MCAT exam reveals new online-only version

By KATE ANTONACCI

Computerized test administration could create problems for students lacking access

For the first time in nearly 80 years, students sitting for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) need not panic if they forget a number two pencil. Beginning in January 2007, the MCAT exam will be paperless, offered only on computers at "climate and sound-controlled" Thomson Prometric testing centers off-campus. This is a big change for the roughly 1,200 pre-medical students at Notre Dame who have only known the exam being delivered in familiar lecture halls or large classroom facilities.

"The thing about the test when it was being done on the campus of Notre Dame is that it became a sort of community event," said Father James Foster, assistant dean in the center for health advising. "The group that is responsible for this transition from the written test to the computerized test has been very reassuring...but that culture is going to be lost."

Weddings will return to LeMans

Hall chapel marriages reinstated for summer

By MAGGIE DUNN

Summer wedding bells will soon ring again at Saint Mary's. LeMans Hall Holy Spirit Chapel — an on-campus Catholic church that has not been utilized for weddings in several years — when the College re-opens its doors for couples in summer 2007. The chapel is located on the third floor of the residence hall, and College alumnae can only schedule weddings during the summer months, Campus Ministry Director Judy Fean said.

It was available for weddings a few years ago, Fean said, but even though they were set to take place during the summer, scheduling became difficult because of unpredictable renovations such as plumbing and wiring. Not knowing what to expect for the next few summers, the chapel was made temporarily unavailable for weddings.

Although the on-campus Church of Our Lady of Loretto has successfully remained open for weddings, many requests still came in for Holy Spirit Chapel after it became unavailable. Fean said.

Now that the chapel will operate again, the many faculty and alumnae who would like to see weddings held on the campus will be able to do so.

Campus erupts in wake of victory

By PATRICK CASSIDY

"Emotional rollercoaster" is not a phrase anyone would have used to describe Notre Dame's despairingly disappointing home loss to Michigan last week — unless the rollercoaster was going nowhere but down.

The same can't be said about Saturday's 40-37 win over Michigan State.

For a while, the freefall continued in East Lansing. That is, until the Fighting Irish did their nickname justice, finding themselves strapped in tight on a rollercoaster ride that ended at its peak.

Doing their best Michigan impression, the Spartans jumped out to a 17-0 first quarter lead. Freshman Anthony Parrish, a trombonist in the marching band, said he knew that "an epic comeback was necessary."

"We just needed the team to step up," he said.

The Irish took more than a few big steps in tough weather, which senior Annie Hollenbeck said was "borderline snow."

"Although it was almost freezing rain, the students were still in high spirits," she said.

Terrail Lambert's interception in the closing minute sent the Notre Dame faithful into a frenzy.

"I was swept up in the urge to hug random people," Lambert said.

Historical mural rediscovered

Saint Edward's Hall celebrates recovery, restoration of priceless relic

By JENNIFER METZ

The Gentlemen of St. Edward's Hall are proud, and with good reason. Not only is St. Edward's the survivor of a 1900 fire and the site of Knute Rockne's reception into the Church, but it also houses a newly restored, eye-catching Luigi Gregori mural.

The mural, which dates back to 1882, has always resided in St. Edward's, but has not been visible to residents' eyes — until now.

By MAGGIE DUNN

According to Weber, the option of running a three or six-mile course, or completing a two-mile fun walk.

"We were pretty much on task in terms of number of participants from where we were last year," said Greg Weber, an intern at RecSports and member of the Domer Run Committee.

"From our final tally, we had a total of 483 participants... pretty good considering the race day weather conditions." According to Weber, the
When I first came to Notre Dame in August, there was little that connected me with the school. I am a first-generation student, and not Catholic. And, perhaps most importantly, I was raised in a family that avidly supports Ohio State football.

EIGHTEEN years of brainwashing has made it so I cannot think of a Saturday football game without hearing the echoes of fight songs being played by "The Best Damn Band in the Land" through my house. When Ohio State played Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl last year, my dad found pictures of the Pope dressed in scarlet and gray and taped them up all over the house. I traveled with my family to Arizona to watch what many are calling the "annual" Notre Dame-Fiesta Bowl game. I had decided to attend Notre Dame in the spring, the Irish just didn't really feel like my team. I didn't know the fight song or any of the rich tradition or history associated with Notre Dame football. In a lot of ways, I think I just didn't really get it.

I just went home over the weekend, back into Buckeye territory, and I realized that yes, even when I had decided to attend Notre Dame in the spring, the Irish just didn't really feel like "my house." My room was empty, dust was collecting on the nightstand, and my car was bereft of the various newspapers, homework assignments and loose change that used to be there. I had this epiphany that life was going on there without me; my parents were still going to my sister's tennis matches, sitting in the rain during my brother's football game. I was still a part of things in a way, but I had more of a cameo role.

Watching the football game on Saturday night, I realized that just as my family continued on in their directions, I had found my own. I was the only one in my house to watch what many are calling the best comeback in recent Irish history; and for the first time, I can honestly say I felt the agony when the ball was at 31-14. I was elated during my brother's football game, sitting in the second half to come out with a football. I was still a part of things in a way, but I had more of a cameo role.

OFFBEAT

Burglars get severed head shock 

VIENNA — Burglars in Vienna spied for a speedy getaway after they found eight severed human heads when breaking into the basement of an apartment building, Austrian police said Friday. A dentist had stored the mummified heads, which he used for research, in a chest in the basement. Burglars stumbled upon the collection when they broke in, police said.

"The burglars were looking for loot when they discovered the heads," said a spokeswoman for Austrian police. "From what it looks like, they just left them lying and bolted away."

COURT says $32,000 is too much to fundo boom HESSELMINK — A fee of 25,500 euros (32,000) is too much for a woman to charge a man for fondling her bosom, a Finnish district court ruled. The court jailed a couple in their twenties for more than a year for charging a 74-year-old who suffered from dementia a total of 25,500 euros to enjoy the woman's breasts on 10 occasions.

"Based on general life experience alone, it is indisputably clear that a 25,500 euro charge is disproportionate to the compensation in question," Judge Haas Hakki, who heard the case, told Reuters Friday. But he said the court in Kokkola, about 300 miles north of Helsinki, would not decide "the proper financial value of the compensation." The retrial filed charges against the couple, who were convicted of extortionate overcharging, even though he told the court he paid the price willingly at the time.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

Patrick Francis Sullivan, S.J., will deliver a lecture entitled "Catholic Tradition and Traditions" today at 4 p.m. in room 102 DeBartolo Hall.

RecSports will offer a fitness room orientation workshop entitled "Exercise Basics: 101" tonight from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Rolfs SportsRec Center Fitness Room.

Pasquerrailla East Musical Company will hold auditions for "Ringtime," the musical tonight at 6:30 and tomorrow will be held in Pasquerrailla East Hall, and are open to all ND, SMC and HCC students.

Swing Club will host an open dance night tonight from 8 to 10 in the La Fortune Ballroom. This event is open to all ND, SMC and HCC students, staff and faculty free of charge.

Kellogg Institute Visiting Fellow Juliet Hooker will deliver her rehearsed lecture entitled "The Institutional Design of Multicultural Citizenship in Nicaragua: Effects on Afro-descendant & Indigenous Collective Identities and Political Attitudes" Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

University President Father John Jenkins' Annual Address to the Faculty will take place tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
Ancient bones given a new resting place

Cutting-edge research storage facilities crafted

They say with food, presentation is everything. But can the same be said of bones? Really old bones?

It can if they're the rare and valuable skeletal collections used for biochemical research at Notre Dame.

Housed in the Regenstein building on the northwest edge of campus, the bone collections used for anthropological research and analysis (including the anthropological research and of anthropology who specializes in the bone collections) used for biocultural research at Notre Dame.

Plastic bins stacked on shelves, the remains of 5th-century Byzantine world's oldest walled city, and the remains of 5th-century Byzantine monks have a new home and a new look: recently-installed, state-of-the-art drawers built into the walls of the lab.

"The new storage drawers allow us to lay out the bones in an organized fashion, so it's easy to find what you're looking for," said Sue Sheridan, associate professor of anthropology who specializes in biological anthropology. "It will reduce the damage accumulated over years of stacking the bones in boxes and having to unpack them each time to find a specific specimen."

Previously stored in labeled, plastic bins stacked on shelves, the bone collections were subject to repeated handling, unpacking and repacking — a pattern that could eventually take its toll on such fragile material.

"Now that we have so much more room, we can organize the bones by particular features," Sheridan noted.

"Therefore, if a student is doing a project on, say, arthritis of the knee, they can pull out the draw-

ers that contain distal femora and/or knee caps in them, and not disturb the bones that don't fit their study."

Though the bones are research specimens, they also are the remains of human beings and need to be studied and handled with the appropriate level of dignity, said Mark Schurr, chair of the anthropology department. The new storage facilities are a com-
miment to that as well.

Funded by the College of Arts and Letters, the storage space sur-
passes that found at major research institutions such as the Smithsonian, a clear demonstra-
tion of commitment to undergrad-

uated education and research.

For the past six summers, undergraduates from across the country have come to Notre Dame to conduct original research on the bones, a course funded by a National Science Foundation grant. Integrating information from natural, historical and arche-

ological records, students piece together biological clues from the bones to identify what certain pop-

culations ate, from what diseases they suffered, the kind of work they performed, and, in some cases, what violence befell them.

Butler speaks on race relations

Whites' denial of prejudice in the United States scrutinized

By SARA GARDNER

Dr. Shakti Butler, director of "Making Whiteness Visible," strove to create a space of conversation in a presentation and discussion of her documentary film on Wednesday, Sept. 20, in Vandein Vennel Theater.

Saint Mary's Office of Multicultural Affairs pre-

sented the event, which cap-
tured the voices of white arists as they talk with a pervasive prejudice that still plagues our country today.

"To be white in this coun-

try is to be encapsulated in this social (milieu), this realm that not only allows denial of the issue of racism but really mandates denial," said Tim Wise, one of the many faces trying to grip the "mirror of prejudice" in Butler's film.

In the documentary, each activist's story provides a live thread of mirrors, reflecting the state of denial within the white community.

A white woman who saw her high school classmate forced to act out racial stereotypes in a play and a white man wanting to help a child of "subject poverty" around his college campus were two such stories.

Then there was the white female teacher "who knew only one black author" when her students asked to read black poets.

"Here I am with a Theater/English degree," she said. "I could not [give them anything]."

Butler, the executive director World Trust Educational Services, Inc.

open the door to "trans-

formative learning" or being able to "notice embedded assumptions and work with them.

A multiracial woman of African-American, Arawak Indian and Russian-Jewish American mix, Butler spoke to students about her film through interactive partner

and group discussions. With "seeds of conversa-
tion," we can delve deeper in the full meaning of our environment, Butler said.

"If white people don't stand up, you are definitely going to have a hard time ever retaining anything ever remotely resembling a just community," Wise said in his final statement in the documentary.

Overall, Butler's message was a positive one.

"May you go forth and be curious of what you don't know," she said.

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2006 Opus Prize Notre Dame Student Award

The Opus Prize is a $1 million award given annually by the Opus Prize Foundation to an "unselfish hero working on the front lines of the most dire social problems of our day.

The recipient is an individual whose faith-based, entrepreneurial leadership helps people transform their lives. In conjunction with this award, the University of Notre Dame will select a student to receive a $5,000 award to be donated to an organization that he or she has founded.

The Office of the President of the University of Notre Dame is seeking nominations for the concurrent student award. We seek nominations of any current student committed to the values of social entrepreneurship, transformational leadership, self-sufficiency, faith, and service to others, and who has developed an organization based on these values.

Nomination forms can be picked up at the Office of the President (400 Main Building) or at the Center for Social Concerns.

Please return completed nominations by

October 2, 2006, to:

The Office of the President

Attn: Opus Prize Review Committee
400 Main Building
Notre Dame, IN 46556

The University of Notre Dame, on behalf of the Opus Prize Foundation, will award the 2006 Opus Prize on November 8.

The student prize will also be awarded at that time.
**MCAT**

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Administrated about 75,000 times by AAMC, the MCAT is the only test that students are not familiar with computerized exams.

"When we surveyed about 3,000 potential test takers ... eight percent said they do not want a college exam on the computer before," he said.

The AAMC is offering students realistic practice on the computers before their test date is key, Foster and Mustafa said.

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Severe storms, flooding kill 11

Power and phone outages, evacuations follow heavy rain in Midwest and South

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Stormy weather blamed for 11 deaths in the West and South subsided on Sunday, though residents in some states still faced flooding and severe thunderstorms.

"It looks like everything's kind of quieting down, and things are being handled on the local level right now," said Buddy Rogers, a spokesman for the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management in Frankfort.

The storms that hit parts of Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee on Saturday stranded people in cars, forced others from their homes and left thousands without power.

"The death toll in Kentucky reached eight, including a father and his 1-year-old daughter in a truck that skidded into floodwaters in Arkansas," said Trish Erzfeld, a spokesman for the Kentucky Emergency Management Agency in Frankfort.

In the southern Illinois' Williamson County, authorities said two people died during the "Emergency Vote Summit" conference were "foully tongue-in-check.

"If I certainly hope that Hillary is the candidate," Falwell said at a breakfast session in Washington. "I hope she's the candidate, because nothing will energize my vote as technically as Hillary Clinton." He added that he "wouldn't vote for her."

Slain children's remains recovered

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. — Preliminary autopsies show that three children of the woman slain in a fetus theft case were drowned, the coroner told The Associated Press on Sunday.

The bodies of the children, ages 7, 2, and 1, were found Saturday decomposing inside the washer and dryer of their apartment, hours after a woman was charged with killing their pregnant mother and her fetus.

Autopsies on Sunday showed no signs of physical abuse or trauma on the children, and toxicology tests were pending.

LOCAL NEWS

Court will hear cop killer's appeal

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Supreme Court has agreed to hear the appeal of a man sentenced to life in prison for the 1998 killing of a Goshen police officer.

If his appeal wins, the five justices could face a sentence of 45 to 65 years in prison, rather than the current life term he's serving for murder and attempted murder.

"If the state and the police were capable of protecting a 6-year-old child from the killing of a Goshen police officer," Chief Circuit Court Judge Gene Duffin sentenced Salyers in 2005 to life in prison. The sentencing came June 1/2 years after Salyers shot and killed Goshen Patrolman Thomas Goodwin.

Trish Endrid carries a piece of bedroom furniture to an awaiting truck as she helps family members salvage items from their storm-damaged home in Crosstown, Mo., Sept. 23.

"I was scared to death," he said. "It was spooky down there. The river turned into a mile-wide river there."

Elsewhere, a tornado touched down Saturday night in Kent County in western Michigan, peeling off the roof of a barn, overturning vehicles and damaging businesses, according to the weather service. No injuries were reported.

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### Game

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freshman Jim Murphy said.

For Murphy, who was in attendance, the most satisfying moment of the day was "seeing the players faces as they came over to sing the Alma Mater." He noted that in the short time that players were at the water stations, "I was amazed at how many students made the trip through the line."

"I wandered to LaFortune and heard the raucous crowd that surrounded the fountain and could not resist the impulse to join in the celebration."

Josh Garrett fresman

Notre Dame Security Police officers were "monitoring the celebration at Stonehenge but made no arrests," Associate Director of Notre Dame Security/Police Phil Johnson said. 

NDSP was present during the race and not on the campus. The team was greeted as a group of runners as they arrived at the Guglielmino Athletics Complex in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Freshman Rob Jones described the event as "electric and a great way to finish off a great week." We all lined up to cheer for them, and even though they looked exhausted, many reflected in the victory and showed their appreciation," he said.

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### Mural

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After being rediscovered by hall staff last year in a storage closet, the Greger mural was restored and moved into a second floor study lounge.

St. Edward's Rector Father Ralph Haag, who led the administration felt it had to preserve the mural, which once stood as a backdrop of a stag on the second floor, because it was so historically rich.

The room housing the mural is being turned into an air-conditioned study room, which "isn't quite finished," Haag said.

"The hall will formally open the room as part of the celebration of Founder's Week during the week of October 22. Haag said he is unsure of the mural's worth. "The mural is a great source of pride for the gentlemen of St. Ed's,"

Laiget Gregori, an Italian painter who lived from 1819 to 1896, also painted the murals in the Main Building.

The mural in St. Ed's depicts Father Sorin performing a wedding ceremony for the local Potawatomi Indians. The top of the mural reads, "How can you put a price tag on Notre Dame history?"

Father Ralph Haag rector St. Edward's Hall

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### Run

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three-mile run drew the highest number of participants, and female undergraduate students had the highest overall representation at the event.

Freshman Michael Rose was the overall and men's undergraduate winner in the six-mile run with a time of 17:31.

Senior Josh Garrett was the overall undergraduate winner in the three-mile run with a time of 17:31.

Olenka Bilyk won the women's undergraduate division with a time of 21:41.

Dan McGrath, a graduate student, was the overall winner in the six-mile run with a time of 1:19:20. Senior Jen Richard was the first woman to cross the finish line in the six-mile run with a time of 39:48.

Weber said the Dome Run Committee, including members of RecSports, the Alumni Association and the Women's Task Force — as well as other volunteers — helped to staff the event.

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American mythology is littered with far more than its fair share of bad heroes. Woodrow Wilson was a total jerk. Thomas Jefferson is a hypocritical slave-owner. Ben Franklin went to bed early and so on. George Washington, an abysmal military strategist, by the way, is lauded for giving the guys to sleep up to a chopper down a tree. What could possibly make a worse case for heroes? I'll tell you. Someone who is single-handedly responsible for some of the worst environmental crimes in America’s history. An ecological serial killer, a deranged, misguided vigilante. Someone who not only killed loads of cherry trees, but didn’t even leave the guys to sleep up to it.

That’s right; I’m talking about one of the greatest villains of all time, Johnny Appleseed. Johnny Appleseed was an eco-terrorist. Apple trees are an invasive species. When you go around spreading apple seeds all over the place, willy-nilly, with no regard for nature’s balance, the apples take over, wiping out weaker species and making entire forest systems dull and same-looking. However much you may like apples and apple trees, they wreak havoc on our biodiversity. For shame! In Mother Nature’s eyes, apple trees are weeds. Poison weeds!

I’m making no idle point here. This is not for fun. This is serious. When I was enjoying grades kindergarten through third. I learned about Johnny Appleseed over and over. Electricity for a moment the thousands of beautiful things I could have been learning about and focus instead on the direct damage caused by that particular story. Are our children supposed to grow up to think nature is theirs to mess with and shape as they please, with no regard for nature’s careful balances? Are our children supposed to look up to this Johnny “Osama litte-Appleseed” eco-terrorist? Is that what we want?

I see two possible paths for the children of our great country. As a society, we can raise children who want to grow up to be doctors, lawyers, sanitation workers, receptionists, psychologists, psychiatrists and Chief Logisticare tall week executives. Or we can raise an entire generation of people who want to graduate college, then start off on a long hiking trip with nothing but the shirts on their backs and a hoptup sack full of the seeds of invasive species. Should we really fill up those supposed American pipeline-dreams, letting them think the path to fame, fortune, success and the like is paved with apple seeds? Or do we want them working hard and honestly proceeding? I guess we need some sort of historical pantheon, a large group of important figures for us to emulate and look up to. So if Johnny Appleseed goes, we should probably replace him.

I’m sorry for the ideal replacement historical figure is within our grasp, assuming our fingers are big enough. Have Thomas, the founder of Wendy’s Restaurants. Is clearly the man for the job. First of all, he’s dead, as all good heroes should be. But his heroic corpse is still warm, so to speak, making him “hip” and “fresh” like fast food, but not edible like fast food. His hipness stands in direct contrast to Johnny Rottenseed’s lack of hipness. Obama litte-Hippieseed, though he still stood a dangerous chance of making kids think terrorism was cool, is a defi­nitely old hat. Everyone knows you can’t “fake” America anymore, you’re just beat up, averaged or beaten.

Secondly, it’s fair to replace Johnny “I ain’t Appleseed” with Thomas, because they both did somewhat similar things.
Notre Dame football comes back

Team shows class

Unless you have been living under a rock, you have heard of the affront that took place on the fifty yard line of Notre Dame Stadium after the MSU loss last year. You couldn’t miss it; it was all over the media. What happened after this weekend’s game, however, appears to have missed the media’s radar altogether. Immediately after the amazing Irish comeback, even before even shaking the ‘Notre Dame players’ hands, three of the larger Spartan players took guard at their 50-yard line. They remained in position while their teammates shuffled into the locker room, through the Irish Alma Mater, and did not retreat until every Irish player had left the field. Sparty, State’s plush, pseudo-muscular mascot, even took a knee behind the guard’s protection and kissed the 50 as if to say, “win or lose, at least we can protect our field.” My question in this: how little class can a football team have? They obviously demonstrated their lack thereof at the end of last year’s match, but to assume that we would show a similar lack of respect for our program and players is just insulting. Every sane Irish fan knew that no Irish player would even entertain the thought of planting flags. The antics before and after a game only detract from the sportsmanship displayed during play. The simple truth is our team doesn’t want to disrespect our opponents’ university, fans, or team; we know the game is over at the end of the fourth quarter. Gloating has no place in a well-disciplined football team. Notre Dame football is a class act and I am proud to call them my team — thanks Charlie. Oh, and thanks, Cory, for the tickets.

Joshua Mengers
South Bend
Sept. 24

What makes Notre Dame special

As a nearly 30 year alumna of the University, I always enjoy returning to campus for a visit. I was somewhat saddened, however, during my most recent visit for the ND-Penn State game. I was saddened because I only obtained tickets to the game (although I sent for nine different sets of tickets through my application and those of my sister and my son, I received none) through the kindness of a fellow alum who is able to be much more generous to the University than I can. I was saddened because I had to walk over a mile and a half to get to the stadium, because I don’t donate enough to qualify for the parking bestowed upon those who give the big bucks. I was saddened because the butte little University I remember from 30 years ago seems to be suddenly caught up in a big dollar glitz of self-importance. Thus my sadness brings some advice for you future alumni. If you enjoy the Notre Dame football experience you’ve had for the last few years and hope to continue it upon graduation, go for the big money jobs. Apparently, it’s only through large donations that one is considered worthy of receiving football tickets and Joyce Center or Blue Field parking. I didn’t know by choosing to be an inner-city elementary teacher that I would be forfeiting my Notre Dame football “privileges.” I thought I was choosing a career befitting a University that prides itself on service. Perhaps I was wrong.

Sue Grant
alumna class of 1977
Sept. 24

Give credit to marching band

Give due credit of last Saturday’s win to the Notre Dame marching band. We sat across from them on the press box side of the field. They had to stand on the sideline the entire game, and they played their hearts out in the last eight minutes of that game when Michigan State imploded. They made the noise of 30,000 screaming Irish fans every time the Spartans tried to run plays from deep in their own territory late in the game. I don’t think that Notre Dame would have won the game without them. I am told that the Michigan State game was their only scheduled road game. If this is true, it is a shame. The University should consider giving the money to send them on the road every time we play a quality opponent.

Thomas D. Drake
alumna class of 1974
Sept. 24

Character counts

I was a guest on your campus for an extended weekend and attended the Michigan game. At age 57, it was my first opportunity to experience the Notre Dame campus and interact with the students. At first, I was impressed at how warmly I was greeted by the students walking on campus. Everyone I passed greeted me with a ‘Hi’ or ‘Glad you’re here.’ I stopped at Sorin to get an idea of what your dorms looked like, and not only was invited in to take a look, but was also invited to view other rooms with all kinds of unique configurations to enhance the small amount of space available. I was amazed to see all the families that roamed campus, with small children, dressed in their Notre Dame blue and gold, soaking it all up. Nothing prepared me for what I saw at the game. No, not the disappointing loss, but rather the fact that the student body stood throughout the game and was still there, at the end of the game, to support the team. I’ve never seen anything like it. I’ve never seen a more impressive sight at a football game, and I’ve been to a lot of football games. Never have I seen more character displayed by a group of students. I know that I wasn’t the only fan to notice this as I understand that there was a recruit that committed to the University for that very same reason. I read, with disappointment, that a number of seniors decided to skip out before the game’s end and are now trying to justify their actions. Sorry, seniors, there is no justification for your decision to leave. Surprising to me is how you made it through all that time at ND and and don’t understand the concepts of loyalty, character, and tradition. I was on the campus for four days and figured it out immediately. I was standing there at the end. Where were you?

Mark Schwartz
Scottsdale, Ariz.
Sept. 23
The familiar phrase, “Make it work, people!” has become the mantra of Bravo’s “Project Runway,” the fashion world’s take on the reality television phenomenon. Taking a page from the “Survivor” handbook — but with a slight change in attire — “Project Runway” is a glossy, glitzy and grungy look at the inner workings of the world of fashion through the eyes of 16 designer contestants. The show’s uniqueness lies in the format built on simplicity. Weekly episodes chronicle various challenges ranging from splitting clothes from binned furnishings to constructing window displays at Sixth Avenue — in which the designers must work with their minds, hands and sewing machines to succeed. Each season culminates in the final contestants showing their collections at Olympus Fashion Week in New York.

The program is hosted by Heidi Klum, the famous German model known for her work with lingerie line Victoria’s Secret. Klum is the show’s anchor, relaying challenges to contestants and delivering the fatal blow to the unfortunate designer who loses each project. Despite the show’s popularity to be overly blatant, as well as her mysteriously-perpetual state of pregnancy, Klum is a vital ingredient in the “Project Runway” formula for success.

The contestants must face evaluation from a trio of judges. The first is well-known designer Michael Kors, whose sense of style and sharp humor lends the show a sense of humor; Nina Garcia, fashion editor of Elle Magazine, is the second judge, and her personal aesthetic sense often comes in conflict with those of the show’s contestants. A rotating celebrity judge rounds out the trio. Past judges include wedding gown designer and design icon Vera Wang and Nancy O’Dell of television talk show “Access Hollywood.” All the while, Klum moderates with typical German efficiency, personal composition, and an “Auf Weidersusen” at each episode’s conclusion.

The true star of “Runway,” however, is Tim Gunn, chairman of the fashion design department of the Parsons School of Design in New York City and surrogate den mother to the show’s contestants. Gunn’s deliciously dry sense of humor and deadpanned manner accentuate his blunt but heartfelt insights into the errors and shortcomings of these “students.”

It is Gunn who coined the show’s signature phrase, “Make it work, people!” His no-nonsense sense of style and function carries throughout the show, and he has become both the show’s centering personality and the target of much fan affection.

The appeal of “Runway” to women and men seems to lie in both the sense of style and the high style that pervades the show’s aesthetic and in the behind-the-scenes, “fly on the wall” mentality of the viewers that watch. It is a rare look behind the clothing racks and high-end boutiques, taking viewers into the depths of fashion’s most basic and mysterious origins.

“Project Runway” succeeds because it brings the public into the secret club of fashion,” said Robin Givhan of the Washington Post in a recent article. “It is pure entertainment, of course: no Seventh Avenue designers are making evening gowns out of materials found at the local recycling plant — although a few are coming close. The audience correctly senses that it is learning a little something about the way the fashion industry works.”

The first season of “Project Runway,” airing originally in 2004, introduced America to the format and concept of blending high fashion with reality television. That season gave the world such memorable characters as Austin Scarlett, a fantastically over the top designer who now works on wedding gowns, and season one winner Jay McCarroll, whose left-of-center sense of design and fun, funky style won him accolades in both the show and the New York world at Olympus Fashion Week that year.

Season two took the extremity of personalities of the preceding season and doubled them, introducing audiences to Santino, a designer whose unconventional talent was matched only by his ego, and fan-favorite Daniel Vosovic, a contestant whose appearance that season was his second on the show, having lost earlier in the first season. Season two included such challenges as designing a party dress for socialite Nikki Hilton, as well as an evening gown for awards show commentator Nancy O’Dell.

Where “Project Runway” succeeds most is in the relationships between and development of its characters. Each designer, even in the earliest episodes has a story to tell and a style to emulate and espouse. Relationships between designers can range from friendly camaraderie to fierce clashes; as seen in the adverse nature of Jay McCarroll’s and Wendy Pepper’s professional rivalry, it is the nature of the show to be nothing if not a difficult, challenging competition, and as the stakes rise, so do the contestants’ tempers.

At the end of each episode, however, audiences are left with more than just character studies and pretty clothes. “Project Runway” is a fascinating look at an industry whose seaminess underbelly often remains hidden from the public eye. By using the format of competition to highlight the secrets of the fashion world, Bravo has found a long-lasting hit.

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Heidi Klum, left, hosts the reality hit, “Project Runway.” Tim Gunn serves as the contestants’ guardian angel, listening to their problems and dishing out advice.

The season three cast celebrates its reunion last night. The contestants will be eliminated one by one until only one remains.
By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

EAST LANSING, Mich. — It looked hopeless for No. 12 Notre Dame on a stormy Saturday night in East Lansing.

Trailing Michigan State 37-21 halfway through the fourth quarter, the Irish (3-1) mounted a furious comeback to beat the Spartans 40-37, culminating in a 26-yard interception return for a touchdown by junior cornerback Terrail Lambert with just under three minutes to play.

"Right now it's a pretty high hill," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "This one's a tough one to beat because this game meant a lot to us, and I'm proud of the players and the coaches."

It was the largest fourth-quarter comeback for Notre Dame since Joe Montana brought the Irish back from a 34-12 deficit with seven minutes left in the 1979 Cotton Bowl against Houston.

Michigan State tailbacks Jehuu Caulkett and Jason Rain combined for 187 yards on the ground. 114 of them in the second half as the Spartans wore down a tired Irish defense. But it was a pass on third-and-three deep in Spartan territory that lost the game for Michigan State (3-1).

After Demond Williams took a short snap and called a timeout on the 2-yard line, the Michigan State offensive line fell apart and an overloaded Irish defense was able to get a stop. That was the turning point in the game.

"I watched film and I knew that the receiver, nine times out of ten, would have been going inside, and that's what he did. I wasn't happy to be in the right spot," Lambert said.

The comeback began with 8:18 left in the fourth period with a five-play, 80-yard drive that included a tipped pass that Irish tight end John Carlson caught for a 32-yard gain and a short pass from quarterback Brady Quinn that wide receiver Jeff Samardzija fumbled on the loose ball and the Irish, aided by a pass interference penalty, scored in three plays — the last of which was a 14-yard pass from Quinn to wide receiver Bhma McKnight. Irish kicker Carl Goria missed the extra point, but Notre Dame was suddenly within a single score at 37-27.

"I fumbled the ball on that option play and that really put us in a bad position," Stanton said.

The Spartans had one last chance after Lambert's interception to get into field goal range and moved the ball to the Notre Dame 45. But with 24 seconds left, Stanton's pass was tipped by Irish cornerback Mike Richardson and landed on the back of a fallen Michigan State receiver.

Lambert grabbed the ball before it hit the ground, and the clock ran out on the Spartans' chances, giving the Irish a 40-37 win.

"I'm so proud of our kids," Michigan State coach John Smith said. "I thought they played with heart and played with emotion. We have to make better calls and better plays." Quinn completed 20-of-36 passes for 319 yards, his highest yardage output of the season, with five touchdowns — two each to Samardzija and McKnight and one to Carlson. Stanton was 10-of-22 passing for 114 yards with two touchdowns and an interception. He also contributed 53 yards to a Spartan rushing attack that tore up the Irish front seven for 243 yards.

Notre Dame's rushing attack struggled for the third consecutive game, netting only 47 yards, all of them coming from running back Darius Walker's 11 carries.

Michigan State opened a 17-0 lead by the end of the first quarter on a touchdown pass from Stanton to Kerry Reed, a wide receiver pass from Matt Trzonek to halfback Javon Ringer and a 32-yard field goal by Brett Swenson.

Notre Dame went on the scoreboard on its first possession of the second quarter. Irish coach Charlie Weis switched to a no-huddle offense that worked to the tune of a five-play, 60-yard drive capped off by a 22-yard touchdown pass from Quinn to McKnight.

"The Spartans didn't allow the Irish to keep the momentum, however. After pinning Notre Dame at its own 15, linebacker Ervin Baldwin intercepted a pass from Quinn and dashed into the end zone for a 24-7 lead.

Notre Dame bounced right back on the next drive, going 72 yards in seven plays and scoring on a quick pass that Samardzija took down the sideline for the score. The key play on the drive was a 27-yard pass from Quinn to tight end John Carlson on a fourth and one from the Notre Dame 37.

Spartan return man Donovan Williams returned the kick to the 40 and Michigan State marched down the field for a score on another pass from Stanton to Reed for a 31-14 lead.

The Irish got a spark to start the third quarter. After forcing the Spartans into a 3-and-out on the first possession of the second half, Quinn hit Carlson for a 62-yard touchdown to cut the lead to 10.

Notre Dame ball back after a short punt by senior Brandon Fields, but only gained two yards and punted on a fourth down pass.

The Spartans took the ball at their own 61 yards the other way solely on running plays to go up 37-21 with 5:50 left in the third quarter. The snap flew out of Fields' hands on the extra point to keep the lead at 10.

Four possessions later, Quinn led the Irish on the 80-yard game-winning drive to begin the comeback.

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Irish overcome 16-point fourth-quarter deficit to win at Spartan Stadium

Irish come back Terrail Lambert, left, gets a block from safety Tom Zbikowski on his way to the end zone to put Notre Dame ahead 40-37 and cap a 16-point fourth-quarter comeback.

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**player of the game**
Terrail Lambert

Irish cornerback made two fourth-quarter interceptions, returning one for a touchdown to give Notre Dame the lead for good.

**stat of the game**
16 Points Notre Dame trailed by at the end of the third quarter. The fourth-quarter comeback was the biggest for the Irish since 1979.

**play of the game**
Terrail Lambert's interception return

The defensive back's interception return for a touchdown with less than three minutes to play gave Notre Dame the win.

**quote of the game**
"I think the players started to realize at halftime that the season was falling out of their hands."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach
Charlie Weis chose to go toward the students and band in the fourth quarter.

The Irish faithful, and he
chose right.

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Fourth quarter deficit overcome by the Irish, the
largest since Notre Dame came back
down 34-12 in the 1979 Cotton Bowl.

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Second half Saturday, both to Matt Trannon.

They did, and Weis' strategy
worked.

“It figured if we were going to win the
game, it was going to be in the
fourth quarter, and I wanted to be in
front of our fans,” he said.

Weis got his wish.

Brady Quinn’s touchdown pass to
Jeff Samardzija with 8:18 left started
it all — in Weis’ chosen end zone, beneath the screams and shrills of
the Irish mob.

Then, with 7:10 left and Notre Dame
denoise permeating the air,
Ndakwe’s strip of Stanton and fumble
deep recovery deep in Michigan State
territory kept alive a comeback unri-
valled in recent Irish lore. The fourth
quarter turnaround Weis dreamed of
when he chose to play into the wind
was coming true.

“You actually have to think about
those things,” Weis said of the deci-
sion to go toward the band.

Weis and the Irish once again used
that noise with less than five min-
dutes left in the game after Michigan
State return man Demond Williams
took a knee on the kickoff that fol-
lowed Brady Quinn’s touchdown
pass to Rhema McKnight.

The Spartans ran onto the field to
start from their own 12-yard line.
They were met with an “Imperial
March” and an Irish awakening.

In the press box, all the way across
the stadium and eight levels high
behind a sheet of glass, the Notre
Dame band drowned out the
Michigan State winds that
played 100 yards closer. In fact, they
did that throughout the fourth
quarter.

“That’s not a loud stadium,” Weis
said. “And we didn’t have that many
fans there, but the ones we did were
making some noise.”

Before Drew Stanton could get into
the huddle, Tom Zbikowski was
jumping up and down, pointing at
the band and students in the north-
east corner of the stadium.

“We had a lot of fans down here ...
but we didn’t want them to leave
with a loss,” Zbikowski said.

So to help the cause, the senior
safety started begging for away
advantage in East Lansing.

He got it.

Ams in unison, the band began
with its trademark Star Wars song,
and Chimedum Ndakwe laid a crucial
hit seven yards downfield on Jason
Ringer that brought second-and-
three.

Then it was Travis Thomas
screaming at the Notre Dame defen-
sive linemen and then raising his
hands towards that northeast corner
and the Irish band in the middle
of the Celtic Chant.

“Well we were just trying to get every-
body into it and keep the intensity
up, and it paid off,” Thomas said.

“That emotion kind of makes you
catch your second wind. Football is
a game of emotions, and when you
play flat, I don’t think you play well.
... With the crowd getting into it,
what people we had here, it really
helped out a lot.”

Weis testified to Thomas’ comment
that Notre Dame needed the second
wind late in the fourth. After the
defense spent nearly nine of the first
12 minutes of the final quarter on
the field, Weis said, they were close
to wearing down.

“Oh on the way home, I can tell you
there was a lot of sleeping going on,”
Weis said. “It wasn’t like there was a
ravenous bus .... I think everyone left
it on the field yesterday.”

Thomas said whatever he had left
was at least buoyed by the positives
of the offense clicking and the stu-
dents roaring in the stands.

He took that extra energy and
stuffed Stanton at the line to force
third and three.

Then Notre Dame’s defense went
back to the well that refreshed them
twice before. As Michigan State ran
to the line, Zbikowski, Thomas and
cornerback Mike Richardson
screamed at each other with arms
raised to pump up the Irish crowd
already engulled in another
“Imperial March.”

By the time the play was over, the
Irish defense had given the crowd
a whole lot more to cheer about as
cornerback Terrail Lambert inter-
cepted an errant Stanton pass and
brought it back 26 yards to give his
team the lead.

Without the Notre Dame band and
students, the Irish likely wouldn’t
have come back from a 16-point
deficit in the fourth quarter, pro-
pelled by three forced turnovers.

As ABC cut to Weis before his post-
game television interview, he yelled
to someone, “Get them over by the
band.”

He had good reason.

And now, Athletic Director Kevin
White has good reason to visit with
Notre Dame Director of Bands
Kenneth Dye so the two can figure
out how to get the band to some-
more away games.

They’d certainly have Weis’ sup-
port.

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umn are those of the author and not
necessarily those of The Observer.

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Weis takes hits in sideline altercation
Coach not sure who struck blow in melee following Ndukwe's hard tackle near ND bench

By CHRIS KOREY
Assistant Sports Editor

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Notre Dame linebacker Mike Burns pointed to his face, and said, "Mike Weis has never hit me in the face." Burns meant it as a compliment.

In the second quarter, Spartan quarterback Drew Stanton was sacked out of the pocket by Charlie Weis, and the Irish defense came away with a safety.

"I knew where he was," Weis said of his hit. "Thankfully he's got more common sense than an old man. He was out of the way."
Season saved

With nothing less to lose than a season that began with national title hopes, Notre Dame found itself down 16 midway through the fourth quarter. Brady Quinn and his receivers came up huge for the Irish offense, but Chinedum Ndukwe and Terrail Lambert came up even bigger for the defense. When the game clock ran out on Michigan State’s upset bid, the Irish sprinted to the Notre Dame band and celebrated one of the most emotional victories in team history.
THE FINAL CONTESTANTS

With the Oct. 11 finale approaching fast, only four "Project Runway" contestants remain. Their path to New York's Olympus Fashion Week has been exhausting, but absolutely beautiful. The remaining four designers have four different inspirations that have produced four very different styles.

Michael
Michael Knight, 28, is the show's most consistent designer, not once landing in the bottom three in any of the challenges (although he came close in the couture challenge). However, when it comes to Michael, consistency does not equal boring. The hip-hop inspired designer from Atlanta, Ga., knows how to bring out the curves in a woman's body, even if he's making a dress out of coffee filters.

Michael proved from that very long coffee filter dress that he was someone to watch, even though it took the judges until Episode 2 to give Michael his first win. He clearly displays his stature as a designer this week after week. He can now add "competition-winning hot pants" to an hour or so of creating a stunning ensemble from everyday materials in one day. His design this week is absolutely adorable.

Michael's biggest competition has been Jeffrey, who has bested him twice already. If Michael can maintain his consistency without falling into boring or predictable, then he can beat Jeffrey once and for all.

Jeffrey
If Jeffrey Sebelia's tattooed neck isn't distracting enough, then it's his superior and bitter attitude toward the other designers. The 36-year-old from Los Angeles, Calif. has taken extreme pleasure in provoking crazy, rosette-loving Laura and even being rude to his mentor. However, the designer has a flair for LA, rock-inspired designs and has used them to win two challenges in a row. The question is whether or not that is all Jeffrey can do. He has dressed celebrites before, but after his disastrous garment from the black and white challenge, his taste is once again called into question. His execution remains缺乏, but his bird designs have landed him in the bottom three too many times.

If Jeffrey proves to be a rock star and no competition then chances of winning the competition will diminish. However, Jeffrey never plays it safe and the judges admire him for that. If he can incorporate his rock star glam without going over-the-top, then he could pull the surprise upset over Michael.

Laura
Laura Benet, mother of five, stunned the "Project Runway" world and her mother-in-law when she announced in Episode 7 that her sixth child was on the way. Florence took a toll on the 43-year-old architect during the black and white challenge of Episode 10. However, she gave the challenge that she had and pulled off her first victory with a youthful and classic black and white dress that departed from her sometimes

Laura's design style is classic and fresh — she clearly designs for herself. The designer has been in hot water over the last few challenges for not only designing pieces that were relatively similar, but that also looked too old. Laura would indeed wear the clothes she designs, but she needs to prove that she can be more innovative and youthful. As the only one not afraid to talk back to Jeffrey's singling remarks, Laura has been one of the show's entertaining, above-average designers of the competition.

Uli
Uli Hornz is from Miami Beach and each one of her pieces speaks to her bitten style. Her plunging neckline, empire-waisted halter dresses with flowing skirts appear in her designs week after week, and the judges are starting to lose of it. During the 4th-setter challenge of Episode 8, she was criticized for wearing a garment that was so Miami-inspired it wouldn't sell well in the rest of the world. However, Uli has a remarkable talent for combining fabrics and colored patterns that anyone else would have turned into a train wreck.

The 35-year-old German-born stylist hails from a challenge since Episodes 3. Although she was perhaps robbed when Jeffrey won Episode 9's couture challenge, Uli's star is beginning to fade after she received a particular beating in the last episode's black and white challenge. If she can prove she can create something not likely to be worn in Miami, then she can gain some steam. However, Uli may be too late to catch up with competition favorites Michael and Jeffrey.

The Final Countdown
The contest is far from over and the ultimate winner remains unclear. All contestants have differing strengths and weaknesses, and it is up to them to carefully navigate their abilities. Michael and Jeffrey currently stand out as favorites, and if Laura and Uli continue to impress the men will certainly pull ahead. Fashion Week is over, but we have plenty of time yet for a thrilling finish to a fascinating third season.

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THE OBSERVER

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**Patterson's recovery leads Philadelphia to victory**

Fare throws 400th touchdown pass in Green Bay triumph

Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Mike Patterson simply followed one of football's oldest rules: Keep play­­ing until you hear the whistle.

About 98 yards after he started running with a loose ball no one seemed to want, the 292-pound defensive lineman was begging for that whistle.

Wheezing, wincing and finally wailing, Patterson still crossed the opposite goal line with the stunning fumble return that helped the Philadelphia Eagles head home with a 38-24 victory over the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday.

Brian Westbrook rushed for 117 yards and two touchdowns, also catching a scoring pass from Donovan McNabb, who passed for 296 yards but Patterson remained unbeaten by rallying for a win over the Cleveland Browns, who were one play away from their first win.

Stover's 12th career game-win­ning kick came after Ravens cor­nerback Chris McAlister inter­cepted a pass by Charlie Frye in the end zone with 3:21 left, and the Browns 0-31 were threatening.

Baltimore's Steve McNair went 6-of-9 for 52 yards to set up the 38-yard Stover, who spent five years in Cleveland but left in 1995 when owner Art Modell moved the franchise to Maryland.

As the kick by Stover, the only former Browns player still on an NFL roster, restored the Ravens' bench celebrated in while Cleveland fans bemoaned ano­ther tough loss.

"It means a lot," said Stover, who also made kicks of 32 and 43 yards. "The Browns are a long, long family. When I hit it, it was money — right down the middle."

Cleveland led 14-3 going into the fourth, and was on the verge of an upset when Baltimore's defense came up big.

**St. Louis 16, Arizona 14**

In a game filled with turnovers, the last one went to St. Louis and so did the victory.

Xavier Rhodes, who threw three interceptions, fumbled a snap at the Rams 18 with 1:46 to play to allow Willi Speegle to recover the ball to allow St. Louis to hold on to beat the Arizona Cardinals Sunday.

The Cardinals' Antonio Smith recovered Rams quarterback Marc Bulger's fumble at the St. Louis 30 with 1:58 to play and Fedderson James carried twice, once to the 18. But Warner fumbled Alex Seanpiont snap and Willie Spangle jumped on the ball for St. Louis (2-1).

It was a fluky end for a game that featured six turnovers, four by the Cardinals.

One of Warner's interceptions came against the Rams at the Rams 13, another at the St. Louis 1.

Bulger was 21-of-31 for 309 yards and one touchdown with no interceptions, and Warner was 19-28 for 256 yards and two errors.

Torry Holt caught eight passes for 120 yards, including a yard-line for St. Louis' touch­down. Anquan Boldin had 10 receptions for 129 yards for Arizona.

Down 16-7, the Cardinals (1-2) went 87 yards in 16 plays, using up 8:24 of the fourth quarter to cut the lead to 16-14 on James' 6-yard touchdown run with 4:13 to play. The drive included a 7-yard pass from Warner to Fitzgerald on fourth-and-5 from the Rams 38.

James had his best game since coming to Arizona, gaining 94 yards in 24 carries.

It wasn't enough.

"Guilt, inadequacy or not, all three of Warner's interceptions came after he took a helmet-to-helmet hit from Wilhite Spangle.

**Green Bay 31, Detroit 24**

Brett Favre spritved toward the end zone, signaled touchdown and then pumped his right fist.

The 36-year-old quarterback had just become the second player in NFL history to throw career touchdown passes.

He added two more scores to lead the Green Bay Packers to a 31-24 win over the Detroit Lions Sunday for their first victory of the season.

Favre said he felt like a kid while celebrating after each TD, bouncing on his toes and leaping into teammates' arms, but his body quickly reminded him that he's not.

"I've got to stop doing that because I get so tired," said Favre, who turns 37 next month.

"I have to be smarter," Mike McCarthy said, 'Great job, but you have to quit running around like that,'" because I couldn't talk to him. I couldn't breathe.

"I was able to recover a lot easier back in the day, but there's nothing like throwing 94 yards in 24 carries."

Favre would know.

With his first TD pass of the game — a 75-yarder to Greg Jennings — Favre joined Hall of Famer Dan Marino as the only quarterbacks to reach 400 touch­down passes. Marino has 420.

"We needed a win a lot more than I needed 400 touchdown passes," the three-time MVP said.

While the Lions 0-3 lost without new coach Rod Marinelli, they had their chances in the fourth quarter — just as they did in the season-opening loss to Seattle.

"We were close," Marinelli said.

**Seattle 42, NY Giants 30**

The Giants wanted to take Seattle's roarin', allegedly cocky offense to the cleaners early. Plunging into the deepest first-half hole in their history probably wasn't what New York had in mind.

Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck threw five touchdown passes — four in the first half. Meanwhile, Eli Manning had three interceptions, the Giants were way behind early and never caught up in a low Sunday.

The rout was so quick, so deci­sive, it reminded the incessant roarin' of a Quest Field-record crowd of 66,161 most — but not mute. The fans were mostly mocking the stunned visitors by the end of the third quarter, after the Seahawks completed an 17-play drive that ended with Darrell Jackson's second touch­down catch for a 42-3 lead.

The Seahawks won their 12th consecutive regular-season game to become 3-0 for the third time in four seasons. They finally felt good about their previously spotty offense, thanks to a lacing by Detion Branch's debut.

Seattle's Super Bowl MVP caught two passes for 23 yards and ran a reverse away for 34 yards, and was part of the Seahawks' new, four-receiver receiv­er scheme, an offensive makeovers during the relatively few important parts.

The Giants (1-2) just plain lost.
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GOLF

The European Ryder Cup team celebrates its victory over the United States at the closing ceremonies in Stratten, Ireland Sunday. Europe defeated the United States by nine points.

Europe takes third straight Ryder Cup

Associated Press

STRAFFAN, Ireland — Even after the skies cleared over Ireland, it kept right on pouring.

First came the tears of Darren Clarke, the inspiration of this Ryder Cup, and then a shower of champagne as the Europeans celebrated another romp. Ian Woosnam popped the cork off the first bottle, dousing his team on the 18th green and later drinking it so quickly that it shot up his nose. Clarke toasted the delirious Irish crowd by gulping a pint of Guinness from a balcony and raising the empty glass like a trophy.

Ven Tiger Woods getting to pick his partner and finishing with a winning record for the first time in the Ryder Cup, it still didn’t change the outcome from two years ago.

Europe 18 1/2, United States 9 1/2.

There’s no doubt who owns the Ryder Cup — and not just the shiny gold trophy.

“I don’t know in the history of the Ryder Cup any European team that has played better than you guys,” U.S. captain Tom Lehman told them at the closing ceremony Sunday after his American team endured its worst beating ever in the 12 singles matches.

The Europeans wanted to win this one for Clarke and the memory of his wife, Heather, who died of breast cancer six weeks ago to the day. They wanted to win for Woosnam, their pint-sized captain who made all the right moves once the tournament started.

Mostly — as always — they wanted to win for each other.

“That’s what we do on this team,” said Colin Montgomerie, who tied a Ryder Cup record with his sixth singles victory. “We play for each other. We’re all just thrilled. And yes, we’re going to have a big party.”

Luke Donald holed a 10-foot putt put on the 16th hole for Europe’s 14th point, all it needed to keep the trophy. Moments later, Henrik Stenson won his match for an outright victory, the first European team to win three in a row.

“This is the pinnacle of my life,” said Woosnam, a former Masters champion and once No. 1 in the world.

The celebration was well under way when Clarke won his match against Zach Johnson, and soon the tears flowed as Clarke cried on the shoulders of caddie Billy Foster.

IN BRIEF

Colts sign kicker Gramatica to replace Vinatieri

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts signed kicker Martin Gramatica on Sunday as a replacement for the injured Adam Vinatieri.

Vinatieri, the Colts biggest offseason acquisition, was deactivated for the game against Jacksonville because of a groin injury. It’s the first time in Vinatieri’s 11-year career he has missed a game.

The Colts also deactivated Pro Bowl safety Bob Sanders (knee), former Pro Bowl defensive tackle Corey Simon (knee) and receiver Brandon Stokley (ankle).

To make room for Gramatica, Indianapolis placed tight end Ben Hartsock on injured reserve with a hamstring injury that has kept him out of action almost since training camp started. That ends Hartsock’s season.

Burton wins at Dover, leads Chase for Nextel Cup

DOVER, Del. — Jeff Burton rippled at leader Matt Kenseth’s bumper in the waning laps, dashed beneath him, pulled side-by-side and still kept falling behind.

It wasn’t until six laps were left that Burton finally scooted by with the critical pass. Not that he even needed it: Kenseth ran out of gas.

Burton finally found his way back to Victory Lane at Dover International Speedway after the thrilling late battle, ending his 172-race winless streak and parking himself in the lead of NASCAR’s Chase for the championship.

“We’ve got eight to go, this still isn’t over,” said Burton, who took a slim, six-point lead over Jeff Gordon, the polesetter, who finished third.

It may be over, though, for the likes of Casey Keene, Kyle Busch and Dale Earnhardt Jr. — each of whom had his own problems to fall all but out of the Chase.

Asxley wins first PGA Tour title at Texas Open

SAN ANTONIO — Tennessee left­hander Eric Axley won the Texas Open for his first PGA Tour title Sunday, closing with a 1-under 71 for a three-stroke victory.

The 32-year-old Axley had a stretch of 33 consecutive holes without a bogey or worse on the par-70 Resort Course at LaCantera Golf Club. The string ended with a double bogey on the 14th and he went on to finish at 15-under 265.

Three players finished at 12 under, including 21-year-old Anthony Kim. Playing in his first PGA Tour event with a sponsor’s exemption, Kim shot a 65 to tie for second with Dean Wilson (69) and first-round leader Justin Rose (68).

From La Quinta, Calif., Kim skipped his senior year at Oklahoma and played in two events on the Nationwide Tour with a best finish of 57th.

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Tigers clinch first postseason slot since 1987

Konerko drives in two homers for a White Sox victory

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Detroit Tigers had a 220-bottle champagne celebration Sunday and they hope to have even a bigger one later this week. The Tigers fought their last season slump and clinched their first playoff berth since 1987, scoring nine runs in the second inning Sunday and capturing a 11-4 win over the Kansas City Royals.

"I've been waiting for this," said Brandon Inge, who was given a championship champagne by teammates. "You don't think about this in spring training, and then something like this happens." Enjoying a turnaround season under new manager Jim Leyland, Detroit assured itself of no worse than the AL wild-card berth and headed into the final week of the season with a 1 1/2-game lead in the AL Central. The Tigers, who regained the best record in the major leagues at 94-62, went ahead early for the second straight day, following up on Saturday's 10-run first.

"We want to send a message that we're not happy just going to the playoffs," Tigers closer Todd Jones said. "We're trying to win our division."

Craig Monroe hit a three-run homer that gave Justin Verlander (17-9) the lead at two in the first and starter Runelvys Hernandez (6-10) hung then homered on Todd Wellemeyer's first pitch. Detroit's last trip to the postseason was 19 years ago, when the Tigers won the AL East and lost to Minnesota 4-1 in the AL championsip series.

"Those guys out there in the clubhouse made me pretty happy," said Leyland, who teamed with club owner Mike Ilitch over the last two seasons. "I felt like it is not going to happen, but was concerned."

The Tigers set an American League record for losses in 2003, going 43-119, then improved to 72-90 in 2004. But Detroit went 71-91 last season, losing 29 of its last 39 games on route to its 12th straight sub-.500 finish. General manager Dave Dombrowski replaced manager Alan Trammell with Leyland, who teamed with him to lead the 1997 Florida Marlins to a World Series title.

"Those guys out there in the clubhouse made me pretty smart," Leyland said. "I don't take the credit. I think I've been a beneficary of catching them at the right time. They've done it. They are good players. A lot of guys could have managed this team. I'm so happy for these guys. They are winners now, and forever will be." Dombrowski gave the greatest deal of the credit to Leyland.

"He steered the ship," Dombrowski said. "He's just a great manager. He's just what we needed."

Leyland had not managed since 1999 with the Colorado Rockies. In addition during the offseason, the Tigers added free-agent pitcher Kenny Rogers, who anchored a staff that included rookies Joel Zumaya and Zach Miner. Detroit's offense already had been rebuilt somewhat with the signing of catcher Ivan Rodriguez after the 2003 season and Magglio Ordonez after the 2004 season. The Tigers also acquired shortstop Carlos Guillen from Seattle in January 2004.

White Sox 12, Mariners 7

The Chicago White Sox realize their postseason hopes are just about gone. All they can do now is hope and keep swinging the way they did on Sunday.

Paul Konerko hit two home runs and the White Sox tied a season high with five total on their way to a victory over the Seattle Mariners.

"We're just trying to win our games here, maybe force something crazy," Konerko said.

With their playoff hopes flickering, the defending World Series champions won for the third time in 10 games. Detroit beat Kansas City 11-4 Sunday to clinch a playoff spot and eliminate the White Sox from the AL Central race. Chicago regained 5 1/2 games behind Minnesota, a 6-3 winner over Baltimore, in the wild-card race.

Chicago finishes with three games at Cleveland followed by three at Minnesota. Any combination of Twins victories and White Sox losses totaling two will send Minnesota to the postseason.

"Hopefully, when we get there, we will have a chance," manager Ozzie Guillen said.

Brian Anderson homered leading off and the White Sox's first game of the season Konerko hit a two-run homer with two out in the fifth to make it 4-1, and the next batter, Joe Crede, went deep off Seattle starter Ryan Feierabend 60-11.

With a run in and one out in the seventh, Juan Uribe connected off Joel Pineda and Boston's second baseman and grand slam to make it 10-4.

Konerko's two-run shot off Francisco Cervelli in the eighth, his 35th homer of the season, gave Chicago a 4-2 lead. Chicago hit five at Seattle on April 25.

"It's been a long road trip at the end of a grueling season," said Seattle manager Mike Hargrove, whose team went 6-5 on the trip. "Joe Crede, who hit his 30th homer. "We know it's possible.""

Angels 7, Athletics 1

Milton Bradley thinks all the talk about clinching might have affected the Oakland Athletics, who missed their final chance to wrap up the AL West at home.

Ervin Santana pitched eight strong innings, Vladimir Guerrero hit a two-run homer and the Los Angeles Angels kept Oakland from winning the division for the second straight day with a victory over the Kansas City Royals. The Angels clinched first place Sunday in Safeco Field.

"I think a lot of the questions being asked about where do you want to clinch and the celebration is getting in some people's heads," Bradley said. "Guys take it for granted we're just going to get it done."

Maicer Izturis hit a two-run triple, Adam Kennedy added a sacrifice fly and Orlando Cabrera and Howie Kendrick also drove in runs as the Angels saw their lead in the AL West trimmed to six games.

"We still have it right in front of us," Angels manager Ken Macha said. "Oakland's magic number remained at two to wrap up the club's first division title since 2003. The A's will clinch the division on their home field for the past two seasons."

Now Oakland will try to win it against the Mariners starting Monday at Safeco Field. The A's have won 15 straight against Seattle. "That makes it tougher," said Frank Thomas, who is 0-for-16 over his last four games and was hitless in 13 at-bats this series.

"We've got a whole week to win a couple of ballgames. I like our chances."

Most of the A's wanted to clinch at home, though third baseman Eric Chavez joked that it would be fitting to do it on the Angels' home field in the final days, not that he truly wants it to be final close at the end.

And to think the A's were going to lift the clubhouse alcohol ban for a day to celebrate with champagne. The club has had a dry clubhouse for about three months since starting pitcher Esteban Lozoya's arrest on suspicion of drunk driving in June.

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Golfers swing into fourth place at Olivet Jamboree

Sophomore duo helps Belles in fourth-place MIAA tourney finish

By BECKY SLINGER
Sports Writer

During a rainy and windy two-day tournament this weekend, the Belles were able to find their momentum on Saturday to finish in fourth place in their first conference tournament of the season.

The MIAA Jamboree in Marshall, Mich. was the test the team was looking forward to starting to show. Trailling 44 strokes behind first-place Olivet on day one, the Belles rallied to post a score only 10 strokes behind Olivet on day two, tallying a final score of 726 (150-over par).

"Even though we didn't shot as well as we wanted, we all set personal goals to lower our scores from the first day, which translated into the team posting a much lower score," Sei said. Tournament winner Olivet shot an overall 96-over par to post score of 712. Albion earned second place with a 691 and Tri-State shot a 699 to take third.

Freshman Kate Doornbos fired a 173 (29-over par) to finish 10th out of a field of 65. Despite illness, squad captain Katie McInerny and Brien also finished strong, improving her day one 95 to an 87 on day two for a total score of 182 — placing her 19th.

"Katie was extremely ill during the tournament but she stayed dedicated to the team and played through it," sophomore Katie McInerny said. "She even lowered her score the second day. She really set the standard for the team."

Also contributing to the strong finish for the Belles was sophomores Kate McInerny (184), Sei (187), Meredith Fantom (191) and Joanna Dick (198).

Sophomore Perri Hamma and freshman Theresa Toney entered the tournament as individuals, but did not contribute to the Belles' team total. This weekend marked Toney's first collegiate tournament.

Kate was individual medalist was Lindsay Pipkin from Olivet who shot a 77 and 84 for a total score of 161 (18-over par).

The Belles look to continue their improvement for their final conference tournament, at home Sept. 30.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Runners take fifth on the road

Team falls eighteen points short of third place

By BECKY DORNER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's turned in a fifth-place performance Saturday at the MIAA Jamboree in Holland, Mich., hosted by Hope College. Though the Irish lost three of the eight teams, they were only 18 points short of third place — promising news to coach Jackie Bauters.

"It's a good place for us to be at this point of the season, looking forward to where we could be at the conference championships in just over a month," Bauters said.

Powerhouse Calvin took first, placing its top five runners in the first six spots. The Knights were led by Camille Medema, who ran a 19:15 on the 5K course. Following Calvin were Hope, Albion and Kalamazoo.

Leading the pack for the Belles was Megan Gray with a time of 20:14. Other top finishers were Sara Otto (20:45), Megan McGlowry (21:43), Kelly Biedron (21:53) and Katie White (22:04). The next contest for the Belles is the MIAA Cross Country Championship Friday at Michigan State University.

"We were passing people, not being passed on the hills."

Jackie Bauters
Belles coach

Practices this week will change focus a little and hopefully help the team with the last half mile of the race, which seemed to be the difficult part of the race for the team this week," Bauters said.

Meet the Belles also focused on mental toughness, and Bauters saw a marked difference in her runners.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish can't protect blue grass turf, finish second

Maunu shoots three-over 75 to lead ND

By CHRIS HINE
Sporst Writer

Notre Dame finished fourth this weekend, squan­
dering a 36-hole lead to finish second to Cincinnati in the Notre Dame Invitational at Warren Golf Course. The Irish led by one stroke
over Illinois State after two rounds of play on Saturday— shooting conse­
utive rounds of 303 and 307 at the par-72 course— but the team fal­
ered on Sunday, firing a 313 to
end up with a 925 (+61) for the tourn­ament. Cincinnati (310­
306-303, +56) steadily improved over the three rounds of play, besting the Irish and the other 12 teams on the course.

"We did not deserve to win. We never needed to make stronger finishes," Lisa Maunu 74-78-76, +14, Irish golfer.

"I was disappointed. We have four matches this week, it will real­ly be tough when we don't play well and you know you can do better. We need a lot of work inside of 100 yards. It is the fastest way to get our scores down."

The teams were able to get all 54 holes completed despite inclement weather.

"You try not to let the weather affect you, but deep down inside it gets to you. It's more annoying than any­thing," Maunu said. Holt agreed, though she added that every team had to overcome the same challenge with the weather.

Leading the way for the Irish was senior Nericko Nakazaki, who finished tied for eighth overall (74-76-80, +14). She and fellow senior Stacy Brown (76-79-85, +27), who tied for 34th, competed in their final tournament at the Warren Golf Course.

"I had a great experience here. The golf course looks different each time I play it," Nakazaki said. "I was sad I could not finish stronger, but I learned a lot about my game and my weaknesses from this course."

Freshman Kristin Waszel tied Maunu's score and fin­ished in a tie for 19th. Her second round score of even par 72 was the low round for Notre Dame. She's a solid player," Holt said. "She didn't have that great of a first round. She triple bogeyed her last hole that round and then had to come out again in round two and play as her first hole. She made a great recovery."

Freshman Annie Brophy (77-79-79) tied for 19th. Killery Wilson of Cincinnati had the low round for the Irish Sunday with a three-over 75 and finished tied for 11th in the tourn­ament.

This weekend also marked the debut of new head coach Susan Holt, who joined the Irish this week after leaving South Florida. "I was disappointed. We should have played a lot bet­ter," she said. "It's tough when you don't play well and you know you can do better. We need a lot of work inside of 100 yards. It is the fastest way to get our scores down."

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Calvin sweeps by Belles

Undefeated Knights streak into rankings

By MICHAEL BRYAN
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Saint Mary's has grown accustomed to handling the bruon — sweeping six of its past seven matches in straight sets. But Sunday it found itself on the underside of the stick, falling 3-0 to undefeated Calvin.

The Belles were overwhelmed by a powerful and deep Knights team (30-21, 30-23, 30-20). The win extended Calvin's 11-game MIAA streak into the Big Ten. The Belles' offense did not fall to 10-3 and 3-2 in MIAA play.

"We played a very good team and our players responded well to the competition," Schroeder-Biek said. "The team learns from those match­es and approaches the next competition with an even stronger will to win."

The Knights received a huge contribution from their seniors, with outstanding perform­ances from Katy Luimes, Kristin Mays, and Loralyn Vogel. The three combined for 38 kills and setter Katie Zondervans contributed a match-high 44 assists.

The Belles' offensive effort was led by freshman Lorna Sipuzynaki who recorded 9 kills to go along with 10 digs. Senior Anne Cusack and Kristen Playko led the way defensively with 19 and 13 digs respectively.

Saint Mary's will have to rebound quickly, as the Belles have four matches this week beginning with Tri-State on Tuesday. Schroeder-Biek emphasized the importance of this week to the team. "With three conference matches this week, it will real­ly be tough to face such a high level of competition."

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Saturday! It seemed very cruel

about us. It was tough, and obviously it gave

them a life line and made it

quite exciting for a little while.”

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well for the weekend — our offense was much, much,
much improved.”

Junior captain Adrianna
Stasiuk had 26 kills and 25
digs in the two matches,

including a match-high 14
kills against Rutgers. Stasiuk
recorded a double-double (kills and digs) in each match.

"Stasiuk had a very good weekend — she was really effective offensively," Brown said.

“...in the".

"She hit a lot of different shots and played good defensively as well. She had a good solid, all-around performance for us. She was a vocal leader this weekend.”

Notre Dame 3, Rutgers 0

Stasiuk recorded a .733 kill percentage in Notre Dame's 30-23, 30-13, 30-16 sweep of the Scarlet Knights.

The Irish opened up a 16-7 lead in the third game and never let Rutgers cut the score closer than nine points to take the game and match.

"We started very aggressively,“ Brown said. "They had trouble running their offense because we put a lot of pressure on them with our serve. We received their serve very well.

The first game began with a dominant Irish performance as well, as Notre Dame went on a 9-1 run to start. Rutgers, however, cut the lead to 22-21 after an 11-2 streak.

"We started very aggressively," Brown said. "They had trouble running their offense because we put a lot of pressure on them with our serve. We received their serve very well.

The Irish answered with an 8-2 run to cut off any chance of a Scarlet Knight comeback lead in the third game and match.

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"The Irish answered with an 8-2 run to cut off any chance of a Scarlet Knight comeback..."

Junior Ashley Tarutis won the second game in dominant fashion with a service ace.

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"The Irish led 15-6 halfway through and never looked back."

Freshman Jamel Nicholas led both teams in assists with 21 and blasted four service aces.

Notre Dame 3, Villanova 1

Croall and freshman Christina Kaelin propelled the Irish 35-27, 30-24, 33-31, 30-15 with 13 kills apiece against the Wildcats.

Croall recorded 14 digs and had a .402 kill percentage in the four-game match. Freshman Serinity Phillips had a strong day on the attack, putting 13 kills past the Villanova defense. This was a career-high for the outside hitter.

"Croall didn't start in either match, she played the third game against Rutgers and the last three against Villanova and was a very steady and a very smart player," Brown said. "The lift that she gave us off the bench was tremendous."

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"The Irish led 15-6 halfway through and never looked back."

Notre Dame dropped a match first game, before rallying for three straight to take the match. In the first game, the Irish and Wildcats tied the Notre Dame single game record for total points scored — matching the 72 recorded in a 37-35 win over Eastern Washington Aug. 30, 2003.

"It was a hard fought match," Brown said. "They played us very tough, but the main thing was we maintained composure. And we had a really good attitude about what was going on in the court even though we weren't executing perfectly."

The Irish take on Seton Hall in Big East play Saturday afternoon in New Jersey.

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Notre Dame forward Joseph Lapira moves the ball upfield against DePaul in the 2-0 Irish win Sept. 10 at Alumni Field.

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took advantage of the loose ball and open space to drill a low shot by Haig.

Two days after Friday’s 1-0 second half lead at Cincinnati gave the Irish their first half scoring chances couldn’t precipitate goals. Haig made several challenging saves within a few minutes of each other to preserve a 0-0 tie at halftime despite a seven to three shot advantage for the Irish. The onslaught continued in the second half, though many of Notre Dame’s 16 shots — compared to four from Louisville — came outside of the 18, thanks to the packed in Louisville defense that brought all 11 of its defenders in the box on corner kicks and short throw ins.

Though only two balls found the net, Waldrum was encouraged by the opportunities the Irish created in both halves. Similarly, he was not discouraged by the late starts the Irish have gotten off to, owing to the second half 22-0 in nine games so far.

“I would love to jump on them two days after finishing games finish early,” Waldrum said. “I’m not going to be worried about it. It’s going to catch up with us because I think we’re still continuing to create great opportunities in the first half. I think the thing I’m more concerned with is I would like to score earlier on a more regular basis just, if nothing else, to be able to rotate our players more.”

Waldrum was forced to make a move with his second-half defense after captain centerback Kim Lorenzen hit legs hard with a Cardinal attacker, causing bad bruises and a noticeable cut to her chin. Senior defender Christina Shaner moved inside, where she has seen time this year, and freshman Haley Ford took Shaner’s spot on the outside. The defense did not slip a beat, limiting the Cardinals to one second half shot as junior keeper Lauren Karas did not need to have a save the entire game.

“We all like [Lorenzen] back there but we have plenty of other defenders that can step right in,” said senior midfield-er Jen Buczkowski of the defense that has pitched shutouts in seven of its nine games and compiled a 124:45 minute scoreless streak that dates back to a 3-1 win over Santa Clara Sept. 3.

Following a 2-0 win at Michigan last Sunday that Waldrum described as “lethal-ic,” the coach was encouraged by his team’s effort this weekend.

“To come in today and play a good team like we did,” he said, "and have the confidence and ability to play like we did, I was pretty pleased with the weekend in general.”

Friday’s 1-0 lead against Cincinnati was nullified after long thunderstorms caused the game to be cancelled. Though freshman forward Michele Weisenhufer scored midway through the first half, the game was called after 50 minutes of play — 20 short of the 76 required for a full game. The Irish will not reschedule the game — which would be restarted in its entirety — unless it affects the top five standings of the Big East tournament at the end of the regular season.

The Irish outshot the Redbirds 11-2 Friday, but Waldrum was more impressed with his team’s attitude during the several hours they were waiting for the storm to blow over.

“It was so interesting because our kids were just like ‘Let’s go play,’ he said. ‘It doesn’t matter whether its one o’clock. Doesn’t matter if it’s in the parking lot. Let’s play.”

“I was really proud of the mindset because that’s what you want out a team that you think can be a championship team.”

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“With so many freshmen on the field we still need some time to know how each of us plays.”

Lauren Hinton Belles forward

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through with her fourth goal of the season when she won a half from 10 yards out and placed it in the top corner. The flurry came to a close in the 29th minute when a Titan shot ricocheted off the post and sophomore Carly Calkins beat Belles goalkeeper Laura Heline, who was still recovering from the previous shot.

“[Sunday was] the first time we used a new offensive formation,” senior forward Colleen Courtney said. "I think we had a breakdown in communication on who was marking who.”

Heline (11 saves) and the defense were able to keep the Titan offense at bay for the remainder of the game but the tear was all Illinois Wesleyan needed. The young Saint Mary’s defense continued to feel the pressure throughout the game as it was dominated in the box score.

The team was out shot 26-3 and Illinois Wesleyan won 11 corner kicks to the Belles’ two. Senior goalie and team cap-tain Emily Castner only had to make two saves in the game to earn her fourth shutout in eight games for the Titans. Castner has allowed six goals this season for a .750 goals against aver-age.

Castner was aided by a struggling Saint Mary’s offense. The Belles have been held to two goals in their last three games. They had a tough time finding an offen­sive flow Sunday — unable to get past the stingy Titan defense.

Senior Ashley Hiltun and fresh­man Katie Wehrli were the only players to put shots on net for the Belles.

“We need to move the ball around a little better and get it up to our forwards so they can get off more shots,” Courtney said.

Sophomore Lauren Hinton talked earlier last week about a team still trying to form its chemistry. After Sunday’s loss, those issues appear as urgent as ever.

“With so many freshmen on the field we still need some time to know how each of us plays,” she said. “I feel the second half of the season you will see a much more improved team.”

Saint Mary’s begins confer­ence play at home against Alma Tuesday at 4 p.m.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't be too open with your worries. Your mind may be on the wrong track, and you will have to deal with a matter that pertains to a family pet. Focus on something with someone whose talent you respect and admire. Don't give in to peer pressure. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Pay close attention to minor health issues. You may have to deal with a matter that pertains to a family pet. Focus on something with someone whose talent you respect and admire. Don't give in to peer pressure. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It's time to take part in activities or parties. Don't dig yourself into a hole by fighting with someone close. Travel or getting involved in a unique cultural experience will change your attitude.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Talk about your concerns, desires and intentions and you'll be surprised how many people support you. Travel, communication and talking about partnership deals and contacts will be to your advantage. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll have lots of ideas about getting involved in your own business or changing your professional direction. Let your creative side have the floor. The Observer can help you find the freedom to venture into unfamiliar territory. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't abuse your ability to manipulate. Instead, make decisions that will benefit everyone involved. You will be able to turn a friendship into something a lot like a business deal. Take a closer look at an old creative idea. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be careful of someone who is being overly nice. Someone is keeping a secret and you have to find out what's going on before you can move forward. Taking on too much will lead to greater uncertainty. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Everything will appear to be going along easily but don't be fooled into thinking that everyone is on your side. Be cautious with whom you share your confidence. Helping others will keep you busy but you must be careful. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Not everyone wants to hear about your creative ideas. Some people may have to deal with a matter that pertains to a family pet. Focus on something with someone whose talent you respect and admire. Don't give in to peer pressure. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can make things happen if you put in a little effort. Clear up financial matters. Offer your services and you will get paid in return. Love is looking positive, so put some time aside for romance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may be surprised by the action you receive from others today. Show your enthusiasm and you will make some new contacts. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You are well-built, have a unique character and you can get along with just about anyone. You are giving, caring and interested in helping others. You are a hardliner and a solutions person.


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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Defensive dandies
Dew, Jones give ND scoring lift in victory

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Assistant Sports Editor

No. 1 Notre Dame handed Louisville its first loss of the year 2-0 Sunday thanks to help from a pair of unexpected scorers.

In the 74th minute, sophomore defender Carrie Dew received a cross 15 yards from the goal and sent a rocket past U-20 Team USA teammate and sophomore Cardinal goalkeeperser Joanna Haig for her first goal of the year to break a scoreless tie.

Minutes later, junior defender Ashley Jones seized a rare opportunity to record her fifth-place score of the season that iced the victory over previously unbeaten Louisville (6-1-1, 1-1 Big East). Sophomore midfielder Jill Krisavec was taken down just inside the 18-yard box, and as Louisville defenders anticipated a whistle, Jones

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ND VOLLEYBALL
Brown closes in on No. 500
Irish begin Big East with pair of victories

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame advanced two wins closer to its 11th Big East regular season title with a pair of conference season-opening victories this weekend — leaving Irish coach Debbie Brown one win shy of a major milestone.

The Irish (8-5, 2-0 Big East) defeated the Scarlet Knights 3-0 Saturday before coming from behind to beat the Wildcats 3-1 Sunday on the road.

Brown earned her 49th career win over Villanova and will lead her squad Saturday against Seton Hall in search of No. 500.

"It was pretty close, pretty tough competition," Brown said. "We had a couple very close games overall. We played pretty good, but we should have done more goals, to take advantage of our experience.

 menus in describing the play.

It was comical, the goal we gave up," he said. "These things happen in soccer, and you just move on."

Sophomore nets first collegiate goal in win

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SMC SOCCER
Belles fall after four-goal flurry

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Four quick goals were more than enough offense for Illinois Wesleyan to take down Saint Mary’s Sunday. The Belles — who have now lost three straight — were shut out in the 4-0 beating, their second home game this season.

Illinois Wesleyan buried all four of its goals within a 10-minute span of the first half. Elizabeth Sinclaire found Eileen Ouska with a crisp pass to start the scoring at the 20-minute mark and the pair quickly followed with another goal three minutes later. Sunday marked Ouska’s second two-goal performance of the year. The first came in a 5-0 rout of Lake Forest Sept. 13.

Less than two minutes later senior Lyndsay O’Brien came...