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Endowment falls record 20 percent

Despite historic decrease, Notre Dame fares better than peer institutions in recession

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Notre Dame's endowment assets took a hit last year during a period of historic market turmoil, but outperformed a number of peer institutions and key indices, ending with a market value of \$5.5 billion, University Vice President and Chief Investment Officer Scott Malpass said Thursday.

Malpass recently reported 2009 fiscal year results to University Trustees, detailing the endowment's 20.8 percent decline over 2008 results, when the investment pool was

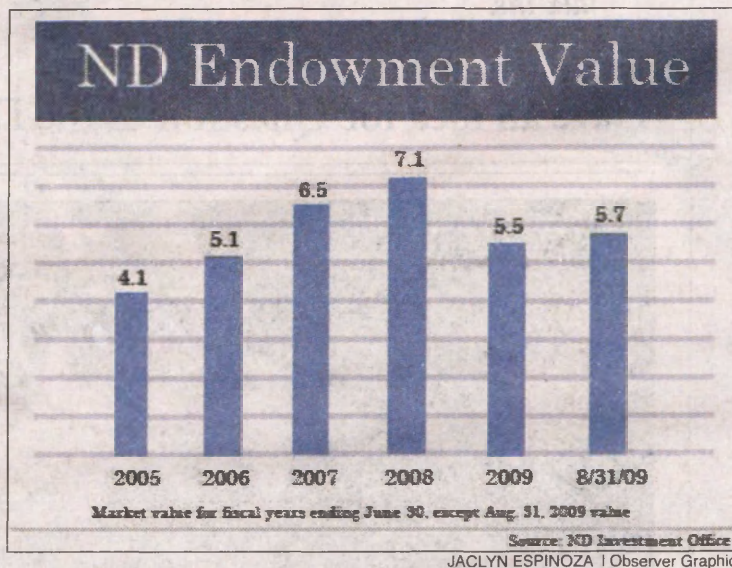
valued at \$7.1 billion.

Malpass said he's "never happy to be down," but was pleased to fare "relatively well" during a "very challenging year."

"Our performance was at the better end of the big endowment group," he said, adding that the fund also performed better than the S&P — which fell 26.2 percent last year — as well as key international and other indices.

The fund's decline brought it back to late 2006 levels (the endowment was valued at \$5.1 billion in 2006) while markets lost significantly

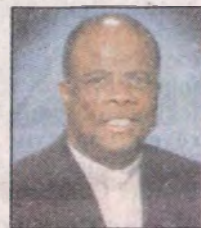
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Vatican appoints ND prof as advisor

By ROBERT SINGER
Assistant News Editor

Fr. Paulinus Ikechukwu Odozor, associate professor of theology, will be starting his fall break early — Pope Benedict XVI has appointed him as an advisor for the Second Special Assembly for Africa of the Synod of Bishops in Vatican City from Oct. 4 to 25.



Odozor

The first African synod took place 15 years ago during the Rwanda genocide, Odozor said, and the upcoming meeting of some 200 bishops from across the African continent will focus on a familiar theme: "The Church in Africa in Service to Reconciliation, Justice and Peace."

"The purpose is to bring attention to bear on Africa, to see how the Church can be more effective as an agent of salvation but also as an agent of social change and progress in Africa," he said.

According to the 62-page document "instrumentum laboris" released by the pope in anticipation of the synod, topics covered

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Campus groups host Body Image Week

Events including FIRE Forum focus on boosting self image, preventing eating disorders

BODY IMAGE AND EATING DISORDER AWARENESS WEEK SCHEDULE

- October 1 - Thin: Guided Tour by Snite Museum Curator of Photography
- October 2 - Movie and Discussion
- October 3 - Brochures in residence Halls
- October 4 - Petitions and Prayer Cards at Campus Masses
- October 5 - THIN Screening followed by Q&A - 7 PM
- October 6 - Thin: Guided Tour by Snite Museum Curator of Photography
- October 6 - Mass of Healing at Ryan Hall followed by Dinner with Speakers - 6:30 PM
- October 7 - Body Image and Eating Disorders: FIRE Forum 7 PM, Geddes Hall Auditorium
- October 8 - Love your Body Day
- October 8 - Yoga, TBA
- October 8 - Resource Tables, TBA
- October 8 - Coffeehouse and open Mic, 8 PM

JACLYN ESPINOZA | Observer Graphic

By NORA KENNEY
News Writer

This week, five on-campus organizations are joining together to present Body Image and Eating Disorder Week, which will focus on raising awareness about diseases such as anorexia and bulimia.

The sponsor organizations include the Gender Relations Center, Feminist Voice, Snite Museum of Art, Student Government and the University Counseling Center.

The event began on Thursday with the "Love Your Body, Love Thee Notre

Dame" poster campaign as well as a guided tour of the "Thin" exhibit with Steve Moriarty, Curator of Photography at the Snite Museum.

"I'm just really excited about this week, and the reason I'm so excited is that there is unity in trying to get this message out," Mandy Lewis, president of Feminist Voice, said. Lewis said eating disorders and negative body images are both huge issues on campus as well as in society.

"The whole point of this week is to tell you that you're

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Five teenagers arrested as carjacking suspects

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Police have arrested five teenagers for the Sept. 24 carjacking of two Holy Cross students, South Bend Police spokesman Capt. Phil Trent said.

All five suspects were arrested for carjacking, criminal confinement and robbery. Trent said the Prosecutor's Office is currently reviewing the charges.

"They do have the cases and they have concurred with us that there is obvious criminal culpability," he said.

Formal charges will likely be set Friday, he said.

Several of the teenagers arrested have previous criminal records, according to Trent.

The two Holy Cross students were approached by the suspects near the 800 Block of Notre Dame Ave. late last Thursday and forced into their car. The victims told police at least one of the men had a gun. The men robbed and beat the students while they drove to several area ATMs to withdraw cash.

The suspects eventually

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Experts discuss health reform

By ALEX TOOMBS
News Writer

Aon Consulting, in conjunction with the University's Career Center, held a workshop in DeBartolo Hall Thursday on the effects of healthcare reform upon today's job market.

The workshop helped guide a concerned audience of students interested in careers in the health care and government relations fields.

Amidst the political strife accompanying the fierce debate coming from both sides of the spectrum, many students in the nursing, pre-



MACKENZIE SAIN/The Observer

Aon representative Andy Karellas talks to students about the effects health care reform will have on the industry.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Prank Away Pessimism

It's that time of year. The weather is dreary, and the football team is starting to under-perform like a Charlie Weis team once again. Not to mention that South Dining Hall has decided not to restock fresh food until after Fall Break. To fight back against the disappointments of Mother Nature, the Fat Plague and corn-dog buffets, consider pulling these pranks to make the Golden Dome shine a little brighter.

Wing-It Rudy: Sneak into the football team's procession to the Stadium by dressing up in a suit and tie, hiding just inside Fitzpatrick and blending in undetected as the group walks past. Aim for Sam Young's vicinity — he might just hold you all the way to the locker room.

NBC Revenge: On a large poster board, paint an acronymic advertisement for NBC on one side. For example, a poster reading, "ND / Believes in / Community," accompanied by a headshot of Joel McHale might entice the network to give some extra time to its new show during a football game. Once the camera focuses on your ad, flip it over to reveal your true message. Something along the lines of "NBC / Beats / Children" would do.

Second Coming: Gather a bunch of plastic crates like those used to ship Coca-Cola products, and place them in the bottom of the reflecting pool, forming a line from one side to the other. Dress up in a robe and sash on a home football Saturday and walk across the crates to render tourists speechless by creating the impression that you are walking on water. If nonbelievers doubt thy divinity, remind them of one of your other talents — drain the reflecting pool overnight and refill it with a couple hundred boxes of Franzia by the morning.

Nut Block: Buy a stuffed squirrel from Ebay, and then freeze the squirrel in a block of ice. Under a snow drift, place the ice block of squirrel in a high traffic area like South Quad or the entrance to DeBartolo. For added effect, throw in some nuts and manipulate the stuffed squirrel into a pose to make it appear as if he was chasing, or perhaps juggling, the nuts when he met his fate.

Seismic Stonehenge: Construct a paper mache replica of a slab of stone. Attach a fish line and place your creation on top of Stonehenge. Wait for tourists to approach and yank on the line, causing panic by triggering the deadly-looking stone slab to the ground. The Observer bears no responsibility for any unlawful or disgraceful actions inspired by this column.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE BEST PLACE ON CAMPUS?



Jaclyn Cotton
sophomore
McGlinn

"The Edy's ice cream counter in LaFun, except now they don't do mix-ins."



Ian Giles
sophomore
Knott

"Football Stadium, Saturday, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m."



Ryan Dunbar
freshman
Keenan

"Keenan Hall, but Notre Dame Stadium on gamedays."



Leon Zhou
sophomore
Stanford

"My bed."



Keith Hetrick
sophomore
Keenan

"406 Keenan."

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



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Students work to draw a hand in a figure drawing class taught by Maria Tomasula in Riley Hall Thursday.

OFFBEAT

Mule deer becomes tangled in Christmas lights

HELENA, Mont. — Call it a case of Christmas creep. A young mule deer in Montana is ushering in the holiday season early. Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks game warden Kevin Cook says the buck got mixed up with a string of Christmas lights and now they are hanging from his antlers and body. The agency started getting reports about the decorated deer near Fort Harrison last week.

Cook says the buck probably became entangled when he rubbed his antlers on a

tree. He says the department is keeping an eye on the animal, but so far it seems to be full of mule-tide cheer.

Circus llamas cause traffic jams in Dublin

DUBLIN — Dublin's traffic is often snarled, but this could be the first time that llamas are to blame.

Five of the South American animals accompanied by two goats ran rampant Thursday on the Irish capital's major ring road, the M50, causing 5-mile (8-kilometer) traffic jams. Police eventually corralled the animals safely

into a trailer.

Circus owner Alexander Scholl says his animals bolted when fuel deliverymen failed to shut a gate. He rejects rival circus owners' claims that he deliberately loosed the llamas on to the highway to gain attention for his Circus Sydney, which has previously lost elephants and a wallaby.

"There's no way this was a publicity stunt. If these llamas hit a car and killed somebody, who are they going to arrest, me or the llamas?" Scholl said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The tunnel of Notre Dame Stadium will be open to the public today from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. as part of the Game Day events of the 2009 season.

The Notre Dame men's and women's cross country teams will host the Notre Dame Invitational today at the Burke Memorial Golf Course beginning at 2 p.m. The event is open to the public.

The Notre Dame men's soccer team will play Seton Hall tonight at 7 p.m. at the new Alumni Stadium. For ticket information, call the athletic ticket office at 574-631-7356.

The Linden String Quartet will perform at 8 p.m. tonight in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The program will include music from Haydn, Bartok and Beethoven. To purchase tickets, call the ticket office at 574-631-2800.

Professor Thomas Anderson will deliver a lecture entitled "Images that Matter: The U.S. as Seen through Latin American Eyes" on Saturday at 12 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. The lecture is part of the Saturday Scholars Series sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters.

The Notre Dame women's volleyball team will play Villanova Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center fieldhouse. For ticket information call the athletic ticket office at 574-631-7356.

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						
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Career Center offers study space for students in Flanner Hall

Sunday through Wednesday nights, group and private study rooms are available through reservation or on walk-in basis

By CARLY LANDON
News Writer

The Career Center's Interview Center at Flanner Hall will be available for students to use for study space, Sunday through Wednesday, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Career Center Coordinator of Office Services Mary Fisher said.

Last fall, President of Student Affairs Fr. Mark Poorman became aware of a lack of study space available to students. He asked the Career Center if they would be willing to loan space so students could have more options for studying.

"The Interview Center is great for studying because it is nice and quiet, and unlike many other locations students use for studying on campus, students can have their own private rooms," Fisher said. "We also a room catering to group study."

Though the library has study rooms, their numbers are very limited and often it is hard to find a quiet space conducive to work. The Career Center not only has a variety of rooms available, but they also take reservations in advance, in addition to walk-ins.

"Usually not that many people take advantage of what is available here, maybe because it is so far from the

residence halls," Sophomore Zhe Yang said. "However, it is a great atmosphere for studying, especially since study rooms in dorms easily get noisy and turn into social spots."

Fisher said the study rooms tend to fill up as midterms and finals approach.

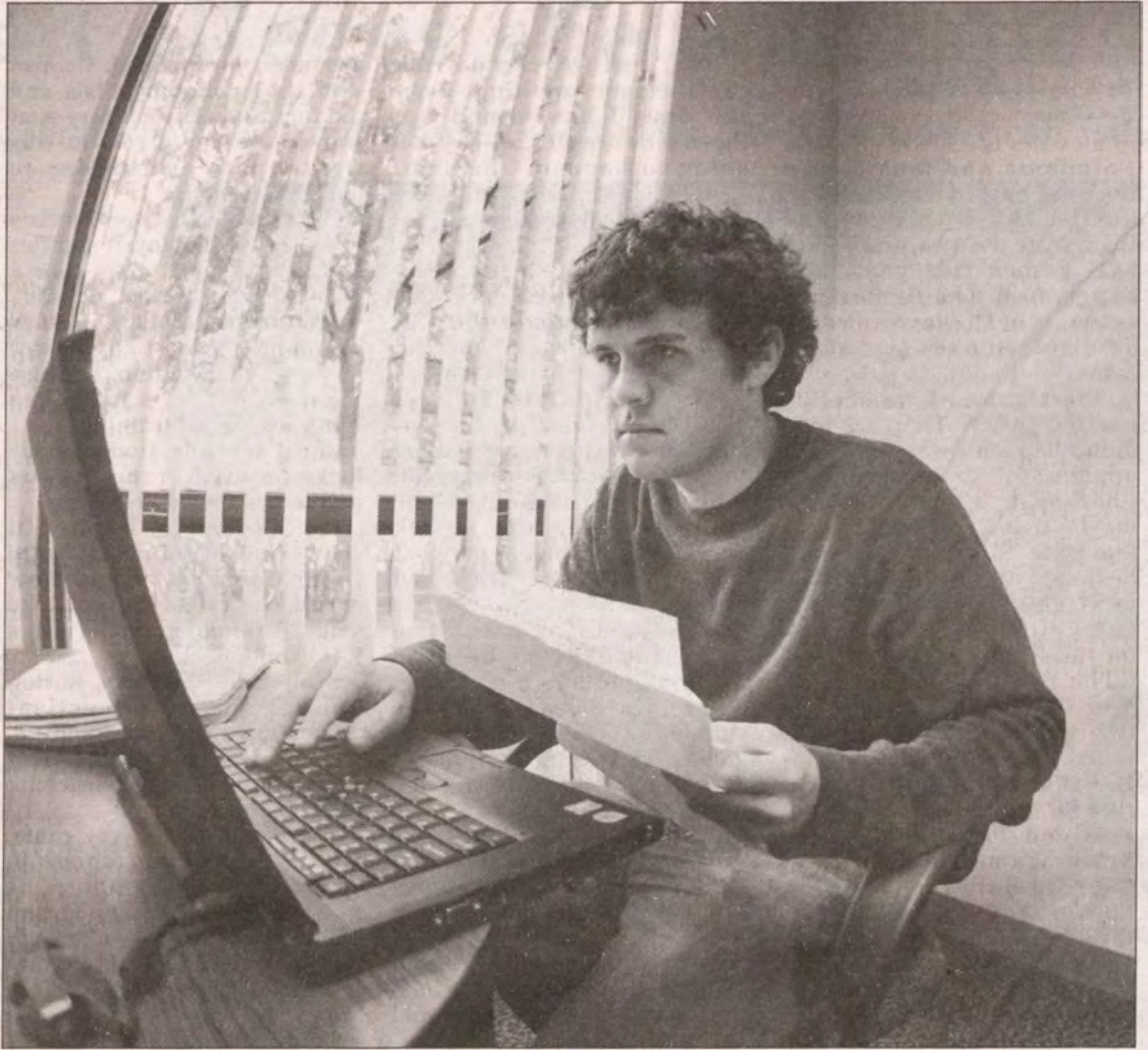
"We are definitely more crowded around midterms and finals. That's the general trend for most study locations on campus so most students wait until those weeks to call for reservations," Fisher said.

This is the second semester the Career Center has given this opportunity to students, and though turnout has been reasonable, they hope to attract more students by increasing awareness among the student body.

"We especially see a lot of students that live close by, so the Mod Quad dorms are heavily represented," Fisher said. "But students from all areas on campus are invited."

Space is available four days a week, with student monitors available for any needs students might have. Also students may make reservations up to seven days in advance, by calling Consuela Howell at 574-631-9915.

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Sophomore Ryan Geraghty utilizes study space in the Interview Center of the Career Center. The spaces are available Sunday through Wednesday nights.



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Colonel explains absence of flyovers during football games

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Students and fans turned their heads in anticipation during the Star Spangled Banner at the two home football games this year, and expected to see fighter jets zoom over Notre Dame Stadium. But the jets never came.

"First game, I was really excited for it. Then when it didn't happen I was really disappointed," sophomore John Ghazi said. "I kind of thought maybe that there was a problem with the first game so I assumed it would be at the next game and then I was angry when they didn't come for the second game."

The fighter jets did not fly over the Stadium for the first two games because operational needs took priority for Nevada game, and operational approval was not attained for the Michigan State game, Tri-military Coordinator for Flyovers Lieutenant Colonel Shawn Braue said.

Braue said he had a flyover set up for the Washington game, but it was canceled. He said he was still trying see if another unit can step in, and hopes a flyover will still be possible.

"That's all you can do. You can't expect anything. Even the ones I have lined up, there's no way I can say it's going to happen," he said. "Operational needs will take precedence. We're low on the totem pole."

Braue said he set up a flyover for every home game this season, and hopes the flyovers will work out for the remaining the home games.

"We should hope for flyovers for the rest of the season but we can never expect them. We have every game scheduled for something," he said. "So hopefully, knock wood. We're going to get what we need and what we asked for."

Braue said fans have come to expect flyovers because Notre Dame has been lucky enough in the past to have requests fulfilled. But every game, every year, flyovers are only a possibility, not a guarantee.

"[The fans] have almost gotten kind of used to it. Most stadiums around the country don't get them. Notre Dame has been really, really fortunate over the years," he said. "There are so many things that could happen that would take the flyover way from us."

For example, if a jet crashes in another part of the country, all other flights might be

grounded, Braue said. He also said the economic crisis and the fact that they country is at war could play a role in why fighter jets are harder to obtain this year.

"When a jet crashes or they need a jet to deploy, it shuffles the whole deck. It's like a whole deck of cards," he said.

Braue said he did not know how much it cost to fly fighter jets over the Stadium because the units pay for it, and often use it as part of training.

Ghazi said the student body looks forward to the flyovers and hopes they will return.

"It's really cool because it shows how big of a deal Notre Dame football is and how excited everyone is for it," he said. "I think everyone wants it [to come back]."

Braue said the Navy, Boston College and Connecticut games have flyovers lined up. For the USC game, the Army jump team plans to parachute into the Stadium.

"This year, [for] every game, we had something lined up. Unfortunately, it's not going as well as we had hoped, but I'm not going to get greedy either or feel bad about that because if we get flyover a year, that's more than some schools get," Braue said.

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SMC hosts Light the Night fundraiser

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY
News Writer

Some people walk for a parent, some for their brother or sister, some for a grandparent, some for a friend and some just because they want to raise awareness.

Yesterday, Saint Mary's College hosted the Light the Night Walk to help raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Participants help not only raise money, but also awareness about the diseases.

This is the third year the College has hosted the event. The course of the walk starts outside of LeMans Hall and runs throughout the campus.

Last year, about 500 people participated and Saint Mary's teams alone raised more than \$2,000.

The event can be quite emotional, especially for survivors of the disease and their families.

"The event packs quite an

emotional punch ... seeing the posters and banners people carry is very moving," Carolyn Call, director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement at Saint Mary's College said. "There's a great deal of love and hope expressed through this event."

Call said the College is proud to host the event and help in any way possible.

"[It] allows us to demonstrate some solidarity with those struggling with cancer," she said.

Junior Sarah Weber, who lost her father, said the Walk is an excellent way to help raise awareness and inform people about the deadly diseases. Although she was unable to walk this year,

Weber's friends walked in her father's memory.

"The blood cancers are so aggressive and we're never told the signs to look for, so it is so important that we raise awareness," she said. "Light the Night Walk is a perfect way to do this."

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Carolyn Call
director, Office for Civic and Social Engagement

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"Images That Matter: The U.S. as Seen Through Latin American Eyes"

Thomas F. Anderson

Associate Professor

Department of Romance Language and Literatures



12 Noon

Saturday, October 3, 2009

Annenberg Auditorium

Snite Museum of Art

This talk will examine a wide range of opinions that Latin Americans have formed of the United States over the past two centuries through readings of texts that hail from many countries (Argentina, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, Uruguay) and various areas of study (literature, politics, history, economics, etc.). Though the views of the authors and the images that they paint of the United States are diverse, many of them are strikingly similar in their revelation of the negative sentiments of Latin Americans who feel violated by what they see as the United States' imperialistic ambitions in the region.

SATURDAY SCHOLAR SERIES

FALL 2009 SCHEDULE

9.5.09 (vs. Nevada)

"Memorial Mania: Public Art and Public Feelings in America Today"
Erika Doss, Professor and Chairperson, Department of American Studies

9.19.09 (vs. Michigan State)

"International Security Studies: What the Eggheads Can Teach the Generals"
Michael Desch, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Political Science

10.3.09 (vs. Washington)

"Images That Matter: The U.S. as Seen Through Latin American Eyes"
Thomas F. Anderson, Associate Professor, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures

10.17.09 (vs. USC)

"Shakespeare in the 21st Century"
Peter D. Holland, McMeel Family Professor in Shakespeare Studies, Department of Film, Television, and Theatre
Scott Jackson, Executive Director, Shakespeare at Notre Dame

10.24.09 (vs. Boston College)

"The French Revolution, or How to Keep Your Head in Turbulent Times"
Julia V. Douthwaite, Professor, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures

10.31.09 (vs. Washington State) game in San Antonio; lecture at 10 am, Marriott Rivercenter

"Latinos and the Renewal of American Catholicism"
Virgilio P. Elizondo, Notre Dame Professor of Pastoral and Hispanic Theology, Department of Theology
Daniel G. Groody, CSC, Assistant Professor, Department of Theology
Timothy M. Matovina, Professor, Department of Theology

11.7.09 (vs. Navy)

"Going Global: Medical Ethics in the Age of AIDS"
Maura Ryan, John Cardinal O'Hara Associate Professor of Christian Ethics, Department of Theology

11.21.09 (vs. Connecticut)

"Understanding the Cultural, Religious, and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults (18-23 Year Olds)"
Christian Smith, William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Italian police seize counterfeit goods

MILAN — Italian police say they have seized an estimated 20 million euro (\$29 million) worth of counterfeit designer purses, wallets and watches in a three-month crack-down that implicated 14 Chinese immigrants.

Police said in a statement Thursday that they had also raided two dormitories and a massage parlor rented to the suspects. Inside the buildings, police found illegal immigrants hiding under beds and locked in bedrooms in an apparent bid to avoid arrest.

The statement said that, of the 14 Chinese nationals implicated, seven were illegal migrants. Two were arrested.

Israel tries to avoid persecution

JERUSALEM — Stung by a damning U.N. report alleging war crimes in Gaza, Israel is taking extraordinary steps to fend off potential international prosecution of its political and military leaders, hiring high-powered attorneys, lobbying Western governments and launching a public relations blitz.

Israel has dismissed the U.N. investigation into its winter offensive in the Gaza strip as biased, but its latest moves show it is clearly concerned.

The U.N. report appears to have energized pro-Palestinian groups that have hoped for years to bring Israelis before courts in countries that recognize the concept of "universal jurisdiction" — trying people for crimes unrelated to their own territory or nationals.

NATIONAL NEWS

Teen imprisoned in closet for 4 years

OKLAHOMA CITY — The sister of an Oklahoma boy who says his mother locked him in apartment closets over four years said Thursday she would bring her brother food, but would tell him not to chew because their mother would check his teeth to see whether he had eaten.

Jaleasa McCall, 18, told The Associated Press that her mother beat, whipped, choked and tied up her 14-year-old brother, often locking him away for days at a time inside bedroom closets.

She said she would bring her brother food and sympathy, but couldn't summon the courage to call police.

Gingrich group rescinds award

DALLAS — Newt Gingrich's conservative group gave — and then rescinded — a business award to a popular topless club in Texas, the proprietor said Thursday.

Dawn Rizos said she was looking forward to receiving the promised "Entrepreneur of the Year" award at a Washington, D.C., banquet from American Solutions for Winning the Future, which the former U.S. House speaker chairs.

After all, Rizos is the owner of The Lodge, which was named the Best Overall Club in America last year by ED Publications, which sponsors the gentlemen's club industry's annual convention and trade show.

But before she had a chance to dine on lobster bisque with Gingrich at the Oct. 7 awards dinner with some 50 other business leaders, the honor was yanked away. The group apparently confused Rizos' business, which is legally called DCG Inc., with one by the same name in Virginia.

LOCAL NEWS

Mesothelioma victims seek right to sue

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana residents who are fighting deadly mesothelioma because of exposure to asbestos want legislators to change state law so they can sue for damages long after their contact with the material.

They testified Thursday before an interim legislative committee, saying a state Supreme Court interpretation of state law gives them only up to 10 years to sue over a disease that often takes decades to manifest.

They want at least two years after they are actually diagnosed with a disease they believe was caused by asbestos to seek civil damages.

Smart alleges she was raped

Kidnap victim testifies that captor sexually assaulted her daily during captivity

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Taking the stand for the first time since she was snatched from her girlhood bedroom seven years ago, Elizabeth Smart testified Thursday that her captor raped her three or four times a day, kept her tied up with a cable around her leg, and threatened to kill her if she tried to escape.

Asked by a prosecutor to describe Brian David Mitchell, the self-described prophet accused of holding her captive for nine months, Smart replied: "Evil, wicked, manipulative, stinky, slimy, greedy, selfish, not spiritual, not religious, not close to God."

Smart, now a 21-year-old college student, gave her horrifying account in federal court as part of a proceeding over whether Mitchell is mentally competent to stand trial.

The 55-year-old one-time street preacher has been behind bars since 2003 — mostly in a state mental hospital — but has yet to stand trial. Twice he has been ruled mentally incompetent in state court, and he has often demonstrated bizarre behavior, including incessantly singing hymns in the courtroom and once yelling at a judge to repent.

Smart testified that within hours of her 2002 kidnapping at knifepoint, she was led away to a secluded mountain campsite and in a quickie ceremony became the polygamous "wife" of the older man.

"After that he proceeded to rape me," Smart said, sharing for the first time publicly her account of the ordeal.

She said Mitchell showed her pornography and plied her with alcohol and drugs to lower her resistance to his sexual advances. Once, Smart said, she tried to fight Mitchell off by biting him.

On the stand for nearly two hours, Smart was poised, her voice never wavering. She did not come



Elizabeth Smart, right, walks out of the federal courthouse with her mother Lois Smart after testifying at a competency hearing for her alleged kidnapper on Thursday.

face-to-face with her alleged tormenter. Mitchell was removed from the courtroom for disruptive behavior — singing hymns — before Smart arrived, and watched the proceedings from a holding cell.

A federal judge ruled earlier this week that Smart's testimony is relevant to the question of Mitchell's competency. Mitchell's competency hearing is not set to begin until Nov. 30, but Smart testified early because she is going on a religious mission for the Mormon church in Paris.

Smart was 14 when she was abducted from her bedroom in the middle of the night. In a surprising turn that transfixed the country, she was rescued in March 2003 after a motorist spot-

ted her walking the streets of a Salt Lake City suburb with Mitchell and his wife, Wanda Eileen Barzee.

Smart testified that in the days immediately following the kidnapping, Mitchell held her captive with the help of a 10-foot cable bolted to her leg and tethered to a line stretched between two trees. She said Mitchell threatened to kill her if she yelled or tried to get away.

Smart said Mitchell would rape her three to four times a day. There was some respite — usually when Barzee became upset over Mitchell's relationship with Smart — but it never lasted, Smart said.

Mitchell is charged in state court with kidnapping and sexual assault. Last year, he was indicted on

federal charges of kidnapping and transporting a minor across state lines. In both the state and federal cases, experts have split over Mitchell's competency.

Mitchell's lawyers maintain he is incompetent and suggested that evidence of his delusions can be found in his religious rambling and writings, including a 27-page manifesto he called "The Book of Emmanuel David Isaiah."

Smart said he read from the book repeatedly during her captivity, often sang hymns and laced his conversations with religious language. Throughout her captivity, Smart was forced to wear a white, ankle-length robe, a head scarf and two veils across her face.

SAMOA

Military brings aid to tsunami victims

Associated Press

APIA — Convoys of military vehicles brought food, water and medicine to the tsunami-stricken Samoas on Thursday as the death toll rose to 160 and victims wandered through what was left of their villages with tales of being trapped underwater and watching young children drown.

Samoan government minister, Fiana Naomi, asked around 400 grieving relatives for permission to hold a mass funeral next Tuesday. The grim-faced Samoans, gathered under the shade of a traditional wall-less meetinghouse just 100 yards from the ocean amid coconut trees and government offices, were

largely silent.

Samoans traditionally take their loved ones and bury them near their homes, but that could be impracticable because many of their villages have been wiped out by early Tuesday's earthquake and tsunami.

Naomi told them the burial would take place in a new cemetery in the city and that the government would also provide free coffins for the 103 bodies currently held in the city morgue. She said the other bodies had already been buried due to the advanced stage of decomposition, but did not say how many.

The reaction to the proposal was mixed, with some relatives wanting to

take the bodies and have their own burials, while others wanted a mass funeral delayed for a week to allow children and grandchildren to return to the islands from overseas.

A total of 160 people are now confirmed dead, including 120 in Samoa, 31 in American Samoa and nine in Tonga. Hundreds of police and others resumed what Samoan police commander Lilo Maiava called "a painstaking search" for bodies that could continue another three weeks.

The governments of the United States, Australia and New Zealand sent in supplies and troops, including a U.S. Navy frigate carrying two helicopters that will be used in search-and-rescue efforts.

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more value, with the S&P going back to values similar to those in 1996.

The University's endowment is the 13th largest among all U.S. higher education institutions, and the largest among Catholic universities. Harvard University's endowment — the country's largest now valued at \$26 billion — dropped 27.3 percent in 2009.

Malpass noted not only did Notre Dame outperform some of the larger endowments; the University has also not decreased spending out of the endowment where other schools have attempted to cut spending.

"The wonderful thing, despite the implosion, is that we didn't have to cut spending, it didn't affect financial aid at all, and in fact we've increased financial aid," Malpass said.

Yale University is currently aiming to cut spending by \$150 million a year, and Princeton University will likewise cut spending by \$170 million annually — both schools with some of the country's largest endowments, which both saw declines around 24 percent in 2009. Cuts like these have translated into hiring freezes and capital project delays.

In contrast, Notre Dame increased spending out of the endowment in 2009 to \$215 million. Malpass said Notre Dame's annual operating budget remains just under \$1 billion and hasn't been affected "at all" by the endowment's performance. In fact, the University will increase spending out of the endowment by five percent in the current year, he said.

Malpass said the endowment spending rate — the amount taken to help fund the operating budget each year — has jumped from a relatively low 3.6 to 4.5 percent in 2007, which is significantly less than rates of seven or eight percent at peer institutions. Universities with higher spending rates like those tend to cut spending to maintain the endowment pool, but Malpass doesn't anticipate that to happen at Notre Dame.

He also pointed to the University's modest debt load

and capital construction funding policies as reasons why spending has been unaffected by the decline.

The University maintains an AAA debt rating and Malpass said Notre Dame has typically held lower debt than its peers, enabling the University to safely increase debt last year to fund spending.

"That gave us flexibility in the crisis. We issued some taxable notes for liquidity purposes ... and we couldn't have done that and kept our AAA rating if we were already loaded in debt," he said.

The capital construction policy at Notre Dame requires that all funds be obtained before construction begins, which means construction projects on campus haven't been halted as a result of the decline.

"That's totally unheard of," Malpass said of the policy. "Schools way overreach there, and that gets you in trouble."

Within the investment pool, Malpass said Notre Dame has always been "well diversified, and well balanced."

"We do a lot of the same types of investments Harvard

and Yale and Princeton do," Malpass said, but noted Notre Dame does "a little less in real estate."

"That was key, because real estate got clobbered," Malpass said. Real estate investments make up less than 10 percent of the

University's endowment assets, compared to "about 25 percent at Yale" and "near 20 percent" at Harvard.

Malpass also called the endowment's hedge fund portfolio "the best in the country" and said while it declined, it added more value than comparable hedge funds.

Malpass praised the investment team at Notre Dame and some 150 managers spread across the globe for their performance, noting that in the last three years overall, the Notre Dame endowment has outperformed all of the top 20 endowments.

"To do as well as we have over the last several years — we were at the top of the group — and then to be relatively a little better in a down market, that says a lot about our portfolio," Malpass said. "I'm encouraged by that."

But Malpass remains cautious about the next year's prospects.

"The economy's still fundamentally very weak," he said, adding concerns about high

Endowment Performance Comparison

FY 2009 Trailing Performance*

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FY 2009 Returns




Institution	Return %
Notre Dame	-20.8
Harvard	-27.3
Yale	-24.6
Stanford	-25.9
Princeton	-23.7

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unemployment, the levels of toxic debt still held by many banks and longer term fears about inflation.

When Malpass came to Notre Dame in 1988, the endowment valued \$425 million. It peaked last year at \$7.1 billion. The endowment typically funds around 20 percent of the University's operating budget.

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Stocks			
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Up:	Same:	Down:	Composite Volume:
666	79	3,086	2,641,006,281

AMEX	1,741.40	-37.27
NASDAQ	2,057.48	-64.94
NYSE	6,718.05	192.83
S&P 500	1,029.85	-6.37
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	9,852.17	132.05
FTSE 100 (London)	5,047.81	-86.09

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CITIGROUP (C)	-6.40	-314.531.21	
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-2.45	-2.59	103.00
BK OF AMERICA CP (BAC)	-4.20	-0.71	16.21
CIT GROUP INC (DEL)	-12.40	-0.15	1.06

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-3.42	-0.113	3.19
13-WEEK BILL	-17.39	-0.02	0.095
30-YEAR BOND	-2.20	-0.089	3.96
5-YEAR NOTE	-5.35	-0.124	2.19

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+0.21	70.82	
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-8.60	1000.70	
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.45	81.25	

Exchange Rates			
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CANADIAN DOLLAR		1.0842	
BRITISH POUND		1.5906	

IN BRIEF

Washington-Post and Bloomberg unite

SAN FRANCISCO — The Washington Post and Bloomberg News are teaming up in a new partnership that will distribute their political and financial coverage to a broader audience.

The venture announced Thursday includes a news service that fills the void created by the dissolution of a 47-year alliance between the Post and the Los Angeles Times. The newspapers disclosed their plans to divorce on Wednesday.

Besides distributing about 120 stories per day beginning Jan. 1 to other news organizations, the Post and Bloomberg will share content with each other and co-produce an online business news page on the Post's Web site.

Financial terms of the arrangement weren't disclosed.

The deal will help the Post compensate for a staff that has been shrinking in recent years. Like large newspapers across the United States, the Post has been shedding employees because of a steep drop in advertising sales.

Census shows drop in Ala. poverty

MONTGOMERY — More people moved above the poverty line in Alabama in 2008 than in any state in the country, according to U.S. Census figures that advocates for the poor said Wednesday were outdated.

The numbers were gathered in 2008 and reflect "the calm before the storm" of the recession hit the state, said Kimble Forrister, director of Alabama Arise. At the time, the state's unemployment rate was better than the rest of the nation, Forrister said.

The census figures reported Wednesday by the Press-Register in Mobile show that the number of people below the poverty line fell by 47,000 to 712,835. That was the largest numerical drop of any state.

Alabama's poverty rate fell 1.2 points to 15.7 percent. Alabama is tied with South Carolina with the 10th highest rate of poverty in the country. Nationwide, the poverty rate rose to 13.2 percent, an 11-year high.

"The effects of the recession did not occur until after this data was collected," Forrister said. "At the time our unemployment rate was better than the rest of the nation."

September sees loss for auto industry

'Clunkers' letdown pushes down sales; only Hyundai posts increase

Associated Press

DETROIT — A Cash for Clunkers hangover hit every major automaker except Hyundai last month, pushing down sales and leaving the industry searching for signs of a recovery in October.

U.S. sales of cars and light trucks fell to just under 746,000 in September, down 41 percent from August.

Both GM and Chrysler were the biggest losers last month, while Ford, the healthiest of the Detroit Three, reported the smallest drop of major automakers. Of the top companies, only Hyundai posted higher sales, up 27 percent from September 2008.

Last month's slump brings car and truck makers back to earth following a heady August. Automakers got a lift from clunkers, which spurred sales of nearly 700,000 new vehicles during the summer months. Big rebates lured in many buyers who otherwise would have waited until later in the year to walk into dealerships.

Still, both GM and Ford said the clunkers letdown should pass by next month. They also forecast a slight recovery in sales with signs of economic improvement.

October, however, is traditionally a slow month for sales. On top of that, shoppers are guarding their wallets, worried about keeping their jobs in a fragile economy. The question remains whether dealers can really lure them back and help the industry recover over the remainder of the year.

Higher incentives didn't shake buyers from their September slumber. Automakers spent an average of \$2,557 per vehicle in the U.S., up \$83 from August, according to the auto Web site Edmunds.com.

"After five straight months of decline, incentives are on the rise again,"



In this Aug. 21, 2009 photo, Sheila King looks at a Hyundai Accent in Danvers, Mass. Hyundai Motor America said Thursday that sales surged 27 percent over the year-earlier level.

Edmunds analyst Jessica Caldwell said. "Now that Cash for Clunkers is over, automakers have to give consumers an incentive to buy — out of their own pockets, not the taxpayers'."

Ford Motor Co.'s sales fell 5.1 percent, but the decline followed two straight months of rising sales. Two of the Dearborn, Mich. company's vehicles — the Focus and Escape — were top sellers in the clunkers program.

General Motors Co.'s sales plunged 45 percent while Chrysler Group LLC's fell 42 percent. The weak results continued a string of monthly sales drops for the troubled pair. Now the question is whether their government-funded recovery

plans are working.

Sales fell in every GM division. Saturn led the way with an astounding 84 percent decline in September, the same month GM announced plans to abolish the brand after its sale to former race-car driver Roger Penske collapsed.

"It was a more difficult month than we anticipated," said Mark LaNeve, GM's vice president of U.S. sales.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. Treasury Department, which has provided roughly \$65 billion to keep GM and Chrysler going, would not comment on the sales figures.

Most automakers reported low inventories during September but said production increases were starting

to replenish them.

GM's LaNeve said last month sales were compared with a strong September in 2008 when GM offered employee discounts to every customer in celebration of its 100th birthday. With easier comparisons, October will show better results.

He said the company could have had stronger September sales but it was struggling to keep up with demand for newly launched vehicles such as the Buick LaCrosse sedan, Chevrolet Camaro sports car, and the Chevrolet Equinox crossover vehicle. GM could have sold 10,000 to 12,000 more car and light trucks had it been able to get them to dealers in September.

Sessions may block funding on tanker

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Senate Republican who backs Northrop Grumman Corp.'s bid for a disputed \$35 billion Air Force tanker contract wants to withhold funding until the service resolves a company gripe with the competition.

Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama filed an amendment Thursday that would require the Air Force to release pricing information of previous bids from both Northrop and its partner, Airbus parent European Aeronautic Defense and Space Co. NV, and rival Boeing Co.

The move follows reports that the Air Force may have disclosed price data about Northrop's bid to Chicago-based Boeing during last year's com-

petition to replace the 179 aging tankers.

"How can we expect the playing field to be level if one company was given sensitive information about the other's bid? If that is the case, the best way to rectify the situation is to demand that information be shared in both directions," Sessions said.

Should Northrop win the lucrative deal it will build a new plant in Mobile, Ala., and states like Florida and West Virginia could also stand to gain jobs. If Boeing lands the award, Washington, Kansas and other states would benefit from a boost in jobs.

The Pentagon's weapons buyer, Ashton Carter, has said the department found "no competitive disadvantage" following its examination of Northrop's claim. The information in

question was inaccurate, outdated or not relevant to the new competition, he said last week.

Still, Los Angeles-based Northrop says it wants proof.

"We really don't know if the pricing information is inaccurate or outdated. Therefore, the Defense Department should provide us Boeing's comparable pricing data and we will decide for ourselves," said Northrop spokesman Randy Belote.

On Wednesday, Boeing spokesman Bill Barksdale said the Air Force already had "clearly and definitively dealt with this issue."

Debate on the defense appropriations bill could be completed as early as Thursday night, a spokesman for the Senate Appropriations Committee said.

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will include the pastoral needs of African couples and families, the development of African higher education, the integration of African women and laypeople into Church leadership, the uses and impact of traditional and new media on the Church in Africa and the engagement of the Church in ethnic and tribal strife.

As an advisor to the African bishops, Odozor said he wants to focus on ways to reconcile longstanding ethnic conflicts that have left ingrained bitterness.

"The famous clashes of ethnic groups in Africa are not just things that happen overnight. They are coming out of long-held memories of hurt," he said.

"One of the things that the Church would work on is healing memories, helping people in various African communities get over whatever they have with their neighbors and move on with the task of constructing modern states."

Odozor said Christians, and moral theologians in particular, are compelled to consider and act on the moral situations around them.

"That faith as it were transforms us, makes us children of God in a way. With that comes the transformation of our attitude of our approach to life," he said. "So, morality is an offshoot of our new being in Christ. It's a consequence of our new being in Christ. Therefore, there is no way you can dissociate morality

from the faith of the Christian."

"There are implications," Odozor continued. "So when the Christian speaks about right and wrong he or she speaks out of a memory informed by faith."

Arguing that a major error in modern ethical discourse is for secular theorists to pretend as if they were speaking from a "totally objective perspective," he said. "It is impossible to separate values from the presuppositions that ground one's worldview."

Since faith offers the right kind of moral discernment, according to Odozor, theologians have an important task in helping to build the foundation for ways to improve the daily lives of Africans.

"Theologians by their very nature are people who have a bit more understanding of the faith

and who do their best to articulate the implications of their faith but who also have another duty to make sure that faith is handed down in a way that people can understand," he said.

Odozor said he hopes the experience will not only further the aims of the Church but teach him lessons for his own vocation.

"I'm grateful for this opportunity to serve the Church in this way, to work for the bishops in this way," he said. "I'm hoping to learn a lot more about the Church and about Africa I'm hoping that what I learn can help me as a priest and as a scholar to do my own bit for the Church, for Africa and for the world."

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Disorders

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not alone. This is a huge problem," she said. "This is not just an individual problem. This is a reflection of societal problems."

She says today's event, a showing of the film "Mean Girls" at Geddes Hall Auditorium at 7 p.m., will specifically address eating disorders and negative body images as a societal problem.

"We have images in society, like Lindsay Lohan, who people try to emulate and you just can't. It's not possible," she said.

Lewis said she hopes the dialogue following the showing will convey this message.

Patrick Tighe, who is the co-chair for the Student Government Gender Issues Committee as well as a student worker for the Gender Relations Center, said the "Thin" exhibit perfectly exemplifies the societal problem.

"In the Thin exhibit some of the girls don't look much different from women you see in magazines — and we call that beautiful," he said. "Worse, we don't think anything is wrong with that."

Tighe said the events and campaigns that are part of Body Image and Eating Disorder Week will confront these issues head-on, even if the confrontation is emotional or scary.

On Wednesday, a FIRE

Forum addressing Body Image and Eating Disorders will be held in the Geddes Hall Auditorium at 7 p.m.

"It will be just a powerful moment that you give people an opportunity to give voice to their struggle and gain healing. I find that to be very special when you give people an opportunity to speak out," Tighe said.

Lewis and Tighe both agreed the spirit of Notre Dame is conducive to healing.

"I think it's about this sense of solidarity that we are all part of one big family and we have to be there to support each other," Tighe said.

For Lewis, this spirit will be felt Tuesday during the

"Love your Body, Feed your Soul" Mass and Dinner at Ryan Hall.

"We will take a holistic approach," she said. "You are feeding your soul and your spirit at Mass and then with dinner you converse with other people

and enjoy a meal."

Both Tighe and Lewis hope this week creates awareness — for those suffering, as well as for their friends and families.

Body Image and Eating Disorders Awareness Week ends Thursday, which is Love Your Body Day. The day will be celebrated with yoga, resource tables and "Love Your Body" open mic and coffeehouse at Reckers from 8 — 9:30 p.m.

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**Mandy Lewis
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Suspects

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forced the students into the trunk of the car.

An officer driving on McKinley Rd. around midnight stopped the car because the vehicle's high beams were lit. The suspects fled the vehicle and the officer found the two students stuffed in the trunk.

Trent said this type of crime "does not commonly happen" in the area.

Off-campus crime directed toward students has remained steady in the past years, he said.

"This was very shocking. It shocked the community in general, not just the off-campus community," he said. "It resonated through every sector."

In response to the incident, Trent said South Bend Police have upped patrols in the northeast neighborhood.

"We respond to crime trends when something like this happens," he said. "This occurred on 24th and by the 25th, there was a significant increase in patrols in that area."

Trent said the police force

has also done some "more creative things" to decrease crime in the neighborhood, but he said he go not go into further detail.

"An increase in the visibility of uniformed officers is just one facet of what we're doing," he said.

In light of the carjacking, University Vice President for Student Affairs Fr. Mark Poorman said Notre Dame is working with police to decrease off-campus crime in an email to the student body Friday Sept. 25.

Trent said the South Bend Police Department frequently teams up with Notre Dame

Security Police (NDSP).

"We are involved in just continual contact with Notre Dame Security Police and their crime prevention efforts on practically a weekly

basis," he said.

The two units collaborate for safety fairs and meetings, and they and focus on crime prevention.

"I think they are as effective as students make them because most of these are common sense, yet good reminders," he said.

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Rugby Club spends afternoon teaching ECDC students

Players teach class of four-year-olds the basics of the sport to give back to the University

By LILY HOUGH
News Writer

Players from the Notre Dame Rugby Club spent their Thursday afternoon hard at work, but unlike any other fall afternoon, it wasn't on the rugby field.

The club teamed up with Notre Dame's Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) to organize a visit where players welcomed a change of pace from their usual aggressive game to teach the sport to a class of four-year-olds.

As a part of ECDC's focus on hands-on and experiential learning, teachers have been arranging visits this fall from various Notre Dame athletes to share their sport with the students, Program Director Thayer Kramer said.

"These visits provide the children hands-on experiences with the equipment and the opportunity to learn about the sport from athletes who participate in the sport — an authentic way to learn," Kramer said.

The Rugby Club became involved with the program after junior Nick Severyn responded to his professor's request that students interested in sharing their sport with her four-year-old son's class contact ECDC.

Severyn, who is in charge of the Rugby Club's marketing

this year, thought the activity seemed like a good opportunity to encourage interest in rugby in a region of the country in which the sport has little awareness.

"It's definitely a chance for the team to get young children interested in the game, but it also gives the kids an opportunity to spend time with rugby players and learn all about what we do," Severyn said. "Most of the kids have parents who are University faculty or alumni, so they're already huge Notre Dame fans and this is really exciting for them."

The players began the afternoon explaining the rules of the game and demonstrating plays and fundamentals like passing, catching and kicking. By the end of the afternoon, the children were lined up passing balls back and forth with the players.

"Their faces lit up when they would make a good catch or throw," Severyn said. "The team had a great time cheering them on."

According to Executive Director Terri Kosik, the visit was mutually rewarding.

"The members of the rugby team had an opportunity to experience the interest, enthusiasm, and perspective of four-year-olds as the children learned from the athletes about their sport," Kosik said.

Severyn also saw



LILY HOUGH/The Observer

Members of the Notre Dame Rugby Club teach four-year-olds at the Early Childhood Development center the basics of Rugby to provide the children with hands-on experience.

Thursday's visit as a unique opportunity for the Rugby Club to give back to the Notre Dame community.

"The University has given the team so much in terms of facilities, coaching and other privileges like allowing us to compete at the Division I level," Severyn said. "Activities like this are a good way for the team to say

'thank you' for everything the University has given us."

"The visit was a great success as evidenced in the children's questions, interest and excitement," Kosik said. "[The rugby players] were positive, enthusiastic, and helpful and were very kind, encouraging and supportive in their interactions with the children. We look forward to

a return visit next fall."

There was, however, one part of the afternoon that didn't run exactly according to plan.

"We stayed for a lot longer than we expected," Severyn said. "We were having a ton of fun and lost track of time."

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IRISH GREEN

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Located on the south lawn of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, the **Irish Green** will be open to the public every home football weekend. The Irish Green will be filled with family entertainment—live bands and visits from campus entertainers, including the ND Glee Club, Poms, and Cheerleaders.

Friday, October 2		Saturday, October 3	
Noon	Varsity Shop on the Irish Green Opens	8:00 am	Varsity Shop on the Irish Green Opens
3:00 pm	Irish Green Opens with DJ Music	10:00 am	Irish Green Opens with DJ Music
3:45 pm	Visit by the ND Poms	11:00 am	Live Performance by Darryl B & Reflections until 1:00 pm
3:45 pm	Live Performance by 3rd SeSSion until 6:00 pm	Noon	Sirius XM Live Broadcast of the "Catholic Guy Show" until 2:00 pm
4:00 pm	Sirius XM Live Broadcast of the "Catholic Guy Show" until 7:00 pm	1:00 pm	ND Personalities hosted by Chuck Lennon and a visit from the ND Cheerleaders
6:00 pm	Pre Pep Rally	1:30 pm	Notre Dame Glee Club Performance until 2:00 pm
6:30 pm	Pep Rally on the Irish Green. Speakers: James Aldridge, Mike Anello, Kerry Neal and Coach Brian Polian	2:30 pm	Irish Green Closes
7:00 pm	Irish Green Closes	3:30 pm	Kickoff ND vs. Washington

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med and political science majors are concerned that significant changes potentially caused by new legislation could disrupt their careers before they are even launched.

Aon Consulting representatives Bridget Gainer and Andy Karellas helped advise students on what effects health care reform will have on their chosen professions.

Gainer, head of government affairs for Aon Consulting, relayed the predictions of those currently in the industry to the new prospects hoping for employment in the future. She also gave some welcome advice.

"Work for campaigns, as many as is possible," Gainer said. "They allow you to make connections, learn a ton and give you good exposure."

As someone with direct experience on Capitol Hill now working in the government relations department of Aon, Karellas described the convoluted processes by which the health care bill is being crafted.

"The bill will often pass the committees of the House without much problem, getting bogged down mostly in the three committees of the Senate," Karellas said. "Many opposed to the bill are holding out because they are concerned with the conference stage that comes before it goes to the president."

Despite the precarious web of committees, subcommittees and conferences the bill has to navigate before it arrives on President Barack Obama's desk, Karellas was optimistic about the possibilities such legislation could provide for those in both the public and private sectors.

"Positions in the wellness field will boom," he said. "A healthy workforce is by far more productive than an unhealthy one."

Gainer said the information-technology specialists would play a large role in establishing electronic health records as a means of simplifying and streamlining the health care process.

The overall attitude of the students who attended the lecture was positive. Senior Sean Rega, who is majoring in economics and Italian, was

optimistic for the future of his career path and said there would always be room for risk management personnel.

Senior Juliana Hoffelder, a political science major, agreed.

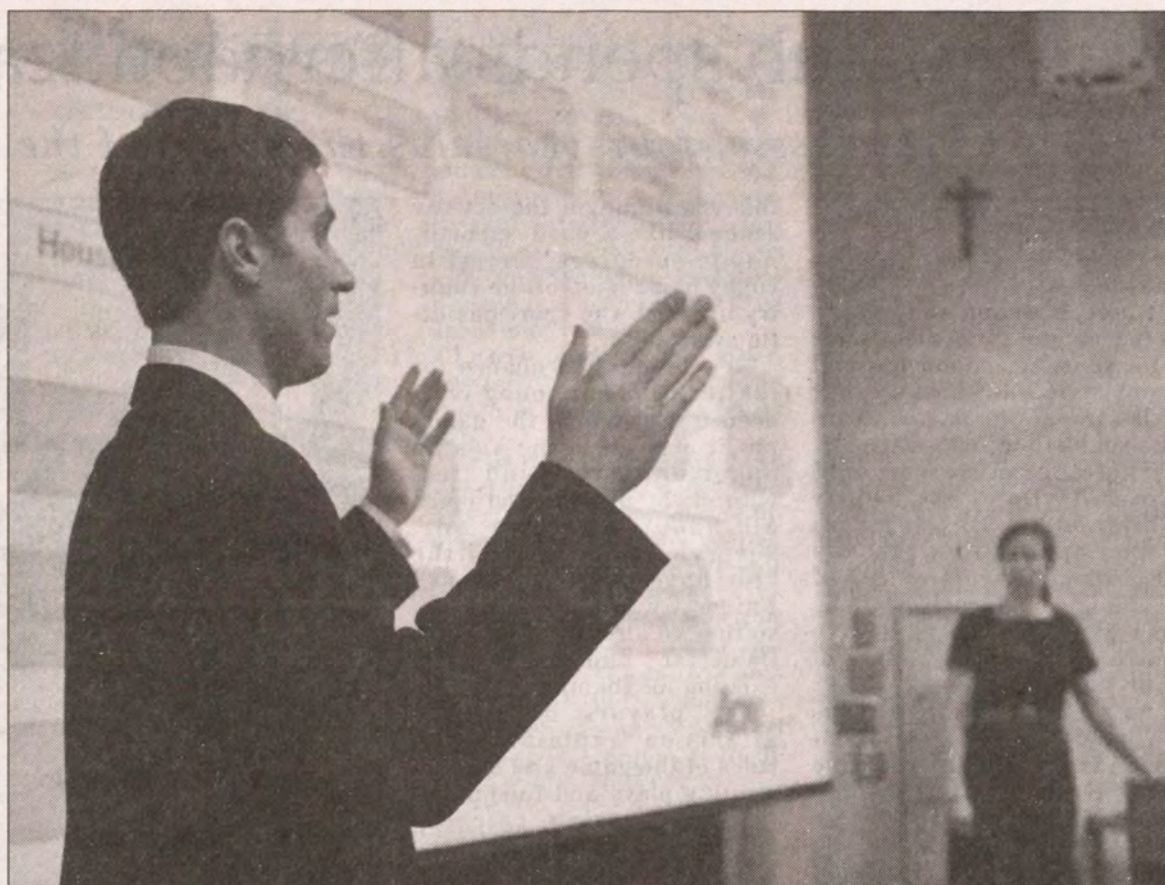
"I think that the reform will provide a lot of opportunities to enter the government relations field," she said. "I'd like to get involved in government consulting, and this will make a lot of room there."

Others had some concerns about the future. Junior Jon Jasinski, a political science and history dual major, expressed concern over private sector jobs.

"Health care reform will probably create a lot of government bureaucracy at the cost of the private sector," Jasinski said.

Jennifer Conrads, a graduate student in the new ESTEEM program that blends technology and entrepreneurship, was waiting to see what came of the reform before she decided.

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Aon representative Andy Karellas uses a flow chart to explain the complexities of the legislative process and health care reform to students interested in medicine and political science.

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Delays expected for both seasonal and swine flu vaccines

Associated Press

Waiting for the swine flu vaccine? Well, you might have to wait a bit longer for a seasonal flu shot, too.

The biggest makers of seasonal flu vaccines in the U.S. are running into delays or cutting back shipments — partly because of the crunch to produce millions of doses of the new swine flu vaccine.

Drugmaker Sanofi Pasteur said it has shipped more than half of the 50.5 million doses of seasonal flu vaccine ordered and it could be November before some U.S. customers get the rest of their shipments.

Novartis AG and GlaxoSmithKline PLC said Thursday their shipments are on schedule. But they've told customers they may get about 10 percent less than ordered.

The three companies account for about 100 million of the nation's expected 114 million doses.

The delay and cutbacks have already forced some doctor's offices to turn away patients and others to cancel clinics around the country. In Lyon County, Kan., the health department canceled next week's drive-thru flu shot clinic because it used up the doses it received in August and hasn't received any more. The Jefferson City Medical Group in Missouri has depleted the partial shipment of vaccines it got for young children at its clinic.

The delay isn't surprising nor cause for big concern, said Tom Skinner, spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 70 million of the expected 114 million doses

already have been delivered, he said.

Typically fewer than 100 million Americans seek winter flu shots every year. But health care providers say early demand appears to be higher this year, because of public attention to the swine flu pandemic.

Also, vaccinations for seasonal flu started unusually early this year, Skinner said. October is the traditional time when seasonal flu vaccine clinics open. Outbreaks can happen earlier, but the flu usually peaks in January or later.

"People may have to be patient and persistent" to find out when they can get the seasonal vaccine, he said.

Right now, the swine flu is the dominant virus, and it requires a separate vaccination.

Five manufacturers are scrambling to crank out plenty of vaccine against swine flu — what scientists call the 2009 H1N1 strain — and the first doses should be given early next week.

The government has ordered 250 million doses of the new vaccine from the same five companies that make the seasonal shots and nasal spray. (Ten percent of the swine flu doses have been promised to other countries.)

The Swiftwater, Pa.-based Sanofi Pasteur, which makes about 45 percent of the country's seasonal vaccine, normally finishes winter flu vaccines by the beginning to middle of October, company spokeswoman Donna Cary said. It expects to run several weeks later this year, she said.

Cary attributed part of the backlog to its simultaneous production of 75.5 million doses of the swine flu vaccine. Also, this year's seasonal flu shot includes a strain that develops more slowly in laboratories, she said.

"We understand it does create an inconvenience for some people who wanted to hold their seasonal influenza campaigns earlier," Cary said. "We apologize for that, but we're doing every thing we can."

Novartis, based in Basel, Switzerland, halted its production of the seasonal flu vaccine in July to meet demand for the swine flu version, said company spokesman Eric Althoff. It didn't end up with as much virus stock as expected, so customers will receive a little less than ordered, he said.

University of Minnesota student Eli Cizewski-Robinson tried to get a flu shot last month, but got discouraged by the long lines and left. In the meantime, the school's health service ran out of vaccine.

"I haven't been able to get one yet," he said Thursday.

Though several Kansas clinics have reported delays in getting seasonal flu vaccines, Kansas Health Director Jason Eberhart-Phillips said he doesn't consider it a major issue, because there has been no outbreak yet of that version of the virus.

"There's just a rush right now on the distribution system," Eberhart-Phillips said. "It's a little bit like airlines overbooking their flights. If everybody shows up for their flight, somebody's going to get delayed."

Nevada issues first domestic partnership

Associated Press

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Nevada's secretary of state issued domestic partnership certificate No. 1 at the state Capitol on Thursday as a state law providing many of the same legal rights as marriage to gay and straight partners went into effect.

The first couple to be issued the certificate — Lee Cagley and Larry Davis — shared tears and laughter and were congratulated by Secretary of State Ross Miller.

"This gives us the legal rights to act for each other's benefit," said Davis, a funeral home director. "It's a wonderful privilege and we're grateful."

While Nevada's constitution bans same-sex marriage, the domestic partnership law extends rights similar to those held by married couples — including community property and the right to seek financial support after a breakup — to cohabitating couples.

Nevada's law permits, but doesn't require, employers to extend insurance benefits to domestic partners.

The measure was vetoed by Gov. Jim Gibbons, but overridden by lawmakers in May. Couples, both gay and straight, were allowed to pre-register between Aug. 24 and Sept. 24 to receive their certificates on Oct. 1. Registration is ongoing, and about 750 couples had applied as of midday Thursday.

In southern Nevada, Joleen Toves, 28, and Lisa Villagomez, 25, of North Las Vegas said they considered their partnership a positive step in a personal and political struggle. Their legal status as partners will help them through medical emergencies and other issues married couples commonly face, Toves said.

"It's such a great thing to be able to make decisions for each other and have each other on very important life-changing decisions," Toves said, as she held a white envelope containing their certificate. "She's going to be, of course, my next of kin."

The couple were joined by Toves' 4-year-old daughter Leilei.

Toves, a bank manager, said they considered getting married in California before an amendment banning gay marriage was passed last year. She said she believes the Nevada law passed in part because it also provides partnership rights for straight couples who choose not to marry.

Nevada joins 16 other states that have laws recognizing domestic arrangements outside of marriage.

State Sen. David Parks, who sponsored the Senate version of the bill, said Thursday was a big day for Nevada.

"It's a day I didn't think would come quite as quickly as it has," the Las Vegas Democrat said at the Capitol.

Cagley, 58, and Davis, 48, said they've been in a relationship for three years, and held a commitment ceremony on Oct. 13, 2007, in Las Vegas. They also were married in California on Aug. 3, 2008, before voters there overturned gay marriage in the state.

An interior designer, Cagley oversaw renovations to the century-old Governor's Mansion in the late 1990s, when Miller's father was a Democratic governor and his mother, Sandy, was Nevada's first lady.

Sandy Miller, who has known Cagley for many years, was on hand Thursday to share the couple's happy day.

"I wish them much happiness," she said.

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Biologists investigate case of 131 walrus trampled to death in Alaska

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE — Trampling likely killed 131 mostly young walrus forced onto the northwest coast of Alaska by a loss of sea ice, according to a preliminary report released Thursday.

An examination of the dead animals by federal and local biologists found extensive bruising and other indications the animals had been trampled.

Young animals can be hurt in stampedes when a herd is startled by a polar bear, human hunters or even a low-flying airplane. With no human witnesses, biologists said the deaths may have been from "disturbances" that led to trampling.

Walrus in large numbers on the northern shore of Alaska is a phenomenon seen for the first time in 2007.

Walrus cannot swim indefinitely and females with young traditionally use sea ice as a platform most of the summer to dive for clams, riding the edge north as temperatures warm, then south in the fall as temperatures cool.

In recent years, however, sea ice has receded far beyond the

relatively shallow outer continental shelf over deep Arctic Ocean waters where it's too deep for walrus to dive to the ocean bottom.

An estimated 3,500 walrus were spotted Sept. 12 at Icy Cape, about 140 miles southwest of Barrow. Two days later, U.S. Geological Survey researchers on their way to a walrus tagging project saw a large number of carcasses along the high tide line of the beach and no live animals.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which manages walrus and polar bears, organized an investigation.

Most of the dead animals were found at Icy Cape, though a few were also found near the village of Wainwright to the north and locations up to 26 miles to the south.

Veterinarians and biologists from the Fish and Wildlife Service, USGS, the Alaska SeaLife Center and the North Slope Borough examined 71 carcasses and performed nine detailed necropsies.

Of the 71 carcasses examined, three were female yearlings, 25 were female calves and 43 were male calves, according to their

preliminary report.

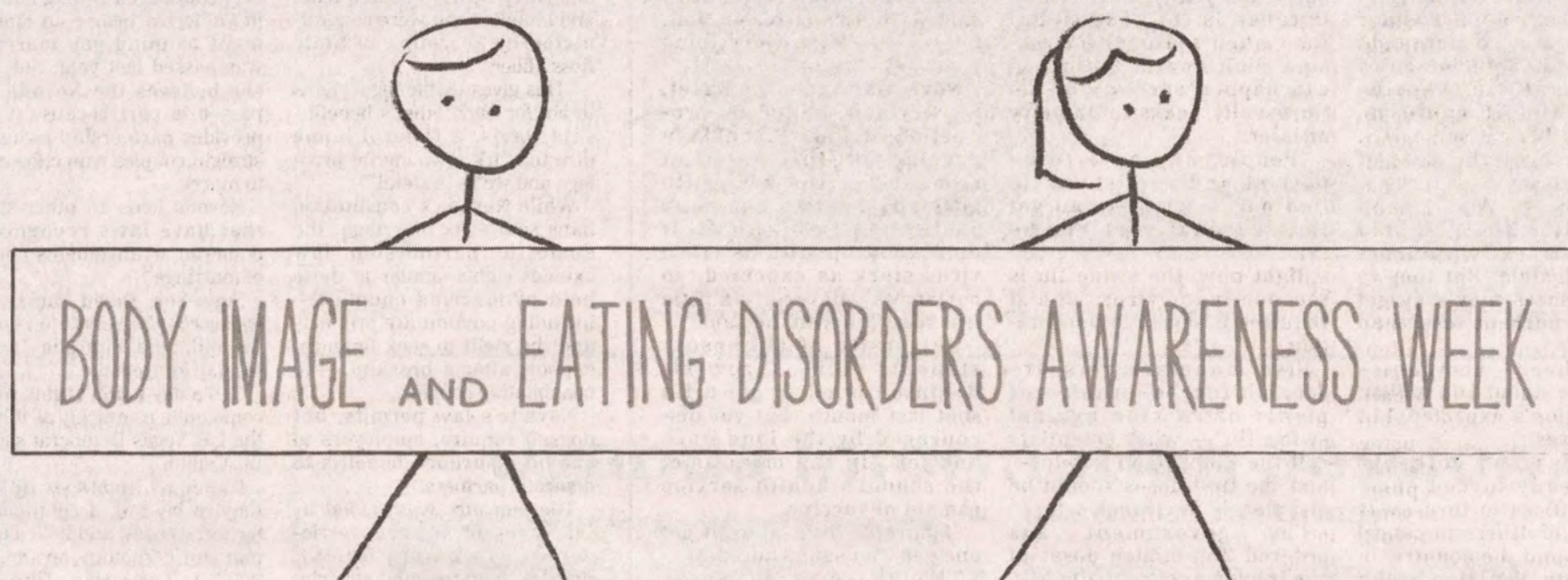
"All of the necropsied animals showed similar abnormalities, primarily extensive bruising in muscles in the neck and chest," the report said. "One animal had a fractured skull, and one animal had separation of some ribs from the backbone. Most of the animals had blood coming from the nostrils. The blood coming from the nostrils indicated damage to the neck, head, nose, or internal organs."

Walrus calves born in late April or early May weigh just 100 to 160 pounds. They can weigh 750 pounds by age 2, but before then are susceptible to trampling by females weighing 2,000 pounds, especially when a mixed-age herd is lined up shoulder to shoulder on a rocky shoreline.

Herds in 2007 were in the tens of thousands at some locations on the Russian side of the Chukchi Sea. Russian biologists reported 3,000 to 4,000 walrus died out of a population of perhaps 200,000, mostly young animals crushed in stampedes.

Investigators found no evidence of hunting or other recent human activities near the carcasses.

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Olympic Committee prepares to select city for 2016 games

Associated Press

COPENHAGEN — In 30 minutes, it will be over.

Years of preparations, arm-twisting, sweet-talking and hopes will be rejected or rewarded Friday when the International Olympic Committee votes to select the host for the 2016 Games.

Chicago, Rio de Janeiro, Madrid and Tokyo — one by one — will be eliminated in a tense half-hour of successive rounds of secret balloting until one stands alone.

Shortly afterward, IOC president Jacques Rogge will break open a sealed envelope containing the winner's name and utter the magic words: "The games of the 31st Olympiad are awarded to the city of..."

But on the eve of the vote, the IOC's 106 members were, as ever, keeping their thoughts to themselves. Only Tokyo seemed to have fallen out of the running. Otherwise, it was still too close to call between the beaches and bossa nova of Rio, the bustle and Lake Michigan waterfront of Chicago or the European elegance of Madrid. Everyone had reason to be hopeful, none reason to be sure.

"This is the big question, how will it go?" said Willi Kaltschmitt, an IOC member since 1988.

"There have been so many surprises in the past," he said.

"It's very even at the moment. It all depends what happens in the first round."

As cities go out, loyalties will shift. That is where the contest will be won or lost. If Tokyo goes out first, will its supporters swing behind Rio, Madrid or Chicago and by how much for each? Could Madrid stun front-runners Chicago and Rio in the second round, knocking one of them out, with its seemingly solid core of backers?

The variables are such that any city could conceivably win or lose. A few votes either way could decide it. That is especially true this time, with all four cities seen as generally capable of holding the games. Some IOC veterans say there has been no closer contest in recent memory.

To prevent bribery, IOC members aren't allowed to visit the bidding cities — so they'll be deciding instead based on what they've read in committee reports. Some will go with their gut instincts, their emotions and personal interests.

Which is where President Barack Obama comes in, literally. He jets in Friday morning, for just five hours, to try to tip the outcome to Chicago. An Obama star turn could swing it — or possibly rebound against him if his adoptive hometown is knocked out. Coming for the day of the vote is a political risk, but so,

too, was the risk that Rio might win if Obama didn't lend his charisma and inspirational example to Chicago's final push.

His election as the first black president in U.S. history resonated loudly in Europe, which has the most IOC voting members — 46.

His wife, Michelle Obama, has worked the room before him, wowing IOC members with her charm and smarts. The first lady flew in Wednesday. While hesitant to declare that Barack Obama's appearance could be decisive, IOC members acknowledged it was hotly anticipated.

"It is a very special moment," said Gerhard Heiberg, an IOC executive board member from Norway. "Let me listen to him and see what kind of vision he has for the games."

Talk show star Oprah Winfrey is part of Chicago's hard sell, too. She swept Hollywood-style into the marbled lobby of the IOC hotel on Thursday, turning heads and stopping every other step to shake a hand or pose for a photo with IOC members and their wives.

But Chicago is up against equally charismatic opposition in the shape of Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. The bearded former union leader makes a compelling case for Rio. Foremost of those is that South America

has never before held an Olympics and that the games shouldn't be the exclusive preserve of rich, developed countries. That is an argument the other cities can't use because their countries have all held the Olympics before. Like Mrs. Obama, Silva has been lobbying IOC members personally in Copenhagen, as has Spanish King Juan Carlos.

Rio appeals to IOC members who believe it's their duty to share the Olympic ideals and pursuit of sporting excellence with all corners of the globe. South America is also an untapped market for Olympic sponsors. The romantic appeal of Rio's beaches and mountains is strong. The soothing samba song "Mas que nada" — "Don't worry about it" — playing in the auditorium lent an exotic, dreamy air to a news conference that Silva held Thursday.

"For some countries, it is just one more sports event that they are going to organize," he said. "But for us, it is a unique and extraordinary thing."

He even borrowed Obama's catchphrase: "We want to overcome and show the world that yes we can."

The final throw of the dice for all four cities will be their 45-minute presentations of speeches and videos, followed by questions, that they will make in turn Friday before the vote. Kaltschmitt said he

believes that 40 percent of his colleagues on the IOC were undecided going into Friday and were waiting for the presentations to make up their minds.

Added Heiberg: "We've already heard about the technical plans. I want something more. I want to know about the vision. The leaders have to lift it up. I want to know why they want the games."

It takes a simple majority for victory, although it is unlikely that any city will win outright in the first or second rounds.

Rogge doesn't vote and, as long as their cities haven't been eliminated, neither can members from Brazil, the United States, Spain and Japan.

That leaves 97 voters in the first round, with more in subsequent rounds. In the event of a two-city tie in the early rounds, a runoff is held between the cities. If there is a tie in the final round, Rogge can vote or ask the IOC executive board to break the deadlock.

British bookmakers had Chicago pulling away in the last hours as the clear but not overwhelming favorite.

"But don't forget that Paris was the favorite to beat London the last time," said Graham Sharpe, spokesman for betting agency William Hill. "The favorite doesn't always win."

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Security on and off campus

Last weekend, two Holy Cross students were kidnapped four blocks from campus. The

University responded with its obligatory "Student safety is a top priority" statement but offered no plan of action.

Last week's kidnapping was not the first assault on the student community. In three years, there have been three shootings and an equal number of kidnappings. Students are assaulted and mugged; off-campus homes are vandalized on a regular basis. South Bend police continually warn students they are a target anytime they set foot off campus.

South Bend Police spokesman Capt. Phil Trent said off-campus crime toward students has remained steady in the past several years, but these crimes are still too prevalent.

The University can't — and shouldn't — be responsible for policing the surrounding community. They have neither the resources nor the jurisdiction. But the dichotomy that exists between on and off campus needs to be addressed. Currently, the administration's only plan of action is to use the crime statistics as a means of discouraging students from moving off campus.

Encouraging this separation from our surrounding environment only compounds the problem. Town-gown relations are already strained, and the University's hypocritical stance on community interactions isn't helping the problem. The administration encourages students to become more involved outside of the metaphorical Notre Dame bubble while simultaneously discouraging students

from moving off campus.

Most universities nationwide expect students to flee the dorms as soon as possible, with many providing university-owned housing and neighborhoods. Notre Dame, contrarily, focuses any off-campus expansion on preventing student housing developments and promoting faculty benefits. The University's Gentrification Project on Notre Dame Ave. provides housing for professors near campus, promoting a safe environment for their employees. But when it comes to extending the same courtesy to students, the administration and its \$5 billion endowment fall short on funds. Many of the 1,500 students that chose to move off campus this year are forced to settle for cheap homes in shady neighborhoods.

While on-campus student safety may be a priority for the administration, off-campus students do not receive the same consideration. Notre Dame has the ability to influence the surrounding community and establishing a secure student neighborhood would be the first step in combating the growing crimes against students.

Students, too, must accept their role in off-campus safety. Acting drunk in public will not attract any positive attention. Common sense and precaution should be used at all times. South Bend isn't Mayfield and this isn't 1960. Know the dangers you face when you go out and plan accordingly. Until the University and local law enforcement work to reduce the student assaults, students are responsible for their own well-being.

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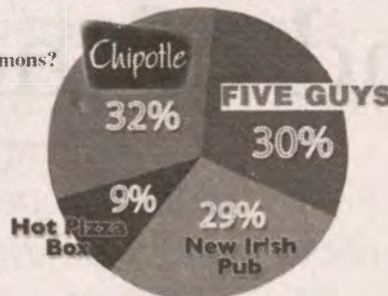
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Observer Poll

What is your favorite new restaurant at Eddy St. Commons?

	Votes	Percentage
Chipotle	174	32%
Five Guys	162	30%
New Irish Bar	160	29%
Hot Pizza Box	49	9%



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I don't want to achieve immortality through my work ... I want to achieve it through not dying."

Woody Allen
U.S. actor and director

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Notre Dame off-campus crime

With local crime on the rise in South Bend, I am surprised and concerned with the lack of University effort to protect their students, especially seniors, by making a more concerted effort to keep them on campus.

The reason why upwards of 80 percent of the senior class want to move out of the dorms is no secret to anyone. Single-sex dorms and the parietal system are a part of the core mission of the University, which most students begrudge but accept. This does not change the fact that the majority of the student body feels they have outgrown the strict dorm rules by the time they are 21 and look forward to moving off campus. But must our safety be the price to pay to have our brothers spend the night on football weekends or a bottle of vodka legally in our possession?

Saint Mary's College has fought this issue with their students by building Opus — a seniors only, fully furnished apartment building located right on campus. There are no RAs or rules enforced by the college, so it essentially has the perks of living off cam-

pus combined with the security of living on-campus. I encourage Notre Dame to follow suit.

Notre Dame students do not move off campus to marvel at the beauty of the South Bend community, they do it because they feel entitled to live a more independent lifestyle without the University rules. There is currently no option for Notre Dame students who want to live this independent lifestyle to also live on campus.

I do believe that Notre Dame strongly cares about the safety of their off-campus students and is very concerned about the rise in violence just a few blocks outside the gates. I only wish the University would take action and try to keep their seniors within the security of the Notre Dame campus. Instead of pursuing plans to build another new dorm, please consider the option of building a seniors-only residence like Saint Mary's.

Emily Chappell
senior
off campus
Oct. 1

Printed misogyny

Sometimes my world feels too comfortable, so I open the ol' Observer to find anger fuel. On September 30 I boiled a heckuva stew over the resultant bonfire, poetically speaking, with leftovers to last until graduation.

Responding to the question of the day, "What could possibly be worse than this weather?" one male sophomore responds, "Being a woman." I intend provocation: would anyone get printed for such pithy insights as "being in a concentration camp" or "being black?" How about "having special needs?" These sentiments do not deserve publication because freedom of speech does not protect publicly heckling "F— you" at every second person who walks past. But Mr. Monolith did not mean to be taken so seriously! Relax. His statement is more akin to "Muck Fichigan" than Nazi treatises on purifying the race.

Speaking of purity — a parallel Viewpoint column entitled "Trust the Church" by Dale Parker (Sept. 30) argued against the ordination of women based on a study showing that children of mass-attending fathers are 22 times more likely to become Mass-attending adults than children of Mass-attending mothers. The logic is simple. Clearly, who women are and

what women do as women is of less consequence — whether laughably or pitifully — than the world of men. If a father affects his children, how much more might a liturgical father?

And of course measurable results prove orthodox doctrinal formulation, if getting nailed on a cross is any indication, or the difficulty men especially seem to find in keeping their fingers out of little children's underwear.

On the other hand, if the erudite Mr. Brooks Smith of Sept. 24 is any indication, female clergy may in fact simultaneously enlarge mass attendance and certain male bodily organs. Why not ordain women so that single dads will take their children to Church? This is absurd. I realize that it's simpler to think within a private box, to maintain comic privileges for misogyny, to confirm authority by infinitely contingent "results." Of course, this monologue comfort constitutes the ideological equivalent of masturbation; hooray. I'm glad The Observer has the space to catch and distribute the ejaculate.

Peter Hochstedler
senior
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Oct. 1

U-WIRE

Grow up, avoid Peter Pan Syndrome

Peter Pan was my childhood hero. He had every quality a kid could want.

He could fly, hang out with fairies and fight pirates in Never Never Land. Besides wearing the tights, I could really see myself doing all of those things and tried to emulate him in many ways.

Now that I am an adult, I know I should not act or be like Peter Pan.

Roy Long

We must beware of Peter Pan Syndrome. This is a disease which causes us to believe we can remain in childhood forever, like Peter Pan. It preys upon college kids who believe their lives parallel the life of this hero of children's literature. Those afflicted with this syndrome believe Never

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Never Land exists and it is called college. Peter Pan Syndrome is the pandemic of our generation.

Manifestations of Peter Pan Syndrome include a refusal to grow up. It is fear of the next stage in life. This is an understandable fear, especially when those who are afflicted

with this syndrome are children. However, most of those attending classes at Texas Tech do not fit this category, yet still fill the criteria for Peter Pan Syndrome.

Symptoms include a refusal to go on dates, spending hours upon end playing video games and eating pizza every meal of the day. In short, it is a refusal to take responsibility for life.

Undiagnosed and untreated, Peter Pan Syndrome will result in years wasted in the pursuit of things which do not matter.

There is a cure, but it requires more than just a pill or a workout regimen. First, we have to recognize the problem and then we have to make that next step. Change can be scary. It is ironic we as a nation voted on the platform of change in 2008, but yet fear change in our own lives. However, we must make that next step.

Life occurs in phases, and we do not need to fear the next phase in life. Perhaps it is time to devote yourself more to your schooling, get married to your long-time boyfriend or girlfriend, or get a job. Whatever that next step may be, taking responsibility is a good thing. It makes us more capable individuals and we find that happiness

does come from successfully providing for those dependent on us.

The message is simple. We need to grow up. Things which are most important in life should not suffer from those things which are not. We need to put the pursuit of fun and entertainment on the bottom of the totem pole, below family, responsibility and personal development.

Those who join onto this ship of responsibility must beware of going overboard. We need to remember what happens in Disney's sequel "Hook." It is important to keep outside responsibilities in moderation. In the film, Peter Pan grows up and in a trip back to Never Never Land realizes he has become a jerk. He placed himself and his pursuits ahead of his family. This is yet another manifestation of Peter Pan Syndrome: selfishness. It is still a prioritization problem.

In college students, this is manifested by being fulfilled in what they do, instead of who they are. For example, some actually believe they will be fulfilled through their vocation. While we should do those things we enjoy, work is not the purpose of life. We need to understand that happiness stems from our identity, not our accomplishments.

The shadow of our accomplishments should never overpower the reality of our own selves.

So, my advice is simple: Re-prioritize. To those of you who spend the bulk of your time pursuing your own happiness, look to others. You will find deeper fulfillment in relationships with others, in personal development (which is distinct from the pursuit of fun) and in devoting yourself to your studies (which is one of the purposes of your time in college).

To those who always seem "too busy" for these things, I advise you to simplify your life.

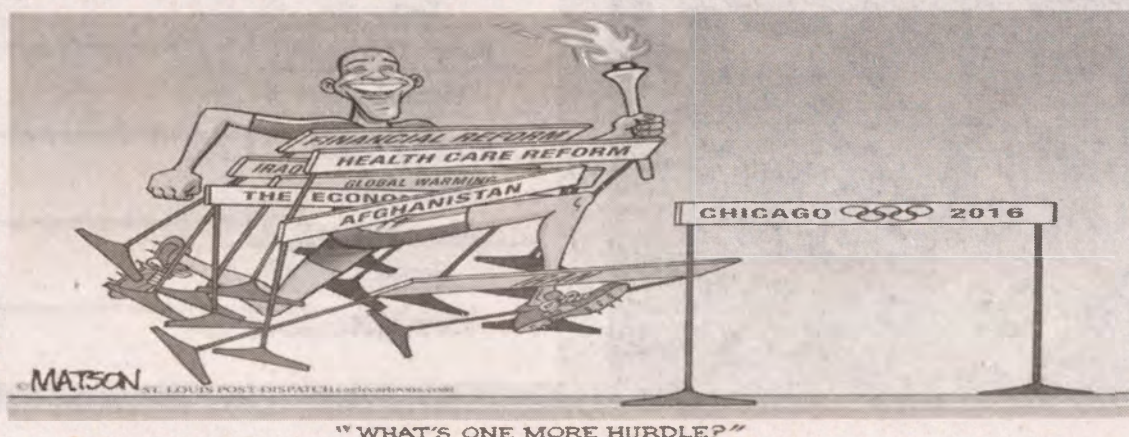
Close the books, clock-out of work and reconnect with those who matter. Whether we relate more with Peter Pan as a young boy or as a man, it is time to grow up, to remember Never Never Land does not exist, and to keep fun and responsibility in moderation to those things which matter most.

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Scene Writers

Try this on for size, literary theorists. We bring you a m  le for the ages. The Mythological Creatures Tournament will allow the most famous beasts of all time to jump out of the pages onto the battlefield and pit their strengths against one another. It brings together 65 of the most terrifying (or not so terrifying) characters from mythology, literature, folklore and other assorted formats, fighting one-on-one in a specially crafted arena which allows the more intelligent characters to play to their strengths. The arena features an open field, a dense forest and a lake which all can be utilized throughout the battle. So fill out a bracket, stay tuned for the results, and have pen and paper (or just an e-mail) ready to argue why your favorite creature should not have been upset in the first round. It's a clash of epic proportions. Are you prepared?

The Mythology Bracket

The Mythology Bracket is one without many pushovers. Despite the Kraken's weak showing in the "Pirates of the Caribbean" films, it still retains a No. 1 ranking thanks to sheer size and strength.

The Hydra comes in at a close second, since it has the ability to re-grow two heads for every single one it loses. And, starting with nine threatening craniums is nothing to scoff at.

Seeded third is the Sphinx, quite possibly the most intelligent creature in the Mythology bracket. Its riddle only once topped by the great Oedipus, the Sphinx also has a history of self destruction upon being outsmarted.

If you thought the top three were terrifying, enter number four, Scylla. Scylla was but another danger on Odysseus's 10-

year trip home, and what a hazard she posed. The details of her appearance include 12 tentacles, six wolves forming her lower body, the torso and head of a female and an additional six long-necked grisly heads with extremely sharp teeth. No doubt a tough fight for the Manticore unless Pegasus or the Harpy can pull an upset.

The Manticore on the other hand has the head of a man, a scorpion tail, body of a lion, wings and the ability to shoot poisonous spines. It is perhaps an early contender to drop the top-seeded Kraken in a later round. For clarity, the Cockatrice is a large rooster with a lizard-like tail, not a significant threat for the multidimensional Sphinx.

As far as early bets for the first round, this bracket seems to have mostly clear winners in each of the starting battles. The Chimera v. Griffin showdown could be close since both creatures possess the ability to fly. Similarly, the closely ranked Minotaur v. Cerberus showdown should be quite brutal. The Faun and the winner of the play-in game between the Fairy and the Nymph, will likely struggle to have a strong start against some of mythology's heaviest hitters, though don't count out upsets in the later rounds.

The Folklore Bracket

Folklore is central to any culture, but more importantly, it contains gruesome creatures from the dark recesses of man's imagination. After searching the globe, the most fearsome creatures were gathered for death matches of untold magnitude. The ferocity of these battles will be sung through the generations, the victors glorified and the defeated shamed along with their offspring.

Folklore presents a strong bracket throughout, from the first to the 16th seed. Paul Bunyan, a giant of a man with the skills of a lumberjack, wields his ax as the first seed. He'll

face tough competition down the road from the second through fifth seeds; the genie, the Tiyanak, the Loch Ness Monster and the Werewolf.

The Tiyanak, an obscure but strong competitor, represents the Philippines. While it takes the form of a fetus, there are layers to its strength. Its appearance and cry, that of a human child, disarm the opposition. Once in its grasp, the Tiyanak reverts to form, gaining super strength, and an inhuman maw with which it devours its victims.

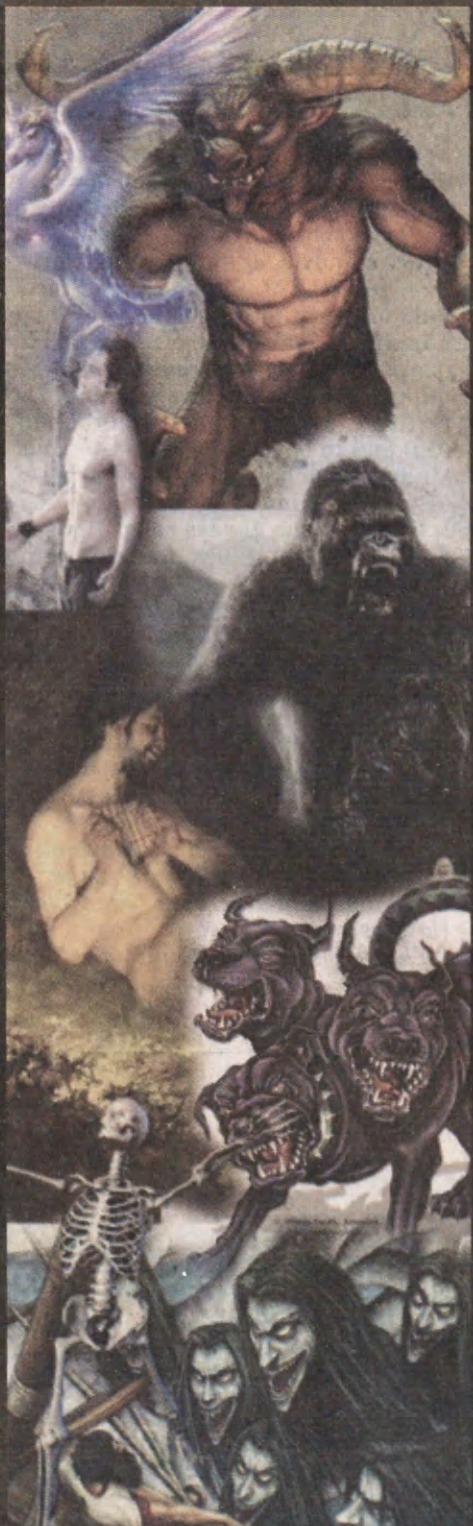
The competitors barely weaken as one moves down the rankings. The Yeti, Sasquatch, El Chupacabra, Boogeyman and Mermaid round out the top 10. The strengths of the middle of the rankings cover the spectrum, presenting strength, stealth, intelligence and terror.

The Jersey Devil, Hodag, Gremlin, Leprechaun, Jackolope and Jack Frost complete the ranks. Jack Frost, an elemental force, as a 16th seed shows the undeniable depth of the tournament. The Hodag, another obscure creature, hails from the state of Wisconsin. It has the head of a frog, face of a grinning elephant, huge claws and a tail with spikes at the end.

The exciting first round matchups include the Jersey Devil and the Yeti, El Chupacabra and the Boogeyman and Sasquatch and the Mermaid. Death, destruction and chaos will be the themes of the first round all for the entertainment of the masses.

The Literary Bracket

The Literary Bracket rivals the mythology bracket for most brute strength and may have the two most formidable top seeds, the Balrog and the Dragon. Both will be nearly impossible to defeat, since both are large, powerful and have human-like intelligence. The other top seeds, Grendel, Merlin and the Ent also have the advantage of intelligence, which

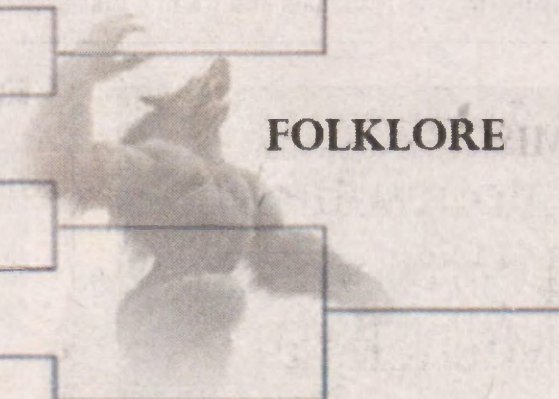


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Minotaur	8
Cerberus	9
Manticore	5
Pegasus	12
Scylla	4
Harpy	13
Medusa	6
Cyclopes	11
Sphinx	3
Cockatrice	14
Chimera	7
Griffin	10
Hydra	2
Faun	15

Paul Bunyan	1
Jack frost	16
Chupacabra	8
Boogeyman	9
Werewolf	5
Hodag	12
Loch Ness Monster	4
Gremlin	13
Yeti	6
Jersey Devil	11
Tiyanah	3
Leprechaun	14
Sasquatch	7
Mermaid	10
Genie	2
Jackalope	15



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makes upsets unlikely.

Notice the distinction between the 6th-seeded Vampire and the 16th-seeded Sparkly "Twilight" Vampire. One strikes fear into the heart of whomever he comes across, and the other, while blessed with super-speed and super-strength, cares more about feelings than actual aggression.

The Elf, Centaur and Dwarf are all interesting characters to watch, since their high intelligence and fighting skills will help them throughout the tournament. Their lack of size and overly powerful attacks will be their only downfalls if they have any.

The Phoenix vs. Giant matchup is one of the most interesting first-round battles. While the Giant has the size and power advantage, the Phoenix has flying ability and greater intelligence, and may be able to lure the Giant into a less advantageous fighting location.

Another exciting first-round battle is between the aforementioned Centaur and Vampire. While the Vampire has the ability to fly, he loses his size and attacking ability when doing so, and Centaurs are extremely well-suited for speed while fighting.

Frankenstein, the Gnome and the Goblin received unfortunate first-round draws, and have little chance of doing any damage to their much larger, stronger, smarter and more powerful foes.

Though dominated by the higher seeds, the Literary bracket does have some interesting first-round battles, and will become infinitely more contested in the later rounds.

The Miscellaneous Bracket

The fierce smorgasbord that is the Miscellaneous Bracket contains a mish-mash of terrifying creatures. It is guaranteed to deliver exciting match-ups in which any beast has a shot to

make it all the way.

The top three seeds are among the strongest in the tournament. Godzilla, a ginormous lizard that terrorized Tokyo, is expected to burn through the bracket. However, a previous defeat by the nation of Japan shows trouble closing the game. King Kong, at No. 2, makes Donkey Kong look like a puff pastry. A lack of buildings on the course may present difficulties in the later rounds. Predator, the strongest three seed in the tournament, is the best warrior in the universe. He will make an asset of the terrain with his formidable intelligence and deadly arsenal, including a shoulder-mounted energy cannon, invisibility, wolverine-style claws, bladed Frisbees of death and, most of all, dreadlocks.

Moving down the bracket, more strong opponents will enter the arena. The tall, strong, furry, intelligent Wookiee will make use of his energy bowcaster. Alien will terrify his opponents with a whip-like tail, sharp teeth, acid blood, intelligence and massive claws. The Gargoyle continues this display of power, with flight and razor sharp talons and teeth. Being made of animated stone, it has an impregnable defense.

The more unfortunate low seeds present untapped upset potential. The Monty Python rabbit has long, sharp, point teeth. It leaps about! Look at the bones! The Dust Bunny is the monster under your bed. Any creature with allergy problems beware.

Strap on your seatbelts kids, it's gonna be a wild ride. So many lasers, explosions and slow motion dramatics, it'll make Michael Bay cry. Expect excitement every second and gruesome deaths around every corner.

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| 11 | Centaur |
| 3 | Grendel |
| 14 | Gnome |
| 7 | Basilisk |
| 10 | Elf |
| 2 | Dragon |
| 15 | Goblin |
| 1 | Godzilla |
| 16 | Dust Bunny |
| 8 | Succubus |
| 9 | Mummy |
| 5 | Wookiee |
| 12 | Unicorn |
| 4 | Hell Hound |
| 13 | Monty Python Rabbit |
| 6 | Alien |
| 11 | Poltergeist |
| 3 | Predator |
| 14 | Zombie |
| 7 | Gargoyle |
| 10 | Banshee |
| 2 | King Kong |
| 15 | Skeleton |



MLB

Colorado clinches playoff spot behind Cook

Twins split four-game series to avoid elimination in tense 8-3 win over Tigers featuring multiple ejections

Associated Press

DENVER — It's a Rocktober redux for the Colorado Rockies, who are back in the playoffs after a one-year hiatus.

Aaron Cook pitched four-hit ball over eight spectacular innings in his second start since missing a month with a sore shoulder, and Garrett Atkins drove in three runs for the Rockies in a 9-2 win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Thursday.

The Rockies' fourth straight victory eliminated Atlanta, their final pursuer, from contention for the NL wild card. Colorado can still catch the Dodgers for the NL West title if the Rockies sweep a weekend series in Los Angeles.

"We're in," Troy Tulowitzki said. "Anything can happen once you're in."

The Dodgers, who have lost four straight, were off Thursday and watched their division lead over the Rockies get sliced to two games with three left.

As the Rockies rejoiced behind the mound after the final out, fans broke into a chant of "Beat L.A.! Beat L.A.!" while fireworks crackled through a cloudless sky.

"We're celebrating right now. We'll worry about that tomorrow," Todd Helton said as his teammates sprayed him with beer and champagne.

On the other side of the clubhouse, manager Jim Tracy was getting soaked by players serenading him with "Boom Boom Pow" by the Black Eyed Peas.

A bundled-up crowd of more than 38,000 sat through blustery winds on a 50-degree day to watch the record-setting win. At 91-58, the Rockies set a franchise mark for wins in a season and moved 23 games over .500 for the first time in their 17-year history.

Unlike two years ago, when they got hot at the right time, winning 21 of 22 on their way to their only World Series appearance, these Rockies simply got good.

Very good.

After trading slugger Matt Holliday last fall for closer Huston Street and outfielder Carlos Gonzalez, the Rockies got off to a stumbling start. They were 18-28 on May 29 when Tracy took over after general manager Dan O'Dowd fired longtime manager Clint Hurdle.

When O'Dowd offered Tracy the job, he told him, "I just want

to see them play better."

Tracy asked for 60 minutes to mull the offer.

O'Dowd said he'd gladly give him an hour's time to think about it but not a minute more because he needed a manager in the dugout that night after firing Hurdle following a stint of seven-plus seasons.

Tracy talked it over with his wife and told O'Dowd he thought the Rockies could indeed play better under his tutelage.

Have they ever.

Under Tracy, the Rockies are 73-40, and they took over sole possession of the lead in the wild-card race, which they trailed by 9 1/2 games at midsummer, on Sept. 1.

The Rockies, who were 12 games under .500 on June 3, turned their season around and rejoined the pennant race with sensational starting pitching (they're the only team with five starters with double-digit wins), a brilliant bullpen, a mixture of clutch situational and power hitting and deft managerial and front office moves.

The Rockies reached the playoffs as the NL wild card in 1995 and 2007, when they went an unfathomable 21-1 during a stunning run-up to the World Series, where they were swept by Boston after a weeklong lay-off.

"It's not been as crazy a ride coming down the stretch but it's been just as fun," Cook said. "So, we're going to enjoy it just as much."

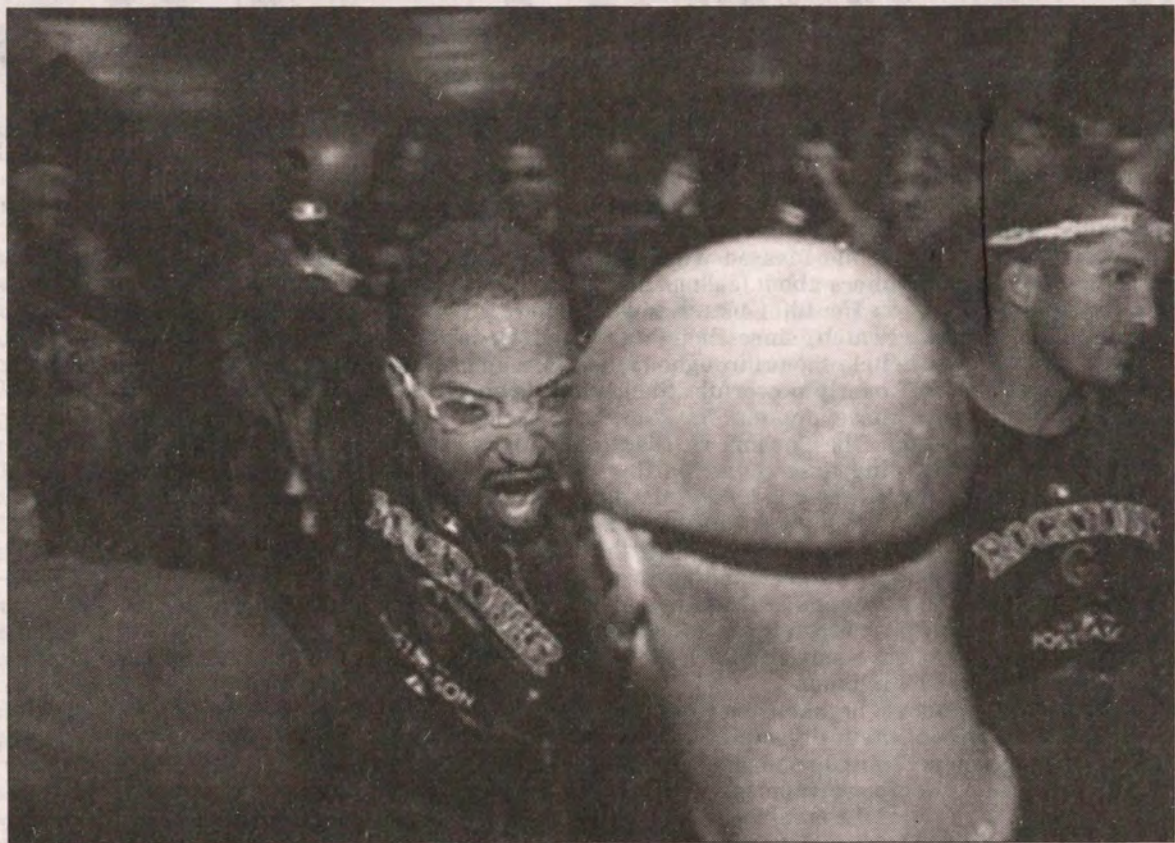
After whittling their magic number to one on Wednesday night, the Rockies took a quick 1-0 lead Thursday when Atkins' first-inning blooper fell in front of left fielder Ryan Braun for a single, allowing Helton to score from second.

They chased left-hander Manny Parra (11-11) with a four-run third.

Atkins, who lost his starting third base job at midseason, followed Tulowitzki's run-scoring single with an RBI double into the right-field corner, and Parra walked Cook and Dexter Fowler with two outs and the bases loaded to make it 5-0.

Seth McClung replaced Parra and struck out Ryan Spillborghs to end the inning. Parra allowed five runs and six hits in 2 2-3 innings.

Atkins added a run-scoring single off John Axford in the sixth after Braun hit his 31st homer in the top half. Cook



Rockies catcher Yorvit Torreabla, center, celebrates after a 9-2 victory over the Brewers to clinch a spot in the National League playoffs on Thursday.

then drew his second bases-loaded walk, making it 7-1.

"We had a lot of heroes this year. It was me today," Atkins said.

After striking out his first four times up, Brad Hawpe hit his 22nd homer off Chris Smith in the eighth, his two-run shot making it 9-1.

Smith was struck in the face by pinch-hitter Eric Young's one-hop comebacker later in the inning and had to leave the game.

Cook (11-6), who walked three times, allowed one run and four hits in his longest outing since June 28 at Oakland.

Franklin Morales gave up Mike Cameron's RBI double in the ninth before getting Alcides Escobar looking at strike three for the final out.

"They do the things they need to do to win," Cameron said. "They play good defense, they pitch well and they get timely hitting."

Twins 8, Tigers 3

The AL Central is still up for grabs.

Scott Baker got plenty of run support and pitched the Minnesota Twins to a testy victory over Detroit on Thursday, preventing the Tigers from

clinching their first division title in 22 years.

Minnesota avoided elimination from the playoff race and moved within two games of the first-place Tigers with three to play.

"We just didn't want to see them celebrating," Twins outfielder Denard Span said.

The teams split a four-game series — The Showdown in Motown. The Tigers had a chance to wrap up their first division crown since 1987 in the finale, but their bats were quieted and their pitchers got roughed up in a three-run third inning and a four-run eighth.

Detroit started the series with a two-game lead and ended it with the same tenuous cushion.

"We controlled our own destiny today and we had a chance to clinch it out, but you have to give them credit," catcher Gerald Laird said. "We're still two games up with three to play, and we're in the driver's seat. We just have to play good baseball like we have at home, take it to the White Sox and we'll be celebrating."

The tightest race in baseball won't be decided until this weekend — or early next week if a tiebreaker is necessary.

Minnesota has clinched the

season series and would host an extra game if needed, likely on Tuesday because the Vikings play an NFL game Monday night at the Metrodome against the Green Bay Packers.

If Detroit beats the Ozzie Guillen-led Chicago White Sox twice at home, it would win the division. If not, the Tigers would need some help from the Kansas City Royals, who end the season at Minnesota.

Royals ace Zack Greinke is lined up to start on Saturday.

"We're going to the dome for the last weekend, and we've still got a shot," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "We've got to beat the Royals and, 'Come on, Ozzie!' I'm going to leave him a note."

Tempers flared in the eighth.

Detroit manager Jim Leyland was ejected during a face-to-face argument with umpire Angel Hernandez in the top of the inning, following an inside pitch. Then, Tigers pitcher Jeremy Bonderman and Laird were tossed in the home half.

Both benches and bullpens emptied after Twins outfielder Delmon Young was plunked in the leg by Bonderman, but the players contained their emotions enough to avoid any pushing or punching.

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I am writing this under an appreciable mental strain. Penniless, and at the end of my supply of the drug which alone makes life endurable, I can bear the torture no longer; and shall cast myself from this garret window into the squalid street below.

Suddenly there was no trail. There was no giant, no monster, no thing called "Douglas" to be followed. There was nothing in the tunnel but the puzzled men of courage who suddenly found themselves alone with shadows and darkness. With the telegram, one cloud lifts, and another descends. Astronaut Frank Douglas, rescued, alive, well, and of normal size some 8,000 miles away in a lifeboat.

Miner Street, here come the Dawgs!

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1 Arizona State	1018
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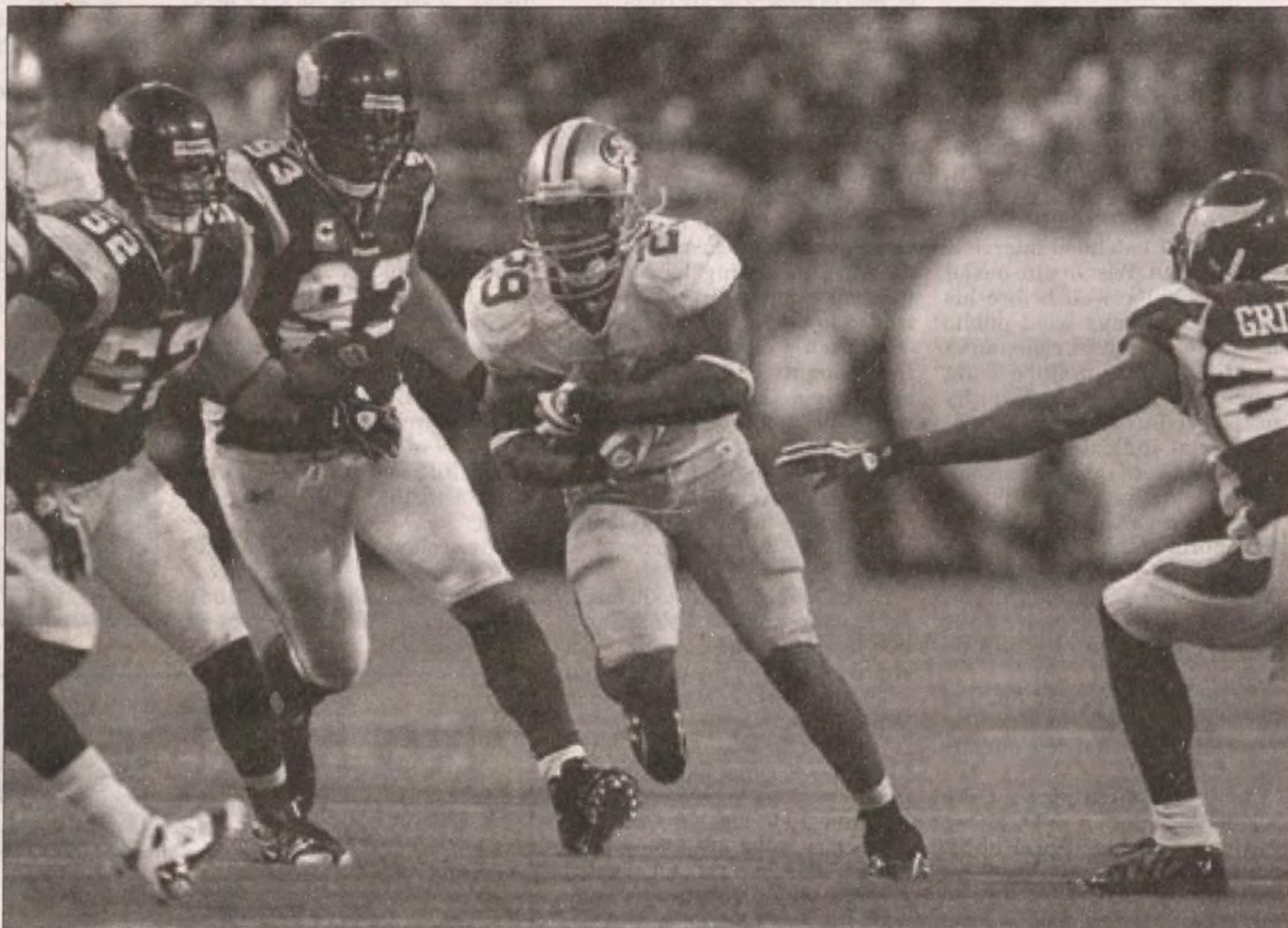
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San Francisco 49ers' running back Glen Coffee, center, eludes Minnesota Vikings tacklers Chad Greenway (52), Kevin Williams (93) and Cedric Griffin (23) during the second half of an NFL game on Sept. 27 in Minneapolis.

49ers' Coffee to start for injured Gore

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The San Francisco 49ers are putting their offense in the hands of rookie running back Glen Coffee.

The third-round draft pick will carry the load in the team's power rushing attack the next few weeks with regular starter Frank Gore out with an injury to his right ankle.

The 49ers say they won't change a thing in their offensive approach with Gore sidelined, and that means Coffee can expect to handle the football on a regular basis.

Coffee had 25 carries for 54 yards during last week's loss in Minnesota after

replacing Gore, who was injured on his first carry of the game. The rookie figures to remain the focus of San Francisco's offense until Gore is ready to return after the team's Oct. 18 bye.

"We are not going to alter things one bit," coach Mike Singletary said. "Obviously, you are missing one of the best backs in the league. But for us, we are fortunate to have Glen Coffee and we are confident he will step in and do a good job. He is a very mature young man working his tail off, and he can handle the load and be very effective."

The 49ers have been looking for a productive backup for Gore since he

became the team's full-time starter during his Pro Bowl season of 2006. Coffee was drafted this year to fill that role and is the only other halfback to carry the ball for the team so far this season.

Coffee will get his first NFL start Sunday when the 49ers (2-1) host the winless St. Louis Rams. San Francisco, which beat Arizona and Seattle to begin the season, can take command of the NFC West with a victory.

The 49ers dropped from eighth to 16th in the NFL rankings in rushing offense after producing just 58 net yards against the Vikings last week. But Coffee intends to get the ground

game back on track against a struggling St. Louis defense, which ranks 27th in the NFL in stopping the run.

Coffee had consecutive runs of 12 and 13 yards to highlight a third-quarter scoring drive last week and appeared to hit his stride during the second half.

"I have a full game under my belt now so I know what to expect and all that," Coffee said. "This is what you want as a player. I hate to see Frank get injured, but a backup is supposed to look at himself as a starter. There's not supposed to be any drop-off. The coaches expect that, and I expect that of myself."

IN BRIEF

Hasselbeck misses practice, may miss game

RENTON, Wash. — Matt Hasselbeck has missed yet another practice for the Seahawks. He remains likely to miss a second consecutive game Sunday at Indianapolis.

The three-time Pro Bowl quarterback did some light throwing behind the huddle Thursday. It was the most he's done in a practice since he broke a rib at San Francisco Sept. 20.

Backup Seneca Wallace again ran the offense and figures to start.

Sunday would be the 11th time Hasselbeck has been out injured since the start of the 2008 season. The Seahawks are 3-7 without him in that span.

Tackle Walter Jones and guard Rob Sims — the left side of Seattle's offensive line — were also out injured. Fill-in tackle Brandon Frye was limited by a groin injury.

Pacers to be missing players for preseason opener

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers coach Jim O'Brien expects to be without several key players in Friday's preseason opener against Chicago at Conseco Fieldhouse.

That could mean extended minutes for All-Star Danny Granger, starting point guard T.J. Ford and veteran center Jeff Foster, among others.

The Pacers, who finished 36-46 last season and missed the playoffs for the third straight year, will be without starter Mike Dunleavy (knee), first-round draft pick Tyler Hansbrough (shin), backup guard Travis Diener (toe) and free agent guard Earl Watson (personal reasons).

Starting forward Troy Murphy is listed as questionable with a sprained left ankle.

"You don't want to play anybody more than two quarters, but at the same time, you have to have five guys on the court at the end of the game," O'Brien said Thursday.

Nike denies signing contract with Eagles' Vick

NEW YORK — Nike said Thursday it does not have a "contractual relationship" with Michael Vick, a day after the quarterback's agent announced a deal with the manufacturer.

In a statement released Thursday morning, Nike said it has "agreed to supply product to Michael Vick as we do a number of athletes who are not under contract with Nike."

On Wednesday, Michael Principe, the managing director of BEST, the agency that represents Vick, announced the Philadelphia Eagles player had a new deal with Nike during a panel discussion at the Sports Sponsorship Symposium.

"He actually just became a Nike client," Principe said Wednesday. "He has a new deal with Nike that we're all very pleased about."

Principe declined comment Thursday.

NFL

Favre not out for revenge against Green Bay

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — One minute, Brett Favre sternly insists he isn't out for revenge against the Green Bay Packers on Monday night. The next, he says it's only human for him to feel like he has something to prove to the team that traded him.

In his first extended interview session with Wisconsin-based reporters since well before his unretirement saga went public last summer, Favre reluctantly revisited his departure from Green Bay. He also awkwardly backpedaled from previous comments that indicated a grudge against Packers general manager Ted Thompson.

Favre will be wearing the purple uniform of the Packers' bitter NFC North rival at the Metrodome on Monday night, but said his career moves over the past year aren't based on revenge.

"Never was motivated for that reason," Favre said in a conference call. "No. That has nothing to do with it."

But when reminded of his comments to si.com in February, in which Favre said part of his motivation for coming back last season was "sticking it" to Thompson, Favre acknowledged

he did want to show the Packers he still belonged in the NFL.

"It's human nature to feel, I didn't use the word revenge, but to prove that you still could play," Favre said. "To prove someone wrong, or prove a group wrong. So you can call it what you want."

Packers coach Mike McCarthy wasn't about to step back into a controversy that caused a major disruption during last year's training camp before Favre was traded to the New York Jets.

"I'm not going to comment on his thoughts and his words or anybody's thoughts or their words in Minnesota," McCarthy said. "We're really looking forward to playing the game, like we do every year. There is definitely added juice to it, no doubt about it, so we'll just leave it at that."

Favre said his main motivation for signing with the Vikings as a free agent — after retiring for a second time following a season with the Jets — was to win a Super Bowl.

"I'd like to win it all," Favre said. "I don't feel like I need to prove anything to anyone, first of all. I'm very proud of my career."

But if he's not out for revenge on the Packers and still wanted to play, why didn't he just stay with the Jets? Favre said at the

end of last season, he wasn't willing to have the surgery he'd need on his torn right biceps tendon to continue playing.

"I knew I had an injury that would require surgery if I chose to play," Favre said. "And as disappointed as I was, I chose to go home and not have it and they chose to go in a different direction. That's how it evolved."

OK, so why did he ask to be released from his Jets contract when he retired?

"None of that matters now anyway," Favre said. "What matters is this game Monday night, and that's all that matters. This team has welcomed me here. It's been a lot of fun, it's been a lot of work, but I'm having a good time. And that's all that matters."

Favre reiterated he still considers Green Bay a "special place," but said he understands that some Packers fans have turned

on him.

"I'm proud of the career I had there," Favre said. "So if there are people at this point that have

picked sides, I'm not surprised by it. But you can't take that away. So it is what it is. But I can't control that."



Favre says he's not out for revenge against his former team heading into Monday night's showdown against the Packers.



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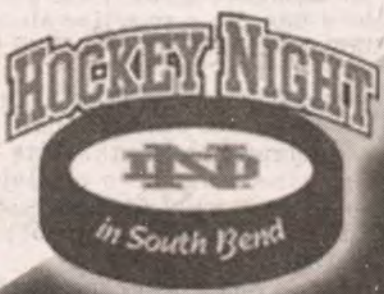
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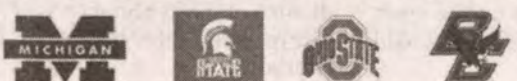
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NBA

NBA heads into season with refs locked out

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With its regular referees locked out, the NBA is confident in its roster of replacements — even the two it previously fired.

The NBA begins preseason play Thursday night with 62 referees. The league said more than half have officiated in the NBA Development League, and all but five have worked the summer league.

It also said the two with league experience, Michael Henderson and Robbie Robinson, were some of the best replacements available.

Realizing the scrutiny the backups face, the league reminded teams Wednesday about its rules against publicly criticizing the officials. But senior vice president of referee operations Ron Johnson believes the teams won't have

much to complain about.

"I think some people rise to the most amazing level of performance at amazing times," Johnson said on a conference call. "So we'll see."

Denver visits Utah in the first game, and Trey Maddox, Deldre Carr and CJ Washington will officiate. The replacements will be paid \$1,100 per game, same as a first-year officials and more than they were paid in the D-League or WNBA.

The league had the replacements in training camp last weekend, but thought it wouldn't need them. The NBA said the referees union agreed in principle on a new contract last Friday, but backed out of the deal two days later. The league then told teams Tuesday it was going ahead with the backups.

"The teams and we in the best of worlds would like to have our current staff opening

the season of course. They're the best 60 referees in the world. But having rejected the agreement reached by their negotiators, we're left with no choice but to use replacements," president of league and basketball operations Joel Litvin said.

"That's not ideal, but this is part of the sports business and we're moving on with this group. We have plenty of confidence in this group."

Still, Litvin said he expected some players to vent about the quality of officiating, so the league sent a memo to the teams warning them of the penalties for comments about the referees in hopes of preventing the frequent complaints that were heard during the last lockout in 1995.

"I can assure you, there will be less of that this time around," Litvin said.

The NBA expects the officiating to be stronger this time because it is relying on replacements from within its own system. While the 1995 backups were mostly from the Continental Basketball Association, this time 50 are from the D-League, WNBA or NCAA Division I.

"When you work in an NBA summer league, or work in the D-League, you are essentially working for our referee operations staff," Litvin said, "applying our rules, the NBA rules, our call interpretations, our mechanics, and these are all people who have officiated NBA players before."

Only Henderson and Robinson have done it in NBA games, and their rehiring was a disappointment to the union. Johnson said while they were fired because their performance didn't measure up to regular referees, it fits

with the replacement group.

"People don't just get fired because they're incompetent, they get fired because relative to the performance of the staff standard," Johnson said. "I was not here when they were released. We know why they were released. Indeed, they've gotten some experience, they've stayed in the community of practice. I think they're ready to go."

Litvin said no further talks are planned with the regular referees, whose contract expired Sept. 1. So the replacement officials could be around a while — and the NBA is OK with that.

"We are very, very familiar with the abilities of referees at every level. We know these guys," Litvin said. "We didn't reach out to anybody who we didn't think could handle this job."

MLB

Sabean, Bochy close to new deals

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Giants are close to finalizing new deals for general manager Brian Sabean and manager Bruce Bochy, according to a person with knowledge of the situation.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because details were still being worked out and the club hadn't made a formal announcement. That could come as soon as this weekend but more likely on Monday during Bochy and Sabean's customary after-season address.

"I can't (confirm it)," Bochy said after the Giants beat Arizona 7-3 on Thursday in their final home game. "We have three more games and that's my focus. I'm under contract."

A call to Sabean wasn't immediately returned.

Sabean received a two-year extension in 2007 that took him through this year and the Giants had to exercise a club option for 2010. Bochy's three-year contract worth roughly \$6 million is due to expire at the end of the season.

The Giants will miss the playoffs for the sixth straight season but were in the NL wild card race until being eliminated Wednesday night, certainly a sign of progress to new managing partner Bill Neukom.

Everything pointed to both Bochy and Sabean staying in San Francisco — and both were cautiously optimistic about it. Neukom has been around regularly and both Bochy and Sabean have been involved in meetings regarding next season. The Giants will snap a streak of four straight losing seasons.

Neukom has said all along he would address the status of Bochy and Sabean after the season.

After an interview with AP on Saturday, Sabean headed into a meeting with Neukom. This was Sabean's 13th year as San Francisco's GM and he guided the Giants to the 2002 World Series as the wild card and NL West crowns in 1997, 2000 and '03, their last year in the playoffs.

Sabean has taken heat at times for signing players to big contracts like pitcher Barry Zito's \$126 million, seven-year deal through 2013 with a club option for 2014, and a \$60 million, five-year contract for center fielder Aaron Rowand done in December 2007. The acquisition of Freddy Sanchez from Pittsburgh on July 29 ended up a disappointment just because Sanchez couldn't stay on the field because of injuries.

Neukom ultimately took into account the Giants were in the playoff chase this year when many thought they would be out of contention much earlier. With a 52-29 final home record, they drastically improved from last year's 37-44 at AT&T Park.

Also, San Francisco's farm system has made significant strides — producing reigning NL Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum, slugger Pablo Sandoval and top prospects and September callups in catcher Buster Posey and pitcher Madison Bumgarner.

This job has been a transition for Bochy, managing a young club committed to rebuilding in the post-Barry Bonds era.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Winless Pangborn and Lyons look for victory

Badin hopes to top undefeated Walsh; Breen Philips and Lewis look to rebound; undefeated Cavanaugh and PW meet

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Sunday will bring a meeting of two teams with only losses on their record and players ready to add wins when Pangborn faces Lyons.

Pangborn (0-2) is ready to come back after a close game with Pasquerilla West ended in a 6-0 loss after opening the season with an 18-12 loss to Walsh. After graduating multiple outstanding seniors last year, the team has yet to fill the voids, but with weeks of practicing and two games under their belts, the Phoxes are ready to take on Lyons.

Pangborn's offense is led by junior quarterback and co-captain Gabby Tate and sophomore wide receiver and co-captain Liz Pawlak. Senior co-captain Megan Bescher also takes the lead, playing pretty much wherever she is needed on the field.

"We are a mainly fielding team," sophomore captain Julie Cooney said. "We have a talented quarterback and many strong options on the receiving end."

Defensively, the ladies rely on senior linebacker, center and co-captain Annie Kotz and senior safety Kaitlin Fuerry. Many freshmen are also looking promising on both sides of the game, namely Colleen Bailey on the offensive line and Kristin Rukert at wide receiver.

"We really enjoy our time together and do our best to maximize all our strengths," Cooney said.

After a tough 18-0 loss to Ryan, Lyons is ready to come back to its second game.

They look to senior captain and quarterback Claire Connell to lead the offense, along with wide receivers senior Maria Petnuch and sophomore Caroline Maroney. This triple threat has proved itself in the past, and hopes to do so again this season.

Their defense is held together by sophomores Kat Rodriguez and Caroline Maroney, who are working together to lead the freshmen new to the game.

"We got the first game jitters out," Connell said. "Now we need to work on stopping the run game and being more in sync on offense."

Pangborn and Lyons will face each other Sunday at LaBar Fields at 4 p.m.

Badin vs. Walsh

Badin will try to hand Walsh its first regular-season defeat in more than a year Sunday.

The Wild Women were tested last week, escaping with a close

victory over Pangborn. "Last week we had a come-from-behind victory over Pangborn," senior captain Meghan Hadley said. "It was a good reminder that this season is going to be a lot of work. But the team handled it marvelously and we came out on top."

The team is committed to making up for a disappointing showing in the postseason last year. They have eyed the Stadium since the season started.

"Our goal for the season is the Stadium," Hadley said. "Last year, we went undefeated in the regular season and then had a disappointing tournament result. But that's the past. This year is this year, and that is where our focus is."

Badin, on the other hand, caught the short side of a close game last Sunday. The

Bullfrogs lost to Cavanaugh 14-7 in their first game of the season.

"It was a tough loss versus Cavanaugh," senior captain Kelley Daniel said. "Our defense was awesome. It was just two big plays that broke away."

The Bullfrogs have been working hard in practice to tighten up any loose areas from their loss.

"We've worked a lot on flag pulling, to avoid giving up the big play," Daniel said. "We've also made our offense more interesting."

Bain is relying on these adjustments to carry them through the regular season towards their goals in the postseason.

"The goal isn't just to make it to the Stadium, but to win in the Stadium," Daniel said.

Walsh takes on Badin Sunday at 5 p.m. at LaBar Field.

Breen Phillips vs. Lewis

Both Breen Phillips and Lewis are "rebuilding" this week, as both teams began the 2009 season with a tough loss.

The Babes lost their first game against Pasquerilla East 20-0.

"The game looked like it went terribly to outsiders," senior captain Stephanie Wuerdeman said. "But we were able to learn a lot."

The Babes are working with a lot of inexperienced players as a result of many players being abroad last season and many of the team's starters graduating in the spring. Wuerdeman herself made a move to the position of safety to replace a graduated senior, and even the Babes quarterback, sophomore Stefani Santeramo, is new to the position.

In light of this the Babes have a lot of confidence that they will be able to get comfortable with their new team and turn their dedication into wins.

"We've had a lot of good attendance in practice this week," Wuerdeman said. "[Last week] left all of us even more hungry for the a win, and this week we plan to come out on top."

Against the Chicks, the Babes plan to play aggressive offense and impenetrable defense led by their senior captain and safety.

In a similar situation to the Babes, Lewis is hoping to prove that its 0-2 record represents a lot of opportunities to learn and build on past mistakes.

"Our last two weeks have been tough losses," senior captain Tara Gilbride said. "But we've been showing great potential and improvement."

Although the Chicks have so far been scoreless except for a drive at the end of their second game suggests that they are definitely melding as a team and working their way toward scoring points.

"From our first game to our second, and throughout each of our practices, we have been steadily improving," sophomore linebacker Brandy Cerne said. "Hopefully we will score this weekend."

The Chicks not only hope to score a few touchdowns in their match against the Babes but to contain their opponents defensively in the same way they were held scoreless for the entire second half of Tuesday's game.

Lewis and Breen Philips will face each other at 2 p.m. at LaBar Field.

Cavanaugh vs. Pasquerilla West

Pasquerilla West and Cavanaugh will face each other Sunday hoping to hand the other their first loss of the season.

"We have all the athleticism necessary to win against any opponent this year," Purple Weasel senior captain Cynthia Curley said.

The Weasels mainly rely on a strong running game this year, so any ugly weather Sunday will not hinder their game. In any passing situation, junior quarterback Simone Bigi will have to do an outstanding job coming up with plays, considering the team does not even have a playbook.

"Our playbook is different this year," Curley said. "It doesn't exist. It is extremely flexible and fluid and allows our coaches to craft new plays for every down based on what's going on in the game."

The ambiguous playbook allows receivers Curley and senior Alyssa Moya the ability to

move across the field without being confined to the playbook.

Trying to stop the free-roaming receivers, Cavanaugh's defense will follow the lead of senior captain Sara Cline.

"I'm very proud of our team, especially the defense," Cline said.

The Chaos have an impressive offense as well.

Sophomore quarterback Megan Robertson is a dual threat with the ball in her hands, and sophomore running back Brittnei Alexander joins Robertson in the backfield.

The Weasels will have to respond to Cavanaugh's fast offense with an equally quick defense.

"We have some great athletes on defense who love chasing down wayward passes for interceptions," Curley said.

Pasquerilla West and Cavanaugh will kick off Sunday at 6 p.m. at LaBar Field.

McGlinn vs. Farley

The defending champions of McGlinn will look to bounce back from a 33-0 thrashing at the hands of Howard when they square off against Farley Sunday.

The Shamrocks surprised everybody last year by winning the championship, and after their season-opening loss they are determined to prove to everyone that last season was not a fluke.

"This year we look to prove that we're not a one-trick pony," senior captain and defensive lineman Emily Dore said. "In fact, we have a few new tricks up our sleeve this year."

McGlinn is still in the process of adjusting to a new quarterback in sophomore Lauren Miller, as well as numerous impact freshmen. However, the nucleus of the team is banking on their chemistry taking them back to the championship.

"Many of us have been playing together for a few years and it shows in our practices and games," Dore said. "We go out there, get the job done and enjoy doing it."

Just like any other team trying to repeat as champions, McGlinn will likely face competition that is eager and motivated to beat them.

"We know the other teams are out for us but we feed on the challenge," Dore said. "We plan to go out there and show everyone who is the best of the best in this league."

The upstart team from Farley will try to sour McGlinn's playoff hopes en route to a 3-0 start. Farley started off the season with wins against Lewis and Welsh Family.

The team has done a nice job adjusting to some new players in key roles.

"We are still adjusting to a

new quarterback," junior captain and cornerback Emma Klosterman said. "But the offense shows steady improvement with each game."

The Finest will be inspired by the return of senior captain and cornerback Caiti Sheperd, who will join ball-hound sophomore Katie Smith in the defensive secondary. With their leader back and the wins rolling in, Farley appears supremely confident as the season moves forward.

"We've had a great start to what looks to be a promising season,"

Klosterman said. "This year we want to take it all the way to the Stadium."

The confident surprise team from Farley will take on the struggling defending champs when the two teams face off at LaBar Field at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Pasquerilla East vs. Welsh Family

The Pasquerilla East Pyros (2-0) are looking to remain undefeated in their upcoming game against the Welsh Family Whirlwind (0-2) Sunday.

"This is our best start in a long time," Pyros senior captain Tara Pillai said.

Pillai cited the importance of offensive intensity and perseverance against a tough Whirlwind squad.

"We need to do a better job of finishing drives and actually getting into the end zone instead of just getting a bunch of first downs," Pillai said.

This task will fall into the hands of quarterback Pillai as well as key receiver sophomore Kristin Mannion.

Pillai also noted the importance of junior center Emily Meyer as the anchor of the offensive line.

On the other side of the ball, Pillai commended the squad's recent defensive effort.

"The defense has really been doing a great job so far, so they need to continue to do that," she said.

The Pyros hope the leadership of seniors Liz Ruiz at linebacker and Anne Horst at safety will lead the defense into another successful start.

"Welsh Family is always a good team, so we are looking forward to seeing how we stack up against them," Pillai said.

Pasquerilla East will get to gauge itself against Welsh Family Sunday at 3 p.m. at LaBar Field.

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NHL

Canadiens edge Toronto in overtime thriller

Associated Press

TORONTO — Montreal defenseman Josh Gorges scored with only 12.8 seconds left on the overtime clock, and Carey Price made 43 saves in the Canadiens' season-opening 4-3 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Thursday night.

The Canadiens were badly outshot and thoroughly outplayed through two periods, but found a

way to hang around and win. They got some help from former teammate Mike Komisarek, who was in the penalty box for two Montreal goals.

Brian Gionta, Travis Moen and Glen Metropolit also scored for the Canadiens.

Matt Stajan had two goals, and Alexei Ponikarovsky added one for Toronto.

Gorges went to the net and battled a rebound over goalie Vesa

Toskala after Mike Cammalleri had taken the puck hard to the goal.

The Canadiens-Maple Leafs rivalry runs deeper than just history, with three fights, several scums after the whistle and plenty of jawing back and forth. Much of it centered on Komisarek, the Leafs defenseman who left Montreal over the summer to sign a \$22.5-million, five-year deal.

Before the game, Maple Leafs

coach Ron Wilson expressed concern that Komisarek might get a little too worked up while facing his former team. He received a double high-sticking penalty in the first period for cutting open new Canadiens forward Scott Gomez.

Gionta opened the scoring after the next faceoff, taking a nice pass from Cammalleri and beating Toskala at 11:05. It was the first points in a Canadiens uni-

form for the two big summer free-agent signings.

Toronto had controlled much of the play until that point and soon regained the momentum. Ponikarovsky tied it 1-1 just over 3 minutes later, one-timing Mikhail Grabovski's pass behind Price.

Montreal again demonstrated its ability to manufacture quick goals as Glen Metropolit beat Francois Beauchemin to the puck and fed it out front to Moen, who slid it through Toskala's legs at 6:38 of the second period.

The Maple Leafs tied it during a two-man advantage with Matt D'Agostini and Paul Mara in the penalty box. Stajan got open at the side of the goal, where he tipped Tomas Kaberle's point shot past Price.

The Montreal goalie is looking to rebound from a tough end to last season and couldn't be faulted for either of the first two goals. He was plenty busy, too — when the horn sounded to end the second period, Toronto was outshooting Montreal 30-13.

In the third period, the Canadiens were called for a pair of goaltender interference penalties and Stajan put the Leafs ahead for the first time while Moen was serving the second. He had a wide-open net at 9:09 after Jason Blake made a nifty move to kick the puck up to his stick and slid it in front.

The Maple Leafs appeared to have the game in hand until Komisarek took a late elbowing penalty — his fifth minor of the night to go with a fighting major. On the power play, Metropolit tipped in a point shot at 15:50 that appeared to go in and out of Toskala's glove.

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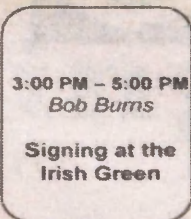
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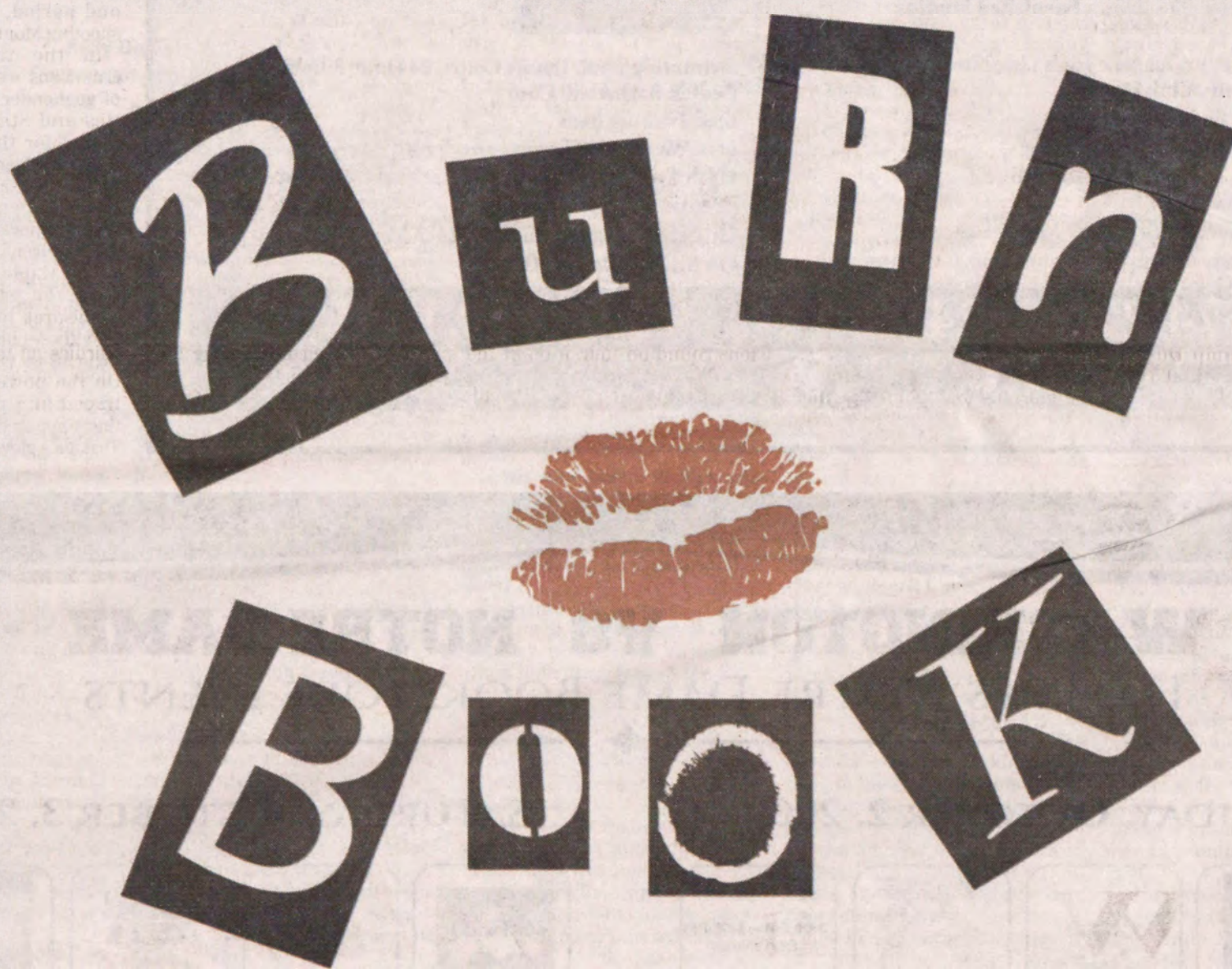
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PGA GOLF

Olson, Petrovic tied for lead at Turning Stone

Associated Press

VERONA, N.Y. — Leif Olson decided to give golf another shot after a lengthy layoff. He's showing signs he might have made a good choice.

Overcoming adverse conditions on a blustery day, Olson shot a 6-under 66 on Thursday to tie Tim Petrovic for the first-round lead at the Turning Stone Resort Championship.

Olson, a 28-year-old rookie from Denver, had to advance through all three stages of Qualifying School to earn his 2009 card on the cut line.

"I consider it really my first main year playing as a professional," said Olson, the former Duke player who but played only the 2004 U.S. Open on the PGA Tour prior to this year. "I played pro just for like a summer and then I stopped. I just kind of started up last summer."

Petrovic chipped in twice during his round, posting seven birdies and one bogey. It's the third time this season he's opened with a 66.

"It would be nice to get a victory at the end of the year," said Petrovic, whose lone victory was the 2005 Zurich Classic of New Orleans. "I've been close a few times."

One shot behind were Matt Kuchar, John Senden, and Vaughn Taylor.

Adam Scott, Scott Gutschewski, Kevin Stadler, Ken Duke, Jimmy Walker, Nicholas Thompson and Matt Jones shot 68s. Defending champ Dustin Johnson birdied his last two holes to finish at 69.

The round was halted

because of darkness with a handful of players still on the course.

With seagulls replacing fans along a fairway or two and Canada geese squawking loudly overhead on their long journey south, intermittent and sometimes heavy rain and temperatures that never reached 50 made the first day of the Fall Series tailor-made for water fowl over the soggy Atunyote Golf Club course.

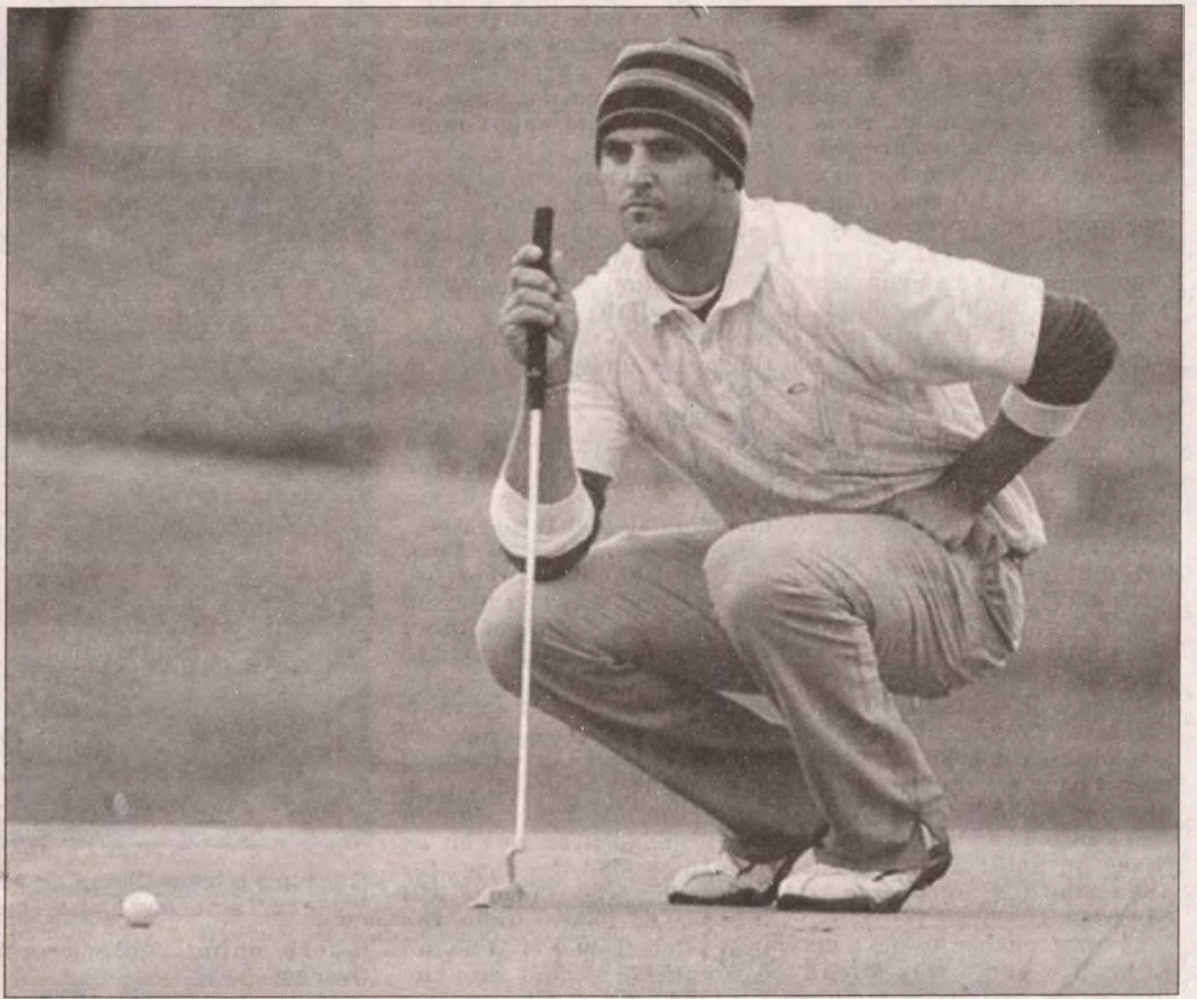
"I was expecting worse," Justin Rose said after a 69. "I pretty much put on half my suitcase today, so I didn't feel the cold. I think we got a little bit of a break because the wind didn't blow. It made it playable."

A year ago, wind, rain and a brief shower of hail forced two weather delays on the second round. There were no delays on Thursday, but because there was so much standing water on the course players were allowed a rarity — to lift and drop on all areas except teeing grounds, greens and hazards.

"In the rough you can tee it up. That's a big thing," said Olson, best-known for a hole-in-one at the Canadian Open when his ball caromed off playing partner Kris Blanks' ball and rolled into the hole.

So-called preferred lies "through the green" also will be in effect Friday. The last time that happened on the PGA Tour was at the 2005 BellSouth Classic, which was also the last time it snowed during a tournament.

Petrovic and Olson teed off in the morning and had to weather a steady rain and temperatures



Leif Olson lines up his putt on the 17th green during the first round of the Turning Stone Resort Championship in Verona, N.Y., Thursday. AP

in the 30s. Olson, sporting a striped knit cap pulled tightly over his ears, matched his previous round on tour, a 66 at the Wyndham Championship in August that wasn't low enough to make that cut.

Olson, who has only made four cuts in 17 events, sits atop the leaderboard because he averaged nearly 280 yards off the tee and birdied four of the most difficult holes on the course. He hit to within 10 feet or closer of each of the pins at Nos. 2, 7, 11 and 13, finishing the day with seven birdies and one bogey.

"It's a long ball hitting course," said Olson, 814th in the world ranking. "Hopefully, we'll see, just take it day by day. Guys are going to tear it up

tomorrow. You just want to get off to a good start."

The 43-year-old Petrovic carded five birdies on the back nine. He hit inside 8 feet from 203 yards at the par-4 17th hole and made birdie, then followed that by hitting inside 6 feet at No. 18 from 146 yards to make the turn at 31.



The lone blemish on Petrovic's round was a bogey at the par-5 eighth hole. His third shot found a greenside bunker and he failed to convert a 15-foot par putt.

"I was just trying to keep my hands warm. That was the key," Petrovic said. "I didn't care if I got wet. It was a battle out there. We didn't have the trifecta — the wind was down. You just had to suck it up, I guess."

Stadler, also among the early finishers, had a birdie and eagle on the front side and two more birdies on the back to go with a bogey at No. 13.

"It's one of those days where I was not really thinking about score," said Stadler, who holed out from 117 yards for eagle at the par-5 eighth. "I knew it was going pretty well, but without really playing too well. I'm very happy to be done with it and kind of in the back of my mind I'm hoping it's going to be miserable for the rest of them this afternoon."

It was. The wind picked up to nearly 15 mph at times, and Johnson, whose two victories on tour have come in inclement weather, never managed to get something going.

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Carpenter tallies 6 RBIs, grand slam in win

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Ace pitcher Chris Carpenter hit a grand slam and drove in six runs, getting the St. Louis Cardinals back on track with his arm and bat in a 13-0 rout of the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday.

Carpenter's first career homer capped a five-run second inning for the Cardinals, who had lost five of six — including three straight since clinching the NL Central title with a win at Colorado last Saturday. He added a two-run double during a four-run fifth to match the career RBI total he brought into the game.

The right-hander also threw five innings of three-hit ball for his 17th win. Carpenter's grand slam was the 10th by a Cardinals pitcher and first since Kent Mercker connected at Florida on Sept. 2, 1998.

The previous major league pitcher to hit a grand slam was Jason Marquis for the Chicago Cubs off New York Mets left-hander Jonathon Niese on Sept. 22, 2008, at Shea Stadium, according to STATS LLC.

The last pitcher to have six RBIs in a game was Micah Owings for Arizona at Atlanta on Aug. 18, 2007, STATS said. Owings now pitches for the Reds.

St. Louis' Tony La Russa snapped a tie with Hall of

Fame New York Giants manager John McGraw for second place on the career list of games managed. La Russa is at 4,770, behind only Connie Mack's 7,755.

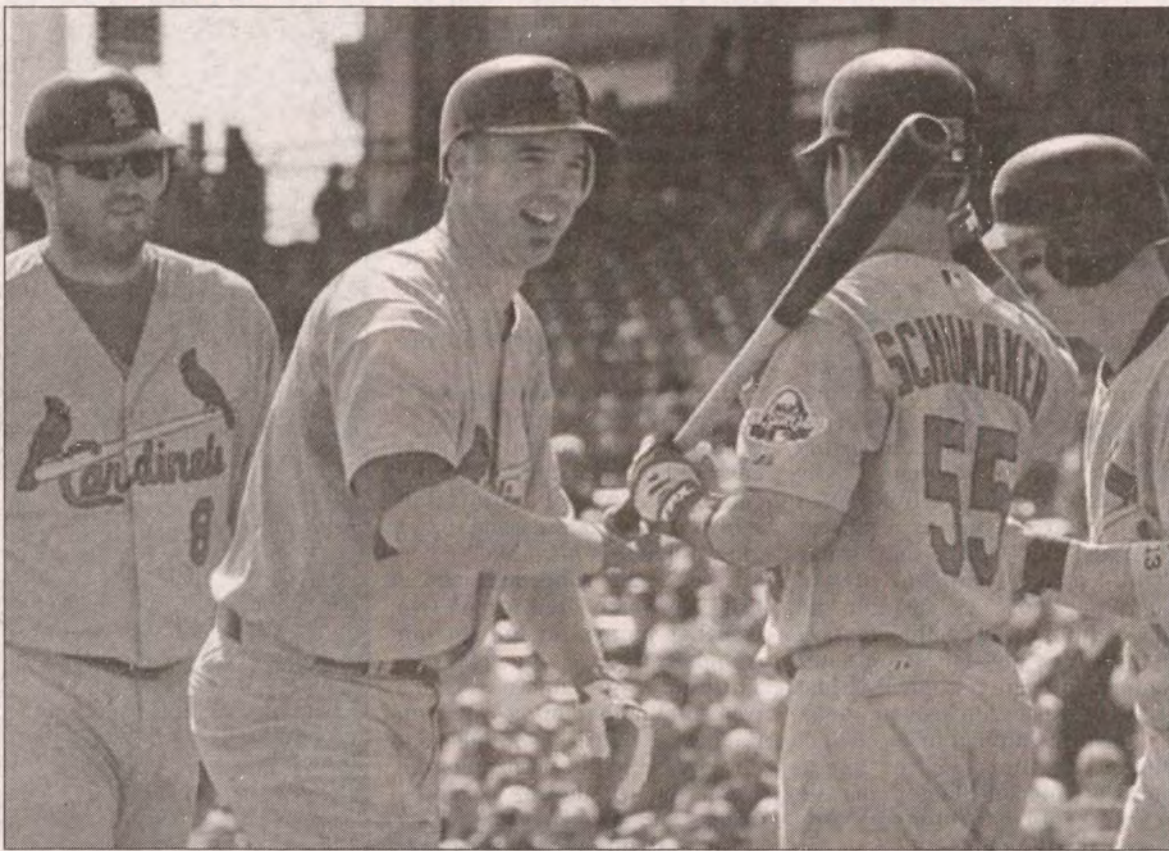
The Cardinals scored their most runs in a game since setting their season high in a 14-7 win over Pittsburgh on Sept. 4. The win was their biggest of the season, surpassing a 10-0 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on July 28.

Carpenter (17-4), who struck out six and walked one, has won his last five starts against the Reds, including all four this season.

Third baseman Troy Glaus, who had shoulder surgery on Jan. 21 and wasn't activated until Sept. 1 before missing another 16 days with a side injury, got the scoring started in the second with a single — his first RBI of the season.

Yadier Molina, who had been out since Saturday with a bruised left knee, singled and Brendan Ryan was hit by a pitch to load the bases for Carpenter, who had one RBI this season before lining the first pitch from Kip Wells an estimated 381 feet into the left-field seats.

Wells (2-5) lasted two batters into the third inning. The right-hander was roughed up for five hits and five runs with one walk and one strikeout



Cardinals pitcher Chris Carpenter is congratulated after he hit a grand slam off Reds pitcher Kip Wells in the second inning Thursday in Cincinnati.

before being replaced by

Owings. Owings got Cincinnati's first hit off Carpenter with a one-out, opposite-field double to right in the third. The plate appearance was the first for Owings since he was hit in the

helmet by a pitch Sept. 6 at Atlanta, leaving him with a concussion and punctured eardrum.

The game was delayed for 9 minutes in the top of the second when plate umpire Brian O'Nora came out of the game

with an injured right knee. Wells bounced a pitch that got past catcher Corky Miller and hit O'Nora on the inside of his knee. Adrian Johnson moved from first base to behind the plate, and the game continued with three umpires.



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country," women's coach Tim Connelly said.

In the women's division, the top-ranked reigning national champions Washington Huskies will lead the competition. Eleven other ranked teams will compete, including No. 3 Florida State, No. 6 Princeton, No. 12 Providence, No. 13 Arizona State and No. 15 Florida.

"There are a number of other unranked teams who are certainly capable of being so, and will try to prove it this week," Connelly said.

The Irish women's team is currently ranked 24th and will have to provide a good fight on the course today.

In the men's competition, a total of 10 ranked teams will be coming to South Bend for the Invitational, including No. 11

Tulsa, No. 15 Providence, No. 24 New Mexico and No. 26 Florida State, all ranking ahead of the No. 28 Notre Dame men.

The Irish look to today's event as their chance to not only establish a higher team ranking, but also to improve their resume for the NCAA Championship meet.

"It is important to run well both to solidify a ranking, but most importantly because beating teams here can help solidify

a bid to the NCAA meet at the end of the season," senior Beth Tacl said.

There will be five total races, a blue race and a gold race for each men's and women's divisions, depend-

ing on ability, and an open race for all others competing. Notre Dame will be competing in the blue race in each division. The women's blue race starts at 4:15 p.m. and the men's blue race begins at 5 p.m.

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"Our meets get progressively more competitive, and this one is very difficult."

Joe Piane
Irish coach

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should work to their benefit.

"We have a good mix," Yuhas said. "Guys from every class, freshman to seniors, play and contribute greatly. It really builds camaraderie and helps us have fun as a team."

Despite the slow start, Duncan seems poised to turn it around this week.

The Highlanders have practiced twice a week, focusing especially on those aspects of the game that were their downfalls in the previous games.

"For this week's game, we want to play mistake-free football," Scheel said. "The first two games we killed ourselves with costly penalties and mental lapses."

Morrissey, however, plans to run it down the Highlanders' throats.

"Our two-headed monster in the offensive backfield,

senior quarterback Danny Deveny and sophomore tailback David Ulery, should have a big game on Sunday," Yuhas said.

The Highlanders and the Manor will do battle Sunday at 1 p.m. on the Riehle Field.

Fisher vs. St. Edward's

When Fisher (0-1-1) and St. Edward's (0-1) meet Sunday, each will be hoping to define their season with a hallmark victory.

Both teams hope to get their first win of the season. Fisher was shut out in its season-opening loss, and only managed six points in a tie with Carroll.

The Gentlemen lost to Carroll to open their season and then had a week off. St. Ed's hopes that their bye week will be a refresher for the team as they plan to add to the win column. The Gentleman defense anticipates stopping the Green Wave from reaching the end zone this week.

"We have some real solid freshmen on defense," senior captain Andy Nester said.

Freshman Rob Dillard looks to lead the Gentlemen on the defensive side of the ball.

After having some time to practice and prepare for Fisher, the Gentleman will come out strong against the Green Wave.

"It's going to be like the Little Giants responding in the second half against the Cowboys when Icebox came in," Nester said.

Fisher will use a tough defense to try to get that win and stop the Gentleman offensive attack.

"We will be blitzing [St. Ed's] all day," Fisher senior head coach Pat Hogan said last week.

St. Ed's will look to top Fisher for its first win of the season, as Fisher hopes for the exact opposite, Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Field.

O'Neill vs. Keenan

Keenan and O'Neill both enter Sunday's game in desperate need of a victory as they both enter the contest winless on the season.

After a humbling 23-0 loss to Dillon in Week 1, O'Neill

had a welcome bye week. The Mob failed to convert a first down in the first three quarters against Dillon, fumbled multiple snaps and suffered three sacks.

"We need to score points early and often Sunday in order to beat Keenan," O'Neill senior captain Charles Johnson said. "We were shut out last time, so we went back to the basics and added a couple plays and made some adjustments on the offensive line."

Keenan, meanwhile, has dropped each of its first two contests and only scored a combined three points in those games.

"We need to start executing on offense," sophomore captain Terry Mahoney said. "That is something we have failed to do the past two weeks."

The Knights defense, led by sophomore cornerback P.J. McHugh, was a bright spot for Keenan last Sunday, holding Dillon to just seven offensive

points and keeping them in the game despite the struggles of the offense.

"The defense has played very well," Mahoney said. "We need to keep the ball with the offense and put loads of points on the board to take some pressure off them."

The Knights have worked hard in practice this week to correct the mistakes that led to the 0-2 start.

"We gave our best effort at practice this week and we will at the game Sunday," Mahoney said. "We need to show the intensity because every week is a playoff game for us now."

We definitely need to come out firing in the intensity category. We will be ready Sunday."

The game will be played Sunday at 3 p.m. at Riehle Field.

Stanford vs. Dillon

Stanford (1-0) and Dillon (1-0) face off this Sunday in a battle of undefeated teams that promises to be a defensive struggle.

Neither team has given up a point so far this year; Dillon stifled Keenan and O'Neill, while Stanford shut out Keough.

"I'm real excited about what we've done so far," Big Red captain Jordan Smith said. "The defense and running game have been great."

Dillon will look to senior quarterback Jason Miller as well as to its athletic backfield of freshman Terry Howard and junior Eric Herbert to break the formidable Stanford defense, while the Griffins will rely heavily on their linebacking corps to stop the run and force Dillon to rely on the pass, with which it has struggled recently.

"We want to make them start throwing the ball," Stanford senior captain Chris Gill said. "We're pretty confident that in a passing contest, we'll end up on the winning side nine times out of 10."

When the Griffins have the ball, they will utilize their running attack to open up opportunities for junior quar-

terback Tony Rizzo through the air. The Big Red lost sophomore cornerback Matt High to a knee injury last week, which may complicate matters for the Dillon pass defense.

These two squads know each other well, having battled five times in the last three years, including two Griffin playoff victories.

"Each game has been close," said Smith. "It's going to be a very hard-fought game."

The contests between these teams have perennially had major playoff implications, and this year's edition promises nothing less.

"We understand that Dillon is a pretty good team this [year]," Gill said. "The winner of this game is going to be in the driver's seat for the division, so we understand that this is a big game."

The Big Red shares Stanford's sentiment.

"It's going to be a good game," he said. "We're excited about it, that's for sure."

Stanford and Dillon meet on the Riehle Field gridiron at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Zahm vs. Carroll

Sunday's match-up between Zahm and Carroll features two teams looking to redeem themselves after poor showings last week.

The Vermin (1-0-1) tied Fisher last week in a game full of mistakes. They fumbled, dropped passes and missed tackles, failing to win a game junior captain Nick Ruof believes should have been a victory.

"We let one get away last week," Ruof said. "We're going to come out strong against Zahm and minimize the mistakes that killed us."

Carroll will lean upon their defense to help them return to their winning ways. The Vermin's front seven have been nothing less than stout this season, led by two sophomores, linebacker Albert Toscano and lineman John Gately.

"[Toscano and Gately] are the strength of our team," Ruof said.

Carroll will need their defense to step up in order to defeat the Zahmbies.

Zahm (0-1) looks to get back on track after being shut out by Sorin 20-0 last week. The Zahmbies showed flashes of a potent running attack in their opener, but met their downfall once the Sorin defense stuffed their ground game and forced them to pass.

"We're looking for a more effective passing game this week," senior captain Jarred Carter said. "Our running game can't do it alone."

Establishing some sort of passing threat against the Vermin is crucial for Zahm. Last week proved that a successful ground game led by junior tailbacks Greg Bennett and Ruof can only take the Zahmbies so far. In order to beat Carroll, Zahm must pass.

Redemption for poor showings and possible playoff spots are on the line Sunday.

Kickoff is 2 p.m. at Riehle Field.

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SMC SOCCER

Belles look for MIAA win

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

After dropping their first contest of the MIAA season, Saint Mary's looks to bounce back when it takes on Trine at home Saturday.

In the first match of their conference schedule, the Belles (3-7-1) lost a tough match against Adrian College, 3-0.

Saint Mary's gave up three first-half goals before holding the Bulldogs scoreless in the second half.

"I was greatly disappointed with the result of Wednesday's game," coach Ryan Crabbe said. "I had much higher expectations heading into the first conference match. Because of the strong non-conference schedule we have already played, I

felt we were more than prepared. In the second half, we simply played well enough not to give up another goal. We never really threatened to score a goal of our own."

The problem for the Belles this season, which reared its ugly head again against Adrian, has been capitalizing on their chances and keeping other teams off the scoreboard in the first half.

"[We can't] fall behind early in matches," Crabbe said. "We need to learn how to play from the front, meaning being the stronger team and imposing our game plan on our opponent. [We have to] make changes moving forward."

Trine (0-10) is having an even rougher season than the Belles. The winless Thunder have been outscored 47-7 this season. But Crabbe is not as concerned with the opponent

as he is with his own team's progress.

"At this point, I am less concerned about who is next and more concerned about how we prepare," he said. We need to find players willing to work hard and not make excuses. Our only goal is to get [a win] on Saturday so that we can get back into the race for one of the six spots that qualify for the conference tournament."

Last season the Belles had little trouble with the Thunder winning 4-0 at home.

After Trine, Saint Mary's will play three consecutive home games, two against MIAA opponents.

Saturday's game against Trine will kick off at 10 a.m.

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SMC GOLF

Saint Mary's wins 3rd Jamboree

By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

In what some might consider the most important match of the year so far, Saint Mary's put on another impressive performance en route to capturing first place in the third MIAA Jamboree of the year.

The Jamboree, which was held at Kalamazoo University, provided the No. 2 Belles with an opportunity to expand their conference lead going into this weekend's fourth and final MIAA event of the year, which will be held in South Bend at Blackthorn Golf Club.

Accordingly, the team responded with a record day, shooting a total score of 325, the best team round ever posted at Kalamazoo's Milham Park Golf Club. The previous best was 335.

Martyna Mierzwa added

another chapter to an already impressive freshman season by claiming medalist honors for the second time in an MIAA jamboree and the fourth time this fall with a low score of 74. This score tied the Saint Mary's record for the lowest round in an MIAA event.

Following Mierzwa was sophomore Natalie Matuszak, who finished in third place with an 82.

Looking ahead, this weekend's tournament is the final chance for Saint Mary's to build a buffer before going into the MIAA Championship next weekend. Captain Perri Hamma emphasized the importance of the match on multiple levels.

"This is our home turf," Hamma said. "So not only do we need to protect our course but we have to take advantage of the fact that we know this course better than any other team."

Hamma had a difficult time naming one player who she hoped to step up this season, but for good reason.

"I would have to say that the entire team has surprised me this season," the captain said. "We have all worked so hard to get where we are and have worked well as a team on and off the course."

If the team continues on the remarkable pace it has set this season, there is no reason they can't widen the margin between them and second place Olivet, who currently trails Saint Mary's by 15 strokes in the conference.

"The top five need to come out and get into the rounds from the first hole through the last," Hamma said. "If we do that, I know we will not only win but we will gain some ground on the other teams."

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Team heads to triangular

By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's is not going to let a canceled tournament ruin their weekend, as they will instead head up to Anderson, Ind., to participate in a triangular along with Anderson and Transylvania Saturday.

Despite the fact that this was not their originally planned event, Belles coach Toni Kuschel emphasized the importance of this weekend's matches.

"These are both non-conference teams", Kuschel said.

"But the wins will be important going into next week's games against Calvin on Tuesday and Trine and Adrian next Friday and Saturday."

Despite having won three of their last four conference matches, Kuschel said her team needed to refocus after a close game to rival Kalamazoo last Wednesday.

"My team needs to re-focus on getting back to the basics and having fun out on the court together," Kuschel said.

The Belles hope to raise their overall record this weekend, which currently stands at 7-6, and take that

momentum into next week in hopes of improving on a less than desirable conference record of 3-4.

Key players to watch in this weekend's matches are freshman Stephanie Bodien and senior Lorna Slupczynski, both of whom are coming off impressive games in Wednesday's win. Bodien had 15 kills, seven of which came in the first set, while Slupczynski led the team with 17 kills and 14 digs.

Saturday's matches begin at 3 p.m.

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game," Curtis said. "We had great practices this week and we made all the improvements we needed to."

The second half began with promising progress by Lyons, but Ryan came through with a strong stop on Lyons' fourth down. Ryan controlled the rest of the game.

A run by freshman Leslie Sullivan started the roll that lasted until the end of the game.

A pass from Bowen to freshman Kelly O'Brien gave Ryan its second touchdown.

Soon after that, Ryan scored its third and final touchdown after an advance down the field near the 10-yard line, followed by a run into the end zone by Curtis.

"It felt incredible to be a part of Ryan Hall's first-ever win," Bowen said. "Everyone did exactly what they had to."

The Ryan girls ended the game with cheers and a mudslide, happy with their performance.

"It was just a really fun game," Curtis said. "You can't ask for anything more than a win in the rain and mud."

Lyons' next game is Sunday against Pangborn, and Ryan will look for a second win Thursday also against

Pangborn.

Cavanaugh 6, Walsh 0

The mud that coated victorious Walsh following its 6-0 victory over Cavanaugh was evidence of the hard-fought defensive battle between the two teams.

A steady rain that quickly evolved into a torrential downpour in the second half caused problems for both teams on the offensive side of the ball.

"The conditions were rough," Walsh junior quarterback Amy Langnecker said. "But the team stayed positive and kept their heads up."

The Walsh defense had its way with the Cavanaugh offense, as the stalwart defensive line plugged up the Cavanaugh running attack while the rain made passing difficult. The first half consisted of numerous punts and failed drives, including an interception by both teams. Walsh drove the ball deep into Cavanaugh territory at the conclusion of the first half, but the clock ran out before they could put any points on the board and the half ended scoreless.

"We moved the ball well throughout the first half but we just couldn't finish," Langnecker said. "We knew coming out for the second half we had to get it in the end zone and finish off a drive."

The Walsh offense finally turned the score in their favor midway through the second half. Langnecker moved the ball down the field with short passes and quarterback draws. Near the goal line she ran a misdirection play to senior captain and running back Meghan Hadley, who turned the corner, slipped past two defenders and dove into the end zone for the game's only touchdown. Walsh failed the point-after

attempt.

From that point, the stingy Walsh defenders combined with horrific weather to close the shutout. Cavanaugh attempted to put a drive together but the rain made it difficult to attack downfield as Cavanaugh's defensive backs knocked down several underthrown passes until the clock ran out.

The victory puts Walsh at 2-0 as it looks to its Sunday matchup with Badin where it will hope to put itself in dominating position for a playoff spot.

"The team played great tonight," Langnecker said. "Everybody did a great job."

Pasquerilla West 6, Pangborn 0

Pasquerilla West defeated Pangborn Hall 6-0 in a game that will certainly go down as one of the most exciting of the season. With less than 20 seconds remaining, Pasquerilla West junior quarterback Simone Bigi rolled left, found nobody open, and sprinted towards the end zone, dodged a few Pangborn defenders along the way and dove in for the score to break the 0-0 tie.

Facing the elements of rain and mud, both teams battled in a back-and-forth game. Several times players from both teams lost footing and balls slipped through hands.

"I enjoyed playing in the rain and the mud but unfortunately it didn't work to our advantage," Pangborn freshman Diana Bartone said.

As much as the game was a story of the elements, it was a story of officiating as the officials called several critical penalties.

On two separate occasions, including a spectacular touchdown throw and catch, Pangborn junior quarterback Gabby Tate stepped up in the

pocket and threw strikes downfield, only to find that she had stepped over the line of scrimmage and completed an illegal forward pass.

Later in the game, Pangborn senior all-purpose player Megan Bescher had a thrilling run into Purple Weasels territory, only to have it taken back on account of a hold.

"I could say a lot of things about the officiating, but I won't," Bartone said.

Although the Phoxes were moving down the field with ease under a high-powered passing attack led by quarterback Tate and her outstanding receivers, they were unable to convert on their momentum and reach the end zone.

The Pasquerilla West offense, relatively a non-factor for the first three quarters, awoke in the fourth. With about four minutes remaining, Bigi scrambled for two big runs to put Pasquerilla West in scoring position. However, the Pangborn defense tightened and brought up a fourth-and-goal. On the next play, Bigi threw a dart to her receiver in the end zone, but it was dropped in the rain.

"After we missed on the goal line, things weren't looking good but we made sure not to dwell on it," Pasquerilla West senior captain Cynthia Curley said. "We got a quick four stops. We got the ball back and got it done."

It was certainly an exciting game in the elements and both teams will be contenders this year.

"It was absolutely dramatic. It was a battle," Curley said. "That felt like a championship."

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stretch in Big East competition.

This season, Notre Dame (7-3, 3-0 Big East) has gotten off to a fast start in conference play, outscoring their opponents 7-1 in three victories.

The Irish have struggled on the road thus far. After dropping two games against top 10 foes Santa Clara and Stanford at the Santa Clara/adidas Classic in Santa Clara, Calif., they snuck by a good Cincinnati squad 2-1 at Cincinnati.

Notre Dame heads into the game with revenge on its mind after dropping its last match against the Mountaineers via shootout in the championship match of the 2007 Big East tournament.

This is an important game for the Irish to assert themselves as the team to beat in the Big East as West Virginia was picked second in the league's preseason poll.

The tandem of sophomore Melissa Henderson and junior Lauren Fowlkes lead the Irish offensively with five goals apiece this season. Henderson is the reigning Big East Rookie of the Year and both players have been named to this year's Hermann Trophy watch list.

Kelsey Lysander leads the Irish defense in goal, having started eight of 10 matches this season.

The senior has recorded 21 saves on the year and is allowing just under a goal per game.

After facing the Mountaineers, the Irish will head to Indianola, Penn., for a match with the Panthers. Pittsburgh (5-2-3, 0-0-3) is winless in nine tries all-time

against the Irish.

Notre Dame has already taken down DePaul and Louisville at home in Big East competition to go along with the road victory against Cincinnati. The Irish defeated the Blue Demons and the Cardinals by scores of 4-0 and 1-0, respectively. They are looking to expand their two-point lead over Rutgers in the conference's National Division.

Looking ahead at the Irish's schedule, they will remain on the road with matches against Rutgers and Seton Hall next week before returning home for a four-game Big East home stand to end the regular season.

Today's game against West Virginia is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Sunday's game with Pittsburgh will kick off at 1 p.m.

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back on track.

"[Seton Hall] is another Big East test, and, as we have already found out, there are no easy matches in our conference," Clark said. "We tied Seton Hall last year and hopefully we can go one better this year. I always say that both winning and losing can become habits so it is vitally important that we get into good habits starting Friday."

After blowing out rival Michigan to start the season, Notre Dame traveled to

Bloomington for the Adidas/IU Credit Union Classic. In one of the toughest tournament slates in the nation, the Irish tied then-No. 5 Wake Forest before losing to then-No. 3 St. John's. Notre Dame endured a similar fate the next week at the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament, blowing out Seattle before dropping an overtime match to New Mexico.

The Irish have also been frustrated in conference play,

holding a 2-2-0 record despite a 7-4 point differential and a relentless offense. Notre Dame opened this week's home stand with a crushing 4-0 victory against No. 17 Louisville, but then dropped a 1-0 match to unranked Cincinnati.

By all accounts, the season has been frustrating for the talented Irish, who have been unable to put together consecutive wins at any point this fall. Still, Notre Dame has plenty of

room to make up ground in the seven remaining Big East matches before the Big East championship in early November.

"We must take one match at a time and absolutely focus on the job on hand," Clark said. "Even after a bumpy start, I have a good feeling about this team. They are a wonderful group to coach and, in spite of everything, we are having a lot of fun and are working very hard."

The Irish will enjoy home-field advantage tonight against the Pirates, who hold a 3-1-1 road record this season under 22-year veteran head coach Manfred Schellscheidt. Notre

Dame has enjoyed a 3-1-0 home record at the new Alumni Stadium this season, with an average of three goals scored per match.

"The new stadium is fantastic," Clark said. "It is a great place both to play and watch games. The student and faculty support has been tremendous this year."

The match begins this evening at 7 p.m. at Alumni Stadium. It will be the last match of a three-game home stand before the Irish take on Marquette and Providence on the road in conference play.

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"We must take one match at a time and absolutely focus on the job on hand."

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish open home slate against 'Cats

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame (8-4, 2-0 Big East) will open its home conference schedule with a match against Villanova Sunday.

The Wildcats (11-4, 0-2) have been very successful so far in 2009 but fell to Cincinnati and Louisville last weekend in their opening Big East matches.

"I think the Big East race goes throughout the whole season, and with them opening 0-2 ... they for sure don't want to go further in that direction," coach Debbie Brown said. "They're going to be very focused."

Brown said the Irish will need to be focused as well in order to overcome Villanova's biggest strength.

"They're a really, really good serving team," Brown said. "We know we're going to have our hands full."

In fact, the Wildcats average 2.2 service aces per set and have 138 on the season. The Irish defense averages about one service error per set.

Notre Dame faced Villanova once last year, a 3-2 loss in Philadelphia, but with an undefeated conference record so far, Brown said the team wants to keep rolling.

"With us wanting to win [the conference], we're in a good place right now," Brown said. "But it's so early and we just have to make sure that we're competing at the top of our game every night."

The Irish, who defeated Connecticut and St. John's last weekend, are currently second in the conference behind South Florida, while Villanova sits in 12th despite having the second best overall record.

Villanova is the only team Notre Dame plays this week, an unusual occurrence for a squad that usually plays two or even three teams over a weekend. Nonetheless, Brown said the team's preparation this week was no different.

"A lot of times we just watch film on whoever we're going to play first," she said. "The fact that we only play one, that's what we're going to do," Brown said. "You have to prepare for whoever your next opponent is. Sometimes you're going to have more days to do it than others, but it's pretty much the same."

The match will be Notre

Dame's first Big East contest at home, a distinction not lost on Brown.

"I always prefer to play at home," Brown said. "It's a slight advantage, sleeping on our own beds. It can also be more distracting, with the home football game and all kinds of other stuff going on, but I know we would much rather play at home."

The game will begin at 2 p.m. at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

Note:


◆ Senior outside hitter Serinity Phillips was named to the Big East Honor Roll Monday for her role in the wins over Connecticut and St. John's. In those two matches she totaled 22 digs, 21 kills and 11 blocks, and was one block shy of a triple-double against Connecticut.

"[Phillips is] playing really well," Brown said. "She's certainly one of the keys to success and definitely deserving of those type of awards. An outside hitter who's hitting over 33 percent is pretty darn good."

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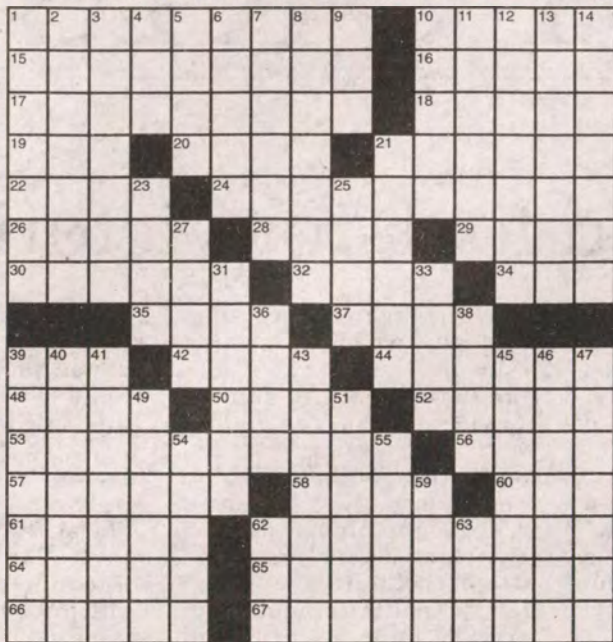
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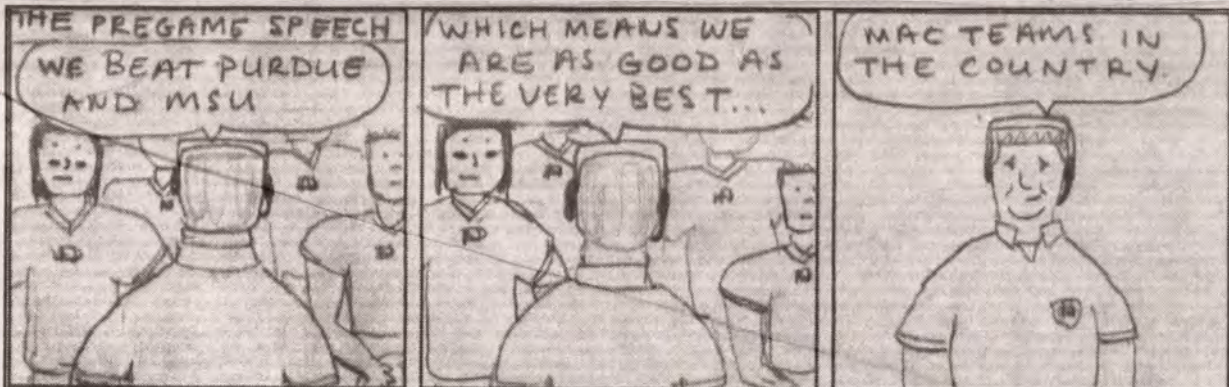
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Gemini — You have an uncanny ability to distinguish good advice. Good Advice: becoming friends with your Rector. Bad Advice: bringing your 16 year old sister to LAX House. Word of the Day: Statutory.

Cancer — The stars have aligned in your favor. Feel free to indulge in a guilty pleasure, but stay away from TC. Either way, you may end up on TFLN. Verdict: 4 stars.

Leo — DO NOT EAT THE STEAMED BROCCOLI. Verdict: one star

Virgo — Remember that time when the abortion plane flew around campus? Also, don't drink the jungle juice. Verdict: One star

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Capricorn — Feeling too much pressure? Nervous? Put on a Jay-Z song. Or just party in the U.S.A. Verdict: This definitely isn't a Nashville party. 2 Stars.

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Alumni and Siegfried look for victories instead of ties

By LEX DENNIS, MATTHEW ROBISON, TIM SINGLER, ANDREW OWENS, ALLAN JOSEPH and CHRIS KING
Sports Writers

Alumni and Siegfried are both hungry for a win after two tough ties last Sunday.

The Dawgs tied Duncan 7-7 in a defensive struggle last weekend.

"A few costly mistakes kept us from the win on Sunday," junior captain Pat Rushford said. "Stupid penalties and the [interception returned for a touchdown] I threw were

key mistakes that need to be corrected."

Siegfried is hungry to defend their championship, and the consistently good team is a point of concern for Rushford.

"(Siegfried has) been good since my freshman year," Rushford said. "But if we eliminate our mistakes and play sound football we should have a great shot."

The Ramblers are looking for their first win after their championship season last year.

They fought Knott to a 7-7 tie last weekend.

"We got off to a slow start and that hurt us," Siegfried freshman Sean Hannon said. "Our defense really shined, allowing only seven points even though they were on the field for most of the game."

The offense was a weakness for Siegfried, Hannon said.

"We punted four times and turned the ball over once against Knott," Hannon said. "We need to be better to pull out the win."

Siegfried will try to reassert its dominance on the football field as Alumni hopes to establish itself with a .500 record Sunday at 2 p.m. at

Riehle Field.

Duncan vs. Morrissey

Sunday's matchup between Duncan Hall (0-1-1) and Morrissey Manor (1-0) promises to be an epic clash of win-hungry squads.

"[The first two games] fell short of my expectations," Duncan sophomore captain Paul Scheel said. "But the season is not over yet and we have more games to play."

On the other side of the ball, the Manorites claimed their first victory in fine fashion, blanking Alumni Hall 22-0. They will look to build

upon this strong opening performance to keep their undefeated season alive.

"Our first game met our expectations," senior linebacker Phil Yuhas said. "We played hard, kept our intensity up all game, and came away with a victory just like we thought we would."

Duncan Hall has a rather young team, consisting mostly of freshman and sophomores, which could pose problems. Morrissey, on the other hand, has a good balance of upper and underclassmen, which

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MEN'S SOCCER

Back on track?

Squad looks to end home stand with a victory

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

No matter which way you slice it, it's gut check time for the Irish.

Notre Dame (4-4-1, 2-2-0 Big East) concludes this week's three-game Big East home stand with a match against conference foe Seton Hall (4-4-1, 1-2-1 Big East) tonight at 7 at Alumni Stadium. The unranked Irish, who were ranked in the top 10 in many preseason polls, are hoping to climb back above .500 in conference play after a middling start to the season.

Irish coach Bobby Clark views tonight's match as an opportunity to get his team

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GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

Senior midfielder Justin Morrow clears the ball downfield in a 1-0 loss to Cincinnati on Sept. 27. The Irish wrap up a three-game home stand with a game against Seton Hall tonight at 7.

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish host top teams at ND Invite

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The Irish will host the 54th annual Notre Dame Invitational today, facing the toughest competition either of the undefeated Irish teams have seen this season.

"Our meets get progressively more competitive, and this one is very difficult," Irish men's coach Joe Piane said. "It is better than any race we're going to be in until the pre-national meet."

As one of the oldest and comparatively more prestigious meets in the nation, many ranked teams and previous champions will be vying for top spots at the Burke Golf Course on campus.

"I believe that [the Notre Dame Invitational] will be the most competitive early season meet in the

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Team on verge of NCAA record

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Although this hasn't been quite the record-setting season they had hoped, the Irish will be chasing one historical mark when they hit the road for matches against West Virginia and Pittsburgh this weekend.

With a win or tie against West Virginia (4-3-4, 1-1-1 Big East) today, No. 8 Notre Dame would set the NCAA Division I record for the longest unbeaten streak in conference play at 56 games. The Irish are currently riding a 53-0-2

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Sophomore midfielder Ellen Jantsch dribbles the ball past a Louisville defender in the Irish 1-0 victory on Sept. 27.

WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Ryan routs Lyons en route to first victory

By MEGAN FINNERAN, CHRIS ALLEN and BARRICK BOLLMAN
Sports Writers

"How does it feel to be a part of Notre Dame history?" Ryan senior captain Kenzie Bowen asked her team after Ryan's first victory in hall history.

Ryan (1-1) topped Lyons (0-1) 19-0 in the newly formed dorm's second game.

Even though these girls came from all over campus to form a new dorm, they lack neither numbers nor talent. They have a large

number of freshmen ready and willing to step up whenever they are needed.

The first half began slowly, with both teams getting used to the rain and cold. Ryan quickly got going with a long outside run that resulted in a touchdown by sophomore Brianna Curtis. The rest of the first half was full of powerful runs by Bowen at quarterback, and also by Lyons senior quarterback and captain Claire Connell.

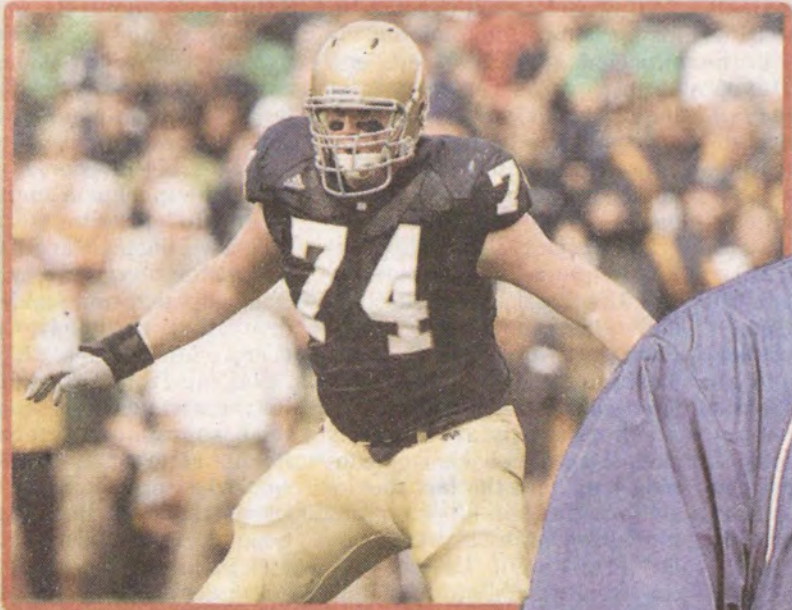
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*New offensive
line coach Frank
Verducci and his
veteran players
have created a
powerful run
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COMMENTARY

A blowout win? Wouldn't bet on it

The fall break destination of choice this year seems to be Las Vegas — a place where anyone, but especially vacationing college students, is prone to bad decisions.

It is the Sin City, after all.

I'm not worried that any of our classmates will steal a police squad car. I don't think any Notre

Dame students will have a run-in with Mike Tyson. And I doubt anyone will wake up on the roof of Caesars Palace — where, as "The Hangover" taught us, Julius Caesar didn't actually live.

No, I don't expect to hear about any antics quite that outrageous. But that doesn't eliminate my concern that some overzealous Irish fans will follow their hearts, not their heads, and place a bet on their favorite football team.

Don't do it — you'll get burned.

It's not that Notre Dame isn't a good team. It's not even that Notre Dame isn't as good a team as everyone — or at least the fans and oddsmakers — seem to think. It's just that this group always seems to be in those nail-biters that, as the last three weeks have illustrated, can easily go either way.

To their credit, the Irish finally demonstrated at Purdue that they could survive one of those down-to-the-wire, don't-change-the-channel games, and they did it with a hobbled quarterback and missing pieces at running back and wide receiver. That doesn't change the fact, however, that it took several losses — North Carolina, Pittsburgh and Syracuse last season, and Michigan a few weeks ago — for Notre Dame to steal a win.

At this point, diagnosing exactly why the Irish always seem to find themselves in these types of games seems like a futile exercise. Even if you can attribute it to something — be it a soft pass defense, an inconsistent second-half offense or an overall

lack of a killer instinct — how do you change it?

That's not to say Notre Dame won't try, and of course it should. But unless the Irish somehow figure out a way to stop the run without surrendering the short pass, find the key to start the offensive ignition coming out of half-time and discover a new attitude that motivates the team to trash opponents mercilessly, there will be plenty more contests that will come down to one play late in the game.

If Notre Dame were to ever come out and throttle an opponent the public expects it to handle with relative ease, I guess it could be Saturday, when the Irish will be favored by two touchdowns.

The Huskies aren't bad but aren't quite there yet.

Perhaps the logic sounds backward, but the fact that Washington is — or at least seems to be — a better team than either Michigan State or Purdue, I think Notre Dame has a better chance for a convincing win this weekend than in either of the past two.

Wait, wait. Stay with me for a second.

Washington's shocking upset of USC two weeks ago erased any question that Notre Dame would overlook the Huskies, even with the vaunted Trojans looming on the schedule following the bye week. That hasn't changed, even after Washington's loss to Stanford last Saturday.

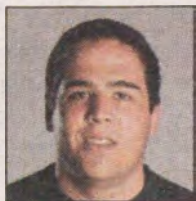
Everything the Irish coaches and players said this week indicated they knew how different this Huskies team was from the one Notre Dame crushed last season, as new head coach Steve Sarkisian and a fully healthy Jake Locker have made Washington much better, much quicker than most people expected.

And I'm suggesting this is the week the Irish show up and blow a team out of Notre Dame Stadium?

Like I said, it could happen. I just wouldn't bet on it.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Top prospects set to visit campus

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

Two big-time California prospects will visit Notre Dame for Saturday's game against Washington, and while the Irish would love to have both Anthony Barr and Hayes Pullard, they aren't sure where.

Both Barr and Pullard are listed as "athletes" in recruiting databases, and each is capable of playing at least three positions at the college level, said Irish recruiting expert Mike Frank, who runs the ESPN-affiliated site irishsportsdaily.com.

"Anthony's one of the very top players in the country, and he can play a number of positions," Frank said, including running back, linebacker and defensive end. "Notre Dame likes him for defense but I think he also might get a shot to look at tons of other positions."

ESPN rates Barr as a four-star prospect and the No. 7 athlete in the country. The 6-foot-4, 230-pounder suffered an injury that has limited him during his senior season, but Barr maintains major offers and a top-five of Notre Dame, USC, Michigan, UCLA and California.

"I know Notre Dame wants him a great deal," Frank said. "He was one of their first offers and is just a tremendous talent."

The Irish may have a leg up with Barr because of a family connection to the University. His

father is former Notre Dame running back Tony Brooks, and Barr is also the nephew of former Irish running back Reggie Brooks. Barr's mother also attended Saint Mary's.

"They know what it can mean for him down the road, but my experience has been kids end up just going where they want to go," Frank said. "The good news here is he has a strong interest and both [sides of the] family are in Notre Dame's corner."

The Irish are also after 6-foot-2, 220-pound Hayes Pullard. The Los Angeles product could play either running back or fullback, but Notre Dame seems most interested in Pullard as a linebacker at the next level.

"There really aren't many slots left at linebacker or running back, but the fact they're still bringing him in shows how much they really like the player," Frank said. "I'm not sure they really need another linebacker, but when you get a chance to get a player of this caliber, you really bend over backwards to try to get him."

Frank said the biggest question mark surrounding California prospects is usually how the specific players will fit in with the Irish team. He doesn't foresee any issues with Pullard.

"I think he's the type of kid that would fit in really well here personality-wise, and they like him a great deal," Frank said.

"Expect [Notre Dame] to roll out the red carpet for him because they think he's going to be a heck of a player down the line."

Defensive tackle Bruce Gaston will make an unofficial visit for Saturday's game. By Frank's count, it will be the fourth trip to Notre Dame for Gaston, who earned a scholarship offer following an Irish-run camp this summer.

"He's a big interior guy who has some quickness and some strength," Frank said. "Big defensive linemen are hard to find and hard to come by, especially guys that can qualify [academically]. Obviously, Gaston brings a lot to the table."

Hailing from Chicago's St. Rita, the same high school as Irish sophomore linebacker Darius Fleming, Gaston's size would be an asset to the Notre Dame front four. He is listed at 6-foot-3, 309 pounds.

"I think so far, things are going very well there," Frank said. "Notre Dame has been recruiting him pretty heavily and he has a strong interest. It sounds like he wants to take some official visits and check."

For more on Notre Dame recruiting, check out Mike Frank's irishsportsdaily.com. E-mail Mike at mikefrank18@sbcglobal.net and tell him The Observer sent you.

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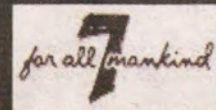
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Four perspectives on the reasons behind, and ramifications of, the success of the Irish ground attack

By **BILL BRINK**
Sports Writer

Charlie Weis likes to run the ball.

"Regardless of whether you start off throwing or start off running, when you run the ball effectively, makes it easier for everything else you are doing," he said.

So does offensive line coach Frank Verducci.

"To see [the offensive linemen] do that is a great source of pride for me to see how hard they play," he said.

So do the linemen.

"The line loves to run block," senior guard Chris Stewart said. "Just pushing guys back, or walking down the field on someone, there's nothing like it."

So do the running backs (well, duh).

"When you get an offensive lineman coming back to the huddle with a big smile on his face, it's like, let's run it again," junior running back Armando Allen said. "It only gives you confidence."

They all like to run. But for different reasons.

Charlie Weis likes...

... accountability

He said Verducci takes care of some aspects of game planning, which helps when the offensive gameplan is as complex as it has been in the past two weeks.

"I think that he's taken a lot of the pressure off of me personally by allowing us to separate, then come together game plan wise and pull it all together," Weis said.

Weis leads a team that averages 158 yards per game on the ground and 4.2 yards per carry. Last year the team averaged 109 yards per game, only 3.3 per carry.

After rushing for 585 yards and three touchdowns last year, Allen has rushed for 326 and three scores in four games this year.

"The offensive line gets all the credit," Allen said. "It's amazing to see those guys out there having fun."

Verducci, Weis said, chal-

lenges the linemen as individuals, but he's seen them become a cohesive group.

"It's an interesting approach that I've seen before, but I think it puts accountability on each one of these players where they know that it's not just how they play, but it's how all five of them play," Weis said.

Frank Verducci likes...

... leaving the hoop where it is.

Verducci has been an offensive line coach since 1992, when he coached at Iowa. He coached the offensive line in the NFL for the Bengals, Cowboys, Colts and Browns before taking over as Notre Dame's offensive line coach in January. He's been around long enough to learn what works and what doesn't.

"There are a lot of different ways to do it," he said. "I have my way."

Nothing he teaches his players is original. Everything he uses, he said, he took from someone he worked with whom he respects. He asked the players to buy into it, which they did, and the results increased confidence in the scheme.

"Once they're successful at it, it becomes a lot easier," he said.

Verducci had the benefit of a clean slate. He didn't have the interaction with the program on a day-to-day basis before arriving at Notre Dame. To him, every player was capable of performing to his expectations.

"This is all I know," he said. "There's a way to play the game, there's a standard that's put on it, that's how we're gonna play. And the credit goes to the guys because they've accepted it, they've bought into it."

Verducci said he sees week-to-week improvement in the linemen. But some aspects of the

game can be solid one week and non-existent the next. As long as his players put in the effort, he said he can iron out technical inconsistencies.

"That's one of the biggest challenges as a coach," he said. "To not ever say, okay, we've got it. We've arrived. But to always try to keep those things sharp and not neglect those things that will come back to bite you a

couple weeks down the road."

"Coach has this little saying. You don't have to be perfect, you just have to try and be perfect," senior tackle Sam Young said. "I think that kind of really points out what we're trying to do."

The skill-related parts of playing on the line outweigh physical strength by leaps and bounds. Verducci said tackle Joe Thomas of the Browns wasn't an overly strong guy, but his balance and functional strength made him an all-pro left tackle.

"I'm always amused when they throw all these bench press numbers up there," Verducci said. "Even when I was in the NFL we'd go to the combine and there'd be these guys that, all of a sudden, would be a shock because they'd be first-round picks but they'd get in there and bench-press 225 18 times and everyone would be like, 'Oh my God, he's a weakling.'"

"But they had such functional strength and such technique that they'd be good ballplayers."

So how do you drill those technical skills into the players? Do it the same way all the time.

"They like routine. They like to jump through the same hoops every day," Verducci said. "So don't move the hoop."

Offensive linemen like...

... doing the splits.

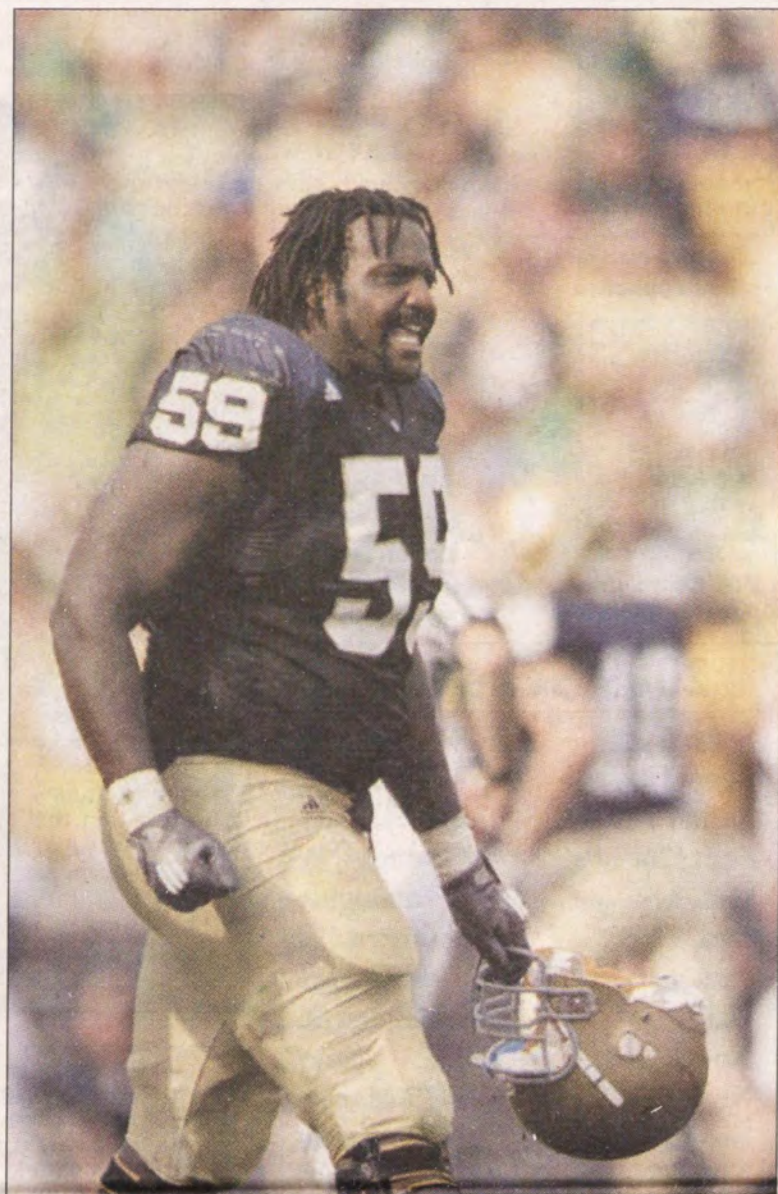
The transformation of the offensive line started during spring ball. None of them can pinpoint how or why, but they know that at some point they clicked.

"When the plays start clicking, you don't really know it, all of a sudden it's just there, senior tackle Paul Duncan said.

They weren't the only ones who noticed. Allen said he noticed a different offensive line this spring than the one he had run behind the past two years.

"Those guys worked hard in the weight room, whether it was running or lifting weights," Allen said. "When spring came around they kind of became more of a unit."

They said the success came because of a combination of hard work, Verducci's influence and players rededicating themselves to the program. That work in the spring carried over into individual summer workouts, where the linemen took it upon themselves to maintain what they had gained. They took home film, both of themselves in spring ball and of Nevada, to



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Senior guard Chris Stewart gets pumped up between plays. Stewart, Eric Olsen and Trevor Robinson make up the Irish interior line.

prepare for the season.

"The difference is the mindset," Stewart said. "I understand what needs to be done for certain things to happen. So for us to be a better team, maybe I need to run extra on my off day or get back to school earlier and train with the training staff."

The mental difference, Stewart said, translated to physical gains.

"You have a mental realization to know that I have to go above and beyond what I've done in the past," he said.

So now, in season, the line and the running game are reaping the rewards of that work.

"You can just see it coming, taking that next step," Duncan said. "That's where we're right now, taking that next step, because it's rolling for us."

And for Duncan, Stewart, Young and center Eric Olsen, all seniors, they've been around long enough to understand what it's like when the line works in sync. Stewart said he feels like the line works like the senior line did when he as a freshman. And adversity, he said, breeds strength.

"We've driven the ball 60 yards late in the game," he said. "God forbid, the next time it has to happen, we've been there before. It can be done."

The linemen are simpatico of the field too. Stewart grabbed a TV reporter's microphone to ask Young a couple of questions of his own regarding what goes on in the locker room.

"It's really nice," Young deadpans. "There's TVs, you know, there's ... chairs, clothes ... if there's a fun fact it's that you" — he pointed a Stewart — "can do a split."

That was it for Stewart, who backed away and returned the

microphone. "Cut."

Armando Allen likes...

... steak and potatoes.

The beneficiary of all this is Allen, who has broken out this season as a much more powerful runner than in the past. But it's not all due to the linemen.

"I changed a lot of things. I think I prepared myself mentally a lot more than I did freshman and sophomore year," he said.

Allen lifted and ate healthily to put on 10 pounds of muscle. His go-to meal?

"Strictly steak and potatoes," he said. "That was my specialty. Just two big steaks and two potatoes. I like it plain."

But it's not just him and the O-line. The athletes involved in the passing game, Allen said, keep the defense on its heels so the backs can rack up yardage.

"The great quarterbacks and receivers that we have allows us to run the ball because some people are paying attention to the pass more than they pay attention to the run," he said.

Like any smart running back, though, Allen gave it up for the horses up front, the reason behind this transformation, the beneficiary of Verducci's coaching, their own hard work and Weis, Jimmy Clausen and the receivers creating such a passing threat.

"They really felt like they had something to prove. Not to anybody, but to the people on this team," he said. "When you have a group of guys that goes out there and works so hard and see them go out there and produce on Saturday, it's an amazing feeling."

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Irish offensive line coach Frank Verducci has brought a professional approach to a group that had struggled in recent years. The Notre Dame front has enjoyed marked improvement under Verducci thus far.

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Huskies Offense vs. Irish Defense



Jake Locker could easily be the best quarterback the Irish defense will face all year, and has shined under new coach Steve Sarkisian, who coached Heisman-winning quarterbacks Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart at USC. Locker has the ability to make plays with his arm or his feet, although he has become a more complete passer in his third season.

Locker and the Huskies offense were able to make clutch plays late in the game to upset USC, and his leadership and experience are similar to Clausen's.

The Notre Dame pass defense struggled again in West Lafayette against a below-average passer in Joey Elliott. While the secondary has had to assist the front seven in the

run game, the unit has still been soft in coverage on passing downs.

Darrin Walls had a nice interception against the Boilermakers, but it will take a more aggressive effort by the pass defense to contain Locker and tighten up coverage.

EDGE: WASHINGTON

UW PASSING

Notre Dame's running defense had its best game of the season against Purdue following a solid showing against the Spartans.

The front four was able to get more penetration into gaps in the run game and disrupt Boilermaker running back Ralph Bolden early in his runs. While holding Bolden to just 67 yards, however, the Irish defense had

some ugly moments missing tackles and letting Purdue runners slip away. The Irish will need to be able to stop the run without bringing extra men into the box against a good Washington passing attack.

Chris Polk leads the Huskies in rushing, but the team has averaged just 108 yards per game. Defenses have focused on stopping Locker

both passing and scrambling, but have still been able to limit Polk and the Husky running backs from making any serious impact this year.

Whether or not the Huskies are able to have any success running the ball and taking pressure off Locker will be key.

EDGE: EVEN

UW RUSHING

The Irish coverage was better in kickoffs at Purdue, but had some bad moments on punt returns with penalties and mental lapses. Washington's return game has been solid but not spectacular, averaging 21 yards

per kickoff return.

Kicker Eric Folk has made six of seven attempts this season, including a long of 46 yards. Punter Will Mahan has average 42.7 yards per punt and downed six kicks inside opponent's 20-yard lines.

EDGE: WASHINGTON

Jon Tenuta and Corwin Brown mixed blitzes and dropping back into coverage more against Purdue, and were more successful without bringing constant pressure.

If the playcalling continues to improve, Locker may be forced into some

mistakes trying to read the defense.

Sarkisian is an excellent quarterbacks coach though, and has dramatically improved the Husky offense in just a few games.

EDGE: EVEN

UW OFFENSIVE COACHING



Matt Gamber

Sports Editor

offense win it for the Irish.

Final Score: Notre Dame 31, Washington 27



Sam Werner

Associate Sports Editor

game. The Irish win, but, once again, it'll be a nail-biter.

Final Score: Notre Dame 28, Washington 27

Washington

Huskies

Record: 2-2

AP: NR

Coaches: NR



Steve Sarkisian
head coach

1st season at Washington

career record:
2-2

on the road

0-1

against ND:

0-0



Doug Nussmeier
Off. Coordinator



Nick Holt
Def. Coordinator

2009 Schedule

Sept. 5	LSU — L
Sept. 12	Idaho — W
Sept. 19	USC — W
Sept. 26	@ Stanford — L
Oct. 3	@ Notre Dame
Oct. 10	Arizona
Oct. 17	@ Arizona St.
Oct. 24	Oregon
Nov. 7	@ UCLA
Nov. 14	@ Oregon St.
Nov. 28	Washington St.
Dec. 5	California

Head-to-Head

UW OFFENSE	ND DEFENSE
Scoring: 23.75 ppg (84th)	Scoring: 22.25 ppg (50th)
Total: 358.75 ypg (70th)	Total: 389.75 ypg (94th)
Rushing: 108.25 ypg (94th)	Rushing: 130.50 ypg (57th)
Passing: 250.50 ypg (38th)	Passing: 259.25 ypg (106th)
Turnovers against: 6 (40th)	Turnovers for: 8 (44th)
Fumbles lost: 3 (42nd)	Fumbles rec.: 3 (55th)
Interceptions: 3 (40th)	Interceptions: 5 (27th)
Sacks Allowed: 7 (59th)	Sacks: 6 (78th)
T.O.P. for: 31:16 (37th)	T.O.P. against: 26:30 (6th)

Statistical Leaders

UW OFFENSE	ND DEFENSE
QB JAKE LOCKER 79-136, 1002 yds., 6 TD	SS KYLE MCCARTHY 25 solo, 1 TFL, 3 INT
RB CHRIS POLK 84 rush, 353 yds., TD	FS HARRISON SMITH 14 solo, 1.5 TFL
WR JAMES JOHNSON 19 rec., 220 yds., 2 TD	LB BRIAN SMITH 14 solo, 4 TFL, 1 sack
WR JERMAINE KEARSE 11 rec., 182 yds., TD	LB TORYAN SMITH 9 solo, 3.5 TFL, 1 sack
	CB ROBERT BLANTON 11 solo, INT

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Healthy Locker leads Washington's return to prominence

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Associate Sports Editor

When the Irish visited Husky Stadium last year, the hapless Washington offense barely avoided being shut out and didn't enter Notre Dame territory until there was 5:50 to go in the game.

A year later, that seems like an entirely different team. With a new, offensively-minded coach in Steve Sarkisian and the return of healthy junior quarterback Jake Locker, the Huskies offense is dangerous again for the first time in years.

"Coach Sarkisian and [defensive coordinator] Nick Holt came up from USC and really have changed the mentality of Washington in a hurry," coach Charlie Weis said. "I think part of the turnaround obviously is Locker coming back."

Just a week after ending a 15-game losing streak that stretched over parts of three seasons, Sarkisian and Locker led the Huskies to a 13-10 win over No. 3 USC. Trojans coach Pete Carroll had high praise for Locker and his former quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator Sarkisian after the game.

"I think the difference in this game was Jake. I thought he was able to come up and make the plays when they really needed it in the last drive," Carroll said. "That's a great player. He didn't surprise me a bit. I thought we kept him under wraps for a while but when he had to have it he made it. That's what a great player does."

Locker emerged as a star in 2007 after redshirting his freshman season, and was named the Pac-10 freshman of the year. The Washington native led his hometown school to a huge win over No. 20 Boise State and became only the 19th player in NCAA history to pass for more than 300 and rush for more than 100 yards in a game in a loss to Arizona.

Locker rushed for 983 yards on the season and tallied 27 total touchdowns.

Expectations were high for Locker entering his sophomore campaign in 2008, and for four games Locker struggled to lead the Washington offense behind a porous offensive line.

He nearly led the Huskies to an upset of BYU, but after a Locker touchdown run with two seconds remaining, a celebration penalty and missed extra point left Washington one point short of overtime.

In the fourth game of the season Locker then broke his thumb against Stanford and missed the rest of the season.

In four games under Sarkisian's tutelage this season Locker has shined as a passer, throwing for 1,002 yards and six touchdowns. While his rushing numbers are down, Locker is running a pro-style offense and has become a much more accurate passer.

"In the last system, he was a read option type of guy with that spread," Weis said. "But you can see that he's settled in nicely into the old USC system that they have right now. And I think he's a heck of a player."

Sarkisian took over the Washington program in the off-season after the dismissal of Tyrone Willingham midway through 2008. The quarterbacks coach at USC from 2002-2004 and offensive coordinator from 2006-2008, Sarkisian

mentored two Heisman-winning quarterbacks, Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart.

Since bringing his system north, Sarkisian has already made vast improvements to a Huskies team that finished 0-12 without Locker last year, and started recruiting talent that was lacking under Willingham, who was head coach for Notre Dame from 2002-04.

Weis was careful to take note that Sarkisian has not simply taken the USC system to Washington.

"I think Steve is a very, very good coach, and I think he is going to have his own personality," Weis said. "He is not going there to be a USC North. The things they did, you know, he is running their offense and Nick [Holt] is running the defense that they had great success with so why would you change that?"

"You apply it to the players you currently have, and they'll definitely branch off like everyone does. And I think there's a bright future there."

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First-year coach Steve Sarkisian, left, and junior quarterback Jake Locker have turned Washington around in a hurry, as the Huskies already upset USC earlier this season.

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	(1-3) L 24-21 Notre Dame	Northwestern
	(2-2) L 34-14 Stanford	@ Notre Dame
	(3-1) W 27-6 Washington St.	@Cal
	(3-1) W 27-24 Wake Forest	Florida St.
	(1-3) L 27-3 USC	@ Oregon
	(2-2) W 38-22 W. Kentucky	Air Force
	(3-1) L 38-31 NC State	@ Louisville
	(3-1) W 52-10 Rhode Island	Bye
	(3-1) W 34-14 Washington	UCLA

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What's the most played song on your iPod right now?

Miley Cyrus. "Party in the USA."

Miley Cyrus or Taylor Swift?

It's a tie. If I had to pick one, I'd go with Miley right now. It was Taylor about four weeks ago before I heard "Party in the USA."

What's your favorite food in the dining halls?

Let's see, that's a tough one. Flank steak. Sunday night flank steak.

If you could have a cameo on any TV show, what would it be?

My favorite T.V. show is "Seinfeld," so if they ever remade "Seinfeld," I couldn't play Kramer, but I'd like to play Jerry.

What's your favorite part of gameday?

The walk. The walk is just surreal.

What's your favorite non-football location on campus?

The Grotto.

What's your favorite way to relax?

Just relax and shoot the breeze with my roommates.

Weis says Te'o to play more vs. Huskies

By SAM WERNER
Associate Sports Editor

While it's always exciting to see what freshman will make an impact every fall, there was one first year player this year that received more attention than any freshman since Jimmy Clausen himself.

Tuesday, Irish coach Charlie Weis said in a press conference that freshman linebacker Manti Te'o would see more time on the field against Washington than he had in any of the first four games.

"I think you're going to start seeing him a whole bunch more here this week," Weis said. In the first game against Nevada, Te'o made his presence felt with a pair of tackles as well as a few other vicious hits.

In the next three games, though, Te'o received little playing time, notching only four more tackles. One of those tackles, though, was a game-clinching sack against Purdue Saturday.

After the close win over the Boilermakers, Weis talked about possibly changing his strategy regarding the super-frosh.

"Yeah, I think one thing we need to do both in practice and in games is just play him more," Weis said. "The only thing, when you have a young linebacker you'll go through some growing pains, but I think that you'll see him just playing more. We talked about that today. I think as the year goes

on, you'll see his playing time just increase more and more."

Weis has said one of the things preventing Te'o from seeing the playing field is the steep learning curve for linebackers coming into the college game.

"We knew coming in the door that Manti was going to be one of the more athletic guys that we brought on to this team with his size and speed," Weis said. "And I think that as he's gone through this learning process. I think he's getting close to really getting the trust of the defensive coaches to be able to put him on the field more."

Another roadblock to increasing Te'o's playing time has been positional logistics. The current starting lineup has Toryan Smith starting at middle linebacker with Brian Smith at weakside linebacker. When Te'o comes in, he plays weakside with Brian Smith moving over to middle. But, according to Weis, he's found a way around it.

"He'll play more this week, that's all I'll tell you," Weis said. "I'm not going to go over the game plan to tell you how we're going to play him more, but he'll play more."

No matter how he gets on the field, though, Weis says the future is bright for the young Hawaiian.

"I have high expectations for Manti," Weis said. "I think you will see Manti playing his best ball in October and November."

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Freshman linebacker Manti Te'o celebrates with teammates after making a play in the season opening 35-0 victory over Nevada. Te'o had two tackles against the Wolf Pack.

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