Rankings goals may conflict with education
College of Arts and Letters departmental changes arouse mixed opinions

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

In a concerted attempt to improve its national academic rankings, the University has recently made several departmental changes within the College of Arts and Letters.

This change has sparked controversy between those who feel that becoming a nationally accredited research university is critical for Notre Dame’s future as a top academic institution and those who fear that this goal will come at the expense of the University’s mission of excellence in undergraduate education.

Mark Roche, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, said an increase in faculty research is necessary for superior undergraduate education.

“Teaching as teachers as researchers who can bring to the classroom not only an interest in other subjects but the most recent knowledge in their fields, and the critical skills and passions of active researchers, is ideal for students,” he said. David Ruccio, professor of economics, said that some feel pressure put on faculty in terms of research and publication will stifle their academic freedom.

“The administration’s campaign against the majority of members of the old economics department certainly had a chilling effect on academic freedom,” he said. “To the extent that faculty members were literally told that they should abandon their existing research and teaching in order to focus on one approach, ‘neoclassical’ economics.”

Richard Jensen, chair of the new Economics and Econometrics Department, said that faculty were merely encouraged to “do any type of research that had a significant impact on the discipline.”

The Department of Economics was split into two this year in part to make it a more attractive contender in the battle for prestigious academic rankings.

“Academic rankings do not distinguish between excellence in teaching as well as research, so to improve our academic rankings we must excel in both teaching and research,” Jensen said. Ruccio, who was vocal in his opposition to the Economics Department split last year, said that he believes that the University’s decision to divide the depart-

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

A place for Potter

"Dude, you guys... that's witchcraft."

But is it really? The words uttered by my ND classmate, preceded by ghostly stares from the rest of the group, mirror a world of similars conversation. In the Catholic world of wine and sacrament, where do Harry Potter and his wand stand?

Apparently, sometimes outside on the church lawn I attended Mass on the weekend in which Rowling's latest Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix was released, I relieved my college moments when the priest spoke out against the evil that is Harry Potter amidstfurtive glances between parents and their Potter-loving offspring.

However, the Catholic Church has already made it clear that Harry's wand-waving isn't anything to be fearful of, as long as it is kept in its appropriate place in fictional literature. Besides, when priests come down town to his world of Rowling, Tolkien and the like, they run the risk of achieving the opposite of what they set out to do.

Parents who are turned off by an extreme consternation from priests and disagree about the Potter stance end up showing their children that they can pick and choose from what is said at Mass. Parents could potentially end up having much larger problems than the Potter books could cause. For this reason, priests who reject the popular Potter with fire and brimstone may end up burning themselves and their cause.

Another of the more popular gripes against Harry Potter and his fictional friends is their alleged "escapist" nature. However, the world of fantasy has very real applications and reverberations in the everyday. The world of Potter and Lord of the Rings has an underlining morality rooted in the real world. The fantastic packages this morality in an entertaining, understandable and artistic way. "How's it's hell?"

On the other hand, I must admit that on some level at least I understand what the spiritual hubbub is about. Let's face it; Harry hysteria seems to be sweeping both the country-side, it may be only too easy to get too caught up. Parents must make sure that Harry Potter doesn't do their job for them. Morality should be reflected by the fictional books that children read and not dictated by them. In other words, the Harry Potter series, or any other such work despite its brilliance, should be a guide, but not the guide. That's where parents and religion come in; Harry can hang out in Catholic Mass so long as it stays in the pew and doesn't climb the altar. But then again, that's the least we expect from any one attending church.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU THINK OF SATURDAY'S GAME?**

Kaitlin O'Connor - Freshman

"It was really exciting; especially the second half because they put in Brady Quinn."

Mike Glave - Junior

"It was a good second half. First half wasn't so great though."

Sarah Blake - Senior

"I think we got pretty lucky."

Justin Feeney - Junior

"Spectacular, but room for improvement especially with Michigan coming up."

Brian Gerspach - Junior

"If every game's like that, it's gonna kick ([batt])."

Becket Gremmels - Senior

"What the hell?!"

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**OFFBEAT**

Waste not, want not

WHITEHALL, Pa. — One person's trash is another's treasure — reason enough to license trash scavengers, according to the former mayor of this Pittsburgh suburb.

"So much stuff is thrown away today, especially in suburban," said 85-year-old Edwin Brennan, whose 14-year tenure in the middle-class borough ended a decade ago. "It's wasteful to do that."

Brennan asked the borough council last week to consider licensing a limited number of scavengers who would pay $10 each to scour curbside trash to use or resell. The borough outlawed scavengers after residents complained strangers were going through the garbage.

The licenses are "just to make sure we know who's out there, so if a patrol car sees a particular vehicle that's licensed, we know who the guy is," said police chief William Schmitt, recalling he once reclaimed cooling fans a neighbor had thrown out. "Everybody did it," Schmitt said.

Pennsylvania to host nude volleyball tournament

BEAVER FALLS, Pa. — As many as 1,700 spectators and participants were expected to gather this weekend as volleyball buffs play in the buff.

The 105-acre White Thorn Lodge nudeist park in South Beaver Township, Beaver County, will host the 33rd annual Volleyball Superbowl on Saturday and Sunday. Nude & Natural magazine once called it "the most unique event in nudism."

Some members of the nudist park admitted a few of the spectators who were to attend the tournament will do so to take in the sights.

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**IN BRIEF**

A mandatory club meeting will be held tonight from 6 to 7 p.m. in LaFortune's Montgomery Theatre. All University club officers are expected to attend.

Hall commissioner training will be held tonight from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in LaFortune's Montgomery Theatre. Contact hall presidents for more information.

Watch your favorite teams and enjoy the atmosphere of Legend's at the Monday Night Football Game Watch help tonight from 9 p.m. to midnight.

The First Aid Service Team will hold an informational meeting Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at Stadium gate A. Information regarding club activities, football games, CPR and First-Aid training will be provided.

Saint Mary's Student Activities Board will hold its annual Twilight Tailgate Tuesday beginning at 3 p.m. Come and enjoy food, refreshments and entertainment.

Hall Signature Event training will take place Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m. in LaFortune's Montgomery Theatre. This is an important meeting for all commissioners interested in preparing for Hall Signature Events.

Graduate and Professional School night will be held for Saint Mary's students Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. in LeMans' Stapleton Lounge.

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

By JENNIFER WELLS
Ohio State Journal

KENT, Ohio — More than 80,000 students could lose government grants for college next year.

Budget officials at the Department of Education estimate that $4,000 students nationwide could lose their Federal Pell Grant eligibility for the 2004-05 award year.

Additionally, the department estimates the maximum Pell Grant amount will be $270 million less than previous years. About 100,000 students will receive less money next year.

Pell Grants are federal grants for college that students do not have to pay back.

The Department of Education adjusted the formula that determines a family's expected contribution to college expenses because the change in the formula reduced the expected family contribution.

The formula deducts state and local taxes - deductions vary from state to state.

Families will be expected to contribute more to college expenses because the change in the formula reduced the percentage of deductions in most states.

New tax tables will make a family's income appear higher than it is.

Previously the tax table had not been changed since the 1994-1995 award year.

Pell Grants are awarded based on need, and with the change, some students may now be ineligible to receive them.

Mark Evans, director of student financial aid, said it is too early to speculate how this new change will directly impact Kent State students, but in the past a large amount of students have relied on Pell Grants.

Evans said approximately 10,224 students at all eight Kent State campuses received Pell Grants in the 2002-2003 award year.

Kent State students received a total of $23.5 million in Pell Grants last year.

In most instances Pell Grants are available to undergraduate students who are determined financially eligible by a standard formula.

By request of Democratic lawmakers, the Congressional Research Service recently released a memorandum describing the possible impact of the formula's change.

According to the memo, the percentage of taxes that can be deducted was unchanged in 13 states. Percentages rose in states like Connecticut, Nevada and New Jersey, giving them more financial aid. But in states like Ohio it decreased, giving students less aid. This is because Ohio's tax deductions have been reduced by three percent for dependent students and by one percent for independent students.

But this three percent is not up to date, Evans said. He said the new tax tables are three years old and do not take into account today's economy.

Evans said this makes incomes look higher and is not an ideal situation.

Recently, Ohio increased its sales tax; however, the new tax tables do not reflect the increase in Ohio taxes. Ohio citizens pay more taxes today than a year ago, but with the change students will deduct a smaller percentage of taxes when they fill out their application for financial aid.

According to Evans, not only will Pell Grants be impacted, but other financial aid as well.

He said even a slightly higher family income shows lower need base and this could affect how much financial aid a student could receive overall.

"Students at low income levels will face minimal impact," Evans said. "Those at the higher levels will be affected the most."

Students who currently have Pell Grants may now face having to take out more student loans.

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tment was not based on a concern for teaching, but rather to further Notre
Dame’s status among peer universities.

“The single goal of the [new] department is to obtain a higher academic
ranking,” he said.

The push to increase the University’s national rank-
ings is becoming ubiquitous throughout the College of
Arts and Letters.

Student Government plans to pub-
lications are beneficial for stu-
dents to match themselves with
their learning environment, in
terests, and faculty.

“Top 20”

OPPORTUNITY Program, which
serves to enhance under-
graduate education by pro-
viding financial support for
independent and creative research projects. Any de-
partments within the College have also implement-
ed departmental honors tracks.

The psychology department plans to pursue a new gradu-
ate program within the next ten years with the intent of
enhancing its national rank-
ings.

“The decision to pursue a joint Clinical/Counseling pro-
gram within the psychology
department will increase with the growth of prominent
graduate faculty.

According to Jensen, increased hiring of eminent faculty will only enhance the
variety of undergraduate course offerings within the
economics department.

“We will offer more under-
graduate electives this year
than we have in my previous
three years here,” he said.

During the 1990-91 aca-
demic year, students rated
82 percent of Arts and
Letters classes as “good”
or “excellent.” After ten years of increasing investment in
research, the figure has
improved to 86 percent,
which was the highest among
the University’s colleges and
departments.

Since the University’s recent push for improved
rankings at all costs, many
students and faculty have
said they perceive less evi-
dence of the University’s
traditionally strong interest in
teaching social justice in
an undergraduate education.

“The goal of improving
academic rankings can be
and has been used to mar-
ginalize the concern for eco-
nomic and social justice and
to undermine schools of
thought that are more in
step with Catholic values and
commitments,” Ruccio said,
regarding the split in the
Department of Economics.

Roche said that the new
Economics department will
offer greater breadth in its
approach towards such
issues.

“Sophisticated research is
important to social justice
issues,” he said.

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John Nash
isn’t the only
famous
mathematician...

Come see today’s Beautiful Mind

Join your friends and professors at Hayes-Healy on
Monday, Sept 8 at 4:30 for a talk with Professor John
Conway of Princeton, one of the biggest names in con-
temporary mathematics. His lecture, “What’s new
about polyhedra and polytopes?”, is open to all. The
admission and pizza are free, but the experience is priceless!

Chances to win tickets to this year’s
B100 Radio Birthday Party on 9/14!!

Notre Dame Volleyball
SEASON OPENER, Tues 9/9
#21 ND vs Valparaiso
7:10 PM Joyce Center
BE THERE.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

WTO protests divide over tactics
CANCUN — As the 146-member nations of the World Trade Organization meet in Cancun, Mexico this week, an estimated 15,000 demonstrators are divided over tactics to detail the proceedings.

A tangled of union members, Zapatista rebel sympathizers, anarchists, environmentalists and farmers cannot agree on protest tactics against the WTO, which they consider a mouthpiece for powerful nations and wealthy corporations.

“We’ve been fighting over the goal in meetings all this week,” said Jessica Pupovac of the Washington-based Rights Action, a human rights group. “Some people are flat-out scared of the Mexican police.”

Iraqi minister to attend League
RAGHIDAH — Iraq’s new foreign minister, a member of the Kurdish movement, said Sunday he is going to this week’s Arab League meeting in Egypt to claim Baghdad’s seat in the organization.

Iraq’s seat on the pan-Arab group’s council of ministers has remained empty since Saddam Hussein was ousted in April. The Cairo-based organization has refused to recognize the U.S.-picked Iraqi Governing Council, which was sworn in July.

Amir Moosa, the league’s secretary-general, has hinted that the bloc may finally recognize the Governing Council as a legitimate government and include it in the 22-member organization. But he said the ministers must decide.

NATIONAL NEWS

California firefighters battle blazes
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY — Aided by relatively mild weather, hundreds of firefighters made slow but steady progress Sunday against a wildfire feeding on an area of dense brush that hadn’t burned in nearly a wildfire feeding on an area of dense brush that hadn’t burned in nearly a year.

Going after the blaze, which began Wednesday and grew to 2,350 acres, said Georgia Smith, a fire information officer with the U.S. Forest Service.

Congressman McNillis will retire
DEVER — U.S. Rep. Scott McNillis, a Republican who has represented a sprawling district in southern Colorado for 11 years, will not seek a seventh term, the head of the state Republican Party said Sunday. “It’s perhaps not a surprise,” party chairman Fred Halaby said. Halaby said McNillis, who represents the 3rd Congressional District, told him of the decision on Saturday.

The Daily Sentinel of Grand Junction reported Sunday that McNillis sent an e-mail to friends and family telling them he wants to move on to new things and will not seek re-election.

LOCAL NEWS

Dalai Lama speaks in Bloomington
BLOOMINGTON — The Dalai Lama dedicated an interfaith temple Sunday and urged his audience of 12,000 spectators, “groups of people to be religious and choose a faith.”

Religion should implement. The teachings should be tied together, said the Dalai Lama, a Tibetan spiritual leader. According to the second stop on a 16-day U.S. tour, “Religion is a pleasant option for people who don’t have much interest in religion, they will see negatives.”

The Dalai Lama, winner of the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent struggle against Chinese rule of his homeland, visited Bloomington to dedicate a temple at the Tibetan Cultural Center.

WEST BANK

Abbas resigns; road map endangered

Associated Press

RAMALLAH — A disillusioned Mahmoud Abbas resigned as prime minister Saturday, ending 16 months of internal power struggle with Yasser Arafat, the veteran Palestinian leader who has represented the United States without a negotiating partner and growing calls by some top Israeli officials to expel Arafat. But intraparty, back-room negotiations, Arafat nominated Ammad Queire, the speaker of the Palestinian parliament, as new prime minister.

Just hours after Abbas’ resignation, an Israeli warplane dropped a 550-pound bomb on a Gaza City apartment in a botched attempt to kill several top Hamas leaders, including the Islamic militant group’s founder, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, who escaped with a minor injury.

Saturday’s dramatic events struck the most severe blow in months to U.S.-led peace efforts, which have faltered as the road map for a cease fire decades ago. The U.S.-picked leader over targeted by Israel, and top officials, including Donald Rumsfeld, no. 15 on the U.S. -picked leader over targeted by Israel, and top officials, including Donald Rumsfeld, no. 15 on the U.S. wanted list, were also in the room, security officials told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Israel saw Abbas’ resignation as a power vacuum in which it felt compelled to act immediately against Hamas. „No Hamas official is immune,” said Israeli Foreign Ministry official Gideon Meir, adding that “there will be other chancers” to go after Hamas leaders.

In Ramallah, there was confusion throughout the day about whether Abbas had accepted Abbas’ resignation — and if he had, whether his decision was final. The veteran Palestinian leader had told a large gathering of legislators and Cabinet ministers that Abbas was new heading a caretaker government, implying Arafat agreed with his prime minister’s decision. But he stopped short of confirming this in writing, as required by law.

Abbas, who has a reputation for shying away from confrontations, was buffeted by stronger forces, including an entrenched and embittered Arafat, Israeli leaders who gave him little to show his people, and Palestinian militants who paid little heed to his calls for ending violence.

His resignation, if it stands, is not necessarily a victory for Arafat, whose international standing is likely to slip even further, particularly if he is perceived as having engineered Abbas’ ouster. Israel might be more likely now to make good on threats to expel Arafat.

Justice Minister Yosef Lavip, a member of the Israeli security Cabinet, said Israel has refrained from forcibly removing Arafat at the request of the United States. “Maybe the White House will have second thoughts now, and then we’ll have to consider Arafat’s presence again,” he said.

Abbas’ decision to quit apparently cost the Bush administration by surprise. As late as Friday, Secretary of State Colin Powell insisted that progress was being made in implementing the road map.

Nasa plan details shuttle changes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Seven months after the Columbia tragedy, NASA has come up with a “return to flight” plan for future shuttle missions — a plan that involves a resumption of flights as early as next March.

The 78-page report offers a detailed and comprehensive look at the steps NASA says it will take to make the space shuttle safer, including a number of recommendations from the Columbia Accident Investigation Board.

The NASA plan, which will be released Monday, lists a number of improvements being made — including ways to better facilitate communica tion and encourage employees to report safety concerns. The AP obtained a copy Sunday.

The report makes no safety steps. The report makes no suggestions for implementing the Columbia accident board’s recommendations. The task force will be led by veteran astronauts Thomas Stafford and Richard Covey.
Bush asks for $87 million to combat terrorism

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, facing doubts about his handling of Iraq amid rising casualties, is asking Congress for $87 billion to fight terrorism and cautioning Americans that the "turf battles will take time and require sacrifice."

Bush's money request — surpassing earlier unofficial estimates — would come on top of the $79 billion that Congress approved in April for the initial costs of the war and its aftermath and for worldwide efforts against terrorism.

Despite calls from Republicans and Democrats alike for more troops, Bush said the 130,000 U.S. forces in Iraq were sufficient. But he urged other nations, even those that had opposed the war, to contribute troops and money.

The president addressed the nation Sunday night, his first speech on Iraq since May 1, when he stood on the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln and declared an end to major combat.

Bush described Iraq in his 18-minute speech as the central battleground of the terrorism war and blamed the violence on Saddam Hussein loyalists and foreign terrorists.

"We are fighting that enemy in Iraq and Afghanistan today, so that we do not meet him again on our own streets, in our own cities," Bush said, four days before the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

While the confrontation with Saddam made the president's popularity skyrocket, public confidence in his handling of Iraq has dropped since the war, leveling off in the mid-50 percent area.

Heading into a campaign year hoping to unseat Bush, Democrats have been emboldened to criticize him on Iraq. Even some Republican allies have urged him to change course.

A fresh burst of Democratic criticism followed the speech.

"Now that the president has recognized that he has been going down the wrong path, this administration must begin the process of fully engaging our allies and sharing the burden of the war," said Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., a White House hopeful.

Howard Dean, another Democratic candidate, said Iraq "was pulling the country's attention and resources away from homeland security and the economy."

Comparing Iraq to Vietnam, Dean said, "The government again is feeding misinformation to the American people in order to justify an enormous commitment of U.S. troops." Questions have been raised by the administration's failure to find any of Saddam's illegal weapons or the ousted Iraqi leader himself. Bush made just one reference in his speech to weapons of mass destruction — a sharp contrast to his repeated assertions about them before the war.

Bush said Iraq and the Middle East are critical to winning the global war on terror.

Describing Iraq as the central front in the war against terror, he said the "enemy of freedom are making a desperate stand there, and there they must be defeated."

"This will take time and require sacrifice," he said. "Yet we will do what is necessary, we will spend what is necessary, to achieve this essential victory in the war on terror, to promote freedom and to make our own nation more secure.

While saying the United States has enough troops in Iraq, Bush said American commanders have requested a multinational division to serve alongside similar units led by Britain and Poland.

Some countries have sought an explicit U.N. peacekeeping authorization, and Bush said Secretary of State Colin Powell would seek a Security Council resolution to authorize deployment of new forces. Bush will address the U.N. General Assembly in two weeks.

Referring to France, Germany and Russia, Bush said "not all of our friends agreed with our decision [to] remove Saddam Hussein from power. Yet, we cannot let past differences interfere with present duties."
Praise for new ADHD drug

**NEW YORK** — For many parents, the back-to-school season is replete with anxiety about buying the right school supplies — not just books, binders and an assortment of other devices and items that are a staple of the school season. But add to this list the rising costs of prescription drugs for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Eli Lilly & Co.'s product, Strattera, is winning praise from some doctors and parents because it is not a stimulant — a class of drugs that have been around for almost 40 years. The new drug is a neuropharmacological agent that is not expected to have the same side effects as stimulants such as Adderall or the related drug Ritalin. Despite ongoing supply concerns, Strattera is a key pillar of Eli Lilly's sales and earnings, which plummeted when it lost the Prozac patent in August 2001. In the second quarter, Strattera posted $74.8 million in sales, which was a 12 percent of a research and consulting fee. The company attempted to upgrade its servers, but the servers were responsible for a five-day. 250-point rise for the Dow Jones industrial average that carried the blue-chip index to its highest closing level since June 18, 2002, at 1,880.87. The Nasdaq dropped 10.73, or 0.6 percent, to 1,858.24, following a seven-day gain of 1,939.66, or 20.42 percent, from June 18, 2002, to its highest closing price for the Nasdaq composite index since June 18, 2002, at 1,858.24. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 6.58, or 0.6 percent, to 1,021.39, having garnered an eight-day gain of nearly 35 points. Thursday's close was the highest level seen since June 18, 2002.

Lilly predicts flat results for 2003

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Eli Lilly & Co. said Friday its 2003 earnings will be at the upper end of its previous estimates. Lilly's chief financial officer Charles E. Golden told analysts that the company's 2003 adjusted earnings will fall between $2.55 and $2.60 a share. In June, the company said it would earn between $2.50 and $2.60 a share. Analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call predicted Lilly would earn $2.57 a share. Lilly reported adjusted annual earnings of $2.57 a share.

Lilly stock rose four cents to $61.00 on Friday on the New York Stock Exchange. The company did not dismiss the possibility of a reversal of this trend beyond the end of this year. It promised to do so in January after it has a better idea of when the U.S. Food and Drug Administration will approve a new drug for treating depression, Cymbalta.

Rise in gasoline futures temporary

**NEW YORK** — Unleaded gasoline prices rose Friday on the New York Mercantile Exchange as traders bought contracts to cover earlier bets that prices would fall, but some bets saw the upward move as short-lived.

Gasoline futures prices for October delivery settled up 0.87 cent at $6.15 a gallon. Analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call predicted Lilly would earn $2.57 a share.

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Edwards opts not to run for re-election

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — John Edwards will not run for re-election to the Senate in 2004 so he can concentrate on seeking the Democratic presidential nomination, a state party official said Sunday.

The North Carolina senator wrote a letter received Sunday by state Democratic Party chairwoman Barbara Allen announcing his decision, state party executive director Scott Falmlen said. "I ... decided that I will not seek re-election to the United States Senate in order to devote all of my energy to running for president," Edwards wrote Allen.

Edwards was first elected to the Senate in 1998 but announced in January he would seek the presidential nomination.

North Carolina law allows him to run for president and Senate simultaneously and state Democratic officials were getting restless in recent months while Edwards mulled his decision on whether to run for one or two jobs.

Edwards’ five-paragraph letter to Allen resolves that question and lets other Democratic candidates begin building their campaigns.

"It takes one question out of the way," Falmlen said. "We’ve said all along the best option ... was for John Edwards to be the presidential nominee," because it will energize party voters, he said.

Rep. Richard Burr, R-N.C., already has announced he will run for the Edwards seat and has built up a campaign structure that brought the seat in doubt for the Democrats.

Allen didn’t immediately return a phone call seeking comment Sunday night. Neither did a spokeswoman for the Edwards campaign.

Former White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles, who lost to Elizabeth Dole in the 2002 election, and former state House Speaker Dan Dan, a Democratic primary candidate last year, have expressed interest in Edwards’ seat should he not seek re-election.

Hurricane Isabel approaches coast

Associated Press

MIAMI — Isabel strengthened from a tropical storm into the fourth Atlantic hurricane of the season Sunday, but forecasters said it was still several days from reaching land.

Hurricane Fabian, meanwhile, was losing strength but gaining speed in the northern Atlantic, two days after plowing through Bermuda. Forecasters monitored the other major Atlantic storm, a tropical depression that passed over Florida on Saturday, to see if would strengthen back into Tropical Storm Henri.

At 5 p.m. EDT, Isabel had maximum sustained winds of 80 mph — above the 74 mph threshold for a hurricane. The storm was 1,510 miles east of the Leeward Islands and moving west-northwest near 15 mph. Forecasters said by Monday, Isabel was expected to strengthen to a Category 2 hurricane, with winds between 96-110 mph.

Isabel was projected to stay over open waters for at least five days, said Richard Pasch, a hurricane specialist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami. It was too early to tell whether it would affect the United States or the Caribbean, he said.

Hurricane Fabian was 290 miles south of Cape Race, Newfoundland, and moving east-northeast at 31 mph across shipping lanes in the north Atlantic.

Fabian’s maximum sustained winds had dropped to 85 mph, down from the 120 mph winds that hit Bermuda on Friday. Forecasters expected it to dissipate and become extratropical by Monday as it moves over cooler waters.

Fabian, the first Category 3 hurricane to hit Bermuda in 50 years, shredded trees and sheared off roofs across the island chain. Four people whose cars were swept off a causeway were still missing Sunday and feared dead.

The tropical depression that had been Tropical Storm Henri, moving east-northeast at 8 mph, was about 160 miles east-southeast of Charleston, S.C., on Sunday with maximum sustained winds of 35 mph — below the 39 mph minimum threshold to become a tropical storm.

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Ah, California. Just when you think they've turned a corner toward some semblance of normalcy, they come around and remind you why a lot of people wish for everything west of the San Andreas to crack off and sink into the ocean.

Minnesota elected a professional wrestler governor, Missouri elected a dead man to the U.S. Senate, Florida had no idea who they elected president, but California's gone and outweirded them all, reclaiming its title as undisputed Goofball Capital of the World.

Thirty months ago, Governor Gray Davis was looking like a pretty bright guy. Then the lights went out, quite literally. Electricity shortages led to rolling blackouts in the summer of 2001. Davis engineered a quick fix whereby the state bought surplus power from neighboring states; however, this was often at incredibly marked-up prices, and in some areas California electricity bills more than tripled. Luckily enough for him, though, Enron emerged as Public Enemy Number One and became the straw dog for the energy crisis.

After he was safely reelected in 2002 (thanks to taking out ads in the republican primary shipping the more moderate Republican candidate, L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan, so that he wouldn't challenge him in the general election), Davis announced a state budget deficit that was initially estimated at $34.6 billion, then ramped up to $38.2 billion. Either amount is enormous, but impossible voters can either elect to keep Davis or replace him, not both.

But this is California, so nobody really cares about all that, and Bustamante's being a Latino doesn't hurt, either. The only Republican who could possibly muster enough traction to win is Ahh-nold, whose only glaring defects are a lack of any specifics in his programs and admitting in a decades-old interview with defunct men's magazine "Out" that he smoked dope and participated in orgies. But again, this is California, or as he pronounces it, "Cal-re-fo-rrn-ee-ah"), so nothing scandalous there.

And at this point, what California really needs is a little Schwarzenegger-style non-specificity. One of the reasons Davis is in so much trouble is because he alienated so many people in his own party due to his arrogance, he all but commanded state legislators to "implement my vision," and they "saw" California go right into the toilet. Arnold may be a joke candidate in the eyes of serious politicians, but that's exactly why he's the best person for the job.

I don't think he's ever made a movie with boats, but Arnold might just sink Cruz's ship. Coming Oct. 7 to a voting booth near you. Hey, it beats an even louder sequel than T3: If Bustamante gets elected, it'd be Titanic II.

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Russell Baker, New "Usually, quickly diverted to Iraq. His plan is to train more first responders and have Guard and Americorps to national more attention from the National his strengthening America's borders security. For example, his tries in its use of efficient vehicles. The rest of the world. For example, the number of jobs created We embrace our use of natural resources and creating new jobs in energy technology. A stronger economy depends on more than tax cut proposals, which seem to be commonplace across the board of presidential candidates. To turn the economy around, it will require job openings and opportunities for small businesses. Something also needs to be done to cap the ability of large corporates such as Wal-Mart and others from taking over entire business variety in towns and small cities. Kerry's proposal was striking in his confidence in economy ideas. Out of 3 million jobs lost during Bush's term, Kerry believes his plan will replace all of them within the first 500 days of his administration. His other economy-building strategies include renewing cities, training workers, getting financial help to states in need and supporting ways to help small businesses invest and expand. It's time to shift gears and pull away from the humiliating direction in which Bush has led our country. The Democratic candidates have creative ideas among them; however, in order to be a strong leader, we need a well-rounded president to create a well-rounded America. This column first appeared in the Sept. 5 edition of the Iowa State Daily and is reprinted here courtesy of U-WIRE. The views expressed in this column are those of The Observer and not necessarily those of The Observer.
CSI: Crime
The No. 1 hit TV show, CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
of entertainment

By SARAH VABULAS
Scene Editor

After spending all day watching the Irish play a good football game, it seems that many students find themselves tired and desiring to relax and reenergize for the rigorous week ahead. However, sometimes this desire for relaxation brings up the problem of boredom.

Some students choose to attend parties, both on- and off-campus, but other students choose to gather in a friend's room or in a dorm's 24-hour lounge to play games or watch a movie, hang out with friends and have a good time.

With so many recent DVD releases, students should not have a difficult time picking out something to entertain them. Between movie and TV show releases on both VHS and DVD formats, a simple trip to Family Video or Blockbuster for renting and a trip in Best Buy or Wal-Mart to purchase that DVD you have been dying to watch should resolve the problem of boredom.

Many of the hit movies from this past spring and summer have already been released or are still in the process of being released. A popular new movement with television corporations is to release many TV series on DVD or VHS for home viewing anytime. It is a dream come true for hardcore fans of TV shows that opt to record each show while viewing. The DVD format provides better quality with the added bonus of commercial free TV watching. But with so many, to choose from, it makes it quite difficult to choose, therefore, one can only ask what should be on the top of the list, providing the most entertainment?

The No. 1 hit TV show, CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, released the complete second season on widescreen DVD Tuesday. If you have never watched the show, it is an hour of time that it worth the while. CSI Season Two was the People's Choice Award for Favorite Television Drama Series.

Jerry Bruckheimer produces the show with the help of all-star cast and crew, many of whom have been nominated for Emmys, to create a show that keeps viewers hooked and longing for the next episode to air.

For those who are not familiar with CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, it is an hour-long dramatic series on CBS set in Las Vegas, which focuses on the Crime Scene Investigation Department of the Las Vegas Police Department. The CSI department deals with the forensic aspect of murders and how the police can be so precise in their assumptions of how the death occurred. Each episode tells the story of one or two deaths, depending on the complexity of the case, and begins at the time of the person's death and concludes with the wrap-up of the case.

Typically, an acquaintance, friend or family member either finds the body of the deceased or realizes that they are missing, which leads to the acquisition of the body, beginning the in-depth investigation. The police calls two or three of the CSI personnel onto the case once the evidence from the pre-investigation points in the direction of homicide.

Five of the characters are on-site investigators, who interview people who knew the victim as well as collect evidence from the crime scene. They then take all the evidence back to the lab and go through highly sensitive and thorough examination, using high-tech pieces of equipment.

While the investigation of the evidence ensues, the coroner participates in an autopsy of the body to find evidence of

Gill Grissom, played by William Petersen, examines an article through a microscope while he tries to solve a case.
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Scene Investigation, provides a nice escape to students’ scope yet lures viewers to watch it and want more.
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Wood strikes six as Cubs take division lead

Hampton (13-7) snapped a two-game losing streak by pitching four-hit ball over eight innings. He gave way to Will Cunickie, who worked a 1-2-3 ninth for his first career save.

"I like that I made good pitches, even on the hits I gave up," said Hampton, who allowed only one hit over his final five innings. "I don't feel too bad too many balls hard. I was able to keep the ball down and away from the middle of the strike zone.

Cardinals 9, Reds 0

Matt Morris was on his game again, keeping the St. Louis Cardinals close in the NL Central.

Morris pitched no-hit ball into the seventh inning and finished with a three-hitter in a 9-0 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

After winning 39 games in 2001 and 2002, he's struggling much of the year and this victory got him to double digits.

Fernando Vina had a season-high four hits and Orlando Palmeiro and Matty Matheny homered for St. Louis, which began the day two games out of the NL Central lead.

"I love the game," Vina said. "I love the pressure. I love the intensity that makes me play a little better."

The Cardinals took two of three from the decimated Reds, who have lost 11 of 14 with a mental shot to cherish.

Pirates 7, Astros 3

Brian Giles remembers well the first home run he hit in San Diego as the Padres beat Houston 7-1, dropping the Astros out of first place in the NL Central.

The Astros had won three in a row, but the loss put them a half-game behind Chicago. The Cubs beat Milwaukee 9-2 for their fifth straight victory.

Giles put the Padres ahead with a two-run homer in the first inning. It was his 17th home run overall this year, and first in nine games with the Padres since being acquired Aug. 26.

"Once I got traded, I thought about it," Giles said. "Obviously, it was nice to get one here in my first game with Pittsburgh.

To do it in a Padres uniform is definitely something special."

Giles later doubled and drove in a bases-loaded walk from Wade Miller (12-12) in the fifth.

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**National League**

MIAMI — Kerry Wood felt right at home.

With a sellout crowd up much of the Cubs fans cheered him on at Miller Park, Wood won for the first time in a month, pitching eight shutout innings on eight hits and struck out six to raise his major league total to 234 as Chicago beat the Milwaukee Brewers 9-2 Sunday.

Cub fans welcomed Wood’s 7-1 loss to San Diego on Sunday, the win gives the Cubs a half-game lead in the NL Central.

The Cubs are 7-0 in Milwaukee this season, and fans driving up from Chicago helped the Brewers sell out all three games over the weekend.

Sammy Sosa hit a solo homer and rebounded twice and drove in five runs.

"That's about as close as you go going up the road, a crowd feeling being on the road," Wood said. "The fans are great. They come out and support us and I think it's great." Wood (12-11), had three losses in five starts since an Aug. 6 win over San Diego.

Sosa hit his 34th home run to lead off the seventh for a 7-2 lead. After Aramis Ramirez singled, Simon followed with his second home run and 15th of the season. Both homers were on reliever Leo Estrella.

Simon’s homer in the third gave Chicago a 5-0 lead.

"It was very good. A few scores later, we've gotten some runs for Woody early," Chicago manager Lou Piniella said. "He helped them to two runs. Two quality outings in a row for him. His command is going strong and I just see him getting better down the stretch.

Marlins 3, Expos 2

OAKHILL - Chad Cunnane when it reached 153 degrees on the Hbath’s summer’s artificial turf, Donnette Willis kept his cool.

Willis pitched three-hit ball into the ninth for his first career save.

"He kept pitching his probably best game of the second half," manager Jack McKeon said.

"He answered all those critics who were saying, 'He's losing it, he's fatigued,'" he said.

Wills (12-11) in nine innings. He was cautious to stay hydrated during the game on his way to ending a three-game losing streak and earning his first win in his last five outings.

"It was scorching," the All-Star rookie said. "I drank a lot of water yesterday, before the game, during the game and after." At least it was easier to get lose, I guess.

After giving up consecutive hits to Orlando Cabrera and Jose Vidro in the first, Willis fanned the next 15 batters before walking Brad Wilkerson to load the bases in the third.

He then struck out Cabrera to end the inning. Willis struck out seven with six walks.

Willis’ only mistake was a first-inning leadoff single to Todd Zeile in the eighth, the last batter he faced.

Brewers 2, Pirates 1

Javy Lopez wasn't taking any pitches.

"I was using a more aggressive approach, Lopez went 3-for-3 with a breaking homer in the seventh inning to back another strong outing by Mike Hampton, pushing the Atlanta Braves past the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-1 on Sunday.

The last few weeks, I felt kind of strange at the plate," Lopez said. "I felt like I had to take some pitches before taking the first swing. Today, I said, 'Forget it.' I was swinging at anything around the plate.

Lopez drove in both Atlanta runs, tying the game at 1 with a two-out double in the fourth. Three innings later, he led off the fourth with a 3-run fastball over the center-field wall for the first home run of his comeback season. For good measure, he also threw out Todd Redman attempting to steal third.

"He did it all today," manager Bobby Cox said.

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Wells helps Yankees salvage win over surging Red Sox

Associated Press

NEW YORK — David Wells bounced off the mound with excitement. He had rebounded, and so had the New York Yankees.

With their AL East lead down to 1 1/2 games, the Yankees needed a win badly to blunt Boston. After Derek Jeter bore his way back into the lineup, Wells pitched his finest game this season and Bernie Williams woke up with his first home run since July 8, the Devil Rays 11, Athletics 2.

Victor Zambrano and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays had it all over the reining Cy Young Award winner. Zambrano pitched his first career complete game and the Devil Rays once again roughed up Barry Zito, beating the Oakland Athletics 11-2.

Zambrano (10-8) gave up nine hits, walked none and struck out eight in his 35th major league start. He became just the fourth Tampa Bay pitcher ever to win 10 or more games in a season.

"I'm not really thinking about what team I'm going to face," Zambrano said. "I'm only thinking about what I'm going to do that day and how I feel. Just go in and do my job."

"Second half of all, we're trying to win as many games as we can," Devil Rays manager Lou Pinella said. "Second of all, a little pride factor involved when you're playing those teams with postseason aspirations. Go do your work someplace else ... not at our expense."

Oakland has dropped four of five since a 10-game winning streak. The Athletics did maintain their two-game lead over the second place Mariners.

Orioles 2, Mariners 1

The Seattle Mariners made former Cy Young winner Pat Hentgen look like a candidate to capture the award this year. The Mariners have been doing that quite a bit lately, much to the dismay of manager Bob Melvin.

Hentgen allowed five hits in eight innings and Brian Roberts kept up his assault on Seattle pitching as the Baltimore Orioles beat Seattle 2-1 Sunday.

The Mariners totaled two runs in losing the final two games of the three-game series and went 2-2-4 with runners in scoring position in dropping two of three.

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Warner fumbles six times as Giants' D rolls

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — With apologies to Kerry Collins and company, winning a game for the New York Giants still starts with defense.

Kerry Holmes recovered one of Kurt Warner's six fumbles for a touchdown, and the Giants sacked the St. Louis Rams' quarterback six times, intercepting him once and helping him to the hospital with a concussion in a 23-13 victory.

"This has always been about defense since I've been here and it always will be," defensive tackle Keith Hamilton said after opening his 12th season with the Giants.

"With all the juggernauts we have on offense, it's easy to say we can do this and that," added Hamilton, who missed most of last season with an Achilles' tendon injury. "If you don't have defense, you're not going to go far." 

Warner found out about the Giants the hard way. Besides being sacked, the two-time MVP was hit about a dozen times, including a brutal shot late in the fourth quarter by linebacker Mike Barrow, who had two sacks and a forced fumble.

"I'm not sure when it happened, but it might have been on (the Giants') touchdown," Rams coach Mike Martz said of the concussion. "When you get hit that many times, it's hard to get up."

The Giants' defense went from a good first half to a porous second half. Warner threw for 262 yards in the first half to a 15-7 lead. But in the second half, he was sacked three times. When the Rams scored a 24-23 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars in Sunday's opener, "It was like old times in and kind of gave everyone a high-five and said, 'We're going to win the game,'" receiver Muhsin Muhammad said.

"With defense closing in, he found Ricky Proehl, another offseason acquisition, in the left corner of the end zone for the winning score. "The huddle was very calm and I was very calm," Delhomme said. "I had guys in the huddle wanting the ball and that gives me confidence as a quarterback."

As the Panthers celebrated the score, new Jacksonville coach Jack Del Rio — Carolina's defensive coordinator a year ago — slammed his shoulders in disgust but wouldn't allow the Jaguars to quit.

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MIAMI — A humble second-year franchise playing at highly touted Miami, the Houston Texans were the biggest underdogs of the NFL's opening weekend.

That made them mad. So did the Dolphins' trash-talking during pregame warmups.

"One of their players said, 'I'll see you after today's practice,'" Houston's Jabar Gaffney said. "That was their thinking — they were looking at us like this was just a little practice."

The Dolphins can only wish the game had been just a practice. Kris Brown kicked his fifth field goal, a 35-yarder, with 1 second left Sunday, leading the Texans to a slimmy 9-6 win over the Cleveland Browns.

"I'm one of the boys on the team, not some idiot kicker," Vanderjagt said.

Shortly after the Colts lost in the playoffs last season, Vanderjagt said Colts coach Tony Dungy was too nice, quarterback Peyton Manning was too nice, quarterback Bledsoe was too nice, and teammates, booted a 45-yard field goal with 1 second left Sunday, leading the Texans to a 31-0 victory in their opener.

Colts 9, Browns 6

Mike Vanderjagt kicked and made up with the Indianapolis Colts.

Vanderjagt, whose off-season comments in an interview irked his coach, quarterback and teammates, booted a 45-yard field goal with 1 second left Sunday, leading the Colts to a sloppy 9-6 win over the Cleveland Browns.

"I was looking at them like we were the largest underdogs the opening weekend."

The Week 1 upset was the Texans' second in as many seasons. Last year they became the first expansion team since 1961 to win their opening game by beating the Dallas Cowboys.

Miami, a 14-point favorite, fell to 0-1 for the first time in 12 years.

Bills 31, Patriots 0

The Buffalo Bills' victory was well in hand when Drew Bledsoe and Lawyer Milloy — the Pro Bowl players in the middle of this captivating drama — shared a few words on the sideline Sunday.

"We were talking about what you probably think we were talking about," Bledsoe said with a wink. "We were both pretty happy with the win." Bledsoe and Milloy combined to stick it their former team, the New England Patriots, sparking the Bills to a dominating 31-0 victory in their opener.

Manning, who threw two interceptions in the first half and wasn't sharp for most of the afternoon, drove the Colts 65 yards in the final 2:39 to set up Vanderjagt's third field goal.

Broncos 30, Bengals 10

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The normally reserved Manning responded at the Pro Bowl by calling Vanderjagt, "an idiot."

And although he had been publicly forgiven, Vanderjagt's game-winning kick probably didn't hurt his popularity with Manning or the other Colts.

"Everything is fine and dandy between me and Mike in Coltsville," Manning said.

Miami running back Ricky Williams is stopped by a Houston defender at Pro Player Stadium in a Dolphins' loss. The Texans won 21-20 on a game-winning 35-yard field goal by Kris Brown.

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Broncos 30, Bengals 10

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Portis ran for 120 yards and two first-half touchdowns Sunday, and the NFL's worst team of the past 12 years won on another self-destructive binge that helped the Denver Broncos roll, 30-10.

The Broncos (1-0) turned to their Rookie of the Year rusher to pull them through their new quarterback's shaky debut. A nervous Jake Plummer was repeatedly off-target, threw three interceptions and looked skittish.

Steezers 34, Ravens 15

On a day filled with mismatches, the biggest of all might have been Tommy Maddox against a Ravens defense supposedly among the NFL's best.

Maddox threw three touchdowns passes, two to Hines Ward, and Pittsburgh's defense roughed up Baltimore rookie quarterback Kyle Boller in his NFL debut, a 34-15 Steeler's victory.
U.S. Open

NEW YORK — Three points from his first Grand Slam title, Andy Roddick stepped to the baseline, crouched, sprung up like a jack-in-the-box and smashed the ball.

The result: ace. Next point: ace. Again: ace. It was a fitting end to an awesome serving display. And there couldn’t have been a more fitting successor to Pete Sampras as U.S. Open champion.

With 23 aces, strong baseline play and a veteran’s composure, Roddick beat Juan Carlos Ferrero 7-6 (2), 6-3, 6-3 Sunday, a breakthrough victory that very well could be followed by a series of major triumphs. "I can’t imagine my name and ‘U.S. Open champion’ together. It’s more than I could ever dream of," Roddick said. "I came to this tournament so many times as a little kid and watched from way up there." He’s still a kid, of course, just 21. And the newly No. 1-ranked Ferrero is 23, his combined ages of 44 making for the youngest pair to meet in a major final.

On the court the result: ace. Next: ace. It was an uplifting end to a week that saw a series of hugs with his singer-actress girlfriend, Mandy Moore, his parents, his brothers and a couple of friends who drove 10 hours to cheer on their buddy. It was an uplifting end to a rain-soaked Open with scheduling problems that forced Ferrero to play four matches in four days, the first time in the 35-year Open era that’s happened at a major.

Andy Roddick hoists the U.S. Open trophy after his victory in the final over Juan Carlos Ferrero in Flushing Meadows.

The Open began two weeks ago with a retirement ceremony in Arthur Ashe Stadium for Sampras, who beat Roddick in the quarterfinals last year en route to his record 14th Grand Slam title. And Sunday’s performance on the same court allowed Roddick to strut into the postmatch news conference and announce: "No more. What’s it feel like to be the future of American tennis?" "I don’t think you could have written a script any better, with Pete’s retirement," Roddick said. "It was just too good."

Roddick wins U.S. Open over Ferrero

In Brief

Tway prevails over Faxon at the Canadian Open

HAMILTON, Ontario — Bob Tway took full advantage of an unexpected miss by one of the best putters in the world to win the Canadian Open. Given new life when Brad Faxon’s 4 1/2-foot birdie putt slid by the cup on the second hole of a playoff, Tway two-putted for bogey on the third extra hole Sunday to become the eighth player 40 and over to win a PGA Tour event this year.

"It takes some luck, good fortune and some good golf," Tway said. Faxon, 31, had all of that on the final two holes on the hilly Hamilton Golf and Country Club course, that drew rave reviews.

Tway birdied the par-5 17th — hitting a 35-yard chip to 3 feet — to tie Faxon at 8 under and finished regulation with a 25-foot par putt for his second straight 4-under 66, a bogey-free round that included an eagle on the par-5 fourth. Faxon shot a 72.

After the two veterans opened the playoff with pars on No. 18, Faxon hit a brilliant 55-yard bunker shot to set up the birdie putt for the win on the 17th.

"It’s a hard putt. I thought it was going to break a little left, it never did," Faxon said. "I’d love to go do it again.

Tway marveled at Faxon’s bunker shot.

"The shot he hit out of the bunker was incredible," Tway said.

Two men killed at shop owned by Mourning

MIAMI — Three or four hooded gunmen walked into a barbershop co-owned by NBA star Alonzo Mourning and killed two men who had just gotten haircuts, police said.

"Both were shot in the head. It seems like a message," police Lt. Lorenzo Whitehead said. No one else was injured in the shooting Saturday, including a 1-year-old child who was with one of the victims. The victims were identified as Emmett Greene, 27, and Alexander Harris, whose age was not available.

The victims were shot at Miami’s “Urban Blackshear,” a regular Cutz customer.

Thursday, the 14-year-old was shot in the chest.

The Cutz barbershop is owned by Mourning, a former Miami Heat center now with the New Jersey Nets, and barber Peter Bethel. Mourning’s agent, Jeff Wechsler, did not immediately return a call Sunday. There is no phone listing for Bethel in Miami. Mourning announced plans for a new Cutz in Miami that has two upscale restaurants and businesses in the redeveloped neighborhood in northeast Miami.
**ND CROSS COUNTRY**

**Freshmen get experience at Valparaiso meet**

Iris women grab 1st-place finish, men take 2nd

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Running without their top athletes, the women's cross country team, led by sophomore Jean Marinangeli, took first place at Friday's Valparaiso Invitational. The men saw similar results, as the younger and less experienced Irish harriers pulled off a second-place finish with four runners in the top 10.

"We were hoping to allow the freshmen to have a good experience with their first 6K," sophomore Elizabeth Webster said. "We were hoping to come out at least second, and we were surprised to take the victory."

Not only did the women take the team title, but Marinangeli also finished first individually. Her 22:16 performance for the six-kilometer race gave the second-year Irish runner her first career victory. She was closely followed by senior Maggie Nelson, who finished in 22:29. Webster came in fourth overall, with a 23:04 performance.

Both the men's and women's teams had pulled their top runners from the races in order to give extra time off to those who were still recovering from extended track seasons, as well as to afford freshmen and others additional race experience. For the women freshmen, Friday's race was their first 6,000-meter experience, and for the men, their first 8,000-meter race.

"We thought we would do well," Marinangeli said. "We didn't expect to win, but we expected to go out there and just get a feel for where we were at."

The strong performances of the team's less experienced runners proved to the Irish that they have depth, which likely will be a great asset to them as the season gets tougher.

"[The freshmen] handled the race very well and really came through for us," Webster said. "Coming off of this race, the whole team has confidence right now. It gives us a sense of what to expect in the future, and we realize that the team is fairly deep."

The men were in a similar situation.

"[Irish coach Joe Planell] obviously held out a lot of guys," senior Brian Kerwin said. "He either threw in some guys who needed some more experience, or he who thought could benefit from an extra race in the season. There are a lot of people who could benefit from extra experience."

The men were led by Kerwin, who finished second with an 8,000-meter time of 25:13. Sophomore Austin Weaver arrived in 25:37, putting him in fifth place. Junior A.J. Andraasy and sophomore Tom Longo finished eighth and ninth, respectively, and junior Michael Manning rounded out the Irish top five with his 16th place finish.

"Even though we didn't have all the varsity runners, we feel like everyone on our team is pretty good," Weaver said. "We felt that we could run with anyone at that meet."

According to Kerwin, one of Notre Dame's major focuses at Valparaiso was helping the incoming runners adjust to the increased rigor of collegiate cross-country.

"It's a good meet to break in the freshmen," Kerwin said. "We had a lot of older guys in there trying to show them the ropes. It was kind of a low key meet, so when some of the bigger meets come up they're not in a world of shock."

Both the men and the women will host their first home event of the season Sept. 19 when teams from many of the nation's Catholic schools come to the Burke Memorial Golf Course for the National Catholic Invitational. While the competition will be tougher than Friday's race, and the top runners will likely run, both Irish squads will not see much national caliber competition until later in the season.

"Everyone has been kind of holding back at the competitions pretty much because we haven't been in a lot of team races," Weaver said. "But there are a few individuals who are very good. It's more of a team race, where we just work on working together in the races, talking and helping each other, to sharpen up a little bit before any of the big meets roll around."

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**HOCKEY**

Poulin adds LeBel to his staff as assistant coach

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame hockey coach Dave Poulin has named Layne LeBel as the newest member of his coaching staff. He begins his duties with the Notre Dame hockey team immediately.

LeBel replaces former assistant coach John Michelello, who accepted an assistant's position at the University of Vermont earlier this August. He will be involved in all aspects of the job including on-ice instruction, recruiting, scouting opponents and video breakdowns.

"I am proud and excited to have Layne LeBel joining our coaching staff," Poulin said. "He is a great addition and brings with him the experience of working with some of the top young players in the United States Hockey League. Mark Osiecki has built a strong program in green Bay Bay and Layne has been a big part of that success over the last three seasons."

A native of Val Marie, askatuchewan, LeBel spent the last two seasons with the USHL Green Bay Gamblers, where he worked with incoming Irish defensemen Noah Babin and Wes O'Neill. During his seasons in Green Bay, the Gamblers captured the Eastern Division title in his first year (2001-02). Prior to his stint in Green Bay, LeBel was the head coach for the Wisconsin Major AA hockey club.

A 1994 graduate of Michigan Tech University, LeBel, a regular with the Huskies and is a two-time finalist for WCHA Defensive Player of the Year. LeBel was an honorable mention all-WCHA selection and a WCHA all-academic selection following the 1992-93 season.

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first game 30-20, the Irish ran into some problems. Neither team had more than three point advantage the entire game, but the Irish came away with the game, as Loomis and Henican hit consecutive kills to win it 36-34.

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Texas — Kills 45 (Mira Topic 15), Assists 24 (Lea Palm 10). Digs 30 (Erik Lasson 10), Blocks 10 (Brandy Wilson 6). Hitting percentage .257 (Tabitha Johnson 2). Aces 2 (Keller 2).

NOTRE DAME 3, Houston 2
at Austin, Texas, Friday

NOTRE DAME — Kills 58 (Lauren Kelley 23), Assists 57 (Kristen Kinder 27), Digs 52 (Kerrin Kaiser 12), Blocks 7 (Lauren Kelley 3), Hitting percentage .257 (Tabitha Johnson 2). Aces 6 (Kelbley, Jessica Kinder 2).

Houston — Kills 50 (Gena McAdams 18), Assists 59 (Lauren Grover). Digs 65 (Kelly McAnelly 21), Blocks 33 (Erik Lasson 10), Hitting percentage .227 (Erik Lasson). Aces 4 (Kelbley 2).}

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at Houston, Saturday


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Soccer
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got the best of a crucial series as
goaliekeeper Erika Bohn made a
huge save on an Arizona State
penalty kick. A few minutes later,
Warner's goal off an assist from
Buczkozki gave the Irish a two-goal
differential that they never relinquished.
The Oklahoma game presented
e a different challenge for the
Irish. Almost the entire game was
played in the Sooners' end of the
field, with the Irish amassing a 27-4 advantage in
shots. Buczkozki opened the scor­ing
for the Irish, scoring five minutes into the game. Guertin
added a second goal at the 20-
minute mark, scoring off assists
from Warner and Buczkozki.
After Oklahoma scored on a
breakaway to close within 2-1,
the Irish tacked on two more
first half goals from Buczkozki
and Scheffer to lead 4-1 going in
to the break.
“Buczkozki has really made a
difference,” Waldrum said. She
may have been one of
those missing links. She’s so
good in that spot that we play
her. She and Kim Lorenzen and
Lizzie Reed have come in and
played like veteran players.”
Buczkozki attributed some of the
team's offensive success to
strong work in the preseason.
“It just comes from playing
together,” Buczkozki said.
“We’ve been here for a long time
for preseason, so after awhile it
just all comes together.”
The Irish continued to be
aggressive this weekend even
after getting the lead.
“We’ve made it our theme in
the preseason. We can play a lot
of players and have gotten to
buy into this pressing idea,”
Waldrum said. “That’s most of
what we’ve worked on, and we’re
certainly getting better.”
The large lead and style of
play allowed Waldrum to
empty his bench in the second half,
with most of the team seeing
some action.
“Today was the first time
we’ve been able to get some of
the players that haven’t got­ten
in yet, so it was our first real
look at them,” Waldrum said.
“It allowed us to rest some other
people and stay healthy.”

NOTRE DAME 3, Oklahoma 1
at ALUMNI FIELD, Saturday
October 4
1st 2nd Total
OKlahoma 1 0 1
Scoring Summary
ND — Amy Boland (6), 20:45 (Amy
Boland)
ND — Amy Boland (6), 23:31 (Amy
Boland)
ND — Amy Boland (6), 27:15 (Lizzie
Reed)
ND — Amy Boland (6), 27:38 (Amanda
Guevara)
ND — Amy Warner (3), 70:27
(Buczkozki)
ND — Amanda Guevara (12), 70:49
(Buczkozki)
NJ — Shari Pery (1), 20:45

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register is Friday, September 12.
Space is Limited.
Format: Four Person Scramble

Soccer continued from page 24
the Irish lost the ball at mid-
field after a sloppy pass from a
defender, and Ralph collected the
ball and got off a great assist to
midfielder Matt Greenwald,
who had managed to pass the
entire Irish defense. Groenwald
forced Sawyer to commit and
blasted a shot to the right of the
diving goalie to give the Red
Storm their first goal of the
game on only their second shot.
Just three minutes later, the
Red Storm added to their lead
as Salinnno took the ball down the
right side and made a nice assist
to Ralph, who was inside the
box. Ralph waited for Sawyer
to commit to the shot and then
timed a perfect cross to forward
Angel Rodriguez, who put the
ball in the vacated left side.
Neither team would have a
good offensive look until the
very end of the half, when
Dester got off a hard shot from
the top of the box, but Hertz
made a fine save.
Any hopes of an Irish come-
back were deflated just three
minutes into the second half, as
St. John's took advantage of
another bad turnover by the
Irish defense to take an insur-
mountable 3-0 lead.
An Irish defender attempted
to trap the ball inside the box, but
instead allowed for the ball to
squirt away from him. Salinnno
made a quick move to get to the
ball, and then dribbled in uncon-
tested on Sawyer, drilling a shot
past the helpless goalkeeper.
“Tonight we possibly made a
couple of mistakes that you can’t
make in games like that,” Clark
said after the game. “That’s a
lesson that we’ll maybe learn; we
can’t make mistakes in games of
this size.”

After falling behind 3-0, the
Irish offense seemed to regroup,
but it was too little too late for a
team that came into the match with
heavy expectations.
Perhaps the best example of
Notre Dame’s night came right
at the end of the game.
In the 87th minute, Dester
came in alone on an uncontested
shot against Hertz. The Red
Storm goalkeeper was out of
position and had to slide across
his line to get to the ball.
Dester’s shot just grazed off
Hertz’s foot and flew harmlessly
into the air, where a St. John’s
defender was able to volley the
ball harmlessly back toward the
midfield.
The Irish ended the game out-
shooting the Red Storm 12-9 but
were unable to get anything past
Hertz and the rest of the vaunt-
ed St. John’s defense.
“You can make statistics out
whichever way you wish,” Clark
said. “Their goalie had three
times the number of saves our
goalie had. Some of those saves
—if he hadn’t made them
then it could have been us (who
would have won).
“At the end of the day, the only
statistics that really count are
goals.”

St. John’s 3, NOTRE DAME 0
at ALUMNI FIELD, Saturday
October 4
Scoring Summary
SJR — Matt Groenwald (1), 24:21
SJR — Angel Rodriguez (1), 31:42
SJR — Salino (2), 46:21
NOTRE DAME — Saves 2 (Chris Sarnov
2), Shots 12, Shots on Target 6, Corner kicks 6, Corner kicks
3.

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**CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**
1. Actress
2. Thompson of 1416
5. Ace of jack
8. How to strip
14. Israeli animal
15. Baseball’s Matty
16. Ethel’s —
17. Big bongs
19. "Mine!"
20. 1919 Madonna
21. Cow-boo’ actor
22. Discharge
23. Plumeria
24. Tend
25. Fugio
26. Goate
27. Character who makes a pact with the devil
30. Rock’s Bon
31. Vive le —

**DOWN**
3. Words of praise
32. Uncomplicated kind of question
33. Pupil
34. Get really stranded
35. Against proof
36. Woman hoping for a knight in shining armor
37. Baldwin and Guinness
38. Popular dog cleaner
39. Wild West Walk
40. Like some veeps
41. Horrible
42. One of her of a Melville story
43. "I’ve Got It," in "Kabuki"
44. "Humble" place
45. Years in Spain
46. Marvin of Modern
47. Soviet
48. Walk like a two-year-old
49. Excruciation in the air
50. Clinton or Bush
51. TV across
52. Arrange in different sacks
54. Shouts to a hurricane
55. II.
57. Bird spice
58. Ache (for)
59. Kind of question
60. Uncomplicated

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**JUMBLE**

Unscramble these four jumbles, one letter on each square, to form four ordinary words.

**DICAR**

**NESOO**

**ONSWID**

**TOMSED**

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**CROSSWORD**

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

**FIVES**

**BRETTCAMPBELL & DAN ZYCHINSKI**

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**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

**FIVES**

**CROSSWORD**

**JUMBLE**

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Happy Birthday: You’ll be eager to take on just about anything this year. You will thrive on the changes that are going on around you. The more you do, the more you will prosper. Your eager approach to everything will win you the admiration you desire. You have a chance to reap the rewards if you just push a little bit harder. Your numbers: 3, 9, 20, 29, 35, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your temper will mount at a highly emotional level. Don’t be too quick to put all the blame on your own. Take a long walk or spend the day alone if it all proves too much.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may find yourself a little under the weather. Be careful what you consume. Lack of concentration could lead to minor accidents, so pay attention to your surroundings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A business contact may evoke a recently-made offer. Do not sign legal documents without reading between the lines. You should be cautious of groups that want you to invest money.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your personal life is anything but smooth. You have to let go of the past and learn to love one day at a time. Sudden events may disrupt your routine.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can find an ideal romantic partner if you participate in functions that entail large groups. Your charisma and outgoing nature will attract admirers almost instantly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your health may suffer if you haven’t been giving yourself enough time to rest. Be lucky of friends who want you to get involved in their money-making schemes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sudden changes concerning your partner may lead to confusion. Don’t judge without hearing all the facts. Try to spend some time alone with the one you love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Concentrate on getting your work finished. You are likely to feel a little drained today. Plan to take it easy rather than burn the candle at both ends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Deception on an emotional level could lead you to a minor injury. Must take care of your personal life is anything but smooth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You should put in some overtime or plan a full day’s work at home if possible. Too much idle time at home will lead to discord with family members.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Still rolling
Irish shine in Notre Dame Classic with pair of victories

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

About 15 minutes into its first game of the weekend against Arizona State, the women's soccer team had many spectators wondering if they were the same team that had dominated two foes the week before.

Two wins later, there was no more reason to wonder.

After allowing an early goal against the Sun Devils, the Irish settled down and scored three goals to take the win 3-1 Friday night, before coming out Sunday and dominating an overmatched Oklahoma squad 5-1 in the Notre Dame Classic. The Irish had five players named to the All-Tournament team for the weekend, including senior Vanessa Frazzizky and freshman Jen Buckowski, who were named defensive and offensive MVPs, respectively. Senior Amy Warner, junior Mary Boland and freshman Kim Lorenzen were Notre Dame's other awardees.

"I'm pleased with our production," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "We're more efficient this year in our goal scoring."

The only thing I'm not pleased with is giving the goal away against Oklahoma. We got countered a couple times Friday and then had the same thing happen.

Buckowski paced the Irish attack over the weekend, scoring two goals and adding three assists. Boland added two goals against Arizona State, Warner, Annie Schelter and Amanda Guerin also added a goal and an assist, while freshman Mally larocci scored the first goal of her collegiate career to cap the scoring against the Sooners. Lizzie Reed and Kim Carpenter added assists against Oklahoma.

"We've started off the season showing that we're capable of finishing off our opportunities," Pruzinsky said. "The Irish struggled in the early going against Arizona State. The Sun Devils took a 1-0 lead 10 minutes in on a goal from Stephanie Pool. The Irish regained control, however, with Boland scoring two goals five minutes apart to give the Irish a lead they would never relinquish."

Still leading 2-1, the Irish

ND VOLLEYBALL

Kelbley wins MVP, Irish capture Classic

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

The Irish had fun this weekend. So much fun that they won two matches en route to the Longhorn Classic Championship.

"We played together awesome," sophomore middle blocker Lauren Kelbley said. "It couldn't have been more fun for Notre Dame defeated Houston (2-2) Friday and Texas (2-3) Saturday to win the championship.

Kelbley led the way for the Irish on the weekend as she connected on a career-high 22 kills with only two errors. This was good for a .526 attack average that went along with seven blocks. She was also named tournament Most Valuable Player.

"It was a complete team effort," Kelbley said. "Even though I got the kills, my teammates were on the court making the passes and giving me the sets.

Despite the strong play of Kelbley, the Irish struggled through the match against Houston, losing the first two games, 25-30. In those games, starting middle blocker Lauren Bresner sat out due to flu-like symptoms.

Men's Cross Country

Notre Dame at Valparaiso Invitational

The Irish women finished in first place and the men took second at Notre Dame's first meet of the season.

Hockey

Notre Dame coach Dave Palleo hired Layne Lebel as an assistant coach last week. Lebel comes to the Irish from the Green Bay Gamblers of the USHL.

A round-up of some of Sunday's games from around the National Football League.

A report of injuries from around the league suffered during the opening week of NFL play. Most notably, St. Louis' quarterback Kurt Warner suffered a concussion.

SMC Volleyball

Belles get hot, take 4 straight

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Assistant Sport Editor

The Belles managed to get their first victory of the season at the 2nd Annual Kilt Classic at Wooster (Ohio) College this weekend. Even better, they managed to get their second, third and fourth victories as well.

The Saint Mary's volleyball team blasted through the tournament, advancing all the way to the championship game before finally losing to Marietta (Ohio) College. Along the way, the Belles knocked off Westminster (Pa.), LaRoche (Ohio), Heidelberg (Ohio) and best Wooster.

"We were very happy," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "I still thought we could have won, but the girls did great."

Saint Mary's (6-2) achieved an additional honor at the eight-team tournament by being one of two teams with more than one member chosen for the all-tournament team.

Both outside hitter Kristen Playko and middle hitter Elke Rupricht were named to the team, a fitting tribute to a Belles squad that prides itself on sharing the responsibility.

ND Volleyball

Kelbley wins MVP, Irish capture Classic

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

The Irish had fun this weekend. So much fun that they won two matches en route to the Longhorn Classic Championship.

"We played together awesome," sophomore middle blocker Lauren Kelbley said. "It couldn't have been more fun for Notre Dame defeated Houston (2-2) Friday and Texas (2-3) Saturday to win the championship.

Kelbley led the way for the Irish on the weekend as she connected on a career-high

22 kills with only two errors. This was good for a .526 attack average that went along with seven blocks. She was also named tournament Most Valuable Player.

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Stretched to the limit

Down 19-0, Irish score 26 straight and pull out 29-26 overtime win

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
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On their way into the locker room after Saturday's overtime victory, Rhema McKnight and Derrick Carey yelled, "We never give up. The Irish never quit trying.

That attitude allowed the Irish to come back Saturday from a 19-0 deficit at Notre Dame Stadium and defeat Washington State in overtime, 29-26. It was the largest comeback for the Irish since Oct. 16, 1999, when Notre Dame came back from a 24-3 deficit to defeat USC 25-24.

"Early in the game we needed something to go our way, but we could not find anything working together at the same time," Willingham said. "In the second half we eliminated our mistakes and that helped us turn the game around."

Running backs Ryan Grant and Julius Jones combined for 128 rushing yards in the final quarter and Nicholas Setta nailed five field goals to lead the Notre Dame comeback.

After struggling offensively throughout much of the first three quarters, Notre Dame got the big break it needed thanks to the defense -- namely Vontez Duff.

With a little under 12 minutes to go in the fourth, Duff read the pass from Washington State quarterback Matt Kegel. As Cougar tight end Troy Bienemann caught the pass, Duff crushed him and jarred the ball loose. Glenn Earl immediately fell on the ball at the Washington State 25.

"It was just one of those plays where you gotta make the hit," Duff said. "You wait for it, and make sure you make the hit."

Duff's fumble-causing hit proved to be the turning point of the game, as the Irish went on a tear, scoring 20 fourth quarter points.

"I know that during the game, only a few plays determine the ballgame, and that was probably one of those few plays," Duff said.

Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham also acknowledged the importance of Duff's play.

"Anytime you can get a big play, but you have a chance to get your team in gear," Willingham said. "Without that you still struggle, and that play allowed us to gain an edge."

The tide had certainly turned; quarterback Carlyle Holiday then led the Irish on two straight touchdown drives.

"In the second half, we all came out and knew what our plan was, and we took over the game," Holiday said. "We just tried to take it to them right then and there."

Holiday finished with 21 completions, a career high, in 34 attempts, good for 149 yards, one touchdown and one interception. McKnight caught his first career touchdown pass, the Irish's first of the 2003 season.

Meanwhile, on the ground, the Irish took care of business in the second half. After only rushing for 19 yards in the first half, the Irish finished with 163 yards rushing for the game.

The running game, comprised of a Jones and Grant duo, proved to be the difference. Jones played in his first game for Notre Dame since the 2001 season.

"It's what we hoped and anticipated (Jones) would add to our football team," Willingham said.

Jones finished with 72 yards on 11 carries, including a 19-yard touchdown run that put the Irish ahead 23-19 in the fourth quarter. Grant, meanwhile, carried 17 times for 98 yards.

The Irish offense, however, would not have been able to come back without the defensive effort. The defense did a great job of doing just enough to hold them," Willingham said.

Led by Brandon Hayte's eight tackles, the Irish defense held the Cougars scoreless in the third quarter. They then stopped Washington State in overtime and forced Cougar kicker Drew Dunning to miss a 34-yard field goal.

"Our defense is on that path to being great," Duff said. "When the Irish got the ball in overtime, they played for the field goal. They had practiced for an almost identical situation last week.

"I felt good about the scenario," Willingham said.

Setta's attempt started out right but hooked just inside the right upright to give Notre Dame the victory.

"We are very fortunate to win against a good football team," Willingham said. "We have to be a better team than that."

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player of the game
Nicholas Setta
The kicker nailed five field goals and allowed the Irish to make their second half comeback.

stat of the game
26 consecutive points scored by the Irish after spotting the Cougars a 19-0 lead

play of the game
Vontez Duff's third quarter forced fumble
The turnover was the big play that swung the game in Notre Dame's favor.

quote of the game
"Nick Setta is my hero."
Glenn Earl
Irish safety
report card

quarterbacks: Holiday did complete a career-high 21 passes, but he couldn't connect on the long ball and had little pocket presence. Quinn showed poise in his limited action.

running backs: Grant and Jones didn't do much in the first three quarters but were the difference in the game during the fourth quarter. They broke tackles and ran well in the open field.

receivers: The receivers didn't make any extraordinary plays but had zero drops and a touchdown. Jenkins made sure key third-down receptions and led the team with 46 receiving yards.

offensive line: The offensive line struggled in the first half but played better in the second half. They kept the Cougars off Holiday late in the game and opened up holes for the backs.

defensive line: The line played fairly well, holding the Cougars backs to only 55 yards rushing. They put decent pressure on Kegel and played very well late in the game.

linebackers: Without Watson, the linebackers did a good job. Curry had a key interception and they limited the Cougars rushing attack.

defensive backs: Kegel threw for 274 yards, but the backs contained the pass very well, putting their team in the game long enough for Diedrick's offense to come through for the win.

overall: It wasn't pretty, but the Irish got the victory. The defense played well for their first game of the season.

2.74 adding up the numbers

completions by Holiday — a career-best. He ended the game 23-34 with 149 yards and a touchdown

12 quarters since Notre Dame last scored an offensive touchdown — the Irish scored in the fourth quarter Saturday

128 rushing yards by Grant and Jones in the fourth quarter after gaining only 32 yards in the first three

643 days since Jones had last played for Notre Dame. He missed last season with academic troubles.

number of field goals made by Setta — tying a career-high

0 number of net yards gained by Washington State in the second quarter

number of fumbles by the Irish on Saturday — they lost three of them

1 number of Ann Powlius jerseys in the press box — courtesy of a campus tri-weekly magazine writer

Heading into the fourth quarter of Saturday's game against Washington State, Notre Dame running backs Ryan Grant and Julius Jones had a combined 14 carries and all of 32 yards.

By the end of overtime, that total was up to 28 carries and 170 yards — and an Irish victory.

The difference? The offensive line blocked better, while Jones and Grant used determination and grit to break tackles and make key cutbacks in the open field.

And that formula is the only way Notre Dame will have success this season. They can't throw the ball 29 times through three quarters like they did Saturday. Or give the ball to Jones four times before the fourth quarter begins. They can't rely on the pass and then establish the run.

But that's what the Irish did through most of the Washington State game. By the time the final 15 minutes arrived, Notre Dame was facing a 19-6 deficit and an ugly opening loss.

That's when offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick showed why he had such great success with Stanford's offense during his tenure there. Instead of panicking and trying to throw deep passes to secure a quick score, Diedrick began running the ball more — and it kept working.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Irish were down two scores with the ball on their own three. After gaining four yards on first down, Grant took a handoff, bolted into the line and broke free, then cut back to race 32 yards down the Irish sidelines. The play set up a Nicolas Setta field goal that got the Irish within 10 points.

On the ensuing Notre Dame possession, Jones broke an 18 yard run to set up the first touchdown of the season.

Notre Dame ran on all six plays of their next possession, with the end result of a Jones touchdown to give Notre Dame the lead.

The contrast between the play calling in the first three quarters and the pivotal fourth is dramatic. During one drive in the second quarter, quarterback Carlyle Holiday dropped back to pass 10 times out of 14 plays. It seemed like he was throwing the ball two times to every Grant and Jones rush attempts.

Notre Dame can't move the ball doing that. The Irish must establish the running game if they're going to score points this season. With all their talent on offense, that should be very realistic.

Look at the backs, for example. Grant isn't the flashiest of runners, but he's coming off a 1,000 yard season and gained 98 yards Saturday. The biggest key for him will be his ability to cutback when the defense allows it. Jones, besides having arms bigger than my legs, showed glimpses of greatness by ripping through tackles and finding holes in the defense where no hole existed. Coach Tyrone Willingham's eyes must have lit up with excitement during that fourth quarter when those guys ran up and down the field.

"I really think that 1-2 combination Julius Jones and Ryan Grant really gives us something to be proud of," Willingham said.

Holiday said after the game how important the two backs are to the success of the offense.

"In the second half it showed that if you can run the ball, everything else opens up," Holiday said.

"For us to continue to have a successful season, we're going to have to continue running the ball. While Notre Dame may have gotten through this game despite the offense struggles during the first three quarters, next week's opponent, Michigan, won't let that happen."

If they can't run effectively, the offense could have a lot more quarters like the first three Saturday.

But if they can get the backs more touches and run like they did in the fourth, the West Coast offense may find a home in the Midwest.

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Setta’s field goals keep Irish in it

By MATT LOZAR Associate Sports Editor

Glenn Earl called him his hero. But Nicholas Setta was just happy to do his job.

"To go out there, do your job and get the opportunity to do it, that’s all you can ask for," Setta said. "It’s great. It’s all I’ve been ask. When you can put that amount of points on the board, it really feels good.

Helping out an offense that for three quarters shot itself in the foot every time it reached the red zone, Setta connected on 5-of-6 field goals in Notre Dame’s 29-26 come-from-behind win against Washington State Saturday afternoon. Without Setta, the Irish back wouldn’t have been possible.

"Nick did a fabulous job with his kicking today to get us over the hump, especially at the end," Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham said.

The first three times the Irish drove inside the Washington State 20, sacks or penalties pushed them back and forced Willingham to call on Setta. The senior rose to each occasion and let the Irish hang around long enough.

"This same situation was very similar in the 2002 season opener, when the offense couldn’t get to the end zone. Setta made 5-of-6 field goals, only missing a 56-yard attempt. He was named the national special teams player of the week.

“It’s exciting because you are really putting the momentum there. When you miss it, everyone feels it on the sidelines," Setta said. "If you don’t make it, then it’s not going to go right? Having that and everything else going right, it really helps the momentum continue.

Besides his normal job of placekicker, Setta has the responsibility of punter with the graduation of Joey Fitzpatrick. In his first game as the official punter, Setta averaged 49.7 yards per punt, including an impressive 54-yard boot on his first punt of the season.

Surprisingly to many, Setta feels handling both kicking and punting duties will actually keep his leg fresher throughout.

"It makes the whole transition easier during the day," Setta said. "It always keeps you in the game. It takes some wear off your leg, because you aren’t always kicking field goals warming up.

Any kiccer just asks the team to give him a chance to contribute, since the kick is very little control over when his attempts actually occur. The Irish turned to Setta Saturday to keep them in the game while the offense sputtered in the red zone. Setta couldn’t ask for anything else.

The only negative on an otherwise solid day for the kicking game was the first field goal attempt. Snapper Scott Rardin’s snap hit the ground before getting to holder D.J. Fitzpatrick. Fitzpatrick did what he could to get the snap down, but Setta had already started his motion to the ball. Setta attempted to hold up but couldn’t regain his momentum, and the 47-yard field goal fell short.

"It was unfortunate the way things happened," Setta said. "They did a good job of getting it down. I think the one you kind of expect things like that.

Despite the negative start for the kicking unit, Setta just put it out of his mind.

“You take it as what went wrong, and then move on," Setta said. "There are going to be so many more chances, especially in this game, you just have to take your mind off it.

It’s a good thing he did, because Setta gave the Irish what they needed — a chance.

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Scoring summary

1st 2nd 3rd 4th OT Total

Wash. State 12 7 0 7 0 26
Notre Dame 0 3 3 20 3 26

First quarter
Washington State 6, Notre Dame 0
Sammy Moore 13-yard reception from Matt Keigel with 5:32 remaining (PAT failed)
Drive: 6 plays, 40 yards, 3:20 elapsed
Washington State 9, Notre Dame 0
Drew Dunning 20-yard field goal with 4:56 remaining
Drive: 4 plays, 16 yards, 1:21 elapsed

Second quarter
Washington State 12, Notre Dame 0
Dunning 30-yard field goal with 0:31 remaining
Drive: 3 plays, 19 yards, 3:07 elapsed
Washington State 19, Notre Dame 0
Issac Brown 12-yard fumble return with 2:37 remaining (Dunning kick)
Drive: 4 plays, 16 yards, 2:27 elapsed

Third quarter
Washington State 19, Notre Dame 6
Setta 33-yard field goal with 10:10 remaining
Drive: 13 plays, 54 yards, 4:50 elapsed
Washington State 19, Notre Dame 9
Julius Jones 19-yard run with 1:03 remaining
Drive: 1 play, 9 yards, no time elapsed

Fourth quarter
Washington State 19, Notre Dame 23
Setta 48-yard field goal with 0:33 remaining
Drive: 4 plays, 60 yards, 2:41 elapsed
Washington State 19, Notre Dame 26
Setta 47-yard field goal with 0:33 remaining
Drive: 4 plays, 5 yards, 1:48 elapsed
Notre Dame 26, Washington State 29
Moore 34-yard reception from Keigel with :53 remaining (Dunning kick)
Drive: 6 plays, 60 yards, 2:10 elapsed

Overtime
Notre Dame 29, Washington State 26
Setta 45-yard field goal
Drive: 3 plays, 3 yards

Total yardage: Notre Dame 657, Washington State 657

WSU 312
Notre Dame 329

Rushing yards
Notre Dame 163
WSU 95

Passing yards
Notre Dame 149
WSU 274

Time of possession
Notre Dame 29:13, Washington State 20:47

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Overtime facts
- Saturday was the first overtime game at Notre Dame Stadium since Oct. 28, 2000, when the Irish beat Air Force 34-31. Joey Getherall scored the game-winning touchdown on an end around in the overtime after Air Force had kicked a field goal. The Irish also won the coin toss and the game, marking the second time in five overtime games in which both events happened for Notre Dame.

Game captains
- Setta’s first time as captain and the second time for Earl and Jenkins. Saturday was Molinaro’s first time as captain for the Irish.
It wasn't the prettiest of victories, but coach Tyrone Willingham and his Irish are 1-0 after beating Washington State 29-26 in overtime. Notre Dame fell behind 19-0 to the Cougars before scoring 26 consecutive points and eventually won in overtime on Nicholas Setta's fifth field goal of the game. Julius Jones returned to the Irish and had 72 rushing yards for the game and a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

**FINDING A WAY TO WIN**

Kyle Budinscak sacks Washington State quarterback Matt Kegel (top left). Marcus Wilson, Glenn Earl and the Irish race out of the tunnel for the first time this season (top right). Irish quarterback Carlyle Holiday attempts to avoid a Washington State defender (left). The Irish celebrate their first touchdown of the season.