Students show less passion despite win

Enthusiasm lower than usual in game against winless squad

By PATRICK CASSIDY
News Writer

October began on a positive note for the Irish and their fans, as Notre Dame emerged out of the Mendoza with a score of 31-10, for some students, the victory could have been much

Queen to honor educator

Royal Society of Arts to induct SMC prof

By KIM ABEEL
News Writer

Dr. Cyril Pullapilly is getting the royal treatment. Next February in London, Queen Elizabeth will induct Pullapilly, a history professor at Saint Mary’s, into the Royal Society of Arts. The Society honors those who make major contributions in literature, arts, science, philosophy, politics and social uplift. Pullapilly will be inducted by merit of his extensive work in a number of qualifying fields.

SIBC advisor endures Kuwait

Former staff member misses times with family, Notre Dame students

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Walking at 5:30 a.m. each day to a blazing sun in 130-degree weather, taking a quick shower on rotating floors and enduring both the stench of outdoor bathrooms and a 16-hour workday is the reality that Susan Soisson now faces.

A mother of four from South Bend who served as a former assistant program manager for the Mendoza College of Business and advisor to Notre Dame’s Student International Business Council (SIBC),

Lecturer scrutinizes judicial independence

Personal beliefs deemed unacceptable in court

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

In the appropriate setting of Notre Dame Law School’s courtroom, 9th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge O’Scannlain spoke to Notre Dame Law School’s Federalist Society and mem-

Veteran ushers uphold tradition

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

It’s 9:30 a.m. on a Friday, and deep in the bowels of Notre Dame Stadium, Cappy Gagnon is deploying his troops.

“Stanford will be here at two (for a walk-through), and they want no one in the bowl,” says the coordinator of stadium personnel.

Gagnon points, relaying the men to their posts, and five bright gold brims nod back at him.

They are not widely acclaimed, and most never even earn a penny. But each usher’s duties are as significant as the next’s.

“Everybody’s job is critical,” he said. “Any usher could have a situation occur which would make him the most important usher that day.”

Usher William “Red” Clynch, a senior at the University of Notre Dame, shared the sentiment.

“I saw him coming out of the stadium crowd is dotted with gold-jacketed ushers — they’re stationed on the field, in the press box and every five to six rows in between. Outside the brick walls, they line the perimeter of the stadium, guard entrances to the campus and oversee parking lots.

From taking (valid) tickets to spying secret imbiders to escorting football recruits on and off the field, Gagnon said, each usher’s duties are as significant as the next’s.

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Ushers Dave Sayers and Jim de Arrieta hold a conversation during Saturday’s game against Stanford.

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Inside Column

Forever young (and online)

The other day I was shocked when my dad asked me how I did on my Constitutional Law midterm. It wasn’t the question itself that surprised me. It was the fact that he asked me over instant messenger. My siblings and I have used IM practically since we learned how to use the computer. We’ve mastered the lingo, we’ve perfected the art of the away message, but we did not expect our parents to enter the AIM domain.

“Did that have a screen name now,” she said.

I told her I knew.

“ Weird, huh?” she replied.

It did seem strange at first. But the fact that my father has successfully jumped the generational divide into the land of “loke” and “tyle” has made me think about whether I will still be online when I am his age.

I am sure I will keep using AIM during college. How else am I going to find out when my friends down the hall are going to dinner? Why walk 20 feet when I can send out an IM and get a quick response? It’s so convenient to have it here.

But what will my away messages and online conversations look like in the future?

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My sister IM’d me the next day.

“Snakes on a Plane” references were rampant as 200 animals from the local zoo were shown at halftime of the Notre Dame women’s volleyball game Saturday, which the Irish won 30-0 over Syracuse in the Joyce Athletic Center.

Offbeat

Thai snake charmer packers up to cobras

PATTAYA, Thailand — A Thai snake charmer kissed 19 highly poisonous king cobras in an attempt to set a world record Saturday.

One by one, the cobras were released onto a stage set up in this Thai beach resort town, as the snake charmer, Kham ChaiBuddhe, kissed each beast and then moved on to the next.

Four additional snake charmers flanked the stage at each corner and a medical team waited on the sidelines with serum in case one of the snakes snapped, said a statement from Thailand’s Ripley’s Believe It or Not Museum, which organized the event.

The museum’s manager, Sompong Naksuertong, said Ripley’s planned to submit the record attempt to the Guinness Book of World Records to overtake a previous record set in 1999 when American Gordon Gates of Alachua, Florida, kissed 11 venomous snakes in 1999.

Sports fan names newborn son ESPN

BILOXI, Miss. — Leann Real promised her husband, an avid sports fan, that if they ever had a son he’d get to pick the name. ESPN Montana Real was born this week at Biloxi Regional Medical Center.

Rusty Real, of D’Iberville, chose ESPN (pronounced Espan) after the sports network and Montana after football legend Joe Montana.

Baby ESPN isn’t alone.

Three others were cited in a 2005 report on television naming.com about the network’s 25th anniversary. They are ESPN Malachi McCall in Pampa, Texas; ESPN Curiel in Corpus Christi, Texas; and ESPN Blunder in Michigan.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

Professor of French Studies and Comparative Literature Pierre Saint-Armand of Brown University will present a lecture entitled “The Pursuit of Laziness: Idleness and the French Enlightenment” today at 5 p.m. in 119 O’Shaughnessy Hall.

Former president of Honduras Ricardo Maduro Forrest will present a lecture entitled “New Democracies, Poverty and Governance” at 6 p.m. today in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

Director of the National Center for Photovoltaics Dr. Lawrence Kazmerski will present a lecture entitled “Energy: Can Technology Help Save Our World?” Tuesday at noon in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

Author, professor and recipient of the Freedom and Human Rights Prize Naomi Chazan will present a lecture entitled “Can the World Afford to Abandon Africa?” Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The lecture will be followed by a reception.

The Banyan Indian National Dance Company will perform diverse music and dance traditions of the Philippines Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Lehigh Concert Hall of the Dottariolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $15 for students, $30 for faculty, staff and seniors and $36 for the general public.

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

Correction

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please e-mail us at E31-4195 so we can correct our error.

Question of the Day: Who would you like to trade places with for one day and why?

Benjamin Franklin, because he got all the ladies.

"The people I'm stalking for Assassins because then I'd finally know where they were."

Professor Seth Broom, because I'd love to be that smart for once.

"Molly Smith, because she can actually come up with answers for these questions."

A kindergartner, because then I'd have nap time and a much lighter work load.

"The Rock's wife, because he is the most perfect specimen of man there is."

Steve Tortorello

Kirsten Elacic

Molly Smith

Joe Maciuba

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Brazilian activist awarded prize

Special to The Observer

Dr. Zilda Arns Neumann, a pediatrician who founded and leads Pastoral da Criação (the Pastoral of the Child), an innovative public health program that works with more than 265,000 volunteers to help poor families in her native Brazil, will receive the third annual Opus Prize in a Nov. 8 ceremony, hosted by the University of Notre Dame.

The $1 million Opus Prize is affiliated with the Opus Group, a $1.4 billion national real estate development company headquartered in Minneapolis, and is given annually to honor a person who "combines a driving entrepreneurial spirit with an abiding faith to combat poverty, illiteracy, hunger, disease and injustice." The award is annually presented by a Catholic college or university in partnership with the Opus Prize Foundation to provide students with inspiring exemplars of humanitarian work rooted in religious faith.

Neumann began to organize the Pastoral of the Child in 1983 at the urging of her brother, Cardinal Paulo Evaristo Arns, then archbishop of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Although an ecumenical Brazilian Catholic Church's ecclesiastical infrastructure, uniquely combining local community organizing and large-scale public health initiatives to promote the health of children and to reduce infant mortality.

"Children are the seed for peace or violence in the future, depending on how they are cared for and stimulated," she says of her work. "Thus, their family and community environment must be grown to grow a fairer and more fraternal world, a world to serve life and hope."

Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize last year, Neumann has received numerous other honors for her work, including special awards from UNICEF, the Pan American Health Organization Prize, Brazil's National Order of Educative Merit, the University of São Paulo's Human Rights Prize, Lions Club International's Humanitarian of the Year Prize, Rotary International's Jean Harris Prize, Padre Birih's Human Rights Medal, the National Council of Brazilian Women's Tribute of Respect, the Simon Bolivar Medal and the United Nations Association's Human Rights Prize.

Enlisting some 265,000 volunteers, most of them poor women working in their own communities, the Child annually serves more than 100,000 pregnant women and nearly two million children in every state in Brazil. In the impoverished communities it serves, the infant mortality rate has been reduced to 15 deaths per thousand, roughly half the national average. The Pastoral's numerous and varied activities include education, counseling and support of pregnant women; breast-feeding incentives; nutritional guidance and monthly weight monitoring of small children; instruction on the preparation and consumption of inexpensive, but highly nutritious products and often discarded leaves, peels and seeds; the control of preventable illnesses such as diarrhea and respiratory diseases through the use of homemade serums and the organization of community pharmacies; vaccination programs; natural family planning instruction and counseling; educational programs for the prevention of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases; literacy and recreational programs for children and parents; and catechetical programs to encourage non-violence in families and communities.

Other exemplars of entrepreneurial community service receiving honors from the Opus Prize Foundation during the Notre Dame ceremony will be the Office for Farmworker Ministry (OFFM) in Apopka, Fla., and the Cristo Rey Network. Since 1971, the OFFM has established several nonprofit organizations — including health care clinics and a credit union — to support some 6,000 farmworker families in the rural Apopka area. The Cristo Rey Network, founded in 2001, is a national association of Catholic high schools providing college preparatory education to economically disadvantaged young people through work study and other programs.

University plans to enhance coursework

Special to The Observer

The Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL) has selected the University of Notre Dame, along with 86 other higher education institutions and nonprofit organizations worldwide, to participate in a program to improve undergraduate and graduate education. Notre Dame's area of focus will be on enhancing undergraduate research.

The CASTL Institutional Leadership Program is a three-year partnership between Carnegie and selected colleges, universities and organizations with a strong commitment to the examination of teaching and learning. Participants were selected for their ability to influence work in 12 areas, ranging from assessment and accountability to undergraduate research.

All selected institutions have developed and implemented innovative strategies to strengthen teaching and improve student learning on their own campuses. Through participation in the Carnegie program, they will collaborate with other institutions to further examine that work and expand activities in those same areas.

"Our participation in the Carnegie program provides a wonderful opportunity for us to explore and document the distinctive value that undergraduate research adds to a Notre Dame education," said Dennis Jacobs, Notre Dame vice president, associate provost and professor of chemistry and biochemistry, who was named the Carnegie U.S. Professor of the Year in 2002.

Notre Dame offers numerous effective undergraduate research programs, including laboratory research projects within science and engineering, the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) in the College of Arts and Letters, community-based research and international study grants that allow students to pursue academic interests through scholarly inquiry in collaboration with Notre Dame faculty.
Ushers
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row 36, and the stairs are
pitch black. One night, just went
down headfirst and hit his
head on the concrete," Clych
said. "I signaled for medical
attention and kept everybody
clear of the way till the medics
came." When the
game was over, Clych
returned to his room at the
Motel 6, where he stays
because he loves ball-
itive home games — it's not
worth going back to his
hometown of Durby, Conn, for
such a short time.

While Clych
has four years under his belt, Morris Zink has nearly 50
more. Zink cut his teeth as an
usher in 1953, the last year
Frank Leahy coached the
squad. An unshaven half-
century later, Zink remains.
"I didn't know I'd be here
for this many years, but I've
enjoyed it, so I'm still here," he
said. "I'm still enthused
about working and I have
no plans to retire soon.
"Cappy's going to have to
put up with me for a while yet."

Of all the games Zink has
seen, one stands out in his
memory. In 1980, Notre Dame
played Michigan. Down two
points with very little time
left, the Irish drove to within
several yards of Michigan's
goal line. On fourth down, a
field goal would win the game
—but the wind was blowing
hard against kicker Harry
Oliver.
"The minute they lined up,
the wind died down. It really
did! The flags fell still," Zink
said.

Oliver kicked the field goal
and Notre Dame won the

position to women when he
was hired in 1995. Since his
arrival, he's also established
stricter uniform rules — all
ushers wear white shirts and
ties for "ladies, neck-
wear" — and depending on
where they're located, they
wear either a yellow vest or a
yellow jacket. All wear col-
ored hats signaling their
ranks; gold is reserved for the
highest-ranking ushers.

Ushers said Gagnon has also
established "Welcome to Notre
Dame" as the official usher
phrase, and asks his staff to
say it as often as possible.
"I guess (ushering) is mainly
just being what Notre Dame
should be — friendly and
open, smiling at people,"

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more decisive.

She played well, but we
could have done a lot more," freshman
Angelica Clynch said.
"It looked like Stanford was
overmatched but we just
couldn't capitalize as much as
we wanted or expected."

The game was still very
much in question after a close
first quarter, in which Stanford
showed an unexpect-
ed ability to drive down the
field on the Irish defense,
which senior
Heidkamp saw as a sign of
weakness.
"The key to our defense is
the play of the front four,"
Heidkamp said. "If they can
penetrate and put some pres-
sure on the backfield it makes
up for our lack of athleticism
and experience in the second-
ary."

Freshman Andrew Saville
expressed concern over Notre
Dame's defense's failure to
answer Stanford's trick play — a
halfback
that wound up in the
end zone.
"It seemed that in the fourth
quarter we were a little more
hesitant than usual," Saville
said. "I would have liked to
answer their trickery with a
couple more touchdowns and
stopping ourselves more.

With the combination of low
attendance at the weekend's
pop rally and a wireless oppo-
nent, some said the student
section seemed unenthusiastic.
"We [the students] didn't
seem into the game — maybe
because it seemed like an easy
win," freshman Jenna
Newcomb said.

The Irish are now ranked in
the top 10 going into their bye
week. With students looking
forward to a fall break of their
own, the entire Notre Dame
community will have a chance to
return with renewed enthu-
siasm.

"With the bye week coming
toward an end, both the Notre
Dame fans and team will be able to rest
and come back for the
game with much more ener-
y," Newcomb said.

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Masked Migration
An improvised performance
with masks by Zacaro Guerrero
and Notre Dame students

Professor Naomi Chazan to Speak
at the University of Notre Dame

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Professor Chazan is the ND Provost's Distinguished Woman Lecturer. She is a renowned professor of Political Science and Asian Studies and heads the School of Government and Society, Academic College of Tel Aviv. From 1992-2003, she was a member of the Israeli Knesset. An author of numerous publications, Professor Chazan received the Freedom and Human Rights Prize from the Foundation for Freedom and Human Rights in Switzerland in 2005.

Sponsored by the Notre Dame Holocaust Project and the Kroc Institute
DENMARK videos mocking the Prophet Muhammad, group laughed. Leaders around the world have condemned recent videos mocking the Prophet Muhammad, prompting renewed protests from Muslim leaders around the world. The videos, first reported by the Danish daily newspaper Nyhedsvissen on Friday, come in the aftermath of violent protests around the Muslim world after 12 drawings of the Prophet Muhammad were published last year by another Danish newspaper. In the video clip posted online this past week, a young politician was shown conducting a drawing contest during a camp meeting in August. One woman presented a painting of a camel with the head of Muhammad and beer cans for humps as the group laughed. 

Another clip, a man held up a drawing depicting a bearded man wearing a turban next to a plus sign and a bomb inside a nuclear mushroom cloud. The politicians appeared to have been drinking.

IRAN undeterred by sanction threat The United Nations Security Council imposed additional sanctions on Iran yesterday over its disputed nuclear program. A "tryst" with treasure and repeated threats from the United States and European Union. While the six countries at the center of efforts to persuade Iran to drop uranium enrichment - said Friday they have agreed to a "non-paper" 

The four permanent security council members - the U.S., France, Britain, Russia and China - stopped short of demanding Iran be punished by the U.N. Security Council.

NATIONAL NEWS Lettuce recalled after E. coli scare SAN FRANCISCO - Less than a week after the Food and Drug Administration lifted its warning on fresh spinach grown in California's Salinas Valley, a popular brand of lettuce grown there has been recalled over concerns about E. coli contamination. 

The lettuce does not appear to have caused any illnesses, Salinas-based Nunes Company Inc. said in a statement. The company, which produces most of California's lettuce, recalled about one million packages of romaine lettuce in four states: Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Nevada.

Curiosity seekers descend on Amish NICKEL MINES, Pa. - Curiosity seekers left flowers and messages of sympathy Sunday near the one-room Amish schoolhouse where a quiet man killed five young girls and wounded five more.

Along the road leading to the West Nickel Mines Amish School, authorities posted dozens of "No parking or standing" signs to encourage people to keep moving. Ken Urbanyk, 57, a prison guard from Philadelphia, had hoped to stop at the school to offer a prayer for the victims but kept driving because of the restrictions. He said, "It doesn't matter. The Lord will hear my prayer in my hotel room.''

LOCAL NEWS Stores clamor for liquor licenses MUNCIE - With Indiana convenience stores seeking permits to sell beer and wine - a measure aimed at bringing jobs and economic growth to economically depressed regions of the state, the package liquor industry says could endanger the lives of children and women. 

The Democratic-led coalition said it killed 30 fighters in a battle Sunday when it launched the most powerful Shiite militia among growing American forces, saying the Iraqi government's inability to stop militias responsible for escalating sectarian violence.

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Associated Press

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O'Scannlain said it was a "prized American myth, O'Scannlain said, is that the Constitution was not impene-
table, but rather a document which I disagree with. He said judicial activism is not independent of politics or personal opinion, O'Scannlain said — not the faithful upholding of laws. He said judicial activism and judicial independence are "wholly incompatible."

"Judges are independent," he said, "but not independent from the law."

In regards to the second myth, O'Scannlain said criticism of judges must be protected by the First Amendment.

It is a prized American ideal to break one's mind," he said. Judges must not, however, bow to public criticism. In cases where judges do seemingly succumb to criticism, "appellate review should occur," he said. He stressed that "fidelity to the law should exist in the first instance."

In his concluding remarks, Judge O'Scannlain quoted another judge: "Leave to the people an independent judi-
ciary and they will prove that man is capable of governing himself." A question and answer period followed the lecture, extending the conversation to topics such as judicial strip-
ing, the effect of criticism on judges and what rules personal convic tions or morality plays in the professional lives of judges. Expanding on earlier comments he made about criticism directed towards the judi-
ciary, O'Scannlain said, "The courts are not immune from criticism. ... It is impor-
tant because reasonable minds can differ. "Hopefully criticism can be done in a climate of maturity and in a way that respects the institution."

"Personal con-

vic tions should not affect how a judge applies the law, he said. "There are lots of laws with which I disagree that I have to enforce on a daily basis. ... I don't have the power to strike it down, unless it is not within the Constitution," O'Scannlain said. If he believes a law is unjust, O'Scannlain said he can bring it to the attention of the legis-

lature. A judge can also recuse himself or herself from a case if he or she feels there is a conflict of inter-
est. In response to a question about judicial activism, O'Scannlain said he viewed the judge as a "neu-

tral applier of the law."

He said it would be appropriate for judges to provide data to Congress regarding opinion on certain legislation or make suggestions for sys-
temic change only after applying sentencing guidelines as defined by law.

O'Scannlain was appointed to the 9th Circuit Court by President Reagan and con-
firmed by the Senate in 1986. Notre Dame law professor Anthony J. Bellia Jr. intro-

duced O'Scannlain Friday. "He has been a leader in working to ensure the quality of opinions on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ... and he has been a tremendous friend to the University," Bellia said. O'Scannlain received an honorary degree from Notre Dame in 2002.

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**In Brief**

MySpace to organize benefit concerts

NEW YORK — The online hangout MySpace.com will organize 20 concerts featuring bands promoted on its site as part of a campaign to raise awareness and money for humanitarian relief in Sudan.

The site, which grew in popularity thanks to its early adoption by emerging bands and their fans, has in recent months taken on a more active role in promoting social causes, such as environmental awareness and voter registration.

"The crisis in Darfur is a global concern and as a global community we have a responsibility to take action," Chris DeWolfe, MySpace's chief executive, said in statement. "MySpace's reach gives us an extraordinary opportunity to spread awareness and voter registration." MySpace is one of the leading sites on the Internet.

But MySpace is also part of a growing number of independent bookstore owners refusing to give up. He's closing his store this month but plans to reopen as a discount bookstore. Others are luring customers by putting music at cafes or opening specialty shops that cater to a specific audience, like mystery lovers. So are following the lead of public television and selling memberships. Or they're being saved by investors who can't bear the idea of losing these local institutions.

Not only that, but even as 200 to 300 independent bookstores close each year, the number of independent book stores opening is creeping up.

"For a long time, from 1992 to 1995, you couldn't count on two hands the number of openings," said Wall Metzger, a former operating officer of the American Booksellers Association. "In the last three years we are 60, 70, 80 percent opening." Each year, he said.

That's welcome news for an association that's watched its membership plummet from 4,000 to about 1,800 since the early 1990s.

"There are a lot of ways to make money in the business," said Brent, whose father, Chicago bookseller Stuart Brent, closed the city's most famous bookstore after a half century in 1996. Gary Kleiman, who owns BookBeat in the northern California community of Fairfax, decided the way to do it was to get rid of the clutter and make his store a gathering place. "We had 10,000 to 13,000 books in the store," said Kleiman. "Now we have maybe 1,500." Last fall, Kleiman gave all but a handful of his used books to charity. Then he took out shelves and in their place put tables and chairs and a small stage for live performances. He started offering free wireless Internet access. And to help convince people to take advantage of it all he got a beer and wine license.

As for the books, most of the ones left are new or they're confined to the perimeter walls. While he's selling the same number of books as he used to, new books are selling better. And his store has a lot more customers — eating, drinking and listening to music — than he did before. About 60 percent of the store's profits come from the cafe.

Kleiman's dramatic move after six years of business is all part of the result two things he came to understand about the Internet. The first was that there were just too many used books online and they were just too cheap — far cheaper than he could afford to sell them.

The second was that for all the talk about the speed of ordering books online, he could be faster.

"I can order today and they will be here tomorrow," he said — one reason customers choose him instead of the Internet.

Some bookstores have survived by giving their customers what they say chain stores often do not: Employees who know what they're talking about.

"You can discuss books with us. We are all readers," said Arlene Lynes, who opened Read Between the Lines in Woodstock, Ill., in 2005. "To me, that's what bringing people back.

**Stocks drop from all-time highs**

The dow was down 16.48, or 0.28 percent, at 11,850.21 Friday, slightly below the record close of 11,866.69 set the day before.

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Pullapilly received several Fulbright Grants and one grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. He founded several organizations in India for the education and welfare of youth and the politically oppressed.

"I am always amazed at the extent of ty's contacts around the world," Shoshone said. "He has had personal meetings with a wide array of world leaders - from popes to presidents."

Pullapilly said he is honored to be a member of the RSA and is enjoying his opportunity to interact with other scholars at Cambridge.

"I am looking forward to getting back to my students and colleagues at [Saint Mary's]," he said. "RSA members are allowed to continue working in their current professions, but are expected to contribute to the maximum extent in their fields for the welfare of the society at large."

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Soisson is on military leave in Kuwait as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army's 336th Transportation Group.

While stationed in Camp Arifjan, Soisson's transportation unit performs missions in Iraq. Most of Soisson's tasks are computer related, and while she has become accustomed to frequent power outages in her camp, she may never get used to missing her family.

The greatest challenge she faces every day, Soisson said, is being so far away from her husband, Tom, and their children Allie, Aidan, Claire and Annelyse.

"I miss impromptu hugs with my husband and kids, I miss having dinner together... watching a video on a Friday night and especially, lately, fall and Notre Dame football," Soisson said. "It is the normal part of life that I crave."

But aside from her husband and kids, it is the small amenities - like indoor plumbing - that Soisson misses most.

"The temporary bathrooms here really stink, and there is no indoor plumbing in the work or sleeping areas," she said.

In November 2005, Soisson was notified to transfer to Camp Arifjan. Initially, she didn't think the deployment would become a reality. She had received similar notifications several times before, and usually the circumstances didn't require her to leave.

But after four months of training, Soisson arrived in Kuwait in July. Reflecting back on her deployment, Soisson said, "I believe that God has a plan for us all and I am still trying to fully understand my role here."

Soisson joined the Army in 1980 as a scholarship cadet. She found her active duty to move to South Bend with her husband so that he could open his pediatric practice. In 1992, she joined the Army Reserves as a way of meeting people and making some extra money.

Besides longing for an Irish football game, Soisson also misses her contact with the Notre Dame community. In her role with the SBC, Soisson said she enjoyed working with some of the University's most dedicated and intellectually gifted students.

And she realizes now, she said, how fortunate she was to have kind and devoted coworkers at Notre Dame - something she doesn't encounter in her current work environment.

"I work with some nice people, but I would say this has been an experience of isolation," she said.

While Soisson attributes this sense of isolation to the intensity of the mission that the service members endure each day, she is not willing to accept it. In addition to her regular duties, she receives quarterly training as the "Consideration of Others" program officer.

"This is a real program, which reminds people to remember we are all of value," Soisson said. "The message may get lost, but the practice of kindness is far from perfected."

Given the lack of facilities in Arifjan and the intense working conditions that constantly challenge Soisson, she said it is difficult to be certain whether her sacrifices are truly improving the world.

"I would like to believe that I am making a difference in the units we serve, but I am totally unclear on the strategic level if we are not," she said.

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During these trying times, Soisson said her faith provides her with strength "to make each day a possibility."

Her fellow service members, Soisson said, are what keep her strong during her time in Iraq and Kuwait.

"The service members I work with are my heroes in many ways," she said. "Most risk their lives for their country every time they leave post, and they are completely dedicated to their missions."

Two members of Soisson's group have died, and she said attending the memorial services for these soldiers would be "a real test of emotions."

Soisson plans to return to her family in July 2007, just in time for her youngest daughter's 11th birthday. She said she hopes to continue working at Notre Dame in some capacity, either not directly with the SBC, and plans to apply for a Kroc Fellowship.

"I have learned here we can all serve humanity on different levels and finding the right place for your service is essential," she said. "We will do whatever God's plan for the next phase."

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Paul that just student attendance at pep rallies has been apparent. Hall engaged in push-up contests to drum up more Irish enthusiasm. Lately, a decline in the Purdue pep rally, even though 4,000 seats were reserved.

Klunder did not have attendance numbers for the Stanford pep rally available this weekend, although he thought there was an "increase in student participation at Friday's pep rally compared to the one before the Purdue game."

Junior Tom Martin, president of Siegfried Hall, agreed there were "definitely more" participants on Friday compared to Purdue's rally but he also said the overall planning and execution of the events have caused a decrease in popularity. Part of the problem, Martin said, is that pep rallies are "becoming more tailored to the public."

"They make students come an hour and a half before the pep rally starts so that they can fill up all the seats," he said. "The extra down-time makes students less interested. Plus, right now they're playing 'Switch' by Will Smith, which isn't good."

Upperclassmen like junior Pedro Gochicoa are less interested in participating, explaining that pep rallies are fun for freshmen year, but after a while they become the same. But even freshmen have expressed apathy. For Shen Bettwy, pep rallies are "becoming too much of a hassle."

"It takes up a major chunk of your Friday evening," Bettwy said, "and we don't get as pumped up for them as we do for the games."

Other students said attending the pep rallies is not worth sacrificing their commitments to other extracurricular activities or demanding academic workload.

"I have a ton of work to do," sophomore Mike Hawking said. "So why should I go if the pep rallies have been so lackluster?"

At about 6:30 p.m. Friday, just as the football team made its entrance, the students in attendance grew progressively louder in anticipation of the speakers and recognition of former alumni.

Ish running backs coach Michael Hayward and defensive coordinator Rick Minter organized the football team's portion of the pep rally and recognized deceased Notre Dame Heisman Trophy winner Leon Hart, whose family was attending the event. Teammates Darius Walker and Maurice Crum Jr. spoke, along with head coach Charlie Weis and leprechaun Kevin Braun.

"I think that everybody has to embrace the tradition here," Klunder said. "We can try to get in a celebrity to speak every week, or we can try to keep it to a team factor."

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Navigation system adapted to aid the visually impaired

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Satellite-based navigation projects that guide motorists from high above, saving lumber drivers countless hours and extra trips to the gas station, but directing people on a much smaller scale — such as inside an office — is a much greater challenge.

Locator equipment based on Global Positioning System satellites is accurate to about 10 feet — fine for drivers searching for the next right turn but not for pedestrians seeking a front door.

And the range of GPS is limited indoors and outdoors. Cameras gauge how far away objects and obstacles are. A compass establishes direction. And an inertia detector tracks the roll, pitch and yaw of the user's head.

All the data are crunched by a computer in a backpack, which relays high-pitch sonar-like signals that direct users to their destinations. It also works with a database of maps and floor plans to help pinpoint each sidewalk, door, hall and stairwell.

Bruce Walker, an assistant psychology professor who helped develop the system, said in a few years, "We will have as good a system as we have for the NFL, where we can try to keep it to a team factor."

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Chase like a champion today

The non-ESPN national media delights in chastising Division I colleges for their over-emphasis on the latter half of the phrase "student-athlete." These criticisms have rung loud from a recent New York Times piece on the unbalanced spending on athletic facilities at Rutgers University to the annual mockery of the pathetic graduation rates of all top 25 football teams not named Notre Dame to the downright embarrassing class schedules of all former USC quarter-backs named Matt Leinart.

While many of these attacks on America's universities are undoubtedly merited, there is a crucial aspect of this lopsided treatment at "jock schools" that gets about as much press coverage as the war in Afghanistan. Yes, this devious system of unseem rewards for athlete-students is so sinister and masochistic that even the lofty ideals of the utopian NCAA fail to acknowledge its existence. Like steroids in baseball before the late 1990s and the entire female gender under the Taliban, these things are known to exist but never spoken of, and, for the most part, ignored entirely by the authorities.

I'm talking, of course, about jersey chasers. Defined by the always-reputable online Urban Dictionary as "a girl that only goes for guys on a certain sports team," these strumpets of the sidelines get their kicks not by watching an athlete compete and cheering for their peers, but by blatantly attempting to hook up with said peers after their game-day heroism has solidified their greatness in the eyes of the cheering thousands.

At some schools, the primary activities of these institution-of-higher-learning Lolitas are purely sexual in nature. At the University of Miami — the Harvard of south Florida, if you will — former football stars like Tavarres Gooden, Darnell Jenkins and our own Greg Olsen achieved cult-status via constantly exposing the lewd and disgusting activities that these jersey chasers often forced helpless athletes into doing in their pseudonymous "7th Floor Crew" rap.

At other schools, these varsity-letter vixens are not always as libidinously motivated, and even waiting outside of a locker room with a plate full of baked goods or doing an athlete's laundry and homework on a daily basis are frequent forms of acceptable jersey chasing.

Still, the mysterious and underhanded world of jersey adulation does not end there. Perhaps the most disturbing cases of this obsession can be found in college classrooms, even at Notre Dame, where the most dogged and determined jersey chasers are not sitting at student desks wearing black mini skirts and red snakeskin boots, but standing behind podiums giving academic lectures. Professors across campus — and particularly in several sports-related classrooms in the Mendoza College of Business — are famous for spending half an hour on Mondays and Fridays either praising players for their previous weekend's victories or wearing jerseys to their upcoming games. Some go so far as to bring in newspaper clips highlighting a star player's performance — as if these constantly glorified individuals really already realize that Googling their names would yield more than four million results.

Clearly, the fervor and passion with which these sport-star stalkers go about their business deserves greater acknowledgment than that which the traditional news media currently gives them. For that reason, the time has come for the NCAA to finally recognize jersey chasing as an official varsity sport. Perhaps then these adoring fans will at last be legitimized in the eyes of a cruel America who currently views them as the crust of the collegiate cosmos.

Imagine: Scantly clad girls ogling across the mound of lost XXXL hooded sweatshirts on their apartment floors, reaching above their front doors, and spilling a gold "Chase Like a Champion Today" sign before they head out for a night of drinking at the athlete Mecca of Finken's. Sports reporters sending in their ballots every Sunday to decide which school's jersey chasers put up the most impressive numbers over the weekend. Reps of officials analyzing a girl's pathetic pickup line to a basketball player from an upstairs booth, then throwing a yellow flag after determining that "You can bounce your balls off my backboob any day" is an unacceptable use of athletic sexual metaphor.

Yes, when this great day arrives and legitimacy is at last restored to the recreational activities of these misused students (and professors), all of our lives will surely change for the better.

I already know where I'll be sitting: at a table in Finken's, patiently awaiting my chance to become America's first jersey chaser chaser.

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The ethics of medical participation in executions reveals one of the many complexities of capital punishment in the U.S. In an effort to maintain ethics within the legal system, judges are increasingly calling for medical personnel to supervise executions. However, with medical ethics in mind, doctors and anesthesiologists assert that physicians are healers, not executioners, and therefore cannot participate in the administration of lethal drugs.

If states, like North Carolina, feel they must purchase devices to carry out the death sentences of their inmates, can this punishment be considered ethical and humane? Medical codes of ethics aside, I believe that the reluctance of a state or a judge to employ any human being in taking the life of another person reveals the inherent aversion to killing that has been present as long as capital punishment itself.

In recent months, states are stalling and abandoning executions due to a flood of lawsuits framing lethal injection, especially without a medical practitioner present, as a violation of the rights of a U.S. citizen. The execution of Joseph Clark in Ohio in May demonstrates some of the issues surrounding lethal injection that are currently being examined. Prison technicians had trouble finding a suitable vein through which to administer lethal chemicals to Clark. After multiple attempts, the lethal dose began, but minutes later Clark raised his head and said, "It's not working." Another vein was painstakingly located, and drugs administered, in an execution that lasted almost 90 minutes in all.

Millions of the United States, we currently live in a nation that provides more humane treatment to dogs than to citizens imprisoned on death row, despite our proclivities as a leader of international progress and justice. In August, the United Nations Human Rights Committee issued a report recommending that the United States impose a moratorium on executions. While this UN statement bears no penalty or enforcement beyond international scrutiny, it does raise the 1996 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights as a document long endorsed by the United States. The United States' 1992 ratification of the treaty (a hard-law update of the 1948 Universal Declaration on Human Rights) included a number of reservations—notably, provisions on the death penalty.

Similarly to the ever-increasing presence of domestic campaigns against the death penalty, the U.N.'s recommendation can do little more than appeal to lawmakers and judges and request a closer examination of the procedural flaws and injustices of capital punishment—an evaluation that can only fully be achieved through a moratorium.

The current ironic reality is that it requires outrageous mistakes and questionable rulings (such as the prolonged execution of Clark or the debate over Brown's machine-monitored death) to bring the institutional injustices and problems of capital punishment in America under scrutiny. In working towards a moratorium in the state of Indiana, we can prevent additional, unnecessary injustices from occurring, and utilize already existing and sufficient evidence and research to confirm Judge Blackmun's 12-year-old stance that the death penalty has failed in the United States.

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Internationally acclaimed salsa band El Gran Combo offered a lively and stimulating performance at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts last Wednesday.

El Gran Combo has rocked the world of Latin music ever since its formation in 1962. After the release of its first album in 1963, the group quickly rose in stature, touring all over Latin America. Despite a somewhat constant changing membership, the band has managed to overcome internal problems and continue to produce good music. It was awarded the "Agüeybana de Oro" prize in 1969, indicating its status as the best music group in Puerto Rico. Since then, it has continued to produce songs that top the charts.

El Gran Combo has the unique sound, its long-lasting success is less than surprising. An amazing conglomeration of vocal and instrumental talent embodies the spirit of the famous Combo.

On Wednesday, its brass (Taty Maldonado on trumpet and Victor Rodeguies and Moisés Nogueras on the trombones) created a big band classic atmosphere. The use of the conga (Miguel Torres), timbales (Dominico Santos) and bongos (Mitchell Laboy) modernized the music while allowing the band to direct each song to embody the salsa culture. Also included on the jam-packed stage were a piano (Rafael Guthier, musical director), alto saxophone (Eddie Perez), saxophone (Freddie Miranda) and bass (Freddie Riviera). The three vocalists (Charlie Aponte, Jerry Rivas and Papo Rosario) had strong, steady voices, which only added to their general likeability. Their willingness and ability to connect with a much younger audience — which included taking song requests — made the show especially enjoyable.

The three also had choreographed dance moves that partially explain their success in the entertainment industry. These days, it is unusual for popular music groups and singers to fully understand how to produce a good concert. Dancing is usually either distracting or barely enough to keep the audience interested. El Gran Combo's expertise in show business was clearly evident in its ability to produce a captivating performance. They successfully engaged a college-aged audience — a crowning achievement considering the young age of the group itself. Many of El Gran Combo's members are middle-aged or older, but the group had the talent to bridge generational gaps and make the performance entertaining for people of all ages. This was very well reflected in the diversity of age in those attending the concert. Student attendance is a consistent problem at the DPAC. This problem was partially remedied for El Gran Combo's performance, because unlike other DPAC events, free tickets were available through several venues for students who took the time to preorder — and the difference in attendance was astounding. While the DPAC was not sold out, there was a larger amount of students present than in many sell-out crowds.

Beyond the numbers, the students in attendance were all extremely excited about seeing El Gran Combo, which was apparent in their participation. Not only was the performance vibrant, but the Notre Dame students also reflected and intensified the energy coming from onstage. During the first song, most of the students had stood up and were dancing by their seats. By the second, most moved down in front of the stage, around the aisles and to the box seats in order to show their salsa skills! or have a good time learning some moves.

Although most of the older members of the audience remained seated throughout the performance, it was apparent that they enjoyed watching the students dance. For the final song, El Gran Combo requested everyone to join in the dancing. The DPAC felt alive and electric.

Between the top-of-the-charts performance from El Gran Combo and the energy from the audience, Wednesday night was more like a party than just one of the days before midterms.

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Win at the half

Quinn throws three touchdowns to three receivers as Irish drop the Cardinal

Stanford quarterback Trent Edwards is crushed by Irish linebacker Anthony Vernaglia (54), defensive end Chris Frome (75) and defensive tackle Derek Landri during Saturday's 31-10 win over the Cardinal. The Irish compiled 438 yards of total offense and sacked Edwards five times in the victory.

By CHRIS KHOREY
American Sport Editor

Junior tailback Darius Walker ran for 153 yards on 25 carries as No. 12 Notre Dame improved its record to 5-1 with a 31-10 win over Stanford Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

"It was a good team collective effort," Walker said. "Everyone played really well, especially the offensive line. It was good day all around for us."

As a team, the Irish rushed for a season-high 204 yards on 39 carries.

"I'd always like to call a game that's balanced 50-50," Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said. "It puts the defense in a mental bind when they know you can run or pass."

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn completed 27-of-37 passes for 232 yards and three touchdowns. His counterpart, Stanford signal-caller Trent Edwards was 7-of-15 for 68 yards. Edwards was also sacked five times.

"We weren't able to make the plays we needed to make when we needed to make them to keep it a closer game," Stanford coach Walt Harris said.

The Cardinal, who have struggled running the ball this year, managed 72 yards on 38 carries, led by 64 yards on 15 carries by junior Anthony Kimble.

"I was really pleased with that long meticulous drive to start the game, but then they had a drive of their own," Weis said. "It seemed like our offense kind of fell asleep after that and there was kind of a lull in the action."

With the score still 7-3 with three minutes left in the first half, the Irish switched to their no-huddle offense and drove 68 yards in 9 plays, capped by a 15-yard pass from Quinn to senior Rhema McKnight to take a 14-3 lead into the locker room. It was the fifth time in six games that Notre Dame has scored on its last possession of the first half.

"Every time we go to [the no-huddle], it seems like we make something happen," Quinn said. "It's not a go-to thing for us, but we know when we use it we can be successful."

Notre Dame extended its lead to 21-3 on the team's first possession of the third quarter, going 76 yards on six plays. Walker scored the touchdown on a 32-yard run, his longest carry of the season.

The Irish added a field goal with 1:02 left in the quarter with a 10-play, 47-yard drive that included five rushes by Walker for 24 yards. Stanford got a ray of hope with a 57-yard field goal by Vernaglia with :29 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

"That was phenomenal. I thought the ball was overthrown, to tell you the truth. Of course, when he came to the sidelines I said, 'Two hands next time, please.'" Walker said. "You get to feel good about it for two weeks."

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Victor Abiamiri
The senior defensive end had three sacks and a tackle for a loss as Notre Dame shut down the Cardinal offense.

stat of the game
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The number of tackles — five solo, four assisted — made by freshman strong safety Ray Herring.

play of the game
Rhema McKnight's touchdown
The wide receiver's touchdown reception with 29 seconds remaining in the first half gave the Irish a comfortable 11-point lead.
Confidence factor huge in Irish win

Charlie Weis brought one thing with him two years ago. One thing that's more important than his Super Bowl rings, his big playbook or his talented coaching staff. It's the one thing that ensured Notre Dame of a win over Stanford and assured those in the stands that they didn't have to suffer from frayed nerves or chewed fingernails as they filed out of Notre Dame Stadium Saturday evening.

That one thing is confidence — the belief that Notre Dame doesn't have to worry about losing to Stanford anymore.

The Cardinal was less talented, less motivated and not as prepared as the Irish. In between dropping passes and playing asphalt to Victor Abiamiri's steamroller, Stanford managed to get run over by a Notre Dame team with no time for 0-5 football teams.

It wasn't always this way. Back in 2004, Notre Dame was fresh off a huge upset of Michigan, a road win over Michigan State and a blowout of Washington. Former coach Tyrone Willingham and the Irish looked like they were on their way toward a successful season as they awaited that week's game with Purdue.

Forty-one points and four Kyle Orton touchdowns later, Notre Dame had suffered its first home loss to Purdue in 30 years and saw its season take a nose dive. It had caved in front of 80,000 home fans to a team with less talent but a better coaching staff. It had failed to execute and forget how to tackle. It did everything this year's Notre Dame team doesn't do.

Against the Cardinal, the Irish played smart. They didn't throw interceptions. They didn't make many mental errors. And, except for one fluky double pass, they didn't give up a big play.

Weis deserves credit for keeping the team focused in the face of a winless PAC-10 opponent and a tempting fall break. He and Quinn are the biggest reasons for Notre Dame's success — that's obvious. But there's another guy that shouldn't be forgotten. The guy who does nothing spectacular and nothing wrong — Darius Walker.

Notre Dame's tough, spunky running back is a devilish, spooking running back, squinted, scratched and strained for every inch of his 198 total yards of offense against the Cardinal. That's with no runs over 32 yards and none of his six receptions going for more than 14.

Everything Walker gets he earns. It didn't matter Saturday if Jeff Samardzija or Rhema McKnight were covered — Walker was usually open a few yards away from Quinn for nice little five-yard pick-ups.

It didn't matter if the offensive line opened a hole — Walker churned out at least a little room. It didn't even matter if a Cardinal defender laid a big hit on No. 3 — Walker wasn't going to fumble.

Without Walker, maybe Stanford would have pulled the upset. It's unlikely, but if Cardinal receivers would have come up with a few more plays and if Notre Dame made a few more miscues, the outcome could have been different.

Of course, give credit to Weis. The Irish came out focused and made sure the more talented team won the game — a completely different performance than the one two long years ago against Purdue.

Just don't forget about Walker. Because, in calmly grinding out 153 unspectacular yards on an early October afternoon, he moved the Irish one step closer toward a pretty spectacular game in early January.

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But Abiamiri is not fully satisfied with the way he played. He said he needed to put forth a fierce effort because of Notre Dame’s upcoming bye week.

"I just think he’s a good football player," he said. "He can’t wait to play us — that’s what it looks like.

"But for Abiamiri, last week was more important than last year.

"We’ve learned from our mistakes and we’re ready to take advantage of any opportunity that comes our way," Abiamiri said.

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The front four was also responsible for sacking Purdue quarterback Curtis Painter as he threw for 396 yards on 44 attempts. Abiamiri and the Irish defense never allowed Stanford short gains to feel comfortable in the pocket.

"Getting to the quarterback was definitely a point of emphasis for us this week," Abiamiri said.

Abiamiri served as Notre Dame’s designated "late hit" for the season, a position he was determined to put forth a fierce effort to earn.

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"Weis said Zbikowski, who was dressed for the game and walked out for the coin toss with fellow captains Brady Quinn and Travis Thomas, wanted to play.

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"All those guys were pretty close to being able to play," Weis said. "I thought I’d bite my lip and see if I couldn’t buy a little more time, which fortu­nately worked out okay.

"Weis said. "Even if he expected the game to be close, Weis said, "he still would have [ered] on the side of caution.

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This is the true story of a group of suburban teenagers picked to dress well, engage in staged melodrama and have their lives taped to find out what happens when television stops being "scripted" and starts getting "real."

In 1992, MTV and Bunim/Murray Productions made television history when they launched America's first reality television series, "The Real World." Compared to the popular sitcoms and prime time soap operas that dominated television during the early 1990s, "The Real World" was innovative and groundbreaking.

However, as MTV became a teenager, its reality programming became less socially conscious and more of a perpetual Spring Break in Cancun. While now dominated by series such as "Laguna Beach" and "My Super Sweet 16," MTV reality shows now focus on the trashiest aspects of the new season, but one noticeable alteration that made "Laguna Beach" so immediately recognizable was the audi­ence's pre-invested interest in its protagon­ist, Lauren. As viewers follow her through the ups and downs of early adulthood, they share in her embarrassment, heartache and shining moments while witnessing decisions that make them want to pull out their hair. The next step in the digression of MTV reality shows is the creation of "My Super Sweet 16." The show has completely deviated from any resemblance of reality. However, MTV has successfully accomplished what its target audience wants to watch — how the other half lives. Riding on the success of other MTV reality shows now present to viewers the lives of the young, beautiful and wealthy. Viewers don't want to watch the reality that they live everyday — they want drama and extravagance. This is the type of reality television that viewers want. MTV's "Real World" and "Laguna Beach" MTV aims to expose the audience to its reality that they live everyday — they want drama and extravagance.

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars must have been in a hurry to end their two-game losing streak. The Jaguars scored touchdowns on four of their first five possessions, quickly rebounding from consecutive losses and beating the New York Jets on Sunday.

Maurice Drew ran for two touchdowns, Fred Taylor added another and Byron Leftwich capped the fast start with a 1-yard TD pass to George Wrighter. The Jets (2-3) provided plenty of help along the way.

Chad Pennington threw two interceptions that Jacksonville (3-2) turned into touchdowns. Ben Graham had a punt blocked that resulted in a score and two questionable roughing the passer penalties made it even worse.

The result was exactly what the Jaguars wanted after losses at Indianapolis and Washington. The offense, almost nonexistent in the second half against the Colts, came up with several big plays against New York's woeful defense. Jacksonville's defense, embarrassed after giving up 443 yards and 36 points to the Redskins, clamped down on Pennington & Co.

Pennington finished 10-of-17 for 71 yards. He was picked off three times and sacked three times. His friend and former college teammate fared much better in their third meeting. Leftwich was 26-of-44 for 240 yards and two touchdowns.

Leftwich had the better supporting cast, too. Taylor ran 21 times for 111 yards, and Drew added 59 yards.

Colts 14, Titans 13
Pennington had mastered the great escape.

Now the Indianapolis defense wants to make things a little easier for their quarterback.

For the third straight week, the two-time MVP led Indianapolis on a late touchdown drive, this time throwing a 2-yard touchdown pass to Reggie Wayne with 10 seconds to go, to give the Colts a victory — and avoid Tennessee's improbable upset bid Sunday.

"You can't end up relying on that, falling back on it," coach Tony Dungy said. "We've just got to play better and I think we will.

"Pennington used an unorthodox strategy, scouting twice on touchdown runs, to beat Jacksonville and the New York Jets. It's all we've got.

Against winless Tennessee (0-5), Manning used a more conventional method. He connected with Marvin Harrison and Wayne for second-half scores that rallied the Colts from a 10-point deficit. The win kept the Colts (5-0) unbeaten and in control of the AFC South, even if it was far from perfect.

Manning finished 20-of-31 for 196 yards with one interception. When it mattered most, Mr. Reliable pulled another one out.

Giants 10, Redskins 23
Don't write off the New York Giants' defense just yet. For that matter, don't write off the defending division champions, either.

Struggling off intense criticism and the always treacherous bye week, the Giants rediscovered the team that was a division title a year ago. For at least a week, New York also renewed its own hopes that this team is still capable of big things.

Michael Strahan and the much-maligned defense limited Washington to 164 total yards, and Eli Manning threw a touchdown pass and set up three of the Giants' four field goals with long passes to lead the Giants to a victory over the Redskins on Sunday.

"It's something to build on," Steinberg said after the Giants (2-3) dominated Washington (2-3) in every phase in their first game since tight end Jeremy Shockey and the team was already on the field, "It's about we time we came out as a team and definitely played the way we're capable of playing. We just went out there and played good football.

The victory was only the Giants' fourth in 18 post-bye week games. It snapped a five-game losing streak in the week after the bye and was only their second in the last 11 post-bye games.

Even $49 million linebacker LaVar Arrington made a rare big play Sunday, knocking down and almost intercepting a screen pass by Mark Brunell.

Saints 24, Buccaneers 21
With a few weeks, Reggie Bush backed the crowd in its 8-yard punt return for a touchdown as he scored on a late touchdown drive, this time throwing a 2-yard touchdown pass and set up three of the Giants' four field goals with long passes to lead the Giants to a victory over the Redskins on Sunday.

"When you see Reggie take those high steps, you know he's bound to make something happen," Saints defensive end Charles Grant said. "I knew he was going to be there.

The celebration was interrupted briefly while refereed sorted out a flag thrown against the Buccaneers, fans jostling for "Reggie the Football" as the score was made official. Bush was hugged by numerous teammates as he made his way back to the sideline.

Panthers 20, Browns 12
 Коузмополь Johnson sneaked off to the side of the tunnel, got onto his knees and genuflected as Julius Peppers was introduced to the crowd before the game. It was fitting, because Peppers and the Carolina defense bailed out the offense Sunday.

Peppers had a sack, forced a fumble and hit quarterback Charlie Frye five other times, and Richard Marshall returned an interception for a touchdown as the Panthers beat Cleveland Sunday, even though Johnson and Steve Smith failed to have his game against the Browns' banged-up secondary.

"Steve and I were using the restroom and as we came out, the team was already on the field," Johnson said. "So we were stuck in the tunnel, but I thought maybe we should go out there. So I thought we'd go out there and mess with him and praise him.

For good coming. Inside the game tied for the league lead with five sacks. Peppers was a nightmare for Frye, who was 26- of-43 for 173 yards and two interceptions, the last by Mike Minter that iced it. The Browns managed only four field goals by Phil Dawson.

Vikings 26, Lions 17
Trailing by 14 points to start the fourth quarter against hapless Detroit, somebody on the Minnesota Vikings had to put the ball in the end zone.

The offense sure wasn't having much luck, so the defense took over, delivering the big play that would make the old Purple People Eaters proud.

With the Vikings scoring two defensive touchdowns in the fourth quarter to rescue the struggling offense, turning a 17-3 deficit into a victory.

"Every time we take the field, we try to score or get the ball back," defensive coordinator Mike Tomlin said.

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**NFL**

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**MLB**

Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols, right, celebrates with second baseman Ronnie Belliard after scoring on a triple by outfielder Juan Encarnacion in St. Louis' series-clinching 6-2 win over San Diego Sunday.

Cardinals finish off Padres in NLDS

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Just like last year, the St. Louis Cardinals breezed by the San Diego Padres and into the NL championship series.

Chris Carpenter recovered from a shaky start for his second victory of the series, Juan Encarnacion hit a tiebreaking triple and the Cardinals beat the San Diego Padres 6-2 Sunday night to win their best-of-five first-round NL playoff series.

St. Louis nearly wasted a seven-game lead in the final two weeks of the season but rebounded against the Padres, a team they swept in the first round in 2005. Escaping trouble in each of the last two innings, the Cardinals sealed the win when Adam Wainwright got Dave Roberts on a groundout to end the game with two on, with Albert Pujols stepping on the first-base bag for the final out.

Back in the NLCS for the third straight year, the Cardinals open the next round Wednesday night at the New York Mets, who won the division series from St. Louis 4-2. While the Cardinals won the NL pennant in 2004 before getting swept by Boston, the Cardinals lost last year's NL championship to Houston in six games.

San Diego manager Bruce Bochy, whose team won the division for the second straight year, dropped to 1-9 in the post-season against the Cardinals, who also swept the Padres in the opening round in 1996. The Padres were 2-32 (.063) with runners in scoring position in the series.

Carpenter, who won Tuesday's opener 5-1, fell behind 2-0 in the first inning when he walked Russell Branyan with the bases loaded and Mike Cameron followed with an RBI grounder.

But that was all the NL West champions got off him. Carpenter got Josh Barfield to hit into a forceout and followed with six innings of shutdown, five-hit ball, leaving him at 2-0 in the series with a 2.02 ERA. Because Cardinals manager Tony La Russa pitched him Sunday instead of saving him for a possible fifth game, he likely won't be available until the third game of the NLCS.

Ronnie Belliard, 6-for-13 in the series, tied it in the bottom half with a two-run, two-out single against Woody Williams. The game stayed tied until the four-run sixth.

**IN BRIEF**

_**Lozaa to start Game 2 for A's against Detroit**_

Ten of Oakland's top decision makers held a closed-door meeting in the manager's office Sunday and cast their votes on who should start for the Athletics in Game 2 of the AL championship series — Rich Harden or Esteban Loaza.

The tally: Harden 5, Loaza 5. Loaza won the tiebreaker based on his health, recent results and reliability. Harden has only pitched three times since missing more than three months with an elbow injury.

As expected, the A's named left-hander Barry Zito the starter for Game 1 on Tuesday night against the Coliseum against the wild card Detroit Tigers, who lost the ALDS opener before rallying to win three straight and eliminate the New York Yankees on Saturday.

"There was a lot of debate," general manager Billy Beane said. "I'm not sure there was a clear answer.

"The last thing I wanted to do was win without giving everyone at least one shot of the things that happened, happened," Vickers said.

But he didn't mean it: "I got into Jimmie and I hate it," Vickers said. "I got into Jimmie and I hate it."

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Ochoa earns first LPGA win in native Mexico

Mexican star Lorena Ochoa won her first LPGA Tour title in her home country Sunday, closing with a 4-under 69 to hold off Julieta Granada and Paula Creamer in the Corona Moreda Championship.

Ochoa, who never trailed after shooting a course-record 64 in the second round Friday, won for the fourth time this season to tie Karrie Webb for the tour lead. The 24-year-old Ochoa finished at 20-under 272 on the hilly, Jack Nicklaus-designed Tres Marias course, five strokes better than Granada.

Granada, the 19-year-old up-and-comer from Paraguay, shot a 71. The 20-year-old Creamer had Sunday's best round, a 65 that left her third at 14 under.

Ochoa began the round three strokes ahead of Granada, but things got a bit tense after Ochoa bogeyed the 161-yard, par-3 third hole.
Huskies football

Tennessee topples Georgia with second-half surge, Georgia Tech holds off Maryland, Navy beats Air Force in thriller

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — No. 3 Southern Methodist (6-0, 3-0) and No. 13Miami (5-1, 2-1) remained tied for first place in the Big East Conference. The Mustangs beat the Hurricanes 28-17.

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**FOOTBALL**

Tennessee defeated Georgia with a second-half surge, Georgia Tech held off Maryland, and Navy beat Air Force in a thriller.

**Associated Press**

Tennessee scored more points than the University of Georgia in the second half, finishing with the second-highest scoring output in its 47-20 victory over the Bulldogs at Sanford Stadium. Only Florida, which won 37-13 in 1995 during the height of Spurrier's Fun-n-Gun offense, scored more points on the Bulldogs in Athens.

No. 5 Florida 23, No. 9 LSU 10

Florida doesn't have a quarterback controversy. It's more like a quarterback coalition.

Backup quarterback Tim Tebow threw two touchdown passes, including one on a play that could have come from basketball coach Billy Donovan's playbook, and ran for a score to give the fifth-ranked Gators a win against No. 9 LSU on Saturday.

"You've got to be creative in this league," Gators coach Urban Meyer said.

Florida improved to 6-0 for the first time since 1996 — the school's most successful national championship season — and extended its home winning streak to 13 games.

The Gators (4-0 Southeastern Conference) beat the Tigers for the first time in three years and won their 18th straight homecoming game.

Tebow made it look relatively easy.

The highly touted freshman, who teams with starter Chris Leak to give2006 Football Schedule

The Gators' 2006 football schedule is as follows:

- September 2: vs. Louisiana State University
- September 9: vs. Mississippi State University
- September 23: vs. Arkansas State University
- October 7: vs. Vanderbilt University
- October 14: vs. Louisiana-Monroe University
- October 21: vs. Kentucky University
- October 28: vs. Florida Atlantic University
- November 4: vs. Georgia University
- November 11: vs. Georgia Tech University
- November 18: vs. Vanderbilt University
- December 2: vs. Mississippi State University

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This weekend, the University of Notre Dame hosts its Alumni Weekend, featuring events and activities for alumni and friends. The weekend includes a variety of events, such as a lecture series, a football game, and a weekend brunch.

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Gray leads Belles to fourth-place finish

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Megan Gray built upon her effort through scenic women's teams and 25 men's teams. The women's first-place team was Division-I Northern Illinois. The individual first-place finisher was Goshen College's Petruna Petkova, who came in at 22:45.5 minutes.

Gray finished with a time of 23:18.6 to lead the Saint Mary's squad. Sara Otto was 19th overall, coming in at 24:45.0.

Megan McCloskey finished with the 27th best time of 25:15.3. Aileen Miller was 41st with 26:02.2 and Caitline Stevenson clocked in at the 26th minute, with a 26:34.6 — good for 48th overall. Rounding out the Saint Mary's finishers were Kelly Biedron and Emily Graf. Their placements went down to the wire. Biedron captured 52nd place with 26:44.9 minutes, and Graf recorded a 26:47.7 minute finish.

The total team score of 137 put Saint Mary's behind Northern Illinois, Goshen and St. Joseph's. The Belles were the only participant from the MIAA conference.

The total team time was 125:58, good for a Belles average time of 25:12. The strong showing at the Eagle Invitational follows a 17th overall team finish out of 33 teams at the Saint Earl Lakefront Invitational. Saint Mary's was fifth overall at the first MIAA Jamboree of the season on Sept. 23.

Next up for the Belles is the Manchester College (Ind.) Invitational, starting at 8 a.m. on Oct. 14.

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Men's Golf
ND will play host this week

After three weeks off, Irish welcome 12 teams to Gridiron Classic

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

The Irish will host the Gridiron Golf Classic today and tomorrow on a course they know very well — their own.

After finishing ninth in a field of 12 at Minnesota's Gopher Invitational Sept. 17, the Irish hope to rebound with a strong showing at Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course.

The 12-team field includes four squads ranked among the top 50 by Golfweek, including No. 28 Lamar, No. 31 Florida State, No. 44 Augusta State and No. 49 Vanderbilt. But even though these teams are ranked higher than Notre Dame, Irish coach Jim Kubiinski believes that his team has a distinct edge.

"The home course gives us a big advantage," he said. "This is true in golf, even more so than other sports."

Senior co-captain Cole Isban agreed and said playing at Warren is a significant benefit.

"It's huge plus to know the course," he said. "Realistically, I think that this week we have a good chance to win."

Kubiinski said he hopes his team can record one of the top three scores for two rounds of play.

"If you go in the final group Tuesday, there are 18 holes to go and anyone can win," he said.

The Irish are very balanced, Kubiinski said, optimistic that his team will be able to remain near or on top of the leader board throughout the event. Senior Adam Gifford, the team's number five player, holds the lowest stroke average at Warren.

While the Irish will be on their own course today, they understand the possibility of the three-week break affecting their play in this tournament.

"The problem is we're not tournament-sharp," Isban said. "Hopefully, we aren't too unsettled out there."

Teams will play two rounds of 18 holes each today, with the opening round teeing off at 9:15 a.m. The second round will begin within an hour of the conclusion of round one. The third and final round will be held tomorrow morning.

The Irish are eager to return to competition in the only event they will host this season.

"We're excited to be close to school," said Isban, who will play in his final home tournament. "We're looking forward to having some fun."

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Hinton takes down Olivet

Saint Mary's scores two late goals to come from behind Saturday

By DAN MURPHY

Senior captains Colleen Courtney and Ashley Hinton both scored clutch second-half goals in a come from behind victory against Olivet Saturday.

The 3-2 win boosted the Belles to second place in the MIAA with a 3-1 conference record.

Saint Mary's has now won three of its last four games, bringing the team's overall record to 4-6-2. The hot streak dates back to Sept. 26. In that time the Belles have cemented themselves as a legitimate contender in the conference with wins over Kalamazoo, Alma and Olivet.

After falling behind early in the second half, Saint Mary's took control of the game and clawed their way back. Courtney scored her first goal of the season in the 64th minute on a shot from Katie Wolfe and buried a shot in the top right corner of the net out of the reach of goalkeeper Laura Helene. Helene finished with four saves as the Belles defense was able to hold Olivet to 12 shots — only six of which were on net. And the defense, which struggled early, seems to be coming together at the right time.

Saint Mary's offense also turned out a strong performance in Saturday's game. The team out shot the Comets 14-12 including nine shots from sophomore forward Lauren Hinton. Hinton put eight of her nine on net but wasn't able to get one past Brady for her seventh goal of the season.

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No members of the team were available for comment following the game.

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MEN’S SWIMMING

Irish cruise to easy win at Dennis Stark Relays

ND sets four records, scores 264 points in weekend domination

By DAN MURPHY

The Irish picked up where they left off last season with a dominating victory in the Dennis Starks Relays at the Rolfs Aquatic Center Friday night. Notre Dame blew the competition out of the water, outscoring all five other teams, including nine shots from senior Lauren Hinton.

Saint Mary's scores three. Hinton also caught her first goal of the season including nine shots from goalie Shane Heline. Heline finished with four saves as the Belles defense was able to hold Olivet to 12 shots — only six of which were on net. And the defense, which struggled early, seems to be coming together at the right time.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles take care of business
Saint Mary's collects first win over Alma since 1999

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

Two big conference matches for Saint Mary's led to two league wins this weekend against Olivet Friday and Alma Sunday.

Olivet provided little challenge until the final game. The Belles knocked off Olivet 3-0 (30-14, 30-17, 30-26) Friday evening. Senior outside hitter Kristen Playko was on fire with 15 kills. She was aided by senior libero Anne Cusack, who contributed a match-high 29 digs.

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Senior outside hitter Ann Carpenter spikes a ball over Alma sophomore Rebecca Bruning in a 3-0 victory Saturday.

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Notre Dame's starting goalie, made eight saves in two periods before he was replaced by sophomore Jordan Thang.

Fellow first years that are important for freshmen are, number one, underclassman Brett Blatchford and sophomore Dan Kissel, Ryan Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

Jackson said the ice quality was poor Friday due to the relatively warm weather outside, a football luncheon earlier in the day and a mechanical problem in the Joyce Center's cooling system.

"Some of the machinery broke down. This place is getting old," Jackson said.

Sophomore left wing Garrett Began extended the Irish lead to 3-0-5:07 into the second period with Notre Dame's first even-strength goal of the young season.

Thursday's contest with the Mavericks will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

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primary goals. I know we have a lot of tough matches ahead of us, but it's a good start.

Junior captain Adrianna Stasiuk led the Irish in kills with 28 for both games and tallied 31 digs, including the 20-dig match against Marquette.

"She is our best all-around player," Brown said. "Both matches this weekend, I think she's leading with a lot of confidence, a lot of passion and just being very competitive."

Notre Dame is now 9-0 and 14-1 all-time against Marquette and Syracuse, respectively.

Notre Dame 3, Marquette 0

The Irish beat the Golden Eagles (7-9, 3-2 Big East) 30-17, 21-30, 30-24 in a match prior to the pep rally Friday.

The score was tied at 17 in the third game, but the points were scored on a 9-2 run to take the match.

Phillips had kills on the 23rd and 26th Irish points before Notre Dame took the game point on a ball hit out of bounds by the Orange.

"The girls were really talking to me, and first of all the passing was there, the set was there," Phillips said. "We were meshing really well."

Syracuse took a 13-11 lead halfway through the third game, but the points were taken away when it was ruled that the Orange served out of rotation. The call reversed the Syracuse run and knotted the game at 12 apiece.

A Stasiuk kill ended a first point run after the score became 12-10.

Phillips had three kills and one block for a point in a back-and-forth third game, and Fesl added several crucial kills to end a late Orange comeback.

"The whole match Serenity played really, really well," Brown said. "She's obviously our best blocker. She hit very efficiently and smart. I think she was our most consistent player throughout the day today.

The two teams exchanged the lead numerous times in the first part of the third game and Syracuse called its final timeout with the Irish leading 21-19 to regain its composure. Instead, Notre Dame came out of the timeout with the momentum and went on a 9-2 run to take the match.

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about its performance has changed.

"We’ve played all year, but we’ve really had our chances now," Clark said. "This team deserves a lot of credit for believing in themselves and their teammates. A lesser team could have lost confidence, but things seemed to have turned right for us."

Notre Dame didn’t wait long to open the scoring Saturday when sophomore forward Justin McGeeey blasted a shot into the corner of the net in the 13th minute. McGeeey’s fifth goal of the season, but his first since he scored Notre Dame’s lone goal against Cincinnati Sept. 17. The play started when sophomore midfielder Cory Bellois slotted a through ball into the path of McGeeey, who fired the ball into the corner of the net.

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"Confidence and chemistry are the best things to describe (Cahill)." Clark said. "He’s been there before, and he knows what he’s doing. A goalkeeper needs to have a calming effect on the defense, and Chris’s experience gives him a calming presence." Notre Dame didn’t wait long to respond to Georgetown’s goal. Less than five minutes after the Hoyas tied the game, Lapira gave the lead back to the Irish as he spun around goalkeeper Justin Morrow into the net.

"Our opening 25 minutes were as good as we’ve played all year. For the last 20 minutes, their goal took a little wind out of our sails," Clark said. "To get one back quickly helped a lot."

Lapira would double Notre Dame’s lead in the 65th minute off a misplay from Georgetown goalkeeper Devine. Irish defender Jack Traynor sent a long ball towards the Hoyas penalty box, but Devine’s clearance rebounded off Lapira, who proceeded to collect the ball and deposit it into the empty net.

Lapira, who entered the game leading the nation in goals, has now netted 17 on the season.

Senior co-captain Greg Dulby scored Notre Dame’s final goal when he headed a Lapira corner kick into the corner of the net. It was not only Dulby’s first goal on the season, Notre Dame will return to action this Wednesday at home when it plays Michigan State at 7 p.m. The team has just four regular season games remaining, but Clark refuses to look too far ahead.

"We’re obviously getting better every day, but my only concern right now is Michigan State," Clark said. "We’re taking it one game at a time."

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Irish forward Joe Lapira, right, fend off Hoyas midfielder Mark Zeman during Notre Dame’s 4-1 win over Georgetown Saturday.

The Notre Dame Prelaw Society present:

"Capital Punishment: American Law, Catholic Perspective"

Monday, October 9

6:00 p.m., Debartolo Hall, Room 126

Professor Howard J. Bromberg, Ave Maria School of Law

About the speaker: Professor Bromberg began his law career as Legislative Counsel for United States Congressman Thomas Petri of Wisconsin. He then worked as an Assistant District Attorney in the Appeals Bureau of the New York County District Attorney’s Office. He has taught at the University of Chicago Law School, Stanford Law School, and the University of Michigan Law School. He served as the founding Director of Ave Maria School of Law’s three-semester Research, Writing, and Advocacy Program and currently teaches Property, American Legal History, and Origins of the Constitution. Professor and curb honors from Harvard College, a Juris Doctor with honors from Harvard Law School, and a Master of the Science of Law from Stanford Law School.

SUNDAY'S game, which was played before just over 3,000 people, was the last regular season home game for the Irish. Notre Dame has four more regular season games before the Big East and NCAA Tournaments, both of which might include contests at Alumni Field.

The Irish will return to action next week, traveling to Connecticut for a 2:00 p.m. game against the Big East and NCAA Tournaments.
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Happy Birthday: Don't deviate from what you know and do well. Others may try to lead you astray, but if you are true to yourself and your beliefs, you should be able to stay on course. Your numbers: 2, 15, 31, 47, 49

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will find it difficult to get the rest you require. A long, quiet walk by yourself or a drive in the country may just do you some good. You may be looking for a new job or a new role to play. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Travel should be considered. You will be in a high-energy mode, and you must have an outlet if you wish to accomplish the most. Someone close to you may need help.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Your high-energy and competitive nature will put you in the driver's seat. Go after your goals and don't let others hold you back. Don't get involved in your financial worries. ****

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Proceed down new avenues. Sign up for courses if you are having a problem keeping a job. Financial problems are causing friction at home. You may have to settle for a job you don't want to accept. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can expect those you live with to have their own ideas about how they want things done around the house. Don't argue; just work on your own space and avoid getting into heated debates. ***/

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Introduce yourself to new people who are likely to talk you out of it as fast as you make it. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You won't have too much luck trying to keep things harmonious on the home front. Don't be too disharmonious, make plans to go out with friends who appreciate your company. ***/

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): In-laws will have good suggestions, but if you let them interfere with your personal life, you will live to regret it. Solve your problems on your own and tell your relatives when all is said and done. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can make money, but someone is likely to talk you out of it as fast as you make it. You should consider making a move. Real estate investments look positive. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You must try to get along with your partner. You haven't been seeing things in the same light for some time now. Do a bit of backtracking, and you'll find that you are both on the same page.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You must plan those career moves that you've been contemplating for the longest time. You know what your monetary goals are, so focus on what you have to do in order to reach them. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Turn your attention to hobbies and creative endeavors that give you pleasure. You may want to teach children some of the unique skills you've developed.***

Birthday Baby: You have a good sense of who you are and what your capabilities are. You're advanced in your thinking and willing to work hard to realize your aspirations. You are skilled with your response to those who challenge you.
**ND SOCCER**

The comforts of home

Irish women solidify grip on top spot in Big East with two wins, men tied for second in division after 4-1 victory

By CHRIS KHOREY and TIM DOUGHERTY

Sport Writers

No. 1 Notre Dame just keeps on winning.

The Irish (13-0, 6-0 Big East) moved into first place in the Big East's National Division with a 5-0 win over Seton Hall Friday and a 2-0 victory over Rutgers Sunday at Alumni Field.

"The last two weekends we've really started to come into our own," Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum said. "Before we were playing well enough to win, but now I think we're playing up our potential."

The Scarlet Knights (11-2-1, 5-1-1 Big East) came into Sunday's game in first place in the National Division by one point, thanks mainly to having played one more game than the Irish. Sunday's victory moved Notre Dame into the top spot, but sophomore forward Kerri Hanks downplayed the achievement.

"We're playing up our potential," Hanks said. "I think it's great to be in the top spot, but we have to keep working hard in practice and a couple of games on the road to keep staying there.

**HOCKEY**

Irish start strong in exhibition victory

By CHRIS KHOREY

Associate Sports Editor

Sophomore right wing Erik Condra recorded a hat trick Friday as Notre Dame beat Windsor 9-0 in an exhibition contest.

The game was the first of the year for the Irish, who opened the regular season Thursday against Minnesota State-Mankato at the Joyce Center.

"Tonight was about evaluation," Notre Dame head coach Kevin Connolly said. "It's a tough thing where every team is trying to get ready for their first game."

But the Irish showed their potential with a 9-0 victory over a Windsor team that is undefeated this season.

The Irish dominated the game from the opening faceoff and never looked back.

In the first period, Condra scored on a breakaway at 10:56 of the first period. During the Windsor power play, Condra intercepted a pass at center ice and skated in untouched on Lancers goalie Reese Kalleitner and beat him top shelf.

Six minutes later, Condra added his second shorthanded tally of the night off another pass from center Ice. The Irish dominated the play and outscored the Lancers 5-0 in the first period.

Condra had four points in the game and was named MVP of the game.

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Condra skated down ice and beat Kalleitner over his shoulder to make the score 2-0.

Condra's third goal came six minutes into the second period. To his dismay, no hats flew onto the ice.

"We have to teach our fans some of the classics of the game," coach Dave Brown said. "And that's one of our goals this season.

**ND VOLLEYBALL**

Team records two weekend wins

Irish drop one game against the Orange and Golden Eagles

By KYLIE CASSILLY and DEVIN PRESTON

Sports Writers

Notre Dame returned home this weekend after more than a month on the road. The Irish (12-4, 6-0 Big East) defeated Marquette 3-0 Sunday after winning 3-2 against Seton Hall Friday.

The Irish were coming off a bye week and were looking to continue their winning ways.

"It's a tough task to win on the road," Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark said. "But we were able to do it and that's a credit to our players."

The Irish dropped their first game in Big East play against Seton Hall, but that didn't deter them from their goal of winning the Big East.

"We're not in a good place right now," Clark said. "But we're working hard in practice and looking forward to the next game."

The Irish are currently enjoying a season-high six-game unbeaten streak—twice as long as their next highest unbeaten streak of three games. But despite his team's newfound consistency, Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark doesn't think much

**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

Saint Mary's tops Olivet, Alma

The Belles improve to 4-0 in the MIAA with two wins this weekend.

**SMC SOCCER**

Saint Mary's 3

Olivet 2

A comeback victory secures the crucial MIAA conference points for the Belles.

**MEN'S SWIMMING**

Irish win Dennis Starks relays

Notre Dame racks up 264 points by taking 11 of the 13 relays this weekend.

**MEN'S GOLF**

Irish to compete in Gridiron Golf Classic

The final men's event of the season at the Warren Golf Course starts today.