Students hope game sets tone for season

By LAUREN BECK  
News Writer

Cautious optimism turned to euphoria Saturday afternoon as Notre Dame football fans after a 22-0 victory over Maryland in the Kickoff Classic. The general mood on campus following the game in East Rutherford, N.J., was one of hope and excitement as students looked ahead to the remaining 11 games on the football schedule.

"I knew the game was going to set the tone for the season, and that was the tone I wanted it to set," said sophomore Matthew Poetzinger.

Poetzinger hoped the team's showing would increase fan support in the upcoming games.

"Last year, it seemed like people were going to the Stadium to watch the Irish lose, but that won't be happening now. I see an attitude change among the fan base," he said.

For freshmen Joe McFarland and Mike Ragdale, Saturday's game was the perfect start to the next four years of watching Irish football.

"I'm proud to be a part of the Irish after their excellent showing," McFarland said. "They played better than I expected. They played with more spirit ... they really wanted to win." Ragsdale said he was surprised by the team's performance, considering Notre Dame's absence from the pre-season polls.

"It was great to witness the first shutout by a new coach at Notre Dame in almost 50 years," he said about Tyrone Willingham's first game at the helm of the team.

Upperclassmen were also optimistic about the next season, citing the improvements they saw from last year. Several credited Willingham's leadership and work ethic for the team's new look and attitude.

"I could tell when seeing new plays and new strategy that it's a different team," said senior Katherine Karrai. "There are things they still need to work on, but I think we'll have a better season than expected as they continue to practice." Senior George Salib said the Irish were more exciting to watch Saturday than last season as they branded Willingham's West Coast offensive scheme.

Christin Bryant, also a senior, said she was impressed by Willingham's hard-working approach.

By KELLY HRADSKY  
News Writer

Through funding from the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, the Saint Mary's community gathered on campus to discuss diversity Saturday.

Frances Kendall, a leading diversity consultant and facilitator, led a series of workshops that encouraged participants to learn about themselves and to challenge authority. Students as well as faculty attended the frank seminars - "Creating a Welcoming and Inclusive Community," "Waking up to Privilege" and "Leadership Matters: Being Agents of Change.""Changing individuals doesn't change institutions; we want to change policy and procedures," Kendall said.

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Kendall started the second seminar by reading to the audience a series of statements, asking them to stand up after each statement that applied to them. The statements referred to ancestry, race and gender. A sample question was: "Did your ancestors benefit from the G.I. Bill?"

"When I see how often I was standing up compared to other people, I realized how much I had," sophomore Rachel Dunn said.

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It's time for online

8 a.m., first official day of class. Do you remember where you were? For some, you might have been in class, and for others, you might have been struggling to catch those last minutes of much-needed early-morning sleep. As for myself, I was standing in line at the Stadium along with hundreds of other students waiting to receive tickets for an undesirably exciting football season.

Some were disgruntled and a little perky, but we were glad we had one seat. There were a handful of cheerful enthusiasts, but they were in the minority. In fact, I blame their giddiness on the donuts and orange juice. While the refreshments were a nice consolation, the wait was a little less than tasty. The lingering debate on football ticket distribution is here yet again, but this time, there's a feasible plan to back up the complaints. Implementing an electronic ticket distribution system as an option would be a much better alternative even in waiting in line to pay and show an ID.

I know there's the age-old tradition of waiting in line with all of your buddies in anticipation of receiving some of the most prized and coveted college football season tickets in the country, but it would be a lot more efficient if this were made optional. OK, here's the plan: We keep the lottery system—it's fair and everyone gets her own unique, allocated number.

Note Dame sets up an electronic ticket system, along the lines of IrishLink, and at your appointed time, based on your ID and lottery number, you go online and get your tickets. At enrollment, students can check their ID, turn in their ticket application with their social security number, and receive a number. Before the drawing, the system would have already recorded both the unique lottery number and the matching social security number for each student to ensure authentication. At your appointed time, type in your social, your lottery number, and show an ID. It's fair and everyone gets her own unique, allocated number.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- Movie, "Bread and Roses." 7 p.m. at Hesburgh Library Auditorium. Free admission.
- Lecture, "Venezuelan Economic Growth 1830-1906." Tues., Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m. at Hesburgh Library for International Studies C-103.
- Recital Forum, noon, Little Theatre.
- Fall Meeting 9 p.m., ICG2304 SCA Board Room.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- Fall Picnic, noon, Little Theatre.
- Fall Meeting 9 p.m., ICG2304 SCA Board Room.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Alcohol violations at SDH
N DSP issued two University citations outside South Dining Hall early Thursday morning for minor consumption of alcohol. The cases are being referred for administrative review.

Student loses football tickets
N Student reported losing her football tickets at an unknown campus location.

Tree falls on car on Juniper
N Student responded to a report of a tree branch falling on a vehicle while on Juniper Road.

Magazine solicitation halted
N DSP apprehended an individual in Siotain selling magazine subscriptions. The person was identified, cited, and released.

Bookstore chief apprehended
N A 43-year-old male was arrested by DSP at the Hamms Notre Dame Bookstore for criminal conversion. The case is being investigated further.

Sports

Seat belt violations issued
N DSP issued two state citations for seat belt violations on Edison Road.

Visitor injured at St. Joseph
N A visitor was transported by ambulance to Memorial Hospital for treatment of a sports injury.

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today Lunch: Meatless baked ziti, Tri-Celor rotini, meatball Stogato soup, supreme pizza, pasta primavera, spinach, chicken & dumplings, baked haddock jardiniere, mashed red skin garlic potatoes, Teriyaki London broil, scrambled eggs, rolled cheese omelet, sausage patties, eggs benedict with ham, seasoned potato cubes, onion rings.

Today Dinner: Cream of broccoli soup, minestrone soup, french bread pizza, penne with gorgonzola, southern fried chicken, hot dog, chicken taco, taco meat, Spanish rice, baked potato, broccoli, carrots, green beans, roasted vegetables, baked sweet potato, vegetable casserole, cheeseburger, hot dog, chicken, patty, grilled cheese on white, homes burger, pretzel, pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, latos tots, chicken noodle, Italian oriental court, vegetables eggrolls, oriental vegetables, sweet and sour chicken tenders, chicken taco, taco meat. Spanish rice, SDH Mexican bar, jalapeno peppers, broccoli quessadilla.

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Media exhibition opens at Moreau Galleries

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

The Moreau Galleries opens its 2002-2003 season with a thought-provoking exhibit by artist Greg Pond, assistant professor of art at the University of the South.

"Beyond the Hedge" is a multimedia exhibit that merges nature with modern devices, such as DVD players, the hull of a car, and compact disc players.

"I am interested in American mythology and the related concepts of westward expansion, regeneration through violence, and cultural attitudes towards landscape," Pond said in his artist statement. "It is the landscape that largely influences our collective mythology, creates its narrative and heroes such as John Wayne and Daniel Boone."

His piece "Crickets" is composed of an aluminum basket filled with grass and dirt connected to electronic sound boards that produce the sounds of crickets. "Fox skinning" is among his more disturbing pieces, wherein a bowl of fox skins surrounds a small DVD player displaying the actual process of a fox skinning. The exhibit contrasts the image of the brutal nature of a fox being skinned against the gentleness of the soft skins placed in the bowl.

"The wilderness is seen as the place of the terrible unconsciousness and must necessarily be replaced by systems of order," Pond said. "Through compressing history and cultures, altering the pace of time and distorting the physical scale, I seek to portray a psychological rather than social or material realism."

This first display of the season will remain in the Moreau Galleries through Sept. 26, and the gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Irish fans pack Meadowlands

By HELENA PAYNE
New Editor

Hundreds of students packed the stadium on Thursday and Friday into vehicles en route to the East Coast to support the Notre Dame football team. Upon their return, students said the road trip raised school spirit.

"I think the morale among students is going to be a lot higher regarding the football program," said junior Ryan Crochet, who attended Saturday’s game against Maryland in Giants Stadium. "I think everyone's pretty excited for the upcoming season because I think [head coach Tyrone Willingham] is such a great coach and the team looks really good," said Anthony

Willingham] is such a great coach, so we're all pretty excited," said senior Mike Smith.

Nevertheless, students said the victory has given them a renewed school spirit. Newsrooms, who did not attend this past weekend's game but watched it on television, said they learned from Nebraska fans the power of packing of stadium. The infamous game in the fall of 2000 made Notre Dame's stadium look like the Red Sea as thousands of Nebraska fans invaded opposing stadiums.

"You've got to support them through thick and thin," Newsrooms said.

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Some students, such as junior Chris Hayes, are hoping for a bowl game appearance from the Irish after the outcome of Saturdays’ game. "I was optimistic before the game, with a new coach and a fresh start, and I'm even more excited now," she said.

But students also recognized that they couldn't get their hopes up too high, too early, especially with a tough schedule that includes Michigan, Michigan State and Florida State.

"We can't get too hyped after the first game," said Bryant. "We have to keep our hopes up high, but don't expect a championship this year" Salib added, "There is certainty real reason to be optimistic, but it's easy for fans to get ahead of themselves. The team is showing promise, but there are things we need to work on."

Regardless, the Irish victory restored fans' faith in Notre Dame football and gave them hope for the rest of the season.

"I think we have more confidence now, win or lose," said sophomore Dennis O'Sullivan. "We're all behind Willingham, and we believe in him."

Salib said Saturday set a positive tone for what he hopes will be a memorable final football season at Notre Dame.

"I can't imagine how crazy the Stadium will be, with spirit from both the fans and players. I'm looking forward to that."

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Travel

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through Anthony Travel.

Anthony reports that there has been a 10 percent drop in Point A to Point B travel but these gaps have been filled with new clients. They are currently in discussion with two other universities.

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Seminar

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ence members realize the number of privileges they had been afforded because of their race and acknowledge that race does matter.

"For those of us who are white, one of our privileges is that we see ourselves as individuals, just people, part of the human race," Kendall said. "We play our race card everyday."

In the final seminar, Kendall left students with a list of ways that change could be achieved in the policy and procedure of institutions.

"The last speech got me thinking. I want change and this speech made me feel more confident that it was possible," junior Yvonne Benson said.

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High waters spread into central parts of Europe

Rain turned the Szczecznica and Lesko and Pelnica rivers into a roaring torrent, causing flooding near the city of Walbrzych, 260 miles south-west of Warsaw, and nearby Swidnica.

"The situation is very difficult and bad," said Dariusz Budkiewicz, deputy head of the fire department in nearby Swidnica. "Our teams are pumping water from flooded farms and evacuating people."

Many people in the area fled their farms as the water levels rose Sunday, flooding roads and rail tracks. Firefighters strengthened dikes around a lake which threatened to overflow and flood the city of Dobra.

With a hot, dry weather expected over much of Europe in the coming days, leaders are focusing on how to repair damage estimated at over $19.6 billion, with most of the burden falling on Germany.

European Union foreign ministers meeting Saturday in Helsinki, Denmark, approved a European disaster fund of $491 million. EU applicants Czech Republic and Slovakia are affected by the flooding, and the German government has begun releasing funds from a hastily assembled package worth about $9.8 billion to help residents and businesses get back on their feet. The German Chamber of Industry and Commerce estimated Saturday that 2.5 million businesses were destroyed and as many as 18,000 more were damaged by the floodwaters.

Health officials suspect West Nile virus in Ontario

Toronto health officials said Friday they believe three people sick in the province have the West Nile virus, which could be Canada's first human cases of the mosquito-borne illness that has killed 24 people in the United States this year.

Colin D’Cunha, the Ontario chief medical officer, said final confirmation would take another two weeks.

Ontario is Canada's most populous province, and is across the border from U.S. states where the virus has been reported.

If the three have the virus, it would document the continuing spread of West Nile throughout North America.

Several U.S. states — including North Dakota, Iowa, Arkansas and South Carolina — have reported their first cases this week of a virus that can cause fever, body aches, brain swelling, coma, paralysis or death.

Canadian officials have warned in recent years that the virus, which has been detected in birds and animals in Canada, eventually would spread to the human population. It is transmitted to humans by mosquito bites.

Dr. David McKeown, the medical health officer for the Peel region west of Toronto, said two of the probable cases involved people over 65 from the Mississauga area.

One remains hospitalized in serious condition and another was hospitalized and then released to recover at home, McKeown said.

There was little information immediately available about the third case, but D’Cunha said authorities believe the person became sick in the United States.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 24 people have died across the country so far this year from the virus, with almost 500 cases reported in more than 20 states.

The virus is most dangerous for children, the elderly and people with weak immune systems. It can cause flu-like symptoms and encephalitis, a potentially fatal brain infection. Many people bitten by an infected bug never get sick.

West Nile is common in Africa and the Middle East. The disease was first detected in the United States in 1999, when seven people died from it in New York.

California wildfire forces evacuation: National News Briefs

A wildfire spread rapidly across 10,000 acres of national forest Sunday, sending thousands of holiday campers fleeing. The fire was burning in the Angeles National Forest about 30 miles east of Los Angeles.

About 8,000 campers were told to evacuate campgrounds. "This was a holiday weekend and the canyon was full of people," state Department of Forestry dispatcher James Arthur said.

About 11,420 acres of brush were aflame across California. In El Dorado County east of Sacramento, a fire destroyed one house and threatened about 100 others. It had consumed 770 acres Sunday and was 30 percent contained.

House explosion kills one, injures 17: National News Briefs

A house in Snow Hill, Md. exploded as firefighters and utility workers investigated a gas leak Sunday, killing one worker and injuring 17 people. Thirteen of those injured were firefighters and paramedics.

Three other homes reported gas leaks, and about 20 nearby homes were evacuated and the gas supply was turned off, police Chief Michael McDermott said. "It's a very dangerous situation," he said.

"We're taking every precaution. Emergency workers were plugging in fans to blow the gas odor out of the one-story home when a spark ignited fumes, he said.

DEA reveals terrorist link to drug trade: National News Briefs

Federal authorities have amassed evidence for the first time that an illegal drug operation in the United States was funneling proceeds to Middle East terrorist groups like Hezbollah. Evidence gathered by the Drug Enforcement Administration since a series of raids in January indicates that a methamphetamine drug operation in the Midwest involving men of Middle Eastern descent has been shipping money back to terrorist groups, officials said.
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**IN BRIEF**

United deliberates over new CEO

United Airlines’ board of directors has called a special meeting for today amid reports it is poised to select an oil company executive as its new chairman and chief executive officer.

Green Tilton, the 54-year-old vice chairman of ChevronTexaco Corp. and acting chairman of struggling Dynegy Inc., has emerged as the front-runner to replace interim CEO Jack Creighton, according to several reports. He could be named to the job today.

But both the company and union sources said Sunday that no final decision has been made.

**Government to inspect 1,400 jets**

A day after the government called for 1,400 Boeing jets to be inspected for possibly faulty fuel pumps, major U.S. carriers said Saturday they had few planes in which the pumps have been installed.

The directive from the Federal Aviation Administration said the pumps could cause an explosion because wires were placed too close to a rotor and could chafe.

American Airlines, the nation’s No. 1 carrier, said Saturday it was replacing pumps on three aircraft. United and Delta, the nation’s second- and third-largest airlines, said none of their planes was affected by the FAA order.

**Wal-Mart suit becomes class-action**

A federal judge has granted class-action status to a lawsuit that claims Wal-Mart’s denial of health insurance coverage for birth control is unfair to female employees.

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**SOUTH AFRICA**

**Summit embraces business**

**World leaders try to reconcile corporate values with concerns about environment**

**Associated Press**

JOHANNESBURG

Business can overcome its “evil empire” image by focusing on more than just short-term profits, government and corporate leaders said Sunday at the World Summit. “Both business and society stand to benefit from working together,” U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said at a daylong series of Business Day events.

Attitudes have changed since the first Earth Summit 10 years ago, when big business was viewed as part of the problem, Annan said.

“We didn’t understand how the private sector could be part of the solution,” he said. Today there is a better understanding that “lasting and effective answers” can only be found in conjunction with business.

“The corporate sector has the finance, the technology and the management to make things happen” without waiting for slow-moving governments to act, he said.

Speaking earlier, Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien sounded a similar note.

“We must move beyond the stale cliche that business does not care about the environment,” he said.

Yet not everyone is holding up the prominent role allotted to business at the current World Summit, conceded the gathering’s secretary-general, Nitis Desai.

Environmental groups and consumer groups especially view big business with a “continuing sense of suspicion,” he said.

With the summit’s action plan geared toward encouraging public-private partnerships to alleviate poverty while protecting the environment, activists have been pushing delegations to include rules to hold corporations accountable for their performance on social, environmental and economic issues.

Business leaders have argued against binding global standards in favor of their own voluntary rules, drafted in concert with the United Nations.

About 140 companies — including the likes of AT&T, Ford, Nike and McDonald’s — have incorporated the Global Reporting Initiative rules into their results, according to its backers.

Many speakers argued that peer pressure was the best way to affect change in the business world.

One program highlighted Sunday was the Global Mining Initiative started by 10 major mining companies to address social concerns.

“Having moved out of a competitive position with each other on those issues, the industry as a whole can take some quantum leaps,” said Achim Steiner, director-general of the World Conservation Union.

Robert Wilson, chairman of the British-Australian mining conglomerate Rio Tinto PLC, said there was a strong business case in favor of the step, including stability, risk management and employee motivation.

“In the long term it’s going to make us stronger and better understood,” he said.

Tokyo Sexwale of the Business Coordinating Forum of South Africa said business had to work to “dispel the evil empire image.”

**Arthur Andersen revokes permits**

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CHICAGO

After 89 years in business, Arthur Andersen LLP on Saturday ended its role as auditor of public companies.

The Chicago-based company was convicted in June of obstruction of justice for shredding and doctoring documents related to Enron audits. Afterward, Andersen told the Securities and Exchange Commission it would cease auditing public companies. It already had given up its license to practice in seven states.

“As of this day, Arthur Andersen LLP has voluntarily relinquished, or consented to revocation of, its firm permits in all states where it was licensed to practice public accounting with state regulators,” the company said Saturday in a statement.

The company now has fewer than 3,000 of the roughly 28,000 employees it had before the Enron scandal.

Of its more than 1,200 public-company audit clients, none will remain.

The firm’s startling decline has come in less than nine months.

“It’s like a family member who has terminal cancer,” said Gary Brenntlinger, human resources director for Andersen’s offices in Houston, Austin, San Antonio and New Orleans. “We’re watching the firm die.”

As people have left and files have gone into storage, Brenntlinger said Andersen staff members have removed papers from offices in a downtown Houston skyscraper and turned off the lights, leaving only furniture and artwork. Office supplies were donated to charities.

Andersen has had to disconnect its e-mail system, overhaul its conference-calling operations to take into account offices that closed and sell computers and other hardware.

The once-mighty accounting firm is expected to be sentenced Oct. 17.
Air marshal defends gun brandishing

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA Federal officials defended the response of an air marshal who trained his gun on a passenger-filled jet cabin for 30 minutes after detaining a man, prompting protests by a judge who was on the flight.

Two armed marshals detained the man on Delta Flight 442, which was flying from Atlanta to Philadelphia with 183 people on board, because he allegedly was rummaging through other people's luggage.

One marshal then held his gun on the coach cabin passengers because some of them ignored orders to remain seated with their seat belts on, a spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration said Sunday.

"If people would have stayed in their seats and heeded those warnings, that would not have happened," said TSA spokesman Robert Johnson in Washington. "It's our opinion that it was done by the book.

He said the TSA, which oversees federal air marshals, was still reviewing the marshals' response on the Saturday flight. The man whom the marshals detained was released and the U.S. Attorney's office decided not to press charges, said FBI spokesman Jerri Williams.

Johnson said that despite the passengers' complaints, he thought the marshals did what they needed to do to make sure that the plane could land safely.

"It's a highly charged situation," Johnson said. "It's [about] keeping the plane secure.

Philadelphia Common Pleas Judge James A. Lineberger, who was sitting diagonally across from the detained man, said he thought the marshals overreacted by holding their semiautomatic weapons on passengers for so long.

Lineberger also said he hadn't noticed any disturbance before the marshals suddenly took the man up to first class and restrained him.

Several minutes later, the judge said, the marshals returned to the coach cabin and pulled out their guns.

"I assumed at that moment that there was going to be some sort of gun battle," he said. "I'm looking right down the barrel of the gun as though it was pointed at me.

Lineberger said he plans to file a complaint with the TSA on Tuesday.

He said about 30 other passengers also plan to Complaint.

David and Susan Johnson of Mobile, Ala., said they hadn't been aware of any disturbance when the sky marshals took the man first to the back of the plane and then to the first-class section.

"It never made sense," said Susan Johnson, 51, a social worker. "This guy was not any physical threat that we could see. Maybe he had some things to them that made them concerned. He just appeared to us unstable, emotionally.

One passenger, however, said he thought the air marshals handled the situation in a calm and professional manner.

"These guys looked pretty well like they had things under control," said Robert Venditti-Kramer, 28, who was in first class. He said the marshals only pointed their guns straight down the aisle to the passengers.

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West Nile may spread via transplants

Associated Press

Atlanta, Ga., said they hadn't been aware of the possibility that people could get this through blood or organ transplants, said Tom Skinner, a spokesman with Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "It's highly unusual but it's certainly possible.

Officials with the Food and Drug Administration said they issued an alert to blood banks two weeks ago to exercise extra caution when screening donors, said Dr. Jesse Goodman with the FDA.

"We have been very active and tried to anticipate the possibility of something like this," Goodman said.

Four people, who were not identified, might have been infected with West Nile virus after receiving the kidneys, heart and liver of a woman who died in Georgia in early August after a car accident, the CDC said.

Three of the four patients developed symptoms of encephalitis, the inflammation of the brain and central nervous system, which is the most serious consequence of West Nile virus.

One of the four recipients, who was in Atlanta, has died, said Dr. James Hughes, director of the CDC's National Center for Infectious Disease.

Standard pathology tests from an autopsy confirmed the recipient had encephalitis. Tests are ongoing to see if the recipient was infected with West Nile, which causes encephalitis.

Another recipient from Jacksonville, Fla., showed symptoms of encephalitis Sunday, said Dr. John Agwuobu, the Florida Secretary of Health.

The heart recipient, a 63-year-old man hospitalized in Miami, was diagnosed with West Nile last week. He was upgraded from critical to serious condition Sunday, said Evelyn Lichterman, an administrator at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Officials were sure the man didn't contract the disease the disease from a mosquito in Miami-Dade County, said Mary Jo Trepka, epidemiology director with the county health department.

Officials say it is unknown whether the Georgia organ donor was already infected or got West Nile through blood transfusions in the emergency room. The CDC is backtracking to trace donors who contributed the transfused blood, the blood products made from those donations and any other patients who may have received blood or blood products from those donations, Hughes said.

Samples from the four transplant recipients were sent to the CDC's lab in Fort Collins, Colo., Hughes said. Tests results are expected within the week.

There is no test yet that can quickly or accurately identify the presence of the West Nile virus. Patients are diagnosed on the basis of their immune response to the virus.

However, researchers at the CDC are trying to find a way that will cut down the time from when infection occurs and when a response to the virus can be measured, the CDC said. Presently, it takes about 15 days between the time infection occurs and when the response can be measured.

Officials say they remain optimistic that the chances West Nile can spread through blood is low because there have been no confirmed cases to date.

There are also no known cases either of person-to-person transmission of other diseases in the same family as West Nile called the arboviral encephalitides. St. Louis encephalitis, La Crosse encephalitis and Eastern and Western equine encephalitis.

While there has been no confirmation that West Nile was passed by blood donation, there are cases on the record in which mosquito-borne diseases have been passed by blood transfusion or transplant.

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Iraqi minister seeks support against U.S.

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SAN'A

Iraq's culture minister arrived in Yemen Sunday as part of Baghdad's diplomatic campaign to strengthen opposition to U.S. threats of an attack.

State-run Yemeni radio quoted Hammed Youssef Hammadi as saying that he wants to discuss "the political situation in the area and in particular American threats against Iraq."

The radio said Hammadi would meet on Monday with President Ali Abdullah Saleh and other Yemeni officials.

Washington has said it wants a regime change in Baghdad, accusing Saddam of producing weapons of mass destruction.

President Bush has warned President Saddam Hussein of unspecified consequences if he does not permit the return of U.N. weapons inspectors to verify that Iraq has dismantled its chemical and biological weapons and the missiles that can carry them. The inspectors left in December 1998.

Saddam has dispatched senior officials to international and regional capitals to try to garner opposition to an attack on Iraq.

Iraqi Vice President Tahia Yassin Ramadan visited Damascus and Beirut in recent days, while Foreign Minister Naji Sabri left for Moscow on Sunday a day after returning to Baghdad from a mission to Beijing.

"There's still room for diplomatic solutions to avert a war with the United States," Ramadan said in Damascus.

Ramadan told reporters later in Baghdad that Iraq would broaden its diplomatic offensive to include European capitals, in particular Berlin and Paris.

"There is a growing and tangible European opposition to the American policy of aggression," Ramadan told reporters.

French President Jacques Chirac has called the idea of unilateral U.S. action against Iraq "worrying." German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said Washington's stepping up calls for military action to oust Saddam is a mistake that undermines U.N. efforts to resume weapons inspections in Iraq.

On Sunday, the British Broadcasting Corp. released a tape of an interview in which U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said, "The president has been clear that he believes weapons inspectors should return."

Iraq claims it has complied with U.N. resolutions imposed following its 1990 invasion of Kuwait that sparked the 1991 Gulf War - but has said it wants to continue a dialogue on the inspectors' return, conditions of which U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan has rejected.

Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz told CNN's "Late Edition" on Sunday that the idea of the U.N. inspectors' return is "a nonstarter because it's not going to bring about a conclusion."

Sabri, Iraq's foreign minister, is expected in Cairo for talks with Arab counterparts at Wednesday's opening of their biannual Arab League meeting in the Egyptian capital.

The Iraqi issue is expected to top the Arab League meeting agenda with a draft resolution already being prepared to crystallize a pan-Arab position on the U.S.-Iraqi standoff.

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The Spanish conquest of Central and South America generated a crisis of conscience in Spanish universities and in Spain at large. People wanted to know: was the conquest justified, and if not, seeing that it could not be undone, what were the invaders to do? In this prolonged and often bitter debate, Bartolomé de las Casas (1474-1566), Dominican friar and bishop of Chiapas in Mexico, formulated what still are among the most moving and intellectually incisive arguments for the equality of all human beings. He also wrote one of the earliest comparative histories of civilization. The task of the course is to understand the thought of Las Casas and his followers in its sixteenth century context, and then to enquire into the connections between the ideas of Las Casas and contemporary theologians of liberation, in particular Gustavo Gutierrez.

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All last week I was geared up to write my first column of the year about the impending baseball strike. So and behold, however, hell apparently froze over and the owners and players settled, averting a disastrous work stoppage and, temporarily at least, moving the metaphorical knife away from their own throats.

But in many ways, the damage had already been done. Two days after last year's incredible World Series, where the Arizona Diamondbacks triumphed over the New York Yankees in seven thrilling games, baseball commissioner Bud Selig announced two of the 30 major-league teams would be contracted. This served as the first firing shot in what would become a 16-month Cold War between the owners and the players' union, a black cloud that hovered over every aspect of the game.

Great baseball moments like Barry Bonds' 600th home run, the fantastic seasons of pitchers Curt Schilling and Derek Lowe and the former contract candidate Minnesota Twins' domination of the American League Central Division were overshadowed by the players' union announcement on Aug. 30. The fact that the Hallfield-McCoyish feud was eventually ended and that a bargain was struck was almost anticlimactic.

The very idea that players were willing to strike again and risk another cancellation of the World Series, and even worse, the lack of the national pastime on the one-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on America, was so offensive and repugnant to many fans that they simply withdrew even further from the sport they loved. The cries of, "please don't strike" were matched or even exceeded by the angry, "go ahead, strike, the hell with you all."

What exactly were the players fighting for? What could have been so massively, monumentally important that the players would rather not play at all than surrender to and accept? A salary cap. So, in essence, the players would rather walk out than tell Alex Rodriguez that he can "only" make $15 or $18 million, and not $25 million.

Forget that even if players are limited in the revenues they can draw from baseball, they can still pursue multimillion-dollar endorsements, like Derek Jeter for Gatorade, Ken Griffith, Jr. and Sammy Sosa for Pepsi or Mr. Rodriguez for Radiio Shack. Out of all the things the players' union could be fighting for, they chose to stake their claim on the narrow self-interest of its wealthiest members.

Look, I'm all for the free market and for players getting paid what they're worth. But it's become clear that the skyrocketing player salaries are a detriment to the game, making it so that many teams cannot compete with the big-market clubs. Asking superstars to sacrifice some of their riches and scrape by on a few million dollars less annually in order to revive the game is not only something from which they've become so wealthy shouldn't be such a bitter pill to swallow.

I need to stop here for a moment, because anytime anyone makes the argument that money rules baseball, and that small-market clubs have no chance of competing in the modern baseball era, disagreements invariably rise pointing that out. Since the Minnesota Twins, a small-market team, rule their division, and rich teams like the New York Mets and Cleveland Indians are sucking eggs, it "proves" that money isn't all-important. But any system is bound to have some aberrations. The simple fact is that money isn't all-important but if they don't point it in the right direction, it can still strike out.

Mike Marchand

America's national pastime
saved, for the moment

Mike Marchand, class of 2001, works hard for the money, so you bet he's going to take his baseball seriously, and he never says that he cares that the Yankees in the playoffs. And they won't have the finances to hold on to their budding superstars when they become free-agents in a few years. It's revenue inequity that is the core problem.

So baseball finally wired up a bit and slammed on the brakes before driving the national pastime off the cliff. But it remains to be seen whether or not the agreements they've come to will actually do any good, or be like, say, Notre Dame's new alcohol policy - a wonderful idea in theory, but simply ineffective or detrimental in practice. There's more revenue sharing, but no team salary maximums and minimums, and no individual salary cap. The situation may not change, and may even get worse.

Baseball's hardest task now, more difficult than any intense labor negotiations or serious number-crunching, will be to invite fans back who, although they may love the game, have been alienated and angered by its recent legacy of multimillion-dollar pissing contests.

The fact that there won't be another strike for the foreseeable future is good, but is only a first step. Not only is the financial health of the deal did Bud Selig ever mention the fans? And Friday saw empty seats in Wrigley Field for the Cubs-Cards game, and tickets being given away at Fenway Park for the Red Sox-Yankees contest. Both of those games are usually automatic sellouts.

The whole purpose of the sport is for the fans' entertainment. Baseball may have stopped its ship from capsizing, but if they don't point it in the right direction, it can still strike out.
Enjoying sneakers and malls

A lot has happened since the last time I wrote a column. Four more months in Africa definitely provided plenty of excitement. Much of my work involves working with girls throughout the school year, so when the school year ended I devised a work that would take me to other parts of Mauritania. Peace Corps is a two-year commitment and I have passed the half-way point. Thirty-five new volunteers arrived in the country and 22 old volunteers left so now I am one of the people who is supposed to know that is going on in the country. And strangely, among all of this, I realized that I have forgotten how strange and beautiful living in Africa is. It is now simply my life. But by far the most exciting event of the semester is that I am currently sitting at my parents’ house in the United States. I have been here for two weeks and relished every second of it. After living in an African village for 14 months I expected to have major culture shock upon my return. I had heard stories about people coming back and being horrified by the mass consumption, wealth and waste of America and Western cultures. On my layover in Paris, I wandered through the airport looking at the stores and also coming to terms with seeing so many white people. On the plane ride to Washington, D.C., I watched three Hollywood movies. This helped me catch up on American culture and reacquaint my ears to English. The in-flight music program provided a glimpse into the pop culture I had been missing. And the technology of the video games amazed me. After the discoveries on the planes, I marched with the other passengers towards the baggage claim area and customs. I appreciated the efficiency, friendliness and orderly aspect of it all. In the luxury of the airport I called my parents, went to McDonald’s, bought some magazines, ate ice cream and finally made my way to my old neighborhood. If what was going on around me. Every store had bargain prices so I did not need to worry about bargaining. Everything felt so normal and seemed too easy. Within minutes the months in Africa seemed like a far off dream or nightmare depending on the day. An unknown weight lifted off my shoulders.

This ease of life continued for the entire trip. There were times when my life in Africa would resurface at unexpected times. The first day I wore tennis shoes and went to the mall. For some reason I felt clumsy and was very confused as to why. After about an hour of this I laughed and realized I had not walked in anything but sandals and sand for the past year so my body was not used to the cement expanses of the mall. These reminders appeared throughout the week and provided much amusement for my friends and family. Now it is two weeks later and my plane leaves in five hours. It will be good to go back to Africa after a few days in Washington and Paris. I do miss the people and many of will provide much more excitement. In spite of all these, these last two weeks have made me realize that I live in Africa, but America is my home.

Maite Uranga
Life in Africa

Show enthusiasm by wearing ties

As the Maryland game ended and I ran screaming through the halls of Dillon proclaiming my love for interceptions, special teams play and anything “West Coast,” my mind turned to our leaderless fear, Tyrone Willingham. As I contemplated how my fingers would have to contorted to make a “T” for Ty or a “W” for Willingham during the 1812 Overture, I knew there must be an easier way to support our coach. Then, it hit me. What better way to emulate the style, cool demeanor and general savoir faire our coach displays on the sidelines than wearing a tie? I would like to propose a “wear your tie, to support our Ty” campaign. When you are getting ready to don “The Shirt” next Saturday morning, why not throw on a tie?

Think of the possible benefits:
1. You are supporting a great coach who surrounded himself with an amazing coaching staff and an even better team
2. Nothing is quite as intimidating as eight to ten thousand ties being whipped through the air as Purdue faces a third and long.
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5. You can practice tying a tie because you will go to more home games than job interviews the rest of the year.

So here’s to a great season with Ty at the helm. When you look to the stands I’ll be the windor knot in section 30 row 58.

Eric Bilinski
Dillon Hall
Sept. 1

Letter to the Editor

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People never see or hear about the good that occurs in the community, only the bad. Individuals need to recognize that South Bend has a lot to offer if they take the chance and see it.

It takes a process of self-discovery and exploration. This will not occur without the initial stepping out of one’s own comfort zone and attempting to understand a culture and community unlike their own. I sympathize with the individuals who were robbed but understand that criminal activity can occur at any moment or time.

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To first-year students and the community, do not believe everything you hear or read as the truth, discover it for yourselves.

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ND must consider Harvard policies

As has been widely reported, Harvard University has recently modified its Student disciplinary procedures. As a result of the changes, Harvard will launch full hearings in cases in which sexual misconduct is alleged only if there is at least some corroborating evidence upon which to ground the charge and investigation. The reason for this requirement strikes many observers as obvious. In the absence of any corroborating evidence (for example, a confession, some physical evidence, a third party witness to relevant activity) those hearing and ruling upon the accusation would have to be able to “just see” who is telling the truth in order to reach a proper decision.

Most people agree that in some situations it is possible to “just see” who is telling the truth and who is not with a nontrivial degree of reliability even in the absence of corroborating evidence. The ability to do this with the high degree of certainty that criminal activity requires is a two-way street which to ground the charge.

The small change at Harvard does not make Harvard’s new disciplinary procedures a good model for Notre Dame or any other university. I have Harvey Silverglate and Josh Grawitz’s essay in the Aug. 16 Chronicle of Higher Education for a discussion of difficulties that remain at Harvard. But on this particular matter, Harvard has made a significant improvement. It’s too bad Notre Dame will not do the same.

Fritz Warfield
associate professor of philosophy
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Feeding the ‘American Idol’ addiction

Kate Nagengast
Scene Columnist

It’s hard to be choosy about what to watch on TV without cable. Around 8 p.m. on any given weekday you can count on CBS for its third hour of “Everybody Loves Raymond,” a show that forced me to endure an extreme reality show or a stress-inducing drama involving police, firefighters and/or lawyers and ABC usually comes through with an overly dramatic news show featuring a thrilling investigative report on topics like how to escape from man-eating fish that walk on land in Thailand.

And these are the Emmy Award winners.

By the time I found my roommate frighteningly close to passing out for a pity’s hope chest on “The Antique Road Show” and truly interested Jerry Falwell’s advice on child rearing, I realized we’d bit a new low. This is my excuse for being hooked on “American Idol.”

A “Star Search” fan from way back, Fox’s spring publicity plugs caught my attention. I had become acquainted with the British concept-pool-off while studying in London last fall. Though I had watched a few episodes, I had no idea if I had any inkling who won or what happened to his or her career.

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ing the other male competitors in lieu of Guarini.

Guarini ousted a host of male crooners, including the peasy "J" factor — A.J. Eli and RJ. His choice of soulful tunes "Ribbon in the Sky," "Let’s Stay Together," and "Don’t Let the Sun Go Down on Me" distinguished him from the other men and brought tears to female fans' eyes.

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"Glitz and glamour are rampant in America, but I want to bring on the fun and share it with an America that now, more than ever, needs joy to get us through our current trials."

Feeding the 'American Idol' addiction

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Though shalt worship

By JASON MARCERY
Scene Observer

Patience, pop music fans. Three months and hundreds of performances after "American Idol: The Search for a Superstar" began the hit Fox show will crown a winner on Wednesday. On Tuesday the final two contestants for a $1 million recording contract will compete in the season-ending singing showdown.

With its “Star Search” meets “Survivor” format and pitch-perfect mix of celebrity, comedy and tear-inducing critiques, “American Idol” captivated fans this summer, becoming the stuff of water-cooler conversations and feeding online rumor mills. Love it or hate it, it’s been a hit for much of the season. But were those water cooler chats really a choice? And is the show even a setting that reveals true stars?

This week should prove no different, as apparent fan favorites Kelly Clarkson and Justin Guarini go head-to-head for the last time Tuesday at 8 p.m. and then learn their fates Wednesday at 7 p.m. on local channel 28.

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The format for the final two episodes is a closely guarded secret, but Clarkson and Guarini are expected to sing twice Tuesday night. Each contestant will sing an original single, and the winner's song will be released to stores Sept. 17.

With the success of the show this summer, the 10 original finalists were subject to a huge media blitz, a schedule chock full of newspaper interviews, magazine photo shoots and appearances at paparazzi-laden events such as the Teen Choice Awards and MTV's Video Music Awards. Plans for an "American Idol" book and home video are in the works. And a 30-date concert tour is planned in October and November, including an Oct. 16 show in Chicago and a Nov. 7 Indianapolis stop.

Both Clarkson and Guarini say the exposure hasn't changed them and that there's little they'd change about themselves to become the American Idol.

What wouldn't they change?

"My personality and outlook on life," Guarini said. "I just want to have fun doing what I love."

"I'm happy with myself. Of course, there are little things here and there that I wish were smaller and bigger, but I don't know one person who is perfectly happy with their physical appearance," Clarkson said.

While the contestants duke it out on stage, the show's other staples — the judges and hosts — will wage their own war of words. Comic banter among the off-stage talent is as much a part of "Idol" as '70s hits and orchestral accompaniment.

At the center of the non-stop wit is hard-hitting British judge Simon Cowell, a veteran of the music industry. Cowell is notorious for his tongue-lashing of performers.

"I don't know why Simon has to be so rude," said Guarini during an episode last month. "Maybe he wasn't held enough as a child."

Cowell retaliated in another episode: "Paula, you have a comedy writer. Sue him!"

In still another episode, Cowell nearly came to blows with Jackson, a former vice president at Columbia Records, over an assessment of a contestant. True to form, Cowell gave an unfavorable critique, while Jackson stood up for the performer.

"For a moment, I thought Randy was going to take me for a tumble," Cowell said later.

The Brit has gotten into verbal scuffles with hosts Brian Dunkleman and Ryan Seacrest too. Cowell and again complements Seacrest's see-through apparel, saying "Ryan, I like your blouse tonight."

And the hosts without fail throw in their own barbs when they introduce the judges to open each show.

When the show wraps on Wednesday, a new star will be crowned, but "American Idol" will seemingly leave its judges and hosts in good stead as well.

The show has harkened the comeback of Abdul, setting her up for future TV roles, careers seem certain to take off.

When the public's vote will decide the winner, co-host Seacrest said the "x-factor" will determine America's next music star.

"Sure it takes dedication, confidence and passion, but it takes something else," Seacrest, host of a top-ranked Los Angeles radio show and the rumored girlfriend of Abdul, said. "We've heard our sometimes abrasive friend Simon call it the x-factor. Remember the first time you had a crush on someone, you could describe some of the traits you were attracted to, but there was also probably something else. That thing. That thing makes someone stand out."

This week, that unknown quality will give the country its first American Idol. Stay tuned.

Contact Jason McFarley at mcfarley.10@nd.edu

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**False idols**

The contestants viewers voted off

- **Nikki McKibbin, 23**
  Grand Prairie, Texas

- **Tammyra Gray, 23**
  Takoma Park, Md.

- **Christina Christian, 21**
  Brooklyn, N.Y.

- **Ryan Starr, 19**
  Sunland, Calif.

- **A.J. Gil, 17**
  San Diego, Calif.

- **Ejay Day**
  Lawrenceville, Ga.

- **Jim Verraros**
  Chicago, Ill.
COLEGE FOOTBALL

Brabbs misses 2 but makes game-winner

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Phillip Brabbs was unknown to guy to man of the hour for Michigan. Brabbs kicked a 44-yard field goal — the first of his career — and the Wolverines went on to beat Washington Saturday.

Brabbs missed a 29-yarder with 1:37 left, but Michigan coordinator Don Brown knew going into the game that this CU team wasn't unbeatable," Van Pelt said.

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Colorado State was able to start the game out by scoring a touchdown. Navarre spiked the ball to stop the clock at 5 seconds, allowing the field-goal team to get on the field.

With a first down at the 23, John Branch broke off 36 yards to set up Nathan Smith's 1-yarder with 1:24 left.

Brabbs missed for the first half from 36 and 42 yards, and he was replaced by Troy Nienberg, who missed a 27-yard field goal.

Michigan's Chris Perry ran for 120 yards and three touchdowns.

Navarre was 22-of-38 for 277 yards and 2 TDs.

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WNBA

Sparks win 2nd title on Teasley 3-pointer

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES
Clinging to a two-point lead in the final minute, Los Angeles' Latasha Byers turned the ball over on a three-second violation.
Then New York's Tan Phillips hit a 13-footer to tie the game, putting the Sparks' chance at retaining their WNBA title in jeopardy.

But rookie Nikki Teasley, dogged by 4-for-11 shooting, hit a 3-pointer for the go-ahead basket with 2.1 seconds remaining and the Sparks beat the Liberty 69-66 Saturday to successfully defend their championship.

"They'd been backing off me all night, obviously my shot wasn't falling, I was fortunate enough to knock the shot down," said Teasley, who played at North Carolina and was drafted by Portland, then traded to the Sparks in April.

"I've never hit a game-winning shot. I've won an AAU tournament when I was 10 years old, but nothing more big, nothing in college," Teasley said. "I didn't get to play in the state championships in high school, but you know what, I'm not disappointed because this is the one to get."

Only the Sparks and the Houston Comets, who claimed the first four WNBA titles, have won the championship in the league's six-year history.

Guarded by Teresa Weatherspoon, Teasley shot from 21 feet out, near the Sparks bench.

"I was kind of trying to pick my poison," said Weatherspoon, who was playing between Teasley and Sparks star Lisa Leslie. "If I could do it all over again, I would do it differently. She made a good shot."

The Sparks join their Staples Center tenants, the Lakers, as professional basketball champions for another year. The Lakers won their third consecutive NBA title in June.

"Hey, if you're playing for an L.A. team, you're bound to get a championship," Sparks forward DeLisa Milton said. "There is something special about this city. It breeds championships."

Leslie scored 17 points, Mwadi Mabika added 12 and Teasley had 11 points and 11 assists as the Sparks rallied in the second half after squandering a 14-point lead.

"This organization had so much belief in me and so much confidence when other people didn't want to take me, everybody was questioning the trade," Teasley said. "It's a dream come true. As a player, you always dream about hitting the big shot to win the game."

Leslie was selected the most valuable player of the Finals for the second consecutive year, completing her second consecutive sweep of the All-Star and finals MVP awards.

"This championship was so much harder to win," Leslie said. "We had to find different ways to win. We've held our own, we've been strong and it's just an amazing feeling."

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U.S. starts slow, still routs China by 21

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS
For much of the first half, the sight on the scoreboard was shocking: The U.S. team was losing, and the score wasn't even close.

China nearly became the first team to hold a halftime lead against the United States since NBA players began competing internationally in 1992, but the U.S. team recovered from its poor start to win 84-65 Saturday night at the World Championships.

"I was not surprised, because when a strong team is playing a weak team they usually are very relaxed," China coach Wang Fei said.

"Relaxed might not be the correct word."

To hear U.S. coach George Karl describe it, his team was "startled" before it turned up its defensive intensity and held China to 13 points in the third quarter and 10 in the fourth.

China held a 25-16 lead after one quarter and remained ahead until the final 6.5 seconds of the second quarter.

The U.S. team took the lead for good with about four minutes left in the third quarter but didn't close out the lightly regarded Chinese until Jermaine O'Neal scored inside with about 45 seconds left for a 69-58 lead.

Teams from around the world have been encroaching over the past few years on the American dominance in the sport, and Saturday night's game was yet another example of how foreign teams have closed the gap.

Chinese teams had never come close to competing with the United States in the past decade. The U.S. team defeated China by 63 at the 1996 Olympics and by 55 at the 1994 World Championships.

Just two years ago at the Sydney Olympics, the Chinese team lost by 47 points.

That defeat was so lopsided that Chinese center Yao Ming said it "may not be in our generation or the next" before China can defeat the United States in a premiere level men's basketball tournament.

For a while Saturday night, it looked as though his prediction might be off by about 80 or so years.

Yao pumped his fist in glee after hitting a 3-point shot to give China a 10-4 lead early in the first quarter, and the crowd gasped in astonishment as the Americans fell further behind as the quarter progressed.

China used backdoor cuts and timely jumpers to open a 28-16 lead at the end of the first quarter.

"They made (five) 3s in the first quarter, and the 3 is a powerful weapon," Karl said.

"Because of that, we got startled a little bit, but it got us to play the type of intense pressure defense we needed to play," said Karl.

The U.S. chipped away at its deficit, and Michael Finley hit a 3-pointer with 18 seconds left in the half to cut China's lead to 42-41.

Finley then came up with a steal that led to his pair of go-ahead free throws with 6.5 seconds left before halftime as the U.S. team took a 43-42 lead -- its first of the game.

Since the 1992 Olympics, the United States is 56-0 in international competitions when using teams of NBA players.

"They have never trailed at halftime, but this was the second time in as many nights that they led by only a single point at the break."

On Friday night, the U.S. team was unable to shake Germany until the final quarter.

"We tried to come out with intensity it was our third game in three days," U.S. guard Andre Miller said. "They came out fast themselves and hit some big shots early. For us to give up 28 points in the first quarter, that's pretty bad."

"I think we can get better," Miller said. "We're going to get every team's best shot."

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HOUSTON

Houston's Hideko Nomo was the only mistake, and that wasn't enough for the Houston Astros to beat him.

Nomo won for the 11th time in his last 12 decisions, pitching the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 2-1 victory over the Astros.

"I'm delighted," said Nomo, who had been scheduled to start against the Chicago White Sox. "It was the only mistake he made all day. His split-finger was unhittable. All you could do was fight it off and hope you will get another pitch you can hit," said Geoff Blum, who homered off Nomo.

The Dodgers, who lead the NL wild-card race, have won 13 of their last 17 games.

Nomo (13-6) gave up two hits over seven innings, striking out eight. He has lost only once since May 12 — a span of 21 starts.

"We scored first, so that was good. Right after I gave up the home run, from that point on, it was my goal not to give up any runs after that," Nomo said.

Said Dodgers manager Jim Tracy: "I've run out of adjectives to describe the job Hideko Nomo has done for this club all season." The loss was Houston's fourth in 11 games.

Nomo's bid was ended by his two-run double on his way to winning his sixth straight decision as the Atlanta Braves beat the Chicago White Sox 9-4 Sunday for a three-game sweep.

Simultaneously, the Cardinals, who own the NL wild-card lead, lost again, falling to the Atlanta Braves 4-2.

"It was important to win this ballgame," said manager Bruce Kimm said. "Today is the only three games, you sort of wonder, are we ever going to win another game?"

The Cubs had to be thinking that after the seventh inning, too, when Eli Marrero homered off Masato Yoshii broke a 1-1 tie and the Cardinals had to play for 11 innings for their first three losses to the Atlanta Braves.

"It's not my fault," said Geoff Blum, who homered off Nomo. "I've run out of adjectives to describe the job Hideko Nomo has done for this club all season.

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**Eye on Irish opponents**

**Aug. 31**

**PURDUE 55, Indiana State 12**

**MICHIGAN ST 29, Washington 79**

**Midwestern 44, San Jose State 5**

**PITTSBURGH 27, Ohio 14**

**ALABAMA 21, Arkansas 13 (8-3)**

**FLORIDA STATE 40, Virginia 19**

**BOSTON COLLEGE 24, Connecticut 18**

**NAVY 20, SMU 19**

**Villanova 57, RUTGERS 19**

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**MLB**

**Arizona Diamondback third baseman Craig Counsell takes a swing in a game Aug 13. The Notre Dame alumus is considering whether to have season-ending neck surgery.**

**Counsell considers season-ending surgery**

Associated Press

PHOENIX

Craig Counsell, considered by many of his Diamondback teammates to have been Arizona's most valuable player, will decide soon whether to undergo season-ending neck surgery.

"At some point, there's going to be surgery," Counsell said Sunday. "When? We're trying to put that off, but I don't know if I can." Counsell has been on the 15-day disabled list since Aug. 9 with a pinched nerve in his neck. An MRI showed two bulging disks that will require surgery.

He will travel to Dallas to meet Wednesday with spine specialist Drew Dossent. The Diamondbacks want Counsell to decide by Friday whether to have the surgery now.

"I think I'll have a lot more information by Friday," Counsell said, "and that will make it easier to make a decision." Counsell has received three epidural injections and undergone strenuous exercising but still experiences numbness and tingling in his right hand.

"I can't play right now," he said. "It's got to get better. It's got to get a lot better. If it doesn't improve, there's no reason to wait."

Training Paul Lessard said that if Counsell continues to put off the surgery, there is a chance that the nerve being pinched will simply shut down, compounding the problem.

"Two types of surgery are possible. One involves drilling a hole to relieve pressure on the nerve. The other would fuse the disks together with a metal plate."

In either case, Lessard said, Counsell wouldn't be able to even begin strength-eninging exercises for four weeks and it would be two months at the earliest before he could begin play-ing baseball.

Counsell's scrappiness and ability to come through in the clutch have been sorely missed. He remains second in the National League in hitting with run-producers in scoring position at .364, behind only Edgardo Alfonzo of New York at .368.

Counsell was hitting .282 with 22 doubles and 51 RBI in his first season as an everyday player. He started at third base while Matt Williams recovered from a broken ankle, and also played second base and shortstop. Counsell committed only eight errors in 112 games. By comparison second baseman Junior Spivey and shortstop Tony Womack have 14 errors apiece.

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**IN BRIEF**

**University of Minnesota lineman murdered**

University of Minnesota football player Brandon Hall was shot to death early Sunday in Minneapolis, hours after playing in his first college game.

Hall, a 19-year-old redshirt freshman who was a reserve defensive lineman, died following a dispute between a group of teammates and three other men near a downtown bar, police said.

"To the best of my knowledge, Brandon Hall was an innocent vic-tim," Minnesota coach Glen Mason said.

The 6-foot-5, 270-pound Hall made one tackle in the Golden Gophers' 42-0 season-opening victory over Southwest Texas State on Saturday night at the Metrodome in Minneapolis.

It's the third tragedy to strike a Minnesota football team in just over a year. Last summer, Minnesota Vikings offensive tackle Korey Stringer died of heat stroke in training camp. And last week, the wife of Vikings offensive tackle Lewis Kelly died of pregnancy complications.

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**Marbury punished for DUI**

Phoenix Suns guard Stephon Marbury was suspended for one game by the NBA and will serve 10 days in jail after pleading no contest in Phoenix Friday to extreme driving under the influence.

Marbury, who entered the plea in Scottsdale Municipal Court, also agreed to pay a $1,000 fine and attend alcohol education classes. He was scheduled to start serving the required penalty Saturday, according to court records.

"Rather than extend this process and try to avoid my obligations, I fully intend to serve the required penalty levied by the court," Marbury said in a statement released by the Suns.

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**around the dial**

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

TCU at Cincinnati 3:30 p.m., ESPN

Auburn at USC 7 p.m., ABC

**MLB**

Brewers at Cubs 3:15 p.m., FoxSports

Dodgers at Diamondbacks 7 p.m., ESPN

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**TENNIS**

U.S. Open 6 p.m., USA

**BASKETBALL**

World Championships 8 p.m., TNT
Associated Press

NEW YORK

As usual, nothing fazied Serena Williams about court.

With a man who's tracked her around the globe for a year sitting in a jail cell less than 10 miles away, Williams waited out a long rain delay Sunday and then eased into the U.S. Open quarterfinals with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Daja Bedanova.

The only match completed in a shower of Sunday rain, from Williams' downpour was the 18th straight Grand Slam match victory for the two-time champion who beat older sister Venus in the final in Wimbledon and the French Open.

The same German man accused of following Williams to those two tournaments, and others in Germany and Italy, was arrested early Saturday at the National Tennis Center after police spotted him watching through a fence while she played.

Albrecht Stromeyer, 34, will remain in custody at Rikers Island until a court appearance on Thursday unless he posts $3,000 bail, corrections department spokesman Tom Aitken said Sunday. Stromeyer admitted in a written statement to police that he had been following Williams around the world.

"The ball is so low, I think "It encourages him to keep doing what he's doing," Williams' father, Richard, said. "It makes me wonder, 'Could he hurt Serena?""

He also wondered whether his daughter is as worried as she should be.

"This guy could have got in and hurt Serena," Richard Williams said. "I don't think Serena takes it seriously enough."

She has been traveling with a bodyguard since May, and tournament officials have been given photos of Stromeyer so police can spot him.

"The WTA could do a little bit more, but I don't know too much more that they can do because, you have to remember, tennis is not set up like baseball and football," the players go outside to practice and with those sports they can practice inside the stadium and travel underground, which is not the case."

Richard Williams said. "But I hope that it will help the WTA to take a good look at it."

Williams snapped photographs from the stands while he watched his daughter play her fourth-round match against the 20th-seeded Bedanova. Rain delayed the start of play from 11 a.m. to a little after 5:30 p.m., and theirs was the only match that was completed by the time new showers suspended action at about 7 p.m. So people paying a minimum of $48 per ticket got to see 42 minutes of action.

If just one match is completed in a session, according to the Open's policy, no credits for tickets to next year's tournament need to be given.

At 9:50 p.m., play was called off for the night, with matches involving Lindsay Davenport and Andy Roddick washed out completely. Among matches halted in progress: Four-time Open champion Pete Sampras was trailing 1997 finalist Greg Rusedski 5-4, on serve in the first set. No. 3 Tommy Haas won the first set 6-4 against No. 29 Thomas Enqvist; Gustavo Kuerten won the first set 6-1 against Nicolas Massu; and 11th-seeded Daniela Hantuchova led No. 8 Justine Henin 6-1, 1-2.

The last time an entire day at the Open was rained out was Sept. 4, 1988.

Williams won her first service game at love with the help of three straight aces and needed just 18 minutes to win the first set. She finished with eight aces. "I've been really, really working on my serve," Williams said. "Once I serve well, my whole game goes up."

Bedanova, a quarterfinalist in the 2001 Open, made things easier for Williams by double faulting on break point in the first and fifth games of the match.

All told, the encounter took 42 minutes, and Williams nearly had a winner for each. She hit 35 winners total — including 16 forehands and eight backhands — and had just five unforced errors.

"Well, just my luck. I got out here around 9, because I like to practice two hours before the match," she said. "I was thinking, 'Yes, I could be done by 1-2, have the rest of the day.' Unfortunately, it didn't work out that way."

Williams didn't talk at all about Stromeyer after the match, with WTA Tour spokesman John Dolan preceding her news conference by saying: "Serena will not be addressing any questions related to the stalker incidence due to legal and security reasons."

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Two Irish players go for the ball in drills during summer practice at Notre Dame. The Irish won their first two Big East games of the season against Providence 3-0 and Virginia Tech 5-0.

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collegiate goal of her career. Ford appeared to be sending a crossing pass into Boland, but the ball skipped past both Boland and the Hokies goalkeeper Birds for the goal.

Boland promptly followed Ford’s goal with her second goal of the weekend to extend the lead 3-0.

Scheller provided Notre Dame’s fourth score of the game and her second of the season on a strong right-footed blast from five yards outside of the goalie box.

Just as she started the Irish scoring over the weekend with a goal against Providence, Warner finished the scoring with a goal at just over one minute remaining in the game. “I think we’ve just taken a big step,” Boland said. “Last year, we didn’t always put the games away. This year we’re getting a number of goals in there. We’re finishing a lot of opportunities.”

While the Irish offense played an exciting brand of soccer all weekend, the young Irish defense was equally impressive. Sophomores Gudrun Gunnarsdottir and Kate Tulisiak coupled with freshmen Cat Sigler and Miranda Ford severely limited the offensive firepower of their two opponents.

On the few occasions where the Notre Dame defense suffered a breakdown, the Irish goalkeeping tandem of Lauren Kent and Erika Bohn stepped up to make some crucial saves. Bohn played the first 60 minutes of Friday’s game with Kent replacing her in the second half. Each goalie played an equal amount of time over the weekend.

Waldrum has indicated he would like to settle with one goalkeeper, he will not name a starter until he feels more confident with one.

“I told them both before the game that [the goalkeeper] is up in the air,” Waldrum said. “Whoever establishes their consistency will get the starting position. This is a big week in training for both of them.”

Notre Dame will have no time to rest on the laurels of this weekend’s victories. The Irish will host two of last year’s Final Four teams in next weekend’s Notre Dame Classic. Friday night the Irish host defending national champion Santa Clara, and Sunday the Irish return to action against Portland.

“Next weekend is huge for us because it’s an opportunity for us to set a tone for the rest of the season,” Boland said. “Coming out with these two Big East victories helps a lot. With a good week of practice, we will be ready for next weekend.”

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Wisconsin-Milwaukee 30-26, 30-17 and 30-26. Kelbley had 12 kills while Brewster had 10.

Sophomore Emily Loomis, who was also named to the all-tournament team, collected a career-high nine blocks in the contest.

On Saturday, the Irish defeated the Cincinnati Bearcats 30-19, 30-24, and 30-23. Kelbley and Brewster combined for 20 kills. For the second straight match, the Irish posted 15 team blocks.

"I thought we played pretty well," Brown said. "It's always tough when you come into the first weekend and don't know a lot about the opponents you are playing, but I think the team gelled pretty well together." Junior tri-captain Kinder felt the same way.

"I think we came out and had chemistry right away, and that made it easy to play," Kinder said. "We got our jitters out in the beginning. We got better each game."

Three victories this weekend extended Notre Dame's home-court winning streak to 25 games. The school record is 27.

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Outside hitters Emily Loomis, left, and Jessica Kinder attempt to return a serve during the Shamrock Invitational this weekend. Notre Dame swept the tournament for the title.

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Answer: **WEIR**
Irish Soccer

Tackling the weekend

Notre Dame beats Providence, Virginia Tech for 2-0 start in Big East Conference

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

Despite playing without three projected starting defenders, the Notre Dame women's soccer team recorded not one, but two shutouts against Big East conference opponents over the weekend.

On Friday, the Irish opened the season with a 3-0 road victory against the Providence Friars. Two days later, the Irish returned home to Alumni Field and blanked the Virginia Tech Hokies 5-0.

After Sunday's victory, Irish coach Randy Waldrum was extremely proud of the way his young team opened the season.

"We're playing an awful lot of young players," Waldrum said.

"Even through mistakes, they have been really enthusiastic. The effort and attitude has been great. The team chemistry has been great. There are a lot of things outside the soccer aspect that's been a big plus this year that maybe we lacked a little bit last year."

With returning forwards Amanda Guerri and Amy Warner to lead the way, the Irish offense kept pressure on the Providence and Virginia Tech defenses. After a scoreless first half against the Friars, the Irish registered three goals in a span of seven minutes to take control of the game.

Warner's goal in the fifth minute of the second half ignited the Irish offense. Three minutes later, midfielder Randi Scheller registered her first goal of the season. Mary Boland then followed three minutes later with a score off an assist from Warner to put the cap on the Irish victory.

Versatility described the Irish offense Sunday as five different players scored. Guerri got the scoring started with a brilliant left-footed shot that curled over the outstretched arms of Virginia Tech goalie Natasha Derda in the 21st minute of the game. Although the Irish created numerous scoring opportunities for themselves in the first half, they held a tentative 1-0 lead at halftime.

Freshman Miranda Ford quickly erased any chance of a Tech comeback with the first see SOCCER/page 21

Irish Volleyball

Taking home the green

Irish sweep Shamrock Invitational to begin season undefeated

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Lauren Brewster and Lauren Kelbley missed the memo that freshmen are supposed to be nervous and tentative in their first collegiate action.

Both first-year players played like seasoned veterans and were named to the All-Tournament team as the Irish swept the Shamrock Invitational this weekend at the Joyce Center.

"[The freshmen] did really well," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "Every match they were very poised, and they did a great job. Both Lauren Kelbley and Lauren Brewster were very strong at the net blocking for us. I couldn't have asked for anything more from the two of them."

In Sunday's championship match against Cal-Poly, the Irish had trouble breaking away from the Mustangs before finally pulling ahead 30-26, 30-28 and 30-23.

"I think they played a little bit better than they had against the other teams, and I think we made a few mistakes that weren't characteristic," Brown said. "It was good for us that they pushed us a little bit, and we had to make some plays to stay in it for the whole time."

In Game 2, the Irish again had trouble finishing the Mustangs. After taking leads of 22-15 and 29-25, Notre Dame finally ended the match on a kill from Kelbley. She had eight kills on Sunday and 34 for the weekend.

Even though Cal-Poly had already lost once to Wisconsin-Milwaukee — a team Notre Dame had already beaten — the Irish knew Cal-Poly wanted to keep them away from the title.

"We knew Cal-Poly would come out here to beat us," tournament MVP Kristin Kinder said. "They had an off-weekend until they played us, and we knew they were coming out to get us. We were ready for that."

Cal-Poly showed more persistence overall in Game 3. Notre Dame took an 18-9 lead before Cal-Poly won seven straight points to pull within two of the lead. The Irish then went on to win five straight points and put the Mustangs away for good.

Junior Katie Neff and Kinder both set career highs in kills with 11 and seven, respectively.

In the season-opener and first game of the tournament, Notre Dame was victorious over Cal-Poly, winning 30-23, 30-28

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Willing the win

Despite the hype of coaching his first game at Notre Dame, Willingham focuses on winning as the Irish shut out the Terrapins

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. For Tyrone Willingham, Saturday's game came down to one thing—playing football.

In the midst of the hype surrounding his first game as Notre Dame's head coach, what to focus on was simple. In the face of a Maryland team coming off a fairy tale season and ranked No. 20 in the preseason coaches' poll, it was clear what was important. With the eyes of the nation upon him, it came down to one thing.

Playing football.

"Gosh, it was a football game," Willingham said when asked how it felt to be coaching his first game as Notre Dame's head coach. "And I don't know how to describe it any other way.

And his team played football. Behind five field goals from Nicholas Setta and a sensational defensive performance, the Irish took the field in front of nearly 71,000 spectators and shut out the Terrapins 22-0.

"I was hoping we would play hard and well," said defensive coordinator Kent Bauer. "Things just sort of fell into place.

The Irish defense brought its A-game Saturday, holding the Maryland team that averaged 440 offensive yards last season to 133 total yards and just 16 yards rushing. The inside linebackers, playing without a sick Courtney Watson, recorded 19 tackles while the Notre Dame pass coverage allowed only 12 completions.

[The Notre Dame defense] did some things differently than we anticipated but nothing that really should have hurt us," Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen said. "I don't know what they did it was how they did it. They won the one-on-one battles and there were a lot of one-on-one battles.

That first one-on-one victory came on the Terrapins' first possession. Notre Dame deferred after winning the coin toss and allowed Maryland to rush for four yards and complete one pass for a first down before Shane Walton picked off Terps quarterback Scott McBrien. Walton added two more interceptions, the fourth quarter, the first time since 1982 an Irish player picked off three passes in a game.

"I look forward to Shane getting an interception every time they throw the ball," corner-back Vontez Duff said. "It's just as much our ball as it is their ball when they throw it up there.

In the first half, Maryland's longest drive covered 21 yards in eight plays. The first quarter series brought them as close as the Irish 40-yard line before Brooks Barnard had to punt— a whopping 7-yarder that landed out of bounds and set the Irish up for their first score of the 2002 season.

The first Irish scoring drive was indicative of the offense's performance throughout the rest of the game. Before even beginning the first play of the drive, the Irish were set back to first and 20 after two false start penalties. In all, the Irish offense was charged with 11 penalties for 80 yards.

"For the most part, you have linemen making calls, but we really have to begin to get the calls in tact and break the huddle and those sorts of things for us to win as a ball club," said quarterback Carlyle Holiday.

"We can't have those sorts of penalties.

Despite the penalties, a nine-yard run by full back Tom Lopieniski set Holiday up for a 29-yard completion to Arnaz Easley in the third quarter. Three plays later, the Irish found themselves facing fourth-and-6 at the Maryland 34. Setta, who missed a 56-yard kick earlier in the game, completed the 51-yard field goal and gave the Irish the 3-0 lead.

"I tried to just take each one," said Setta, who was named the Kickoff Classic MVP. "After that first one, it's a new one after the next one it's the same thing.

In the three quarters that followed, Setta kicked four more field goals for the Irish. Despite the fact that the Notre Dame offense was inside the Maryland 20 three times, it never found the end zone.

"We really can't have Nicholas out there that many times," Holiday said. "I mean, we have to score in the red zone, preach that breakfast lunch and dinner from now on."

The only Irish touchdown came from another special teams player. Less than five minutes into the second half, Duff returned a punt 76 yards to punt the Irish up 16-0 and the game out of reach.

"I told Coach [Walton], "Man, they're not punting the ball to me but if they punt it to me I'm going to get us one, all I need is one,"" Duff said. ""Thank God that I had the opportunity to get that one and I ran with it."

In the final minutes of the game, the Terps looked to be putting together a solid offensive drive, driving from their own 10-yard line to the Irish 45. But with just five minutes left in the game, Walton preserved the shutdown when he intercepted McBrien for the second time. Then the Irish were done playing football.

[The win] was real special," Holiday said. "I'm sure there was a lot of pressure on coach, you know to win this game and for him to be able to come out and lead us to victory is a big thing."

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player of the game

Shane Walton
The senior cornerback had three interceptions, a major tackle on fourth down and made a key block that opened the way for Duff's punt return.

stat of the game

5 number of field goals completed by Nicholas Setta.

The Kickoff Classic MVP finished with 16 points.

play of the game

Vontez Duff's 76-yard punt return 10:28 remaining in the third quarter Duff's 76-yard TD was the only touchdown scored in the entire game. It was a combination of good blocking and phenomenal running.

quote of the game

"Night, Day"

Tyrone Willingham
Irish head coach
when asked about the difference between last year's offense and this year's offense
quartbacks: Despite some ineffective­
passes again the red zone and offensive
penalties, Holiday adjusted well to the
new offense and threw for 226 yards.

running backs: Although Grant netted
66 yards and Powers-Neal totaled
33, the running backs had a slow
start in the first half and had trouble
gaining more than a few yards.

receivers: Eight receivers made catch­es. Jenkins and Battle added solid
yards after the catches.

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vided some protection, but allowed the
Terps to sack Holiday four times.

defensive line: The defense allowed
only 16 yards rushing for the entire
game. Maryland’s net rushing yards
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Walton turns in MVP performance

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Editor

It isn't often that a player grabs three interceptions in a football game and fails to earn MVP honors for his performance. But that's what happened to Irish cornerback Shane Walton Saturday night in the Kickoff Classic against Maryland.

The fifth-year senior and Irish co-captain had three interceptions along with two tackles from starting quarterback Scott O'Brien and one from replacement Couches. Walton became the first Notre Dame player since Dave Duerson in 1982 to have three interceptions in a game.

But the effort wasn't enough to grab MVP honors. Those went to Irish kicker Nicholas Setta, who made five field goals — including kicks from 46 and 51 yards — and scored 16 of Notre Dame's 22 points. "As fine a job as Nicholas Setta did, it's hard to believe that a guy with three interceptions isn't at least a co-MVP," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "I think he played a fantastic ball game. He was one of our captains, and he provided us not only with the leadership but also the excellent play that we expect from a guy in that role."

Walton led an Irish secondary — and an Irish defense — that held the Maryland offense to just 133 total yards in the shutout. Last season, the Terrapins put up 35.5 points a game and averaged 390 yards of offense.

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Walton and the rest of the Irish defense held Maryland to 31 yards passing, just 117 total yards of offense (including 56 rushing yards). A team that was expected to score points struggled throughout the game twice, intentional grounding and holding.

"I need to look at the video to see how much of it was sloppy play," said offensive coordinator Bill Diddick. "I think they just came at very inopportune times."

Five penalties were in Maryland territory.

Not Jones up the middle

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Penalties show Irish green

Notre Dame did leave some evidence that they were still an inexperienced team. The Irish had 11 penalties that cost them 80 yards in the course of the game. Nine of those were offensive. Notre Dame was charged with a false start five times, delay of game twice, intentional grounding and holding.

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Young starters make serious stops

Observer Staff Report

Courtney Walton did not start on Saturday. Doctor's orders kept the experienced linebacker out of the game with an upset stomach. Mike McGlynn started on Saturday. He and the other two starting linebackers had never played a down on defense. But you wouldn't have known Sunday night.

Brandon Hoyte — who replaced Walton — and Goosby cab had eight tackles, two sacks and an interception. "I thought Goosby and Hoyte and Curry did an excellent job," Willingham said. "They stepped up and made plays just as we would expect them to.

We tell our football team that it doesn't matter, we believe it is an opportunity when a guy goes down."

The three linebackers were part of an offense that held Maryland to 16 total rushing yards. The Terrapins had 26 going into the second half. That means they netted minus-10 yards in the final 30 minutes of the game. It was a blast out there, that was the most fun I've ever had playing ball," Goosby said. "After the first quarter, getting accustomed to things. I just went out there being my normal self. I had a blast out there."

Walton was also part of an interception on the Terrapins' opening drive, and Maryland was forced to punt.

Playing for his team and his country, a player could hardly have a better way to celebrate.

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The play of the defense also made life easier for young quarterback Carlyle Holiday and the rest of the Irish offense, playing its first game with Willingham's new scheme.

"The way the defense played, it got the confidence up for the entire team," Holiday said. "The secondary did a heck of a job today, and our front held their ground. Whenever you can do that, you feel like you can be more aggressive and make a few more plays."

Ironically, heading into Saturday night's game, most of the focus had been on the Irish offense and its ability to convert Willingham's new style of play. But the defensive players don't mind that role out of the spotlight, and they especially don't mind shocking opposing offenses.

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scoring summary

1st 2nd 3rd 4th Total
Notre Dame 3 9 10 3 22
Maryland 0 0 0 0 0
First quarter
Notre Dame 3, Maryland 0
Notre Dame 31-yard FG with 3:31 remaining
Drive: 8 plays, 32 yards, 3:15 elapsed
Second quarter
Notre Dame 6, Maryland 0
Notre Dame 12-yard TD with 3:21 remaining
Drive: 1 play, 12 yards, 3:45 elapsed
Notre Dame 7, Maryland 0
Setta 46-yard FG with 5:29 remaining
Drive: 9 plays, 42 yards, 5:41 elapsed
Third quarter
Notre Dame 16, Maryland 0
Vontez Duff 7-yard punt return (Setta kick)
10:29 remaining
Notre Dame 16, Maryland 0
Setta 46-yard FG with 5:52 remaining
Drive: 9 plays, 42 yards, 5:41 elapsed
Fourth quarter
Notre Dame 22, Maryland 0
Setta 24-yard FG with 1:40 remaining
Drive: 7 plays, 44 yards, 2:41 elapsed

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Notre Dame 9, Maryland 0
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| first down | 8 | 8 |

Holiday: 17-27-0
McBrien: 9-22-3
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SPECIAL TEAMS SPECIALTY

Ultimately the Irish offense couldn't quite get it done. They couldn't cross the goal line. But when it came to special teams, they had the Terrapins' number. With 10:28 left in the third quarter, Vontez Duff fielded a punt at Notre Dame's 24-yard line and sliced through the coverage, covering 76 yards and becoming the only Irish player to score a touchdown.

Vontez Duff fields the ball behind teammate Dwight Ellick (No. 37). He broke past Maryland's punt team, finally breaking away from punter Brooks Barnard (No. 16) as he ran 76 yards for the only touchdown of the game.