Panelists discuss the global role of religion

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

As part of the inauguration of Father John Jenkins, the University hosted the Notre Dame Forum Thursday at the Joyce Center to join international religious leaders with Notre Dame representatives and discuss the role of faith in the modern world, in what organizers hope will become an annual event.

Former NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw moderated the forum, entitled "Why God? Understanding Religion and Engaging Faith in a Plural World."

"I believe the issues that are before us, these are the most critical issues not just in this country but in the global community," Brokaw said.

The forum began with a two-hour-long discussion among four archbishops: Rodriguez, who accused U.S. media in 2002 of covering the church's sex abuse scandal in ways "reminiscent of Stalin and Hitler.

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"It's interesting," Blaine said. "There is a concern for Catholic values outside of the Church, but not within the Church ... we are the faithful Catholic sons and daughters who were raped and sodomized by priests that our parents trusted."

"I believe SNAP, a national organization with 5,700 mem­bers and chapters in 60 cities, did indeed contact Notre Dame directly about its plans, but did indeed try to change the event."

University spokesman Matt Storin said "while in an ideal..." see PROTEST/page 6

Jenkins speaks to ND staff at morning meal

By MADIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

University staff members started Thursday bright and early with jobs and University President Father John Jenkins in the Joyce Center.

"You are the foundation of what we do," Jenkins told staff at a breakfast that kicked off his inauguration weekend. "Notre Dame is you, the people who work here."

Jenkins recalled letters writ­ten by University founder Father Edward Sorin about the six Holy Cross Brothers who served as his staff.

"He realized that they were critical to what Notre Dame would become," Jenkins said. "You are the successors of those people who worked so hard to build Notre Dame."

He focused on "the spirit of..." see FORUM/page 4

Protesters gather outside J.A.C.C. to make statement against cardinal's presence at forum

By MADIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Five hundred people protest­ing Cardinal Oscar Andres Rodriguez's presence on campus were quietly distrib­uted to the throngs of people who flocked to Thursday's Notre Dame Forum at the Joyce Center. The Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) president Barbara Blaine said members wanted to make a statement against Honduran archbishop Rodriguez, who accused U.S. media in 2002 of covering the church's sex abuse scandal in ways "reminiscent of Stalin and Hitler."

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County Council votes against coal company

By SARAH WHEATON
News Writer

"Thank God our government used its authority!" was the exclaimed cry of New Carlisle resident Bonnie DeMyer after the Saint Joseph County Council voted 7 to 2 Thursday to block the building of Tonda Corporation's proposed integrated gasifica­tion combined cycle (IGCC) coal plant.

In what one member called the most difficult decision he had to make in his 25 years on the Council, the group made a surpris­ingly strong stand against the plant that was slated to be built in New Carlisle.

One councilman in particular shocked residents by switching his vote at the last minute to help defeat the plant.

The highly controversi­al issue attracted strong public interest, and the Thursday meeting was so full that people had to sit in the hallway and strain to hear. The meeting was called to order several times after spontaneous bouts of applause broke out after each council member who voted against building the plant.

Several councilmen said they had heard the people's "pleas and cries and strong public opposi­tion as a reason for their vote. Those who did support the plant cited the possibility of decreased pollutants over time..." see COAL/page 4

SMC to hold Vatican II conference

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

To commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, Saint Mary's will be holding a two-day conference today and Saturday focusing on the Council's legacy, lead­ership and its unfinished agenda.

Sister Kathleen Dolphin – coordinator of the Vatican II conference – said the forum will be comprised of con­versation groups led by various speakers who will present the audience with opening communica­tions regarding gender issues in the church, the rule of the Church in today's world and intercultural issues.

The first discussion group will begin today at 9:30 a.m. in Morris Little Theater, followed by a second group set to begin at 1:30 p.m. The discussion groups will continue on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Both will be held in Carroll Auditorium in M Ave­lade Hall.

"This is a very important event for both Catholics and non-Catholics interested in ecum­enism and intercultural diversity, especially during these thread-baring years of Catholicism," Dolphin said.

The keynote event will take place tonight at 7 p.m. in O'Laughlin Auditorium, where CNN journalist Judy Woodruff will be hosting "In Conversation with Council Participants." Guest speakers at the event will include Bishop Remi Joseph De Ruij, a voting participant at the Council. He is one of approxi­mately right surviving bishops of the 2,500 who voted at the Council.

Also participating in tonight's conversation will be Father Gustavo Gutierrez, an observer at Vatican II and Notre Dame theology professor; Father Robert Pellon, advisor to Governor Lawton Chiles; and Father Robert Haire, theology professor at the Kellogg Institute; Sister Carmel McKergow, author of "Guests in Their Own House: The Women of Vatican II Prayer book," and president of the Catholic Association of Mary, official observer of the Council and fac­ulty of religious studies at McGill University; and Martin Marty, official Protestant observer at the Council and Lutheran Church and member of Judy Woodruff to lead the central conversation was a primary goal for Dolhin, who worked to secure a high­profile female proctor highly..." see VATICAN/page 6
Embrace the alternative

The one piece of advice my grandmother gave me before I left for college was this: Don't let girls hit on you.

Going into college, my worries involved handling the workload, making new friends and adjusting to life away from home for the first time.

The idea that I would arrive at Notre Dame and be barraged with girls interested in more than friendship never crossed my mind, though it was a worry that obviously plagued my grandmother.

I went to a fairly liberal Catholic high school, so I believe I have been exposed to people from a wider variety of backgrounds than my grandmother had been at the same point in her life.

In high school, I had several gay male friends, and I enjoyed the dimension they brought to my life. I spent many Friday nights checking out guys with my gay male friends in Washington, D.C., and though at times I felt like my social life was an episode of "Will and Grace," the friendships I made in high school with those living "alternative lifestyles" enriched my own life and taught me how to embrace those with lifestyles and beliefs contrary to my own.

My grandmother does not need to worry about any unwanted advances by girls at Notre Dame. The societal pressure towards heterosexual relationships is almost as strong first at Freshman O as the guys' dorms run around serenading the girls' dorms. Students made painfully aware their lack of tolerance and respect for the gay community at the pep rally by showing their distaste toward Zahn by calling it gay.

A gay or lesbian lifestyle may be tolerated, but perhaps not embraced and is certainly not a common sight on the Notre Dame campus. I have heard people joke that parietals encourage homosexuality, but I can testify that the orgies do not stop when the boys leave — at least not in my dorm.

But the University does make an effort to encourage its students to tolerate the alternative lifestyle. Like all freshmen, I recently attended a presentation given by the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. Two students related their stories of how they came out of the closet and shared the experiences they have had as homosexual students at Notre Dame. I am sure that other homosexual students attend the University, but I hope that all students can work towards embracing these members of the ND family so we can most make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, we can learn from it.

The classic 1941 film "Citizen Kane" will be shown Saturday at 3 p.m. in Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $6 for faculty and $3 for students.

The Notre Dame women's volleyball team faces off against Selon Hall Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

Farley Hall will present "What Would You Do for 2 Parke Tickets?" on Monday at 5 p.m. on North Quad. Students can register proposed acts in both billing halls before Sunday night or on the first floor of Farley. All acts must be approved at the time of sign up.

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OFFBEAT

Baker writes "Da Vincis"-based diet book

PORTLAND, Maine — A baker who lost half his business to the low-carb craze has written a book based on the mathematical principles of the Golden Ratio, a formula used by Leonardo Da Vinci and made popular in the best seller, "The Da Vinci Code."

Stephen Lanzalotta created what he called the "Da Vinci Diet" in response to the decline in bread consumption brought about by the popularity of the Atkins Diet. The diet consists mostly of Mediterranean foods, including bread, fish, cheese, vegetables, meat, nuts and wine.

He signed a deal last year with Warner Books, a division of Time Warner Book Group, that included a six-figure advance.

France offers money to third-time parents

PARIS — France announced financial incentives Thursday for parents to have a third child, hoping to boost its fertility rate by helping people to better juggle the demands of work and family life.

A new measure will take effect in July 2006. Da Vincis said he believed the measure would appeal to numerous parents and allow for a "better reconciliation of professional and family rhythms."

"We must do more to allow French families to have as many children as they want," the prime minister said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Hammes Mowbray Hall, the new building of the ND Security Police and the campus post office, will be dedicated today at 9 a.m. by Father Theodore Hesburgh.

More than 100 visiting priests and bishops will concelebrate the inaugural Mass today at 10 a.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Tickets are required for seating.

Donner Run will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. Runners can choose between a 6-mile and a 3-mile race. There is also a 2-mile walk. Race day registration and check in is at Legends.

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Correction

The Sept. 21 edition of The Observer, specific regarding the inauguration ceremonies of Father John Jenkins were reported incorrectly. The ceremonies will take place in the Joyce Center and not in front of the Main Building as a news-page article indicated. Additionally, 100 primes — not 10 — will participate in today's inaugural Mass at the Basilica. The Observer regrets these errors.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD STUDY ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, WHERE WOULD YOU AND WHY?

Mexico — the real land of the free.

Sweden because my best girlfriend lives there and I want my children to be taller with blue eyes.

Austria because it's right on the ocean.

Austria because Lukas Moderschober is God-like and beautiful.

Michigan, because it's been elected to Canada.

Rome because just like Saint Peter's it rocks.

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Ben Wilson
Students are hoping for a win at this weekend’s football game. Some will see the game firsthand by flying to Seattle for the game. 

By SARA WHEATON
News Writer

While many students will tune into Saturday’s game at Washington from various television sets around campus, others are making the 2,000 mile-long trek as a testament to their support for the team. Mike Marchand and Mike Santos are just two of a number of loyal Irish fans making the journey to Seattle for this weekend’s game against Washington. Both seniors, they plan to stay the weekend with their former roommate, Notre Dame alumnus Dave Marchand, who now lives in Seattle.

Since planning the trip last summer, they — like many students — look forward to seeing Notre Dame’s first game against former coach Tyrone Willingham.

“I hope Ty has a good season and that his team plays well and makes it a good game, but in the end, we’d better win,” Marchand said.

Most fans are eager to see what play Willingham for the first time, and like Marchand, wish the former Iowa head coach luck while still hoping for a solid Irish victory. “As nice as Ty is, I can’t wait to see the Irish crush Washington,” Junior Jenn Sayers said.

For students who are traveling to Washington, the Notre Dame Club of Western Washington is holding a full weekend of football-related events, including a pep rally Friday night and a large tailgate Saturday before the game. The Notre Dame cheerleaders will perform at both events.

Though the majority of Notre Dame students are not able to travel with the team to Seattle, they are eager to watch the game from campus.

“I’m watching it on my satellite in my middle room,” Junior Jim Thiede said.

Sayers plans on having a small party in her room.

For students who wish to join a large number of other fans while cheering on the Irish, Legends will host a game watch complete with free food provided by the Class of 2006.

Many students are optimistic about the upcoming game given Notre Dame’s sound 38-3 victory over Washington last year. Marchand predicts an Irish win by a “21-point spread.”

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Professor backs culture theory

A Special to the Observer

The recent discovery of changes in two genes thought to regulate brain growth has some scientists convinced that the human brain is still a work in progress, but a Notre Dame anthropologist says that these findings need to be interpreted in a cultural context, and that not only the shape, but every aspect of the human being is still evolving.

“Changes in the forms of the genes in the brain may be correlated with changes in human cultural behavior,” said Agustin Fuentes, associate professor of anthropology. "This is suggesting that changing patterns of manipulating our environments may be affecting the evolutionary pressures we humans put on ourselves — and thus changing the genetic structures in our brains," Fuentes said.

Scientists tracked changes in two brain genes unique to humans — one appearing some 6,000 years ago and now found in 30 percent of the population, and the other evolving some 37,000 years ago and found in more than 70 percent of the population. Since the appearance of the first modern humans dates back more than 200,000 years, it appears that these changes in brain genes developed well after the species had evolved at the same time the creative explosion of modern humans began to spread across Europe and when civilizations flourished. "Human cultural adaptation seems to be changing the landscape of evolutionary challenges, so it appears that we are, in essence, building our evolutionary future," Fuentes said.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 2002, Fuentes’ areas of specialization include biological anthropology, primateology, and evolution of social organization and behavior.
Cardinal Oscar Andres Rodriguez, the archbishop of Teuguaculpa, Honduras; Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, executive director and former chaplain of the United States Military Academy; and Rabbi Harold M. Schulweis, president of the American Jewish Committee, are among the 20 panelists - primarily its faith leaders - who joined a Technology Forum sponsored by the University's Center for Excellence in Religion and Public Life.

The forum, which took place during the annual meeting of the American Society for MuslimUnderstanding, is intended to further a long-term relationship between the university and the Society for MuslimUnderstanding, a group founded in 1987 that promotes understanding between Muslims and Christians.

The forum was moderated by Christopher Welna, a professor of religious studies at the University of Notre Dame, who also moderated the forum's discussion.

"The loudest voices are those who advocate divisiveness, conflict and differences," Danforth said during the forum.

"If there is something that Adolf Hitler said that causes me not to sleep at night, it is: 'The loud are louder than the gentle,'" said Chazan, who has devoted 30 years to working on the international level to bridge the gap between Israelis and the Palestinians.

"They believe they have all the answers to all the questions and that terrifies me as a Jew," Chazan said. "Do not profile religion, profile those who is the name of religion assert truth because religion is about having faith."

Professor Allert Brown-Gort, University of Oregon, said there is no disputing the reality that there are those who believe religion has an entirely different meaning than in the West. This is why it is so difficult to have a dialogue in the Muslim world for the fact that the dialogue is being interrupted by religion.

"The gap between the U.S. and the Islamic world is perhaps wider than ever because of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001," Danforth said. "And the loudest voices are the people who advocate divisiveness, conflict and differences.

Panelists such as Brown-Gort believe religion has an entirely different meaning than it has in the West. Strange silence. Which is why this forum at a Catholic university is so important.

"Tolerance is based on let's say," he said. "The fundamentalists say, 'Oh, I'm going to bring up anything serious.' You believe the God of Moses, the God of Jesus is the same God. We don't believe the God of Moses, the God of Jesus is the same God. Who are we? Who are we going to believe? I don't believe there is an answer.""}

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Rita closes in on Texas Coast

Hundreds of thousands of residents caught in slow exodus; oil refineries threatened

Associated Press

HOUSTON, Texas — The Category 5 hurricane closed in on the Texas Gulf Coast and the heart of the U.S. oil-refining industry with howling 145 mph winds Thursday, but a sharper-than-expected turn to the right set it on a course that could spare Houston and nearby Galveston a direct hit.

The storm's march toward land sent hundreds of thousands of people fleeing the nation's fourth-largest city in a frenzied, slowly building exodus.

"This is the worst planning I've ever seen," said Judith Anderson, who covered just 45 miles in 12 hours after setting out from her home in the Houston suburb of LaPorte. "They say we've learned a lot from Hurricane Katrina. Well, you couldn't prove it by me."

In all, nearly 2 million people along the Texas and Louisiana coasts were urged to get out of the way of Rita, a 400-mile-wide storm that weakened Thursday from a fast-moving, small-scale Category 5 hurricane to a Category 3 as it swirled across the Gulf of Mexico.

The storm's course change could send it away from Houston and Galveston, it instead would draw the hurricane toward Port Arthur, Texas, or Lake Charles, Ia., at least 60 miles up the coast, by late Friday or Saturday.

But it was still an extremely dangerous storm — and one aimed at a section of coastline with the world's highest concentration of oil refineries. Environmentalists warned of the possibility of a toxic spill from the 87 chemical plants and petroleum installations that represent more than one-fourth of U.S. refining capacity.

Rita also brought rain to already-battered New Orleans, raising fears that the city's Katrina-damaged levees would fail and flood the city all over again.

At 5 p.m. EDT, Rita was centered about 405 miles southeast of Houston and was moving at near 14 mph. Its winds were near 200 mph, down from 175 mph earlier in the day.

Forecasters predicted it would come ashore somewhere along a 350-mile stretch of the Texas and Louisiana coast that includes Port Arthur near the midpoint.

Forecasters warned of the possibility of a storm surge of 15 to 20 feet, battering waves, and rain from 4 to 10 inches, with a remote chance of flooding.

Drivers ran out of gas in 14-hour traffic jams or backed in vain for a place to stay as hotels filled up all the way to the Oklahoma and Arkansas lines. Others got tired of waiting in traffic and turned around and went home.

Service station reported running out of gasoline, and police officers along the highways carried gas to motorists whose tanks were empty. Texas authorities also asked the Pentagon for help in getting gasoline to drivers stuck in traffic.

Rather than sit in traffic, some people walked their dogs, got out in stretch or switch drivers, or lounged in the beds of pickup trucks. Fathers and sons played catch on freeway medians. Some walked from car to car, chatting with others.

Iraq

Shiite cleric backs draft constitution

The officials refused to be identified because they are not authorized to speak for the genie, who is the only public statement the genie makes public appearances.

Iraq's minority Sunni Arabs, who hold power and privilege with the fall of Saddam Hussein in the U.S.-led invasion, are deeply opposed to the genie. They form the backbone of the country's Islamic insurgency and have stepped up attacks on Shiites in advance of the vote.

Some saw a Shiite split in play during the violence this week in the predominantly Shiite city of Basra, where British troops clashed with mobs and smashed their way into a jail while rescue two soldiers.

Anthony Cordesman of the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Affairs, said the escalation of tension in Basra underscored the simmering rift among Shiite factions ahead of the referendum and parliamentary elections. In a reaction to a struggle between hard-liners and more moderate religious elements, he said.
just want to thank you in warmth, of easier, more continued from page 1 Jenkins, who made possible because of what positively to the future of the College ahead because of that, what you bring to this job. I always try to remember, is "great-" "I thought he (Jenkins) seemed very warm, friendly, down-to-earth." Shannen Mears Morris Inn employee "They have planned so many events for staff and faculty. The staff breakfast didn't happen before." Sherri Tubinis Morris Inn manager more colleges offer game theory RPI, which plans to offer a major in the field next year, graduated 27 gaming minors in its first year and expects a jump this year. "The concept of designing games and studying the wide-ranging good-human-computer interactions — that's what I'm interested in," said Chelsea Hash, a senior with a video game minor and a major in electronic arts. From Brooklyn's Pratt Institute to the University of Colorado, at least 50 schools around the country now offer courses in video game study, development or design, according to industry groups. Some of the schools offer full-blown academic programs. The University of Washington offers a certificate in game design; the Art Institute of Phoenix gives a bachelor of arts in game art and design; and the University of Pennsylvania has a master's in computer graphics and game technology. Jason Della Rocca, executive director of the International Game Developers Association, said that about 10 million number of schools adding programs in the video game industry is matur ing. Della Rocca said that in the early "Space Invader" days of game development, one developer could mentor a handful of workers. Now, games can cost $10 million and require 200 workers, making the industry hungrier for specialized skills. RPI humanities dean John Harrington said the idea of teaching about video games in college "brings out the Puritan in some people," but he said the technology-oriented school can't afford to ignore the bottling down of digital media. Administrators at RPI say they developed the serious academic program that marries technology and creativity. **CYGHT is at the best point in the lifecycle of a band, simply produced and deserving of the hype for what is — quite possibly — a nearly perfect album." —billboard.com "New York's newest underground party pack Clap Your Hands Say Yeah is a band tetering on the fence of obscurity and stardom..." —smymixtapes.com "Brooklyn's Clap Your Hands Say Yeah are here to rest their collective arms around your shoulders and lead you back across the indie pop threshold into a rare corner of sweet guitar rock that hums with fresh originality." —msnbc.com


**BRIEF**

Sony seeks turnaround with job cuts

**THE OBSERVER**

TOKYO — Sony Corp.'s Howard Stringer, the first foreigner to head the Japanese electronics and entertainment company, promised a decisive turnaround Thursday centered on cutting jobs, closing plants and shedding unprofitable businesses. But many analysts said his plan lacked creativity and vision for a world in which consumer electronics companies are being forced to adapt nimbly to changing activity and vision for the future.

"Maybe it's one of those things where the balloon was pushed under water so far that it's bounced to the surface," said Jon Breen, head of growth equity at Neuberger Berman in Chicago.

Investors bid stocks up on oil prices declined. Stocks that had been doing poorly for weeks, such as retailers and consumer goods companies, rebounded.

"It's all about oil," said Paul McMunus, senior vice president and director of research, Independence Investment LLC. Traders sent their clients weather updates and lists of oil rigs as risk Wednesday morning. But as the National Hurricane Center downgraded the storm to Category 4 from Category 5, some investors relaxed a little and started searching for bargains after three down days.

"Everyone is just sitting back and watching their weather forecast," Stringer said.

Crude oil futures fell as forecasts about the storm lost some intensity. A barrel of light crude settled at $66.50, down 30 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average rose more than 264 points since Monday.

The change: +30 cents, or about six months, of consumer sentiment weakened. The data for the index was collected before Katrina's devastation of the Gulf Coast, and it is likely that the September reading for the index will be even weaker.

Nonetheless, some investors were optimistic that the Fed, despite its decision on Tuesday to continue raising rates, will decide to change its strategy if evidence continues to point to a slower economy.

**Rewrite of U.S. Bankruptcy Code**

WASHINGTON — The most significant changes to the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in a quarter century, making it harder for debtors to erase credit card and other obligations in court proceedings, went into effect Thursday.

The passage was blocked by Congress and signed into law by President Bush in April as part of his campaign by banks, retailers and credit card companies.

A major provision of the new law sets up an income test for determining whether people can have their debts canceled and other obligations in court proceedings tied to their median income in counties with the highest household exemptions.

People earning above their state's median income who can pay at least $6,000 over five years — $100 a month — will be forced to file a Chapter 7 bankruptcy, which if approved by a judge erases debts entirely after certain assets are forfeited. But those with income below their state's median income who can pay at least $6,000 over five years — $100 a month — will be forced to file a Chapter 13, under which a judge orders a repayment plan.

In calculating income, people filing for bankruptcy may deduct various expenses as defined by the Internal Revenue Service, including food and clothing, and some health and disability insurance expenses.

People seeking bankruptcy protection are required to take credit counseling courses within 180 days, or about six months, of filing.

** Associated Press **

HURRICANE RITA over the Gulf of Mexico. Rita closed in on The Texas Gulf Coast and the heart of the U.S. oil-refining industry with howling 145 mph winds Thursday.

The change was accompanied by the current law, which generally allows federal bankruptcy judges leeway to determine the fate of debtors' assets and how much they must repay.

Financial services companies and other proponents of the change have maintained that the bankruptcy process has been abused by gamblers, compulsive shoppers and multimillionaires who buy mansions in states with liberal homestead exemptions to shelter assets from creditors. They say the abuse has resulted in higher interest rates for everyone else.

Opponents have said the new law will fall especially hard on low-income working people, single parents, minorities and the elderly and will remove a safety net for those who have lost their second jobs or face mounting medical bills.

Among the changes made by the
Mobile music proves lucrative for industries

Wireless carriers and record labels bank on big advancements in cell phone technology

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When someone dials Leah Balecha’s mobile phone, it doesn’t ring. It jams with the sounds of 50 Cent, Outkast, Gwen Stefani and Kelly Clarkson.

Like a growing number of mobile phone users, the 30-year-old videographer and student has taken to customizing her handset, sometimes paying more than $3 for just a snippet of a single song to turn it into an audible fashion accessory.

“I love the reaction I get when people hear my phone ringing,” Balecha said. “All of my girl friends have a different ring.”

With U.S. mobile phone users like Balecha already spending hundreds of millions a year on ringtones, wireless carriers and the music industry are banking on taking music lovers to the next step: using the phone as a portable music player.

They’re taking advantage of the fact that mobile handsets and the data networks that feed them are becoming more sophisticated.

“Consumers in Japan, South Korea and Great Britain are already transferring songs directly from their computers to their phones, a practice known as sideloading, or downloading full-length tracks over their mobile networks.”

Ring tones may be big in the United States now, but full-track downloads and sideload­ing, are the future, said Thomas Hesse, president of global digital business at Sony-BMG Entertainment.

Still, there’s some doubt about whether U.S. music fans—who have grown accustomed to using their home computers to buy, listen and organize their digital music—will fully embrace the phone as their music device of choice, said Charles Golvin, principal analyst for Forrester Research in Los Angeles.

Balecha has purchased about 15 ringtones in the past three months—by her count sold yet on full-length songs.

“It would depend a lot on how much it costs and how easy it was to use,” she said.

“The sound quality on my cell phone isn’t up to par. It’s not like listening to my stereo.”

Sprint Nextel Corp. will likely be the first carrier to offer downloads of full songs over its wireless network. It plans to use a service in the United States within months.

Separately, Sprint recently struck a deal with RealNetworks Inc. to offer music videos, news and music streamed over its network.

Verizon Wireless, which is affiliated with a British carrier that already offers full-song downloads in Britain, is also looking into a similar U.S. service.

Online retailers including Napster Inc. and that company’s parent, Conexant Systems Inc., are also vying to capture download sales by promoting handsets that sideload tracks onto their personal computer. The idea is to get users accustomed to sideloading before plunging into pay-per-song downloads.

“Earlier this month, Apple unveiled its ROKR, a mobile phone by Motorola Inc. that holds up to 100 songs and comes with Apple’s iTunes software, which is being offered through Cingular Wireless, which is planning a separate download service next year.”

Napster has partnered with handset maker Ericsson to launch a mobile music service under the Napster brand.

“The growth of the U.S. mobile music market has been encouraging. Ringtone sales are now estimated at about $400 million and projected to double by the end of the decade, said David Card, an analyst with Jupiter Research in New York.”

Sales of ringtones—clips from an actual recording label release—have in some cases eclipsed sales of full versions of the same song in other formats like CD.

Kate Moss cocaine saga reveals fashion’s flaws

Culture lecturer Cary Cooper of Lancaster University said the industry saw the warning signs. Others saw the warning signs. Something should have been done sooner.

Moss was dropped by Burberry, Chanel and Swedish clothing giant Himmel. Icelandic cosmetics company Rimmel London said Thursday it was “reviewing” her $2.3 million contract.

In her statement, Moss said, “I also realize there are serious personal issues that I need to address and I am starting the difficult, yet necessary, steps to resolve them.”

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An interfaith group released a new textbook Thursday aimed at teaching public high school students about the Bible while avoiding legal disputes.

The nonprofit Bible Literacy Project of Fairfax, Va., spent five years and $2 million developing “The Bible and Its Influence.” The text, introduced at a Washington news conference, won initial endorsements from experts in literature, religion and church-state law.

American Jewish Congress attorney Marc Stern, an adviser on the effort, said despite concern over growing tensions among U.S. religious groups, “this book is proof that the despair is premature. That it is possible to achieve a mutual understanding that deep religious differences and yet still find common ground.

Another adviser, evangelical literature scholar Leland Ryken of Wheaton College called the textbook “a triumph of scholarship and a major publishing event.”

The colorful $50 book and forthcoming teacher’s guide, covering both Old and New Testament, is scheduled for semester-long or full-year courses starting next year.

The editors are

religious lobbies and feder-

Ant-war group plans a giant demonstration

Protesters want Bush to bring troops home

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Anti-war groups are using a $1 million ad campaign and a demonstration they say will attract 100,000 people to try to re-energize their movement and pressure the Bush administration to bring troops home from Iraq.

Organizers of Saturday’s protest, which will take marchers past the White House, say it will be the largest since the war began more than two years ago.

Cindy Sheehan, who wrote thousands of pro­testers to her Texas ranch last week when President Bush visited the site of her son’s death, said: “I’m so hungry for race day.”

William Whitaker, robot maker

inventors vie for $2 million prize

Robot-makers and their robots will face off in rugged Nevada desert

Associated Press
LOS ANGELES — Wanted by the Pentagon: A muscular, outdoorsy specimen. Must be intelligent and above all, self-driven.

Twenty bolting robotic vehicles face off next month in a rugged race across the Nevada desert Sunday, competing for $2 million in the contest that will give new meaning to the term "battle of the bands." The team leader nicknames his robot Maker Sandstorm and the desert course, which this year loops from and to a California border, as "the toughest in the world." The $2 million will be divided among the top three entrants. Team leader Sebastian Thrun, a computer science professor at Stanford University, declared to reveal how the event started. "That’s our best kept secret," he said.

The autonomous robotic vehicles use "drive-by-wire" telecommunication systems and computers to control steering, braking and other movement. As a result, many of the mechanical linkages to the engines are gone.

The vehicles also have sensors that pinpoint their location and detect whether obstacles lie ahead. The sensors feed data to computers that, with the help of a three-dimensional camera, let vehicles distinguish a bush from a tumbleweed and calculate whether a chasm is too deep to jump.

Participants generally agree that the race is not about who is the better. It is about how far the better it can handle curves and maneuver rocky terrain. The $2 million in prize money, many say, is such a small percentage of the total that it must have all the right algorithms and programming to be able to finish the race and change course to avoid danger.

Museum founders plead with city

The International Freedom Center wants to stay at ground zero

Associated Press
NEW YORK — Founders of a museum devoted to食品 7/11, which say they are "in a unique and desperate situation," want to stay in a proposed cultural building around the block, saying it would overshadow and take focus away from a new memorial museum devoted to the 2,749 dead and would drive them away from having a fight to debate about the attacks and other world events.

"The International Freedom Center has now concluded that it will take the memory of 9/11 and it is to follow its own personal ideology," Anthony Gardner, whose brother, Thomas, was killed at the World Trade Center, said Thursday. "Politics left in right in the middle and we do not want a sacred ground. Ground zero should not be used as a public square."
Today, you will humbly accept the Presidential Medal and the University Mace. Today, you'll proudly turn to trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, alumni and guests, and articulate your vision for Notre Dame in the 21st century. Today, as your predecessor Father Edward Malloy put it, is full of "pomp and circumstance."

After 85 days in office, you know well that being Notre Dame's 17th president is about more than symbols and speeches. But your inauguration is still the symbolic launch of your presidency, and therefore the right occasion not only to speak but to listen. Especially to the hopes of another vital University constituency — students.

So, Father Jenkins, what do students expect from a University president?

More, and less, than you might think.

**Student Life**

Notre Dame's revered traditions of residence life are what distinguish it from all the other universities in the country. The single-sex dorms, while often a source of complaints, also produce traditions that are unique and help students get to know each other.

Second, make sure you participate in it. Your schedule is packed with commitments, and it may seem impossible or illegal to squeeze in time for the Dorms. But you can do it. The lines of a dorm's interhall games or wind through crowds at the Fisher Hegarty, you'll come to face-to-face with the passions of each student sitting in front of them.

Third, consider moving back into an undergraduate residence hall. When your presidency was announced in April 2004, you planned to live in Keenan, and you lived in Sorin before that. But in the ensuing months you chose instead to live in the privacy and relative peacelessness of off-campus graduate student housing. Long before that, Notre Dame students arc clearly concerned with more than residence life, and rules like parietals are always worth review and reconsideration.

**Academics**

Notre Dame students are clearly concerned with more than residence life. Academics and academics, those three are the professors your administration should recruit, hire and retain. You have been in the classroom, and you know it is the nucleus of the University. Notre Dame's classrooms should be respectful and preserved, and rules like parietals are always worth review and reconsideration.

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ON THE COVER

Words for Father Jenkins

**Pomp and circumstance**

"Don't be too timid and squeamish about your actions. All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson
An open letter to President Jenkins

University President John Jenkins' installment today is a certain time of celebration. This writer is among the many who are excited to see what Jenkins and the Administration wish Jenkins the wisdom and courage to lead as though he was walking through Galilee.楼上写着我们的提案，学生，尽管有诸多弊端，但却是许多年经验的教训。By the next year, Notre Dame would fail to qualify for U.S. News and World Report's top 20, which it often occupied throughout the decade. The University countered that it could not compete with medical schools like Georgetown. However, a persuasive national proven record of student satisfaction and academic excellence, Notre Dame selflessly initiates the pace of Galilee and make time to walk with those who are lost the University's financial aid. Diversity is more than just an acceptable racial percentage of the overall campus population. Where are the blue homes of students that embrace our personal society? Diversity embodies social and economic differences, religious differences, or even different cultural differences, all of which are not the same. By academic freedom is the constitution of diversity.

President Jenkins must encourage all proposals on campus regardless of the ground. The message my view to the University. It is essentially wrong to expect publicly elected officials who refuse our religion or on whom they represent. It is also to wrong pro-Choice Democrats while embracing Republicans who favor capital punishment opposing life. Where is the Catholic, John Roberts, as Supreme Court Justice, hold true to his stance that to be a Wade is settled precedent, will Notre Dame ever change?

We all load lives of perfection, and it seems that in perfection we lose the character of some. The University finds itself in a position where it does not walk its talk after the revelation of personal shortcomings.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A shirt solution

After reading the endless stream of letters that have flood- ed the papers since the start of the season, I have decided to attempt to appeal to both sides, The Shirt lovers and detesters. It will allow for continued sales of the new Shirt, which go to worthwhile causes, and it will allow the stu- dent body to keep their sense of unity intact. Finally, it will permit those who hate the Shirt to have their way by expressing their anger at the ugliness of this shirt. Even though this may seem like a completely asinine proposal, it will prevent us from looking like communist-minded mobs, national television, instead of one student body that is united behind its team. This solution will end the debate over the Shirt by allowing both colors a chance to shine, while achieving the true purpose of the Shirt, which express our unity as a student body.

In the end, this idea may seem like a bit farsighted and possibly not ideal at the current stage, but you’d have to admit it’d be pretty sweet.

Jake Badke, ’06
Jenkins’ Inn.
Marinney Hall
Sept. 22

Like the rest of the student body on Saturday, I was crushed as I watched Michigan State shine the ball into the end zone for the winning touchdown. We were down and out in the middle of the game. We made a great comeback and brought the team back on their overtime and then all of a sudden the glory of a victory was snatched from our hands and unjustly given to the clumsiest Michigan State. Perhaps what made the victory all the more heart-breaking was that no one deserves the victory more than Michigan State. These reasons were close, but it was also the fact that I’ve been here for three years and I’ve seen the football team lose many games. When the teams played Manchester and at the beginning of the season I couldn’t help wrapping myself up in the hype and dreaming of actually experi-encing a national championship season. I’ve been a football fan ever since I was little girl, from the time my dad would drag me to the Eagles games up through high school when first became a Notre Dame fan. The game has become an important part of my life and I know that the majority of students at Notre Dame feel the exact same way about the team. Sure the comeback on Saturday was great, but as Wein himself said a loss is a loss and it’s certainly not something to celebrate.

That being said, there are the reasons why as time goes on, I’ve decided not to let this foot- ball team get to me. Rather than being a constant source of conflict in my life, I am now fully prepared to look forward to the next game.

First of all, a heartbreaking loss against Michigan State provided the perfect atmos-phere for the spirit of Notre Dame to filter through the student section. When Michigan is the team in for the touchdowns, no one notice student section left. I couldn’t help thinking back, as I stood there singing the fight song and the Alma Mater, to the Pittsburgh game I had attended two weeks before when all of the Pittsburgh student sec- tion was behind the half. The fact is that something like that would never happen at Notre Dame. We support each other and we support our team until the very end no matter what.

Amanda Cleveland
Fairly Hall
Sept. 22
CD Reviews

Band shows it is time to join 'The Fray'

By CHRIS McGRAFY
Assistant Scene Editor

Discovering a new great band is like finding money in the pocket of your old favorite coat. You pull on the sleeves of that worn old jacket that has been hanging in your closet since last April and feel the smooth touch of a folded bill. When you withdraw your hand you feel that happy worn caress and look down to see the wrinkled visage of Andrew Jackson smiling back at you, whispering, "spend me."

This is the same feeling one gets when first listening to The Fray, surprise, nos­
talgia and above all, a feeling of discov­ery as your ears are opened to a muci­nally complete, talented and great band. Despite releasing its first CD under the Epi­c label on Sept. 13, The Fray's first tracks are just now hitting the airwaves.

Although it's still premature to com­pare the band to the likes of greats such as U2 and Coldplay, The Fray possesses that same rare quality of undeniable musical talent and classic sound. The band's impressive success.

Joe King's guitar, Dave Welsh's bass and Ben Wysocki's drums accompany Isaac Slade's powerful vocals and def­
dhand piano skills. Together the band forms a musical ensemble that can rival, if not outplay, the bulk of superficial and ultimately run-of-the-mill musical groups that flood today's airwaves and radios. Clean and uncompromising in their musical background, The Fray choose to use guitar and piano as the cornerstone type of audio nicotine that will have you humming all day but the catch is, unlike the annoying pop ballads you're used to crowding your cranium, you'll want it to get stuck there.

The band's sophomore album, "How to Save a Life," could have instead been entitled "How to Make Good Music," as this disc is Impressive. The album opens with the upbeat song "She Is" and continues into the incredibly catchy tune "One Hand Up." This is the type of audio nicotine that will have you humming all day but the catch is, unlike the annoying pop ballads you're used to crowding your cranium, you'll want it to get stuck there.

The Denver-based troupe already has a fiercely loyal following in the Denver metro-area and is quickly expanding their horizons — after performing sold­out shows across the state they are now on tour with Ben Foldes. Their first CD "Season EP," was an instant classic in the Denver community and The Fray instantly became an area favorite, winning the Best New Band Award given out by Denver's Westword magazine.

The Fray recently opened for popular band The Killers at Red Rocks Amphitheatre in Morrison, Colo. However, if you walked in late you might not have realized who was opening for whom, as it seemed at times like Fray fans outnumbered the homiletically-based Killers fans in the creed. This intense fol­lowing is sure to follow the group across the country. Put this money in your pocket and keep it; this one CD is that a welcome addition to any music lover's collec­tion.

The only thing holding this band back from a perfect rating is the feeling that there is still something more to offer — this band is capable of something amaz­ing. The battle has begun, my friend. It's time we all join The Fray.

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Indie rock band releases new album and plays Notre Dame

By JOE LATTAL
Scene Critic

So many things have contributed to the explosion of the indie rock genre in the past few years. The iPod helped. The staleness of the abused nu-metal and alt­rocker genres helped. The surprising amount of exposure given to the genre by typical mainstream outlets such as MTV and commercial radio helped.

But what stole the spotlight for today's indie rock heroes, such as Interpol, Franz Ferdinand and The Decemberists, is the amount of imagination that the best bands in the genre have put into each verse, lyric and note.

Clap Your Hands Say Yeah is the next example of a band in the genre that put out their album at the right time. The explosion of indie rock and its accessible stepchild, Pitchfork Media, are the primary explanations for the New York band's impressive success.

Clap Your Hands Say Yeah

Don't believe it? Try getting a ticket to see the band in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Canada. All shows are sold out. But if you're looking for a chance to catch Clap Your Hands, you are in luck. The band plays on campus Saturday night.

Once you hear the album, it's easy to understand why everyone is clapping and saying "yeah." By the end of the opener "Clap Your Hands," you are unsure whether you just walked into a circus or a Baptist preacher's sermon. Backup voices and organ sounds spiral around Alec Ounsworth's voice commanding to "clap your hands." The simple-minded track is not the group's greatest achieve­ment, but it serves the purpose of pulling any listener into the album.

The next track, "Let the Cool Goddess Rust Away," answers one of these questions. Clap Your Hands Say Yeah wants to have fun in an unconventional way. Ounsworth's voice takes center stage as percussion is simply tambourine and kick drum and rhythm in the same two chords for three minutes.

"Over and Over Again (Lost and Found)" continues the exercise with a bit more in the way of a vocal range, his soothing voice provides a pleasing contrast to themmo­nium that earned the genre exposure in the popular music spectrum in the first place. Students at Notre Dame have a unique opportunity to experience the band this Saturday night. Clap Your Hands Say Yeah will play a free show at Legends Sept. 24 at 9:30 p.m.

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The Fray formed in 2002 with Isaac Slade (right) and Joe King (middle left) and has a loyal following in Denver, Colo. The band has toured recently with Ben Folds.

The Fray

Sony BMG

Recommended tracks: 'She Is,' 'Over My Head,' 'All at Once,' 'How to Save a Life' and 'Trust Me'

The relaxing chord pro­

ly catchy with the addition of keyboards that dig up memories of past Grandaddy and Talking Heads records.

The swift strumming at the start of "Is This Love?" provides a pleasant contrast to the rest of the album's more deliberate productions. The song features an addictive, sing-a-long chorus that repeats the song's title and a celebratory, anthemic like chorus at its conclusion.

When the sounds of harmonica and tambourine can be heard in the first measures of a song by the name of "Heavy Metal," it's quite a treat. The swirling backup vocals on the track serve as instruments, focusing more on dynam­ics and melody versus the popular music spectrum in the first place.

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Recommended tracks: 'In This Home on Ice,' 'Is This Love?,' 'Heavy Metal' and 'Over and Over Again'

Recommended track: 'Yeah'

The Fray

The Fray

Photo courtesy of clapyourhandssayyeah.com

Clap Your Hands Say Yeah will play a free show at Legends Saturday. The band has recently sold out shows in Chicago, Boston and New York.

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Citizen Kane
Directed by Orson Welles
(1941)
PAC Classic 100 Film
Saturday, September 24
3 p.m.

By VINCE LABRIOLA

Citizen Kane is a rare find. It's a film that simply must be seen. Nothing else can do it justice.

On paper, it is a story of a complex man, his success and failures, his many personal contradictions and the impressions he left on those closest to him. Onscreen, however, Welles presents his story with such flair and talent that it becomes that rare film which keeps your eyes riveted to the screen from beginning to end.

Living a modern audience member, it's almost as much fun watching what Welles does with the camera and thinking of the more contemporary films that have emulated it like the deep, shadow-filled lighting of "The Godfather." Welles does it here first.

The twisting camera shots in "Fight Club" - Welles did it nearly 60 years prior, without the aid of computer effects. "Citizen Kane" was a film that truly defines what American cinema is all about - pushing to the absolute limits of storytelling and technical craftsmanship, and the result is a spectacular film that will remain one of the most prominent landmarks in the history of cinema.

It should come as no surprise, then, that "Citizen Kane" was chosen as one of DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts' "Classic 100 Films," where it joins the ranks of such memorable movies as Fritz Lang's "Metropolis," Federico Fellini's "La Dolce Vita" and Jean-Luc Godard's "Breathless.

It certainly deserves to be ranked in the midst, if not above all these films. Make it a point to head over to the DPAC this Saturday at 3 p.m. for the screening of "Citizen Kane." If this is your first viewing or just the first time seeing it on the big screen, you can rest assured it will be a cinematic experience not soon forgotten.

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Citizen Kane

A poster advertises the release of "Citizen Kane." In 1941, Orson Welles, who directed the film, was also nominated for Best Actor at the 1942 Academy Awards.

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Phillies chop Braves, keep wild card berth alive

Philadelphia pitcher Jon Lieber throws during the second inning of the Phillies’ 4-0 win over the Braves Thursday.

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 204 South Dining Hall. Deadlines for next-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without inquiring.
Rested Cross Country

Smith College travel to jamboree

Conference meet will test runners against MIAA competition

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

The Belles travel to Grand Rapids, Mich. Saturday to compete in the five-kilometer Nordic Jamboree hosted by Calvin College.

Saint Mary's participated in the National Catholic Championships Friday and slightly lightened the intensity of its practices this week. "We ran hills a little this week, but it was a mini-workout," head coach Jackie Bauters said. She said the Belles are healthy for the most part and "excited" for the event.

"I think the atmosphere will be excited," she said. "I don't want [the runners] to have anxiety."

Bauters said the Belles have a strong team, with the team having 16 consecutive league crowns. Calvin and Hope College to be the toughest competition in the meet, followed by the Belles and Albion following closely.

Before Hope won the conference title last year, Calvin had won 16 consecutive league crowns. No team besides Hope or Calvin have won the title since 1984, when Alma won the last of its four consecutive crowns. Albion and Alma tied for the league title in 1981.

Bauters said her team is in shape to be compared to Albion. "Albion, their situation is similar to ours," Bauters said. "They have each have young squads. It will be really good competition."

Bauters said she hoped for strong races from freshmen Alison Miller and Caitlin Stevenson for Saint Mary's, along with good results from veteran standouts Sara Otto and Becky Feauto.

Feauto and Otto led the Belles last weekend at the Burke Memorial Golf Course on the campus of Notre Dame with five-kilometer times of 20:31 and 20:32, respectively.

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Explosive Calvin
to challenge SMC

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will face its toughest conference opponent of the year this Saturday when the Belles travel to Calvin College to play in a MIAA grudge match.

Calvin is the best that the MIAA conference has to offer, it currently holds down the top spot with an unblemished 4-0 record (5-1-1 overall). In the four league games, Calvin has netted 24 goals while surrendering a lone tally to Olivet College in the season opener.

During the four-game-winning streak, Calvin has come away with victories of 6-1, 7-0, 0-0 and 4-0 over Olivet, Adrian, Tri-State and Calvin, respectively. The Belles' defense will have their hands full as they must deal with the dual Calvin attack of Sarah Weslies and Jill Capel.

The duo has accounted for 16 of Calvin's goals while surrendering a lone tally to Olivet College in the season opener.

The Belles are spending a lot of time in preparation, including an extra-long practice on Friday, to make sure they have every obstacle covered. Saint Mary's may have its hands full on defense, but Calvin will be as well if the Belles show up with the offense that has dominated their past three opponents. The Belles have outscored opponents 7-1 in their last three games behind the drives of attackers Lauren Hinton, Ashley Hinton and Colleen Cytryn.

Carrie Orr has been outstanding at keeping opponents in their own zone, along with Mary Esch and Sarah Dubrue on defense.

With a win the Belles would move into a tie for first with Calvin, in the process jumping over two-beaten Olivet College. The Belles go into action at noon Saturday playing on Calvin's home-field.

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Zahn takes on Sorin in battle of unbeatens

By COLIN REIMER and DAVE MURPHY
Sports Writers

A clash of Blue League unbeatens will take place Sunday at Richle Field as Zahn takes on Sorin, both of which are 0-0. Both teams are coming off a bye week and are primed for this week, and are hoping to carry their momentum into this contest.

Zahn, fresh from a come­from-behind 14-12 victory over Carroll last week, will need to continue its dominant play if they wish to remain an unbeaten team. Zahn's defense has been stifling, allowing just 12 points in two games, while the offense has scored 26 points in those same games. The team is looking to build on its recent success and take this game as well.

Sorin, on the other hand, is also an unbeaten team and will be looking to continue their winning ways. The team has scored 16 points in two games, while allowing just 11 points. The offense and defense have both been strong, and the team is looking to take this game as well.

This game is expected to be a close one, with both teams looking to gain the upper hand. The winner will move to 0-0 and stay unbeaten, while the loser will drop to 0-1 and lose their unbeaten streak. The game will be a battle between two of the best teams in the Blue League, and is sure to be a thrilling contest.

OFFENSIVE STRUGGLES

Zahn's offense has been struggling recently, scoring just 10 points in their previous two games. The team has been held scoreless in both games, and will need to step up their game if they wish to remain unbeaten. The defense has been strong, allowing just 12 points in two games, but the offense needs to step up if they wish to win.

Sorin's offense has been similarly struggling, scoring just 8 points in their previous two games. The team has been held scoreless in both games, and will need to step up their game if they wish to remain unbeaten. The defense has been strong, allowing just 11 points in two games, but the offense needs to step up if they wish to win.

The MIAA jamborees lead the way to championships, to be held Oct. 7-8, with the winner taking the title. The jamborees are a test in the team's abilities, and are sure to be a challenging contest for both teams.

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Belles take on MIAA rival team Bulldogs

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Saint Mary's will play in the last regular-season game of the season against the University of Notre Dame. The game will be held at the DeBartolo Track and Field Complex at 1 p.m. The Bulldogs are 6-1 overall and 3-0 in the MIAA, while the Bats are 4-3 overall and 2-1 in the MIAA.

The Bats are looking to continue their winning ways in the final regular-season game. Saint Mary's has won their last three games, and is looking to continue their winning streak. The Bulldogs are looking to stay unbeaten in the MIAA, and are looking to continue their winning streak in the conference.

The game will be a close one, with both teams looking to gain the upper hand. The winner will move to 6-2 and stay unbeaten, while the loser will drop to 6-3 and lose their unbeaten streak. The game will be a battle between two of the best teams in the MIAA, and is sure to be a thrilling contest.

OFFENSIVE STRUGGLES

Saint Mary's offense has been struggling recently, scoring just 10 points in their previous two games. The team has been held scoreless in both games, and will need to step up their game if they wish to remain unbeaten. The defense has been strong, allowing just 11 points in two games, but the offense needs to step up if they wish to win.

Notre Dame's offense has been similarly struggling, scoring just 8 points in their previous two games. The team has been held scoreless in both games, and will need to step up their game if they wish to remain unbeaten. The defense has been strong, allowing just 11 points in two games, but the offense needs to step up if they wish to win.

The MIAA jamborees lead the way to championships, to be held Oct. 7-8, with the winner taking the title. The jamborees are a test in the team's abilities, and are sure to be a challenging contest for both teams.

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Live and study
interhall — women’s blue league

Valdez, Lewis hungry for win after dropping first two

By JAMES FEGAN AND BECKI DURRER
Sports Writers

Lewis is very to be glad to see Lyons on its schedule. After playing the two participants in last year’s title game in its first two games, Lewis can’t help but feel enthusiastic for a relative break.

The Chickens have suffered two tough losses where they have seen their offense struggle to produce, turning the ball over frequently. Against Cavanaugh, the Chickens went out, and quarterback Elisa Valdez’s last eight passes of the game fell incomplete. Tuesday, Valdez was intercepted three times as Lewis lost a heartbreaker to Walsh.

Despite the powerful defenses they’ve faced, things might not be getting any easier for Lewis as their schedule continues; they features an aggressive defense with tons of speed.

“We need to definitely the strong point of our team,” Freshman receiver Jene Emery said.

Lyons is looking for answers on Sunday about its team after a bipolar performance so far in its season. After looking like championship contenders in a 20-0 thrashing of Howard, the Lions looked stagnant in a 12-0 shutout loss to Badin. The most confusing part of their loss was the seemingly high-powered offense that Lyons is going to continue to run against at quarterback with Kim her team. Jene and Lynn, and hope to get the production out of start receiver Jeni Delaney that presumably disappeared versus Badin.

Lewis counters with a gritty defense that will feature a strong pass rush from Meghann McGarr, who recorded two sacks against Howard. The Chickens offense has been their Achilles heel this year. They’ve been flat, unproductive and occasionally turnover-prone. However, they are talented, and are capable of lighting up the scoreboard if strong-armed quarterback Valdez gets them going.

“Our defense is definitely the strong point of our team,” Jene Emery said.

Lyons is going to have to be ready for a challenge every bit as tough as Walsh and Cavanaugh. For Lyons, it’s going to determine which of their performances from this season was an aberration.

Badin vs. Walsh

Badin and Walsh will continue their 2005 interhall football seasons this Sunday when they face off at 1 p.m. at West Quad field.

Both Walsh and Badin come into the game with confidence after well-played victories against Lewis and Lyons, respectively.

Badin hopes to knock off the defending interhall champions with the kind of intensity that helped them triumph over Lyons 12-0 Tuesday night. After two early touchdowns thrown by freshman Katie Rose Lackney at quarterback, it was the experiences and confidence of a strong defensive line that held the Lions scoreless.

However, the defense is much too cagy a of the threats of a strong Walsh team.

“We’ve been working on some plays that we’ve designed specifically for Walsh’s style of play,” Badin captain Nick Charlebois said. “We can’t wait to put them to good use.”

However, the defensive play of the Wild Women of Walsh will certainly keep even the most prepared offense on their toes, seeing that it was three interceptions that contributed much to the team’s success in their past game. Even though their defensive play was stellar, credit must be given to quarterback Mary Sullivan, who is very effective on the ground as well as in the air, and the entirety of the Walsh offensive line for capitalizing on the opportunities given to them.

“It was a team effort,” Sullivan said.

The Walsh women will need that same kind of teamwork and raw determination against Badin if they wish to continue in their winning ways. They will have to contend with a hungry Badin team that hopes to secure its second win of the year.

The Bullfrogs are eager to “get back to playing at the championship level that we reached two weeks ago,” Charlebois said.

A game versus the defending champion Walsh team will be a gauge of the potential of both teams.

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north quad neighbors to lock horns sunday

Finest, Babes look to rebound after tough losses last weekend

By DREW FONTANAROSA and DIERDRE KRASULA
Sports Writers

Bringing rights are at stake as neighbors do battle on Sunday at 5 p.m. on the West Quad at 5 p.m. The Revs Phillips Babes take on the Factory Shamrocks. Walsh will belocating next to each other on the North Quad may for a rivalry, neither team is interested in creating locker room material.

What they are interested in, however, is putting one in the win column.

The Babes, losers to Walsh Family in their first game, hope that the large number of experienced returnees they have will help them make a quick turnaround.

“We still have a lot of freshmen,”Quint Shannahan, Swampigan said, “we do have a number of returning upperclassmen. It adds up to a lot of experience.”

Sorin went on to say how the team’s chemistry has really developed this year through time at practice.

“While we know we’ll have people stepping in with different games, we are, at the heart of it all, a true team,” she said.

The Babes’ defense has lost 60 loss in their opening game against Pasquerilla East, but, they are Captain and quarterback, Katie Pujik, still supported the team’s defensive side of the ball.

“They’re doing a great job,” she said. “All they hope to do is keep up the intensity.”

But being strong on side of the ball only works if the offense, as is intent on making the offense just as potent. “At practice this week, we’ve really focused on the offense — getting all the plays down, adding a couple of new plays,” she said. “We will be a force to be reckoned with.”

Crucial to the offensive improvement are fullback Kim Crehan and two junior wide receivers, Diane Duran and Farrell Pasquerilla.

“Diane and Annie are two of our key returning players. They’re my go to girls,” Popik said.

Welsh Family vs. Pasquerilla East

The game will be full with defensive showdowns. Weasel Family plans to mark their calendars for Sunday when the Perns and Pasquerilla East hit the field, the Whirlwinds of Welsh Family 1-0-1 against the West Quad at 4 p.m.

It promises to be a struggle as both teams possess great faith in their respective defensive units.

History books may remember that three years ago Pasquerilla East won the football championship, the first team besides Welsh Fan in three years to do so. Neither team is interested in Past facing each other, however, both are extremely focused on upcoming games.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish host pair of weekend exhibition contests

Fall tournament gives team an opportunity for tougher practice

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

There is a long winter to get through before the softball season officially starts, but the Notre Dame women will have a chance to test their skills against a pair of exhibition games. The Irish will host both Wayne State University and Detroit Mercy at Ivy Field on Saturday in a tournament that was officially announced with the fall exhibition schedule late August.

The tournament will begin at 10 a.m. with a matchup between Notre Dame and Wayne State.

The Irish will finish the day with a 2 p.m. game versus Detroit Mercy, and the two visiting teams will play each other at noon.

The records of the exhibition games will not count toward the 2006 season, nor will any of the stats. What the events will do is to give the team a better idea of where they stand on the field. But how big are these games are for the members of this year’s team?

"Well, they’re very important because they’re games," catcher Mallorie Lenn said.

"We want to see where we’re at for next season," Coach is taking them as seriously as any other game.

After graduating five starters last spring, players are seeing plenty of opportunities for playing time.

The fall schedule is filled with games so far off, few definite decisions have been made as to who will be playing where on the field. Lenn, a First Team All-Conference player for the Irish, noted that no one on the team is too preoccupied with the eventual necessity of a starting lineup.

"We’re actually not sure [with which starters] yet," Lenn said. "Everyone is playing, and everyone gets equal chance to play each position."

As far as the level of competition goes, it may be too early in the year to know exactly what the Irish will be facing on Saturday. At this point in the season, everybody is battling 1,000, and no one has yet made an error. For that reason, players and coaches alike are of the mindset that the competition is going to be there.

"Anybody is going to be good competition at this point in the year," Lenn said.

Saturday will not only mark the unofficial beginning of the softball season for the Irish, but it will also mark the first time that 2001 Notre Dame graduate Lizzy Lemire will step onto the field as something other than a player.

Lemire fills a spot on the coaching staff vacated when former assistant coach Charmelle Green accepted a position in the University’s student-athlete development office, and former second assistant Kris Gaskeff moved into the first-assistant spot.

Lemire won two Big East Championships with Notre Dame, and made three consecutive NCAA appearances, before graduating and earning a spot on the U.S. National Softball team.

Lemire joined the staff on Aug. 11, and has been warmly welcomed by everyone in the program.

"Lemire is a great person. She loves Notre Dame and she loves the program," Lenn said. "She definitely has a drive for the school just like all of our other coaches."

The team is anxious to get the season rolling, and although the Irish only have a few opportunities to play this fall, everyone is excited about the prospect of getting started.

"I think we look good and we are ready to go," Lenn said.

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NSCAA Men's Soccer Poll

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PGA

President's Cup

Relief Goosen, top, helps international teammate Adam Scott line up a putt at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Presidents' Cup action on Thursday. Goosen and Scott beat Tiger Woods and Fred Couples in match play.

Internationals take lead in Presidents' Cup

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Va. — Adam Scott watched his 25-foot eagle putt from the fringe curl into the left side of the cup for a 3-up lead against Tiger Woods and Fred Couples, a serious blow that set the tone for the International team Thursday in the opening match at the Presidents Cup.

Relief Goosen extended his hand, as if to tap Scott on the shoulder after his big eagle, but he traded an open-mouthed exchange of smiles with the internationals. Said Scott: "We're certainly no longer the underdogs."

But all Goosen wanted was the ball. It was his turn on the tee.

"I think I got a good putt out of him," Scott said with a smile.

With quiet precision, Goosen and Scott turned in a big lead performance that buried Woods and Couples and sent the International team into the truly foreign territory at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club, in the lead.

Mike Weir and Trevor Hoffmans brought up the rear, making four birdies in the first five holes to crush David Toms and Stewart Cink. Weir between the International team did enough right to take a 3 1/2-1 1/2 lead.

One point isn't much, especially with 28 matches left until the cup is awarded.

"It's like a mile race and you're 50 yards ahead," International captain Gary Player said. "This is as close as it can be without being a tie."

But considering how the International team really starts at RTJ, it was cause for optimism. In three previous trips to this golf course on the shores of Lake Manassas, the Americans have twice led 5-0 and once led 4-1 after the opening day.

"Scott and Goosen batting Tiger and Freddie was a big thing for the International team," U.S. captain Jack Nicklaus said.

"It set the stage for them being ahead. It's the difference in them being ahead. We were hoping for exactly the same situation. I think we might have caught up against them and do well. I was wrong today."

The Americans didn't have a lot of things go right for them.

Jim Furyk's first swing of the day aggravated a rib injury, and he had to get therapy between shots just to finish his match.

He and Fred Funk scratched out a halve against Vijay Singh.

IN BRIEF

Palmero turns on Oriole, season may be over

NEW YORK — Rafael Palmero's season with the Baltimore Orioles might be over.

Orioles interim manager Sam Perlozzo said that if the first baseman had disclosed the name of a teammate who supplied him with the substance that led to Palmero's suspension for steroid use, it probably would be best that Palmero not return to the team this year.

The Sun in Baltimore, citing unidentified sources, reported Thursday that Palmero had identified a teammate by name when he testified before baseball's arbitration panel in an attempt to overturn the suspension, which followed a positive test for stanozolol.

"If in fact that was true, then it probably would not be a good idea for Palmero to return," Perlozzo said Thursday before the Orioles played the New York Yankees.

"It's all speculation as far as I know." Rita could force Saints to make more changes

SAN ANTONIO — The TV sets just arrived in the New Orleans Saints' locker room at the Alamodome drew a gripped audience Thursday, with players in disbelief as the bright red colors of Hurricane Rita huddled toward Louisiana.

While they're concerned about the city they left behind, they're also wondering whether a pounding in Baton Rouge would force another change in a season already severely altered by Hurricanes Katrina.

"Just about everywhere we go we get hurricanes," quarterback Aaron Brooks said. "You just can't believe it. What the hell is going on? It's like a black cloud. We may not be able to play in Baton Rouge if it hits like that."

It's been less than four weeks since Katrina wrecked New Orleans and damaged the Superdome, forcing the Saints to move their headquarters and practice facility to San Antonio.

The team is scheduled to play three games at the Alamodome and four more at LSU's Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge.

Bench-warming Bennett to start for Georgia Tech

ATLANTA — Taylor Bennett spent most of his high school career on the bench.

Once he got to Georgia Tech, his chance to play came a bit quicker. The redshirt freshman filled in last week for the 15th-ranked Yellow Jackets, getting his first start at quarterback after Reggie Ball became ill with viral meningitis.

Bennett didn't make any major gaffes in a 28-13 victory over Connecticut.

With Ball still recovering, Bennett may have to go again Saturday — and this time the stakes would be infinitely higher.
MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL — GOLD LEAGUE

Morrissette takes on O'Neill in season opener

By JAY FITZPATRICK, JASON GADAN and GREGORY ARBOGAST
Sports Writers

The O'Neill Angry Mob (1-0) and Morrissey Manor (0-0) will begin the second week of games in the men’s gold division Sunday at Reihle Fields at 2 p.m.

The Manorsites had a bye in Week One and hope to get their season started with a win against O'Neill. To prepare for the game, Morrissey captain Nick Klein has decided not to work on more complex schemes and plays in the weeks prior to the opener. Instead, Morrissey has returned to the fundamentals and has opted to have perfected the basic plays that Klein hopes will get his team the victory.

Part of the reason for this simplified game plan is that Morrissey hopes to contain the O'Neill offense with their generally good defense. Learning from O'Neill’s Week One opponent, Alumni, the Manorsites hope to force O'Neill to be one-dimensionally serviceable.

One problem Morrissey may have is their team’s youth. After having graduated some start- ers out players on both sides of the football, Klein said he hopes to see a lot of new stars out there this weekend.

“We know that O'Neill has already beaten Alumni, who is usually a good football team this year,” Klein said. “We are prepared for a tough game.

The Angry Mob has already defeated one good team, Alumni, last week by holding them to only six points while scoring twice through the air. The ability to keep them to a minimum was key to the victory,” said O'Neill captain Matt Hughey. “It allowed the offense to drive down the field and some points on the board.”

In preparation for this game against Morrissey, Hughey has been working to improve his team’s defense and has expanded the offense’s playbook so the Mob will still have some up their sleeves for the Morons.

“The key to Morrissey’s first game, O'Neill will have to base their game plan more on intuition than actual game play, a definite advantage for Morrissey. But Hughey still believes that this week has been enough time to prepare for the game.”

"It’s going to be a tough battle,” said Hughey. “Both teams will be ready to win.

Dillon vs. Keenan

The Keenan Knights look to continue their winning ways against the Dillon Big Red this Sunday at Reihle Fields at 2 p.m.

The Knights are coming off a shutout performance against Keough, where they also connected on two big touchdown passes to seal the victory.

The defensive changes were impressive in their victory over the Kangaroos, but still face a long road ahead, which continues with a major contest against the Dillon Big Red. Knights captain Matt Lyzinski is a big ol’ work-horse running back,” Klein said. “We're looking to run the ball and establish the ground game with him, and work in our passing attack, and pretty much continue our offense where we left off last week.”

The Knights will be facing a Dillon team that, despite losing its first contest, still brings a very solid football team to the field. The Big Red defense held the Stanford offense in check throughout the entire game before surrendering the final game-winning touchdown.

“The Big Red are coming off a tough loss to the Stanford Griffins in which their offense was able to march up and down the field throughout the game but was not able to convert any of their offensive production into points. Senior captain Romeo Acosta was quick to point out that his team has some issues that need to be addressed.

"We're working on the same problem from last year, which is getting our offense moving," Acosta said. "We're trying to implement a new offensive system right now and we just need to keep working to get things together.

Keenan and Dillon each have a long way to go in the season and a win at this stage is of the utmost importance for both teams. Keough’s defense is confident that their team is ready to face the challenge,” he said.

Alumni vs. Keough

Sunday afternoon’s game between Keough and Alumni will feature two teams still trying to work out early-season difficulties.

Both teams are coming off losses in their first games, and both teams struggled mightily to move the ball. In fact, Keough was not able to make a first down until the second half of its game with Keenan in which Keenan dominated 14-0.

The Kangaroos struggled to contain Keenan’s running game behind tailback Alex Stuifender. In Alumni’s game, the Dawgs were defeated 13-6 by the Angry Mob of O'Neill. Alumni scored the first points of the game on a touchdown pass from Kregg Truesdell to Ryan McGintigan, but the offense was silent the rest of the way particularly with the running game. On defense, the Alumni secondary struggled allowing two touchdown passes to O'Neill’s Alex Fortunado.

“We had some confusion on assignments and exact responsibilities, so we have addressed these issues in practice this week,” said McGintigan.

Both teams are expected to rely on their running game this weekend in the hope of jumping starting their struggling offenses.

“We know that Keough runs a 5-2, so we have been working a lot on running against that type of defense,” said McGintigan.

That strategy in mind, each team’s success will likely be determined by the performance of their running backs and offensive lines.

The teams face off at 3 p.m. at Reihle West.
Irish Volleyball

Squad tries to bounce back from close defeat at LSU last Sunday

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

The quest to defend their title begins this Sunday at 1 p.m. the Irish (7-11), the defending Big East tournament and regular-season champions, take on the Seton Hall Pirates (6-6) in Notre Dame's first conference match of the season. Since the Pirates have played so many matches, Irish coach Debbie Brown has prepared her team well but doesn't know exactly what to expect of her opponent.

"We were able to see a little bit of what their system is through tape," she said. "We were preparing them with their season stats. They might have been playing people in different positions because they have had lots of matches, so we don't know for sure what we're going to see.

"But we have a pretty good idea."

Notre Dame, coming off a five-game loss to LSU, is hoping to bounce back with a solid match. It will be important for the Irish to take the Pirates out of their comfort zone. They won't have played a match west of Pennsylvania yet this season, until tomorrow's match in Chicago against DePaul.

Seton Hall has played some tough competition, though, including fourth-ranked Penn State (9-2). The Pirates gave the Nittany Lions a run in a few games but were swept three games to none.

Brown and the Irish are excited to get the conference season underway after a testing non-conference slate.

"It looks like a lot of teams - three different seasons - the non-conference, conference and hopefully the postseason," Brown said. "We think we've prepared ourselves really well for the conference."

While Notre Dame has defeated two top-10 teams and still ranks 11th in the polls, Brown is still a realist. When asked if she was pleased with the accomplishments thus far, she replied succinctly.

"Yes and no," she said. "Obviously, we had some really, really good wins. We're not pleased with our loss, not to say we don't think we should ever lose, but we just felt we didn't play very well last weekend."

She thought the team prepared well this week in preparation for the conference season.

"I think this week ... just get back in the gym, picking it back up, I think the team has responded well," she said.

The team clearly has used the first loss of the season as motivation.

"Each day in practice it's been a little bit better and a little more competitive," Brown said.

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Includes Alabama, Tennessee, Florida, SMU and Georgia State.

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reinventing and practice should have the Irish back on track.

"It's important to do well in practice but it's even more important to do well in games," Clark said. "I think the team is enjoying it.

One highlight for the Irish was the emergence of senior tri-captain John Stephens in the midfield. After notching only two points all season, he already records 11 points this season. Stephens' assist went to forward Justin McGee, who scored his first goal of the season against Sycamore after leading the Irish in points last year. He also scored against Calvin earlier this season.

Defensive Ryan Miller has been crucial for Cahill. Miller was named to the Top Drawer Soccer Team of the Week last week.

The home crowd should be treated to some good soccer this weekend, as the Irish realize that these games are crucial to their goals of winning the Big East regular season crown for the second year in a row.

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Horoscope
Aries (March 21-April 19): Don't take a break -- there is too much to stake and too much to be accomplished. Your hard work and dedication will pay off. Trust it will help you pull it all together.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Pull out all the stops and do your best to surprise everyone with your thoughtfulness and ability to get things done. Pick a quiet spot and appropriate place for meetings. You will not impress everyone!***

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You have to be feeling nimble and in need of a change. Jump in to and get yourself moving. This is not the kind of day you want to waste sitting around accomplishing little. Get your head together and work out ideas.***

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Don't promise the world. Instead, offer what's reasonable. By doing things yourself, you will gain the respect of your peers. Hard work and a little Cancer charm will work wonders for you.***

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Your attention will be divided. You may be looking for a change. Starters over ever feel daunted at first, but ultimately you will feel good about the upcoming changes. Meeting and interacting with people who have a different perspective on life will open your eyes to all sorts of possibilities.***

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may have to do a little paperwork. You will need the respect of your peers.***

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Think big and prepare to take on projects no one else will tackle. You can make gains that far exceed your wildest dreams. A chance to do it all in your group. .dartle no wate up 7 so dot.***

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Chances are good that what you expect will not come through today. Don't be surprised by delays or people who appear to be confused and uncertain. Pick up the slack and focus on your creative endeavors.***

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your attention should be on cleaning up business matters that have been going on too long. A new job may be what's required to help you get out of a rut. Change may be unsettling at first, but it is necessary.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will move three steps forward and two steps back today. All your good work will stop you from gaining ground. Small steps and keeping things reasonable is your best bet.***

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may have to do a little paperwork. Your environment is unstable, and something unexpected may come to light. However, someone or something will make it difficult for you to get. Don't be disappointed by what happens. Don't question your choices -- just do what you have to do.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Take action. Travel to a destination that will allow you to make progress you were waiting for. This is the right time to commit to something.

Take advantage of the romantic opportunities that are present.***

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Remembering, then moving on

Just a year ago, Notre Dame fans were chanting his name: "Ty! Ty! Ty!"

They meant his words in earnest. They were supporting their head coach, the man who has every player on the roster answered to.

And this Saturday, Irish fans and players, perhaps — will do a double-take when they see Tyrone Willingham wearing a purple polo shirt. There’s nothing wrong with feeling something — a slight memo­undersstanding, that and throw up red flags.

Willingham gave everything he had while at Notre Dame, as a person and a coach.

When Willingham was hired at Notre Dame on Jan. 1, 2002, then-University President Father Edward "Monk" Malloy cautioned all who were listening. "This is a very difficult job, maybe one of the most difficult jobs in the sporting area," Malloy said, "and yet there’s a lot of rewards that go along with it, as well.

That is why Willingham is no longer head coach of Notre Dame; not because of dis­criminatory hiring practices or because he isn’t a good person. It is because being head coach of Notre Dame is a difficult task.

And that is why Charlie Weis, in this week’s Tuesday press conference, began by immediately broaching the subject of Willingham and giving it due credit and respect. Then his tone changed. "Washington, since 1981, 47-7 at home versus non-PAC 10 teams," he said. Weis was acknowledging that Willingham meant something to the Irish players but was saying, in his own, indirect manner, "Let’s move on.

That’s his way. Weis is all business when it comes to football, which is how it should be. Willingham gave everything he had while at Notre Dame, as a person and a coach. Everyone associated with the program and the University respects him for that.

But for every football Saturday as far as the Irish eye can see — and the Irish ear can hear — chants of "Weis! Weis! Weis!" will ring from Notre Dame Stadium. That’s how Notre Dame does it. Willingham got his chants, and now, Weis does too, because they are both men who epitomize what Notre Dame is about, one not more so than the other.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of The Observer. Contact Pat Leonard at pleonard@nd.edu.

"Our coaching staff and our team [have] the utmost respect for Coach Willingham."

"When it comes down to it, we’re just playing football, and that’s what we’re going out there to do."

"We’re going into it focused on starting fast and getting into it a bit quicker than we did last week."

"I think the emotions for those games are extremely high and will be extremely high for this one."

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Two-sport star

Jeff Samardzija excels in the end zone and on the pitcher's mound for Notre Dame

By HEATHER VAN HAGEN

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Jeff Samardzija was just waiting for an opportunity.

The opportunity to catch a pass.

The opportunity to play two sports.

And now that he's finally caught not just one, but five touchdown passes, after not finding the end zone for two years, and now that he's a key member of the Notre Dame football team as well, he's just looking for more.

"If they were throwing the ball my way five times in the end zone it would have expected to have five touchdowns now," the junior wide receiver said. "You've got to think you're going to make those five catches. It's just a matter of personnel and being in the right place at the right time, and then just taking advantage of the opportunity."

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Last year, although he emerged as one of the Irish's go-to receivers, he still wasn't quite the player he was as a sophomore. When Quinn's go-to receiver on many third down conversions, he was still a below-average receiver. He had 45 catches for 452 yards and 3 touchdowns.

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AP: 16
Coaches: 18

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 2-1

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After a 21-point comeback effort against Michigan State fell short, Charlie Weis has a new challenge as head coach: helping his team rebound from the heart-breaking loss. After a uninspired game in Ann Arbor, Weis' offense is back on track.

To say the Irish know Ty Willingham would be an understatement. After an 8-4 start to the 2002 season, Williams struggled, losing 16 of his last 29 games, including record blowout losses to Michigan (36-6) and Florida State (57-6).

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After a record-breaking game against Michigan State, Quinn is ready to break out on the ground. Look for more of the same against a mediocre Irish pass defense, except this time, Quinn's efforts result in a win for the heavily-favored Irish squad.

The Huskies are struggling at stopping the run, yielding 166.7 yards a game -- an average that would be much worse without last week's 34-6 win over Doormat Idaho. Both Air Force and California ran for over 200 yards against Washington.

Willingham would be an emotional challenge as head coach:

Final Score: Notre Dame 31
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Washington Huskies

Ty Willingham

Head Coach

Warden Huskies

Record: 1-2

AP: NR

Coaches: NR

HUSKIES RUSHING

Co-captain linebacker Brandon Hoyte (29 tackles, right for loss) leads a Notre Dame rushing defense allowing 126 yards a game. Gerry Maye and Vereen Abihouri have both been effective at catching runners in the backfield -- both have three tackles for loss.

HUSKIES PASSING

After holding the vaunted Michigan offense and Heisman-Hopeful quarterback Chad Henne to 10 points on the road, the pass defense took a step backward against Michigan State, allowing 327 passing yards and three touchdowns through the air.

SPECIAL TEAMs

Kicked off from the 45-yard line, Michigan's Alex McCord hit a 40-yard field goal to tie the game at 13-13. Washington's special teams have been up to par this year, but not yet perfect.

INTANGIBLES

The Irish enter the contest on the heels of a big win over Notre Dame in the 2003 season, but their memories of last year's 56-7 loss to the Huskies will be fresh.

Huskies Rushing

Sophomore running back Jarek Harris is ranked 29th nationally with 265 yards and has gone over 100 yards in two of three games, including 115 yards and a touchdown against Idaho last week. Stunderback is a threat to run, picking up 30 odd rushing yards.

Huskies Passing

Led by receiver Sonny Stennosson (12 catches, 199 yards, one touchdown), Washington uses five receivers to varying degrees. Craig Chambers only has five catches this season, but went over 100 receiving yards in three of the five games he played.

Special Teams

Kicker Evan Knudson has been solid this year, hitting 4-4-5 field goals. This season, punter Sean Douglass is averaging 44.5 yards per punt, and has pinned the opposition inside the five 20 times. The Huskies have struggled returning punts, averaging a meager five yards per return.

Kneadson and Fitzpatrick have both been solid this year, but the Irish tower over the Huskies in punt return potential. While the Irish shouldn't have much trouble containing the Huskies punt returners, Zbikowski is a threat to score every time he touches the ball.

The atmosphere in Seattle will be electric this weekend when the face of Notre Dame's past in Wiliamson meets its future in Washington. The Huskies will be tuning in for this one. The Irish need a victory to validate the much criticized coaching change.

Washigton Huskies

An already-critical national media would have an absolute field day if Notre Dame and new coach Charlie Weis fall to underachieving Washington and the leader Ty Willingham. Fear not Irish faithful, the Huskies' site is as weak as their bark. Quinn and Walker star in a laugher.

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While Tyrone Willingham may very well turn Washington into a winner again, it won't be this year. The Irish are bigger, faster and more talented than the Huskies, but playing on the road won't be easy for Notre Dame. Washington will love to win this for Willingham but Notre Dame just too good.
Sizing up the Irish and the Huskies

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Stanback, Washington offense ready to bite

By MATT PUGLISI
Associate Sports Editor

Like Michigan State, Washington faces tomorrow's game against Notre Dame on the heels of a big victory over a perennial power—this time the Spartans routed both Hawaii and Kent State before failing miserably.

While the visiting Irish looked as the first real test for the Spartans, the Huskies have already set the bar.

The Gaels, however, while the Irish lost to the first real test for the Spartans, the Huskies have already set the bar. They failed miserably. Hosting Pac-10 rival California at home, Washington was touned 56-17, yielding the most points at home in the history of the program and showing the college football world that Washington isn't just a one-hit wonder.

While the Irish scored the first touchdown, little has changed thus far—at least in terms of on-field results—since Washington scored the most points in 1-10 season last November.

However, if there was ever a game to make a statement and right the ship, tomorrow's game against Notre Dame—beaten last week by eventual national 1-0 season 2010 championship模具—will set the tone.

With his former team—winning many of the players he personally recruited coming to town, Willingham acknowledges the bulk surrounding tomorrow's contest, as well as the impact a Husky victory could have on the rebuilding program.

"This is a big game," Willingham said at Monday's press conference. "It will be highlighted and hyped to a great extent by a lot people around the country. So that means a lot of attention will be on us, a lot of eyes on it and you get excited when you have those kind of venues to perform for.

And oftentimes in hyped games, it's just the stars that make the difference, but the more unheralded players. While he isn't quite matched Irish quarterback Brady Quinn's numbers this season, Huskies quarterback Isaiah Stanback is 290 in passing in 10 games (608) and has tossed four touchdowns over the season's first three.

In addition, Stanback provides a dual threat with his legs, picking up 70 yards and touchdown passes 19 carries. "Stanback [is] a converted wide receiver, very athletic, big arm," Weis said at Tuesday's press conference. "Last week we showed how he can run an efficient game."

While none of his targets boast big numbers—receiver Sonny Shackelford is the only member of the team with more than nine catches or 150 yards, leading the first nine in the Huskies' lineup with 12 and 199, respectively—Stanback's standing has been solid.

A highly touted receiving recruit coming out of high school—he was ranked 11th nationally at the position by recruiting website rival.com—Craig Chambers provides the Huskies with a deep threat, a particularly valuable commodity against a young and vulnerable Irish secondary.

Starting only four games last season, Chambers racked up 408 yards and a pair of touchdowns on 19 catches, including a big eight-reach, 100-yard performance against California. This season, Chambers has mostly been a non-factor, grabbing only five balls for 129 yards and a touchdowm.

Although his talent isn't immediately evident in his 2005 numbers, Weis and the Notre Dame coaching staff aren't fooled.

"He's somebody that won't sneak up on us," Weis said. "On the ground, running back Louis Rankin has posted respectable numbers, rushing for 265 yards on 55 attempts. Rankin paced the Huskies offense last week, grinding out 115 yards and a touchdown in the victory.

Like Chambers, Rankin was a well-expected recruit. In his senior year of high school, the sophomore found the end zone 41 times and posted 2,242 rushing yards. Rankin's 41 total touchdowns (35 rushing) were the second highest total in California during 2002 and nearly carried him to the Cal-IF Sports California Mr. Football player of the year award—he finished as one of 10 finalists.

While the visiting Irish have the edge over the Huskies in almost every category, the games are played for a reason, and the Huskies can't wait to show the Irish their bite is much worse than their current soft outside white of a bark.

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Irish safety Chinedum Ndukwe looks to bring the ball up after recovering a fumble in Notre Dame's 44-41 loss to Michigan State.

Huskies quarterback Isaiah Stanback runs for a touchdown in Washington's 34-6 win over Idaho Sept. 27.

Ndukwe thriving as the starting free safety

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Chinedum Ndukwe has been attending Irish football games for a while. His older brother was a student at Notre Dame when he was in the eighth grade. But his parents didn't get too excited about football, so they would let Ndukwe and a friend use their tickets and come up for a game.

The Notre Dame free safety had no clue that just a few years later he and his friend, current Irish quarterback Brady Quinn, would both start for the very team they used to watch as kids.

"In eighth grade, we used to come up, it was random, we weren't being recruited or anything," Ndukwe said. "We'd used to party at Turtle Creek after the games. It was fun. We always had a good time.

Ndukwe credits those experiences with Quinn and his older brother as a big reason he ended up coming to Notre Dame.

"When it came time to make the decision (about what college to attend) it was a lot easier," Ndukwe said. "I was always comfortable here, and I still knew a lot of people that met coming up. It was a really easy decision."

That comfort level is visible on the field this season as Ndukwe has established himself as a standout on a surprisingly still Irish defense. He has three fumble recoveries, one interception and 12 tackles through three games.

These are impressive statistics for a player in his first year as a starter. But Ndukwe believes his return of 14 yards after an interception against Michigan State last week wasn't good enough for someone who caught 150 passes for 2,174 yards and 24 touchdowns as Quinn's favorite target at Dublin Coffman High School in Ohio. "I didn't look like it," Ndukwe said. "It was nice to actually get out there and make a big play, but I should have taken it back for a touchdown. Hopefully this week it will happen.

Ndukwe and his secondary teammates—strong safety Tom Zbikowski and cornerbacks Ambrose Wooden and Mike Richardson —present a challenge to the Washington offense this week as they have developed a knack for making the big play. Richardson recorded a sack against the Spartans.

Zbikowski has two interceptions, a forced fumble and 24 tackles while Ndukwe credits the strong bond he shares with his teammates off the field as the reason behind their solid play this season.

"We're always together," Ndukwe said. "Even if we go out at night after a game, we always end up meeting up with each other. If we're at a party or somewhere, we're, we're always having fun together.

The bond is comparable to the feeling Ndukwe shared with his teammates when they starred together in high school. "In high school, it was just me and him, and everybody in the world knew it was going to happen," Ndukwe said. "I'm just excited finally to get out there and play and hopefully someday be as big an impact player as Quinn has been here. I just want to make plays and have fun.

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