Students react to last home game

Seniors reflect on four years of football

By RICKY MCROSKEY
New Wise

For Notre Dame seniors, Saturday's 41-38 loss to Pittsburgh capped off four years of mixed emotion as their experience of Notre Dame football as students came to a disappointing end.

In a game that exemplified the inconsistency and unpredictability of Irish football this year, most seniors sought to cherish their last game in the Stadium while reflecting on their memorable experiences as students.

"I think Notre Dame football is one of the biggest parts of being a Notre Dame student," senior Frankie Bost said. "We'd be a different place without football and the tradition that goes along with it."

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Marshmallow fights escalate during halftime, '4 or '5 seniors ejected for unrelated incidents

By KATIE PERRY
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Penalty flags were not the only objects flying rampant in Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday. It was a jet-puffed finale for the seniors at this weekend's final season home game against Pittsburgh. Yet despite the blatant escalation of the usual half-time marshmallow fight, no students were ejected from the game for partaking in the tradition.

Coordinator of Stadium Personnel Cappy Gagnon called the incident as "the worst marshmallow throwing" he had ever witnessed. "It involved a larger quantity, was wider-spread and lasted longer," Gagnon said.

According to Gagnon, students were not removed from the game because an article printed in The Observer on Friday implied that rules would be more lenient because of the nature of the final season home game.

"It was reported that the students were not going to eject seniors for marshmallow throwing," Gagnon said. "We didn't want to hold it against the students."

The article said that rumors suggest the seniors have traditionally given seniors the go-ahead in their final marshmallow war. The article also added, however, that these rumors were unconfirmed.

Gagnon maintained the lack of ejections was directly due to stadium personnel's concern that seniors held erroneous expectations regarding the consequences of marshmallow throwing at the last home game.

"It would be unfair to remove people under these conditions," Gagnon said.

At the final home game last year, 56 students were ejected for throwing marshmallows. However, this year, only 27 students total were ejected, including "four or five in the senior sections for unrelated incidents," according to Gagnon.

The joint task force of Indiana State Excise Police, St. Joseph County Police, South Bend Police and Notre Dame Security/Police also issued a total of 29 citations Saturday for alcohol-related offenses, DFS director Rex Bakow said. These offenses included minor in consumption, citations for drivers under the influence, and citations for smoking in restricted areas.

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ND student-athletes rank second in graduation rates

The University shares ranking with Northwestern and Stanford, proves consistent with results from past years

By STEVE KERINS
New Wise

The NCAA ranked Notre Dame student-athletes second among Division I-A athletes in graduation rates, according to a study released in October.

Notre Dame shares its ranking with Northwestern and Stanford, each with a four-year average graduation rate of 87 percent of student-athletes. First-place Duke graduated 90 percent of its student-athletes. The national average for Division I-A schools is 61 percent.

Senior Associate Athletic Director John Heisler said he was ranked high in athlete graduations is nothing new. "If you looked at the rankings themselves or the graduation rates themselves, they are almost the same as six years ago, which says that things have been done consistently over the course of time," Heisler said. "We've been routinely in the top half dozen in the country."

According to the formula used by the NCAA, an athlete is considered to have graduated if he or she matriculated within six years of entrance. Students who leave or transfer for any reason are considered non-graduates.

The report also states that Notre Dame graduated 94 percent of women competing in varsity athletics, ranking third behind Northwestern and Duke. Among men, Notre Dame graduated 82 percent, ranking third behind Duke and Stanford.

Additionally, Notre Dame graduated 71 percent of its black student-athletes, ranking ninth nationally and 77 percent of Irish football players graduated, ranking eighth. Among athletes who completed all four years of athletic eligibility, 99 percent graduated, compared to a national average of 84 percent.

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Living as an American in Jerusalem for five years, I witnessed and heard in detail about many human rights violations inside the wall. Despite being used to such things, nothing could have prepared me for my first view of the gray, looming wall in the village of Qalqilya. Constructing a massive physical division between two peoples is a ridiculous way to try and promote a future peace. Instead of creating stability, this wall will ensure the Palestinian and Israeli conflict persists for much longer.

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IN BRIEF

The 2004 recipient of the Richard II. Driehaus Prize for Classical Architecture Demetri Porphyris will give the lecture "Classical Architecture" today at 5 p.m. in the Deeco Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Kellogg fellow Emily Osborn will lecture at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday on "Metallurgical Cans and Recycling Traditions in Kankan, Guinea (West Africa): Aluminum Casting, Social Change and Global Commodities, 1940-2000." in C-103 Husch Center.

Visiting fellow from the Kroc Institute Carol Pollack will lecture Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. on "How Strictly Should Corporations be Held Accountable for Human Rights Abuses?" in C-103 Husch Center.

The lecture "An Alternative Leadership Model for the 21st Century: Keeping Your Sense of Humor and Soul in the Marketplace" will take place on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Giovanni Commons in the Menlo College Business as part of the Cardinal O'Hara Lecture Series in Business Ethics.

The Notre Dame volleyball team will take on Northern Illinois on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

The Notre Dame Symphonic Band and Winds will perform in concert Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

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OFF BEAT

Charges dropped in case of W dollars

GREENSBURG, Pa. — A case of funny money has ended happily for a woman who had been charged with passing a bogus $200 bill with President Bush's picture on it.

Prosecutors in Pennsylvania's Westmoreland County dropped all charges Friday against Deborah L. Trautwine, 51, after she paid the store in real currency.

"Trautwine wasn't aware that it ... wasn't actual legal tender," said her attorney, Harry Small Jr.

Trautwine could not be reached for comment. A clerk at a Fashion Bug clothing store also thought the bill was real and gave Trautwine $100.58 in change from her August purchase.

There is no $200 denomination bill, even without Bush's picture on it.

Woman fined for bungling Mexican anthem

MEXICO CITY — A woman who fumbled a few phrases of Mexico's national anthem while singing the song before a soccer game in Guadalajara has been fined $40 for the blunder.

Guadalupe Madrigal acknowledged she got the words wrong while singing before an Oct. 30 soccer match between teams from Guadalajara and Monterrey, Mexico's Interior Department announced Saturday in a written statement.

"She indicated that she was very surprised by her own words, while enjoying the national anthem," the department announced. "She indicated that she did not do it on purpose or with bad intentions, but recognized that she had made a mistake."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Question of the Day:

What did you think about the Pittsburgh game?

Matt Cahill - sophomore

"If I had batteries, I would have thrown them at those refs."

Courtney Harris - freshman

"I cried myself to sleep."

Brad Reed - sophomore

"I'm in the band. I wanted to go to the Gator Bowl."

Dave Farley - sophomore

"All I want for Christmas is Gruden."

Clare Hollorah - sophomore

"I thought it was fun anyway because I got to work on the sidelines."

Nathan Cataneo - sophomore

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Namibian election displays end of era

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — After a 23-year war of independence and three terms as the president of Namibia, a one-party state where his father ruled, President Sam Nujoma of Namibia is ready to step down, bringing an end to an era marked by fiery rhetoric as well as pragmatism and stability.

The 75-year-old Nujoma in the father of his southwestern African nation and the only leader its 1.8 million people have ever known. But after presidential elections Monday and Tuesday, Nujoma will prepare to hand over power, presumably to his son and successor, President Hifikepunye Pohamba, his hand-picked successor and former comrade in arms.

The election, which neutral observers expect to be free and fair, underlines how southern Africa — except for deeply troubled Zimbabwe — has turned and settled into democratic routines.

U.S. military occupies Fallujah

FALUJAH, Iraq — U.S. military officials said Saturday that American troops had now “occupied” the entire city of Fallujah and turned over security operations to its residents, who had taken up arms fighting against insurgents still fighting after nearly a week of intense urban combat.

A U.S. official speaking on condition of anonymity, said Fallujah was “occupied but not subdued.”

Artillery and airstrikes were also halted after nightfall to prevent mistaken attacks on U.S. and Iraqi troops who had taken up positions throughout the city.

Iraqi officials declared the operation to free Fallujah of militants was “accomplished” but acknowledged the two most wanted figures in the city — Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and Sherif Abdullah al-Jaham — had escaped.

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney's medical team believed Friday that a recently placed pacemaker implanted in Cheney’s heart had “taken” and was working properly. The pacemaker was installed after tests showed that without a popular leader, his ability to carry on his duties was seriously threatened.

Cheney, who has a history of heart trouble, went to a hospital on Saturday after experiencing shortness of breath. Tests found no abnormalities, an aide said, and Cheney left the hospital.

“I feel fine,” the 63-year-old vice president said as he walked out with his wife, Lynne.

Cheney smiled and waved people gath­ering outside the hospital entrance.

A pacemaker implanted in Cheney’s chest three years ago indicated no irregular­ities during the past 90 days, said Mary Matalin, a spokeswoman for the vice presi­dent, who is not expected to drive or do other demanding tasks for at least two months.

She said an electrocardio­gram, which measures how the heart’s electrical activity, showed no change.

Peterson battles for his life and appeal

REDWOOD CITY — The jury that con­victed Scott Peterson, the man with two faces, in a public, a loving father-to-be thrown into a steady job and stable home, and in pri­vate a cheating husband who yearned for bachelorhood and was willing to kill for it. Convicted Friday of murdering his preg­nant wife and her fetus, Peterson now presents a unified image on two fronts — he must convince jurors that his life is worth sparing while arguing to the courts that he was wrongly convicted.

LOCAL NEWS

Firm investigates leaky dam

NEVADA MILLS — A private consulting firm is investigating a leaky dam that regulates water levels in five northeastern Indiana lakes. Two state officials with the Department of Natural Resources say they do not believe the leak discovered two weeks ago in the Nevada Mills dam on the Lake James chain of lakes has left the structure in immediate danger of failing.

WASHINGTON — Intelligence agencies came under sharp attack Sunday from lawmakers, as did Director of National Intelligence John Negroponte, who put in place recommendations from the Sept. 11 commission that he said had stalled heading into this week’s post­9/11 oversight session.

White House Harman, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was an obstacle to a compromise because he does not want to diminish the Pentagon's overwhelming control over intelli­gence agencies' budgets.

Disarray in the government's intelligence operations is most evi­dent at the CIA less than two months after a new director, former Rep. Porter Goss, was sworn in. Goss, a Florida Republican, was chairman of the House Intelligence Committee.

"The agency seems in free-fall in Washington, and that is a very, very bad omen in the middle of a war," Harman said on CBS’ "Face the Nation.""The agency's No. 2 official has resigned, the deputy chief of the department in charge of clandestine operations is reported plan­ning to leave this week and other resignations are said to be in the works. News reports cite clashes between the officials and members of Goss' new administration who worked with him on the commit­tee.

Under the current system, the CIA chief also is the director of central intelligence and has nomi­nal oversight of the nation’s secret­intelligence agencies, but little power to con­trol spending.

Harman said the White House was trying to build consensus dur­ing the weekend for a bill that would require the House and almost all the Senate favor.
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changed sexual perceptions.

"We were all thinking, how did our generation's concept of sex and relationships come to be? We realized that television is one thing that really affected our generation," Peligna said. "We watched shows and discovered how our vision of sexuality has been skewed."

The final event of Sexual Assault Awareness week is "Sex Signals," a comedy show about the college-dating scene. The show begins at 9 p.m. Thursday night in the Decio Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

"The event asks tough questions, but presents the college dating scene in a humorous light," Shappell said.

Mairin Amato, a Lewis Hall sophomore, praised the poster publicity campaign.

"These signs will definitely be attention-getters," she said. "I think that listing facts will help students, especially females, realize that this can happen to them, and hopefully we will be able to prevent this from happening to each other or ourselves."

Sophomore Mark Hotovy of Kenyan Hall disagreed.

"Putting up these signs will have a similar effect to the 'Gay fire by me' shirts and crosses in South Quad to make us more aware of abortion," he said. "People will either think it is stupid, or it will get their attention for about 10 minutes before they forget about it."

"I was sad that it was over, but it's not going to be the last time I go to a game," senior Steph Sellinger said. "I'll come back again with my family and friends when I'm graduated. Plus, Notre Dame football is such a unique tradition — nowhere else does everyone have the same spirit and excitement."

However, the same students also felt great disappointment at what they consider yet another lackluster Irish football season in a series of underachieving years.

"You come here, and you don't think you'll be the class that loses nine home games in four years," senior Pat Donlin said. "It's incredible disappointment. I've been watching ND football my whole life, and the past four years have been some of the most disappointing in Notre Dame history."

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S&P 500

**NIKE(J)Tokyo**

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**FTSE 100(London)**

4,793.90

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**Internet represents future of news**

Head of Associated Press says media outlets must tailor products for online demand

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LOS ANGELES — The future of news is online, and traditional media outlets must learn to tailor their products for consumers who want instant, personalized information.

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Curley's statement is that many consumers are used to getting their news for free, he said. The market is out there, Curley said, citing a recent study that found that 29 percent of Internet users — about 43 million people — go online to get news three or more times per week.

That already is leading to changes in how news is covered.

For example, Curley said AP is furnishing U.S. bureaus with cameras to provide video for multimedia use and is increasing coverage of news of interest to young audiences.

News media also need to consider nontraditional services for the Internet.

Curley noted one site in Kansas already offers a Web cam service local college students can use to see how long the lines are at a pizza parlor.

More media companies will have to learn how to make their Web operations profitable when through Web logs, citing one recent estimate that there are four million "bloggers" making 400,000 posts per day.

"That works out to roughly 16,000 posts an hour, or about as many stories as the AP sends out in an entire day," he said.

"It will get even tougher to be heard above the roar of the Internet crowd, and the business models will have to be for greater stakes."

Still, Curley predicted current news giants will survive.

"The bloggers need a baseline of facts and professional analysis on which to base their work," he said.

**GM, Ford offer anti-roller systems**

**Associated Press**

DETROIT — Electronic anti-rollover systems will become standard equipment on 3.8 million sport utility vehicles from GM and Ford in 2005, as announced Thursday. The automakers made the announcement Thursday.

Ford Motor Co. said more than 500,000 of its sport utility vehicles will be equipped with the company's anti-rollover system by the end of 2003, and it plans to try to market its technology to other automakers.

Ford said this summer it would add the stability control system as standard equipment to the 2005 Ford Explorer, Mercury Mountaineer, Lincoln Aviator and Lincoln Navigator, but it didn't provide estimates on quantities until Thursday.

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**In Brief**

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ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines pilots have agreed to slash their salaries by nearly a third and forgo pay raises for five years to help the struggling airline avoid bankruptcy, their union announced Thursday.

The $1 billion in annual wage concessions from Delta's 7,200 pilots is a huge victory for the Atlanta-based airline, which has lost more than $6 billion since early 2001.

The plan received 79 percent support from pilots who voted over the Internet. Voting ended at noon Thursday.

The agreement, which becomes effective Friday, was overwhelmingly reached by union leaders and Delta after 15 months of negotiations.

"Your airline has been managed to the brink of bankruptcy and the Delta pilots had to decide between two bad choices," said John Maline, chairman of the pilots union's executive council. "They chose the lesser of two evils."

Novell uses Microsoft over WordPerfect

SALT LAKE CITY — Days after a $536 million antitrust settlement from Microsoft Corp., Novell returned to court Friday to claim the technology giant used its market dominance to shut out WordPerfect and other software in the mid-1990s.

The federal suit, which partly dovetails with a U.S. government antitrust case, accused Microsoft of holding down the word processing program and the Quattro Pro spreadsheet application by making its operating system inhospitable to them.

Microsoft also leveraged its ubiquity to keep Novell from offering its programs to consumers, the suit said.

"We intend to pursue aggressively a goal of recovering fair value for the harm caused to Novell's business by Microsoft's anticompetitive actions," said Joseph A. LaVista, Novell's senior vice president and general counsel, in a statement. Microsoft argued that trade-secret provisions allowed it to withhold technical specifications to protect itself, and said Novell is trying to blame others for its own bad business decisions.

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Hear the voice of death in Darfur

The genocide currently taking place in Sudan necessitates the raising of the question — how much is human life worth? The response of the international community to this continuing crisis — especially the response of the United States — brings us to the conclusion that human life matters little. And its value is lessened when the interests of individuals with power are not at stake. For, plain and simple, if the political will existed to end the violence in Darfur, it would be ended this week. Instead, the severity of the crisis intensifies daily. Government-sponsored militias are attacking camps for displaced people, killing all in their way and gang-raping mothers and daughters ages eight to 80. Thousands of bodies have been found in mass graves throughout the region. Millions more people have been forced out of their homes in fear of this violence and now live in refugee camps where disease is rampant and food scarce. An estimated 70,000 human lives have already been lost and hundreds of thousands more are at risk.

After 18 months of this systemic abuse of human rights, the only response from the international community has been of toothless diplomatic pressure and hollow threats. The United Nations has left the responsibility for ending the crisis in the hands of the Sudanese government, the very government responsible for ordering and arming the militias that have perpetrated the mass murder. Moreover, the United States and European Union have already offered few funds for the humanitarian assistance needed for those who are displaced. The inaction of the Bush Administration has been especially egregious. President George W. Bush took the important step of leading the world to label the atrocities “genocide.” But there are certain local obligations of intervention that come with the genocide label, however, that are not being fulfilled or even supported by the administration. These choices have undermined those obligations and set a precedent for future conflict of looking the other way. Promises made by the international community following the Holocaust and again following the genocide in Rwanda — the promises of “Never Again” are made hollow by this inaction.

At this point, the deaths in Darfur can’t solely be attributed to the racist regime in Khartoum; indeed, the hands of the entire world are bloody. There are many possibilities for intervention. Arms embargoes that can prevent the government from continuing its support of the militias have not been placed on the country. Targeted sanctions can be used to freeze the assets of the regime. Government leaders can be prevented from traveling internationally. Threats of prosecution in the International Criminal Court can be made. The international community must take these actions in order to punish the Sudanese government for supporting the genocide.

Further, for an emergency on this scale, issues of sovereignty should be put aside and U.N. peacekeepers should enter the country. While the sovereignty of countries is important to maintain, inaction in the face of such violence can be an extremely dangerous precedent to set. The Darfur region is the size of France, and right now there are only approximately 3,000 ill-equipped African Union troops present. Romeo Dallaire, the former U.N. general who was on the ground when the genocide in Rwanda broke out, is calling for 44,000 troops (far fewer than the 67,000 who were flown into Yugoslavia by the United Nations). Right now, this option is not being considered. The Sudanese government has been given no reason to halt the genocide, and the threat of military intervention would carry significant weight. Clearly, there are ways that the value of life of the citizens of Darfur can be affirmed by the international community — ways that are not yet being explored. Let us not allow this situation to be another instance of Africa being ignored by the rest of the world. What action would the international community take if this genocide was taking place in the United States or a community in Western Europe? Are some lives more valuable than others?

Though the international community has been unwilling to fulfill its responsibility to respond to this violence, putting pressure on our legislators to take greater action is something all of us can do. Lives are at stake, and you can work to help save them by joining the green ribbon campaign for awareness on campus and by communicating your concern to elected leaders.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Without a struggle, there can be no progress."

Frederick Douglass

activist
The election is over, it was the longest campaign this country has ever seen, practically four years in the making. But has anything been resolved? Does it really seem possible that this one day will solve the great moral questions. These are the only moral values. The first piece of evidence to the contrary. In 2003, Notre Dame gave up more points four times, or roughly once every five games. I also realized that my goal of Notre Dame winning a national championship is not the ultimate goal for the people. According to Kelle. "It's been able to attract and motivate football players that can play at a top-25 program level." Top 25? Alright. But that won't happen every year. Ty has taken the Kansas team as a high from game to game, let alone year to year. And as for attracting players, last year's recruiting class was one of the lowest ranked in years, and early returns on this year's recruiting class are not impressive. I wish Willingham success, be it here, or someplace else. But the fact is, he and his staff are not championship material. There is no evidence to indicate that they are, despite Kelle's attempts to defend him without any. Notre Dame can be great every year with the proper administration. He most certainly will not be able to attract and motivate the best coaches. Blake Swenson University of Washington University of Kansas

We divide each other by throwing around terms like theocratic and each party would describe the nation. According to this data and similar results from 2001, I believe the pro-choice movement still remains strong in this country, and a Democratic departure from that would not only be fundamentally wrong but also unenlightened. Dan Geffen September Morrey Mouser

Students shouldn't confer to public

As Pittsburg kicked the go-ahead field goal, a Notre Dame senior began to vent his frustration. From all the expletives, the one line I vividly remember is "Doesn't anyone care about Notre Dame football anymore?"

This is the same senior who foolishly ended up leaving the game early. Ignoring postgame rituals such as singing the alma mater and not wisely taking some time to reflect on four years in the student section. He like many fellow seniors will unfortunately have to remember their last home game with a loss. Seniors will feel like their football experience is unfulfilled, and will think of what might have been. However, many will truly find the missing piece to the void about their experience because it's not on the football field but shattered among the stands off the field. These are the seniors who paid more attention to petty marshmallow fights than the game. They are the same ones who were looting around trying to find cuter guys and girls to sit with. They are also the same seniors purposely trying to act spontaneous when they really weren't being spontaneous at all. This group described above will pay attention to an Irish touchdown or two, but quickly wander off into the aforementioned activities.

We do wonder if these seniors missed out. Part of the Notre Dame lore is the student section full of energy and class cheering on the Irish, win or lose. Many of the seniors failed to do their part in replenishing an integral part of the Notre Dame atmosphere. I saw countless seniors not participating in the cheerings and being unusually apathetic for their last home game. When seniors were trying to soak up the atmosphere at the end of the game hoping for that last hoohah, it was too late. They missed their opportunity, and it's tragic. I hope for those seniors who genuinely cheered on the Irish with dignity and having fun the right way will not let the other bozo seniors deter their experience. People did care, but he did

And he'll regret walking out. Michael Kim Junior St. Edward's Hall

The most important role of government is to protect its citizens. I don't know when in history this protection was limited to military security, but protecting our nation's well-being is just as important. We all sign an implicit social contract upon our birth in this nation. I accept the social contract wholeheartedly.

I have great faith in humanity and government because of this binding contract. Government was created to fight for equality, social justice and protect the collective interests of the citizens of the state.

Both sides have a lot of assumptions about the future of this country. This is what we must learn to better the world.

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Rocco's is a not-so-modern pizzeria

For the college student, pizza is a cheap, fast and easy way to satisfy your cravings. Sometimes quality just doesn’t matter these days.

Goody Gumdrops, small mercials of munchy stringing cheese and a man claiming to be your father try to sell poor quality, unauthentic, Italian disappointments (no we’re not talking about Armani knockoffs). Wouldn’t you rather come to place where everybody knows your name? We’re not talking about some trashy Boston bar, but Rocco’s on St. Louis Ave. It’s a little hometown pizzeria that’s been servin’ it up since 1951.

We gave the atmosphere at Rocco’s four spots out of five. The eclectic environment of only gives a sense of the 70’s, but it also provides wonderful topics for conversation. From a curiosity we’d like to call “labeled as a dirt with call to” the hanging lanterns from 1972, there was a dull moment in our burly-pleasant booth. You could also tell Rocco’s was a family establishment by all of the employees strangely resembling one another and a few of photos of little Tony’s first communion adorning the entrance. If that’s not enough to entice your interests, they have an employee who outshines the décor. Cash register Betty and her ancient cash register have been “child things” together at Rocco’s for decades.

You can tell that Rocco’s is a good friend of the Notre Dame community by all of the memorabilia and signed photographs of Notre Dame football greats (you’d think one would be enough). Many Notre Dame fans have made Rocco’s a football-weekend tradition. Next we’d like to give the culinary pleasures at Rocco’s three and a half spots. The pizza is warm, delicious and an affordable sensation. Although it’s a little cruddy, the ingredients are natural, plentiful and tasteful.

As asked about the pizza, student Erica Valdez replied, “It lacks that plastic Appearance of most dining hall pizza pies, and I believe it’s simply fabulous.” Also, if you order more than one pizza, the pizza is delivered in a tower shaped box with one pizza on top of another - brilliant. Unfortunately, we only ordered one pizza, but later thought we decided the next time we’d order an imaginary pizza to get the pizza tower.

The service at Rocco’s was worthy of three spots. The waitress was in tune with our needs for the first hour of our dining experience, but after the pizza arrived, we were neglected in our booth for a good half hour. Since we’re not great at carrying on in-depth conversations with one another, this proved near fatal when a raging game of “catch this utensil” broke out.

After wounds were mend­ed and our waitresses returned from Eastern Siberia, the check arrived at our table. The price was a few bucks more than your average pizza, but the taste was well worth the extra investment. Shockingly, Rocco’s doesn’t accept credit cards — but because its cash register is from the dawn of time, but not cost-prohibitive.

From the classy décor and the waitresses to the warm friendly environment, Rocco’s pizzeria seemed to be a winner. If you’re looking for a great hometown classic and a football weekend event, Rocco’s is the place to go.

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As the South Bend temperature begins to dip and that walk to DeKalb seems to take just a little longer than usual, a bowl of steaming chili may be just what you need to warm up as winter creeps onto campus. The thing about this southwestern treat is there is usually endless amounts of leftovers. You might as well invite some friends over and have a chili party.

Everyone has their own favorite style of chili, so be sure to have small bowls filled with toppings such as grated cheddar and Monterey Jack cheeses, chopped onions, sour cream, hot sauces, diced tomatoes and minced cilantro. Also have lots of warm, tasty bread on hand to sop up the crazy goodness and serve some sides like tortilla chips and guacamole to balance out the heat of the chili. For a more festive touch, encourage everyone to wear cowboy hats and break out your favorite country music playlist. Most importantly, have lots of drinks on hand to wash down your spicy meal. Enjoy this chili recipe from Tabasco Brand pepper sauce’s PepperFest or experiment with one of your own favorites.

Red-Chili Con Carne

2 pounds lean coarse ground beef or venison
2 medium onion, chopped
3 large cloves garlic, minced
1 1/2 cups canned tomato sauce
2 cups water or broth
2 tablespoons chili powder
1 tablespoon cumin seeds or ground cumin
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves, crushed
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Cook meat in a large skillet or Dutch oven over medium-high heat until brown, about 10 minutes, stirring to break up chunks. Pour off excess drippings, if any. Add onion and garlic and cook 5 minutes or until onion is tender.

Stir in tomato sauce, water, seasonings, Tabasco brand Habanero Sauce, and Tabasco brand Green Pepper Sauce. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to low, cover and simmer 1 hour or until meat is tender and flavors are blended, stirring occasionally and adding more water, if needed.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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Impress your friends with homemade tortilla chips. Divide 8 tortillas into eight wedges and coat with olive oil spray. Sprinkle with salt and spices like Essence of Emeril and some lime juice if you prefer. Bake at 325 degrees for 12-15 minutes, turning occasionally, until golden brown and crispy. Serve hot with guacamole or any of your other favorite dips.

Mexican Ice Cream Sundae are a great way to round off the meal. Serve warm cinnamon sauce over iced cream and garnish with a cinnamon stick. For the sauce, melt 3/4 cup butter in a small saucepan. Add 1 cup confectioners’ sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg, and 1/2 cup water. Bring to a boil, then simmer until thickened, about 5 minutes.

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coming debut album. Accompanied by Chinese influ- enced music and stage production, Stefani advocated "Take a chance you stupid hot!"

Lenny Kravitz, with his newly shaved head, was chosen to follow Stefani. He performed an inspired version of his song "Lady."

For this awards show ABC chose a slightly different approach from comparable shows like the MTV Video Music Awards or the Grammy's. Dick Clark, producer of the event, chose to present performers in pairs so that viewers ended up seeing artists of different genres back to back. There is no question it was to the detriment of the show. I am not sure anyone wants to see even bear seeing pop star Jessica Simpson and country singer Kenny Chesney with Uncle Kracker one right after the other. Annin Kimmel was enceee for the live telecast. The talk show host and late night comedian tried his best to offend many artists and viewers alike. His opening monologue attacked Michael Jackson and severely glorified the use of marijuana by music's largest artists.

Throughout the evening Kimmel made sure not to allow viewers to forget Anna Nicole Smith's disturbing appearance. Smith was at the ceremony to present a performance by best new artist nominee Kanye West, whose latest video features her. The reality-television star at times appeared confused, crazed, and very casually gloated the use of marijuana by music's largest artists.

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In terms of awards, Usher was the big winner. His latest album, "Confessions," which has sold more than 7 million copies, won best pop/rock album. The 27-year-old music sensation also won for favorite male soul/R&B artist and best R&B album. Usher performed his hit single "My Boo" with his rumored girlfriend, Alicia Keys. Their performance, which included a staged makeout session, received one of the few standing ovations for the evening. Keys also performed by herself and won an award for favorite female soul/R&B artist. Clearly, it was a memorable evening for the couple.

Country artist Toby Keith won favorite country male artist for his album "Shock'n Y'All" and Brooks & Dunn won favorite country band. Gretchen Wilson took home her first American Music Award and performed "Redneck Woman." The song was full of offensive stereotypes and coarse language. It fit in well with the overall theme of the festivities.

Bon Jovi was honored with the event's most prestigious award for its overall career achievement. Bon Jovi accepted the Award of Merit and thanked the fans for their support over the years: "Even when I couldn't, you gave me the chance to dream." Clad in tight pants and cropped hairstyles, one was confused as to whether the group had left the 1980s. The moment was, as Bon Jovi described it, "surreal but much appreciated."

American Idol winner Fantasia Barrino shined once again, delivering one of the few strong performances of the show. Her delivery was steeped in soul and likely reminded viewers why they chose her as their idol. Yet, someone failed to tell Barrino her hair looked like an unkempt toupee.

Overall, Kobe Bryant's appearance produced the greatest audience reaction. While presenting the award for best soul/R&B album attendants both cheered and booed the star basketball player. Bryant's reception was symbolic of the night's proceedings. Some performers deserved praise while most should have stayed home. Maybe then viewers would not have had endure such disinterest and disrespect.

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Autopsy results for the rapper known as O.D.B., who died at a Manhattan recording studio, will not be available for several days while authorities conduct medical tests, officials said Sunday.

Results of the tests could take more than a week, said Ellen Berakove, a spokeswoman for the New York City medical examiner's office.

O.D.B., whose legal name was Russell Jones, complained of chest pains before collapsing Saturday at the Manhattan studio. He was dead by the time paramedics reached him, said Gabe Tesoriero, a spokesman for Roc-a-Fella records.

The cause of death was not immediately clear, but O.D.B. had recently finished a prison sentence for drug possession and entering a rehab clinic. He would have turned 36 on Monday.

Meanwhile, the music world on Sunday mourned the rapper's death as many of the industry's stars gathered in Los Angeles for the 32nd annual American Music Awards.

O.D.B., also known as O'D Dirty Bastard, was a founding member of the rap group the Wu-Tang Clan.

With his unorthodox delivery — alternately slurred, hyper and nonsensical — O.D.B. stood out even in the nine-man Clan, and as a solo artist he released hit singles such as "Shimmy Shimmy Ya" and "Get Your Money."

He had been working on his comeback album for more than a year and was almost finished, Tesoriero said.

Information about funeral plans was not immediately available.

O.D.B. was the latest in a string of rappers to meet an untimely death, among them Jam Master Jay of Run-DMC, who was fatally shot in late 2002, and Notorious B.I.G. and Tupac Shakur, who were both shot to death in the late 1990s. Those killings remain unsolved.

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This year’s version of the Irish more complete

Breauna Gray leapt in front of the Nebraska guard, dipped the pass, took it coast-to-coast to complete the steal and the bucket. Then in the second half, she did it again — this time on the left side. 

“Yeah, that’s a strong effort on offense and defense,” coach Muffet McGraw said. 

Gray put up a career-high 13 points while shutting down Nebraska’s Kiera Hardy, holding her to 2-of-16 from the field, after she scored 28 points on Western Illinois in the Cornhuskers’ previous game. It was a career day for Gray. 

And while her teammates are missing shots, Charle Allen was over the boards. The 5-foot-11 freshman grabbed eight rebounds, most of them coming off her own hustle and noise for the ball. 

Duffy is all over the court, even if she isn’t shooting well, like Sunday night. Batteast is all over the boards and on offense, she is as aggressive as she needs to be. But when she is double-teamed, she knows what to do with the ball. And her teammates know even better. 

This Irish team is not the same team as a year ago. 

They move the ball better on offense. They hustle more. The defense is compensatable. 

But the real difference in this Notre Dame team is its aggressiveness — and the fact that Batteast is not the only threat. 

And for the Irish, that’s just what they needed this year. 

That’s what has won them two straight games by at least 15 points. 

Now a true test will come Wednesday night when they face No. 6 Duke. 

That’s when this team will really need its other players to rally around Batteast. 

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Irish float past Panthers, Spartans

By ERIC RETTER

Sports Writer

Two weeks after a double-disappointment — against Arizona State and Purdue, the No. 24 Irish reversed their fortunes at the State Farm Classic on Friday. The Irish easily triumped over Pittsburgh and Michigan State, defeating them by scores of 172-128 and 199-103. 

Irish coach Bailey Weathers was happy with the way his team performed. “We did pretty well, we won a lot of events and the kids competed hard, so things looked good from our end,” he said. 

The Irish took control with the first event and never looked back: The 200-meter relay to start the meet and win 10 of 16 events overall. The team of freshman Caroline Johnson, sophomore Jessica Stephens, junior Christyl Bouvron and sophomore Rebecca Grove finished with a time of 1 minute, 46.01 seconds beating their nearest competitor by more than half a second. 

Stephens and Bouvron had a successful evening, each capturing two individual titles as well as stand the relay success. Stephens won both the 200-meter individual medley as well as the 200-meter breaststroke, dominating the latter with a career-best, 2:18:31 and finishing more than four seconds faster than second place. Stephens just missed the breastroke sweep, losing in the 100 by 0.08 seconds. Bouvron swept the butterfly events, winning both the 100 and 200-meter events by considerably margins. Senior diver Meghan Perry-Eaton was virtually unbeatable on Friday night, dominating both the 1 and 3-meter diving competitions. After six events this season, Perry-Eaton has five victory. 

The trio of Stephens, Bouvron and Perry-Eaton took part in seven of the Irish’s 10 victories. “I’m real pleased with the way they perform,” Weathers said.

Outside of the contributions of those three, the Irish showed power at length Freestyle. Sophomore Ellen Johnson had one victory and two second-place finishes on her own, as well as win a part of the 400-meter freestyle relay. Johnson won the 200-meter freestyle, and placed second in the 200-meter backstroke and 500 Freestyle. 

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SMMC SWIMMING

Belles finish 7th

Division III schools dominate invite

By ANNA FRICANO

Sports Writer

The Belles came in seventh place out of eight teams on Saturday at the Maroon Division-III Invitational hosted by the University of Chicago. Competition at the meet was still, with the slate of opponents featuring the top-ranked Division-III school in the nation, Washington University. 

Washington easily took first at the invitational, followed by Luther College and Illinois Tech in second and third. The host school finished in fifth place, behind Illinois Wesleyan.

This year is the first season that Saint Mary’s has participated in the Maroon Invitational.

Junior Sarah Nowak was pleased with the way her team performed at the meet on Saturday. “It was an invitational that we’d never been before into [with teams that we didn’t used to],” Nowak said. “I think that just getting up and racing against some of the bigger teams was an accomplishment.” 

Nowak, who placed 11th out of 38 in the 200-yard freestyle and fifth in 250 of the 200-yard breaststroke, also turned in impressive performances in the 100-yard butterfly and 400 freestyle relay, with teammates Rachel Burry, Kelly Tighe and Kelly Neih. 

Going into the race the team were coming off a week of tough workouts, with the addition of more weight training to the regular practice schedule.

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Irish teams place 2nd
By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

As the common saying goes, the second-place team is the first loser. This was not necessarily true for the men’s and women’s cross country teams as they both finished second in the Great Lakes NCAA regional race this weekend.

By finishing second, each team received automatic bids to the NCAA championship race, which will take place Nov. 22. The top two teams qualified for the NCAA championships.

Kurt Benneniger continued his solid season for the Irish, finishing in third place overall, seven seconds behind the leader with a time of 30:25. He was the first Notre Dame runner to cross the finish line.

Kaleb Van Ort and Tim Moore also placed in the top 10 for the Irish, both finishing with times of 30:25.

“Our front four fellas ran especially well,” head coach Joe Piane said, referring to Van Ort, Moore and O’Donnell, who finished in 19th overall, with a time of 30:35.

Plane was also quick to give credit to the other Irish runners, naming Vinny Ambrose, our fifth man down, and Tim Moore, who did exactly what I asked him to do, and that was go out a little bit more conservatively ... and try to work [his] way through the pack,” Piane said. “We’ll probably have to change that strategy a little bit for the next time we race, but I thought he did a great job.”

The 82 points for the Irish were 55 behind that of Wisconsin, who won the race. The Badgers are currently ranked No. 1 in the country.

“We were pleased, we went there to get an automatic qualifier and we did,” Plane said.

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In a late-meet situation that mirrored the one against No. 22 Brigham Young two weeks ago, the Irish found themselves leading 142-141 entering the final relay and needing a victory in the final event to win the meet.

“They think the fact that we have been there before and that we didn’t win helped us,” Welsh said. “The most important thing for us is that we did the last relay the right way. That was a very clear example of a little bit of experience helping us stay cool in a pressure situation.”

Making their competitive debut as a 400-yard freestyle quartet, Notre Dame’s relay team of senior Frank Krakowski, sophomores Louis Cavadini and Nick Fanslau and Kegelega, didn’t win the first-place finish with a time of 3:04.13, but the Panthers’ relay team came in just behind at 3:04.77.

Krakowski, Cavadini and Fanslau swam very well in the first three legs of the relay, building a 1.12 second advantage when Kegelman took to the water.

In the final 50 yards, Kegelman faced the task of holding off a rapidly gaining Washington, an eight-time all-conference honoree, who made up a large chunk of Notre Dame’s lead early in his leg. Washington got into a virtual tie in the final 10 yards but Kegelman’s fingers reached the touchpad just before his.

““One of the most exciting things for us is that we’re learning to win close and to win close no easy thing to do,” Welsh said. “It was just an incredibly close meet and to the credit of our guys, they won those close races.”

The final relay capped a closely contested meet in which neither team was able to pull away for long. Both teams traded leads and neither was able to build up a lead of more than 15 points at any one time. Three of the races were decided by a total of 0.11 seconds.

“This is collegiate swimming the way it’s supposed to be,” Welsh said. “The races were close but spiced with more competitive (and) the relationship between the two teams was at a very high level. There was great sportsmanship everywhere.”

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

ND surprises Pittsburgh
1st victory ever over ranked opponent
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Sports Writer

“Blind and you literally would have missed it. The average human blink lasts 0.6 seconds. But when sophomore Tim Kegelega touched the wall ahead of Pittsburgh’s Darryl Washington last Friday, only .04 seconds separated the two swimmers in the decisive 400-yard freestyle relay. Point zero four seconds was all for the Irish to upset the first loser.”

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In a late-meet situation that mirrored the one against No. 22 Brigham Young two weeks ago, the Irish found themselves leading 142-141 entering the final relay and needing a victory in the final event to win the meet.

“They think the fact that we have been there before and that we didn’t win helped us,” Welsh said. “The most important thing for us is that we did the last relay the right way. That was a very clear example of a little bit of experience helping us stay cool in a pressure situation.”

Making their competitive debut as a 400-yard freestyle quartet, Notre Dame’s relay team of senior Frank Krakowski, sophomores Louis Cavadini and Nick Fanslau and Kegelega, didn’t win the first-place finish with a time of 3:04.13, but the Panthers’ relay team came in just behind at 3:04.77.

Krakowski, Cavadini and Fanslau swam very well in the first three legs of the relay, building a 1.12 second advantage when Kegelman took to the water.

In the final 50 yards, Kegelman faced the task of holding off a rapidly gaining Washington, an eight-time all-conference honoree, who made up a large chunk of Notre Dame’s lead early in his leg. Washington got into a virtual tie in the final 10 yards but Kegelman’s fingers reached the touchpad just before his.

““One of the most exciting things for us is that we’re learning to win close and to win close no easy thing to do,” Welsh said. “It was just an incredibly close meet and to the credit of our guys, they won those close races.”

The final relay capped a closely contested meet in which neither team was able to pull away for long. Both teams traded leads and neither was able to build up a lead of more than 15 points at any one time. Three of the races were decided by a total of 0.11 seconds.

“This is collegiate swimming the way it’s supposed to be,” Welsh said. “The races were close but spiced with more competitive (and) the relationship between the two teams was at a very high level. There was great sportsmanship everywhere.”

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**MLB**

Free agent shortstop and former Cleveland Indian Omar Vizquel reportedly agreed to a $12.25 million, three-year contract with the San Francisco Giants on Sunday.

**Associated Press**

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Omar Vizquel hopes to revitalize his career with a new team in a new league. The San Francisco Giants just hope his veteran shortstop has a few more good years in him.

Vizquel agreed to terms with San Francisco on Sunday. The deal is worth $12.25 million over three years, a person close to the negotiations told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

At 37, the defensive wizard is headed to the National League for the first time in his career after spending the last 11 seasons with Cleveland. He turned down a two-year offer from the Chicago White Sox, in part because he wanted to play on the West Coast near his Seattle home.

"People say I have a really young heart," he said. "That's important in this game ... I think I can be really strong another two or three years. I think coming to a new league is going to keep me sharp. I hope I can pick up the pace real quick.

Vizquel, a nine-time Gold Glove winner, is the first of 297 free agents to join a new team, and the second to sign overall after Texas reliever Joerg Breccia returned to the Rangers on Friday for a $1 million, one-year deal.

The switch-hitter batted .291 with seven homers and 59 RBIs last season for the Indians. The Giants hope Vizquel can provide a boost to their defense and improve production in the No. 2 spot in the order.

Though Vizquel's production and durability have been questioned in recent seasons, general manager Brian Sabean believes Vizquel still can be an everyday contributor — and the Giants are never scared off by aging players.

"To get somebody of Omar's caliber is certainly a godsend," Sabean said of Vizquel's defensive abilities. "I think if you watch him play, he has a passion for the game and is in great shape."

Vizquel filed for free agency last month after the Indians declined to pick up his $5 million option for 2005. Vizquel had said he wanted to return for a 12th season in Cleveland, where he grew into one of the franchise's most popular players, but the Indians said his return would be "a long shot." General manager Mark Shapiro's priority this offseason is pitching.

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**IN BRIEF**

**D.C. United wins its fourth MLS Cup over Columbus, 2-1**

CARSON, Calif — Peter Nowak had an empty feeling when he left the MLS Cup four years ago. He was beaming this time.

D.C. United's rookie coach and his team had just won the franchise's fourth MLS Cup, beating Kansas City 3-2 Sunday.

"I got my trophy back," Nowak said after Alteco Ekstrand scored twice to lead United.

Nowak was the MVP of Chicago's 1998 victory over United in Major League Soccer's championship game, then was on the field again when the Fire lost 1-0 to Kansas City in 2000.

"When you raise a trophy as a player or a coach, it's a satisfying feeling," Nowak said.

"The (players) make me look like a genius, all their hard work. I put them through hell, really worked them, but now they get to enjoy it."

"What a great year we had," said Eskstrand, a 22-year-old former University of Virginia star taken with the first pick in the 2003 MLS draft.

"We had a meeting last night and Earnie Stewart said that this group of guys will be on the field together for the last time. It was a great finish."

Kansas City pulled within 3-2 on Josh Wolff's penalty kick in the 58th minute. The Wizards were awarded the kick when United's Dema Kovalenko, protecting the goal line, used his hand to knock a shot by Dave Arnaud over the bar.

Kovalenko was ejected, the first player sent off in the nine-year history of the Cup.

Despite being down a man, United held off the Wizards the rest of the way.

**Davenport defeats Williams, continues stay on top**

LOS ANGELES — Lindsay Davenport rallied for a 3-6, 7-5, 6-1 victory over Serena Williams in the WTA Championships on Saturday, although her No. 1 ranking remained in peril.

Davenport owes a 351-point lead over No. 2 Amelie Mauresmo, who still has a chance to regain the top spot she held for five weeks after the U.S. Open.

Mauresmo defeated Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova 7-5, 6-4, both players advanced to the semifinals out of the Black Group. Mauresmo was 3-0 in round-robin play; Sharapova was 2-1.

"The match wasn't the best ever played," said Mauresmo, who had never played Sharapova before. "It was very difficult for both of us to stay focused because we both qualified." Sharapova hit 35 winners to Mauresmo's 19, but the 17-year-old Russian also committed 35 errors in losing for the first time in three matches.

"I was a little tired from Friday night. I didn't have enough time to rest," Sharapova said. "It was sort of a practice match; I sort of enjoyed myself. She's very consistent."
It was the second game where Notre Dame had numerous players contribute to the win. The Irish had six players score in double figures in beating Illinois State 92-73 on Friday.

"It's really great to see different people stepping up and today Teresa and [Breonna] stepped up to help Jackie," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said.

The win means the Irish will face No. 6 Duke at the Joyce Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the semifinals. Notre Dame's Courtney LaVere had 11 points in just 12 minutes of playing time.

With LaVere stuck on fouls, and I knew that I would be playing more, and I tried to contribute more to the team to get the win," Borton said.

Borton and Gray's play, along with the rest of the team, took pressure off Notre Dame's All-American on nearly every possession. Batten didn't force her shot, but instead found an open teammate.

"I knew someone would be open if they double-teamed me," said Borton, who finished the game with a career-high seven assists.

Notre Dame used a 49- to 37-rebounding advantage and some crisp passing to pull away from the Cornhuskers early in the second half, after leading 35-26 at intermission. The Irish, led by Borton, played aggressively in the paint and maneuvered their way for positioning against undersized Nebraska. Notre Dame routinely converted open layups thanks to nifty passing.

The Irish couldn't shake Nebraska in the first half as the Cornhuskers drilled 6-of-12 3-point attempts. But Notre Dame's stifling defense took away the 3-point shot in the second, holding Nebraska to just 1-for-7.

"I thought we really did a better job in the second half (defending the 3-point shot)," McGraw said.

Nebraska's Kiera Hardy scored the Cornhuskers' first opponent Western Illinois for 28 points Friday, but was a non-factor Sunday. She was 0-of-9 in the first half, and scored just 1-of-7 in the second half after shooting just 2-of-16 from the field for only four points.

"I thought Brotos and Charrel [Allen] both did a great job on her," McGraw said. "I think we frustrated [Hardy] early. She didn't get a lot of open looks.

Nebraska's Cheboa Askey led the Cornhuskers with 16 points on 5-of-13 shooting.

The Irish opened the game with a 10-3 run, but after a Nebraska timeout, the Cornhuskers charged back to take a 14-12 lead on Jessica Gerhart's 3-pointer.

Notre Dame then slowly took over the game by outrebounding Nebraska and scoring inside. Two free throws from Batten in the second half put the Irish ahead by nine at half.

The Irish started the second half on a 13-5 run, capped off with a Borton free throw with 15:22 remaining. Notre Dame led by as many as 20 points on six different occasions.

"I felt like we broke the game open when we figured out how to attack the press," McGraw said.

Six players scored in double-digits for the Irish, led by LaVere's 19 points. LaVere saw increased playing time when Batteast picked up two fouls with more than 17 minutes to play in the first half.

"In the first half, I tried to come out with a lot of intensity," LaVere said. "With Jackie in foul trouble, I felt like I had to step up and score some points."

Battenished finished with 13 points in just 17 minutes, but the real story was the other Irish players. Megan Duffy scored 15 points in 5-for-8 shooting, including 3-for-4 beyond the arc, and freshman Allen had 14 points and six rebounds in her collegiate debut.

"I was really pleased with Courtney and [Charrel] industriously," McGraw said. "I thought they both played really well. Megan is going to be steady for us, we expect Megan to do what she did, but I was really pleased with Courtney and Charrel."
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in all three games. They dug a hole for themselves in falling behind the Mountaineers 10-6 in game one and 9-3 in game two, but the team rallied behind Carolyn Cooper's 455 hitting percentage for the match. The team hit .424 in the third game after a hitting percentage of only .105 in game two.

"I think that we finished really strong in Game 3," Brown said. "Even at the beginning of game three we were still not very efficient and not playing very well." Brown called a timeout midway through the third game after a service error by Emily Loosli and with the teams tied at 14.

"From that point I think there was just a really good focused effort," Brown said. "We didn't have the unforced errors and just a much stronger drive to finish it and finish strong."

The play of Cooper helped to keep the Irish in the match as the middle blocker led the team with 14 kills. Lauren Brewster had 11 while Emily Loosli totaled 10.

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favorable Knights would roll to an easy victory early in the game, as they scored on their first play from scrimmage. Laumann launched a 64-yard touchdown to Jon Wood to give Keenan an early advantage.

After a three-and-out by the Knight offense, Keenan figured to get the ball back with a chance to build on their lead. Instead, the Juggs successfully executed a fake punt, with quarterback Justin Gillet taking the snap and completing a 14-yard pass.

This was crucial in swinging the momentum toward Knott as the emotionally-charged Juggs went on to score to end that drive. Gillet connected with tight end Mike Talercio for a three-yard touchdown to account for the tally.

The Juggs became the first team to score on Keenan in the playoffs. Wooldridge's first failed kick of the game, however, left Knott trailing 7-6. Keenan's balanced attack allowed them to respond immediately with a 13-play, 65-yard drive, culminating with a 10-yard pass to receiver Danny Zenker, who tight­ened up alongside for the score. The Knights' extra point was blocked, leaving them with a 13-6 halftime advantage.

The underdog Juggs came out in the second half with an added sense of urgency as they controlled much of the play on both sides of the ball, outgaining Keenan 91 to nine. The Juggs were able to crack the vaunted Knight defense, continuing the running ability of John Lyons and the accurate passing of Gillet.

The quarterback was able to find holes in the secondary throughout the half completing 7-of-10 passes after halftime. Knott was able to tie the game with a 14-yard play action pass to Trey Patrick.

Patrick's twisting, over-the-shoulder catch late in the fourth quarter gave Knott the opportunity to win the game as the Juggs had the ball inside the Keenan 15 with less than two minutes left. A holding penalty and a sack pushed the Juggs out of field goal range as the clock expired.

Zenker's acrobatic catch on the second play of overtime gave the Knights the 7-0 advantage.

Knott's overpass situation left them two yards from the end zone on fourth down. Gillet found Joe Zenker, with a 1-yard touchdown. Gillet's extra point was blocked.

“We knew that we were better than our preseason rank of eighth and we worked all year to prove it.”

Dave Grennan

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break knotted at 7. The chances had intensified in the second half, as neither offense could string together successful plays.

As the clock ran down and the score remained tight, it became clear that one big play might decide the outcome.

Walsh coach Dave Grennan was sure that it would be the Wild Women who made that play.

"Our games have been close all year and we've always pulled it out," he said. "We just expect to win the close ones."

Grennan's confidence paid off as his teams traded punts for much of the half. Walsh linebacker Patty Rose snagged an errant Cavanaugh pass and returned the interception inside the Chaos 10-yard line.

Two plays later, another M s s r y S u l i v a n touchdown toss gave the Wild Women a 13-7 lead with only a few minutes remaining in the half.

Moments later, Walsh.cor­nerback Patty Rose extinguished Cavanaugh's dimming championship hopes with an interception that once again gave Walsh the ball deep in Chaos territory. Sullivan found the end zone with 48 seconds left in the half, putting the Juggs out of reach. With less than a minute left, Cavanaugh's last possession of the season was ended — not surprisingly — with another interception.

The Wild Women and the jubilant Walsh fans stormed the field to congrat­ulate their champion Wild Women.

The win capped a season for Walsh that was both amazing and unexpected.

The Wild Women were ranked eighth in preseason polls, but Grennan knew his team was championship caliber.

"We knew we were better than that, and we worked hard all year to prove it... it's a fantastic feeling," he said.

With a talented squad returning eighth in next year's season, including the freshman Sullivan — the Wild Women are unlikely to be ranked eighth in next years poll.

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However, despite the impres­sive first half, the Irish found diffic­ulty in finishing the game during the second half of play.

“We were a little lackadaisical to get the rhythm in the second half,” said Irish Head Coach Brian Kelly.

Notre Dame continued to struggle on offense early in the second half when defender Kim Lorenzen managed to knock in a goal, fol­lowed later in the second half by another goal from senior Catherine Connolly. Walsh took the ball from the midfield to the Irish goal line and was able to score a shot past an Eastern Illinois defender.

“The angle she scored from was a tough angle,” Waldrum summed up in the game.

The Irish found the going against the Badgers to be more difficult. Though Notre Dame registered 18 shots on goal, the Wisconsin teams played a physical style that disrupted the Irish ball control. Three yellow cards were handed out during the game, two of which went to the Badgers.

“The Big Ten soccer,” Waldrum said. “It’s a very diffi­cult league. They have the ability to take you out of your rhythm.”

The going was particularly dif­ficult for Thornton when she then faced multiple defenders while trying to get the ball.

“They were on my back the whole game,” she said. “Usually, they don’t do that to me, but with that focus and then they lose it, we’re a better team. If they can’t find me as much. But (Wisconsin) seemed to find me a little bit of time there. I’m unemployed and try and do what I’m going to do.”

About the only time Thelkinson had any room was during the extra time, through 49 minutes of play, the Irish had been unsuccessful on their three previous attempts. On Notre Dame’s fourth and final corner kick, Thelkinson lined the ball into the goal box where the Irish forward Krivacek leapt and deflected the ball into the right side of the net. Her first goal of the season proved to be a timely one even though the play was not drawn up for her.

“Mainly I’m there for a dis­traction. This time I’ve played a ball which I was able to get to the K," said Thelkinson, who was able to get the ball on the second round. "I had it all the time basically on my back and no one fronted me so I was able to get a clean shot.”

With the win, Notre Dame now puts to rest many of the fears about a repetition of an early postseason exit. A loss in the Big East championship this year recalled memories of last sea­son’s Big East final loss to Boston College and subsequent second-round 1-0 loss to Michigan in the NCAA Tourna­ment at Alumni Field. The Irish scored on the only shot off in the second half, and though his defense only allowed one shot on goal in the game, Waldrum worried that the same result might happen again.

“I have kind of the same vibes of Michigan again," he said. “If we get one, we do. If we get one, I felt like we could’ve broken it open with four or five. As a staff, we felt the heat in the latter stages get­ting past the second round.”

The Irish are due to practice prior to their match at Alumni Field Saturday, November 16.

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Irish saddle Broncos for first league victory

Weekend win against Western Michigan is first on road this year

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The Irish bucked a pair of dubious streaks against the Broncos this weekend.
First, the Irish picked up their first point on the road this season, tying Western Michigan 2-2 Friday night.
Then, Notre Dame (2-5-4, 1-4-3 in the CCHA) won its first road game and third game of the year, knocking off the Broncos 3-2 Saturday.

"It was especially nice to do well on the road in a building where we haven't played well as of late," Irish coach Dave Poulin said since his team lost both road games against Western Michigan last season. "I think it added a bit to the rivalry we've got going on with them. It was really good to pick up that first win in the conference.

With its win Saturday, Notre Dame also broke a five-game, winless streak (0-2-3) dating back to a 3-2 win over Boston College on Oct. 22.

An especially encouraging sign for Poulin was the play of both his goalies, each of whom had struggled at times during the season. Senior Morgan Cey started Saturday, making 38 of 40 saves in the win, while sophomore David Brown got the call in net Friday, stopping 28 of 30 Bronco shots.

"Both of our goalies have been good on occasion, but they'd never really both played well on the same weekend until this weekend," Poulin said. "We have very high expectations for our goalies, because they've had so much success before.

"But [Brown and Cey] put a lot of expectations on themselves, as well.

The Irish had difficulty getting started Friday night, falling behind 1-0 after the first period after being outshot 17-10. Mike Erickson picked up a loose puck and poked it past Brown at 4:51 of the first period.

Neither team scored in the second, and it didn't take long for the Broncos to add to their lead, with Erickson scoring his second goal of the game just 1:06 into the frame.
All that goal did was get the Irish going.

Notre Dame's Noah Babin broke through on Bronco goalie Dan Bellissimo at 4:56 of the period, flipping a wrist shot past Bellissimo's glove for Babin's second career goal.
It was freshman forward Evan Rankin who picked up the equalizer off a three-on-one rush just three minutes later.
Rankin used Tim Wallace and Brock Sheahan as decoys and slapped a hard shot from the right circle past Bellissimo. It was Rankin's second-straight game with a goal.

The tally was especially sweet for Rankin, who is from Portage, Mich., a suburb of Kalamazoo, Mich., and learned to skate at the Bronco's Lawson Arena.

"It was an interesting weekend for Evan," Poulin said. "He performed for us once again, even with the pressure of having to play in front of his hometown and at the arena where he grew up skating.

"[Rankin's] energy is great; his goal-scoring habits are what really make him a great player — things like keeping his stick on the ice, stopping in front of the goal for deflections — that's the sort of things that make him stand out.

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Irish coach

Saturday the Irish got off to a quick start, with Mike Walsh and Rankin assisting on Cory McLean's third goal of the season at 6:18 of the first period.

Each team scored twice in the second period. On an Irish power play, defensemen Wes O'Neill scored his team-leading fourth goal of the season at 5:01.

Western Michigan's Brian Biek scored two goals for the Broncos to tie the game at two apiece, but forward T.J. Jindra scored the game-winner with just 33.3 seconds in the second period.

Sheahan threw a cross-­-risk pass to Jindra at the Bronco blue line, and the sophomore forward skated in and fired a wrist shot from the slot to beat Bellissimo. Cey then closed out the Broncos in the third.

"The second and third periods Saturday were about the best hockey we've played all season," Poulin said. "Even though they tied it up in the second, we knew that we had the energy and were going to come away with it."

The Irish will face the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 team in an annual exhibition Friday.

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Tim Wallace looks up the ice during Notre Dame's 4-4 tie with Bowling Green on Nov. 5th.
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Travis Barker, Yanni, Prince Charles, Veronique Lake

Happy Birthday: You may find it difficult to make up your mind this year. Keep things simple and follow your gut feelings. If you take too much time to think, you may lose the opportunity to achieve something great. Your numbers are 3, 17, 29, 33, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You need a little excitement in your life. Plan to attend an event or take a day trip that will lead to adventure. Friendships are apparent if you participate in group activities. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Look over your personal papers and consider your options regarding work and money in the near-distant future. Make the best decision possible. Your numbers are 7, 16, 25, 34

GEMINIS (May 21-June 20): The more active and involved you become in social or group events, the more you get to know your neighbors better. Spend time nurturing a relationship that is special to you. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It's time you took better care of yourself. Put together a daily routine that will lead to fitness, proper diet and feeling good.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will force everyone looking up to you and wanting to help you achieve your goals. Take advantage of the good will being offered, but be sure to do something nice in return. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may have to give a little. If you try to summon help, it will result in setbacks, opposition and probably a loss of a friendship. Less talk and more action will get you what you want. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Rival over backed will help a friend. You will be praised for your selfless actions. Talks will lead to a better understanding of what you want in the future. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Taking a chance with your money will probably result in loss. Donate it to a worthy cause but, before you do, make sure you've left enough to cover your expenses. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Follow through with your plans. Someone could be there to help you achieve your goals. False information will lead you astray. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A court may be revealed. Be careful how you handle the information you receive. You could end up being blamed for something because of what you know. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Travel down the information highway. The more you learn about something that interests you, the better equipped you will be to handle an opportunity that comes your way in the future. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't expect anything from anyone and you won't be let down. You must look for yourself and protect your interests. False information will lead you astray. **

Birthday Baby: You have insight and can tune into the feelings of others with ease. You are a crusader and will never let down anyone you care about. You are useful in sport and in min. You welcome a challenge.

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**ND Women's Basketball**

Team beats Huskers by 73-57 score

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

For the second straight game, Notre Dame didn't wholly rely on Jacqueline Rabitto to win. The rest of the Irish held their own with her.

**TERESA Borton had 13 points and a career-high 12 rebounds to help Notre Dame advance to the semifinals of the Preseason Women's National.
Senior Day disaster

Cummings' late field goal propels Pittsburgh over Notre Dame

By KATE GALEs
Sports Writer

Despite finding a way to be consistent on offense, Notre Dame found a way to be inconsistent overall yet again. Pittsburgh's Tyler Palko threw for 334 yards and a Notre Dame-opponent record five touchdowns, and Cummings kicked a 32-yard field goal with one second left in the game to give the Panthers a 41-38 victory as Dwight T.

The sophomore

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player of the game

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stat of the game

9-for-17

Pittsburgh's third-down conversion rate. The Panthers were able to convert on many key third downs to keep drives alive.

play of the game

Palko's 36-yard completion to Gill

Irish linebacker Mike Godshy went for the ball against Erik Gill and missed the tackle, leading to the big play that put the Panthers in field-goal range.

quote of the game

"We came out flat. We didn't come out with enough energy."-Dwight Elick

Irish comeback

By KATE GALEs
Sports Writer

"Honestly, I never imagined losing this game — having four losses the rest of the season, Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said. "I mean, in a state of shock right now." Quinn completed 15-of-26 passes for 259 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions. Matt Shelton led receivers with three grabs for 128 yards and one touchdown, including a game-high 46-yard catch.

The Irish generated 438 yards of total offense, including 112 yards on the ground from Darius Walker, but they were unable to stop the Panthers 16-31, who became bowl-eligible with the win.

Quinn was intercepted on the opening drive by Josh Lay, who returned the ball four yards in the Irish 33. Palko dropped a bad snap on second-and-one and Mike Godshy recovered the fumble to begin a drive that would lead to the first Irish touchdown — 3-yard Walker run.

Both of Walker's touchdown runs came in the first half, as well as a 40-yard run — the team's longest of the season. Maurice Novall would finish the drive by catching a 17-yard pass for his first touchdown of the year.

"We kind of played our hearts out... but there's always stuff that I can do better," Walker said. "I definitely could've, should've, and didn't do a lot of the plays and ran and things." The Notre Dame offense produced, but a porous secondary could not stop the Panthers in the first half. Pittsburgh marched down-field on four consecutive drives and was not forced to punt until the second half.

The Notre Dame defense tightened up in the second half, but penalties made a big difference in the Panthers' final touchdown drive, two pass interference calls proved costly — including one that negated a Tom Zbikowski goal-line interception.

"I don't think there was absence of pressure," Willingham said, noting that the elusive Palko was forced to scramble 13 times for a net gain of 30 yards. The Irish recorded three sacks on the day for a net loss of 20 yards.

But Palko stepped up and made the big plays when they were necessary, including a fourth-and-four conversion on a flip pass late in the fourth quarter that led to the Panthers' go-ahead touchdown.

After the usually reliable Irish tight end Anthony Fasano dropped a ball on third-and-five, D.J. Fitzpatrick kicked a 44-yard field goal off the left upright with 1:11 remaining to tie the game at 38 apiece.

The Panthers swung together six plays for 55 yards to get within field goal range for the winning score. On that drive, Irish linebacker Mike Godshy went for the strip instead of trying to tackle Pittsburgh receiver Erik Gill, who broke two tackles for a 36-yard gain. The Panthers ended the drive on the game-winning field goal by Cummings, which gave the Panthers the 41-38 win.

"This game was about missed opportunities," said linebacker Derek Curry. "We had opportunities to make plays but we didn't step up and make them."

The seniors, who had a particularly bitter defeat in their final home game, were left searching for answers.

"It's been kind of an up-and-down season," said Carlyle Holiday. "We beat some great teams and we lost to some teams we thought we could beat."

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Pittsburgh's Josh Cummings kicks a 32-yard field goal with one second left in the game to give the Panthers a 41-38 victory as Dwight Elick, 24, Quentin Burrell, 8, and Victor Abiamiri, 95, try to block the kick. The field goal was the result of a 55-yard Pittsburgh drive. The loss dropped Notre Dame to 6-4.

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Irish defensive end Justin Tuck reacts to a pass interference call on fourth-and-10 in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game. Tom Zbikowski's interception in the end zone was negated as a result of the pass interference call on Irish cornerback Preston Jackson. Pittsburgh went on to score two plays later.

Irish need something to change

Derek Curry Irish lineman

You've just got to keep fighting through it and not focus on officiating because playing 11 guys plus those guys is even harder.

The down was third-and-one. Notre Dame had one timeout left. Pittsburgh needed a field goal to win. And as the Panthers lined up at the Notre Dame 24-yard line with 29 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, the Irish defense showed confidence.

They waved their arms to pump up the crowd. They dug in their cleats. They waited for the snap. And then they gave up a 13-yard run straight up the middle to Pittsburgh tailback Marcus Furman.

That play told the story of Saturday's ballgame. It told the story of Notre Dame's current season. And it told the story of the despicable state of this program.

Granted, there were some legitimate excuses this time.

Josh Lay's second interception of the game came at a crucial point with Notre Dame leading 27-21. But the Irish were moved back to the one-yard line and then were penalized for a false start.

So Notre Dame's defense kicked a field goal to tie it and gave the defense another shot. But Pittsburgh received the ball, put its 11 players against Notre Dame's 11, and in six penalty-free plays of 55 yards gained, the Panthers shaved off six yards down the collective Notre Dame defense.

This one hurt, and Furman's run epitomized the reasons why.

Furman took the ball and started running. The run showed the continuing struggle in the Notre Dame defense. And on fourth-and-10, the ball was at the hands of a senior quarterback who barely has time to prepare to pass. Furman went 3 yards on fourth-and-10.

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Palko drops bombs on Irish 'D'

By KATE GALE
Sports Writer

Tyler Palko became the first quarterback ever to throw for five touchdowns against the Irish, as Notre Dame has completed four touchdown passes in a row.

"There's no better feeling than to come in here and get a win," Palko said. "I'd like to throw for five touchdowns and put some stops together, and we seemed to get some confidence going on there, and then slipped in some big plays."
DISAPPOINTING FAREWELL

Pittsburgh's Tyler Palko threw for five touchdowns and the Panthers scored 28 first half points en route to the upset of No. 24 Notre Dame on Senior Day, just one week after Notre Dame defeated No. 9 Tennessee on the road. The Irish defense struggled all game, giving up more than 400 yards of total offense. The secondary struggled to make plays while Panther receivers made big ones.

With the win, Pittsburgh became bowl-eligible, and the Irish continued their inconsistent play this season.

From top left to bottom left, Irish receiver Maurice Stovall runs into the Pittsburgh's Allen Richardson as he calls for a fair catch. Stovall catches his first touchdown pass of the season. Carlyle Holiday returns a punt. Holiday had a 68-yard return, the longest by the Irish this season. Mike Goolsby celebrates in the second half after making a stop on defense. Darius Walker breaks a tackle on a run. Walker finished with over 100 yards. Derek Curry misses Tyler Palko as he scrambles.