Struggling team disheartens some fans

By KATHERINE GALES

The unseasonable cold seems to have sent some fair-weather Notre Dame football fans scurrying for cover, as the 1-3 start prompts some spectators to losing faith in their team.

Last year, head coach Ty r o n e Willingham made national headlines by turning around the program with eight straight wins at the beginning of the 2002 season. The solid defense left behind by Bob Davie and the discipline and authority Willingham brought to the team contributed to the Irish's early success.

This year, the team's record is "frustrating," said Alumni sophomore Adam Staats, "but you have to take into consideration that it's only the second year Willingham has been here. I don't think anyone thought he would do what he did last year, and the fact that he's struggling at the start of this year has people discouraged.

"A lot of the starters aren't his recruits, so you can't really say that it's anybody's fault," he added. "It's a new system, and we have to give it time."


This season marks only the sixth time in the last 20 years that the team has started 1-3. Gerry Faust (1985), Lou Holtz (1986) and Bob Davie (1997, 1999, 2001) all posted dismal early-season records that cast a pall over the entire season.

For last weekend's game against Purdue, 500 tickets -- 10 percent of Notre Dame's allotment -- were returned after the school was unable to sell them. They immediately sold out to Purdue fans in West Lafayette, according to a school press release and the Lafayette Journal and Courier.

However, according to senior Erin Hume, spirit was not lacking from those student fans able to attend the Purdue game.

"There were a lot of students...

ND ROTC Air Force cadets honored

By MATT BRAMANTI

While most Notre Dame students were occupied with internships, family vacations and summer service projects, many Air Force ROTC cadets spent their summers at Field Training. Typically done the summer before junior year, Field Training is an intensive four-week experience designed to develop leadership skills in cadets, who will go on to become Air Force officers.

This year, Detachment 225 — consisting of students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Valparaiso, Indiana University-South Bend, Bethel and Holy Cross — graduated 27 cadets from the program. Field Training courses were held at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, at Tyndall AFB near Panama City, Fla., and at Ellsworth AFB in rural South Dakota.

Several Notre Dame cadets received awards based on their performance during the training program. Cadets Ann Marie Draper and Greg Conners were recognized as Distinguished Graduates, an award limited to the top 10 percent of each field training class. Cadets Matt Crosser, Angela Gamache, Pat McMorrow and Dan Santiago were recognized as Superior Performers, representing the next 10 percent of the class.

"Field training is not fun at all, but you're a better person coming out of it," Crosser said. McMorrow said the competi-
INSIDE COLUMN

One step at a time

Apparently I'm living in the ghetto—at least that's what my friends, parents and the cab driver I met Saturday morning say. Personally, based on the two months I've lived there, I love Lafayette. I'll admit it's not in the best of neighborhoods by any means, but the positives definitely outweigh the negatives.

Our apartment is clean and spacious with three floors and four bedrooms. Sure, I sound like a promotion brochure, but it's true. My three roommates and I looked at a variety of other complexes and houses before deciding on Lafayette. Our rent and utilities are cheaper than most and we each have our own room (granted, two of them are 8x10, but luckily, not mine).

The location is close to both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. After several trial runs, I've even discovered the most time efficient route to both campuses—a mere three minutes to Notre Dame and five to Saint Mary's. Unfortunately, this fails to guarantee my showing up at class on time.

In addition, the distance to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are positively more convenient than that to Saint Joseph's. So on to the negatives. It did make me a bit nervous moving in and having the family across the street observe from their front porch as I unpacked my life from my car. It was also interesting joining my roommates in watching the spectacle our back neighbors made by screaming and stopping traffic in the street a few nights later.

My mom was less then pleased when "Kareem" approached us in the parking lot a couple of weeks ago, asking if she could come inside for something to eat. The look on her face was priceless as she realized that raising her daughter in a relatively safe Detroit suburb was quite a contrast from Eddy and Lafayette streets in South Bend. Just as important, I was just observing my neighbors by any means, but the positives definitely outweigh the negatives.

Like most in my situation, I am well-aware of the danger I may face, especially when walking from the street to my apartment at 3 a.m. after a long night of studying, going out with friends, working late at The Observer, or whatever the case may be. On one hand, I'm not as frightened as maybe I should be. Go ahead and shake your head if you must. I consider it more of a learning experience than anything else, and I'm certainly not looking to tempt fate in the process.

This is only preparation for what I may face next year (if hopefully) head to Chicago. I'm just taking things one step at a time.

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IN BRIEF

"Reflection on His Personal Journey Toward Asian-American Catholicism," will be presented by the Most Reverend Bishop Ignatius Wang, auxiliary bishop, Archdiocese of San Francisco and the first Asian-American Catholic Bishop today in Jordan Auditorium, at the Mendoza College of Business. The bishop will then reside at the 5:15 p.m. Mass in the Basilica.

The lecture, "Bioweapons—Past and Present Warfare," will be presented by Charles Kulpa from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. tonight on the second floor of Galvin Life Sciences. Everyone is invited to come learn more about this important topic in current events.

Join friends at Legends tonight for the Monday Night Football Game Watch from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Farook Kathawri, chief executive officer of Ethan Allen Inc. will present a lecture entitled "Leadership Principles" Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business. The lecture is part of the Cardinal Flura Lecture Series in Business Ethics.

Come support the Notre Dame women's soccer team as they take on Indiana State Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

A Defining Life Discussion Panel featuring prominent university professors will be held Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Student Lounge.

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

OFFBEAT

Man sues after being locked in toilet


William Tremmel, 68, of Altuona, Pa., needed to go. Badly. So he dashed to the nearest portable toilet on the Virginia Beach boardwalk.

Problem was, it belonged to construction workers forWeeks Marine, a company hired by the city to replenish the beach. And those workers were fed up with outsiders using the company can. They retaliated, Tremmel claims in a lawsuit filed last month, by driving a bulldozer or front-end loader to the toilet and blocking the doorway, pinning him "inside the rank stench."

Weeks doesn't deny its employees locked Tremmel in the toilet but says the worker was within his rights.

Tremmel says he was locked inside for 25 minutes. He claims members of his family shouted at the worker, but the man left and returned with his foreman, who chastised Tremmel through the closed door and accused him of trespassing.

Cell phones reveal love affairs in Italy

ROME — Italy's love affair with text messaging is having an unexpected consequence: Cell phones have become a leading giveaway of secret affairs. Snooping spouses are finding amusing messages, as well as inexplicable phone numbers, stored in the memory of mobile phones.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THIS WEEKEND'S GAME?

Chris Gehring
Sophomore
Saint Mary's
"Brady Quinn's got nice guns."

Kate Sheehy
Sophomore
Welsh Family
"I didn't watch it."

Erik Powers
Sophomore
Sorin
"I'll never eat Purdue chicken again."

Pat Flaherty
Sophomore
Sorin
"I liked the first three quarters and then I switched over to Three Ninjas."
Hockey team raises money for charity

Fund assists coaches, athletes with cancer

By WILL PUCKETT

Many Irish fans turned out for the hockey team’s Blue-Gold scrimmage Sunday, eager to show their pride for the team and partake in an opportunity to help others.

While admission to the game was free, donations were taken up for the Hockey Coaches Foundation.

The Hockey Coaches Foundation provides assistance to athletes and coaches who are faced with serious or other life-threatening illnesses. The foundation began in September 2001 in memory of former University of Maine hockey coach Shawn Walsh, who died of cancer.

"This is the fourth year donations have gone to [the Foundation], and we think it’s a great thing to help out. It’s really grown a lot over the past few years," Poulin said.

The game was special on a more personal level for the team, as well. Each player and member of the coaching staff played the game in memory of someone they know who has been impacted by cancer. According to Poulin, this has been one of the key points of the scrimmage’s involvement with the Hockey Coaches Foundation.

"I think one of the best things is that all of our players were playing in memory of someone affected by cancer," Poulin said. "It gives us a chance to honor someone we know who has battled this disease.

While the Irish showed their support on the ice, many in the stands supported through donations. Sophomore Tami Stawicki said it looked to him like many students had respond to the call for donations through their contributions.

"I came in about a half an hour late, and as I donated, it looked like they had a lot of money collected at that table," Stawicki said. "It’s really great that people came together and contributed for such a good cause."

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Toths win SMC freshman election

By NICOLE ZOOK

Ashley Toth and Claudia Toth won the Saint Mary’s freshman class council elections Friday with 55 percent of the vote, becoming class vice president and president, respectively.

McCannel’s residents Claudia and Ashley Toth, who are not related, will lead the freshman class for the remainder of the 2003-04 academic year.

Primary elections took place Tuesday via PRISM, after which the ticket was narrowed from six candidates to two; Monica Lindblom/Kristen Bogdanowicz and Claudia Toth/Ashley Toth. The Toth ticket was behind by three percent of votes following Tuesday’s election.

In order to make themselves known to their class, Ashley and Claudia campaigned until the last possible minute.

"The last night, we went around a second time to all the dorms, to each room," Claudia said. "I was very, very excited. I was very nervous the whole night."

The Lindblom/Bogdanowicz ticket garnered 44 percent of the vote, with a total of 32 percent of the first-year class voting.

The Toths intend to begin their work immediately.

"Ashley and I had a list of things that we wanted to accomplish on our platform," Claudia Toth said. "We will probably start with the surveys — getting the class ideas and going from there.

Their platform consisted of several main points, including maintaining a line of communication between freshmen and student government, working to establish a "Belles General Store," establishing better relationships with the Notre Dame freshman class and continuing class apparel.

The surveys fall under the communication goal. Claudia Toth said she will soon be sending an e-mail to the entire freshman class with contact information.

"I’m available to them if they need anything at any time. That would be the one thing I would stress to them," Claudia Toth said. "We want to listen to the needs of our classmates so we can get done what we need to do for them. We work for them.

Students will receive e-mails from the newly elected officers on a regular basis. Claudia Toth intends to send out surveys monthly. E-mail will also be used to notify freshmen of happenings at student government meetings.

"We want to keep the class updated constantly," she said.

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Cardinal George to deliver keynote address

Special To The Observer

Cardinal Francis George, archbishop of Chicago, will give the keynote address at an ecumenical conference of scholars, students, professional people and social activists at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in McGlinen Hall auditorium.

The conference, "Formation and Renewal," is being sponsored by the University’s Center for Ethics and Culture to explore "sources of moral and spiritual renewal, reform, and formation in a culture marked by the loss of meaning and direction."

George, who has served as archbishop of Chicago since 1997, has written, edited or contributed chapters to numerous books, including "Inculcation and Ecclesiastical Communion," "Evangelizing American Culture," "Church and Cultures," "Church and the Kingdom," "Bishops and the Splendor of Truth," "Missionaries and Native Peoples of North America: Lessons for the Church Today," "Justice," "Bishops and Theologians" and "Knowledge of God."

More than 100 papers will be presented during the conference, which will include two panel discussions of particular interest to the Notre Dame community.


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tailing — it didn’t seem like there were less than would usually be at an away game,” she said. “The students I was with were standing on the bleachers, doing cheers and playing. I didn’t notice a huge decline in participation.”

Despite this, students did not appear to be interested in watching the game. As the fourth quarter began, students were more interested in putting football on South Quad than in watching their team.

“I think we’re still 100 percent behind the team despite the slow start,” said Mike Serpas, a Dillon senior and band drum major. “Especially the drum majorette. Their motivation was tough. We’re still there playing the Victory March no matter what the score is. We’re just trying to motivate and inspire the team and the fans as best we can.”

Although some people are less enthusiastic about the football team as they rebuild, most fans appear to be just as fervent about the sport that made Notre Dame famous.

“As far as losing faith in the football team, fans of Notre Dame football are notorious for being overly critical of players, coaches or entire teams when they don’t play up to the high expectations everyone has of them,” said Jim Theis, a Knott freshman. “It’s easy to assume that we’re going to be upset after a 1-3 start this year, especially after last season’s success, but that is one thing we can’t forget through these tough games, the success of last season and the reasoning that if we’ve had success in the past, we can and will achieve it in the future.”

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tion was tough. "There were a lot of top cadets, and it was an honor to be included among them," he said.

Several cadets also recently received awards unrelated to field training. Cadet Wendy Kosek, a senior, was awarded to Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement. This award recognizes four rising Air Force ROTC seniors nationally for military and academic performance. Kosek said that while she appreciates the award, she didn’t set out to receive it. "It means a lot to receive an award for doing what I enjoy," she said.

Athletic prowess also garnered awards for the detachment. Junior cadet and twin sisters Keri and Kelsi Matwick joined the elite “500 Club,” named after the maximum possible score on their Air Force Physical Fitness Test. Keli said she hoped the award will help motivate younger cadets.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Japan offers aid to Africa

Japan Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, opening a major donor conference Monday, pledged $1 billion in new money for education and health care in Africa.

The money, to be dispersed over five years, will help fund AIDS treatment, vaccinations and building schools and facilities for drinking water.

Koizumi's announcement came at the start of a three-day conference in Tokyo on fighting poverty and promoting sustainable development in Africa.

About 2,500 delegates from 23 African countries and representatives of leading donor nations and aid groups will discuss infectious diseases, food security, primary education and regional peace.

Pope names new church princes

VATICAN CITY — Amid concerns about his frail health, Pope John Paul II installed 31 cardinals Sunday, acting months earlier than expected and strengthening his influence on the group that will choose his successor.

The new “princes” of the church include senior Vatican officials and dioceesan leaders from 50 countries. They will receive their red hats at a ceremony known as a consistory on Oct. 25.

The appointment is the largest since John Paul’s 25th anniversary as pope.

A senior Bush administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed Friday that the Justice Department, CIA and the FBI now are trying to determine whether there was a violation of the law and, if so, then whether a full inquiry would be expected.

But Sunday’s attack — along with a February explosion that killed 43 Americans and 11 armed from the worst of the violence aimed at thwarting a nationwide campaign of protests led by large rebel groups, and several arms caches. Defense Minister Martha Parra visited Florencia and held two hours of emergency meetings with security officials.

She said at least 11 were killed and 48 wounded.

Helped by millions of dollars in military aid from the U.S. government, Uribe has launched all-out war on the rebels. Despite the violence, he has seen some success.

Cocaine production, for instance, which finances the rebels, is down.

Uribe’s campaign to restore order in this South American country suffered another setback two weeks ago when gunmen, believed to be members of the National Liberation Army, or ELN, kidnapped eight foreign tourists from an archaeological ruin in the western Colombian region.

Police officers and relatives carry the body of an unidentified police officer who was killed at a nightclub in Florencia, Colombia.

Police investigators searched houses owned by a farm equipment supply company, authorities said. The fire, which broke out late Friday night, destroyed a rural northern Indiana building.

The fire, which broke out late Friday night, heavily when crews arrived, and swift winds helped the flames spread, Warster said. Firefighters used about 800,000 gallons of water.
Homeless charged for lengthy stays

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The city’s Salvation Army chapter is charging homeless families $5 a night if they stay at its downtown shelter for more than a week, an apparently unprecedented change that has angered some homeless advocates.

The Louisville organization started the fee this month as an incentive to pull people out of homelessness, said Maj. John Tolan, the agency’s director of social services. Some people have been staying for months at the shelter, he said.

The National Coalition for the Homeless and the national Salvation Army in Arlington, Va., knew of no other shelters nationwide that charge families, although some charge individuals.

“It’s something we don’t agree to, wouldn’t support,” said Donald Whitehead, executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based coalition.

Some homeless advocates are urging the Salvation Army to reverse its policy.

“This is totally unacceptable. It’s pathetic,” said Marlene Gordon, executive director of the Coalition for the Homeless, which coordinates services among 25 shelters in Louisville and southern Indiana.

Possibility of Confederates lying in state criticized

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — A proposal to have the bodies of eight Confederate sailors lie in state in the Capitol has drawn criticism from some who contend giving them the honor would be unfair and disrespectful.

The sailors’ remains were recovered when the submarine H.L. Hunley was raised up in 2000 from the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean, where it sank shortly after downing the Union blockade ship Housatonic in 1864. The Hunley was the first submarine to sink an enemy ship during a war.

A Hunley Commission member said no formal request has been made, but a Web site listing details of funeral plans had initially included two days in the Capitol.

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Historic trolleys destroyed in Md. museum blaze

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fire swept through a museum housing historic streetcars in a Washington suburb Sunday, causing $10 million in damage.

The cause of the overnight fire at the National Capital Trolley Museum in Silver Spring, Md., is not known.

A security alarm brought police and fire crews to the museum around 2 a.m. It took 50 firefighters nearly an hour to extinguish the fire.

Among the eight trolley cars lost was one from 1899. A 1935 trolley was a one-of-a-kind experimental model.

County fire investigators and members of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives visited the scene and collected evidence.

Montgomery County, Md., Fire Department spokesman Pete Piringer said.

A dog trained to detect fire accelerants was also brought in. Piringer said the dog was “useful,” but it added that a range of possible causes was being investigated, including the building’s electrical system and a severe thunderstorm that rolled through the area.

A statement on the museum’s Web site said plans were underway to build a new building for the destroyed streetcars — one that included sprinklers.
Conseco sells GM building

Conseco, Inc. on Friday said it had completed the sale of the General Motors Building to MacKay Properties Inc. for $1.4 billion, the most expensive deal of legal wrangling over the New York skyscraper with Conseco's former chairman, Donald Trump.

Conseco, of Carmel, Ind., said the proceeds of the sale, which it put at about $380 million, would be used to boost reserves required by state insurance regulators.

The sale, valued at about $735 a square foot, was one of the highest prices ever paid for a New York office building, the company said. Construction on the 703-foot building began in 1964 and was completed in 1968. The lower end of the lobby was once used as a showroom for General Motors Co. cars, though the space is now home to CBS broadcast of "The Early Show."

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Gas prices drop significantly

In one of the most dramatic moves, gas prices at more than 10 cents per gallon over the past two weeks, the biggest drop in two years, an analyst said Friday.

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Poll indicates Schwarzenegger pulls ahead of other candidates

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SANTA MARIA, Calif. — With the campaign to recall Gov. Gray Davis entering its final full week, a poll released Sunday showed the Democrat could lose office by a wide margin and put Arnold Schwarzenegger way ahead of everyone else trying to become governor of California.

Schwarzenegger barnstormed around California on Sunday, appearing before enthusiastic crowds in airport hangars.

"This is now hand-to-hand combat. We are in the trenches. This is war," Schwarzenegger said, adopting a newly aggressive tone.

Davis unveiled a new television commercial accusing Schwarzenegger of ducking tough questions and refusing to debate.

Some of California's major newspapers endorsed candidates Sunday, most urging voters to reject the recall on Oct. 7 and recommending nobody to replace Davis.

The endorsements came out as the poll taken after last week's pivotal candidates' debate indicated sharp differences with previous surveys, which showed a much narrower margin of Californians favoring the recall, and an even race between the Republican actor and Democratic Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante.

Davis' campaign spokesman, Peter Schey, attacked the numbers.

"It's a joke," Ragone said. "It is so far from what every other public poll and every other internal poll by both Democrats and Republicans have found." Schwarzenegger planned to focus his message on the governor's failings during his fly-around campaigning Sunday.

"We plan to spend the rest of this campaign reminding voters that the real question of the election is whether or not they want the status quo in Sacramento, with the government controlled by special interests or whether they want real change," said his spokesman, Todd Harris.

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An open letter to Father Malloy concerning workers’ rights

The moral integrity of the University is in quiet jeopardy. That sounds dramatic because it is dramatic. Our administration has trampled the tenets of Catholic Social Teaching for frigid corporate indifference — fatal to the bottom line. It’s profit over people again, unless Notre Dame respects its workers’ rights to organize and to a living wage.

To deny its workers these rights is to drag Notre Dame into a swirl of hypocrisy. Lip service cannot be paid in homilies and classroom lectures, while this local crisis is styly swept under the rug. We send students to Appalachia and Africa — to earth’s every corner — but slight the injustice in our own hallways. It’s right under our noses and we look past it. This cannot carry on.

That workers’ rights even need any defense is an unsettling idea, but it is a fact. So first, to bring everyone up to speed, I will provide a brief history of the fight for workers’ rights. Following that, I will offer a modest proposal — indeed, the same one the Progressive Student Alliance suggested last year modeled on the recent victories at Harvard and elsewhere. Finally I’ll assess each side of the debate.

Apart from today’s surplus of anecdotal evidence, the unfolding history of Notre Dame’s battle with labor is well documented. Notably, in 1977, the administration successfully fought the unionization of groundkeepers with the Teamsters. Only eight years ago, it swiftly quelled a sizeable group of student agitators. (They were earning the second-lowest wages among the half dozen Michiana employees’ budding interest in higher wages.)

So, the administration rebuffed the PSA’s sensible call for a public statement, wherein, ideally, you might have asserted the University’s dedication to fair-minded labor practices. Instead, Notre Dame’s Public Relations director, Dennis Moore, of all people, responded sentimentally, casting the administration in the role of the workers’ shepherd, deciding itself what is in the workers’ “best interests.” (Chief among these alleged interests, I imagine, is to not organize.) In the end, tellingly, the administration asked to keep the matter private.

Sorry, sir, but this matter cannot languish behind closed doors. What we need is action. What we need is a “road map” to campus labor justice. The PSA advocated a Code of Conduct that the University should agree to: essentially, that efforts to organize would be respected, the University would make statements of neutrality and voluntary card-check recognition and a pledge to honor the workers’ need for a living wage.

Neutrality compels the University to refrain from often brutal tactics discouraging the workers’ organizing, such as “captive audience” meetings, hiring union-busters, scare campaigns or threats of pink slips and wage cuts. Voluntary card-check recognition has the University acknowledge a majority of workers signing union cards as a union, bypassing the lengthy, unfair National Labor Relations Board elections.

Not surprisingly, the University opposed both neutrality and voluntary card-check recognition.

But, neutrally, the administration argued, removed it's right to express its position vis-a-vis workers organizing. But a statement of neutrality entails no such sacrifice. Even if it did, how, logically and morally, would the University oppose anything that would endow its workers with a voice, with greater control over their own livelihood?

And it opposed card-check recognition saying the proposal was too narrow. Not a single word about the workers themselves, not students. Though not baseless, does this question of origin truly merit the administration’s outright refusal? Perhaps if the workers believed such a proposal would not be met with pink slips, they would approach the administration.

It’s not like the University is strapped for funds. Notre Dame boasts a 2.5 billion dollar endowment, ranked 18th nationwide, that can pay scores of six-figure salaries — it can easily afford to justly compensate its workers. Instead, at the lowest pay levels, campus workers earn roughly a 20th of what you earn, at least a dollar below the living wage.

Another way, put them actually what you do in about 18 days — a strikingly ironic case of income inequality for a campus proficient in feasting. Inter alia, a Center for Social Concerns and Higgins Labor Research Center. Any case that the University makes against paying its workers a living wage is, as I see it, indefensible.

While we cannot, as Dr. Johnson said, wipe all tears from all faces, we can do what’s in our power. And, as President, much is in your power. You, sir, are then faced with a decision, each of which will reflect on the character of the University.

Either we respect workers’ rights, as Catholic social teaching prescribes, or we don’t. Choosing the former would powerfully affirm our commitment to the dignity of those who make Notre Dame work. Choosing the latter would blemish the University’s lasting reputation, turning it into a tophatted hypocrite, accomplishments in injustice and numb to the prevailing winds of social progress.

As matters of such clear moral gravity, they should be addressed without delay. I hope to look forward to your reply.

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The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
It's no secret we love sports at Notre Dame: and the sport of choice is football. Every fall, the whole campus comes alive with the loud sounds of battle, as tackling, exuberant marching songs and boisterous cheers. Nothing, of course, is louder than the explosion of pride outside your door at 8 a.m. on Saturday, which introduces itself as Bill, class of '58. Bill can't believe you're not more impressed that he thinks he lived in your dorm room 45 years ago.

On weekdays, too, any quick glance and you'll see what you know that this is a football school. There are always people outside toasting the pigskin around campus. Everyone here shows a love for football. Only at Notre Dame could you find words entitling "Touchdown!" "First Down Moses," and "Two-Point Conversion Hidesus Ravenous Torso Statue Outside O'Shaughnessy."

Unfortunately, this love of football is a price. As the team fails, so fails the fair on campus. When the team wins, we celebrate; when the team loses, we mourn all evening. Sad to say, there hasn't been much celebration yet this season. The worst thing we could do, though, is quit supporting the team just because we aren't having fun. We need a sport that will keep our spirits high. Luckily for everyone, I've found just the thing. What Notre Dame desperately needs is a falconry club.

Falconry is one of the noblest sports on earth, one that has enchanted kings and poets for centuries. Who could forget that famous old falconer in Shakespeare who wrote about the sport in his plays? Probably, too, he talked about it with a bunch of other poets and kings who hung out together for various noble falconry purposes.

The possibilities for falconry are endless. Just think about it: "Here is a sport where you get to train giant birds of prey to catch other animals, kill them, then fly them back to you. If this doesn't appeal to you, then you are dumb. I have spoken to a number of students, staff and faculty about this issue, and all are in agreement. Falconry is in, and we need a club for it. So some of us have banded together to create the Notre Dame Falconry Club."

Immediately we were faced with a couple of immortal questions. What would be the benefits of this club for the community? We are confident that this graceful field sport will restore fan support for Notre Dame athletics across the board. An added bonus will be the fact that, if we are allowed to follow our dream of practicing falconry on campus, we will finally have found a suitable way to control the campus population of menacing oversized squirrels. Now, I know what you're thinking. Those rodents could take down a buffalo at full stride. How would a bird ever stand a chance against my answer? Visit www.northernwoodsfalconry.com. This is the website for "North America's Finest Falconry Fitter," where you can buy a product called "squirted chaps." For those of you non-experts, squirrel chaps are "truly innovative anklets for the serious squirrel hawkess to further reduce any possibility of a severe bite by a large-tree squirrel."

I've hopefully put the whole case. Let the hunt begin!

The second question: What is the verb form for this activity? Does one fal­conize or just falcon? One might say, "So I was falconing the other day, and my yard, it was intense.

Or perhaps: "Hey, Ted, way to falcon yesterday. You were great out there.""  

On balance, this is very confusing, and a roadblock which we haven't quite figured out yet. Plus, this is not the only vocabulary issue to come up. We dis­covered that there are scores of specialized falconry words we would have to learn in order not to sound incompetent, intimidating words like "acelliper" and "tiercerol." But thanks to our dedication, we are now able to show off confidence such phrases as "I say, old bean, you've been splendid­ly manning that eyas since you took it from its eyrie to a suitable mews. Have you an extra creance?"

Now that we've become masters of falconry parlance, we're moving onto bigger issues: mastering the sport itself. Our first objective is to find the instructor. The obvious choice is Greg Ruelman, Editor at The Observer.

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The Observer, Whatever

Our mission statement says, "As a Catholic University one of (our) principal goals is to provide a forum where through free discussion and open inquiry discuss the various lines of Catholic thought may intersect with all the forms of knowledge found in the arts, sciences and professions and every other area of human scholarship and creativity."

One would think that an institution focused on advancing an adult population toward greater maturity imparted this statement. It almost makes me believe that Notre Dame is trying to teach Catholicism in an environment of wise freedom.

But if your viewing of Coupling was pre-empted by WNDU's self-righteousness then you were forgetfully backed away to reality. By being one of only two affiliates in the country to buy the new primetime comedy, Notre Dame is once again showing its hypocrit­ical disregard for truth. In theory, the administra­tion loves open debate. Yet they don't footnote that I learned that my class was pre-empted by WNDU's self-righteousness.

In his defense of radical Islam ("Jesus of the Qur'an, Sept. 25"), Andrew Delaney points out that the "recent academic convocation raised intellec­tual delusions in the Middle Eastern and U.S. cul­tures."

I suppose this should be comforting. After the World Trade Center bombing, the Khobar Towers, the U.S.S. Cole, the embassies in Tanzania and Kenya, Sept. 11, an assassination attempt on the pope and countless other terrorist attacks perpe­trated in the name of Islam in the past decade, we should be grateful that the University is encourag­ing us to engage in such pedantry.

Months ago, we first learned that my class was having an "academic convocation," I was baf­fled. As our servicemen are dying fighting mur­derous Islamic fundamentalists across the globe, the University wrote to me that I was expected to sit in an ivory tower and have "intellectual" dis­cussions about Seyyed Hossein Nasr's "The Heart of Islam."

Nasr, who left Tehran University in 1979 (what happened in Tehran that year?) to live among the infidels in the Great Satan, uses his book to pre­sent a defense of Islam after Sept. 11 and recycles the inane argument that those who have killed in the name of Islam are not Muslims. Nasr finds little difference between a suicide bombing of a bus of school children and our founding fathers throwing British tea into the Boston Harbor.

So let me get this straight: Islamic terrorist groups organize plots to assassinate Pope John Paul II, and the University requires all freshmen to read about how Muslim terrorists are akin to our founding fathers. Muslim rioters have burned churches to the ground and killed countless Christians in Nigeria, and the University welcomes Nigerian President Obasanjo Obasanjo to campus.

Where is the outrage? If there is one thing I got out of Nasr's book and the academic convocation, it is the bitter taste of so-called "intellectual discussion." Needles to say, there is no morality and theology major among those of The Observer. In light of this, the University should cover that there are scores of non-experts, squirrel chaps are "truly innovative anklets for the serious squirrel hawkess to further reduce any possibility of a severe bite by a large-tree squirrel."

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Imagine a world where over 100,000 high school teenagers from across the world attend Catholic Mass each Sunday night. A world where those teenagers love Catholic, while striving to live a faith filled, holy life.

Well, this world has become a reality. In 1987, Former Arizona Cardinals quarterback and national spokesperson, appeared on Real World Season 9: New Orleans, and now on the new Real World/Road Rules Challenge: The Gauntlet, which premieres tonight.

"LIFE TEEN is a movement. It is answering the need. People think that it is just for teenagers, but it is not. I have watched people of all ages embrace and better understand their Catholic faith. People have a deeper experience of God at Liturgy. They see his love and his mercy better than they ever had before," said Hirt. "I've seen lots of solid, young guys and a few solid, young girls entering seminary because LIFE TEEN played a part. It has provided many holy vocations to the priesthood and to marriage. It is responding to the call from Vatican II as good as any call."

Mike Sweevers, an All-Star first baseman from the Kansas City Royals, supports LIFE TEEN and it's efforts to "lead teens closer to all and many come to the program, while attending mass at St. Timothy's during their time in reflection before agreeing to appear on "The Gauntlet."

"Going into it, my biggest hesitation was that I was going to jeopardize the good things in my life like my faith and service of God in LIFE TEEN," said Smith. "After talking with some wise friends and spending time in prayer, I decided to go for it. And it didn't jeopardize."

He had been asked two other times to be on other challenges since appearing on The Real World, but he declined on each. "I went on a mission trip instead the first time they asked me. The second time, they battled for prizes, including the grand prize of MTV. I was not in a place to think that it was an answer to a need."

For more information about LIFE TEEN, please log onto www.lifeteen.com. To see a LIFE TEEN parish at work, visit the Sacred Heart LIFE TEEN Parish site at www.nd.edu/~sac-heart/LIFE_TEEN.

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Gauntlet preview, viewers can already see the power of Smith's hip designs. Irlan from Real World 12: Las Vegas was already showing one.

"One of my favorites is the Bayside High one. It's funny retro," said Smith. "The Sacred Heart of Jesus shirt is real slick. It's just so funny. I've never worn it without someone commenting on it or asking me where I got it."

"T-shirts are more of an identity as a teen. You feel good about it. Confident," said Smith. "It's like with P.O.D. and Lifetee. They are Christian bands, but they are also successful bands. They are so convincing people can't help but wear them. It's been so exciting to see people talk about the shirts."

Smith's shirts will be available for purchase on LITFENTEEN.com store soon. Since the biggest part of Smith's life is his devotion to the Catholic faith and to God, he spent a lot of time while in Telluride trying to keep his faith strong. "Each morning the producer would wake us up two hours before we had to be somewhere for filming," said Smith. "I would just lay there and really just pray. Sometimes I would sing praise songs or pray the rosary and read scripture."

"It was difficult because it was overwhelming. Everyone was fighting for the camera, for attention, and to stay on and not be voted off," said Smith. He kept referring to his time there as "intense" and "highly dramatic." Drama was exactly what the producers were hoping for. On the preview episode, hosts Johnny Mosley and Coral from Real World 10: Back to New York, admitted that the creators liked big drama. "We are hoping for drama," said Smith. "The camera, the attention, to stay on and not be voted off." Mosley added. "I was dealing with a lot more people, but they've been there and know how to act," said Smith. "In the Real World, the plot is in your hand. But with this, it's about the physical challenges."

Matt works hard as national spokesperson for LIFE TEEN and as Webmaster for LITFENTEEN.com. He has faced challenges from many cast members about his choice to live his life as a man of God. "I went in there with no intention to be liked," said Smith. "Over time, people came to respect me. Another cast member told me she didn't like me and my beliefs, but that she respected me."

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On the preview episode, hosts Mosley and Coral even criticized Smith for his faith and being on TV. "I've taken a lot of criticism since say one," said Smith on the preview. Smith planned to donate his earnings from the show to a LIFE TEEN camp being built in part of Arizona.

Fourteen challenges took place over the course of filming. They ranged from climbing into sumo suits to flying airplanes and sky diving to everything in between. "Our challenges varied. Some were physically challenging, some were not physically, and some were fun, but they were all intense no matter what," said Smith. After each challenge, a vote took place. Smith admitted that because of the voting there was a "whole different dynamic. It was strategic to be good to people. There was not much sincerity, but instead a false sense of sincerity."

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The premiere of the "Real World/Road Rules Challenge: The Gauntlet" is tonight at 9 p.m. on MTV. It will continue to air Monday nights at the 10 Spot.

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Triselle, Matt and Mike climb down from the airplane and carry their belongings across the runway to begin their month on "The Gauntlet" challenge.
Hall runs into record books with punt return

Associated Press

Given a second chance by the blundering Baltimore Ravens, Dante Hall sprinted 57 yards into the NFL record book.

Hall's kickoff return with 5:08 left to play in the second half was a tie the Kansas City Chiefs unbeatennl with a 17-10 victory Sunday.

Hall became the first player in NFL history to return a kick for touchdowns in three straight games. He took a kickoff 100 yards against Pittsburgh two weeks ago and returned a punt 73 yards against Houston last week before completing the triple fest against Baltimore.

The 5-foot-6 speedster did very little against the Ravens until his final foray upfield — after Baltimore's Adalius Thomas was called offside on the preceding kickoff.

Hall took the second kickoff from Wade Richey all the way, eluding four would-be tacklers during his record-setting jaunt. He then returned the preceding kickoff.

Led by running back Priest Holmes, Kansas City (4-0) came in with a 27-3 record at 37 points per game. Holmes was held to 90 yards rushing on 22 attempts by a Chiefs offense produced only 10 points, on three Madden & Co. received plenty of help.

Kansas City intercepted three Kyle Boller passes, and Hall won the game with his electrifying return after jamming Lewis, who finished with 15 yards rushing, tied it on a 1-yard run.

Denver 20, Los Angeles 16

Chargers went up over Oakland and with a trip to Kansas City next on the schedule, Denver was due for a letdown against Detroit.

It happened — of course — but the Broncos still found a way to win thanks to Jake Plummer.

Plummer completed 16 straight passes in the first half and threw for two touchdowns as the Broncos held on to beat the Lions 20-16 for coach Mike Shanahan's 100th career win.

With a second rivalry game in the offing, the Monday night football fans were looking ahead.

For coach Mike Shanahan, the Titans were responsible. Those guys?

The victory could breathe life into the AFC champion Raiders (2-2), who were up as many as three goals as well as this in the first 54 minutes of this one. After struggling to execute all afternoon, the Raiders offense came alive in the final minutes of regulation for two scores.

"Rich did this, and we all helped," said center Barret Robbins, who returned to the starting lineup. "That's why he's the most valuable player of this league. You could sense a calm feeling out there. We were going to get it done."
Reddick scores twice in U.S. win over North Korea

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The fans chanted "Mia! Mia! Mia!" as the game wound down and the United States' best player sat on the cold, metal bench in a blue warmup outfit.

For the first time in her World Cup career, Mia Hamm never got in. She wasn’t needed.

The United States rested its stars for a bigger game ahead, letting its depth make the difference Sunday in a 3-0 victory over North Korea.

The unbeaten Americans (3-0) will play Norway in their quarterfinal match Wednesday in Foxboro, Mass.

Norway, which beat the United States to win the gold medal at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, wrapped up its first-round play on Saturday. That played heavily into Heinrichs' decision to rest her older stars as the U.S. team needed only a tie to advance.

Hamm watched from the bench and team captain Julie Foudy got a new role — super sub — as youth carried the day.

"She's our star," said Wambach, Hamm's teammate on the NUSA-champion Washington Freedom. "She's the one that everyone looks up to. She's the one that people want to be like."

"It's not that she’s cocky," said Wambach. "I think that's what's so exceptional about this team. "We can score three goals without the most prolific goal-scorer in the world. When you do that, you know you have a great team, and you know you have a lot of depth."

TENNIS

Former great Althea Gibson dies at 76

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Althea Gibson, a sports pioneer who broke tennis’ color barrier in the 1950s as the first black entrant and champion at Wimbledon and the U.S. national tournament, died Sunday. She was 76.

Gibson, also the first black player on the LPGA Tour, helped pave the way for later stars such as Arthur Ashe, Venus and Serena Williams, and Tiger Woods.

"I am grateful to Althea Gibson for having the strength and courage to break through the racial barriers in tennis," former No. 1 Venus Williams said Sunday. "Her accomplishments set the stage for my success, and through players like myself, Serena, and many others to come, her legacy will live on."

Martina Navratilova, who won her 172nd career doubles title Sunday in Leipzig, Germany, called Gibson "a great champion and great person."

"Her life was very difficult, but she broke down a lot of barriers and doors and made it easier for a lot of us,” Navratilova said.

Gibson, seriously ill for several years, died of respiratory failure at a hospital in East Orange, N.J., according to Fran Gray, a longtime friend who co-founded the Althea Gibson Foundation, which helps urban youths learn to play tennis and golf.

As health problems plagued Gibson in recent years, she isolated herself and spoke to few people. She didn’t attend a ceremony marking her 75th birthday at last year’s U.S. Open or the 1997 dedication of that tournament’s new Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"Her contribution to the civil rights movement was done with her tennis racket,” Gray said.

"Althea came up in a hard time. Segregation was not an easy thing. It was a feat that she accomplished under really devastating and debilitating odds because she wasn’t wanted.”
Braves clinch home-field advantage with win

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Atlanta Braves closed out the Philadelphia Phillies’
park by ensuring the road to the World Series to the National League
will go through their home, Turner Field.
The defending champion Braves clinched home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with a 5-2 victory over the Phillies in the final game at Veterans Stadium.
The Phillies are moving into the new Citizens Bank Park next year after 33 mostly losing seasons at the Vet, which opened with a victory over the Montreal Expos on April 10, 1971.
Philadelphia manager Larry Bowa got the first hit at the Vet.
"It’s a pretty special place," Bowa said, wiping away tears.
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"I think it would be fair to Mike or the other 24 guys to stick Mike out there when he wasn’t totally ready to play," McKeon said. "He’s still a little rusty, but he’s coming along quickly."
Lowell said he would have understood McKeon’s reasoning even if he had hit two home runs Sunday.
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Panthers continue torrid start with 23-3 win

Associated Press

Rap music blasted from the showers and the Carolina Panthers danced their way through the locker room. There was no shame in celebrating a 3-0 start to the season.

Especially not after a 23-3 victory over Atlanta to snap Carolina's six-game losing streak to the Falcons.

"That was real gratifying after six straight losses and them owning us," defensive end Brentson Buckner said. "Now we know we can beat them.

But Buckner was quick to caution his teammates not to celebrate too much — after all, Carolina started 3-0 last season only to go on an eight-game skid.

That's not likely to happen this year, not after a confidence-building win over Atlanta (1-3).

The Falcons have been the Rams' nemesis, coming into the game as winners of nine of the last 10 matchups that included two humiliating losses last year by a combined score of 71-0.

"Buckner, our captain, told us we were at the same spot last year and you all know what happened to us after that," said safety Deon Grant, who had a career-high 12 tackles.

"So we're celebrating now, but not for long. We've got to get back to work and back to focusing on the rest of the season."

Stephen Davis ran for 153 yards and his first touchdown of the season to become the first back in franchise history to open the season with three consecutive 100-yard games. It was Davis' second NFL game.

Rams 27, Cardinals 10

The St. Louis Rams found the Arizona Cardinals (1-3) were especially not after a 23-3 win on Monday, September 29, 2003, in a 21-7 loss to the Patriots when New England was 0-for-11.

As Marshall Faulk nursed a broken hand that will sideline him four to six weeks, Gordon capped the Rams' first drive with a 3-yard TD run.

Marc Bulger threw two touchdown passes and ran for a third in his second start since replacing Kurt Warner, including a 7-yarder to Torry Holt that put the game away at 30-13 early in the fourth. He was 28-for-41 for 272 yards.

Cowboys 17, Jets 6

Troy Hambrick went to Dallas coach Bill Parcells with a request. He wanted to help get the running game going.

Hambrick did that and more Sunday against the New York Jets.

He ran for 127 yards and a touchdown on 24 carries as the Cowboys racked up 202 yards on the ground and won 17-6, sending the Jets to their first 0-4 start since 1996.

Parcells, who coached the Jets from 1997-99, is 2-0 against his former teams this season.

The Cowboys (2-1) beat the New York Giants 35-32 in overtime two weeks ago.

"You work hard to be Tuna's guy," Hambrick said. "I went to him and asked what else I could do to be one of your guys and get this running game going. He just said, 'Keep hitting it in there and 3 or 4 yards will turn into 10 or 20, but you've got to keep working hard. You're doing the right things and saying the right things.'"

Hambrick, the starting back now that Emmitt Smith has gone to Arizona, tied his career high for yardage, set against Atlanta on Nov. 11, 2001. Of course, he had a relatively easy time against one of the worst rushing defenses in the league.

The Jets came into the game ranked 31 of 32 NFL teams in rushing defense, and Hambrick took advantage. In the second quarter, he converted a turnover into a 31-yard touchdown run for a 7-3 lead.

Defensive tackle Chester McGlockton took full responsibility for the play because he was out of position.

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Tigers win final game, leave record to '62 Mets

Associated Press

DETROIT — Mike Maroth and the Detroit Tigers left the field for the final time feeling like winners. The Tigers avoided the 1962 New York Mets' modern-day record for losses, finishing their best six-game stretch of the season with a 4-9 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Sunday.

"Believe it or not, I can look back on this year with a smile on my face because of how this season ended," said Maroth, the first pitcher since 1980 to lose at least 20 games.

Detroit (43-119) used a seven-run sixth inning to win for the fifth time in six games, allowing the expansion Mets (40-120) to keep the unwanted distinction of having the most losses since 1900.

"We're not going to worry about what people say about our record," Dmitri Young said. "We got it together down the stretch and played some top-notch baseball. I'm leaving here happy. The only sad thing is we finally got rolling as a team and now we are breaking up for the winter."

With the 18,959 fans at Comerica Park standing and cheering, and Kool & the Gang's "Celebration" playing after the final out, the Tigers players hugged each other on the field as the scoreboard flashed "Victory!"

Maroth (9-21) gave up two runs on eight hits and a walk to win for the third time in four starts.

"Not too long ago, everybody thought we were going to break the record, but we showed what we were made of as people and players," Maroth said.

Yankees 3, Orioles 1

Everybody knew Roger Clemens had a blazing fastball. Turns out he's got a quick hook, too.

David Wells earned his 200th win and was pulled by manager for-a-day Clemens as the New York Yankees ended the regular season with a 3-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

Wells told Clemens he should have walked more like Joe Torre on his way out to the mound to make it look more authentic.

"I knew he was manager for a day, but I didn't know how far they were going to take it," Wells said. "When he got to the line I just started laughing."

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Mike Mussina (17-8) is scheduled to pitch for the AL East champions against Johan Santana (12-3).

New York's Derek Jeter, who enjoyed the day just a percentage point behind Boston's Bill Mueller in the AL batting race, went 0-for-3 before he was removed. Jeter finished at .324, two points Mueller and one back of Manny Ramirez.

"Yeah, it would have been nice," said Jeter, who missed six weeks after dislocating his shoulder on opening day. "I'm probably more pleased with this season than any other. It was probably more satisfying."

Despite a misty day, 42,394 fans showed up, helping the fans' record of 3,461,644. New York finished with the highest attendance in the majors this season.

Having already clinched home-field advantage throughout the postseason, the Yankees decided to have some fun in their regular-season finale before the playoffs pressure begins.

One day after earning his 310th win, Clemens made out the lineup — "It's a good one," he said and managed the team in place of Torre.

White Sox 5, Royals 1

The Cy Young Award! The AL strikeout streak! His manager's future?

None of those things weighed on Esteban Loaiza's mind each time he went to the mound for the White Sox on a cool, blustery Sunday afternoon more suited for football than for the last day of Chicago's season.

"I was just out there having fun," Loaiza said.

Loaiza took a no-hit bid into the seventh inning and won the league strikeout title as the White Sox beat the Kansas City Royals 5-1 in the American League's final game. Loaiza finished tied with New York City's Mike Mussina for the lead with 241, but he allowed three runs and five hits.

"I think we were good as a team," Loaiza said. "We tried to accomplish some things individually at the end." said Mike Sweeney.

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"It doesn't do much to numb the feeling of a tough season," said Scioscia, last year's AL manager of the year.

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### IN BRIEF

**Arizona coach Mackovic fired on Sunday**

TUCSON — Arizona fired coach John Mackovic on Sunday, five games into the third season of his tumultuous tenure in Tucson.

Defensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz will take over as interim coach for the remainder of the season.

Athletic director Jim Livengood offered no specific reason for the firing when he announced it Sunday at a news conference.

"There's no one single event, no one happening, that all of a sudden had a weight to it," he said.

Mackovic, who turns 60 on Wednesday, survived a player mutiny last season after tearfully promising to do a better job of communicating. But this year's team lost to LSU and Purdue by a combined score of 166-30.

The Wildcats (1-4) played their best game of the season in a 13-10 overtime home loss to TCU (No. 21 ESPN/USA Today, No. 20 Associated Press) on Saturday night, but pressure from boosters and unrest among the players led Livengood to let the coach go.

Livengood had insisted that Mackovic's status would not be evaluated until the end of the season but changed his mind. The athletic director met with Arizona's players for about an hour on Sunday morning, then spoke with Mackovic.

"I felt that at this particular point in time it warranted making a decision right now," Livengood said. "That's going away from what I've normally done."

Mackovic was 10-18 at Arizona. The Wildcats currently have lost 12 consecutive Pac-10 games.

Mackovic signed a five-year, $4 million contract in December 2000, and the buyout of his deal will cost $909,000. He had been out of coaching since 1998, serving as an ESPN commentator.

Last November, more than 40 players asked for and were granted a meeting with university president Peter Likins to air their complaints about the coach.

For some 90 minutes, the players told Likins of what they believed was Mackovic's unwarranted verbal abuse, and the misery that was Arizona football. The team was 0-6 in the Pac-10, and 3-7 overall at the time.

Mackovic held a lengthy team meeting, then apologized at a news conference.

"I'm terribly sorry for my part in this turmoil and unrest," he said at the time. "I accept full responsibility for my actions and pledge to work tirelessly to mend any fences."

**Waltrip ends Junior's winning streak at Talladega**

TALLADEGA — Michael Waltrip broke Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s string of 11 victories at Talladega Superspeedway, sweeping high off the final turn and denying his teammate a fifth straight victory at the high-banked oval.

Waltrip took the checkered flag in the EA Sports 500, a typically thrilling Talladega race that resembled a night race at the short track. There was all sorts of banging and bumping before it came down to a four-lap sprint to the finish.

After pole-sitter Elliott Sadler was taken out in a spectacular crash on lap 182, his car flipping several times on the backstretch, NASCAR officials red-flagged the cars to give the rescue crew time to clean up.

A couple of laps under yellow followed, then Waltrip led the pack as the green flag dropped till the end.

**Around the Dial**

Albert Pujols is greeted by Fernando Vina and the rest of the team after hitting a solo home run in the 13th inning to beat the Astros 3-2.

Pujols wins narrow NL batting title

**Associated Press**

ST. LOUIS — Albert Pujols won his first NL batting title Sunday, beating out Todd Helton in the closest race in league history, and Bill Mueller edged teammate Manny Ramirez and Derek Jeter for the AL crown.

In a season in which power statistics declined for the premier sluggers, Alex Rodriguez and Jim Thome finished in a tie for the major league home-run lead with 47.

Pujols went 2-for-5 as St. Louis won 9-5 at Arizona to win the NL title at .358. Playing at the same time, Helton was 2-for-4 with a walk as Colorado won 10-8 at San Diego and finished at .358.

Just after Pujols struck out in the eighth inning at Phoenix, Helton had a chance to move ahead in the eighth inning at San Diego. But with a runner on second and a 3-0 count, catcher Gary Bennett called for an intentional walk.

The .0022 difference was the third-tightest in major league history, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

In 1945, the Yankees' Snuffy Stirnweiss beat Tony Cuccinello of the White Sox by .0009, and in 1949 Detroit's George Kell edged Boston's Ted Williams by .0016.

Previously, the closest NL race was a .0028 difference in 1931, when Chick Hafey of St. Louis beat Bill Terry of the New York Giants.

Pujols also led the NL with 212 hits and 51 doubles.

Mueller began the day one point ahead of Jeter and two ahead of Ramirez, and the Red Sox didn't start either of them at Tampa Bay.

After Jeter went 0-for-3 against Baltimore and came out of the game with a .324 average, Mueller grounded into a forceout as a pinch-hitter and finished at .326.

Ramirez, who didn't play, wound up at .325.

"My foundation has always been to be one of 25 guys," Mueller said. "Personal things don't motivate me as much getting into the playoffs and possibly winning a World Series."
Belles get back in win column beating Olivet

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

The Belles are moving into the second leg of their conference schedule on a positive note. Saint Mary's stopped a three-game losing streak by knocking off MIAA opponent Olivet at home in straight sets Sunday.

Behind the performance of players like outside hitter Kristen Playko, who led the team in kills, service aces and digs, the Belles (9-6, 2-5 in MIAA) exercised a bit of frustration on an unmatched Comets (3-11, 0-9) squad, defeating them by a score of 30-24, 30-26, 30-13.

The 13 points allowed by the Belles in the third game are the fewest the team has given up in a non-tiebreaker game (which only goes to 15 points) the past two seasons.

"We really went into that match expecting to win," junior middle hitter Elise Rupright said. "We went in knowing that we were the better team and really didn't expect anything other than a win in three.

"If anything, we were upset we didn't hold them to even fewer points in all three games." Playko, who has been a standout for the Belles this year, had another great game by collecting 18 kills, 15 digs and five service aces.

Freshman teammate Ann Carpenter was close behind with 16 kills. "(Belles coach) Julie (Carmody) (has) really been trying to bring in some talented athletes," Rupright said. "Krisiten's been strong all year, but Ann's really starting to come on now that she's getting used to things. They're just really performing for us.

"I think the Irish always have a couple of athletes," Rupright said. "With their best hitting performances in a long time, with a .407 hitting percentage for the three games.

"On the outside they had one blocker, and they gave us a lot to shoot around because they had a short setter," Rupright said. "We did very well with our hitting percentage."

"Saint Mary's finishes a three-game conference home stand, which saw the Belles go 1-2. This week remains hump Tuesday to face non-conference opponent Manchester.

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Villanova (3-10, 0-1). The Wildcats took the first game, but the Irish took the second game and never looked back, as they won 3-1 (33-35, 20-16, 30-26, 30-15).

Emily Loomis was the story of the day for the Irish, as she led the team in virtually every category.

The Irish played a 5-1 rotation for the first time this year, and Loomis played back row. The results were stellar, as she registered 17 kills, a .435 hitting percentage, 23.5 service points, and 11 digs. Loomis also restored a career high with three aces.

Setter Kristen Kinder dished out 51 assists in her expanded role as the only setter.

Meanwhile, senior Kim Fletcher made the most of her second start of the season, slamming 11 kills and registering three aces with a career high 13 points.

Blocking was the key to the match for the Irish, as they registered 20 as a team.

"When we have fun, we play great," Lauren Brewer Irish middle blocker said.

Kelbley was in on nine of them, and Loomis took part in seven. Kelbley also hit .345, good for 14 kills.

Every player saw action for the Irish, who were favored to win the Big East this season.

"We just have to go out there with the mindset that were going to have fun and dominate the team we were playing," Kelbley said.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles get back in win column beating Olivet

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By JUSTIN SCHUVER

Notre Dame outside hitter Jessica Kinder bumps the ball against Utah Sept. 13 at the Joyce Center.

The Belles are moving into the second leg of their conference schedule on a positive note. Saint Mary's stopped a three-game losing streak by knocking off MIAA opponent Olivet at home in straight sets Sunday.

Behind the performance of players like outside hitter Kristen Playko, who led the team in kills, service aces and digs, the Belles (9-6, 2-5 in MIAA) exercised a bit of frustration on an unmatched Comets (3-11, 0-9) squad, defeating them by a score of 30-24, 30-26, 30-13.

The 13 points allowed by the Belles in the third game are the fewest the team has given up in a non-tiebreaker game (which only goes to 15 points) the past two seasons.

"We really went into that match expecting to win," junior middle hitter Elise Rupright said. "We went in knowing that we were the better team and really didn't expect anything other than a win in three.

"If anything, we were upset we didn't hold them to even fewer points in all three games." Playko, who has been a standout for the Belles this year, had another great game by collecting 18 kills, 15 digs and five service aces.

Freshman teammate Ann Carpenter was close behind with 16 kills. "(Belles coach) Julie (Carmody) (has) really been trying to bring in some talented athletes," Rupright said. "Krisiten's been strong all year, but Ann's really starting to come on now that she's getting used to things. They're just really performing for us.

"I think the Irish always have a couple of athletes," Rupright said. "With their best hitting performances in a long time, with a .407 hitting percentage for the three games.

"On the outside they had one blocker, and they gave us a lot to shoot around because they had a short setter," Rupright said. "We did very well with our hitting percentage."

"Saint Mary's finishes a three-game conference home stand, which saw the Belles go 1-2. This week remains hump Tuesday to face non-conference opponent Manchester.

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took a short pass from Riley keeper Chris Sawyer. The game in favor of the Irish, as Men's continued from page 24

us."

The game Sunday began decli-

sively in favor of the Irish, as Notre Dame outshot Georgetown 7-1 in the first half. Notre Dame forward Amanda Guertin fights for the ball against North Texas Sunday. Guertin scored the first of Notre Dame's eight goals. the Hoyas were unable to get anything past the Irish defense, nor past goalkeeper Chris Sawyer. In the 28th minute, Richards took a short pass from Riley coming down the right side and sent a short cross toward Detter, who was inside the box. Despite hav-

ing his back to the goal, Detter managed to kick the ball into the goal with his heels to give Notre Dame the early 1-0 lead. Notre Dame took the 1-0 lead into halftime but came out of the break rather complacent on defense, allowing the Hoyas to get three quick shots right in a row within the first three minutes of the second half. That third shot finally eluded Sawyer, breaking up a shutout streak that had reached 485 minutes. Hoya midfielder Carl Skanderup lobbed a harmless-looking cross in toward the goal from just past midfield, and his high-arching ball may have been affected by the wind as it just eluded Sawyer. The Hoya goal seemed to be a wake-up call for the Irish, who tightened up defensively and managed to score the go-ahead goal a little more than 10 minutes later. From the right side, Riley sent in a cross toward the box, which precous easily headed in to give Notre Dame the lead again. For the remainder of the game, there were few serious scoring chances by either team. The game started to get more physical as Tancredi added the third shot finally eluded Sawyer. It all boiled to a head with some players some rest and get some of the other players got some experience. The Irish outshot North Texas 31-3, with Erika Bohn registering one save while shutting out the Mean Green over her 57 minutes in the game, as Hoyas were ejected within 10 minutes left in the game, as Hoyas chances by either team. The difference in goals off of five or six shots a game only so we were putting in so many. It was nice to get some players some rest and get some of the other players got some experience. The Irish outshot North Texas 31-3, with Erika Bohn registering one save while shutting out the Mean Green over her 57 minutes

half. The Irish only outscored their opponents 12-10 in the first half of the season last year. They have not allowed more than one goal in their last 19 contests, dating back to a loss to BYU last year. The Irish continue their home stand Thursday at 7:30 p.m. against Indiana State.

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NORTH TEXAS 1
at ALUMNI FIELD
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Scoring Summary
ND — Guertin, Amanda (1), 4:28
(Warner, Andy)
ND — Tancredi, Melissa (1), 6:12 (Carpenter)
ND — Tancredi (2), 25:39 (Guertin)
ND — Manning, Maggie (3), 27:51 (Sawyer)
ND — Reed, Lizzie (1), 41:56
(Tancredi, Kimberly)
ND — Warner (7), 56:16
ND — Tancredi, Melissa (2), 67:49 (Guertin)
ND — Tancredi, Melissa (3), 66:37
ND — Tancredi, Melissa (4), 67:49

North Texas — Saves 1 (Erka Bahj 1), Shout 3 (Tancredi, Guertin, Warner 4), Corner kicks 5, Fouls 12

North Texas — Saves 12 (Briana Pina, 66:37)

Men's Tennis

Scott ends up 2nd at tourney

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**Horoscope**

EUGENIA LAST

Shaking this birthday: Jerry Lee Lewis, Bryant Gumbel, Lech Walesa, Jean Luc Picard, Natalie Wagoner

Happy Birthday! Focus on your goals and let everything else wait. Don't slack off, sacrifice or miss an opportunity. Get on with your plans to make success. If you overreach, you will have regrets. Your numbers: 1, 5, 23, 31, 35, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may want to take extra care not to share secret information. You can do well for yourself on your financial situation today. Check out interesting investments and prepare to take advantage of a money-making opportunity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't take anything for granted. If you want to keep up with your quick wit and aggressive charm, Don't hold back if you like someone, to let them know. Gemini (May 21-June 21): You've got to be direct. If you truth the truth, the truth, the truth, get to the point, and don't waste your time on small talk. Social events should end up in a romantic manner. Use discipline.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Don't hold back if you like someone, to let them know. Find out what you want to know by asking pertinent questions. Regardless of your current relationship, the outcome will be favorable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may make some money by taking advantage quickly of a deal you're privy to. Check out some options for making your move. You're in a more comfortable and flower-making environment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Travel will provide all sorts of possibilities, but you may have to travel on your own. Investigate interesting investments and prepare to take advantage of a money-making opportunity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your charm and personality will come in handy today. Opportunities to show your worth will enhance your reputation and bring possible advancement. Your high energy must be directed into productive goals, or frictions will occur.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be highly creative today so don't waste any time. Get busy developing some of your ideas. You will have fun at social functions, so don't sit at home alone. Don't hesitate to show others your work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Watch out. The world may be in a phase where you're ready to play emotional games. Don't bend to the pressure. Keep busy and let others know how much you're in demand. Don't let anyone blame you for something that they have no control over.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll be more talkative than usual. Use your communication skills to sort out any differences you have in an amiable manner. Make plans to do something special with the one you love.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can put some overtime and make extra cash. Your ability to get things done and take responsibility will certainly enhance your reputation with peers. You should also check up on your professional direction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Be thinking about joining an unusual group that interests you. The more interaction you have today, the better. You will be in the right frame of mind to daydream about distant places.

**Birthday Baby**: You have a soft heart and a giving nature. You are practical, determined and willing to try anything at least once. Despite your creative ability, you will choose to follow a more lucrative path throughout life.

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In order to prevent problematic false-start penalties, Coach Ty turns to Darwinism.
**MEN'S SOCCER**

**Keeping them on a short leash**

Two Hoyas ejected in physical 2-1 Irish win

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**Irish Women's Soccer**

**Irish blow out Mean Green 8-1**

By ANDY TROEGER

The North Texas women's soccer team came into Sunday's clash with Notre Dame having outscored their last three opponents 21-1.

Notre Dame reversed those numbers on the Mean Green.

Senior Amanda Guertin opened the floodgates with her score only a few minutes into the game, and by the time freshman Becky Tweneboah capped the scoring in the second half the No. 2 Irish had climbed to 8-1 with an 8-1 record in the Big East.

Both losses came despite the fact that Notre Dame outshot Georgetown by a combined total of 43-21 in the two games.

"We talked about it before the game," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "Every game we've played with [Georgetown] before, they've had players sent off. We talked about discipline, because I felt that was how we lost the game at their place last year, even though we outplayed them statistically."

"You can get caught up with their style of play, and with the referee, and end up losing a game that you should have won."

Again, the Irish dominated the Hoyas statistically, outshooting their opponent 16-7 and getting nine shots on goal to Georgetown's four. The difference was that Notre Dame also came out on top in the only statistical category that really matters -- goals.

Part of the reason for an Irish victory was the play of Notre Dame's seniors, who scored every point in the game. Forwards Devan Precord and Justin Dexter each scored a goal, midfielder Chad Biley had two assists, and midfielder Greg Martin and defender Kevin Richards each had one assist.

"I think that these seniors have shown some tremendous leadership," Clark said. "Last January they made a statement that they wanted to make this a special season for us, that they're going to make this a special season for us."

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

Big East home win streak at 51

Irish easily defeat Hoyas and Wildcats

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN

Not only did the Irish dominate the competition this weekend at the Joyce Center, but they also had fun while doing it, as they extended their home winning streak in Big East play to 51 games.

"When we have fun, we play great," sophomore middle blocker Lauren Kelbley said.

Kelbley led the Irish over Georgetown (4-11, 0-2) Sunday night in a five-setter, .706 en route to 12 kills with no errors. The 17th ranked Irish (10-2, 2-0) dominated the whole way, winning in three sets (30-20, 30-23, 30-14).

"We came out with great confidence, and our passing was right," Kelbley said. "They're your every option open on every play."

The 16-point margin of victory in the third game was the biggest of the season for the Irish.

Libero Meg Henican led the Irish defensive corps with 12 digs. Henican has had nine or more digs in every match of 2003.

Meanwhile, senior Jessica Kinder added nine digs, contributing to the Hoyas' abysmal .079 hitting percentage.

"We played well this season, but we still hadn't had a really, really great match, and tonight I felt we played all-around great," Kelbley said.

Sophomore Lauren Boiman added to the well-balanced attack, with 16 kills on .464 hitting, to go along with 21 points and a career high three aces.

As a team, the Irish hit .405 with 40 kills on 79 attempts, while the Hoyas had 33 kills on 119 attempts.

"The set was in our favor, anywhere she wanted to, and this kept the blockers on the other side of the net out of the picture," Kelbley said.

Tuesday night, the Irish opened Big East play against
Boiled alive

Irish fail to execute again, lose to Purdue 23-10 for third straight loss

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - A new quarterback, the same result.

Freshman Brady Quinn was 29-of-59 passing for 297 yards but threw four interceptions as the Irish dropped their third straight game of the season to Purdue 23-10 Saturday.

While the 62 team pass attempts were the most for a Notre Dame team since 1967, the Irish managed only 49 yards on the ground. The quarterback, Quinn, was Notre Dame's leading rusher with 25 yards on eight carries.

"To be not be able to account for any more yardage than we did really hurts," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "That puts our quarterback and our offensive team in a very difficult situation, when you can't have any type of balance.

The Irish defense, which held the Boilermakers to just 223 yards of offense, was unable to force any turnovers. Meanwhile, Purdue scored 10 of its 23 points off four Irish turnovers.

"As a team, and especially as a defense, we need to step up and make more plays," Notre Dame linebacker Courtney Watson said. "We played pretty well as a defense today, but we didn't make enough plays, and we gave up two touchdowns."

"You can't just give teams touchdowns, and that's what we did today."

Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton was 12-of-24 for just 127 yards, but the junior played relatively mistake-free football with two touchdowns and no interceptions.

The Boilermakers struck on their very first drive, when Orion found a wide-open Ray Williams for a 36-yard touchdown pass with 4:04 remaining in the first quarter.

"You can't just give teams touchdowns and that's what we did today." - Courtney Watson

Irish linebacker

"We're not executing. That's a very simple term that covers a very broad array of problems, but when you don't execute, you don't have a chance to win."

Tyrone Willingham

Irish coach

The Irish saw their best chance of the day come with just over a minute remaining in the first half. With Notre Dame backed up to its own 15-yard line on third and 15, Quinn recognized a Purdue blitz and hit receiver Maurice Stovall in stride for an 85-yard touchdown pass to narrow the score to 10-3.

"They had a blitz from the backside where they brought both the linebacker and the free safety," Quinn said. "So it was wide open. (Stovall) just ran a slant, caught the ball and made a great run."

But the rest of the game belonged to the Boilermakers, who owned all 10 points scored in the second half.

"We're not executing, he said. "That's a very simple term that covers a very broad array of problems, but when you don't execute, you don't have a chance to win."

Despite Quinn's four interceptions, Willingham seemed pleased with the play of his young quarterback in his first collegiate start.

"It was a very difficult situation for a young quarterback to be placed under," Willingham said. "To ask him to do what he had to do today was a very difficult test. I thought he did a lot of things well, and he will continue to grow and become better and better."

The Irish now have a bye week to heal from their third straight loss and prepare for a tough road trip to Pittsburgh, who beat Texas A&M 37-26 Saturday.

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**Irish wide receiver Maurice Stovall breaks a tackle on his way to an 85-yard touchdown in the first half of Notre Dame's 23-10 loss Saturday against Purdue. It was the third longest pass play in Irish history.**

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**Adding up the numbers**

- Passing yards attempted by Quinn — the second most in school history by an Irish quarterback: 59
- Rushing yards gained by Quinn on eight carries: 85 yards
- Last time the Irish lost to three Big Ten opponents in the same season: 1999
- Rushing yards — on 16 attempts — gained by Grant and Jones: 28
- Sacks by the Notre Dame defense — most this season: 31
- Number of opponents the Irish have scored in the first half of their first four games: 19
- Number of Big Ten opponents Notre Dame has played in its history — more than three times as many as any other conference: 327

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**Report card**

- **quarterbacks:** Quinn did pretty well for his first career start. He showed poise in the pocket and avoided numerous sacks. Two of his four interceptions did significantly hurt the Irish.

- **rushing backs:** Grant and Jones didn't have any holes to run through but still got outgained by Quinn. Even with little room, the duo needs to give the Irish some type of running game.

- **receivers:** Stovall had a career day, while four other receivers had three catches or more. The unit had fewer drops than last week and kept drives alive with key plays.

- **offensive line:** While the line only allowed one sack, Quinn got nailed time and again. They couldn't open up holes for the running game and made too many false start penalties.

- **defensive line:** The line did a good job pressuring Orton despite mostly using a four-man rush. They contained the Boilermaker running game and got a few sacks at key times.

- **linebackers:** The linebackers had three sacks and didn't allow a big running play. They did a nice job of covering the receivers in four-and five-man sets.

- **defensive backs:** The Irish defensive backs played very well against the tough Purdue passing attack — except for the first touchdown drive. The unit failed to force an interception.

- **special teams:** The punt and kickoff coverage was lousy and there were no solid returns. Setia's tackles and field goal were the only highlights.

- **coaching:** Another week, another loss. The Irish had too many penalties and did not execute again. The coaches need to do something to turn this season around.

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  - Overall: The Irish played better than their previous two games, but still lost. Either the receivers continue losing games.
  - Report card: Continuing losing games.

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**West Lafayette, Ind. — Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham called it a lack of execution. Running back Ryan Grant said the offense needs to improve. Defensive coordinator Kent Haeir claimed the defense didn't do enough to win. It was the same result, different Saturday for Notre Dame. The offense was ineffective, the defense played well but didn't make the game-changing play, and the Irish lost again. Willingham and his team pinpointed many of the same mistakes that were made two weeks ago against Michigan and last week against Michigan State. But after the loss to Purdue, it's apparent the Irish still didn't make enough adjustments in practice last week to gain a victory.

"We had dropped passes, we had other mental mistakes, we had things that didn't go our way that we didn't make plays on," Willingham said. "We have to get all those things to go well for us." But they need to go well soon for Notre Dame, before the USC's and Florida State's of the college football world turn the 1-3 Irish into 1-7. The team must start doing the things the players talk about after losses if they are to turn around this season. For starters, the offense has to find some sort of rushing attack. It got so bad Saturday that freshman quarterback Brady Quinn led the team in rushing with 28 yards on eight carries. Had offensive line needs to open up holes for Grant and Jones to run through, and those two backs must take advantage of any opening. They didn't protect Quinn enough, allowing him to get hit on play after play and be knocked down 14 times. They committed numerous false start penalties and could not move the Purdue defense enough to let the Irish runners break free for gains of more than two yards. Notre Dame cannot win by throwing the ball 62 times a game. Or gaining a mere 49 yards on 25 carries.

If this same offense is the same as Saturday, then the result will be the same. And it will remain the same until this team begins to play the way they are capable.
Quinn holds his own in first start

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Winer

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Brady Quinn could look back at his first career start and see positive statistics overshadowed by negative ones.

Twenty-nine completion percentage less impressive to the 59 pass completions needed to get them. An 85-yard touchdown pass negated by four interceptions and 14 knockdowns.

To be fair, Quinn did not perform the way he wanted to as Notre Dame's starting quarterback for the first time in Purdue.

Still, Quinn put the call on Saturday, and he answered it. The Irish did not win. They scored just one touchdown.

Quinn actually got the call Friday, according to coach Tyone Willingham. The coach made the decision to start Quinn after watching the freshman snap splits in practice with former starter Carlyle Schimdt.

"We decided he positioned the team best to win the football game," Willingham said. "The quarterback position gives you a great amount of leadership. I think that is part of the reason he's on that team, and I think this young man can get things done." Willingham said he saw the potential of offensive coordinator Bill D'Antoni's liking of games that they saw in Saturday's game against Purdue.

And they saw a lot of him. Quinn was virtually the entire Notre Dame offense. He finished just 13 of 37 passing for 209 yards and a touchdown over the course of the day.

Off the bench, Quinn was 10-12 for 129 yards passing with two touchdowns and five interceptions.

Still, the Irish won a game, and due to the fault of times, the freshman often held his ground and made his reads.

Purdue has a very good defense, and he was able to maintain his poise in situations," Holiday said. "I was very impressed with him."

Quinn remained in the locker room after Purdue's 29-6 win over the Irish. "Really been stepping up, a lot of things," Holiday said. "I was disappointed with the defense, but that was a big disappointment on my behalf. I don't really know how to describe it, it was my fault, and I should never have let it happen. It's unacceptable."

Off the burner

The bye week could come at any better time for the Irish, who are in the midst of a three-game losing streak and have had some injury troubles recently.

Offensive linemen Sean Milligan and Jeff Thompson did not make the trip to Purdue due to injuries. Sophomore Jamie Bogy started at right guard in place of Milligan.

Defensive tackle Cedric Hardill left the game in the first quarter with a leg injury. He would later re-enter the game, but sophomore Derek Landri filled in his spot along the defensive line for most of the remainder of the game.

"I do not know what to say about something like that. It definitely was not one of my better performances," Irish offensive tackle Dan Stevenson said of the 13 penalties.

"Give them their respect. They're a good football team. It was a tough situation for a young man," Willingham said. "I think our team has improved in learning how to review game tape and correct mistakes before the Irish travel to face a fierce Pittsburgh Panthers squad — that is, if he starts.

And what did he learn? "A lot of things," he said. "Probably too many to even pinpoint right now.

But an eagerness to improve and poise in the pocket is not a bad start.

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Irish quarterback Brady Quinn throws a pass against Purdue despite heavy pressure.

Quinn holds his own in first start

Young receivers continue solid play

By CHRIS FEDERICO
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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — The improved Irish passing game has been evident in the play of sophomores John Standeford and Maurice Stovall, both of whom are nicked up.

"The wide receivers have really stepped up," Willingham said after the Purdue game. "I think that shows we had a great amount of leadership this year." Willingham said.

Against Michigan State, Maurice Stovall put up big numbers, grabbing eight catches for 65 yards and a touchdown.

Against the Boilermakers, it was Stovall's turn. The 6-foot-5, 221-pound Stovall grabbed eight catches for 104 yards and a touchdown.

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Notre Dame made the same mistakes and got the same result on Saturday — a loss. The Irish struggled to run the ball, had Brady Quinn throw 59 passes and couldn’t make the big play on defense in their 23-10 defeat to Purdue. The Boilermakers snapped a three-game losing streak to Notre Dame and improved to 3-1, while the Irish are now 1-3 heading into its bye week.

**ANOTHER SAD STORY**

Irish linebacker Courtney Watson grabs the facemask of Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton (top left). Notre Dame running back Julius Jones shows his anger after the Irish lost its third straight game (top right). Irish wide receiver Maurice Stovall dives for a touchdown in the first half (middle left). Purdue’s Taylor Stubblefield bobbles a pass in the second half of the Boilermaker’s victory (bottom right). Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn tries to elude Purdue’s Craig Terrill (bottom left).