Performing Arts Center debuts

Opening is cheered by FTT

By MADDE HANNA AND MOLLY GRIFFIN
News Writers

Students and professors from the Film, Television and Theatre Department donned costumes in celebration of their new home Friday as they, the marching band and onlookers paraded to the grand opening of the new Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

"This is where our students are going to learn in a way they never have before," said Peter Holland, chair of FTT. "Every bit of the building is teaching space."

Holland, clad in Shakespearean garb, explained the history behind the PAC.

which he said was first discussed in the 1940s and then more seriously considered '6 to 18 years ago.

"It always takes a long time for a university to commit to a project this big. I think, crucially, what this shows is that the University believes in the arts." John Haynes, executive director of the PAC, expressed his relief in finally opening the center.

"The PAC took 10 years of dreaming, and planning, and building and designing," he said.

The PAC is a $64 million, 151,000-square-foot building that houses five different performance halls. It was under construction for 10 years of dreaming, and planning, and building and designing."

Sean Pearl, left, and Vanessa Hooper-Yan take an operations order from Ploot leader Patrick Robinson during exercises this weekend.

ROTC cadets conduct local field training

By DANIELLE LERNER
News Writer

The Notre Dame Army ROTC battalion trudged through the woods and slept under the stars this past weekend while conducting their semi-annual field training exercise.

The field training, or FTX, is a military training event intended to prepare juniors for a leadership camp the summer before senior year.

Over 80 cadets - freshmen through juniors - and senior staff left Notre Dame at 1:30 p.m. Friday and returned Sunday.

Despite holding previous trainings in Fort Custer, Mich., this year's battalion kept it local in South Bend.

Chili's give to charity

Restaurant will donate all of today's profits to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

By PETER LEAHY
News Writer

While baby back ribs may be enticing, students have a better reason to stop by Chili's this month - supporting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

To raise money for children in need, the Mishawaka Chili's is donating 100 percent of today's proceeds to the hospital, a leading research institution and care provider specializing in treating cancer and other catastrophic illnesses.

Students who attend Chili's tonight will see their dollars go to a good cause.

Though the Chili's promotion is new this month, campus organizations such as Up Till Dawn have previously sponsored events to support the Memphis, Tenn. hospital.

Senior Carolyn Campbell, executive chair final event coordinator of Up Till Dawn, said funds collected at Chili's will go towards helping families with expenses.

"Families coming to Memphis that have to relocate are provided with housing free of charge," Campbell said.

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Families will also receive care for free and do not pay anything

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MSU offers mixed welcome

By SARAH BARRETT
News Writer

As students gathered on North Quad to eat free burgers and hot dogs and watch Saturday's game together, many fellow Domers trekked the two and a half hour car ride to Michigan State to sport their green shirts and support the football team in person.

And as students and alumni geared up for the game, many prepared themselves for an out-of-Notre-Dame experience and dealing with jeers from the opponent.

Notre Dame senior Gina Fenech traveled to East Lansing Saturday night.

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Neighbors sue coach over fence

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame head football coach Tyrone Willingham has faced criticism about his gridiron offense and defense before, but now it is his wrought-iron fence that is coming under fire.

On Sept. 10, the Quail Ridge at Knollwood Homeowners Association filed suit against Willingham and his wife, Kim, at the St. Joseph County Circuit Court, contending that the fence under construction in their backyard is in violation of the association's covenants.

The lawsuit demands that the Willinghams stop the project and change their plans to comply with the neighborhood's bylaws.

Stephen Stader, attorney for the Willinghams, said the fence going up - described as 5-feet high, black, stylistic and imitation wrought-iron - is not against a community covenant, as it runs seven to nine feet within the property's perimeter. Landscaping will be added in the area between the fence and the legal border.

According to association rules, perimeter fences must be split-rail with chain-link unless a variance is granted by the architectural review committee.

Association attorney Shawn Ryan said the fence is still in violation of the covenant, regardless of its location.

"Whether it's three inches, three feet or three yards doesn't make a difference.

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But three weeks ago, after years of waiting (and begging), I received word that I was ready to go. I put my medication over a year ago, and have been, for the most part, sober. And yes, I had a bit of a headache the next day. It was that I wanted to make up for what I was missing. It's not that I felt pressured after all these years to finally get drunk. It was that I wanted to make up my own mind about something that I had, n't been able to do and previously was only described to me.

And so, I don't advocate drinking on a regular basis, it was fun, and if you're 21 and over, you should go for it. Yes, I suggest, Yes, I said some liberal things. And yes, I had a bit of a headache when I woke up the next day.

Will I be drinking every weekend? Probably not. But I would trade that experience? Not for anything in the world. Because while I may be a lightweight, but that label I'll take any day.

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**CORRECTIONS**

An article in the Sept. 17 edition of The Observer incorrectly stated that the year’s football ticket price increased by 20 percent. The actual increase was 40 percent. The Observer regrets the error.

A graphic in the Sept. 14 edition of The Observer incorrectly oriented several countries from a list of Saint Mary’s study abroad programs. The College offers programs in Ireland, Latin America, Asia, Australia, France, Spain, Italy, Jamaica, Europe, South Korea, Honduras and Ecuador. The Observer regrets the error.

The Observer regrets a professional publication and writes for the highest standards of journalism. If you see a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

**INSIDE COLUMN**

The first sip

Friday will forever go down in history for me as a special day. On Sept. 17, I celebrated the first night I was ever able to drink.

Before I go on, I should probably explain why this occasion was so meaningful for me. I am a senior in college. I am 21 and have been, for five months now. So, you may be asking yourself what has taken me so long to take a bottle of alcohol.

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In high school, it wasn’t a big deal that I couldn’t drink. But college was a different story. In an environment where parties and Christmas events are common, I never really meshed. I went to parties, stayed sober and helped my friends get home. In all my college years, I never had alcohol.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What was the best and worst part of the football game?

**Chris Ulad**

The best moment was knowing that we’re going to win the second quarter.

**Andrea Pherson**

The worst was when Michigan State returned the kick for a touchdown when Ty wasn’t there. The best was winning.

**Pat Schafer**

The worst moment was the strip fumble down and throwing his head phone’s after Zbikowski’s touchdown.

**Ariette Sanex**

The best was when Zbikowski stripped the ball and ran for the touchdown. The worst was when MSU blocked the punt.

**Vinny Nguyen**

“The best moment was knowing that we’re going to win the second quarter.”

**Jessica Maciejewis**

“Ty going to the bathroom.”

**OFFBEAT**

Alligator captured in hot tub

ROYALTON, Ill. — A worried neighbor’s call to Animal Control led to a bizarre scene at a southern Illinois home: Four officers wrestling an alligator out of a hot tub, a house filled with animal cages, and the arrest of a man wanted by the military for desertion.

When Brody and another officer reached the home Monday, they spotted the 5-foot-long, 80-pound American alligator in a wooden enclosure attached to a garage. They called the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Royalton Police for a little help.

To get the alligator, Scott Ballard of the IDNR pulled on chest waders, stepped into the tub and grabbed the animal. Brody and two others then dragged Ballard and the alligator out to the ground and struggled to tape the alligator’s jaws shut.

Suspects end up behind bars — at zoo

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — Two Brazilian car theft suspects started their life behind bars while still on the run when they chose a cage in a Rio de Janeiro zoo to hide from police, officials said on Monday. A zoo keeper said the pair were found hiding in an enclosure where deer and tapir are kept after police chased the fugitives into the zoo on Sunday. "Apparently police thought that the bandits were going to take the animals hostage, but, thank God, that did not happen. They just wanted to hide, the keeper said.

**The women of Badin, right and McGlinn race during the Keough Chariot Race Saturday morning at McClinn fields The race also included mud wrestling and jousting. A DJ and food were also available for the listening and eating pleasures of the event goers.**

**IN BRIEF**

Rev. Carolyne Call, director of Saint Mary’s Office of Civil and Social Engagement will give a lecture Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. on “The Psychology of Forgiveness: Implications for a Theology of Peace,” in the LeMans Stapleton Lounge.

The Saint Mary’s soccer team will play Albion College at Saint Mary’s College soccer fields on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

President and chief executive officer of SRC Holding Corp. Jack Stack will give a lecture Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Jordan Hall at the Mendoza College of Business on “A Stake in the Game of Business.”

On Wednesday, David Corn, editor of The Nation and Rich Lowey, editor of National Review will hold the debate "Face Off: Election 2004," at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall.

The Hon. Ann Richards, former governor of Texas, will speak Thursday at 7 p.m. in O’Laurent Auditorium at Saint Mary’s.

The film "Bon Voyage" will be shown Thursday at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. in The Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

The Marcus Roberto Trio will perform Friday at 9 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

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

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Guiterrez honored for new book

Father Gustavo Guiterrez, the John Cardinal O'Hara Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame, recently received the Yves Congar Award for Theological Excellence from Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla.

Guiterrez, a native of Peru and member of the Order of Preachers, was honored for his work as a professor, theologian and author. His book, "A Theology of Liberation," is considered the foundational text for liberation theology, a largely Latin American movement which calls attention to the Catholic Church's vocation to resist the oppression of the poor. The Yves Congar Award, named for the late Cardinal Yves Congar, O.P., recognizes the contributions of contemporary theologians who work, write, teach and move tradition forward to meet current challenges.

Father Guiterrez's other books, which have been translated from Spanish into several languages, touch on issues of spirituality and Latin American history. They include, "We Drink from Our Own Wells: The Spiritual Journey of A People," "On Job: God-Talk and the Suffering of the Innocent," "The Truth Shall Make You Free," "The God of Life" and "Las Casa: In Search of the Poor of Jesus Christ."

Father Guiterrez received the 2003 Prince of Asturias Award for Communications and the Humanities, which honors scientists, cultural and social work conducted internationally by individuals, groups and institutions whose achievements represent an example for mankind.

Dunn appointed as engineering fellow

Professor reaches elite level of membership, becoming 7th Notre Dame engineer honored

Patrick F. Dunn, professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering at the University of Notre Dame, has been named a fellow of the American Society of Engineers (ASME).

Fellow is the highest elected grade of membership in ASME and is conferred upon a member with at least 10 years of active engineering practice who has made significant contributions in the field. Dunn is the seventh member of Notre Dame's aerospace and mechanical engineering faculty to be named a fellow. The others are Hafiz M. Atassi, Frank P. Incropera, Thomas J. Mueller, John E. Renaud, Albin A. Siewczyk and Kwang-Tzu Yang.

Dunn is a graduate of Purdue University, where he also earned his doctorate in aerospace engineering and fluid mechanics in 1974. After receiving his degrees, he taught at both Purdue and Duke Universities and in 1978 joined the engineering division of the Argonne National Laboratory. A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1985, Dunn served from 1998 to 2002 as director of the University's Hessert Laboratory for Aerospace Research, and in 1999 served as director of the College of Engineering's London Program. His research at Notre Dame has focused on the dynamics of aerosol formation, transportation and deposition.

Dunn is the author of "Measurement and Data Analysis for Engineering and Science" and "Uncertainty Analysis for Forensic Science" and he has published more than 125 papers on micro-particle interaction, fluid dynamics and other topics. Founded in 1880, ASME is a 120,000-member professional organization focused on technical, educational and research issues of the engineering and technology community. ASME conducts one of the world's largest technical publishing operations, holds numerous technical conferences worldwide, and offers hundreds of professional development courses each year. ASME sets internationally recognized industrial and manufacturing codes and standards that enhance public safety.

Kerry aide to speak on campus

Marco Trbovich, director of labor policy for Sen. John Kerry's presidential campaign, will deliver a lecture titled "The Power of Labor in Presidential Politics" at 8 p.m., Sept. 29 in Room C-100 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame.

Sponsored by Notre Dame's Higgins Labor Research Center as part of the Melbride Lecture series, the talk is free and open to the public.

Trbovich is on leave from the United Steelworkers of America (USWA), where he serves as an assistant to Leo W. Gerard, international president of the organization. A graduate of Indiana University, Trbovich previously worked as a journalist for United Press International and the Detroit Free Press. He also served as director of the Massachusetts Port Authority and as assistant director of transportation and development for a White House task force on youth employment. Before joining the USWA, Trbovich was a communications consultant, organizing campaigns in both the public and private sectors.

The USWA represents approximately 1 million workers and retirees in North America and is dedicated to advancing the health and welfare of workers and their families through organizing, collective bargaining and political action.

Established in 1977 by the USWA "to better understand the principles of unionism and our economy," the McBride Lecture honors the fourth international president of the union, Lloyd McBride, who served from 1977 to 1983. The series was initiated in 1978 to give recognition to the work of a pioneer of the USWA, Joseph P. Monely, who served as vice president from 1965 to 1973. The invited speakers represent various aspects of journalism and the labor movement.

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written with a portion of a $33 million grant from the late Edward DeBartolo in 1989, and was named in honor of his wife, Marie.
To ensure optimal sound, the building rests on seven different foundations to provide acoustic isolation between the various performance halls. The roof is also one foot thick in order to drown out the aircraft noise that results from the flight path over campus.
However, Haynes said the PAC’s state-of-the-art technology is not its only draw.
"What it (the PAC) is really for is to touch you in some way," Haynes said. "That’s what I’m looking forward to, to change Notre Dame and make it a place where arts and culture are a primary value. Success is not just putting the covers, above what their insurance it a place where arts and culture are fabulous, better than anything else.
PAC: To ensure optimal sound, the construction began in September 1989, when Edward DeBartolo made a gift, made it the PAC come to fruition." Senior Lena Hall was built by one man over five years, and is intended for use as a Choral room, a costume shop, laundry, dry facilities, rehearsal spaces and kitchen catering areas on the main floor and in the base- ment capable of serving up to 500 people.
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Lancing, Mich., with a large group of her friends after winning tickets through the student union, Fenice said although she had fun, it was no place like home. "Notre Dame’s tailgates are more family-friendy," Fenice said. "I felt like we were harassed quite a bit — although not unexpected — for wearing our green shirts."
Notre Dame senior Chrissy Rochel said she felt the State fans were not as reserved in their harassment as Notre Dame fans usually are. "I still enjoyed numerous tailgates and the really cute fans," Rochel said, adding that the men were "much better looking than the guys at Notre Dame."
Notre Dame freshman Kristen Buzitta said while the experience was different than her home football game experience, she thoroughly enjoyed the camara- raderie of the day. It was a different experience (to watch a game off campus) than it is here at Notre Dame, but everyone respected and cared together," Buzitta said. "Complete strangers would come over and ask for our Notre Dame T-shirts and invite us to join their tailgates."

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Notre Dame senior and army ROTC barracks commander Patrick Robinson was happy with the experience. "Staying local provided more time for training and less time for travel," Robinson said. "This was more convenient and allowed us to come home earlier for recovery."
Armed with a compass, map and protractor, cadets set out Friday afternoon directing themselves through the fields of St. Patrick’s Park for land navigation training.
During night land navigation exercises at White Field, the cadets practiced count procedures and compass use in the dark.
Given sleeping bags and pon- chos, the cadets were allowed only five hours to sleep, with each cadet waking for a one-hour shift of guard patrol. "It was definitely an experience for lots of people who haven’t done it," sophomore Ryan Larson said.
New to the FTX this year, the battalion went paintballing in Ossining for battle drill training. Battle training simulates real-life battle situations and forces cadets to work together like a team; computer simulation aims to improve communication skills and monitor reactions to stress and possible battle situations.
In the past, the Army ROTC has used blank ammunition, but using paintball guns gave a more realistic feel, cadets said. "It gave us down-range feed- back rather than just making noise but it was more fun," Robinson said.
The pairing of junior leaders with freshmen cadets contributed to the experi- ence. "The exercise integrated all three classes, working together and giving both groups a sense of what we’re heading into," Robinson said. "Everyone experienced that.
The FTX also succeeded in preparing me for camp. "I definitely feel prepared for camp in the summer. I received really productive feedback and got a lot out of it," Hooper-Yan said. "I now know what I need to improve on."
Others feel this semester’s train- ing reflects the continuing develop- ment of the Army ROTC pro- gram. "It is amazing how Army ROTC has developed over the years," FTX Commander Vanessa Hooper-Van noted a positive atti- tude throughout the battalion. "In general, everyone was more motivated this time. Everyone enjoyed the training," Hooper-Yan said. The FTX also succeeded in preparing me for camp. "I definitely feel prepared for camp in the summer. I received really productive feedback and got a lot out of it," Hooper-Yan said. "I now know what I need to improve on."
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

China transfers power peacefully

BELING — Hu Jintao became the undisputed leader of China as the country completed its first transfer of power in the communist era on Sunday with the departure of former President Jiang Zemin from his top military post — giving a new generation a freer hand to run the world's most populous nation.

Jiang, whose term was to have run until 2008, resigned at a meeting of the ruling Communist Party's Central Committee that ended Sunday.

Analysts did not expect Jiang's exit to affect Beijing's stance on relations with the United States or Taiwan, economic reform or other key issues. Jiang and Hu are not known to have had any major policy disagreements and both support continued capitalist-style reforms and anti-corruption drives.

Israel helicopter fires on Gaza City

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — An Israeli helicopter fired a missile at a car in Gaza City late Sunday, residents said, killing a senior Hamas militant leader, the latest Israeli attack in the territory to leave 17 months of war.

Witnesses said parts of a decommissioned body were pulled from the wreckage. Hospital officials said six were wounded, two seriously, all bystanders returning from a mosque.

Witness Omar Afia, 55, who owns a fast food stand nearby, said the street was full of cars. "A spark came from the sky, then there was a huge explosion in part of street," he said.

The Israeli military had no official comment. But military sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said an Israeli attack helicopter carried out the attack.

NATIONAL NEWS

Antidepressants need warnings

WASHINGTON — Alarmed at a recommendation that antidepressants for children carry warnings, including suicide thoughts, the Bush administration Sunday urged pharmaceutical companies to hold face-to-face meetings with physicians to explain the potential dangers.

"This is clearly an area where we have to mobilize the profession to think critically about these issues," said Dr. Andrew H. Fisher, director of the National Institute of Mental Health.

Fisher said that the videotape, posted on the Internet, "shows three young men, each with his throat slit and Toy guns are becoming a popular attraction for children.

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Hurricane causes massive flooding

WHEELING, W.Va. — Hundreds of people evacuated their homes Sunday in parts of Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania as rivers and small streams were swollen beyond their banks by the torrential rains dumped by remnants of Hurricane Ivan.

The Ohio River inundated parts of Wheeling and other West Virginia river towns, as well as communities on the Pennsylvania and Delaware River flooded parts of New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania.

In addition to flooding, hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses were still without electricity Sunday, most of them in Florida and Alabama.

The hurricane and its remnants had been blamed for at least 50 deaths in the United States, 16 of them in Florida, and 70 deaths in the Caribbean.

The Ohio River crested Sunday at Wheeling at about 9.3 feet above flood stage, after submerging the city's riverfront park and amphitheater. It mostly covered the city's midriver Wheeling Island, which holds residential neighborhoods and Wheeling Island Racetrack and Gaming.

West Virginia Gov. Bob Wise spent the night with evacuees on the gym floor at Wheeling Park High, one of several Red Cross shelter sites, after a brief tour of the area by road.

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WASHINGTON — Playing on the fear factor, Vice President Dick Cheney suggested in a campaign speech there might be another term in the White House.

"This is a fear-mongering," said Joseph Califano, a Vietnam veteran and former West Point professor who now is an analyst with the conservative Heritage Foundation.

Local News

Indiana schools must pass test

INDIANAPOLIS — Hundreds of students are being assessed this week as part of Indiana's statewide test to determine if their schools can reopen as charter schools, replace principals or surrender to state or private management.

Ten Indiana schools must significantly improve their Indiana Statewide Testing for Education Progress-Plus scores. Otherwise, the federal government might force them to reopen as charter schools, replace principals or surrender to state or private management.

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The European Union on Sunday ordered Russia to evacuate all its military personnel from former Soviet territory it plans to leave next year.

A highway paralleling the West Virginia Ohio River inundated parts of Wheeling Park, one of five "human lives uprooted," said Sarkawi Hassan, security chief in the Kurdish town of Sulaimaniyah. He said the three were members of the peshmerga militia of the Kurdistan Democratic Party.

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"The fact is a crisp, sharp analysis of our policies is required. We didn't do that in Vietnam," Sen. Chuck Hagel, a Vietnam War veteran who is chairman of President Bush's re-election committee in Nebraska.

The decapitated bodies of the three slain Kurdish hostages were found on a road near the northern city of Mosul, said Sarkawi Hassan, security chief in the Kurdish town of Sulaimaniyah. He said the three were members of the peshmerga militia of the Kurdistan Democratic Party.
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change the definition of a perimetre fence," Ryan said. "The covenants do not specifically define perimeters but common sense tells us that it would include a fence that is slightly set in to the property, like the one in question is.

The Willingham pursued the board in 2002 about the project, and since that time were granted a variance allowing the ornamental fence to be placed around the pool but not extend beyond the sides of the house. Studer said the suggested fence would have inconvenienced biked the back-yard, and was not an acceptable alternative.

Studer said the purpose behind the fence was to keep neighbor­hood children and pets from neighborhood, Ryan said. "We stopped construction right away and asked that the board sit down and look at the plans," he said. "We don't think the board members have ever seen the loca­tion of the fence, and we want them to look at it to see that we're being reasonable." Neighbors have played a vocal role in the conflict, but each party claimed to have the community's sup­port on its side. Ryan said com­plaints from resi­dents alerted the board to the con­struction, while Studer said 12 of the Willingham's neigh­bors wrote letters in support of the fence plans.

In actuality, the board has discussed changing the Association's covenant regarding the neighboring Dominican Republic with its lashing winds and deadly storm surge before it pushed off into the open sea on Sunday, officials said. Floods tore through the northwestern coastal town of Gonaives and surrounding areas Saturday night, covering crops but not fully engulfing homes. Prime Minister Gerard Latortue, assistant to the U.N. force commander overseeing Haiti's peacekeeping and other missions.

Several others were report­ed missing and feared dead. Unlike the Dominican Republic, much of Haiti is deforested and unable to hold back flood waters.

"We don't know how many dead there are," Latortue said. "2004 has been a terri­ble year." The prime minister also declared the city a disaster area and called on the inter­national community to provide immediate humanitarian aid.

The deaths from Tropical Storm Jeanne come four months after torrential rains and floods killed more than 3,000 people along the Haitian-Dominican border. Six months ago rebels ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, which left hundreds of people dead and led to the arrival of more than 3,000 U.N. peacekeepers.
Three men were sentenced to prison selling debt to its clients, an indictment said. Prosecutors said. The three pleaded guilty in May to bank fraud. The three were ordered to pay full restitution, pocketing the difference as profit. But Espirito assumed the role of “factoring.” The three pilots said. The three pleaded guilty in May to bank fraud.

Dominick Parlapiano, director of a joint venture between the bank and two brothers from Key Biscayne, was sentenced Friday in 12 1/2 years ago. They also would be separated from United’s tentative plan to end employees’ pension plans, which would save the company $4.1 billion in payments due over the next five years. Chief Financial Officer Jake Brace indicated Friday that these moves are not enough in the face of sharp increases in jet fuel costs and competition from discount carriers - problems also plaguing other major airlines.

A class-action lawsuit charging that United Air Lines Inc. defrauded the Florida branch for their roles in defrauding the Florida branch of Espirito Santo Bank of Portugal of $537 million, the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Miami said.

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E.S. Bankot specialized in a business called “factoring.” It bought a company’s outstanding bills at a discount, then tried to collect the bill in full, pocketing the difference as profit. But Bankot indeed the value of the bills it bought, prosecutors said.

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IBM agreed this week to settle a small part of the lawsuit, involving jet fuel surcharges. The company said a judge has closely watched by scores of large companies with similar pension plans.

A judge ruled in favor of the workers, leaving the company for less than five years — a very small portion of the 140,000 workers affected by the lawsuit filed in federal court in Illinois.

Software engineers process compact discs to stream online. Napster plans to have users pay $9.95 a month for unlimited access to more than 750,000 songs. With the debut of a “Napster To Go” premium service this fall — initially set to cost an additional $5 a month — subscribers soon will also be able to transfer the tunes to compatible portable music players.

Napster must deliver compelling marketing messages to educate consumers about the value of a subscription rather than a download model, said Mike McGuire, analyst with Garner G2 market research firm. “The consumer has to see that it’s not just a different way, to get their music. The relatively easy concept behind the pay-per download model will make it the more dominant of the two for at least the next couple

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Madonna addresses Kabbalah conference

Associated Press
TEL AVIV, Israel — Pop star Madonna called for world peace Sunday at a conference on Jewish mysticism, a highlight of her five-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Israel hopes the star — the biggest pop celebrity to visit in years — will revive tourism battered by four years of Mideast violence, and government officials were on hand at a Tel Aviv hotel to share the spotlight, the glory and the photographs.

Madonna, wearing a low-cut dress with a black and white leopard pattern, said she was hesitant to come to Israel "after seeing so many news reports about terror attacks."

"I realize now that it is no more dangerous to be here than it is to be in New York," she told the gathering.

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"Downs," said she was not representing a religion. Rather, she said, "I'm here as a student of Kabbalah. A Kabbalist sees the world as a unified whole."

"If she comes here and goes back and is happy with her visit, it means for a lot of people who were afraid to come here that they can come without any problem," Ezra said.

Speaking without notes, Madonna said the people she met during her five-day Holy Land trip "have one thing in common — we want to create peace in the world."

"We want to put an end to chaos and suffering," she said, "but most of all we want to put an end to hatred with no reason.

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Aspiring physician crowned Miss America

Associated Press
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Deidre Downs passed up a Tel Aviv hotel to share the spotlight, the glory and the photographs.

"People don't like to associate cancer with children," she said Sunday. "Children with cancer need a voice, and I want to be that voice."

Deidre Downs, of Birmingham, Ala., outlasted 51 other women to win the pageant Saturday, impressing the judges with her smarts, beauty and singing prowess. Competing head-to-head against Miss Louisiana, Jennifer Dupont, Downs turned in a strong performance singing "I'm Afraid This Must Be Love."

The 5-foot-10 1/2-inch brunette graduated magna cum laude from Samford University in Birmingham. A Rhodes Scholar finalist, she was accepted to the University of Alabama's medical school in Birmingham but delayed her entry after winning the Miss America title — on her fifth try.

"I guess I was just a sucker for punishment," she said.

Downs paid her way through college using nearly $50,000 in scholarship money won competing for Miss Alabama. She'll get $50,000 more for winning Miss America and could make several times that much in appearance fees during her yearlong reign.

Downs' victory capped a shorter Miss America telecast that showed more skin and fewer talent routines. Whether the changes succeeded isn't known yet. Nielsen Media Research ratings come out later this week.

Pop star ties the knot again

Associated Press
LOS ANGELES — Pop singer Britney Spears married her fiance, dancer Kevin Federline, in a surprise ceremony, her record label said Sunday.

"She did marry him yesterday," Jive Records spokeswoman Sonia Muckle said. She declined to provide further details.

The wedding was held Saturday evening at a private home in the Studio City area with 20 to 30 people attending, "Entertainment Tonight" said on its Web site.

Nicole King, a spokeswoman for BWR Public Relations, which represents Spears, did not return a message seeking comment.

Spears, 22, and Federline, 26, announced their engagement in June after dating since early this year.

It was the second marriage in nine months for Spears.

In January, she married childhood friend Jason Alexander in a surprise wedding in Las Vegas. That marriage was annulled 55 hours later.

FREE SCREENING

CNN Documentary explores challenges of our education system by following four new Teach For America teachers working in some of the nation's toughest schools.

SCREENING AND TEACH FOR AMERICA INFO SESSION

Tuesday, September 21, 7:00 PM
DeBartolo 131
Kerry advertisement attacks war spending

Ad links cost of Iraq war to domestic problems

The war has cost about $120 billion, according to the White House Office of Budget and Management.

Bush has never said there's no money for education or health care. Kerry's campaign bases the claim on its interpretation of Bush's budget proposals for education and reports of rising health care premiums.

Bush's campaign said the ad was another Kerry flip flop, noting that in August 2003 on NBC's "Meet the Press" Kerry said war spending should be increased "by whatever number of billions of dollars it takes to win."

"After attacking the president for not spending enough on Iraq, John Kerry is now attacking the president for spending too much," said Bush campaign spokesman Steve Schmidt. "John Kerry's hypothetical attacks and continually shifting positions on Iraq are costing him the trust of the American people."

Bush spent Sunday in Boston, off the campaign trail. His economic plan calls for rolling back Bush's tax cuts for people earning more than $200,000 a year.

Bush, who was elected president 20 years later, wrote that his son "will be a gung-ho member" of the Air Force, and its instructors had "helped awaken the very best instincts in my son."

Democrats called the exchange proof of preferential treatment.

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Pentagon uncovers Bush letter

President George W. Bush smiles as he receives a standing ovation at the 126th National Guard Conference in Las Vegas on Sept. 14.

WASHINGTON — The latest records to surface from President Bush's service in the Texas Air National Guard show that one commander took an unusual interest in the congressman's son during his basic training.

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Marcus Roberts Trio
Friday, September 24, 9 p.m.
$37.50, ND/SMC/HC $30, All Students $15

After astounding a Notre Dame audience last year, Marcus Roberts returns. The Marcus Roberts Trio will delight and amaze you as they spread the word of jazz. They are masters of several forms—gospel, ragtime, swing, pop and bebop, from which they have forged their own unique sound. When they play you can hear the future of jazz in America.

Here Come the Irish
Friday, October 1, 9 p.m.
$18.75, $15 ND/SMC/HC, $10 Students

A spirited jam session performed by ND Alumni who are now professional musicians including Kennedy's Kitchen, Celtic Fire, Sean Ryan, Danielle Svarcove, and The O'Neil Brothers. Join us as our favorite musical Domers come home to celebrate the opening of the performing arts center.

Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul
Friday, October 8, 9 p.m.
$43.75, $35 ND/SMC/HC, $15 Students

Eileen Ivers rose to prominence as a nine time all-Irish fiddle champion and as the fiery fiddler of "Riverdance," but her passion for exploration has catapulted her to a more virtuosic level. Her boldy imaginative style earned her the title "Jimi Hendrix of the violin" from a New York Times reviewer. Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul storm the stage with matchless energy and an eclectic spirit. Respectful of their Irish roots, they infuse their concert with fresh vitality drawing from the rhythms of Latin and African music. Eileen Ivers will change the way you think about the violin.

FILM

Bon Voyage
(114 minutes)
http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/thr/reviews/review_display.jsp?vnu_content_id=1929346

Thursday, September 23
7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

"Bon Voyage, a rich, teeming French farce set in and around Bordeaux in 1940 on the eve of the German occupation of Paris, is a triumph of narrative ingenuity."

Stephen Holden, NEW YORK TIMES

"An absolutely gorgeous film to watch."

Jack Mathews, NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

"A beautifully crafted film with a star-studded cast, directed with a lightness of touch."

Judith Prescott, HOLLYWOOD REPORTER

THEATRE

Avanti: A Postindustrial Ghost Story
by Jessica Chalmers
http://avanti.nd.edu

Friday, September 24, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 25, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 26, 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 26, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, September 27, 7:30 p.m.
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Silly doctors, health is for kids

I am sick and tired of all this talk about being "healthy." In order to be "healthy," college students are constantly ordered to eat this, eat that, do this exercise, play this sport and at the same time not stick this finger down this throat in this bathroom stall after this meal.

Where, then, do we draw the line between eating healthy and eating disorder? How, then, are we supposed to exercise properly while balancing a full load of classes, jobs, clubs and designated hangover time? And why, then, if a known cause of obesity is late night snacking, does this University tempt us like a Biblical serpent with delicious hot dogs every midnight at a price that would allow a Kathy Lee Gifford sweatshop worker to have seconds?

Clearly, no warm-blooded, omnivorous human being starved at this University can possibly live up to the health standards placed upon us by the so-called "doctors" who specialize in this type of nutrition. It's kind of like being the short, chubby, uncoordinated, white younger brother of Michael Jordan — you're just never going to live up to anyone's expectations, and will probably just end up becoming one of those guys who try to Robode freshman girls in order to satisfy an inferiority complex. Obviously, this is not the sort of psychological treatment that nutritionists should be levying upon the minds of already-disturbed college students, and it has to stop now.

For example, a close examination of the fitness levels suggested by these "experts" reveals several inconsistencies with the Notre Dame collegiate lifestyle. The biggest problem, of course, is that this thing that members of the medical profession refer to as "car-diovascular fitness," which apparently manifests itself in the form of juggling, playing the violin or playing the drums. Unfortunately, it has been scientifically proven that the average Notre Dame student's out of shape physique is not going to be able to participate in any of these activities on a regular basis.

Jogging has become an impossibility due to the exponential rise in swan excrement around the lake paths. Aerobics require bright spanxied clothing, which as we and the Princeton Review both know, will only result in all sorts of rude "Fine by me" comments on the walk over to Rolls. Basketball may be fun for some people, but after being shunned in the first round of Bookstore by five drunk girls wearing pirate costumes, you wouldn't want to play the stupid sport ever again either. Interhall soccer will obviously entail playing against several Latino students, but the human skull can only take so many kicks before it loses too much blood to continue supporting the rest of the body. If we cannot possibly live up to their fitness standards, you would think that we could at least come close to matching their levels of healthy eating. Well, think again, because after subjecting myself to several days of cruel, torturous experimentation, I have discovered that the average Notre Dame student has a better chance of shut gunning a beer on the altar during a televised Basilica mass than staying within the 2500- calorie daily limit set by nutritionists for people our age.

If you don't believe me, take a look at the twenty-four hour period from Friday to Saturday afternoon on an average football weekend. Without going too much detail, let's assume that a student (we'll call him Chip) is faced with the terrible problem of deciding whether to drink or not. Unfortunately, it has been scientifically proven that the average Notre Dame student cannot handle 104 calories later, 3000 calories later, 6000 calories later, 9000 calories later, 20,000 calories later, and will wind up in a pregnant polar bear. Couple with this the already proven impossibility of consistent exercise on this campus, and the typical Dorm like Chip is faced with quite a dietary dilemma: Does he still make it to quarter dogs on Sunday night?

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

Vlad... Have I mentioned that you could stand to be a bit more democratic?

Why, no. Why?

Explain.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly."

Langston Hughes

author
Letters to the Editor

Republican stands the vote

This Wednesday, the College Republicans voted unanimously against democracy. During a motion to support outreach to the community, the College Republicans had the audacity to tell Rock the Vote commissioners that they would rather have citizens not vote than vote for their opposition. Based on prejudicial assumptions regarding race and income, the College Republicans have decided to forego democracy in favor of a nonpartisan college group. Regardless, if you are a Democrat and want to vote in November, don’t be like the College Republicans. They would rather you stay silent. Rock the Vote, on the other hand, will stand for your rights. We are committed to helping any and every citizen take part in the democratic process, regardless of their background. By the way, when will Notre Dame convert some of the extra space in the 75 million dollars Performance Arts building to dorm space?

Affording monitors

I’d like to share my viewpoint on your recent subject of hall crisis. In addition to the space, as a parent of a female sophomore, I support the hall monitor. I assume there is no other reason for firing the monitors other than money. Well, I would think the Notre Dame administration should and can find money for Our Lady’s most precious asset: the students. Maybe Notre Dame can divert some money from athletics budget to fund the monitors or even build more dorms. Or maybe raising $100 a year on the kids’ tuition: $100 x 9000 students equals a lot of monitors.

Or divert some of the money from the $3.50 Cokes sold at football concession stands.

I think the money is there to enhance student’s life in every mundane way. Parents pay tuition and expect their children to be safe, and have a well-educated education.

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Joe Chan
alumnus
Class of ’94
Sep. 18

U-Wire

Cold War’s threat replaced with terrorist reality

In an episode that made the Abu Ghraib prison debacle look like a game of duck, dive for the voter with their opposition. On the table was a program to register and educate ignorant voters about the TRANSCONTINENTAL citizen-wide bus system. By distributing flyers, students through Rock the Vote would help South Bend community register and find their polling locations on Election Day. The goal was simply to help students exercise their civic duty. The motion failed.

The club rejected any funding or involvement with this initiative. Based on prejudicial assumptions regarding race and income, the College Republicans claimed they had no interest in helping these concerned citizens reach the polls. Any of the twelve bus routes, they alleged, “would win with a unrepresentative minority that let democracy truly work.”

If President George W. Bush is truly worried about Indiana on Election Day, the College Republicans have an easy way to worry about it than this nonpartisan college group. Regardless, if you are a Democrat and want to vote in November, don’t be like the College Republicans. They would rather you stay silent. Rock the Vote, on the other hand, will stand for your rights. We are committed to helping any and every citizen take part in the democratic process, regardless of their background. By the way, when will Notre Dame convert some of the extra space in the 75 million dollars Performance Arts building to dorm space?

The political and legalistic formalisms crying for the vote of the victim-in-fighting, inspired by the abortion wars tell us nothing about human development or parenthood. Their slogans have no more real meaning than the chant of “We’re back!”

“Roe v. Wade has brought the holocaust to the United States!” “The morning after pill is murder and should be punished by criminal sanctions in criminal court!” “Human life begins at conception!” And equally “Individual choice is the most important right!”

These epiphanies are war cries, calling us to the ramparts, to despise and deride those with whom we disagree. They destroy the spirit of agape love essential for any culture of life. They are all equally based on false premises, indefensible by anything but the method of authority.

The early stages of human life constitute a continuous process with many equally crucial stages in the human odyssey, particularly the ovaries and the human uterus. Research by human development biologist suggests that the moment at which a human sperm enters a human egg is an event whose near-term result has been determined by the microstructure of a developing egg in the atomic stages before ovulation. University of Colorado developmental biologist Jonathan Van Blerkom, among others, has accumulated evidence that the failure of most fertilized eggs to develop past the eight-cell stage is traceable to inadequate cellular respiration caused by accumulating mutations in maternal genome for the mitochondria providing the energy for orderly cell division. If human life begins at conception; it often ends, by natural causes, quietly and unannounced, very soon thereafter.

It is a philosophical, legal and democratic conceit to think human life is a concatenate of atomic points in time, the moments, as sportscasters love to tell us, at which the tide turns.

Democratic insistence that “life begins at conception” is blinded by the metaphor of life as a race. In fact, the start of the race is with the crack of a gun. This metaphor has hijacked the mandate to nurture all stages of every human life. It has tricked us into hating the Samaritans who do not worship where we worship.

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Edward Manier
Guest Column

As a Republican, a minority and an American, I am deeply offended by the position of this organization in the person of its president. As a member of the human race and an economic profile, College Republicans have decided to forego democracy in favor of a nonpartisan college group. Regardless, if you are a Democrat and want to vote in November, don’t be like the College Republicans. They would rather you stay silent. Rock the Vote, on the other hand, will stand for your rights. We are committed to helping any and every citizen take part in the democratic process, regardless of their background.

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Dear reader: If John Kerry takes office, the United States will surely expire. And, as he has demonstrated this week, Bush isn’t really a fan of renouncing some laws, even if it’s what Americans ask for.

This article originally appeared on Sept. 18 in The Daily Titan, the daily publication at California State-Fullerton.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
The Clarks proved on Saturday night that much of its well-deserved success comes from its ability to put on a fabulous, energy-infused live show.

For an hour and a half, the Pittsburgh-exported rockers tore through a set list that included mostly fresh material from their latest album, "Fast Moving Cars," which was released this year. Longtime fans were also lucky enough to hear older favorites that have become staples from popular earlier albums like 2000's "Let It Go."

"The Clarks always give a great concert," said sophomore Pete Lavorini. "They're from Pittsburgh so they're awesome."

Other early fans echoed the sentiments.

"The Clarks are awesome, and I've never been to a show in Pittsburgh that wasn't sold out," said senior Eva Garon.

While the Pittsburgh natives showed up in full force, cheering loudly at any mention of Notre Dame and even more at any mention of their home city, other fans had jumped onto The Clarks' bandwagon after hearing a live show. Law student John Moore saw them when they opened for another band and has been following them since.

"I showed up at 5:30 to see the game so I could be front and center," Moore said. "Everyone who just randomly makes their way in is in for a treat."

Before schedule fans were also in for a treat when lead singer and guitarist Scott Blasey took time before the show started, and before most of the crowd was admitted, to mingle and autograph shirts.

"It's awesome to be here," Blasey said. "I've never been here, and you grow up hearing about Notre Dame so to finally get to be here... Luckily it was a beautiful day today too, we walked around some and it's beautiful here."

Blasey and the rest of the band burst into the show with their hit "Better Off Without You," which made it onto MTV's extremely mainstream Total Request Live when most of the crowd was in high school. The song demonstrated the band's mysterious ability to make things like breaking up sound like fun.

The Clarks kept up the cheery tempo for the entire show, pounding through new songs like the punk-driven "You Know Everything" and the infectious "Shimmy Low." The crowd clapped along to "Gypsy Lounge" and "Hell On Wheels," which the band performed on the Late Show with David Letterman.

The Clarks have never gained the recognition they truly deserve for their ability, but they continue to make things like breaking up sound like fun. The band brought an energy-infused show that kept the crowd clapping and dancing throughout the entire performance. The Clarks' ability to keep the crowd engaged, from the opening song to the final encore, is what truly sets them apart from other bands.
The first song to slightly slow the rapid e at all was the title track “Fast Moving s.” Once again, potentially depressing cs were woven into a bright melody: “And sing I could right all these wrongs/And ting till the pain is all gone” never need so enjoyable.

One of the highlights of the show came when Blasey put down his guitar to sing and to concert favorite “Boys Lie” from 2’s “Another Happy Ending” album. At point in the show, Robert James on gui­ and Greg Joseph on bass — coming out toward the wd as drummer Dave ock broke a drumstick from ing out so hard.

another high moment came when Blasey turned soprano as band roared through a er of “Kiss” by Prince. oughout the show, all the d had to do to excite an ready energized crowd was mention a certain city in nylvania, at which point everyone cheered louder without fail. ells always seems to genuinely love performing, with Minarik smiling almost the re time and Blasey posing for fans’ cam­ during songs like “Let it Go,” which was used in the 2001 movie “Summer Catch.” band members also want their fans to as much fun as they.

“The Clarks are extremely down to earth and put their all into every show,” said Pittsburgh native and senior Megan McCormick. “They may not be mainstream according to the music industry but fans from Pittsburgh love them and to them, they’ve already made it. They are one of the best live bands I’ve ever seen; sometimes they sound better in person than on their albums. The show was incred­ i ble.”

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Greg Joseph, on bass guitar and vocals, was the lead vocalist for the song “Butterflies and Airplanes.”
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Yankees dominate Red Sox again, increase division lead

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NEW YORK — The New York Yankees battered Pedro Martinez and the Boston Red Sox with a 21-run outburst Wednesday night, allowing their longtime rivals 25-5 the past two days after a deflating loss Friday night, when star closer Mariano Rivera blew a ninth-inning lead.

"I can't see a mirror a little bit," Red Sox manager Grady Little said. "Alex Rodriguez also connected on the second consecutive offensive explosion by the Yankees, who outscored their intense, "Rodriguez said.

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Steve McNair didn't get the same opportunities to be the NFL's co-MVP quarterbacks. Manning threw for 254 yards and two touchdowns, and Nick Harper intercepted McNair's pass in the end zone in helping Indianapolis rally for a 31-17 victory over Tennessee.

"Anytime you win down here, it's a good win," Colts coach Tony Dungy said.

The Colts outscored Tennessee 28-7 in the second half, forced two turnovers and helped McNair three times in winning their third straight game in this series. The Titans had plenty of chances to bury the Colts in a deep hole before a crowd of 68,932 in this early AFC South showdown between the only teams to win this division since realignment.

"We never talked about 0-2," Manning said. "Tony never said, 'We can't be 0-2.' It never came up. We just said it's an AFC South game. It's a double-dipper. We have a chance to get up in the division and give the Titans a loss."

Seattle 10, Tampa Bay 6 Mike Holmgren caught himself before he got too critical of his Seattle Seahawks. Mistakes or not, they are unbeaten after starting a season with consecutive wins on the road for the first time in 10 years, including Sunday's victory over the punchless Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"I wasn't particularly pleased with how we played offense, but I'll take that on my shoulders," Holmgren said after his defense forced three turnovers and set up the Seahawks' only touchdown. "But we're 2-0. This is a tough place to play. I feel great about the win. I just wish we'd have executed a little better on offense."

With Shaun Alexander running at less than full speed, Seattle's high-octane attack was held to just 182 yards — 89 fewer than a sputtering Tampa Bay offense that has failed to get into the end zone in two games.

Marcus Trufant returned an interception 41 yards to set up Matt Hasselbeck's second-quarter touchdown pass to Koren Robinson.

Rookie Michael Boulware put the finishing touches on the victory, intercepting Chris Simms twice and ending the second-year quarterback's bid to pull off a comeback after a bizarre sequence of penalties that went against the Seahawks.

"If we have to be smart in those situations, No one was trying to do it on purpose," Holmgren said. "But that's too many on one drive for me. It got a little tense there."

Dallas 19, Cleveland 12 As many times as the Dallas Cowboys hurt themselves with penalties, turnovers and missed opportunities, the Cleveland Browns somehow couldn't them.

"It's not the kind of game I like to be involved with," Cowboys coach Bill Parcells said. "But we got away with it."

Vince Testaverde threw for 332 yards and a touchdown, but accepted much of the blame for not putting the game away. He missed open receivers, including several in the end zone, the Cowboys in trouble with three late interceptions.

Dallas (1-1) scored just two touchdowns and a field goal despite getting to at least the Cleveland 45-yard line on 10 of its 11 drives. The rest were squandered by Testaverde's pick-offs, a fumble by rookie Julius Jones, a missed field goal and two punts.

The combination of big yards — 441, the most since 1999 — and few points was similar to last week, when the Cowboys had 423 yards and 17 points. Difference was, Dallas lost last time.

"We did some soul-searching and made it happen," safety Roy Williams said. "I can breathe a little easier and get a good night's sleep."

Cleveland (1-1) came off an impressive victory over Baltimore in the opener and was looking to go 2-0 for the first time since 1993. Dallas' highlights included five turnovers, two fumbles by Jason Johnson, which set up a 1-yard TD pass to third-string tight end Jeff Robinson, and a 33-yard run by Dexter Coakley on a fake punt that drove 74 yards.

"We didn't continue because of an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on a fake punt," coach Bill Belichick said. "We're just trying to improve our defense.

That one-game-at-a-time approach has worked for almost exactly a year. After a bye next week, the Patriots (2-0) have the NFL record of 18 straight victories with a win at Buffalo on Oct. 3.

Corey Dillon gained 158 yards on 32 carries, and Tom Brady threw two fourth-down touchdown passes to win over New England 23-17.

New England's victory over the sputtering Arizona Cardinals on Sunday was one of those.

"What a streak," coach Bill Belichick said. "We're just trying to improve our defense."

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Vick scrambles, Falcons win 34-17 in St. Louis

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Standing in his end zone, looking for a receiver, Marc Bulger had big plans.

"I was going for a home run," Bulger said.

Atlanta defensive end Brady Smith had other ideas, stripping the ball from Bulger and catching the fumble in the air for a touchdown to help the Atlanta Falcons beat the St. Louis Rams Sunday.

After the Rams rallied from a 14-0 deficit to tie the game at 17 in the third quarter, the Falcons outscored St. Louis 17-0 in the final quarter.

"That's one of my favorite takeaways of all time," Falcons defensive coordinator Ed Donatell said.

Bulger said: "I was a half-second away from letting the ball go. It could have been a touchdown the other way."

Instead, Smith beat Rams left tackle Orlando Pace and then reached with his left hand for Bulger, knocking the ball loose before Bulger began to bring his arm forward in a passing motion.

"I wish they were all that easy," said Smith, who was credited with a sack, forced fumble and fumble recovery in addition to what he said was his first touchdown since high school.

"It's a dream play for a defensive lineman because usually you have to run 80 yards to get in the end zone. It was just right there."

The Falcons' front four had four sacks, including two by end Patrick Kerney. Cornerback Bryan Scott added another sack. Bulger wasn't sacked in the second half.

"Anytime you can bounce back from a game like we had last week and win like this, it's huge," Ravens receiver Kevin Johnson said. "We are going to get where we need to go."

The destination is the Super Bowl, a trek that would have been more imposing if Baltimore had driven 1,500 miles to play in the Super Bowl.

"If you could have had that," said Ravens receiver Torry Holt, "you would have had the Super Bowl right there in the mouth of a lion for you."
Raiders will no longer rely as much on Rice in their talented receiving corps. Rice's record streak of 274 games with a catch ended, and Curry caught two passes for 89 yards and a touchdown in the Raiders' 13-10 victory over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday. "I expect to catch footballs," Rice said. "I never thought it would come to an end like this. But, you know, it's OK. It's all right. It happens. Life goes on."

I'll just start another one and get another 200," Rice said. "I'm still a starter, but he said he's willing to accept a lesser role for the Raiders (1-1) if it helps the team rebounds from last season's 4-12 debacle. "We just hope that even if we're not the guy to score a touchdown on a regular basis, that we're able to make plays, whether it's a pass route or over a metal bench. He yelled in frustration and paced the sideline for several minutes, twice taking a seat alone on a bench.

Afterward, he joked about the whole thing. "Oh yeah, I was working on my kicking, just in case (Sebastian Janikowski) had a little bit of a rough day of missing the 30-yard marker. "I'm a competitor. You get a little frustrated and angry at times for that. Otherwise, I just enjoy playing football and being a part of it, and I want to contribute to the team. It didn't happen today."

Drew Bledsoe's first career game in Oakland wasn't much fun, either. Playing before Raider Nation for the first time in 12 years, Bledsoe was sacked seven times and struggled for the second straight week to take advantage of the good field position. Three of the sacks came in the first half, when Bledsoe's 31 yards passing were only seven more than those of Bills punter Brian Moorman. In Buffalo's first two games, it has failed to score on five drives of 10 plays or more.

N.Y. Jets 34, San Diego 28

Curtis Martin and the New York Jets are off to a hot September start, thanks to another big day in sunny San Diego.

Martin scored on the Jets' first two possessions and became the team's all-time rushing leader, helping New York to a win Sunday over the Chargers, who lost quarterback Drew Brees to a concussion.

Martin scored on runs of 1 and 2 yards and finished with 119 yards on 32 carries. With 8,185 yards in seven seasons with the Jets, he broke Freeman McNeil's old team record of 8,074. Martin has 11,984 yards in 10 NFL seasons, good for 11th on the all-time list. Next up is Thurman Thomas with 12,074.

Chad Pennington threw two touchdown passes for the Jets (2-0), and rookie safety Erik Coleman had an interception and a fumble recovery.

The Jets are 2-0 for just the second time in 11 seasons. "September ghosts, whatever, I don't buy into it," Martin said. "We just haven't been playing well in the beginning of the season. We've got the right attitude this year and we are playing better, period."

The Jets jumped to a 17-0 lead, then didn't fold when the Chargers finally got into the game. The Chargers (1-1) were booted often during their home opener. Brees sustained a concussion late in the third quarter on a helmet-to-helmet hit by safety Jon McGraw, who was called for roughing the passer.

Brees finished that drive and was in for two more possessions, throwing a 33-yard TD pass to Reche Caldwell to pull the Chargers to 27-21 with 7:38 to play.

Brees was pulled for 41-year-old Doug Flutie with less than four minutes to go and the Chargers trailing 34-21. Brees wasn't happy about it, throwing his helmet to the sideline and having a heated discussion with coach Marty Schottenheimer.

Brees went from being impressive in a 27-20 win at Houston to being awful, throwing two interceptions and fumbling twice by midway through the third quarter. He'd thrown as many interceptions as completions, finishing 8-of-19 for 146 yards.

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MIAMI — With their playoff hopes on the line, the Marlins’ starting staff taxed by an onerous September schedule, the Florida Marlins received a boost from an unlikely source: their fifth starter.

Ismael Valdez pitched six innings to help the Marlins earn their sixth straight victory and they averted a series sweep by beating the Atlanta Braves on Sunday.

Jeff Conine drove in all of the runs with a two-run homer and an RBI single.

“It all has to do with fighting,” Valdez said. “It was a huge game for us. We needed this.”

The Marlins, World Series champions, cling to slim hopes in the playoff race, won for only the second time in six games. They remained 4 1/2 games behind the NL Central-leading San Francisco and trail NL East leader Atlanta by 8 1/2 games.

“There’s still hope,” manager Jack McKeon said. “We’re going out there and giving it our best shot. We still think we have a chance to win this thing. Who’s to say who wins eight or nine in a row? We’re doing it, you know.”

Florida fans haven’t given up hope. The announced attendance of 43,185 was the team’s largest home crowd since April 18.

The Marlins are scheduled to play their third doubleheader in 11 days Sunday against the Chicago Cubs, one of four teams ahead of Florida in the wild-card race.

“They’re all pretty much must-wins from here on,” Conine said. “He broke up a scoreless duel in the sixth against Russ Ortiz (14-9) with a two-run double, then singled home an unearned run in the ninth.

Chicago Cubs 5, Cincinnati 1

With a little help from an umpire who called him safe, Neifi Perez, who had been out four times for the season in seven games.

Neifi Perez opened the ninth inning by reaching first base on a disputed and, according to Perez, a hit breaking a two-run double that sent the Cubs on to a victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

“What’s that at stake,” Alou said. “That was a huge win for us.”

Chicago, which remained a half-game behind San Francisco in the wild-card race, trailed 1-0 before pinch-hitter Ben Grewe’s sacrifice fly off Paul Wilson in the eighth.

Perez opened the ninth against Danny Graves (1-6) with a bunt and reached when Chicago base umpire Jim Reynolds ruled that third baseman Ryan Frebel’s throw to first baseman Sean Casey off the bag for an error. Replays indicated Casey dropped the bag, but he tried a swipe tag on Perez, anyway.

“I don’t know if he was on the bag or not, he never touched me,” Perez said. “That’s why (Reynolds) called me safe.”

Redman manager Dave Miley was ejected for arguing the call that season when he threw his cap to the ground while arguing the call with Reynolds.

“Bad call,” Miley said. “I didn’t need a help today. I was running the bases, but I didn’t need one. That was a huge call in the game. That was a big out in the game. The first out of any inning is a big one.”

Aramis Ramirez then singled, and Alou doubled up the left-center field gap for a 1-1 lead.

Sammy Sosa was walked intentionally, and Michael Barrett hit a run-scoring double for a 2-1 lead.

“The umpire has the final say,” Graves said. “If he says he’s safe, he’s safe. You can’t let that affect you. I couldn’t get the ball down at all. Every sinker I threw was up, and Barry was a lot like that. You can’t afford to get the ball up.”

Jon Leistiger (5-0) pitched a perfect eighth, and LaTroy Hawkins finished for his 23rd save in 29 chances.

Glendon Rusch, starting because Matt Clement was pushed back to the second game of Monday’s doubleheader at Florida, faced one batter over the minimum through six innings.

“He’s a factor, because he gave us a chance to win,” Cubs catcher Michael Barrett said.

He made some great pitchers,” said Barrett, the Chicago catcher. “He was hitting his spots.”

Wilson allowed five hits in six complete innings, struck out six — including leadoff hitter Corey Patterson four times — and walked none. He is 0-4 in 10 starts since beating Milwaukee on July 8, twice losing games with leads that were blown by his bullpen.

Pittsburgh 1, N.Y. Mets 0

Humberto Cota homered, Ryan Vogelsong allowed two hits in seven innings and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the New York Mets to stop a five-game losing streak in the first game of a doubleheader Sunday.

Vogelsong (6-12) allowed just two singles, both in the fourth inning, struck out seven.

Salomon Torres pitched a perfect ninth, and Jose Mesa got three outs for his 40th save of the season while recovering from offseason shoulder surgery.

Bay is hitting .294 with 75 RBIs, and Alou doubled up the left-center wall.

“The closer you get to it, the more you think about it,” Bay said. “You try not to think about it, but it was in the back of my mind. When I got back to the dugout, I kind of let out a sigh. I don’t think it’s sunk in yet. ’ ’

“I’m really proud of what we’ve done. I can’t explain it. Things just fell together perfectly. For me, I just wanted to get settled in here and prove that I belong. I think I’ve done that and now I just need to continue to get better,” Williams said.

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Jaguars defeat Broncos, pull out another close victory

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars are accustomed to playing close games. Now they’re finding ways to win them, too.

The Jags lost three games in the final minute last season and finished 5-11. They’ve won twice this season in the waning seconds.

Denver running back Quentin Griffin fumbled a handoff on the 23-yard line with about 30 seconds to play, allowing the Jaguars to escape with a 7-6 victory over the Broncos on Sunday. Last week at Buffalo, Byron Leftwich connected with rookie Ernest Wilford for a 7-yard touchdown pass as time expired to give the Jaguars a 13-10 win.

“We’re keeping the cardiologists busy in town,” coach Jack Del Rio said.

Jacksonville (2-0) has played outstanding defense both weeks. But the unit almost gave this one away down the stretch. Carolina 28, Kansas City 17

DeShaun Foster showed the Carolina Panthers should be just fine without Stephen Davis. Running around and through Kansas City’s soft defense, Foster carried 32 times for 174 yards, including a team-record 71-yard burst, in leading the defending NFC Champion Panthers to a victory over the Chiefs on Sunday.

The total was 4 yards short of the team record held by Davis, who is out indefinitely after spraining his knee in practice last week.

“I had no idea that I was close to the record,” Foster said. “I just wanted to get 150 yards. He said, “You always have to step up when somebody goes down.”

The Chiefs (0-2) were still within reach at 21-17 when Foster iced the game with his 71-yard burst. The Chiefs’ losing Donte’ Stallworth had no idea that I was close to the record. Foster said. “I went to the left and made a little cut back right and it was open.”

The play unfolded like a nightmare for the Chiefs, who showed no signs of making any improvement to one of the NFL’s worst defenses.

New Orleans 30, San Francisco 27

The New Orleans Saints dodged a hurricane and the San Francisco 49ers and survived the loss of their biggest offensive weapon — Deuce McAllister.

Aaron Brooks rallied the Saints in the final two minutes, taking them 59 yards and hitting Donte’ Stallworth for a 16-yard touchdown and a victory over the 49ers on Sunday.

Ashley Ambrose intercepted Ken Dorsey’s pass with .04 left to preserve the victory.

“It’s very hard to win in this league,” Ambrose said. “You have a lot of games that come down to three points or less. This was one of those games. You have to play a full 60 minutes because a lot of them are going to be settled in the last few minutes.”

The 49ers got to the Saints 1 on Terry Jackson’s long run with a short pass, but offensive pass interference against Brandon Lloyd nullified the play. On the next play, Ambrose grabbed Dorsey’s pass.

The Saints spent the week in San Antonio, practicing on three different fields while they worked on their homes. McAllister, who sprained his right ankle on the third play, spent the rest of the day on the sideline in an orthopedic boot.

Linebacker Barrett Green scored on a 16-yard fumble return and the Giants forced seven turnovers in a win on Sunday that was Coughlin’s first since taking over as coach in January.

Everybody on this defense felt we didn’t perform well last week,” Green said, referring to a 31-17 loss to Philadelphia. “This week we felt like we had to send a message to get this team going.”

The seven takeaways were the most by the Giants in a non-strike game since 1986 against Washington in clinching the NFC East title. New York went on to win its first Super Bowl.

While few think these Giants are a contender, like the best they have looked in a while. The win snapped a franchise-record-tying nine-game losing streak. New York lost its last game under Jim Fassel in 2003. It also took some of the pressure off Coughlin, who has been criticized by players and media for his no-nonsense approach.

“We definitely needed a win with all that was going on around here,” defensive end Michael Strahan said. “Winning helps heal some of that.”

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**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. —** The Ryder Cup won, Sergio Garcia and Lee Westwood raved to their boisterous fans and unfurled the European Union flag, the new symbol of dominance in these matches.

They came to Oakland Hills as underdogs. They celebrated as underdogs. By now, everyone should know better.

Europe again proved to be the best in the Ryder Cup with its greatest performance Sunday, handing the Americans their worst loss in the 77-year history of the matches.

"I don't think we'll be the favorite next time," Phil Mickelson said. "No matter what the world rankings say, I think we'll be the underdog. And hopefully, we'll play like they have."

The final stroke of this Ryder Cup rout was fitting. Padraig Harrington rammed in a 25-foot par putt on the 18th hole for a point that counted only in the record books.

Europe 18 1/2, United States 9 1/2.

The score was astounding. The winner was familiar. Europe has won the Ryder Cup four of the last five times, and seven of 10.

"These guys are grand," U.S. captain Hal Sutton said. "If you know anything about golf, and you watch these guys play this week, you would know they are very good players.

And they sure know how to party."

Harrington, Paul McGinley and Darren Clarke wrapped themselves in Irish flags. Colin Montgomerie ventured into the throng for a group hug unlike anything he has ever felt.

"Bernhard, Bernhard, there's only one Bernhard Langer," the fans sang to the European captain.

"All I heard all week was 'USA, USA, USA.' I wanted to hear some of this," Langer said. "You work 12 months for this. I'm going to celebrate all night."

For the Americans, the hangover will last two years.

"I've been on the wrong end of this celebration the last two times," David Toms said. "I don't know what it is, but we've got to find the right formula."

The Europeans are not only winning, they are winning big.

"Obviously, our results would suggest that," Clarke said. "We come here with a big heart, full of hopes, full of expectations.

**PURDUE'S Orton remains humble in midst of awards**

INDIANA — Purdue's big season success has been good to quarterback Kyle Orton.

After a career day against Ball State on Saturday, Orton took home three awards, the Walter Camp Football Foundation national offensive player of the week, Big Ten offensive player of the week and the Cingular Wireless/ABC Sports All-America player of the week.

Orton was 23-for-26 for 329 yards and a career-high five touchdowns Saturday. He also ran for a score in No. 18 Purdue's 59-7 win over the Cardinals.

In two games this season, he has thrown for 616 yards and nine touchdowns with no interceptions.

As the awards, and the Heisman talk, start piling up, coach Joe Tiller said worrying about how the senior from Altoona, Iowa, will handle the attention is the furthest thing from his mind.

"His demeanor is different, such that I can't see that impacting him," Tiller said. "I'm not at all concerned about Kyle Orton or any hype surrounding his play as much as I would be concerned about hype surrounding our team."

**Hall of Fame budget is cut**

SOUTH BEND — The city council has moved toward cutting a $200,000 amount of money it gives to support the College Football Hall of Fame.

The cut came in a budget amendment introduced Councilman David Varner, who says it is time for the board, operated by the National Football Foundation, to start supporting itself.

His amendment, which was approved 5-4 during Sept. 13's council meeting, would trim city spending next year by about 25 percent.

**The European Ryder Cup team poses with the trophy after its victory over the United States at the 35th Ryder Cup matches at Oakland Township Country Club in Bloomfield Township, Mich. Sunday.**

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Saint Mary's can't net game-winner, ties 1-1

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

Sometimes, it's just one of those days.
Saint Mary's can't net game-winner, ties 1-1

"We played fairly well, but we just couldn't finish," sophomore goalie Nicole Leach said. "We didn't play bad at all. We just had some trouble getting it into the net. I guess it was just one of those days.
The Belles came out slowly against Alma, giving up a goal early in the first half to fall behind 1-0. Saint Mary's kept the ball in its opponent's zone for much of the first half, but was unable to get on the scoreboard. "We tend to come out slow, and then take most of the first half to settle down and get into our groove," sophomore Caroline Stancukas said. "It was not a lack of an effort on our part -- it was just a bad day.
The Belles entered the half trailing 1-0, marking the first time they have been trailing at the half all year. Coach Mackenzie and the players considered switching the team's defensive strategy for the second half from the flat-back four, the new system Mackenzie has implemented this year, to a system known as the sweeper/stopper defense, which the team used at times in the past.
"We thought about switching, but we don't really want to fall back on something else just because the flat-back four isn't working," Stancukas said.
Saint Mary's appeared to shake its early sluggishness after the half, coming out strong in the second half and tying the game at 1-1 when Jen Concannon knocked in a corner kick from Carrie Orr for the equalizer.
The Belles used strong defense the rest of the way to keep the game even.
"Our defense played well; the other team probably only had about five or six shots on goal during the entire game," Leach said. "We dominated them, no question. They were a good team, but we were obviously stronger. It was just one of those days where we couldn't quite get it in the net.
Despite the team's strong second half play, the Belles were unable to take the lead, and settled for a tie after two 10-minute periods of overtime.
"It was really a great effort by the team," Stancukas said. "We played as hard as we could through two overtimes, so people were going for up to 110 minutes. It was a real good effort all-around.
Although they remain undecided in MIAA conference play, the Belles were disappointed to come away with only a tie.
"We just got unlucky as far as not getting the win, we had our chances," Leach said. "If some of the calls went our way, and some of the balls bounced our way, we could have easily won.
Rather than focus on their shortcomings, however, the team looks forward to the future.
"The first thing we said when we got off the field was, 'We can't wait to play them again on our home field,'" Leach said.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles lose in 4 games, drop to 1-7 on season

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Belles lost their second straight volleyball match on Saturday, falling to Adrian College in four games.
Saint Mary's finally came out strong, winning the first game but failed to capitalize and lost the next three.
The loss drops the Belles to 1-7 overall this season. They have lost five of their last six divisional matches and currently reside in seventh place in the MIAA.
The match marked only the second time this year that Saint Mary's was able win the first game in the match.
In game one, they defeated the Bulldogs, 30-25. The Belles lost the second game, managing to score only 17 points.
Adrian College then made it three in a row by winning games three and four, 30-20 and 30-28.
It was the defense that struggled on the night and failed to hold back Adrian's offensive attack.
"Statistically speaking, and from game experience, I can confidently say that it was the defense," Saint Mary's Michelle Turley said. "Offensively, Adrian presented us with a stronger block than we are used to seeing, and our defense should've been stronger and more reliable than it was." On the day, Elise Rupricht and Turley played well on offense, registering 14 and 13 kills, respectively. The defense was lead by Michelle Gary and Amanda David, both of whom had 17 digs. Shelly Bender was third on the team with 11 digs of her own.
Saint Mary's has struggled from its first game of the season.
Their defense and overall communication continues to hamper the team's growth and effectiveness. These problems need to be addressed quickly if they have any hopes of advancing into the tournament.
"I think we are still in the process of trying to solidify a starting lineup," Turley said. "We have a lot of people competing for the same spot right now, and most days it just depends on whoever is playing better, but hopefully as the season continues to develop we will have a better indication of who those starters are.
The win moves Adrian College to 6-7 on the year and puts them in fourth place in the conference with an overall record of 3-1.
Saint Mary's does not take the court again until 7 p.m. Wednesday when it travels to the University of Chicago.
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spectacular, making six saves and also received some help when her defenders cleared two other Irish shots off the goal line. Notre Dame didn’t help her own cause either, hitting the crossbar twice.

But the Irish roster seems to get deeper every game. Senior defender Kate Tullsiak scored the first point of her career when she intercepted a pass and then assisted on Cinalli’s game-winning goal. Tullsiak missed much of the 2003 season with a back injury but is making the most of her senior-year comeback. “It’s an awesome feeling to be able to contribute to the team like I was able to do tonight,” she told und.com. “Last spring, I gained a lot of confidence just playing in games and the same goes with this summer.”

“Our depth was a key tonight because of the tempo of the game,” Waldrum said. “It was end-to-end, like an NBA game.”

Syracuse gave the Irish a scare as well. After sophomore Jen Buckowski’s fourth goal of the season gave the Irish a 1-0 lead early in the first half, Notre Dame held the lead until Syracuse’s Kelly Bailey sailed a crossing pass into the Irish net to even the score at one. The feat was a rare one as only two other schools in the last 37 games have come from behind to tie the Irish. But with 7:11 to play, Thorlakson took a pass from Candace Chapman and knocked the ball past Orange goalkeeper Shannon Myers to provide the difference in the game.

Despite the win, Waldrum wants his players to remain sharp with a lead. “We basically stopped playing until they tied it up,” he said. “It was frustrating not to put them away when we had the chance.”

Senior Candace Chapman, center, pushes the ball up against Santa Clara Sept. 5. The Irish won a pair of close games this weekend.

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finishes, really only about 15 teams go in there with the mindset that they’ll win it. The No. 1 on a top-15 team like that always gives you the ability to hit a bad round, and he’s not at that point yet,” Jasinski said about Irish, before concluding "The good thing is that he wants to be that guy, and all the intangibles are part of his game."

Despite this Jasinski is still very confident about the makeup of his team and his '05 prospect's prospects for the season. The next part about our team is that we keep finding more and more guys who can contribute good rounds,” he said.

One of those contributors is junior Eric Deutsch, who finished in a tie for 12th place with a 10-over par 220. In two tough tournaments, Deutsch has posted two top-20 performances, a good start by any standards. Deutsch, who is very close to teammate Scott Gustafson who was injured in a car accident Thursday took his friend’s misfortune very hard.

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It was a little bit fast out of the gate because we know that the first mile at the ND Invite is going to be pretty quick, so we wanted to get a little taste of that," Watson said.

Notre Dame's impressive showing was not surprising considering the Irish have won the National Catholic Invitational for 10 years in a row, and 17 of the 25 races ever.

The women were equally impressive on Friday, continuing a streak of dominance in this event, winning the Invitational for the eleventh time in 13 years.

Moore wasn't the only Notre Dame runner to win individually. Junior, Stephanie Media finished first in the women's race, with a time of 17:38. Teammate Sonni Oeding finished second with a time of 17:40, in what was her first race as a Notre Dame runner.

Oeding, who was highly touted by coaches prior to the season's start, proved she deserved the praise with her finish.

"It was a low key meet for our whole team, so it's a good confidence builder for the team to do really well," said Madia. "I haven't run, even with our new running belt," she added. "It was great to get to race with her and find out what it's like to be in a meet together. I think it was good practice for both of us."

Also finishing in the top 10 for the women were Jean Marrinangeli, who finished in sixth place, and Irish Webster, who finished in eighth place.

While the women did not dominate their opponents to the same extent that the men did, their 28 points were good enough to defend their second place DePaul by a solid 59 points. Rounding out the top 10 finishers were Gonzaga, Bellarmine, Xavier, St. Thomas, Dayton, Detroit-Mercy, Holy Cross and Mercyhurst.

Notre Dame will need to continue running well this Friday, when it hosts the Notre Dame Invitational. "We have a lot of work to do as a team, and the ND Invite is a whole new competition level, but I think it's always great to get a good race under your belt," Madia said.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles place 26th of 31 at ND Invitational

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

Megan Gray led the way for the Saint Mary's Friday at the National Catholic Invitational held at the University of Notre Dame. Gray, who was 30 seconds shy of her season's best run, finished 89th and was the fastest Belles runner.

Coach Dave Barstis opted to treat the run as a workout rather than prepare for the race as the team usually would.

Moreover, the team faced the challenge of running against Division I schools including DePaul and Gonzaga, among others. The team finished 24th overall out of 31 schools, but has come out of the race feeling better prepared for next week's conference meet.

The squad felt it was better off after having run the difficult race, and it improved on many of its goals for the team.

The Belles were mainly concentrating on improving their splits and running together as a team. And run together they certainly did.

The top four finishers for Saint Mary's all completed the race within one minute of each other.

Another standout for the Belles on Friday was sophomore Katie White, who had her best team finish of the year and fell shy of her best time by 16 seconds.

Most importantly, though, is the strength of the team that can be seen from the weekend's top finishers.

It is evident that any number of runners could step up for the Belles when they compete in their first conference meet next week. Gray and sophomore transfer Megan Murphy seem to have added a depth to the team that will only help them in upcoming weeks. The two newcomers of the season simply add to the list of top finishers that could emerge from the team.

"I am not going to put it past these girls to get fourth or better at the conference meet," Barstis said. The Belles certainly seem to be on the path to accomplishing that goal.

The first indication will come in less than a week when the Belles compete in the MIAA Jamboree at Hope College. The runners all plan on using Friday's race to their benefit, expanding on the improvements they made to prepare for the crucial conference meet this weekend.

The team walked away from the Catholic Invitational with an overall success and one more race under its belts, which will only aid them in taking on the conference beginning Saturday.

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ND Soccer

Leaders of the pack
Freshman Yoshinaga nets first two career goals in victory

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

Now that's more like it. 
Freshman forward Alex Yoshinaga snapped a 235-minute Irish scoring drought with his first of two goals as No. 1 Notre Dame beat up on Big East rival Georgetown, 4-1, Saturday night at Alumni Field.

Prior to their four-goal performance against the Hoyas, the Irish had experienced some difficulty converting prime scoring opportunities. Notre Dame (4-1-1, 1-0-0 in Big East) took 24 shots against Evansville last Friday before finding the back of the net and failed to score against both Cal State Fullerton and Indiana on 36 combined shots last Sunday.

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Irish win pair of nail-biters to remain undefeated

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

After establishing itself as the team to beat through the first six games of its non-conference schedule, No. 1 Notre Dame carried that reputation through its first two games of Big East conference play as well.

The Irish (8-0-0) emerged unscored from their first weekend as the top team in the nation, posting a pair of narrow one-goal victories on the road by blanking Connecticut 1-0 on Friday and closing out Syracuse 2-1 on Sunday.

Both games were very close, and it took a clutch goal with under eight minutes to play in each contest to decide the game. Freshman Amanda Cinalli buried her fourth goal of the year in the upper right corner of the net with 6:26 to play against Connecticut to give the Irish their only goal of the game Friday.

On Sunday, Katie Thorlakson continued her torrid offensive pace by notching her team-high sixth goal in the 83rd minute to give the Irish the lead over Syracuse. The goal was Thorlakson's third game-winning goal this season.

Meanwhile, the Notre Dame defense, led by Big East Defensive Player of the Week Melissa Tancredi, continued to suffocate opposing offenses, limiting both the Huskies and the Orange to only two shots on goal. The Irish have barely allowed any of their opponents to shoot, much less to score.

Their defense has allowed just 21 shots on goal in eight games. It didn't take long for the Irish to face a stiff challenge from a conference opponent as the Huskies gave Notre Dame a dogfight in the Big East opener Friday night. In what turned out to be a defensive struggle, the Huskies did everything to keep the Irish out of the net.

UConn goalkeeper Megan Jessee was solid and often made difficult saves to keep Notre Dame off the scoreboard. 

Both teams dominate Invite competition

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Talk about starting off the weekend on the right foot, literally.

The Irish came up big Friday, as both the men and women took home first place in the National Catholic Invitational, easily defeating the other schools in the field.

Seven of the top 10 finishers in the men's race were from Notre Dame, including those in first, second and third place.

Junior Tim Moore, who placed first with a time of 24 minutes, 58 seconds, led the Irish in his first college victory. Freshman Jake Watson and junior Vincent Ambriico finished second and third, respectively. Watson, whose time of 25:06 was eight seconds behind Moore, placed second in his first college race.

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It can safely be argued that the Irish, who were ranked 92nd in the Golfweek/Sagarin Index before the weekend, accomplished the former as well, finishing sixth out of a field of 15 teams, most of whom were ranked ahead of them.

The team finished with a total score of 892, 21 strokes behind tournament champions Kent State, but only four strokes out of third place.

Sophomore Cole Ishan led the team this weekend, finishing in a three-way tie for fourth place. He finished with a three-day total of 216, a total that included a career best 2-under par 68 on Sunday. Irish coach John Jasinski was very pleased in the performance of his rising star, but says Ishan still has a way to go before becoming a true No. 1 player.

"My definition of a No. 1 is fairly strict. In the NCAA see SIXTH/page 24

FOOTBALL

Notre Dame 31, Michigan State 24

Irish force six turnovers in win.

By IRISH INSIDER

Our sports writers take on the latest happenings in the Irish sporting world. See this week's edition for updates on everything from the cross-country team to the football team's upcoming schedule.

In the sporting world, good things can happen when a challenge is presented. The Irish certainly challenged themselves this weekend, as they hosted the anticipated field for the 2005 NCAA Regionals in the Notre Dame Invitational.

It can safely be argued that the Irish, who were ranked 92nd in the Golfweek/Sagarin Index before the weekend, accomplished the former as well, finishing sixth out of a field of 15 teams, most of whom were ranked ahead of them.

The team finished with a total score of 892, 21 strokes behind tournament champions Kent State, but only four strokes out of third place.

Sophomore Cole Ishan led the team this weekend, finishing in a three-way tie for fourth place. He finished with a three-day total of 216, a total that included a career best 2-under par 68 on Sunday. Irish coach John Jasinski was very pleased in the performance of his rising star, but says Ishan still has a way to go before becoming a true No. 1 player.

"My definition of a No. 1 is fairly strict. In the NCAA see SIXTH/page 24
Tom Zbikowski, left, hits Spartan running back Jason Teague and gets his hands on the ball. Middle, Zbikowski strips the ball from Teague and turns toward the endzone. Right, Zbikowski sprints on his way to a 75-yard return for his first career touchdown, putting the Irish up 28-7.

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FAST LANSING, Mich. — On a cool Saturday night on the hostile turf of Spartan Stadium, the Irish found the spark they had been missing—balance and boldness. The Irish capitalized on six Michigan State turnovers as well as picking off three passes during the game, and the running backs necessary blocks to produce significant yardage on the ground.

“It's on,” Quinn said of the 75-yard drive that consisted of all runs. “It's just dominating football with the offensive line and I give all the credit to them. They play hard, they play physical and they got the job done.”

The defense capitalized on six turnovers, recovering three of the Spartans' fumbles as well as picking off three passes in the first half.

But, down 28-7, Michigan State mounted a comeback before a new quarterback, Drew Stanton starting with an 89-yard kickoff return by DeAndra Cobh after Grant's touchdown.

With the score at 28-17, Corey Mays hit Jehuu Caulcrick on the 1-yard line, jarring the ball loose on momentum-killing play for the Spartans. Quentin Burrell recovered in the endzone for a touchdown, and the Irish got the ball back, and scored a field goal to take the win 31-17.

It was big,” Tuck said of the goal line play. “We needed that. We don't get that one, this game is a lot more interesting than it was, so that's a big play. We just made up our minds that we weren't going to let them in — that was our mentality.”

The Spartans would register a touchdown with 9 seconds to go on a four-yard run by Stanton that capped an eight-play 63-yard drive, but it was not enough.

This left the Irish hungry for more, as they were not pleased.

“You just can't be satisfied,” Tuck said. “You can never be as good as you can be.”

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player of the game
Tom Zbikowski
The redshirt freshman safety forced two fumbles, recovered one for a touchdown and intercepted a pass in his third collegiate game.

stat of the game
Notre Dame forced six Michigan State turnovers — three fumbles and three interceptions — a season-high.

play of the game
Corey Mays's hit on Jehuu Caulcrick
Irish linebacker Mays hit Caulcrick at the Notre Dame 1-yard line to force a fumble and give the Irish the ball back, leading 28-17.

quote of the game
"The only thing better than two great legs are four.”
Bob Morton
Irish offensive lineman
Irish defensive tackle Trevor Laws makes a hit on Michigan State quarterback Stephen Reaves after batting down the pass in the first half. Laws was part of an Irish defense that caused six turnovers, three interceptions and three fumble recoveries. These turnovers led to 17 Irish points, in addition to the six the defense scored.

Defense makes the big play

EAST LANSING, Mich. — He hovered silently, waiting for the quarterback to make the decision — pitch or run.

And when Michigan State quarterback Stephen Reaves made the toss to Jason Teague, Notre Dame safety Tom Zbikowski went after the back and the ball.

The next thing everyone knew No. 9 ripped the ball out of Teague’s arms and took off down the field.

The former quarterback had the ball in his hands once again, putting six on the board for the Irish after his first career trifecta — he forced fumble, the recovery and the touchdown. But don’t forget, this was after he recorded his first career interception earlier in the game.

And who says Notre Dame doesn’t have a playmaker?

Zbikowski did what his coaches and teammates knew he could do — make plays.

“I’m glad we got him in there,” said defensive coordinator Kent Baer.

But Zbikowski was just one of many Irish who made plays on defense. Corey Mays hit Jehuu Caulkrief at the goal line to knock the ball loose for Quinnin Burrell and preserve the 28-17 Irish lead.

Mike Richardson, seeing significant action for the first time this season, intercepted a pass, returning it 32 yards. Dereck Curry also picked one off and took that one back 35 yards.

All in all, the magic number was six — six turnovers forced by the Irish defense. It saw the hesitancies in redshirt freshman quarterback Reaves. It capitalized with three interceptions and also forced five fumbles, recovering three.

The defense scored just six points themselves, but 17 points were put on the board after they got the ball back for its offense.

The defense was the key to the Irish win.

But they were almost the scapegoat.

The Irish went into the half leading 21-7, what seemed to be a comfortable lead. But the Spartans never gave up.

Spartan coach John L. Smith inserted Drew Stanton into the game after the half, and he started moving the ball. Stanton ran for 53 yards in the second half on just eight carries. He threw 12 passes, completing eight of them, good for 110 yards.

All of a sudden, the Spartans were back in the game. Down 28-17, they had the ball on the Notre Dame 1-yard line. That’s when Mays jarred the ball loose from Caulkrief, and the Irish got the ball back. But they fumbled it over to Michigan State, and the Spartans appeared to have life again with 3:29 to play in the game. That’s when Stanton was hit by none other than Zbikowski, and Kyle Budlincok recovered, clinching the game for the Irish.

Without the big plays on defense, the game becomes much more challenging for Notre Dame. The Irish offense gave up 341 total yards — 165 on the ground and 179 through the air. And that was without Stanton, who moved the offense effectively in the second half, playing the entire game.

But the Irish know they have work to do.

“We’ve just got to keep getting better,” said Kent Baer, Irish defensive coordinator.

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Shelton, Samardzija come to play

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EAST LANSING, Mich. — They used to be Notre Dame’s best-kept secrets. Wide receivers Matt Shelton and Jeff Samardzija have always been reliable players capable of moving the ball down the field, but they’ve been the ones making significant but subtle plays on the field. But their talent isn’t secret anymore.

In Saturday’s 31-24 victory over Michigan State, the two proved they were legitimate threats to opposing defenses. Shelton cruised into the end zone after catching a 35-yard pass from quarterback Brady Quinn. The senior also caught a career-high three passes, good for a total of 123 yards. He has become the official deep threat on a team that was lacking one.

“Given the opportunity, I think I can just go out there and do it,” Shelton said. “Brady’s big in the play where I can make a play. And I’m coming up with the play. Give him the ball, and he’s just about unstoppable.”

Shelton evaded the Spartan secondary to catch a 53-yard pass from Quinn — the longest pass of the game — for a touchdown. Shelton shrugged his shoulders, saying that he is thankful for opportunities to help the team.

“God blessed me with some speed and hands to catch the ball every once in a while, and I do what I can,” Shelton said.

While Shelton struck early with two of his catches in the first half, Samardzija sparked the offense late in the game, catching all four of his passes for 65 yards in the fourth quarter.

Quinn scanned the field, searching for the Irish receiver that would provide insur-"unions, especially on third down. He found Samardzija three times to con-vert third-and-long situations to help the Irish drive each time. Samardzija says he saw these on down-to-the-wire situations.

“I like being in that situation when the stakes are high, and if anybody’s going to make a catch, it’s going to be me,” Samardzija said. “If they’re going to want to go out there in a 3-and-6, that’s great. That’s just what I need to do for the team.

In just the fourth quarter, Samardzija was able to break loose from the Michigan State defense, handing in a 111-yard reception on third-and-four, putting the Irish in field goal range. “It’s very exciting to know that at any time, you can be the one getting a chance to make the play,” Samardzija said. “When you see Brady open up like that and make long passes, you only get big eyes and get excited knowing that you’re going to make a play. “Even after such a successful weekend, Shelton and Samardzija have already set their sights on next week. “Brady’s execution, extending the play, was great,” Shelton said. “I’m glad to get into the game.”

Samardzija said he will be ready for whatever comes his way. “I’ll take any plays I can get,” he said.

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Irish receiver Matt Shelton makes a catch over Michigan State cornerback Roderick Maples Saturday night. Shelton caught three passes for 123 yards.

scoring summary

1st 2nd 3rd 4th Total
Notre Dame 14 7 7 3 31
Michigan State 7 0 7 10 14
First quarter
Michigan State 7, Notre Dame 0

Jeramy Scott 9-yard blocked punt return with 12:29 remaining
Drive: 0 plays, 0 yards, 0 elapsed
Notre Dame 7, Michigan State 0

Brady Quinn 1-yard run with 4:42 remaining
Drive: 6 plays, 13 yards, 3:37 elapsed
Notre Dame 14, Michigan State 7

Tom Zbikowski 75-yard fumble recovery with 0:87 remaining
Drive: 1 play, 75 yards, 0:06 elapsed

Second quarter
Notre Dame 21, Michigan State 7

Matt Shelton 1-yard reception from Quinn with 8:32 remaining
Drive: 2 plays, 10 yards, 1:10 elapsed

Third quarter
Michigan State 7, Notre Dame 21

Ryan Grant 6-yard run with 5:39 remaining
Drive: 7 plays, 75 yards, 2:56 elapsed
Notre Dame 28, Michigan State 14

Dakota Cobol 9-yard kickoff return with 5:28 remaining
Drive: 1 play, 89 yards, 0:11 elapsed

Fourth quarter
Notre Dame 28, Michigan State 17

Dave Rayser 25-yard field goal with 14:55 remaining
Drive: 6 plays, 31 yards, 3:38 elapsed
Notre Dame 28, Michigan State 17

Dave Rayser 25-yard field goal with 14:55 remaining
Drive: 5 plays, 31 yards, 3:38 elapsed
Notre Dame 31, Michigan State 24

Drew Stanton 4-yard pass with 0:09 remaining
Drive: 5 plays, 60 yards, 0:41 elapsed

Irish receiver Matt Shelton makes a catch over Michigan State cornerback Roderick Maples Saturday night. Shelton caught three passes for 123 yards.

Statistics

Notre Dame
Rushing yards
176
Passing yards
165
Return yards
212
Time of possession
25:59

Michigan State
Rushing yards
134
Passing yards
48-173
Return yards
11-24-1

Notre Dame
Rushing yards
35-185
Passing yards
11-24-1
Return yards
12-12

Notre Dame
Rushing yards
4-15-3
Fumbles-lost
5-224
Penalty-yards
3-20
First downs
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Zbikowski earns national award

EAST LANSING, Mich. — After his two outstanding plays in the first quarter helped Notre Dame to build a 14-0 lead, safety Zbikowski was named the National Defensive Player of the Week by the Walter Camp Football Foundation Sunday. His interception stopped a potential Michigan State scoring drive on the eleven-yard line, and Zbikowski’s irish trailing 7-0, and he would slap Jason Teague of the Buckeyes hard in the back of the helmet in the fourth quarter and take it in for a 75-yard touchdown.

“That was truly a great play on Zibikowski’s part,” Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. “It is something we talk about and work on every week in terms of stripping the ball.”

The redshirt freshman safety, who played quarterback and defensive back in high school, has stepped up as one of the defense’s major play-makers. I think he’s pretty physical, he’s really got a knack for getting after the football so we just need him going,” defensive coordinator Kent Baer said.

In the defensive backfield, Zbikowski proved vital to the Notre Dame offensive effort. “We got the win, that’s the most important thing,” Willingham said.

“However, we were not satisfied, we know there is a lot more improvement and we’re going to keep that every single week.”

Quinn runs it in

Quinn’s touchdown in the first quarter, which came on a bootleg after a fake handoff to Grant, was the first rushing touchdown of his career. Quinn had most on the field but handed the ball to the referee.

“Yesterday we didn’t execute like we know we can and we should. The past two weeks, we’ve done much better, but we still haven’t executed like we know we can. And going into next week, Shelton said he will be ready for whatever comes his way. “I’ll take any plays I can get,” he said.

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Rushing yards
35-185
Comp-att-int
14-34-3
Fumbles-lost
5-224
Penalty-yards
3-20
First downs
18

Passing yards
11-24-1
Reaves
67-203

Stanton
68-120

Rushing
Walker
26-86
Caucillo
18-85

Thomas
12-10
Stevens
4-14

Quinn
10-10
Teague
4-14

Receiving
Samardzija
4-65
Quinn
3-20

Stevens
2-17
Brown
3-43

Tackling
Zbikowski
9
Smith
12

Guadagno
6
Hines
11

Landri
5
Hayes
6

Harrell
3
Hoyte
5

Hoyte
4
Hayes
5
The Irish defense led the team to the road win, forcing six turnovers resulting in 17 Irish points. Tom Zbikowski forced two fumbles and recovered one, returning it for his first career touchdown. He also had an interception.

Offensively, Matt Shelton and Jeff Samardzija led the Irish receivers with a combined seven catches, and Ryan Grant and Darius Walker were a two-headed rushing attack. Walker and Grant ran for 98 and 66 yards, respectively. Michigan State mounted a late comeback, but the Irish were able to prevail in the end over coach Tyrone Willingham’s alma mater and improve to 2-1.

Ryan Grant, top left, carries the ball against the Spartans. Darius Walker, top right, breaks a tackle in one of his 26 carries. Derek Curry, middle left, returns an interception. Brady Quinn, bottom left, hands the ball to the referee after scoring a first quarter touchdown, and Jeff Samardzija, bottom right, breaks a tackle late in the game.