Cross display vandalized

Right to Life demonstration torn down overnight

By PAUL SPADAFORA
News Writer

Community members awoke Friday morning to find the Cemetery of the Innocents - a two-day demonstration against abortion, run by campus club Right to Life - had been vandalized by an unknown party.

According to Right to Life co-president Janet Dauenhau, the cemetery was vandalized between 3 a.m. and 7 a.m. Friday. Of the 1,200 crosses included in the demonstration - one for every three abortions that take place in the United States each day - about 900 were knocked down, said Caitlin Shaughnessy, a Respect Life Week co-ordinator.

"Three hundred of these were broken, and 100 were completely destroyed," Shaughnessy said. All of the crosses were re-assembled by Right to Life members by 3 p.m. Friday, Dauenhau said.

While the damage done to the display was extensive, Shaughnessy said this has not been the first time it has been vandalized.

"I wasn't surprised, necessarily, that there was vandalism, because someone always vandalizes this. Last year, someone drove their car through the crosses," she said. "But I was surprised at the degree of vandalism."

Rex Bakow, director of Notre Dame Security/Police, said NDSP will be investigating the vandalism.

Students rejoice in victory, pay for celebration

Thirty ejected for alcohol, marshmallows

By TERESA FRALISH
News Writer

Stadium ushers ejected 30 students for either marshmallow throwing or alcohol-related offenses from Notre Dame Stadium during Saturday's game, coordinator of stadium personnel Larry Gagnon said.

Of the 30 students removed from the stadium, about seven to eight ejections resulted from marshmallow throwing, Gagnon said. The other students told to leave either were visibly intoxicated or in possession of alcohol. About two-thirds of the alcohol-related cases involved possession, Gagnon said.

"It's two criteria ... the first is that we see alcohol," Gagnon said. "The other cases are intoxication. In those we usually observe some sort of symptom."

Gagnon said the number of ejections resulted from two criteria ... the first is that we see alcohol. Ejections resulted from alcohol-related cases involved possession, Gagnon said.

Seniors in the student section wall marshmallows at each other in the traditional halftime marshmallow fight. Seven to eight students were ejected for throwing the confections, while over 20 others were removed for alcohol-related offenses.

Saint Mary's hosts panel discussion on sexual diversity

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

Approximately 45 Saint Mary's students, faculty and staff kicked off National Coming Out Week on a personal note Sunday by attending a panel discussion on coming out as a gay or lesbian person in the Saint Mary's community.

Those who ventured to the West Wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall to listen were enlightened by a diverse panel of three Saint Mary's graduates and two current students who offered perspectives on entering the gay, lesbian, transgendered, bisexual and queer (GLTBO) community during their time at Saint Mary's.

Event moderator Catherine Pittman, a professor in the psychology department, said celebrating the week is important to Saint Mary's, a primarily heterosexual environment where most students do not have to deal with the issue of confronting others with their sexuality.

"National Coming Out Day is a day where gay, lesbian, transgendered, bisexual and queer individuals are encouraged to tell people that care about them that they are not part of the gender everyone thinks they are," she said. "They are challenging the assumptions generally made about people. Heterosexuals just do not have to do this."

Panel member Jenn Warner, a 1993 graduate, emphasized coming out is particularly prevalent during the college years, a time when many young men and women attempt to shape their personalities.

"When I was in college, that was something that I felt I had to establish - this is who I am," she said. "Whereas now, it's kind of on the back burner. It's integrated into my being, so it's not something that I have to think about as much."

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Denne Friedman senior

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Fans glad Irish are back on winning track

By SARAH BARRETT
News Writer

After last week's loss to Purdue and the threat of a 3-1 Stanford team coming to Notre Dame, fans were happy and relieved after Saturday's win against the Cardinals.

The storm clouds cleared and the sun shined brightly Saturday as fans gathered to watch the Notre Dame Irish take on the Stanford Cardinal. After Stanford's fight to the end against USC and the Irish loss to Purdue still looming from the previous weekend, Notre Dame students were prepared for a win.

Sophomore Doug Brown said although he was anxious, he was happy with the final score.

"It was a good time — a little closer that I would have liked, but we played well and picked
INSIDE COLUMN

Here goes nothing

Oh mid-term week, mid-term week.

When I think about what the end of this week means for me, I get a little scared. This week marks the last of my mid-term week at Notre Dame. I am halfway through my last semester as a college student. No, I’m not graduating in December. I will still be here in South Bend. I will still be paying tuition to Notre Dame (sadly). But I will not have any classes on campus. Instead, I will spend eight hours a day (at least), five days a week at MHS student teaching in the English department. That’s right: I’m a Notre Dame student who doesn’t spend a lot of time on campus. I am at Saint Mary’s College for half of my classes this semester, and I spend a few hours a day, three days a week at MHS.

The time at MHS is a requirement for my education methods class. For all of the science majors out there, think of it as a lab. I spend the time in a controlled (and sometimes not so controlled) environment, doing hands-on work that relates to what happens in the coordinating class. That’s basically what a lab is, right? Right now, I have three experiments, so to speak. I work with seniors in a college-credit course and two remedial sophomore classes. And wow, are they fun. The difference between the classes is astonishing.

My seniors, well, think some of them are on the same maturity level as myself and my supervising teacher (their real teacher, Mrs. Fisher). My sophomores, on the other hand, are the ones I work with. I wouldn’t know where to begin. But getting them to pay attention to early American Literature (e.g. The Declaration of Independence, Anne Bradstreet and Jonathan Edwards) is like pulling teeth. I love these kids, though. They may have their quirks and may be a handful sometimes, but I’ve been getting to know them for the past six weeks, and I look forward to the challenge. One senior teacher said when Mrs. Otto takes over the classroom, which brings me back to this week and the scared feeling that it excites. Next semester, I will be in the quasi-real world. I will be the teacher, not the student, full-time. I won’t be living the typical second-semester senior life. I’ll be getting up at 6 a.m. every day and will actually HAVE to go to class — and be awake for it.

But even scarier is the fact that those third-year sophomores and over-achieving seniors will be looking to me as the teacher. It’s one thing to go in there every other day and play assistant, but it’s another to completely take over. I said I look forward to the challenge, but I’m still nervous about it. So come January, here goes nothing...

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF SATURDAY’S GAME?

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Jessica Maciejewski
Gracie Madden
Eric Doversberger
Sarah Sibley
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Junior Alumni
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Sophomore Cavanaugh
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IN BRIEF

Humala Agrawal will give the lecture The Progress of Democracy, the strategy for Liberation in Iran,” tonight at 7 p.m. at Jordan Auditorium at The Mendoza College of Business. Agrawal serves as an interpreter for the 101st Airborne Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Zygmun G. Baranski of Cambridge University will speak Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. about “Petrarch’s Cavalcanti and Dante.”

Jazz pianist Marc Rossi will perform at Little Theatre or Moreau Center at Saint Mary’s College Tuesday at 7:30 p.m as part of the Leighton Music Festival.

Former editor of Commonweal Magazine Margaret O’Brien Stiefels will speak at 4 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge, LeMans lobby on "Faith and Political Responsibility Voting for the Common Good.”

The Notre Dame volleyball team will face off against Saint Joseph’s College at 5 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

The Notre Dame men’s soccer team will take on Michigan at Alumni Field at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

"Art of Amalia" will be shown in the Browsing Cinema at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday at 7 p.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
Leaders in varied disciplines discuss changing moral issues

Special to The Observer

Leading ethicists, engineers, economists and energy industry decision makers will gather Oct. 28 and 29 at the University of Notre Dame for a conference titled "Ethics and Changing Energy Markets: Issues for Engineers, Managers and Regulators."

Organized by Notre Dame and Carnegie Mellon University, the conference will examine the ethical, market and regulatory issues associated with deregulated industries. According to conference organizers.

They note that question-

able ethical decisions caused some of the problems, and an adherence to high ethical standards will be essential in restoring confidence in the markets. Among the conference speakers who will address the origins of the problems and best practices to avoid their repetition are Patrick Wood, chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Vernon Smith from George Mason University, winner of the 2002 Nobel Prize in economics; and Beth McLean, a reporter from Fortune magazine and co-author of the best-selling book "The Smartest Guys in the Room: The Amazing Rise and Scandalous Fall of Enron."

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A complete schedule, rosters of speakers and more information are available on the Web at http://energetics2004.nd.edu

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Ted Mandell
Department of Film, Television, and Theatre

Commentator
James Seckinger
The Law School

Saint Mary's dedicates Opus Hall

By ERICA RANGEL
News Writer

Saint Mary's dedicated Opus Hall Friday afternoon, as residents and community members formally recognized the first on-campus residential facility.

College President Carol Ann Mooney welcomed guests to the ceremony that took place in the second floor lounge.

"We are meeting the ever changing needs of our current and future students," Mooney said. "This is a milestone in Saint Mary's College."

Director of Campus Ministry Judy Pean led the attendants in an opening prayer and Rev. Joseph Carey, CSC, blessed the building.

On-Campus apartments are a growing trend at colleges and universities nationwide, vice president for student affairs Linda Timm said.

"Students learn more about independent living while still having the advantages of being close to campus," Timm said. "Opus is a wonderful recruitment piece."

The selection process was not easy, Timm said. More senior students are living in the residence halls and apartments this year because they want to be close to their friends.

"The seniors living on campus is an amazing plus for all," Timm said. "There is more involvement in student activities on campus, and they serve as a role model of our underclassmen."

The new Opus Hall apartments at Saint Mary's were dedicated Friday by College President Carol Ann Mooney.

During the building process, students were involved in most of the decisions. Surveys were taken to get input about everything from furniture to rules, and a student committee met weekly to discuss the apartment guidelines.

"I didn't know what to expect. I am very pleased with how everything turned out," Opus resident Lyn Carmody said. "The parking is nice, and the walk to class is still short. I like the easy access to all the facilities. The best part is that you can share with your roommates but still have your own private space to get things done."

Opus Hall currently houses 72 senior Saint Mary's students in two- or four-bedroom apartments. The fully furnished apartments include Internet and cable access, along with a dishwasher, refrigerator, microwave and stove in the kitchen.

Opus Corporation, an architectural, engineering, construction and property management firm, funded more than half the cost for Opus Hall.

Senior class president Jackie Calsinier concluded the dedication ceremony by welcoming the residents to their homes.

"Opus is a wonderful place to live," Calsinier said. "It demonstrates the very best Saint Mary's has to offer."

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Mary's students put to use a display for National Coming Out Day. She said most people ignored or avoided the issue.

"Coming out on this campus might be the hardest part of that day. A lot of people weren't even willing to have a conversation with me about it," she said. "They took the long way around to the dining hall so they wouldn't have to see the people with the ribbons. Faculty members were our only support system. They reminded us that things were as bad as they seemed, but it could be better."

All of the panelists agreed faculty members were an invaluable resource while they were at Saint Mary’s.

Ang Ilomano, a 2001 graduate, said her professors helped her to push the envelope to further campus discussion on gay issues in her classes.

"I didn't care, I was happy with who I was," she said. "In class I wouldn't have to worry about being the only gay person in the room."

Spurred by Notre Dame’s recent No. 1 ranking in the Princeton Review in the "Alternative Lifestyles Not An Alternative" category, the panelists made suggestions on how the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s community can become less stereotypically homophobic and more accepting of the GLTBQ minority on the campuses.

These ideas included elimination of speech that could be viewed as hateful such as "that’s so gay," and using the classroom as an arena for such issues to be discussed.

Senior Jamie Hathert said sensitivity and awareness training directed at all incoming freshmen would be helpful and would most likely prevent rude behavior such as students turning down signs regarding sexual orientation or peppering them with unkind graffiti.

"For a long time, I thought I was the only one on campus," she said. "I'm not upset by it, just sad. Sad that people can't do better.

Friedheim agreed such training would develop Saint Mary’s into a more progressive environment.

"There is a lot to be said for tradition and the ideals our school is built on," she said. "I think the most important thing is that we don't take closed-minded views into a classroom environment, where most learning is formed."

The women felt celebrating National Coming Out Day on campus showed support and provides a certain comfort level for those who may be dealing with sexual identity and gender issues at this time.

"Having people be comfortable with me helps me to be comfortable with myself," Harrison said. "I think that's really important for students who are not gay to think about. That's the most important thing students can do for other students - just to let them know who they are and be comfortable with that.

"Warner took that idea one step further.

"I think in order to be a friend to someone who is going through this, you have to do some searching of yourself," she said.

Harrison admitted that while coming out may be a traumatic experience, especially on the Saint Mary’s campus, positive attitudes of taking that step through the negative by far. She suggests that students who wish to come out today should embrace them as "a solid support system in place."

"I can guarantee that there will be hard times," she said. "But on a personal level, it was so freeing that it made a huge level of difference, socially and psychologically.""
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Terrorists strike Egypt after 7 years

Terrorists struck Egypt Saturday and detained dozens of Bedouin villagers, swept dusted fingerprints, swabbed sweat and collected tissue from the wreckage of three car bombings Saturday and killed at least 23 people. Investigators were leaning toward an Al-Qaeda connection as well.
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‘Superman’ star Christopher Reeve dies at 52

Actor, spinal cord research advocate lapses into coma, passes away Sunday

Associated Press

BEDFORD, N.Y. — Christopher Reeve, the star of the “Superman” movies whose near-fatal riding accident nine years ago turned him into a worldwide advocate for spinal cord research, died Sunday of heart failure, his publicist said. He was 52.

Reeve fell into a coma Saturday after going into cardiac arrest while at his New York home, his publicist, Wesley Combs told The Associated Press by phone from New Bedford, Va., on Sunday.

Reeve was being treated at Northern Westchester Hospital for a pressure wound, a common complication for people living with paralysis. In the past week, the wound had become severely infected, resulting in a serious systemic infection.

“On behalf of my entire family, I want to thank the doctors at Northern Westchester Hospital for the excellent care they provided to my husband,” Dana Reeve, Christopher’s wife, said in a statement. “I also want to thank his personal staff of nurses and aides, as well as the millions of fans from around the world who have supported and loved my husband.

Reeve broke his neck in May 1995 when he was thrown from his horse during an equestrian competition in Culpeper, Va. Enduring months of therapy to allow him to breathe for himself, he emerged to lobby Congress for better insurance protection against catastrophic injury and to move forward with a spinal cord research advocacy agenda.

“Hollywood needs to do more,” he said in the March 1998 production of “Rear Window,” a modern update of the Hitchcock thriller about a man in a wheelchair who becomes convinced a neighbor has been murdered. Reeve won a Screen Actors Guild award for best actor in a television movie or miniseries.

“I was surprised to find that if I really concentrated, and just let the words happen, that they would read on my face. With so many close-ups, I knew that my every thought would count.”

In his public appearances, he was as handsome as ever, his blue eyes bright and his voice clear.

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up a win.”

Junior Chris Finch said he thought while the Irish scored a win, they could have done more on the field.

“We did okay, but our defense could have done better,” Finch said. “They didn’t play like we’ve seen them play. Brady still struggles with scrambling when there’s too much pressure but he did make some good head-up plays. Rhema (McKnight) and Maurice (Stovall) made some really nice grasps today.

Freshman Bob McQuiston said he thought the win reinvigorated the fans and the team as students prepare to leave for fall break this upcoming weekend.

“After a slow paced and low spirited week last week, I think this game gave us the momentum we needed to keep on rolling for the rest of the season.”

Bob McQuiston
freshman

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Airlines worldwide hike up prices in air travel and deepen the woes of long-haul round trip as the price of a barrel of light sweet crude soared over the $53 mark in New York on Friday.

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Investors saw the latest Labor Department report as a sign that the economy continues to struggle through a period of sluggish growth. Only 96,000 new jobs were created in September, far fewer than the 150,000 Wall Street expected. Even as an end to the back-to-school period is near, the number of Americans on food stamps is up and personal income is expected to decline.

Stung by the latest Labor Department report, which showed the economy created jobs at a rate that will not even keep pace with the growth in the nation's workforce, stocks fell Friday as investors rushed to sell.

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PERSONALITY

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Sunday, October 24 at 6 p.m.
Tickets are Preferred Seating $100, all others $30
Leighton Concert Hall

Regis performs selections from his new CD accompanied by a 22-piece orchestra. Net proceeds will benefit the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

FALL ARTSFEST

AMERICA'S HEART AND SOUL

Thursday, October 14
7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Amália Rodrigues is best known for her interpretation of "Fado," a unique Portuguese musical style rich in dramatic lament and raw emotional power. This extraordinary film about the life and career of Amália Rodrigues contains some stunning footage from her concert, television and movie appearances and should enshrine her position as one of the last great divas of the 20th century.

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November 4 and 6
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Tickets: $44, $35 ND/SMC/HC, $15 students

FILM

ART OF AMALIA

(90 minutes)
Thursday, October 14

AMERICAN LEAGUE: THE PLAYERS AND THE GAME

(90 minutes)
Thursday, October 14
http://www.footballfoundation.org/football/tours/AMERICAN_LEAGUE.html

MARKOVICH OF THE BROTHERS

(87 minutes)
Thursday, October 14
http://www.catholicfilms.org/movies/markovich

October 15
7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

America is a vast country-three thousand miles from end to end. But it's not the land that makes America so special—it's the people. Filmmaker Lois Schwartzberg packed up his camera and hit the road, with a goal of capturing both the unparalleled beauty of the land and the incomparable spirit of the people. He connects with people, capturing their values, dreams, and passion in a journey that reveals the stories—unusual, captivating, inspiring and emotional—that make Americans into something more than a collection of individuals. It's a celebration of a nation told through the voices of its people.

MUSIC

Mariza
http://www.rimormortals.com/Mariza/mariza.htm
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Fado is the blues of Portugal, and for a generation there was only one name in Fado, but a new, powerful, and beautiful voice has reached the pinnacle. Mariza, recent winner of the BBC award for best European act, sings with a passion so soulful it is difficult to believe it comes from a 28-year-old woman. It is precisely this duality that makes Mariza the epitome of Fado. It is powerful, beautiful one name in Fado, but a new, 28-year-old woman. It is precisely this duality that makes Mariza the epitome of Fado. Mariza has made Mariza the epitome of Fado. Fado is known for poetry that fuses opposite emotions—impossible duality—precisely what makes Mariza the epitome of Fado.

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Wednesday, October 13 at 8 p.m.

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SHAKESPEARE IN PERFORMANCE

By Lee Blessing
November 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
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Bush, Kerry race back to campaign trail

Despite a contentious second debate, Bush and Kerry are both campaigning in Iowa and Minnesota and showing a steadier, more focused and aggressive performance by one another. Bush is venturing into other "must-win" states, while Kerry is trying to solidify his edge in Ohio, which is still in play, and other key battlegrounds.

New backup voting system one source of glitches and lawsuits on Election Day

WASHINGTON — Call it the law of unintended consequences. The national backup system that was meant to ensure that millions of eligible voters are not mistakenly turned away from the polls this year, as happened in 2000, could wind up causing Election Day problems as infamous as Florida's hanging chads.

Congress required conditional, or provisional, voting as part of election fixes passed in 2002. For the first time, all states must offer a backup ballot to any voter whose name does not appear on the rolls when the voter comes to the polling place on Nov. 2. If the voter is later found to be eligible, her vote counts.

But Congress did not specify exactly how the provisional votes will be evaluated. Add the ordinary problems that come with doing something new, and the result is a recipe for mix-ups at the polls and lawsuits over alleged unequal treatment of some voters, said Richard Benjamin, executive director of Electionline.org, a nonpartisan clearinghouse for information on voting.

"If I had to pick the one thing that will be source of controversy on Election Day, it will be provisional voting," Benjamin said.

State officials have adopted their own standards for when a provisional ballot will count; some of those rules are still in flux three weeks from the election.

Rules for who casts provisional ballots and how they are counted probably will vary even within states, especially if there are long lines, confusion and hot tempers at the polls, election experts said.

"There are boxes on the ballot, with the boxes where the race is tightest, such as Florida and Ohio, also have the strictest rules for provisional ballots," Benjamin said.

Democrats and Republicans are training lawyers and election monitors to look for problems with provisional votes this year. Already, there are suits in five states claiming election officials are adopting too strict a standard for which votes will count and that eligible voters will be denied the right to vote.

Questions about provisional ballots could produce a major hassle after the election, too, with nightmarish echoes of the Florida fight of 2000.

Lawyers for President Bush and Democratic challenger John Kerry are ready for a new overtime contest in states where, if the election is close enough, the winner could be determined by who gets the most valid provisional ballots cast.

Provisional ballots are pieces of paper that must be evaluated individually and counted by hand. The task is time-consuming, and most states have short deadlines to get the job done, said Doug Lewis, director of the Election Center, a nonpartisan research and training organization for state and local election administrators.

campaign News

President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush descend from a plane in Texas Saturday. Bush plans to visit many battleground states this week.

Candidates wary of predicted GOP win

WASHINGTON — President Bush and Sen. John Kerry, his antipathy stirred by a contentious second debate, will be facing an electorate that is deeply torn the nation. National polls show a neck-and-neck race.

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Even if both candidates project a Bush victory, they will be the first president in 72 years to face the electorate with a net job loss. The Iraq war has deepened doubts about the economy, and less sure about their own models.

"The economic picture is very complex, with a lot of angst among voters. The economy is really not have been more clear about their own models.

"I had to pick the one thing that will be source of controversy on Election Day, it will be provisional voting," Benjamin said.

State officials have adopted their own standards for when a provisional ballot will count; some of those rules are still in flux three weeks from the election.

Rules for who casts provisional ballots and how they are counted probably will vary even within states, especially if there are long lines, confusion and hot tempers at the polls, election experts said.

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Sound Bite: Medical Malpractice

Do you support a federal cap on medical malpractice awards as a way to restrain health insurance costs?

"Yes. Our litigation system is terribly broken and Americans are paying the estimated $29 billion cost of junk lawsuits. I have proposed a common sense reform plan that will lower health care costs and maintain strong doctors' liability insurance. My proposal includes halting unnecessary lawsuits and making the liability system more fair, predictable and timely. My proposal would ensure that injured patients receive adequate compensation for their injuries, reduce economic losses, while reasonably limiting non-economic damages to $250,000. It would also reserve punitive damages for cases in which they are justified, ensure that old cases cannot be brought years after an event, and provide that defendants should pay judgments in proportion to their fault."

"As president, I will require that a qualified specialist certifies a medical malpractice case's merit before it is allowed to move forward. I will also work with states so we have no-bonding mediation in all malpractice claims before cases proceed to trial. Lawyers who file frivolous cases would face tough, mandatory sanctions, including a 'three strikes and you're out' provision that forbids injured people from seeking compensation for their injuries, lawsuits. I think the polls showing the race is reasonably tight are probably a lot more accurate than those models," Chimerine said.
Rethink the war on terror

Michael Poffenberger

Say Why Not

Listening to this Presidential election season’s speeches and debates, one could not be blamed for believing that America is on the daily verge of annihilation at the hands of terrorists, or that our neighbors are secretly planning to set a mushroom cloud over the local high school swimming pool. The threat of terrorism — and discernment of an appropriate American response — has dominated the airwaves. In short, fear abounds. Jokes of dust tape and terror-alarm color schemes aside, the prominence in election discourse of the war on terror and the seemingly-connected war in Iraq is misguided. Further, the assumptions guiding America’s war on terror are flimsy and must change if there is to be hope for ending terrorism.

What is it exactly about terrorism that makes it such a political fascination? It certainly has not been its toll on human life. In 2001, terrorist attacks took the lives of approximately 3,000 U.S. citizens. Heart disease, linked to obesity, took the lives of over 700,000. According to these figures, it could be argued that our military would be more effective at protecting us if we were to build outposts in front of every McDonald’s in America in order to scare away customers than it is while attempting to take over small Middle Eastern nation-states (who, ironically, pose only minimal threat to our security).

In an even broader context, the violent death toll of Sept. 11 is happening every two days in the genocide of Western Sudan right now, and the global AIDS pandemic continues to grow rapidly, claiming almost a third of 3,000,000 African nations. In our own country, poverty is on the rise, health care on the fall and communities are breaking down. These issues are being placed on the back burner, to the detriment of people everywhere, while the so-called war on terror is unleshed around the world.

Clearly, terrorism’s prominence has not been due to its threat. Underlying the fear of this phenomenon in America is a more horrified realization that our security, or perhaps more accurately the facade of our security for, was shattered on Sept. 11.

Then, can we regain this sense of security? Fighting the phenomenon of terrorism should not merely consist of hunting down individuals who espouse violent anti-American sentiment. This approach is ultimately ineffective. Certainly, individuals who resort to acts of violence, especially against innocent life, should be held accountable, and force may be necessary to accomplish this. But until we destroy the incentives for individuals to resort to terrorism, we will never be secure. The consequences of the war in Iraq, namely a resurgence of global terrorist activity and anti-American sentiment, are enough proof of this.

The first questions we should have asked on Sept. 12, 2001 are not about who did it and how quickly we can destroy their lives, but are instead about why they did it and how we can combat the conditions — conditions that survive beyond individuals — that beget terrorist action. Many Islamic societies have legitimate grievances against the United States that are not being addressed, such as American policy in Israel, U.S. military bases in the Middle East and the war in Iraq.

More importantly, however, the deeper reality of a grossly unequal global order guarantees a perpetual state of violence against the oppressive power of America. This reality shows that our sense of security has always been a facade, based on our ability to take our wars to foreign soil, and to ensure that the reactions to our unjust policies never reach us here at home. Perpetuating injustice by the barrel of a gun can never produce sustainable security for Americans, or for that matter any human being. To maintain our security in the face of uncertainty, each one of us must take responsibility for our actions and our policies.

Say Why Not. We need to rethink the war on terror.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape 100 days of sorrow."

Chinese proverb
Display did not deserve vandalism

Who destroys 12-inch-tall, white crosses representing unborn life? Regardless of your opinion on abortion, it’s ignorant to vandalize a display. Are pro-choice individuals so selfish that they can’t respect lives, feelings and opinions of others? I shouldn’t ask that.

I’ll admit freshman year I was overwhelmed seeing crosses on South Quad. I hated it. It’s in your face and difficult to stomach, but shouldn’t we acknowledge this and think? It’s less than 48 hours a year, yet at least one coward found a need inside himself or herself to quench a peaceful display. I’d tolerate pro-choice demonstrations.

It’s obvious I’m anti-abortion. Still, I can’t comprehend this act of ripping crosses off the earth, shattering them and throwing broken pieces like trash. Crosses mark the Dome and ripped down Mary or painted over ground by college kids. But I don’t have the right to undermine the efforts of the Notre Dame community to condemn this act and think? It’s less than 48 hours a year, yet at least one coward found a need inside himself or herself to squelch a peaceful display. I’d tolerate pro-choice demonstrations.

Besides religious factors — ignoring the freedom of speech debate — those crosses explicitly symbolize life. Each cross represented lost life in a material way to pay tribute, like “God, Country, Notre Dame” over the Basilica’s side door or our own “Shrapnel” in memory of the fallen Notre Dame military family.

Maybe I’m taking this too seriously; they’re just little, white crosses stuck in the ground by college kids. But I don’t have the right to undermine the efforts of the many students who invested hours constructing and organizing the temporary memorial instead of studying, hanging out or sleeping. Nobody has a right to disrespect the display’s meaning, even if you disagree. This was no way to express distaste. The entire Notre Dame community should condemn this act and anybody with information should feel a responsibility to report it to Notre Dame Police.

Equipoise, for God’s sake, that Notre Dame Sexual Politics may not only拂harass drunken students at Reckers, but I’d love to find them someone to lecture on appropriate, adult behavior.

Dave Daley
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Letters to the Editor

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Actions speak louder than words

On Nov. 2, we all face a huge decision. Who do we want to lead our country? And on what do we base that decision? Sure, Senator John Kerry probably won the debate — he has been winning these things since his glory days on the Yale debate team. But this election is not about who looks best on television. This election is largely about what type of world our kids are going to live in. Voting is all we have to stop the phenomenon of our most recent presidential campaign. Kerry’s record on taxes is equally pitiful. In all, he has voted to raise taxes 379 times.

Senator Kerry, along with Senator John Edwards, are two of only four U.S. senators who voted for the Use of Force Resolution Against Iraq and against the $87 billion supplemental package (H. J. Res. 114, CQ Vote #237; Passed 77-23). He voted to authorize war, and then he denied our troops the body armor they need. It does not get more irresponsible than that. In response, Kerry said: “I apologize forcefully we are going to deal with the terrorists. It is about how much money your parents are going to pay in taxes. It is about the future taxes our country will take.” I propose that we look at Decision 2004 from a different standpoint. Let’s not look at what Kerry says he will do — let’s look at what he has done, consistently for two decades.

Kerry’s long voting record in the Senate needs to be looked at in a little closer. As a future officer in the U.S. Air Force, I know that I want my President’s number one priority to be giving the troops the equipment they need to win. Kerry has ever cast: He voted against the Defense Department funding by $6.5 billion. In 1997, Kerry voted “yea” to freeze defense spending for seven years (S. Con. Res. 13, Oct. 11, 181). Rejected 28-71. Kerry has voted to reduce and/or entirely kill the following systems: B-2 Spirit (Lightening II), M-1 Abrams Tank, F-15 Strike Eagle, PAJNIT Anti-Missile System, B-1-B and M-2 “B羊毛” Defense. He has also voted to cut funding for the CIA by 80 percent, the FBI by 60 percent and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration by 80 percent.

Then there is Kerry’s age. Time for a change.

Mike Kogowski
Kennon Hall
Oct. 10

Tom Ripplinger’s Oct. 6 encomium to the lobbying industry might have been subtitled: “If I say nice things about you, can I get a job in your moral vacuum next fall?” After making the quasi-paranoid suggestion that the undecided voter shouldn’t trust any candidate, their party, their ads or news, “Seeing beyond the ‘spin’” argues we should make our choice based on the special interests giving the candidates cash. After all, what is more unequivocal than money? Nothing. The anarcho-capitalist Ripplinger says: “Usually money is a more trustworthy measure of human intensions than word alone.” Hub? He then states, “the rich and taciturn more trustworthy than the poor but ver- poses” I submit there are several things less trustworthy than money. For most of us, it takes off in the morning for an early meeting with food and rent, promising to call. Sometimes, money runs off with politicians looking for lots and lots of friends and then we all relegate them as our representative. I’m not a negative type of guy, though. This is not a negative homework assignment: I saddled up on the money trail to see how candidates fund their campaigns. At first it was pretty frustrating: lobbyists represent everything that could possibly go wrong in United States democracy folded into one nasty diaper (Google: Congress + Speaker + Delay + lobby + indictment). They have something really interesting: the Kerry campaign had 750,000 “lobby- ists” who — with average pass-roots donations under $100 — broke multiple campaign fundraising records in the second quarter of 2004. Instead of taking our cash from big money, as Ripplinger’s cynical real politiquo suggests, maybe we could take a look at the hopeful news of unprecedented numbers of every-day people contributing small amounts?

Given such great news for democracy, why does Atlas’ shrug look so bitter and pessimistic? My guess is Ripplinger doesn’t like the way November looks for the GOP. One could hardly blame him: the Democratic base is unit- ed behind John Kerry and John Edwards like never before; new voters are registering in droves in states like Ohio and Pennsylvania; and “safe” Senate seat races are on track for November. Every month, I know the news is grim, but between the hopeful, unimpassioned voices more than ever, one can be hopeful. The wilderness of previous candidates is a world away — a world of hope where the candidates are more than just names and the candidates will really listen.

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Watch the money trail
Sound of Irish music

Eileen Ivers impressive on violin at Performing Arts Center, but Immigrant Soul less than effective

Left, Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul combine Irish music with other genres. Right, Ivers and the band in concert.

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

Friday night’s concert by Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul had high points, but was not a concert for musical purists.

The concert was also directed towards an older crowd than Notre Dame undergraduates and had a relatively low turnout of students.

Immigrant Soul’s performance showed just because something can be done does not mean it should be done, and that trying to modernize a traditional form of music will not always improve it. Irish music is not complicated compared to many styles of music, and adapting it for different instruments and ensembles is not difficult. However, the addition of instruments and styles not traditionally part of Irish music often distract from the performance more than they enhance the quality of the music. In the case of Immigrant Soul, the combination of several talented musicians did not help to highlight their musical skill.

Ivers’ performance on violin justified her reputation as an excellent fiddler.

She plays with feeling and energy, and captures lively Celtic dance tunes, mournful ballads and bluegrass tunes with equal skill. Ivers’ solo numbers were invariably emotional and enjoyable. Her playing pulled numbers by the entire band together and helped engage the audience in the music.

The attempt to blend blues, rock, Irish and other styles of music was less successful. Celtic music tends to have a simple rhythmic base provided by the bodhran, the only traditional percussion instrument used in Irish music. Drummers Adriano Santos and Tommy McDonnell tended to overwhelm Ivers’ playing at times, and made it difficult to hear James Riley on guitar. The bodhran is a low-toned instrument, and cymbals and chimes were particularly intrusive in the sound. Emmanuel Gatewood’s accompaniment on electric bass did not lack talent, but was also a jarring addition to the traditional Celtic sound.

The uilleann pipes, played by Ivan Goff, were particularly hard to hear. The Irish incarnation of the famous bagpipes are one of the most distinctive elements of Irish music, and it was unfortunate not to be able to hear more of them through the show.

McDonnell, who is also the lead singer and plays harmonica for the band, has been thoroughly steeped in blues during a career that has included performances with many blues greats such as B.B. King, James Brown and Eric Clapton. The singer did not bridge the gap into Celtic music especially well. His singing obviously stemmed from American styles of music and did not blend well with Irish music. His rapport with the crowd was also not especially engaging.

The group’s choice of music was moderately successful. A rendition of “Pachelbel’s Canon” was not an especially exciting choice for a widely renowned group, and the performance improved drastically when the group moved to a fiddle-based dance tune.

The band’s forays into bluegrass were more successful than their attempts at Irish music. Bluegrass is naturally suited to adjust well to a wider variety of musical instruments. The drum sets and occasional solos on harmonica were not as intrusive as in the old Irish tunes. The group’s final performance of “Let the Circle Be Unbroken” was one of the best and liveliest numbers in the show.

Ultimately, the former Riverdance fiddler was rightfully the reason most people probably came to the show. Unlike in the opening performance by Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, the headlining artist for the show was undoubtedly the most talented. The show would have been better if the audience had been able to concentrate more fully on Ivers’ excellent playing and on other traditional elements of Celtic music and less on the group’s attempts to modernize an ancient form of music. Although the group was enthusiastic and made a genuine effort to put on a good show, audiences would do better to see any of these musicians solo or with another ensemble than to see Immigrant Soul.

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Left, Ivers was the highlight of a mediocre show. Right, Immigrant Soul lead singer and harmonica player Tommy McDonnell has toured with blues legends like B.B. King and Eric Clapton.
Victorious, but not glorious

Notre Dame uses late spurt to beat Stanford

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

The scoreboard doesn’t care about style points, but Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham did not care on Saturday.

The Irish defense stood firm inside the red zone and Notre Dame scored three second half touchdowns — two coming from Ryan Grant — to grind out a sluggish 23-15 victory over Stanford.

The Irish started slowly and trailed 6-3 at halftime after a pair of first quarter field goals by Cardinal kicker Michael Sgroi. But coaching adjustments on both sides of the ball and a botched punt by Stanford (3-2) in the third quarter boosted the Irish 14-2 to their 80th win in the history of the program.

The opening half had the potential to be much worse for Notre Dame as Stanford quarterback Trent Edwards moved the Cardinal inside the Irish 10-yard line on their first two possessions. But the Irish defense stiffened up on third-and-goal both times to keep the Cardinal out of the end zone.

"What you have to do is find a way to make a play and that is what our defense has done," Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said. "Things went against them but before Stanford went into the end zone they found a way to make a stop."

"The bend but don’t break play of the Notre Dame defense was good enough to keep Willingham undefeated (3-0) in the third quarter boost the Irish defense stiffened up on third-and-goal both times to keep the Cardinal out of the end zone.

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The ‘bend but don’t break’ defense in the second half was the difference as Stanford’s J.R. Quinn went 14-27 for 150 yards. "The coaches kind of got after us at halftime. We just had to come out balling and show everyone what Notre Dame football is really all about," Willingham said.

Stanford looked poised to defeat the Irish in Notre Dame Stadium for the first time since 1992 when the Cardinal opened the second half with a 60-yard march on seven plays to kick a field goal and extend their lead to 9-3.

But a 43-yard pass from Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn to wide receiver Maurice Stovall on the ensuing drive jumpstarted the team and led to Grant’s first touchdown of the game.

"We really needed that play," Stovall said. "Our offense was a hole, we weren’t executing things, and we needed to get some yards and keep the defense off the field at the same time. We finished it off by scoring, and that’s what we needed to do."

The Irish momentum didn’t last long as Stanford’s J.R. Lemon plunged for a 1-yard touchdown to put the Cardinal ahead 13-2 and cap off a nine-play, 80-yard drive.

Two series later, the Irish were set to receive a Cardinal punt when Stanford punter Jay Ottovegio fumbled the long snap. Notre Dame defenders swarmed Ottovegio, and the punter whiffed while trying to kick.

Notre Dame took possession on the Stanford 27-yard line. The ensuing drive thrust the momentum right back into the Irish corner and energized the crowd of 80,795.

"It definitely added fire to our stadium," Irish tight end Eric Ebron said. "Our fans got a little more into it. That helped us get a little more energy than we had early on."

Seven plays later, Grant galloped three yards into the end zone for his second touchdown of the day. Quinn overthrew a Hail Mary pass that was batted down in the end zone as time expired.

Grant’s two scores highlight an Irish rushing game that had been almost non-existent last week against Purdue. Darius Walker carried 20 times for 89 yards while Grant had 19 carries for 69 yards, as the Irish rushed for 149 yards as a team.

"We knew we had to run the ball and that ended up being successful for us," offensive tackle Ryan Harris said.

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Irish incomplete in victory

On the scale of "good" wins, Notre Dame's victory against Stanford on Saturday ranks near the bottom. The Irish got the ultimate job done by winning. For that, the team and coaches should be congratulated.

But the road Notre Dame took en route to the 23-15 victory is a little unsettling. For yet another game, the Irish couldn't do what they must do with their upcoming schedule — start a game strong and finish it stronger. In a home game, with the sea of green students cheering them onto the field, in front of a nationally-televised audience on NBC, with so much at stake, off came the Pon, coming off an embarrassing home loss, Notre Dame started the game flatter than a pancake.

I will never understand how that can happen — ever. Does the team need more motivation than playing against a good Stanford team? How can the Irish not be excited to play at Notre Dame Stadium?

After this game, a disgruntled offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick was searching for answers as to why Notre Dame had little excitement. "If anybody knew what answer they'd probably be a genius," Diedrick said. "I have no idea. That's probably a very disappointing fact that, as a team, we've come out and not have a great deal of energy to start with." Linebacker Derek Curry wasn't sure. "I don't know," the senior said. "There are a lot of factors that go into it. I can't put my finger on it now. Probably after watching film it will be as clear as day. (After coming out flat) we just tried to raise the emotional level.

Against Stanford, Notre Dame got away with "picking up the energy" as the game progressed. They did a good job in the second half of taking control of the game and playing opportune football. They did what they wanted to do — win. Again, one cannot overlook that fact, and the team should be credited with finding a way to victory.

But in tough upcoming games against Navy, Boston College, Tennessee and Southern California, Notre Dame won't have the luxury of waiting until the second half to play its best football.

Consistently good teams know how to start and finish a game. The Irish have yet to master that concept this season. They were flat in the whole game against Brigham Young. They struggled with Michigan in the first half, trailing 9-0 at the break. They couldn't put away a less-talented Midshipman team and, after scoring Washington's defense for 31 first-half points, manage just one touchdown in the second half.

The Irish played Navy next week, a team that wants nothing more than to beat Notre Dame and end a 40-year losing streak. The Midshipmen, with two weeks to prepare, feel this is their year to upset the Irish. Starting with Navy, Notre Dame must bring its highest level of energy for every game. Los Angeles won the battle for Los Angeles, and the Irish will be ready.

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Irish offensive coordinator

Bowl Championship Series berth. They point to the five teams that made the BCS with two losses last season. They keep talking about their potential. They keep working towards their lofty goals this season.

But for any of those accomplishments to be possible, Notre Dame must start games strong and finish games stronger.

Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham knows this. "We were not playing in the manner that I think our football team should play," Willingham said. "For whatever reason we couldn't get it going. We were lucky enough in the second half, we were able to make some plays and put ourselves in good position but I'm still uncomfortable with how it came about."

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Grant, Stovall belong on the field

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

There's no room for Ryan Grant and Maurice Stovall on the sidelines. Due to nagging injuries, Grant and Stovall were restricted to the bench for much of the season. But after Saturday's game, it goes without saying the two belong on the field.

Grant chipped away at Stanford's first-half 6-3 lead, rushing for 67 yards and two touchdowns on 19 carries to spur the Irish on to a 23-15 victory. Coach Tyrone Willingham was quick to emphasize Grant's impact both on and off the field in Saturday's game.

"To have someone, it just multiplies your experience," Willingham said. "The things that young players haven't seen, he's seen. Having him back was a plus from a leadership standpoint and a performance standpoint."

After trailing the Cardinal late in the third quarter 15-10, Grant gave the Irish the lead for good by turning the ball off to Grant six times in seven plays before the senior snuck into the end zone for his second touchdown of the game.

Some might measure the team's success based on individual yardage and touchdowns, but not Grant. Saturday's game didn't tell the story of an injury-plagued-player-turned hero, but the story of a tenacious team.

"I like scoring, you know," Grant said. "But really, I'm just glad for the team. I think we dug deep today, and we've got a lot of heart on this team."

While Grant demonstrated his abilities as the linchpin of Saturday's running game, Stovall jumpedstarted the Irish passing game.

The wide receiver revitalized the Notre Dame offense after a lethargic first half, grabbing a 43-yard pass from Quinn to put the Irish in scoring position midway through the third quarter.

Grant rushed for one yard into the end zone to put the Irish ahead 10-9.

Willingham praised Stovall for completing a play that gave the offense much-needed momentum.

"You're looking for that play that gets you over the hump, that gets all the energy going," Willingham said. "It was nice to have [Stovall] back because I think he stepped up and helped us...not just with that reception. I think his attitude makes a difference when he's on the field with our football team.

Stovall caught three passes for 59 yards to lead the team. Grant said Saturday's game served as a sneak peak for what Stovall is capable of accomplishing this season after his injury.

"Maurice is getting better every day," Grant said. "I see him working hard and that's what it takes. Football is a sport where you're going to get hurt; that kind of stuff happens. I think he's doing a really good job of putting himself in the best position to get better."

Despite Saturday's individual and team successes, Grant and Stovall seemed unsettled and unhappy — as some reporters described their demeanor — following the game.

"It's not that we're not happy," Grant said. "But I don't think we worked as a team because we didn't perform the way that we wanted to all the way. We pulled out a win, and that's great, but we understand what we can do as a team and we haven't showed that yet."

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Collins becomes receiving threat

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Irish tight end Jerome Collins looks like he has finally found a position that suits his talent. After being a reserve linebacker the last five years, the fifth-year senior switched to tight end during spring practice. He flourished on Saturday, catching three passes while also recording two tackles on special teams.

"It felt really good to be involved in the win," he said.

Fitzpatrick's performance against Stanford and throughout the entire season.

"He has been almost spectacular," Willingham said. "He has really stepped up and given us honestly probably more than I thought he would. That has energized our PAT (point after try), our field goal team and our punting."

Fitzpatrick had six punts on the game and three times pinned the Cardinal inside their own 20-yard line. Stanford deep man D.J. Marrero averaged only 5.3 yards per return as Fitzpatrick's high, arcing punts gave the Irish coverage team time to sprint downhill and swarm Marrero before he could get anything going. With both offenses struggling, Fitzpatrick's punting was especially important in the field position battle. Notre Dame's average field position in the second half was the Irish 43, while Stanford's was the Cardinal 24.

The win column

Notre Dame added another figure to its thick record book as the Irish won the program's 500th game Saturday. The only school with more wins is the University of Michigan with 838.

Quinn shaken up

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn was shaken up on a play late in the fourth quarter, and backup quarterback Pat Dillingham came in for the last few snaps. Willingham made only vague comments on Quinn's condition.

"It was an illness at the end of the ballgame," Willingham said. A reporter then asked if Quinn got his bell rung. "I'd probably say it was a head that close to what happened," Willingham said.

Coaches said Quinn should be ready to start next week at Navy.

Underfed

Willingham improved to 3-0 against Stanford since he took the Farm for South Bend in 2002. Irish head coaches are now 17-1 against schools where they were formally the head coach, the only loss being the Dan Devine-led Irish against Missouri in 1972.

Captains

Gameaday captains were defensive end Kyle Budinscak, linebacker Mike Goolsby, running back Ryan Bergeron and wide receiver Rhema McKnight.

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Michael Sgroi 27-yard field goal with 9:45 remaining

Drive: 4 plays, 67 yards, 2:04 elapsed

Notre Dame 3, Stanford 0
Michael Sgroi 20-yard field goal with 5:22 remaining

Drive: 8 plays, 75 yards, 2:26 elapsed

Second quarter

Stanford 6, Notre Dame 3
D.J. Fitzpatrick 38-yard field goal with 12:14 remaining

Drive: 7 plays, 60 yards, 2:37 elapsed

Notre Dame 10, Stanford 9
Ryan Grant 1-yard run with 5:56 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick)

Drive: 13 plays, 73 yards, 6:27 elapsed

Stanford 15, Notre Dame 9
J.R. Lemon 1-yard run with 2:28 remaining (Goolsby kick)

Drive: 9 plays, 60 yards, 2:28 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 16, Stanford 15
Grant 3-yard run with 11:59 remaining (Brady Quinn pass kick)

Drive: 7 plays, 27 yards, 3:48 elapsed

Notre Dame 23, Stanford 15
Grant 2-yard run with 4:16 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick)

Drive: 6 plays, 47 yards, 2:17 elapsed

Tight end Billy Palmer celebrates in the background as Ryan Grant tumbles into the end zone for his first touchdown in the third quarter.

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A WIN IS A WIN

Notre Dame came out flat against Stanford in its third straight home game.

The Irish struggled in a low-scoring first half and could not mount much offense at first. But the defense played to its "bend but don't break" nature and held Stanford to three field goals on its first three scoring drives. Though Brady Quinn did not find many open receivers, Ryan Grant and Darius Walker helped move the ball with a solid running game and Quinn made the necessary plays to be effective. The Irish escaped Notre Dame Stadium with a 4-2 record and are poised to travel east and face Navy next Saturday.
The Diary of Gideon

MTV personality and news correspondent Gideon Yago speaks at Washington Hall about his travels

By MOLLY GRiffin AND KATIE PERRY
Scene Writer

Sporting his signature wire-rimmed glasses and five o'clock shadow, MTV News correspondent Gideon Yago spoke Sunday night at Washington Hall, and never once talked about Courtney Love in concert, Britney Spears' marriages or the status of the new U2 album.

Yago surpassed the expected hunter of an MTV personality and gave an informed and interesting talk about his experiences and evolution as a journalist for a youth-oriented network. His experiences on the 2000 campaign trail, in New York on 9/11 and in the pre-war and current-day Middle East gave him perspectives on the media and the realm of global events that belies the fact he is only 26 years old.

Answering the question that was on the lips of every unemployed college student, Yago informed the crowd he got his job at MTV because he mistakenly thought he was applying to be on a game show. He actually applied for an experiment that MTV was running for the 2000 campaign in which they would choose six college students to go around the country and make tapes about the experiences of various people around the nation.

He submitted a tape documenting a young Ku Klux Klan member going to his first rally in New York, which was actually the first rally that the city had allowed for years, and revealed both how Yago and the city itself reacted to the gathering. MTV chose his submission, and he followed the John McCain and George Bush groups on the campaign trail during the Republican primaries in 2000.

While MTV's overall credibility on political issues was lowered by anti-intellectual shows such as Jackass, opportunities for the ambitious new VJ materialized when the channel's chief demographic began displaying a greater salience of global issues.

"MTV was changing because [America's youth] was changing in response to 9/11," Yago said.

Knowing the campaign season was only temporary, Yago believed he was going to be fired after one of MTV's major award shows. Then the unexpected happened in New York City. Yago was evacuated from a subway after the Sept. 11 attacks, and he had luckily brought a small, digital camcorder in his backpack with which he captured much of the action. In the wake of the attacks, Yago kept busy with various news shows, segments known as "What's Going On?" which defined various terms such as "jihad" that related to the attacks and captured the reaction of the Muslim community to the events.

One of the main thrusts of Yago's talk was the difference between the pre- and post-Sept. 11 attitudes of the media and especially among MTV viewers. According to polls taken by the network, younger viewers were especially concerned with global issues following the attacks - a marked difference from the domestic issues that normally dominated their concerns. This was a unique change in the attitudes of America's youth, and it offered a unique potential for dialogue and different paradigms of thought.

Sept. 11 forced Americans to assume a more global perspective, but the narrower and more naziistic pre-Sept. 11 attitude is slowly creeping back, particularly in the upcoming election.

Very much aware of his own responsibility, Yago set out to address a population of young people who had been, in his opinion, largely ignored by the mainstream media outlets.

"I tried to provide context in mass media for a youth who were disinterested or unconcerned with current events," Yago said.

The trip Yago took to Kuwait City was originally supposed to center on three shows, which were variations of MTV's popular programs. One show was supposed to center on Kuwaiti youth going to the opening of a Virgin Megastore, the other was supposed to be like the show "Cribs" in a military barracks and the last was supposed to be the reaction of American GIs to the new 50 Cent album. The threat of war in the Middle East changed the thrust of the shows, and they developed into more serious journalistic pieces.

Following his trip to Kuwait, Yago pressed his producers to allow him to go to Iraq to get perspective on the nation following the onset of the American war. He was eventually allowed to go, and he came back with unique experiences and views. He initially talked about the difficulties that Westerners face getting through airport security in the Middle East and the eerie feeling of having to drive through vast desert areas at 120 mph because of the fear of looters.

Yago showed clips from "The Diary of Gideon in Iraq" that chronicled his trip. He shot 55 hours of footage that was eventually edited to a 22-minute segment.

The show focused on young Iraqis and their opinions about Americans after the invasion. Most of them had been sympathetic toward America in the beginning, but after the troops allowed chaos and lawlessness to reign in the land, they began to lose faith. Yago expressed a desire to return to the area for their elections in January.

Yago answered questions at the end of the talk. He told the crowd that he had no journalistic experience prior to MTV, save writing for the skater magazine "666" in high school. He also said that another area he wished to visit was Sudan, and that he was a registered Republican in 2000 and an independent now. Someone also asked if MTV tells him what to wear - and the answer was no.

A reception followed the talk for anyone who wanted to ask the news anchor any questions in a more intimate setting.

With the impending election only weeks away, Yago urged students to look beyond the "rhetorical noise" of the candidates and their domesticated outlook on world affairs.

"Be willing to assess things from the other side, any side, all sides," Yago said. Seeing others' point of view is the key for positive change in the right direction.

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Sooner blank Texas, continue dominance

Oklahoma's Adrian Petran ran for 225 yards in Saturday's 12-0 win over the University of Texas. Oklahoma has won the previous five games against the Longhorns, and is ranked second in the country. It was the first time Texas was shutout in 24 years.

MLB
Caminiti dies at age 41 after heart attack

Caminiti died of a heart attack in the Bronx, said his agent-lawyer Rick Licht. The city medical examiner's office said an autopsy would be performed Monday, spokeswoman Ellen Horakova said.

Oklahoma City's Dave Rimington told reporters, "I'm still in shock," San Diego Padres general manager Kevin Towers said. "He was one of my favorite all-time players."
The three-time All-Star third baseman often was in trouble the last few years. His 15-year big league career ended in 2001, five seasons after he led the Padres to a division title and was a unanimous pick for MVP. Just last Tuesday, he admitted in a Houston court that he violated his probation by testing positive for cocaine last month, and was sentenced to 180 days in jail.

But state District Judge William Harmon gave Caminiti credit for the 189 days he already served in jail and a treatment facility since he was sentenced to three years probation for a cocaine arrest in March 2001.

In May 2002, Caminiti told Sports Illustrated that he used steroids during his MVP season, when he hit a career-high .326 with 40 home runs and 130 RBIs. He estimated half the players in the big leagues were also using them.

Caminiti returned to baseball this year as a spring training instructor with San Diego.

"When I saw him in spring training, he didn't look good," Towers said. "I'm not surprised." "The best way to describe him is that he was a warrior in every sense of the word. I can't tell you how many times I remember him hobbling into the manager's office, barely able to walk, and saying, 'Coach, I'm getting better.'

Licht said Caminiti was in New York this past weekend to help a friend, but did not go into detail.

"Man, that's just a tough one. I played with him for eight years," Dodgers outfielder Steve Finley said Sunday night, learning of Caminiti's death after St. Louis eliminated Los Angeles from the playoffs.

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**Rams knock off Seahawks in overtime**

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Marc Bulger was at his best when his teammates needed him most.

Bulger threw a 52-yard touchdown pass to Tiki Barber after a slow start, and the St. Louis Rams rallied from a 10-0 deficit to beat the Seattle Seahawks 26-10 on Sunday.

"I wish I had some bubbling," receiver Torry Holt said. "As a team, we should feel good about it.

The Rams (3-2) ended Seattle's 10-game home winning streak, with Bulger leading a 17-point rally by throwing two TD passes in the fourth quarter. Jeff Wilkins kicked a 36-yard field goal with 8 seconds left, forcing overtime.

"This team never quits," Bulger said. "We have guys who have been in that situation before, and they know not to quit. They play to the very last second.

The Seahawks (3-2), trying to open 4-0 for the first time ever, had things in control, leading 24-10 at halftime and 27-17 at the end of the third quarter. They came apart when Bulger took over.

"It's a tough way to lose," Seattle coach Mike Holmgren said. "It's a tough way to lose. When you lose a game like that, we were on track to win in the first half, we were average to below average in the second half. Give St. Louis credit. They were in it there.

Bulger threw three interceptions before St. Louis rallied, finally got started midway through the fourth quarter and pulled to 27-17 with 5:34 remaining when he threw an 8-yard TD pass to Brannon Colvin.

"It was a perfect pass," Curtis Holt said. "He was throwing a long route and we had good protection up front. He gave me a great ball.

**Giants, Cowboys 10-7**

The New York Giants aren't just winning. They're doing the kind of things winning teams do.

Like making a stand on fourth-and-1 deep in their own territory, then again at midfield in the fourth quarter. Like using a driving, 12-play, 70-yard touchdown drive finally as a springboard to the go-ahead touchdown. And not giving up on Tik Barber after a slow start, leading to a 58-yard run on that drive.

Barber finished with 122 yards rushing and a touchdown and New York featured four field goals, lifting the Giants past the Dallas Cowboys 26-10 Sunday. New York's fourth win, all in a row since losing its opener.

The significant part is that the Rams won only four games last season, so this sends them into their bye week with something to celebrate.

That is, if tough-to-please coach Tom Coughlin lets them.

"It's nice to be where we are, but we haven't done anything yet," Barber said. "We just have to continue to improve and make strides.

Bulger's game-winning drive began as the clock expired in the fourth quarter. Coughlin ran to shake hands with Cowboys coach Bill Parcells, his former boss, and passed the 396 mess.

This was Coughlin's second win against the Cowboys (2-2) players had better.

**Vikings 34, Texans 28**

The crowd roared, David Carr threw four touchdown passes and the Houston Texans had just forced the game into overtime by rallying from a 21-point deficit.

Then Daunte Culpepper frothed a perfect spiral, a streaking Marcus Robinson and just like that the comeback was over and the Minnesota Vikings had escaped with a 34-28 win.

Culpepper's fifth touchdown pass was one of three completions on the Vikings' second possession in overtime, allowing Minnesota to win after Carr and John gave the Texans on an electrifying 91-yard touchdown.

"We had to fight to 60 minutes," said Culpepper, who completed 28 of 43 passes and passed the 396 mark. "It's a great win.

It was nearly a disaster for Minnesota (3-1).

The Vikings led 21-0 in the third quarter and 28-14 into the fourth before the Texans (2-3) recovered and sent it into overtime. Carr hit Tight End D.J. Johnson, a 22-year-old with 1:53 to play, tied it at 28.

But while the Texans proved they're never out of any game, the Vikings showed them just how close one can come.

Starting at their own 19, the Vikings moved and were in field goal range with three plays. On first down, Culpepper found Robinson get a step on a defender and hit him perfectly in stride. He dropped it.

Two plays later, Culpepper went right back to him on third-and-12. Robinson split the deep coverage and Culpepper delivered another perfect strike.

Robinson hung on this time, racing all by himself the last 15 yards to set up the winning field goal.

"I was still upset about the drop," Robinson said. "When it was still in the air, I was thinking I was catching this ball and then whatever happens, happens.

Culpepper said it was an easy choice. The Texans had Randy Moss at double coverage, leaving Robinson wide open. Moss had already caught two touchdowns, including a 60-yarder in the fourth quarter.

Then Parcells blamed himself for the failed fourth-down attempts, although he added he wouldn't have needed to try catching the ball.

Dallas (2-2) players had better.

**Lions 17, Falcons 10**

Michael Vick is still trying to get his S.F. answer.

Steve Christie returned a kickoff 50-yarder for a touchdown and the Atlanta Falcons fell to 0-5.

"It's not as bad as in the past," Vick said. "I don't care what happened in the past.

"We've got to go out there and kick it like you're kicking a ball in your back yard," Brian said. "I knew it hit true. It just seemed like it hung up there for 5 seconds.

"Buffalo had one final chance from its 48 with 2 seconds left, but Drew Bledsoe was intercepted by Terrell Buckley near the goal line.

"The Bills have lost three times by three points or less. They were pointed to win this one, and it all started after Jeff (Peyton) drew a 14-yard pass to Patellar in early.

"Buffalo quickly converted. Willis McGahee had a 21-yard run on third-down from the Jets' 37, and the Bills scored on the next play. It was a 16-yard pass to Mark Campbell.

"Buffalo led the pack when Jeff drew a pass from Lee Evans on a 46-yard touchdown pass with 5:38 remaining. Coach (Bill) Parcells said the team around late in the third quarter and shut them out for their inconsistency.

Travis Henry said it worked.

"He got everybody up," Henry said. "He told us we were still in the game. It was effective. He got us together and guys stepped up and held their ground.

"We weren't surprised. We've done finished 16-10 for 197 yards.

Henry, who usually gives the Jets fits, had 12 carries for 33 yards and was limited in the second half with a sore shoulder. Vick alone had eight carries for 42 yards.

**Patriots 24, Dolphins 10**

The Patriots trailed 24-10 before reaching the New England 1-yard line on their last series. But quarterback Jay Fiedler hurt his ribs and back on a 12-yard sack and, two plays later, A.J. Feeley suffered a concussion as he threw a fourth-down incompletion and was hit by Rosevelt Colvin.

This Miami team is nothing like the one that went to three Super Bowls and won their opener in 1973.

As a player, you don't think about nothing but doing," Miami defensive end Jason Taylor said. "We've got our own things to worry about.

The Dolphins fell to 0-5, matching their worst start as an expansion franchise in 1966, when they went six games.

New England, which can catch its franchise best 1-0 start next Sunday, had shared the 18-game record with Chicago in 1933-34 and again in 1941-42. Miami in 1972-73, San Francisco in 1989-

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Associated Press

**HOUSTON** — John Smoltz, Adam LaRoche and J.D. Drew saved the Atlanta Braves from another quick playoff exit.

The Braves pounced on Houston's bullpen as soon as Roger Clemens was gone, rallying from a 3-run deficit for a 6-5 victory Sunday that tied the best-of-five NL series at two games apiece.

LaRoche hit a towering fly leading off the third game. When Davenport hurt her heavily taped thigh over the course of the series back to Atlanta for Game 5 on Monday.

"We got to go back home and the plane ride's a lot easier," Smoltz said.

"We worked very hard to get home-field advantage and we need to take care of it. I feel like we got a break today,"

Working on short rest himself, Clemens left after five innings with a 5-2 lead, but the Braves rallied to snap Houston's 19-game home winning streak. It was another wrenching postseason loss for the Astros, still looking to win a playoff series for the first time in their 43-season history.

Jeff Suppan settled down after a shaky start, Pujols hit a tiebreaking, three-run homer off former Wilson Alvarez in the fourth inning and the Cardinals kept the Dodgers searching for their first postseason series victory since winning the 1988 World Series.

St. Louis, a major league best 105-57 during the regular season, starts the NLCS at home Wednesday against the winner of Monday night's fifth game between Atlanta and Houston. The Cardinals are trying to become the first team with the top regular-season record to win the World Series since 1998 New York Yankees.

As Pujols' towering fly ball sailed just over left fielder Jayson Werth into the lower left field stands, the raucous crowd of 47,422, the loudest crowd in Dodger Stadium history — went silent.

**Davenport wins Porsche Grand Prix over No. 1**

PILDBERGSTADT, Germany — Lindsay Davenport won her fourth Grand Prix title of the year by defeating top-ranked Amelie Mauresmo 6-3, 6-1 Sunday.

Davenport captured this No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown for her tour-high fourth title of the year and 45th of her career.

"It's just a bad feeling — there's not a whole lot of joy in winning like this," Davenport said.

"We played much too many tough games, the first game, then her leg started bothering her."

Mauresmo will undergo tests to see if she can play in next week's Kremlin Cup. If the Frenchwoman withdraws, Davenport needs to win just one match to gain the top spot.

Davenport trails Mauresmo in the WTA rankings by just 15 points.

Davenport won the first set 6-2 before Mauresmo withdrew because her heavily taped thigh hampered her movement. Mauresmo was hurt in the third game when Davenport broke serve to lead 2-1. After the next game, she left the court to have her thigh taped and was unable to chase down the American's shots the rest of the set.

"I am a little disappointed because I think we would have played a great match," said Mauresmo, who was going for her fourth title of the season in the third game.

Mauresmo made it clear all week how much she wanted to keep the top ranking while Davenport minimized the importance of becoming No. 1 a fifth time.

Mauresmo earned $53,000.

**College hockey benefits from NHL lockout**

DENVER — Long played under the radar in big-time pro sports towns like Denver, college hockey is enjoying a coming-out-of-sorts this fall, thanks largely to the NHL lockout that has transformed the college game into the only game in town.

DU got doubly lucky, because it has the city's undivided hockey attention in this, the season after its first national championship since 1969.

There's been a 30 percent increase in season-ticket sales from last year to this. Marketing director David Madsen said 28 percent of the gain came in the summer, while the glow of the national championship was still bright.

"It was the perfect opportunity to take advantage of Sept. 15, the week of the NFL lockout," said Madsen.

That week also brought about something few ever thought they'd see — a handful of players from the Colorado Avalanche working out with the college guys at DU. The Pioneers may not have been the kind of savior to keep the star players at the schools, but with the lockout on, their choices were limited.
SMC GOLF

Belles earn third straight title

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Persistence and consistency characterized the Belles' performance this weekend, as they secured their third consecutive MIAA conference win.

Saint Mary's, nationally ranked at No. 4, finished the conference tournament with 652 strokes. Rival Olivet, who was expected to provide the most threat to the conference title, finished with 675 strokes.

The Belles also collected a number of individual accolades. Junior Julia Adams and seniors Stefanie Simonmer and Chrissy Dunham earned spots on the all-MIAA first team, while juniors Megan Mattia and Natalie Bellelli were named to the all-MIAA second team. Adams led the team as medalist of the John Dallio Invitational two weeks ago, and Gifford tying for fifth in his second individual event.

Although the Belles entered the weekend with a 47-stroke lead, the competition was anything easy. Friday afternoon's round brought strong winds and rain for some portions of the tournament. On Saturday, weather conditions hadn't improved much, as the previous night's rain made for a soggy course.

"It was windy all weekend," Simonner said. "You had to use a one club no matter which way you played the hole."

Dunham said the team's doggedness and can-do attitude despite the conditions showed just how much potential the team possesses. "I think it's a reflection of our dedication and the hard work each team member has put in over the course of the season," Dunham said. "Winning conference was important for us because it gives us momentum for the spring so we can realize our goals and win the NCAA Championship."

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Ireland to travel to E. Illinois Invite

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Five members of the Irish golf team will travel to Tuscola, Ill., to compete in the Eastern Illinois Invitational over the next two days. The team was chosen to compete, with a place limit on the amount of competition days each team can have. The five players will be competing as individuals, and, as such, Notre Dame will not be represented at the event.

Events like this, often dubbed "JV tournaments" by the team, help give experience to young or struggling players who may not often represent the Irish in official events.

"These guys most likely won't compete in the last two events of the fall season, but they're trying to get themselves ready for a spot in the spring," said assistant coach Chris Whitten, who will coach the team today and Tuesday.

Leading the delegation on the team are seniors K.C. Martinez and Steve Colton. Whissen, a team co-captain, will be competing in his second individual event, after playing in the Earl K. White Classic last week. Both seniors hope to get good rounds to position themselves to compete for the individual championships.

Junior Federico Salazar and sophomore Adam Gifford will also be taking the bus to Tuscola. Both will be competing in their second events, with Salazar coming off of a 2nd place finish at the John Dallio Invitational two weeks ago, and Gifford tying for 17th in the same event.

Rounding out the group will be sophomore Adam Hoyer. Hoyer, a transfer from the University of Florida, just received a roster spot last week after trying out and practicing with the Irish for the course of the semester.

Although he may not play much for the Irish team this season, Whitten hopes he still may be able to provide some kind of spark.

"We're impressed with the confidence he brings to the table. He's very intense on the golf course and gets everything out of his game," Whitten said of Hoyer.

The players will have to deal with some different weather conditions at the Invitational. The course is laid over a very open stretch of land, and the wind is going to affect play on both days.

"The weather is going to be an important factor," Whitten said. "It's going to be really windy, and we have to have control of our shots."

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Yanks, Red Sox meet in the ALCS yet again

NEW YORK — From the instant Aaron Boone’s home run cleared the left-field wall last October, the Yankees and Red Sox have been using each other as the meat of the main course.

The tug-of-war over Alex Rodriguez, the sniping between owners, the on-field fighting and the off-field posturing. If not inevitable, a rematch seemed fated.

And come Tuesday night, the players, the fans and the sponsors get what they want: New York and Boston, fighting for the AL pennant again.

"Clash of the titans for the pennant," Boone said Sunday. "I think a lot of people wanted to see this. I’m looking forward to following it again."

The rivalry brings out the best and worst, on the field and off, leaving baseball’s biggest spenders fixated on each other above all else — that’s why Pedro Martinez proclaimed after losing to New York last month, "I call the Yankees my daddy. I can’t find a way to beat them at this point."

Unless they were in the same ballpark, games were merely preludes or postscripts this year. New York’s 3-1 win over the Twins to open the playoffs merely a tease, Boston’s three-game sweep of the Angels an appetizer before the meat of the main course.

In the long run, Derek Jeter’s flying dive into the stands to grab Trot Nixon’s popup on July 1 and Nomar Garciaparra’s no-show that night will be remembered far longer than either first-round series.

"If not now, then when?" Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein said Sunday at Fenway Park.

"I don’t think anyone is thrilled. They’ve never had such great p.r. for a guy playing off his players’ nickname for themselves. "Now that it’s here, we can admit that if we’re able to win a World Series and go through New York along the way, it will mean that much more."

Last fall’s seven-game classic, capped by Jeter’s 11th-inning homer off Tim Wakefield, has been replayed in New York more often than any sitcom. Boston, which watched Pedro Martinez strike out 12 in the fourth inning and a 2-5 advantage in the eighth, fired manager Grady Little, the architect of the Red Sox, with Terry Francona.

Red Sox fans could only take solace that the Yankees were so spent they lost 4-2 to Florida in the World Series.

Even this year, the Yankees got so juiced up during their three-game sweep of Boston at midst season, they staged themselves into Shea Stadium and got swept three straight by the lowly Mets.

Since last fall, Boston added the Curtis Granderson and Keith Foulke, then jettisoned Garciaparra at the trade deadline. New York brought in A-Rod, Gary Sheffield and Kevin Brown, among others.

Rodriguez has been at the center. The first spring training meeting of the teams after the AL MVP was traded from Texas to New York was hyped to an absurd level. There were commemorative pins and "Evil Empire" T-shirts being sold that afternoon at City of Palms Park.

When A-Rod went 1-for-17 in a four-game series at Fenway Park, New York fans questioned his fortitude. The Red Sox started 6-1 against the Yankees for the first time since 1913.

But that was April. In Boston and New York, the important moment is now — the last year the Red Sox won the World Series. Boston sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees a year later, and since then New York has 26 World Series titles to zero for Boston.

In July, with the Yankees leading 9-4 in the 6th, they were on route to their seventh straight AL East title. This time, the oddsmakers had the mid-dle of the latest New York-Boston brawl, sparked when catcher Jason Varitek left in the 9th inning after Bronson Arroyo plunked A-Rod with a pitch.
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Belles defeat Albion 8-0

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Editor

After numerous tries throughout the season, the Belles have finally broken open the flood gates.

After setting a season high for goals four days earlier in a 8-1 win over Tri-State University, Saint Mary's matched that feat and was impressive again in a 8-0 shutout of Adrian College.

"The last two games we've played in, we've been able to score a lot of goals, and finding the net like that is always good to help us build more confidence for our upcoming games," sophomore midfielder Ashley Hinton said.

"Throughout the season, we've had a lot of opportunities to score, but we could never capitalize. Recently, we've been able to work the ball in the back of the net more frequently." Hinton certainly did her part to help the offense on Saturday, scoring two quick goals in the first ten minutes to put the Belles ahead, and then adding a third later in the game off of a diving header. The hat trick against Adrian made five goals in the two games this week for Hinton, and she was rewarded for her efforts afterwards when the MIAA named her Offensive player of the Week.

"Ashley played an excellent game," sophomore Carolyn Logan said. "She got inspired, stepped up her work ethic and level of play, and took advantage of what she could do on the field." Hinton wasn't the only one who was able to exploit the Adrian defense. Senior captain Jen Concannon followed her goal against Tri-State with two more Saturday, moving her into fifth place in goals scored in the conference. The Belles also got goals from McKenna Keenan, Carrie Orr and Emily Wagener.

"We've gained a lot more confidence in our offense," Logan said. "The scoring is spread around because a lot of people have stepped it up. It's good to know our offense isn't completely dependent on one or two people.

Along with increased scoring, the Belles have been playing significantly stronger soccer since its loss to Olivet two weeks ago.

"We definitely picked up some momentum after the Olivet game; each game matters, and if you want the outcome, you have to play for it on the field," Hinton said. "We realized after the Olivet game how easily we can hit a bump in the road, and we're really picked ourselves up from that game and moved on."

The Belles were able to benefit from having back-to-back games at home this week, including the first game at home on a Saturday all year.

Throughout this year, we've struggled with Saturday games because they were always away games," Hinton said. "There was a lot of fan support; it was really just a fun day in general."

Thanks to the large number of families in town for the weekend, the crowd was even larger than usual.

"It was really great because we had a large crowd watching us, it felt good to play at home on a Saturday," Logan said. "I think there's a big advantage to playing at home. We have the crowd in our favor, and we don't have to deal with the long traveling time to the opponent's field. We just think to ourselves, 'We won't let anyone beat us on our field.'"

Although the win was important for the Belles, they now turn their attention to the game coming Wednesday against Kalamazoo.

"After a game like this, we're proud of our effort, but we're more focused on the Kalamazoo game than celebrating," Logan said. "We want to put the first half of the season behind us, both wins and losses, and play like this was a brand new season. We're going to focus and try our best to improve on problems from before so that we can play the best soccer that we can."

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS
Thompsons fall just short in final

Sophomore twins lose in final game of collegiate grand slam tournament

Associated Press

PACIFIC PALISADES, Calif. — Sophomore twins Christian Thompson and Catrina Thompson, the seventh-ranked doubles team in college tennis, fell just shy of delivering Notre Dame’s first ever collegiate grand slam championship.

The Thompsons — who topped the No. 6, No. 1 and No. 11 teams on route to the final over the previous three days — are the second set of twins ever to reach the final of a collegiate grand slam event.

The Las Vegas natives were playing in just their second grand slam tournament.

They were the first all-freshman team in Division I since 1998 to earn a berth in the NCAA Tournament, reaching the round of 16 in May before falling in three sets.

The All-American Championships, the National Inter-Collegiate Indoor Champion­ships to which the Thompsons have earned an academic bid into the 16-team main draw, and the year-end NCAA Championships are college tennis’ three national championship events.

The other leg of the collegiate grand slam, the T. Rowe Price National Clay Court Championships, was discontinued prior to the 2002-03 season.

The Riviera/ITA Women’s All-American Championships date back to 1983 and are the Riviera Tennis Club has played host to the event since 1988.
Belles fall victim to stronger Calvin

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

Calvin College showed why it is second in the conference as it picked apart the Belles on Friday afternoon. The Knights improved to 10-1 in conference play, 15-5 overall with a victory over the Belles that swept the Belles. The loss dropped Saint Mary's to 4-7 in the MIAA and 4-10 on the season.

The Belles played a strong first game against Calvin and just barely missed taking the early lead, ultimately losing 30-28. However, things quickly turned around for Saint Mary's in the second game as mistakes proved to be very costly. They played poorly around the court that much offense and defense and allowed their opponent to take advantage of these opportunities.

The Knights held the Belles scoreless for 10-1 and Calvin clinched the sweep by winning the third game 30-28. Over the Belles hold their own against one of the best in the league. Aside from a dismal second game, the Belles were within striking distance in the other two games. But once again, mental errors proved too much to overcome for the Belles.

"We played pretty well, especially in the first and third games," Elise Rupricht said. "But there were a lot of mistakes in the second game, and we felt apart." In the match, Anne Cusack continued to dominate on defense as she registered 19 digs. Rupricht and Michelle Gary each ended the match with seven kills apiece on offense. Michelle Turville provided 13 kills and eight digs in the contest. Senior Stacy Stark added five kills of her own against the Knights.

This marked the second of five consecutive road games for the Belles, as well as their second loss in a row.

"All our home games are done for the most part," Rupricht said. "We are used to traveling from the way our schedule has been and it really hasn't affected us much.

Even with the loss, the Belles can still walk away with the feeling that they can compete with any team in the league if they stick to their game. But Saint Mary's can't afford to let mental mistakes hinder its play as the tournament begins.

Saint Mary's will travel to Tri-State University on Tuesday to take on the Thunder at 7 p.m. This should be a good opportunity for the Belles to get back on track as Tri-State has yet to win a single conference match this year.

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SMC VOLEYBALL

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Team finishes fifth at the Eagle Invitational

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Ashley Tarutis and junior Kelly Burrell posted 27 and 18 assists respectively. Senior Kelly Iverson and freshman Atrinna Stasiuk chipped in nine kills each and junior Carolyn Loring had five kills and 33 assists on setting.

On the defensive end, the Irish limited Rutgers to a 2-1-0 overall record and scored 100 points scoring 10 goals, with the game featuring 27 goals in all, with 11 goals on the team's seventh shutout this season.

The Irish thrived on the momentum they gained from the Rutgers match, defeating Seton Hall (6-14) 4-1 in four sets. Lenic's 37-dig effort broke a 12-year-old school record during Sunday's match, while Kelbely excelled offensively with 25 kills. Kelbely's contributions made her the first Irish player in almost four years to garner 25 kills in a match.

"Meg did an amazing job against Seton Hall," Brewster said. "That's why we have her at libero—because she's so amazing in the back row. She can see where the hitters are going to be when she's out of her position on the court and she adjusts for that."

Stasiuk continued to impress her coaches and teammates defensively, notching 14 digs. Setters Tarutis and Burrell also shined, leading the Irish to 17 more kills per game and a .340 hitting percentage. Tarutis recorded 46 assists and Burrell registered 16. Cooper led the team in blocks, having a hand in five of the team's 11 blocks, while Brewster recorded four blocks.

Seton Hall threatened Notre Dame's win in the first game, leading 24-23 before the Irish claimed seven of the next points to complete the game. In the third game, Seton Hall collected their first victory against Notre Dame in the 29 games they had played over 10 matches. The game included 13 ties, but after the Irish tied the score at 24-24, Seton Hall claimed the lead again and never looked back. Although the fourth game looked to be equally challenging for both teams, the Irish maintained their lead after pulling ahead 5-4. Notre Dame continued to widen their margin of victory until they finished Seton Hall with a seven point lead.

The Irish take the court again, facing Illinois State on Wednesday at the Joyce Center.

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The Hoyas dealt the first blow by scoring with less than four minutes remaining in the half. But the Irish answered back right when Cassidy tallied the game's 59 seconds later when she put a pass from Maggie Manning over Georgetown goalkeeper Jade Higgins and into the top of the net. Notre Dame had its opportunities in the second half, but still could not manage a goal. The game looked as though it might head into overtime until Buczkowski put a feed from Janicia Tjader inside the left post to put the Irish ahead 2-1.

"Janicia played a great ball through and we wanted to take a good touch towards goal and then get it on frame," Buczkowski said. On Friday, the Irish got just what they expected from Villanova, a defensive struggle. It took a perfectly placed shot from Cinalli in the middle of the first half to beat Wildcat goalkeeper Jillian Louden. "She scored a world-class goal," Weinberg said. "It was an absolute shot and she stuck it right in the top corner."

Irish goalkeeper Erika Bolin provided ample support, posting the team's seventh shutout this season. The two bright spots on the weekend were the performances of Cinalli and Bolin. With her pair of goals, Cinalli now has seven this season, good for the second-highest total on the team.

"With the [team] movement of the ball, they set me up for great opportunities so I don't do a lot of the work," she said. "She's just a highly competitive kid," Waldrum said of his star freshman. "If we can get her to go to the goal a little more and take advantage of shooting opportunities, we'd like to see her get better." This weekend, Waldrum was also looking at one of his three goalkeepers to establish herself worthy of the starting role for the remainder of the season. Bolin's play this weekend may have earned her that distinction.

"She played very well against Villanova and [against Georgetown] the goal that was scored was not her fault," Waldrum said. "She had a very good weekend." Though he doesn't think the Irish have found their best form, he can still see signs of improvement. "As young as we are, we're still continuing to learn how to handle these kind of situations," he said. "We lost the game up here two years ago and this year, to do it again, I hope it's a sign we're growing a little bit." Contact Matt Moneeny at mmoneeny@nd.edu

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Nine of their ten goals are exactly the same, and that's a pretty nice deal." On the 5-on-3, the hesitant nature always comes from trying to make the perfect play. "It's okay to score ugly goals and we're going to have to do that this year," Waldrum said. Despite Minnesota-Duluth's experienced lineup and four goals in the third period. the Irish penalty kill still did an admirable job, holding the Bulldogs to 1-for-8 on their own power play Friday night and a total killing rate of 2-for-20 in the series.

Forward Matt Amado gave the Irish a lead early on with a power play goal, but Notre Dame stymied continuously by Minnesota-Duluth goalie Josh Johnson and was unable to increase its one-goal advantage. Perhaps Johnson's biggest save came in the second period with the score 2-1 in favor of the Bulldogs, when he robbed Mike Walko's point-blank shot from the crease with a stunning save.

"I didn't think we were really sharp from the first touch of the puck," Poulin said. "I don't know whether it's the mental side that leads to the physical side not being there. Even the focus from last night wasn't there, and we shot wide and missed shots too often, and the times we did get the puck on net their goalie was there to make a great save.

Poulin also elected to change his goalie from Thursday's game against the Fighting Irish. David Brown in net instead of Morgan Cey. Brown made 28 saves last night, while Johnson made 27 for the win.

"It's that kind of performance we're looking for," Poulin said. "Notre Dame may not win ugly, but if we can get a win ugly, then we're doing our job." Contact Justin Schower at ischower@nd.edu

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Peanuts

Charles Schulz

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Risper Birthday: You will only have difficulty doing what you want to do if
you procrastinate this year. Have faith that you will be able to deliver whatever
you promise. Practical ideas coupled with discipline and hard work is what you
take. Your numbers are 3, 8, 12, 19, 26, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Putting in a little extra work will pay off. Your
energetic spirit will lead to a new deal. Changes may not make you happy at first, but
if you are patient, you will succeed. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will be able to surprise the people
you want to impress with your ability to pull things together. Your efficiency,
geroused with your practical and unique ideas, will net a deal. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You may not be seeing things too clearly today.
Take off your rose-colored glasses and be practical before you lose
the confidence of someone you have courted on in the past. ***

CANCER (June 22-July 22): You will downplay support today. Your excellent
memory and meticulous plans will ensure you pitch in and do what needs to be
done in order for you to be successful. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may want to take a walk down memory lane to
remind yourself where you came from and where you are headed. Get things
back on track before you lose sight of your initial goals. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will have a hard time sticking to your plans
today. Emotions are likely to surface if you are dealing with other people.
Protect yourself from someone who may take you for granted. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may not have all the information you need to
make a decision or move forward with your plans. Take whatever time is
required to uncover the facts and you will be successful. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do your best to help someone in need. You will
impress someone who has been trying to make headway with for some time.
You will attract positive interest. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be too quick to make a move. You
are likely to make a mistake due to a lack of information. Don't rely on what
others tell you today.

directions should all be on your mind. Be the one to initiate matters and you
will win up a position of power. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put a little effort into your surroundings and
you will feel better about yourself. Look over your personal papers and you
will discover something that excuses you in the past.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotions will run high, but if you are
affectionate and loving, you will get positive results. You can secure your
position in a relationship that means a lot to you.***

Birthday Baby: You are wise beyond your years and will always have
something constructive you that will draw unusual people to your side.
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Hockey

Power play difficulties lead to loss

By JUSTIN SCHUYVER
Associate Sport Editor

Notre Dame's youth and inexperience manifested itself in the form of a stagnant Irish penalty kill as the team lost 4-1 to No. 4 Minnesota-Duluth (11-6-1) Friday night at the Joyce Center.

The loss of five seniors to graduation has really hurt the Irish (0-1-1), but nowhere has the pain been felt more than on the Notre Dame power play. The Irish were 1-fer-12 on the power play Friday, and had several opportunities on 5-on-3 but couldn't capitalize.

"You simply haven't had an opportunity this early in the season to practice the 5-on-3," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "It would be nice to pour out five guys who've done it before, but we just can't do that yet. You look at Duluth and they're starting out with the exact same power play, yet put out there last year minus one guy."

ND Women's Soccer

Saturday's loss to No. 4 Minnesota-Duluth in overtime had to be a wake up call because every game counts, to put it mildly.

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ND Volleyball

Consistency finally materializes

By ANN LOUCHERY
News Writer

Following each loss, the Irish (8-5) posed different versions of the same question — what happened? When evaluating their performance at practice, the Irish would find weaknesses in both their offense and defense. But when it came down to it, Notre Dame's primary weakness was consistency.

This weekend the Irish seem to have remedied that problem, sweeping Rutgers 30-23, 30-22, 30-24 on Saturday and Seton Hall 20-24, 30-27, 26-30, 30-23 on Sunday.

The statistics from Saturday's Rutgers (11-5) game are telling. Junior Lauren Brewster had 13 kills with 300 hitting, while junior Lauren Kelly contributed 12 kills with a .474 attack percentage.

In each game, the Irish recorded 16 or more kills on hitting with a .270 or better hitting percentage — talk about consistency.

"That's been one of our goals all season — being consistent with our offense and having a high hitting percentage," Brewster said. "We're just trying to prove ourselves week by week."

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