Sticky situation causes ejections

Marshmallows drive game ejections to 181

By MADDE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Marshmallow-related ejections spiked at the seniors’ last home football game Saturday, contributing to the 181 ejections from the stadium made by ushers, coordinator of stadium personnel Cappy Gagnon said Sunday.

Forty-three students were ejected for marshmallow offenses, 46 students were ejected for alcohol-related offenses and 97 non-students with regular tickets were ejected for alcohol-related offenses, Gagnon said.

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Report third this semester

University, The Copy Shop clash

By KATE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

After nearly three months of legal battle, The Copy Shop and the University are still in the midst of a lawsuit, as both sides fight to possess the same property.

On Aug. 26, the University filed a lawsuit in the St. Joseph Circuit Court in Mishawaka against Copy Services Inc. asking the court for immediate possession of the property. Copy Services Inc. operates under the name The Copy Shop.

"We are not going to comment at all from the University while litigation is going on," said University spokesperson Tim Wright, owner of The Copy Shop, has been fighting a legal battle to remain in LaFortune.

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Sole black freshman adjusts to College

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary’s Editor

No one told Melissa Gates she would be the sole black freshman in a class of 379 students moving onto the Saint Mary’s College campus in August — she knew.

"They didn’t have to tell me," Gates said. "Being the type of school it is and the region it is in and how expensive it is, people in my (financial situation) and my background are like ‘Wow — first, I bet I can’t even get in and my parents probably can’t even pay for it.’"

Although she was raised in Midwest City, Okla., Gates was born in Buchanan, Mich., and was aware of the strong academic reputations of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s as she began her college search.

It was more than the outstanding academic reputation, however, that ultimately compelled Gates to apply to Notre Dame, in part because of the financial aid offered to the two schools, and then to Saint Mary’s.

Gates has been in band since I was 12, and ever since I was 12 I was like, ‘I am going to be in the Notre Dame band,’” Gates said.

After being denied admission from the University, Gates chose to accept an 80 percent scholarship from Saint Mary’s and fulfill her dream of playing clarinet in the band.

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Tours not limited to students

By COLLEEN SHULA
News Writer

While many prospective students attend information sessions and explore the University through the Admissions Office, other visitors draw to Notre Dame’s campus take tours through the Eck Visitors’ Center.

"Notre Dame is a tourist attraction," said Eck Center tour guide Kate Kenne, a junior.

The Eck Center offers tours during the week to a wide array of visitors including University benefactors, football fans and school groups. The center gives free public tours twice a day Monday through Friday and prescheduled private tours are offered daily for a $25 fee.

Approximately 40 Notre Dame students work as tour guides for the Eck Center. Associate Director Jaime Crip said that for visitors, "to interact with a student is overwhelmingly meaningful."

The student tour guides enjoy this interaction as well. Sophomore Clint Cyr has been giving tours since May, and said he enjoys meeting people from across the country and around the world.

"I like to interact with people of all types and all backgrounds," he said.

Crip said since the tours are geared toward visitors rather than prospective students, the content of the tours differs from those of the Admissions Office. The Eck Center’s tours are more historic.

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INSIDE COLUMN

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Faculties named AAAS members

Professors, Dean honored for their work in science and engineering

Special to The Observer

Four Notre Dame faculty members have been named fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in honor of their work in the fields of biological sciences and engineering.

AAAS, founded in 1848 as a nonprofit organization, is the world’s largest scientific society and publisher of the prestigious journal Science. The new Notre Dame AAAS fellows are: Nora J. Besansky, professor of biological sciences; Roger K. Bretthauer, professor emeritus of chemistry and biochemistry; Frank P. Incropera, Matthew H. McCloskey Dean of Engineering and H. Clifford and Evelyn A. Brosey Professor of Mechanical Engineering; and Wolfgang Porod, Frank M. Freimann Professor of Electrical Engineering.

Besansky, who joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1997, was cited for “significant contributions to understanding the molecular, population and evolutionary biology of Anopheline mosquitoes, major vectors of malaria in Africa.” In researching the evolutionary genomics of the mosquito, she uses classical genetic, molecular and bioinformatics approaches to understand the mechanisms behind Anopheline evolution.

Bretthauer, a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1964, was cited for “fundamental studies on biosynthesis and structure of glycosylated proteins in eukaryotic cells and in baculovirus-insect and Pichia yeast expression systems.” A biochemist specializing in carbohydrate metabolism and protein biosynthesis, he has done extensive research on glycoproteins, large molecules containing proteins and sugars whose functions in the body include controlling the interaction of cells, and the recognition of other substances by cells.

Incropera, who joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1998, was cited for “distinguished contributions to the field of heat transfer and convection and for significant contributions to engineering education as both classroom teacher and engineering dean.” A member of the National Academy of Engineering and one of the 100 most frequently cited engineers in the world, his research is in the areas of free and mixed convection, double-diffusive convection, boiling and two-phase flow, material processing and electronic cooling.

Porod joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1986 and is director of the University’s Center for Nano Science and Technology (NDnano). He is the co-inventor of the Quantum-dot Cellular Automata (QCA) concept, a transistorless approach to computing. His research focuses on solid-state physics and its application to electronics, quantum devices and architectures for nanoelectronics, and the limits imposed by the laws of physics on computation.

The tradition of AAAS fellows began in 1874 and this year the association is honoring 376 members as fellows. Currently, members can be considered for the rank of fellow if nominated by the steering groups of the association’s 24 sections or any three fellows who are current AAAS members for at least two of the three spon­ tors are not affiliated with the nominee’s institution or by the AAAS chief executive officer.

Sister appointed to Providence College

Special to The Observer

Dominican Sister Kathleen Cannon, associate dean of the College of Science at Notre Dame, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of Providence College in Rhode Island and elected secretary to the Providence College Corporation.

“We are very pleased to have Sister Kathleen’s extensive higher education experience and leadership skills serving Providence College,” said Rev. Brian J. Shanley, the recently elected president of the college. “She is a devoted alumna and I know she will make a significant contribution to our board.”

Sister Cannon earned her bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Ohio Dominican College, a master’s degree in religious studies from Providence, and her doctorate in ministry from the Catholic University of America. Prior to coming to Notre Dame in 1990, she served on the faculty of Chicago’s Catholic Theological Union. She also taught at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Conn., where she was chair of the religious studies department, and she has held visiting posi­ tions at American University, Princeton Theological Seminary and Notre Dame.

Also serving in a concurrent appointment as an associate professor of theology at Notre Dame, Sister Cannon’s responsibilities as associate dean of the College of Science include advising associated with inter­ national studies programs of the college, diversity issues, college election and award committees and the joint hon­ ors program of the Colleges of Science and Arts and Letters.

Sister Cannon served Notre Dame as associate provost and a faculty member in the Department of Theology from 1990 to 1997. During her tenure in the Provost’s Office, she designed and implement­ ed the Distinguished Women Visitors Series, a program that has brought more than 40 senior women scholars to campus for extended visits. She also initiated the Women’s Award of Achievement, which in a three-year period recognize­ d the achievements and contributions of 18 Notre Dame alumnae from all the colleges, the Law School and the Graduate School; and she pursued and articulated the need for on-campus child care, an initiative that result­ ed in the Notre Dame Early Childhood Development Center.

Write News. Call Heather at 1-5323.
Students in the stadium's senior section participate in a fierce marshmallow fight. Saturday, 181 students were ejected from the stadium in marshmallow-related incidents during the last home game of the season.

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Gagnon said "about 15 or 20" of the 43 students ejected for marshmallows were never allowed in the stadium.

"The last game of the year seems to be ... well it's a prank game," Gagnon said. "If we caught students with marshmallows at the gate they didn't get in and the marshmallows didn't get in. None of them were permitted in and we confiscated the booklets.

Gagnon said the halftime marshmallow flurry probably wasn't triggered by the recent dip in temperature — "It was cold, but not much colder than the week before," he said — but possibly by seniors mistakenly thinking there would be no repercussions.

"I think maybe there were some students because of some's erroneously reported last year that if you're caught the last game, there is no punishment," Gagnon said. "Obviously you're not losing your ticket booklet, but you're still referred to [the Office of Residence Life and Housing]." Some of the students who weren't permitted into the game "actually got in because Syracuse didn't use all of their tickets and there were some tickets floating around outside," Gagnon said. "And if they were smart they just sat in those seats," he said. "But some did try to get into the student section." Gagnon said the number of non-students ejected from the stadium — "52 — was unusual given the game's 2:30 p.m. start time.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Terroist arrests made in Morocco

RABAT — Moroccan police have dismantled a terrorist network, arresting 17 people, including two former prisoners at the U.S. base in Guantanamo, Cuba, the official MAP news agency reported Sunday. At least some of the suspects were involved in gulf acts in Iraq.

Ahmed Bencheikh and Mohamed Mazouz - among five Moroccans freed from Guantanamo - in August 2004 were among the suspects.

They were arrested Nov. 11 at their homes in connection with a probe into al-Qaida, a Moroccan security official said, among 17 impli­
cated in the network. The official, not authorized to speak publicly, asked not to be identified by name.

Information about the network, dismantled before it was fully structured, remained sketchy, and it was unclear when the other arrests were made.

The top two suspects, Khaled Aziz and Mohamed Ibrahima, were recruiting extremists for their cause, the official quoted police as saying.

Members of the network had links with small groups on the Iraqi border and close ties to lead­
ing members of the al-Qaida terror network, MAP reported.

Sharon leaves Likud Party

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon took the initiative from the rejuge­
nated Labor Party, quitting the Likud Party he himself founded in 1973 and striking out on his own, a daring pre-emptive strike before elec­
­tions in five days after his 70th birthday.

Feed up with internal Likud opposition after he completed his withdrawal from Gaza, Sharon informed Likud leaders late Sunday that he was leaving to set up his own move­
ment.

NATIONAL NEWS

Six injured in mall shooting

TACOMA, Wash. — A gunman opened fire inside a busy shopping mall Sunday, wound­
ing several people in the halls and taking three people hostage in a music store before police arrested him, authorities said.

Witnesses described hearing a noise and then seeing a man walking backward through the mall, firing.

At least six people were injured, one criti­
cally, as shoppers and store clerks scrambled for cover.

Tacoma Police spokesman Mark Fulghum said the suspect, arrested about four hours after the shooting began, was a young man who had no other details about him or his possible motives.

Police were interviewing the victims and hostages, he said.

Radio City union settles

NEW YORK — The union representing the orchestra for Radio City Music Hall’s “Christmas Spectacular” approved a contract, deal Sunday that allowed its musicians to return to work following a bitter labor dis­
pute.

The contract was approved late Sunday after union spokesman Shawn Sachs confirmed by telephone.

Neither the union nor Radio City representatives has released details of the long-term deal, which was reached earlier this week with the help of a mediator and the encour­agement of Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

LOCAL NEWS

Recycling center in violation

GRANTHAM, Ind. — Environmental offi­
cials have ordered a northern Indiana recycling center to stop accepting solid waste after inspectors found that it was operating more like a trash dump than a recycling center.

During a recent inspection of Austen Recycling Inc., workers with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management found the site loaded with regulated solid waste.

EGYPT

Violence and riots erupt at polls

Opposition supporters clash with police at the start of the second round of voting

Associated Press

DAMANHUR, Egypt — Widespread violence marred the second round of Egypt’s parliamentary vote Sunday as opposition supporters and police clashed with knives, metal chains and Molotov cock­
tails, officials said. At least one person was killed and scores were wounded.

The violence was in sharp contrast to the Nov. 9 round of voting, which passed in relative peace and saw the banned opposition Muslim Brotherhood party double its representation in par­
mament.

There are 1,706 can­
didates competing in 72 con­
stituencies in this round of elections.

Last Sunday, the Brotherhood said its count showed most of its 60 can­
didates had either won seats or gained sufficient votes to participate in run­
off balloting Saturday. Interior Ministry officials said a partial tally showed at least six Brotherhood candidates had won out­
right. The top two vote­
gainers in constituencies where no candidate wins an outright majority move to the run-off.

No figures were avail­
able for candidates of the ruling National Democratic Party or non­
-Islamic opposition contest­
ants.

Police and Brotherhood supporters exchanged ac­
cusations over who started the melee, which also involved supporters of President Hosni Mubarak’s ruling National Democratic Party.

Ibrahim Hammad, a spokesman for the Ministry, accused the Brotherhood of using thugs to intimidate voters and attack other candi­
dates’ supporters.

But the Brotherhood candidate Mustafa Assem accused the government of hiring men to cause trouble outside polling stations to create a pretext for closing them early.

“This is unbelievable government terrorism,” he said.

The Organization for Human Rights also blamed the run­
ing party in a report Sunday.

Candidates associated with the Brotherhood, banned in 1954, won 34 seats in the first round of voting. While prohibited from formally becoming a political party, the Brotherhood fields candi­
dates as nominal inde­
pendents whose sympa­
thizers are widely known by voters.

The Brotherhood calls for implementing Islamic law but is vague about what that means. It advo­
cates the vote for women and campaigns against perceived immorality in the media, but insists it represents a more moder­
ate form of Islam than that followed in deeply conser­
vative Saudi Arabia.

The government gener­
ally tolerates the group, which renounced violence in the 1970s, but hundreds of mem­
bers have been detained in recent months amid increased protests against Mubarak, Egypt’s leader for 24 years.

The Brotherhood said about 300 people had been arrested across the coun­
try on Sunday. The Interior Ministry said hundreds were arrested, mostly Brotherhood members detained for inciting vio­
ence and rioting.

IRAQ

Suspected Al-Qaida killed in gunfight

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — U.S. forces sealed off a house in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, where eight suspected al-Qaida mem­
bers died in a gunfight — some by their own hand to avoid capture. A U.S. offi­
cial said Sunday that efforts were under way to determine if terror leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi was among the dead.

Insurgents, meanwhile, killed an American soldier and a Marine in separate attacks over the weekend, while a British soldier was killed by a roadside bomb in the south. In Washington, a U.S. official said the identities of the terror suspects killed in the Saturday raid was unknown. Asked if they could include al-Zarqawi, the

official replied: “There are efforts under way to determine if he was killed.”

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.

On Saturday, police Brig. Gen. Said Ahmed al-Jubouri said the raid was launched after a tip that top al-Qaida operatives, possibly including al­
Zarqawi, were in the house in the northwest­ern part of the city.

During the intense gunbattle that fol­
lowed, three insurgents detonated explosives and killed themselves to avoid capture, Iraqi officials said.

Eleven Americans were wounded, the U.S. military said. Such intense resis­
tance often suggests an attempt to defend a valuable target.

American soldiers controlled the site Sunday, and residents said helicopters flew over the house throughout the day.

Some residents said the tight security was reminiscent of the July 2003 opera­
tion in which Saddam Hussein’s sons, Uday and Qusai, were killed in Mosul.
Suit

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Matt Storin.

According to Tim Wright, owner of The Copy Shop in Notre Dame's LaFortune Center, the university wanted the space because it had already made commitments to FedEx's Kinkos, which has a franchise in a copy center in Grace Hall.

"This is obviously a legal dispute," Wright said. "It started out by the university firing the lease, and compla­tint in which the University asked the court to award the Copy Shop another year of the LaFortune Copy Shop lease.

The Copy Shop is an independent business, not affilia­tied with the university. The shop provides copying, scanning and faxing services, handles print jobs for students, employees, academic departments and other com­munity members.

The dispute began shortly after the university sent the tenant the ability to let Notre Dame's LaFortune Center to the university in January 2000, as he had signed a lease since he took over the shop in 2001.

"The only way the University can require us to leave is if we are in violation of the lease itself," Wright said.

The lawsuit began, The Observer reported, after Dan Foley, the university's owner said. "The university has done in the past what it does a superb job in teaching the university wants. I'm not sure what we were doing wrong."

Though Sept. 30 a judge issued an order saying that The Copy Shop's lease is valid for the 2005-06 renewal, the judge does not have say over whether or not we properly renewed the lease," Wright said.

"The only way the University can require us to leave is if we are in violation of the lease itself. We have the right to the space until they tear the building down," Wright said.

Wright said, since the law­suit began, The Copy Shop, a lease was draft­ed and included an "option to renew." Though renegoti­ation in that option to renew was kept in the lease, Wright said.

Wright said giving an owner an explicit option to renew the lease until the owner decides whether or not she does not want the space anymore or until they violate a rule of the lease, such as failing to pay rent. The provision gives the owner the right to decide whether the landlord know of his or her interest in the remaining term and notice of the option period.

"Pre-1989, the university prepared two draft leases in the negotiation process with Dan Foley. Neither of those two leases contained the renewal clause that are at
dispute now," Wright said. "Under both of those drafts the University or the copy shop could walk away with appropriate notice for any reason or no reason at all."

However, in discussions with Foley, the university added to the restrictions, largely because of Foley's large economic investment in the shop.

"He needed some guaran­ties that the university would not arbitrarily just pick him out," Wright said, adding that it was at this point that the option to renew was removed, which was a 1998 lease that the university is currently under now. Both the 1998 lease and the 1999 lease contain this renewal provision, Wright said. "That language did not change from the first lease in 1989 to the second lease in 1998. It's identical."

"It is our position, Wright said, that The Copy Shop renewed its lease for one year or just this one time, and therefore never said.

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Kinkos, which has not been contacted by the university. Consequently, the university has not heard anything about the lease since they renewed it.

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Notre Dame Stadium.

It's so funny because I missed the deadline to turn [my application] in, and then the university decided I was 'like, is she still applying?" Gates said.

While her family and friends strongly supported her decision to come home and enroll at the College, some acquain­tances doubted that she was actually a mem­ber of the band. Gates' mother, who took photos of her wearing her uniform, said she was promptly given another one. Never having owned a credit card herself, Gates said she was amazed by what was considered "normal" for other students.

Gates, who has enjoyed the music of the country and pop genres, has long been respon­sible for paying bills includ­ing her credit card herself, Gates has described how she maxed out her parents' credit card and was promptly given another one. "I feel better," Wright said. "I feel like they will renew and they move on to the next person, and even in bad times it is sometimes like that.""

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Tours

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torial in nature and provide information about notable fig­ures like University founder Father Edward Sorin and important events like the 1879 Main Building fire.

Kemnetz, who gives tours for both the Admissions Office and the Eck Center, said that on Eck Center tours she talks less about college life and statistics about the student body.

The tours visit some of the campus' most illustrious land­marks, including the Main Building, Grotto, Basilica, Hesburgh Library and football stadium. Kemnetz said on Eck Center tours she takes the group to the Basilica, but does not do this for Admissions tours. Pre-design­ated tours go inside the foot­ball stadium during the sum­mer.

"A very common reaction is people exclaim­ing how beautiful this campus is," Clinton Y C y tour guide

Crip said the center gives about 1,200 tours throughout the course of a year and many visitors are awestruck by the sites and history of the cam­pus.

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GE sells insurance unit

GE, the industrial products, financial services and media conglomerate based in Fairfield, boosted its dividend and expanded its stock repurchase plan as it announced the deal.

The sale of most of GE Insurance Solutions fulfills a strategy begun three years ago to sell its insurance businesses.

Over the last five years, the Insurance Solutions group has lost $7 billion and required the infusion of $3.2 billion of capital, company officials said.

In Brief

**Market Recap**

**Dow Jones** 10,766.33 +46.11

**S&P 500** 1,244.29 +9.07 1,235.22

**NASDAQ** 2,227.07 +6.61

**NYSE** 7,634.58 +33.46

**FTSE 100 (London)** 5,498.90 +38.98

**Company** | **Change** | **Gain** | **Price**
---|---|---|---
**AXMEX** | +0.72 | +1.48 | 51.48
**NASQD** | +0.22 | +1.86 | 110.86
**NYSE** | +0.30 | +2.50 | 82.50
**S&P 500** | +0.24 | +4.47 | 94.47
**NIKEI (Tokyo)** | +14.62 | +12.70 | 207.70
**FTSE 100 (London)** | +56.14 | +1.24 | 57.24

**Commodities**

**CRUDE CRUDE (Gallon)**

**TREASURIES**

**2-YEAR BOND**

**5-YEAR NOTE**

**3-YEAR NOTE**

**5-MONTH BILL**

**yen**

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**Exchange Rates**

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**Trade is focus of visit to China**

Bush makes effort to open Chinese markets to U.S. farmers and businesses

**Associated Press**

BEIJING — Amid concerns over a craze for bird flu and another superflu strain, President Bush pressed China on Sunday to expand religious, political and social freedom and won little more than promises from President Hu Jintao to open China's huge markets to U.S. farmers and businesses.

Hu said the two leaders sought an outcome of "mutual benefit and win-win results."

But their meeting Sunday at the Great Hall of the People on the edge of Tiananmen Square appeared to produce no breakthroughs on U.S. demands for currency reforms in China.

In details about how China would cut its trade surplus with the United States, on track to hit $200 billion this year.

Bush's two-day China stop — his third as president to the communist giant — was the centerpiece of a weeklong Asia tour, but an acrid debate at home about the war in Iraq has followed him here.

While overseas, the White House has not let a day go by without a no-holds-barred verbal counterattack against Democratic critics of the president's war policies.

Bush appeared determined Sunday to back the rhetoric. Appearing before reporters at his hotel just as he attended a lavish dinner with his Chinese counterpart, Bush said "I totally reject the notion that someone could be called unpatriotic for disagreeing with him."

"People should be comfortable about expressing their opinions about Iraq," he said. "This is not an issue of who is patriotic and who is not patriotic. It's an issue of an honest open debate about the way forward in Iraq."

On Thursday, Bush was asked whether he agreed with an assertion by Vice President Dick Cheney that the critics are "representing the haters" or others who say asking questions is patriotic. The president chose Cheney.

Bush also toned down sharp comments by his aides about Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa. The long-time defense hawk's call for withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq prompted the White House to compare the combat-decorated Vietnam veteran to war critic-movie producer Michael Moore and suggest Murtha was counseling surrender to terrorists.

On Sunday, Bush called Murtha a "fine man and a good man."

"I know the decision to call for the immediate withdrawal of our troops by Congressman Murtha was done in a careful and thoughtful way," the president said. "I disagree with his position."

A Chinese crackdown on dissidents before Bush arrived dismayed U.S. officials, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the U.S. side would continue to raise the issue "quite vociferously with the Chinese government."

She also expressed disappointment with China's response to a U.S. request in September for action on specific human rights cases — a list Bush described bluntly as "dissidents that we believe are unfairly imprisoned."

"We certainly haven't seen the progress that we would expect," Rice said.

No questions from the press were permitted during the joint appearance by Bush and Hu, so the U.S. president's give-and-take with reporters on his own was scheduled later in part to make a point about press freedom.

Major indexes finish at a four-year high

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — A late rebound gave Wall Street modest gains Friday as two acquisitions and upbeat earnings from Hewlett-Packard Co. helped lift the major indexes to four-year highs.

The indexes had their fourth straight winning week.

Late news prices also helped stocks, easing worries about consumer spending ahead of the holiday shopping season.

But many analysts noted that the rally over whether the market will have its usual year-end rally, and trading has become erratic as mixed economic and earnings data has left investors wondering about the economic health of the country.

"You've had a pretty good run off the October bottom," said Russ Koesterich, senior portfolio manager at Barclays Global Investors. "But there really are no major catalysts to help support the market coming into these levels."

"You don't want to see too much into a Friday of late November," he added.

Trade futures fell to five-month lows although the approaching winter weather still has many concerned about oil and gas supplies. A barrel of light crude dropped 20 cents to settle at $56.14 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

At the close of trading, the Dow Jones industrial average climbed 46.11, or 0.43 percent, to 10,766.33, after rebounding from a 76-point gain earlier in the day.

Broader stock indicators reached their highest levels since mid-2001. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 5.47, or 0.44 percent, at 1,248.27, and the Nasdaq composite rose 6.61, or 0.3 percent, to 2,227.07.

Bonds slipped, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.45 percent from 4.47 percent late Thursday. The U.S. dollar was mostly lower against other major currencies in European trading, while gold prices were little changed.

Although recent reports show the economy withstood the waves dealt by hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, investors continue to be uncertain about future economic growth and corporate profits.
There aren't many things that can keep a recently-turned-21-year-old like myself away from Thursday night's sacred shrine of stove lights, shadow dancers and fake IDs. Club Fever. Apart from an F-5 tornado-slicing through downtown South Bend or a hippie nudist colony taking over campus and forcing everyone to drink electric cool-aid and dance naked to Enrique Iglesias music in the brightly lit Stepan Center, there is no excuse for skipping a Thursday night grind-fest at the Flee. Nevertheless, last Thursday rolled around, and I found myself anxiously seated in a packed movie theater awaiting the midnight premiere of the newest Harry Potter film: "The Goblet of Fire."

The funny thing is, I wasn't alone. Hundreds, if not thousands, of other self-professed nerds and losers had logged on to Fandango.com days in advance to purchase their tickets to one of the numerous midnight showings in the area, and most of them still arrived hours early to the theater (some wearing witch hats and robes and donning sporting Hogwarts-style polo shirts) so that they would get a seat that would put them at eye-level with the stimulating action.

Best of all, in my particular theater, there were no room or other vilified people under 14 years old in attendance to watch a movie about 14-year-old witch and wizards who — when they aren't battling the forces of evil — gossip and cry about who is taking whom to a school dance. Needless to say, this sort of teenage drama is not the subject matter you would expect in a movie theater at 2 a.m. in the morning on a Club Fever night.

How, then, does one explain the adult fascination with the Harry Potter series? Why do millions of middle-aged Americans admit to stopping their work lives to devour J.K. Rowling's 800-page novels when they are first released? Why does the Harry Potter series rank nearly as high as The King on the reading lists of Islamic terror suspects at the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay? Why do the first three Harry Potter films all rank in the top 15 on the all-time worldwide gross charts? Why would I choose a romantic evening with Albus Dumbledore over an inchoherent orgy of booze at the Fever?

Some avid readers would argue that Rowling's stories are simply so magical and full of childhood adventure that they have bewitched America under a spell worthy of a Hogwarts classroom. Still, as exciting as her tales are, Rowling's novels do not even come close to matching the adventure and magic present in Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" series, nor do they compare to the child-hero stories of C.S. Lewis' "Chronicles of Narnia." And as far as literary value is concerned, Rowling certainly won't be seeing herself on a list of finalists for the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Why, then, have Harry Potter and Ron Weasley replaced cocaine and coffee as the most addictive substances in America? And why would grown men and women sacrifice their dignity to show up at a movie theater dressed as characters like Hermione Granger and Professor McGonagall or Emma Bovary — and those are at least respectable literary figures.

The popularity of the stories is also certainly not driven by a fascination with the social commentary imbedded within the plot — the racial undertones that accompany the "muggles" and "half-bloods," the slap at aristocratic supremacists like the neo-Nazi Malfoy family or the attack on materializes like Harry's gluttonous aunt, uncle and cousins, to name a few. If Americans really reacted this strongly toward social commentary, there would be much higher sales of Al Franken and Rush Limbaugh books during the Halloween season.

Why, then, would a series of novels by a woman who wrote about a British woman convince an American society that is usually too lazy to skim 800-word newspaper columns to read (and re-read) 800-page tomes of literature? It cannot possibly be the outcry from conservative Christian groups and Bible freaks around the globe who accuse the Harry Potter series of encouraging children to give up God for the Wicca life of hermaphrodites, baldurs and broomsticks. If Americans truly only read books as an act of rebellion against the authorities who attempted to have them banned, then Vladimir Nabokov and J.D. Salinger would still be household names like Rowling's.

The way I see it, unless Rowling truly is a witch who signed her soul away to the devil in return for international fame and fortune, Harry Potter is simply one more example — like "Star Wars," "hula hoops" and "The Da Vinci Code" — of overzealous people turning a cultural success into a social obsession by squeezing every bit of life out of it while it is chic. Consequently, by 2010, after the final Harry Potter movie is released and the world tires of consuming her stories, J.K. Rowling's name will inevitably fade away into an abyss of nothingness. Like a wave in Voldmort, and scads of other material fads, she will become "She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named."

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"Character is higher than intellect. A great soul will be strong to live as well as think."
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

When Harry met America

American author

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is good to have an end to journey toward, but it is the journey that matters in life."
— Ursula K. LeGuin

QUOTE OF THE DAY

American author
**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Anti-wave support**

This is in response to the letter written by Dan Keough in The Observer's Viewpoint section on November 16th. I have long felt that "the wave" should not be attempted again at our university. It was attempted many times while I was a student, but never too successfully. I think it actually made it around the stadium once my senior year. I'm sure the thrill of doing it one time I did enjoy.

My sophomore year, I had the opportunity to go to the University of Florida's homecoming and "Gator Growl." They had it down to the science. They could do the "wave" in regular speed, fast forward and slow motion. I have to say, the wave in slow motion is one of the most impressive things I've ever seen in a stadium.

I agree with Keough, it takes a lot of coordination and effort. And every time we do it wrong, we just embarrass ourselves. We should just focus on being loud, intimidating and a fantastic place to be. I'm sure that will make waves, too.

That's just my two cents.

Mathew Vadaparampil

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**Giving thanks**

Four weeks from today will mark the beginning of Winter Break. Four months, Spring Break. And just four weeks of challenging the starting to "give thanks." — Thanksgiving Break, that is.

During this time, when names like "Christmas" and "Easter" are simply never mind, it's easy to get lost in ourselves.

Thanksgiving somehow managed to escape from the specific religious associations that dominate the two former companions on university calendars. After all, no matter how it began, a holiday that's literally about "giving thanks" shouldn't be without its own sort of uniqueness.

As a religious ideology — or, perhaps, lack of ideology — gets an unusual respect under the guise of a person’s mere announcement of atheism is often taken as an accusation.

Bring almost any two sorts of behavior together and, no matter how much they may differ, they're unlikely to see any major reason to distrust another one.

But any sort of conflict between the atheist and believers is another layer of complication. In this university community, whenever belief clashes with unbelief, the issue usually isn't about whether the atheist "can have morals" or is blasphemous; today, it's suspicion of condensation that causes problems.

One side is convinced the other is typed out as "naive" or "stupid," and the other as "lacking imagination" or being "cold-hearted."

Today, if we were to debate the specific merits of different faith doctrines and duties, our speculations would almost certainly end in irresolvable reflections on a person's circumstances, upbringing, etc. 
nothing wrong with a little flirting

I love to flirt almost as much as I love being flirted with. Who doesn't like to feel at least a little desirable every now and then? There are four reasons to flirt.

One, it relieves people. I know if I catch someone else with a smile at some point and say something a little risque, the anxiety in the room goes down.

Secondly, flirt is a confidence booster, not just in the here and now, but an ongoing one as well. Everyone wants to feel good.

Thirdly, flirting is a good way to get to know people. Try telling someone you like their kiosks or their bookstore and just see how they respond. Are they embarrassed? Do you like them even more now or not at all? How someone takes a compliment is a big indicator of who they are.

Fourthly, and this is only if you're a skanky ho, which I am not, flirting with someone who is attached can bring out the worst in their significant other, thus making you look even better.

Flinging with someone is basically harmless.

It's fun and keeps things exciting. If you aren't window shopping or a flitter don't get alarmed. It just means you are with someone who is comfortable with you or herself and who likes to make other people feel that way too.

Flirters are the people who make parties fun, the work day less stressful and their life more happy. Flirting is usually very innocent. It's a testing ground for real love and a litmus test for compatibility.

If done properly, it can also be a good indicator of sense of humor, which is a big deal, at least for me. I know if someone doesn't laugh at my jokes, for instance, they aren't for me.

If you don't get each other's sense of humor, then it's probably not a good match. Who wants to sit around with someone who explains everything that comes out of his or her mouth? Either they get it or they don't.

So flirt away, my fellow colleagues. See where it goes and don't worry if it doesn't get you. Just remember to play the game and perhaps flirting. Respect others and hopefully they will respect you. Have fun and good luck!

"Give thanks"...
SHOW REVIEW

Asian Allure blends culture, entertainment

By CHRIS MCGRADY
Assistant Scene Editor

Reflecting on the past, looking into the future but always living in the present. That was what Asian Allure 2005 set out to do, and that is exactly what was accomplished. The annual show, this year accurately titled "Reflections," is showcased as a celebration of Asian culture ranging from the style of the bustling cities of Japan to the soothing hula dances from the wind-swept shores of Hawaii.

The performance was a visual and cultural feast, fully immersing the viewers in a stunning portrayal of Asian and Asian-American culture. There were also showings by the Vietnamese Student Association, the Filipino American Student Organization, the Indian Association of Notre Dame, the Indian Association of Notre Dame, the Pakistan Student Association, and several other groups and clubs. There were a series of "fashion shows" in which student-models showcased cultural outfits. These outfits ranged from traditional kimonos and masks to modern clothing such as business apparel and clothing inspired by today's "hip-hop culture".

Students Camille Gabriel and Angelo Gacad emceed the show and delighted the audience with humorous banter and a handful of well-placed jokes. Gabriel and Gacad controlled the audience with a casual yet commanding stage presence. The duo's appearances were just enough to guide the audience through the show without detracting from the focus of the performances.

One of the fan favorites was the performance of a "Hollywood-style" dance. Bollywood is an Indian musical movie genre and is immensely popular in many parts of the world. Sophomore Sheena Plamootil was one of the lead dancers in this act and has been performing and dancing in this style since she was young. "It is so fun performing on stage with everyone cheering you on. Showing people something they haven't seen before is exciting," Plamootil said.

The Bollywood performance, which was done under the Indian Association of Notre Dame as well as the Pakistan Student Association, was obviously carefully planned and was an immediate crowd favorite. The group practiced three times a week leading up to the show, and during the week immediately before the show met every night. The hard work paid off as the dance went off flawlessly.

Another fan favorite was the performance of "Matrix Ping-Pong" by the Asian American Association. In this piece,two ping-pong players acrobatically engaged in a match with the help of several stage crew members. The stage crew lifted the players, tilted the table, and controlled the ball (attached to a stick) to simulate a game which was designed to remind the crowd of the time-lapse sequences in "The Matrix" movie series. The result was an impressive display of precision and visual tricks that had the audience on their feet.

The show set out to ultimately show the proud Asian culture held by many of the members of the Notre Dame community and accomplished just that in the process. The choice of "Reflections" as the theme of the show was ideal and the show fully reflected to the audience just what Asian and Asian-American culture is all about.

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Asian Allure
Sponsored by: Asian American Association
Date: Friday, Nov. 18
Venue: Washington Hall

A piece called "Matrix Ping Pong" was done by the Asian American Association. Performers and crew members created a seemingly gravity-defying game.

The Indian Association of Notre Dame staged its Bhangra dance Punjabi Mirchi. Asian Allure featured many performances and dances with traditional costumes.

ARTS ON CAMPUS

The altos and sopranos sing with members of the Notre Dame Chamber Orchestra. Chorale specializes in music from the Renaissance to the present.

The bass members of Chorale perform during the group's 2005 Fall Concert. The group is the official concert choir of Notre Dame and has 55 members.

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MOVIE REVIEW

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

Since its release, one question has surrounded the book, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" — how is anyone going to adapt this 734-page behemoth of a children's novel into a palatable film?

While the book is one of the most popular in the "Harry Potter" series and the pivotal fourth book in a seven book series, it is a web of complex subplots and character development. Thankfully, first time "Potter" director Mike Newell manages to par the book down to a film that is both well-plotted and faithful to the heart of the novel.

Fans feared Newell taking the helm of the "Harry Potter" series, as his directorial experience was limited to more adult films like "Four Weddings and a Funeral" and "Donnie Brasco." This was compounded by the fact that Alfonso Cuaron's "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" was regarded as the best of the series and an artistic achievement in its own right.

While not as artistically shot as "Azkaban," Newell manages something that hasn't yet been achieved in a "Harry Potter" film — economy. Chris Columbus, director of the first two films, was so faithful to the novels, it made the movies dreadfully slow. Even Cuaron was guilty of dragging out scenes and including too much information from the books.

Newell cuts the film down to an exciting, less ponderous movie. While the first few scenes don't gel perfectly and seem jery, the film eventually coheres. The movie focuses almost exclusively on the magical T l w i z a r d Tournament, eliminating the lengthy passages on the Grindelwald World Cup, Harry's time with the Dursleys and Mrs. Weasley and Hermione's crusade for house elves. Without these distractions, the film's action builds rapidly and without deviation, which makes for an ultimately more entertaining movie.

Newell is helped by the fact that the stars of the series have grown into much better actors, as well as the fact that "The Goblet of Fire" introduces an array of interesting new faces. The three actors at the heart of the series — Daniel Radcliffe (Harry), Emma Watson (Hermione) and Rupert Grint (Ron) — do a fantastic job with the dark and complex material and the added trials of adolescence in the story. Other characters like Neville Longbottom, Cedric Diggory, Fleur Delacour and Viktor Krum add dimension and humor to the film without requiring too many bulky subplots.

"The Goblet of Fire," with its dependence on characters, truly requires some familiarity with the "Harry Potter" universe and the book itself. Characters aren't always introduced, and viewers are expected to understand their back-stories. This allows the film to flow better, but it also provides some confusion for those who are unfamiliar with the details of the novels.

The movie builds toward its terrifying climax, long-anticipated by "Potter" fans because it finally introduces Voldemort as a physical presence. The movie doesn't disappoint, the conclusion is terrifying and justifies the film's PG-13 rating. Ralph Fiennes does a fantastic job in the part, and there is none of the let-down that usually follows the revelation of an unseen character, particularly villainous ones.

While not necessarily the artistic achievement of Cuaron's "Azkaban," "The Goblet of Fire" does what has so far proved elusive in the "Harry Potter" series — adapting the book instead of trying to create an exact replica of the novel on screen. While there is no doubt that some fans will be disappointed with just how much had to be removed from the film, the movie is truly better because of the risks the writer and director were willing to take.

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A NIGHT OF MAGIC

It seems that seeing a movie should be the same no matter when or where you see it, since, by their very nature, movies never change. There is something to be said, though, for seeing a movie the night it opens, especially a movie like "Harry Potter." It is not so much a matter of the movie being different but instead is a result of the audience being particularly concentrated with fans.

Mugglenet.com, a website started by Notre Dame freshman Emerson Spartz, sponsored a midnight showing of "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" in this past Thursday at the Cinemark 14 movie complex. Included with the ticket were a food voucher, a T-shirt and a chance to see a normal night at the movies become a particularly interesting experience.

Getting tickets to the early-time reserved reservations, advanced payment and showing up to the theatre early, which showed just how desirable passes to this advanced screening were. On arriving at the theatre, there were masses of people waiting to get seats and a general air of excitement in the complex.

A large number of people were in "Harry Potter" inspired T-shirts, including a group of people in self-made "Irish Quidditch" uniforms. There were also a number of shirts revealing allegiance to the Gryffindor house (where Harry lives) and, naturally, a huge number of people showing their "Potter" pride by sporting their free Mugglenet.com shirts.

Some individuals went a step further and dressed up for the showing. Round glasses, lightning scars and striped scarves abound, as well as people in robes and others carrying homemade wands.

Prior to the film's start, Mugglenet.com founder Spartz spoke about his experiences with running a "Harry Potter" website, from why he started it to what has happened to him as a result of the project. He discussed meeting J.K. Rowling, author of the "Potter" series, and his visits to several of the movie sets and premieres.

The intensity of the "Harry Potter" fan in attendance was then revealed with a trivia contest. Questions were beyond the knowledge of more fair-weather "Potter" fans and included such difficult queries as "What form does Hermione's Patronus take?" (Un Orca).

The ball fan started when the film began. The hard-core audience was very engaged with the film, which resulted in less than a little bit of whispering when Harry appeared without his shirt on.

The film ended to applause from the audience, and there was an excited buzz running through the theatre as everyone began discussing what just had happened in the movie.

While a few lines in the film may have been missed because of the vocal audience, the sheer excitement of seeing a film with a group of people so completely engaged with it, to the point of dressing up and making shirts, is just something that can't be missed.

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Seahawks hang on to move to the top of the NFC

Eli Manning's three touchdowns and fourth quarter composure leads Giants over Eagles in NFC East rivalry game

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — With Ken Dorsey's final pass toss an unlikely bouncer, the Seattle Seahawks had avoided yet another collapse — and escaped San Francisco with the NFC's best record.

Shaun Alexander rushed for 152 yards and three touchdowns, and the Seahawks stopped the 49ers' 2-point conversion attempt with 28 seconds left in their sixth straight victory over San Francisco on Sunday.

Matt Hasselbeck was 19-of-31 for 233 yards and one TD as the league's most prolific offense dominated the first three quarters, racking up 357 total yards. But Seattle (8-2) stalled in the fourth quarter, managing just 16 yards and no first downs — and awakening memories of the franchise's lengthy history of embarrassing multiple losses.

With coordinator Ray Rhodes back home in Seattle after his son's football game, San Francisco made a last-play scoring drive stretching nearly 6 minutes. Dorsev, who passed for 249 yards and a touchdown last week after returning a kickoff, bounced a 13-yard touchdown reception for his third reception of the season. After snapping a streak of 47 consecutive possessions without a touchdown — the longest in the NFL this season, was 6-of-8 for 77 yards in his second start of the season, was 6-of-8 for 77 yards in his second start of the season. He connected with a 2-yard touchdown pass to Burress in the second quarter.

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Penn State, LSU move ahead in polls

Associated Press

LSU and Penn State each moved up a spot in the Associated Press Top 25, taking advantage of Miami's loss to move behind unbeaten Southern California and Texas.

The Tigers were No. 3 with 1,449 points in the media poll Sunday, ahead of the Nittany Lions' 1,390 points.

The Associated Press urged Joe Paterno's resurgent team, which had won a total of seven games the past two seasons, to win its second Big Ten title on Saturday in the season finale against the Bulldogs.

Paterno's resurgent team, which had won a total of seven games the past two seasons, had its second straight victory over the Bulldogs, and avoided its first loss since the preseason.

Paterno's team now sits at 8-3, and it's a significant improvement from the 7-5 record it had in 2003.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Kurz emerges as strong force on the inside for Irish

By YONI LIPSCHUTZ

Irish sweep meet with St. Bonnies'

By JACK THORNTON

SMC BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's bounces back after rough start in weekend tourney

By BY FITZPATRICK

Irish's Tim Kurz played a key role in their sweep of St. Bonaventure.

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Kurz emerged as a strong inside threat for Notre Dame in the sweep of St. Bonaventure and the win over Santa Mary's.

There is a member of the Notre Dame men's basketball team who has made 17 of his 21 shot attempts in his last five games. He has scored 20 or more points in each of his last three contests, and he has been a key factor in the Irish's recent success. This player is none other than Tim Kurz.

Kurz has emerged as a dominant force in the Irish's frontcourt, averaging 10.8 points and 8.6 rebounds per game over his last five contests. He has been particularly effective in the paint, where he has scored 30 of his 45 total points in the last five games. Kurz's presence in the post has made it difficult for opponents to stop Notre Dame's inside game, and he has been a key factor in the Irish's recent success.

Kurz's play in the paint has been complemented by his improved shooting. He has shot 59% from the field in the last five games, up from his season average of 47%. This increased shooting percentage has helped Notre Dame get more inside scoring, and it has also freed up the Irish's perimeter shooters to get more open looks.

Kurz's improved play has been noticed by his teammates, and they have responded accordingly. Irish senior forward Steve Shomberger said, "He's been great for us recently. He's been scoring, rebounding and defending. He's really been a force inside for us."}

Irish sweep meet with St. Bonnie's

By JACK THORNTON

After two close road wins, the Irish returned home and resumed winning big Saturday night. The 203-92 victory over St. Bonaventure in Rochester gave the Irish an 11-3 record and a 6-1 mark in Atlantic Coast Conference play.

The Irish entered the game coming off consecutive come-from-behind wins. On Nov. 4, the Irish rallied from down 23 points to beat rival Pittsburgh by one point. They followed that up the next week with a two-point victory over Michigan State.

The blowout win was fueled by the Irish's season-best times in individual events. Senior Steve Shomberger and junior Ted Brown took team season-best times in the 100-yard backstroke (1:00.79) and 200-yard butterfly (23.11), respectively.

Junior Tim Kegelman gave his best performances of the year in the both the 200-yard butterfly and 200-yard medley relay while junior Justin Barber did so in the 500-yard freestyle.

Kurz emerges as strong force on the inside for Irish

Kurz gained some extra confidence in his inside game over his last few contests. Against Saint Mary's, he scored a season-high 17 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and made three three-pointers.

Kurz has played a key role in the Irish's success over their last few contests. He has been scoring, rebounding and defending, and has been a force inside for the Irish.

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**Lafayette**

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season.

Kurz led all scorers with 18 points and 14 rebounds — seven more than any other player - but more important were his eight free throws — seven which came on the offensive end — that allowed the Irish to control the game for most of the night and be up by 21 at the end. Kurz became the first player in the history of women's basketball at Notre Dame to score 20 points in a game while also hitting eight free throws.

Kurz finished the game 5-of-10 from the field for 15 points. The 6-foot-1 freshman was held scoreless and had just three rebounds. But his coach was impressed with the intensity he brought on the defensive end.

"I feel for Luke a little bit, but a couple of his fouls, I love that he just played somebody and nobody got an easy look at a bucket," Brey said. "We gotta protect the paint up there, we can't have enough big guys we can play if someone's in foul trouble."

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**NCAAs**

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Constantly when she touched the ball I was scared she was going to score. Every time she touched it, something was happening.

Lafayette Dome outjumped to a 2-0 lead on goals from Amandal Cinalli and Brittany Bock but Yale did not lose focus. The Bulldogs kept the ball in the Irish zone, applying constant pressure instead of sitting back and waiting for scoring opportunities. It didn't work.

After rushing shots early in the game, the Irish settled down and impressed his coach in his first regular season game of the year.

"I guess probably the best compliment I would give is I never even worry about that position," Brey said. "I was watching the other four guys. When you have, a good guard like that, hopefully you just watch the other four guys and figure out what you're doing there."

The Irish ran their offense quickly during the first half, not allowing Lafayette to set up on the defensive end. Brey said he wanted to move the ball up the court in order to get easy looks.

"We just want to get down a little quicker," Brey said. "I think it really gets you on your toes rather than on your heels."

"It stretches the defense down the floor and it gives Quinn and Falls opportunities to attack on early offense instead of waiting out and grinding it five or five all night long," Quinn said after the game that getting the ball running was a key for Notre Dame heading into the contest.

"We wanted to get out and run and be aggressive on the offensive end of the floor," Quinn said. "I think [in this game] and the last exhibition we did a great job of running the floor and it showed in our offensive production."

Brey experimented with a variety of on-court combinations for the third straight game this season. He used Quinn with McAlarney in the backcourt, and the Irish looked especially good handling Lafayette's full-court pressure.

"I feel really confident with my ball-handling skills and the guys who are out there with me do a good job coming back to the ball on the trap," McAlarney said.

Brey said he was disappointed with some of the little things that Notre Dame did wrong, namely missing easy layups and free throws. Irish guard Colin Falls missed a layup with 14:36 remaining in the first half. Falls finished the game with 15 points on 5-of-15 shooting, 2-of-10 from three-point range.

The Irish only made one field goal during a layup by Russell Carter with 3:30 remaining in the final nine minutes. They did score 16 points in that stretch, however.

"I thought we did a better job in the second half using the time," Brey said. "I think that can be a weapon for us," Brey said.

Terin Francis finished the game with 8 points on 2-of-5 shooting and a game-high 14 rebounds.

**Notes**

- Former Indiana Mr. Basketball Luke Zeller fouled out in just 11 minutes in his first game with the Irish. The 6-foot-3 senior scored 16 points in that 11 minute stretch, however.

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**Irish guard Colin Falls catches a pass in Sunday's 84-65 win against Lafayette College. Falls had 35 points in the victory.**

**NFL**

**Johnson, Chiefs beat up on Texans 45-17**

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Larry Johnson always felt he was too good to be a backup. On Sunday night he proved it.

Johnson broke the Chiefs' rushing record with 211 yards and scored two touchdowns to lead Kansas City to a 45-17 win over the hapless Houston Texans on Sunday night.

The previous record was 200 yards, set by Barry Word in 1990.

Johnson, in his third year, has gained more than 100 yards in both of his starts since Priest Holmes was placed on injured reserve because of head and neck injuries.

"When it's never been done before that's outstanding," Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil said of Johnson's record.

Johnson got going in the first quarter when he slashed up the middle of Houston's porous run defense and shook off four would-be tacklers before scoring on a 23-yard run to put Kansas City up 7-0. He extended the lead to 24-7 on a 1-yard run in the second period after Houston's Phillip Buchanon was called for pass interference. That score was set up by a fumble by Houston receiver Andre Johnson.

The 211 yards were the most allowed to a single player in Texas history and the seventh time this season an opponent has gained more than 100 yards against Houston's NFL-worst run defense.

Johnson was supposed to come into the interview room after the game, but then told Chiefs officials he wouldn't talk.

"We were looking for big things from him," Chiefs quarterback Trent Green said. "It's very important for him to come up big. When Larry's had opportunities to play, he's played well.

The Texans (1-9), who have looked slightly improved in recent weeks, were back to their old selves against the Chiefs.

They had only 129 yards at halftime to 292 by Kansas City, which piled up 31 first-half points after managing only three points in a loss at Buffalo.

David Carr threw an interception just before the break that Eric Warfield returned 57 yards for a touchdown. Carr was in position to tackle Warfield before he reached the end zone, but instead stood with his arms outstretched and appeared to yell at his teammates to help.

"This is not the way we're going to play," Texans owner Bob McNair said. "We'll do whatever we have to do to improve the situation. We're all disappointed. This is not what we're about.

When asked if coach Dom Capers could lose his job this week, McNair said making changes during the season just "makes things worse.

Carr was 19-of-36 for 182 yards and fumbled twice, but was only sacked season-low one time.
**FOOTBALL**

**Quinn disappointed with performance in win**

By MIKE GILLOON
Sport Editor

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn wasn't happy after Saturday's 34-10 Notre Dame victory over Western Illinois.

He said he thought he had not played that poorly since Michigan, game 10, when he completed 19-of-30 passes for 140 yards and two touchdowns. The Irish outscored the Leathernecks 37-27 on 395 yards of offense to 270 for 327 yards and two touchdowns against the Orange.

But completing less than 60 percent of his passes for just the third time this season and throwing for 50 yards below his season average of 320 yards per game left him disappointed — which is just what Charlie Weis wants to see.

The Notre Dame coach said at his midweek news conference that Quinn's lack of satisfaction with his performance is a sign of three quarters. Though with 10 games playing as the starting quarterback for Weis in his first year at the college head coach.

"He did good or bad, he's starting to be more like me," Weis said. "There's good and bad in that, I have to admit. But he has raised the expectation of his own play, which I per­ceive him doing each week. So now those numbers, to a lot of other people, will be impressive, but to him that's disappoint­ing and that makes me think he understands that.

Quinn might have good reason to feel disappointed, though. He has steadily raised his game in the last two weeks after throwing for 29 touchdowns down to just five interceptions. His top two receivers, Maurice Stalliv and Jeff Samardzija, have shared in his performance.

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"I was pleased with the punt coverage," Weis said. "Charlie I thought played a really, really excellent game.

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time for sleep after the victory Saturday. The coach was up until midnight watching several college football games on television, then rose just after 4 a.m. to begin his Sunday night watching of football of Syracuse and beginning to plan for next week's game against Stanford.

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**MEN'S SOCCER**

**On to round two**

Irish defeat Western Illinois 2-0 to move on to the next round

By KATE GALES
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They're still in it.

After going 1-2-1 in the regular season and losing to Michigan State in the Big Ten Tournament, Notre Dame will play Indiana Tuesday night after advancing.

"I thought we deserved it fairly well," coach Bobby Clark said. "I thought it was an interesting game, I thought they came to play, and they had some very good players.

Western Illinois managed just three shots on goal — all saved by Chris Cahill, who recorded his eighth shutout of the season.

"The defense had a particu­larly solid night against a Western Illinois attack that had a number of weapons. "Although they didn't get many good shots off, I certainly think they had players that could threaten us," Clark said, adding his team played just as well as a unit. I don't think it was just the defense, I thought we defended well as a while today.

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"They were a semifinalist for college soccer's highest title, the Hermann Trophy, said he thought the team started slow after a long hiatus.

Just 1-2-1 in the Big Ten, I don't know if it was just nerv­ousness, I thought the 10th day of the season was going to be pretty back and forth," he said.

However, the Irish hit their stride early with a goal in the 29th minute by Joe Lapira. Although a Western Illinois defender had been to keep the ball away from Lapira, he broke free on a pass with play­der Ryan Miller.

"He set up the ball to me, he did I thought he did very good leader as a senior and the co­vice president for sports, he was pretty well doing his job," he said.

Although the Irish took a 1-0 advantage until Kurt Martin scored when a Western Illinois defender intercepted an Irish cross pass but mis­played it in front of the goal.

Lapira said that the Irish offense, which has struggled at times this season, has come a long way.

"Now we're starting to click," he said. "The communica­tion between the midfield and the forwards is almost where it needs to be to.

Lapira, Justin McGecney and Nate Norman were all game­winners, with the offensive third for the Irish, and the defense with the Irish attack.

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**HOCKEY**

**Irish make last trip to Goggin**

**ND loses one, ties one against Miami**

By CHRIS KOREY
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The Miami University hockey arena in Oxford, Ohio, which has been the scene of many Notre Dame victories in recent years, played host to both games for the Irish, both games for the Irish, both games for the Irish.

"We didn't turn the puck over much, but when we did it turned into goals," Babin said.

Sciba was also the leading scorer for the Irish last season despite netting only six goals.

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The Irish will be back in action Friday and Saturday against Ohio State in the Joyce Center.

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Irish open the regular season with two big victories

Duffy's 19 points and perfect free-throw shooting boost Notre Dame over Western Michigan in close game on Sunday

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

The Irish had trouble dealing with Western Michigan's perimeter shooting. The Broncos shot 42.3 percent from three point range in the game.

Guard Casey Rost spear-headed Western Michigan's perimeter assault, scoring 29 points and connecting on 7-of-10 shots from beyond the arc. "She was our best player on the floor," McGraw said. "We couldn't guard her. We couldn't stop her."

Rost's hot shooting kept the Broncos in the game, despite the fact that Notre Dame only trailed in the opening minutes.

With 11:50 left, Rost hit a three to bring the Broncos within one point. McGraw was confident the Irish would prevail down the stretch, thanks to the clutch play of the team's second-year captain.

"I wasn't worried because I thought they would foul (Duffy) and she would make free throws," McGraw said. "And that's pretty much what happened."

Duffy was 8-of-8 from the line for the game. She connected on four free throws with less than a minute remaining to seal the victory for the Irish.

Notre Dame 55, Michigan 45
McGraw's 500th victory came Friday night thanks in large part to the two areas she felt her team needed to improve on heading into the season: defense and rebounding.

The Irish held Michigan to 45 points and just 32 percent shooting, while out-rebounding the Wolverines 54-32. "I was really pleased with the rebounding, especially in the second half," McGraw said. "They only had one offensive rebound at halftime, which was awesome. And then to hold them to nine offensive boards for the game, I thought that was just a great job we did."

Michigan held Duffy to just three points in the game, but two young players led the way for the Irish. Sophomore Charel Allen scored 16 points, and freshman Lindsay Schrader posted 10 points and a game high 14 rebounds. McGraw was thrilled to see her two young guards step up. "Charel Allen was the player of the game on the offensive end," McGraw said. "And I thought [Schrader] was the defensive player of the game. She did just a great job - 14 rebounds. I mean, that's how we won the game.

Reserve forward Ta'Shia Walker paced the Wolverines with 16 points and nine rebounds. The Irish struggled to defend Walker in the post.

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It wasn't pretty, but it's over.
Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw

McGraw finally earned her 500th win on Saturday night and then 501 on Sunday. But she coveted 500, came only after a devastating loss in the NCAA Tournament.

Sports Writer

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First-game jitters," McGraw said. "The first game is always a tough one and Michigan had two games already. So I think it was just that."

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to quarter to give the Knights a 6-0 advantage. Zanker caught Coby's pass at the 5 and rumbled across the goal line for what was the Koomen's only score of the game.
I ways later when they scored on that big pass," Gourley said.

The Bats, however, kept the score within reach going into the second half and righted their ship in the third quarter.

"I felt a lot more confident in the second half," Gourley said.

In Zahm's first drive of the half, after tailback Theo Osei-Anto ran for the Bats' first down, Mike Tieu caught a 35-yard pass the score at 6-6. The Bats converted the point after and took a 7-6 lead, which would eventually represent the game's final score.

For Keenan, the loss was toughest because of the narrow margin.

Keenan's Alex Staffieri said the final score of 7-6 testified to evenness of the teams and the game.

"It was a tough loss," Alex Staffieri said. "Any time you lose by such a narrow margin it's tough to stomach."

A week later that 7-6 lead, the Bats defense battled to hold the Knights back, and the Bats proved successful.

Zahm stuffed Keenan early in the fourth quarter to force a momentum-changing turnover.

"It was a critical play to hold the Bats effectively held our ball on the 1 one yard line," Staffieri said. "It was a momentum-changing play for us."

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ND Women's Soccer

Thorlakson's three assists enough to beat Yale

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associate Sports Editor

It was a record-setting day for Katie Thorlakson and the Irish Friday as they continued their national title defense with a 5-2 win against Yale in the third round of the NCAA tournament.

Thorlakson and Kerri Hanks became the first teammates to ever surpass 70 goals and 70 assists in a season. Thorlakson's last assist — her 34th of the year — put her past ex-North Carolina star Mia Hamm for second all-time in a single season.

“What a great tandem tonight,” Waldrum said. “Thorlakson’s just such a special player and does so many wonderful things for you. Every night she just does something... it just blows me away the things she can do. And then [Hanks] again was great, just clinical finishing. I hope they keep challenging each other.”

Thorlakson had three assists in the game, including one on the third goal when she found Susan Pinnick in front of the net with an open shot. Thorlakson was being forced towards the endline when she found a seam in the defense and somehow fit a pass behind the defender.

“She ain’t about the best, she is the best [in college soccer],” Yale head coach Rudy Meredith said. “As far being dangerous and putting the other teams defense under pressure.

INTERHALL FOOTBALL FINALS

Champs!

Zahn beats Keenan in a hard-nosed 7-6 game for the title

By CATHERINE KANE
Sports Writer

Senior Zahn captain Pat Courtney raised the interhall championship cup high in the air and led the chants of the Rabid Bats: “We are Zahn House!”

Zahn had just defeated Keenan in a thrilling championship game, and the celebration was on for the Bats in Notre Dame Stadium Sunday.

Keenan was first to both threaten the end zone and score, but the Knights failed to make the point after, a play that would loom large in the final outcome.

Keenan quarterback Rob Coly hit Dan Zneny for a 30-yard strike in the second quarter — the first and only touchdown of the game — to take the lead. The Bats did not score again the rest of the game.

But the Bats' defense forced a Keenan punt in the third quarter, giving the ball to Zahn at the 31-yard line. Zahn then went on a nine-play, 69-yard drive, capped with an 11-yard touchdown run by Dan Nolan and an extra point by Kevin O'Brien.

The win was the Bats' second straight title and third in four years.

ND Volleyball

Notre Dame prevails in Big East tourney

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — In a back-and-forth, nail-biter match, Notre Dame (27-21, 15-8) defeated No. 2 seed and seventh-ranked Louisville (27-21, 28-30, 31-29, 30-21, 23-30) in the Big East tournament championship in Louisville, Ky, Sunday.

It was a roller coaster ride, just as Irish coach Debbie Brown predicted.

“I expected that,” she said. “I expected that it would be a very hard-fought match. The previous match (at Notre Dame in the regular season), I think each game was decided by two points or maybe three. There was nothing that was going to be different.

“I think we executed well. I think we served well.”

Notre Dame beat the Cardinals in four games on Oct. 29.

To say the least, senior libero Meg Henian — who, heading into the tournament needed 61
Orange crush

Emotional senior day takes center stage as Notre Dame routs Syracuse

By KATE GALE
Associate Sports Editor

It took a sophomore's big play to give the seniors their last triumphant hurrah in Notre Dame Stadium.

Leo Ferrine returned an interception 16 yards for a touchdown just 13 seconds into the second half to give Notre Dame a 21-3 lead and help the Irish pull away in a 34-10 victory in Notre Dame Stadium for the season's final home game.

Although the Irish struggled in the red zone and on third-down conversion, especially in the first half, a strong defense and 420 yards of total offense left head coach Charlie Weis satisfied, despite trailing 3-0 at the end of the first quarter.

"We came out and scored two touchdowns in the second quarter and got the game back under control," Weis said.

After those two scores in the second quarter and the one on the interception, I think the game was back in hand.

Brady Quinn went 21-of-37 for 270 yards with two touchdowns — both in the second quarter — and no interceptions.

"It's had better days, but once again no interceptions," Weis said. "One thing you can count on is he doesn't throw picks, but he had a couple dropped balls.

Quinn became Notre Dame's first 3,000-yard single-season passer and broke Ron Pulhus' career passing record.

After Ferrine's touchdown return, kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick connected on two field goals.

Irish senior linebackers Corey Mays (46) and Brandon Hoyte (39) lead the Irish seniors on a victory lap around the field after their final game at Notre Dame Stadium Saturday.

"I thought he was running the ball so well, I wanted to force-feed him carries," Weis said. "He looked very spunky today, and sometimes you go by a feel and the feel was that he had it going."

The Irish defense held Syracuse to 221 yards of total offense, including just 78 yards of passing.

Much of the Orange rushing came on a 51-yard dash by Damien Rhodes, who ran for 112 yards.

Quarterback Perry Patterson completed only 9-of-22 passes and had one interception.

"We had an aggressive game today," senior linebacker Corey Mays said. "Guys did what they're supposed to do."

After trailing 3-0 at the end of the first quarter — the first time the Irish have failed to score in the first period all season — Fitzpatrick's field goal attempt at the Syracuse 26-yard line was blocked, the first time a Notre Dame field goal has been blocked since Navy did it in 2002.

But Chase Anastasio partially blocked a punt on fourth-and-10 and Quinn found Stovall on a 25-yard pass with 9.09 left to give the Irish the lead, which they would hold the rest of the game.

After the Irish defense held the Orange to three-and-out on the next possession, Quinn hit Samaradzija on a 26-yard route to put the Irish on top 14-3 going into halftime.

"I think offensively it took us about a quarter [to get into the game]," Weis said. "It was far from perfect, but when you're playing against a good defense it's going to be far from perfect.

After Walker's touchdown, Weis pulled the starters in favor of giving seniors the field for their last home game.

"These guys bought into the program right from the start and they've really done a great job showing leadership," Weis said. "To be able to turn to the captains and the leadership committee, week in and week out, I can't say enough about the guys. I have a lot of respect for them.

After the game, the team stayed on the field, singing the fight song and the alma mater with the student section in the northwest corner of the stadium.

"I think winning the game is almost a relief and they got to sit there and sing the alma mater and the fight song and enjoy their moment," Weis said.

But first, the seniors wanted to do a great job of bringing us back to earth from this emotional high.

"It's not done. Coach is going to do a great job of bringing us back to earth from this emotional high," Mays said.

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player of the game

Irish secondary

Notre Dame's much-maligned secondary dominated, holding Syracuse to only 78 passing yards in the contest.

Ferrine's interception return put the game out of reach.

stat of the game

7.618

Brady Quinn's career passing yards, passing former Irish quarterback and current director of player personnel Ron Powlus (1994-97) to set a new Notre Dame record.

play of the game

Leo Ferrine interception return

With the Irish leading 14-3, Ferrine picked off a bobbled Perry Patterson pass and returned it 16 yards for a touchdown to put the game on ice for the Irish.

quote of the game

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Irish linebacker
Irish coach Charlie Weis watches the postgame festivities with his son, Charlie, after Notre Dame beat Syracuse 34-10 Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish overcame a slow start to rout the undersized Orange.

Weis helps Irish pick up pace

It wasn't exactly what the Irish faithful, national media experts and Las Vegas oddsmakers were expecting, but in the end, it was close enough. Predicted by many to rip through the tunnel — and shortly thereafter, an overmatched Syracuse squad — the Irish resembled a lost puppy more than an unleashed junkyard dog in the early minutes of a contest they would eventually go on to win convincingly 34-10.

Riding high on the emotion of senior day at Notre Dame Stadium, the Irish offense sputtered out of the gate, punting three plays after receiving the opening kickoff, missing a field goal — one of which was blocked — and falling behind 3-0 at the end of the first quarter to a 35-point underdog in the Orange.

But Irish coach Charlie Weis gets it. As the events of the disappointing first quarter unfolded, fans cringed at the thought of the intense tongue-lashing Weis would undoubtedly deliver to his ineffectual, sloppy offensive unit. And Weis did call his group over in the waning minutes of the first quarter.

But his message was a little different than anticipated.

"I just went to the offense towards the end of the first quarter, after we kind of floundered out there, just when you thought I'd get on them," Weis said after the game. "I just said, 'Relax, relax, just gain your composure."

You're acting like you're down 50-0, you're down three points, relax. And relax they did. Just over five minutes into the second quarter, quarterback Brady Quinn hit receiver Maurice Stovall for a 25-yard touchdown, and Notre Dame was back on track. Not five minutes later, Quinn delivered once again, finding receiver Jeff Samardzija for a 29-yard score and a 14-3 advantage.

Despite rebounding after trailing an inferior Syracuse team — making the kind of mistakes reminiscent of the frustrating losses of the last couple years — there was no collective sigh of relief at Notre Dame Stadium. As bad as Notre Dame looked, failing to execute kicking game fundamentals, dropping passes and allowing big plays — including a 34-yard sneak by Orange quarterback Perry Patterson and a 51-yard scamper by running back Damien Rhodes — the outcome of the game was never in doubt.

While the Irish won by 24 and final numbers were still respectable — Notre Dame racked up 420 total yards, including another 100-yard performance from running back Darius Walker and 270 more passing yards from Quinn — they didn't play the kind of football that has gotten them to this point, now 9-2, ranked No. 6 in the most recent Associated Press poll and likely on their way to a BCS bowl in early January.

Entering the game converting 48 percent (73-of-152) of its third downs, Notre Dame failed to move the chains on each of its first seven third-down situations, eventually earning a fresh set of downs on six of 17 opportunities. Even more telling, the offensive failed to put points on the board in each of its first three trips to the red zone, missing one field goal, getting another blocked and failing to convert a fourth-and-goal at the Syracuse three-yard line in the third quarter.

Suffice to say, especially considering the opponent, it clearly wasn't one Notre Dame's best game. But it didn't have to be.

"We didn't start as fast as we wanted, in fact, we didn't start fast at all," Stovall said. "But we made enough plays today to beat Syracuse."

And Weis had enough experience and tact to recognize it wasn't a lack of effort plaguing the Irish squad, but simply the nerves that accompanied the end of such a significant chapter in the lives of the seniors on the roster.

"I thought they were a little tight," Weis said. "I think they were mentally ready to go, but they were a little excited. Unless you've gone out of this tunnel, really this is the last time for the seniors."

And he knew that chewing out the players wasn't going to help. Coaches who both understand the circumstances and possess the ability to appropriately address the situation — then pull the most out of their players, all things considered — are rarer than they appear.

Regardless, the Irish have one in Weis.

And as long as he's patrolling the sidelines, it doesn't matter what the underlying emotional story is or how the Irish play in the first quarter — they always have a good chance to win.
**Seniors steal the spotlight Saturday**

Mooney to O’Hara fourth-quarter pass captures mood from emotional final game

By MATT PUGLISI

The Notre Dame signal-caller leaned in behind center, took the snap, backpedaled, read the defense and hit his striking receiver for 15 yards and an Irish first down.

It wasn’t Jeff Samardzija hauling in the pass to convert the third-and-seven and extend the drive, nor was it Maurice Stovall, Matt Puglisi, Anthony Fasano or even Darius Walker. And it certainly wasn’t quarterback Brady Quinn recognizing the open receiver and delivering another first down. Instead, senior Mike O’Hara grabbed the pass. And the gunning? Fellow senior Marty Mooney.

As the referees spotted the ball, cheers of “Mooney, Mooney” resounded from the Irish student section. In a game where one Notre Dame quarterback broke the school record for both career accomplishments and passing yards, it was the seldom-used third-stringer, not the Heisman hopeful, receiving the most recognition.

After the contest, Irish coach Charlie Weis had little trouble identifying his most memorable play from the 34-10 drubbing of heavy underdog Syracuse Saturday.

“My favorite play off the game was Marty Mooney to Mike O’Hara,” Weis’ I’ll tell you that right now,” Weis said. “All those little plays you can throw out. That was my favorite play. Not even had the same favorite play. I’d like to think.”

Many Irish players had the same opinion.

“That was great,” said Shelton, smiling. “That was just one of those, you want it to happen. Anyone else on the team, they deserve it.”

Mooney was equally happy for the signal-caller.

“That was awesome,” Quinn said. “The chance to convert 3rd-and-7. Hit a slant like that and go down one-for-one is just awesome.”

When Jenkins was surprised Weis called for a passing play after two consecutive handoffs to senior running back Jeff Jenkins, the clock winding down and the Irish eager to put the senior day victory in the books, the senior said that he didn’t even realize because he’s so consumed with the game.

“I actually looked over at Mooney, and we made eye contact for a split second, and I know that I’ve caught it. I caught it and got upfield like I’ve done every day in practice, and the feeling was incredible.”

The short offensive drive that expired after Fitzpatrick left with an injury.

Weis said there the seniors had free reign to express themselves — almost.

“They could have done anything,” Weis said. “Well, there are a couple things that came in the past that we might have gotten me upset, so I lied. We talked about it.”

While none of the players were positive who started the victory lap, they were happy to participate, cramming and all.

“I enjoyed it, but I kind of crammed up there at the end,” Shelton said. “I didn’t know we were doing a circle, I thought we were just going down and back, I just saw guys running so I took off following them.”

Stovall had a slightly more emotional experience.

“The victory lap felt good, actually got the chills, jogging around there with my teammates, guys in my class who have been through the same type of football struggles as I have,” Stovall said. “A lot of younger guys really don’t understand yet. It felt good to play in the last home game, and even better winning.”

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**Qinnassaults record books once again**

Squad struggles to convert third downs early in the contest

By KATE GALES

Brady Quinn continued his record-breaking season on Saturday, becoming Notre Dame’s first 3,000-yard single-season passer. He now has 3,201 yards this season.

Quinn also broke two Ron Powlus records against Syracuse — most passes completed and career passing yards. Powlus has 7,618 passing yards in his third year as a starter, with 7,502 in second place with 7,618. He also has 568 completions to Powlus’ 558.

Quinn has downplayed his record-setting performances all season, though, emphasizing that plans to be back next year to solidify his place in the record books.

He also thought he played poorly on Saturday.

“It was a really poor performance,” he said of himself. “I’d have to stretch back to the Michigan game to feel as bad as I do now with how I played today.”

Weis said that Quinn’s most valuable performance against Syracuse was game management.

“It does such a great job of managing this team,” Weis said. “He goes us out of a lot of trouble that people don’t even realize because he’s so sharp at what he does.”

Powlus was quarterback for 1984-87 and is now Director of Player Personnel at Notre Dame.

ND struggles in red zone, on third-down conversions

Notre Dame ended the game 2-for-5 in red zone scoring after starting 0-for-2 in the first half. The team was also 0-for-7 on third-down conversions in the first half, but 2-for-5 on fourth downs.

The Irish finished 6-for-17 in third-down conversion and 2-for-3 on fourth downs.

It’s always frustrating not to get the productivity that you want, and not to convert on third downs and not to score in the red zone,” Irish running back Darius Walker said. “That’s always the key, to score in the red zone, that’s always a goal.”

Walker thought the team adjusted well as the game went on.

“I think midway through the game we caught onto their gimmicks and schemes they were running so we kind of turned it around,” he said.

Special teams are up and down

Kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick missed a 39-yard go-ahead field goal attempt in the first quarter, which went wide to the left. He also had a field goal attempt blocked at the Syracuse 28-yard line — the first time a team has blocked an Irish field goal attempt since Navy did in 2002.

However, Chase Anastasio had two blocked punts, and Weis commended Maurice Crum’s defensive play.

“Coach places a big emphasis on special teams,” Anastasio said. “It’s always in the game plan of what we need to do to win.”

Fitzpatrick also tied the single-season record for PAT’s with 48. Carl Gioia kicked the final extra point of the game after Fitzpatrick left with an injury.

Gameday captains

Linebacker Brandon Howe and Quinn serve as defensive and offensive captains, respectively, as they have all season. Fitzpatrick was named special teams captain after a solid season. Howe and Fitzpatrick are both seniors. This was their final game in Notre Dame Stadium.

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Bidding farewell

Notre Dame continued to dispose of inferior opponents, downing Syracuse 34-10 on senior day at Notre Dame Stadium Saturday. The Irish weren’t as crisp as they have been in recent weeks, struggling out of the gate and falling behind the visiting Orange 3-0. But a Charlie Weis pep talk loosened up a tight Irish offense and the unit rolled, scoring a pair of second-quarter touchdowns on Brady Quinn touchdown passes to receivers Jeff Samardzija and Maurice Stovall. Leading 14-3 at halftime, sophomore cornerback Leo Perrine — playing for an injured Mike Richardson — picked off a bobbled Perry Patterson pass 13 seconds into the second half and returned it 16 yards to seal the senior day victory for Notre Dame. Quinn continued his record-breaking performance this season on Saturday, setting Notre Dame highs for both career passing yards (7,618) and completions (568), in addition to becoming the first Irish quarterback to throw for 3,000 yards in a season. The blowout victory gave Weis a chance to play every senior, including quarterback Marty Mooney and receiver Mike O’Hara, who hooked up for a 16-yard pass late in the fourth quarter. After the game, the seniors sung both the alma mater and the fight song, before taking off on a memorable victory lap around the field.