Fans bummed by outcome, but still faithful

By PATRICK CASSIDY
News Writer

Notre Dame football — and its fans — underwent what many commentators called a "reality check" as Michigan rolled into South Bend and whipped the Irish 47-21 Saturday.

The team's runaway victory over Penn State didn't prepare students for the Michigan outcome. Senior Paul Jacoby called the performance "sloppy and unorganized," and freshman Heather Johnson said the second play from scrimmage — an interception resulting in a Michigan touchdown — "set the tone for the whole game."

"If that had never happened," she said. "It would have been a different story."

Senior safety Chinidum Ndukwe gave fans a little hope when he intercepted a Michigan pass, setting up a Notre Dame touchdown. But when the game began to deteriorate, so did the emotion of the student section. When it finally ended, sophomore Andy Paswiles said he felt "embarrassed, confused and scared for next week."

"I've been watching Notre Dame football since 1993," he said, "and that was one of the worst games I have ever seen."

Sophomore Andrea Ochoa said the game "forced her to leave the stadium."

For freshman Justin Bartkus, that's not just a low point — there was a Sloppy Touchdown.

Students observe in silent disbelief as the Irish struggle against Michigan. The Wolverines beat Notre Dame 47-21 Saturday.

Millions on the line for student

Senior to appear on game show today

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

When Laura Keough told her son Dan to earn some cash to supplement his unpaid summer internship, she didn't mean a million dollars.

But that's just what the senior stands to win in his appearance on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" today at 12:30 p.m. The show, to be aired on WNDU-TV, was taped on July 25, but Keough was prohibited from disclosing the results.

Keough nabbed his spot on "Millionaire" by applying online while in New York. At the time, he was interning with New Line Cinema to work on the latest Harry Potter movie.

Once initially accepted, Keough had to take a trivia test and undergo interviews to actually earn a spot on the show.

He was one of the 15 out of 100 people who passed both hurdles — a week after, he received a call and was told his show would be July 24.

While the "fastest-finger" question has been eliminated, getting to the "hot seat" is still nerve-racking. Keough said — contestants are given no warning before their names are called.

"They had us all back stage. They call you up randomly, one at a time," he said.

Keough waited an entire day without being called, and was forced to return to the studio the next day. Then, he finally heard the director say the magic words. "Dan Keough, you're up."

Cancer can't keep pace with professor

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Mary's Editor

When doctors told Toni Barstis "no," all she could hear was "yes." Not even the March 2006 diagnosis of stage one ovarian cancer could hinder the Saint Mary's associate professor of chemistry's willpower to train for the Ultraman Canada Championship.

Neither a hysterectomy nor chemotherapy treatments dampened 48-year-old Barstis' determination to run 52.4 miles, swim 6.2 miles and bike 260 miles in the August triathlon event.

"It was a miracle I finished actually," she said.

Not only was it a personal victory, but also a triumph for women and cancer victims. Barstis was the first American to cross the finish line on Aug. 14, the second woman — of only two previous women competitors in the history of the Ultraman — and perhaps the most admired athlete at the event.

As she sprinted across the finish line, hand-in-hand with her husband, Dave, and his brother, John Barstis, "the athletes who had already finished, their crews, the [Ultraman] directors and the resort personnel were standing there clapping, supporting me, cheering me on," she said.

"I broke down. Everyone...

Administration details three-part worker plan

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

The Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) is en route to accomplishing some of its goals after meeting twice with administration members last week, member Nick Krafft said.

"We're not going to stop until we feel like the wage scale is just," Krafft said. "There are definitely steps being made in the right direction."

An organization of about 20 students, CLAP was established last fall to secure a $12.19 per hour wage for campus workers. This year, the group hopes to address wages that are too low, an increased workload in the past few years and understaffing.

On Sept. 12 representatives of both CLAP and student government met with administration members including Executive Assistant to the President Frances Shavers, Associate Vice President of Human Resources Bob McQuade and Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves to discuss the university's new developments in worker relations.

AIDS children suffer unnoticed

By MAUREEN MULLEN
News Writer

While African adults afflicted with HIV and AIDS are the subject of much discussion, the children living with those same diseases need a voice too, Dr. Miriam Laker Opwonya of Uganda said in a Sept. 15 lecture.

Opwonya is the Research Coordinator for the Infectious Diseases Institute of Makerere University in Uganda and spoke at last week's academic forum. This lecture took place in the

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Dr. Miriam Laker Opwonya uses a PowerPoint to present statistics on children afflicted with HIV/AIDS in Africa.
INSIDE COLUMN

A King for all seasons

"Winter, spring, summer, or fall all you have to do is call and I'll be there, yes I will you've got a friend." God. I used to think that song was so corny. That is, until I discovered the theme to "Gilmore Girls." I grew up in the music of the 60s and 70s. It was the only music I heard, because it was all that my dad played. Somewhere around the age of 12, thankfully, my parents finally let me try something modern. So, for a few years, I listened to "cool" music. Then when I was 16, I was in a Barnes and Noble and they had a display out of "classic albums." One of those albums was King's "Tapestry." I looked at the back cover of the CD and there were many songs on there I recognized that other people had made famous: "You've Got A Friend," "So Far Away" and "Natural Woman." I figured, why not buy it? They are songs I know, thank God.

My ears have yet to hear anything resembling the idiosyncratic beauty and deceptive simplicity of Carole King's songs. I do not know that much about music, but I do know that King's songs are more than just hooks thrown to together to make a hit. Her songs, lalong with lyrics, Goffin, with whom she wrote most of her big hits have emotional punch that she will always have a friend. In "You've Got A Friend," the verses contain minor chords, to convey sadness and depression, and the lyrics of the verses are sad and longing for someone. The chords then become major chords around the chorus, to show happiness to go along with the lyrics that convey the singer's relief that she will always have a friend. Goffin and King songs are songs that have no writers. They exist within our consciousness, buried within our memories because we either heard them on TV, in a movie, or on our parent's stereo. Whenever we hear one of those albums, we get a rush, the singer, but we have heard that song before. They are engrained in our minds and will stay there forever. After hearing "Tapestry," I bought many other Carole King albums. The same craftsmanship is present in all of her songs.

The greatness of Goffin/King was not lost on Lennon/McCartney, who said they wanted to become "The Goffin and King of England." I encourage all of you to buy "Tapestry" or go and download one of the over 500 songs King wrote that were recorded by others.

If she's good enough for the Beatles, she's good enough for you.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Chris Hine at chih@nd.edu

QUESTION OF THE DAY: DO YOU PLAY INTERHALL OR RECSPORTS? WHY OR WHY NOT?

Dan D'Amore
sophomore
Morrissy

Erin Fitzpatrick
sophomore
Welsh Family

Javier Palomo
sophomore
Morrissy

Meghan Mulhern
sophomore
Welsh Family

Nick Caprino
sophomore
Morrissy

Sarah Ponto
sophomore
Welsh Family

Chris Hine
Sports Writer

"No, I'm not athletic enough to begin with."

"Yes, Interhall bull riding because I was cut from the horsehoe team."

"No, because I was sick for the soccer tryouts."

"Football and basketball— it's what I live for."

"Yes, co-recreational soccer, because girls' goals are worth two points."

Chris Hine

Jerome Bettis, former Irish fullback and member of the 2005 Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers, greets Notre Dame fans at the pep rally in the stadium Friday.

OFFBEAT

Man Sets Sights on Eye-Popping Record

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — Claudio Paulo Pinto is looking to break an eye-popping record. Literally. Pinto can pop his eyelids out of their sockets at least 7 millimeters (0.3 inches), a national record for eye-popping according to RanKingBrazil, an organization modeled after the Guinness Book of World Records that lists Brazilian records.

A former driver, Pinto got a job scaring visitors in a commercial haunted house in Belo Horizonte, 210 miles north of Rio de Janeiro. But he recently was laid off, and now he seeks international recognition for his ability.

"I was measured by an ophthalmologist on television in January. I could pop my eyes out 7 millimeters," Pinto said by telephone Saturday. "Since then, my capacities have improved over 50 percent."

Man Who Claims Toupee Caused Attack Sues

MILFORD, Conn. — A man who claims he had a heart attack during a dispute over an ill-fitting hairpiece that didn't match his hair color is suing the wig shop.

Paul Lewis claims he suffered a heart attack after refusing to pay for the hairpiece that was not only the wrong size but also the wrong color. He is seeking more than $15,000 in damages.

Lewis filed a counter lawsuit in Superior Court after Paul's Wig Boutique of Orange filed a small claims action seeking $1,200 in payment for the hairpiece.

Information compiled from the Associated Press

IN BRIEF

Nancy Thomas-Moore, the director of Ethics and Business Conduct at the Weyerhaeuser Corporation, will deliver a lecture entitled "What's Hot in Business Ethics" tonight at 7 in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. All are welcome at the lecture, which is part of the Business Lecture Series in Business Ethics.

Professor Donald Kommers will teach a new academic course called "Federalism within American Constitutional Law" Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in room 131 of DeBartolo Hall. All are welcome at the course, which is being held in observance of Constitution Day.

IRENE RIZZINI: "What's Hot in Business Ethics" tonight at 7 in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business, all are welcome at the lecture, which is part of the Business Lecture Series in Business Ethics.

OFFBEAT

In a panel discussion on "New Approaches to Peace and Conflict in Central Asia," featuring Kroc Institute Visiting Fellow John Heathershaw, and Rockefeller Visiting Fellows David Montgomery and Svetlana Peschkova will take place at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error in the Sept. 15 article "Belles split team in half," the jamboree that was originally supposed to have taken place at Atlantic College was in fact scheduled to take place at Saint Mary's. The jamboree has still been relocated to Hope College, however. The Observer regrets this error.
Department of peace appoints Swede as endowed chair

Professor plans on teaching several courses while collaborating with faculty to develop studies currently in process
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In tears, hugging and celebrating," she said, "it was an extra special accomplishment for everyone, especially for an interna-
tional and special for myself and my family."

The three-day race took
Barstis and the 11 other
UltraMarathon competitors through a variety of scenic and
beautiful and peaceful Canadi-
an Islands, British Columbia, she said.
Throughout Barstis' 30
hour and 21 minute
accomplishment, the condi-
tions of extreme athletic exertion were toughest the Aug. 12
to Aug. 14, race, she said
felt completely "in commun-
ion with her body and soul."
Barstis found the inspira-
tion to train and complete the
physically grueling event from
women she met while undergoing chemothera-
py treatment.

"Because of the extreme mi-
Inability of women's partici-
aption in the UltraMarathon, Barstis wrote, "it is difficult for
the UltraMarathon to represent the accomplish-
ments of women."
"Women are capable of doing
it," she said, "purely to show that there is no limit to what
we and can do these things.

Never missing a single day
during her chemotherapy treat-
ment, the dedicated chair of the Department of Chemistry and
Biochemistry, and drive also came from her work and the support
of Saint Mary's women who helped her real-
lize her dream to complete the race despite setbacks.
Junior biology and chem-
istry major Allie Greene has had Barstis as a professor for
only one semester, but she had already witnessed the many
"amazing characteristics that she possesses.

"She motivates her students
with her cheerful attitude, and
amazing drive in life," Greene said.
"She is an inspi-
rational teacher, even though she was faced with one of the
greatest challenges of her life, she was still able to keep her head up and do something amazing." Senior biochemistry major Kate White also said she could always count on Barstis "lives her life with a vengeance" and "cannot fully express [her] admiration and respect" for the resilient pro-
fessor.

"Her encouragement and support have been invaluable in my own development as a chemist and as a woman," she said.

Saint Mary's College is lucky to have such an enthusiastic, warm, and intelligent woman.

The admired and revered College Professor did not solely receive inspiration from Saint Mary's, but from her own personal struggles with fellow cancer patients.

The women she met during her chemotherapy treatment fueled her passion to train for the UltraMarathon, com-
ing the race in honor of
women who have dealt with symptomatic cancer.

"I was very lucky that my cancer was discovered very early," she said. "I met women who had to receive chemotherapy for months or even years, and I just had to stay alive."

Despite being told to mini-
mize her workouts, Barstis used her workout time to prepare for the daily regimen and the tensions of dealing with
her illness.

"Every time I would go to receive chemo treatment, the other women would ask me how it was going," she said. "It reminded me of my higher purpose -- I was doing this for them. It gave both myself and the other women strength and encour-
agement.

The key to her success was
the willpower to "show up on the starting line everyday," she said. "I did not know if I would make it to the finish line being there and starting the race. I finished every time -- it was a miracle."

Competing in the UltraMarathon meant many problems for Barstis, but as "family."
The UltraMarathon athletes showed their kindness and compassion through their sincere support of Barstis and her family -- comprised
of her husband, Dave, and children, 3-year-old Eliajah and 6-year-old Aviyah.

"All the competitors accom-
plished an amazing feat, but
for me it was just a special circum-
tances.

Although Barstis will be
the first woman in 10 years to
achieve a lifetime goal that
she looks at life in depth now
to show up without ever tak-
ing anything for granted.

"I look at how trivial many
things in life are," she said. "Everyone is always worrying over stupid things, when the one thing that matters is being happy for his appear-
ance."

A woman came to 21-year-
old Stephanie Ochsenbine's home, but was unharmed. Ochsenbine helped police
estimated loss of $25,000 to the
others.

Franklin County Sheriff
Gary Toelke said authorities
found a knife in the house, but
were unable to produce any
clues.

Ochsenbine is not a sus-
pic, Toelke said, but none
of a suspect.

"Any lead is good, but so far
there's nothing that has
stood out," he said. "There's a lot of information we have, but nothing it points."

Ochsenbine told police she
did not see the woman who came to her door Friday
and entered the house after
the show once before in high school, but that it was a
locally-produced educational show -- a far cry from "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"

Dan Keough said he prepared for the show by watching old episodes for three weeks and studying other random material that he thought might be useful. Though the results remain a
suspense, Ochsenbine's 1-year-old son, Jimmy, Keough did say what the
house but was unharmed, Ochsenbine's boyfriend and
Abby's boyfriend, James Woods, was at work.

A mother has asked doctors and hospitals to
everyone in the area, about 45 miles southwest of St.
Louis, attended prayer services
Saturday for Abby's safe
return.

Search dogs, Franklin County deputies, FBI agents
and several Missouri National Guard members combed the area around
the house over the weekend.

Callers continued to offer
tips, Toelke said, but none
led to a suspect.

"We're on the lookout for anyone who brought in a newborn."

The aberdine has been
from someone who had a child die recently or
as someone who could not have the babies and newborns that were found in the house but was unharmed, Ochsenbine's boyfriend and
Abby's boyfriend, James Woods, was at work.

From 1983 to 2002, there were 217 reported cases of non-family infant abduc-
tions, and all but a few babies were recovered safely
within 25 miles of where they had been taken, according to a 2003 study by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. About three-quar-
ters of the kidnapped infants were recovered in fewer than five days.

"We're happy that's the case," Toelke said."

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Rebel leader crosses into Sudan

Joseph Kony has turned up at a neutral camp years of conflict in the east African nation, a rebel official said Sunday.

Kony, who is wanted by the international Criminal Court for war crimes and crimes against humanity, arrived at Ri-Kwangba camp, just 550 yards north of the border with Congo, said Martin Gul, the head of the rebel team negotiating a peace deal with the Ugandan government.

Kony joins his deputy, Vincent Otti, whose arrival at the camp was announced on Sept. 11.

U.N. officials estimate the rebels have kidnapped 20,000 children in the past two decades, turning the boys into soldiers and the girls into sex slaves for rebel commanders. Otti has told U.N. officials the group would be willing to hand over the women and children.

Social Democrats ousted in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — A center-right opposition voting to revamp Sweden's famed welfare state ousted the Social Democratic government in a close parliamentary election Sunday.

Social Democratic Prime Minister Goran Persson, who had governed for 10 years, conceded that his government would resign after the party's worst election showing in decades.

With 99 percent of districts counted, the four-party opposition alliance led by Fredrik Reinfeldt had 48 percent of the vote, compared to 46.2 percent for the Social Democrats and their two allied parties.

"It was a team work that helped us win," Reinfeldt said in a victory speech.

Duquesne basketball players shot

PITTSBURGH — Police searched for a man who shot five Duquesne basketball players on campus early Sunday after a dance at the student union, leaving at least two of them in critical condition.

Players were walking near a dormitory and encountered a man who apparently had been disruptive at the dance, authorities said. The gunman then pulled out a firearm and opened fire, but they dealt with abuses and altriarchy against women in the church in the past rather than errors on his own part.

Vatican officials had urged the church to placate spreading Muslim anger by saying Benedict held Islam in high esteem and stressed that the central thrust of his speech was to condemn the use of any religious motivation for violence, whatever the religion.

While Benedict expressed regret his speech caused hurt, he did not retract what he said or say he was sorry he uttered what proved to be explosive words.


Mixed reaction from Islamic leaders as Vatican prepares for violent backlash

The head of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, a banned group but still the largest Islamic movement in that country, said the outburst was justified but predicted it would subside quickly.

"Our relations with Christians should remain good, civilized and cooperation," Mohammed Mahdi Akef told The Associated Press in Cairo.

Germany's Central Council of Muslims welcomed the pope's comments Sunday as "the most important step in calming the protest" and urged the Vatican to seek discussion with Muslim representatives to avoid lasting damage.

But others were still demanding an apology for the words, including in Turkey, where questions have been raised about whether Benedict should go ahead with a visit scheduled for November as the first trip of his papacy to a Muslim nation.


Bush, senators seek compromise

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration and holdout GOP senators expressed confidence Sunday they could reach a compromise on rules for CIA interrogations of suspected terrorists.

Neither the president's national security council nor any of the lawmakers who are resisting White House pressure would say how they can reconcile their deep differences after a week of public sparring.

As a result, it is unclear if Congress quickly can pass legislation authorizing aggressive methods to protect American assets if it is captured.

"We have to hold the moral high ground," said Sen. John McCain of Arizona, one of the Republicans not satisfied with the White House proposal. "We don't think al-Qaeda will ever observe those conventions, but we're going to be in other wars."
Jenkins will host the first meeting at the end of human resources with the progress made but will starting town hall meetings in said.

"In all of this, we are recognizing that we have the same interest — making Notre Dame the best for its workers."

Casey Stanton
CLAP member

"We're glad with the outcome of the meeting because we feel like if we didn't start this dialogue, the changes may not have happened," Krafft said. "But at the same time, we're still trying to work with them on the issue of wages — I think that is going to take some more time.

CLAP member Casey Stanton praised the administration's efforts.

"They seem to have taken the issues to heart," she said. "There's a respectful collaboration going on here."

Krafft also said the administration stressed that CLAP and the University do have the same goals.

"Right now we're just coming at the issue from two different perspectives, and it's just going to take some time so that we can see things from the same vantage point," he said.

The University feels it's a very fair employer compared to other institutions in the area, Krafft said, but CLAP still feels there is work to be done in terms of the pay scale. He described the meeting as "very collaborative — not at all antagonistic" which should lead to an even stronger partnership in the future.

On Sept. 14, CLAP members met with the Staff Advisory Council in order for the groups to discuss their goals and better understand each other.

"They (the Staff Advisory Council) sort of represent the whole range of workers on campus, all 3,000, and they had some really great questions for us," Stanton said.

"They were interested in exactly what we wanted to do and wanted to know how we thought we could do it," Krafft said. "It was really good knowing that this body of representatives was really throwing its support behind us.

Krafft also said the meeting was a good opportunity to get worker contacts, as the organization is in the process of assembling a coalition of workers to move the project forward.

As for the future, Stanton stressed that any student interested in talking about labor issues should contact a CLAP leader to join the project. She also said CLAP's next step is to further involve workers in the process.

"The most important thing is relationship-building in terms of really getting to know workers in a collective effort," said. We're trying to figure out how the economics of it works while at the same time getting to know the workers and hearing their stories."

Stanton praised last week's meetings with the University as steps toward real progress in the collaborative effort.

"In the future we are recognizing that we have the same interest — making Notre Dame the best for its workers," she said.

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Sex-offender captured after months of hiding

**Kidnapped girl found in underground bunker**

Associated Press

LUGOFF, S.C. — A man suspected of kidnapping a 14-year-old girl and keeping her in an underground bunker was charged Sunday with raping the teen, Kershaw County Sheriff Steve McCaskill said.

McCaskill said Vincent Filyaw had eluded police with an elaborate system of hideouts and bunkers since November 2005 when he was charged with criminal sexual conduct on a 12-year-old girl.

He surrendered Sunday morning to police as he walked along Interstate 20 near Columbia, about five miles from where investigators found the teenager.

Police say Filyaw, 36, abducted the girl as she walked home from a school bus stop on Sept. 6.

Investigators arrested Filyaw in neighboring Richland County about 24 hours after rescuing the girl, who sent a text message to her mother on Filyaw's phone while he was asleep Wednesday, McCaskill said. The sheriff said Filyaw woke up and the girl still had the phone, but she told him she was simply playing with the phone.

Investigators used cell towers to determine a general location of the phone and deputies began searching for Filyaw on Friday night.

McCaskill said the girl cried out as searchers approached the bunker.

"This little lady getting that message out was really the break in the case," the sheriff said. "She helped herself as much as we helped her.

Police say they still have not interviewed the girl, whose name was previously released when she was a missing person. The Associated Press is not using her name because police have identified her as a victim of sexual assault.

The girl was found Saturday about a mile from her home, hidden in a booby-trapped, 15-foot-deep hole carved out of the side of a hill and covered with plywood.

The bunker had a hand-dug privy with toilet paper, a camp stove and shelves made with cut branches and canvas. McCaskill said it looked like Filyaw was trying to dig another bunker under that one as a possible backup hiding place, but had to abandon it when it filled with water.

Filyaw had dug two bunkers in his own yard and two in the woods and had used them to hide out since he was charged in the assault case in November.

His girlfriend Cynthia Hall has been charged as an accessory and with neglect in the earlier case. McCaskill said investigators say she allowed the earlier assault to take place in her home and provided Filyaw with supplies to live in the bunker.

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**In Brief**

Delphi bankruptcy hearings delayed

NEW YORK — The bankruptcy court hear­ings to determine whether Delphi Corp. can reject its labor agreements and certain contract­es with General Motors Corp. have been postponed, the company said on Friday.

Delphi, which was part of GM until it was spun off in 1999, said the court had granted further adjournments in both cases. It has scheduled a Sept. 28 status conference with the judge presiding over its bankruptcy case.

Friday was also the deadline for a second wave of UAW-represented Delphi employees to accept the union's offers. About 12,600 hourly employees have already taken early retire­ment offers.

And, if the UAW was not immediately returned.

Delphi has about 6,000 employees in Indiana and Illinois, and 6,000 hourly workers "are looking forward to a career with the best remaining commitment, plus operations in Anderson."

The decision to postpone the bankruptcy court hearings came after GM, Delphi, and its unions met Thursday with Judge Robert Drain of the Southern District of New York.

Medicare changes to strain doctors

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Medicare bene­ficiaries might soon face a shrinking pool of doc­tors willing to see them because the program's formula, LaFollette predicts many doctors will

"It is going to be very supportive of that policy strategy, and should allow the Fed to keep with a state interest rate policy for now."

In preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average advanced 33.38, or 0.29 percent, to 11,560.77, leaving it 162.51 points away from its high close of 11,722.98, reached Jan. 4.

"This kind of data is going to be very supportive of that policy strategy, and should allow the Fed to keep with a state interest rate policy for now."

At a Stop and Shop supermarket in Meriden, Conn., Michelle Bookey said she frequently buys spinach for salads for her dieting husband but plans to cook it from now on.

"It worries me. I don't even want to buy lettuce," said Bookey, 36.

Earthbound Farm, which claims it pioneered the retail market in pre­washed, bagged salads in 1986, says its spinach and other produce items are in 74 percent of U.S. grocery stores.

It also sells spinach to restaurants and other establishments that serve food. The National Rest­aurant Association said that despite looming costs, they are pulling items containing spinach from their menus.

**Market up as inflation moderates**

NEW YORK — Investors sent shares up on Friday after benign inflation data and low oil prices boosted confidence that the Federal Reserve will keep interest rates unchanged for perhaps weeks...
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Hesburgh Center for Peace Studies.
Opwonya began her lecture, which was hosted by the Kellogg Institute’s African Working Group, by saying that though she has worked with both adult and children HIV patients, she has “always had a special interest in the children.”
“I’ve found out that children that don’t have AIDS are lucky children,” Opwonya said. “If they fall sick from malaria they are treated and they are fine in five days... Children with pneumonia are treated and in five days they are OK and go home. Children who get fractures are treated and they are fine and go home, but children with HIV / AIDS are going to be sick everyday and because of that I felt drawn to them.”
The title and theme of Opwonya’s talk was “Who will speak for us?” Though scores of African children suffer from AIDS, it is the adults who get the most attention, she said — similar to the situation when free antiretroviral drugs became available in Uganda three years ago.
At first, said Opwonya, the drugs came in only adult dosages. “We had to break the tablets up into small pieces, opening up capsules and measuring amounts for children... That is because no one has spoken up for the children,” said Opwonya. “AIDS is seen as an adult’s problem and not a child’s problem.”
Opwonya presented her audience with staggering statistics concerning the numbers of African children affected by HIV — like the 89 percent of HIV-infected children in the world living in sub-Saharan Africa, though only 10 percent of the world’s population resides there. A large part of Opwonya’s talk consisted of the stories of several of her AIDS patients. Opwonya told of a young child — some no older than 10 — looking after their dying HIV-positive parents. She related specific accounts of the way in which AIDS psychologically damaged certain children.
One father pulled his son out of school because the boy had AIDS and the father saw no reason to pay tuition fees. Opwonya told the audience. She also spoke of families without parents, with several children being cared for by an adolescent sibling.
Another was another major topic of her lecture. She cited one case in which daughters were defiled by their HIV-positive father. In another instance, Opwonya told of a girl who died from AIDS because her parents stopped administering the proper drugs to her. Still another of Opwonya’s stories described an HIV-positive child that died simply because the parents could not afford antibiotics when the child fell sick with pneumonia.
The heart-wrenching stories that Opwonya told illustrated the injustices that so many African children experience because of AIDS and because — the children — are often overlooked.
“It is really important to know that children who are born with HIV can live to grow up,” Opwonya said. “We have a number who are now in university... because they have been looked after well.”
Opwonya also spoke of all that is being done, the many organizations that are helping to change current conditions in sub-Saharan Africa. In Uganda, “orphanages — Nsambya and Sanyu Babies’ Home — are looking after many AIDS orphans,” she said. “We also have what are called STG villages.” These villages, she said, hire unmarried single women to head families of orphaned children and become a foster mother to these children.
In concluding her talk, Opwonya spoke of what an individual in her audience might be able to do for the kids living African children, cautioning the audience to choose a reputable charity.
“Be a voice for the children. Foster a child, volunteer time. Feed or clothe a child,” she said. Contact Maureen Mullen at mmullenl@nd.edu

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low points — there was a lowest point.
“The worst was when the backups came in and showed no pride,” Barkkus said.
The season, however, is far from over. Students have been able to retain some hope in the face of defeat. Ochoa said she is still “very excited for the season.”
And Saturday’s loss marks only 10 percent of the way in which the Irish will write the next one at Michigan State next week. For Barkkus, the season rests on the Nov. 25 University of Southern California game.

"Although there is business to take care of beforehand, the game at USC has become a statement game," he said. While the jubilance that normally characterizes the Notre Dame student section was absent, most students still stuck around to the end. They draped their arms around each other, hoarsely singing the Alma Mater and forlornly forward to what they hope might still be a successful season.
"Although I was expecting Brady Quinn to deliver me a graduation present of a national championship," senior Sam Francis said, "a BCS bowl game will do."
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Ahmadinejad praises Chavez for rebelling against U.S.

**VENEZUELA**

CARACAS — Iran’s president praised Venezuelan leader Hugo Chavez for his firm opposition to the United States on Sunday, promising to deepen an alliance that is helping Tehran fight U.S. moves to rein in its nuclear program.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad called Chavez “my brother” and “the champion of the struggle against imperialism.”

The two leaders met as both were preparing to travel to New York for this week’s U.N. General Assembly. “We have thoughts, objectives and interests in common,” Ahmadinejad said. “We must be united to be able to make these ideas reality with the aim of achieving justice and peace.”

Venezuelan and Iranian officials signed a series of accords, including agreements for Tehran to help Venezuela develop oil fields. The governments plan to build factories to produce everything from bricks to bicycles, and have agreed to set up a $250 million cement plant in the eastern state of Monagas. They also watched as a Venezuelan Muslim knelt and prayed in a new mosque opened at a joint petrochemical plant.

Chavez honored the Iranian leader with a medal and demanded that the U.S. destroy its own nuclear arsenal instead of harassing Iran about a nuclear program that he said is purely for producing electricity. “Iran is not making an atomic bomb,” Chavez said. “The ones that have many atomic bombs, and I repeat, many, are precisely the U.S. imperialists and their allies in the world.”

Iran insists its nuclear research is aimed solely at peaceful uses despite concerns among U.S. and European governments that it could be trying to develop nuclear weapons.

“I salute all the revolutionaries who oppose world hegemony,” Ahmadinejad said through an interpreter, apparently referring to the United States. Ahmadinejad and other Middle Eastern leaders are backing Venezuela’s bid for a U.N. Security Council seat, which would give Chavez a platform to battle a U.S. drive for sanctions against Iran over its nuclear program.

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AFGHANISTAN
Mission pronounced a success

NATO drives Taliban insurgents back — but victims are plenty

Associated Press

KABUL — NATO said Sunday that its two-week offensive in southern Afghanistan was a "significant success" that had driven "many Taliban insurgents" from their positions and opened the way for development. But violence was unabated with suicide bombers killing two civilians and wounding six soldiers.

Kabul from the front

Almost five years after the hard-line militia was ousted from power in 2001, alliance officials have said more than 500 militiamen were killed during the two-week operation, centered mainly in Panjwai, Pashmul and Zhari districts of southern Kandahar province.

Two foreign military convoys in different areas came under attack from suicide bombers, a method frequently used by insurgents in Iraq.

A 17-year-old carrying explosives jumped in front of a U.S. military convoy east of Kabul, killing a bystander and wounding three American soldiers, Afghan police said.

Earlier in the day, a suicide bomber plowed his explosive-laden vehicle into a Canadian military convoy in southern Afghanistan, killing one civilian and wounding four soldiers.

The bomber targeted the convoy west of Kandahar city, said Zulmai Khan, a police official at the scene. Eight civilians were also hurt in the blast, police said.

Most of Afghanistan's recent surge in violence has taken place in volatile southern provinces, where some 8,000 NATO forces took military control from the U.S.-led coalition on Aug. 1. NATO commanders say the Taliban have sent 2,500 troops plus greater air support to crush the Taliban threat more quickly.

Richards said the end of the southern offensive should open the way for much needed reconstruction and development in areas where the central government has been unable to reach.

But some 400 heavily armed Taliban crossed into the western Farah province, taking control of its Gulsitan district after chasing away the police and burning the district headquarters and a local clinic, provincial police chief Ghulam Nazar said. No casualties were reported.

"We are hoping the government will send more troops, because violence has taken many Taliban in the area," Nazar told The Associated Press over the phone.

Gen. Sher Mohammad Karimi, the Afghan army's chief of operations, acknowledged that the Taliban "were not all destroyed" and that some have simply slipped underground into other areas. "They may reorganize but our troops will follow."

Richards ruled out immediately pursuing the Taliban holdouts.

"We will not dance to the Taliban's tune," Richards said. "They want to deflect us and take us away. We won't let them do that."

The end of one operation coincided with a start of a new U.S. and Afghan offensive in the east of the country.

Dubbed Operation Mountain Fury, the new offensive involves 7,000 U.S. and Afghan soldiers in the central and eastern provinces of Paktia, Khost, Ghazni, Paktya and Logar, the military said. Fighter planes and helicopters will back the ground forces.

A separate U.S.-led operation called Big Northern Wind has been under way in Kunar province's Korangal Valley since late August.

The Taliban, al-Qaida and other Islamic extremist groups are known to operate in the east, especially in the area bordering Pakistan where the reach of the government is weak and militiamen find sanctuary.

The renewed American push to defeat the Taliban-led insurgency comes nearly five years after the hard-line militia was ousted from power.

Separately, the mutilated body of an Afghan engineer who had worked for a local aid agency was found Sunday in Ghazni province, where he had been kidnapped earlier in the week by suspected Taliban militants, officials said.

Gen. Mohammad Fahuri, the provincial governor's spokesman.

Parents of enslaved camel jockeys file suit

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Benedict's benign quotation leads to Muslim consternation

On Sept. 12, just one day after the fifth anniversary of the attacks on the United States by Muslim extremists, Pope Benedict XVI gave a speech at the University of Regensburg that has shaken the relationship between the Catholics and Muslims of the world. His lecture entitled “Faith, Reason and the University Memories and Reflections” is an excellent survey of the history of various philosophers and theologians attempting to reconcile the gaps between faith and reason. It is an excellent lecture except for one sticking point: a quote used part way through the speech from a conversation that took place in the 14th century. This conversation purportedly took place between Flavianius emper- or Paleologus and an “educated Persian.” In it, Paleologusplaints Islam with his chal­ lenge to the Persian: “Show me just what Mohammed brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached.”

The rather unneeded use of this quote was a serious oversight. The Pope was simply using this quote as a means to an end in the discussion; it had nothing to do with the fact that Islam was targeted in the quote. It merely was an illustration that “not to act in accordance with reason is contrary to God’s nature.” Unfortunately, in many in the Islamic community, that had everything to do with the fact that Islam was the subject reli­ gion. In a world where terms such as “Islamofacism” are being coined and Muslims are being held in Guantamano Bay without benefit of a trial or ascertainment of a crime, this quote is a wedge in the ever-growing rift between the Islamic community and the rest of the world. As a religious and political figure, the Pope’s words are subject to extreme scrutiny and occasional misinterpretation. With this in mind, it is puzzling that he chose this particular discussion, relevant as it may be, to cite in his lecture.

However, he did. And it seems to have unraveled the hard work that Pope Benedict XVI has put into interfaith dia­ logues, despite his recently heartfelt but perhaps unsatisfying apology. This will be a sore subject that repeatedly comes up in future discussions with Muslim scholars and leaders. But this is more than just a sore subject and a loss of Papal political capital; it has led to protests and violence in various parts of the globe.

Churches were firebombed along the Gaza Strip in direct response to the quote. Denunciation of the Pope from leaders in Pakistan, Lebanon and Turkey were all issued promptly. Even the killing of a nun in Somalia is suspected to be also part of the backlash. This wave of violence in the Islamic world as a reflection of outrage is not completely unheard of. In various parts of the globe,” What do we actually believe? What does it mean to have faith? Is it still something possible in the modern world?... In the end, we can no longer see the forest for the trees.” This quotation is obviously not my own. It was said by a man far more intelligent and well versed in religious issues than I. Pope Benedict XVI. He said this the same day that he benignly used a quote that offended the Islamic world. Extreme members of Islam then proceeded to yet again miss the forest for the trees.

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The views expressed in this article are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
If concerning the nature of population growth and use of natural resources are assumptions that are often made and, because they lead to the deaths of countless children worldwide, must be corrected. First, while natural resources are finite, our ability to manipulate them with ever-increasing efficiency is not. If we possessed today only the farming technology of 1900, much of the world's population would indeed be starving. But thanks to tremendous improvements in farming techniques all across the world, the world has never been better fed. This is not to say there are not disparities and a need for further improvement. But there is no reason to expect that the rate of technological improvement will slow in the future, at least while the earth's population is still rising. Second, the world will not continue to grow at its current rate. As people across the globe grow wealthier, they will naturally have fewer children. The population of the United States would be declining if it were not for our large influx of immigrants. And most of Europe and Russia is an homorraging population. The challenge by the end of this century will probably be to keep the world's population from declining. If this happens, we will lose the added brainpower that keeps technological progress going strong. Predicting the end of the world is a great way to attract attention. It worked for Malthus two hundred years ago, and it works today. But with theories of population mayhem proven wrong again and again, why should we believe them now?

 Charity will save world

It is surprising that Liz Coffey, in her argument against large families, employs the example of Thomas Malthus, when—as she admits—his predictions were vastly incorrect, such that one would expect his credibility as a social scientist to be lessened somewhat. But Coffey reissues the Malthusian error unaltered: the human race is outrunning a closed set of resources, with woful consequences to follow; the only solution is to reduce the human race.

A better response to question why Malthus failed so miserably, in the hopes of learning from him. To take two examples: what Malthus could not have predicted mathematically was the incredible effect of human invention on the stock and use of resources; and what many should have predicted is the too-familiar effect of wealth on human consciousness.

Therefore: Malthus firstly miscalculated because in his stock-taking of earth's goods he did not adequately include human intelligence, which is not materially limited; every new birth increments need finitely, but it is also the birth of a mind, which add all infinitesimal to resources. Secondly, neither is human desire limited. When more is available, people tend to want more, as Coffey uncharacteristically demonstrates: the United States, she says, does not have the highest birth rate, but has the highest rate of consumption. But this very fact leads to the discovery that consumption is not proportional, quite the contrary. The United States has dropped nearly to replacement rate, and most of Europe is well below it, such that the West is committing civilizational suicide, and consumption has merely increased in response. A family of three can easily out-consume one of seven, simply because there is no limit to human greed.

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By BRIAN DOXTADER

At once engaging and informative, Patrick Creadon’s “Wordplay” is a tart and fast-paced documentary about Will Shortz, the crossword puzzle editor for The New York Times.

The film opens with a brief history of the crossword puzzle before concentrating on Shortz, who holds a degree in English and has been the crossword editor of The Times since 1993. Shortz is charismatic, intelligent and well-spoken, and his understanding of puzzles is nearly unparalleled. Were the documentary solely focused on him, it would still be entertaining in its own right, but “Wordplay” has much more on its mind.

Celebrities abound throughout the picture, including Ken Burns, Jon Stewart, Mike Mussina and Bill Clinton. All of these men have a great appreciation for Shortz and the New York Times crossword, especially Stewart, whose segments are hilarious. Calling himself a “Times puzzle man,” he remarks that he’ll do the USA Today puzzle if he’s in a hotel, but adds that “I won’t feel good about myself.”

“Wordplay” is about more than Shortz, however, as it also focuses on competitors in the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament. Four competitors face off: Tyler Hinman, Ellen Ripstein, Norman “Trip” Payne and Al Sanders — the focus of the film. These people are interesting and quirky (as anyone who enters the APTC would likely have to be), but Shortz has yet to see the puzzles and an ultra-competitive mentality.

Ripstein is a nearly baton-twitcher with radiant confidence. She remarks that a boyfriend made her feel pretty, to which she replies, “What are you the best in the world at?”

Payne is a three-time APTC winner, at 24 was the youngest champion ever. Sanders is a father and businessman who does the New York Times crossword every night (usually in under three minutes). Hinman is a 20-year-old Rutgers student who is striving to replace Payne as the youngest APTC champion.

Once the film shifts into the crossword competition, the film takes on a different kind of life — the final competition is surprisingly tense thanks to Creadon’s approach, which emphasizes character.

The audience by this time has gotten to know each of the three competitors, all of whom have the drive and ambition. Viewers at once want everyone to win and don’t want any to lose, a testament to Creadon’s sense of character.

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THEATER REVIEW

AFTLS’ ‘Hamlet’ strips production to basics

By MICHELLE FORDICE

As the Actors from the London Stage lined up on stage this past weekend, sans costume and quickly calling off the multiple parts they played, it was clear this wasn’t the production most people imagine when they think of “Hamlet.” There would be no large sets, elaborate costumes or any great distance between the audience and the performers.

AFTLS aims to simplify its productions of Shakespeare in order to present his plays as close to the originals as possible. The audience by this time has gotten to know each of the three competitors, all of whom have the drive and ambition. Viewers at once want everyone to win and don’t want any to lose, a testament to Creadon’s approach, which emphasizes character.

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Beaten and blue

Michigan throttles Notre Dame 47-21, dims Irish national title hopes

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn is hit by Michigan defensive end Tim Jamison, left, and defensive back Brandon Harrison. The Wolverines defense kept pressure on Michigan throughout the game and picked up three interceptions en route to a 47-21 victory.

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Another week, another Big Ten blowout — this time with opposite results. Led by wide receiver Mario Manningham's three touchdown receptions, No. 11 Michigan capitalized on five Notre Dame turnovers to rout the No. 2 Irish 47-21 Saturday.

Heisman hopeful Brady Quinn threw three interceptions — two to senior line­backer Prescott Burgess — as the Irish offense never found its rhythm, totaling 245 yards — including just four rushing — for the day.

With the score tied 7-7 in the first quarter, Henne found Manningham for the go-ahead touchdown on a 69-yard fly down the sideline, from which the Irish backer "deep alert" Irish coach Charlie Weis said they had a "deep alert" on the play, the receiver soundly beat senior corner Ambrose Wooden before the catch, as the Irish secondary could not defend the big play, giving up its first of three 20-yard-plus touchdown receptions to Manningham before halftime. Manningham is the first player to haul in three scores against Notre Dame since Pat Fitzgerald of Texas in 1995.

"I was able to run a good route and get by the defender," said Manningham about his 69-yard score. "I put a good move on him to get his hips turned and then I was able to get by him."

On the heels of a blocked extra point by senior defensive tackle Derek Landri after Manningham's first score, sopho­more David Grimes fumbled the ensuing kickoff and with it the game. Four plays and two Irish penalties after Michigan cornerback Morgan Trent recovered to set the Wolverines up at the Irish 27, running back Michael Hart dove over top of the line to make the score 20-7. Hart also added 124 yards on 31 carries to balance a Wolverine attack that out­gained Notre Dame 340 yards to 245.

"I have a lot of respect for Coach Carr and his staff," Weis said. "I think it's really important to understand that that team just came and just whooped us pretty good. They deserve their just due."

With the score at 34-7 with under two minutes left in the first half, Notre Dame finally put together a scoring drive, com­pleting four consecutive completions for first downs, highlighted by sophomore David Grimes' leaping catch at the side­line inside the five. On the next play, senior receiver Jeff Samardzija reached over the defender's leg in the end zone to bring the score 4-7.

Quinn exploited the Wolverines' pre­vent defense on the touchdown drive—the first of the half in which he didn't face constant pressure from the Michigan front four led by Branch.

"We went in with the idea if we were going to have a chance to win, we had to pressure Brady Quinn," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said. "We felt we could do that because we have an excellent front. mean, we've got some depth and we've got some guys that are very athletic. It's the best front we've had probably since I've been at Michigan."

That defensive pressure made things difficult for Quinn from the beginning. On the game's second play from scrimm­age, under heavy pressure from junior defensive tackle Alan Branch, Quinn threw a high pass that slipped through the hands of senior tight end John Carlson and into those of Burgess, who ran 31 yards untouched for Michigan's first score. Quinn would throw two more interceptions before the end of the day along with three touchdowns in a 24-for­234-yard effort.

After a three and out Irish punt, senior safety Chinedum Ndukwe returned the favor when he intercepted a third and long pass from junior quarterback Chad Henne and returned it 51 yards before Henne could knock him out of bounds at the Michigan four. Quinn capitalized and threw a play action strike to senior full­back Ashley McConnell, marking his first career start with his first touchdown before Michigan followed with four straight scores to take a 20 point half­time lead that knocked Notre Dame out of the game and — likely — National Championship contention.

The Irish were forced to abandon a balanced offensive attack in the second half due to the deficit and an ineffective rushing game that only gained 24 yards on 12 carries including taking yardage. Dropped balls by Irish receivers as well as running back Darius Walker prevent­ed the passing attack from finding its typical success.

"I was surprised that we collectively, from me on down, laid an egg," Weis said. "I expected us to have a better per­formance than we did, and we didn't. That surprises me. I expected us to do better in all facets."

Needling a quick spark coming out of halftime, the Irish went three and out on their first three drives and failed to record a first down in the entire third quarter, as they converted just two of 14 on third down for the day. After a Michigan field goal, Notre Dame mount­ed another touchdown drive in the fourth quarter, capped by a bizarre catch by Rheema McKnight, who fought off pass inter­ference to snatch the ball off the defender's leg in the end zone to bring the game to 40-21.

With three minutes remaining in the game, the Irish drove the final nail in their own coffin. On a drive in which the Irish committed three penalties, Quinn was sacked on third and six and fum­bled, allowing defensive end LaMarr Woodley to pick up the ball and run 54 yards for the final score.

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player of the game
Prescott Burgess

The Michigan linebacker had a breakout game against the Irish, with five tackles, one for loss, and two interceptions, one a touchdown.

stat of the game
0 Notre Dame first downs in the first and third quarters.

play of the game
LaMarr Woodley's fumble return

The defensive end's fumble return for a touchdown with less than four minutes to play iced the game for Michigan.

quote of the game
"You go lose 47-21, you deserve to be criticized."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach
report card

quarterbacks: Three interceptions at crucial points in the game were devastating for the Irish, and Quinn's fumble in the fourth quarter was the end of hope for even the most optimistic Irish fans.

running backs: Four rushing yards is deceptive, as it also includes lost yardage on sacks. Carr focused on stopping the running game and succeeded beyond expectations.

receivers: The receivers dropped balls and didn't seem to run routes with intensity. Although Quinn often threw hurriedly and off-target, poor positioning by receivers killed several drives.

offensive line: The Irish knew Michigan would bring pressure from all angles and still couldn't seem to keep a pocket for Quinn. The running backs also struggled to find

defensive line: The defensive line was able to pressure Henne at times, with Victor Abimiari totaling 2.5 tackles for loss. Trevor Laws had two tackles but didn't seem to run routes with intensity. Although Quinn often threw hurriedly and off-target, poor positioning by receivers killed several drives.

linebackers: The starting linebackers accounted for just twelve tackles, six by Maurice Cram, Jr. The Wolverines were able to run the ball and control the clock, especially in the third quarter.

defensive backs: The defensive backs proved susceptible once again to the deep ball, giving up an early 69-yard bomb to Mario Manningham. Chinedum Ndukwe had a key interception early in the game and 11 tackles.

special teams: Geoff Price tried to keep the Irish in the game, setting a school punting record. But David Grimes fumbled a kickoff return that proved costly and punt returns were weak.

coaching: The Irish couldn't seem to adapt to Michigan's defensive scheme and never got anything going on offense. A phantom found itself in Notre Dame's report card.

overall: Michigan played better than Notre Dame in every facet of the game. The Irish didn't play like the nation's No. 2 team.

1.41

adding up the numbers

Total Notre Dame rushing yards. Darius Walker was the only Irish player to rush for positive yards.

3 Touchdowns by Maris Manningham in the first half, the most since Texas receiver Pat Fitzgerald recorded three on Sept. 23, 1995.

Points Michigan scored in the first half, the most against the Irish in a half since USC scored 35 in the second half Oct. 6, 1979.

19:03 Time it took Notre Dame to gain a first down.

Career interceptions for safety Chinedum Ndukwe. Two came this season, one against Michigan Saturday.


Third-quarter points (and first downs) for the Irish.

11 Penalties allowed by Notre Dame. It was the second 11-penalty game for the Irish in 2006.

Carr's demons now Notre Dame's

A phantom found itself in Notre Dame Stadium Saturday afternoon. It rode into South Bend on a charter bus, perched on Lloyd Carr's back, buzzing in his ear. Maybe it tired of taunting the Michigan coach or maybe it just felt like a change of scenery. Whatever the reason, that little phantom didn't get back on the big, blue bus after Michigan's 47-21 win over Notre Dame Saturday.

It stayed in South Bend. With a little help from the same phantoms, ghosts and demons that haunted Carr in his previous three trips to Notre Dame, he earned his first win in South Bend this weekend. In doing so, Carr cleansed his conscience of the miscues and screw-ups that kept the Maize and Blue from winning a game at Notre Dame since 1994.


Everything that had hurt Lloyd Carr in past games against the Irish disappeared in front of a stunned 80,000 at Notre Dame Stadium. But phantoms in a rivalry like the Fight Song Fight — featuring the two most successful football schools (and marching bands) — don't just go away. They switch sides. Saturday was Notre Dame's day to deal with the "phantom figure," as Brady Quinn put it. The figure stole John Carlson's hands in the first quarter, forcing a pass to bounce right into the arms of Wolverine linebacker Prescott Burgess for the opening score. The figure caught on the football as it popped out of David Grimes' hands on a kickoff return, giving Michigan the ball right back. The figure rode on the mind of Quinn as he started the second half knowing the Irish needed to score some quick points to get back in the game.

Those points never came — just more demons. Notre Dame had three drives in the third quarter. Two ended in punts and one ended with an interception. No first downs were made.

By the time the fourth quarter rolled around, the students should have traded in their green towels for white flags. Surrendering would have been easier than living through that 60-minute mistake. But the Irish won't surrender. Quinn won't let them.

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Irish quarterback Brady Quinn confers with coach Charlie Weis during Notre Dame's loss to Michigan Saturday. Quinn is 2-2 in games against the Wolverines. Weis dropped to 1-1.

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Wolverines stifle Irish offense

Notre Dame struggles to develop offensive rhythm

By KATE GALES
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The Michigan defensive line pressured Irish quarterback Brady Quinn all afternoon. The linebackers blitzed and didn’t allow Notre Dame to establish anything resembling a running game. The secondary eliminated a viable passing game, careful to keep the Irish offense in check, helping the secondary to bring down five turnovers.

“Certainly today was our best defensive effort,” Carr said.

The Wolverine defense did well and never was in doubt. The defense continued its combination of speed and power, allowing only 12 points in the game. The Irish were able to score only one more, and Michigan’s defense had no trouble forcing a turnover. It wasn’t just their front four — they thought their whole defense played well.

“We thought our whole defense played very well,” Carr said. “I mean, you intercept a ball, run 100 yards to halt Notre Dame’s offense. It was not as sharp as usual, but they were a tough team. We had to be sharp, and I thought we were.”

The Wolverine defense was credited with six quarterback hurries, four sacks, five breaks up and two tackles for loss as it wouldn’t let Notre Dame’s offense settle into a rhythm. It took away Irish running back LaMarr Woodley, who had two tackles, one for loss and outran Irish tight end John Ndukwe.

On one of the front four was Michigan defensive end Tim Jamison. "I'm a lot of blitzing, especially later in the game," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "I have a lot of respect for their front four."

But pressing Quinn was just one facet of a defense that dominated the game from start to finish. "It wasn't just their front four — I thought their whole defense played well," Weis said.

Linebacker Preston Burgess intercepted two passes, returned 31 yards to halt Notre Dame’s first series. Cornerback LaMichael Harris added one more, and cornerback Morgan Trent and defensive end LaMarr Woodley picked up fumbles, totaling five Irish turnovers.

"I think this game was a vintage Carr game," Weis said. "But certainly was, I think, punctuated by our defense."

The man who put the biggest punctuation mark into the punctuation was Burgess. The senior linebacker from Warren, Ohio had what Carr called "quite a day."

That could have been the understatement of the day by Carr. "I mean, you intercept a ball, run back for the touchdown, then make another big one," he said.

Burgess’ development wasn’t as smooth as his game. After playing strong safety in high school, he moved to linebacker. He saw time as a freshman on special teams, but was quiet on defense last year. He was anything but placid Saturday and neither was his team. The Wolverine defense was credited with six quarterback hurries, four sacks, five breaks up and two tackles for loss as it wouldn’t let Notre Dame’s offense settle into a rhythm. It took away Irish running back LaMarr Woodley, who led the Irish in rushing with a meager 2.5 yards — and forced Notre Dame to be "one dimensional," Carr said.

Although consistent play by the secondary was crucial, praise returned to the front four, which Carr said could be the best he’s had at Michigan. One of those on the front four that Woodley had two tackles, one for a loss and outran Irish tight end John Ndukwe on a 24-yard fumble return touchdown to top off Michigan’s day.

"Woodley, in my judgment... he’s the real deal," Carr said. "He’s a captain. He’s a leader. Done a great job."

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Wooden’s game injury not threatening

Cornerback left game groggy after tackle; was held out as precautionary measure

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Irish cornerback Ambrose Wooden is 0K to play. He was cleared to play by team medical staff Saturday, soon after being delivered a crushing hit to Michigan receiver Adrian Arrington in the third quarter of Notre Dame’s 47-21 loss to Michigan, but Charlie Weis held him out of the game in order to "err on the side of caution.

“We figured the best thing was to just go ahead and get him out of there,” he said. “His head was fairly clear. (Putting Wooden back in) just didn’t seem like the right thing to do.”

The Irish have a policy where players must be cleared by the medical staff and answer football-related questions from a position coach before returning to the game after a head injury.

Penalties hampered the Irish all day Saturday, as the team committed 11 for 84 yards. Michigan tallied fivewhistles for 70 yards. The Irish have 28 penalties in 2006, having also committed 11 penalties against Georgia Tech in the season opener.

The Irish were penalized just twice for holding Saturday, giving them 10 total on the year. Irish opponents have not been whistled for an offensive hold in the first three games.

Saturday was the first time Notre Dame has lost to Michigan at home since 1994. It also snaps a two-game win streak against Michigan. The win certainly pleased Michigan coach Lloyd Carr, who has heard grumbles from Ann Arbor after losing three of his last four games against rival Ohio State and, before Saturday, three of his last four against Notre Dame. Carr, who is 4-1 against No. 2 teams and 16-6 against top-10 teams, downplayed the connection between the win and his job security.

“If you coach in enough of these games and you’re going to win some and you’re going to lose some,” he said. “I’ve done both. Certainly today was our biggest exclamation mark into the season."

The 47 points Notre Dame gave up marked the most it had allowed at home since a 51-19 loss against Purdue in 1960. Additionally, Notre Dame’s five turnovers on three interceptions and two fumbles were the most it surrendered since the 14-7 loss to Boston College in 2002, the first loss of Tyrone Willingham’s three-year tenure as head coach.

Geoff Price set a single-game record by hugging seven punts for an average of 31.9 yards per punt, including a long of 59. He currently ranks third in the nation with a 49.8 average. Michigan’s combination of Zoltan Mesko and Ross Lyon combined for a 37.5 yard average. More importantly, they successfully kicked away Irish returner Tom Zbikowski, allowing him only one return for four yards.

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First quarter
- Notre Dame 0, Michigan 7
- Preston Burgess 31-yard interception return with 11:26 remaining. (Rivas kick)
- Notre Dame 7, Michigan 0
- Minnesota 18-yard reception from Chad Henne with 3:33 remaining. (Rivas kick)
- Drive: 4 plays, 69 yards, 2:15 elapsed

Second quarter
- Notre Dame 7, Michigan 27
- Mario Manning 29-yard reception from Chad Henne with 11:26 remaining. (Rivas kick)
- Drive: 6 plays, 34 yards, 2:41 elapsed
- Notre Dame 14, Michigan 34
- Mario Manning 22-yard reception from Chad Henne with 3:33 remaining. (Rivas kick)
- Drive: 10 plays, 59 yards, 4:48 elapsed
- Notre Dame 14, Michigan 34
- Joel Segarra 4-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 1:29 remaining. (Rivas kick)
- Drive: 8 plays, 72 yards, 2:10 elapsed

Third quarter
- Notre Dame 21, Michigan 40
- Thema Knight 28-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 12:41 remaining.
- Drive: 6 plays, 72 yards, 1:00 elapsed
- Notre Dame 21, Michigan 47
- Thema Knight 1-yard fumble recovery with 2:23 remaining. (Rivas kick)
- Drive: 7 plays, 8 yards, 2:09 elapsed

Fourth quarter
- Notre Dame 27, Michigan 40
- Thema Knight 22-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 3:50 remaining.
- Drive: 9 plays, 84 yards, 4:30 elapsed

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Rushing yards: 143, 74-34, 177
Passing yards: 366, 36-194, 429
Time of possession: 62 minutes

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The Wolverines took the fight out of the Irish Saturday, efficiently shutting down quarterback Brady Quinn's favorite receivers and allowing just four rushing yards. The Irish defense had its moments, but five turnovers by the offense gave Michigan a short field all afternoon. Michigan quarterback Chad Henne avenged two years of brutality by the Irish, going 8-for-12 with three touchdowns in the first half. The Irish were unable to gain control of the clock and Quinn's fumble late in the fourth quarter ended hopes of a miraculous comeback.

Top left, Michigan quarterback Chad Henne pursues Chinedum Ndukwe during his first-quarter interception return. Top right, safety Tom Zbikowski makes a tackle. Center, David Grimes returns a kick as the Notre Dame band looks on. Bottom left, Michigan defensive end Brandon Harris pursues Irish wide receiver Jeff Samardzija. Bottom right, Ambrose Wooden knocks the ball loose from Michigan's Adrian Arrington.

Big game blowout
Heder and Thornton drive comedy off-course

By CASSIE BELEK
Amateur Scene Ender

Funny but disappointing can best explain director Todd Phillips' comedy "School for Scoundrels." Although the movie turns out strongly against the man who gave us "Old School" delivers a weak and forgettable comedy that could, and should, have been so much more.

"School for Scoundrels" stars Jon Heder ("Napoleon Dynamite") as Roger, a lonely NYU meter maid, and Billy Bob Thornton ("Bad Santa") as Dr. P., the no-nonsense "scoundrel" who teaches Roger how to win his crush, Amanda (Ursina Barret). When Roger soon jumps to the head of the class, Dr. P. teaches, the good doctor competitive habits set him out on a path to destroy Roger's life and steal his girl.

The movie's premise — foul-mouthed Billy Bob Thornton ensnaring men on how to be winners — would be enough to satisfy an hour and half of laughs. However, the comedy strays from its best attributes — the school and its classes — and instead delves too deeply into the battle for Amanda's affections either man. Does to the other is particularly life-shattering or reprehensible. The shock factor in this male competition is nil.

Phillips, who also co-wrote the screenplay, continues his pattern of presenting weak female supporting characters that exist solely for male character development. "School for Scoundrels" follows the typical storyline of this kind. The good boy likes girl, amoral boy gets girl, then the boy is only nice who duped girl from amoral boy and herself. Amanda is another forgettable female character in a male-dominated world.

However, as in all disappointing comedies, there are exceptions of light and laughter. The highlight of the movie is a no-holds-barred painball rumble in which Dr. P.'s students must assert themselves, abandon all fear, and escape the traumatizing punishments of Dr. P. and Leeker (Michael Clarke Duncan). In other instances, Roger recovers his stolen standard-issue New Balance sneakers from a couple of thugs by telling their mother, and he is forced to receive a swirly in return. The comedy would have done better to stick to these "boys becoming men" moments. Heder may have carried "Napoleon Dynamite," but he holds a stronger audience interest in the first half of this movie when he acts with an ensemble. The second half offers weaker performances from Heder and surprisingly, Thornton. Although clearly a cad, Dr. P.'s motivations remain unclear. Despite a so-so cameo by Ben Stiller explaining Dr. P.'s mishapulous past, we still need his ambition, pride or aggressiveness that would explain his backstabbing actions.

In the end, the movie is worth seeing — if at all — for its first act. After that, it veers off its solid path into an over-long and under-developed love story that quickly grows tired and boring. If this is an attempt to recapture any "Old School" glory, Phillips miserably fails. "School for Scoundrels" does not deliver an endless treasure trove of funny quotes for the American public to overhear. Instead, the movie is good for only a few laughs before the drama-heavy Oscar season begins.

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DPAC SPOTLIGHT

"Potemkin" remains revolutionary cinematic model

By BRIAN DOXTADER Scene Editor

It is near the middle of the film, which is no mistake — it is obviously the centerpiece. Once it has been seen, it can't be shaken, much less forgotten. The images remain burned in the consciousness, stay in the back of the mind, lingering in their relentless nature. A woman screaming silently in a church. A girl, a woman, screaming in a silent picture, dumb and forgettable. The only female protagonist is Amanda's roommate, played by Sarah Silverman. Silverman's character bombard Roger with deadpan insults in one of the least funny performances by a comedian this year.

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Minnesota narrows Detroit's lead to one

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Minnesota turned five double plays for the first time in 11 years and Scott Baker pitched six strong innings as the Twins beat the Cleveland Indians 6-1 Sunday, keeping pressure on Detroit and Chicago in the tight AL Central postseason play.

The Twins closed within one game of Detroit in the AL Central and moved four games ahead of the White Sox in the wild-card race. Minnesota has won eight of 10.

Baker (5-8) finally put together a good outing against Cleveland, allowing one run and six hits. The right-hander came in 0-3 with a 6.64 ERA in his second double- play game of the season.

Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire, who is in his 13th year managing the Indians, made five double plays in a game that was June 3, 1995, against Texas.

Tori Hunter's two-run single with the bases loaded broke a 1-1 tie in the third against Paul Byrd (9-8).

Orioles 12, Tigers 8

Miguel Tejada hit a tiebreaking solo shot in the 10th inning and help the Baltimore Orioles beat the Detroit Tigers.

Since leading the division by 10 games after play on Aug. 7, Detroit has lost 24 of 37 games. The Tigers open a three-game series against third-place Chicago on Monday.

Red Sox 2, Yankees 1

Aaron Hill hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the eighth inning to lead the Toronto Blue Jays over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

After the game, the Tigers second baseman Placido Polanco said he would not return for the season. He was hitting .294 with 44 RBIs when he separated his left shoulder in mid August.

Athletics 5, White Sox 4

Frank Thomas dealt another big blow to his former team's chances. The AL East leading Orioles hit a two-run homer and the Texas Rangers beat the Los Angeles Angels 8-3. Padilla (14-9) gave up seven hits, struck out four and walked three in 7 1-3 innings. It was his first start against the Angels since he was ejected for hitting two batters and nearly plunging a third on Aug. 15.

This four-game series ended without a major incident as Padilla did not bat a batter Sunday. Padilla equaled his career-high 14 wins. Ervin Santana (14-8) gave up four runs and seven hits in five innings.

Mariners 10, Royals 5

Gill Meche was glad the Seattle hitters had a better day than he did.

Chicago White Sox pitcher Justin Spier (2-0) picked up 1-3 wins for the victory. B.J. Ryan picked up a perfect ninth for his 33rd save in 37 chances.

Bengie Molina homered, had three hits for the Blue Jays, who have won four straight.

With the game tied at 3 and no outs in the seventh inning, Robinson Cano walked and Mark Teixeira singled.1st place.

Byrd (9-8). Magglio Ordonez hit a tiebreaking solo shot in the 10th inning to help the Baltimore Orioles beat the Detroit Tigers.

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The Twins closed within one game of Detroit in the AL Central and moved four games ahead of the White Sox in the wild-card race. Minnesota has won eight of 10.

Tori Hunter's two-run single with the bases loaded broke a 1-1 tie in the third against Paul Byrd (9-8).

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Padres defeat Dodgers to take over the lead in NL West

San Diego prevails in pitchers’ duel 2-1

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — If it weren't for playing the Los Angeles Dodgers, the San Diego Padres might be lagging in the NL West.

Thanks to their domination of the Dodgers, the Padres instead are a half-game up in the division, passing Los Angeles with a 2-1 victory Sunday.

San Diego has won eight of the last nine meetings. The Padres are 13-4 overall against Los Angeles and 7-1 at Dodger Stadium.

"There's no rhyme or reason to it," Padres manager Bruce Bochy said.

Chris Young pitched one-hit ball for six innings, pinch-hitter Terrmel Sledge singled home the go-ahead run in the ninth and Trevor Hoffman finished his 47th save.

"They seem to get the big hits and pitch the big innings when they need them," said the Dodgers' Derek Lowe, who held San Diego to Russell Branyan's solo homer over seven innings.

With runners in scoring position 24 times in the top of the inning, the Padres went 4-for-24. The Padres are one game ahead of Pittsburgh in the NL West.

The Padres are a half-game up in the division after defeating Dodgers to take over the lead in NL West.

The New York Mets failed for the third straight day to clinch the NL East title at PNG Park when the Pittsburgh Pirates finished off an unlikely sweep.

New York was denied its first division title since 1988 later in the day when second-place Philadelphia beat Houston 6-4. The Mets can clinch at home Monday night with a win over Florida or a loss by the Phillies.

The Mets came to Pittsburgh with a magic number of one and the best record in the majors. Even with a sizable contingent of New York fans in the stands, the young Pirates became the first NL team to sweep the Mets this season.

"It's great to get this one," said Mets reliever John Franco. "We really separated the men from the boys today."
We shall always place education side by side with instruction; the mind will not be cultivated at the expense of the heart.

—Rev. Basil Moreau, CSC

Thanks to all who participated in the Notre Dame Forum. As we continue the campus dialogue about global health challenges, you are invited to attend one of the Forum discussions planned by the residence halls and facilitated by faculty and students:

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Ben Curtis poses with the trophy Sunday in Farmington, Pa., after winning the fourth and last 84 Lumber Classic at Mystic Rock Golf Course. Curtis’ 14-under total beat runner-up Charles Howell III by two shots.

Curtis takes final 84 Lumber Classic
Associated Press
FARMINGTON, Pa. — Ben Curtis excels in taking home the best possible going-away presents from disappearing PGA Tour events.
Curtis, start-to-finish steady on a day when the leaderboard was filled with higher scores than the previous three days, claimed a lame-duck tournament event for the second time in three months by winning the 84 Lumber Classic by two shots Sunday.
Not only keeping his lead but building on it down the stretch, he broke out of a four-way tie for the lead at the turn with Charles Howell III, Robert Garrigus and Ryan Moore by getting three birdies in a span of five holes from No. 12 through No. 16, thanks to some excellent putting.
But it was a par during that stretch may have won it for him, and the $288,000 first prize for finishing at 14-under 274, two ahead of Howell.
Curtis flew a shot over the par-4 14th green and onto a grassy, uphill apron that left him with an extremely difficult shot. But he used a utility club — the same one that helped him win the 2003 British Open — to roll it to about 12 feet, then sank that putt to save par and stay in the lead.
He went up by three shots by dropping a 13-foot par at No. 15, when Howell three-putted from 49 feet, then effectively won it by sinking a 56-foot par on the par-5 16th that allowed him to withstand a bogey on No. 17, a par 3.
Curtis won cheers from the local gallery by wearing black and gold colors for the fourth day in a row — he is an awowed Browns fan who normally despises the Steelers. The former Kent State golfer won his third career title by holding off 15 others who began the day within three shots of the lead.
Some fans chanted "Here we go Steelers, here we go!" when Curtis walked past, but the fan on his face revealed his true colors — namely brown, orange and white.
"I'm going to get my Browns hat out," he said.
If any more events disappear from the PGA Tour schedule, look for Curtis to be the favorite in their final tournament.
Curtis won the last Booz Allen Classic in late June, his first victory since that British Open, and then won the fourth and last 84 Lumber Classic.

In Brief
One week after stabling, Northern Colorado wins
SAN MARCOS, Texas — The irony that Northern Colorado, down three punters after a week of controversy, won with a blocked punt was not lost on coach Scott Downing.
"I don't even know what to say about that," said Downing, who lost two punters this week in a bizarre stabling scandal that brought national attention to the small university about 60 miles north of Denver.
The Bears beat Texas State 14-13 on Saturday night for their first win on the road in three seasons.
"It has been a tough week, but you know these guys, they're the type they stay a lot of stuff," Downing said.
Bears punter Rafael Mendoza was treated Monday for a 3- to 5-inch deep puncture wound and released from the hospital after being stabbed outside his apartment in Evans, near Greeley, Colo.
Auburn and Florida come up big in key SEC matchups

Ducks best Sooners in nail-biter, 34-33

Associated Press
EUGENE — In a wild final 72 seconds, Dennis Dixon and the Oregon Ducks had everything go their way.

Dixon scored for two late touchdowns, with the help of a successful onside kick, and the No. 18 Ducks blocked a field goal on the final play to seal a victory over No. 15 Oklahoma on Saturday.

"This is the nation we can compete in," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "We were at 15 in the nation, and now you have to watch out for Oregon."

Dixon's 16-yard keeper with 1:12 left brought the Ducks within 33-27 and set up the onside kick attempt.

The Ducks (3-0) recovered the kick on their own 48, but Oklahoma (2-1) argued that an Oregon player touched the ball before it was touched by the Sooners. Officials delayed play for an instant replay review. The call stood and Dixon went to work.

He ran 11 consecutive times. Oregon was penalized for pass interference on the sideline, Dixon threw a 23-yard TD pass to Brian Payinger for 46 seconds remaining. The final play was reviewed by the league.

Pac-10 commissioner Tom Hansen said Saturday night that both the onside kick and pass interference call should be reviewed by the league.

Oregon coach Mike Bellotti has done it, though, as Reggie Smith returned a squib kick 55 yards in the fourth quarter.

With no timeouts the Sooners ran one play, run into the line by Adrian Peterson, then spiked the ball with a second left. Garrett Hartley's 44-yard field-goal attempt wasn't high enough to clear the line and the Sooners lost.

"I was just praying we would get that onside kick," said Sooners' tailback Adrian Peterson, who ran for 211 yards. "Once we didn't get it, things got really ugly from there.

The onside kick was made by stub Smith in a Matt Leinart-style performance.

All-America receiver Dwayne Jarrett, the one holdover star from last year's record-breaking offense, caught 11 passes for 136 yards, including two touchdowns. The 6-foot-5 Jarrett often found himself being covered by defensive backs who were four or more inches shorter.

Jarrett is a monster," Nebraska coach Bill Callahan said. "He physically dominated our guys. Our guys did what they could but he is almost unstoppable.

Florida receiver Jamelle Cornelius shares hands with Tennessee defensive back Jonathan Wade after the Gators win Saturday.

Nebraska (2-1) to 211 yards, including 68 rushing yards on 36 carries for an average of 1.9 yards per rush.

"They were really good," Nebraska defensive tackle Barry Cryer said. "You just can't deny that."

USC won for the 36th time in 37 games, the lone defeat coming in the final second of last January's Rose Bowl. The Trojans have won 28 straight at home.

Making his second career start, John David Booty was 25-for-35 for 267 yards with no interceptions and three touchdown passes for USC in a Matt Leinart-esque performance.

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Salukis down Hoosiers in emotional contest

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON — Indiana swore it was prepared to win one for its missing coach, Terry Hoeppner. Emotions weren't enough.

What the Hoosiers learned Saturday was that it still comes down to execution.

With a struggling ground game, an inconsistent offense and a poor run defense, Division I-AA Southern Illinois overpowered the Hoosiers 35-28, and now Indiana faces a defining week without their leader or the emotional victory they had hoped to give him.

"We've got to learn from how we played today and playing through some adversity and all those kinds of things," interim coach Bill Lynch said. "We have to bounce back next week."

Although the Hoosiers (2-1) insisted they were ready to play Saturday, the game told a different tale.

There were mistakes, poor decisions, poor throws and lots of dropped passes.

Lynch's postgame critique was simple. There's plenty of blame to go around, and nobody could pin it on the challenging week they endured.

Instead, it came down to Southern Illinois' overpowering run game and Indiana's inability to keep the momentum after taking a quick 14-0 lead. When the Salukis challenged them in the second half, the Hoosiers never really responded, and when they had a chance to tie it up late, quarterback Kellen Lewis was sacked twice.

It certainly wasn't the way Hoeppner or anyone else in the Hoosiers program drew it up.

"We wanted to win this for coach Hep, and, obviously, we didn't get the job done," running back Marcus Thigpen whispered. "Other than that, there were no distractions."

The question now is where do the Hoosiers go from here?

After an emotional week in which they lost Hoeppner and their best player, receiver James Hardy, for at least two games, Indiana must now make corrections quickly if they're going to put together a bowl run.

Hoeppner had his second brain surgery in less than nine months Wednesday, and Hardy is suspended for two games.

Perhaps most disappointing was that the Hoosiers' hopes took a huge hit.

With three nonconference games against winnable opponents, seven home games on the slate and only three games outside of Indiana, all the Hoosiers seemingly needed to do was protect their home turf. Or, as Hoeppner would phrase it, "Defend the Rock."

Now they have to figure out how to beat Connecticut, a budding Division I-A program that routed Indiana 34-10 in their last meeting in 2003, during what promises to be another emotional week.

Hoeppner and Hardy will still be absent, and again there will be lots of questions about the quarterback situation after an inconsistent performance from Lewis, a redshirt freshman.

"We had our chances, we really did, and we didn't take advantage when we had good field position" Lynch said. "We had a couple of big turnovers and eventually that comes back to hurt you in a close ballgame."

As much as the Hoosiers played to win, there was little doubt Hoeppner was on their minds.

Players repeatedly acknowledged they didn't let Hoeppner's absence become a distraction or an excuse, as Hoeppner insisted during a meeting in which he broke the news Tuesday.

Before the game, a taped message from Hoeppner was played on the stadium's videoboard. One homemade sign read simply "Get well soon coach Hep."

The Hoosiers responded by scoring on their first two possessions before letting Southern Illinois back into the game with a 5-yard TD pass from Nick Hill to Braden Jones.

In the second half, the Hoosiers didn't look like their early selves.

After rebuilding a 21-7 lead, Hill found Ryan Kernes for a 7-yard touchdown pass, and after Lewis fumbled at the Hoosiers' 21, Hill hooked up with Alan Turner on an 8-yard TD pass to tie the score.

Indiana interim head coach Bill Lynch is escorted onto the field by linebacker Jake Powers, left, and safety Eric McClug before the Hoosiers game against Southern Illinois Saturday.
NFL

Addai filling the hole in Colts running game

Indianapolis running back Joseph Addai hurdled a block Sunday. Addai rushed for 82 yards in the Colts’ win over Houston.

Indianapolis tailback has over 100 total yards against Texans

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts running back Joseph Addai took a big step toward showing he’s a suitable replacement for Edgerrin James — a 104-yard step.

The rookie from LSU gained 104 total yards and scored his first NFL touchdown to help the Colts beat the Houston Texans 43-24 on Sunday. He gained 79 of his 82 rushing yards in the second half in relief of starter Dominic Rhodes.

“I think I got into a rhythm with what I was doing,” Addai said. “It was just important to get the feel of it and just to be in there for a long time. You have to take advantage of the situation because you never know when you’ll get another chance.”

Addai had a touchdown taken away in the second quarter when Houston challenged the Colts’ fumble. Addai gained 41 yards against the Texans.

“Joe certainly showed some special things,” Manning said. “He showed that great strength and power he has. That first guy was kind of bunting off of him.”

“I thought Joseph and Dom ran well, but especially Joseph,” coach Tony Dungy said. “We really don’t think it’s going to be an issue with our running backs.”

Addai’s touchdown came on a 43-yard pass from Manning.

“There was a blitz on that touchdown to him,” Manning said. “Sometimes, more important than knowing when to block is blitz pickup is knowing when you don’t have to block. His guy dropped and he was right out into his pass pattern and therefore he was wide open, which shows he is really knowledgeable of his protection.”

The Colts gained 94 of their 125 rushing yards in the second half. Indianapolis led 20-3 at halftime and looked to prove it could grind out a drive a week after rushing for only 55 yards against the New York Giants.

The Colts opened the second half with a 13-play, 82-yard drive that led to a 15-yard touchdown pass from Manning to Bryan Fletcher. Addai gained 41 yards on five carries on the possession.

“We’re not that overly worried about our running game,” Dungy said. “When people give us looks to run, we think we’re going to be able to run.”

Addai got the chance to get warmed up in the second half because Manning and the Indianapolis passing game established itself early. Manning threw for 400 yards and three touchdowns.

Dungy said the Colts are doing a good job of putting Addai in position to succeed, and he’s making the most of it.

“He is very, very mature for a rookie,” Dungy said. “He’s going to be a good player for us. Dom’s been great at helping him and getting him going. They’re going to be a great one-two punch.”

Owens to miss 2-4 weeks

Star wide receiver sidelined Sunday night with a broken finger

Associated Press

IRVING — Terrell Owens will miss from two to four weeks after breaking a finger Sunday night in the Dallas Cowboys’ 27-10 victory over Washington.

The controversial wide receiver broke his right ring finger and was scheduled to have surgery Monday. The Cowboys have a bye next week.

Owens said he was hurt on the first or second play of the game, but didn’t tell anybody that he was hurt until he was leaving the sideline for the locker room in the fourth quarter. He said it was a “fluke thing” and occurred when he was blocking.

“I think my hand got caught on a guy’s jersey or something. I kind of felt something weird with it,” Owens said. “I just kind of felt like I jammed it. I kept playing.”

Owens, who missed much of training camp and the preseason because of a hamstring injury after signing a three-year, $25 million deal that includes a $5 million bonus and a $3 million salary in 2006, struggled against the Redskins. Owens fumbled a pass in the end zone on the opening drive — the first of three drops. By game’s end, he was getting his hand X-rayed, his hand wrapped at three catches for 19 yards.

While Owens wasn’t sure when he got hurt, he drew a personal foul penalty on the Cowboys’ first offensive snap of the game for an illegal block.

On the dropped touchdown, Owens said he was trying to gather in the ball when cornerback Mike Trumph knocked the ball away.

“I didn’t really have my full strength in my hand, so I think that probably may have contributed with him punching it out,” Owens said.

The X-rays revealed the break. His right hand was partially wrapped after the game.

“I feel like I’m a quick healer,” Owens said. “Once we have the surgery, the healing process will start. ... I’m going to try to get back as soon as I can.”

After Owens felt a twinge in his hamstring the first week of training camp, he missed more than 20 workouts and the first three preseason games. Two MRIs were clear, but Owens still flew in several doctors and trainers to California, plus a hyperbaric chamber, because he still didn’t feel right.

Last week, in a loss at Jacksonville, Owens played much better with six catches for 80 yards and a touchdown.

Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens sits on the bench during the second quarter of Dallas’ game against Washington Sunday.
Giants and Saints come from behind to pull out victories

Associated Press

**Grossman throws four TDs in Bears blowout**

The Bears scored on six of their first seven possessions. Titans' No. 1 draft pick Vince Young threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to Drew Herdman to cut the lead.

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LaDainian Tomlinson ran for two first-half touchdowns and Shaun Moreno led a defense that's starting to take this "Lights Out" thing serious.

Six days after blanking the Raiders, the Chargers came within 3-0 of consecutive shutouts for the first time in club history. Titans' No. 1 draft pick Vince Young threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to Drew Herdman to cut the lead.

Merriman, nicknamed "Lights Out" for his hard hits, was at it again against Tennessee (0-2). The linebacker intercepted a pass and returned it 14 yards and two touchdowns, and San Diego (2-0) held the Titans to 218 total yards and 14 first downs, many of them late.

The Bears had 39 first downs, many of them late.

Buller Matt Hasselbeck passed for 269 yards, throwing for two TDs and no interceptions, and Richard Jackson made a tapping catch in the corner of the end zone on the first possession.

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Michael Daly's controversial goal with 19 seconds remaining in the second overtime Sunday gave North Central a 2-1 victory over Saint Mary's and concluded the Sal Vaccaro Invitational in Naperville, Ill. Daly's goal, which came 13 minutes into the extra time, overtook the referee did not stop play, with a head start Daly was able to break away from the pack of defenders and beat goalkeeper Laura Heline.

The winning goal was Daly's second of the game — the first came 13 minutes into the main 18. Daly, the Belles' top two golfers, Isban and pierce, helped North Central capture its third consecutive Vavaro Invitational championship.

It was difficult to lose on a goal that should have been called back because the player was offside...but we put up a solid fight throughout the game," senior Caroline Stanckus said. "I can honestly say that there is not one person who stepped on the field who did not play her heart out."

Saint Mary's made the game interesting when Stanczuk headed a crossing pass in for the Belles in the 71st minute. The speedy senior made a diving leap and connected with freshman defender Bridget Rouynane's feed on a free kick from just outside the box.

The goal was Stanckus's first of the career. The senior has played consistently over the past four years and contributed many assists, but had not put one between the pipes prior to Sunday's game. Saturday's game was a different story for the Belles.

Saint Mary's 4 Mount Mercy 1

The squad headed into Sunday in sixth place overall and seventh place and stayed in that finish where we wanted

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"We played with great energy, were first to 50-50 balls, anticipated runs, struck quick passes together, and found the back of the net. We were the stronger team and the Hintons had a field day with the goal-keeper," Stanczak said.

Senior captain Ashley Hinton had a hat trick to lead the Belles to victory. She opened up the scoring in the middle of the first half with a pass from Samantha Gondeau. She later added two more unassisted goals within four minutes of each other in the second half. Sophomore Lauren Hentzen also added a goal — her third of the season — late in the game.

Saint Mary's outshot the Mustangs 21-4. Keri Ludwig scored the lone goal for Mount Mercy, but it was a meaningless goal with only eight minutes remaining in the game.

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SMC SOCCER

Belles get first win of year

Team advances to final of Vaccaro Invite, falls on controversial goal

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

"It was very disappointing, especially because we had a chance to finish when we wanted to," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said.

On the last hole, four of the five Irish golfers recorded bogeys to cap off the poor finish. As a result, the team finished three shots behind Northwestern and two worse than Ohio State.

The windy conditions were large, all for the depth of individual score that ended up with the Blue Dames' top two golfers, Isban and sophomore Josh Sandman, each finished with an 11-over par 227 and ended up in a four-way tie for 19th place. The other three players, senior Adam Gifford, junior Mike King, and freshman Doug Forrer early scored points throughout the tournament.

Saint Mary's looked to be in charge throughout the contest, playing with a higher intensity and efficiency than the Mustangs.

"We played with great energy, were first to 50-50 balls, anticipated passes, won every corner, were first to our spots, and we put more pressure on the goalie," senior Mark Hamilton said. "We were more excited than anything," she said. "I just try my best."

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The Belles will have a chance to show their improvement when they play the Comet Classic hosted by Olivet College Sept. 22-23.

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SMC GOLF

Coach sees potential despite poor showing

By BECKY SLINGER
Sports Writer

The Belles finished in 18th place at the IWU Fall Classic (tournament in Normal, Ill.) while turning in a team score of 696 (120-over par) this weekend.

The team shot a 347 the first day and a 349 on the second day of the tournament.

Go-captain Alex Sei said hard winds contributed to the Belles' struggles, and although coach Mark Hamilton was "disappointed" with the finish, he said he saw signs of improvement.

"We showed some definite signs of improvement," he said. "If we continue to work on our short game we should lower our scores dramatically."

DeFate captured first place by shooting 56-over par for a combined total of 632 (311, 321). Wisconsin-Rau Claire trailed by one stroke to finish in second place in the two-round, 72-par tournament.

Junior captain Katie O'Brien led the Belles in scoring with an 86 on day one and an 82 on day two for a combined total of 168 (24-over par) to finish 43rd in a field of 134 golfers.

Kate Doornbos, the only freshman competing for the Belles in the tournament said she only felt "some pressure" to prove herself on the team.

"I'm more excited than anything," she said. "I just try my best."

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MEN'S GOLF

Squad finishes ninth at Gopher Invitational

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

At the Gopher Invitational in Wayzata, Minn., harsh weather conditions proved to be at least as formidable an opponent for the Irish as the 11 other teams competing in the event this weekend.

Notre Dame finished ninth in the 12-team field as Stanford ended five strokes ahead of host Minnesota to win the tournament in windy conditions.

"The result is not what we were hoping for," senior co-captain Cole Isban said. "We really struggled and I think we let the tough conditions get to us a little."

After a difficult first round Saturday in which the team carded a 313, the Irish bounced back to fire an impressive 295 later in the day.

"After the second round, we were right (in contention)," Isban said.

The squad finished in seventh place and stayed in that slot until the 13th hole. The Irish were overtaken by both Ohio State and Northwestern with only eight minutes of play.

"I was very disappointed, especially because we had a chance to finish when we wanted to," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said.

On the last hole, four of the five Irish golfers recorded bogeys to cap off the poor finish. As a result, the team finished three shots behind Northwestern and two worse than Ohio State.

The windy conditions were largely to blame for the depth of individual scores that enabled the Belles to finish in a four-way tie for 19th place. The other three players, senior Adam Gifford, junior Mike King, and freshman Doug Forrer early scored points throughout the tournament.

"We really need a couple guys to step into the third and fourth golfer roles on this team," Kubinski said.

Freshman Doug Fortner made his first hole-in-one in competition and just the second of his life Saturday en route to a team-best score of 71.

"That was great to see," Kubinski said.

The Irish will be in action again October 9-10, when they host the inaugural Fighting Irish Golf Classic at the Warren Golf Course.

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1984. The only other previous repeat winner was Notre Dame's Johnnie Deeter, who won the event all four years she ran it.

Chasing Olding at the finish were three runners from Marquette, finishing over 12 seconds after Olding had crossed the line. The three Golden Eagles were followed by three Irish runners — junior Julie Olgren (18:17), freshman Lindsey Ferguson (18:17) and sophomore Heidi Rocha (18:42). Rocha and Ferguson were both Irish point qualifiers with a total time of 18:54.

Rocha's finish was especially crucial as she had fell off advances from Duquesne's Amy LaFortune (18:43) and Marquette's Amanda Beggs (18:44) down the stretch to secure the first place tie for Notre Dame.

Women's coach Tim Connolly was glad his team won the race, but knew there was still a lot of room for improvement as Notre Dame will play host again in two weeks, but this time to many top-25 teams in the Notre Dame Invitational.

"This will give them a lot of confidence going into the tough racing coming up," Connolly said. "We have a lot of room to get better. I don't think we closed particularly well, but now we've got some confidence to build on."

One reason Connolly knows his team has a lot of room to improve is that he saved his best runners for the important races later in the season when they will be needed to beat top NCAA opponents.

On the men's side, coach Joe Piane also held out his top two runners, senior Kurt Beining and sophomore Patrick Smyth, but the Irish could not be denied a win as they topped second-place Marquette by 16:18.

During Notre Dame runner won the individual race, but was followed by John Riak from St. Martin's College, who finished the 8K race in 22:36 — they did have the best team Friday.

Junior Jake Watson led Notre Dame with a strong second-place finish, chasing Riak down the stretch but falling to him by only two seconds.

"I ran hard and gave it everything I had," Watson said of his tough race. "I had to try to break him early but he was able to hold on to me."

Junior Brett Adams (2:4) and junior Mike Popejoy (25:20) finished eighth and ninth overall.

Freshman Jake Walker (25:39) and sophomore Bobbie Warren (25:57) rounded out Notre Dame's top 5.

Abdus and Popejoy were the only Irish runners to follow Piane's gameplan and stay on pace through the race.

"Honestly, we had a few freshmen in the race and they ran like freshmen," Piane said. "One thing they need to realize about the difference between college and high school competition in this country is that this is all about the team, not individual performances."

Notre Dame will also reinsert its top runners in two weeks at the Notre Dame Invitational, where Watson and Adams will get the chance to build on the experience they gained in the top 5 overall finish at the MIAA.

"We will use those two follow's we will eliminate 25 points from our total," Piane said. "We add in a 3.58 mile in Bourbon nose and anything with a 5000 meters in 4:10.

"Both of those guys and two more weeks of practice we can only get better," Piane said.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles compete at two meets

Saint Mary's athletes run at National Catholic, Indiana Intercollegiate Cross Country Meet

Saint Mary's was busy this weekend, the team divided on Friday between the National Catholic Championships at Notre Dame and the Indiana Intercollegiate Championships in Terre Haute, Ind.

At the National Catholic Cross Country Invitational, the Belles came in last out of 34 teams.

Freshman Piane's gameplan and stay in a tight pack, a technique that won Notre Dame the race, said.

"We don't even focus on the competition for this meet," Piane said. "For us, the meet does not count since we are not running against other teams in the MIAA, but it is a good chance to get another race in for the experience and training."

The experience forced the Belles to practice pacing, specifically not going out too fast during the first mile.

Running in the 34-team field also gave the runners a chance to practice avoiding getting lost in a large pack.

At the Indiana Intercollegiate meet hosted by Indiana State, the Belles finished 21st out of 25 on the Terre Haute course that will host the Division I national championships.

Indiana finished first with help from the very good Saint Mary and 21st.

"Honestly, I thought we would be softer, the team's intensity will fall apart mentally more than physically. The team is coming together as a group nicely though and hopefully that spirit will help us get to a good race this weekend," Piane said.

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The Irish spent one practice inside the Lofos Center this week to get ready for the arti­
ificial surface.

"We played pretty well with the [surface]," Waldrum said. "It didn't seem to have too much of an effect. The field wasn't too hard, either.

Notre Dame lost the first game against DePaul 18-1 in the season opener. The Irish exploded for two goals in the second half of the game and beat DePaul 18-1 in the season opener. The Irish went on to win the game, 2-0, and never looked back.

In the second stanza, Notre Dame played the Maryland Terrapins and scored a 2-0 lead and never relinquished it. Cahill ended the game in which the Bulldogs couldn't cut the Irish lead closer than two — with a kill for the 2-0 lead.

Freshman Megan Feen con­
tributed with 10 kills and 14 digs in the Irish win.

Notre Dame 3, Duke 1
The Irish beat the Blue Devils in four games — 30-27, 30-19, 30-25, 30-25 — after taking both matches in a row for their first consecutive win of the season to open the game run to own the Irish.

Senior Adrianna Stasiuk served four aces on the afternoon.

The two teams played an un­even battle in the first set, with the Blue Devils winning 30-27. The second set was much closer, with the Blue Devils winning 30-25. The Blue Devils had a 1-0 lead entering the third set, but the Irish took a 2-1 lead into the fourth set. The Blue Devils fought back to win the fourth set, 30-25, and take a 2-2 tie into the fifth set. The Irish eventually won the fifth set, 15-12, to win the game.

"That's just the funda­
mentals — everything stess off the ball," Brown said.

Arizona State took an early 1-0 lead, but the Irish were back with a 2-0 lead. The second set was close, and the Blue Devils eventually won the match, 2-0.

"When we got to the second set, we really started putting the ball away,

"We were prepared to play a good game, but we weren't able to play our best.

"We didn't have too many opportunities to score, but we had a lot of chances.

"We played very well the whole game, and we're happy to have gotten this win."
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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Home cooking

Men’s, women’s teams take first in National Catholic Championships at Burke Course

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Home course advantage came in handy for Notre Dame Friday in the National Catholic Championships as the Irish swept both the men’s and women’s events.

For the No. 12 Irish men, it was their second win in as many tries this season while the Notre Dame women were able to build on their promising second-place finish in the Crusader Invitational last week with a tie for first with No. 18 Marquette at 28 points a piece.

The women competed first and Notre Dame led most of the way with a strong pack near the front of the race. This group was led by eventual race champion Sunni Olding. The Irish junior completed the 5K race in only 17:51.

“I’m glad I was able to lead the team to a strong finish this week,” Olding said. “I just ran hard and was able to hold off any moves anyone tried to make on me.”

Olding became only the second woman to win the National Catholic Championship two years in a row since women began racing in the event in 2004.

Irish junior Jake Watson tries to catch St. Martin’s freshman John Risik. Risik won the race but Watson and Notre Dame took the team title at Friday’s National Catholic Championships.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish take 2 matches in Tempe

Debbie Brown earns 496th, 497th wins of head coaching career

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame coach Debbie Brown moved two wins closer to 500 career victories this weekend at the school where she began her 21-year coaching career.

The Irish (6-5) earned 3-0 and 3-1 wins over Butler and Duke in the Courtyard by Marriott Classic at Arizona State University to push Brown’s win total to 497 all-time.

Brown began her head coaching career with the San Diego Toreros in 1983, compiling a 117-83 record over four years in Tempe.

ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

No. 1 remains unblemished

Irish rout DePaul 5-0, beat Michigan despite “lethargic” performance

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Unbeaten, unscorched upon and unstimulated.

No. 1 Notre Dame (8-0) was not at its best this weekend, but managed to win road contests 5-0 over DePaul Friday and 2-0 over Michigan Sunday.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he was happy with the squad’s effort against the Blue Demons, but he said the team was “lethargic” against the Wolverines.

“Michigan played hard and was very organized, but we weren’t real sharp,” he said.

Waldrum said he hoped his team, which has not allowed a goal since Sept. 3 against Santa Clara, learned a lesson from the relatively sub-par performance against the Wolverines.

“These kids have to understand that every game is going to win both of them.”

The Irish had an optimal start to the game as senior forward Justin McGinney opened the scoring in only the 12th minute with his fourth goal of the season. Midfielder Nate Norman started the play as he beat his defender inside the 18-yard box and unleashed a shot. Bearcat keeper Mike Vessels made the save, but McGinney was there to tap in the rebound from close range.

It wasn’t until after halftime that Cincinnati found an equalizer. Bearcat midfielder Mike Dwyer beat his defender to the end line where he centered the ball around the penalty spot. His cross found an unmarked Kenny Anaba, who fired the ball into the goal on his first touch.

Anaba also played a part in Cincinnati’s second goal as he managed to get his head on a Patrick Baxter cross. Anaba’s flick floated perfectly into the path of Noah Davidson, who pounced home and put the game to 2-0.

Irish midfielder Ashley Jones moves the ball upfield in Notre Dame’s 3-2 win over Santa Clara Sept. 3.