Off-campus parties prompt neighborhood outcry

University listens to residents’ concerns

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Frustrated with the effects of late-night student parties spilling onto their property, South Bend residents in neighborhoods heavy with student housing are voicing their concerns to the city and the University.

Game revives rivalry

By KATE GALES
News Writer

The Irish will kick-off their home opener against Michigan this weekend in a game that brings together college football’s two winningest programs and brings back a flood of memories for fans imbued in the storied rivalry.

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By K. AARON VAN OOSTERHOUT
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Serving with honor

ND grad, Iraq veteran to bear flag at game

By JOE HETTLER
News Writer

Standing on the roof of the Student Police Station in Baghdad, Iraq May 25, Danielle Green heard the first rocket hit a nearby building. Instincts and training told her to lungue for her M-16. She grabbed her weapon and tried to switch the gun from safety to fire to defend herself. But Green never got the chance.

Accident victims released

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

Though both Saint Mary’s students involved in Wednesday’s car-on-bicycle accident escaped with no serious injuries, it is uncertain whether the bicyclist, Theresa Klear, will be able to make her freshman debut as a Fighting Irish Band member.

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The attendees ranged in opinion and spanned generations.

"I think this is great that so many members of the South Bend community are here on campus," said Stephanie Gharakhanian, co-organizer of the event. "It shows that we are united in a cause like this.

Though united in outward appearance, the crowd differed in internal motives. Some sought neutrality. "We’re not here to say that the war was right or wrong," said Gharakhanian. "We’re here to remember those who’ve fought for us. No matter who you are, 1,000 deaths is a tragedy."
INSIDE COLUMN

Nowhere else

"Notre Dame knows how to do football."

My boyfriend’s mom asked about ND football weekends, and this is how she responded to her question. Even though he goes to Purdue and has only been to one ND football game here, he could sum up my descriptions with those words.

I spent Labor Day weekend at Purdue with my boyfriend and his family. Not only did I spend the weekend getting to know his parents a bit more, but I was also reacquainted with the college football experience by going to their game. And what I encountered at Purdue made me realize that the Notre Dame football Saturday belongs in a world of its own — a world of purity that I cannot explain.

When we showed up for the game on Sunday, Purdue’s stadium area was overwhelmed with commercial vendors selling food, competing radio stations blaring music, and what overall seemed to me to be mass chaos. I stood there in a kind of confused astonishment thinking to myself, “Where’s the dorm BHQ stands and the bag-pipers?” The place felt contaminated by an alien invasion as I visualized the simplicity of our campus surrounding a football game.

As we look towards our first football weekend of the season, I look forward to much more than the game. I cannot wait for the boards of alumni and fans that simply stand around South Quad and watch the playing football starting at 9 a.m. I cannot wait for burritos, hot dogs and hamburgers from dorm concessions stands. I cannot wait for the “concert on the steps” and the subsequent “march out” that leads us all, like the Pied Piper, into the Stadium. This is only a sampling of the events that I can count on when a football weekend arrives.

Each of these events is what makes the ND football experience different: they are traditions. While at Purdue, I waited for my boyfriend to tell us about their traditions; to say, “Well, we can go to this while we wait,” or “There’s always this to do,” as ways to entertain us tourists. Besides trying to track down the giant Bonfire Maker and catch a ride on it, though, I was not aware of many customs of the dorms.

I don’t mean to knock the Purdue football experience at all. I had a great time. But what I learned from it transforms into on home football weekends; it is something simple and about the place that the statement above was followed by the comment, "... but they don’t know how to play it..." which earned him a slap in the stomach.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Michelle Otto at Otto@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT’S YOUR PREDICTION FOR THE FOOTBALL GAME THIS WEEKEND?

Caitlin Rohn, senior
Welsh Family

Chris Khorey, freshman
Siegried

Matt Buckle, sophomore
St. Ed’s

Stephanie Garza, senior
Lewis

Yowchop Haddad, sophomore
St. Ed’s

Jon Van Wyck, senior
off-campus

"Notre Dame 58, Michigan o."

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"Our defense will keep close, but the lousy offense will not score. We’ll pass on third and one at least once."

"The Chiefs are going to win the Super Bowl."

"Michigan just doesn’t have the horses that we do. We’ll be fine."

IN BRIEF

The first Pop Rally of the year will take place today from 6 to 7 p.m. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. for students through Gate 11 of the JACC, 5:30 p.m. for general public through Gate 10. The football team arrives at 6:30 p.m.

The Class of 2005 will be holding a fund-raiser to benefit the Red Cross this weekend. Kelly green bracelets imprinted with the phrase “God Country Notre Dame” will be sold at the class’s concessions stand in front of Alumni Hall before the Michigan game to commemorate the Red Cross’s efforts in disaster relief on 9/11. Proceeds will go to the local Red Cross chapter, and national efforts to aid in the wake of Hurricane Frances.

Cappy Gagnon, Connie McNamara, Ted Mandell and Father Edward Malloy will be signing their books in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore here from 2 to 6 p.m.

Pianist Jacqueline Schmitt, tenor Paul Appleby and cellist Nolee Thorn will perform classical repertoire in the first Concert at Noon today in the Petroleum Concert Hall in the new DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are free.

The Saturday Scholar Series kicks off Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. James VanderKam and Father Richard O’Brien will present “The Dead Sea Scrolls and Christian Origins” in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to onenews@nd.edu.
The Dead Sea Scrolls and Christian Origins

James VanderKam
Rev. John A. O'Brien Professor of Theology

"The Dead Sea Scrolls and Christian Origins," with James VanderKam, Rev. John A. O'Brien Professor of Theology. The 900 scrolls discovered in caves near the shore of the Dead Sea offer a window into the conditions in Israel before the birth of Christianity. This lecture will describe the Dead Sea Scrolls and provide a new context in which to understand the Old and New Testaments.

VanderKam's research in the last decade has focused on the Dead Sea Scrolls, and he is a member of the editorial committee that is preparing the editions of the remaining unpublished scrolls. His prize-winning book, The Dead Sea Scrolls Today (Eerdmans Publishing Co.) has been translated into six languages.

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Because a trip to Notre Dame wouldn't be complete without a piece of Kelly green paraphernalia, more than 100,000 tourists are expected to converge upon Hammes Bookstore.

There are so many people you can't see the floor," said event and commission relations manager Hedge Harridge.

Complete with 60 open regular seats, and a pianist playing traditional Notre Dame songs in the background, the bookstore is ready for the onslaught. Extra merchandise has been packed into backrooms and two rented trailers. The bookstore will also feature special events, including a book signing by University President Father Edward Malloy and a performance by the Notre Dame cheerleaders.

"Some folks have saved up money. This is their Disney World," said Harridge. "They want to bring home souvenirs, which I hate to say, but to have an amazing experience."

Amidst all the excitement, safety cannot be ignored. Notre Dame Security/Police have taken on the task of making a home game the spectacle it is. Along with the enormous flow of spectators comes the need for enormous amounts of food. The dining hall staff arrives at 6:30 a.m. to take on the task of feeding an expected 4,500 diners for brunch. They also prepare 2,000 lbs. of hamburger patties and 1,000 lbs. of braids to supply the student-run concession stands. "Candied light is special. We dim the lights and try to set the mood," said Tony William, SOH unit chef. "It's not your normal, everyday [dining hall experience]."

Beginning at 5:30 am, the NSDP will be working 12-hour shifts, and for the first time have taken on the task of parking the thousands of cars, when an outside company was paid to do the job.

"With 80,000 people you are going to have some problems," NSDP director Rex Bakow said. "We have a good staff to anticipate problems and react to them."

Each game, NSDP ejects approximately 60 people for alcohol-related issues, thrown objects and fighting.

The Notre Dame usher team, the yellow-clad staple of home games, is composed of 857 members that hail from 15 different states. Many travel to campus for the weekend, and 550 of them are unpaid volunteers.

While many ushers are veterans of the trade, 50 to 60 are hired each year. Each usher Cappy Gagnon said he selects new members based on their expressed love for the ideals of Notre Dame.

"My team of ushers are Ambassadors for ND," said Gagnon.

While their actions might not get their names down in the books with all the Notre Dame football games, the dedicated workers certainly have a hand in writing history.

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Fall 2004 Schedule

Experience an intimate discussion with Notre Dame's most engaging faculty speakers on some of the most pressing issues of our times.

9/11 - Michigan
James VanderKam, Rev. John A. O'Brien Professor of Theology

The Dead Sea Scrolls and Christian Origins

9/25 - Washington
Rev. Richard McBrien, Creighton/0'Brien Professor of Roman Catholic Theology
Valerie Stivers, Professor of English
Robert Coleman, Associate Professor of Art History
"The Da Vinci Code: An Assessment"

10/2 - Purdue
Donald Crafton, Professor of Film, Entertainment, and Theatre
"The Movie Mogul: Joseph P. Kennedy's Film Career"

10/9 - Stanford
George Masco, Pamela A. McCann Professor of History
"Another Kind of Founding Father: Jonathan Edwards and the American Heritage"

10/21 - Boston College
Maureen Hallinan, William P. Giel Hazlitt White Professor of Sociology, Director of the Center for Research on Educational Opportunity
"America's Largest Private School System: A Look Inside Catholic Schools"

11/13 - Pittsburgh
E. Mark Cummings, Notre Dame Chair in Psychology
"Children and Marital Conflict"

3-1/2 hours before kickoff at the auditorium in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. For more information, visit http://saturdaycalendar.nd.edu

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aid and rushed her to a hospital across the river. She had her left hand and half her forearm amputated in the nearby Iraq hospital before recovering at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

"I had a feeling I was going to get hurt when I went to Iraq," said Green, from an Army hospital in Washington D.C. "It's documented. But I knew I wouldn't die there. If I died, I would die here on American soil. Once I got out there all the fear and anxiety [that I had] left. I was out there in the heat of battle.

In Germany, Green was comforted by a familiar face — Tim Woods, a Notre Dame graduate and the son of David and Eileen Woods. The Woods were neighbors with Irish head basketball coach Muffet McGraw. "I'm pretty excited," Green said Tuesday. "I'm just honored that Notre Dame sees me as being worthy of doing something for the University. I consider myself a pretty calm person so right now I don't feel the emotions, but I'm sure when I'm down there on the field — I'm pretty shy too — it's just going to hit home and I actually might break down a little bit, but I hope I don't.

Green played for Notre Dame's basketball team from 1995-2000. She saw limited playing time as a freshman and sat out her sophomore season with a torn Achilles tendon. But her career took a turn in 1998, when she began playing on a regular basis. For the next three years, Green would be a mainstay in the starting lineup. She finished her career with 1,106 points, good enough to put her 17th on Notre Dame's all-time scoring list. She averaged 9.5 points and 4.5 rebounds per contest during her career and was the top defender on each Irish team.

In Green's final three seasons, she helped the Irish reach the NCAA Tournament. "She was a defensive stopper," McGraw said. "She was a big contributor to our program.

But it wasn't Green's abilities on the court that impressed McGraw the most.

"She's somebody that's always been really disciplined," McGraw said. "She's always been a fighter. She's been through a lot in her life, a life of adversity. I think she's lucky to be alive, but she's handled it so well. I'm certainly amazed and admire how she's handled it."

After graduating with a degree in psychology in 1999, Green became a physical education instructor for a Chicago elementary school. She also helped coach ninth and 10th grade basketball.

But after two years as a teacher, Green needed a change.

"I just wanted some adventure in my life, some excitement," she said. Green, who participated in ROTC during high school, enlisted in the armed forces in September 2002.

"I talked to my dad about it and I prayed about it," Green said. "I didn't want to be 37, 38 saying, 'Man, when I was 25, 26 I had the chance to enlist in the military.' So just felt like I needed to settle down.

A year after enlisting, Green received the news she hoped never would arrive — she was heading to Iraq.

"It started hitting home that, "Hey, I'm about to leave home and I may not come back," she said. "It really gave me some jitters."

Green admits she thought about getting pregnant or pretending to go "crazy." But her conscience prevailed, and she couldn't lie to herself or the Army.

"For some reason I have a conscience, my conscience was at me," Green said. "All these ideas that came to my mind, ethically it wasn't right. When you sign on the dotted line, you have signed an oath to protect and defend your country.

"After a while those words started echoing in my mind and I just knew I had to do what I had to do."

Danielle Green
Army officer

Green arrived in Iraq in January and began running Humvee missions with her unit's commander. She was the gunner — the person who sits with half her body out of and half her body in the vehicle. It is the most dangerous position of Humvee operations. But Green didn't mind being a gunner with the commander because she rarely went out for missions.

That changed when Green was moved to a different Humvee unit. Once there, she began running missions all day, for eight to 12 hours.

"If the vehicle is going to get hit the gunner's probably going to be the first one, but I was thrilled to death that I was the gunner with the commander," she said. "He's in charge of the whole unit and he's the older one, so I felt like I was in big stuff since I was riding with him. I really didn't feel like I was in that much danger because the commander's fear factor usually doesn't go on a lot of missions, so my first couple of months in Iraq was relatively peaceful.

After being moved to second platoon, Green was injured while running a routine mission. But she has no regrets.

"I was just doing what I had to do. I had a choice about going over, I wouldn't have gone over there. I didn't have a choice."

Green was hurt trying to fully recover from her injuries, and become a counselor for the armed services or at the high school level. Regardless of what her future holds, Green knows what her goal will be.

"I want to do something where I can talk to people and make them feel good about themselves and the directions and decisions they're going to make in life," she said. "I feel like that's my niche in life."

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Nine dead from car bombing

Muslim militants explode bomb outside the Australian Embassy in Indonesia

Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Suspected Muslim militants detonated a car bomb Thursday outside the Australian Embassy in Jakarta, killing nine people and wounding 173 in a bloody strike at a key U.S. ally in the war in Iraq.

The blast — the first major attack on the Indonesian oil and gas powerhouse in more than a year — could influence elections in Australia, where the prime minister is running on a pro-American, anti-terror platform.

The bombing also comes just ahead of Indonesia's presidential elections and two days before the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"The defeat of America in Iraq and Afghanistan will be a matter of time, with God's help," Ayman al-Zawahri said on the tape, which was broadcast by the Al Qaeda website. "We are at the brink of defeat in Iraq and Afghanistan."

"We are on the verge of a victory," said Jemaah Islamiyah in more recent comments. "Our numbers are increasing."

In Jakarta that killed 12 people:

Australia, a key supporter of the U.S. war on terrorism, sent 2,000 troops for last year's invasion of Iraq and still has more than 580 military personnel in the country. The Iraq war is deeply unpopular in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation.

While a move by Secretary of State Colin Powell to defer sending 1,316 Australians, and the Aug. 5, 2003, blast outside the embassy in Indonesia, was killed, although several Australians and Chinese were wounded.

The bombing came less than a week after the United States and Australia upgraded long-standing travel warnings to their citizens in Indonesia, following increased risk of terrorist attacks on Western targets.

Jemaah Islamiyah has been blamed for the 2002 Bali bombings that killed 202 people, including 88 Australians, and the Aug. 5, 2003, suicide bombing at the J.W. Marriott hotel in Jakarta that killed 12 people.

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International News

U.S. fights to restore control

BAGHDAD, Iraq — American warplanes struck militant positions in two insurgent-controlled cities Thursday and U.S. and Iraqi troops quietly took control of a third in a sweeping operation following a spike in attacks against U.S. forces.

More than 60 people were reported killed, most of them in Tal Afar, one of several cities which American officials acknowledged this week had fallen under insurgent control and become "no-go" zones.

Nine people, including two children, were reported killed in an airstrike in Fallujah against a house which the U.S. command believes was used by Jordanian-born terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Bin Laden deputy speaks in tape

CAIRO, Sept. 10 — Osama bin Laden's chief deputy claimed the United States was on the brink of defeat in Iraq and Afghanistan in a videotape broadcast Thursday that appeared to be a rallying call for al-Qaida ahead of the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"The defeat of America in Iraq and Afghanistan will be a matter of time, with God's help," Ayman al-Zawahri said on the tape, which was broadcast by the pan-Arab television station Al Jazeera.

"The Americans in both countries are in trouble, if they continue they bleed to death and if they withdraw they lose everything," Zawahri said.

A bearded Al-Zawahri, wearing eyeglasses, a white turban and a black vest over a white shirt, spoke looking into the camera.

LOCAL NEWS

City to hire more police officers

BENTON HARBOR — The federal government has granted $1 million to hire an additional eight police officers in the city, which saw more than 300 new residents last year, according to the office of U.S. Rep. Fred Upton.

Police Chief Sam Harris said the money would enable the department to hire 12 more officers so that it needs, putting more officers on the streets to keep pace with growth.

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The accident was reported at 4:45 p.m. to Saint Mary's security, which responded immediately. Saint Joseph County Police and the Notre Dame Fire Department also responded. Harrison was taken to Memorial Hospital and Klear was taken to Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center.
Harrison reported no injuries, and said she was released around 7 p.m. Her car, however, was not so lucky. It is currently under repair for "a cracked windshield and dent." Klear experienced a major concussion and reportedly blacked out after impact.
"My last memory is the car being two feet away from me," she said. "I couldn't even tell you what color it was." Her knee was also badly scraped and her body is covered in abrasions, she said. After undergoing extensive testing at the hospital, Klear was released to the care of her parents.
The security office is holding her bike as evidence, so there is no word on its condition.
"I don't look to be using it for quite a while though," she added.
Preliminary reports out of legal action in the works, but said she just wants everything to "turn out okay."
For the freshwater falcon, her immediate focus is being able to march onto the field Saturday.
"I'm just trying to get myself together so I don't miss this game," she said.

Vigil
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Others found injustice.
"Well, the vigil is meant to be a celebration of the students," said local resident Ellynn Stecker. "I opposed this war from day one, and still do.
Still others supported the war.
"I just want to honor the fallen," said Stephen Little, first-year graduate student.
"If it weren't for them, not only Americans but many people around the world wouldn't enjoy the freedom they have today.
"Mostly, however, participants felt it necessary to pay their respects and pray.
"I guess I just feel terrible about everything that's happened," explained Dale Gibson, from the Notre Dame class of 1966. "I want to be here for my four housemates and my women who have given their lives.
"People don't realize, they think the war's so far away," said. "It's not. It's not just noise — we're concerned for their safety," Rucker said. "If they are so intoxicated that they're doing what they're doing, they could also be prey for harm."
"Incidents were concentrated on East Washington Street, Peasheaw Street, Notre Dame Avenue and the area bordering the Turtle Creek apartment complex," she said, adding that many of her own residents, especially older residents, were forced to move out rather than tolerate the disruptions.
"Real heavy conclusions were reached," she said, except to schedule another meeting for the end of the month, when she anticipates a much higher turnout now that the situation has become public.

Complaint
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District 4 City Council representative Ann Puzzello, who convened the meetings for her constituents, said all attendees — including the police — were so eager to list their complaints and tell their stories that time ran out before a definite plan of action could be put in place.
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"We felt joy but it was just devastating that other seven families weren't as lucky as we were," she continued.
"He's come home in two weeks, let's hope he does.
After expressing their thoughts, the candle-bearers all fell silent and stood in a semi-circle before the Grotto, singing "America, the Beautiful" and "Notre Dame, Our Mother." Michael Peterson, co-organizer of the vigil, then offered a prayer:
"With that, we extinguish the flames. But we do not extinguish the memory, the tragedy."
Michael Peterson vigil co-organizer
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ATHLETIC TRAINING & SPORTS MEDICINE

There will be a meeting for any Notre Dame freshman students interested in the student athletic training program. The meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, at 4:15 p.m. in the Joyce Center Athletic Training Room.

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**Markets:**

**Stocks mixed as oil prices rise**

Investors remain cautious as unemployment claims and wholesale inventories drop

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**Market Recap**

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- 30-Year Bond: 6.99%
- 10-Year Note: 4.43%
- 5-Year Note: 4.43%
- 2-Month Bill: 1.04%

**Commodities**

- Light Crude (Bible): $44.44
- Gold ($/Oz): $1,100
- Euro (PER): $1.20

**Exchange Rates**

- EUR: 1.09
- JPY: 110.98
- AUD: 0.55
- CAD: 1.28

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**In Brief**

**Health care costs continue to rise**

New York — Health care costs continued to surge this year as family premiums in employer-sponsored plans jumped 11.2 percent, the fourth year of double-digit growth, according to a new study.

The principal reason for the rising health care costs is taking a toll on workers: There are at least 5 million workers being denied health care benefits, down from 68 percent in 2001, according to the survey of 3,017 employers by the Kaiser Family Foundation and the Health Research and Educational Trust.

- More than 63 percent of employers offered health benefits to workers, down from 68 percent in 2001.
- The principal reason for the drop in benefits was driven by a decrease in the number of small employers, those with 3 to 199 workers, that offer coverage.

**Hurricane fears make prices surge**

New York — Oil prices surged Thursday on fears of hurricane damage and lower-than-expected crude oil and gasoline inventory data released by the government.

- The market is obviously concerned about the storm, said Tom Kloza, director of Oil Price Information Service, adding that the crude stock statistics helped trigger the rally.
- A 22-cent increase in the number of small employers, those with 3 to 199 workers, that offer coverage.

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**EDS set to cut thousands of jobs**

Brazil, Inc. — Great Dane Movers has near- ly finished the hiring for about 200 new jobs as it increases production at a western Indiana plant.

Managers have hired people for all but about 50 of the 200 jobs from among the 200 new positions that the company announced for the facility in May, said Mike Steele, the plant’s human resources manager.

- The hiring comes as business has improved for the maker of refrigerated, freight and tract- or-trailers.

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**Associated Press**

The company has made most of the 5,200 job cuts it announced last year, and has about 120,000 employees remaining, including 55,000 in the United States.

Jordan said the layoffs Jordan has said the company is running computer systems for the United States.

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**Tech stocks, battered this summer after a series of disappointing earnings reports, were buoyed by a rare spate of good news. Nokia Corp. jumped $1.06 to $13.77 after the Finnish maker of cellular phones raised its sales and profit outlooks for the current quarter. The company cited stronger demand for multi- function mobile devices. Shares of Texas Instruments Inc. surged 10 percent on news it expected third-quarter earnings to improve above the middle of its previous estimate range. Investors shrugged off the chip maker’s warning that sales could fall below its past outlook due to low demand.**
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Officials create plan to clean up environment

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ISRAEL

Hard-liners escalate Gaza rhetoric

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — A group of prominent Israeli hard-liners urged soldiers Thursday to disobey orders to dismantle Jewish settlements, widening the bitter divisions over Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank.

In new fighting, eight Palestinians, including a 9-year-old boy, were killed in a string of clashes in the West Bank and Gaza.

Meanwhile, Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz ordered a closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip during the upcoming Jewish holidays, preventing thousands of Palestinian workers from entering Israel.

"We call public officials who are being asked to lay the groundwork for the ethnic cleansing of Jews from their homeland, and on all of the officers, troops and policemen, to listen to the voice of their conscience and not take part in acts that will sully them," it said.

The petition was signed by 185 people, including former lawmakers, academics, military officers and retired generals. The newspaper is owned by the prominent Israeli hard-liners, who have repeatedly appeared to distance themselves from the pullout plan, despite the petition being largely connected to the petition.

"We call public officials who are being asked to lay the groundwork."

The hard-line petition

Hard-liners petition

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Israel newspaper

Israel newspaper
RUSSIA

Officials claim Chechens were among school raiders

Identification draws stronger connection to rebel groups

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Ten of the militants who seized a school in southern Russia have been identified as Arabs, security officials said Thursday, drawing a strong connection to the Chechen insurgents who have been fighting Russian forces for years.

None were Arabs, despite the government's contention that Arabs were involved in the hostage-taking last week in the North Ossetian town of Beslan, which ended in gunfire and explosions that killed more than 350 people, many of them children.

According to the officials, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, the other four militants came from Ingushetia, which is sandwiched between North Ossetia and Chechnya and was targeted in brazen coordinated attacks against police that killed 90 people in June. The presence of Ingush raiders threatens to inflame long-standing tensions between Ingush and ethnic Ossetians, who are the majority in the republic.

President Vladimir Putin and Russian investigators have said about 10 of the roughly 30 attackers were Arabs, but authorities have not publicly provided evidence of the assertion. Officials who spoke Thursday made no mention of Arabs being among the militants.

Russian officials repeatedly have cast the military campaign in Chechnya as part of a war against international terrorism — a battle they say Western countries have hindered by granting asylum to Chechen figures and quesitioing Kremlin policy in Chechnya.

To push the point that Russia is a victim of international terror — and not just of violence spawned by the Chechen conflict, which critics say Kremlin policies have aggravated — Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov met with Rudolph Giuliani, mayor of New York City when al-Qaida suicide attackers struck the World Trade Center in 2001.

"When our Western partners urge us to rethink our policy and tactics in Chechnya, I would advise them not to interfere in Russian internal matters — which they do by granting asylum to terrorists who are directly to blame for the tragedy of the Chechen people," Lavrov said after the meeting.

He did not name specific countries, but Russia was particularly angered by Britain's granting of refugee status to Akhmed Zakayev, an envoy for Chechen rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov, and by U.S. asylum for Ilyas Akhmadov, who Maskhadov named his foreign minister while he was Chechnya's president in the late 1990s.

In comments published Thursday in the newspaper Vremya Novostei, Lavrov said: "Granting asylum to people involved in terrorism — and Russia has documented evidence of this — not only causes us regret but also effectively undermines the unity of the anti-terror coalition."

"We are far from accusing the leaders of major countries ... of deliberately preserving this double standard," he said. "But the inertia is still very strong.

Giuliani said that when Americans mourn the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks on the third anniversary Saturday, they will also think about victims of "this most current act of terrorism," referring to the school seizure.

"Even though these are things that you hope and pray don't happen and you realize that are very tragic, this will bring our people together, because we have been through something very similar," Giuliani said.

In Washington, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said President Bush has asked his top advisers to determine how authorities would handle a similar attack on an American school to ensure adequate coordination in the "unlikely but possible" chance of such an event in the United States.

"How the government and the various entities within the Russian government responded to the incident is not known at this time," Ridge said in an interview Thursday with Associated Press reporters and editors. "Presumably, reports suggest there wasn't the kind of coordination and leadership and direction and somebody being in charge.

North Ossetia's Deputy Health Minister Teimuraz Revazov said Thursday the death of a victim overnight brought the toll among hostages to 329.

Security officials have said 11 members of their ranks were killed, and prosecutors have said 30 attackers died.

Putin told the nation Saturday the school attack was meant to inflame the North Caucasus, an ethnic patchwork that includes North Ossetia, Chechnya and several other mostly Muslim republics.

He promised to create a new system of security in the region along Russia's southern flank.

At the Kremlin Thursday, Interior Minister Rashid Nurgaliyev told Putin that directors of security commissions have been appointed for the insurgents, focusing instead on claims the militants are trained by international terrorist groups, including al Qaeda.

Putin won support from German leader Gerhard Schroeder for his portrayal of Russia as a victim of international terrorism.

In a joint declaration, the two placed the recent attacks alongside the Madrid bombings and said the school raid marked "a new dimension of the threat posed to all humankind by international terrorism."
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fans] were jerks," said Mark Bescher, a 2004 graduate back on campus for the big game. "Now it's our turn —
and we're going to win."

The 2002 victory is also clearly remembered by older students.

"I'm excited for the game," senior MaryKate Castellani said. "It would be really great if they win, but if
not, that's fine — it's just fun to go to games. In [2002] I was in the first couple rows, and we were the first ones on
the field. It was awesome.

The mood on campus has lightened considerably since last Saturday, when a heart­breaking loss to Brigham
Young University left the Irish in a hole for the critical early-season games.

"I'm definitely very excit­ed," said sophomore Angelo Suozzi. "I just hope we come out with more intensity than against BYU.

For his classmate Kristen Ailand, the answer is simple.

"We're gonna muck 'em up," she said, paraphrasing a popular shirt slogan. "Napoleon Dynamite was hunting wolverines in Alaska
last summer, and we're going to be hunting them right here in South Bend on Saturday."

The positive attitude was pervasive.

"Despite our loss last week­end and low campus morale, I think we could pull off a great win against Michigan this weekend," said sopho­more Gina Tesi. "I mean, we're Notre Dame!

Junior Brian Barry, howev­er, was less excited.

"Honestly, on the record, 'Go Irish,' " he said. "Really, I'm only going to the game because they're my peers and I
want to go out and support them."

The 0-1 start has him ques­tioning the football program's potential in 2004.

"It's a big thing when there's a chance — but, well, maybe I'll be surprised," he said.

The future was uncertain but hopeful for most students on campus.

"I think that we've got a chance, but a lot has to go right for us," said Suozzi. "I'm also psyched just to be in the stadium."

Regardless of the outcome, the 2004 game is sure to be like most Notre Dame/Michigan match­ups —
one to remember, for better or for worse.

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GRENADA
Hurricane ravages Caribbean
Associated Press

ST. GEORGE'S — Hurricane Ivan left Grenada a wasteland of flattened houses, twisted metal and splintered wood as it bore
down on Jamaica with deadly winds and monstrous waves, forcing a half million people to flee their homes. The death toll in
the Caribbean stood at 23 and was expected to rise.

Ivan, a Category 4 hurricane with winds of 145 mph, was fore­cast to make a direct hit on Jamaica Friday afternoon. The
hurricane devastated Grenada on Tuesday, tossing sailboats against the shore, tearing apart buildings and setting off frenzies of looting.

The destruction is worse than I've ever seen," said Michael Steele, a 34-year-old resident whose home was destroyed. "We're left with nothing."

U.S. officials ordered people to evacuate from parts of the island as early as this week, while forecasters said the storm — the fourth major hurricane of the Atlantic season — could hit the island chain by Sunday.
Emotions are running high over Irish football — and not just because one of the school's biggest rivals invades Notre Dame Stadium this weekend. On the opposite end of the spectrum from the rabid loyalty inspired by Michigan weekend, dissatisfaction is growing as coach Tyrone Willingham's 5-10 record in the past 15 games marks Notre Dame's worst stretch in over 30 years.

With the season just a week old, those emotions have turned from the usual excitement, anticipation and enthusiasm to criticism, bitterness and frustration. That combination of negative sentiment could easily turn into a negative reaction toward the players against Michigan this Saturday. And a slow start by the Irish, an early Michigan lead or a lackluster halftime scene will only fuel the fire.

But no matter the score on Saturday, these emotions should not translate into boos. A game — even a tough one — is not the time to yell or complain. It is a time to support the players representing this great University on the football field.

The booing issue became apparent during the embarrassing 37-0 loss to Florida State last year, when Irish suffered their third loss by more than 30 points and their second consecutive home blowout loss. Students, fans and alumni showed their frustration by raining boos on the field and trickling out of the game long before the players' traditional raising of the helmets to the student section.

Everyone who pays for a seat in the Stadium has bought the right to boo. And if the players on the field aren't giving a full effort, they should be told loudly and clearly that they aren't doing justice to the Notre Dame name.

But, just like the team's struggles on the field, the FSU display should be considered an extreme exception. These aren't professional athletes being paid millions of dollars to do their job. These are 18 to 22-year old competitors who are still college students first and athletes second.

Booing them should never become a habit.

Yes, the pressure to succeed at Notre Dame and lose in the storied history of college football under as high as anywhere in the country. Clearly results shouldn't take a back seat to settling for effort.

But if the effort is there, deriding college football players on every down for not being perfect — or even for not performing to expectations — shouldn't be the mindset Saturday afternoon.

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How much for your life?

Joe, a poor driver, is about to lose his license. Should his state let him keep it, and continue dangerous driving, if he can buy an additional license "points" from a good driver within the same state? Should Joe's money give him rights to put others at risk?

Consider a similar case: market-based programs allowing violations of air-toxic regulations, provided mercury- emitting industries pay "dustmits" to distant and cleaner companies having emissions credits. On one hand, President Bush and states like Indiana support "pollution trading." They say it gives toxic-polluters flexibility, lets them decide when to control their emissions, is cheaper than toxics-reductions, allows "market-neutral" decisions and offers polluters carrots rather than sticks.

On the other hand, physicians say even trace mercury, a developmental and neurotoxin, harms children most. Their health is not a tradable commodity. The Centers for Disease Control and prevention told 12 in 15 women why mercury blood levels damaging to unborn children, and $12,000 U.S. news last annually face health problems from fetal mercury exposure.

Who is right? Market solutions are defensible, as Adam Smith recognized, if participants have full information and pay full-compensation costs for their transactions. But U.S. facilities emitting 48 tons of mercury annually do not compensate their victims. And creating toxic "hot spots," tradable mercury-pollution "rights" further exacerbates unequal protection — especially in South Bend.

Industry-reported Toxic Release Inventories (TRI) place South Bend in the national top three locales for hazardous chemical releases. In a "clean-air-non-abatement" county, its average cancer risks are 100 times above Clean Air Act mandates. TRI risks to children are 10 times those of adults, but are underestimated. They include only dangers from emissions onsite, not from upwind polluters like Gary and East Chicago.

TRI data show South Bend air — toxics releases of hundreds of thousands of pounds annually. The largest volume emissions are: styrene, toluene, methyl isobutyl ketone, xylene, n-hexane, chlorine, ethylene and glycol others. All are carcinogenic or developmental, reproductive, nervous-, immune-, cardiovascular, liver, gastrointestinal, kidney or respiratory toxics. AM General, alone, annually releases 357,363 pounds of toxins here.

Yet South Bend polluters receive city-tax abatements. Honeywell, Federal Mogul and Steel Warehouse, for example, received half-a-billion tax breaks of $6,100, $536,692 and $587,465. Employing 668, 655 and 457 people, respectively, these three companies got $7.2 million in total property-tax abatements — or $3.60 per worker.

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Let us stand firm in our loyalty to God, country,}
Where Nothing Is Sacred

Dillon Hall's pep rally finds humor in everything from you have probably heard about the Dillon Hall pep rally, whether from "Teen Wolf" running into your class playing music or a mob of Dillon boys running through your dorm. The men of the hall spend a great amount of effort promoting their event, and it helps to create a sense of unity among the members.

The Dillon Hall pep rally opened as most Notre Dame pep rallies do, with cheerleaders, the Porn group around the Notre Dame campus, mocking dorms like South Bend. Followmg the speeches from the football players, the rally becomes more of a comedy show than an attempt to boost spirits. The rally usually has a loose plot that ties the skits together, but the main purpose of the rally is to get the campus laughing and ready for the game on Saturday.

Members of Dillon Hall write, set-up and usually assume the roles of well-known campus figures as they perform in the skits.

The rally's format is essentially that of a radio show, but it only adheres to that loosely. It opened with a humorous video diary documenting the behavior of Michigan fans. Naturally, it was an unflattering portrait that included people listing their favorite nasty nicknames for Notre Dame and its players, beating up leprechauns and revealing their secret jealousy for the Fighting Irish.

The plot of the rally revolves around, the fact that Touchdown Jesus, the beloved mural on the side of the Hesburgh Library, turns up missing. This occurrence delights Michigan head coach Lloyd Carr, as he blames Michigan's poor record in South Bend on the ever-watchful eye of the mural. Father Monk Malloy, dressed as a monkey, must assemble a dream team of Notre Dame graduates in order to find Touchdown Jesus. He eventually gets Regis Philbin, Rudy Ruttiger and Joe Montana as the core of his team, and appearances from Gold medal winner Maria Zugunis and the dis-graced Paul Hornung.

The quest to find Touchdown Jesus takes the group around the Notre Dame campus, mocking the game "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?"

Few groups on campus emerge unscathed from the rally. Filthies, engineers and Latin Expressions have their moments. Dorms like Knott, Siegfried, Zahm, BP and Lyons all have jokes made at their expense. Even slightly less obvious targets like the NDSP, the dining hall workers and the grounds crew can't escape being made fun of.

A game show called "Where in the World Is Jesus of Nazareth?" proves to be the turning point...
Michigan to Touchdown Jesus

for finding Jesus. After Father Paul Doyle, Dillon's rector, must exit his post as the show's host in order to do his traditional stage dive, the show takes on a "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" feel thanks to Regis taking over as host. Notre Dame's finest must face Michigan's "finest," including Chris Webber, Jim Abbott and a dumb new football recruit. Rudy wins the game by default, and Jesus is revealed to be boycotting Taco Bell, referencing the ongoing student campaign doing that led a boycott in support of better wages for migrant workers.

True to Notre Dame football tradition, three-fourths of the way through the game, Officer Joe McCarthy of the NDSP made his standard announcement. This time, though, the message wasn't about drinking and driving, but instead told fans to stay fired up because Michigan wouldn't be able to take the heat.

Along with the skits, there was a spirited appearance by Crackhead, the Dillon Hall alum famous for breaking plates on his head to music during the pep rally.

The Dillon Hall pep rally gives the campus a chance to have a laugh at its own expense, as well as that of their football rivals, before the football season moves into high gear and people start to get serious about the games.

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Above, hosts acting as newscasters keep the action of the pep rally moving with jokes. Below, two Dillon Hall members assume the roles of Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr and his new recruit. The rally boosts school spirit for the upcoming football season.
MIAMI — Kris Benson looked like a money pitcher Thursday, helping the New York Mets put an end to three streaks.

Rejuvenated after skipping one turn in the rotation, Benson gained some leverage in ongoing contract talks by pitching a shutout into the seventh inning, and struggling New York cooled off the Florida Marlins.

The Mets snapped an 11-game losing streak while stopping the Marlins' franchise record-tying nine-game winning streak.

Howe said. "The second thing is we want to keep driving, and to keep driving you want to keep winning. You don't want any letdowns." 

Wes Helms' swing is starting to come around after knee surgery two months ago. Helms hit a grand slam and Brady Clark had four hits against his former team, leading the Brewers over the Cincinnati Reds 7-2.

"My timing was off," said Helms, who didn't play in Milwaukee's last four games. "That's why I work so hard before the game with hitting coach [Butch] Wynegar. We're warming him out. All the hard work is paying off, especially in my situation. I'm pulling the ball with authority now and not cutting off safe on inside pitches."

Doug Davis (11-10) tied his career high for wins with his first victory in seven starts since July 30.

He allowed six hits and two runs with no walks in six innings. He was 0-1 with a 2.81 ERA and five no-decisions since his last win.

Davis also had 11 wins for Texas in 2001. "It was frustrating, but I didn't feel any pressure," Davis said. "I thought it was pitching well, and the team was playing well behind me. We just weren't scoring any runs."

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He's a consistent player and a good athlete. We're very happy to have him back."

"I knew a few of the guys, so hopefully things will pick up and we'll be able to get things done in a hurry."}

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U.S. OPEN

Federer edges Agassi in five sets

NEW YORK — Andre Agassi sat alone, starting blankly at an Arthur Ashe Stadium doorway, the silence punctured by the rustling leaves on nearby trees.

Soon, he'll walk through that exit, his U.S. Open done with a 6-3, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3 loss Thursday to top-ranked Roger Federer in a quarterfinal suspended by rain early in the fourth set the night before and wrapped up in the worst of swirling winds.

In those idle moments on a lobby bench, there was plenty for the 34-year-old Agassi to contemplate. The immediate past: How did that match slip away?

And the future: How much longer do I want to put in the work it takes to compete?

"My game plan is to play until I can't do it," Agassi said. "I certainly want to be able to assess my level of play, and at some point my level of play will dictate my decisions. But as of right now, I'm trying to win tournaments, and I believe that with that focus, I can still do that."

The eight-time major champion certainly gave Federer all he could handle, stretching a man 11 years his junior to the limit. It wasn't gorgeous tennis, but it couldn't possibly be with gusts approaching 40 mph.

Picked up by the chair umpire's microphone, the wind provided a thunderous bassline to a soundtrack that included the ruffling of shirts and empty cups clattering in the stands. Towels flew off changeover chairs, and a let was called when a silver hot dog wrapper slid by Federer's feet during a rally.

With a point here and there making the difference, Federer was superb, breaking Agassi in the next-to-last game and displaying the win-the-big-ones instinct he's developed.

The Wimbledon and Australian Open champion has won 10 straight tournament finals; he's 15-0 against top 10 players since November.

Federer's first U.S. Open semifinal will be against another player never this far at Flushing Meadows: No. 5 Tim Henman, who beat No. 22 Dominik Hrbaty 6-1, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2.

On the other side of the draw, 2001 Open champion Lleyton Hewitt overwhelmed Tommy Haas 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 to set up a semifinal against defending champ Andy Roddick or No. 28 Joachim Johansson, who played at night.

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American League

Yankees win both games of doubleheader, extend lead

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The rain stayed away — and so did the fans — but the runs came early Thursday for the New York Yankees.

The Yankees scored five times in the first two innings. Mike Mussina pitched eight strong innings for his first win in more than 10 weeks and New York beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 10-5 in the first game of a doubleheader.

Alex Rodriguez, Gary Sheffield and Hideki Matsui each drove in two runs during the Yankees, who have won four in a row and entered the day two games ahead of Boston in the AL East. The Red Sox played at St. Louis on Thursday.

With the threat of heavy rain in the forecast and a mid-afternoon start time, only a few hundred fans were in the stands when the doubleheader started. A nearly empty Yankee Stadium more resembled a Montreal Expos home game with the fans' individual cheers and shouts clearly audible — as well as each crack of the bat.

The teams played two games because Wednesday's doubleheader was rained out.

The first game Wednesday was supposed to be a makeup of Monday's doubleheader that was turned into a single night game when the Devil Rays were unable to get to New York in time to complete it.

With newsstand sweep of the sinking Tampa Bay Devil Rays with a seven-run second inning, and walked none to win for the first time since June 27.

He had lost five straight decisions, the longest slump of his year, "I had movement on my curveball, my breaking pitches. My cutter was probably the best it's been all year," he said. "I had movement on my pitches, was hitting my spots and getting ahead in the count."

Two of the hits allowed by Buehrle were homers, and his streak of 18 straight innings against Texas without giving up a run was ended.

But he improved to 6-0 with a 2.56 ERA in nine career appearances (six starts) against the Rangers. On his tremendous catch, Buehrle didn't even see the ball go into his glove.

"I couldn't tell you where it was going," he said.

Rangers leadoff hitter Eric Young hit a line drive back to Buehrle, who put his head down and his glove up.

"That's a good reaction not to get hit in the face," Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said. "He covers his position better than a lot of people. That's why he didn't get killed."

Paul Konerko and Joe Crede homered for the White Sox, who have won six of seven.

Texas lost for the ninth time in 11 games, dropping six games behind AL West-leading Oakland.

Kansas City 26, Detroit 5

Joe Randa wore himself out. He had six hits and tied a major league record by putting 13 straight runners on base in an 11-run third inning.

It was the most runs allowed by the Tigers in a nine-inning game — Detroit allowed 24 runs twice. Randa also became the first AL player to have six hits and six runs in the same nine-inning game.

"I'm just glad we can get right there for the second game," said Rondell White, who homered for Detroit. "After a game like that, you just want to get back on the field as fast as you can."

The Royals had 26 hits against five Tigers pitchers.

Angel Berroa had a three-run homer and career-high five RBIs, and Alberio Castillo knocked in a career-best four runs.

Yankees pitcher Mike Mussina delivers a pitch against the Devil Rays Thursday. New York won both games of a doubleheader.

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All five California teams in race to reach playoffs

Associated Press

Come October, bouncing beach balls, the wave, designer shades and SPF30 suntan lotion could be standard fare at ballparks.

From the Golden Gate down to Disneyland, from Chavez Ravine to San Diego Bay, there’s a buzz along the California coast. Because for the first time, all five of the state’s major league teams are in playoff contention deep into the season.

"Baseball is alive and well on the West Coast," Anaheim Angels manager Mike Scioscia said.

The Los Angeles Dodgers have been atop the NL West most of the season, with San Francisco and San Diego never far behind.

Oakland has set the pace in the AL West, with Anaheim keeping up the pressure. The wild card possibilities increase the suspense.

"It’s huge, it’s exciting," said the Padres’ Dave Hansen, formerly of the Dodgers. "It’s definitely good for the state."

California dreamin’, for sure. Unlike past years, none of the state’s teams have been reduced to playing spoiler in September.

"What’s exciting is that there’s some really good baseball being played out here, and the fan support has been outstanding," said Scioscia, a longtime Dodgers catcher.

The Padres’ Rich Aurilia, who formerly played for San Francisco, noted that either the Giants, Dodgers or Padres usually were competing for playoff berths at this time of year — but not all at the same time.

And Oakland and Anaheim, the past few years, rarely, if ever, picked it up. So it’s weird to see five teams in the race, all either leading or within three or four games," Aurilia said.

"It’s a good time to be a baseball fan in California." Spinning turnstiles back that up.

The Dodgers, Giants and Angels are on track to top 3 million in attendance, as should the Padres, who already have drawn record crowds to new Petco Park.

"If we’re going to draw 2.2 million, same as when they made the playoffs last season but lost in the first round for the third consecutive year.

Even in laid-back Southern California, where it’s fashionable to arrive in the third inning and be back in the fast lane by the seventh, it seems more fans have been in their seats from the first pitch to the last.

"I think the reason we’ve been doing so well is because the fans have been showing up and supporting us," Dodger pitcher Jose Lima said.

The Athletics’ Eric Byrnes, a Giants fan when he was growing up in the Bay Area, sees the same thing.

"This does have a lot of fans excited," he said.

The schedule should make the regular season’s final days that much more exciting — most of the remaining games match California teams against each other.

The A’s, featuring a fine starting staff headed by Mark Mulder and Tim Hudson, face the Vladimir Guerrero-led Angels in six of the last 10 games, with the final three closing out the regular season in Oakland.

The Dodgers and MVP candidate Adrian Beltre meet the Barry Bonds-powered Giants six of their last 10, including a three-game series on the final weekend.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST

Team | Record | Last 10 Games | W-L
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New York | 89-62 | 6-4 | -
Boston | 84-64 | 6-5 | -
Baltimore | 80-64 | 6-5 | -
Tampa Bay | 76-76 | 4-6 | -
Toronto | 76-76 | 4-6 | -

AMERICAN LEAGUE CENTRAL

Team | Record | Last 10 Games | W-L
-----|--------|--------------|-----
Minnesota | 79-69 | 5-7 | -
Chicago | 79-66 | 9-3 | -
Cleveland | 79-67 | 10-2 | -
Detroit | 79-67 | 9-3 | -
Kansas City | 79-66 | 9-3 | -

AMERICAN LEAGUE WEST

Team | Record | Last 10 Games | W-L
-----|--------|--------------|-----
Oakland | 91-61 | 9-1 | -
Anaheim | 79-69 | 5-7 | -
Texas | 79-68 | 6-6 | -
Seattle | 79-67 | 7-5 | -

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST

Team | Record | Last 10 Games | W-L
-----|--------|--------------|-----
Atlanta | 77-69 | 5-5 | -
Florida | 77-69 | 5-5 | -
Philadelphia | 78-68 | 9-3 | -
New York | 78-67 | 10-2 | -
Montreal | 78-66 | 9-3 | -

NATIONAL LEAGUE CENTRAL

Team | Record | Last 10 Games | W-L
-----|--------|--------------|-----
St. Louis | 90-65 | 9-1 | -
Houston | 77-64 | 10-2 | -
Chicago | 77-64 | 10-2 | -
Pittsburgh | 76-67 | 9-3 | -
Cincinnati | 76-67 | 9-3 | -
Milwaukee | 77-67 | 9-3 | -

NATIONAL LEAGUE WEST

Team | Record | Last 10 Games | W-L
-----|--------|--------------|-----
Los Angeles | 70-70 | 5-5 | -
San Francisco | 76-76 | 5-5 | -
San Diego | 76-76 | 5-5 | -
Colorado | 67-78 | 4-6 | -
Arizona | 67-78 | 4-6 | -

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10. West Virginia  10. West Virginia
11. Florida        11. Florida
12. California      California
15. Texas          15. Texas
17. Miami          17. Miami
18. Florida State  18. Florida State
19. Arkansas       19. Arkansas
20. Tennessee      20. Tennessee
22. Missouri       22. Missouri
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Kahne wins Busch pole

RICHMOND, Va. — Impress­ive rookie Kasey Kahne started what he hopes will be an uplifting weekend Thursday night, winning his first pole of the season in 22 tries in NASCAR's Busch Series.

Kahne, 24, a five-time runner-up in the Nextel Cup series this season, turned a lap at 127.679 mph on the three-quarter-mile Richmond International Raceway, edging Kyle Busch for the top position.

Kahne is hoping it's only the start at Richmond, where Friday night's Emerson 250 is just a warmup for Saturday night's Chevy Rock & Roll 400.

Kahne will start that Nextel Cup race ninth in the points, trying to stay in the top 10 and keep his spot in the sport's 10-race playoff.

"Getting the pole is definitely a big deal to me," he said.

"If it will help our Cup race on Saturday — it wouldn't hurt. I think it will help a little bit with what the track does. I'll know that." Busch, meantime, has his own points goal — closing a 95-point deficit to Busch leader Martin Truex Jr. in the series' last nine races.

Busch got off to a good start with a lap at 127.179 mph.

"We didn't quite get it the way we needed to have a pole-winning run," Busch said.

"That's all right. Kasey Kahne, he ran an awesome lap. I didn't think we were going to be able to beat him anyway."

Truex will start seventh, only three rows behind.

"It's nice to outrace your main competition, but I just kind of go about it every week the same way," Busch said. "We've got to do our job."

Busch won here in the spring and will drive the same car Friday night in the Emerson 250. This is the third of four races here this weekend.

The first two were Thursday night.

IN BRIEF

Brady leads Patriots to a 27-24 victory

Associated Press
FOXBORO, Mass. — As usual, Tom Brady was uncannily accurate as the New England Patriots moved within three wins of setting the NFL record for consecutive victories.

Still, New England's 27-24 win over Indianapolis on Thursday night wouldn't have happened if its defense hadn't awakened in the second half after being shredded for 255 yards by Peyton Manning and Edgerrin James before intermission.

Brady threw for 335 yards and three touchdowns — one each to Delon Branch, David Patten and Daniel Graham. Corey Dillon, obtained from Cincinnati to revive the Super Bowl champions' running game, carried 16 times for 86 yards.

But the Patriots' defense bailed them out after a horrible first half, although the 446 yards they allowed were more than they gave up in any game last year.

"It's about being accountable to your teammates," said Brady, 25, who has helped lead the Patriots to four straight for New England, including the last 12 regular-season games plus two playoff games and the Super Bowl last season.

Associated Press
PHILADELPHIA — Kurt Warner traded in his clipboard and baseball cap for a helmet, a football and a new uniform.

Frustrated and humbled by injuries and inactivity, the two-time Super Bowl MVP returned to the Super Bowl on Sunday.

Warner hasn't won a game since beating the Eagles in the 2001 NFC championship game to send the St. Louis Rams to the Super Bowl. The stakes are much lower this time, but Warner wants to impress his new teammates.

"It's just exciting to be back on the field," said Warner, who has lost his last eight starts, including a loss to the New England Patriots in the 2001 Super Bowl.

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**SMC SOCCER**

**Saint Mary’s travels to Adrian for opener**

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

After months of training and practice, the only person who may be more excited than the Belles to start the season is their coach, Caryn Mackenzie.

"This is our first conference game, and we’ve all fired up to go out there and do what we can do," Mackenzie said. "I feel we’re prepared to play. I think I’m as excited as the players are to start the season and see where this team’s talent takes us."

Saint Mary’s hopes to show its strengths the team travels to Adrian Saturday at 12 p.m. for their first contest against a MIAA conference team. The Belles should be favored against an Adrian team that went 1-18 last year, including two losses to Saint Mary’s. Adrian only returns two seniors, while the Belles feature a strong mix of upperclassmen.

"We’ve a very heavy senior team with seven seniors, and I think those players will play a big role in providing leadership," said Mackenzie.

One of those players is captain Jen Concannon, who scored two goals in the Belles’ 3-2 overtime win against the University of St. Francis (Ind.) on Tuesday and will look to lead the offense this Saturday. Although Mackenzie recognizes Concannon as a dominant force on the field, she is quick to stress how skilled the entire team is.

"Across the board, this is one of the most talented teams in Saint Mary’s history. From the seniors all the way down to the freshmen, it’s a good mixture of upperclassmen and underclassmen."

Perhaps the only thing more impressive than the team’s talent is the amount of unity it has displayed.

"The best thing I could say about this team is that they’ve had so many coaching changes, and to see the cohesion among the team, on the field and amongst themselves, is just phenomenal," Mackenzie said. "It definitely speaks volumes about the kind of people they are."

It has been that type of unity that has also allowed the Belles to welcome a new coach so easily. After coaching at Adams High School in South Bend for the past 10 years, Mackenzie made the jump to the college level for the first time to lead Saint Mary’s this year.

"As my first experience with a college team, it’s just been phenomenal," Mackenzie said. "They’ve embraced the changes I’ve made, and they’ve all been very excited about it. I think I’ll learn as much from them as they’ll learn from me."

With such a talented team, the Belles have set the bar high for this year, looking to capture the MIAA title. Although Saint Mary’s is cautiously optimistic about Saturday’s game, they know their task won’t be easy. Mackenzie feels her team’s talent and unity give them a great chance.

"We’ve got a lot of potential, and I’m going to really enjoy seeing what we can put together as a team this year," she said.

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**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

**Belles set to battle conference rivals**

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Belles will play two games against conference opponents today in the Saint Mary’s Triangular.

Calvin faces off against Saint Mary’s beginning at 4 p.m. Then four hours later Tri-State gets its chance to play the Belles to end an intense day of volleyball action.

Calvin currently resides in third place in the MIAA with an overall record of 5-1 and a conference mark of 1-0. Meanwhile, Tri-State is in the same position as the Belles, still searching for its win as they come into tonight’s match 0-6 and 0-2 in conference play. Only Saint Mary’s has a worse record, having already dropped three games to conference teams.

Last year during the Triangular, the Belles found much success as they went on to defeat both Kalamazoo and Tri-State University. However, this season they are coming into the contest still winless and facing a tough opponent in Calvin.

"Our main focus is just to go into the game and have fun," Rupright said.

During the 2003 regular season, the Knights defeated the Belles in a nailbiter. In five tough games, Calvin barely slipped by Saint Mary’s, winning 15-13. In their two matches versus Tri-State, Saint Mary’s went undefeated, sweeping them in both matches.

If the girls come out ready to play tonight, they will have a very good shot at capturing their first victory of the year, especially having performed exceptionally well against the Thunder in recent games. Once again, team communication and getting off to a fast start will be very important.

"Since the season started, we have had more games than usual," said Rupright. "We haven’t had time to fix the problems that we need to."

Following Friday’s games, the Belles will get a break, not having to play again until Tuesday against Bethel.

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Cal-Poly
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against Fresno State and then play matches Saturday against Sacramento State and tournament-host Cal-Poly. After playing a pair of matches against No. 2 Nebraska last weekend, this might be a relative break in the schedule. None of this weekend’s opponents are in the American Volleyball Coaches Association Top 25.

But Brown isn’t taking anything for granted. “It’s going to be tough for us this weekend,” she said. “We’ve got to make the most of it.” The Irish have to face defending national champions Southern California next week and would love to build upon some momentum going into their showdown with the Trojans.

“Obviously we’re not peaking right now,” Brown said. “But we’re working hard to develop this team.” There is little history between the Irish and their tournament opponents. Neither Fresno State nor Sacramento State have ever played Notre Dame.

The Hornets won the Big Sky Conference tournament in Toledo in 2003. The Hornet’s 3-2 victory over the Irish was an all-Big East selection last season. Senior Steve Colnitis and junior Scott Gustafson, who was an all-Big East selection two seasons ago, captain the team.

The Irish did a lot of work over the summer, and that work should pay dividends this season. Isban came within two strokes of qualifying for match play at the 2004 U.S. Amateur Championship. Deutsch and sophomore Eric Deutsch and sophomore Eric Deutsch are both ranked in the top-50 nationally as high school golfers. Despite their skills, the freshmen may struggle to make a competitive showing this season. Juniors Tommy Balderston and Cole Isban all garnered All-Big East selections last season.

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The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Friday, with two rounds being played that day. Play will resume Saturday at 2 p.m. for the third and final round.

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Irish set to open season in Toledo

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is set to kick off its 2004-05 campaign. Coach John Jasiniski, who signed a contract extension in the offseason to continue coaching the Irish, will lead a strong Notre Dame team into the Inverness Intercollegiate Tournament in Toledo, Ohio this weekend. The field will feature 13 teams, including Michigan State and host Toledo.

The event will be held at the prestigious Inverness Club, which has previously played host to four U.S. Open championships. The Irish, who were last season’s Big East champions, begin the season ranked 92nd in the Golfweek/Sagarin Index. The Irish hope to improve from that initial ranking this season.

With the lineup they have, strong improvement is a definite goal. The Irish return all eight monogram winners from last year’s team, including all five golfers who competed in the NCAA Regionals.

Three freshmen, Mike King, Eddie Peckels and Greg Rodgers, will also join the team. Rodgers and Peckels both were ranked in the top-50 as high school golfers.

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2003 NCAA championship meet.

Also, Connelly has decided to give less-experienced runners a chance to com­pete so the Irish will not have their top eight runners in the race.

Two key runners who will be absent from the race include senior Lauren King and junior Molly Huddle.

King has captured All-American honors three years in a row while Huddle finished seventh at the United States Olympic Trials.

Instead, sophomores Katie DeRusso, Jennifer Richard and Brianne Schmidt along with freshmen Kathleen Covericik and Alyson Parker will have a chance to gain valuable experience.

“We’ve got some kids that, with time, are going to con­tribute,” Connelly said.

After a disappointing eighth-place finish in last season’s Great Lake Regional — the qualifying tournament for the NCAA championship meet — the men’s cross country team will take another shot at the NCAA championship this season.

With the loss of senior Todd Mobley, the Irish will rely on upcoming juniors and sophomores to carry the load.

Like the women’s team, the men will not be sending their top runners to the Crusader Invitational.

Veterans from last season like seniors Eric Morrison and Sean O’Donnell will miss the invitational along with juniors Kaileb VanOrt and Tim Moore.

However, the seven Irish runners competing today have fared well previously at the Crusader.

Among them are junior Austin Weaver who finished fifth in the Invitational last year and A.J. Andrassy who placed eighth.

With neither the men’s or women’s team sending their best runners, the Valparaiso Invitational serves to build the team in preparation for the more critical races.

“The big focus is on the Big East, regionals and nationals,” Connelly said.

“That’s the main focus.

The women will race today at 5 p.m. and the men start at 5:45 p.m.

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Irish runner Kerry Meagher participates in the National Catholic Invitational last year at Notre Dame.

ND Women’s Golf

Irish travel to Mich. for meet

By Eric Retter

Notre Dame will be back in action this weekend, traveling to compete in Ann Arbor, Mich., in the prestigious Lady Northern Invitational.

This will be the second straight weekend in which the Irish have competed, as the team comes off of a third-place finish at the Notre Dame Invitational.

At the Invitational, they set the best mark ever by a Notre Dame women’s team in competi­tion at Warren Golf Course, beating the previous mark by 24 strokes.

Notre Dame will join the entire Big Ten Conference in the field of 12 and the group will be led by top 25 teams, No. 5 Ohio State and No. 19 Michigan State. This weekend will be the first time Notre Dame has competed in the Invitational.

“It’s a pretty prestigious event to be invited to,” coach Debby King said.

With that prestige, as well as the strength of the field in mind, King has set modest goals for the weekend.

“We’re shooting for sixth or better,” King said.

“At the same time, you always believe in the back of your mind that you can win, you don’t go into a tourna­ment without thinking that.

We’re aiming to break 305 each round and let the chips fall.”

The tournament will run all day Saturday and Sunday. It will be conducted in the “six-count-four” format, meaning six golfers will compete for each team, with the top four scores counting for the final team score.

Senior Karen Lotta, who broke the Warren Golf Course single-round record on her way to a second-place finish last weekend, will lead the team this weekend, along with junior co-captain Katie Brophy, sopho­more Noriko Nakazaki, junior Lauren Gehauer and sopho­more Stacy Brown.

In what says great things about the depth of the Irish team, four of the remaining five golfers are competing for the final spot. Senior Casey Rotella and junior co-captain Suzie Hayes were both fighting for the last spot, along with freshmen Jane Lee and Alejandra Diaz-Calderon.

King will choose one of them to join the team in Ann Arbor shortly before the team leaves.

Because of the depth of talent on the team, King’s job gets dif­ficult before these tournaments.

“It’s going to be tough to get the top five or six of our ten players each weekend,” she said.

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by 100 yard surface.

Waldrum is looking at this

trip as an opportunity for

his team to

improve.

"I scheduled this trip because it

is important to get the team

in environments they are not

used to in order to prepare

for the playoffs,” Waldrum said. “But it is going to make us a better team at the

end of the season.”

The team's confidence has

shown in several of its lop-sided victories against the nation's
top programs. Notre Dame's 3-2

win against No. 4 Santa Clara

exemplifies both the talent and
determination that the Irish

possess. These qualities, in

conjunction with a can-do at­
titude, make for a solid squad

capable of competing with any

We respect everybody we play, but we went into the
games confident,” Waldrum

said. "There is no reason to

fear anybody.

Although the team remains

self-assured, this weekend the Irish will face solid opponents in Arizona State and Texas Tech.

Leading the Irish into the

weekend will be Jan Buczkowski, Kim Lorenzen and Amy Mengel. O'Connor and Murphy are expected try and make up for

the loss of injured senior Mary

Boland, whose expected return

is unknown.

Waldrum said Notre Dame will continue to rely on its tal­

tent and confidence to come out on
top.

“When we have confidence, we are one of the best teams,”

Waldrum said. “And everybody

in the country looks at us that

way.”

Already, the team has shown

glimpses of its talent, with two

players earning player-of-the-

week honors.

In impressive victories

against No. 4 Santa Clara and

No. 13 Stanford, junior forward

Katie Thorlakson showcased

her offensive capabilities, com­

pleting the first hat trick of her

career against Santa Clara.

Thorlakson received the Big

East offensive player of the

week honor for her stellar per­

formances.

SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles do well at Heidelberg

Led by Gray, Saint

Mary's finishes in

fourth place overall

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The two latest editions to

the Belles played pivotal

different divisions.

Last Friday, Saint Mary's

competed in the 6K Heidelberg Invitational, fin­

ishing fourth, in a field of

five teams.

The Belles were led by

freshman Megan Gray and

transfer student Meghan

Murphy, finishing first and

second respectively for the

team.

"I was excited (with how we

did), but there is still a

lot of hard work that needs
to be done,” Gray said.

Joining a team full of

returning veterans might have been an awkward and

intimidating experience for

Gray and Murphy, but it was

just the opposite.

Both newcomers say their

teammates have been very

welcoming.

"All the girls have been

really helpful,” Gray said.

"We push each other in

the workouts, but it is more

about the team and not

individual.”

To begin the season, coach

Dave Barstis had the objec­
tive of being team-oriented

rather than individual-ori­

ented on his list of season

goals. Barstis' wish is to have

the top seven performers

running within 45 seconds to

one minute to each other.

He believes this team-ori­

ted approach will help to

both establish motivation

throughout the race and to

unify each member of the

squad.

In the first meet of the

season, the top seven runners

finished within two minutes

of each other. Gray, who fin­

ished first for the team and

13th overall, came in with a

time of 26 minutes 28 sec­

onds.

Murphy finished second on

the team and 19th overall in

25:37.

Also placing for the Belles

were veterans Erin Nolan and

Katie White, who fin­

ished third and fourth for

the team.

The team finished fourth

with a score of 77 points. Siena College University

won the invitational with a

score of 12 points, followed

by Ohio Northern and

Shawnee State.

Today, the Belles will be

competing in the Aquinas

College Invitational. Last

season, the team finished

sixth out of 13 teams.

White was the Belles' top

finisher at the Aquinas

Invitational last year.

Despite the team's past

success at this invitational, the

Belles are simply

approaching the meet as if it

were a workout.

Each race is an opportunity to

work out the mechanics of

competing as one unit in

preparation for the rest of

the season.

"Now, 13 is where we want
to run well,” Gray said. “We

are just getting started.”

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Irish defender Jonny Walz attempts to clear the ball away from a Santa Clara forward during Notre Dame's 5-2 win over the Broncos Sunday.

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ness is a frequently-employed
strategy, Clark is more con-
cerned with the Irish than the
team standing on the opposite
sideline.
"My big thing is that I focus on
us," Clark said. "I'm a great
believer in this - it's always
going to be what we do."
The Irish kicked off the 2004
campaign with victories against
Oregon State
and Boston
University at the adidas/IU
Credit Union Classic last Friday
and Sunday, respectively.
After overcoming a quick
1-0
deficit for a 2-1 triumph over the
Beavers, the Irish shutout the
Terriers,
2-0,
en route to Notre
Dame's best start
(2-0-0)
in
Clark's
four years at the helm of
men's soccer.
The Irish haven't started a
season
3-0
since 1998 and
4-0
since 1987.
Oregon State didn't wait long
to christen the scoreboard,
finding the back of the net on a
header
4:09
into the match.
"From our point of view, it was
a very bad goal to lose, people
not focusing on their
jobs," Clark
said.
"It took us about
20 min-
utes before we calmed down. I
thought we were pretty ragged,
and we struggled for that
opening
period."
However, the Irish eventually
gained control of the game, and
defender Jack
Stewart
delivered
the equalizer at the 36:11 mark,
uncorking a rocket past
OSU
goalkeeper Jason Mariner to
knot the game at 1-1.
The Irish struck again right
after halftime as forward Justin
McGeeney headed home a cross
from forward Nate Norman to
stake the Irish to a 2-1 advan-
tage and ultimately provide the
game winner:
Playing without the first-game
jitters that plagued the Irish
in the first half of last Friday's
contest, Notre Dame broke a
scoreless tie 33 minutes into the
first half Sunday against Boston
University and never looked
back.
Once again, it was the All-
American candidate Stewart
who led the Irish charge, scoring
his second goal in as many
games.
Norman followed suit 15 min-
utes into the second half, lining
a shot into the net from the top
of the box for a 2-0 lead.
Standout goalkeeper Chris
Sawyer recorded his first clean
sheet of the season, stopping
three shots in the shutout.
Sawyer, Stewart
and
McGeeney took home
All-
Tournament Team honors,
though the Irish were edged by
consensus No. 1 Indiana, 6-4, in
total goals scored for the tourna-
ment title after both teams went
undefeated
(2-0)
and aggregate
goals were used as a tiebreaker.
"It was a solid performance," Clark
said. "I thought we grew
from the first performance to
the second, which was positive."
Following this weekend's
action, the Irish travel to
Bloomington Wednesday for a
much-anticipated bout with
in-
state rival and soccer
heavy-
weight Indiana.
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MEN’S SOCCER

Home sweet home

Irish welcome three teams to Mike Berticelli Tournament

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

Notre Dame (2-0-0) hopes to build on a runner-up finish at last weekend’s adidas/IU Credit Union Classic when it welcomes Evansville (1-0-1), Cal State Fullerton (2-0-0) and No. 1 Indiana (2-0-0) to Alumni Field to take part in the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament this weekend.

The No. 11 Irish square off against Evansville Friday at 7:30 p.m. before challenging Cal State Fullerton Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

The Purple Aces enter Friday’s contest on the heels of a tournament victory at the Big Toe Invitational in Madison, Wis., last weekend.

"(Evansville) beat Wisconsin 2-1 in Madison ... that’s a pretty good result," coach Bobby Clark said. "They’re going to be a handful, we know that, and we’ve just got to find a way to beat them."

Cal State Fullerton, on the other hand, struggled in its season opening tournament, dropping a pair of 2-1 matches to the majority of their team returning.

A 10th-place finish in the NCAA championship last year only adds to the team’s high expectations coming into 2004.

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Sports Writer

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Irish midfielder John Stephens readies to clear the ball away during Notre Dame’s 2-0 exhibition win over Northwestern Aug. 23.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame heading west

Team travels to California for Cal-Poly Invitational

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Despite being defeated three times in their first four matches, including the first loss to Valparaiso in 24 years, Irish coach Debbie Brown knows there is a lot of volleyball still to be played.

"We were really down after the Valparaiso match," she said. "But we still have to hold our heads up. There’s a lot of promise on this team."

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WOMEN’S SOCCER

Desert waits for the Irish

Notre Dame travels to face Arizona State in 100-degree heat

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Some like it hot. Coach Randy Waldrum hopes the Irish will adopt this attitude as the team faces Arizona State University at 7 p.m. tonight in Tempe, Ariz. The weather is expected to be near the 100 degree mark at kickoff.

Waldrum believes this will be great training for the rest of the season for games in warmer climates.

"Hopefully the trip to Brazil (last summer to play soccer) will help us out with the weather," Waldrum said. "But we are also going to have to focus on playing a team with great speed up front."

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Irish outside hitter Meg Henican tries to tip the ball past a Nebraska block during Notre Dame’s 3-2 loss to the Huskers Saturday.
After a 38-0 drubbing at the hands of Michigan in 2003, Notre Dame spent a whole year preparing for payback ...

... but after a 20-17 loss to Brigham Young last week, how prepared are the Irish heading into their rematch with the No. 8 Wolverines?

Photo Illustration by MIKE HARKINS and TIM SULLIVAN
Between the bashing of Tyrone Willingham and his coaching staff and criticizing every aspect of the Irish team — from the non-existent running game to the vulnerable defensive backfield to the disappoin ting performance from the offensive line — one important aspect of Notre Dame's 20-17 loss to Brigham Young went undetected by most. It was only one game. Maybe it's back the NCAA doesn't take playing performance into account when determining rankings or records. Whatever the reason, the Irish are what they are — an 0-1 football team. And while it may not be the simple, it's also not exactly clear how good or bad this team is going be in 2004 — even after last Saturday's horrible performance.

Maybe Notre Dame was looking ahead to Michigan. All offseason the coaching staff pounded into the players' brains the number 38, signifying the blowout loss at The Big House in 2003. It's not unreasonable to believe the team, no matter what they told themselves and each other, subconsciously had the Wolverines in mind heading into Provo. Maybe this year's BYU team is a lot closer to the 2001 squad (11-2), than the 2002 group (4-8). The Cougars defense will likely end the season ranked in the top 20 for the second straight year, and their kicking game did a tremendous job keeping Notre Dame's unproven offense starting inside the 20-yard line nearly every drive. It's hard to get any type of ball movement when beginning at your own 7-yard line.

Or maybe everyone who watched Saturday's game is right by saying Notre Dame is just that bad. So bad, that the loss left fans wondering if this team just became good, they must learn through experience. But most people aren't buying those excuses anymore. Maybe that's justified. Willingham's first eight games were victories. Since then, the Irish are an embarrassing 7-11.

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The answers to those questions may not be clear now. About 5:30 p.m. Saturday, they will be. The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Joe Hettler at jhettler@nd.edu.

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Irish have been ready for a rematch with Michigan since last year’s 38-0 loss

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Michigan’s been on their minds for months.

It showed in their performance for the rest of the 2003 season, the off-season work-out and, just the reasoning of the Brigham Young game.

After losing that “turn-up,” Saturday was even more important.

Last weekend’s 20-17 loss at BYU quelled all of the pre-season optimism in just three and a half hours and added a new program about this team being at its lowest point in more than 40 years.

Sitting at 0-1 with a more talented opponent than last week and one of their biggest rivals staring them in the face, the Irish are already facing a gut check in week two.

“This is always our biggest game of the year, especially early on,” Kyle Budinscak said.

This year, with the embarrassment we had, and the past Saturday with us coming out and not coming away with a victory, our backs are really against the wall.

“This game means everything. We are going to come out there like nobody’s business, I can promise you that.”

Embarrassment of 38-0

Last year’s game at Michigan probably the game that will show the Return to Glory wasn’t a fluke.

The Irish were a week off a loss to Michigan and had a good chance to let a national television audience see the blowout losses to USC and North Carolina State ending the 2002 season.

Even a close loss would have shown Willingham’s team could play with the best and that the eight-game winning streak against Michigan was real.

It turned out to be the worst loss in Notre Dame’s history and worst shutout since 1956.

“Indescribable. It was an embarrassment. A letdown you can’t even explain,” Budinscak said. “There are people you don’t want to talk to. It’s hard to talk to people even close to you after a game like that. It’s hard. Something I don’t want to experience again, and we came pretty close again Saturday against BYU.”

Willingham said 38 for 133 yards and scored four total touchdowns. Johnathan Smith became the Irish secondary going 14-for-21 for 190, and only one touchdown.

Steve Breaston averaged over 19 yards per carry this year’s blowout loss at Michigan.

Irish tight end and Jake Clark tries to run past Michigan’s Jacob Stewart in last year’s 38-0 Notre Dame defeat in Ann Arbor.

It was over in less than five minutes.

The disappointing performance also set the stage for three more losses by 25 or more points and the third losing season in five years in South Bend.

“It did (have an effect), because it really just shot a lot of our hopes down for the rest of the season,” tight end Anthony Fano said. “It was early in the season, but it was a big loss for us, especially to lose the way we did.”

Starting quarterback Carlyle Holiday never found any rhythm, especially with the Wolverines shutting down the running game, yielding just 75 yards on 25 carries. Brady Quinn replaced him in the fourth quarter and wasn’t able to avoid the plagues affecting the rest of the team. Quinn went 3-of-10 and threw one interception.

It even got so bad that the crowd started chanting, “Houston’s better,” in reference to Michigan defeating the Cougars 50-3 the previous week.

“We was horrible,” linebacker Brandon Hoyte said. “You lose 38-0, it’s not supposed to be. We’ll see this Saturday how much we’ve learned.

Confidence after last week?

That feeling of embarrassment lasted with the Irish not only through the rest of the season, but also through the rest of the off-season.

During conditioning drills, the team would do 38 push-ups, 38 sit-ups, 38 wind sprints or a 38-second run.

Willingham wanted his team to keep their minds on what BYU did.

“They all give us a good team and played their butts off the whole night,” Grant said. “But looking at the film, I really don’t think it was them beating us. We were beating ourselves on the little things. That’s something we need to work on.”

“We didn’t step up and didn’t perform,” Grant added.

It’s coming from knowing that just two years ago, the Irish beat the Wolverines.

“I think a lot of guys that were a part of the team that beat Michigan two years ago,” Holiday said. “Those guys have to pick us up themselves and let the younger guys believe they can win and beat top-caliber teams, experience victory instead of losing confidence and setting for losses all the time.”

Saturday’s importance

Not being in a conference, Notre Dame doesn’t have the luxury of overcoming early season non-conference losses by performing well in the conference and earning a major bowl bid.

That’s why dropping to 0-2 is deadly as an independent.

“From my standpoint, I don’t want to be 0-2. I don’t want to lose this game,” Grant said. “I didn’t want to lose last week’s game. That’s over, and I can’t have it back. But I don’t want to lose this game. I know I’m going to do everything for this team to not lose this game.

Very few people are expecting anything from this team against such a big-time opponent as Michigan. Willingham likened the Irish to the role of the underdog in Tuesday’s press conference.

That’s a role this team currently must play, but the Irish feel the talent level isn’t that of an underdog, which leads them believing a win Saturday is a realistic possibility.

“We are going to surprise a lot of people next week. Next week is going to be a great test in anybody in the country, and we didn’t do that last weekend. We are going to try and redeem ourselves against Michigan.”

With a lot of fans, students and alumni already writing off this season—and possibly Willingham’s Notre Dame career—Saturday is the perfect opportunity to start getting that support back.

“I know me personally, I would love to beat (Michigan),” Holiday said. “I’ve been looking forward to the game for awhile.

“I think anytime you have the opportunity to defeat a team like this, especially at home, and get everyone back supporting you, it’s a big thing.”

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by the numbers

points scored against Notre Dame last season at Michigan. Also, number of repetitions the Irish did to remember the loss.

number of points Notre Dame scored last season against Michigan

number of passes Brady Quinn threw last week against Brigham Young

ranking in the country for the Notre Dame rushing defense

ranking in the country for the Michigan rushing defense

Interceptions last week by Michigan’s All-Big Ten performer Markus Curry

the last time Michigan won in South Bend, defeating the Irish 26-24

Michigan's rank in both victories and winning percentage all-time
**Notre Dame Fighting Irish**

**Record:** 0-1

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**NOTRE DAME 2004 Schedule**

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**COACHING**

Willingham is feeling the pressure to succeed after a season-opening loss in Provo, Utah to Brigham Young. He must turn the season around if he is to avoid losing his job. Willingham has 10 games to work with, starting with Michigan.

**IRISH RUSHING**

Quinn’s numbers (126-of- 47, 265 yards, 1 TD) were good against Brigham Young, but they didn’t reflect how he struggled on third-and-long situations. He is making better decisions in his second season as the starting quarterback, but he must throw the ball deep.

Grant will play unless he reaggravates his hamstring in practice this week. Thomas fumbled twice in his collegiate debut against BYU. Wilson got the most carries, but only picked up 26 yards on nine carries, as the offensive line didn’t open up holes.

**IRISH PASSING**

Last week, Quinn was forced to the air, throwing 47 passes, and completing 26. He couldn’t throw deep, however, and only converted 3-of-16 third-down plays. The tight ends showed they will be important to the passing game.

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**Michigan**

Carr has been on the Michigan sidelines forever, coaching as an assistant for 25 years, the last 10 at the helm. He is a proven winner. Under Carr, the Wolverines have gone to eight consecutive bowl games.

Gutierrez was named the starter, but sat out last weekend due to a sore knee. Although the quarterbacks are many, they are not good enough. Carr is making better decisions, as the offensive line opens up holes.

The Wolverines gave up just 33 yards rushing last weekend. Their defense is anchored by Red, who is a Butkus Award candidate. Last season, the Wolverines were 22nd in the country in rushing defense, giving up 116.6 yards per game.

**Carr has been a coach on three national championship teams, winning one. Willingham is just trying to keep his job. Carr has the experience and is a proven winner, as he is the fifth-longest active Division I-A coach. He has the knowledge and experience needed to win.**

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**Quinn has more experience than Gutierrez and Lenelle combined, a rarity for the sophomores. Although the Michigan quarterbacks are talented, Quinn’s experience will help him make good decisions and lead a struggling Irish offense.**

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**Michigan should win the battle in the trenches. The Irish line has yet to prove themselves to be as good as anticipated. Players are still getting used to the position changes, and the Michigan lineman are experienced and talented.**

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**Michigan’s secondary has proven itself. Last year, they gave up 180.54 yards per game. 15th in the NCAA. Notre Dame’s pass defense is still shaky, with the offensive line struggling and Quinn not being able to throw deep.**

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Michigan Wolverines

Week 5: BYU

- Irish secondary is young, inexperienced and vulnerable. They gave up 265 yards to BYU last weekend, including a touchdown pass of 42 yards and a completion of 50. They were hurt by the big play.
- The Irish are playing at home and motivated by last year's 38-0 loss at Michigan. The pressure is on this team to win a game and they will have 80,000 fans behind them to help.
- Michigan is a solid team, but is playing with a true freshman quarterback at Notre Dame Stadium, one of the toughest places to play. Two years ago, they were upset in a game that no one thought the Irish could win. But Michigan knows that and is ready to prevent an upset.
- Michigan has arguably the best receivers in the country in Arpaio and Edwards. Both are experienced and athletic. The Irish secondary is young and unproven. They will struggle against the Wolverines and their talent.
- The Irish have struggled in the punt return game, but have been solid on offense. They are a point total favourite, but only a 4.6 returner. Neither team has a standout group at special teams, and both have their weaknesses.
- The Irish will have the edge here because of two things — home-field advantage and the fact that their coach's job is in jeopardy. They will come out ready to play because they have been "preparing" for this game since the day they lost 38-0 last year.

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Schedule

- Michigan was 87-26 against Notre Dame last season, 3-2 in their last five games.

Final Score: Michigan 48, Notre Dame 10

There's little doubt that the Irish are better than they showed against BYU. If Michigan's defense can rattle QB Chad Henne, they should be able to shut down the sub-par running game — David Underwood is no Chris Perry.
### Sizing up the Irish and the Wolverines

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**KEY MATCHUP**

### NOTRE DAME SECONDARY

Last week, the secondary gave up two big plays of 50 and 42 yards that proved costly.

Quentin Burrell (above) and Tom Zbikowski, who saw most of the action against BYU, cannot get beat deep. Preston Jackson is listed as the starter at corner, with Dwight Ellick. Jackson scored a touchdown off an interception last week.

This unit will determine if the Irish can stick with the Wolverines. The best receivers in the country await the Irish, and the secondary must respond for an Irish win.

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**MICHIGAN RECEIVERS**

Braylon Edwards (above) is a deep threat who had 14 touchdowns in 13 games last season. The 6-foot-3 senior is an All-American candidate after being named honorable mention in 2003.

He is joined by junior Jason Avant, who earned All-Big Ten honors last season. The 6-foot-1 receiver caught 47 passes last season for 772 yards.

Michigan’s receivers will give the Irish secondary quite the test, especially after the unit gave up 263 yards against Brigham Young last week. The Irish must prevent big plays.
Wolverines hungry for win at Notre Dame

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Despite Notre Dame's 20-17 loss to unheralded Brigham Young Saturday night, Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said he didn't underestimate the Irish.

"Some teams lose a game, and everybody wants to think the house is burning down," Carr said at a Monday teleconference. "When you lose in college football when you play on the road, it's very, very difficult to win. We know we're going into a great venue to play a team that's very talented. They are like us in the sense that they have some players when they come in to Michigan Stadium, they can make it tough." Carr knows the danger of the Irish when they play Michigan at Notre Dame Stadium. Two years ago, he was on the sideline to watch the Notre Dame student body rush the field after a 25-23 upset of his Wolverines.

Last season, Carr's squad got its revenge in a big way, defeating the Irish 38-0 -- Notre Dame's worst shutout loss in 47 years -- in front of a packed Michigan Stadium. Running back Chris Perry gained 177 total yards and scored four touchdowns in that performance and quarterback John Navarre passed for 251 yards.

Both Perry and Navarre graduated last year, however, in their place are senior David Underwood and sophomore Mike Hart. "I don't know if we can catch them," said Carr. "But if we go into a game like this with their really good receivers, we can't let them run the ball the way they did. We have to be very specific in blocking and tackling." The Wolverines will need to limit tight end Tony Rice, who is also 6-foot-3, and the other Michigan receivers present to the Notre Dame defense. The Michigan receivers may be as good as any group in the country," he said at a press conference Tuesday. "Of course, we watched a couple of catches Edwards had against Miami of Ohio and they were circus-type catches that just average guys don't make. "You have to be very special to make those plays. So they are a very talented group." For all the offensive firepower that Michigan might have this year, it might be its defense that is the unheralded part of the Wolverines.

Linebackers Lawrence Reid and Pierre Woods were named to the Butkus Award watch list this year. While defensive backs Marlin Jackson and Ernest Shazor were named to the Thorpe watch list. Shazor scored a touchdown off an interception return against Miami of Ohio.

All told, Michigan lost six of its defensive starters in 2003 to graduation -- mostly on the defensive line. Reed, Woods, Jackson and Shazor all return from the team that shut out the Irish last season.

Facing a Michigan team that is without a doubt far more talented than the Cougar squad the Irish faced Saturday, Willingham accepts his team's underdog role at home Saturday.

"I can see that from your perspective that would be almost an insurmountable task," he said. "But if I am correct, there are always constant reminders of an underdog overcoming what some may see as not being possible." I would probably say that as of recently, within the last month or so, there was a basketball team (USA Basketball in the Olympic) that I thought was fairly talented -- we'll say that." Contact JUSTIN SCHUVER at jschuber@nd.edu

Irish cannot surrender big plays this week

By PAT LEONARD
 Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame held Brigham Young to 22 rushing yards last Saturday and lost.

The Irish made the Cougars punt on 10 of 16 possessions, Derek Curry recovered a forced fumble and Preston Jackson returned an interception 38 yards for a touchdown.

And the Irish lost.

"We played pretty well, but we gave up big plays," defensive end Kyle Budinscak said. "A couple of times on those big plays, we didn't get to the quarterback and we obviously didn't make plays on the ball." BYU receiver Todd Watkins caught a 50-yard pass in the first quarter to set up a touchdown. Austin Collie beat Notre Dame safety Quinn Underwood to the spot for a 42-yard catch in the third quarter and Watkins caught another 38-yard pass in double coverage to run out the clock and end the game.

"As a defense, we have to eliminate big plays. Otherwise, we played solid (against BYU)," Kyle Budinscak Irish defensive lineman

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