple, who were convicted of extortionate overcharging, even though he told the court he paid the price willingly at the time.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Patrick Francis Sullivan, S.J. will deliver a lecture entitled "Catholic Tradition and Traditions" today at 4 p.m. in room 102 DeBartolo Hall.

RecSports will offer a fitness room orientation workshop entitled "Exercise Basics: 101" tonight from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Rolfs SportsRec Center Fitness Room.

Pasquerilla East Musical Company will hold auditions for "Ragtime," the musical tonight at 6:45. Auditions will be held in Pasquerilla East Hall, and are open to all ND, SMC and HCC students.

Swing Club will host an open dance night tonight from 8 to 10 in the LaFortune Ballroom. This event is open to all ND, SMC and HCC students, staff and faculty free of charge.

Kellogg Institute Visiting Fellow Juliet Hooker will deliver her rescheduled lecture entitled "The Institutional Design of Multicultural Citizenship in Nicaragua: Effects on Afro-descendant & Indigenous Collective Identities and Political Attitudes" Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

University President Father John Jenkins' Annual Address to the Faculty will take place tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

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

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY		TONIGHT		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
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	70	45		66		72		75		55		57
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Atlanta 77 / 53 Boston 68 / 54 Chicago 72 / 50 Denver 70 / 45 Houston 85 / 60 Los Angeles 82 / 60 Minneapolis 67 / 48
New York 73 / 57 Philadelphia 72 / 53 Phoenix 99 / 76 Seattle 77 / 53 St. Louis 74 / 50 Tampa 91 / 74 Washington 72 / 55

Ancient bones given a new resting place

Cutting-edge research storage facilities crafted

Special to The Observer

They say with food, presentation is everything. But can the same be said of bones? Really old bones?

It can if they're the rare and valuable skeletal collections used for biocultural research at Notre Dame.

Housed in the Reyneirs building on the northwest edge of campus, the bone collections used for anthropological research and analysis (including the 3,000-year-old remains of inhabitants of the world's oldest walled city, and the remains of 5th-century Byzantine monks) have a new home and a new look: recently-installed, state-of-the-art drawers built into the walls of the lab.

"The new storage drawers allow us to lay out the bones in an organized fashion, so it's easy to find what you're looking for," said Sue Sheridan, associate professor of anthropology who specializes in biological anthropology. "It will reduce the damage accumulated over years of stacking the bones in boxes and having to unpack them each time to find a specific specimen."

Previously stored in labeled, plastic bins stacked on shelves, the bone collections were subject to repeated handling, unpacking and repacking — a pattern that could eventually take its toll on such fragile material.

"Now that we have so much

more room, we can organize the bones by particular features," Sheridan notes.

"Therefore, if a student is doing a project on, say, arthritis of the knee, they can pull out the drawers that contain distal femora and/or knee caps in them, and not disturb the bones that don't fit their study."

Though the bones are research specimens, they also are the remains of human beings and need to be studied and handled with the appropriate level of dignity, said Mark Schurr, chair of the anthropology department. The new storage facilities are a commitment to that as well.

Funded by the College of Arts and Letters, the storage space surpasses that found at major research institutions such as the Smithsonian, a clear demonstration of commitment to undergraduate education and research.

For the past six summers, undergraduates from across the country have come to Notre Dame to conduct original research on the bones, a course funded by a National Science Foundation grant. Integrating information from natural, historical and archeological records, students piece together biological clues from the bones to identify what certain populations ate, from what diseases they suffered, the kind of work they performed, and, in some cases, what violence befell them.

Butler speaks on race relations

Whites' denial of prejudice in the United States scrutinized

By SARA GARDNER
News Writer

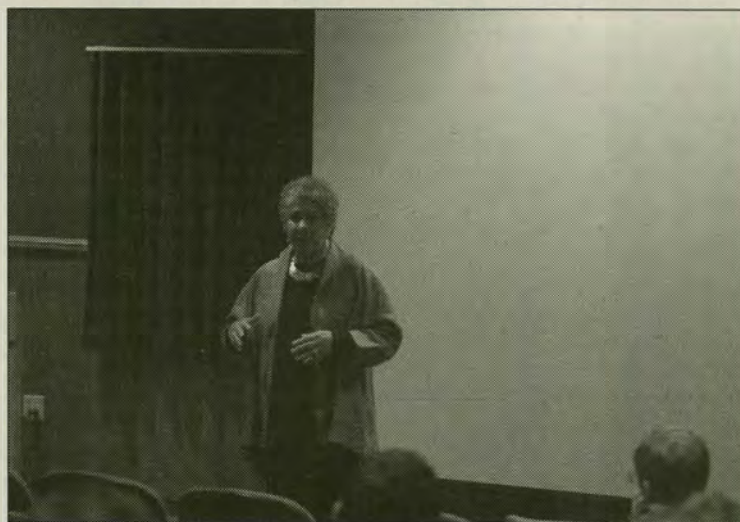
Dr. Shakti Butler, director of "Making Whiteness Visible," strove to create a space of conversation in a presentation and discussion of her documentary film on Wednesday, Sept. 20, in Vander Venet Theater.

Saint Mary's Office of Multicultural Affairs presented the event, which captured the voices of white activists as they toil with a pervasive prejudice that still plagues our country today.

"To be white in this country is to be encapsulated in this social [milieu], this realm that not only allows denial of the issue of racism but really mandates denial," said Tim Wise, one of the many faces trying to grip the "mirror of prejudice" in Butler's film.

In the documentary, each activist's story provides a live thread of mirrors, reflecting the state of denial within the white community. A white woman who saw her high school classmate forced to act out racial stereotypes in a play and a white man wanting to help a child of "abject poverty" around his college campus were two such stories.

Then there was the white female teacher "who knew



KRISTY KING/The Observer

Dr. Shakti Butler leads a discussion after a presentation of her documentary film about prejudice on Wednesday, Sept. 20.

only one black author" when her students asked to read black poets.

"Here I am with a Theater/English degree," she said. "I could not [give them anything]."

Butler, the executive director World Trust Educational Services, Inc., opened the door to "transformative learning" or being able to "notice embedded assumptions and work with them."

A multiracial woman of African-American, Arawak Indian and Russian-Jewish American mix, Butler spoke to students about her film through interactive partner

and group discussions.

With "seeds of conversation," we can delve deeper in the full meaning of our environment, Butler said.

"If white people don't stand up, you are definitely going to have a hard time ever retaining anything ever remotely resembling a just community," Wise said in his final statement in the documentary.

Overall, Butler's message was a positive one.

"May you go forth and be curious of what you don't know," she said.

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2006 Opus Prize Notre Dame Student Award

The Opus Prize is a \$1 million award given annually by the Opus Prize Foundation to an unsung hero working on the front lines of the most dire social problems of our day. The recipient is an individual whose faith-based, entrepreneurial leadership helps people transform their lives. In conjunction with this award, the University of Notre Dame will select a student to receive a \$5,000 award to be donated to an organization that he or she has founded.

The Office of the President of the University of Notre Dame is seeking nominations for the concurrent student award. We seek nominations of any current student committed to the values of social entrepreneurship, transformational leadership, self-sufficiency, faith, and service to others, and who has developed an organization based on these values.

Nomination forms can be picked up at the Office of the President (400 Main Building) or at the Center for Social Concerns.

Please return completed nominations by

October 2, 2006, to:

The Office of the President
Attn: Opus Prize Review Committee
400 Main Building
Notre Dame, IN 46556

The University of Notre Dame, on behalf of the Opus Prize Foundation, will award the 2006 Opus Prize on November 8. The student prize will also be awarded at that time.

MCAT

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Administered about 75,000 times per year, the MCAT is one of the crucial components medical schools look at when evaluating an applicant.

The test is a concern at Notre Dame, which generally has roughly 280-300 medical school applicants per year, placing it about "18th or 19th in the country" in terms of highest number of applicants, Foster said.

Schools with the largest numbers nationally include University of California, Los Angeles, University of California, Berkeley and the University of Michigan with roughly 600 to 700 applicants per year, said Amjed Mustafa, program manager for MCAT for Kaplan, the leading company in standardized test preparation.

"[Notre Dame is] probably around the halfway point with about 300 students applying," he said.

With so many students applying to medical school — nearly 44,000 applied last year and only 17,001 enrolled — the AAMC decided to also change the number of times the exam is administered. Whereas in years past the MCAT was offered only two times throughout the year, that number has jumped to a record-high 22 times per year, due largely to the new computerized format.

"I do think that given the nature of the fact that you have test dates later in May, in June, July, earlier August, more students will be taking the test not at Notre Dame, but in their home area or after they've left here," Foster said. "That's part of the cultural shift that's going to be made ... students will have to plan to take the test in advance."

Additionally, tests are now available Monday through Saturday, both morning and afternoon.

Along with the change to being computerized, the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), the group that creates and administers the MCAT, made subsequent changes to the length of the exam and number of questions.

Though the subjects tested — physical sciences, verbal reasoning, writing sample and biological sciences — remain the same, the amount of questions has been decreased by nearly one-third and allowed testing time is reduced by 30 percent. While the paper exam took 8.5 hours, the new computerized exam takes 5.5 hours.

"In the past we've seen trends shifting from more emphasis on organic chemistry to less emphasis on organic chemistry," Mustafa said. "This time, as for change in content, there is none."

Though students are looking forward to the shorter exam,

Mustafa said one cause for concern is that students are not familiar with computerized exams.

"When we surveyed about 3,000 potential test takers ... eighty percent had not taken a college exam on the computer before," he said.

The AAMC offering students realistic practice on the computers before their test date is key, both Foster and Mustafa said.

"This first year ... is going to have its bumps along the way but I think that rather than feeding fears they try to give people the opportunity to experience what it's like," Foster said.

"In some ways it's going to be less of a burden for the students because there really was this kind of marathon day before whereas now I think it's a little more reasonable."

A Kaplan team has been working to move over 10,000 questions into computer format so students can go onto their Web site and try a free practice test that simulates the real exam, Mustafa said.

Making students feel secure taking the exam is as much of a concern for AAMC as is the actual securing of computers.

"Part of the challenge for the AAMC is to figure out exactly how to lock those computers to make

sure the only thing the student sees is the MCAT," Mustafa said, mentioning that finger printing and facial recognition tactics are being discussed.

Security was one of the reasons the AAMC pushed to change into a computer format, as there were lingering administrative concerns about the paper exam, including proctors giving students too much or too little time and the actual logistics of shipping exams, Mustafa said.

All of these concerns over the paper-and-pencil style exam culminated into one collective decision to go computerized — not that the new model comes without concern.

Though there are Thompson Prometric locations all around the country, South Bend is a troubled area in terms of finding testing centers.

"South Bend is one of those cases that is mentioned as an especially problematic area for computerized test administration because the campus is really large but also in an isolated area," Mustafa said. "Students in such areas have less access than most others will to computer testing centers."

Limited number of seating in a computer exam room — generally 14-18 seats, Foster said — is

also cause for concern. The AAMC hopes to make up for that problem not only by offering more exam dates, but also by allowing students to sit for the MCAT up to three times per year.

Still, the AAMC is looking to solve the issue of limited seating in a computer exam room by using mobile testing units in local-

ized areas where there is an extremely low number of Prometric testing centers.

"That's one of the reasons they have a contingency plan set that allows them to roll out mobile testing units ... with expandable sides, very high tech trailers," Mustafa said. "They are looking at South Bend as one of those particular test cases [to use] mobile testing units."

Though the MCAT is often the "last opportunity for students to show [medical] schools what they're really about," Mustafa said, a student's grade point average (G.P.A.) is equally important to medical schools.

"You really do see a difference between what your G.P.A. is," Foster said. "3.5 or above have a 94 to 95 percent chance of acceptance."

Notre Dame's numbers, however, are a bit higher.

"Everyone with above a 3.75 last year was accepted," Foster said.

For G.P.A.s ranging from 3.25-3.5, Notre Dame had a 76 percent acceptance rate. For a 3.0 to a 3.25, Notre Dame had a 52 percent acceptance rate.

The application process — which Foster's office begins helping students with about a "year and a half prior to matriculation" — is not just about finding a

school that would accept a student with a certain G.P.A., but finding the place where the student best fits.

"We want them to be applying to their state schools," Foster said. "But you will see them applying to schools all over. There are some schools that are known to like Notre Dame students and schools that Notre Dame students will like."

Foster mentioned Indiana University, Loyola University in Chicago, Georgetown University, Tulane University, St. Louis University, Vanderbilt University and Emory University as schools where "people from Notre Dame feel at home because of the culture of those institutions."

"One thing that is an advantage to Notre Dame is that we are large enough to have a reputation for turning out great medical students and still small enough that we can afford to provide a high level of support, like individual advising and an advisor's letter attached to faculty letters," said Kathleen Kolberg, assistant dean for undergraduate studies in the College of Science.

Foster said that many medical schools like students from Notre Dame because of the strong community spirit, service orientation and good grounding in ethics. He said the undergraduate students have a good understanding of the holistic nature of medical care.

"They learn to treat the person's psyche and spirit as well, to attend to the person," he said.

Foster said that he hopes to enhance not just the numbers or percentages of students accepted to medical school, but the numbers of places that they are accepted.

"We'd like to see them accepted to more than a couple of places so that they have some choices ... so they can choose the school where they think they best fit," he said.

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Chapel

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think it is thrilling that weddings can once again be held in such a beautiful place, Fean said.

"It's exciting for them to be able to come back to a place that's so important to them to celebrate a sacrament in their lives," she said.

As future Saint Mary's alumnae, College students are also intrigued by the idea of returning to their alma mater to wed.

"I would definitely consider getting married there," junior Erica Rath said. "It's gorgeous."

"I think it's an ideal place to get married except for the fact that it's in a dorm."

The reopening of the chapel has not been highly publicized yet, Fean said, but there are already a few requests for next summer.

An undetermined fee will be charged for couples to reserve the space, obtain rehearsal time, work with a wedding coordinator and hold the actual ceremony, Fean said.

The Office of Special Events will work with couples to do most of the coordinating for the events, but the department of Campus Ministry will take part in preparing couples for the sacrament.

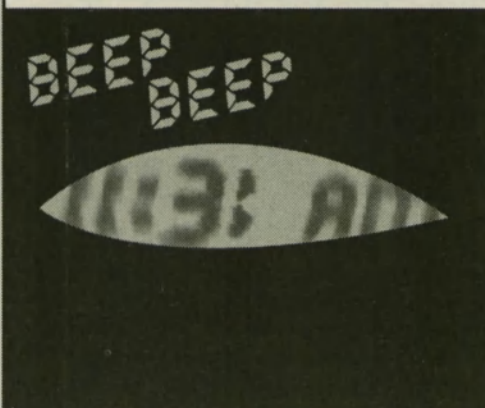
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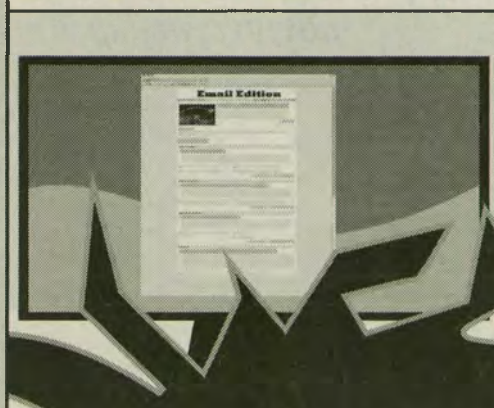
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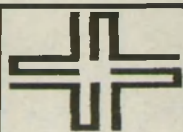
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Hungarian protest crowds diminish

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Thousands of protesters gathered in a downtown square Sunday to demand the prime minister quit for lying about the dire state of the economy. But in a sign that passions might be ebbing after a week of demonstrations, the crowd was significantly smaller than before.

Despite the additional attraction of a pop concert by local stars, no more than 2,500 people remained by late evening at Kossuth Square in front of the parliament building, which has been the main protest site. With the weather balmy, 20,000 people flocked to the square on Saturday — the biggest demonstration to date against Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany.

Gyurcsany remained defiant. In an interview published Sunday, he said he still planned to seek his party's chairmanship next year and that the results of next Sunday's municipal elections would not affect his plans.

Hussein defense team boycotts trial

AMMAN, Jordan — Saddam Hussein's defense team will boycott his genocide trial indefinitely, his chief lawyer said Sunday, accusing the judges of violating Iraqi law.

The move was unlikely to halt Saddam's second trial, just as a similar walkout had no effect on his first, since the chief judge said he would appoint replacements after the lawyers stormed out of court last week. Proceedings resume Monday.

Still, the boycott could raise further questions about the court, which already was under fire over the replacement of the first chief judge.

Saddam's head lawyer, Khalil al-Dulaimi, called the decision to replace Judge Abdullah al-Amiri a "flagrant violation of the law."

NATIONAL NEWS

Falwell: Clinton comment misjudged

RICHMOND, Va. — The Rev. Jerry Falwell acknowledged on Sunday saying that if Hillary Rodham Clinton were the Democrats' presidential nominee in 2008, it would motivate conservative evangelical Christians to oppose her more than if the devil himself were running.

Falwell said in a telephone interview that his comments to several hundred pastors and religious activists at the "Value Voter Summit" conference were "totally tongue-in-cheek."

"I certainly hope that Hillary is the candidate," Falwell said at a breakfast session Friday in Washington. "I hope she's the candidate, because nothing will energize my (constituency) like Hillary Clinton," he said. "If Lucifer ran, he wouldn't."

Slain children's remains recovered

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. — Preliminary autopsies show that three children of the woman slain in a fetus theft case were drowned, the coroner told The Associated Press on Sunday.

The bodies of the children, ages 7, 2, and 1, were found Saturday decomposing inside the washer and dryer of their apartment, hours after a woman was charged with killing their pregnant mother and her fetus.

Autopsies on Sunday showed no signs of physical abuse or trauma on the children, and toxicology tests were pending.

LOCAL NEWS

Court will hear cop killer's appeal

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Supreme Court has agreed to hear the appeal of a man sentenced to life in prison for the 1998 killing of a Goshen police officer.

If Frankie Salyers, 27, wins the appeal, he could face a sentence of 45 to 65 years in prison, rather than the current life term he's serving at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City.

Elkhart Circuit Judge Gene Duffin sentenced Salyers in 2005 to life in prison. The sentencing came 6 1/2 years after Salyers shot and killed Goshen Patrolman Thomas Goodwin.

Severe storms, flooding kill 11

Power and phone outages, evacuations follow heavy rain in Midwest and South

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Stormy weather blamed for 11 deaths in the Midwest and South subsided on Sunday, though residents in some states remained shut out of their homes due to high waters.

Flood warnings remained in effect for parts of Arkansas, Kentucky and Missouri. Many Kentucky roads were still submerged on Sunday, but waters in many areas began to recede.

"It looks like everything's kind of quieting down, and things are being handled on the local level right now," said Buddy Rogers, a spokesman for the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management in Frankfort.

The storms that hit parts of Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee Friday and Saturday stranded people in cars, forced others from their homes and left thousands without power.

The death toll in Kentucky reached eight, including a father and his 1-year-old daughter in a truck that skidded in floodwaters. In Arkansas, a woman whose boat was struck by lightning died and authorities were searching by boat and on foot for two missing people they believe were swept away by flood waters.

In the southern Illinois' Williamson County, authorities say lightening was the apparent cause of a weekend house fire that killed two women, ages 89 and 73, before dawn Saturday.

The National Weather Service reported that areas of Kentucky received at least 5 inches of rain, with isolated regions getting close to 10 inches. Over 24 hours, parts of northeast Arkansas and southeast Missouri received more than 10 inches of rain, the weather service reported.

LG&E, Kentucky's largest electricity provider, said power was restored to its nearly 1,300 customers



Trish Erzfeld carries a piece of bedroom furniture to an awaiting truck as she helps family members salvage items from their storm-damaged home in Crosstown, Mo., Sept. 23.

who were cut off by the storm. Phone service was restored to many in Kentucky's Hardin County who had been affected.

The American Red Cross and six county emergency agencies used boats and school buses to transport about 200 people attending at the Terrapin Hill Harvest Festival at a farmstead in Mercer County to a nearby shelter after rising waters forced an evacuation, said Ruthann Phillips of the Red Cross.

"It was almost Katrina-like pretty much," said Chester Craig, a lieutenant with the Mercer Central Volunteer Fire Department. "There were vehicles underwater and people were walking around in a daze."

Arkansas rivers swelled

up to 8 feet above flood levels, officials said.

Campers at River Bend Park in Hardy, Ark., were asked to evacuate Friday night, when the Spring River began rising. Rescue crews were first called early Saturday morning, when campers and residents were stranded because of the rising water.

"I didn't think we were going to make it out of there," said Charles Lenderman, who was staying in a camper his family uses on weekends and the summer. Lenderman said he awoke Saturday morning to find knee-high water in his kitchen. Lenderman and family members — wearing life jackets — swam from the camper to higher ground about 100 yards away.

"I was scared to death," he said. "It was spooky down there. The river turned into a mile-wide river there."

Elsewhere, a tornado touched down Saturday night in Kent County in western Michigan, peeling off the roof of a barn, overturning vehicles and damaging businesses, according to the weather service. No injuries were reported.

In central and eastern Missouri, hundreds were without homes or power a day after a storm churned up about 10 tornadoes and drenched parts of the state with as much as a foot of rain. Nearly 400 structures were damaged or destroyed and at least 10 people were injured, said Susie Stonner, a state emergency management spokeswoman.

Basque militants seek sovereignty

Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — Gun-toting Basque militants claiming to speak for ETA said the Basque separatist group will "keep taking up arms" until the region achieves independence, a newspaper reported Sunday — the starkest sign yet that a fledgling peace process is struggling.

The warning came in a statement Saturday night — exactly six months after ETA declared what it called a permanent cease-fire. It was read by one of three masked pro-ETA militants who appeared on a stage at a pro-independence rally in the Basque

region village of Aritxulegi near San Sebastian, said the nationalist newspaper Gara, which often serves as a mouthpiece for ETA.

"Until we achieve independence and socialism in the Basque country, we reaffirm our commitment to keep taking up arms firmly," the statement said, according to Gara. "The fight is not a thing of the past. It is the present and the future."

The statement made no mention of the cease-fire ETA declared on March 22, Gara said. Previous ETA communiqués since the truce began have said it remains in force even though the separatists complained about how the

peace process was evolving.

When it declared the truce in March, ETA said it wanted a negotiated end to a nearly 40-year conflict in which it has killed more than 800 people and become Europe's last active, armed political militancy. Cautious optimism spread throughout Spain.

Socialist Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero concluded in June that the cease-fire was sincere and told Parliament he would negotiate with ETA, but only to achieve its dissolution and decide the fate of hundreds of ETA prisoners in Spanish jails — not make concessions toward Basque independence.

Game

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freshman Jim Murphy said. For Murphy, who was in attendance, the most satisfying moment of the day was “seeing the pride on the players faces as they came over to sing the Alma Mater.”

Back on campus, the fight song rang out over the quads while jubilant confusion struck the student body. Many bewildered students found themselves ankle deep in the waters of North Quad’s Clarke Memorial Fountain (Stonehenge). Cheers, jigs and push-ups filled the night, creating a rare and unforgettable moment for those in attendance.

Freshman Josh Garrett joined the festivities soon after the game clock hit 0:00.

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Notre Dame Security Police officers were “monitoring the celebration at Stonehenge but made no arrests,” Associate Director of Notre Dame Security/Police Phil Johnson said. “NDSP was present during the celebratory gathering and we were concerned that no one gets hurt,” he said. “Our officers helped people get out of [Stonehenge] — it’s a very slippery pool.”

Around 3 a.m., the band, students and the football players began to return to campus. The team was greeted like a group of conquering heroes when nearly 75 students welcomed them as they arrived at the Guglielmino Athletics Complex in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Freshman Rob Jones described the scene as “electric and a great way to finish off a great night.”

“We all lined up to cheer for them, and even though they looked exhausted, many reveled in the moment and showed their appreciation,” he said.

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Mural

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After being rediscovered by hall staff last year in a storage closet, the Gregori mural was renovated and moved into a second floor study lounge.

St. Edward’s Rector Father Ralph Haag, said the administration felt it had to preserve the mural, which once stood as the backdrop of a stage on the second floor, because it was so historically rich.

The room housing the mural is being turned into an air-conditioned study room, which “isn’t quite finished,” Haag said.

The hall will formally open the room as part of the celebration of Founder’s Week during the week of October 22.

Haag said he is unsure of the mural’s worth.

“How can you put a price tag on Notre Dame history?” he said. “[The mural] is a great source of pride for the gentlemen of St.

Ed’s.”

Luigi Gregori, an Italian painter who lived from 1819 to 1896, also painted the murals in the Main Building.

The mural in St. Ed’s depicts Father Sorin performing a wedding ceremony for the local Potawatomi Indians. The top of the mural

“It’s too bad there isn’t a before-and-after picture [of the mural]. People would be amazed.”

Jeffrey Shoup
director of residence life

reads, “Very Rev. Edward Sorin, C.S.C.,” and the bottom reads, “Founding Notre Dame Nov. 1842.”

Its colors are primarily deep red, green and gold — colors characteristic of the other Gregori murals on campus, Haag said.

“It’s a pretty big thing,” Haag

said. “The same great artist that did the Dome did our hall as well.”

Haag said the fact that the mural survived the 1980 fire, which greatly damaged the hall, was

amazing.

Deborah Murray, manager of maintenance and projects, said the restoration project started during the end of June and lasted about five weeks. She was unable to give an estimate of the project’s cost.

Every spring, rectors of the residence halls and the Office of Residence Life

and Housing propose projects for their halls to be completed during the summer. Director of Residence Life and Housing Jeffrey Shoup said.

The request for the mural project was put in last spring and “was a mutual request from the rector of St. Ed’s and myself,” Shoup said.

Haag said he is thankful that the University did something to preserve the mural.

“It’s too bad there isn’t a before-and-after picture [of the mural],” Shoup said. “People would be amazed.”

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Run

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three-mile run drew the highest number of participants, and female undergraduate students had the highest overall representation at the event.

Freshman Michael Rose was the overall and men’s undergraduate winner in the three-mile run with a time of 17:31. Olenka Bilyk won the women’s undergraduate division with a time of 21:41.

Dan McGrath, a graduate student, was the overall winner in the six-mile run with a time of 31:23. Senior Jen Richard was the first woman to cross the finish line in the six-mile run with a time of 39:48.

Weber said the Domer Run Committee, including members of RecSports, the Alumni Association and the Women’s Task Force — as well as other volunteers — helped to staff the event.

According to Weber, there were a number of cancer survivors “all wearing dark green tee shirts,” who volunteered at water stations and different points throughout the course.

Domer Run began at 11 a.m. at Moose Krause Drive near Notre Dame Stadium and took participants through various parts of Notre Dame’s campus.

All finishers received T-shirts donated by the ND Alumni Association and co-sponsored by RecSports and Work Life and were treated to a pancake buffet at the finish line.

“Winners in 23 categories received plaques and gift certificates for Adidas sandals,” Weber said.

Domer Run began as an event for students to participate in during one away foot-

ball game in the fall. When RecSports partnered with the Alumni Association to co-sponsor the event in 1997, the Run became a fundraiser for cancer awareness and aid programs. Since 1997, the Run has benefited various types of cancer research, education, support groups and foundations.

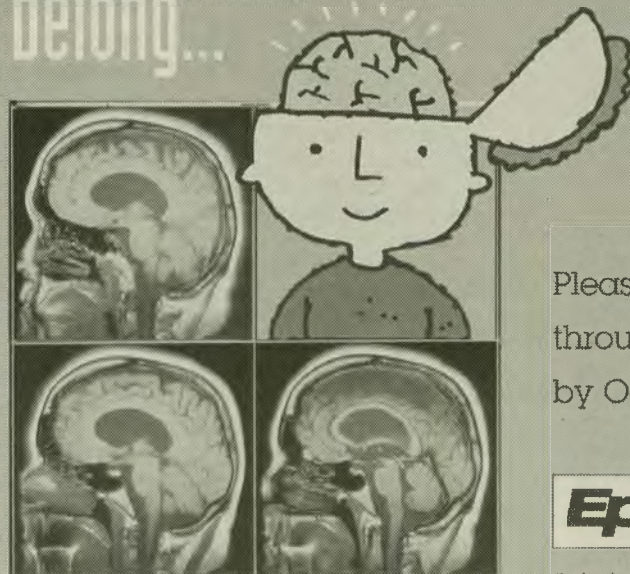
Members of the Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross communities could register for the Run for \$10 in advance or \$15 the day of the race.

Participation was also open to alumni, members of Little Flower Parish, Center for the Homeless and the Women’s Task Force. Registration was \$15.00 for these off campus groups.

On Sunday, Weber said RecSports was still in the process of calculating total proceeds from the Run.

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Up: 1,239 Same: 142 Down: 2,009 Composite Volume: 2,212,826,530

AMEX	1,918.27	-15.70
NASDAQ	2,218.93	-18.82
NYSE	8,344.67	-28.64
S&P 500	1,314.78	-3.25
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	15,634.67	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	5,822.30	-74.40

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	-0.77	-0.31	39.87
INTEL CP (INTC)	-0.63	-0.12	19.07
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-3.65	-0.19	5.02
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.89	-0.24	26.66
JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	+0.93	+0.02	2.17

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.10	-0.051	4.597
13-WEEK BILL	+0.10	+0.005	4.790
30-YEAR BOND	-0.96	-0.046	4.738
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.11	-0.051	4.547

Commodities		
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-1.04	60.55
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+7.10	595.40
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.50	86.50

Exchange Rates		
YEN		116.6400
EURO		0.7821
POUND		0.5263
CANADIAN \$		1.1178

IN BRIEF

Boston Scientific suffers after report

NEW YORK — Shares of Boston Scientific Corp. tumbled 9 percent Friday, a day after it said it expects to report earnings and sales for the third quarter that were below analysts' expectations.

The heart care device company said Thursday it expects to report earnings excluding acquisition-related charges for the third quarter of 6 cents to 10 cents a share. That excludes charges of 5 cents per share associated with its acquisition of Indianapolis-based Guidant Corp.

Analysts polled by Thomson Financial forecast earnings of 16 cents per share, excluding charges.

Preliminary net sales in the third quarter range from \$1.97 billion to \$2.04 billion. Analysts had expected sales of \$2.17 billion for the quarter.

Shares fell \$1.51, or 9.2 percent, to close at \$14.85 on the New York Stock Exchange. Shares have traded between \$15.46 to \$27.82 over the past 52 weeks and are down about 40 percent from the beginning of the year.

Sun Capital to acquire local chain

FISHERS, Ind. — Marsh Supermarkets Inc. shareholders on Friday approved the nearly \$88 million acquisition by a private, Florida-based investment fund, Sun Capital Partners Inc.

Marsh was one of the more venerable of Indiana's family-run businesses. But it was set to sever the last of those ties before the end of the month.

"I think I know what you're going to get," Chairman and CEO Don E. Marsh told employees of how the business would be under Sun Capital. "You're going to get something a whole lot different. There are going to be modifications."

The 75-year-old grocery chain, in announcing the mailing of proxy materials related to vote last month, said it expected to complete the sale by the end of September.

Marsh's board of directors in May unanimously approved the sale in which Sun would pay \$11.125 per share in cash for Marsh. Marsh's directors and executive officers at the time of the proxy mailing on Aug. 18 owned 20 percent of outstanding shares of the company's Class A stock and more than 10 percent of Class B stock.

L.A. Times, Tribune at standoff

Unrest remains at Tribune's largest newspaper after management's refusal to cut costs

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Tribune Co. took a big step toward easing shareholder anger this week when it opened the door to a broad restructuring of the company, but it still faces unrest at its biggest and most important property — the Los Angeles Times.

The publisher and editor at the newspaper, the fourth largest in the country, have so far pulled off what few would dare attempt: A public refusal to implement corporate-mandated cost cuts. So far, they haven't been fired.

The situation has industry observers wondering just how executives at Chicago-based Tribune will handle publisher Jeffrey Johnson and editor Dean Baquet, whose resistance to further cuts to the Pulitzer-winning newspaper's staff is one of several critical issues facing the parent company.

"I cannot recall a single incident of a publisher and editor of a major newspaper such as the Los Angeles Times telling their corporate headquarters to go get stuffed, which is what has been said in Los Angeles," said Conrad C. Fink, who teaches newspaper management at the University of Georgia.

Like many old media companies, Tribune is struggling with declining advertising and circulation as readers age and younger consumers turn to Web sites for news.

Meanwhile, shareholders have been clamoring for the results that were promised when the company bought Times-Mirror in 2000 for about \$8 billion.

While the Chicago Tribune is the namesake paper of the Tribune media empire, the Times is its single largest asset, accounting for nearly 20 percent of its 2005 revenue of \$5.6 billion, according to sources cited by the Times.

This year, the Times,



Vendor Bobby Wolfe displays copies of the Los Angeles Times, the Tribune Company's largest newspaper, at his Hollywood newsstand Sept. 21 in Los Angeles.

with 940 editorial positions, is expected to generate pretax profit of about \$250 million based on a profit margin of 20 percent.

The Tribune wants the Times to keep expenses flat for 2007, a goal that would involve cutting about \$3 million from the editorial budget, according to a Times executive who requested anonymity because he was not in a position to disclose the information publicly.

Tribune has called for cuts at all its newspapers, which include The Baltimore Sun, Orlando Sentinel and Newsday.

On Thursday, Tribune's board voted unanimously to consider corporate

restructuring options. The board is expected to decide on a course by year's end.

Chief Executive Dennis FitzSimons said the plans would not include selling the Times. He declined to say whether the board discussed the management revolt at the paper.

The Times has already cut 200 editorial positions during the past five years.

"I just have a difference of opinion with the owners of Tribune about what the size of the staff should be," Baquet said in a Sept. 14 Times story. "To make substantial reductions would significantly damage the quality of the paper."

Johnson agreed, saying "newspapers can't cut their way into the future."

The Times editorial staff has rallied behind Johnson and Baquet and sent a letter supporting them to Tribune executives.

The response from Tribune has been measured, with FitzSimons defending the company's stewardship of the Times.

That FitzSimons didn't immediately fire Johnson and Baquet has some perplexed.

"You either choose to do what you've been ordered to do or you don't belong in the position," said Jay T. Harris, a former publisher of the San Jose Mercury News who quit the paper in 2001 before publicly challenging parent company Knight Ridder Inc. over budget issues.

Stocks down amid Fed aftershocks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street's growing pessimism about the economy sent stocks down for a second straight day Friday, as investors lost the enthusiasm that followed Wednesday's Federal Reserve decision to leave interest rates unchanged.

The market was caught off guard Thursday by a report from the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia that showed regional manufacturing activity fell to a negative reading for the first time in more than three years. Prior to the manufacturing data, the Dow Jones industrial average had been within 100 points of its January 2000 high of 11,722.98 fol-

lowing the Fed's widely expected decision on short-term interest rates.

"I think the markets are all of a sudden worried about slower growth," said Dean Junkans, chief investment officer for Wells Fargo Private Client Services. "I wouldn't put as much emphasis on one number as the market seems to have done in the last couple days," he said, referring to the Philadelphia Fed figure.

Junkans contends the markets have overreacted to the Philadelphia data and were perhaps looking for a reason to pause after posting strong gains in September.

"If you're looking to take some profits that number probably gave you a reason to do that," he said.

The Dow closed down 25.13, or 0.22 percent, at 11,508.10, having dropped nearly 80 points Thursday.

Broader stock indicators also fell. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 3.25, or 0.25 percent, at 1,314.78 and the Nasdaq composite index fell 18.82, or 0.84 percent, to 2,218.93.

Bonds jumped sharply, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.59 percent from 4.64 percent late Thursday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

Oil settled down \$1.29 at \$60.30 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange after falling earlier in the week following a report showing a jump in U.S. distillate supplies.

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U-WIRE

Re-evaluate historical heroes

American mythology is littered with far more than its fair share of bad heroes. Woodrow Wilson was a total jerk, Thomas Jefferson was a hypocritical slave-owner, Ben Franklin went to bed early and so on. George Washington, an abysmal military strategist, by the way, is lauded for having the guts to fess up to chopping down a tree. What could possibly make a worse case for heroism? I'll tell you. Someone who is single-handedly responsible for some of the worst environmental crimes in America's history. An ecological serial killer, a deranged, misguided vigilante. Someone who not only killed loads of cherry trees, but didn't even have the guts to fess up to it.

That's right, I'm talking about one of the greatest villains of all time, Johnny Appleseed. Johnny Appleseed was an eco-terrorist. Apple trees are an invasive species. When you go around spreading apple seeds all over the place, willy-nilly, with no regard for nature's balance, the apples take over, wiping out weaker species and making entire forests dull and same-looking. However much you may like apples and apple trees, they wreak havoc on our biodiversity. For shame! In Mother Nature's eyes, apple trees are weeds. Poison weeds!

I'm making no idle point here. This is not for fun. This is serious. When I was enjoying grades kindergarten through third, I learned about Johnny Appleseed over and over. Let's ignore for a moment the thousands of better things I could have been learning about and focus instead on the direct damage caused by that particular story.

Are our children supposed to grow up to think nature is theirs to mess with and

shape as they please, with no regard for nature's careful balances? Are our children supposed to look up to this Johnny "Osama bin-Appleseed" eco-terrorist? Is that what we want?

I see two possible paths for the children of our great country. As a society, we can raise children who want to grow up to be doctors, lawyers, sanitation workers, receptionists, psychologists, psychopaths and Chef Boyardees (all noble professions). Or we can raise an entire generation of people who want to graduate college, then start off on a long hiking trip with nothing but the shirts on their backs and a burlap sack full of the seeds of invasive species.

Should we really fill them up with insane pipe dreams, letting them think the path to fame, fortune success and the like is paved with apple seeds? Or do we want them working hard and flossing properly?

I guess we need some sort of historical pantheon, a large group of important figures for us to mythologize and look up to. So if Johnny Appleseed goes, we should probably replace him.

Lucky for us, the ideal replacement historical figure is within our grasp, assuming our fingers are big enough. Dave Thomas, the founder of Wendy's Restaurants, is clearly the man for the job. First of all, he's dead, as all good heroes should be. But his heroic corpse is still warm, so to speak, making him "hip" and "fresh" like fast food, but not edible like fast food. His hipness stands in direct contrast to Johnny Boringseed's lack of hipness. Osama bin-Boringseed, though he still stood a dangerous chance of making kids think terrorism was cool, was definitely old hat. Everyone knows you can't "hike" America anymore, you'd get beaten up, arrested or both.

Secondly, it's fair to replace Johnny "I suck" Appleseed with Thomas, because they both did somewhat similar things.

Both spread edible product throughout America with beaming smiles on their faces. That makes it an apples-to-apples comparison. Appleseed with a diabolical eco-terrorist grin and Thomas with the kindly grin of an old family man who just plain likes people. You can just tell by that smile, Dave Thomas was true blue, a real nice guy. While Johnny Appleseed modeled the world in his vision, imposing his favorite food on everyone, Thomas made burgers in the name of his lovely red-haired niece. What a cute story!

To those who say Thomas wiped out Mom and Pop stores, I say yes, we would have to consider that, if it weren't for one important detail. Thomas would be unfit for a place in the historical pantheon if the burgers were not square. But the inconvenient (for the naysayers!) truth is that the burgers ARE square, thereby serving as big meaty beacons of acceptance for squares everywhere.

Before we get carried away, we must think about whether we are being racist or not. We might be! For those worried about replacing a thin dead white guy with a portly dead white guy, we might consider instead replacing Mr. Appleseed in the historical pantheon with a live Mexican dog. How many other American heroes are Mexican? Sadly, none. That dog could serve as a role model for Latinos and those of other races alike, spreading the joys of cultural interchange. Would you know what a cholupa was before the dog? I think not! Say it with me, "Yo quiero racial equality tambien."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Age does not diminish the extreme disappointment of having a scoop of ice cream fall from the cone."

Jim Fieblg
writer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Notre Dame football comes back

Team shows class

Unless you have been living under a rock, you have heard of the affront that took place on the fifty yard line of Notre Dame Stadium after the MSU loss last year. You couldn't miss it; it was all over the media. What happened after this weekend's game, however, appears to have missed the media's radar altogether. Immediately after the amazing Irish comeback, even before even shaking the Notre Dame players' hands, three of the larger Spartan players took guard at their 50-yard line. They remained in position while their teammates shuffled into the locker room, through the Irish Alma Mater, and did not retreat until every Irish player had left the field. Sparty, State's plush, pseudo-muscular mascot, even took a knee behind the guard's protection and kissed the 50 as if to say, "win or lose, at least we can protect our field." My question is this: how little class can a football team have? They obviously demonstrated their lack thereof at the end of last year's match, but to assume that we would show a similar lack of respect for their program and players is just insulting. Every sane Irish fan knew that no Irish player would even contemplate planting a flag on their field, not only because Coach Charlie Weis

would have no part in such an act, but because our players know how to win with humility. The only thing on their minds after that stormy comeback was to get over to our student section and celebrate with the fans. The simple fact that the hostile Spartans remained to protect the field shows that the State players have no idea how to lose with dignity. It was almost as if they were trying to imply that even though we beat them during the game, they succeeded where we failed last year: in defending the field. The Irish know that college football is not about planting flags. The antics before and after a game only detract from the sportsmanship displayed during play. The simple truth is our team doesn't want to disrespect our opponents' university, fans, or team; we know the game is over at the end of the fourth quarter. Gloating has no place in a well-disciplined football team. Notre Dame football is a class act and I am proud to call them my team — thanks Charlie. Oh, and thanks, Cory, for the tickets.

Joshua Mengers
South Bend
Sept. 24

Character counts

I was a guest on your campus for an extended weekend and attended the Michigan game. At age 57, it was my first opportunity to experience the Notre Dame campus and interact with the students. At first, I was impressed at how warmly I was greeted by the students walking on campus. Everyone I passed greeted me with a 'Hi' or 'Glad you're here.' I stopped at Sorin to get an idea of what your dorms looked like, and not only was invited in to take a look, but was also invited to view other rooms with all kinds of unique configurations to enhance the small amount of space available. I was amazed to see all the families that roamed campus, with small children, dressed in their Notre Dame blue and gold, soaking it all up. Nothing prepared me for what I saw at the game. No, not the disappointing loss, but rather the fact that the student body stood throughout the game and was still there, at the end of the game, to support the team. I've never seen anything like it. I've never seen a more impressive sight at a football game, and I've been to a lot of football games. Never have I seen more character displayed by a group of students. I know that I wasn't the only fan to notice this as I understand that there was a recruit that committed to the University for that very same reason. I read, with disappointment, that a number of seniors decided to skip out before the game's end and are now trying to justify their actions. Sorry, seniors, there is no justification for your decision to leave. Surprising to me is how you made it through all that time at ND and don't understand the concepts of loyalty, character, and tradition. I was on the campus for four days and figured it out immediately. I was standing there at the end. Where were you?

Mark Schwartz
Scottsdale, Ariz.
Sept. 23

What makes Notre Dame special

As a nearly 30 year alumna of the University, I always enjoy returning to campus for a visit. I was somewhat saddened, however, during my most recent visit for the ND-Penn State game. I was saddened because I only obtained tickets to the game (although I sent for nine different sets of tickets through my application and those of my sister and my so, I received none) through the kindness of a fellow alum who is able to be much more generous to the University than I can. I was saddened because I had to walk over a mile and a half to get to the stadium, because I don't donate enough to qualify for the parking bestowed upon those who give the big bucks. I was saddened because the humble little University I remember from 30 years ago seems to be suddenly caught up in a big dollar glitz of self-

importance. Thus my sadness brings some advice for you future alums. If you enjoy the Notre Dame football experience you've had for the last few years and hope to continue it upon graduation, go for the big money jobs. Apparently, it's only through large donations that one is considered worthy of receiving football tickets and Joyce Center or Blue Field parking. I didn't know by choosing to be an inner-city elementary teacher that I would be forfeiting my Notre Dame football "privileges". I thought I was choosing a career befitting a University that prides itself on service. Perhaps I was wrong.

Sue Grant
alumna
class of 1977
Sept. 24

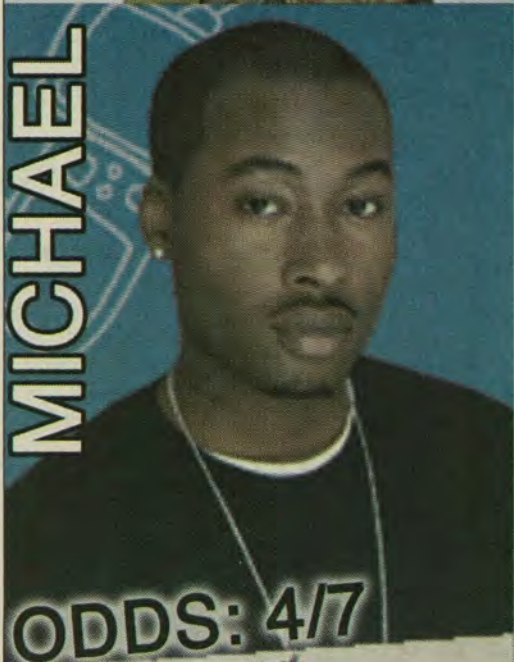
Give credit to marching band

Give due credit of last Saturday's win to the Notre Dame marching band. We sat across from them on the press box side of the field. They had to stand on the sideline the entire game, and they played their hearts out in the last eight minutes of that game when Michigan State imploded. They made the noise of 30,000 screaming Irish fans every time the Spartans tried to run plays from deep in their own territory late in the game. I don't think that Notre Dame would have won the game without them. I am told that the Michigan State game was their only scheduled road game. If this is true, it's a shame. The University should cough up the money to send them on the road every time we play a quality opponent.

Thomas D. Drake
alumnus
class of 1974
Sept. 24

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"PROJECT RUNWAY" FEATURE

The familiar phrase, "Make it work, people!" has become the mantra of Bravo's "Project Runway," the fashion world's take on the reality television phenomenon. Taking a page from the "Survivor" handbook — but with a slight change in attire — "Project Runway" is a glossy, glitzy and grungy look at the inner workings of the world of fashion through the eyes of 16 designer contestants. "Runway" has been a runaway success for the network, averaging 3.4 million viewers per episode. According to Bravo, "Runway" has become its No. 1 show.

Now in its third season, "Project Runway" has a format built on simplicity. Weekly episodes chronicle various challenges — ranging from spinning clothes from home furnishings to constructing window displays at Saks Fifth Avenue — in which the designers must work with their minds, hands and sewing machines to succeed. Each season culminates in the final contestants showing their collections at Olympus Fashion Week in New York.

The program is hosted by Heidi Klum, the famous German model known for her work with lingerie line Victoria's Secret. Klum is the show's anchor, relaying challenges to contestants and delivering the fatal blow to the unfortunate designer who loses each project. Despite her tendency to be overly blunt, as well as her mysteriously perpetual state of pregnancy, Klum is a vital ingredient in the "Project Runway" formula for success.

The contestants must face evaluation from a trio of judges. The first is well-known designer Michael Kors, whose sense of style and sharp humor lends the show a sense of humor. Nina Garcia, fashion editor of Elle Magazine, is the second judge, and her personal aesthetic sense often comes in conflict with those of the show's contestants.

A rotating celebrity judge rounds out the trio. Past judges include wedding

gown designer and design icon Vera Wang and Nancy O'Dell of televised tabloid "Access Hollywood." All the while, Klum moderates with typical German efficiency, personal composure and an "Auf Wiedersehn" at each episode's conclusion.

The true star of "Runway," however, is Tim Gunn, chairman of the fashion design department of the Parsons School of Design in New York City and surrogate den mother to the show's contestants. Gunn's deliciously dry sense of humor and deadpanned manner accentuate his blunt but heartfelt insights into the errors and shortcomings of these "students."

It is Gunn who coined the show's signature phrase, "Make it work, people!" His no-nonsense sense of style and function carries throughout the show, and he has become both the show's centering personality and the target of much fan affection.

The appeal of "Runway" to women and men seems to lie in both the sense of high style that pervades the show's aesthetic and in the behind-the-scenes, "fly on the wall" mentality of the viewers that watch. It is a rare look behind the clothing racks and high-end boutiques, taking viewers into the depths of fashion's most basic and mysterious origins.

"Project Runway" succeeds because it brings the public into the secret club of fashion," said Robin Givhan of the Washington Post in a recent article. "It is pure entertainment, of course: no Seventh Avenue designers are making evening gowns out of materials found at the local recycling plant — although a few are coming close. The audience correctly senses that it is learning a little something about the way the fashion industry works."

The first season of "Project Runway," airing originally in 2004, introduced America to the format and concept of blending high fashion with reality televi-

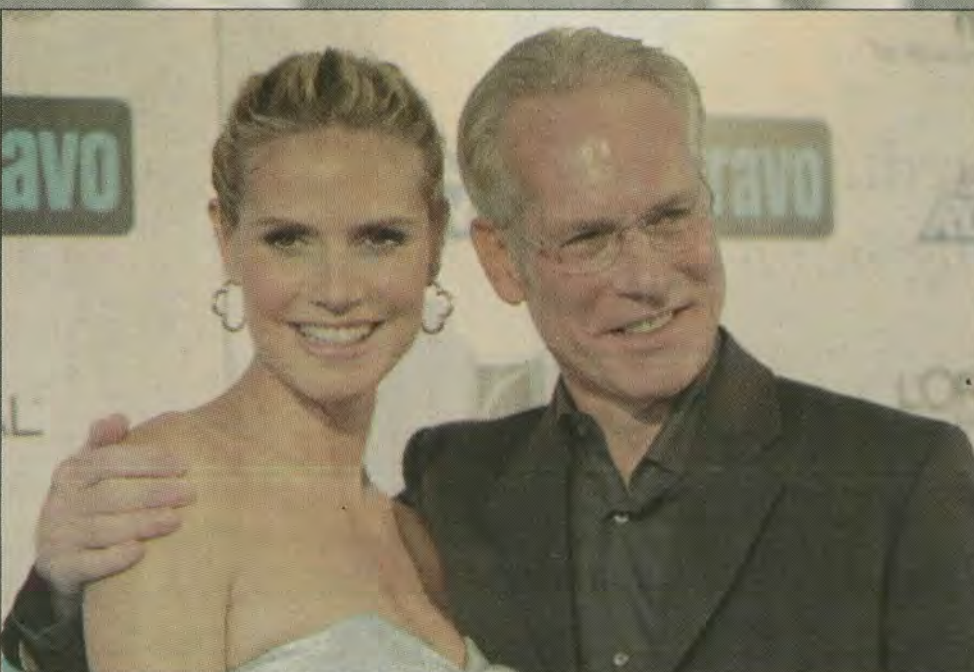
sion. That season gave the world such memorable characters as Austin Scarlett, a fantastically over the top designer who now works on wedding gowns, and season one winner Jay McConnell, whose left-of-center sense of design and fun, funky style won him accolades in both the show and the New York world at Olympus Fashion Week that year.

Season two took the extremity of personalities of the preceding season and doubled them, introducing audiences to Santino, a designer whose unconventional talent was matched only by his ego, and fan-favorite Daniel Vosovic, a contestant whose appearance that season was his second on the show, having lost earlier in the first season. Season two included such challenges as designing a party dress for socialite Nikki Hilton, as well as an evening gown for awards show commentator Nancy O'Dell.

Where "Project Runway" succeeds most is in the relationships between and development of its characters. Each designer, even in the earliest episodes has a story to tell and a style to emulate and espouse. Relationships between designers can range from friendly camaraderie to fierce clashes, as seen in the adverse nature of Jay McConnell's and Wendy Pepper's professional rivalry. It is the nature of the show to be nothing if not a difficult, challenging competition, and as the stakes rise, so do the contestants' tempers.

At the end of each episode, however, audiences are left with more than just character studies and pretty clothes. "Project Runway" is a fascinating look at an industry whose seamy underbelly often remains hidden from the public eye. By using the format of competition to highlight the secrets of the fashion world, Bravo has found a long-lasting hit.

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Heidi Klum, left, hosts the reality hit, "Project Runway." Tim Gunn serves as the contestants' guardian angel, listening to their problems and dishing out advice.



The season three cast celebrates its new season. The contestants will be eliminated one by one.

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Notre Dame 40, Michigan State 37

Back from the dead

Irish overcome 16-point fourth-quarter deficit to win at Spartan Stadium

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EAST LANSING, Mich. — It looked hopeless for No. 12 Notre Dame on a stormy Saturday night in East Lansing.

Trailing Michigan State 37-21 halfway through the fourth quarter, the Irish (3-1) mounted a furious comeback to beat the Spartans 40-37, culminating in a 26-yard interception return for a touchdown by junior cornerback Terrail Lambert with just under three minutes to play.

"Right now it's a pretty high high," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "This one's a tough one to beat because this game meant a lot to us, and I'm proud of the players and the coaches."

It was the largest fourth-quarter comeback for Notre Dame since Joe Montana brought the Irish back from a 34-12 deficit with seven minutes left in the 1979 Cotton Bowl against Houston.

Michigan State tailbacks Jehuu Caulerick and Javon Ringer combined for 187 yards on the ground, 114 of them in the second half as the Spartans wore down a tired Irish defense. But it was a pass on third-and-three deep in Spartan territory that lost the game for Michigan State (3-1).

After Demond Williams took a knee at the 12-yard line on a kickoff, Spartan quarterback Drew Stanton found his team facing third-and-short from its own 19. He dropped back to pass, but Lambert leaped and intercepted the throw and brought it back into the end zone to give the Irish their first lead of the game.

"I was playing outside man," Lambert said of the play. "I had watched film and I knew that the receiver, nine times out of ten, would have been going inside, and that's what he did. I was happy to be in the right spot."

The comeback began with 8:18 left in the fourth period with a five-play, 80-yard drive that included a tipped pass that Irish tight end John Carlson caught for a 32-yard gain and a short pass from quarterback Brady Quinn that



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Irish cornerback Terrail Lambert, left, gets a block from safety Tom Zbikowski on his way to the end zone to put Notre Dame ahead 40-37 and cap a 16-point fourth-quarter comeback.

wide receiver Jeff Samardzija turned into a 43-yard touchdown. Notre Dame went for a two-point conversion and failed, but the Spartans' lead was down to just 10 points at 37-27.

Weis had told the team at halftime that any possible turnaround was dependent upon "how much it meant to you."

"I had watched film and I knew that the receiver, nine times out of ten, would have been going inside, and that's what he did."

Terrail Lambert
Irish cornerback

"You couldn't find me any calmer," Weis said of his demeanor with the team down. "For us to have any

chance, it wasn't just going to be the defense playing good. It had to be everybody making enough plays for us."

The Irish momentum continued on Michigan State's next possession as Spartan quarterback Drew Stanton fumbled on his own 26-yard line. Notre Dame safety Chinedum

Ndukwe fell on the loose ball and the Irish, aided by a pass interference penalty, scored in three plays — the last of which was a 14-yard pass from Quinn to wide receiver Rhema McKnight. Irish kicker Carl Gioia missed the extra point, but Notre Dame was suddenly within a single score at 37-33.

"I fumbled the ball on that option play and that really put us in a bad position," Stanton said.

The Spartans had one last chance after Lambert's interception to get into field goal range and moved the ball to the Notre Dame 45.

But with 24 seconds left, Stanton's pass was tipped by Irish cornerback Mike Richardson and landed on the back of a fallen Michigan State receiver.

Lambert grabbed the ball before it hit the ground, and the clock ran out on the Spartans.

"I'm so proud of our kids," Michigan State coach John L. Smith said. "I thought they

played with heart and played with emotion. We have to make better calls and better plays."

Quinn completed 20-of-36 passes for 319 yards, his highest yardage output of the season, with five touchdowns — two each to Samardzija and McKnight and one to Carlson.

Stanton was 10-of-22 passing for 114 yards with two touchdowns and an interception. He also contributed 53 yards to a Spartan rushing attack that tore up the Irish front seven for 243 yards.

Notre Dame's rushing attack struggled for the third consecutive game, netting only 47 yards, all of them coming from tailback Darius Walker's 11 carries.

Michigan State opened a 17-0 lead by the end of the first

quarter on a touchdown pass from Stanton to Kerry Reed, a wide receiver pass from Matt Trannon to halfback Javon Ringer and a 32-yard field goal by Brett Swenson.

Notre Dame got on the scoreboard on its first possession of the second quarter. Irish coach Charlie Weis switched to a no-huddle offense that worked to the tune of a five-play, 60-yard drive capped off by a 32-yard touchdown pass from Quinn to McKnight.

The Spartans didn't allow the Irish to keep the momentum, however. After pinning Notre Dame at its own 15, linebacker Ervin Baldwin intercepted a pass from Quinn and dashed into the end zone for a 24-7 lead.

Notre Dame bounced right back on the next drive, going 72 yards in seven plays and scoring on a quick pass that Samardzija took down the sideline for the score. The key play on the drive was a 27-yard pass from Quinn to tight end John Carlson on a fourth and one from the Notre Dame 37.

On the ensuing kickoff, Irish sophomore defensive back Ray Herring was offside and Notre Dame had to kick from its own 30. Spartan return man Demond Williams returned the kick to the 40 and Michigan State marched down the field for a score on another pass from Stanton to Reed for a 31-14 lead at halftime.

The Irish got a spark to start the third quarter. After forcing the Spartans into a 3-and-out on the first possession of the second half, Quinn hit Carlson for a 62-yard touchdown to cut the lead to 10.

Notre Dame got the ball back after a short punt by senior Brandon Fields, but only gained two yards and failed on a fourth down pass.

The Spartans took the ball and went 61 yards the other way solely on running plays to go up 37-21 with 5:50 left in the third quarter. The snap flew out of Fields' hands on the extra point to keep the lead at 16.

Four possessions later, Quinn led the Irish on the 80-yard drive to begin the comeback.

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Charlie Weis
Irish coach

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player of the game

Terrail Lambert

The Irish cornerback made two fourth-quarter interceptions, returning one for a touchdown to give Notre Dame the lead for good.

stat of the game

16

Points Notre Dame trailed by at the end of the third quarter. The fourth-quarter comeback was the biggest for the Irish since 1979.

play of the game

Terrail Lambert's interception return

The defensive back's interception return for a touchdown with less than three minutes to play gave Notre Dame the win.

quote of the game

"I think the players started to realize at halftime that the season was falling out of their hands."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

report card

- B** **quarterbacks:** Quinn struggled early, but he led the offense on long drives when it needed them and made key throws down the stretch. He threw five touchdown passes.
- D** **running backs:** The running game was ineffective again, especially on first down. Walker got most of his yardage on a couple of second-half draw plays.
- B** **receivers:** The route running was sloppy in the first quarter, but as the game wore on this unit got better. McKnight, Samardzija and Carlson all caught touchdown passes.
- C** **offensive line:** Walker had few holes to run through and costly penalties stalled drives, but the line gave Quinn time to throw when he needed it late in the game.
- C** **defensive line:** While Laws, Landri, and Abiamiri all recorded sacks, the Spartans were able to run up the middle at will, pushing this unit off the ball and giving Caulcrick and Ringer huge holes to run through.
- C** **linebackers:** Thomas and Crum struggled to stop the run for most of the game, but both made huge plays in the fourth quarter on Stanton scrambles to halt Michigan State drives.
- B+** **defensive backs:** The secondary was torched early, allowing two touchdown passes in the first quarter, but settled down and shut down the Spartan passing game in the second half. Lambert's interceptions won the game for the Irish.
- B** **special teams:** Price's punts and Renkes' kickoffs were solid despite the weather, but Zbikowski muffed two punts and Gioia missed a key extra point.
- B+** **coaching:** Yet again the Irish came out flat and looked unprepared. It took until the second half for the team to show any fire, but halftime adjustments, especially on defense, made a big difference.

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overall: The first half looked like last week's loss to Michigan, but a second-half run saved the day.

adding up the numbers

Fourth quarter deficit overcome by the Irish, the largest since Notre Dame came back from down 34-12 in the 1979 Cotton Bowl.

16

17-0

Score after the first quarter Saturday. The Irish gave up 20 points to Michigan in the first quarter a week before.

Amount Notre Dame has been outscored by in first quarters this season.

44-10

80,193

Attendance Saturday night, the third largest crowd in Spartan Stadium history.

Interceptions by Terrail Lambert in the fourth quarter, the first two of his career.

2

111

Yards rushing for Michigan State's Jehuu Caulcrick on just eight carries.

Touchdown passes thrown by Brady Quinn Saturday, his highest total of the season.

5

2

Passes completed by Drew Stanton in the second half Saturday, both to Matt Trannon.



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Notre Dame students cheer on the Irish at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing, Mich., Saturday. Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis chose to go toward the students and band in the fourth quarter.

'Away-field advantage' lifts team

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Charlie Weis had a choice to make — go with the wind or go with the students and the band.

He chose the Irish faithful, and he chose right.

In a driving rainstorm with winds of 15 miles per hour gusting to 30, Weis elected to kickoff into the face of the storm to start the second half, just so he could have the Notre Dame student section on top of Michigan State if the Spartans got pinned deep in their own territory.

They did, and Weis' strategy worked.

"I figured if we were going to win the game, it was going to be in the fourth quarter, and I wanted to be in front of our fans," he said.

Weis got his wish.

Brady Quinn's touchdown pass to Jeff Samardzija with 8:18 left started it all — in Weis' chosen end zone, beneath the screams and shrills of the Irish mob.

Then, with 7:10 left and Notre Dame noise permeating the air, Ndukwe's strip of Stanton and fumble recovery deep in Michigan State territory kept alive a comeback unrivaled in recent Irish lore. The fourth quarter turnaround Weis dreamed of when he chose to play into the wind was coming true.

"You actually have to think about those things," Weis said of the decision to go toward the band.

Weis and the Irish once again used that noise with less than five minutes left in the game after Michigan State return man Demond Williams took a knee on the kickoff that followed Brady Quinn's touchdown pass to Rhema McKnight.

The Spartans ran onto the field to

start from their own 12-yard line. They were met with an "Imperial March" and an Irish awakening.

In the press box, all the way across the stadium and eight levels high behind a sheet of glass, the Notre Dame band drowned out the Michigan State woodwinds that played 100 yards closer. In fact, they did that throughout the fourth quarter.

"That's not a loud stadium," Weis said. "And we didn't have that many fans there, but the ones we did were making some noise."

Before Drew Stanton could get into the huddle, Tom Zbikowski was jumping up and down, pointing at the band and students in the northeast corner of the stadium.

"We had a lot of fans down here ... and we didn't want them to leave with a loss," Zbikowski said.

So to help the cause, the senior safety started begging for away-field advantage in East Lansing.

He got it.

Arms in unison, the band began with its trademark Star Wars song, and Chinedum Ndukwe laid a crucial hit seven yards downfield on Javon Ringer that brought second-and-three.

Then it was Travis Thomas screaming at the Notre Dame defensive linemen and then raising his hands towards that northeast corner and the Irish band in the middle of the Celtic Chant.

"We were just trying to get everybody into it and keep the intensity up, and it paid off," Thomas said. "That emotion kind of makes you catch your second wind. Football is a game of emotions, and when you play flat, I don't think you play well. ... With the crowd getting into it, what people we had here, it really helped out a lot."

Weis testified to Thomas' comment that Notre Dame needed the second wind late in the fourth. After the defense spent nearly nine of the first 12 minutes of the final quarter on

the field, Weis said, they were close to wearing down.

"On the way home, I can tell you there was a lot of sleeping going on," Weis said. "It wasn't like there was a raucous bus. ... I think everyone left it on the field yesterday."

Thomas said whatever he had left was at least buoyed by the positives of the offense clicking and the students roaring in the stands.

He took that extra energy and stuffed Stanton at the line to force third-and-three.

Then Notre Dame's defense went back to the well that refreshed them twice before. As Michigan State ran to the line, Zbikowski, Thomas and cornerback Mike Richardson screamed at each other with arms raised to pump up the Irish crowd already engulfed in another "Imperial March."

By the time the play was over, the Irish defense had given the crowd a whole lot more to cheer about as cornerback Terrail Lambert intercepted an errant Stanton pass and brought it back 26 yards to give his team the lead.

Without the Notre Dame band and students, the Irish likely wouldn't have come back from a 16-point deficit in the fourth quarter, propelled by three forced turnovers.

As ABC cut to Weis before his post-game television interview, he yelled to someone, "Get them over by the band."

He had good reason.

And now, Athletic Director Kevin White has good reason to visit with Notre Dame Director of Bands Kenneth Dye so the two can figure out how to get the band to some more away games.

They'd certainly have Weis' support.

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Lambert pick gives Irish victory

Cornerback completes comeback with late TD

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EAST LANSING, Mich. — Notre Dame cornerback Terrail Lambert anticipated Spartan quarterback Drew Stanton's drag-route pass to Kerry Reed, intercepted it and took it for the game-winning touchdown — and a little vindication.

A week after the junior allowed Michigan wide receiver Mario Manningham to burn him on 20 and 22-yard second-quarter touchdown passes from quarterback Chad Henne, Lambert made two interceptions in Notre Dame's 40-37 comeback win over Michigan State.

"I'm just so happy for Terrail because I know he got a lot of stuff from a lot of people last week," Irish free safety Chinedum Ndukwe said. "This kid's a fighter, and he never let it get to him, and that's what you have to have as a defensive back — you have to have a short memory."

Lambert intercepted Stanton's pass with 2:53 left in the fourth quarter at the Spartan 27-yard line and sprinted to the right pylon, then made an inside cut into the end zone off a Travis Thomas block at the five-yard line for the 40-37 Irish lead.

"Right now I'm kind of liking Lambert a little bit," Irish coach Charlie Weis said with a chuckle when asked if it was hard to single out one Notre Dame hero for the game.

The interception was the first of Lambert's career and came on a Michigan State third-and-three from its own 19-yard line.

"Time sort of stood still," Lambert said of the play. "I remember just having the ball in my possession, and I'm running with the ball, and it was just complete silence. I could have heard a pin drop, knowing even though it was probably loud around me cause the fans were going crazy."

"I couldn't hear anything. I was just like, 'Oh my God, the ball's in my hands.'"

The junior was aided on the pick by a timely blitz from junior linebacker Maurice Crum, who harassed Stanton in the pocket and forced a rushed throw.

After Lambert's touchdown return, Michigan State drove 33 yards in seven plays, trying to get into field goal range. Stanton ran a seven-yard option left for a first down, getting out-of-bounds at the



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

Irish cornerback Terrail Lambert heads for the end zone after the first of his two fourth-quarter interceptions Saturday to give Notre Dame its first lead, 40-37.

Notre Dame 44-yard line with 32 seconds remaining.

On the ensuing play, Irish defensive end Victor Abiamiri forced Stanton to scramble out of the pocket to the right and throw across his body to Reed in double coverage on the Notre Dame 27-yard line.

Irish cornerback Mike Richardson tipped the ball with his arm, before it bounced off of Lambert and on to Richardson's back. From there the ball careened back toward Lambert and off his leg onto a spinning Reed's back.

Lambert dove toward Reed, grabbed the ball before it fell to the ground and planted his knee in-bounds to secure the interception and end the game.

"That's what we see all the time," Irish strong safety Tom Zbikowski said. "We knew [Lambert] had it in him and it was only a matter of time before he made those type of plays. Hopefully he'll continue to just keep getting better."

The Spartans challenged Lambert on their final drive, as Stanton completed 13

and 10-yard consecutive completions to wide receiver Matt Trannon in front of him.

"All you can do is just bounce back and keep your head up," Lambert said. "Always worry about the next play, because the next play is always the most important play on defense."

Lambert has seen significant time this season when the Irish have employed the nickel formation after appearing in 12 games his sophomore year, mostly seeing playing time on special teams. He made five tackles against the Spartans Saturday.

And for Purdue, Lambert is nothing but an optimist after the harshest and most celebrated games of his career.

"I can definitely build on this," he said. "It's just great to know that I have teammates to support me. Because after the Michigan game, I was kind of hanging my head down and they uplifted me."

"We lose as a team, we win as a team."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	0	14	7	19	40
Mich. State	17	14	6	0	37

First quarter
Notre Dame 0, Michigan State 7
Kerry Reed 34-yard reception from Drew Stanton with 12:15 remaining. (Swenson kick)
Drive: 3 plays, 73 yards, 0:58 elapsed

Notre Dame 0, Michigan State 14
Javon Ringer 26-yard reception from Matt Trannon with 6:49 remaining. (Swenson kick)
Drive: 4 plays, 50 yards, 1:09 elapsed

Notre Dame 0, Michigan State 17
Brett Swenson 32-yard field goal with 1:38 remaining.
Drive: 7 plays, 43 yards, 3:02 elapsed

Second quarter
Notre Dame 7, Michigan State 17
Rhema McKnight 32-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 11:07 remaining. (Gioia kick)
Drive: 5 plays, 60 yards, 1:45 elapsed

Notre Dame 7, Michigan State 24
Ervin Baldwin 19-yard interception return with 9:04 remaining.

Notre Dame 14, Michigan State 24
Jeff Samardzija 17-yard reception from Quinn with 6:45 Remaining. (Gioia kick)
Drive: 7 plays, 72 yards, 2:09 elapsed

Notre Dame 14, Michigan State 31
Reed 15-yard reception from Stanton with 2:11 remaining. (Swenson kick)
Drive: 8 plays, 59 yards, 4:12 elapsed

Third quarter
Notre Dame 21, Michigan State 31
John Carlson 62-yard reception from Quinn with 11:13 remaining. (Gioia kick)
Drive: 5 plays, 80 yards, 1:57 elapsed

Notre Dame 21, Michigan State 37
Jehuu Caulcrick 30-yard run with 5:50 remaining. (Swenson run failed)
Drive: 4 plays, 62 yards, 1:00 elapsed

Fourth quarter
Notre Dame 27, Michigan State 37
Samardzija 43-yard reception from Quinn with 8:18 remaining. (Walker run failed)
Drive: 5 plays, 80 yards, 1:56 elapsed

Notre Dame 33, Michigan State 37
McKnight 14-yard reception from Quinn with 4:56 remaining. (Gioia kick failed)
Drive: 2 plays, 24 yards, 1:13 elapsed

Notre Dame 40, Michigan State 37
Terrail Lambert 27-yard interception return with 2:53 remaining. (Gioia kick)

statistics

total yards			
ND	366	MSU	388
rushing yards			
ND	47	MSU	248
passing yards			
ND	319	MSU	140
return yards			
ND	151	MSU	134
time of possession			
ND	24:21	MSU	35:39
passing			
Quinn	20-36-1	Stanton	10-22-2
rushing			
Walker	11-47	Caulcrick	8-111
receiving			
Samardzija	7-113	Ringer	3-32
Carlson	4-121	Reed	2-49
McKnight	4-70	Trannon	2-23
tackles			
T. Thomas	8	Thornhill	5

Weis takes hit in sideline altercation

Coach not sure who struck blow in melee following Ndukwe's hard tackle near ND bench

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EAST LANSING, Mich. — Generally, it's the players that take the hits.

But on one play Saturday, Irish coach Charlie Weis found out what it's like to get "hit in the mouth."

In the second quarter, Spartan quarterback Drew Stanton scrambled out of the pocket and headed for the Notre Dame sideline, where he was hit hard by Irish safety Chinedum Ndukwe.

Ndukwe was flagged for a late hit out of bounds and, when Michigan State wide receiver Matt Trannon ran over to help his quarterback up, a melee ensued near the Notre Dame bench.

Weis, who had been standing near the play, took a blow to the face. Although Trannon was called for a personal foul, the Irish coach said he wasn't sure who hit him.

"Might have been one of my guys that slapped me for all I know," Weis said of the inci-

dent. "You don't see that whole pile in there, all the stuff that's going on."

Weis said his biggest concern when the fight broke out was for his son, Charlie, Jr., who stands on the Notre Dame sideline for every game.

"When the fight takes off, I don't know where he is," Weis said of his son. "Thankfully he's got more common sense than his old man. He was out of the way."

Samardzija moves into second place in TD catches
Notre Dame senior wide receiver Jeff Samardzija caught two touchdown passes Saturday, giving him 19 for his career and tying him for second all-time in Irish history with Tom Gatewood, who played from 1969-71.

Derrick Mayes is the all-time touchdown catch leader in Notre Dame history with 22 from 1992-95.

1966 "Game of the Century" remembered
Michigan State honored its

1966 team on the field before Saturday's contest as part of the ceremonies commemorating the historic 10-10 tie between the No. 1 Irish and No. 2 Spartans. Former Michigan State basketball player Magic Johnson also attended the game.

The Spartans wore throwback helmets similar to those they wore in the mid-1960s and both teams wore special "Game of the Century" patches on their jerseys.

Before the game, the Spartan Stadium scoreboard read 10-10 and the Jumbotron showed highlights of the 1966 contest.

Former MSU great honored
Former Michigan State defensive tackle Charles "Bubba" Smith had his number 95 jersey retired in a pre-game ceremony. Smith was taken with the first pick in the 1967 NFL draft by the Baltimore Colts.

Spartan defensive end Justin Kershaw currently wears number 95. He wore the jersey Saturday, but will

change numbers next week.

Moment of silence for Waters
Former Michigan State player and coach Frank "Muddy" Waters, who led the Spartans from 1980-82 and played from 1946-49, died Wednesday. He was honored with a moment of silence before Saturday's game.

Holding penalties
With 1:52 left in the third quarter, a Michigan State lineman was called for holding. It was the first time this year that an Irish opponent had been called for offensive holding. All of Notre Dame's games this year have been officiated by Big Ten referees.

Coin toss
Notre Dame won the coin toss and elected to receive. Michigan State chose to go with the wind in the first and third quarters, but ended up with it in the fourth quarter as well when the wind shifted.

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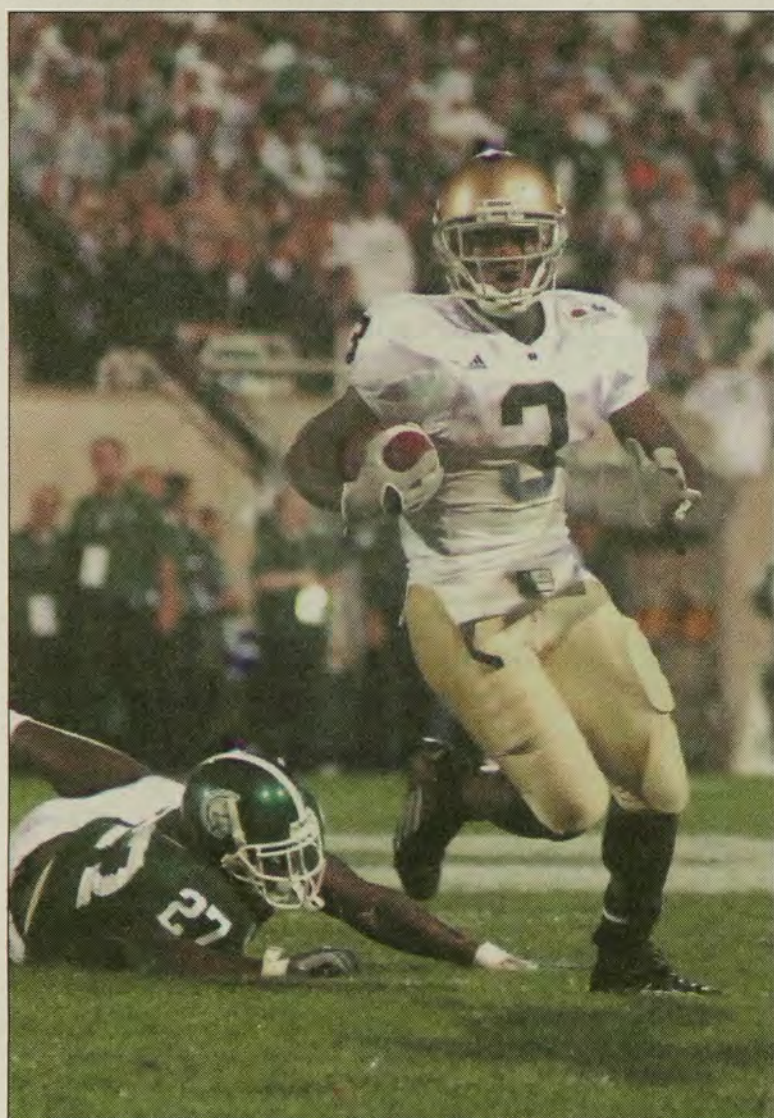
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Season saved

With nothing less to lose than a season that began with national title hopes, Notre Dame found itself down 16 midway through the fourth quarter. Brady Quinn and his receivers came up huge for the Irish offense, but Chinedum Ndukwe and Terrail Lambert came up even bigger for the defense. When the game clock ran out on Michigan State's upset bid, the Irish sprinted to the Notre Dame band and celebrated one of the most emotional victories in team history.



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Top left, Irish quarterback Brady Quinn throws to his right. Top right, Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis embraces his son, Charlie Jr., after Saturday's game. Center, Irish defensive end Ronald Talley tackles Spartan running back Javon Ringer. Bottom right, Irish linebacker Mitchell Thomas stops Spartan kick returner Demond Williams. Bottom left, Notre Dame running back Darius Walker eludes Michigan State safety SirDarean Adams on one of his 11 carries.



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PARI AND CASSIE BELEK

THE FINAL CONTESTANTS

With the Oct. 11 finale approaching fast, only four "Project Runway" contestants remain. Their path to New York's Olympus Fashion Week has been exhausting, but absolutely beautiful. The remaining four designers have four different inspirations that have produced four very different styles.

Michael

Michael Knight, 28, is the show's most consistent designer, not once landing in the bottom three in any of the challenges (although he came close in the couture challenge). However, when it comes to Michael, consistency does not equal boring. The hip-hop inspired designer from Atlanta, Ga. knows how to bring out the curves in a woman's body, even if he's making a dress out of coffee filters.

Michael proved from that very first coffee filter dress that he was someone to watch, even though it took the judges until Episode 5 to give Michael his first of two wins. He clearly displays his range as a diverse designer week after week. He can sew up a pair of competition-winning hot pants in an hour or he can create a stunning ensemble from recyclable materials in only a day. Plus, he's absolutely adorable. Michael's biggest competition has been Jeffrey, who has bested him twice already. If Michael can maintain his consistency without falling into boring or predictable, then he can beat Jeffrey once and for all.

Jeffrey

If Jeffrey Sebelia's tattooed neck isn't distracting enough, then it's his superior and bitter attitude toward the other designers. The 36-year-old from Los Angeles, Calif. has taken extreme pleas-

ure in provoking crazy, rosette-loving Angela and even being rude to her mother. However, the designer has a flair for LA, rock-inspired designs and has used them to win two challenges in a row. The question is whether or not this is all Jeffrey can do. He has dressed celebrities before, but after his disastrous garment from the black and white challenge, his taste is once again called into question. His execution remains flawless, but his busy designs have landed him in the bottom three too many times.

If Jeffrey proves to be all rock-star and no sophistication then his chances of winning the competition will dwindle. However, Jeffrey never plays it safe and the judges admire him for that. If he can incorporate his rock star glam without being over-the-top, then he could pull the surprise upset over Michael.

Laura

Laura Bennet, mother of five, stunned the "Project Runway" world (and her mother) when she announced in Episode 7 that her sixth child was on its way. Hormones took a toll on the 43-year-old architect during the black and white challenge of Episode 10. However, she gave the challenge what she had and pulled off her first victory with a youthful and lacey black and white dress that departed from her sometimes matronly pieces.

Laura's design style is classic and clean — she clearly designs for herself. The designer has been in hot water over the last few challenges for not only designing pieces that were relatively similar, but that also looked too old. Laura would indeed wear the clothes she designs for the challenges, but she needs to prove that she can be more

versatile and youthful. As the only one not afraid to talk back to Jeffrey's stinging remarks, Laura has been one of the more entertaining, not-crazy designers of the competition.

Uli

Uli Herzner is from Miami Beach and each one of her pieces won't let you forget it. Her plunging neckline, empire-waisted halter dresses with flowing skirts appear in her designs week after week, and the judges are starting to tire of it. During the jet-setter challenge of Episode 8, she was criticized for creating a garment that was so Miami-inspired it wouldn't sell well in the rest of the world. However, Uli has a remarkable talent for combining fabrics and colored patterns that anyone else would turn into a train wreck.

The 35-year-old German-born stylist hasn't won a challenge since Episodes 3, although she was perhaps robbed when Jeffrey won Episode 9's couture challenge. Uli's star is beginning to fade after she received a particular beating in the last episode's black and white challenge. If she can prove she can create something not only to be worn in Miami, then she can gain some steam. However, it may be too late to catch up to competition favorites Michael and Jeffrey.

The Final Countdown

The contest is far from over and the ultimate winner remains unclear. All contestants have differing strengths and weaknesses, and it is up to them to carefully navigate their abilities. Michael and Jeffrey currently stand out as favorites, and if Laura and Uli continue to repeat themselves the men will certainly pull ahead. Fashion Week is over, but we have plenty of time yet for a thrilling finish to a fascinating third season.

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beginning as fashion designer hopefuls. Only one until only one remains.



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Uli, left, and Bonnie pick out fabric at the show's weekly destination Mood Designer Fabrics. Uli's knack for combining patterns has taken her far in the competition.

NFL

Patterson's recovery leads Philadelphia to victory

Favre throws 400th touchdown pass in Green Bay triumph

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Mike Patterson simply followed one of football's oldest rules: Keep playing until you hear the whistle.

About 98 yards after he started running with a loose ball nobody seemed to want, the 292-pound defensive lineman was begging for that whistle.

Wheezing, wincing and finally walking, Patterson still crossed the opposite goal line with the stunning fumble return that helped the Philadelphia Eagles head home with a 38-24 victory over the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday.

Brian Westbrook rushed for 117 yards and two touchdowns, also catching a scoring pass from Donovan McNabb, who passed for 296 yards but Patterson's kooky fumble return was the most memorable moment of an otherwise methodical win.

Philadelphia's genial run-stopping defensive tackle seized an unlikely moment when Frank Gore fumbled while trying to stretch over a goal-line pile of players in the third quarter. Patterson thought he was the only person who saw the ball.

"I didn't hear a whistle, so I just picked it up and ran with it," said Patterson, a California native playing in front of at least 60 friends and family. "I felt it on the 40, started breathing real hard. I just tried to remember my form."

Patterson got to midfield before most of the Niners realized the ball was still live. He eventually walked over the goal line for the longest fumble return in Eagles history, surpassing a 32-year-old record and putting Philadelphia ahead 31-3.

Baltimore 15, Cleveland 14

As Matt Stover jogged onto the field, the Baltimore Ravens' worries were over. A few seconds and 52 yards later, Stover had given them three points and their first 3-0 start.

"I've always called him Automatic Stover," linebacker Ray Lewis said.

True to his nickname, Stover kicked a 52-yard field goal with 20 seconds left Sunday as the Ravens remained unbeaten by

rallying for a win over the Cleveland Browns, who were one play away from their first win.

Stover's 12th career game-winning kick came after Ravens cornerback Chris McAlister intercepted a pass by Charlie Frye in the end zone with 3:21 left as the Browns (0-3) were threatening.

Baltimore's Steve McNair then went 6-of-9 for 52 yards to set up the 38-year-old Stover, who spent five years in Cleveland but left in 1995 when owner Art Modell moved his franchise to Maryland.

As the kick by Stover, the only former Browns player still on Baltimore's roster, sailed through, the Ravens' bench erupted in celebration while Cleveland fans bemoaned another tough loss.

"Sure it means a lot," said Stover, who also made kicks of 32 and 43 yards. "The Browns are a long, lost family. When I hit it, it was money — right down the middle."

Cleveland led 14-3 going into the fourth, and was on the verge of an upset when Baltimore's defense came up big.

St. Louis 16, Arizona 14

In a game filled with turnovers, the last one went to St. Louis. So did the victory.

Kurt Warner, who threw three interceptions, fumbled a snap at the Rams 18 with 1:46 to play and Will Witherspoon recovered to allow St. Louis to hold on to beat the Arizona Cardinals Sunday.

The Cardinals' Antonio Smith recovered Rams quarterback Marc Bulger's fumble at the St. Louis 30 with 1:58 to play and Edgerrin James carried three times to the 18. But Warner dropped Alex Stepanovich's snap and Witherspoon jumped on the ball for St. Louis (2-1).

It was a fitting end for a game that featured six turnovers, four by the Cardinals.

One of Warner's interceptions came with Arizona at the Rams 13, another at the St. Louis 1.

Bulger was 21-of-31 for 309 yards and one touchdown with no interceptions, and Warner was 19-of-28 for 256 yards and one score.

Torry Holt caught eight passes for 120 yards, including a 9-yarder for St. Louis' lone touchdown. Anquan Boldin had 10 receptions for 129 yards for Arizona.

Down 16-7, the Cardinals (1-2) went 87 yards in 16 plays, using



Eagles defensive tackle Mike Patterson, right, returns a 49ers fumble 98 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter Sunday. Philadelphia defeated San Francisco 38-24.

up 8:24 of the fourth quarter to cut the lead to 16-14 on James' 6-yard touchdown run with 4:13 to play. The drive included a 7-yard pass from Warner to Fitzgerald on fourth-and-5 from the Rams 38.

James had his best game since coming to Arizona, gaining 94 yards in 24 carries.

It wasn't enough. Coincidence or not, all three of Warner's interceptions came after he took a helmet-to-helmet hit from Witherspoon.

Green Bay 31, Detroit 24

Brett Favre sprinted toward the end zone, signaled touchdown and then pumped his right fist. The 36-year-old quarterback had just become the second player in NFL history to throw 400 career touchdown passes.

He added two more scores to lead the Green Bay Packers to a win over Detroit on Sunday for their first victory of the season.

Favre said he felt like a kid while celebrating after each TD, bouncing on his toes and leaping into teammates' arms, but his body quickly reminded him that he's not.

"I've got to stop doing that because I get so tired," said

Favre, who turns 37 next month. "I have to be smarter. Mike (McCarthy) said, 'Great job, but you have to quit running around like that,' because I couldn't talk to him, I couldn't breathe."

"I was able to recover a lot easier back in the old days, but there's nothing like throwing touchdown passes."

Favre would know. With his first TD pass of the game — a 75-yarder to Greg Jennings — Favre joined Hall of Famer Dan Marino as the only quarterbacks to reach 400 touchdown passes. Marino has 420.

"We needed a win a lot more than I needed 400 touchdown passes," the three-time MVP said. While the Lions (0-3) remained winless under new coach Rod Marinelli, they had their chances in the fourth quarter — just as they did in the season-opening loss to Seattle.

"We were close," Marinelli said. "We have to finish."

Seattle 42, NY Giants 30

The Giants wanted to take Seattle's roaring, allegedly enhanced crowd out of the game early. Plunging into the deepest first-half hole in their 82-year history probably wasn't what

New York had in mind.

Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck threw five touchdown passes — four in the first half. Meanwhile, Eli Manning had three interceptions, the Giants were way behind early and never caught up in a loss Sunday.

The rout was so quick, so decisive, it rendered the incessant roaring of a Qwest Field-record crowd of 68,161 moot — but not mute. The fans were mostly mocking the stunned visitors by the end of the third quarter, after the Seahawks completed a 17-play drive that ended with Darrell Jackson's second touchdown catch for a 42-3 lead.

The Seahawks won their 12th consecutive regular-season home game to become 3-0 for the third time in four seasons. They finally felt good about their previously sputtering offense, thanks to a boost by Deion Branch's debut.

The former Patriot and Super Bowl MVP caught two passes for 23 yards and ran a reverse 8 yards. He was part of the Seahawks' new, four-wide receiver scheme, an offensive makeover during the game's relatively few important parts.

The Giants (1-2) just got plain worked over.

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NCAA Football USA Today Coaches' Top 25

	team	2006 record	previous
1	Ohio State (59)	4-0	1
2	USC (2)	3-0	2
3	Auburn (2)	4-0	3
4	West Virginia	4-0	4
5	Florida	4-0	5
6	Michigan	4-0	6
7	Texas	3-1	8
8	Louisville	4-0	9
9	Georgia	4-0	7
10	LSU	3-1	11
11	Virginia Tech	4-0	10
12	Oregon	3-0	12
13	Iowa	4-0	14
14	NOTRE DAME	3-1	13
15	TCU	3-0	15
16	Oklahoma	3-1	16
17	Florida State	3-1	17
18	Tennessee	3-1	19
19	Clemson	3-1	23
20	California	3-1	20
21	Nebraska	3-1	24
22	Boise State	4-0	25
23	Rutgers	4-0	NR
24	Texas Tech	3-1	NR
25	Boston College	3-1	21

NCAA Football AP Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Ohio State (59)	4-0	1617
2	Auburn (2)	4-0	1513
3	USC (2)	3-0	1491
4	West Virginia (2)	4-0	1404
5	Florida	4-0	1363
6	Michigan	4-0	1318
7	Texas	3-1	1196
8	Louisville	4-0	1166
9	LSU	3-1	1114
10	Georgia	4-0	972
11	Virginia Tech	4-0	945
12	NOTRE DAME	3-1	879
13	Iowa	4-0	864
14	Oregon	3-0	805
15	Tennessee	3-1	658
16	Oklahoma	3-1	613
17	TCU	3-0	563
18	Clemson	3-1	529
19	Florida State	3-1	510
20	California	3-1	508
21	Nebraska	3-1	327
22	Boise State	4-0	226
23	Rutgers	4-0	117
24	Georgia Tech	3-1	77
25	Missouri	4-0	70

Harris Poll Rankings

	Team	Points
1	Ohio State (107)	2816
2	USC (4)	2654
3	Auburn (2)	2632
4	West Virginia	2390
5	Michigan	2364
6	Florida	2320
7	Louisville	2065
8	Texas	2001
9	Georgia	1827
10	LSU	1793

(NOTRE DAME is 12th)

GOLF



The European Ryder Cup team celebrates its victory over the United States at the closing ceremonies in Straffan, Ireland Sunday. Europe defeated the United States by nine points.

Europe takes third straight Ryder Cup

Associated Press

STRAFFAN, Ireland — Even after the skies cleared over Ireland, it kept right on pouring. First came the tears of Darren Clarke, the inspiration of this Ryder Cup, and then a shower of champagne as the Europeans celebrated another romp.

Ian Woosnam popped the cork off the first bottle, dousing his team on the 18th green and later drinking it so quickly that it shot up his nose. Clarke toasted the delirious Irish crowd by guzzling a pint of Guinness from a balcony and raising the empty glass like a trophy.

Even with Tiger Woods getting to pick his partner and finishing with a winning record for the first time in the Ryder Cup, it still didn't change the outcome from two years ago.

Europe 18 1/2, United States 9 1/2.

There's no doubt who owns the Ryder Cup — and not just the shiny gold trophy.

"I don't know in the history of the Ryder Cup any European team that has played better than you guys," U.S. captain Tom Lehman told them at the closing ceremony Sunday after his American team endured its worst beating ever in the 12 singles

matches.

The Europeans wanted to win this one for Clarke and the memory of his wife, Heather, who died of breast cancer six weeks ago to the day. They wanted to win for Woosnam, their pint-sized captain who made all the right moves once the tournament started.

Mostly — as always — they wanted to win for each other.

"That's what we do on this team," said Colin Montgomerie, who tied a Ryder Cup record with his sixth singles victory. "We play for each other. We're all just thrilled. And yes, we're going to have a big

party."

Luke Donald holed a 10-foot par putt on the 16th hole for Europe's 14th point, all it needed to keep the trophy. Moments later, Henrik Stenson won his match for an outright victory, the first European team to win three in a row.

"This is the pinnacle of my life," said Woosnam, a former Masters champion and once No. 1 in the world.

The celebration was well under way when Clarke won his match against Zach Johnson, and soon the tears flowed as Clarke cried on the shoulder of caddie Billy Foster.

IN BRIEF

Colts sign kicker Gramatica to replace Vinatieri

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts signed kicker Martin Gramatica on Sunday as a replacement for the injured Adam Vinatieri.

Vinatieri, the Colts' biggest offseason acquisition, was deactivated for the game against Jacksonville because of a groin injury. It's the first time in Vinatieri's 11-year career he has missed a game.

The Colts also deactivated Pro Bowl safety Bob Sanders (knee), former Pro Bowl defensive tackle Corey Simon (knee) and receiver Brandon Stokley (ankle). Simon missed his third straight game since having arthroscopic surgery on the knee in August.

To make room for Gramatica, Indianapolis placed tight end Ben Hartsock on injured reserve with a hamstring injury that has kept him out of action almost since training camp started. That ends Hartsock's season.

Burton wins at Dover, leads Chase for Nextel Cup

DOVER, Del. — Jeff Burton nipped at leader Matt Kenseth's bumper in the waning laps, ducked beneath him, pulled side-by-side and still kept falling behind.

It wasn't until six laps were left that Burton finally scooted by with the critical pass. Not that he even needed it: Kenseth ran out of gas.

Burton finally found his way back to Victory Lane at Dover International Speedway after the thrilling late battle, ending his 175-race winless streak and parking himself in the lead of NASCAR's Chase for the championship. "We've got eight to go, this still isn't over," said Burton, who took a slim, six-point lead over Jeff Gordon, the polesitter, who finished third.

It may be over, though, for the likes of Kasey Kahne, Kyle Busch and Dale Earnhardt Jr. — each of whom had his own problems to fall all but out of the Chase.

Axley wins first PGA Tour title at Texas Open

SAN ANTONIO — Tennessee left-hander Eric Axley won the Texas Open for his first PGA Tour title Sunday, closing with a 1-over 71 for a three-stroke victory.

The 32-year-old Axley had a stretch of 53 consecutive holes without a bogey or worse on the par-70 Resort Course at LaCantera Golf Club. The stroke ended with a double bogey on the 14th and he went on to finish at 15-under 265.

Three players finished at 12 under, including 21-year-old Anthony Kim. Playing in his first PGA Tour event with a sponsor's exemption, Kim shot a 65 to tie for second with Dean Wilson (69) and first-round leader Justin Rose (68).

From La Quinta, Calif., Kim skipped his senior year at Oklahoma and played in two events on the Nationwide Tour with a best finish of 57th.

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MLB

Tigers clinch first postseason slot since 1987

Konerko drives in two homers for a White Sox victory

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Detroit Tigers had a 220-bottle champagne celebration Sunday and they hope to have even a bigger one later this week.

The Tigers fought off their late-season slump and clinched their first playoff berth since 1987, scoring nine runs in the second inning Sunday and coasting to an 11-4 win over the Kansas City Royals.

"I've been waiting for this," said Brandon Inge, who was given a champagne shampoo by teammates. "You don't think about this in spring training, and then something like this happens."

Enjoying a turnaround season under new manager Jim Leyland, Detroit assured itself of no-worse than the AL wild-card berth and headed into the final week of the season with a 1 1/2-game lead in the AL Central. The Tigers, who regained the best record in the major leagues at 94-62, went ahead early for the second straight day, following up on Saturday's 10-run first.

"We want to send a message that we're not happy just going to the playoffs," Tigers closer Todd Jones said. "We are trying to win our division."

Craig Monroe hit a three-run homer that gave Justin Verlander (17-9) an 8-0 lead and chased starter Rinelvis Hernandez (6-10). Inge then homered on Todd Wellemeyer's first pitch.

Detroit's last trip to the postseason was 19 years ago, when the Tigers won the AL East and lost to Minnesota 4-1 in the AL championship series.

"It is really overwhelming," said Tigers owner Michael Ilitch, who bought the team in 1992. "It is probably one of the highlights of my life. In the final outs, we were all holding our breath. After the final out, I did a lot of hugging. We had a bump in the road in late August, but that can be expected over a 162-game season. I never felt like it is not going to happen, but was concerned."

The Tigers set an American League record for losses in 2003, going 43-119, then improved to 72-90 in 2004. But Detroit went 71-91 last season, losing 29 of its last 39 games en route to its 12th straight sub-.500 finish. General manager Dave Dombrowski replaced manager Alan Trammell with Leyland, who teamed with him to lead the 1997 Florida Marlins to a World Series title.

"Those guys out there in the clubhouse made me pretty smart," Leyland said. "I don't take the credit. I think I've been a beneficiary of catching them at the right time. They've done it. They are good players. A lot of guys could have managed this team. I'm so happy for these guys. They are winners now, and forever will be winners."

Dombrowski gave a great deal of the credit to Leyland.

"He steered the ship," Dombrowski said. "He's just a great manager. He's just what we needed."

Leyland had not managed since 1999 with the Colorado Rockies. In addition during the offseason, the Tigers added free-agent pitcher Kenny Rogers, who anchored a staff that included rookies

Verlander, Joel Zumaya and Zach Miner. Detroit's offense already had been rebuilt somewhat with the signing of catcher Ivan Rodriguez after the 2003 season and Magglio Ordonez after the 2004 season. The Tigers also acquired shortstop Carlos Guillen from Seattle in January 2004.

White Sox 12, Mariners 7

The Chicago White Sox realize their postseason hopes are just about gone. All they can do now is hope and keep swinging the way they did on Sunday.

Paul Konerko hit two home runs and the White Sox tied a season high with five total on their way to a victory over the Seattle Mariners.

"We're just trying to win our games here, maybe force something crazy," Konerko said.

With their playoff hopes flickering, the defending World Series champions won for the third time in 10 games.

Detroit beat Kansas City 11-4 Sunday to clinch a playoff spot and eliminate the White Sox from the AL Central race. Chicago remained 5 1/2 games behind Minnesota, a 6-3 winner over Baltimore, in the wild-card race.

Chicago finishes with three games at Cleveland followed by three at Minnesota. Any combination of Twins victories and White Sox losses totaling two will send Minnesota to the postseason.

"Hopefully, when we get there, we still have a chance," manager Ozzie Guillen said.

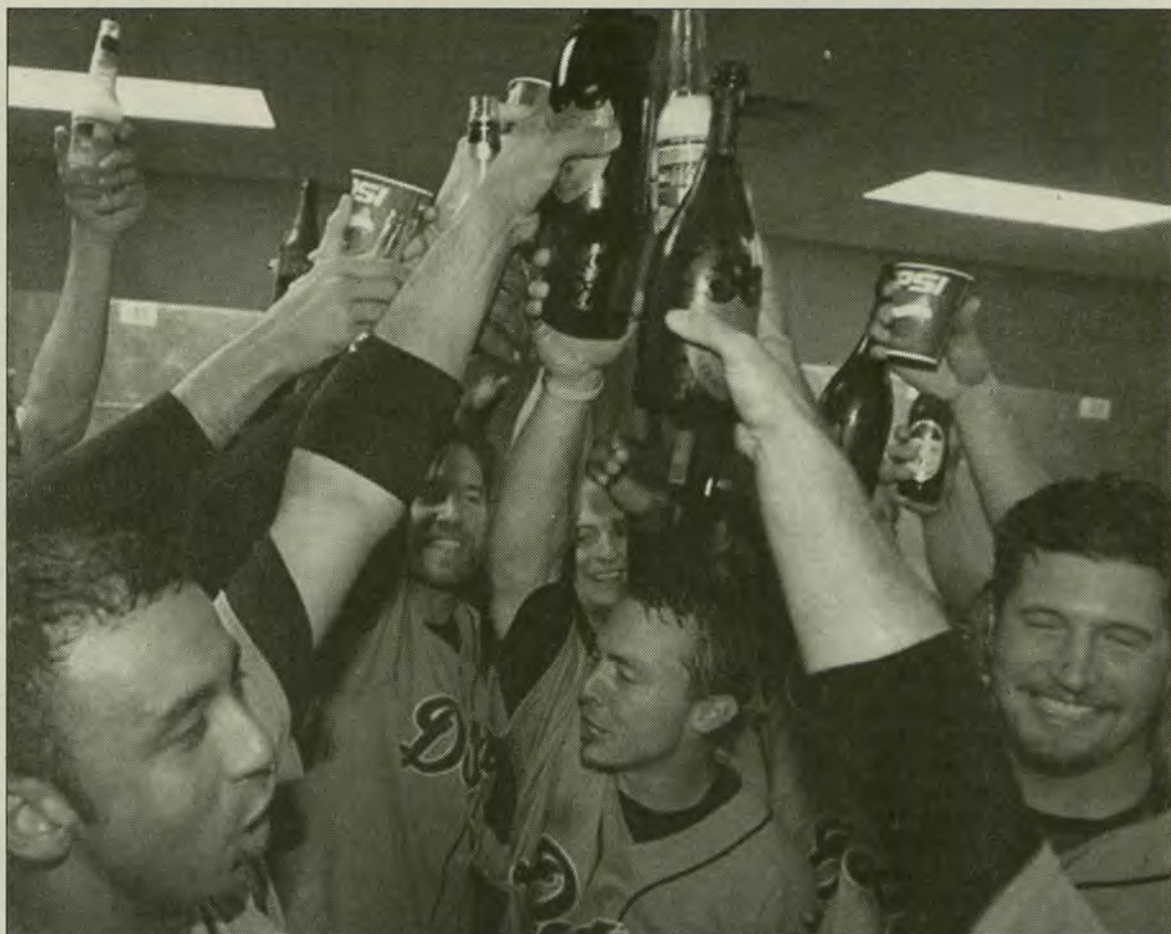
Brian Anderson homered leading off the third for the game's first run. Konerko hit a two-run homer with two out in the fifth to make it 4-1, and the next batter, Joe Crede, went deep off Seattle starter Ryan Feierabend (0-1).

With a run in and one out in the seventh, Juan Uribe connected off Joel Pineiro for his second career grand slam to make it 10-4.

Konerko's two-run shot off Francisco Cruz in the eighth, his 35th homer of the season, gave Chicago a 12-6 lead. Chicago hit five at Seattle on April 25.

"It's been a long road trip at the end of a grueling season," said Seattle manager Mike Hargrove, whose team went 6-5 on the trip.

The White Sox were 57-31 at



Members of the Detroit Tigers celebrate after securing their playoff spot with an 11-4 win over the Kansas City Royals Sunday. The Tigers have not seen the post season since 1987.

the All-Star break but are on the brink of elimination because they have not been able to sustain any momentum the last 2 1/2 months. They won five straight in mid-August, sweeping Detroit in the process, but have done little otherwise.

"We have to win the rest of our games," said Crede, who hit his 30th homer. "We know it's possible."

Angels 7, Athletics 1

Milton Bradley thinks all the talk about clinching might have affected the Oakland Athletics, who missed their final chance to wrap up the AL West at home.

Ervin Santana pitched eight strong innings, Vladimir Guerrero hit a two-run homer and the Los Angeles Angels kept Oakland from winning the division for the second straight day with a victory

Sunday.

"I think a lot of the questions being asked about where do you want to clinch and the celebration is getting in some people's heads," Bradley said. "Guys take it for granted we're just going to get it done."

Maicer Izturis hit a two-run triple, Adam Kennedy added a sacrifice fly and Orlando Cabrera and Howie Kendrick also drove in runs as the A's saw their lead in the AL West trimmed to six games.

"We still have it right in front of us," A's manager Ken Macha said.

Oakland's magic number remained at two to wrap up the club's first division title since 2003. The A's watched the Angels clinch the division on their home field the past two seasons.

Now, Oakland will try to win it against the Mariners starting

Monday at Safeco Field. The A's have won 15 straight against Seattle.

"That makes it tougher," said Frank Thomas, who is 0-for-16 over his last four games and was hitless in 13 at-bats this series. "We've got a whole week to win a couple of ballgames. I like our chances."

Most of the A's wanted to clinch at home, though third baseman Eric Chavez joked that it would be fitting to do it on the Angels' home field in the final days — not that he truly wants it to be that close at the end.

And to think the A's were going to lift the clubhouse alcohol ban for a day to celebrate with champagne. The club has had a dry clubhouse for about three months since starting pitcher Esteban Loaiza's arrest on suspicion of drunk driving in June.

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SMC GOLF

Golfers swing into fourth place at Olivet Jamboree

Sophomore duo helps Belles in fourth-place MIAA tourney finish

By BECKY SLINGER
Sports Writer

During a rainy and windy two-day tournament this weekend, the Belles were able to find their momentum on Saturday to finish in fourth place in their first conference tournament of the season.

The MIAA Jamboree in Marshall, Mich. was the test the Belles were looking to overcome. Co-captain Alex Sei said the team was "disappointed"

with its play in the first three tournaments, a word the Belles have been using frequently to describe their season this year.

But Sei hopes those days are behind the Belles.

"We really wanted to play to the best of our abilities," Sei said, "and this weekend we definitely got closer to that goal. We were happy that our improvement is finally starting to show."

Trailing 44 strokes behind first-place Olivet on day one, the Belles rallied to post a score

only 10 strokes behind Olivet on day two, tallying a final score of 726 (150-over par).

"Even though we didn't shoot as well as we wanted, we all set personal goals to lower our scores from the first day which translated into the team posting a much lower score," Sei said.

Alex Sei
Belles captain

Tournament winner and host Olivet shot an overall 96-over par to post a score of 672. Albion earned second place with a 691 and Tri-State shot a 699 to take third.

Freshman Kate Doornbos fired a 173 (29-over par) to finish 10th out of a field of 65. Despite illness, squad captain Katie O'Brien also finished strong, improving her day one 95 to an 87 on day two for a total score of 182 — placing her 19th.

"Katie was extremely ill during the tournament but she stayed dedicated to the team and played through it," sophomore Katie McInerney said. "She even lowered her score the second day. She really set the standard for the team."

Also contributing to the strong finish for the Belles were sophomores Katie McInerney (184), Sei (187), Meredith

Fantom (191) and Joanna Dick (198).

Sophomore Perri Hama and freshman Theresa Tonyan entered the tournament as individuals, but did not contribute to the Belles' team total. This weekend marked Tonyan's first collegiate tournament.

The Jamboree's individual medalist was Lindsay Pipkin from Olivet who shot a 78 and 84 for a total score of 162 (18-over par).

The Belles look to continue their improvement for their next conference tournament, at home Sept. 30.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Runners take fifth on the road

Team falls eighteen points short of third

By BECKI DORNER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's turned in a fifth-place performance Saturday at the MIAA Jamboree in Holland, Mich., hosted by Hope College. Though the Belles beat three of the eight teams, they were only 18 points short of third place — promising news to coach Jackie Bauters.

"[It is] a good place for us to be at this point of the season, looking forward to where we could be at [the conference championships] in just over a month."

Powerhouse Calvin took first, placing its top five runners in the first six spots. The Knights were led by Camille Medema, who ran a 19:15 on the 5K course. Following Calvin were Hope, Albion and Kalamazoo.

Leading the pack for the

Belles was Megan Gray with a time of 20:14. Other top finishers were Sara Otto (20:45), Megan McClowry (21:43), Kelly Biedron (21:53) and rounding out the top five was Katie White (22:04).

The Belles had to fend with a fairly muddy course, although the wind and rain were not large factors compared to last weekend's contests. Saturday's course posed another challenge — hills. Bauters said that the last week of hill-specific training really helped prepare for a course that includes a long gradual hill that the runners had to mount twice during the race.

"We were passing people, not being passed on the hills and it was great to see that confidence from the girls during the race," Bauters said.

In preparing for Saturday's

meet the Belles also focused on mental toughness, and Bauters saw a marked difference in her runners.

"Mentally they were much more prepared, and hopefully that will progress through the duration of the season," she said.

"We were passing people, not being passed on the hills."

Jackie Bauters
Belles coach

"Practices this week will change focus a little and hopefully help the team with the last half mile of the race, which seemed to be the most difficult part of the race for the team this week," Bauters said.

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TENNIS

Roddick fails to help U.S. in Russian match

Associated Press

MOSCOW — After nearly five hours of punishing, draining tennis, the United States was left with an unmistakable fact: It is out of the Davis Cup again, and the days of relying on Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi are long gone.

The latest loss came in the semifinals Sunday when Andy Roddick lost 17-15 to Russia's Dmitry Tursunov in a fifth-set marathon.

"You feel like you let your teammates down and your country down," Roddick said. "It's not an easy thing, especially to fight back all that way and to lose. It's tough."

The Americans trailed 2-1 entering the last day of the best-of-five competition and needed singles victories from Roddick and James Blake on the clay court at Olympic Stadium to advance.

But Tursunov put Russia into the title match against

Argentina by winning 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 3-6, 17-15 in the clincher. Blake defeated Marat Safin 7-5, 7-6 (4) in an inconsequential finale, leaving Russia with a 3-2 victory.

The Russians will host Argentina in December in their first Davis Cup final since they beat France in 2002 for their only title. Argentina ousted Australia in the other semifinal, completing a 5-0 rout in which Sunday's last match was declared a walkover. Russia coach Shamil Tarpishchev said he would not play on clay against Argentina.

The 72 games by Roddick and Tursunov tied a record for the most in a World Group match since the tiebreaker was introduced in 1989 — France's Arnaud Clement defeated Switzerland's Marc Rosset in the 2001 quarterfinals in 72 games. Sunday's match lasted 4 hours, 48 minutes.

"When you're coming up on the five-hour mark, I promise you, neither one of us is feeling fresh. Especially when you add in the tension and nervousness of the Davis Cup," Roddick said. "I think I could just as easily have won as lost."

U.S. captain Patrick McEnroe praised Roddick's effort, but acknowledged the Americans were a deeper team in the days of Sampras and Agassi.

"Clearly we don't have that kind of group," he said.

Roddick, who also lost his opening match to Safin, had been hoping to rally the U.S. from a 2-0 deficit for the first time since 1934. But the U.S. Open finalist lost his first service game and then the first two sets before hitting his stride late in the third — after winning only three points in Tursunov's first five service games in the set.

"It never appeared that (Roddick) was ready to give up," Tursunov said. "He fought to the finish."

In the 32-game final set, both players survived scares and held serve until Tursunov netted an easy forehand to go down 30-40 in the 11th game. He saved one break point, but then hit two shots wide to lose the game.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish can't protect blue grass turf, finish second

Maunu shoots three-over 75 to lead ND

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Notre Dame failed to defend its title this weekend, squandering a 36-hole lead to finish second to Cincinnati in the Notre Dame Invitational at Warren Golf Course.

The Irish led by one stroke over Illinois State after two rounds of play on Saturday — shooting consecutive rounds of 306 at the par-72 course — but the team faltered on Sunday, firing a 313 to end up with a 925 (+61) for the tournament. Cincinnati (310-306-303, +56) steadily improved over the three rounds of play, besting the Irish and the other 12 teams on the course.

"We did not deserve to win," sophomore Lisa Maunu said. "We need to make stronger finishes. A couple of us were playing well into the last five holes but did not finish strong. We need to hit more greens in regulation as well."

Maunu had the low round for the Irish Sunday with a three-over 75 and finished tied for 11th in the tournament.

This weekend also marked the debut of new head coach Susan Holt, who joined the Irish this week after leaving South Florida.

"I was disappointed. We should have played a lot better," she said. "It's tough when you don't play well and you know you can do better. We need a lot of work inside of 100 yards. It is the fastest way to get our scores down."

The teams were able to get

all 54 holes completed despite inclement weather.

"You try not to let the weather affect you, but deep down inside it gets to you. It's more annoying than anything," Maunu said.

Holt agreed, though she added that every team had to overcome the same challenge with the weather.

Leading the way for the Irish was senior Noriko Nakazaki, who finished tied for eighth overall (74-76-80, +14). She and fellow senior Stacy Brown (79-79-85, +27), who tied for 38th, competed in their final tournament at the Warren Golf Course.

"I had a great experience here. The golf course looks different each time I play it," Nakazaki said. "I was sad I could not

finish stronger, but I learned a lot about my game and my weaknesses from this course."

Freshman Kristin Wetzel tied Maunu's score and finished in a tie for 11th. Her second round score of even par 72 was the low round for Notre Dame.

"She's a solid player," Holt said. "She didn't have that great of a first round. She triple bogeyed her last hole that round and then had to come out again in round two and play that as her first hole. She made a great recovery."

Freshman Annie Brophy (77-79-79) tied for 19th.

Hillery Wilson of Cincinnati took the individual title with a two-over 218, including a second round 69, the low round of the tournament.

Up next on the starter's sheet for Notre Dame is the Marilyn Smith Sunflower Invitational October 2-3 in Lawrence, Kan.

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"We did not deserve to win. We need to make stronger finishes."

Lisa Maunu
Irish golfer

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Calvin sweeps by Belles

Undefeated Knights streak into rankings

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's has grown accustomed to handling the broom — sweeping six of its past seven matches in straight sets. But Sunday it found itself on the underside of the stick, falling 3-0 to undefeated Calvin.

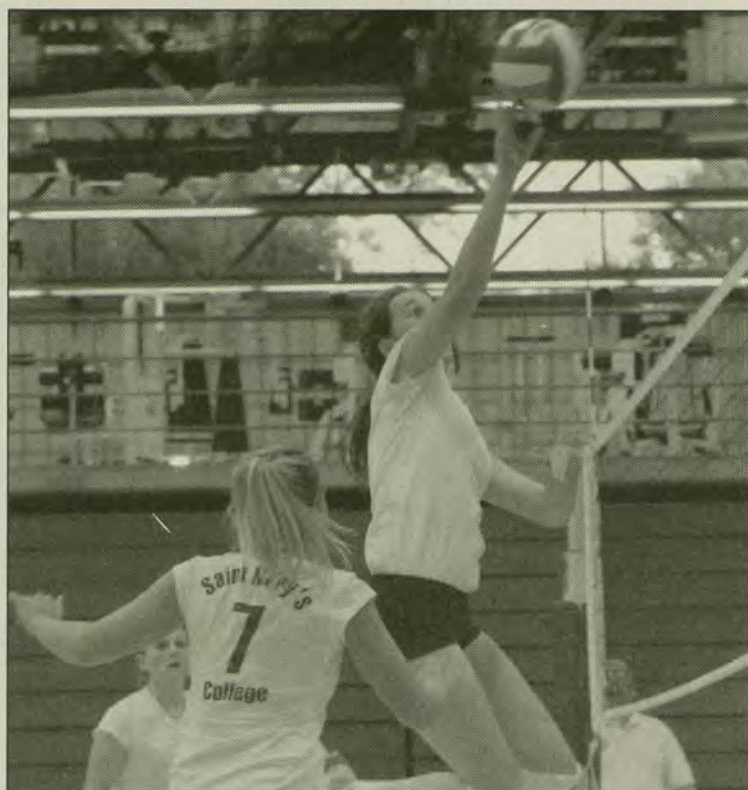
The Belles were overwhelmed by a powerful and deep Knights team (30-21, 30-23, 30-20). The win extended Calvin's fast start to MIAA play, lifting the team's conference record to 6-0, 13-1 overall. The Knight's streak has propelled them into the No. 24 spot in the Division III rankings. Saint Mary's, meanwhile, fell to 10-3 and 3-2 in MIAA play.

Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek was not disheartened by the results.

"We played a very good team and our players responded well to the competition," Schroeder-Biek said. "The team learns from these matches and approaches the next competition with an even stronger will to win."

The Knights received a huge contribution from their seniors, with outstanding performances from Katy Luimes, Kristen Kalb, and Lorilyn Vogel. The three combined for 38 kills, and setter Katie Zondervan contributed a match-high 44 assists.

The Belles' offensive effort



KRISTY KING/The Observer

Belles middle blocker Kaela Hellmann spikes the ball in Saint Mary's 3-0 win over Kalamazoo Sept. 20 at Angela Athletic Complex.

was led by freshman Lorna Slupczynski who recorded 9 kills to go along with 10 digs. Seniors Anne Cusack and Kristen Playko led the way defensively with 19 and 13 digs respectively.

Saint Mary's will have to rebound quickly, as the Belles have four matches this week beginning with Tri-State on Tuesday. Schroeder-Biek emphasized the importance of this week to the team.

"With three conference matches this week, it will really set the tone for how our sea-

son will play out," she said. "We really will need to prepare and tighten up our own game if we want to accomplish the high goals we have set for ourselves this season."

After the match with Tri-State the Belles will once again hit the road with three away matches. The Belles travel to Bethel Thursday and will conclude the busy week with a doubleheader against Albion and Adrian on Sunday.

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happen, especially in a very wet windy night [as was the case Saturday]. It seemed very cruel fate after having dominated the game to the extent we did, to lose a goal [like] nothing. It was tough, and obviously it gave them a life line and made it quite exciting for a little while."

Irish forward Joseph Lapira soon quieted the possibility of any Panther momentum, redirecting a Nate Norman cross into the back of the net in the 56th minute to put the Irish back on top for good.

"It wasn't like we needed to respond," Clark said. "We were always very much in control of the game, but you never know, they might just sneak another goal, so we were very happy with Joe [Lapira's goal]."

Fifteen minutes later, Lapira put the game out of reach, sending a bullet from the top of the box past Pittsburgh goalkeeper Andy Jorgensen. The goal marked Lapira's ninth of the season — a team high — and his third multiscoring game of the year.

"It's been very solid, solid play out of him," Clark said.

Other than Young's goal early in the second period, Cahill was largely untroubled in the net.

"In all honesty Chris [Cahill] was a spectator for most of the game tonight," Clark said. "He had one very good save right



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Notre Dame forward Joseph Lapira moves the ball upfield against DePaul in the 2-0 Irish win Sept. 10 at Alumni Field.

after the goal which was key ... he wasn't overworked this evening."

Immediately after the game, Clark was already looking ahead to Notre Dame's next matchup.

"Hopefully we were saving

some of the goals for Wednesday [against Marquette]," he said. "I hope that was the idea."

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Vball

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well for the weekend — our offense was much, much, much improved."

Junior captain Adrianna Stasiuk had 26 kills and 25 digs in the two matches, including a match-high 14 kills against Rutgers. Stasiuk recorded a double-double (kills and digs) in each match.

"[Stasiuk] had a very good weekend — she was really effective offensively," Brown said. "She hit a lot of different shots and played good defensively as well. She had a good solid, all-around performance for us. She was a vocal leader this weekend."

Notre Dame 3, Rutgers 0

Stasiuk recorded a .733 kill percentage in Notre Dame's 30-23, 30-13, 30-16 sweep of the Scarlet Knights.

The Irish opened up a 16-7 lead in the third game and never let Rutgers cut the score closer than nine points to take the game and match.

Freshman Megan Fesl and sophomore Mallorie Croals contributed kills in the third game, before Stasiuk ended it with a kill.

"We started very aggressively," Brown said. "They had trouble running their offense because we put a lot of pressure on them with our serve. We received their serve very well."

The first game began with a dominant Irish performance as well, as Notre Dame went on a 9-1 run to start. Rutgers, however, cut the lead to 22-21 after an 11-2 streak.

The Irish answered with an 8-2 run to cut off any chance of a Scarlet Knight comeback and Notre Dame took the 1-0 lead on back-to-back Stasiuk kills.

Junior Ashley Tarutis won

the second game in dominant fashion with a service ace. The Irish led 15-6 halfway through and never looked back.

Freshman Jamel Nicholas led both teams in assists with 21 and blasted four service aces.

Notre Dame 3, Villanova 1

Croall and freshman Christina Kaelin propelled the Irish 35-37, 30-24, 33-31, 30-18 with 15 kills apiece against the Wildcats.

Croall recorded 14 digs and had a .462 kill percentage in the four-game match. Freshman Serinity Phillips had a strong day on the attack, putting 13 kills past the Villanova defense. This was a career-high for the outside hitter.

"Croall didn't start in either match, she played the third game against Rutgers and the last three against Villanova and was a very steady and a very smart player," Brown said. "The lift that she gave us off the bench was tremendous."

Notre Dame dropped a marathon first game, before rallying for three straight to take the match. In the first game, the Irish and Wildcats tied the Notre Dame single game record for total points scored — matching the 72 recorded in a 37-35 win over Eastern Washington Aug. 30, 2003.

"It was a hard fought match," Brown said. "They played us very tough, but the main thing was we maintained composure. And we had a really good attitude about what was going on in the court even though we weren't executing perfectly."

The Irish take on Seton Hall in Big East play Saturday afternoon in New Jersey.

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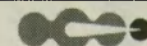
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took advantage of the loose ball and open space to drill a low shot by Haig.

Two days after Friday's 1-0 second half lead at Cincinnati got washed out by game-ending storms, Irish first half scoring chances couldn't precipitate goals.

Haig made several challenging saves within a few minutes of each other to preserve a 0-0 tie at halftime despite a seven to three shot advantage for the Irish. The onslaught continued in the second half, though many of Notre Dame's 16 shots — compared to four from Louisville — came outside of the 18, thanks to the packed in Louisville defense that brought all 11 of its defenders in the box on corner kicks and short throw ins.

Though only two balls found the net, Waldrum was encouraged by the opportunities the Irish created in both halves. Similarly, he was not discouraged by the late starts the Irish have gotten off to, owning the second half 22-0 in nine games so far.

"I would love to jump on them and get games finish early," Waldrum said. "I'm not so worried about it that it's going catch up with us because I think we're still continuing to create great opportunities in the first half. I think the thing I'm more concerned with is I would like to score earlier on a more regular basis just, if nothing else, to be able to rotate our players more."

Waldrum was forced to make a move with his second-half defense after captain centerback Kim Lorenzen hit legs hard with a Cardinal attacker, causing bad bruises and a noticeable cut to her chin. Senior defender Christia Shaner moved inside, where she has seen time this year, and freshman Haley Ford took Shaner's spot on the outside. The defense did not skip a beat, limiting the Cardinals to one second half shot as junior keeper Lauren Karas did not have to make a save the entire game.

"We all like [Lorenzen] back there but we have plenty of



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Notre Dame midfielder Jen Buczkowski challenges Louisville defender Lindsay Boling in the 2-0 Irish win Sunday at Alumni Field.

other defenders that can step right in," said senior midfielder Jen Buczkowski of a defense that has pitched shutouts in seven of its nine games and compiled a 528 minute scoreless streak that dates back to a 3-1 win over Santa Clara Sept. 3.

Following a 2-0 win at Michigan last Sunday that Waldrum described as "lethargic," the coach was encouraged by his team's effort this weekend.

"To come in today and play a good team like we did," he said, "and have the confidence and ability to play like we did, I was pretty pleased with the weekend in general."

Friday's 1-0 lead against Cincinnati was nullified after long thunderstorms caused the game to be cancelled. Though freshman forward Michele Weisenhofer scored midway through the first half, the game was called after 50 minutes of play — 20 short of the 70 required for a full game. The Irish will not reschedule the game — which would be restarted in its entirety — unless it affects the top five standings of the Big East tournament at the end of the regular season.

The Irish outshot the Bearcats 11-2 Friday, but Waldrum was more impressed

with his team's attitude during the several hours they were waiting for the storm to blow over.

"It was so interesting because our kids were just like 'Let's go play,' he said. "It doesn't matter whether its one o'clock. Doesn't matter if its in the parking lot. Let's play."

"I was really proud of the mindset because that's what you want out a team that you think can be a championship team."

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through with her fourth goal of the season when she won a ball from 10 yards out and placed it in the top corner.

The flurry came to a close in the 29th minute when a Titan shot ricocheted off the post and sophomore Carly Calkins beat Belles goalkeeper Laura Helene, who was still recovering from the previous shot.

"[Sunday was] the first time we used a new offensive formation," senior forward Colleen Courtney said. "I think we had a breakdown in communication on who was marking who."

Helene (11 saves) and the defense were able to keep the Titan offense at bay for the remainder of the game but the tear was all Illinois Wesleyan needed.

The young Saint Mary's defense continued to feel the pressure throughout the game as it was dominated in the box score.

The team was out shot 26-3 and Illinois Wesleyan won 11 corner kicks to the Belles' two.

Senior goalie and team captain Emily Castner only had to make two saves in the game to earn her fourth

shutout in eight games for the Titans. Castner has allowed six goals this season for a .750 goals against average.

Castner was aided by a struggling Saint Mary's offense. The Belles have been held to two goals in their last three games. They had a tough time finding an offensive flow Sunday — unable to get past the stingy Titan defense. Senior Ashley Hinton and freshman Katie Wehrli were the only players to put shots on net for the Belles.

"We need to move the ball around a little better and get it up to our forwards so they can get off more shots," Courtney said.

Sophomore Lauren Hinton talked earlier last week about a team still trying to form its chemistry. After Sunday's loss, those issues appear as urgent as ever.

"With so many freshmen on the field we still need some time to know how each of us plays," she said. "I feel the second half of the season you will see a much more improved team."

Saint Mary's begins conference play at home against Alma Tuesday at 4 p.m.

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"With so many freshmen on the field we still need some time to know how each of us plays."

Lauren Hinton
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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Defensive dandies

Dew, Jones give ND scoring lift in victory

By TIM DOUGHERTY
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No. 1 Notre Dame handed Louisville its first loss of the year 2-0 Sunday thanks to help from a pair of unexpected scorers.

In the 74th minute, sophomore defender Carrie Dew received a cross 15 yards from the goal and sent a rocket past U-20 Team USA teammate and sophomore Cardinal goalkeeper Joanna Haig for her first goal of the year to break a scoreless tie.

Minutes later, junior defender Ashley Jones seized a rare opportunity to record her first score of the season that iced the victory over previously unbeaten Louisville (6-1-1, 1-1 Big East). Sophomore midfielder Jill Krivacek was taken down just inside the 18-yard box, and as Louisville defenders anticipated a whistle, Jones

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JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Notre Dame forward Amanda Cinalli fights off Louisville defender Amy Seng for possession during a 2-0 Irish victory Sunday at Alumni Field.

SMC SOCCER

Belles fall after four-goal flurry

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Four quick goals were more than enough offense for Illinois Wesleyan to take down Saint Mary's Sunday. The Belles — who have now lost three straight — were shut out in the 4-0 beating, their second home game this season.

Illinois Wesleyan buried all four of its goals within a 10-minute span of the first half. Elizabeth Sinclair found Eileen Ouska with a crisp pass to start the scoring at the 20-minute mark and the pair quickly followed with another goal three minutes later. Sunday marked Ouska's second two-goal performance of the year. The first came in a 5-0 rout of Lake Forest Sept. 13.

Less than two minutes later senior Lyndsay O'Brien came

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MEN'S SOCCER

Besler ends scoreless streak, sparks victory

Sophomore nets first collegiate goal in win

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

Sophomore defender Matt Besler picked a great time to score the first goal of his college career.

Besler's 21st minute chip-shot gave No. 21 Notre Dame (5-32, 3-2-0 Big East) an early lead Saturday, breaking a 218-minute scoreless stretch over the team's previous two games. It also helped the Irish break their two-game winless streak with a 3-1 victory over Pittsburgh.

Irish coach Bobby Clark was pleased with his sophomore's efforts.

"It's not very often you see a central defender work up into the attack like that," Clark. "It was an excellent goal."

Besler's goal would prove to be Notre Dame's only score of the first half, despite 11 shots on

goal. Senior midfielder Ian Etherington twice sent crosses into the box that were headed just wide of the goal. For the game, the Irish outshot the Panthers 24-9.

"We should have scored a lot more goals, to be quite honest," Clark said. "The first 50 minutes, the team played superbly well ... we should have been three goals up at that point. We created enough chances to be three goals up [but] we kind of squandered them, though we did get the one goal."

In the 48th minute, Pittsburgh forward Keeyan Young scored the equalizer in a very unorthodox turn of events. Irish goalkeeper Chris Cahill appeared to have gathered a loose ball, but when the wet ball squirted out of his hands, Young won a footrace to it and put it in from 14 yards out.

Clark was not too critical of his team in describing the play.

"It was comical, the goal we gave up," he said. "These things

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Brown closes in on No. 500

Irish begin Big East with pair of victories

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame advanced two wins closer to its 11th Big East regular season title with a pair of conference season-opening victories this weekend — leaving Irish coach Debbie Brown one win shy of a major milestone.

The Irish (8-5, 2-0 Big East) defeated the Scarlet Knights 3-0 Saturday before coming from behind to beat the Wildcats 3-1 Sunday on the road.

Brown earned her 499th career win over Villanova and will lead her squad Saturday against Seton Hall in search of No. 500.

"It was pretty close, pretty tough competition," Brown said. "We had a couple very close games overall. We played pretty

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Irish outside hitter Adrianna Stasiuk, left, and Justine Stremick defend a shot in a 3-2 loss to Missouri Sept. 6 at the Joyce Center.

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Notre Dame senior Lisa Maunu shoots +14 to lead Irish to second-place finish in Notre Dame Invite.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Calvin 3
Saint Mary's 0

Calvin setter Katie Zondervan records 44 assists to sweep Belles.

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SMC GOLF

Saint Mary's freshman Kate Doornbos posts tenth place individual showing to lead the Belles to fourth overall at the MIAA Jamboree.

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SMC X-COUNTRY

Megan Gray leads Belles to fifth-place finish at MIAA Jamboree.

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The Clausen Watch

Notre Dame recruit Jimmy Clausen completed 16-of-26 passes for 227 yards and 2 touchdowns for Oaks Christian in its 59-13 blowout of regional No. 1 St. Bonaventure Thursday. Clausen's next game is Thursday at 10 p.m. EDT against Venice on ESPN2.