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ND graduates: from NROTC to Iraq occupancy

By KATE ANTONACCI
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Captain John McGurty flew 200 miles from his Al-Asad Airbase in Iraq's Anbar province to the Fort Sill Aerial Refueling Point (FARP) Korean Village in the Al-Anbar province of Iraq for the Sept. 13 promotion of Joe Gagliardi to the rank of 1st Lieutenant of Marines.

Each officer gets to choose his or her promoting officer, as long as the individual is at least one rank higher than the person being promoted, Gagliardi said.

For Gagliardi, a 2003 Notre Dame graduate, the choice was simple. He chose McGurty, a 1974 graduate of Notre Dame University also serving overseas, to pin on his new silver bars — exactly two years after Gagliardi’s own father pinned on his gold bars in Wash­ington, D.C.

“I am a Marine Corps Officer and Captain McGurty is an officer in the United States Navy, so a promotion was unique in that you do not often see inter-service promotion ceremonies,” Gagliardi said.

Gagliardi met McGurty, an emergency physician and Marine Air Wing in the Reserve, through McGurty’s youngest daughter, Katie. Gagliardi was in the Naval Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (NROTC) program at Notre Dame with Katie McGurty, almost three years before the two men were deployed to the same area of operations in Western Iraq.

“Captain McGurty and I remained close over the next few years and he remains to this day someone I greatly respect and was proud to have as my promoting officer,” Gagliardi said. “It was definitely a humbling experience, however, that we both happen to deploy to the same [Area of Oper­ations].”

By PETER NINNEMAN
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Bright orange shirts make bold statement

ND students support AllianceND campaign for greater acceptance

By MADDEE HANNA
Associate News Editor

The “Gay? Fine by Me” tee shirt campaign is two and a half years old, and Notre Dame is no longer No. 1 in the Princeton Review’s “Alternative Lifestyles Not an Alternative” category.

But enough orange shirts were spotted around campus Thursday to show that students are still passionate, and persistent, about promoting acceptance and stimu­lating discussion about gay, lésb­ian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning people (GLBTQ) at Notre Dame.

“I cannot believe what a great day we’ve had,” said Anna Gomberg, a graduate student and co-coordinator of the unrec­ognized student group AllianceND, which produced the shirts. “I’m floored. Today was probably the most successful of the tee shirt days in my tenure.”

Since the campaign began in spring 2004, Gomberg said the shirts have become a greater part of Notre Dame’s “landscape.” She said the primary goal of the cam­paign is to show support for the GLBTQ community at Notre Dame.

“The campaign itself is a practical landscape,” Gomberg said. “It provides easy ways for supporters to make the world a better place to live. But enough orange shirts were spotted around campus Thursday to show that students are still passionate about promoting accep­tance and stimulating discussion about gay, les­bian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning people (GLBTQ) at Notre Dame.”

By KATIE STUHLREHNER
News Writer

Scholars address Irish language role

By PETER NINNEMAN
News Writer

Six distinguished scholars will present a conference on the Irish language’s role in academia. Today in the Hesburgh Auditorium.

“Why Irish?” — a forum hosted by the Department of Irish Language and Literature — will bring together interna­tionally renowned scholars from the fields of comparative literature, medieval studies, linguistics, contemporary liter­ature, cultural studies and Indo-European poetry.

The scholars will discuss how the language has benefited their research and the role it plays in their discipline.

Pulitzer Prize winner tells of bin Laden hunt

By KATIE STUHLREHNER
News Writer

Coll, a former South Asia bureau chief for The Washington Post and author of “Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan and bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001,” focused his lecture on past frustrations and failures of the U.S. intelligence community and misperceptions about bin Laden and the Taliban follow­ing the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

“Think that our biggest missed opportunity at the state­craft level was when the Soviets made it clear that they were leaving Afghanistan and we left as well,” Coll said. “I think that this was mere indif­ference.”

Arrest is second in three days

By MADDEE HANNA
Associate News Editor

St. Joseph County police made an arrest on Notre Dame’s camp­us Thursday night, the second one made in three days on cam­pus. St. Joseph County spokesperson Janice Thirion said the arrest was made at the intersection of Juniper Road and Bulls Road for an “incident” involving a “partic­ular individual” and a St. Joseph County police officer.

“The officer noticed this partic­ular car almost hit him (in South Bend) at Mayflower Road, just north of the bypass,” Thirion said.

A large, unknown number of law enforcement vehicles were seen driving with flashing lights north on Juniper Road between 9:30 and 10:30 p.m.

Thirion said the officer followed the car to Notre Dame’s campus, where he pulled the car over after the intersection, which is just east of Knott Hall.

Notre Dame Security/Police (NISP) and South Bend Police were also present at the arrest site, Thirion said.

On Tuesday, NISP arrested a South Bend man wanted on a warrant on South Quad after he stole a backpack from North Dining Hall, associate director of NISP Philip Johnson said.

Thirion said she could not pro­vide further details last Thursday about the type of incident or the reason for the arrest, since the police report had not been com­plete.

Thirion said the full report would be available sometime today.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: HAVE YOU READ DULAC? WHY OR WHY NOT?

Sarah Runger
sophomore
Welsh

Jimmy Buffi
sophomore
Carroll

Ryan Bove
sophomore
Sorin

Andy Carter
sophomore
Fisher

Tim Roy
sophomore
O'Neill

Craig Borchard
sophomore
Morrissey

“No, I’m an angel.”

“Oh, please. Reading is overrated.”

“No, I have only referenced it in times of need.”

“Yes, every night before I go to sleep!”

“Yeah, Andy keeps getting me in trouble.”

“Of course – to keep fish tank dimensions.”

Chris Brophy speaks about Catholic social teaching on labor issues, solidarity and family at the inaugural assembly of the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) on God Quad at the Father Sorin statue Thursday. CLAP is an effort to build a genuine Notre Dame family around Catholic principles of labor justice.

OFFBEAT

Danish Santa compensated for reindeer’s death

COPENHAGEN — The Danish Air Force said Thursday it paid about $5,000 in compensation to a part-time Santa Claus whose reindeer died of heart failure when two fighter jets passed overhead at low altitude in February.

The animal, named Rudolf, was grazing at the farm of Olavi Nikkunoff in central Denmark when the screaming F-16 jets passed overhead at low altitude in February. The reindeer collapsed and died, leaving Nikkunoff with the prospect of only one animal pulling his sleigh next Christmas. He complained to the air force, which agreed to compensate him for the cost of the reindeer and veterinary expenses.

“We got a letter from Santa complaining about his reindeer’s death and looked into it seriously,” air force spokesman Capt. Morten Jensen said.

Street plagued by foul odor gets mile

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Residents of a suburban street plagued with a revolting sewer stench are finally getting some, ahem, relief.

“Sometimes, it’s just overwhelming,” accountant Nikki Warner said of the intersection of Zanker and Trimple. “Sometimes you go outside and, ugh.”

“Like ammonia and rotten eggs,” said Michael O’Connell, an engineer with the city’s Public Works Department.

The area’s main sewage line — a handmade brick pipe — was installed in the late 1890s, before Teddy Roosevelt was president. It’s been collecting sewage and stench ever since.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

James Maughan, general manager of Controls and Power Electronics for GE Energy, will deliver a talk in Notre Dame’s Distinguished Engineering Lecture Series at 12:50 p.m. today in the DeBartolo Hall auditorium. Titled "Energy Technologies That Will Drive the Coming Environmental Revolution," the lecture is free and open to the public.

Welsh Family, Alumni, Howard and Badin halls will host a campus-wide Game Watch on a Big Screen on South Quad this Saturday as Notre Dame takes on Purdue. There will be free glow-in-the-dark necklaces and popcorn. The event starts at kick-off and all students are invited to attend.

Cass Sunstein, Karl N. Llewellyn Distinguished Professor of Jurisprudence at the University of Chicago Law School, will give a rescheduled lecture on his recently published book, "Radicals in Robes: Why Extreme Right-Wing Courts Are Wrong for America" at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, in the Second Floor Law School Courtroom.

The Department of Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) will open its 2005-06 theater season with Arthur Kopit’s "Wings" Tuesday to Saturday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the Declo Mainstage Theatre of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
Dr. Mary Erdmans, a 1981 Saint Mary’s graduate, returned to the College Thursday to speak on the role of religion and motherhood in the lives of working class women.

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Saint Mary’s seniors will be spending a majority of their weekend with a very important man in their life — and we’ll all be thankful for our Boyfriends. However, it will also be their dads.

More than 150 seniors and their fathers will participate in the College’s traditional “Senior Dad’s Weekend,” which will kick off tonight at 8 p.m. with “Casino Night” at Windsor Hall in South Bend.

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By ADRIENNE RUFNER
News Writer

Whether it meant taking their chances in the ticket lottery or hoarding surplus tickets or passing them up, fans flock to Purdue facility at Korean Village, from their harsh environment Gagliardi said.

Dame football game against masquerading on stage as Disney

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Gagliardi said he and fellow Notre Dame graduates are able to distract themselves from their harsh environment by discussing Notre Dame foot­ball, remembering the beauty of the grotto and trading sto­ries from time spent on cam­pus.

"The bond is unique, eternal and absolutely indispensable to the essence of the Notre Dame mystique under the direction of Our Lord," McGurty said.

Gagliardi said that the va­lues and moral barometer instilled in him during his time at Notre Dame have been a great strength as he serves in Iraq.

Keeping Notre Dame alive

"Over here, there is a special bond that exists among all service members making the same sacrifices away from home, family and friends, to do our small part in service to the country we call home. I think that bond is definitely intensified between graduates of Our Lady's university," Gagliardi said.

To keep the Notre Dame spirit alive overseas, Gagliardi brought a few momentos.

"I, of course, brought out my new "The Shirt" for the start of the basketball season in Charlotte, as well as two Notre Dame flags that adorn my small living area at Korean Village," he said.

Gagliardi said he also paint­ed an entire wall of his space in his room as "Go Irish," but had to use green paint because there was no blue paint available, effective with the paint on the camp.

"I entered a NROTC also passed on a 1980 football championship banner which I have hanging in my room as well," Gagliardi said.

"Most importantly, however, I bought out my Notre Dame Darius Walker ND football jersey so that every Saturday night/Sunday morning — in the wee-hours of the morning if I am lucky enough to catch a football tele­cast on the Armed Forces Network — I can let everyone know I am pulling for..."

the last two years similarly deco­rated his area in Iraq with Notre Dame memorabilia.

"My room is adorned as an ND shrine starting with, of course, my helmet, posters and the inside of the window on the Alma Mater. "

Notre Dame is still an active part of McGurty's life and he was disappointed he could not return to campus last spring for the graduation and commissioning of his daughter Katie.

"The one event I so greatly miss attending during this deployment was my Katie's graduation from Notre Dame, and commissioning," McGurty said.

"For years, I truly dreamed about commissioning her as a fellow Naval Officer," in McGurty's place, Commanding Brig. Gen. Dave Papak, United States Naval Academy Cadet and forwarded McGurty's message.

"We are proud to call our­selves Notre Dame alumni, the armed forces fighting in the war against those who would destroy us onto our home soil, but we are also proud to call ourselves Domers, members of a great and proud fraternity and sorority of men and women whose pride in both our country and in Notre Dame runs just as deep," Gagliardi said.

From basketball to the battlefields

Also serving in Iraq is Army engineer Capt. Kevin Kuwik, an assistant basketball coach at Notre Dame and a 1996 Notre Dame graduate.

Kuwik said he was shocked when he received a letter last September calling him off the list and brought him up to the squadron for chow once as well," McGurty said. "His dad, Ed O'Connell, and I were classmates from the class of 1974, so the ND family continues to unfold here in Iraq.

Army ROTC established a Notre Dame ROTC office in Iraq last June, after the idea was suggested by Chuck Lennon, executive director of the Notre Dame A l l u m n i Association, at the ROTC retreat in June 2004. With the help of Bethany Heet, director of International Alumni Clubs, the Irish clubs have grown significantly.

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Capt. John McGurty ('74), left, flew across Iraq to act as the promoting officer in the promotion ceremony of Lt. Joe Gagliardi ('03). Both participated in the NROTC Program while at Notre Dame.

West Lafayette this weekend.

"We're really looking forward to the game," Blanke said. "We're going to bring that same craziness that we've brought to the competition when we go to Purdue on Saturday.

Both teams have dynamic offensives, but I'll think we'll win," she said.

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Photograph Courtesy of Joe Gagliardi

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ban on public displays of weapons
JERUSALEM—Palestinian authorities began enforcing a ban on public displays of weapons Thursday, arresting three people and confiscating the guns of off-duty police officers. The move is an attempt to quell disorders in the chaotic Gaza Strip.

The crackdown came as dozens of Palestinian towns and villages in the West Bank held municipal elections. The powerful Hamas movement was expected to make strong gains despite a continuing Israeli offensive against Islamic militants.

Pressing forward with its military campaign, Israeli soldiers killed three Palestinian gunmen during raids in the West Bank, Israel launched its fifth round of airstrikes and arrest raids last weekend in response to Gaza militants' rocket attacks on southern Israeli towns.

Sting of car bombs kill at least 60
BAGHDAD—Three suicide attackers exploded a series of car bombs in a mainly Shiite town Thursday, killing at least 60 people and wounding 70. Elsewhere, a roadside bomb killed five U.S. soldiers fighting in a battle of Iraq's insurgents.

The attacks were part of a new surge of violence ahead of an Oct. 15 referendum on Iraq's constitution, whose passage is crucial to prospects for starting a withdrawal of U.S. forces.

The U.S. embassy was struggling to negotiate changes to the charter in hopes of winning Sunni Arab support.

Sunni insurgents have vowed to wreck the vote, with al-Qaeda in Iraq declaring "all-out war" on the Shiite majority that dominates Iraq's government.

NATIONAL NEWS

Senate prepares for possible bird flu
WASHINGTON—The Senate voted Thursday to spend $64 million for Defense and Control and Prevention to stockpile vaccines to protect people against bird flu and prepare for a potential outbreak.

By voice vote, senators agreed to tack the proposal onto next year's $440 billion defense spending bill. The Senate still must approve the overall defense bill, and a vote is expected next week. The proposal must undergo a formal version with the House, which did not include money for bird flu vaccines in its defense bill.

In recent weeks, the United States has ratcheted up its preparations in case the virus—which has already killed or led to the slaughter of millions of birds in Asia and Europe—sparks an influenza pandemic.

Miller released; agrees to testify

CHICAGO—Fly was fully engulfed in flames when behind bars, New York Times reporter Judith Miller was released from a federal prison Thursday after agreeing to testify in the investigation into the disclosure of a covert CIA officer's identity, two days after she was held in contempt.

Miller left the federal detention center in Alexandria, Va., after reaching an agreement with Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald. Legal sources said she would appear before a grand jury sometime the next day or Friday morning. The sources spoke on condition of anonymity because of the secrecy of the grand jury proceedings.

LOCAL NEWS

Mobile home fire kills two children
ROCHESTER, Ind. — Fire swept through a mobile home, killing two children and leaving another hospitalized with burns.

Authorities said 3-year-old Alexis Wilkins and 10-month-old Braxton Wilkins died after they were trapped inside the mobile home during the fire on Wednesday night.

The home in a rural area of Fulton County, about 40 miles south of South Bend, was fully engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived shortly after 11:30 a.m.

Former aide testifies in Illinois trial

CHICAGO—The political strategist who helped engineer former Gov. George Ryan's stunning 1998 power grab took the witness stand Thursday and in testimony laced with wine crashes before telling a jury how Ryan doled out state contracts, favors and favors to the well-connected.

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M. Roberts becomes Chief Justice

Supreme Court replaces Rehnquist; Roberts is youngest to hold position

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — This time, the son didn't stalk the show from his father.

Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. finally had the spotlight to himself Thursday, becoming the youngest chief justice of the United States in two centuries after winning support from the fourteenth of an often partisan-charged Senate.

Roberts' two-year journey from a respected but little-known appellate lawyer to the 17th chief justice of the Supreme Court was often punctuated by the public antics of his rambunctious son, Jack.

When President Bush first announced Roberts' nomination to the nation's highest court in July, Jack danced exuberantly and most distractingly — throughout the president's remarks.

At his confirmation hearing earlier this month, Jack flexed his muscles for photographers, then snuggled into his dad's arms. And two years ago, during Senate confirmation hearings on Roberts' nomination as a Washington D.C. federal appeals judge, Jack and the now 5-year-old Josephine were present and, it seems, making some noise.

"The committee has already heard some unscolded testimony from my children, Josephine and Jack," Roberts joked then.

But on Thursday, as their dad was sworn in as the White House East Room by Justice John Paul Stevens, Jack sat perched on his dad's lap as he sat politely if a bit fidgety in the front row with his father.

Bush noted that Jack is "a fellow who's comfortable with the camera," to laughter from the crowd. Roberts got in a dig too, noting his aides' mix-up in the kids' names.

"We found a way to get Jack into the courtroom room, introduced to the committee and back out again without any serious crisis," Roberts said.

Roberts, at 50, will also have to learn to handle judicial crises at the Supreme Court, which is as divided as the nation over abortion and other tumultuous social issues. The court opens a new term on Monday.

"All Americans can be confident that the 17th chief justice of the United States will be prudent in exercising judicial power, firm in defending judicial independence and above all a faithful guardian of the Constitution," the president said.

Bush is expected to make a second Supreme Court nomination within days, one that conservatives hope will move the court to the right.

Replacing Rehnquist with Roberts keeps the court's current balance, but replacing the moderate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor with a conservative could tilt it rightward.

Roberts called the Senate's 78-2 bipartisan vote for him "confirmation of what is for me a bedrock principle, that judgment is different from politics." All of the Senate's 55 Republicans, half of the 44 Democrats and independent Jeffords of Vermont supported him.

"What Daniel Webster termed the miracle of our Constitution is not something that happens in every generation, but every generation in its turn must accept the responsibility of supporting and defending the Constitution and bearing true faith and allegiance to it," Roberts said.

A crowd including seven of the eight sitting justices, Roberts' parents, Rosemarie and John Sr., Senate supporters and White House well-wishers stood and applauded as Roberts kissed his wife and shook Stevens' hand. The audience also included Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and White House counsel Harriet Meiers, both of whom have been mentioned as candidates for O'Connor's seat.

Judge John Roberts is sworn in by Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens Thursday as the 17th Chief Justice of the United States in the East Room of the White House.

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Racketeering and fraud, said he considers Ryan and Warner his friends and is testifying against them only because he is facing even more time behind bars for bid-rigging and hopes to get lenient treatment for himself and his fiancée — who also has pleaded guilty.

The witness said he compiled a master list while working in the secretary of state's office that showed how Ryan doled out jobs, special license plates, contracts and other favors. He said he made the list because he believed it would become politically useful.

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"I just feel like it's a good way to support the GLBTQ community because I feel like the group's gaining momentum," said Undergraduate Council President Dan Gomberg. "And with a new president especially, so we can make sure the importance to us is recognized as a new student body.

"I think the shirts had become much more aware of the difference in opinion between the University and the Catholic church," sophomore Tom Urben said. "And like Manning said, it's kind of a way to support the GLBTQ students."

"There seem to be a lot of friends who are homosexual, who would be willing to make the commitment," said Sophomore Baghi Nezami. "There would be a lot of people that would be willing to make the commitment."
In BRIEF

Stocks rally on investor optimism

NEW YORK — Stocks rallied strongly Thursday as investors grew more confident about the prospects for the economy despite the impact of hurricanes Rita and Katrina.

While many of the hurricanes' long-term effects have yet to be determined, stocks rebounded after two weeks of losses on bullish comments from analysts and the government. However, the markets remain relatively unchanged for the month, and trading was very light.

In addition, the market's gains may be shorter-term as investors wait for new economic data that will give Wall Street a better feel for the storms' effects on consumer demand and industrial production. Next month's third-quarter earnings will also be an important barometer of the economy's health.

"It's a trading rally, and not much more than that," said Hugh Johnson, chairman and chief investment officer of Johnson Bloomington Advisors. "If there's anything you can hang your hat on, it's that with every passing day, some investors become convinced that there's not going to be any serious fallout or damage to the economy or earnings due to the hurricanes."

November crude hits record high

NEW YORK — Gasoline and heating-oil futures settled lower Thursday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, with front-month crude oil posted gains in choppy trading ahead of contract expiration on Friday. Natural gas hit a record high.

Traders said the market was struggling for direction after yesterday's big spreads and widespread refinery and oil production shutdowns in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

October gasoline, after soaring 8 percent on Wednesday, gave back nearly half of its gains on Thursday. Significantly, November crude posted a 44-cent rise to $66.90, its highest level in seven trading days, while forward months were down.

Brent crude, which, sweeten crude oil with front-month settled up 44 cents at $66.79 a barrel. December settled down 17 cents at $66.29 a barrel.

"A lot of people seem to want to own the front end" of the crude market, said Tom Bentz, an analyst at NRF Futures. "It's not easy to make a whole lot of sense out of it."

HCA shares peaked about a week later, closing at $58.40 on June 22. On July 13, they tumbled 9 percent following the company's announcement that it would not meet earnings expectations.

In his remarks, Campbell did not speculate about the company's earnings, or speak of a number of positive trends for the company. The only expense line the company didn't like, he told investors, was the issue of money lost from treating uninsured patients who never paid. But he said that was improving.

The speech helped fuel optimism surrounding HCA stock, said Osakama Butler, a senior health care industry analyst with Citigroup Investment Research. Campbell did not respond to requests for comment.

"I'll let what he said at the conference speak for itself," Frist's staff discussed selling all remaining HCA stock in April, as well as that of his wife and children, Frist said. The sales, ordered on June 13, were completed by July 1.

Frist said he sold the shares to eliminate the appearance of a conflict of interest, using only information that was publicly available. His office has said he had gotten notice of a formal investigation, which grants subpoena power to investigators to obtain information and documents.

INDIANAPOLIS — Eli Lilly and Co. said Thursday that it will add a black box warning to its attention deficit medication Strattera that the drug could increase the risk of suicide among children and adolescents. Lilly will add the warning to label worldwide for Strattera, for which the U.S. Food and Drug Administration requires a health advisory Thursday after reviewing clinical trial data submitted by the company.

Lilly said that reports of suicidal thoughts and behavior in children and adolescents taking the drug were rare. Details on the labeling are being worked out with the FDA, along with regulators in Europe and Australia.

FDA officials said in addition to the black-box warning — the most prominent of medication warnings — the Indianapolis-based company will also have to develop a medication guide for patients and health care providers.

"We are concerned about this risk and want to make sure that patients, doctors, and nurses are aware of the changes," said Dr. Thomas Laughren, director of the FDA's Division of Psychiatry Products. "The risk is for any individual patient taking this drug is quite low, but from a public health standpoint, four (cases) per thousand is a fairly big signal, given there are tens of thousands of patients taking this drug," Laughren said. "We do think that prescribers and patients need to be aware of this risk that we've just discussed."
Search engine star set to become juggernaut

Google Web site morphs into a dynamic Internet resource celebrated around the world

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — In just seven years, Google Inc. has morphed from a bare-bones online search engine into a technological octopus that seems to sprout another intriguing tentacle every other week.

The Mountain View, Calif.-based company, with $7.1 billion to spend thanks to zealous shareholder support, is now positioning itself down a variety of different paths. And that's spurring an almost-daily guessing game about where Google's flurry of innovation might lead.

Internet and software rivals like Yahoo Inc. and Microsoft Corp. aren't the only ones tracking Google. Big media and telecommunications companies also are on the lookout, realizing they too may face a looming threat.

The theories about Google's ambitions have turned it into the equivalent of a Rorschach inkblot - an amorphous object whose interpretations beyond online search. Analysts say Google employs some 6,100 workers and holds nearly $38 billion in cash. But few companies spend more time worrying about Google than Microsoft, and not just because its rival has been raiding its workforce to lure away talented engineers. The detractors include Kai-Fu Lee — currently prevented from working on search technology because Microsoft sued him for jumping to Google — and Mark Lucovsky, a key architect of the Windows operating system.

Since 2003, Google has rolled out an assortment of software and services that could cascade into a challenge to Microsoft's Office suite of applications, says Stephen Arnold, whose recently completed electronic book, "For All The Google Legacy," examines the company's ambitions beyond online search.

"When we see a remarkable new company that redifines the technology industry, it's very easy to fear it because of all the things it might do or expect more from it than it can possibly deliver," Battelle said.

Some previous theories about Google's maneuvering already have turned out to be off base. For instance, last year, it was widely believed that the company planned to introduce its own Web browser. Google has since shut down its experimental browser project.

There's little doubt that Google is going to get much bigger.

The company made that clear last week when it announced plans to build a 3-million-square-foot campus just a few miles away from its $900-million-square-foot headquarters, known as the "Googleplex," on the grounds of NASA Ames Research Center. Google needs the space for thousands of new workers and also plans to draw on the brain power of NASA rocket scientists. The new hires will join a payroll that already has nearly tripled in the past two years to 4,200 employees.

For all its growth, Google remains a relative midget compared to Microsoft, which employs 56,000 workers and holds nearly $25 billion in cash. But a looming threat is Microsoft's stranglehold on the Windows operating system.
Blaze threatens California homes

LOS ANGELES — A wind-driven wildfire raced across hills and canyons along the city's northwestern edge Thursday, threatening homes and forcing hundreds of people to evacuate.

Some 3,000 firefighters aided by aircraft struggled to protect wildfire-prone areas along Los Angeles' Ventura county line, a rugged, brushy landscape west of Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley. Officials said the blaze was 7 percent contained as it burned toward such communities as Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Calabasas and Agoura. Numerous homes were evacuated in nine areas, and the Red Cross reported 600 people had signed up to stay at five of its shelters.

At least one home and five other structures were lost, but 2,000 buildings had been saved by firefighters, Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky said.

"We are extremely optimistic if the weather cooperates, if the public cooperates," Yaroslavsky said. "This may end well for all of us, but weather is unpredictable in these episodes. This needs to be on guard."

Temperatures were in the high 90s but were expected to drop over the next few days while humidity rises. "For the firefighters, it's actually pretty decent news," said meteorologist Joe Sirard of the National Weather Service in Oxnard. "It will be much more favorable for containing the fire."

Some gusts were reported on the fire lines, but there was no reappearance of the strong winds from the interior that fanned a small brush fire into a conflagration on Wednesday. The cause of the fire was not immediately known.

Historically, some fires in the region have turned and burned through the Santa Monica Mountains to Malibu and the Pacific Ocean.

David Nenkov, 64, was away from his home in Simi Valley when he was told of the blaze. He returned to find he had also lost several vehicles and his dog was missing.

"When you lose everything it's tough to have plans. Right now, my brain is not working. It's all mush. I can't even think about what I'm going to do tomorrow," Nenkov said.

Authorities said residents took evacuation orders seriously in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

A resident waters down her roof as wildfire burns toward her home in Simi Valley, Calif., Thursday.

Female veterans say they were harassed

WASHINGTON — Six in 10 women who have served in the National Guard and Reserves say they were sexually harassed or assaulted, but less than one-quarter reported to anyone who they did encourage to drop their complaints, a government survey said.

The survey by the Veterans Affairs Department found that nearly half of the women who responded said the incidents occurred while they were on duty.

One in 10 said she was raped, nearly 60 percent said they were verbally harassed, and the rest of the reports were for other types of incidents, according to the survey, which was released by Democratic members of Congress.

In addition, more than 27 percent of male Guard and Reserve veterans said they experienced some type of sexual harassment or assault — most often by other men.

"I am concerned the report, which I have obtained through other sources, shows a light on a serious problems that the White House wants to hide in the shadows," said Rep. Lane Evans of Illinois, the top Democrat on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Defense Department spokesman Roger Kaplan said the survey "tells us that we were correct in placing greater emphasis on combating sexual assault and sexual harassment in the active and reserve components."

He said more recent surveys show lower rates of harassment and sexual assaults in the military.

Interviewed between August 2002 and March 2003 were men and women who had completed their service. No one in the Guard or Reserves at the time of the research was questioned.

The study surveyed those in the Guard and Reserves from 1920 to 2000, but none of the 4,000 respondents served in the 1980s and 1990s.

The survey echoes oft-repeated concerns about sexual harassment and assault in the military. In a report last year, the Pentagon acknowledged problems in preventing and investigating sexual assaults on military personnel.

As a result, the Defense Department instituted broad new policies this year, requiring additional training and providing for confidential reporting of assaults and harassment by victims.

"We really are hammering into everybody that unless the answer is yes, the default setting for having sexual relations is no," Kaplan said.

The report noted that 78 percent of the women and 90 percent of the men did not report the incidents, and half or less of those who did said some action was taken to correct the situation.

About 58 percent of the women who reported the incident and 66 percent of the women said they were encouraged to drop the matter.

Also, less than 14 percent of the men and 38 percent of the women sought help or treatment, and only about 1 percent went to the VA for that help.

VA officials did not release the study, saying it was still in the final stages of review. Department spokesman Scott Hugenson, explaining the nearly two-year delay in releasing the study, said officials were checking the facts.

He said the agency has $13 million for counseling services for the sexual trauma victims in the budget that starts Saturday.
Future of big hurricanes looms after Katrina and Rita

Experts say Americans can expect to be pummeled by more catastrophic tropical storms over the next 20 to 30 years, and the nation’s population has migrated toward the coasts, and the value of possessions has increased substantially.

More than half of the nation’s 297 million people live in coastal areas. Florida’s population has increased fivefold since 1950, and now 80 percent live within 20 miles of salt water. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, seven of the nation’s 10 fastest growing states are coastal, including California, whose population has increased from 28 million in 1950 to more than 33 million today.

Have we seen America’s future through the eyes of hurricanes Katrina and Rita?

Monster storms drowning coastal cities and obliterating coastline infrastructure, rising as ports and pipelines crumble, leaving behind only rubble that is trapped and die. Chauvin reigned, paralyzing government and leaving the nation’s most vulnerable sector society humbled and frightened.

Natural disasters in the United States have morphed to a dangerous new kind. In the past, some scientists say the nation can expect to be pummeled by more of these mega-catastrophes over the next 20 or 30 years in a nasty cycle of unpredictable weather patterns, changing demographics and political denial.

A month after Katrina and one week after Rita, it’s not clear how the United States will play the new hand that nature has apparently dealt.

"Are we prepared to lose a major city every year?" asks Carnegie-Mellon University risk strategist Baruch Fischhoff. It’s cowardly not to ask the question, and cowardice on the public’s part not to get engaged in the answer.

“We failed quite significantly,” says environmentalist Paul Hawken, a leading voice in the green design and green commerce movements. “And it’s very hard to stop private investors and entrepreneurs from seeking opportunity in [this] chaos. It’s an amazing amount of the American spirit.”

New Orleans and the Gulf Coast might even be a living laboratory for sustainable development and commerce that can withstand future calamities. For example, New Orleans’ historic core might be reopened for tourism, but neighborhoods could be rebuilt on safer, firmer ground using more efficient 21st century technologies.

Link the two with a train, one expert suggested. Oh, and better make it elevated.

"The first rule of sustainability is to align with natural forces, or at least not try to defy them," said environmentalist Paul Hawken, a leading voice in the green design and green commerce movements. "There is no reason to go backwards in redesigning the city.”

And not just here in New Orleans and Gulf Coast always have been in the path of powerful storms. The nation’s weather history occasionally has been splattered with monster Category 4 and 5 hurricanes — the strongest, largest storms, which pack the punch of hundreds of nuclear weapons and have the most potential to devastate huge swaths of land.

But since 1995, hurricanes have become more frequent and more intense. Some scientists say the United States is on the bad side of a natural storm cycle, while others notice the trend may coincide with the recent increase in air and sea temperatures attributed to global warming.

Statistics show the planet to be increasingly unsafe. Globally, more than 2.5 billion people were affected by floods, earthquakes, hurricanes and other natural disasters between 1994 and 2003, a 60 percent increase over the previous two 10-year periods, U.N. officials report.

Those numbers even include the millions displaced by last December’s tsunami, which killed an estimated 180,000 people. Damage to insured property around the world in 2004 by natural disasters totaled $49 billion, according to the Zurich-based insurance giant Swiss Re. And that figure doesn’t include the tsunami, either. Of the total, some calculations suggest that as much as $5 billion in losses came from a quartet of Florida hurricanes — Charley, Ivan, Frances and Jeanne.

The overall insured loss for 2004 is more than twice the $23 billion annual average in property losses since 1987, confirming a "discernible upward trend," Swiss Re said.

So what makes natural events potentially more disastrous now? The weather might be changing for the worse. But the real difference is demographics. How and where Americans live today make the nation especially vulnerable to these unstoppable events.

In the last several decades, the nation’s population has migrated toward the coasts, and the value of possessions has increased substantially.
**Wild gorillas use basic tools, researchers say**

Associated Press

For the first time, biologists have documented gorillas in the wild using simple tools, such as poking sticks into the ground to check the depth of water. Until now, no one had seen gorillas use tools only in captivity. Among the great apes, tool use is rare, and those who do it have a survival skill reserved for some primates, chimpanzees and orangutans.

The research in the Republic of Congo was led by Thomas Breuer of the World Conservation Society at the Bronx Zoo, which released details of his study. Breuer is in Africa and was not immediately available for an interview.

This is a truly astounding discovery," he said in a statement. "Tool usage in wild apes provides us with valuable insights into the evolution of our own species and the abilities of other species.

Other scientists said the observations were important but not surprising.

Researchers had made late last year in a clearing called Mbeli Bai, located in Nouabal-Ndoki National Park, that the study had been ongoing since February 1999.

The first instance was observed last October when a female gorilla named Lea by scientists attempted to wade through a pool of water created by elephants, but found herself waist deep after only a few steps. Climbing out of the pool, she retrieved a branch from a dead tree and used the stick to probe a muddy patch of ground.

Details of the findings are being published in the online journal PLoS (Public Library of Science) Biology. Video of the gorillas will be broadcast as part of the PBS program "Wild Chronicles.

Fairy or not, gorillas have been considered less capable than other great apes, in part because they have not been as extensively studied.

Chimps, for example, have been observed in the field for 40 years since Jane Goodall, British-born primatologist, set up her landmark study at Gombe Stream in Tanzania. They have become the foremost representatives of their kind, observed by scientists for decades.

In contrast, gorillas are much larger, stronger and slower.

"Chimps are portrayed as the super-ape and gorillas are the big brutes in the forest," said Richard Carroll, a primate expert and director of the Africa program at the World Wildlife Fund in Washington, D.C. He has conducted gorilla field studies since 1980. He did not respond to Breuer's report.

"New studies like this that especially dovetail gorillas are very chimplike in their abilities," he said.

Carroll said the new study was made possible by the establishment of protected parks in Congo by agreements between international conservation groups and the national government. Gorillas and other great apes are severely imperiled by logging, agriculture and hunting. For this year the number is up to around 25, including nine since the end of August.

"It's a tribute to conservation efforts that allow people to sit and observe and not be in fear of their lives," he said.

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**MEZILLA — Climbing ledges fashioned from tree branches, hundreds of Africans from the continent's poorest countries threw themselves over razor-wire fences Thursday to gain a foothold in Europe — the latest human avalanche seeking entry into the Western world's promised land.

Spanish soldiers patrol razor-wire fences for immigrants trying to cross from Morocco into Ceuta, a Spanish enclave.

Some of the objects have already been on display at the Smithsonian, including a 15th century hunting horn from Sierra Leone and several ivory tusks of African elephants.

Others are more recent, such as a 20th century headdress mask from the Calabar region of Nigeria. Made from wood covered with antelope skin, the mask depicts a figure whose long hair is curled like horns in a style once worn during girls' coming-out ceremonies.

Curator Christine Muller Kreamer said the museum will now have one of the nation's best collections of skinned masks from that region.

The collection was bought by Disney in 1984 from New York real estate developer Paul Tishman and his wife, Ruth, who had collected African art in the early 1960s. Because some of the pieces are so rare and African art prices have risen so much in recent years, the exact value of the collection has not been determined. Museum curators are not even familiar with many of the items.

"We tend to consider a number of the pieces priceless," said Freyer, "but you can't put that on an insurance form.

Disney declined to say how much the collection is insured.
Notre Dame is one of the most-watched Universities in the country. Because of its reputation, every move draws intense media scrutiny, support and criticism. And lately, there has been a little more criticism than support.

After the University fired former football head coach Tyrone Willingham last November, many people around campus and the nation were offended that the University would dismiss a coach only three years into his contract and the fact Willingham was the first black head coach in any sport ever at Notre Dame made the criticism all the more inflammatory.

The Universidad drew perhaps more bad press than ever before. Former Irish players such as Chris Zorich and Aaron Taylor condemned the school for its action. In a late interview with Willingham last Saturday, ABC’s John Saunders braced the audience back, with a line of questioning suggesting Willingham’s firing was racially motivated.

So the recent story of new head coach Charlie Weis and his promise of a “new day” for Notre Dame football is a welcome one for Notre Dame football fans, whether they agreed with Willingham’s firing or not. It is a story the nation can look at to remind itself why sports are important in the first place. The firing of one millionaire coach and the hiring of another should not be the focus of sports. But too often the media and the public forget this — they argue about the details and forget to appreciate the reason sports exist.

By now you’ve surely heard the story. It has been covered by both the local and national media. Headlines such as “Weis employs family-friendly tactics” or “Montana found comfort in one of a kind coach” have appeared in newspapers across the country all week.

This will likely be the feel good story of the year, (yes, that even in football) and one that even goes for a win over USC or a BCS game. Over the past few days, we’ve all become familiar with Charlie Weis and his treatment of dying player Montana Mazurkiewicz. Montana, who was suffering a losing battle with cancer, requested to watch Saturday’s game. He also helped Montana Mazurkiewicz’s wish come true when he came to the Mazurkiewicz’s home last week.

They talked about his nightmare, Joe Montana: they talked about the loss to Michigan State; they talked about life. Weis asked Montana if there was anything else he could do for him. Coach Weis knew he couldn’t save the boy’s life, but he wanted to do something to make Montana’s last days just a little brighter. He suggested that Montana pick what the losing team had to play against Washington would be. Montana decided that the game should open with a "pass right." Sadly, Montana passed away on Friday, and he never got an opportunity to watch the Irish take the field against Washington. Upon hearing that Montana had died, Coach Weis called the Mazurkiewicz’s to offer his condolences.

Coach Weis, and the play still stands. As it turned out, Notre Dame’s first play on Saturday came from its own 1-yard line, a place from which teams rarely perform. Weis, having put football in its proper perspective, kept his promise to Montana, dismissed conventional wisdom, and simply felt Montana’s "pass right." We’ll never really know if it was skill or divine intervention, but Brady Quinn completed Montana’s pass to Anthony Fasano for a 13-yard gain.

Montana’s story shows us how truly lucky we are to be part of the Notre Dame family. We are lucky to have a coach who is willing to run it all-advised play in order to make a dying boy’s wish come true. We are lucky to have a head coach who understands the importance of winning — both on and off the field. We are lucky to once again have a coach who understands the magic and mystique of Notre Dame Football and is not afraid to put his faith in it. We are all lucky to be a part of an institution that has such an impact on people’s lives that it can help comfort someone on their deathbed.

It seems as simple as a good man doing what he could to fulfill a child’s last wish. In reality, Coach Weis put an awful lot on the line when he called "Montana" Mazurkiewicz’s "pass right" play during Saturday’s game. He also helped put things into perspective. Wins and losses are important. (I’m sure that Montana would have wanted to win the game) Go Irish.

The heart of Notre Dame is — and sports in general — lies in kids like Montana. Those who love football so much that only a visit from Weis could make him smile. In 20 years, no one will remember the final score of last Saturday’s game. But no one will recall how much of a difference Montana made. Weis made hardly anyone will argue with Montana’s wish compared to Willingham in their much-hyped meeting. No one should care.

The heart of Montana’s story, everyone will reflect and remember. And there are more important things in life than the outcome of a Notre Dame football game. Everyone can now remember what the true family spirit of this University really means.

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"There are only two kinds of people who annoy me: ones who know absolutely everything, and people who know absolutely nothing." — Oscar Wilde
Discrimination saddening

As if denying homosexuals the right to legal marriage weren’t enough, the Catholic Church has already largely alienated the gay population, may now be considering limiting the priesthood to homosexuals. Of course, it must be seen as being homosexual automatically makes you a pedophile. A nearly coherent argument against why marriage is restricted even to heterosexuals is still quite close to me.

So what all this means is, if you are gay, you can’t have a valid relationship with another person of your sex or excommunicate yourself to a life of chastity through the priesthood. According to the church, it is “objectively disordered” to act upon homosexual desires, yet if a homosexual, realizing that the Catholic Church has no solution for their problem, they must choose a life of celibacy, would like to choose the priesthood, it will no longer be an option.

Homosexuals are discriminated against, and this saddens me. Sure, these shirts are even necessary. Why should we have to proclaim that being homosexual is fine by us? Isn’t this no different than wearing a shirt proclaiming “Blacks, Fine by Me” or “Jewish, Fine by Me”? We are all people, why is it that whenever we turn around there is another segment of our population being discriminated against? Why does someone’s sexual orientation matter so much to us, is our dream of a day when there is no marginalized sector of race, gender, nationality, religion or sexual orientation; but will that day ever come?

Claire Sloss
McGill Hall
Sept. 28

Of leevves and foreign wars

Leavers of the angonism movement have wasted no time in blaming Katrina to the list of reasons we shouldn’t be in Iraq.

The press in Washington this past weekend feature Katrina-themed wordplays such as, “Make Leeves, Not Katrina!” The Washington Post quotes a Princetonian columnist who claimed that the hurricane had helped solidify her opposition to the Iraq War. Senator Byrd’s argument is that “Hurricane Katrina made clear that while we spend all this money trying to protect our own, other countries, here at home in our own country we take care of Church and State.”

Sen. Robert Byrd (D-WV) elaborates on this argument in an op-ed published on Sept. 18 in the Baltimore Sun. The Senator says, “Who among us has not wondered if the efforts to rescue and evacuate Gulf Coast residents failed because too many National Guardsmen have been detailed to ‘Katrina’?”

We can easily imagine why this argumentative strategy is so successful. It is easy to say that the war has cost us an amount of resources and points to essential changes, as well as a less active role in our own global stage.

Even the most ardent antiwar activist should be wary of this logic. The crucial “choice” on which Byrd’s essay is premised does not really exist. Does the Senator actually expect us to believe that we can have either leeves or anti-war interventions — but never both? Are our resources so very limited that we must abrogate any active role in world affairs on the grounds that “our own people are so much in need”? Surely, there is something perverse about the pretense that our nation is too necessary to take care of itself.

I worry, though, that Sen. Byrd’s thinking may catch on among the rank and file of the Democratic Party. In the wake of Katrina, we seem to be absorbed in a moment of national self-pity. Byrd’s neo-isolationism tugs at this self-pity in a way that totally undercuts the future of progressive foreign policy. How can we argue for intervention in Darfur if the neediness of our own people is thought to be overwhelming? How can we argue for an increase in the foreign aid budget if we’re anxious about every cent that doesn’t go toward improving our domestic infrastructure?

Byrd maintains that the neglect which resulted from an overambitious war has cost us an amount of resources and points to essential changes, as well as a less active role on a global stage.

It’s a total non-sequitur. Why, then, should we accept a parallel link between Katrina and Iraq? I am perfectly happy to have Sen. Byrd argue that the war in Iraq is intrinsically unjust or unproductive. If the war is not a worthwhile enterprise, then it should be abandoned for that reason — and not because we’re already saddled with the war in the expense of vital domestic priorities.

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scene

Tommy Makem brings popular folk music experience to Notre Dame

Tommy Makem, considered the Godfather of Irish music, has played in almost every prestigious venue in the English-speaking world. He has also appeared on every major network in the United States, including performances on The Ed Sullivan Show and The Tonight Show. The group, Tommy Makem and the Makem Brothers, includes Tommy Makem, his sons Shane, Conor and Barry, along with another set of Irish siblings, Mike and Linda Clancy. Together, they have traveled extensively, including performances at Saint Mary's College. Their innumerable performances at South Bend's Fiddler's Hearth and other locations throughout the area have earned them the keys to the city. However, despite their great success and frequent visits to the area, Tommy Makem and the Makem Brothers have never played at the University of Notre Dame.

It is expected, and indeed it is fitting, for Notre Dame to be a prominent scene for Irish music. However, this has not been the case in past years. Harriet Eades, WENDY'S local musician and Celtic music aficionado, explained that, "over the past 10 to 15 years there has not been a lot of Irish music." She emphasized that a great deal of work goes into bringing these artists to the campus. She recounted how, over the past few years, the Irish music scene has grown steadily in the South Bend area, affecting the campus at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's at times. However, the greatest single event that has led to the increase in Irish music at the University and in our community was the opening of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The creation of this world-class facility, Eades explained, "as it is a natural draw for an array of prominent artists from all over the world, including several Celtic artists."

This year's event is one of the most significant and exciting Celtic music events that the University has ever experienced. Tommy Makem and the Makem Brothers, a fitting group to commemorate this impressive line-up, will perform in conjunction by the well known Mark O'Connor and The Champion. These performances are sure to add to the cultural scene of the University and increase the growth of Irish music in the area.

Tommy Makem's band is one of the up. Tommy Makem and his sons come from a lineage of musicians and performers of various genres. Shane Makem explained that they learned Irish music and its tradition from watching their father.

Over the years, they also developed a passion for playing and writing the music. They were not pushed into being musicians, or Irish musicians for that matter. Instead, it was "kind of the opposite" — they gradually became a part of the music and grew attached to it. Shane was very, very proud of this.

Said Shane, "We think about his band's achievements, especially their high level of fame for all Irish music groups. But he, however, is quick to explain that the strengths of the band..."
A peek inside WVFI
Freshman makes her big debut

"Hey there. Welcome back. You're lis-
tening to WVFI. Voice of the Fighting
Irish. Coming up next we've got some
Jason Mraz followed by Coldplay. Here it
is, on WVFI."

Still mastering the
technique of a smooth
transition period, I
fumble with the micro-
phone as my co-DJ,
Jane, makes sure that
the Jason Mraz single is ready to go. It
only takes five seconds of air time to real-
ize that the volume levels aren't on target
and then another five to configure them
correctly. Finally, about 15
seconds in (Hey, we're only
freshmen here), we're set.
'Carlsbad Prophet' is now
smoothly streaming across
the Internet.

Broadcasting live across
the World Wide Web cer-
tainly wasn't something I
had anticipated doing at
Notre Dame. College radio
was a far cry from what my
high school radio station had
been — faculty moni-
tored, boasting a one and a half
mile broadcast radius. There, random
nothingness was the on-air
topic of choice with a
rather haphazardly assem-
bled play list. Here in col-
lege, with an actual audi-
ence, the set up was a bit
different. DJs actually
were able to keep interest
among the listeners and
even have themed, planted-out shows.

When first teasing with
the idea of going on air here on campus, I
was apprehensive. Would college radio be
too demanding? Too nerve-wracking?
Too intense? With a much larger audience,
would I be able to keep people listening
and ideas be interesting? Being all of that,
who would I go on the air with?

One Suspension East freshman and two
brainstorming sessions later, my worries
subsided. I had met my soon-to-be DJ
friend Jane through a dorm movie night.
Eventually, the idea of my being on the
radio station came up and as soon as she
also expressed interest in broadcasting, it
was settled. We could do the show together —
it would be great. All we needed
was a name, ideas, motivation for a show
and a completed application.

We decided to put out to the world
what could only be hidden on radio and
was obvious in real life — Jane's Asian
heritage and my Irish heritage. We had
an idea, now it was time for a name.
Potato Wontons? Nope. Oriental
Shamrocks? Definitely not. Potato Sushi?
That was it. For some reason, it clicked in
our culture-minded minds.

Via email, Jane and I sent
our application after
some deliberation. Our goal
was to keep people culturally
focused, so at times
contrast and compare
Asia/Ireland, to note our
New York and California
backgrounds, and of course
generally make fun of
each other. At the WVFI
meeting for show picks
we decided on a show
that would go to last-pick freshmen.
However, our opportunity soon appeared
—the gorgeous little blank
box labeled "Saturday 3-4
p.m." We were in, finally
destined for the airwaves.

So what did I learn from all of this, in the end?
College is all about trying
things out and seeing what
clicks. No one should let
their own hesitations stop
them from doing some
ingenuity. Still, I was
completely awesome.

Take a lesson from Jason Mraz, who's
got 30 seconds left on the air until
Coldplay takes over — don't worry your
life away.

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MLB - AMERICAN LEAGUE

White Sox clinch division, forget late collapse

After making the division race interesting with the Cleveland Indians, Chicago beats Detroit, wins first title since 2000

Associated Press

The Chicago White Sox boot, booted, booted and screamed like kids as they ran down a skinny hallway in their plastic-lined clubhouse.

After finishing with one of the worst collapses in baseball history, the White Sox earned the right to each other with champagne.

Chicago got a clinch, a not a collapse.

Paul Konerko homered to back Chicago's 1-0 lead, and White Sox hold off Detroit for a 4-2 victory Thursday for their first AL Central title since 2000.

"That team worked so hard all year, the players worked so hard," Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said with champagne-slicked hair. "Finally, they can say, 'We did something. We earned something.' It's tough on us. It wasn't easy."

Chicago had a 15-game lead in the division on Aug. 1, then saw it dwindle to 1 1/2 games last weekend as Cleveland closed within 9 1/2 behind.

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### Around the Nation

**NFL**

Grounds crews at Azteca Stadium in Mexico City prepare for Sunday's game between the San Francisco 49ers and the Arizona Cardinals. This matchup will be the NFL's first regular season contest outside the United States.

### 49ers and Cardinals meet in Mexico -

Associated Press

**MEXICO CITY** — A photo of Azteca Stadium has hung in Tony Parrish's locker for months. The San Francisco 49ers' world-traveling safety has been looking forward to this weekend, when he'll get the chance for a little adventure along with a little football.

The 49ers and the Arizona Cardinals will meet Sunday in Mexico City in the first regular-season game outside the United States. Like most of the players on both clubs, Parrish is worried about his team's record, wary of the long road trip to a high-altitude city - but excited about making history.

"It always looks forward to doing things that promote the game," said Parrish, who traveled to Mexico in the offseason. "This will definitely be an event that we'll look back on, and see it as a turning point in the international game."

"There is an excitement to be the first to do anything," Cardinals defensive end Bertrand Berry said. "Whenever you are the first, you want to put your best foot forward." While the occasion is historic for the league's vast Mexican fan base and for the struggle to promote American football internationally, the matchup isn't exactly a grabber. San Francisco, the NFL's worst team last year, is 1-2. The Cardinals (0-3) will play without two-time MVP quarterback Kurt Warner, who has a strained groin.

But that doesn't seem to be a problem to the estimated 85,000 fans who will fill the historic soccer stadium for an evening game. Nearly one in five Mexicans identified themselves as NFL fans in a recent survey, and the event has drawn extensive national attention.

"We have such great interest. We have a great fun base in Mexico," said Roger Goodell, the NFL's chief operating officer. "It's been growing dramatically over the last several years, and we're responding to that interest. It's going to be a great opportunity to understand more about playing a game internationally."

In truth, the game won't feel much different from an East Coast road trip for both clubs. The players will keep a similar schedule off the field, apart from a handful of events Saturday.

### In Brief

**NCAA promises donation to Hurricane Relief Effort**

**INDIANAPOLIS** - The NCAA is donating $1.5 million to hurricane relief and will collect additional money during its national championships this year in a new partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

Under the Home Team program announced Thursday, officials from NCAA Division II have made a $1 million donation, while the NCAA national office is donating an additional $500,000. The NCAA has also agreed to promote Habitat for Humanity's hurricane rebuilding efforts at its national championships.

College sports' largest governing body also hopes athletes, coaches, athletics administrators and NCAA employees will volunteer to assist in rebuilding efforts.

The NCAA plans to sponsor houses in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, where Hurricanes Katrina and Rita caused the most severe damage. The NCAA also will sponsor home-building projects for victims who have released to other cities.

**Sorenstam to play at New Trump Golf Course**

**SAN DIEGO** - With gorgeous views of the Pacific Ocean from every hole and a passel of youngsters chasing her, Swede Annika Sorenstam might find herself slightly distracted in the Office Depot Championship.

If she gets tired of gazing at the waterfalls, she might find herself looking at the leaderboard. If she struggles mightily, she might find herself struggling to break par at the Trump National course.

"This is quite a place," Sorenstam said Thursday after playing her first practice round on the 6,017-yard, par-71 course that has yet to open to the public. "The views are absolutely spectacular. You got to try and stay focused on your game and not look too much at the views."

**New minor league ready for play in 2006**

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** - The St. Paul Saints and the Sioux Falls Canaries, charter members of the independent Northern League when it was founded 12 years ago, are leaving along with another member to start a new league.

The teams would become partners starting in 2006 along with the five-year-old Lincoln (Neb.) Saltdogs and several clubs from the Texas-based Central Baseball League.

The CSL, an eight-team independent circuit, has franchises in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida. The new league has yet to be named. It will be very similar to the Northern League, with a 70-game schedule and operating independent of Major League Baseball, Saints owner Mike Veeck said in announcing the split Tuesday.

### Around the Dial

**NCAA Football**

Pittsburgh at Rutgers 6:30 p.m., ESPN2

**MLB**

New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox 7 p.m., ESPN2

Chicago White Sox at Cleveland Indians 6 p.m., Comcast

**Men's Water Polo Top 20**

**Team** | **Last Week** | **Points**
--- | --- | ---
1. Cal Poly State | 1 | 97
2. Michigan State | 3 | 57
3. Arizona | 2 | 85
4. Grand Valley State | 5 | 83
5. Yale | 4 | 75
6. Minnesota | 6 | 67
7. USC | 7 | 66
8. Fresno State | 9 | 61
9. Florida International | 10 | 51
10. Pennsylvania | 12 | 49
11. Loyola | 14 | 46
12. California L.A. | 16 | 42
13. Williams College | 17 | 41
14. Florida State | 15 | 29
15. Notre Dame | 14 | 29
16. Purdue | 16 | 27
17. Texas | 20 | 16
18. Duke | 21 | 15
19. North Carolina | 23 | 14
20. Oregon | 24 | 14
21. Middlebury College

**Major League Baseball**

**American League East**

| Team | Record |为核心 | Win Percentage |
--- | --- | --- | ---
New York | 96-65 | .591 | .8-2
Boston | 96-66 | .592 | 1
Toronto | 78-81 | .491 | 5-5
Baltimore | 71-89 | .442 | 1-0
Tampa Bay | 67-92 | .421 | 6-4

**American League Central**

| Team | Record |为核心 | Win Percentage |
--- | --- | --- | ---
Chicago | 96-65 | .594 | .5-6
Cleveland | 86-74 | .536 | 4
Minnesota | 80-79 | .503 | 4-6
Detroit | 77-81 | .496 | 1-0
Kansas City | 55-104 | .346 | 5-5

**American League West**

| Team | Record |为核心 | Win Percentage |
--- | --- | --- | ---
Texas | 96-66 | .585 | .5-6
California | 86-74 | .536 | 4
Oakland | 86-73 | .541 | 5-5
Seattle | 90-71 | .519 | 7-4

**National League East**

| Team | Record |为核心 | Win Percentage |
--- | --- | --- | ---
New York | 96-65 | .604 | .7-5
Philadelphia | 89-75 | .535 | 5-5
New York | 81-73 | .536 | 4
Florida | 81-78 | .509 | 4-6
Washington | 80-79 | .502 | 4-6

**National League Central**

| Team | Record |为核心 | Win Percentage |
--- | --- | --- | ---
St. Louis | 97-62 | .510 | 3-7
Houston | 87-72 | .547 | 7-3
Milwaukee | 80-76 | .530 | 4-4
Chicago | 78-81 | .491 | 4-6
Cincinnati | 73-86 | .469 | 4-6
Pittsburgh | 65-94 | .409 | 4-6

**National League West**

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San Diego | 80-79 | .503 | 5-5
San Francisco | 74-82 | .478 | 4-6
Arizona | 74-85 | .465 | 6-6
Los Angeles | 70-88 | .442 | 3-7
Colorado | 66-83 | .415 | 5-5

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**Chicago White Sox at Cleveland Indians**

6 p.m., Comcast

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7 p.m., ESPN2
MLB — NATIONAL LEAGUE

Houston drops crucial game to Cubs at home

Wild card race is far from definite with three games to play

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Charles Gipson went out at home plate for the final out following Luke Scott's double to the right-center gap, and the Chicago Cubs beat Houston 3-2 Thursday night, taking the Astros' lead over the NL wild-card race to two games.

Derek Lee broke a sixth-inning tie with a two-run homer, and the Cubs led by one run entering the ninth.

Ryan Dempster walked Orlando Palmeiro with one out, Gipson pinch ran and pinch-hitter Mike Lamb struck out. Scott pinch hit and doubled, with center fielder Cory Patterson cutting the ball off. Patterson threw to second baseman Jose Macias, who made a perfect relay to catcher Henry Blanco, who threw to first for the final out following Luke Scott's double to the right-center gap.

Blanco blocked the plate and the speedy Gipson tried to knock him over, but the catcher applied the tag and held on.

Houston finished the regular season with a 90-71 record and the Cubs, who swept the four-game series to avoid a losing record. Dempster got his 32nd save in 36 chances.

Glendon Rusch (9-8) won his eighth straight decision on Friday night at Washington. Roger Clemens (12-8) and Roy Oswalt (19-12) also are scheduled to start over the weekend.

Glendon Rusch (9-8) won his fourth straight decision over five September starts for the Cubs, with Adam LaRoche's single in the first scoring Blanco, who was off Thursday, begins a series Friday night at Washington.

Houston finishes the regular season against the Cubs, with Andy Pettitte (17-9) trying to end the year with a win. His record is 5-5 since May 13, 1994.

Cubs starter Glendon Rusch throws against the Astros in the first game of the final series of the regular season.

But this was a night that belonged to Glavine. Mixing speeds and never topping 86 mph with his fastball, he posted the 275th victory and 24th shutout of his career.

"He was outstanding," said White Randolph, whose team won its 81st game, clinching a .500 finish in his first year as manager. "He's a pro. It was good to see him look like the Tom Glavine we all know and love. It goes to show what kind of pitcher he is. He did a great job."

Nobody was happier about it than Glavine (13-13). "It's satisfying, obviously, in the short term," he said. "I had a much better season than the first six weeks indicated. I had a game plan that should enable me to pitch beyond next year. The changes excite me. I'm more excited about where I am as a pitcher now."

It showed as he struck out 11 and walked two. The last time he had 11 strikeouts in a game was May 13, 1994.
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and this week's practices. Last season, his team was held out of the playoffs by Griffins in a 7-6 slugfest. It was physical, so this week's practices — that's what is going to happen just that.

"It's going to be a lot more intense practices this week," Lyzinski said. "I thought, last week, one of our practices was the intensity wasn't there [against Blain]. This week, definitely going to focus on team intensity and getting back to the fundamentals.

"We worked on our offense to try to keep it simple, I think it's going to be a lot more," McNicholas said. "The first game, we only got one touchdown, we put in a few new plays.

"We tried to learn from our experiences the first game, and learn hopefully put a few more points on the board.

Kevin is led byLyzinski and senior quarterback Bob Cdy. For All-American coming up Griffins, McNicholas directs the defense along with the senior Eddie Medrick, while freshman quarterback Brian Salvi guides the offense, according to Blain. McNicholas had three intercep­ tions. Medrick, who plays defensive tackle, has been a constant force for the staunch Griffins defense.

"He's a senior, and he's been the leader of our defense for three years," McNicholas said. "He's just a huge force up the middle."

Both squads acknowledge they'll have to play nearly flawless football to win this weekend's crucial Mid-Continent Conference clash.

"We're definitely not taking them lightly for one moment," McNicholas said. "They have a very good team. Last year they played us very, very hard. I think we're a very good team. We're going to have to be at the top of our game to win this one.

Dillon vs. Alumni

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Bucs preparing to face Williams, Harrington

Williams had wanted to play for his hometown

Associated Press

Jarren Bolden remembers the day he met Detroit rookie receiver Mike Williams for the first time.

Like Williams, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers nickel back grew up in Tampa. So, it's only natural that he followed the hometown product's transition from high school phenomenon to college star to young pro.

But one thing watching highlights of Williams on television failed to prepare Bolden for was the sheer physical presence of the Lions' first-round draft pick, who's 6-foot-5 and nearly 235 pounds.

"I heard so much about him, but never had a chance to actually meet him," Bolden recalled. "I saw him and they (said), 'That's Mike right there.' I said: 'No, it's not. That's a defensive lineman.' He's a big guy.

Bolden expects to see plenty more of this on film of Williams Sunday, when the Lions (1-1) face the Bucs after a court decision allowing him to apply for a three-game, head-to-head series in Boston, the Yankees (94-65) held a one-game lead over the Red Sox in the division. Boston was tied with the Cleveland Indians in the AL wild-card race at 93-66. "I think we can go to Boston. I think a nice side note is just trying to get better every week, earn himself more playing time and be a contributor." Mike Williams, Lions coach

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The Bucs and the American League

Yanks-Sox also MVP race

Associated Press

It's not just the AL East title up for grabs when the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox face off this week. The game is the third of a crucial three-game series at Fenway Park. The league's Most Valuable Player award might go to the star whose team wins the division.

Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz and Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez both have the eye-popping numbers that will put them near the top of the MVP ballots. But when it comes time for baseball writers to decide who is the most valuable, they often pick players who have helped their teams reach the postseason.

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CSU tops Air Force, 41-23

Bell runs for 197 yards in decisive Rams win

Associated Press

In the span of two weeks, Kyle Bell, benchwarmer for Colorado State, has become Kyle Bell, burgeoning star for Colorado State. A sophomore who earned his job only when opening-day starter Nnamdi Oduari got hurt, Bell came close to the 200-yard mark for the second straight game Thursday night, running for 197 yards and three scores in a 41-23 victory over Air Force.

"You don't think about that," Bell said of opening the season on the bench. "You come to play no matter where you are on the depth chart. I got the call and made the most of it."

This added to a 183-yard game last week against Nevada and Bell, the state of Colorado's career game. "Add all that up there and we've got a good, ol' fanny touchdown," Air Force coach Sonny Lubick said. "He has stamina. He has been able to play another quarter if there was one to play."

This one was settled early, though, and Bell was a standout on a night full of high performances for the Rams, who won their third straight loss of this rivalry between teams. "We were over­confident. The difference in this one was about more than the small stuff, though."

Throwing the passes was Justin Holland, who went 17-for-26 for 318 yards and three scores. The Rams finished with 551 yards in offense. "Add all that up there and you've got a good, ol' funny kicking," Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry said. "That's what it was." Air Force was coming off one- and three-point losses to Wyoming and Utah and was hoping to tighten up the small details and pull off a win in this rivalry between teams separated by 110 miles on I-25.

The difference in this one was about more than the small stuff, though. The Falcons were overwhelmed by Colorado State's offensive line, and as the game wore on, their exhaustion showed — never more than when Bell ran untouched on a misdirection play for a nine-yard score and a 41-23 lead with 5:10 left. Earlier, their tackling wasn't great, as Bell could attest. His 1-yard touchdown run in the first quarter came on a second or third effort after Air Force failed to bring him down.

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Giants and Jets agree to share new stadium

First dual-owned and operated venue in history

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants and Jets agreed Thursday to build a stadium in the Meadowlands that would become the first NFL venue to be owned and operated by two teams.

The facility will be built near state-owned Giants Stadium, which is currently home to both teams and is among the league's oldest stadiums.

Specific details about the stadium plan are to be developed over the next several months, including its new name. The teams plan to put the naming rights up for bid.

Among Gov. Richard J. Codey announced the deal during a press conference at the stadium, saying it would guarantee both teams remain in New Jersey for the next 99 years.

Codey, appearing with the owners of both teams, said the Jets would also relocate their practice facility to New Jersey. The Jets now practice at Hofstra University on Long Island.

The project would create "tens of thousands of new jobs," Codey said, adding he was also looking forward to revenue from income taxes from NFL games to be owned and operated by the teams.

Jets president Jay Cross estimated the cost would be more than $800 million and Giants chief operating officer John K. Mara figured the stadium would hold at least 80,000 spectators. The teams will split the cost of building the stadium and will share in the revenue.

Plans developed by the Giants over the past several months envision a stadium on which a retractable roof could be added, Mara said, but he noted the topic had not yet been addressed in discussions with the Jets.

Both teams — as well as the NFL and New Jersey — would receive a roof, but the teams have said the $200 million additional cost is beyond them. A roof would allow the Super Bowl and college basketball Final Four to be played at the state-run Meadowlands complex.

Regarding a roof, Codey said, "the state will not pay one penny for it."

The state agreed to help both teams find new practice facilities, although Mara said he helped the Giants would be able to get a new location at the sports complex.

Mara said that while his family, a co-owner of the Giants, wants that the stadium would have a new name, it would be necessary to sell naming rights in order to finance the project. He had no immediate estimate as to how much the naming rights would bring.

He said he hopes the facility could open for the 2009 season.

Since the teams will be equal partners, disputes over operating costs would be resolved through mediation, and ultimately, the NFL commissioner, Mara said.

The agreement, which Codey said he signed during the press conference, apparently ends several years of efforts by both teams to build a new stadium, albeit in different states.

Jets owner Woody Johnson had his sights on rail yards on the West Side of Manhattan. A stadium at that site also would have served as the prime venue for the 2012 Olympic Games. But a key New York panel rejected any assistance in June, damping that dream.

Meanwhile, the Giants and New Jersey had reached an agreement in April for a team-owned 80,000-seat stadium at the Meadowlands.

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**NFL WOMEN'S TENNIS**

Fall tournament play starts

**Thompson twins will play in All-American tournament doubles**

By Ryan Kiefer

Looking across the net and seeing a teammate doesn't usually get the competitive juices flowing. But so has gone the life of a Notre Dame women's tennis player for the last month.

Both teams — as well the Fighting Irish — have named rights in order to share a new stadium. The tandem also competed in the singles "A" flight going a combined 4-3. Nelson reached the final in the "B" flight of singles.

The rest of the Irish squad enters the weekend with a clean slate and high expectations, none higher than that of Christina and Christian Thompson.

The two sisters are the No. 2 ranked doubles team in the country. They will put the ranking on the line in California this weekend in the pre-qualifying round of the ITA tournament. The Thompsons were runners up in the tournament last year.

Loudenback coaches Thompson in her talented doubles team. "They will enter every tournament feeling that they have a good chance to win," he said.

Best of the rest of the team will enter the Hoosier Classic, a tournament expected to provide good competition for the Irish. Eight teams will participate, entering 32 flights of singles and one flight of doubles.

Brook Buck, ranked No. 54 nationally in singles, will lead the Irish in the "A" flight. Seniors Kiki Stasny and freshman man standout Katie Potts will enter the "B" flight. Lauren Connely and Kelly Tefft will battle in the "C" flight, and Kelly Nelson will round out the singles lineup in the "D" flight.

Loudenback will enter teams in the draws drawn.

"The Irish have a chance to play for the tournament for several reasons," he said. "It's a very good team," he said. "It will be nice to have the twins gone, players will be playing higher in the line-up than they are used to and will be facing better players. Two freshmen (Potts and Tefft) will also get a chance to play in their first college tournament."

The rest of the fall season will allow the Irish to gain experience before the more intense indoor and spring seasons begin. Loudenback also said it would give players who did not play much during the summer the chance to get back into competition.

The Irish will open the home portion of their fall schedule Oct. 14 against Southern California.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belts host talented, tough Pilots

St. Mary's continues daunting schedule

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's volleyball team will see something they haven't seen all season when they host Beloit College Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Angola Athletic Center — scholar-

ship athletes.

While the Belles are a Division III school that is per-

mitted to award scholarship money on a need-only basis, the Pilots are members of the NAI, an organization of smaller col-

leges that allows schools to give athletic scholarships.

Belo coach Julie Schroeder-Biek acknowledged the Pilots' talent.

"They are a scholarship team and they are good," she said.

"There's always been a good rivalry between Beloit and Saint Mary's. We expect strong competition Saturday.

Saint Mary's enters the match with an 8-9 record including 2-4 in the NAI. They are coming off a win over Tri-State on Tuesday, a match that went five games despite the Belles' wining the first two.

The Belles just completed one of the toughest portions of their schedule, playing five matches in eight days. After compiling a 3-2 record during that stretch, Schroeder-Biek gave the Belles a much-deserved day off Wednesday.

"We had a few nagging injuries that needed some rest," she said. "One day won't heal all of the injuries, but the time off can only help us. It's nice to have a day to yourself.

Saint Mary's took to the prac-

tice court Thursday to tweak their defense. Schroeder-Biek hesitate to emphasize any par-

ticular aspect of her team's play during practice for fear that another area may become weaker. She continued to drive her team to play a solid all-

around game.

Schroeder-Biek also stressed the importance of mental toughness and drive in light of the lapses that occurred in games three and four Tuesday. They know it should have been finished in three," she said. "We just need to play the entire game from start to finish.

"The Belles have hit the halfway point of their season. Their focus in the second half will be on picking apart MIAA opponents.

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sarily look for every little change on the MIAA webpage.

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SMC SOCCER

St. Mary's respects underdog opponent

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The Belles are riding high and focusing on all cylinders: their opponent can barely field a complete squad. Most teams would walk onto the pitch with nothing but victory on their minds, but not the Belles.

The Tri-State Thunder face off against the Belles at noon Saturday in an epic mismatch. The Thunder have not been able to put the full 11 players onto the field, while the Belles are fresh off of a 5-0 win over Adrian.

"One of the things I really stress with our women when we play teams of Tri-State's caliber is that we respect them," Belles' coach Caryn Mackenzie said. "That way we try to play our game, as opposed to coming down to their level.

"The Belles do not fear losing, but they fear they will hurt themselves in the long run if they do not bring their highest caliber game.

"Hopefully we can notch a few early goals and do what we did against Adrian and get a few of our women off of the bench," Mackenzie said.

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manned opponents. As a unit, the entire team has been a model of cohesive play in the past few weeks.

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

**Notre Dame hits road for two Big East contests**

**Road warriors, No. 10 Irish travel to New York, Milwaukee**

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

Starting today and through Sunday, the Irish (9-1) will be in four different states in as many days.

Notre Dame (9-1, 1-0 Big East) travels to Syracuse, New York for a 7 p.m. match against the Orange (10-5, 2-0 Big East) Friday. Then, the Irish will head to Milwaukee to take on Marquette (7-6, 1-1 Big East) in a 2 p.m. Sunday match.

On Thursday, the Irish left South Bend for Syracuse. And Saturday, they're flying back to Chicago, only to take a bus to Milwaukee for the Sunday match.

While they might be jet-lagged and road-weary weary, and while their setting is constantly changing, one thing remains a constant for the Irish - volleyball. No matter where they go, they go to play the same game.

"We leave Saturday morning (for Milwaukee)," coach Debbie Brown said. "We'll walk through some things, and we'll watch film to give our players a good idea of the offense (Marquette runs)."

Syracuse recently lost 3-1 in a hard-fought match against No. 3 Stanford. Brown knows the Orange pose plenty of challenges for her team.

"They've got a lot of seniors and players who've played quite a bit," she said.

"I don't think they have any glaring weaknesses."

Though the Irish have little time to prepare for both Syracuse and Marquette, they have experience in cramming for matches. Last Sunday, they swept Seton Hall at home. They followed that win with a Tuesday sweep of Loyola Chicago. Just like this weekend, Notre Dame had only a day to prepare for the Ramblers.

Brown's clearly got a plan.

"Right now, obviously, we're focusing more on Syracuse," she said. "And then we'll turn our attention, Saturday, to Marquette."

The Irish knew little about Loyola Chicago but managed to make quick work of the underdog. Marquette, Brown said, is a stronger, more experienced squad, but, still, the Irish hope for similar results.

"We don't know as much about them (as Syracuse) just because they're new to the conference," she said.

"They were a team that, last year, I think, many thought they should've been granted an at-large bid because they had a high RPI and finished strong in their conference."

Neither of Notre Dame's weekend opponents should be taken lightly, Brown said.

"I think they're both pretty strong teams and for sure will be in the top half of the Big East this year."

This weekend, the Irish will do much more traveling than they will do playing. They'll be on the road — in unfamiliar places. But, when they're on the court, they'll feel right at home.

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Sophomore Adrianna Stasiuk drills a kill last Sunday against Seton Hall. Ashley Tarutis (8), Danielle Herndon (21) and Meg Henican (4) watch. Notre Dame won, 3-0.
ND CROSS COUNTRY

Runners breezing toward Invite

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

After two straight meets against smaller schools, the Notre Dame men’s and women’s teams will face several of the top-ranked squads in the nation this Friday. The Notre Dame Invitational at Burke Memorial Golf Course.

The meet, which has been run continuously since 1925, will host 25 men’s and 24 women’s teams in the blue division race for larger schools. Headlining the men’s field will be No. 1 Wisconsin, No. 8 Arizona and the No. 6 Irish. On the women’s side, top teams will include the No. 3 Irish, No. 5 Michigan and No. 18 Butler.

Irish men’s head coach Joe Piane said that along with having top competition, the field is very deep.

“The team who’s phenomenally underrated is Alabama,” Piane said of the Crimson Tide’s No. 35 ranked men’s team.

“They have five Kenyans.”

Irish women’s head coach Tim Connelly credited the popularity of the meet among top programs to its longevity.

“To qualify for the NCAAs, there are some automatic qualifying spots and at-large qualifying spots,” he said. “The at-large spots are basically based on who you beat. Our meet has become one of those meets where people know they can see a lot of good competition.”

Piane agreed.

“Outside of the so-called ‘pre-national’ meets, there are two meets in the country that are really respected,” he said. “That is one of them.”

There will also be a gold division race for smaller schools. Twenty-three teams will compete on the women’s side and 24 on the men’s side. Canadian national champion Windsor and current Division III No. 1 Calvin will both run in the men’s race, while traditional Division III powerhouse Edinboro will compete in the women’s race.

“The gold race exists because the field had just gotten too big. We can’t accommodate that many people in one race,” Connelly said.

“It’s primarily division one teams, but most likely those that aren’t quite top twenty-caliber. There are also some really good division II and III teams.”

Both Notre Dame teams will enter rosters of younger runners in the gold race.

“We’re using the gold race for our team as an opportunity to see some younger kids some meet experience,” Connelly said.

After two meets of running fresh and sophomores, both Irish squads will be at full strength this week in the blue race.

For the men, junior Kurt Benninger, senior Tim Moore, senior Sean O’Donnell, freshman Patrick Smyth, sophomore Daniel Curran, senior Vinny Ambrico, sophomore Brett Adams and junior Todd Ptaeck will compete.

“We’ve got a nice mix of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors,” Piane said of his line-up.

Smyth and Adams earned their way into the lineup through a virtuous performance from the 5k invitational.

“I think we’re prepared for a race of that size,” head coach Jackie Bauters said.

“The girls are really excited. It’s a really fun meet.”

Saint Mary’s has competed in the meet every year since Bauters, a 2004 Saint Mary’s alumni, ran for the team.

“It was probably one of my favorite races to go to,” Bauters said. “It’s just a high-energy race.”

The Belles will enter the field coming off a fifth-place finish at the pre-MAIAA Jamboree last weekend.

Jackie Otto and Ruby Feauto led the team in their solid performance with times just over 20 minutes each, and Bauters expresses their performances in continue to improve.

“Last week, they were getting to that 20 minute barrier, that’s huge there for a lot of girls,” Bauters said of her two top runners.

“They had really good weeks practicing.”

Bauters isn’t just looking for continued success from the freshmen.

Last week, four of Saint Mary’s top seven finishers were first-year runners.

“The freshman have to continue to step up and show constant improvement,” Bauters said. “I think they’ll be right up there with our first few runners.”

The course of the race has more hills than the ones the Belles have run on so far this year, so this week may be a bit up, but Bauters expects the team to stay competitive.

She said the Belles will fare well if they work as a collective unit, as they did last week.

“A lot of positives came out of that race because we have some girls pack together,” she said. “I’m really happy about that. I think people see that the Belles run.”

Saint Mary’s will compete in the women’s Gold race, one of several races on the day.

The Belles will run against teams from Divisions II, III and the NAIA, and teams from Division I will compete in a separate race.

Bauters said her team enjoys the atmosphere of having Division II teams at the meet but doesn’t think it influences the way the Belles run.

“It’s fun to be there and have them all there, but it doesn’t help us or hurt us,” she said of the top-tier schools.

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That Notre Dame has done well all year. The Irish lead the nation in goals per game with 4.8 and have the nation’s lead­ ing scoring tandem in senior forward Katie Thorlakson with 31 points and second-semester freshman forward Kerri Hanks with 37.

The Irish have played three games thus far and have yet to surrender a goal. Marquette is 2-1 in conference play, losing to South Florida and Providence and winning against Connecticut, 2-1.

Waldrum says the Irish are sharper and more focused now that the team has entered several games and entered its conference sched­ ule.

“I do think we step it up against Big East opponents,” Waldrum said.

After the Irish play Marquette, they will have a quick turnaround to travel to Tampa to face the Bulls on Saturday.

Waldrum said the team will begin its journey at 4 a.m. with a bus ride from Wisconsin to Chico State’s Oroville International Airport, and the team won’t arrive in Tampa until late that afternoon or evening.

“It’s a hard thing to do physi­ cally — not getting the rest that you should,” Waldrum said. “That’s the way the confer­ ence is now, it’s the only way you can play all your confer­ ence games.

He said the Irish will not look past the rebuilding Bulls.

“We are probably going to be South Florida’s biggest game of the season.”

Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

“I think our league prepares you well for the post-season.”

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

This weekend’s games will also provide the Irish with the chance to get used to the slightly altered coaching staff that the program has seen this year. New assis­ tant coach Lizzy Lemire has filled a role that was previously filled by the coaching staff.

“When I hired Lizzy Lemire, she was going to be good for our pro­ gression about the person she is and what she represents,” said Clark.

“With the team I now have, she has com­ pletely exceeded my expectations as a coach.”

Gump is extremely happy with the transition and her team has made so far this year and is excited as seven fresh­ men have joined the squad.

“They talk about every team being new every year,” Gump said. “(The addition of Lemire and the freshmen) has absolute­ ly changed the chemistry of our team both on and off the field and ... I think it’s been a very positive transition for this team.”

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Touchdown Molly Iarocci passes the ball during Notre Dame’s 6-0 home victory over DePaul Sept. 16.

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ND SOFTBALL

Gump pleased with freshmen, new Irish assistant coach

Four-game exhibition season ends tomorrow with pair of contests

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

The Irish will get their final exhibition season under the spring regular season this week­ end when they finish exhibition play with two games.

Notre Dame will begin the four-game exhibition tour­ nament at 10 a.m. at Ivy Field with a game against Southern Illinois. The Irish will take the field again in the last game of the day versus Wisconsin-Parkside. Western Michigan is also scheduled to be at the tour­ nament, but the Irish will not face them because they beat in a home-opener last spring.

The game plan for this week­ end, according to head coach Deanna Gump, will include what the team has worked on during the early weeks of training and exhibition play.

Gump is also not too concerned about the composition of her team will be facing.

“They’ll be simi­ lar teams (as last week),” Gump said. “And they’re nice ball clubs, but we’re really not focusing on who we’re playing. We’re focusing on our own team.”

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The team opened exhibition play last Saturday and recorded victories over Wayne State and Detroit Mercy.

The remaining members of the 2005 team fell right back into line, getting the games going with their offense and making several solid plays in the field. But at least four of the freshmen were able to see playing time on Saturday.

With months to go before the season officially starts, the last exhibition games will help coaches and players alike see where everyone is at, but no final decisions will likely be made until March.

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Irish forward Kurt Martin, right, dribbles during Notre Dame’s 2-1 loss to Cincinnati Sept. 25.

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Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Natasha Gregson Wagner, 35; Tanith Belbin, 30; Jerry Lee Lewis, 70; Erika Eleniak, 38

Happy Birthday! Stop procrastinating and make your dreams come true. A chance to do something great is within reach. Fear of failure has held you back in the past. Don't give in to those negative thoughts any longer. Your number is 13, 15, 24, 37, 44, 49.

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By KEN FOWLER
Sporus Writer

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Walking Man

Darius Walker spearheads a productive Irish rushing attack poised to take down Purdue
Last year's game is full of indelible evidence from Purdue's domination at Notre Dame Stadium. Brady Quinn getting knocked down countless times. Taylor Stubblefield pumping his left arm into the air at the end of his 97-yard thrashing by the Irish in his first strides up the wings, as does No. 50 Quinn was sacked seven times. and if the Irish get a win on Nov. 26, Purdue would breathe much easier with the second half of its season to play. Purdue will be on a mission after last week's tough double-overtime loss to Big Ten foe Minnesota. That loss will make the Boilermakers hungry for a win against a quality team, and the Irish are a great team to take it out on — especially in a rivalry game under the lights in West Lafayette. "It's a staple game every year when we play Notre Dame and all eyes are on us," Purdue quarterback Brandon Kirsch said. "Every other team in the country wants to be in the position to play Notre Dame, and we're fortunate enough to have that opportunity Saturday." But to prevent the Boilermakers from extending their win streak to three games, the Irish must play well in two areas — the offensive line and the secondary — both of which were abused by Purdue last year.

No one knows this better than Weis. "They're universally considered by anyone in football the critical factors on offense and defense," Weis said of the offensive line and defensive backs. "They're the positions that have the most guys out there that are the easiest ways for you to win and the easiest ways for you to lose." The offensive line has played well thus far this season, but before last week, Purdue had only given up 36 yards on the ground and has recorded nine sacks in three games. Kirsch has shown he can throw the ball and run the option just as well in Purdue's spread offense, and Dorien Bryant has proved to be an adequate replacement for Stubblefield.

And so on Saturday Notre Dame will find out just how good its key positions are, and if they're good enough for a win against their intrastate rival this year. The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Heather Van Hoegarden at hvanhoe@gnd.edu.

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Last year left Irish wanting more game hype

Charlie Weis Irish head coach

"It's a new, different style of offense this year. We're just preparing as much as we can."

Mike Richardson Irish defensive back

"They've been in overtime wins and overtime losses, so obviously they're very experienced."

Joe Tiller Boilermakers head coach

"When you play a team like Notre Dame, your team looks forward to that."

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NetID Passwords

Only the Strong Will Survive

Why you must change your NetID password to a Strong Password

Q What is a strong password?
A A Strong Password is a difficult-to-guess password that you use with your NetID to access insideND, Notre Dame email and shared storage spaces, such as NetFile. It is at least eight characters long, and is made up of upper and lowercase random letters, numbers, punctuation marks and other keyboard symbols.

Q What is a weak password?
A A weak password is one that is short and easy to guess.

Q What's an example of a weak password?
A Your first name followed by your dorm room number is an example of a weak password.

Q What's an example of a Strong Password?
A myPWis1Uwg

Q How can I remember a password that complex?
A It's a "passphrase" derived from "my password is one you won't guess." Remember the phrase; remember the password.

Q How do I change to a Strong Password?
A Go to https://password.nd.edu, and follow the instructions.

Q Why should I change to a Strong Password?
A (1) Weak passwords put sensitive and personal information at risk that can be used by identity thieves (you don't want strangers guessing your password and pretending to be you); (2) If you do not change to a Strong Password, your existing password will expire, disrupting your access to Notre Dame networked applications, including email and shared storage. (3) Strong Passwords, will the University make exceptions for some campus computer users?
A No exceptions will be granted.

Q Why will all existing passwords expire at the same time?
A No. Passwords that have not been changed (to Strong Passwords) since July 5, 2005 will be randomly tagged for expiration sometime between now and the spring of 2006.

Q How will I know that my password is set to expire?
A You will receive an email from the OIT, and you will have 30 days from the day of receipt to change to a Strong Password. Once you change your password to a Strong Password, you won't have to change it again for another 180 days.

Q When it comes to Strong Passwords, will the University make exceptions for some campus computer users?
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Born to run

Walker wants more than an individual record as his four 100-yard games contribute to 3-1 start

By MIKE GILLOON

If someone had told Darrius Walker last year that he would begin the 2005 season with four straight 100-yard rushing performances, he would have been thrilled. But after being the first Irish running back to do just that to open a season, Walker and his teammates aren’t satisfied.

Players and coaches say it is this hunger that has made Notre Dame successful in rushing the ball so far—and is key in continuing the solid Irish ground game.

The Irish have thrived this season with a combination of Walker’s shiftiness ability to turn a nose into a 15-yard gain, coach Charlie Weir’s shrewd play-calling and—and most importantly, according to Walker—the performance of the offensive line.

Making a move

Three more consecutive 100-yard games and Walker will tie former-Notre Dame running back Lee Roy Jordan for the Irish record of consecutive rushing games for rushing for over the century mark.

While the sophomore prefers to credit his offensive line for his chance at cementing a place in Irish history, his teammates think he’s being too modest.

“What most impresses me is his determination,” Irish fullback Rashon Powers-Neal said. “He just goes out there and plays hard every play. He gives his all every time.”

Walker and his team have propelled Walker to 448 yards this season, and his 201 rushing yards against Washington has thinned the defense and giving Walker a chance to break open the defense.

The key to our success this year is we have talented backs,” Harris said. “We work hard as an offensive line. Coach Latina has really worked us hard in terms of doing physical and working technique.

“But a lot of times it’s just our backs being talented individuals who can make a play out of nothing or who can just make a guy miss and stretch that run for an extra ten or fifteen more yards. The new coaching staff has also helped Walker average 4.8 yards per carry and 112 per game. Irish offensive coordinator running backs coach Mike Haywood, who coached first-round NFL draft pick Cedric Benson last season as running backs coach at Texas, has helped Walker be more patient in his decisions.

“He’s helped me understand that sometimes you take a little longer to develop.” Walker said. “I don’t feel too easy and feel like I just have to do something when I have the ball. The game isn’t that much a shock anymore.”

Calling the play

Coming to college from his role as offensive coordinator of the New England Patriots, Charlie Weir brought with him a philosophy of taking what the opponent gives you. And with the Irish passing game flourishing this season, the opposition’s rush defenses have stepped on to give Notre Dame plenty of ground.

Walker credits Weir with knowing what plays to call to get him down the field and efficiently pick it apart.

“Coach has one of those philosophies where we’re just ready for everything every week,” Walker said. “The offense is to do whatever’s working. If he safeties come down and stuff right, nine men in the box, then we’ll just throw the ball. And if they don’t stack it like that, then we’ll just run it.”

“The defense has to account for Walker’s 23 carries per game have helped the Irish to an average of 179 yards per game on the ground and seven total touchdowns—two by Walker. All of it comes from Weis’ play call.

“Weis’ playcalling has definitely boosted our confidence,” Walker said. “When we’re out there the defense doesn’t really know what they’re going to get to us. We feel that whatever play we’re playing ... it’s going to be effective. We kind of feel like we can’t be touched while we’re out there.”

Walker, Irish and the Walker have been careful not to criticize the previous season’s setbacks or struggle in 2004, but they also acknowledged the new leadership as a big reason for their success.

“I don’t think there’s a better play-caller, I don’t think there’s a better head coach.” Walker said. “I can’t say anything right now,” Harris said. “You know that any given play coming in from the sideline could be the play for a touchdown. Whether that’s in the middle of the drive, early in the drive or deep into the drive. (Weis) has our full confidence. He’s won four Super Bowls. What else do you want to say?”

Clearing the way

With only six regular contributors, the offensive line has been forced to take on an aggressive, no-excuses attitude under the new coaching staff. The recent loss of Brandon Hoyle’s rank in the country in number of tackles-for-loss per game, against Washington has thinned the Irish offensive line to a few contributors to five, hampering their numbers but not their attitude.

“We don’t get the glory. We’re up there on the box that desire for the perfect offense,” Irish guard Dan Stevenson said. “It all starts up front. I think Weir has instilled this mindset in us. You can’t let yourself feel sorry for yourself because you’re tired and you’re banged up.”

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“West Lafayette isn’t the only team that can use this.” Stevenson said. “We want to go into every play hoping that that play makes a difference.” Harris said. “But if it doesn’t just you have to go to the next play. Because with a difference-maker like Walker in the backfield, that next play might be a touchdown.”

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The Washington Huskies had difficulty containing Walker, who rushed for 128 yards and a touchdown last Saturday.

They’re just two big, fast guys — like trains running through the hole.”

Continuing the success

Notre Dame is impressed with its success rushing the ball this season. But the key to keeping up the potent Irish rushing game, according to the players and coaches, is to avoid the temptation to be satisfied.

“It does feel good as an offense to have the success that we’ve had,” Walker said. “But at the same time there’s pressure because we’ve got to keep these numbers up.”

And the key to continuing the high numbers, Stevenson said, is adding on what the team has been doing correctly.

“We’re all on the same page,” Stevenson said. “I think the big thing is just confidence. It’s something we just need to keep building on.”

If the event is any indication, Notre Dame will struggle at times tomorrow. Purdue has beaten Notre Dame two years in a row. The last time the Irish visited West Lafayette, in 2003, they ran 25 times for 49 yards in a 23-10 loss. The way to win this year’s game, the players say, is to run right at the Boilermakers, wearing their defense down and giving Walker a chance to break loose.

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2004 Year of the first meeting between Notre Dame and Purdue, a 22-22 victory for the Boilermakers.

After Saturday’s game, the number of times these two teams will have played each other.

1896 Total offense by Purdue in last year’s game at Notre Dame Stadium, including 413 passing yards and a then-record-tying four touchdown passes by Kyle Orton.

25 Number of wins Purdue has recorded against the Irish, second only to USC (28).

150 Number of yards that separate Notre Dame (South Bend) and Purdue (West Lafayette).
No. 14

1. Notre Dame 41
2. Purdue 38

**NOTRE DAME 2005 Schedule**

- Sept. 3 at Pittsburgh - W
- Sept. 10 at Michigan - W
- Sept. 17 MICHIGAN ST. - L
- Oct. 24 at Washington - W
- Oct. 1 at Purdue
- Oct. 15 USC
- Oct. 22 BYU
- Nov. 5 TENNESSEE
- Nov. 12 NAVY
- Nov. 19 SYRACUSE
- Nov. 26 at Stanford

**COACHING**

**QUARTERBACKS**

Charlie Weis is finishing up a tough road stretch for any coach, much less a man whose first college head coaching job is at Notre Dame. He's been perfect so far in opponent's stadiums, and he will need to rely on his sharp play-calling to pull out the win in the night game.

**IRISH RUSHING**

Brady Quinn is on pace for one of the best years by an Irish quarterback since Joe Theismann in 1970. Quinn tallied five touchdown passes in the loss to Michigan State, the most ever by an Notre Dame signal-caller in one contest, and is averaging 295 yards per game.

**IRISH PASSING**

Joe Tiller is in his ninth year at Purdue with a 64-38 record. He's the second winningest coach in Boilermaker history with an impressive 627 win percentage.

**ANALYSIS**

Weis is being heralded for his early season success, and the Irish are playing well. But Tiller is a top Big Ten coach with more college experience and a solid record while at Notre Dame, a fact that bodes well particularly in a night game in West Lafayette.

Brandon Kirsch started four games in 2002 and two last year after Kyle Orton's down slide. He takes over full-time for Purdue this season. Kirsch averages 217.7 passing yards per game and has tossed four touchdowns along with three interceptions.

Kirsch is talented but lacks experience, though Tiller's schemes will ensure some points. Quinn is averaging nearly 300 yards per game and has one of the best play-caller's in football in Weis. His toughness will keep him standing tall in the pocket under the Purdue rush.

**The absence of Rhema McKnight due to injury remains a concern. However, Jeff Samardzija had an eight-catch, 164-yard day last week. He has six scoring receptions in only four games. Tight end Anthony Fasano is tied for one of the best years in Notre Dame history with four consecutive 100-yard games. He is well on his way to a 1,000-yard season with 479 and is living up to last year's hype. Rashon Rashon Powers-Neal has four touchdowns rushing to lead the team.**

**The lowest point total Notre Dame has had, other than its output in the hostile Big House, is 36. Charlie Weis' offensive works. And make no mistake, Brady Quinn remembers the last time he played in West Lafayette, and he won't let a similar result happen. The Irish defense steps up when it needs to, and Quinn rolls.**

**In a typical Notre Dame-Purdue fashion, this game will be high scoring. But the Irish prevail in this one, unlike the Michigan State game. Brady Quinn will finally get the best of Purdue after two years of throwing over 297 yards and losing. Look for Darius Walker to play a key role in this win, and the momentum will carry it nicely into its week off.**
Purdue Boilermakers

Purdue 2005 Schedule

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Special Teams

Jeff Samardzija and Scott Burdon struggled with basic extra points and field goals last week. 11.Vagner was called for making long kicks when the hold is correct. David Grimes returned his first kickoff for a 31-yard gain, while Tom Zbikowski will return punts again this week.

Intangibles

Notre Dame has been unbeaten on the road this year. 21.Zuckowski spends himself in quieting opposing crowds and will look to do the same at Ross-Ade. 20.Willis had the Irish looking sharp in their only other game — an opening-game victory at Pittsburgh.

The Boilermakers are 40-11 at home but 7-8 against ranked teams under Tiller. The Purdue fans will have all day to prepare and will be extremely loud making communication hard for the Notre Dame offense and forcing up Purdue.

Purdue hasn't beaten Notre Dame three straight times since 1967-69. But the combination of a night-game atmosphere at Ross-Ade Stadium as well as a stout Boilermaker defense returning 11 starters will ensure a repeat of the past two years. The game will be tight and well-played, but the Boilermakers save their best game of the year for the Irish and come out on top.

Scores

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Purdue 20
Sizing up the Irish and the Boilermakers

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The Observer will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary with a reunion during the weekend of the Blue & Gold Game this spring. We would love for you to attend.

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Opponents can’t run the ball against Notre Dame. For as long as inside tackle Therek Landri has lined up wearing blood and gold, that's much has been true.

In his junior season in 2004 — the second year Landri saw action — the Irish gave up only 88.2 rush yards per game. Landri combined with former defensive tackle Greg Pauli that season to make 77 tackles, 12 1/2 tackles for loss, and he made almost half of his own wrap-ups (19 of 40 solo).

Four games into the 2005 season, the final stats in the opponents' rushing column haven't changed much, and Landri knows part of the reason.

"I had great chemistry with former Irish defensive tackle Greg Pauli," he said, "and I think me and lawns just picked up where that left off."

Trevor Laws, a 6-1, 293-pound junior, and Landri (6-foot-3, 263) are not the leading tackler on Notre Dame's defense. Their numbers are out called often. But the two Interior defensive linemen apply pressure in the middle of the field that, so far, has kept opponents' running threats held back, or at halfback or mobile quarterback — at bay.

"You hear them talk about the Landri/Laws combo, and I like that," Laws said. "I think teams know they won't be able to run the ball against us."

After four games, Landri has eight tackles, Laws has four and has one sack. Between the two, the Irish linemen have found a majority of the plays occurring sandwiched between them.

When teams try to go back to the run, they do not find success.

Pittsburgh, Michigan, Michigan State and Washington managed an average of 104.8 rush yards per game against the Irish thus far. Though Washington exploited the Notre Dame defense secondary with an air attack, when the Hawkeyes did run the ball, the result was a measly 41 yards on 22 carries.

In addition to keying in on teams' top rushers and fullbacks, the Irish defense has done a quiet but efficient job of keeping mobile quarterbacks from hurting them with their legs.

Prior to playing Michigan State, Landri, Laws and the linemen heard enough about Drew Stanton's mobility. Stanton finished with 48 yards rushing on 14 carries, just a 3.4-yard average.

Prior to facing Washington, the media talked up Huskies quarterback Isaiah Stanback's rushing prowess — seven carries, 41 yards. On "some plays, the D-line men don't even rush," Laws said. "We'll just spy the quarterback."

Purdue will present a multi­ faceted rushing attack in Saturday evening's game, with both of its ball carriers, 110 rush yards per game. Behind mobile quarterback Brandon Kirsch, the teams must decide the option out of the shotgun on occasion, depending on how well Kirsch reads defense.

And the Boilermakers' top two receivers — Joreed Void and Kory Sheets — average over 6.0 yards per carry.

This makes Notre Dame's challenge different from previous years' games against Purdue, when a more one­ dimensional passing threat made shutting down the run easier and final and sufficient.

"When a team is basically a throwing team first, if you can go in there and make sure that they don't run the ball on you, at least you've got a fairly solid defense there," Kirsch said. "You can play a mentality where they are just going to throw it on every down."

This doesn't hold true, however, against Purdue. Despite no longer having a one­dimensional offense, that doesn't mean Landri and Laws cannot make it so.

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Purdue's Kirsch is a multi­faceted threat

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Associate Sports Editor

There is no shortage of talent at the quarterback position in college football these days. The Irish defense can attest.

Michigan State's Kirk Cousins, Nebraska's Tyler Palko in the season opener at Pittsburgh, Notre Dame was forced to challenge rising star, Michigan quarterback Chad Henne. Henne, Michigan's 6-foot-3, 250­pound quarterback, hounded Notre Dame's Brian Tate

And the job they've continued to have in the couple of weeks. Purdue's Brandon Kirsch stands in Notre Dame's way.

Apparent in six total games last season, including a pair of starts in place of then­injured and current Chicago Bears quarterback Kyle Orton. Kirsch provided a glimpse of Purdue's future at quarterback. He threw for 711 yards and seven touchdowns.

"He's a talented guy," hẹn can throw it, can run it, they run a little of everything," Irish cornerback Ambrose Wooden said. "We're definitely going to have our hands full."

Kirsch's ability to cap a multi­faceted offense that couples a strong, wide­open passing attack with a unique option offense makes him particularly dangerous, a skill which defensive coordinator Rick Minter attributes to Purdue head coach Joe Tiller's creativity on offense.

"Kirsch is a typical Purdue quarterback," Minter said. "He knows he's going to be well­schooled, well­coached and fundamentally sound. I've always had great respect for Purdue and Joe Tiller, and the job they've done."

For Minter, the continued success of the Boilermakers offense doesn't come as much of a surprise.

"They're always going to give you everything you can handle, from personnel to style," Minter said. "It's a system that has been in place a long time. They've tweaked it a little bit coming into the new year, but all in all, it's hard to beat the success they've encountered in West Lafayette over the past eight or nine years since Joe's been there."

Combined with Kirsch's natural quarterbacking talent, Purdue's tendency to use a spread­out, open­passing game — a trademark of Tiller's offense — provides an effective fail to the new, option­based running attack.

"Purdue is one of several teams in college football that spread the field, they make you play in space," defensive backs coach Bill Lewis said. "And think that any time that happens, you have the level of talent that they have at the quarterback, that puts as much strain on the defense as possible."

"Even though we've found the end zone, receiver Doreen Bryant is Kirwood's most dangerous option, leading the team with 18 catches for 247 yards.

Receive Kyle Higgins eight catches, 133 yards and tight end Charles Davis nine catches, 130 yards round out Purdue's top three receiving corps.

After criticism concerning its "bash and not break" style of defense last week against Washington, the Irish secondary knows that while Purdue's multi­dimensional attack may not be ideal for righting the pass defense ship, it's necessary against another chance to improve on the previous week.

"You just have to come out and play," Wooden said. "Every week is a new opportunity to redeem yourself. We've got a big task in front of us."
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Professor James McCloskey (UC Santa Cruz) – Irish as a World language

11:15-1:15 Session II

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Professor Clare Carroll (CUNY) – Irish Literature, Irish History and Comparative Studies

2:30 – 4:30 pm Session III

Professor Tomás Ó Cathasaigh (Harvard) - Saga and Myth in Irish Language Literature

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Professor Breandán Ó Buachalla (Notre Dame) – Closing Remarks

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1. Texas at Missouri—11:00
2. Va. Tech at W. Va—11:00
3. Indiana at Wis.—11:00
4. Michigan at Mich.—11:00
5. Illinois at Iowa—11:00
6. Virginia at Maryland—11:00
7. Mississippi at Tenn.—12:30
8. IU at Miss. St.—1:30
9. Southern at Fla. St.—2:00
10. Minnesota at Penn St.—2:30
11. USC at Arizona St.—3:30
12. ND at PU—-6:45

Sunday

1. Buffalo at New Orleans—12:00
2. Denver at Jacksonville—12:00
3. Detroit at Tampa Bay—12:00
4. Houston at Cincinnati—12:00
5. Indianapolis at Tennessee—12:00
6. San Diego at New England—12:00
7. Arizona at Washington—12:00
8. St. Louis at NY Giants—12:00
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