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Business school earns top-30 national ranking

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

For the third straight time, Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business ranked among the top 30 in BusinessWeek magazine's biennial survey of MBA programs nationwide.

The rankings feature — which spotlighted Notre Dame at No. 26 — is in the Oct. 23 edition on newsstands now. BusinessWeek placed the program at 24th in its 2002 survey and 29th in its 2004

survey.

Finance department chair Robert Huang said Notre Dame is consistently recognized by such rankings because the MBA program is "never satisfied."

"We never stop improving ourselves," he said. "Both the faculty and the staff are united in making our students their top priority."

The magazine also named Notre Dame to its list of the top 10 schools for fastest return on

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CASHING IN ON A NOTRE DAME MBA DEGREE

4.4	Average years of work experience for two-year students
93	Percent graduates accepting job offers within three months of graduation
350	Approximate number of students
662	Average GMAT score for full-time students
\$34,195	Tuition and fees for two-year students
\$80,000	Median base salary for Mendoza graduates

Information compiled from the MBA program Web site and US News & World Report online.

Students line up for event

Sale of basketball season tickets begins

By STEVE KERINS
News Writer

Hundreds of students waited in the rain Thursday evening outside the Joyce Center to attend the opening event for this year's men's basketball season and to receive a voucher that would allow them to purchase season tickets.

Irish coach Mike Brey kicked off the event by introducing the evening's keynote guest — former Notre Dame basketball player and NBA great John Paxson, currently General Manager of the Chicago Bulls.

"I always enjoy the chance to come back to campus," Paxson said.

Paxson spoke briefly about the responsibility of Notre Dame's students to support the players throughout the season, and said that students' enthusiasm at games is a strong factor in the team's success.

"I can see what impact student bodies have on games and on their team," Paxson said. "It's nice when students are behind the guys that work so hard."

Brey agreed, saying that the quality of the support from students and the full integration of student athletes into the University community allows Notre Dame to stand out among its peers.

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Irish fans pleased with road victory

Historic competition entices loyal crowds despite lengthy traveling distance

By PATRICK CASSIDY
News Writer

The last time Navy beat Notre Dame in a football game, John F. Kennedy was still President and man had not yet stepped foot on the moon. The Irish dominance over that span has remained unaltered as Notre Dame improved to 7-1 with a 38-14 victory over Midshipmen.

Freshman Brendan McQueeney attended the game and said M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, Md. was "mostly in favor of the Irish."

"However there were obviously pockets of Navy support," he said. "The atmosphere was unbelievable and was well worth the ten-hour drive."

Notre Dame's consecutive win streak over Navy — 43 games — is the longest such streak in not only division-one

college football, but any sport. "It's not even a challenge anymore," freshman Jeremiah Herman said. "I enjoy the tradition the game brings, but we should play a team that will help us more in the rankings."

Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn had an efficient day, passing for nearly 300 yards and scampering for a 19-yard touchdown.

"I didn't know he could run that fast!" freshman Brock Hagerman said. "If Quinn continues to take over games like he has the past couple weeks, his chances for the ... Heisman Trophy will only continue to increase."

After giving up over 200 yards in the first half to the Midshipmen's option offense, the defense made adjustments and helped the Irish cruise to a lopsided victory.

"Navy's offense became too predictable and it was just a

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The leprechaun performs push-ups with the cheerleaders after a Notre Dame touchdown against Navy.

FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer

ND democrats try to rally supporters

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

With less than two weeks until Election Day, the Notre Dame College Democrats (NDCD) staged a "Campus Invasion" this weekend, bringing together Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Ball State University students to canvass the St. Joseph County area for the Joe Donnelly for Congress campaign.

The event united approximately 25 students — three of which came from Ball State in Muncie, Ind. — and while organizers had initially expected participants from other schools in the region,

like Indiana University South Bend and Indiana State, they were still satisfied with the turnout.

"Even though we expected more schools to come, it ended up being a very successful event with very good turnout," said Caitlin Conway, member of the NDCD and intern for the Donnelly campaign. "We covered a lot of precincts, and the students from Ball State really helped out."

Canvassers were spread throughout St. Joseph County on Saturday and Sunday, with groups of five per neighborhood. Each individual approached 40 or more hous-

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Diverse dinner aids needy

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

McGlinn Hall's first Meal of Nations event filled more than just stomachs Sunday — it also filled a need to raise money and awareness to benefit Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Hondo Valle, Dominican Republic.

The event was hosted by the Vietnamese Students Association, the Filipino American Students Organization, the African Students Association (ASA), the Hawaii Club and the Caribbean Students Association.

The campus-wide event hailed exotic food from all of these cultural organizations and seemed to promote its cause in a unique way, said junior Lauren Gamboa,

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Hawaiian native Bryce Chung performs a traditional hula dance with members of the Hawaii club at McGlinn Hall's first Meal of Nations.

DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

INSIDE COLUMN

Weis uninhibited

I'm sure you saw it. And in case you didn't, I'm sure someone in your dorm taped it.

"60 Minutes" essentially advertised their piece last night on Charlie Weis as "Weis Uninhibited" and starting out,

that's what it seemed to be. But after the first few minutes, the portrayal changed. It was still "Weis Uninhibited", but it had a very different kind of frankness.

Ryan Sydlík

News Writer

There are many complicated people in the world, but Charlie Weis will never be one of them. His behavior focuses on two simple goals: 1) Complete, utter and undisputed victory and 2) Family.

Sometimes you have to prove a point. One way to make your case is to reason with someone. Example: "Hey, I need you guys to work hard in practice because if you do you can get stronger and win more games, so pretty please, could you run a littler faster today?"

Ok, I'll step back a bit. Appeals to reason are not necessarily that wimpy and ineffective. After all, Weis has been known to use simple math to encourage recruits. Example: four Super Bowl rings X you = you + NFL. But everyone, by their human nature, will have periods in their life where they are tired, lazy, or just a little too comfortable when they shouldn't be. So, how does one solve a simple problem of human nature? Using very loud, but yet very basic methods!

Jimmy Johnson, former coach of the Dallas Cowboys and Miami Dolphins, once criticized head coaches who say they rank God and family ahead of coaching. He said something to the effect that many, if not most, coaches spend an hour a week in church, two hours with family and the other 165 hours in a week doing something related to coaching. It even seemed that he himself was conceding the fact that he was living an upside down life.

Weis said he was a brutally honest man in the "60 Minutes" piece and by the frank tone of his voice, I believed every word he said. Many coaches live personal tragedies obscured by false public glory. But while they might feel hopeless in dealing with family, Weis lacks that major flaw. Just as he'll use any words necessary to win a football game, he also said he'd do anything necessary to remain a faithful husband and a dedicated father. And though he might be vulgar on the field, he's certainly not one to bring his work home with him.

"I don't do anything for just me. I don't play golf. I don't go fishing. I don't even go to a ball game," is a witty Weis crack, but it speaks volumes about his priorities. The priests at Notre Dame might have been offended by Weis' language last night, but they should take much greater solace in the fact he is a symbol for the whole world to see the importance of the bedrock institution of family.

Are Weis' means pretty? Not always. But is he an honest man living towards the ends of a noble life? You better (insert your favorite Charliesm here) believe it.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE PERSON IN THE WORLD AND WHY?



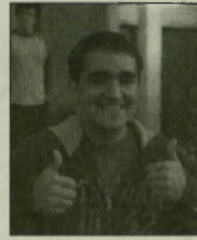
Alicen Foresman
senior
Pangborn

"Pucettius the Sicel because I'm a classics nerd."



Andrew Saville
freshman
Dillon

"The makers of Tropicana because I live on orange juice. There are 18 cartons in my dorm room."



Drew Davy
freshman
Alumni

"Trey Tumminello because he's big sexy."



Andrea Teske
freshman
Breen-Phillips

"My old drum instructor because he taught me everything I need to know about percussion."



Ben Willis
sophomore
Siegfried

"The stir-fry cook at South Dining Hall because he knows how to cook my meat well."



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Junior Zan-wei Khaw participates in the Great Lakes Conference Championship, which the Notre Dame men's water polo club hosted this past weekend. The club team went 3-1 in its four games.

OFFBEAT

Black cat adoptions banned on Halloween

BOISE, Idaho — No black cat will cross your path this Halloween, not if a northern Idaho animal shelter can help it. Like many shelters around the country, the Kootenai Humane Society in Coeur d'Alene is prohibiting black cat adoptions from now to Nov. 2, fearing the animals could be mistreated in Halloween pranks — or worse, sacrificed in some satanic ritual.

The risk may be remote, said the shelter's executive director, Phil Morgan.

"It's kind of an urban legend. But in the humane

industry it's pretty typical that shelters don't do adoptions of black cats or white bunnies because of the whole satanic sacrificial thing," Morgan said. "If we prevent one animal from getting hurt, then it serves its purpose."

Vampyre club seeking new members

LONDON — Vampyres are prowling for new recruits in London as Halloween approaches to partake in wild parties, trips to Transylvania and bat spotting nights — but coffin-dwelling, blood drinkers need not apply.

With a penchant for custom-made fangs, striking make-up and gothic clothes, members of the London Vampyre Group (LVG) say it's their fascination with the romantic notion of vampires, rather than any darker intent, that draws them together.

"People who think they're un-dead, hundreds of years old, or that you have to drink blood if you're interested in the dark side of things, we can put them right on that," LVG's Mick Smith, 57, told Reuters.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

William Franke of Vanderbilt University will present a lecture entitled "Scripture as Theophany in Dante's 'Paradiso'" today at 4:30 p.m. in 210 McKenna Hall. Refreshments will be served.

The film "Harlan County, USA" will be shown today at 4:30 p.m. in C-100 Hesburgh Center Auditorium as part of the Labor History Film Series. The film, documenting a coal miners' strike in 1973, will be accompanied by speaker Dan Graff.

Painter Leonard Porter will present a lecture entitled "Painting in a Classical Landscape" today at 4:30 p.m. in 104 Bond Hall.

The Class of 2008 will present Verbinski's film "The Ring" in Washington Hall tonight at 8 p.m.

Walter M. Miller, Jr. will give a lecture entitled "A Canticle for Leibowitz" tonight at 8 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo Hall. This event is open to the public and is the second of four lectures in the Catholic Culture Series "Rediscovering Four Catholic Authors."

Michael Neill will present a lecture entitled "'The little dogs and all': Ceremony, Nakedness, Shame and the Deconsecration of Kingship in 'King Lear'" tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. in 210 McKenna Hall.

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

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LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 66 LOW 48	HIGH 57 LOW 51	HIGH 51 LOW 31	HIGH 48 LOW 31	HIGH 43 LOW 29	HIGH 42 LOW 29

New laws restrict trick-or-treating

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Sex offenders on probation or parole in Tennessee are banned from Halloween costume parties this year and aren't even allowed to put up decorations like jack-o-lanterns that might attract youngsters.

The new state guidelines are meant to clarify policies that prevent offenders from interacting with children, said Board of Probation and Parole spokesman Jack Elder, and were not enacted in response to any specific problems the board has seen during the Halloween season.

Tennessee isn't the only state keeping close watch on sex offenders during Halloween. New York issued similar Halloween restrictions for sex offenders this year and imposed a 3 p.m. to 6 a.m. Halloween curfew on them. Sex offenders in Lima, Ohio, and Gaston County, N.C., were ordered to attend meetings with authorities that coincide with the prime hours for trick-or-treating.

Maryland has even had sex offenders on parole or probation to keep their porch lights turned off Tuesday night. In addition, Baltimore County will pay about 20 plainclothes officers overtime to work the streets and look for sex offenders who have contact



Students migrate toward the Lake Street entrance to State Street for the annual Halloween Party in Madison, Wis. on Saturday.

with children other than their own, said county police Cpl. Michael Hill.

The Tennessee restrictions prohibit sex offenders from attending special Halloween events like corn field mazes and haunted houses, handing out treats, displaying Halloween decorations, accompanying trick-or-treating children or wearing costumes.

They apply to all sex offenders on probation or parole — about 2,000 of the 8,100 registered offenders living in the state — and not specifically to those

offenders whose crimes involved minors.

"No matter what their sex offense might have been, they must adhere to the same rules," Elder said. "Any sex offender is not supposed to have contact with minors. They all sign the same directives."

That even means that offenders with children must find someone else to accompany them on trick-or-treating walks, he said. And if other children knock on their doors on Halloween, the offenders must not answer.

President fired at leading school

Students, faculty celebrate trustees' decision

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The board of trustees of the nation's premier school for the deaf voted Sunday to terminate the appointment of the incoming president, who had been the subject of protests, the board announced.

The vote at Gallaudet University came after a day-long closed-door meeting that followed a month of protests by students and faculty members. Jane Fernandes, the school's former provost, had been selected in May to take office in January.

"Although undoubtedly there will be some members of the community who have differing views on the meaning of this decision, we believe that it is a necessity at this point," the board said in a written statement.

Fernandes did not immediately respond to an e-mail seeking comment.

Protesters had said

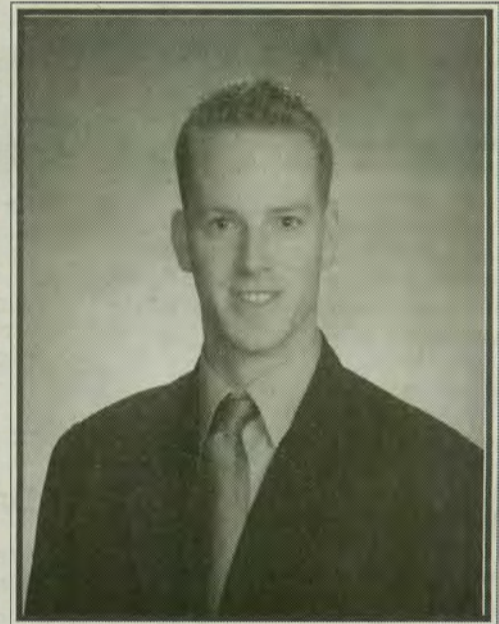
Fernandes, 50, was a divisive and ineffective leader as provost. They said the board ignored surveys by students and faculty during the presidential search that called her "unacceptable." The faculty voted this month, 82 percent to 18 percent, for Fernandes to resign or be removed.

Fernandes had refused to resign, saying it would hurt the university to allow protests to determine the school's leadership. She said she had become a lightning rod for those frustrated about changes in deaf culture because she hadn't learned to use American Sign Language until she was in her 20s.

Celebrations broke out on campus when the decision was announced. Professor Diane Morton, who joined protesters for a rally at the university gymnasium, said students were "elated" when protest leaders received the e-mailed announcement.



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Meal

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McGlinn's multi-cultural commissioner.

"We gave patrons the opportunity to enjoy dishes ranging from Malawi Chicken from the ASA to Hal Pio from the Hawaii Club," she said. "There were also dance presentations from the Hawaiian and Filipino groups."

The purpose carries additional significance for McGlinn Hall because its rector, Sister Mary Lynch, SSJ, visited Our Lady of Fatima a few years ago and saw it as a huge anchor for a poverty-stricken community in a third-world country.

"The Parish [at Our Lady of Fatima] offers services that the Dominican government doesn't offer or charges more than the people can afford," she said. "Twenty-thousand people are part of the parish, and they're divided into small groups called, 'campos,' each of which contain a spiritual leader."

Posters in the 24-hour lounge of McGlinn contained pictures and descriptions of the Church's outreach program. A wide range of services are available to them, including involvement in the sacramental life, discovering new water sources, education and community farming.

Lynch is also a friend of Sister Jean Reilly, CSJ, of the St. Joseph Parish in Philadelphia, who is organizing a pharmacy and grocery store in Hondo Valle. The store, also a part of the Church's

outreach, will receive the proceeds from the Meal of Nations.

"The store will only charge its customers three percent of the costs," Lynch said. "So that people can afford to buy any grocery items whenever they need it. Many grocers in the Dominican Republic only sell certain products when they exist in excess."

McGlinn Hall President junior Taryn Lewis felt the event "brought authenticity to McGlinn" and was pleased with its success.

"Our residents and other Notre Dame students are really getting a feel for the situation down in the Dominican Republic and we're really happy to be

involved," she said.

The cultural groups, such as the ASA, were also glad that their contributions — such as preparing Cameroonian Poulet du directeur general (Chicken of the CEO) — put them on the map.

"We're a really quiet organization on campus," said sophomore

club member Theophilus Ossei-Anto, from Ghana, "but our connections with [Gamboa] and the help of McGlinn are getting our voice out on campus, and we're also glad to be a help in any way that we can."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Militants kill 23 Iraqi policemen

BAGHDAD — Suspected Sunni Arab gunmen killed 23 policemen Sunday, including 17 in one attack in the predominantly Shiite southern city of Basra, signaling the possible start of an intensified insurgent campaign against Iraq's predominantly Shiite Muslim security forces.

Political tension deepened in Baghdad when Vice President Tariq al-Hashemi, the country's highest-ranking Sunni politician, threatened to resign if Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki did not act quickly to eradicate two feared Shiite militias.

Al-Maliki, a Shiite, depends heavily on the backing of the two Shiite political parties that run the militias and has resisted American pressure to eradicate the private armies — the Mahdi Army of radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and the Badr Brigade, the military wing of Iraq's biggest Shiite political bloc, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq.

Serbia resolves to reclaim Kosovo

BELGRADE — Serbian voters have approved a new constitution reasserting Serbia's claim over the breakaway Kosovo province, independent observers and Serbia's prime minister said Sunday.

The Belgrade-based Center for Free Elections and Democracy said their sample count after polls closed in the two-day vote indicated that 96 percent of those who participated in the referendum supported the draft charter.

At least 50 percent of the country's 6.6 million voters had to participate for the results to be valid and the group estimated turnout at 53.3 percent.

The final result is expected on Monday.

NATIONAL NEWS

Audit highlights missing weapons

WASHINGTON — Nearly one of every 25 weapons the military bought for Iraqi security forces is missing, a government audit said Sunday. Many others cannot be repaired because parts or technical manuals are lacking.

A second report found "significant challenges remain that put at risk" the U.S. military's goal of strengthening Iraqi security forces by transferring all logistics operations to the defense ministry by the end of 2007.

A third report concerned the Provincial Reconstruction Team program, in which U.S. government experts help Iraqis develop regional governmental institutions. "The unstable security environment in Iraq touches every aspect of the PRT program," the report said.

St. Louis named most dangerous city

ST. LOUIS — Just days after the St. Louis Cardinals won the top honor in Major League Baseball, their hometown jumped to first place on a list no one wants to lead: the most dangerous cities in the United States.

This Midwestern city has long been in the upper tiers of the annual ranking of the nation's safest and most dangerous cities, compiled by Morgan Quitno Press. Violent crime surged nearly 20 percent there this year, when the rate of such crimes rose much faster in the Midwest than in the rest of nation, according to FBI figures released in June.

LOCAL NEWS

Program to boost Hispanic business

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce's Hispanic Business Council has developed a program to boost growth in central Indiana's Hispanic-owned business population.

The Mentor-Protégé Program aims to provide leadership for the creation, growth, development, and retention of Hispanic businesses throughout the Indianapolis area.

The program is designed to develop and grow three to five Hispanic-owned businesses each year for a three-year period and foster the establishment of long-term business relationships between protégé companies and majority corporations.

Parties set for upcoming election

Democrats claim momentum, Republicans hope to mobilize base before Nov. 7

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans on Sunday said a major voter turnout effort would help them stay in power after the Nov. 7 elections, while Democrats claimed momentum as they seek to tap into voter unhappiness over Iraq.

Both sides agreed that the war in Iraq was a leading, if not central, issue in the contests to decide control of the House and Senate.

"This election is becoming more and more a referendum on George Bush, his failed policies both overseas and at home with a rubber stamp Congress," said Sen. Charles Schumer of New York, head of the Senate Democratic campaign committee.

His Republican counterpart, Sen. Elizabeth Dole of North Carolina, said Iraq and the broader fight against terrorism were important issues, but "President Bush's name is not on the ballot." Democrats, she said, were trying "to make it a national referendum."

Schumer and Dole were among the politicians and party leaders who sparred on the Sunday talk shows just nine days before the elections.

Democrats need a gain of 15 seats to win control of the 435-member House and six seats to claim the 100-member Senate.

With approval slumping for both the war and the president, recent polls show Democrats have their best chance to reclaim the House since the GOP swept them from power in 1994, and a shot at capturing the Senate as well.

As the candidates entered their final full week of campaigning, House Democrats worked to emphasize the GOP role in the Iraq war. The party's campaign committee said it would air television commercials criticizing Republicans for supporting the war in about a dozen competitive races in the



Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C., greets Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., at the National Press Club in Washington Oct. 25 to discuss the upcoming November elections.

coming days.

"Despite a war gone wrong and no plan for victory, politicians like (Rep.) Rob Simmons keep voting to stay the course again and again," says one commercial, airing in Connecticut.

Democrats have increased the number of races where they are advertising in recent days, a sign of confidence as the election approaches. In addition to new offensives in Kansas, Kentucky and New Hampshire, officials disclosed plans to run commercials against Republican Rep. Jim Walsh this week in the area around Syracuse, N.Y.

House Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, said polls showing a Democratic

advantage, especially in the House, "don't mean anything, because what we have are 435 individual races all around the country, local candidates running on local issues."

"If we mobilize all our voters, we'll do well on Election Day," Boehner said.

Ken Mehlman, chairman of the Republican National Committee, sounded a common Republican theme — that a Democratic-led Congress would mean higher taxes. Democrats accused him of scare tactics.

Mehlman suggested "across-the-board tax increases affecting millions of Americans" if Democratic Rep. Charles Rangel became chairman of the tax-writing

House Ways and Means Committee. The New York lawmaker is now the panel's senior Democrat.

Last week, Vice President Dick Cheney contended Rangel wanted to undo popular tax cuts enacted during Bush's first term. Cheney's claim was based in part on Rangel's own remark that he could not think of one of Bush's tax cuts that merited renewal.

"Once again the vice president hasn't the slightest clue about what he's talking about. He's never talked with me and neither has anyone in the administration about taxes," Rangel said Sunday. Rangel said his own remarks referred to broad-based tax overhaul efforts.

NIGERIA

Nearly 100 dead in plane crash

Associated Press

ABUJA — A Nigerian airliner with 104 people on board slammed into the ground moments after takeoff on Sunday — the third deadly crash of a passenger plane in less than a year in this West African nation known for its notoriously unsafe air industry. Six people survived, and the rest were believed dead.

Among those killed was the man regarded as the spiritual leader of Nigeria's Muslims, and thousands of people gathered at a regional airport to receive his body.

The Boeing 737 crashed one

minute after taking off from Abuja airport, said Sam Adurogboye, an Aviation Ministry spokesman. President Olusegun Obasanjo ordered an immediate investigation into the cause of the crash, his spokeswoman Remi Oyo said.

Rescue workers found debris from the smashed plane, body parts and luggage strewn over an area the size of a football field. The plane went down inside the sprawling airport compound about two miles from the runway. Smoke rose from the aircraft's mangled and smoldering fuselage. Its tail hung from a tree.

Emergency workers pulled

blackened corpses from the wreckage, then covered the bodies with white sheets and hauled them away in stretchers. An Associated Press reporter counted at least 50 cadavers, though other bodies had been transported earlier to local morgues.

Through the day, airport security officials kept back anxious people seeking information about friends or loved ones.

Adurogboye said 104 passengers and crew had been aboard the doomed flight, and he knew of six survivors who had been taken to a hospital. "Obviously the rest are feared dead," he said.

MBA

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investment, or the number of years it takes former students to recover the financial investment required for the graduate program.

Students can get a quicker return on investment by "choosing a mid-tier program as opposed to one in the top five," according to research disclosed on the BusinessWeek Web site.

"The mid-tier schools like Wisconsin, Notre Dame and Rochester did very well in the [return on investment] analysis. You can recoup your investment in five years or less," said associate editor Louis Lavelle on the magazine's Web site. "The top-ranked schools ... all did pretty poorly. You're looking at 12 to 15 years before you break even."

Karen Dowd, Senior Director of Career Development at Mendoza, said the MBA program's focus on "leadership in thought, action and values-based decision making" prepares graduates not only in their first few years post-graduation, but also later on as their careers progress.

"Our MBA graduates are recruited into positions that aren't simply training jobs, but substantial opportunities that allow them to use their skills and add value to companies and organizations immediately," she

said.

The central mission of the MBA career development team is to connect students with career opportunities. Dowd said the team provides tools that can be used in all stages of career decision making: "figuring out what's important to you now, exploring options, developing market positioning strategies, evaluating alternatives, making decisions and re-evaluating your situation on an ongoing basis."

"We don't offer this service to boost the rankings, but because it is the best way to help our students and alumni manage their careers in a way that is ultimately forward-moving and satisfying," she said.

Overall, starting salaries for MBA graduates are "on the rise," the magazine said. "One of the biggest surprises was how well this year's grads fared in the job market," Lavelle said on the Web site. "We found that the average salary for our top 30 schools was up more than \$8,000, or about 9.7 percent, to \$95,000, which doesn't include signing bonuses [and other financial rewards]."

According to the MBA program Web site, 93 percent of 2005 graduates seeking employment accepted offers within three months of graduation. Their average base salary was \$80,000 with a median sign-on bonus of \$10,000. Employers of the graduates included IBM, JP Morgan, Ford Motor Company, Microsoft,

Nike and PepsiCo.

"Recruiters tell us our innovative, integrative curriculum focused on problem-solving meshes well with their hiring needs," Dowd said.

Huang said Notre Dame gives students a well-rounded education that encompasses both business and ethics.

"The most important thing is not just to teach them about the financial tools of the trade, but to teach how to do the right thing," he said. "It is not just about preparing them for Wall Street, but for the world. After all, we are Notre Dame."

The University of Chicago topped the list, followed by the MBA programs at the University of Pennsylvania and Northwestern University. The complete list can be viewed at the BusinessWeek Web site.

The BusinessWeek rankings were based on a three-part methodology: student surveys (45 percent of the ranking), corporate recruiter surveys (45 percent) and the analysis of "intellectual capital," as based on journal articles written by faculty members (10 percent). For the 2006 edition, the magazine used surveys results from 9,000 graduates and more than 200 recruiters.

Notre Dame was also ranked 32nd among the world's top 100 full-time MBA programs by the Economist Intelligence Unit in results released Oct. 12. Mendoza was 20th on the list of American schools and singled out as the top program with "Potential to Network."

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Politics

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es, according to Conway.

Conway explained that the focus of the canvassing was primarily to encourage Donnelly supporters to vote, rather than informing them of the 2nd District candidate's platform.

"Over the last two years, we've been trying to get the word out about [Donnelly's] platform," she said. "But at this point, so close to the election, we figure a lot of people have made up their mind already. Now, we're just trying to get them to the polls."

The canvassers also made it a point to mention South Bend's early voting system, which, opening last week, allows those

who might not make it to the polls on Nov. 7 to cast their vote at a more convenient time.

"[The early voting system] is important for us to mention, because some people might not realize it's available," Conway said. "I know I talked to a lot of Donnelly supporters who didn't know about the early voting, but thought it sounded really convenient and said they would look into it."

To kick-off the event, participants went to Donnelly's campaign headquarters, where the candidate gave them words of thanks and encouragement.

"[Donnelly] told us how important this election was for this country, for getting some change in Indiana and for getting a change in the House [of Representatives] for the democrats," Conway said. "And he

thanked everyone for all their hard work too."

Over the next nine days leading up to the national election, Conway said the College Democrats will not have any more events like "Campus Invasion" planned, but many club members will be working the phones for Donnelly's campaign.

The NDCD is also planning to stick to home base, rather than reciprocate the journey to the Ball State area.

"In the past, when the elections in this region haven't been so close, we've traveled to other campuses to help out," Conway said. "But this year, this campaign is one of the ones that needs help the most."

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Game

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matter of time," sophomore Chris Narvaez said. "Our defensive line got it together in the second half and decided to play within their assignments instead of just flying to the ball carrier."

The Irish, now with seven wins, look toward their next game against North Carolina.

Future Notre Dame opponent USC lost this weekend to unranked Oregon State. Notre Dame still controls its own

destiny as it looks to secure its second consecutive BCS bowl.

"The rest of our schedule looks good," junior Mary Beth Scully said. "It's always nice to see USC lose, but it actually might hurt us in the long run."

While Notre Dame seems poised for a strong finish to a hopefully successful season, the Irish will need some help around the nation to keep their cham-

ampionship dreams alive.

"[There were so many] near misses," McQueeney said. "With Texas coming back to win, Tennessee avoiding upset and USC going down, our shot at this year's National Championship took a huge hit, but you never know with the Irish."

Mary Beth Scully
junior

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Tickets

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"One thing about our guys ... they live with you, they eat at North and South Dining Hall, they do the same things [academically]," Brey said. "[And then] they have to go out and compete in the Big East."

Entertainment for Thursday's event was provided by the Pom Squad, members of the band, cheerleaders and a video showing highlights from past games. Students in the audience were selected to participate in free throw contests and a relay with players, and prizes were given out to some of the winners.

At the conclusion of the event, students were able to redeem their vouchers and purchase season ticket books.

"[The process] is a little bit convoluted, but it's worth it because I'm a sports fan," freshman Kia Johnson said. "And for basketball [the price] is pretty reasonable."

Josh Berlo, director of ticket operations, said that this year's

procedure for buying basketball tickets is very similar to the routine from last year.

"We did streamline it a bit by doing away with wristbands and making tickets available immediately following the event or on subsequent days to better accommodate student schedules," he said.

Berlo also said fans can look forward to a great season with a full Joyce Center.

"It is a bit early to know how ticket sales will be for this year," he said. "However, thus far they appear strong and similar to previous seasons."

Students' opinions of Thursday's event were mixed, but most agreed that this year's price for season tickets was a bargain.

Freshman Joseph Nachio was pleased with the process for purchasing tickets overall.

"It seems really easy, well structured, [and] pretty convenient," he said. "[And the price] is really good — sixty bucks and you're getting a full season."

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NASDAQ	2,350.62	-28.48
NYSE	8,779.87	-65.45
S&P 500	1,377.34	-11.74
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	16,483.60	-185.47
FTSE 100(London)	6,160.90	-23.90

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	-1.42	-0.61	42.21
INTEL CP (INTC)	-3.08	-0.67	21.10
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	+2.61	+0.14	5.50
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.04	-0.01	28.34

Treasuries			
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13-WEEK BILL	-0.20	-0.010	4.965
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IN BRIEF

Bans could derail Great Lakes fishing

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Scientists resign to avoid crackdown

WASHINGTON — Nearly 40 percent of the scientists conducting hands-on research at the National Institutes of Health say they are looking for other jobs or are considering doing so to escape new ethics rules that have curtailed their opportunity to earn outside income.

Most scientists say the ethics crackdown is too severe, and nearly three-quarters of them believe it will hinder the government's ability to attract and keep medical researchers, according to a survey commissioned by the government's premier medical research agency.

The tightened rules were put in place last year after NIH found dozens of scientists had ran afoul of existing restrictions on private consulting deals that had enriched them with money from drug and biotechnology companies.

Outside income from such companies is now banned. NIH also is placing greater restrictions on employees' financial holdings.

CEO: AK Steel still not for sale

As lockout of labor employees nears ninth month, some analysts predict takeover

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — As a lockout of union employees nears its ninth month, AK Steel executives insist that they are not shopping the Ohio company even though some analysts think it is being eyed for a possible takeover.

"We are all about improving our competitiveness," CEO James Wainscott told investors last week. "If in the process of doing that it makes us more attractive, so be it; but we are not actively marketing AK Steel."

Some analysts believe that potential suitors are just waiting for AK to resolve its labor problems. The company has been operating its largest mill, the Middletown Works, about 30 miles north of Cincinnati, with replacement workers since it began a lockout March 1.

"There have been lots of takeover rumors," said analyst Charles Bradford, of Bradford Research/Soleil Securities in New York. "The industry is consolidating, and they (AK Steel) are subject to takeover because they are relatively small and flexible. If they solve their (labor) problems, they become more attractive."

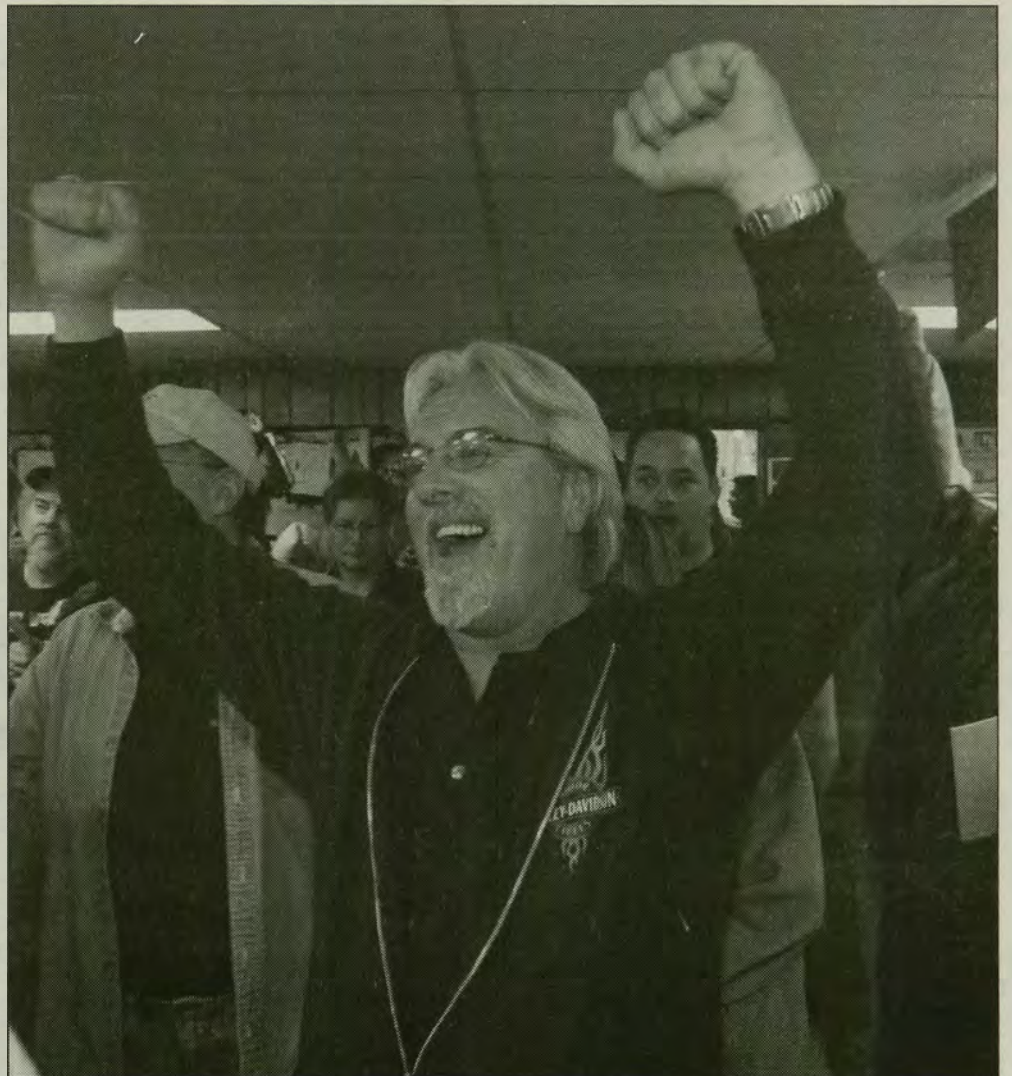
Industry analyst Michael Locker, who has been a consultant to the union that represents the locked-out workers, said he believes AK has had a lot of lookers, but no takers.

"Obviously, small and medium-sized mills are facing consolidation," Locker said. "What I hear is that nearly every international producer that is interested in buying into the U.S. market has looked at AK."

But nobody wants to take on AK's current legacy costs for pensions and health care, he said.

"Until that is resolved in a favorable way that both parties can live with, I don't think you're going to attract much of an interest among buyers," Locker said.

Union workers voted down a contract proposal in



Union member Greg Wells reacts after the announcement that union workers at AK Steel's Middletown Works rejected a contract offer in Middletown, Ohio Oct. 18.

September and a similar one in October that would have had everybody back to work in 90 days. After that, the company put a significantly worse offer on the table.

AK has said the Middletown Works operates at a \$40-a-ton cost disadvantage and the company must have a contract that eliminates work force guarantees, allows greater flexibility in scheduling, passes on some health care insurance costs and converts a defined benefits pension to a contributory plan.

Since Wainscott's team took over management of AK Steel three years ago, the total work force has been cut from around 9,000 to about 6,600 and produc-

tivity has increased 36 percent, Wainscott said.

The Middletown Works had about 2,700 hourly production and maintenance workers in January. When it became evident that some kind of job action was eminent, a wave of resignations began as workers who had 30 years seniority took advantage of their eligibility to retire with full benefits.

The work force had dropped to about 2,500 when union workers were locked out on Feb. 28, when their contract expired. More retirements and resignations have reduced union membership to just over 1,800 — about the same number of replacement workers who were hired to keep the mill going.

"The bottom line is we are prepared to operate in this fashion indefinitely if we need to do so," Wainscott said. "Having said that, just as we have for the past 11 months, we will continue to bargain in good faith to reach a labor agreement that allows us to compete at Middletown Works."

Wainscott has gone out of his way to tell investors that AK is happy with its niche market status and wants to stay independent.

"We're not for sale," he also told analysts in July. "This is a company that is standing alone, and we hope to do so more profitably."

He repeated that assessment when AK announced its profitable third-quarter results last week.

Stocks down on slow GDP growth

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks pulled back Friday after a government report stirred concerns that the economy may be slowing too much.

Investors have bid up stocks sharply in October on the notion that the economy is slowing, but not in a way that would threaten corporate profits and consumer spending. Investors are also counting on a gradual slowdown to reduce the threat of inflation and convince the Federal Reserve to lower short-term interest rates.

While investors expected Friday's advance reading on gross domestic product from the Commerce Department would show slowing

growth, the report underscored concern that a cooling housing market could spill over into other parts of the economy.

"I think that the market actually was poised for profit-taking and consolidation," said Quincy Krosby, chief investment strategist at The Hartford. She contends the GDP report gave investors an excuse to catch their breath after the recent run-up and called the pullback a healthy pause.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 73.40, or 0.60 percent, at 12,090.26. The Dow Jones industrials achieved a new high close in each of previous four sessions and 13 of the previous 18 sessions.

Broader stock indicators also moved lower Friday. The Standard &

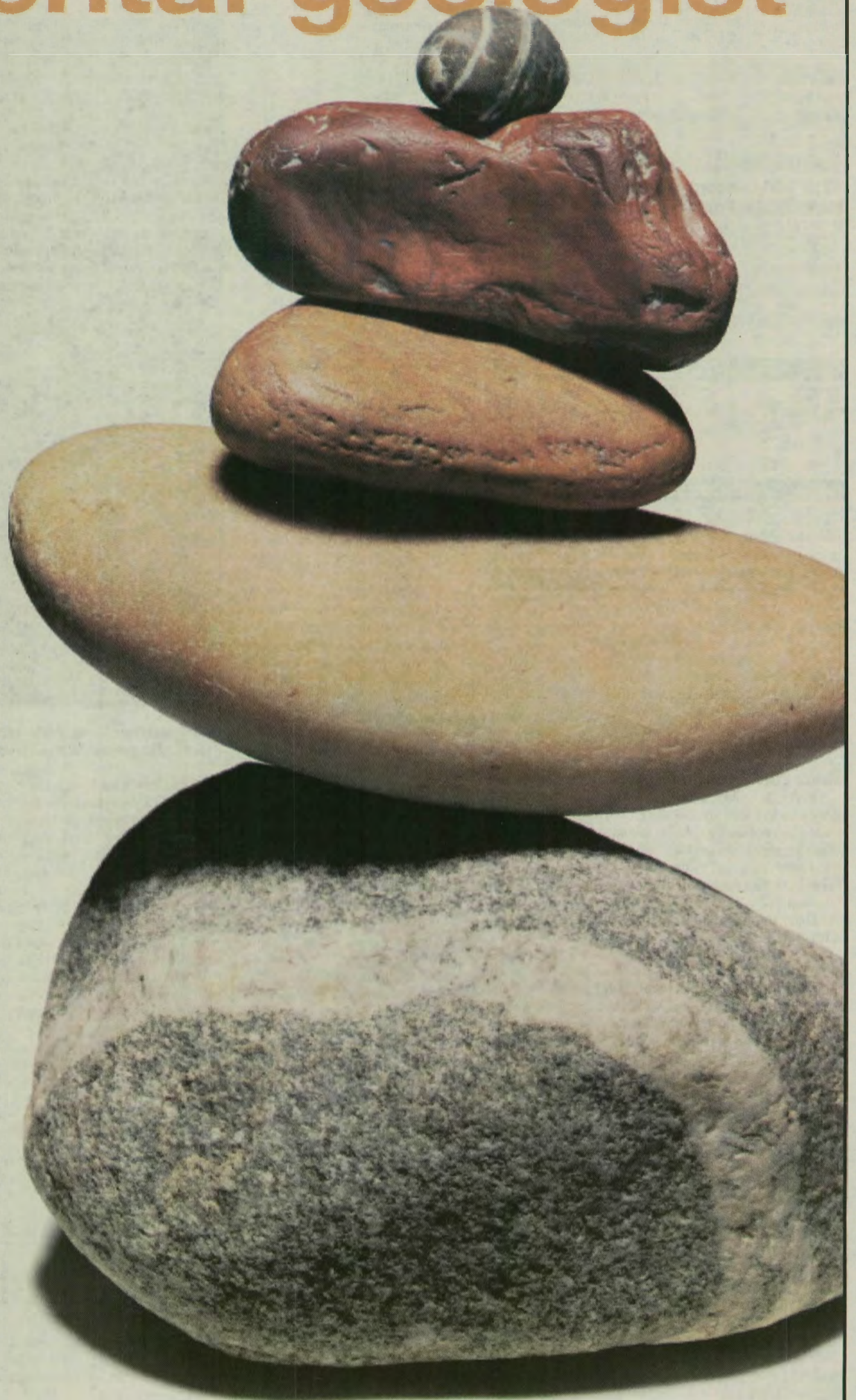
Poor's 500 index slipped 11.74, or 0.85 percent, to 1,377.34, and the tech-heavy Nasdaq composite index fell 28.48, or 1.20 percent, to 2,350.62. Technology stocks retreated Friday afternoon following a report from Goldman Sachs Inc. that warned of weakness in orders for computer parts.

Over all, the major indices showed gains for the week despite Friday's decline. The Dow rose 0.73 percent for the week, while the S&P gained 0.64 percent and the Nasdaq added 0.36 percent. Despite the overall advances in the market, the S&P stands about 9.8 percent below its high close of 1,527.46 and the Nasdaq is even further off, at about 53 percent.


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Board of Health weighs potential benefits of trans-fat ban

Associated Press

NEW YORK — There are plenty of things in Kentucky Fried Chicken that are bad for your health — cholesterol, saturated fat and salt, to name a few. But only one has the potential to get the colonel's recipe banned in New York City.

That ingredient is artificial trans fatty acids, which are so common that the average American eats 4.7 pounds a year, according to the Food and Drug Administration. City health officials say these so-called trans fats are so unhealthy they belong in the same category as food spoiled by rodent droppings.

On Monday, the Board of Health will hold its first public hearing on a proposal to make New York the first U.S. city to ban restaurants from serving

food containing artificial trans fats.

Eateries are scrambling for ways to get trans fats out of their food.

KFC Corp. said it was planning a "major announcement" in New York on Monday about a change coming to all 5,500 of its U.S. restaurants. Franchise owners told several newspapers and magazines that KFC would stop using partially hydrogenated vegetable oil — the primary source of artificial trans fats.

Representatives of the company and its parent, Louisville, Ky.-based Yum Brands Inc., declined to comment, but the possible switch was applauded by the Center for Science in the Public Interest, which sued KFC in June over the trans fat content of its chicken.

"Assuming KFC goes through with it, it would be a tremen-

dous improvement for the nutritional quality of their foods," said the center's executive director, Mike Jacobson.

Invented in the early 1900s, partially hydrogenated vegetable oil was initially believed to be a healthy substitute for natural fats like butter or lard. It was also cheaper, performed better under high heat and had a longer shelf life. Today, it is used for deep frying and as a shortening in baked goods like cookies and crackers.

Ironically, many fast food companies became dependent on hydrogenated oil about 15 years ago when they were pressured by health groups to do something about saturated fat. McDonald's emptied its fryers of beef tallow in 1990 and filled them with what was then thought to be "heart healthy" partially hydrogenated vegetable oil.

Trans fats significantly raise the level of so-called "bad" cholesterol in the blood, clogging arteries and causing heart disease. Researchers at Harvard's School of Public Health estimated that trans fats contribute to 30,000 U.S. deaths a year.

"This is something we'd like to dismiss from our food supply," said Dr. Robert H. Eckel, immediate past president of the American Heart Association.

Wendy's, the national burger chain, has already switched to a zero-trans fat oil. McDonald's announced in 2003 that it intended to do so, but has yet to follow through.

If approved, New York's ban would only affect restaurants, not grocery stores, and wouldn't extend beyond the city limits. But experts said the city's food service industry, with 24,600 establishments, is so

large that any rule change is likely to ripple nationwide.

"It's going to be the trendsetter for the entire country," said Suzanne Vieira, director of the culinary nutrition program at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, R.I.

Richard Lipsky, a spokesman for the Neighborhood Retail Alliance, said many New York eatery owners rely on ingredients prepared elsewhere, and aren't always aware whether the foods they sell contain trans fats.

Consumer reaction remains to be seen.

New Jersey state Sen. Ellen Karcher said her office was flooded with threatening phone calls after she proposed a similar trans fat ban in early October. A proposed ban in Chicago was ridiculed by some as government paternalism run amok.

Virus attacks Midwest fish

Associated Press

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The federal agency has scheduled a meeting with state and industry representatives for Tuesday in Washington, D.C., to discuss regulations aimed at containing the virus.

The emergency order "just puts everything on hold until we can figure out what we're going to do," spokesman Jim Rogers said.

But some in the region said they were blindsided by the order, which could be especially hard on commercial fish farms and live bait vendors. It also could hamper stocking programs essential to the region's \$4.5 billion fishery, critics said.

"This order will completely eliminate long-established trades of sport fish between state agencies that are crucial to the maintenance, restoration and enhancement of sport



Dan Vogler dumps uninfected mature rainbow trout into a rearing pond at his Harrietta Hills Trout Farm in Harrietta, Mich.

fish programs" in the region, Sam Flood, acting director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, wrote in a letter to the federal agency.

Dan Vogler, who raises rainbow trout in Harrietta, about 30 miles south of Traverse City, said the order had taken away 70 percent of his customers. He sends live fish to other states for sale in restaurants and markets, and for stocking lakes and rivers.

The virus hasn't been detected on any fish farm in the Great Lakes region, Vogler said. Michigan has 47 fish farms, with combined sales of \$2.4 million in 2005, according to the USDA.

Greg Oswald, president of the Minnesota Aquaculture Association, sells his fathead minnows for sport fishing bait across the nation. He estimated his business could lose \$600,000 this year and more in 2007 if the interstate ban continues.

Industry spokesmen said the ban could mean live bait shortages and higher prices.

Dealers who supply bait shops in Ohio buy about half their stock from other states, said Fred Snyder, an Ohio State University extension agent. Ohio's trout farmers get young fish to raise from other states.

Meanwhile, trout farmers in Minnesota and Wisconsin have millions of pounds ready for stocking lakes elsewhere.

"All of a sudden they can't move these fish," Snyder said. "These people are going to be financially devastated."

The National Aquaculture Association, a fish farming trade group, asked the government for regulations to help prevent the virus from spreading, said its president, Randy MacMillan. He said the association didn't request the emergency order but understands the need.

It could take the federal agency two or three months just to write interim rules, MacMillan said. "In the meantime, the movement of potentially infected live fish would continue," he said.

Teens main target of addictive beverages

Energy drinks create dangerous tendencies

Associated Press

CHICAGO — More than 500 new energy drinks launched worldwide this year, and coffee fans are probably too old to understand why.

Energy drinks aren't merely popular with young people. They attract fan mail on their own MySpace pages. They spawn urban legends. They get reviewed by bloggers. And they taste like carbonated cough syrup.

Vying for the dollars of teenagers with promises of weight loss, increased endurance and legal highs, the new products join top-sellers Red Bull, Monster and Rockstar to make up a \$3.4 billion-a-year industry that grew by 80 percent last year.

Thirty-one percent of U.S. teenagers say they drink

energy drinks, according to Simmons Research. That represents 7.6 million teens, a jump of almost 3 million in three years.

Nutritionists warn that the drinks, laden with caffeine and sugar, can hook kids on an unhealthy jolt-and-crash cycle. The caffeine comes from multiple sources, making it hard to tell how much the drinks contain. Some have B vitamins, which when taken in megadoses can cause rapid heartbeat, and numbness and tingling in the hands and feet.

But the biggest worry is how some teens use the drinks. Some report downing several cans in a row to get a buzz, and a new study found a surprising number of poison-center calls from young people getting sick from too much caffeine.

E. coli outbreak to create future benefits

New packaging will prevent contamination

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Like lab technicians on a crime-scene television drama, investigators have tracked a strain of bacteria over thousands of miles — from bagged spinach in Midwestern refrigerators to the guts of a wild pig in the hills of California's central coast.

While they may never pinpoint the exact source of the strain of E. coli blamed for killing three people and sickening more than 200, they have come closer than ever before. And experts say the investigation has yielded valuable clues for preventing future outbreaks.

"We've completely overhauled the way we test and

package greens," said Samantha Cabaluna, a spokeswoman for Natural Selection Foods LLC, the company that packaged the tainted spinach. "Regardless of the source or method of contamination, we're better prepared to catch it."

That's little solace to victims and their families.

"This was a long, convoluted story that took a long time to unfold," said Ken Costello, whose elderly mother-in-law was among those who died.

The case started with scattered reports of people falling sick. A 6-year-old boy in Wisconsin had bad cramps. A 12-year-old girl in Kentucky was hospitalized with vomiting. An elderly woman died in Wisconsin.

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'Stay the course' cuts and runs

This past week White House Press Secretary Tony Snow announced that the Bush administration will no longer be using the phrase "stay the course" in regards to our Iraqi War strategy. This is clearly an interesting turn of events as "stay the course" has been hammered into our psyche for months and months, often in response to a recently released casualty or intelligence report which would seem to indicate that our current strategy is not working. This is particularly interesting as "stay the course"



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was the Bush Administration's and also Bush supporters' means of contrasting their strategy to that of the Democrats: the cowardly "cut and run" tactic. However, this reevaluation of strategy and semantics speaks to a larger phenomenon of tying complicated nuanced issues to as few words as possible and then repeating that phrase over and over until America believes that the issue is that simple.

However, no issue facing America is simple enough to be reduced to a three or four word credo. The utter failure of the government to control the situation in Iraq and to come up with a feasible strategy for both Iraqi and American success deserves more than three words and obstinate, stubborn rhetoric which insists that if we simply keep doing what we're doing, we will win. This simplistic façade that has repeatedly been presented to the American public is additionally reflected in a grossly insulting way through the midterm election campaign commercials that have begun to dominate television screens across the country.

The ad campaigns have taken simplifying a message to a new low, simplifying the opponent's platform to a few mislead-

ing words and atrocious analyses of positions. For example, any stance which attempts to determine if there is a way to integrate already present illegal immigrants into our society is automatically considered "amnesty." Any politician who agrees with President Bush the majority of the time is made out to be a puppet of the current administration. Anyone who has ever shaken the hand, as would be the responsible thing to do when meeting someone of any kind of objectionable figure, will undoubtedly have that picture included in their opponent's campaign ad as if all opinions, issue stances and agendas are magically transported from the questionable party to a candidate through a simple handshake.

Personally I'm sick of it. And even worse than my personal disdain for the lack of ethics in political semantics these days is that those who are perpetrating these damaging, misleading, and ultimately useless messages are those who we are forced to choose between. Each day we hear the dirtiest and grossest misrepresentations of candidates' character and policies and ultimately one of them will win. What is being perpetuated is a cycle of distrust and loss of faith in politicians and while there certainly is no lack of scandals, cheating, lying and incompetent representation in Congress, neither party should have to spend tens of millions of dollars to point out their potential for failure as opposed to their own candidates' reasons for inevitable success.

What I propose is a contract which obligates the majority of a candidate's approved ads to be positive. Call it the "Integrity in Campaigning Agreement." Essentially it would curtail negative campaigning officially sponsored by candidates, by forcing them to spend more money and minutes of airtime on positive campaign ads than on negative campaigning. Such an agreement could be signed by the major candidates in any election and quite frankly would put the

spotlight back on the candidate, their achievements and why they would be a good public official.

In addition, I hope that one day both the Republican and Democratic National Committees will collaborate and form a campaign oversight committee whose sole purpose is to analyze the claims of candidates and to diligently fact-check and explain the sources and details of each claim. Perhaps if there were a central non-partisan authority whose sole purpose is to bring truth back into politics, more Americans would have a better understanding of the political process, those who take part in it and what they achieve. Maybe then more Americans would turn out to vote.

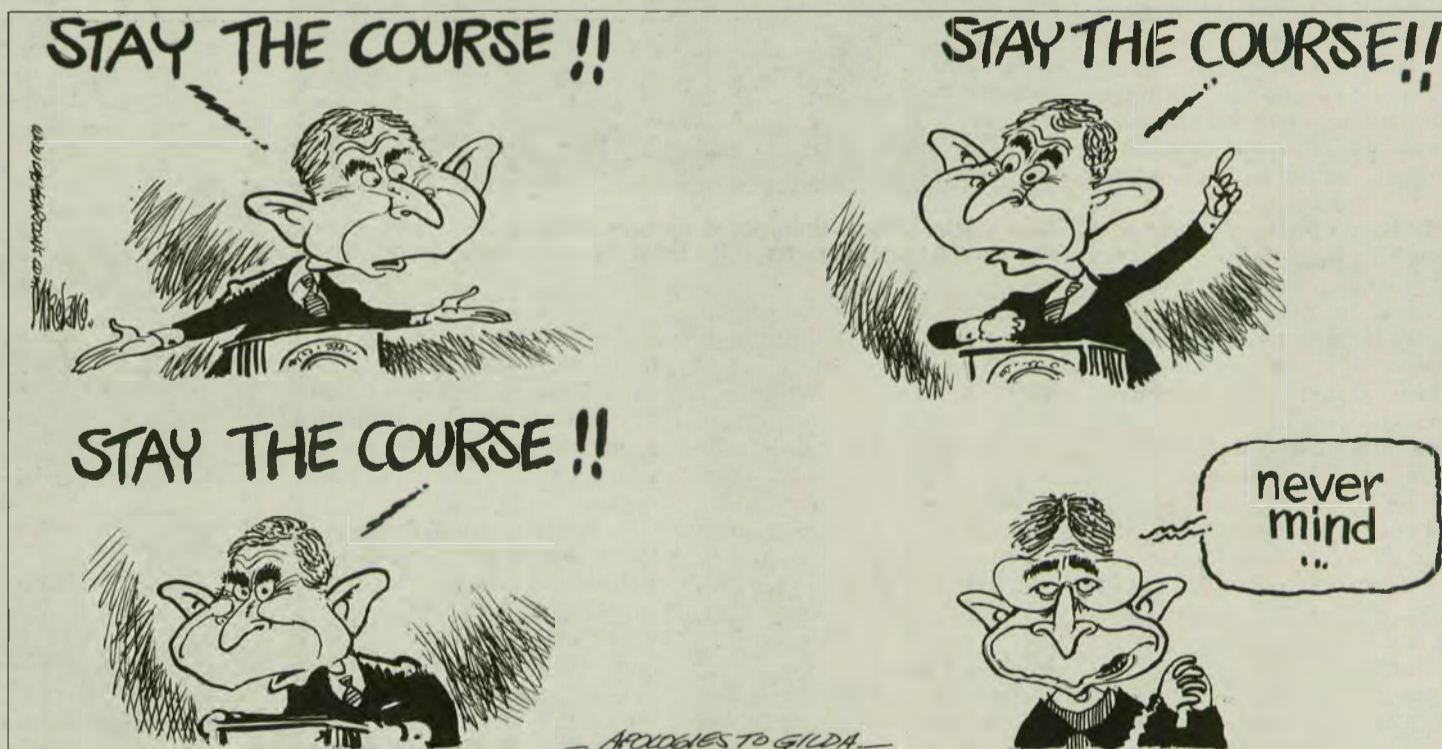
Such a committee will never be formed. But, hey, I can dream.

What it comes down to is this: Americans deserve better than to have their vote courted by sound bites and catch phrases. Americans deserve better than gross misinterpretation of crucial stances on serious issues. Americans deserve better than the barrage of negative campaign commercials that flood their living rooms with doubt and anxiety over whether any candidate is acceptable. It's time to bring truth and ethics back to the forefront of political campaigns. It's time for Americans to demand something better. This midterm election season, vote based on the facts — not based upon the distortions and oversimplifications of issues inherently found in negative campaigning.

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"A truly good book teaches me better than to read it. I must lay it down and commence living on its hint . . . What I began by reading I must finish by acting."

Henry David Thoreau
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support for 'Bras Around the Bend' display

Bras for a cause

In response to Lauren Galgano's "Downtown display inappropriate," I find her statements like a bra with no wire — lacking support.

She should really "push up" her opinion with some facts. One in eight women in the United States will be diagnosed with some form of breast cancer sometime in their life (American Cancer Association). This translates into about 212,920 women who will be found to have breast cancer this year, and about 40,970 of those women will have died from it.

How can you bash a display that is intended to bring awareness and raise funds for research that can reduce the number of women dying every single year from breast cancer?

This disease will even affect many of the women on the Notre Dame campus in one way or another. I am one of them. My mother is still in remission after being diagnosed with breast cancer three years ago. She is a woman who all her life stressed about being a conservative, upstanding woman. After being diagnosed, she quickly realized that there is no shame for her body. This is coming from a woman who was afraid to take her bra off for mammograms in front of a

female nurse! After surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, hundreds of check ups, needing the help of her daughter to bathe, she is not ashamed — not ashamed of her bra or her breasts.

Even more so, my family and I used humor to help her forget about the pain, about the sickness that came with chemotherapy, about the loss of her hair, about the trouble getting in and out of bed, about the struggle to get healthy so she can enjoy her life once again with her family.

The "Bras Around the Bend" display does not have an underlying innuendo about sexuality. It is meant to raise awareness through something that helps thousands of individuals forget about their pain — through humor. And Lauren Galgano, if you cannot be mature enough to see beyond this display, then you are marginalizing the pain, the struggle, the love and the support of what that display means to hundreds of thousands of people.

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 Oct. 28

Sexual innuendo not goal in display

I would like to respectfully disagree with a letter by fellow graduate student Lauren Galgano in which she suggests that the "Bras Around the Bend" display in downtown South Bend is a wrong-headed and provocative attempt to use sex appeal to publicize a good cause. While I am not a big fan of much of the music played on U93 and think that many current pop and R&B hits objectify women and sex, I simply don't think that the radio station was implying a similar message with the "Bras Around the Bend" campaign (which is also cosponsored by LaSalle Bank and Unity Surgical Arts).

Neither the advertisements I heard on the station nor the advertisement on its website carry any sort of sexual connotation. They simply say, donate a bra, and for each bra donated, monetary contributions will be made to RiverBend Cancer Services. They don't say bring your laciest, raciest bra so we can spice

up the downtown scene (for a good cause).

The website graphics include a simple pink ribbon, not a scantily clad lingerie model. As for Lauren's idea that bras themselves are a sex symbol and therefore make the display inappropriate, I would have to reply that I think most anything can become a sex symbol if the viewer intends for it to be one.

By stringing bras around trees and lightpoles, I don't think U93 or the town of South Bend is attempting to conjure up images of cleavage-baring Victoria's Secret models. Instead, I think that the bra display intends and should bring to mind the millions of women who are affected with breast cancer, many of whom have to deal with the physical and emotional side effects of having a mastectomy.

Rebecca McCumbers
 grad student
 off campus
 Oct. 27

U-WIRE

Deep in the drink

Last year, I attended a small, private college in a middle-sized Iowa town. Students at this college drank, but the drinking was rarely out of control. When I transferred to Iowa State University, I was fully aware that the alcohol consumption would increase, but I was completely oblivious to its level of severity.

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I don't drink. I never have and most likely never will. Although I don't understand or agree with the obsessive need for college students to drink in excess, I don't have a problem with students who choose to do so. That is, however, until I am disrespected by intoxicated individuals who have lost control of themselves. Unfortunately at Iowa State, this happens more often than not.

Although I may not drink, I am no stranger to parties. I don't mind making an appearance at a house or apartment bursting with friends who are consuming alcohol because I can leave the party the moment I feel uncomfortable or annoyed. The problem begins when drunken individuals find their way into my residence hall.

My residence hall is my home. I shouldn't have to want to escape my own home because drinkers lose control, but I do. On the weekends, it is normal for the hallways to be exceedingly loud at three or four in the morning when I am trying to sleep.

When I finally ignore the noise long enough to drift away into my dreams, I am usually angrily woken up by an irritating fire alarm pulled by someone under the influence who thinks the stunt is absolutely hilarious. After descending down and climbing up nine flights of stairs in the wee hours of the morning, it becomes clear why I don't appreciate drinking in excess.

On Saturday and Sunday mornings, I'm afraid to see or smell the interior of the elevators. Multiple times this semester, the elevator floors have been disgustingly caked with beer, vomit and garbage. After I

try desperately not to touch anything in the elevator, the doors open to a main floor covered with ripped newspaper and more beer and garbage.

By Sunday, my home is completely trashed by out-of-control drinking. I did nothing to contribute to the destruction, yet I suffer from the consequences.

At my small, private college, the rules regarding drinking were strictly enforced. Because the rules were enforced, I was able to go to my own residence hall — my home — to escape the rowdy students. At Iowa State, little is done in the residence halls to prevent the destruction from drinkers. Instead, people seem to turn their heads and ignore the damage as if it's normal, acceptable behavior for 18-, 19- and 20-year-old underage drinkers. People act as if nothing ever happened.

Something destructive does happen, however, every single weekend. For some, it may be entertaining to see their drunken accomplishments from the previous night's adventure.

For me, it's not only frustrating but sickening as well. Obviously my choice to not drink makes me a minority among students at Iowa State, but I shouldn't be forced to suffer because of that choice. My choice is the legal choice, yet my home is destroyed.

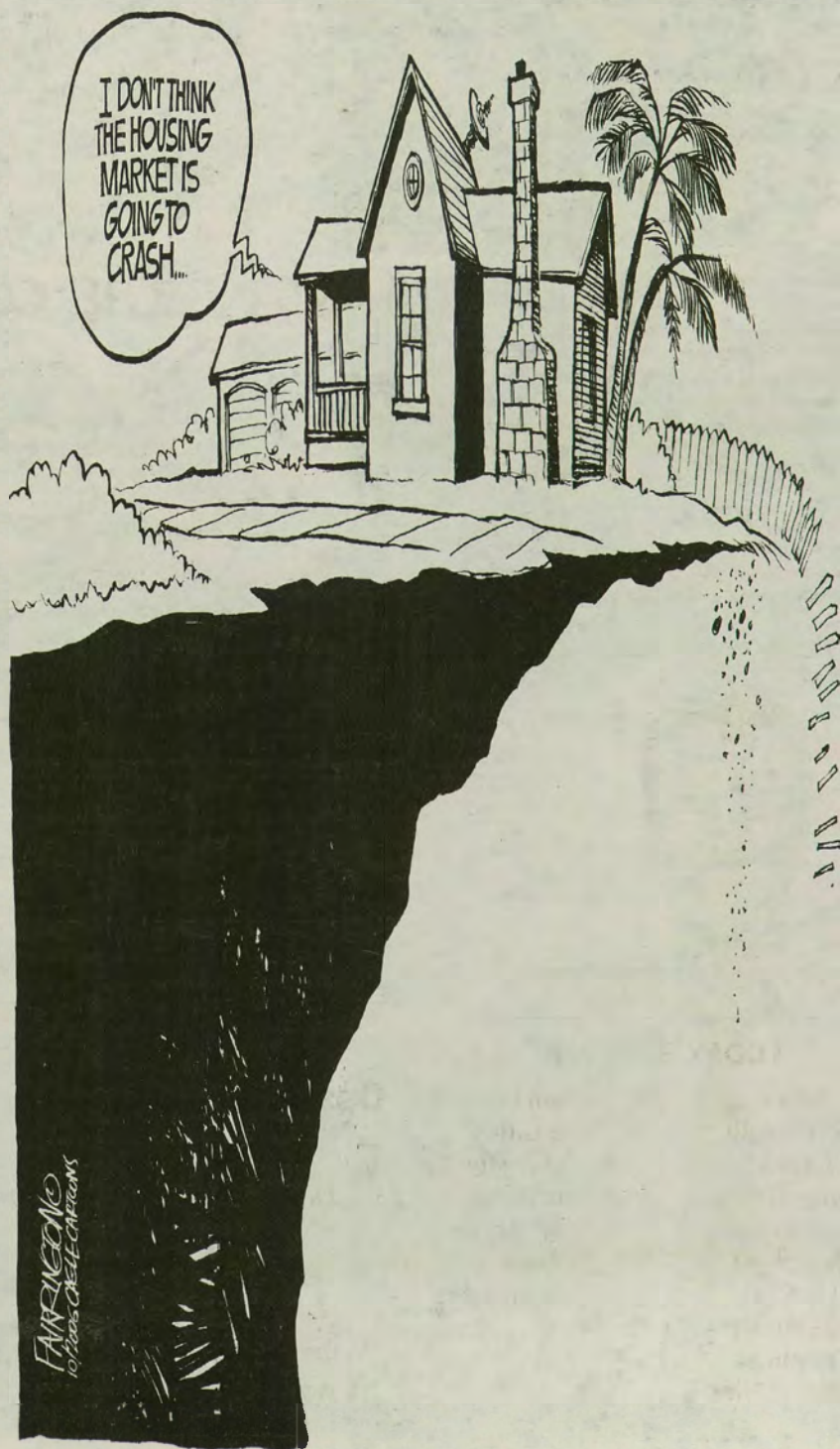
I understand underage drinking will happen. After all, we are in college. I don't support drinking, but to an extent, I can accept its presence in my life.

When my home and comforts are violated, however, the line is crossed. Since I've arrived at Iowa State, I have constantly felt violated. I know I am not alone, but the only way the problem will be fixed is if it can no longer be ignored.

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Winter Tales

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The dry spell following the end of summer is finally over as the winter months usher in a bounty of must-see movies just in time for awards season to begin. There is a general lull in quality film releases in the months of September and October as summer blockbusters end and studios hold their Oscar hopefuls for a release time closer to Oscar season, lest those films be forgotten come January and February. This winter seems to offer it all — disturbing and riveting dramas, well-acted and fart joke-free comedies, a Beyoncé-lead musical and blond-haired, blue-eyed Daniel Craig as the newest 007.

The Queen (Oct. 6, 2006 – Limited Release)

Helen Mirren stars as Queen Elizabeth II in "The Queen," a film already generating Oscar buzz for its lead performances and deftly handled storyline. "The Queen" fleshes out the tumultuous period following the death of Princess Diana in August 1997, specifically through the lens of the British Royal Family and their reactions. Profiling a conflict between the formerly stoic royals and the phenomenal outpouring of grief among the public worldwide, director Stephen Frears captures this struggle in a skillful way already garnering attention from the press and critical film circles.

"The Queen" features performances, which are sure to be strong, from James Cromwell ("L.A. Confidential") as the Queen's husband Prince Phillip, Michael Sheen ("Underworld") as Prime Minister Tony Blair and the venerable Mirren as the embattled Queen herself. Mirren's performance has already been the cause of Oscar rumors, as she recently won the Volpi Cup for her performance in "The Queen" at the Venice Film Festival. Frears and screenwriter Peter Morgan also won top honors for their respective categories, cementing the possibility for "The Queen" to make a strong showing come Oscar season.

Stranger Than Fiction (Nov. 10, 2006)

Will Ferrell returns to the silver screen in a role very different than his last as comic racecar driver Ricky Bobby. He plays Harold Crick, an everyman IRS auditor whose life is being written by novelist Kay Eiffel (Emma Thompson). She does not realize this peculiar relationship, yet he hears her discuss the novel of his life in his head. He consults professor Jules Hilbert (Dustin Hoffman) to help him with this voice — which seems to know what will happen before he does. Hearing the voice pulls Crick out of his dull existence, but trouble ensues when he hears she plans to kill him.

This movie has garnered attention due to the all-star cast. Ferrell has been playing more and more dramatic characters of late and this film is in that vein. Thompson and Hoffman bring their considerable acting chops and will most definitely provide a solid supporting cast to Ferrell. The

up and coming Maggie Gyllenhaal also makes an appearance as Crick's government-hating love interest Ana Pascal. The story is interesting and fresh, the cast is top-notch and it seems that director Marc Forster has inserted the right amount of drama, romance and comedy to make this one of 2006's most memorable films.

A Good Year (Nov. 10, 2006)

According to its tag line, "Everything matures... eventually." And while the main character, Max Skinner (Russell Crowe), might, this film might have enough impact to deserve praise usually reserved for a mature French wine. "A Good Year," directed by Ridley Scott and written by Marc Klein, is based off a book written by Peter Mayle. Although it is advertised as a comedy, it appears to be a drama at heart. Workaholic Max Skinner suddenly receives notice that his favorite uncle (Albert Finney) has passed away.

After journeying to Italy to sort out the will, Max learns that he has inherited his uncle's vineyard. But the Italian lifestyle does not mesh very well with Max's love of work and money, and he must decide whether to sell off his childhood memories or make money off the vineyard.

This is the crux of a journey of personal discovery and love. Reminiscent of "Under the Tuscan Sun" and about a million other dramatic romantic comedies, the film doesn't appear to be very original. But it could turn out to be a late season surprise that garners Scott some of the credit he has recently lost.

Casino Royale (Nov. 17, 2006)

A new Bond heralds a new start to this iconic franchise. "Casino Royale" tells the story of how James Bond transformed from grunt assassin to super-spy 007. Set in the Bahamas, it is based on the first book written by Ian Fleming, author of the James Bond novels which inspired the film franchise. The narrative weaves itself through a poker game that Bond is sent to infiltrate in order to keep terrorist bankroller Le Chiffre (Mads Mikkelsen) from ever again seeing the light of day.

It introduces Daniel Craig as Bond, who starred in the underground British gangster film "Layer Cake" under the direction of Matthew Vaughn, the producer of Guy Ritchie's "Snatch" and "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels." He takes the helm from Pierce Brosnan, who many considered the best Bond since Sean Connery. The flaxen-haired Craig has stirred much controversy for inheriting the Bond mantle with his rugged looks that are not in line with the more suave Bonds of the past.

Famed Dame Judi Dench reprises her role as the leader of the British intelligence service, MI6. Eva Green ("Kingdom of Heaven") is the newest "Bond girl" in her role as the watchful Vesper Lynd. Martin Campbell, director of "Goldeneye," a film many consider the best Bond film in recent

memory, returns to the Bond series with "The World Is Not Enough."

For Your Consideration

With his reliable comedy chops, Christopher Guest returns to the comedy scene with "For Your Consideration." Guest takes a different look into the chaotic world of Hollywood. The film follows a group of writers as they learn that their projects are garnering critical acclaim. Guest takes a different look into the chaotic world of Hollywood. The film follows a group of writers as they learn that their projects are garnering critical acclaim. Guest takes a different look into the chaotic world of Hollywood. The film follows a group of writers as they learn that their projects are garnering critical acclaim.

Improvisation is a key element of the film. Therefore, the best of improvisational comedic talent is returning for "For Your Consideration." Catherine O'Hara, Ed Harris, Harry Shearer, John C. Reilly, Parker Posey, Fred Willard, and newcomer Ricky Gervais. Guest and Levy write each character that they improvise from as they improvise. Long-time fans are vying for a "For Your Consideration" follow-up to 2004's "Best in Show" and Guest's cult-like following.

Déjà Vu (Nov. 22, 2006)

"Déjà Vu," directed by Bill Johnson and Terrence Malick, features Denzel Washington and Denzel Washington investigating a New Orleans explosion — or does it? The concept of time, allegedly "trick of the mind" but evidence that human consciousness exists across the time continuum. Although the governing concept of "time viewing" in the film, time travel has been a staple of science fiction, and the film is a unique take on time travel that has captivated the scientific community.

In order to be successful and save hundreds of lives, learn how to shuffle the cards to prevent the crime. This is a witty one — especially if you allow the same day again — action-packed. The preview draws in viewers and the movie looks as if it will be a success.



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Notre Dame 38, Navy 14

Exhausting Navy's options

Irish score on five of first six drives to overpower the Midshipmen rushing attack



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Irish tight end John Carlson breaks away from Navy linebacker Rob Caldwell in Notre Dame's 38-14 win over the Midshipmen Saturday. The victory was the 43rd straight for the Irish in the series, a streak dating back to 1963.

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

BALTIMORE — Notre Dame scored on five of its first six possessions, but that wasn't good enough for quarterback Brady Quinn.

"[We wanted to go] six of six and make them all touchdowns," Quinn said after Notre Dame's 38-14 victory over Navy Saturday in Baltimore — its 43rd straight over the Midshipmen. "That's our goal every time, especially when we're in the red zone."

In the seven Irish possessions with Quinn in the game, Notre Dame scored six times — five touchdowns and one field goal. Notre Dame's only non-scoring drive during the stretch occurred when running back Darius Walker was stopped on a fourth-and-goal from the three-yard line at the start of the fourth quarter.

"I think you see a lot of frustration on some guys when we don't score a touchdown when we're in the red zone," Quinn said.

Notre Dame finished with 471 total yards on offense, and Quinn had another standout day for the Irish, completing 18-of-25 passes for 295 yards and three touchdowns. He also added a 19-yard rushing

touchdown midway through the third quarter.

"I thought [Quinn] played pretty darn well," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "He's not [just] one of the best quarterbacks in college football, he's one of the best players in college football."

Notre Dame opened the game with a seven-play, 40-yard drive that resulted in a career-long 40-yard field goal by Carl Gioia. The possession — which stalled on the Navy 23 yard line — was the only Quinn-engineered drive that didn't advance into the red zone.

It didn't take long for the Irish to fix that problem.

Notre Dame pushed the score to 10-0 with on the following drive, as David Grimes capped off the possession with a 36-yard touchdown reception — his first career score. Weis said the play was especially important because the Irish faced third and 18 at the time.

"That early touchdown was a really big play in the game, because it was third and forever," Weis said. "I was hoping to just get some of it back so we could kick a field goal, but Brady stepped over to the left and saw him over there. ... This is a couple games in a row now that [Grimes] is making some plays for us."

Navy broke onto the score-

board on its second drive, marching 80 yards on nine plays using its patented triple-option attack. Quarterback Kaipō-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada finished the drive with a one-yard sneak.

But Notre Dame responded with its own nine-play, 80-yard drive, when Travis Thomas — who starts at linebacker — scampered into the end zone from 16 yards out to make the score 17-7.

The touchdown run was his first carry since a one-yard score against Penn State on Sept. 9.

Notre Dame established its running game — which has been inconsistent for much of the season — early on Saturday. The Irish ran the ball 37 times for 176 yards, compared with just 41 yards on 35 carries last week against UCLA. Quinn was sacked only once on Saturday, while UCLA got to him five times.

Darius Walker led all rushers with 20 carries for 106 yards, his third 100-yard game of the season and the 11th of his career.

"I was much more pleased with how things went in the running game," Weis said. "I think that across the board we were more physical at the line of scrimmage ... I had a lot more hardball runs where you

go smash them in the mouth."

Navy again replied to a Notre Dame score with a sustained drive, covering 65 yards in 13 plays. Kaheaku-Enhada finished Navy's scoring drive with another one-yard touchdown run to make the score 17-14 with 2:43 left to play in the half.

Notre Dame scored the final points of the half on its last possession. The Irish covered 80 yards in just 1:24 playing mostly out of the no-huddle, with a 33-yard touchdown pass from Quinn to receiver Rhema McKnight with 1:19 to go in the half giving the Irish a 24-14 advantage.

It was the sixth time in eight games this season that Quinn has led the Irish to a score on their last possession of the first half.

"Our entire offense is pretty comfortable with [the hurry-up offense]," Quinn said. "We've been used to coach Weis's style and philosophy for the past couple years now. I don't want to say it's a backbone for us, but we definitely feel comfortable in the two minute [offense]."

While effective offensively in the first half, Notre Dame struggled to stop Navy's option attack early in the game. The midshipmen picked up 211 of their 271 rushing yards in the

first half, and they had a running play of ten or more yards on nine separate occasions before the half.

"You just got to get caught up with the speed of the game, how fast they're pitching that ball [and] getting outside," Irish safety Tom Zbikowski said.

Notre Dame made adjustments at half time, limiting Navy's production in the second half and not allowing a score. Meanwhile, the Irish offense kept moving.

Notre Dame put together a nine-play, 69 yard drive on its first second-half possession, capped off by Quinn's touchdown run.

And after Walker failed to punch it in on fourth and goal from the two-yard line, Quinn responded with a six yard touchdown strike to McKnight to make the game 38-14 on the next possession.

"I'm really happy to be leaving here the way things played out today," he said. "I was happy the way our defense sucked it up in the second half and played well. I thought the offense played pretty good most of the day ... and we're looking forward on moving on to North Carolina."

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player of the game

Brady Quinn

The senior quarterback completed 18-of-25 passes for three touchdowns and ran for another score.

stat of the game

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Number of punts by Notre Dame Saturday. The Irish scored on six of their possessions and turned the ball over on downs twice.

play of the game

Rhema McKnight's second-quarter touchdown

The senior wideout put the Irish up by 10 right before halftime and Notre Dame never looked back.

quote of the game

"What we had to do is have one of those games where we score early and often. Fortunately, that's how it panned out."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

report card

- A** **quarterbacks:** Quinn was sharp all day, leading six long scoring drives in the eight possessions he was in the game. He threw three touchdown passes and ran for another.
- B+** **running backs:** Walker bounced back from a bad game against UCLA with over 100 yards against Navy's undersized front. Aldridge ran out the clock, but found little garbage-time running room.
- A-** **receivers:** Grimes had another impressive game, including a nice diving touchdown catch. McKnight and Carlson continued their productive seasons.
- B+** **offensive line:** Notre Dame outmanned Navy at every position in the trenches, and it showed, but the line was not as dominant as it could have been against the smaller Midshipmen.
- A-** **defensive line:** This unit struggled early, but recovered and blew up several option plays before they got started, especially in the second half. They also recorded four sacks in only 11 Navy pass attempts.
- B-** **linebackers:** This unit looked lost early, often leaving the pitch man wide open on the option. But like the rest of the defense, they recovered to shut out Navy in the second half.
- B** **defensive backs:** The secondary tackled well, especially Zbikowski and his team-high 14 stops. But it didn't step up to the line and stuff the option enough, especially when Navy ran it wide.
- B** **special teams:** Notre Dame's kick returns were solid and Gioia made his only field goal attempt, but punt returns were completely ineffective. The Irish also never punted.
- B+** **coaching:** The offense was ruthlessly efficient, but the defense looked unprepared to stop the option, especially early. Second half adjustments worked, but not before Navy had two long TD drives.

3.37 **overall:** The Irish allowed a lot of yardage on the ground, but dominated offensively and adjusted defensively for the win.

adding up the numbers

- 211** Navy rushing yards in the first half, the highest amount for an Irish opponent for an entire game besides Michigan State.
- 60** Rushing yards by the Midshipmen in the second half.
- 1** Punt by either team in the first half Saturday, a 42-yard boot by Navy's Greg Veteto with 1:03 left in the second quarter.
- 168** Passes Brady Quinn has thrown since his last interception, coming in the second quarter against Michigan State Sept. 23.
- 13** Touchdown passes Quinn has thrown since his last interception, including three TDs on Saturday.
- 103** Yards rushing for Darius Walker, his third 100-yard game of the season.
- 2** Total punt return yards Saturday for the Irish, who have not had more than 10 yards in punt returns in a game since Michigan State.
- 43** Straight wins for the Irish over the Midshipmen.



FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer

Notre Dame fans cheer on the Irish Saturday at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. Thousands of "subway alumni" took advantage of the east coast road game to see Notre Dame play live.

ND family extends beyond domers

BALTIMORE — If the 38-14 Irish victory over Navy Saturday reaffirmed three things, they were as follows: quarterback Brady Quinn is pretty good, the Midshipmen offense is pretty exciting and, most importantly, the Notre Dame family extends far beyond students and alumni.



Bob Griffin

Sports Writer

Let's start with the first point. Quinn puts the Irish on his shoulders when it matters most game after game. The quarterback was poised against UCLA when his team needed a late-game score, surprising nobody when he delivered under pressure.

And Saturday, amidst questions regarding Notre Dame's offensive inconsistencies and lack of a big play ability, he led the team to scoring drives on 5-of-6 possessions to start the game. Two of his touchdown passes came on throws of 30 or more yards — 33 yards to Rhema McKnight and 36 yards to David Grimes.

"Sometimes you don't realize he is that good, but he continues to impress us each and every game," McKnight said of Quinn after the game.

On the other sideline, Navy showed why it has one of the most intriguing offenses in the country. Of course, Midshipmen coach Paul Johnson (and his .742 career winning percentage) didn't invent the option — but his team runs it beautifully.

What his team lacks in size, it makes up with athleticism and intelligence, and it took the Notre Dame defense a full half to adjust.

"The scout team gave us a great look, but nobody runs that offense like Navy does," safety Tom Zbikowski said.

But equally notable, and far less publicized, is how important this game — or any Notre Dame game for that matter — was to the thousands of Irish fans

who don't have the luxury of calling themselves Domers.

Because for every student or graduate who attends home games on Saturdays, there are hundreds more who tune in faithfully on TV.

And these fans are just as loyal as those doing pushups in Notre Dame Stadium after touchdowns.

These diehards — the Sullys from Southy and Sals from Secaucus — never had the grades for "Notah" or "Notuh" Dame, and many don't have the time to leave jobs as carpenters, plumbers and electricians to make pilgrimages to Northern Indiana.

"The [fans] on the east coast got an opportunity to get to see us play without having to travel as long a distance, so that's one of the reason I think the crowd was so big," Weis said after the game Saturday.

But when a game does come around on the east coast — a first in two years under Charlie Weis — 1-95 is flooded from the construction work in New England, through the east and west spurs in Jersey, all the way down to the 695 exit in Maryland — for one reason.

The Irish are playing football. And while many spend much of the year at odds over Yankee-Red Sox allegiances, they make up with a few common interests — unwavering passion for the Irish, a dream that one day their own kids will have the chance to call Notre Dame home and a few cases of Budweiser in the back of their trunks.

And you can bet anything they'll talk about the experience for the rest of their lives — the time they were lucky enough to get their hands on a ticket to see Notre Dame play football.

After the game Saturday, outside Gate D at M&T Bank Stadium, a Notre Dame fan was commanding attention from the top of what appeared to be a merchandise stand.

His chant — E-A-G-L-E-S Eagles — was ironic based on the stadium's location (Baltimore) and the nature of the game (Notre Dame-Navy).

But at the same time, it made perfect sense.

Because subway alumni — Notre Dame fans who didn't attend the University — are not tied together because the Irish are from their home state. They don't grab on to the Irish

because they lack local teams to root for. And they definitely don't share a passion because they know what the Golden Dome looks like on a snowy day.

But they are into sports. So much so that this particular Philadelphia fan felt the need to let people know who he roots for on Sundays, aware that while spectators might support

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other rivals — their favorite college football team provides a bond tight enough to compensate for any differences.

So as Quinn inches closer towards a Heisman Trophy and the Irish creep further into the BCS picture, understand one thing.

Not all diehard fans named Fitzpatrick have actually seen the Notre Dame engineering building. But a lot of them are busy working construction on similar ones.

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Thomas scores TD on only carry

Running back-turned-linebacker shows he still loves the offensive side of the ball

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

BALTIMORE — If a statistic for red-zone rushing efficiency among linebackers existed, Notre Dame senior Travis Thomas would be at the top of the list.

Actually, he would be the only one on the list given his unique situation as a dual-threat running back-linebacker. The last two times Thomas, Notre Dame's starting strong side linebacker, has touched the ball as a running back — he has scored.

"It's a return to what I do," Thomas said after the game Saturday. "That's what I've done from the start, and it just feels natural to me."

Thomas scored on a 16-yard off tackle run in the second quarter against Navy Saturday, his first carry since a two-yard score against Penn State Sept. 16.

The senior linebacker — who still considers himself a running back at heart — was limited to playing defense after suffering a rib injury against Michigan State.

Irish coach Charlie Weis wanted Thomas to get healthy before giving him reps at running back. Weis was more concerned about Thomas regaining speed and strength on the defensive side of the ball than getting him involved offensively.

"He never really lost his spot, he was back into it this week because last week was his game to get back full time on defense," Weis said. "This week I was able to flip it back over and practice him some on offense."

And when Thomas' number was called to touch the ball — he made something happen.

"[The scoring play] was his play," Weis said. "He has certain plays he would be in for, that happened to be one of them."

But senior offensive tackle Ryan Harris spoke more in depth about what challenges Thomas presents when he enters the game on offense. Harris credited his teammate's talent and ability to make plays on both sides of the ball.

"He's in some of our packages, when he's in the game, he's just a phenomenal athlete, and he can make things happen," Harris said. "It's always great to get off the ground and see somebody in the end zone and we're happy he got into the end zone."

"A guy like that, it's good to see good things happen to him."



Irish senior Travis Thomas bursts across the goal line on his only carry Saturday. Thomas has scored touchdowns on his last two rushing attempts.

FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer

Notre Dame established the run early against Navy Saturday, much of the credit going to starting running back Darius Walker. After a quiet 21 carries for 53 yards in Notre Dame's 20-17 win over UCLA, Walker responded with 20 carries for 103 yards. Walker also caught three passes out of the backfield for 32 yards.

So how exactly does Thomas define his type of plays?

"I like my play to be a touchdown every time," Thomas said matter-of-factly.

But while Thomas received attention for his powerful score on offense, his primary job Saturday was not establishing the run, but stopping it.

The Irish defense struggled in the first half limiting Navy's option attack. The Midshipmen controlled the clock, keeping the ball on offense for 16:31 compared to Notre

Dame's 14:29. But the Irish made adjustments in the second half and kept the ball for 17:10 in the third and fourth quarters.

"[Navy's offense is] a lot faster, and there's not many reads they have as opposed to a traditional offense," Thomas said. "It's just making the reads you have faster."

Because Thomas is responsible for being a reliable linebacker on defense and providing the Irish with explosive running when necessary on offense, the senior is in a unique position where he is both taking and receiving hits. But Thomas made clear Saturday which of the two prefers.

"If you're running well and it's a good play, and it's a stalemate but the other guy gets the worst of it, I think you can like that," Thomas said. "But I don't think any running back

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	10	14	7	7	38
Navy	0	14	0	0	14

First quarter

Notre Dame 3, Navy 0
Carl Gioia 40-yard field goal with 11:45 remaining.

Drive: 7 plays, 40 yards, 3:15 elapsed

Notre Dame 10, Navy 0
David Grimes 36-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 1:32 remaining. (Gioia kick)

Drive: 9 plays, 80 yards, 4:55 elapsed

Second quarter

Notre Dame 10, Navy 7
Kaipo-Noa Keheaku-Enhada 1-yard run with 11:39 remaining. (Matt Harmon kick)

Drive: 9 plays, 80 yards, 4:53 elapsed

Notre Dame 17, Navy 7
Travis Thomas 16-yard run with 8:00 remaining. (Gioia kick)

Drive: 7 plays, 76 yards, 3:39 elapsed

Notre Dame 17, Navy 14
Kaheaku-Enhada 1-yard run with 2:43 remaining. (Harmon kick)

Drive: 13 plays, 65 yards, 5:17 elapsed

Notre Dame 24, Navy 14
Rhema McKnight 33-yard reception from Quinn with 1:24 remaining. (Harmon kick)

Drive: 7 plays, 80 yards, 1:24 elapsed

Third quarter

Notre Dame 31, Navy 14
Quinn 19-yard run with 8:10 remaining. (Gioia kick)

Drive: 9 plays, 69 yards, 4:37 elapsed

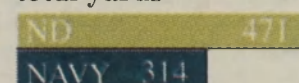
Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 38, Navy 14
McKnight 6-yard reception from Quinn. (Gioia kick)

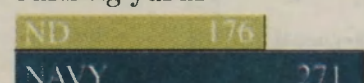
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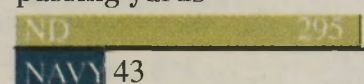
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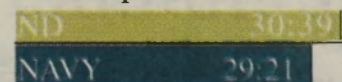
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37-176	rushes-yards	56-271	
18-25-0	comp-att-int	4-7-0	
0-0	punts-yards	4-154	
0-0	fumbles-lost	2-1	
4-35	penalties-yards	4-43	
25	first downs	19	

passing			
Quinn	18-25-0	K-Enhada	2-5-0
rushing			
Walker	20-103	Campbell	14-81
Aldridge	12-29	White	4-44
Quinn	4-28	K-Enhada	19-42
T. Thomas	1-16	Singleton	4-34
receiving			
McKnight	6-94	Tomlinson	1-19
Carlson	5-75	Singleton	1-9
Grimes	3-72	Campbell	1-9
Walker	3-32	Ballard	1-6

tackles			
Zbikowski	14	Little	10
Landri	11	Tidwell	9
Crum	11	McGown	8
Abiamiri	6	Wright	8
Brockington	6	Miles	7
Richardson	5	Caldwell	6
Ndukwe	5	Mahoney	6
Lambert	4	Spencer	5
Laws	4	Cylc	4
T. Thomas	3	Sovie	3

Abiamiri, Wooden return to Baltimore

Grimes scores first career touchdown; Aldridge gets late-game action; Vernaglia suffers injury

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

BALTIMORE — Senior defensive end Victor Abiamiri and senior cornerback Ambrose Wooden had the opportunity to play in front of their hometown crowd in Baltimore for the first time since joining the Irish Saturday.

"It means a lot, especially being able to come home senior year and play in front of the home crowd," Abiamiri said. "I had all my family and friends and extended family there in the crowd. I was only able to come up with 12 or 13 [extra tickets] but I had a lot more friends in the stands."

Weis described Abiamiri — who had four solo tackles and two sacks — as being especially "geeked up" the entire week leading up to the game.

"Sometimes we forget, because we're sitting in South Bend, Ind., how special it is for guys to have games in their area in their country," Weis said. "He had adrenaline flowing all week long."

♦Saturday's sellout crowd of 71,851 at M&T Bank Stadium

in Baltimore marked the 61st time in the previous 66 road games Notre Dame has played in front of a capacity attendance.

"I think there's a strong following [of Notre Dame on the East Coast]," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "I think half of them might have been my family."

♦Quarterback Brady Quinn has not thrown an interception in his last four games — his last coming with 9:04 left in the first half of Notre Dame's 40-37 win at Michigan State Sept. 23.

He now has 168 consecutive passes without an interception. He has four interceptions — three of them coming on Sept. 11 against Michigan — compared with 21 touchdowns on the season.

Weis jokingly knocked the wooden podium at his post-game press conference when asked about the recent streak.

"He's a really good player, [and] we really haven't had a bad game since the one game [against Michigan] earlier in the year," Weis said. "There's a little bit of luck sometimes involved. I don't think there were any balls that were close

to being picked today, but we've had some balls that were close to being picked off [in the last few games.]"

♦Freshman running back James Aldridge had 10-plus carries for the first time in his career. He rushed for 33 yards on 12 fourth quarter carries. Aldridge — who missed much of the first half of the season with a knee injury — had four carries for 26 yards against Stanford Oct. 7.

Coming into the game, Weis had hoped Aldridge would have opportunity to carry the ball between 10 and 15 times.

"[We wanted] to start building his stamina," he said. "Fortunately we got him in there and got him hit a little bit too, which is a good thing for him ... Now he's been hit a little bit, [and] it means that he'll physically and mentally keep on gaining some confidence."

♦Sophomore wide receiver David Grimes' 36-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter was his first career touchdown. The reception was also the longest of his career. Grimes finished with three catches for 72 yards, and he

now has 16 receptions for 206 yards this season.

Weis said he is pleased with Grimes' progression over the last few weeks.

"This is a couple games in a row now that he's making some plays for us," he said.

♦Freshman running back Munir Prince did not travel with the team to Baltimore. Weis would not give the specifics pertaining to Prince's absence.

"Munir [Prince] didn't make the trip because he didn't deserve to be on the trip," Weis said.

Prince has 12 carries for 21 yards this season.

♦Linebacker Anthony Vernaglia was injured on the kickoff return following Navy's first touchdown early in the second quarter, and did not return. Weis was not sure of the specifics of his injury immediately following the game.

"He did something with his knee," Weis said. "I saw him wrapped with an ice bag at halftime."

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SAILING AWAY

A fired up Brigade marched on the field and made noise as Navy's crisp option attack kept the game close for a half.

But Notre Dame's resurgent running game and efficient passing by Brady Quinn, who tossed three touchdowns and ran for another, allowed the Irish to score at will. Effective defensive adjustments shut down the option in the second half and Notre Dame pulled away for its 43rd consecutive victory over the Midshipmen — its fifth straight win since losing to Michigan Sept. 23.



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Top left, Notre Dame and Navy players stand together for the playing of "Navy Blue and Gold." Top right, Irish wide receiver David Grimes dives into the end zone for his first career touchdown. Center, Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn sprints past Navy linebacker David Mahoney on his way into the end zone. Bottom right, Navy quarterback Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada pitches to running back Reggie Campbell as Irish defenders close in. Bottom left, Quinn sets to pass.



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The Fountain (Nov. 22, 2006)

Fresh off "Requiem for a Dream," a harrowing look at the shattered dreams of four drug addicts, Darren Aronofsky set out on a mission to film a science-fiction epic for Warner Bros. With Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett and a \$75 million budget in tow, the talented young director was six to eight months away from creating his first mainstream masterpiece.

That was in 2001.

Five years later, the latest iteration of Aronofsky's undying passion project — "The Fountain" — is barely recognizable from the film it once was. But it still holds all the same promise.

An imaginative tale of one man's thousand-year quest to find the Tree of Life and save the life of his beloved, "The Fountain" has been recast with enchanting leads Hugh Jackman and Rachel Weisz. Although the budget was cut to \$35 million — meager by the bloated standards of current Hollywood fare — Aronofsky put his burgeoning career on hold for years just to see this film through.

Now that "The Fountain" is on the cusp of its final unveiling, a very simple question remains for Aronofsky. After his exhausting odyssey, will it have been worth it? The answer to that query lies with the film's ability to do more than just astonish the senses. It needs to resonate within hearts and minds.

Blood Diamond (Dec. 15, 2006)

Following yet another acclaimed turn in a Martin Scorsese picture, Leonardo DiCaprio will take on a more popcorn role in December's "Blood Diamond." He teams up with Jennifer Connelly and Djimon Hounsou ("The Island") in a story where DiCaprio, a greedy South African mercenary, enters into an unlikely alliance with Hounsou, a fisherman who has lost his family because of diamond mining, to obtain control of a rare diamond.

The setting of civil war in Sierra Leone in the 1990s provides a social and political backdrop against which this action thriller will try to deliver a message. Early reviews of the film call it anywhere from award-winning material to another standard Hollywood blockbuster. Director Ed Zwick ("The Last Samurai," "Glory") has a penchant for creating movies that audiences either love or hate, and it appears this will be no different. It is almost certain, however, that the star power of DiCaprio will make "Blood Diamond" a highly watched and commercially popular movie, regardless of its critical success.

Dreamgirls (Dec. 22, 2006)

Academy Award-winner Bill Condon directs this film adaptation of the eponymous Broadway musical. "Dream Girls" follows three talented soul singers, forming "The Dreamettes," on their rise to success in the 1960s and 70s music indus-

try. The trio, consisting of Deena (Beyoncé Knowles), Lorrel (Anika Noni Rose) and lead singer Effie (Jennifer Hudson), receives its big break when the singers are discovered by talent manager Curtis Taylor Jr. (Jamie Foxx).

As "The Dreamettes" start to gain in notoriety, Curtis Taylor Jr. exercises increasing power over the group's musical direction. The girls struggle with the changes made in exchange for success, eventually jeopardizing the group's survival.

"Dreamgirls" promises to be an intriguing film, full of spectacular music, a talented cast and the feel-good ideal that dreams do live forever.

Rocky Balboa (Dec. 22, 2006)

Sixteen years after "Rocky V," the Italian Stallion steps back into the ring for what's been billed as "one final round." "Rocky Balboa" follows the titular character (Sylvester Stallone), who challenges young fighter Mason "The Line" Dixon (Antonio Tarver) in an exhibition round. With Adrian dead, the heart and soul of the series may have gone out of Stallone's beloved franchise, and it may be hard for "Rocky Balboa" to recreate the financial and critical success of the initial 1977 release.

Sylvester Stallone wrote this film along with "Rocky," and he is also returning to the director's chair. However, his creative capacity may have gone the way of the dodo as he gets on in years. Unless he can find the next inspirational song to pair up with great cinematics ("The Eye of the Tiger" with the now famous steps scene), this one will not stand up to the greats of this franchise. Nonetheless, an early Christmas present may in the works from one of America's most beloved stars and hearing that familiar Bill Conti theme in the trailer is enough to get any Rocky enthusiast pumped to cheer one last time for the ultimate underdog.

Children of Men (Dec. 25, 2006)

The eagerly anticipated futuristic drama by director Alfonso Cuarón ("Y Tu Mamá También," "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban") has already garnered early award buzz. Based on the novel by P.D. James, "Children of Men" stars Clive Owen as Theodore Faron and envisions a future in which women are no longer able to bear children. When Faron discovers a pregnant woman, he tries to help her escape to a sanctuary at sea that may preserve humanity.

The obvious Christian allegory may generate some controversy as this film is set to debut on Christmas Day. However, "Children of Men" comes just in time for this year's Oscar nominations, something the producers surely had in mind. Cuarón may be looking for his break into the inner circles of Hollywood and Owen is assuredly hunting for the Best Actor statuette. Supported by Julianne Moore and Michael Caine, "Children of Men" promises to be one of the more interesting films released this winter.



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NCAA FOOTBALL

Oregon State survives late rally by No. 3 USC

Tennessee, Texas and Florida narrowly avoid weekend upsets

Associated Press

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Turns out No. 3 Southern California was vulnerable.

Oregon State capitalized on four turnovers to upset the Trojans 33-31 on Saturday, snapping USC's 27-game Pac-10 winning streak and breaking the national championship race wide open.

USC (6-1, 4-1) had also won 18 straight road games. But the mighty Trojans had shown cracks in their last three games, each a victory by seven points or less.

Against the Beavers, they couldn't escape and came up one play short.

John David Booty's 2-yard scoring pass to Steve Smith with 7 seconds left made the score 33-31. But Oregon State's Jeff Van Orsow batted down a pass on the 2-point conversion to preserve the lead.

USC started the day as was one of seven unbeaten teams in the country. Now there are six.

Ohio State and Michigan won their games and will hold on to the top two spots in the Bowl Championship Series standings when they come out Sunday. That valuable spot behind the Big Ten powers, previously held by USC, is now up for grabs. All those teams with one loss are feeling a lot better about their chances to play for a national title. And Thursday's Big East battle of unbeaten between West Virginia and Louisville just got a little bigger.

Oregon State fans celebrated wildly in the second half when Matt Moore hit Joe Newton with a 9-yard scoring pass and Sammie Stroughter ran a punt back 70 yards for a touchdown to give the Beavers (4-4, 3-2) a 30-10 lead.

USC, which was coming off an off week that allowed All-American Dwayne Jarrett and fellow receiver Smith to heal injuries, came back with Booty's 4-yard scoring pass to Fred Davis to close out the third quarter.

Booty then found Smith in the end zone and Chauncey Washington ran in the 2-point conversion to narrow it to 33-25 with 12:09 left in the fourth.

After Alexis Serna's 47-yard field goal attempt went wide

left, USC got one more shot.

Booty completed 24-of-39 passes for 406 yards and three touchdowns with one interception. Smith caught 11 passes for 258 yards.

Moore completed 21-of-32 passes for 262 yards and a touchdown, while Stroughter caught eight passes for 127 yards.

No. 8 Tennessee 31, South Carolina 24

Tennessee's Phillip Fulmer earned the right to take a couple of verbal pokes at Steve Spurrier this year.

Don't count on the Vols' coach doing it. That's just not his style.

"He's a good coach," was about all Fulmer would say about of his Southeastern Conference rival after Tennessee beat South Carolina Saturday night. "I don't know where all that gets started."

If Fulmer really wanted to find the answer, all he had to do was glance across the field at Spurrier.

The Gamecocks ball coach has made his reputation through the years beating then needling the Vols. He did it again this week as South Carolina relived last season's historic 16-15 victory at Neyland Stadium, its first win in Knoxville.

After this one, Fulmer had every right to gloat, but didn't.

"There are times we should've won and didn't. There are times he should've won and didn't. That's the way it," he said. "We're glad to get a win so we can improve to 7-1."

Erik Ainge threw for 254 yards and two touchdown passes to Bret Smith as the Vols ended a year of ugly memories from the last South Carolina game.

"That was a hard loss," Tennessee's Marvin Mitchell said. "They beat us last year, but hey, we got them this year."

Spurrier has largely had his way with Tennessee (7-1, 3-1) through the years. The coach won at Neyland Stadium with Duke in 1988, then took eight of 12 games from the Vols as Gators coach from 1990-2001. And when Rocky Top supporters gleefully planned for revenge after Spurrier took over at South Carolina, they were still left frustrated.

That last defeat was particularly embarrassing to the Big Orange. The Vols had retired the jersey of Peyton Manning,

then outplayed South Carolina throughout, falling on Josh Brown's improbable 49-yard field goal — a victory even Spurrier described as a miracle.

It looked like Spurrier's hex was in effect again at Williams-Brice Stadium after South Carolina (5-3, 3-3) overcame a two-touchdown deficit to lead 17-14 after three quarters.

But Ainge found Smith on a 12-yard TD pass to put the Vols ahead for good with 13:10 left. After forcing South Carolina to punt on its next possession, Jonathan Hefney had a 65-yard punt return to South Carolina's 5 and Arian Foster scored on the next play.

The Gamecocks closed to 31-24 on Syvelle Newton's 1-yard TD run with 2:24 to go. Tennessee was forced to punt — Ainge was out with a bad ankle on the series — and South Carolina had one final chance. However, Newton's desperation heave was intercepted by Demetric Morley as time ran out.

No. 5 Texas 35, Texas Tech 31

Colt McCoy threw for 256 yards and four touchdowns, and Texas erased a three-touchdown deficit to beat Texas Tech on Saturday night.

The Longhorns (8-1, 5-0 Big 12) won their 20th straight conference game and 17th consecutive road game, but didn't take their first lead until early in the fourth quarter when McCoy threw a 28-yard touchdown to Quan Cosby to make it 35-31.

Tech (5-4, 2-3) had chances in the final 6:14.

Twice the Red Raiders failed on fourth downs inside Texas 35. Both plays — a completion to Joel Filani and a quarterback sneak by Graham Harrell — came up just short and were reviewed but the officials' spots were upheld.

The second opportunity came after Jamaal Charles fumbled for a second time, this one coming at his own 24, and Tech's Jake Ratliff recovered. But Tech failed to take advantage of the turnover when Harrell's sneak came up short.

Harrell completed 42-of-62 passes for 519 yards and three touchdowns. He threw one interception, his first since throwing five in games against Missouri and Colorado.

Texas put more pressure on Harrell in the second half, enabling the Longhorns to hold the Red Raiders scoreless. Harrell had been nearly perfect



Oregon State linebacker Dennis Christopher celebrates on the shoulders of fans after the Beavers beat USC 33-31 Saturday.

in the first half. He got the Red Raiders inside the Texas' 20-yard line only twice in the second half.

No. 9 Florida 21, Georgia 14

Florida coach Urban Meyer was the first to toast his defense — an appropriate gesture even if this wasn't supposed to be a cocktail party anymore.

The defense forced two fumbles and intercepted two passes, helping the Gators beat Georgia on Saturday and continue their recent dominance in the rivalry.

"Thank God for great defense," Meyer said.

Florida now has won eight of nine and 15 of the last 17 in the series that's been known for decades as the World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party. School and city officials believe the nickname conjures up images of drunkenness — not what they want to promote, especially after the deaths of two Florida students the past two years.

They urged television networks to stop using the moniker altogether.

Whatever you want to call it, it's been all Gators lately.

With the latest victory, Florida remained atop the Southeastern Conference East Division and moved a step closer to returning to the conference title game for the first time since 2000. The Gators (7-1, 5-1) need to beat Vanderbilt and South Carolina to make it happen.

The Bulldogs (6-3, 3-3) lost for the third time in four games and essentially dropped out of the division race.

Although Andre Caldwell scored two early touchdowns — a 12-yard run and a 40-yard reception from Chris Leak — Florida's defense got the credit for this one.

The Bulldogs managed just 64 yards rushing, and freshman Matthew Stafford completed 13 of 33 passes for 151 yards and was sacked four times in his fourth start.

"They are a great defensive unit that sometimes get overshadowed because of their offense," Stafford said.

Not Saturday. Florida's defense made several key plays.

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"Barney's movie had a lotta heart but 'Football in the Groin' had a football in the groin."

Ryan Frost kissed several other men this weekend. He might be crossing over.

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2 Michigan	9-0	1547	2
3 West Virginia (2)	7-0	1494	3
4 Texas	8-1	1397	5
5 Louisville	7-0	1278	6
6 Auburn	8-1	1250	7
7 Florida	7-1	1243	9
8 Tennessee	7-1	1232	8
9 USC	6-1	1059	3
10 California	7-1	1040	12
11 NOTRE DAME	7-1	1037	11
12 Arkansas	7-1	935	13
13 LSU	6-2	842	14
14 Boise State	8-0	688	15
15 Rutgers	7-0	644	16
16 Boston College	5-1	624	18
17 Wisconsin	7-1	617	17
18 Oklahoma	8-1	589	19
19 Clemson	7-2	435	10
20 Georgia Tech	6-2	402	21
21 Texas A&M	8-1	353	22
22 Wake Forest	7-1	246	24
23 Virginia Tech	6-2	188	NR
24 Oregon	6-2	167	25
25 Washington State	6-3	40	NR

NCAA Football USA Today Coaches Poll

team	record	points	previous
1 Ohio State (63)	9-0	1575	1
2 Michigan	9-0	1500	3
3 West Virginia	7-0	1437	4
4 Texas	8-1	1347	5
5 Louisville	7-0	1271	6
6 Auburn	8-1	1235	7
7 Florida	7-1	1167	8
8 Tennessee	7-1	1118	9
9 USC	6-1	1049	2
10 NOTRE DAME	7-1	1030	10
11 California	7-1	980	12
12 Arkansas	7-1	816	14
13 LSU	6-2	775	13
14 Boise State	8-0	694	15
15 Rutgers	7-0	662	16
16 Boston College	7-1	639	17
17 Wisconsin	8-1	584	18
18 Oklahoma	6-2	515	19
19 Clemson	7-2	458	11
20 Georgia Tech	6-2	363	21
21 Texas A&M	8-1	335	22
22 Oregon	6-2	262	24
23 Wake Forest	7-1	214	NR
24 Virginia Tech	6-2	141	NR
25 Missouri	7-2	64	23

NCAA Football BCS Rankings

team	record	comp. avg.	Harris
1 Ohio State	9-0	2	1
2 Michigan	9-0	1	2
3 West Virginia	7-0	13	3
4 Florida	7-1	4	7
5 Louisville	7-0	9	5
6 Auburn	8-1	7	6
7 Texas	7-1	12	4
8 USC	6-1	6	9
9 NOTRE DAME	7-1	5	10
10 California	7-1	3	11
11 Tennessee	7-1	10	8
12 Rutgers	7-0	8	14
13 Arkansas	7-1	14	12
14 Boise State	8-0	11	15
15 Boston College	7-1	16	16

NBA



Former Celtics coach Red Auerbach poses with Hall of Famer Larry Bird after drafting the star in the 1978 draft. Auerbach coached the Celtics for 16 years, including a stretch of eight-straight NBA championships from 1959-66.

Coaching legend Auerbach dies at 89

Associated Press

WALTHAM, Mass. — Boston Celtics coach Doc Rivers called his players together before practice to talk to them about Red Auerbach. It was too late to get to know him, but important that the players understood what he meant to the team, the city, the game.

Older players had seen Auerbach's fire for themselves — both the competitive one and the flame at the end of his ever-present cigar — but didn't know how he defined the game early on, then continued to dominate as his players became coaches and gen-

eral managers running teams of their own. For the rookies, who never got a chance to meet him, it was a lesson about the franchise icon who traveled across New England to preach about the young NBA and build a mystique that would come to be known as Celtic pride.

"I wanted our young guys to hear those stories," Rivers said following practice Sunday, a day after Auerbach's heart failed him at the age of 89. "I don't think they knew a lot about him."

A young team with an average age under 25, several of the current players were infants when

the Celtics won the last of their NBA-record 16 championships in 1986. None of them was born yet in Auerbach's heyday, when as coach and then general manager he led Boston to eight consecutive titles.

But what Rivers wanted to talk about wasn't what the Celtics did but what they looked like doing it; more precisely, it was the fact that Auerbach didn't care what they looked like. He drafted the NBA's first black player, hired its first black coach and fielded its first all-black starting five, and he did it in racially combustible Boston.

"Red did all that, but he

wasn't doing that because he was trying to break ground," Rivers said. "His response was always: 'I'm trying to win a game and that's who I think gives us the best chance.' I think his example spread throughout the league."

The message got through, Celtics captain Paul Pierce said.

"I don't think a lot of these guys even knew that before Doc said it today," he said. "I think these guys really have to understand the history of the game. And Red is a big part of the history of the whole NBA — not just the Celtics, but the whole NBA."

IN BRIEF

Man arrested for murder of former boxing champ

KINGSTON, Jamaica — A 20-year-old man was arrested in connection with the killing of former heavy-weight champion Trevor Berbick, who was bludgeoned and left to die in a church courtyard next to his family's home in a rural hamlet.

Several residents of the remote farming community in Norwich district said the suspect was involved in a land dispute with the troubled boxer.

Les Green, a Scottish detective who this year was appointed assistant police commissioner of the violence-wracked nation, refused to identify the man before his arraignment, which has not been scheduled.

"We have some very good information from witnesses, and we have recovered a weapon we believe was used in the assault," he said Sunday.

A's to interview internal candidates, Hershiser

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics have scheduled interviews with their two internal candidates about the club's managerial opening.

Bench coach Bob Geren is set to meet with general manager Billy Beane and other team officials Monday, then third-base coach Ron Washington will follow Tuesday.

Beane also has an interview set up with Orel Hershiser, currently an ESPN baseball analyst, in Phoenix for sometime the following week.

Beane fired fourth-year manager Ken Macha on Oct. 16, two days after Oakland's season ended in a sweep by the wild-card Detroit Tigers in the AL championship series. The A's won a playoff series for the first time since 1990, ending a string of four straight first-round exits from 2000-03.

Beane has other business aside from finding Oakland's next manager.

Federer wins fourth in a row at Swiss Indoors

BASEL, Switzerland — Roger Federer beat Fernando Gonzalez 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (3) Sunday to win his fourth straight title and 11th of the year at the Swiss Indoors.

The top-ranked Federer hit a forehand return for a winner on the first point of the third-set tiebreaker and cruised from there to win his hometown tournament for the first time in seven attempts.

Federer overpowered the defending champion, hitting 14 aces and breaking Gonzalez's serve three times.

"It is indeed magnificent," Federer said the event he used to work as a ball boy. "Different countries, different titles, they all have a different meaning. Winning Basel, my home tournament, it's one of those moments I'll never forget."

The final was a rematch of last week's Madrid Masters final, also won by Federer in three sets.

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NFL

Jaguars hunt down Eagles in defensive battle

Falcons, Chiefs win close ones; Giants defeat Buccaneers

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Eagles had a dropped pass, a penalty and a sack on their first three plays.

It only got worse for the NFL's top-ranked offense against a Jacksonville defense missing three starters.

Fred Taylor keyed a strong running attack, backup quarterback David Garrard was efficient and the Jaguars shut down Donovan McNabb in a 13-6 victory Sunday.

"As a team, it was embarrassing," McNabb said. "Offensively as a unit, we weren't able to do our job."

Jacksonville held the Eagles to 229 total yards — 164 before the last drive. Philadelphia came in averaging a league-best 417 yards per game, but couldn't generate much, even with the return of dynamic receiver Donte Stallworth.

Meanwhile, the Jaguars kept it simple on offense without injured quarterback Byron Leftwich and relied on Taylor and Maurice Drew, who totaled 103 and 77 yards rushing respectively. Of the Jaguars' 285 total yards, 209 were gained on the ground.

Jacksonville improved to 4-3, while the Eagles fell to 4-4 with their third straight loss.

"We felt challenged by some comments made this week," Jaguars coach Jack Del Rio said. "I feel good about the character and toughness of this team. It's nice to go back to work after a nice victory like this."

A swirling wind made it difficult for both offenses, but Jacksonville's superior ground game was the difference. After the Eagles went three-and-out on the opening possession, the Jaguars drove 48 yards — all on the ground.

Garrard scrambled for 13 yards on fourth-and-3 to keep the drive going and Taylor ran in up the middle from the 15 to make it 7-0. Somehow, that held up against a high-powered offense that had averaged 28.6 points in the first seven games. It helped that the Eagles had the ball just 23:09.

"Starting from the first play, I knew it was going to be a smash-mouth day," Taylor said.

Taylor had a 54-yard TD run negated by a holding penalty on tackle Maurice Williams in the second quarter. But it didn't cost Jacksonville, which went ahead 10-0 on Josh Scobee's 40-yard field goal in the third quarter.

The Eagles finally scored on a 25-yard field goal by David Akers with 1:10 left in the third quarter. McNabb turned what could've been a big loss into a 12-yard gain on the first play of the drive, eluding two tacklers and juking linebacker Clint Ingram.

Falcons 29, Bengals 27

Michael Vick has found a balance. His passer rating is just as impressive as his 40-yard dash these days.

Vick threw three more touchdown passes on Sunday, leading the Atlanta Falcons to a victory over a Cincinnati Bengals team that had never seen anything

quite like the show he put on.

Few teams have. The mercurial quarterback has led the Falcons (5-2) to consecutive wins over the defending Super Bowl champion Steelers and the defending AFC North champion Bengals by throwing the ball. Vick has thrown seven touchdown passes in the last two games, proving his point.

"I feel I just need the opportunity to throw the ball," said Vick, whose passer rating of 140.6 was the second-highest of his career. "Just give me the chance to do it. I've felt like all along, this is what I could do."

No matter what they did, the Bengals (4-3) were helpless to run him down or shut him down.

Many of the Bengals' defenders had never faced Vick, who put on quite a show in his first career visit to Cincinnati. He went 20-of-28 for 291 yards and left would-be tacklers scattered all over the field while running for another 55 yards.

Seen enough, Bengals?

"He's a heck of a player," defensive end Bryan Robinson said. "When your goal is to keep him in the pocket and you do that and he still makes the play, that's frustrating."

In the last two games, Vick has gone 38-of-58 for 523 yards with those seven touchdowns and two interceptions, which translates into a passer rating of 119.5. Previously, Vick had never thrown more than four touchdowns in any two-game span of his career.

"He's leading like a champion," said tight end Alge Crumpler, who has caught four of those seven touchdowns. "He never points fingers at anybody in this locker room and is constantly encouraging everybody."

He was so good that Carson Palmer, last year's NFL leader in touchdown passes, and Pro Bowl receiver Chad Johnson were reduced to a sideshow.

Chiefs 35, Seahawks 28

The Kansas City Chiefs kept trying to self-destruct. Larry Johnson, Tony Gonzalez and Damon Huard kept stopping them.

Johnson scored four touchdowns, including the go-ahead score with 2:15 to play, and the mistake-prone Chiefs (4-3) escaped with a wild victory Sunday over the injury-depleted Seattle Seahawks.

In the final 17 minutes, the Seahawks (4-3) took the lead with two touchdowns resulting from outrageous Kansas City mistakes.

Seneca Wallace, making his first NFL start in place of injured Pro Bowl quarterback Matt Hasselbeck, put Seattle on top 28-27 with a 49-yard TD pass to Darrell Jackson after cornerback Ty Law fell down. A few plays before that, Law dropped a sure interception.

Late in the third period, Seattle's Kelly Herndon returned a fumble 61 yards for another touchdown when Kansas City holder Dustin Colquitt, after mishandling the snap on a field goal attempt, tried an ill-advised pass.

That cut the Chiefs' advantage to 27-21 with 1:27 left in the third period, and then Jackson's TD stunned the sellout crowd when the Seahawks took a one-point lead. But a moment later Huard, who was a game-day decision because of a sore groin



Jacksonville running back Maurice Jones-Drew is tackled by Philadelphia linebacker Matt McCoy during the third quarter of the Jaguars' 13-6 victory Sunday.

muscle, connected with Eddie Kennison for 51 yards to set up Johnson's go-ahead score.

Giants 17, Buccaneers 3

On a cold, blustery afternoon, the New York Giants displayed the depth of their defense.

Despite playing without three injured defensive starters and losing another early, the Giants held Tampa Bay to 174 total yards and set up a score with a turnover deep in Buccaneers' territory in a victory Sunday.

"You know what? I'm not surprised because the backups, the guys who came in, are like starters," Pro Bowl defense end Michael Strahan said after the Giants (5-2) won their fourth straight game. "They are players."

During the winning streak which started after a bye week, the defense has allowed 42 points, and hasn't given up a touchdown in the last two home games.

The Bucs (2-5) were 2-for-16 on third-down chances and 0-for-3 on fourth-down opportunities in seeing their two-game winning streak snapped. They also fumbles six times, losing one important one.

What made this performance so impressive was who the Giants were missing.

All-Pro defensive end Osi Umenyiora (hip), strongside linebacker LaVar Arrington (season-ending Achilles' injury) and starting cornerback Sam Madison (hamstring) were all out.

Colts 34, Broncos 31

Maddeningly meticulous and impeccably precise, this was Peyton Manning at his cruel best.

Skewering a Denver defense that was designed specifically to stop him, Manning led the Indianapolis Colts over, around and through the Broncos on Sunday, throwing for 345 yards and three touchdowns to Reggie Wayne for a message-sending victory.

"When you play a guy like Peyton Manning, and the guy's

going to put it on there on the money, what can you do?" Broncos cornerback Champ Bailey said.

Not much, as the Broncos (5-2) found out repeatedly, watching Manning lead the Colts to scores on seven of their final eight drives — the only miss coming when he kneeled on the ball to end the first half.

Manning's final drive set up the winning points on a 37-yard field goal by Adam Vinatieri with 2 seconds left. It made the Colts the first team to go 7-0 in consecutive seasons since the 1929-31 Green Bay Packers did it three straight times.

Manning made a mockery of Denver's cushy zone defense. Wayne dissected it best, catching 10 passes for 138 yards, most of them in front of Broncos cornerback Darrent Williams.

Cowboys 35, Panthers 14

Tony Romo waited four years to get his first NFL start. It looks like he'll have the job for some time.

Romo rallied Dallas from a 14-point first-quarter deficit, throwing for 270 yards and a touchdown, and Julius Jones rushed for 94 yards and a score as the Cowboys beat the Carolina Panthers Sunday. Dallas set a team record with 25 fourth-quarter points.

Romo, starting in place of the benched Drew Bledsoe, slowly lead the Cowboys (4-3) back, with poise, using a variety of short passes to a number receivers.

Early in the fourth quarter, facing a third-and-12 from the Carolina 21, Romo sidestepped pressure and fired a 16-yard pass to Jason Witten. But the drive stalled, and after Romo misfired to Witten in the end zone on third down, Mike Vanderjagt kicked a 24-yard field goal to cut the Panthers' lead to 14-13.

On the ensuing kickoff, Sam Hurd ripped the ball from Brad Hoover and recovered the fumble at the Carolina 14. On the next play, Jones ran untouched up the middle for the touch-

down.

The Cowboys then completed the 2-point conversion when Romo faked a draw and threw a pass to Terrell Owens to make it 21-14.

Dallas sealed the win when Roy Williams intercepted Jake Delhomme's throw on the next possession. Delhomme lost another fumble with under two minutes to go, Carolina's third turnover in the fourth quarter.

Bears 41, 49ers 10

Brian Urlacher's one-handed interception was headed to the highlight reel as soon as he tumbled to the ground after somehow batting the ball to himself.

Urlacher's stellar play symbolized what kind of afternoon it was for the refreshed and still unbeaten Chicago Bears — and how frustrating the day was for the San Francisco 49ers.

Wearing bright orange uniforms and showing their speed on defense and special teams, the Bears overwhelmed the 49ers from the outset. They jumped to a 24-0 first-quarter lead and 41-0 halftime cushion before coasting to a 41-10 victory Sunday.

At 7-0, Chicago is off to its best start since the 1985 Super Bowl champions won their first 12 games.

"It was amazing. Twenty-four points in the first quarter? That's pretty impressive, especially in this league. It doesn't happen a lot," said Rex Grossman, who rebounded from his poorest performance to throw three TD passes.

Urlacher's acrobatic interception, in which he batted Alex Smith's pass and then caught it with one hand as he was being knocked down by the 49ers Justin Smiley, was one of four turnovers the Bears generated in the first half. All four led to touchdowns.

Urlacher's play came on the heels of a national sports magazine survey of NFL players in which he was rated the second-most overrated player to Terrell Owens.

SMC SOCCER

Belles knocked out of playoffs by Kalamazoo

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

The season came to a dramatic end for the Belles Saturday afternoon as they lost 4-3 in a shootout in the first round of the MIAA playoffs.

Fifth-seed Kalamazoo came in to the game as an underdog to the fourth-seed Saint Mary's club. After 110 minutes of scoreless play, the Hornets buried four of their five penalty kicks to advance to the semi-final against the Calvin Knights.

"We were obviously disappointed because we all played so hard," senior captain Colleen Courtney said. "But we were happy with how well we played."

Senior defender Kari Brodsky scored the final goal to break a 3-3 tie and end the Belles' season.

Kalamazoo jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the shootout when shots from Ashley and Laura Hinton both missed wide right.

Kelly Lepper, Jenn Russart and Paige Howell rounded out the scoring for the Hornets in the first three rounds. Senior goalkeeper Laura Heline made a diving save on the fourth shot, giving the Belles a chance to stay in the game.

Courtney and freshman Bridget Ronayne had scored for Saint Mary's at that point, giving Heline an opportunity to tie the game as she came out of the goal to take the team's final attempt.

"I wanted to be in that spot and I knew I was going to score because we deserved to win," Courtney said.

She converted but was unable to make the final save to send the contest into sudden death.

Heline, who started all but two games in her four-year career, finished the game with eight saves for the Belles. She is one of six seniors who played their final game at Saint Mary's Saturday.

Heline, along with fellow tri-captains Courtney and senior

Ashley Hinton, end the year with a 5-8-2 record because the loss was technically considered a tie. Caroline Stancukas, Nicole Leach and Sarah Budd round out the senior class.

"We had a lot of freshman this year and I think that we showed them how important team unity is. I hope that they can continue that next season and in the future," Courtney said.

She had one of the teams five shots on net during regulation. Ashley Hinton — who had 24 shots on goal during the regular season — led the team with two on Saturday. Freshmen Colleen Ferguson and Micki Hedinger had the other two shots but opposing goalkeeper Kassandra Johnston was true to the task on all five shots.

Head coach Caryn Mackenzie had her first losing season with the Belles in her third year with the program. The team went 10-6-1 in 2004 and 11-7-1 last year.

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KRISTY KING
Saint Mary's goalkeeper Laura Heline kicks off during a game Sept. 6 against Albion. The Belles lost to Kalamazoo in a shootout Saturday.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Adrian narrowly manages to hold off host Saint Mary's

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

The Belles fell just short of a stunning comeback Saturday, losing to visiting Adrian 3-2 at the Angela Athletic Center.

The win improved third-place Adrian's MIAA record to 12-4 (17-8 overall). Saint Mary's dropped to 9-7 in conference play (16-9 overall). The Belles finished the regular season in fourth place in the MIAA.

The Bulldogs took control of the beginning of the match and won the first two games 30-22 and 30-28. But when it looked like Adrian would cruise to victory, Saint Mary's stormed back, taking the third game 30-26.

The Belles then fought off match point in the fourth game to win

32-30 and send the match to a fifth and deciding game.

After chipping away at an early Bulldog lead in the fifth game, Saint Mary's closed to within a point before falling 15-13 in the clincher.

The match was the Belles' second five-set match in a row — the first came with a 3-2 win Tuesday over Tri-State.

"We were definitely disappointed by the final result," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "But even though we lost the match, we cannot let the outcome overshadow all of the positives. We fought hard with incredible spirit and talent."

Junior Lindsay Eshelman led Adrian with a match-high 24 kills and nine digs. Senior Abby Sikora also turned in a strong performance with 28 digs and 66 assists.

The Bulldogs will face off against Tri-State in the first round of the MIAA tournament Tuesday.

For the Belles, Kristen Playko posted her 19th double-double of the season with 23 kills and 20 digs. Libero Anne Cusack led the way defensively with a match-high 32 digs.

"The comeback and intensity we showed was just the beginning,"

Schroeder-Biek said. "We need to carry over that same determination into the conference tournament."

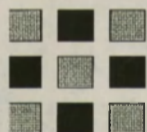
St. Mary's will begin play Tuesday in the MIAA Tournament against fifth-seeded Alma. The Belles split the regular season match-up, winning 3-0 at home Oct. 8 and falling 3-1 at Alma.

Coach Schroeder-Biek said the

team is looking forward to the match.

"We are definitely excited to be hosting the first round," she said. "This will be a tough match, but we have to have teamwork and desire to win, and we are ready to compete."

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SMC SWIMMING

Hope, Carthage down Belles in dual meets

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Saint Mary's lost two dual meets this weekend — a close conference contest to Hope and a lopsided away match with Carthage.

The Flying Dutch swam past the Belles at the Rolfs Aquatic Center 132-112 Friday, and the Lady Reds kicked their way to an easy 121-79 victory over the

Belles at the Koenitzer Aquatic Center in Kenosha, Wis. Saturday.

In the first of Saint Mary's two contests, Hope won nine of the meet's 11 events. Flying Dutch freshman Kate Williams led the way, capturing two titles — the 50-yard freestyle (26.15) and the 100-yard butterfly (1:01.46).

But there were a few bright spots for the Belles.

Saint Mary's won both 200-yard freestyle relays over the weekend.

The combination of freshmen Sara Niemann and Lindsey Nelis, sophomore Melissa Gerbeth and junior Kelly Tighe captured 18 points, finishing in 1:48.89.

The following day, the group won their event again over Carthage.

Saint Mary's also captured individual breaststroke events both days. Tighe took first in the 100 breaststroke against Hope with a time of 1:16.69, and sophomore Katie Carroll won the 200-yard

discipline against Carthage in 2:46.48.

The Belles had two other winners against Carthage. Sophomore Mellissa Gerbeth won the 1,000-yard freestyle in 11:16:49, and Nelis took the 200-yd freestyle in 2:06.92.

Carthage won the rest of the events, but even then Saint Mary's found a bright spot in one of its swimmers.

Freshman Kayla Ferguson was the Belles' top finisher in the

freestyle sprint events against Hope. Ferguson finished fourth at 27.30 in the 50-yard free and second in the 100-yard event with a time of 59.32. Ferguson's time in the 50 free was 0.7 seconds slower than Tighe's team-low for the 2005-06 season, and her 100-yard time was just .31 seconds off Tighe's team-best time in that event last season.

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SWIMMING

Irish leave A&M in their wake

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

No. 17 Notre Dame made a big splash in its first dual meet of the season, beating Texas A&M 169-129 Saturday at the Student Recreation Natatorium in College Station.

The Irish won nine of the 16 events, and took three of the five scoring spots in 12 of the 14 non-relay events.

Sophomores Jeff Wood and Sam Pendergast, who each picked up two wins in their first dual meet performances for Notre Dame, led the Irish.

Wood, a transfer from Indiana, won the 100 and 200-meter backstroke. Pendergast, who didn't compete in a meet during his freshman season, finished first in the 100 and 200-meter breaststroke.

Irish assistant head coach Matt Tallman was not surprised at the breakout performances of his two sophomores.

"It was the reason they were brought here," Tallman said. "It was expected, and we hope to see a lot more of it."

Wood and Pendergast were also part of the victorious 200 medley-relay team that included seniors Tim Kegelman and Louis Cavadini. Kegelman also tallied a victory in the 100-meter butterfly.

Junior Jay Vanden Berg (1000-meter freestyle), senior Ted Brown (200-meter freestyle) and freshman John Lytle (100-meter freestyle) also picked up first-place finishes.

Lytle's performance offered a preview of what Tallman hopes to be strong performances from the freshman class this season.

"Our freshman class is — top to bottom — one of the best classes we've ever had, and it's the best class we've ever had on paper," Tallman said.

"We're just glad they dove in and turned what they do in practice into racing."

Tallman also credited the team's hard work in training as a contribution to Notre Dame's performance on Saturday.

"The guys have worked real hard since they got on campus at the end of August, especially since we started official practice in September," Tallman said. "They've been waiting for this day, and they put it all together."

The Irish will return home Friday to face Purdue in their next dual meet at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish men, women take third in Big East meet

Olding finishes in top 10 for second season

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's men and women had the same result in Friday's Big East meet, but with two very different reactions.

Both teams finished third in the conference championship, with the No. 12 men's team finishing behind No. 20 Providence and No. 16 Georgetown while the women also finished behind the No. 12 Friars and No. 18 Hoyas.

The third place finish was especially uplifting for the women, who had experienced back-to-back disappointing races in the Notre Dame Invitational and the Pre-National Meet.

"I was very proud of our team's performance," junior Sunni Olding said. "We had our two seniors, I felt, really stepped it up. It was definitely a confidence builder going into Regionals."

Olding finished in the top 10 for the second straight year,

leading the Irish across the line in sixth place (21:00).

"I wasn't disappointed with my performance but I wasn't ecstatic either," she said. "Basically I was going for the least amount of points possible to help the team because we were looking for a great team finish."

"I hoped to improve upon my finish from last year and I wasn't able to do that, so that was a bit of a disappointment."

But Olding could not have earned the third place finish on her own, and was backed up incredibly well by Notre Dame's senior pair of Ann Mazur and Amy Kohlmeier.

Mazur and Kohlmeier ran well together throughout the race, finishing only seconds apart as Mazur placed 12th (21:27) and Kohlmeier crossed the line 14th (21:31).

"Both of them probably had the best race of their careers," Olding said. "I just really think that's a reflection of their determination and hard work and how much they really were dedicated to the team and wanted to do really well."

By finishing in the top 15, Olding, Mazur and Kohlmeier

earned All-Big East honors, making this the fifth consecutive year the Irish have had three runners earn all-conference honors.

Rounding out Notre Dame's scoring runners were freshman Lindsey Ferguson (27th, 21:51) and junior Julie Opet (28th, 21:58).

The Irish hope to use this strong finish in the coming meets, with the Great Lakes Regional Meet approaching on Nov. 11. Notre Dame needs a top-two finish in the regional race to get an automatic bid to the national race, and Olding feels this win could help propel them to that finish.

"It made us really excited and we look forward to competing [in the Great Lakes Regionals]," she said. "We definitely have to be on top of our game in order to be better prepared for the regional meet, but I think this is a big step in the right direction for us."

Despite also finishing third, the Irish men were not quite as happy with their result.

"We definitely didn't have our best day ever," sophomore

Patrick Smyth said. "I think we can get a lot of it taken care of by nationals. So we are happy, but definitely a little disappointed."

"I think we can use this as motivation. We need to perform better come race time and really concentrate on what we need to be and what we need to do."

Patrick Smyth
Irish runner

Despite the disappointing team finish, senior Kurt Benninger (23:31) and Smyth (23:32) had nothing to complain about, finishing second and third, respectively.

"Kurt and I were pretty happy with our finish," Smyth said. "Martin Fagan [of Providence] ran away with the race and we just fought it out for the two

and three spots." Next crossing the line for Notre Dame was junior Jake Watson, who finished ninth with a final time of 23:54, just ahead of Friar junior Ahmed Haji.

The finish earned Watson, along with Benninger and Smyth, all-Big East honors — the first for him, Smyth's second and Benninger's third. This accolade has helped cap off a very productive season so far for Watson, who led the team to victory in the National Catholic Championship and breaking personal records at the Notre Dame Invitational and Pre-National Meet.

"Jake's doing an awesome job for us," Smyth said. "He's been incredibly consistent, performing well time and again. Hopefully he can keep doing that for the next two races."

The last two Irish scorers were Notre Dame's top freshmen — Brock Hagerman (23rd, 24:22) and Jake Walker (33rd, 24:34). Hagerman's time was best among rookies competing in the meet.

"I don't think we can ask a whole lot more of [Hagerman and Walker]," Smyth said. "Brock had a great race. Jake Walker a little tired after a hard week of training and then the race. I think they'll both be alright by the next meet."

The race was the final tune-up for Notre Dame going into the NCAA Great Lakes Regional meet Nov. 11. Even with the disappointing finish in the Big East championship, Smyth still thinks they have a shot at finishing near the top of the regional race.

"I think we can use this as motivation. We need to perform better come race time and really concentrate on what we need to be and what we need to do to finish in the top two at Regionals and get the automatic bid to nationals."

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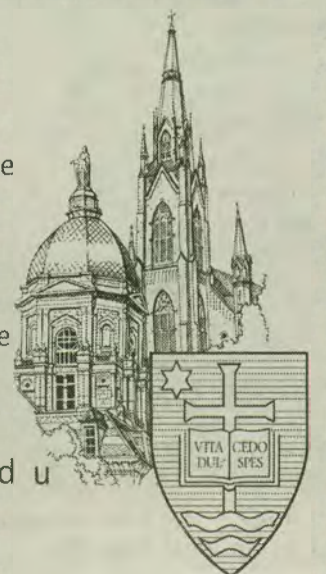
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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles take fifth in MIAA championships

Megan Gray finishes sixth to earn first-team MIAA honors

By BECKI DORNER
Sports Writer

Megan Gray posted the best individual finish by a Belle harrier Saturday at the MIAA Championships, leading the team to a fifth-place finish in the conference meet at Alma College.

Gray's time of 23:44 on the 6K course earned her sixth place and a spot on first-team MIAA. Her performance was a history-breaking one — since the 1998 season, when Saint Mary's cross country first joined the MIAA, no Belle has ever finished in the top ten at the conference contest.

Sara Otto also turned in a stellar performance, earning second-team MIAA honors with a time of 25:11, good enough for 14th place in the

overall individual competition.

Rounding out the top five for the Belles was Megan McClowry with a 27:00 mark for 32nd place, followed closely by Emily Graf in 35th with a 27:20 time and Caitlin Stevenson in 38th at 27:39.

Sara Otto said that a fellow teammate really stepped up.

"I was especially pleased with one of our first-years, Emily Graf, who ran fourth for the team," she said. "She's worked hard throughout the season, but I feel she really stepped it up in this meet to help contribute to the team."

The Belles runners did well to stick together, Belles coach Jackie Bauters said.

"The pack needed to move up in order to compete with Kalamazoo and Albion more," she said. "They had real solid packs together ahead of our [third to fifth-place runners]."

Yet the teamwork that had become the team's goal was realized with the third to

ninth Belles runners packing very well.

Despite her stellar time, Gray said that she and her other team members didn't watch their times.

"[We] weren't really worried too much about times," she said. "Our goal was to position ourselves well individually in order to place well as a team."

As a team, the Belles' fifth-place finish ties last year's mark. Calvin once again took the team crown and swept the top five spots.

Calvin was led by Camille Medema with a time of 22:58, followed by Christina Overbeck, Lydia Singer, Calah Schlabach and Lauren Bergstrom. Hope College came in second, followed by Kalamazoo and Albion in third and fourth.

The weather proved to be a tester for the runners, Bauters said.

"It was definitely a cold, wet and windy day," she said. "I think the conditions may have contributed to slightly

slower times across the board but nothing drastic."

Weather and the team's youth were both factors in the Belles' season-long performance. For Bauters, the team's progress through trials such as the elements as well as inexperience helped season her squad.

"I'm pleased with my team," she said. "We are very young and there is still a lot for them to learn in so far as competing, getting used to the 6k at the end of the season and just collegiate athletics."

One particular highlight came at Loyola, where almost the entire team ran their personal best times, despite the hills and overcrowded course and at Benedictine. Saint Mary's came in fourth overall, but was the first Division III team out of 24 teams total. Finally, at Manchester the Belles placed third and only five points away from second.

Gray was disappointed that the season was coming to a

close and said the team would especially miss the seniors. Otto, a senior herself, echoed her sentiments.

"As a senior, I wish this wasn't the end of cross-country," Otto said. "But still I'm excited to see how these women do in the future. I hope to one day watch them compete on our home course too."

The Belles will next compete in the regional meet in Hanover in two weeks, where they hope to improve and register solid times.

"Saint Mary's is definitely making some heads turn and I'm confident we'll see even greater improvement in 2007," Otto said.

Bauters, however, knew the Belles had come a long way.

"I believe this was a successful year for the Belles," she said.

"I couldn't be more proud to be coaching such a fine group of young women."

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish head to South Carolina for Watts/Palmetto event

Squad feels confident after strong finish two weeks ago

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

The women's golf team heads to Kiawah Island, S.C., to close out its fall season in the 54-hole Edwin Watts/Palmetto Intercollegiate Tournament Monday and Tuesday.

The Irish enter the contest following a fifth place finish in the Taylormade Aztec Fall Classic two weeks ago in San Diego. There, the Irish shot a 299 on day two, their first round under 300 all year.

"Hopefully we can keep the momentum from the play in the last round of the last tournament," coach Susan Holt said. "I'd like for them to finish the season on a strong note."

Notre Dame enters the tournament ranked 66th according to Golfstat.com. Out of the 20-team field, six are ranked higher than the Irish, with Campbell being the highest ranked at No. 43.

"This is a real opportunity for the team to prove to themselves how good they are and show others how

good the ND program is," Holt said.

Playing from the No. 1 slot is senior Noriko Nakazaki, who enters the tournament playing her best golf of the season. Nakazaki finished fifth in the Taylormade Classic with a one-over par 145, her best finish of the season.

In the No. 2 slot is sophomore Lisa Maunu. Maunu finished tied for 31st in San Diego despite nearly missing the tournament with a throat ailment.

"I worked a lot on my short game because it was really cold this last week," she said. "It's a good field so we hope to move up in the rankings."

Freshmen Kristen Wetzel and Annie Brophy will also compete in team play this week. On the season, both Wetzel and Brophy have had nine of their first 11 rounds as members of the team count toward the overall team scores.

"I've been working a lot on my putting," Brophy said. "It's been a constant struggle for me."

Junior Jane Lee rounds out the Irish lineup. Lee is participating in her fourth tournament for the Irish and is carrying a stroke average of 78.63 into South Carolina.

The tournament will take place at the Oak Point Golf Club at the College of Charleston.

"It has a lot of marsh land and it's quite narrow. We had a good practice round [Sunday]," Holt said. "It's a course that requires you to respect it. It's easy to let your focus drift."

"It's a good field so we hope to move up in the rankings."

Lisa Maunu
Irish sophomore



Irish sophomore Lisa Maunu strikes her ball during the Lady Irish Invitational Sept. 24.

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Irish senior Noriko Nakazaki prepares to tee off during the Lady Irish Invitational Sept. 24.

The Irish will once again be without junior Alejandra Diaz-Calderon and freshman Julie Kim, who have missed the entire fall season due to injury.

The teams will play 36 holes on day one, with the

final 18 coming on Tuesday. Live scoring of the tournament will be available on golfstat.com.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish extend losing streak

Team falls to Big East's Louisville, Cincinnati

By DEVIN PRESTON
Sports Writer

The Irish couldn't halt their downward spiral weekend this weekend.

Two conference losses rounded out the team's longest losing streak since Sept. 2004. Falling to Cincinnati (17-5, 7-3 Big East) and Louisville (16-6, 9-1 Big East), the Irish (13-10) are now one of three teams in the Big East with a record of 7-3.

Notre Dame has lost its last nine games, and was swept on three consecutive occasions. Previously Notre Dame had not lost three games of a conference match since Nov. 2004.

Cincinnati 3, Notre Dame 0

Freshman Christina Kaelin led the effort against the Bearcats with 13 kills in the

20-30, 22-30, 28-30 loss.

Cincinnati won the final game in the same fashion that they won the first. Putting six unanswered points up right from the start, Cincinnati would not lose its lead for the entire game.

Notre Dame attempted to gain control late in the game with a 7-2 run, coming within four points of Cincinnati. This was not enough to fend the Bearcats off, and in the end, a kill from sophomore Jessie Nevitt sealed the match.

Sophomore Mallorie Croal tallied six blocks and 10 kills at a hitting percentage of .261 for Notre Dame. She was also second on the team with 13 digs. Senior Danielle Herndon led the Irish with 22 digs.

Freshman Jaime Frey led the Cincinnati defense with 33 digs.

Louisville 3, Notre Dame 0

Mallorie Croal and sophomore Justine Stremick each recorded ten kills in the 30-14, 30-22, 30-19 loss to Louisville.

The Irish worked well to keep up with the Cardinals in the third match, but a kill from freshman Tatyana Kolesnikova kicked off an 8-2 run for Louisville that Notre Dame was unable to recover from.

A final kill from senior Stephanie Marsh ended Louisville's sweep of Notre Dame.

Croal led the team with eight digs. The Notre Dame defense, which averages 17.5 digs per game only averaged 11.3 digs per game in their match against the Cardinals. This effort was not nearly enough to contain Kolesnikova's 19 kills, which she hit at a percentage of .692. Louisville as a team out hit Notre Dame .476 to .169.

Co-captain Adrianna Stasiuk, who is the team points leader at 4.06 points per game did not play in either match this weekend.

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BACK OFF



FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer

Freshman running back James Aldridge strikes a Heisman-like pose on one of his 12 carries in a 38-14 win over Navy Saturday.

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since 1998, when they won their first six games.

Christian Hanson, who was named the tournament MVP, scored the game-winner three minutes into the second period when he tapped in a rebound off of a Jason Paige shot.

Paige increased the lead to 2-0 less than 10 minutes later when he beat Air Force

goalie Ian Harper with a wrist shot on an Irish power play.

Harper finished with 23 saves on the night. Opposing him in net, Brown was able to stop all 28 of the Falcons' shots.

The senior netminder suffered an ankle injury in a CCHA playoff game with Alaska-Fairbanks last March, but he has had no troubles this season after a summer of rehab.

"He's playing extremely well and I want to make sure

he continues to do so," Jackson said. "I need to give him a break once in a while."

Brown had the night off on Friday night when Notre Dame blanked Army 3-0 to reach the tournament championship. Sophomore Jordan Pearce was between the pipes for the Irish and had seven saves in his first start in 2006.

Freshman Ryan Thang started off the scoring at 10:58 in the first period with his fourth goal of the season — one behind Mark Van

Guilder for the team lead. Kyle Lawson found Thang with a pass in the center of the ice, which he one-timed past Army's Josh Kassel for the power play goal.

The Black Knights held Notre Dame off for the next 30 minutes until Hanson got loose and put a wrist in the top corner to give the Irish a 2-0 lead.

Hanson broke out of his slump with a big weekend at just the right time.

"It was kind of a key weekend for Christian because he was in jeopardy of being taken out of the lineup," Jackson said. "He practiced

hard last week and did a lot of things better."

Garret Regan rounded out the scoring with two minutes left in the game when he and

Paige capitalized on a 2-on-1 opportunity.

Notre Dame will rest up this week in preparation for the opening of CCHA regular season play as they travel to Columbus to take on Ohio State.

The two-game series will wrap up Notre Dame's seven-game road trip, the longest of the season.

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Advance

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defense as it trickled over the line and past Red Storm keeper Jaime Beran for the game's first score.

Four minutes later, Bock's brow capitalized on another set piece — powering a Kerri Hanks corner kick into the back of the net to go ahead 2-0 and weather the Storm's threat to keep the Irish from advancing to next weekend's Big East semifinals in Storrs, Conn.

"We really wanted to focus on dead ball situations and set pieces because in our [2004] championship run that was such a big part," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "In this point in time of the year it's so important, and Bock was unbelievable in the air all day long today. We continue to say how important she is to how

we play up front. She's got such strength and ability to hold the ball and she's such a weapon in the air."

Bock said Waldrum has emphasized being aggressive in the air, and Sunday she took it especially to heart.

"The set pieces and winning headers is one of my big things," Bock said. "I haven't gotten a lot this year, but it's something coach has been harping on. We haven't

finished on a lot ... Any chance I had I wanted to make sure I made a statement and got after the balls."

Irish junior keeper Lauren Karas saw more first half action than usual, making two

saves, but Notre Dame outshot the Red Storm 12-to-3 in the first half, earning seven corner kicks in the game, including the one sophomore forward Hanks serviced Bock on her second score.

Notre Dame played without star sophomore center back Carrie Dew, who tore her ACL during Tuesday's 3-0 win at Cincinnati, and likely will miss the rest of the year. Freshman defender Haley Ford accompa-

nied senior captain Kim Lorenzen in the center of the back line Sunday, as junior Ashley Jones filled in on the right and senior Christie Shaner on the left. Waldrum was pleased with the defense's

"We haven't finished on a lot ... Any chance I had I wanted to make sure I made a statement and got after the balls."

Brittany Bock
Irish forward



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Irish midfielder Courtney Rosen, right, protects the ball from St. John's midfielder Nicole Pasciolla in Sunday's 3-0 win.



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Irish forward Susan Pinnick, right, moves the ball against St. John's midfielder Nicole Pasciolla. The victory marked Notre Dame's 15th shutout of the season.

performance, though he said there were a couple times when they missed Dew.

"The newness of Haley and [Lorenzen] playing together were just some communication [problems]," Waldrum said. "Two players going for the same head ball, we did that a couple of times — just a few periods of indecisiveness."

Hanks added the final tally for the Irish in the 89th minute on a feed from senior midfielder Jen Buczkowski. Waldrum was more impressed, though, with the shot she didn't take.

When junior midfielder Amanda Cinalli was fouled in the box with three minutes remaining, Waldrum expected Hanks to lineup and nail the penalty kick, like she's done

all year in those situations. Instead, he saw Bock step forward and get stopped by Beran, spoiling the sophomore's bid for a hat trick.

"I was happy to see [Hanks] turn around and get the goal in the end and reward her for that. I think when teammates are looking out for each other like that, you've got something special."

Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

But he didn't mind — not when his team's leading scorer gave up a sure scoring chance to help her teammate earn some deserved decoration for her heat-seeking head.

"It says a lot about your team being concerned about each other," Waldrum said. "I was happy to see [Hanks] turn-around and get the goal in the end and reward her for that. I think when teammates are looking out for each other like that, you've got something special."

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Weis

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cesses "Sunday through Friday."

"My pet peeves with our players are to go to class, be there on time, be prepared, use our academic resources ... and do the best you can," Weis said in a portion of an interview that CBS made available on Yahoo.com. "And when people don't meet that criteria, they're in my door ... and that's an unpleasant situation. ... And when it comes to practice, I do my best to try to humiliate them in front of their teammates that they don't go to class."

Kroft called Weis an "offensive genius" and an exceptional motivator who was brought into a program that had suffered two consecutive "miserable seasons."

"At 6-foot-1, 300-pounds, his girth is exceeded only by his super-size personality that seems out of place at a university run by the Holy Cross Fathers," Kroft said. When Kroft quoted

"My pet peeves with our players are to go to class, be there on time, be prepared, use our academic resources."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

Philadelphia Eagles coach Andy Reid saying that Weis must spend a lot of time in confession, University President Father John Jenkins offered his opinion from the roof of the Hesburgh Library.

"I've heard foul language in football locker rooms before," Jenkins said. "If he's spending time in the confessional, I'll encourage him to keep doing that and repent."

In another part of the interview made available only through Yahoo.com, Weis said his wife, Maura, and son, Charlie Jr., opposed his decision to have gastric bypass surgery in the summer of 2002. Weis nearly

died in the aftermath of the surgery after suffering extensive internal bleeding in the surgery. Weis repeatedly declined to comment about the segment before it aired, saying that he

"I've heard foul language in football locker rooms before. If he's spending time in the confessional, I'll encourage him to keep doing that and repent."

Father John Jenkins
University president

wanted to keep the media's focus on the team, not on him.

On Oct. 3, Weis said he would talk about the segment only during Notre Dame's bye week. When Weis did talk, one week later, he kept his comments to a minimum.

"What happened was they did a special on Tommy Brady last year," Weis said. "Steve [Kroft] became intrigued by me. As the year went on, he decided he wanted to do something. We started about eight months ago doing little parts of this."

CBS promoted the segment with a series of commercials that aired over the weekend during NCAA and NFL football games and included the clips of Weis using his New Jersey vernacular.

Kroft, an 18-year veteran reporter of 60 Minutes and a native of Kokomo, Ind., has won five George Foster Peabody Awards for distinguished achievement and meritorious service in broadcasting.

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Loss

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from 25 yards out to tally his second goal of the season.

Although it didn't affect Rellas' shot, the wind would turn out to be a big factor all evening for both teams.

It was a difficult night to play, Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

"We played superbly with the wind in our face in the first half, but we didn't really capitalize with the wind at our backs in the second half," he said.

Notre Dame outshot Rutgers 9-4 in the first half and would take their one goal lead into the locker room at halftime.

But the Irish weren't able to hold that lead.

The Scarlet Knights found their equalizer in the 80th minute on the first of Sternberger's two goals. Rutgers' midfielder Kyle Grato sent a free kick through the Irish wall, and although Notre Dame keeper Chris Cahill made the save, Sternberger was there to put the rebound into the net.

Twenty-six minutes and almost two overtimes later, Sternberger scored again to book the Scarlet Knights ticket to the semi-finals. Another dead ball proved to be the Irish's undoing as Sternberger got onto the end of a Zach Simi corner kick firing home at the back post.

Although Notre Dame held a

slim 13-12 advantage in shots on the evening, the Scarlet Knights out-shot the Irish 8-4 in the second half and overtime periods. Notre Dame didn't register a shot in either of the overtime periods.

"We played very well in the first half, but we felt we should have been able to put the game away in the second half," Clark said. "We played well without generating a lot of chances in the overtimes. It wasn't like they were handing us in the overtime periods."

Saturday evening was the second time in the last four games that the Irish were unable to hold an early one-goal lead. Notre Dame was also ahead of No. 4 West Virginia 1-0 at halftime on Oct. 18, but the Mountaineers scored two-second half goals to seal the victory.

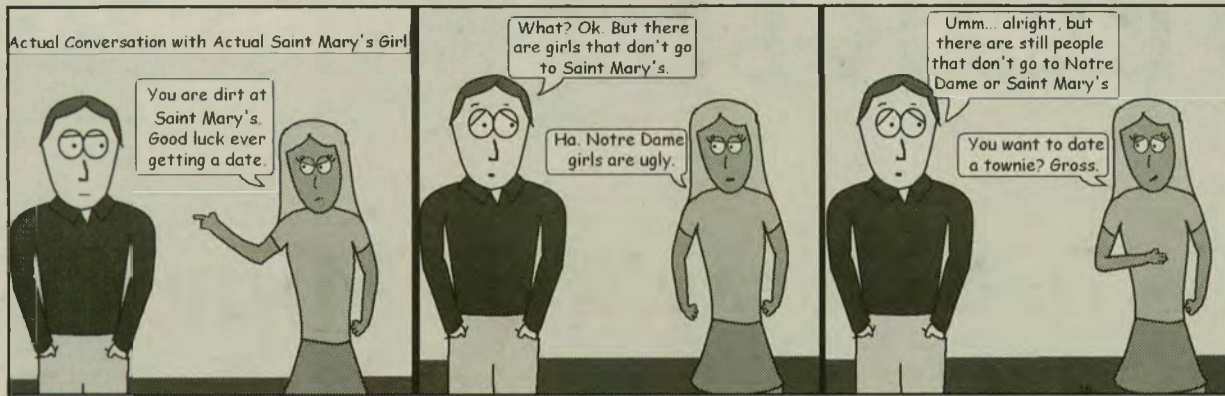
The Irish will return home with nearly two weeks to prepare for the first round of the NCAA tournament which begins on Friday, Nov. 10. Clark sees this break as an advantage for his team.

"[Losing to Rutgers] might prove to be a blessing in disguise," Clark said. "We've played a game every 3.3 days since Aug. 17, and that's a lot of games. I think the break will give us an opportunity to recharge our batteries, and hopefully the boys will take advantage of that."

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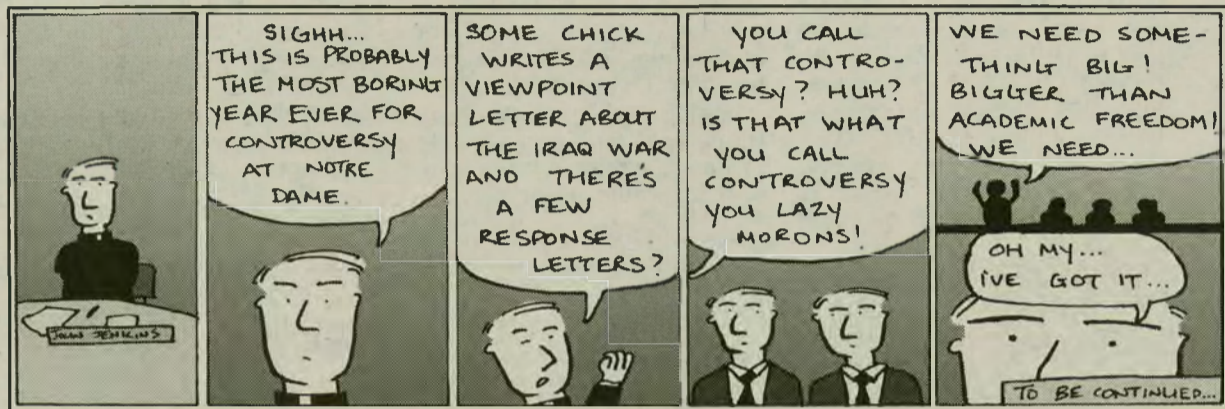
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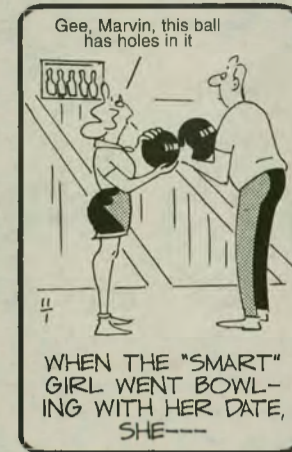
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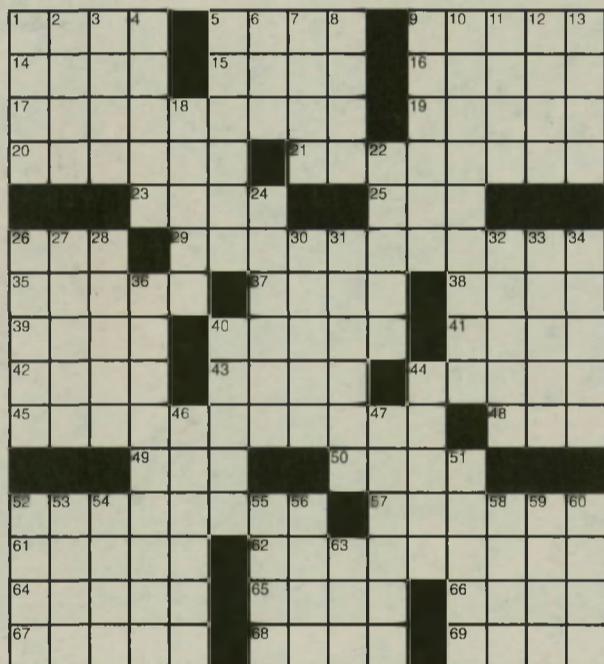
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CANCER (June 21-July 22): This is the perfect day to bond -- but remember, you don't have to go into debt to do so. Simplicity will be the key. Take the time to find out what everyone you care about is up to before you start. 3 stars
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be careful -- someone you live with may try to bait you into an argument. Honesty will be the most important factor when it comes to relationships. Like it or not, the truth must be told if you want to move on to better times. 3 stars
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Everything should be about your home and family today. Try to make alterations that will free up your time and allow you to make your place more comfortable and user-friendly. Love is looking very good. 5 stars
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may want to avoid emotional issues by throwing yourself into your work. Take a look at your past goals and consider if you have come close to meeting them. 2 stars
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let anyone tell you what you can and can't do. If someone is putting restrictions on you, consider if this relationship is really to your benefit. At some point you have to rely on yourself and go it alone. 2 stars
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A little pleasure trip will take you a million miles away mentally. You need a bit of a change to set your mind free. Distance yourself from everyone who is trying to push you one way or another. 4 stars
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't trust what others tell you, especially if it has to do with the way you earn money. You have to judge for yourself. Now is not the time to trust anyone with your future. 3 stars
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You won't be able to make a good decision, so don't bother trying. Travel and communications will end in delays and disasters. 3 stars
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you come into something special like a winning gift or other means of fast cash, keep it to yourself. A problem with someone older is likely to spoil your day if you let it. Don't give in to the demands of others. 3 stars
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ND FOOTBALL

CBS features Weis in Sunday's '60 Minutes'

Irish coach profiled by Kroft on news program

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Charlie Weis often says he's a straight talker and "brutally honest" — and he furthered that image in a CBS "60 Minutes" feature that aired Sunday Night.

In a segment by longtime reporter Steve Kroft, Notre Dame's second-year coach said he does not care what people outside his family think about his coaching, nor believe that any coach will do a better job for his team than he does.

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Irish Insider

"You only feel the pressure if you really care what everyone else thinks," Weis said. "And I don't care what anyone thinks." The 15-minute segment, which aired on CBS affiliate WSBT-TV (Comcast channel 12) and began at 7:57 p.m., highlighted Weis' use of foul language on the field and in practice, including a clip of Weis screaming at Irish special teams coach Brian Polian to "get the [expletive] off the field"

and complaining about a "bull-[expletive] call." At one point, Weis complains to an assistant coach about a blown blocking assignment. "We've got a defensive end and we've got two tight ends and we don't touch the mother-[expletive]," Weis said. Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said Weis can be a jerk at times, a comment the senior said he would never repeat to Weis' face.

The segment also noted Weis' focus on player academics. Kroft said Weis found players on the team in a state of "complacency about winning, going to class and their potential." That stands in contrast to prior statements by athletic director Kevin White, who praised former Irish coach Tyrone Willingham, who Weis replaced, for the team's suc-

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

No prayer

St. John's can't pull off upset win over ND

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

While the rest of America was falling back Sunday, sophomore forward Brittany Bock sprung forward — knocking in two headers to lead Notre Dame over St. John's 3-0 in the Big East quarterfinals at Alumni Field.

Bock netted her two scores within the first few minutes of the match on set pieces that found her in the box.

In the seventh minute, Michele Weissenhofer's flip throw-in landed softly on Bock's head before the forward touched it over the

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Irish forward Brittany Bock takes a free kick in Sunday's 3-0 win over St. John's. The Irish advanced to the Big East semifinals with the win and improved to 18-0-1.

DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

HOCKEY

Irish beat Air Force in Tampa

Team's tournament win also milestone for both Jackson, Brown

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

It was a night of milestones for the Irish.

With a 2-0 victory over Air Force Saturday night in Tampa, Fla., Notre Dame won their first in-season tournament in 25 years, Dave Brown broke a program record with his seventh career shutout and head coach Jeff Jackson captured his 200th career win.



Brown

Jackson only needed seven years and six games in his eighth season behind the bench to reach the benchmark. He is currently 22nd all-time in wins and his .713 winning percentage leads all active coaches in the NCAA. Jackson won 182 games from 1990-1996 with Lake Superior State and has 18 since coming to South Bend last season.

"I think, most of all, it is a reflection of all of the teams and coaching staffs that I have had with me along the way," Jackson said.

Jackson's No. 11 Irish are off to their best start (5-1-0)

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MEN'S SOCCER

Rutgers eliminates ND from tournament



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Irish defender Jack Traynor carries the ball against DePaul in a 2-0 win Oct. 25 in the first round of the Big East tournament.

Scarlet Knights come from 1-0 deficit to end Irish hopes in Big East championships

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Two late goals by Rutgers forward Adam Sternberger were enough to send No. 8 Notre Dame home while the Scarlet Knights advanced to the semifinals of the Big East tournament by the score of 2-1 Saturday evening at Yurcak field.

The loss drops the Irish's record to 13-5-2 on the season, but Notre Dame's season

resume all but ensures them a spot in next month's NCAA Tournament. The Irish will learn their first round destination and opponent on Nov. 6.

Saturday's game started well for Notre Dame as sophomore midfielder Cory Rellas gave the Irish the lead in the 35th minute. Rellas collected the ball outside the Rutgers the penalty box, turned and — despite howling winds in his face — rocketed a shot into the goal

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame drops third straight

The Irish lose two crucial matches against Louisville and Cincinnati.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles finish fifth in MIAA meet

Megan Gray leads Saint Mary's in one of the season's last races.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish take third in meet

Both the men's and women's side finish third at the Big East meet this weekend.

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ND SWIMMING

Notre Dame 169 Texas A&M 129

The No. 17 Irish win nine out of the 16 events Saturday at Texas A&M.

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NOTRE DAME 38 NAVY 14

Brady Quinn throws 3 touchdown passes as the Irish rout the Midshipmen.

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