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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Living in the armpit**

When I heard on our local news in Scranton, Pa. that NBC was going to adapt the classic British comedy, "The Office" for American television — and set it in Scranton — I did not know what to expect. So, I did a little research and found that some websites compared Slough, the setting for the British version, to an armpit. Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant purport to pick a depressing city to underscore the characters' humdrum lives. I feared the worst, like the producers making fun of our economically depressed, Gerry McNerney-loving area where you need to know someone who knows a guy in order to get a good job. The material was there, but how would they use it?

"Life moves a little slower in Scranton, and that's the way we like it," is the bashdest I've heard after 33 episodes. That's not to say they're wrong in depicting Scranton as an armpit, but it is nice that they restrain themselves. The above comment is mostly correct, except life doesn't move slower in Scranton — it is static.

The character of Jim is a graduate of Bishop Hannan high school and now works in "The Office." One Scranton resident in an interview with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette said, "I can just see him graduating from Bishop Hannan and getting a job at a local Scranton company. That is what we do here."

Our grandparents established our family roots there and went to work in the coalmines. Some left after the coalmines went out of style, but many stayed. People complain about how depressing of a city it is, but they never leave. There's something about Scranton that keeps them there. Like any other town, your family and friends are there. For how boring and mundane life may be, it's our home.

"The Office" has recently put Scranton back on the map and has been a bright spot for the city. Each episode is filled with references to Scranton landmarks like the coalmines or the Steamtown Mall. Rumor has it the producers plan on coming to Scranton to film an episode about our St. Patrick's Day Parade, one of the largest in the country.

When some of my friends from campus came to Scranton this summer, I felt an odd sense of pride as we drove through Scranton and got our picture taken by the "Scranton Welcomes You" used in the opening credits. I showed the photo to my friends and they couldn't wait to show them what Scranton was like.

And before "The Office," I'd never felt pride for my hometown like this.

Even if it is an armpit.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What buildings do you think are haunted on campus, and why?

**Katie Wald**

- Junior Farley
- "The steam tunnels, because a young man died there. It also explains why nobody can get into them."

**Trevor O'Brien**

- Freshman Alumni
- "All of Saint Mary’s, because it’s been terrorized by ghosts there."

**Andy Huffman**

- Sophomore Stanford
- "Gralvin ... I’m pretty sure I’ve seen dead baby preserved in a jar there. That’s gotta cause some kind of evil spirit."

**Camila Bernal**

- Junior Caronanough
- "Washington Hall, because the Gipper lives on."

**Valerie Gadala-Maria**

- Sophomore Pasquerilla West
- "Main Building, because Red’s life’s in there."

**Jake Fergus**

- Freshman Keough
- "Washington Hall, because I was told someone died there."

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**IN BRIEF**

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra will perform tonight at 8 in Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $6, $5 for students, and $5 and student tickets are available through the LaFortune box office by calling 631-8128.

Legends will be hosting a Navy gamewatch at noon Saturday. The event is free and open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross College students.

Lyons Hall’s annual Mara Fox Fun Run — a 5K Run or Walk — will take place Saturday at 10:30 a.m. The race begins at the lake running path behind Lyons Hall.

The Asian International Society will host an Asian Spicy Food Festival taking place from 9 to 11 p.m. Saturday in the Keough Hall common room.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, please send information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu

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**OFFBEAT**

School boots 3 girls in "Underpants" LONG BEACH, N.Y. — A high school principal has decreed that Captain Underpants has no place in an institution of learning.

Three 17-year-old girls were told to leave Long Beach High School on Wednesday after they showed up on Superhero Day costumed as the subject of the best-selling children’s books.

"I didn’t know which superhero it was, not that it mattered," said Principal Nicholas Restivo.

The girls depicted this superhero — who has battled, among other things, talking telepods and the infamous Professor Poopsticks — by wearing beige leotards and nude stockings under white briefs and red capes.

"Yes, I know they weren’t naked," Restivo said. "But the appearance was that they were naked."

**Woman Wallops Intruder with Cooking Pot** MUNICE, Ind. — A woman watching television in her nightgown raced from her bedroom and attacked a man with a cooking pot after he stole golf clubs from her porch, police said.

Sabrena Davis said she first grabbed a knife after a neighbor yelled to tell her that a man had taken the clubs, but then decided to instead attack him with a 10-inch cooking pot.

"I started beating him with it. He asked for it," she said.

Davis’ attack slowed the man down, police said.

**Students heap Colombian cuisine onto their plates at "Colombian Food for Thought," hosted by sophomore Camila Escallon for Welsh Family Hall.**

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Irish set sail for game vs. Navy in Baltimore

Fans flock to Maryland for annual matchup

By MEGHAN WONS
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It's more than 600 miles away, and the results are fairly predictable — the Irish haven't lost a football game to the Navy Midshipmen since 1963. Nonetheless, Notre Dame students say they are excited to set sail for the land of blue crabs and the Chesapeake Bay and cheer the Irish on to victory.

Senior Chris Peterson is driving the 600 miles to Navy with friends and roommates. "It's a lot of driving for the weekend, but it will be worth it," Peterson said.

Peterson actually received an appointment to the Academy and considered attending. But his loyalties are not divided — he said he is definitely hoping his loyalties are not divided — the Irish haven't lost, and the results are fairly predictable - the Irish haven't lost, and the results are fairly predictable.

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"My best friend actually goes to Navy," Mattare said. "She is actually cheering for Notre Dame because of me and is going to go in the Notre Dame student section. We are going to put her up for pushups every time Notre Dame scores.

Unfortunately, his best friend can't host guests at the Academy — she's kind of on lockdown," Mattare said. Instead, he's staying with friends at Loyola College.

Before he returns to Notre Dame on Sunday, Mattare said he hopes to experience a little bit of Maryland culture.

"Crab cakes and football, that's what Maryland does. I'm going to have to experience both," he said.

Senior cheerleader Katy Marvin is excited to be making the trip to Maryland with the Fighting Irish squad.

"I feel really lucky I get to fly there," Marvin said.

The Irish will play the Midshipmen in Baltimore at the M&T Bank Stadium — home field of the NFL's Baltimore Ravens.

When the game kicks off on Saturday at 12:12 p.m., Notre Dame will attempt to add another victory to its 42-game winning streak, the longest of its kind in college football. Notre Dame has not lost to Navy since 1963, and leads the series 69-9-1.

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SMC dads come to campus

Casino night, tailgate on agenda for weekend

By MANDI STIRONE
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Fathers of Saint Mary's women are descending upon campus today, ready to begin the annual Senior Dads' Weekend.

"I think it's important because it's a time that you and your dad get to spend with each other," Senior Dads' chair Meghan MacKinnon said. He is able to see his daughter at her school. He can experience first hand the life she holds at her home away from home.

Tonight's "Casino Night" in the Student Center kicks off the weekend. Fathers and daughters will play casino games from Blackjack to Texas Hold 'Em. There will also be a live auction and Saint Mary's a cappella group will perform throughout the night, MacKinnon said.

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MacKinnon also said that after Friday's activities, fathers and daughters will attend a tailgate for the Notre Dame-Navy game at the College Football Hall of Fame, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Saturday and lasting until after the game. There will also be a Chinese auction during the tailgate, MacKinnon said.

The weekend concludes with an 11:15 a.m. Mass at the Church of Loreto on Sunday. After the Mass, Saint Mary's students and their fathers are free to do whatever they want.

"We will also have alternative events that include golfing specials at Blackthorn Golf Club and discounts at Chippeawa Bowl," MacKinnon said.

MacKinnon and her committee of Sophia Nechvatal, Kathryn Nussbaum, Helen Casey and Nicole Leach began planning Senior Dads' Weekend last year. In April of 2006, they reserved locations and dates, and they honed in on details after summer break, MacKinnon said.

"I was excited for my dad to really meet my friends and to spend time with them," MacKinnon said. "I want to show him just how much this school means to me and how he, with my mom, make that all possible.

Even seniors whose fathers can't make it, like Lisa Hannewyk, are looking forward to the weekend.

"I am excited for my dad to really meet my friends and to spend time with them," Hannewyk said. "We want our feedback. In the next couple of days, you will take the time to participate in this important survey. Your responses will help to shape the future of graduate and professional student life at Notre Dame.

♦ ALL students who complete the survey will receive a complimentary meal pass to either dining hall.

♦ All participants will also be registered in a lottery to win one of many available prizes, including:
  ♦ iPods  ♦ $50 gift cards to Papa Vino's
  ♦ Computers  ♦ $50 gift cards to the ND Bookstore
  ♦ $100 gift cards to the DPAC  ♦ Meal passes for a week (14 meals) to either dining hall
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tional desktop computers and workspaces, but also comes equipped with state-of-the-art laptops for laptop use. However, students also being emphasized in the design, with the addition of desks at which several students can work together, and workstations and data projectors and screen where groups can practice presentations.

"This is an experimental set-up to some degree because we'll be wanting to see how the different furniture arrangements are used, whether students find the informal or formal desks more useful and whether they use the presentation area," Butterwick said.

He explained that while current plans feature an open design — as opposed to the previously enclosed cluster — the potential noise from students working together has been accounted for.

"We have designed it in the nearer part of the facility is near to Reference desk, the more noisy it's likely to be," he said. "So the quieter part of the cluster (without computer and presentation areas) would be towards the windows, which will still have the traditional individual study seating."

The cluster will also feature another technological step forward on OIT's part — the substitution of laptops instead of desktops for many of the University's computing offerings. Students will be able to borrow laptops for use in the cluster or the greater library, according to Butterwick, allowing them greater mobility than the current desktop-only facility provides.

"We know a lot of students still have laptops of their own, but even they use their time from time to time," Butterwick said. "So for the sake of convenience and innovation, we want to make laptops available to students as a huge advantage to the current computerized access to University computers."

Chair of the Student Senate Committee on Academic Affairs Jim Grace has seen the early plans, and said he considers the improvements to the technology and study spaces beneficial to students.

"A lot of students don't want to carry their laptops all over campus, so an opportunity to borrow one to work at the library is a positive thing," Grace said.

Study

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ence. "I did feel like I was missing out on something compared to international programs," once I was still in the [United States]," said Elizabeth Wiederholt, Washington Program alumnus Joe Dosch.

"However, the internship opportunities in D.C. can't be matched by any of the study abroad programs, so for me that outweighed the benefits of going abroad." O'Connell was one of three students who paid the Washington Program sophomore year with a parliamentary internship in the London program during junior year.

This option allows students to "spend a semester in the heart of the political action," as O’Connell put it, and to spend another overseas where cultural experiences are acute.

The 20-25 hour-a-week internships are the cornerstone of the Washington program, which is unique in offering each student a chance for real work experience. LaFortune said. While language and cultural immersion characterize the experiences of many students overseas, the Washington program is focused on what one student deemed a "real-life immersion," LaFortune said.

"The program offers a unique opportunity to live, learn and work in the nation's capital," she said. "Students combine coursework with public policy visits and with internship experiences.

Once accepted to the program, the coordinators help students apply for eight to 10 internships.

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The experience of preparing a resume, interviewing and working four days a week among the nation's leaders is a huge advantage for students in the job search, LaFortune said.

"There may be more preparatory work for this program than others in this regard, she said, but the lack of internship brings down the prerequisites.

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It's a great holiday gift for Mom too! Order now for Holiday Delivery and take advantage of a special SMC promotion and interest-free payment plans.

Grads, have you ordered your SMC ring yet? It's not too late.

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featured team members riding tricycles for donations. For the Baptist and United Methodist departments and staff teams have organized pie sales, canoe Fridays, and Food Services again held a Pie fundraiser. Online donations also constitute a significant part of the funds raised, Sterling said.

With incentives such as a free semester of books for the student who raises the most money, and a pair of free round-trip airline tickets for the student with the most funds raised, fundraising has always been successful for this event, the co-chairs said.

Substantial support has also come from the event's Web site also constitutes a significant part of the funds raised, Sterling said.

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O'Connell interned with Senator Chris Dodd and felt the experience was invaluable. "It's definitely an advantage to essentially live the life of a Congressional staffer before going into the job market," he said. "It gives you real world experience while you're still in college, which is a great benefit when I'm looking for a job." In an attempt to increase participation for 2007, LaFortune said the program has made a strong effort this year to reconnect with academic departments and to aggressively recruit with advertisements. She emphasized close work with teachers of entry-level political science courses, especially since the program encourages those of all majors to apply and a wide array of students take the entry level course.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Ethiopian civilian protestors killed

Aid worker killed: A U.S.-based aid worker was killed when the Ethiopia government acknowledged Thursday that security forces killed 500 civilians protesting election fraud last year, when excessive force was not used.

The figure — three times an earlier official toll — had been revealed last week by a senior government official to whom reporters Thursday. He refused to take questions after his presentation. The official said the government had formed a reasonable force to quell post election disturbances.

**IRANIAN OFFICIALS CONDEMN BOMBING**

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**NATIONAL NEWS**

Rumsfeld: no demands for progress

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**LOCAL NEWS**

Man pleads guilty to fraud scheme

INDIANAPOLIS — A man charged with lining up investors for what prosecutors say was a "fraudulent and illegal" scheme agreed to plead guilty, his attorney said.

Gates was charged with mail fraud. The charges stem from loans obtained from ABN-AMRO of Michigan between late 2000 and early 2002 for houses in low-income neighborhoods of Indianapolis.

**CALIFORNIA**

Calif. arsonist wildfire kills four

The Forest Service crew was trying to protect a house as the desert winds of 25 mph or more blew a wall of flames down on them in the hills north of Palm Springs. "They had left their truck to do structure protection when the fire overran them," said Forest Service spokesman Pat Boss, adding that the flames came down so quickly they had no time to retreat to their engine or use protective shelters.

Three firefighters died at the scene and two were hospitalized in critical condition. One of those two died several hours later. The other had burns over 95 percent of his body, Boss said.

**IRAQ**

War's death toll hits monthly high

At least 96 troops dead so far this month, equaling October 2005 toll

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Catholic university. Notre Dame is known not only for offering students resources that support their personal development. Therefore, the University will make every effort to provide greater support to students caring, non-judgmental, professional advisors, to help them find their path.

The new Student Affairs Web site elaborates on e-alumni's expectations of the University policy by providing a list of assistance programs. The Web site links names and contact information for individuals in Campus Ministry, the Counseling Center, and Health Services are available on the site as resources for students — pregnant, or simply affected by pregnancy — to contact.

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He said approximately 25 to 50 percent of the children he interviewed while preparing "The Working Poor: Invisible in America" admitted they usually didn't understand what their teachers said during class.

Soon, a cycle begins, Shipler said.

"When you don't understand what is happening in the classroom, you won't find joy in learning, and you will feel stupid and inadequate in society. And you will be asking yourself what is the point of staying there?, " Shipler said.

"Poverty behaves like an ecological system, where the fate of the individual depends on his interactions and relationships with the environment and the economic environment of other institutions, " Shipler said.

He illustrated his explanation with an example of Brooks, a woman he encountered when he was conducting his research.

Brooks was a single mother earning the minimum wage who couldn't afford to make significant improvements to her house.

As a result of the mold and dust that bite in her home, her son became ill with asthma. "The cases like Brooks', " Shipler said, "can actually contribute to poverty.

Shipler then asked how many of those people had informed their congressmen on senators of their willingness.

"I'm waiting impatiently for business leaders to help in any way we can," he said. "Employers keep complaining they don't have enough people, and that some of their workers can't even find intersections on maps or calculate a 10 percent discount."

"If any of these factors h a d n ' t worked out perfectly, I think we would've fallen back, Shipler said. But he recognized the difficulty in aligning those key players in favor of the uninsured.

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While that may not be the path towards sustaining a competitive advantage in a global economy, Shipler said the country's business leaders were slow to see beyond next quarter's earnings and invest in the future of their workforce.

The responsibility to make people "better believers in themselves, their God, and their country," he said, "falls on individual citizens."

"I hope it would persuade Notre Dame to create a similar site, " she said. "Our reasoning was that Notre Dame, as a not-for-profit, was needed to present our women with pro-life options on campus so that they wouldn't feel helpless and be pushed to other options."

He spoke of another woman he knew, a drug addict who was able to overcome her dependence with the simultaneous help of different institutions — including the court that decided to give her the opportunity to change instead of locking her in prison cell, the federal government that solicited her rehabilitations, program, the company that decided to hire her and train her despite her many welfare records and the Church that helped her regain confidence in herself.

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IBM's mainframe revenue increases

Associated Press

BOSTON — Cheap little servers handle much of the work that giant computers known as mainframes, which dominated 50 years ago and often cost more than $1 million, are supposed to be supersed by

When Hopton Infotainment, a start­up video game company in Brazil, let its smallest mainframe and maintenance deals, making

IBM is benefiting from having released two new mainframes in the past year, and sales eventually should taper until an upgrade comes, at least a year from now. Such ups and downs are typical of

Still, for IBM to be maintaining growth with mainframes at all is somewhat surprising. Because if you were to break modern computing history into its simplest terms, it would go something like this: There was the central­ized-mainframe era, and then there was the distributed-computing era.

Mainframes emerged in the 1950s as room-sized hubs that did all the brain work, while personal computers and minicomputers, not to mention your cell phone, are merely small parts of a larger, distributed computing system.
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Pigs may be source of spinach contamination

E. coli outbreak causes sickness, 3 deaths

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Wild pigs may have spread deadly bacteria onto a California spinach field, sparking an outbreak that killed three people and sickened more than 200 others nationwide, investigators said Thursday. They also said the outbreak appears to be over.

No one has become ill from eating contaminated spinach since Sept. 25. "All evidence points to this outbreak having concluded," said Dr. Kevin Reilly of the California Department of Health Services.

State and federal investigators have narrowed their focus to the ranch, where boar trampled fences that had hemmed in a spinach field.

Samples taken from a wild pig, as well as from stream water and cattle on the ranch, have tested positive for the same strain of E. coli implicated in the outbreak, Reilly said.

Still, investigators continue to look at three other ranches for the same strain of E. coli — the bug is common agricultural area.

"We are not saying this is the source at this point," Reilly said of the ranch.

The outbreak sickened 204 people in 26 states and one Canadian province, he said.

Wild pigs are one possible source of the bacteria, investigators said.

"Real pigs can be carriers of this bacteria," Reilly said. "These pigs are always roaming and they could spread it through their droppings.

Investigators first recovered the same strain of bacteria earlier this month from three cattle manure specimens collected on the ranch. On Thursday, Reilly said the strain had been isolated from six other samples collected on the ranch, including from cattle.

The finds mark the first time that investigators have identified a possible source for any of the multiple E. coli outbreaks linked to the heavily agricultural area.

Reilly refused to give a location for the ranch, other than to say it's in a valley in the area of San Benito and Monterey counties.

Investigators have taken roughly 750 samples from the four ranches. They've found generic E. coli on all four ranches — the bug is commonly found in cattle — but turned up the particular strain involved in the outbreak on only one.

"We have no evidence to suggest people should not be eating spinach from other places, except from these four ranches," said Jack Guezewich, of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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For many high school seniors, there isn’t a better choice than Notre Dame. The University boasts solid academic programs and impressive athletic teams — and it has that Catholic identity no other U.S. college is able to truly match.

While the University may attract the nation’s top undergraduates, it lags far — sometimes stunningly far — behind its peers in Ph.D. programs and research. Provost Thomas Burish told faculty members earlier this week.

His frankness was unusual at a school that all too often tends to sugarcoat its problems. But if Notre Dame focuses its resources on research, it won’t be a problem.

To find a solution, graduate programs should look no further than residence halls on campus. Notre Dame undergraduates are some of the most desirable graduate school applicants in the country. Why not keep them there?

University founder Father Edward Sorin said Notre Dame would one day be a “powerful force for good in this country.” Right now, University graduates are all over the country — and the world — running companies, curing diseases and serving others. And one of the main reasons graduates are so successful is their strong undergraduate background.

To a certain extent, undergraduate education trains students for life after college. If Burish is successful in his push for stronger Ph.D. programs, the University will send even more students out ready to be that powerful force for good, armed with an extra few years of Notre Dame education under their belts.

It’s going to take a lot of money. It’s going to take a group effort. And it’s going to take time — but as Burish was correct to emphasize, it’s got to happen now. Notre Dame doesn’t want to become Harvard or Stanford — something University officials are quick to articulate. Right now, however, its best graduates are doing research at Harvard and Stanford.

As the University prepares to tackle what Burish calls its “momentum challenge,” it’s important to not overemphasize research to the point where it undermines undergraduate student life. Burish acknowledged that issue, and it’s a danger that should always be kept in mind.

Change can chip away at an institution’s identity, or it can build upon it. The financial resources needed for this project — which will undoubtedly be hefty — must be raised by Notre Dame, not diverted from its current programs and departments.

If all goes according to Burish’s plan, those Stanford under­graduates will someday pin their hopes on a Notre Dame Ph.D.
Club leaders discuss global health crisis

The realities of university sponsored clubs and organizations are sometimes difficult to navigate, especially when we are discussing topics that are complicated and multifaceted.

One such organization is Notre Dame Health and Wellness, which has been working to address global health crises in recent years. In a recent article, members of the club reflect on their experiences and discuss the challenges they have faced in their efforts to make a difference.

The club's activities have included fundraising events, educating the community about global health issues, and coordinating with other organizations to provide assistance to those in need. These efforts have been driven by a belief in the importance of addressing global health issues and a commitment to making a positive impact.

However, the club has also faced challenges, including difficulties in securing funding and finding ways to effectively communicate their message to the broader public. Despite these challenges, the club continues to work towards its goals, and its members remain dedicated to making a difference.

In conclusion, the club's experience serves as a reminder of the importance of perseverance and determination in the face of adversity. By working together and remaining committed to their goals, the club has been able to make a meaningful impact on global health issues.
Horror comes in all forms, from psychic slashers, to evil demons, to aliens and monsters. Over the last century, numerous films in the genre have been made — some genuinely scary, some just cheap and boring. For anyone looking for a good fright this Halloween, here are some classics — the scariest movies in one of the most popular film genres.

**THE SLASHER MOVIE**

Halloween (1978, John Carpenter)

The film that unleashed the William Shatner-mimicked Mike Myers on the world and launched a spawn of imitators, "Halloween" remains the original and the best in the genre. Myers stalks his prey, especially Laurie Strode (Jamie Lee Curtis), over the course of a brief, scary 93 minutes. Though the countless followers and its own lesser-than-stellar sequels have diluted its impact, "Halloween" remains an indelible classic.

Memorable moment: When Mike Myers attacks Laurie when she’s in the closet.

Friday the 13th (1980, Sean S. Cunningham)

"Friday the 13th" was something of a follow-up to "Halloween," and its financial success firmly established the teen slasher genre as a film phenomenon. A psychotic killer hunts teenagers at summer camp, with all the right cliches in all the right places. Cunningham's direction is tense and taut, though anyone looking for Jason Voorhees adapted needs to wait on the sequels — he's nowhere to be found in the original, a bit of trivia that's often forgotten.

Memorable moment: An axe-in-the-face murder.

Scream (1996, Wes Craven)

More of an homage for even parody than a legitimate horror film, "Scream" has achieved classic status for its playful deflation of horror movie norms. Wes Craven, one of the founding fathers of the slasher film, completely revolutionized the horror genre for contemporary teenagers. Surprisingly, "Scream" is a scary and fun picture that collects horror movie cliches and celebrates them. A prime cast, led by Neve Campbell and Skeet Ulrich, makes "Scream" as effective as a "real" slasher film, though "Scream" is clearly a much better made movie.

Memorable moment: Drew Barrymore's brief appearance at the opening of the film — "Do you like scary movies?"

**THE MONSTER MOVIE**

Alien (1979, Ridley Scott)

"Alien" was more than a movie, it was a cultural phenomenon. Enhanced by John Williams' legendary score, it follows police chief Brody (Roy Scheider) of the idyllic, swamp island, as he hunts down a shark terrorizing the beaches. Though filled with its share of scares, "Alien" cuts to the center of the horror genre by concentrating on characters, specifically the three terrified men on a small boat.

Memorable moment: The point-of-view shots of the shark, bolstered by Williams' pounding score.

Night of the Living Dead (1968, George A. Romero)

A landmark picture and the defining zombie film, "Night of the Living Dead" remains one of the longest-lasting and most successful horror franchises of all time. The movie opens with Barbara (Judith O'Dea) and her brother almost immediately attacked by a horde of cannibalistic zombies. Slowly emerging, the three Ben (Duane Jones), the hero of the film. The human side of this film is an interesting and curiously staid concern what happens to people whose very lives are threatened.

The horror of this film is less a matter of blood and gore than a matter of the real active horror of realistically depicted scenes of murder, death and cannibalism. Though the movie's gore footage is certainly effective, there may be quite enough of it for today's average horror fan. The photographic techniques of this film are so ingenious and powerful that many viewers of the film's basic concept to disturb viewers, but not enough to allow them to detach from the film's protagonists.

Memorable moment: Ben's fate.

**THE SUPER NATURAL MOVIE**

The Exorcist (1973, William Friedkin)

Easily one of the most famous horror films of all time, William Friedkin's 1973 classic about Father Karras (Jason Miller) and his run-in with a demon possessing the child Regan (Linda Blair). Featuring some fantastic performances by Ellen Burstyn as Regan's mother and Max Van Sydow as her actor husband Guy (John Cassavetes), "The Exorcist" is a disturbing and affecting examination of late 1960s America, including high school politics and religious guilt. Also noteworthy is a young and poorly-acting John Travolta.

Memorable moment: "The power of Christ compels you!"

Carrie (1976, Brian DePalma)

Based on Stephen King's first novel, "Carrie" follows the eponymous character (Sissy Spacek), a shy and repressed teen whose supernatural powers come to vengeful fruition during the iconic high school prom. As much a film criticizing the social class system as it is about the scares themselves, "Carrie" remains equally relevant today, a testament to high school politics and religious guilt. Also noteworthy is a young and poorly-acting John Travolta.

Memorable moment: The epic shower of pig's blood during the prom's fatal final moments.

The Shining (1980, Stanley Kubrick)

Kubrick's classic, based on the Stephen King novel of the same name, is about the haunted hotel and its guests. "The Shining" is a disturbing and atmospheric film that is a study in Cubism and its effects on writer Jack Torrance (Jack Nicholson). With its brusque performance by Nicholson and creative and creepy use of the camera, "The Shining" is a superior cinematic experience. 

Memorable moment: "Here's Johnny!"

**STORIES BY BRIAN DOXTADER**
The Evil Dead Trilogy (1981 - 1992, Sam Raimi)
The first "Evil Dead" movie was a low-budget cult classic about five teens who accidentally unlock an evil spirit deep in the woods. By "Army of Darkness," the third film in the series, it had become a joking, stylish homage to, and parody of, the classic zombie movie. "Evil Dead" was effective because of its simplicity — Raimi depends on the camera and the paranoia of the atmosphere, which drove the series throughout its three-film run.
Memorable moment: the flying eyeball in "Evil Dead 2."

Psycho (1960, Alfred Hitchcock)
Among Hitchcock's most famous film, "Psycho" is responsible for one of Hitchcock's most famous creations, Norman Bates (Anthony Perkins) of the Bates Motel. "Psycho" set new standards in horror, as it pushed the boundaries of what was acceptable in 1960. With its Oedipal overtones and Perkins' genuinely scary portrayal, "Psycho" remains the gold standard in modern psychological horror.
Memorable moment: the shower scene, perhaps the most famous sequence in Hitchcock's storied career.

Nosferatu (1922, F.W. Murnau)
When "Dracula" was first put on sale for movie rights, one of the first men to pursue the text was F.W. Murnau. Although he failed to get the rights, Murnau had already started production on the film. To get around the rights issue, they cut out the name Dracula and replaced it with Count Orlok, or Nosferatu (the vampire). What separates "Nosferatu" from others of its time is that most of the film was shot on location in Eastern Europe — the production hardly used any studio sets. It is difficult to find any surviving original copies because when the film was released, Florence Stoker (widow of Bram) pursued the rights case relentlessly and in July 1925 a German court ordered all prints of the film to be destroyed.
Memorable moment: Nosferatu's first appearance on screen.

Frankenstein (1931, James Whale)
An obsessed scientist creates a living being from parts of exhumed corpses. No longer so much a movie as it is a genuine part of popular folklore, the film itself shows its age, particularly in the absence of a musical score. But the performances by Colin Clive and particularly the great Boris Karloff as the Monster are the whole show here, forgiving a multitude of creaks and groans and more than compensating for any lulls in the narrative.
Memorable moment: When Dr. Frankensteins yells, "It's alive!"

Dracula (1931, Tod Browning)
Before Bela Lugosi was relegated to starring in B movie films, he was in this career-defining title role. While this version of "Dracula" is far from being the most definitive version of Stoker's famous novel, it is quite possibly the most memorable one — due in large part to the presence of Bela Lugosi. Born in what is now Romania, Lugosi brings to the character the flavor of his homeland, making him more believable than any of his predecessors. His performance alone is reason enough to watch this monster movie classic.
Memorable moment: Lugosi's deliverance of the infamous line, "I am Dracula."

The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993, Henry Selick)
This Tim Burton-written classic tells the story of Jack Skellington (Chris Sarandon, Danny Elfman), the pumpkin king of Halloween Town who is bored with doing the same thing each year for Halloween. One day he stumbles into Christmas Town, and is so taken with the idea of Christmas that he tries to get the resident bats, ghouls and goblins of Halloween Town to help him put on Christmas instead of Halloween. In typical Tim Burton fashion, they just can't seem to get it right, putting their own creepy spin on the beloved holiday.
Memorable moment: Jack discovering Christmas for the first time.

Hocus Pocus (1993, Kenny Ortega)
In the year 1692, three sisters, Winifred, Mary and Sarah (Bette Midler, Kathy Najimy and Sarah Jessica Parker) were executed for practicing witchcraft. Just before their execution, Winifred made a curse — that when a virgin lights the black flame candle on Halloween night, the three will return. Fast-forward to 1993, 300 years later, when newcomer Max (Omri Katz) decides to light the candle in order to scare his irritating sister Dani (Thora Birch) and his wamnabe girlfriend Allison (Vinessa Shad). Together they have to find a way to stop the Sanderson sisters from taking the children of Salem, Massachusetts. "Hocus Pocus" is an instant, fun classic with an outstanding cast, especially the three sisters.
Memorable moment: Bette Midler's performance of "If I Put a Spell on You."

It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown (1966, Bill Melendez)
Faithful "Peanuts" companion Linus believes in the "Great Pumpkin," the Santa Claus of Halloween. He misses out on Halloween to stay by the local pumpkin patch, waiting for the Great Pumpkin to select his particular patch as the "most sincere." Meanwhile, Charlie Brown and the gang get invited to Violet's Halloween party. The gang decides to go trick-or-treating, while Sally keeps Linus company as she waits in the pumpkin patch. A classic since it initially aired, "The Great Pumpkin" has ushered in Halloween for many a child.
Memorable moment: When Charlie Brown gets a rock in his trick-or-treat sack.
Sloppy defense allows Cardinals to slip by Tigers 5-4

That set the stage for St. Louis' final rally. Yadier Molina drew a leadoff walk from Joel Zumaya before Aarón Miles beat out a potential double-play ball. Miles moved up on strike three to Juan Encarnación got past Rodriguez for a wild pitch, and Eckstein hit a drive to left-center. Monroe sprinted to his left and laid out with a desperate dive, but the ball tapped off the tip of his glove. The left fielder lay prone on the grass as Miles scored the go-ahead run.

"Facing Zumaya, you want to try to keep the ball in the park," Eckstein said. "I got a fastball and was able to get on top just enough, barely out of the reach of Craig Monroe, who almost made one heck of a catch." Wainwright set down Detroit in order in the ninth to the delight of the red-clad crowd.

With NL championship series MVP Jeff Suppan on the mound for St. Louis, one sign read: Cold Night. Hot Sopp. Suppan allowed three runs in six innings. But the Tigers received aggressive, calling for a hit-and-run with Suppan batting in the third. It was the fourth error by a pitcher in four games, a record for one polling staff in the World Series.

After an intentional walk to Albert Pujols and two strikeouts, Preston Wilson singled to left against Rodriguez to give St. Louis a 3-2 lead.

But Ivan Rodriguez opened the eighth with a double and Brandon Inge tied it with a double off rookie closer Adam Wainwright, who avoided further damage by striking out pinch-hitter Alexis Gomez and Granderson.

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — With some help from a soggy field and two big hits by little David Eckstein, the St. Louis Cardinals took control of the World Series with a wild comeback win.

Eckstein’s tiebreaking double glanced off the glove of a diving Craig Monroe in left field in the eighth inning, and the Cardinals capitalized on Detroit’s sloppy defense for a 5-4 victory Thursday night in Game 4.

"He’s the toughest guy I’ve ever seen in a uniform," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said, praising his scrappy shortstop.

After Curtis Granderson slipped in center field on a key play trying for an earlier ball hit by Eckstein, rekindling memories of Curt Flood in the 1968 World Series between these teams, St. Louis took a 3-1 lead to move within one win of its first championship in 24 years.

Jeff Weaver can wrap it up Friday night at Busch Stadium when he pitches against rookie Justin Verlander. Each lost his seventh, Eckstein hit a drive to right-center that Granderson appeared to have in his sights before he slipped to the slick turf, kicking up a huge divot. The ball fell for an easy double.

"If I had stayed up, I catch it easily," Granderson said. "It wasn’t too much of a cut. As soon as I planted, it went underneath me."

Pinch-hitter So Taguchi dropped down a sacrifice bunt, and reliever Fernando Rodney rushed an off-balance throw over the head of Plácido Polanco covering at first base, allowing Eckstein to score the tying run.

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After an intentional walk to Albert Pujols and two strikeouts, Preston Wilson singled to left against Rodriguez to give St. Louis a 3-2 lead.

But Ivan Rodriguez opened the eighth with a double and Brandon Inge tied it with a double off rookie closer Adam Wainwright, who avoided further damage by striking out pinch-hitter Alexis Gomez and Granderson.

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS pulls within win of championship

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Tigers reliever Joel Zumaya watches Eckstein’s go-ahead double in the eighth inning of Game 4.

Tigers left fielder Craig Monroe misses a ball hit by Cardinals shortstop David Eckstein in the eighth inning of Game 4. Eckstein’s go-ahead hit lifted St. Louis to a 5-4 victory and 3-1 lead in the Series.
**SOCCER**

Former German national team coach Juergen Klinsmann is engaged in informal talks with the U.S. Soccer Federation about taking over as head coach of the men's national team.

Klinsmann resigned as Germany's coach three days after the tournament, saying he wanted to spend more time with his family. He lives in suburban Los Angeles with his American-born wife and is regarded by many as the favorite to replace Bruce Arena, who was told by Gulati in mid-July that his contract would not be renewed.

"Sooner or later, I have to get back into coaching," Klinsmann said.

"Gulati, who has refused to comment on his talks with any potential replacement, repeated Thursday that he hopes to have a new coach in place by the end of the year.

"Klinsmann is a close friend of Arena's and attended some U.S. team practices when the players worked out in California. He said there isn't any timetable on his talks with Gulati.

"Obviously, there are discussions that will continue, and we'll see where they lead," he said.

In announcing Arena's departure, Gulati said his successor should have "some knowledge of American soccer, experience, leadership, a track record of success."

"Does Juergen Klinsmann have those qualities? He probably does," Gulati said then. "He's had success with the German team; he has a much better handle on American soccer scene than someone who hasn't spent time here; he's inquisitive. He's an intelligent guy, multilingual with a lot of very positive qualities."

**IN BRIEF**

Cowboys assistant to sue McDonalds over dead rat

DAWN — Dallas Cowboys assis-
tant coach Todd Haley is suing a sub-
urban McDonald's, claiming his wife and the family's live in baby sitter found a dead rat in their salad.

The lawsuit filed Thursday in state district court seeks $1.7 million in damages, The Dallas Morning News reported on its Web site.

In addition to Haley, the Cowboys' passing game coordinator who got in a well-publicized shouting match with Terrell Owens earlier this month, the suit was also filed on behalf of his wife Christine and the family's au pair, Kathryn Kelley.

A message left for McDonald's Corp. spokesman Walt Riker on Thursday evening was not immediately returned.

According to the lawsuit, Christine Haley and Kelley had eaten part of the salad purchased June 5 at a McDonald's in Southlake before the dead rodent was uncovered.

Sheffield upset over Yanks decision to exercise option

NEW YORK — Gary Sheffield is angry that the New York Yankees plan to exercise his $13 million option for next season rather than allow him to become a free agent.

While the Yankees have until Nov. 5 to decide on the option, Sheffield told USA Today that he has been told it will be exercised.

"This will not work, this will not work at all," he was quoted as saying in Thursday editions. "I don't want to play first base a year for them. I will not do that."

If the Yankees exercise the option, included as part of the three-year contract Sheffield negotiated before 2004 season, they likely would trade him. By exercising the option, they can prevent him from winding up with the Boston Red Sox.

Sheffield was New York's right fielder before he was sidelined from May 29 to Sept. 22 with an injured left wrist that required surgery. When he returned, he played first base for the first time in his major league career.

Miami receiver to receive felony charge for altercation

CORAL GABLES — Miami receiver Ryan Moore is expected to face a felony charge for his role in an August altercation with two women, and will not accompany the Hurricanes to Georgia Tech for their game Saturday.

The felony charge is not why Moore isn't traveling to Atlanta on Friday, Miami coach Larry Coker said.

"I probably know a lot more about it than you do right now and I won't go into that," Coker said.

"But I will say that he will not travel."

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**USA TODAY/McLaren Hockey Magazine Top 15**

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Maine (31) | 5-0 | 507
Wisconsin (8) | 3-1-2 | 461
Michigan | 3-1-4 | 430
Boston University | 2-0-1 | 397
Boston College | 3-1 | 340
Michigan | 3-1 | 331
Miami Ohio | 4-2 | 293
New Hampshire | 2-8 | 267
North Dakota | 3-3 | 234
Michigan State | 5-1 | 220
Notre Dame | 3-1-136
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**HOCKEY**

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Florida State 1-0-0

Texas A&M 1-0-0

**Pacific**

UCLA 4-0-0

San Diego State 3-0-0

Arizona State 2-0-0

Arizona 2-1-0

Washington State 1-0-0

**Southeast**

Georgia Tech 1-0-0

Louisville 1-1-0

Georgia 1-2-0

Georgia Southern 1-2-0

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**AROUND THE NATION**

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Fans trash Garden as Boston loses to Montreal

Hedberg’s 29 saves lead Flyers to win

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Bruins were given the ticket to the final buzzer after blowing their lead to the Montreal Canadiens on Thursday night.

Andrei Markov scored the tying goal with 20.4 seconds left Thursday night, giving Montreal a 2-1 victory over Boston and prompting a shower of garbage from the Bruins fans that forced the referees to come out and call the game with two ticks left.

“When you see the bottles with liquid being thrown from 20 rows up, you worry about your head or face being hurt,” Bruins captain Zdeno Chara said. “It was not the best game. It feels a lot bigger when you steal it in 20 seconds.”

Markov took advantage of a power play that came when Matt Lashoff, who was penalized for hooking late in the first period, was called, was called for holding with 45.4 seconds left.

The Montreal defense was caught napping when Markov got the puck to the left of Tim Thomas and put it between his legs for the goal.

While Montreal players — and fans — issued loud vocal fans in the Boston crowd — were chants — others in the stands began throwing cups and other trash onto the ice. After about a minute, and a futile announcement of the penalty, the clock started and a new penalty was announced, the clock started again, and the teams were still at their benches and the ice crew was cleaning up.

“There’s no fun way to lose,” Bruins coach Doc Louis said, complementing Lashoff on his overall game in spite of the costly penalty.

“He moved the puck, he got position. I think he thinks the game. Everybody will take penalties, he reacted,” Lewis said.

That’s what penalty killers do, You bail out your teammates.

Cristobal Huet stopped 34 shots for Montreal, which has won eight of nine against its longtime rival, including the last six in a row. Peter Forsberg and Chris Higgins also scored for the Canadiens.

Thomas made 26 saves for Boston, making a sprawling save with 3:35 left to temporarily preserve the tie. He fell to 1-2-0 against Montreal in his career.

Zdeno Chara scored his first goal in 34 games by stating the Bruins in the season as one of the top power-play candidates in the league.

Phil Kessel scored and Glen Murray and Patrice Bergeron had two assists each for Boston.

The Canadiens lost forward Alex Kovalev in the second period when he whacked his stick on his left hand before leaving the game with a minor injury. Kovalev was given two minutes for unsportsmanlike conduct and a game misconduct.

As you saw, the refs screw up the whole game, and then they tried to fix it at the end. I wish if they were going to decide to have a bad game, they would be bad for both teams,” said Kovalev, who complained that opponents have tried to take out his knees in three straight games. “I have to... protect myself.”

While he and posted his 10th career shutout, making a sprawling save after Philadelphia for a win over the Atlanta Thrashers on Thursday night, making Montreal coach John Stevens a winner in his NHL coaching debut.

Stokes

Montreal captain

Yan Stastny (43) fights with Montreal’s Mike Johnson (20) during the second period of their game in Boston. Montreal won 3-2 on a third period goal by Andrei Markov.

“The referees did the right thing when they gave four or five players a penalty,” Stevens said. “I think they saw that we were worse off.”

The Sabres have quickly become the fastest-winning team in the NHL, posting 49 goals in their first 10 games. But they used a methodical attack against the Islanders, scoring once in each period to back Miller’s strong goaltending.

The 26-year-old American improved to 8-0 and posted his third career shutout.

Kotalik provided the only offense Buffalo wouldn’t use with a power-play goal in the opening period.

Jaroslav Spacek and Afinogenov worked a two-man game on the right side of the Islanders zone. Spacek then held a cross from Kotalik, who ripped a shot from above the left circle past Rick DiPietro that smacked the back of the net and caromed back out at 6:09 — 47 seconds into Buffalo’s 5-on-3 power play.

The only downside for the Sabres was they converted only one of seven power plays.

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Virginia Football
Virginia Tech handles Clemson
Branden Ore rushes for 203 yards to lead Hokies over Tigers

Associated Press
BLACKSBURG — Branden Ore shredded Clemson for 203 yards Saturday, and two touchdowns and Virginia Tech held the No. 10 Tigers to 76 yards in the last three quarters in the Hokies’ 24-7 victory Thursday night.

Virginia Tech (6-2, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), bowing soundly in its last two ACC games by Georgia Tech and Boston College, showed the Tigers what it felt like.

Clemson (7-2, 4-2) had just three first downs in the last three quarters, and the third one came in the final minute, not long before the final gun sounded and Hokies fans streamed onto the field, surrounding the team and celebrating around midfield.

Ore carried a career-high 37 times for his second consecutive 200-yard performance. He had 207 yards five days earlier in a rout of Southern Mississippi, and this time upsaged the Tigers’ vaunted two-back tandem of James Davis and C.J. Spiller.

They came into the game averaging 185 yards between them, but finished with just 71 as Ore ran for 223 tries.

The Hokies, leading 10-7 at halftime, padded their lead early in the third quarter when Xavier Adibi intercepted Will Proctor’s pass at the Clemson 35. Ore did the rest, carrying on five consecutive plays, the last an 11-yard, second-effort run for the TD.

Doubter in the period, he essentially put the game away, breaking off a 21-yard run to get the ball inside the Clemson 5, then carrying two more times to get it to 24-7. Sam Wheeler also had a big play in the drive, a 41-yard reception from Sean Glennon.

Glenonn came in expecting to yield a touchdown stapler at times to boost the running game, but it never happened. Glennon finished 9-for-15 for 108 yards and ran for a TD.

The Hokies dominated the second quarter defensively, allowing just 10-7 at halftime.

Clemson ran 12 plays for 21 yards in the quarter as Virginia Tech kept the ball for nearly 10 minutes.

Brandon Pace’s 37-yard field goal with 11:36 left in the half made it 11-7 and was his 14th consecutive successful field goal.

Glenonn was in great position to at least tie it when C.J. Gaddis stripped the ball from a scrambling Glennon and Gai scenes added for the Tigers on the Tech 25.

Three plays later, however, Proctor never got a chance to get on the third-and-9 snap and Hokies defensive end Barry Booker jumped on the loose ball to end the threat.

The Tech defense will mirror images in the first quarter.

Both started with both-and-outs, and then the Tigers drove 77 yards in 11 plays to Davis’ 17th rushing touchdown of the season, a 6-yard burst around the left side.

The Hokies countered by driving 84 yards in 12 plays, highlighted by Glennon’s 2-yard sneak on fourth-and-1 from the Hokies 36, and Ore’s 49-yard bolt of the right side to the 6-inch line. Two plays later, Glennon drove it in.

DENVER — A blizzard covered the Mile High City during the week, so maybe it’s not too early in the NFL season to start talking about really significant games.

And Indianapolis at Denver is about as colossal as an October game can get.

"I love a game like this because it doesn’t get any bigger," Broncos wide receiver Javon Walker said. "It reminds me back in college of being in a big game in Florida or Miami. It’s a big game. It’s going to be magnified. People are talking about it.

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Belles get ready for last meet of season

SMC CROSS COUNTRY

By BECKI DORNER
Sports Writer

The Belles head into the MIAA championship meet Saturday in Alma. Mich., with renewed confidence after recent impressive performances.

In their last meet of the season, the Manchester College Invitational, the Belles finished third out of nine teams, and Megan Gray took the individual title. In the previous meet, the Eagle Invitational, Gray took fourth individually and the team took fourth overall.

"The team looked stronger than most other teams during the second half of the race and ran well together," Belles coach Jackie Bauters said of the Manchester Invitational. In preparation for the MIAA meet, many of the team members stayed around campus for fall break.

"It benefited the team and allowed them to stay more in the flow of the season, rather than being totally out of sync a week before the championship," Bauters said.

For the final week of practices, Bauters emphasized group goals, while the runners discussed how to improve the teamwork that helped them in the Manchester Invitational.

The Belles hope to improve on last year's fifth-place finish in the MIAA standings. Last year at the MIAA championship, Sara Otto was the squad's best runner with a time of 24:15 on the 6K course.

"Fellow senior Katie White recorded her best finish last year at the MIAA championship as well, where she finished 33rd, clocking in at 24:45. Bauters is optimistic about the conference meet this time around. "This season has been wonderful thus far, and I believe the team is ready for a great race this Saturday," she said.

The main competition for the Belles will be last year's MIAA champion Calvin College, Hope and Albion. But the most important thing is, Gray said, "For everyone to just go out there and have fun, run their race and enjoy it."

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NFL

Ravens prepare to take on Saints

NEW ORLEANS — The last time the Baltimore Ravens came to town, it was two days before Hurricane Katrina blew apart the Superdome's roof.

Apathy defined the ambiance of a half-full arena during the Ravens' 21-6 preseason victory over a Saints squad that was about to endure four months of displacement and a lot more losing.

This season, visiting teams have yet to win in the rebuilt Superdome, where the revamped Saints (5-1) have delighted sellout crowds — not to mention sympathetic television audiences — with victories over Atlanta, Tampa Bay and Philadelphia.

"Obviously, they are the sweethearts of the league, everybody loves them, and deservedly so," Baltimore coach Brian Billick said this week. "You go in and beat them, you might as well go and beat up on Mother Teresa — you know? You scum, what are you doing here?"

"But, that is what we are going to try to do."

The Ravens (4-2) can hardly afford to be polite guests, having lost two straight going into Sunday, and the Ravens have been in that boat before. But the Saints (2-4) have yet to win in the rebuilt Superdome, a stadium where crowd noise disrupted visiting teams.

Past trends matter little to the Saints, who seem to have entered a new era under rookie coach Sean Payton. But Payton does have memories of facing the Ravens, and they aren't good.

He was the Giants' offensive coordinator in Super Bowl XXXII, when the Ravens shut down the Donkeys in a 34-7 romp.

"That's a bad horror movie for me," Payton recalled.

These Ravens, like that Super Bowl team, are known for defense, led once again by linebacker Ray Lewis, who has a team-high 39 tackles and has assisted on 113.

The Baltimore defense is allowing only 11.5 points per game, the third-lowest average in the league. The Ravens have 19 sacks, most of them by linebackers executing a confusing array of blitzes from a 3-4 defense.

The Ravens are 3-0 in the Superdome, their only loss coming to the Saints two weeks ago.

Quarterback Drew Brees has taken some pressure off by throwing quickly and accurately to receivers Joe Horn and Marques Colston, as well as running back Reggie Bush, who catches the ball coming out of the backfield or lining up as a receiver. The Saints also expected receiver Devery Henderson, who missed the last three games with a shoulder injury, to be back this weekend.

Meanwhile, Deuce McAllister has averaged 4.9 yards a carry, the only question with him being how well he has recovered from a minor hamstring injury against Philadelphia.

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Irish look for three-peat
Runners travel to Boston to compete in Big East Tournament

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Although the stakes are a lot higher for this race than they have been for Notre Dame's other races, practice has been business as usual for Irish coach Joe Piane.

"I wouldn't say [Piane has] done anything special at all [in practice]," Benninger said. "Everything since the beginning of the year has been geared toward this part of the year. Everybody's known what we need to do to take the Big East and then Regionals and the NCAAs."

The women's team is also running the Big East tournament, but it will have a much harder time if it hopes to succeed. With disappointing finishes in the Notre Dame Invitational and the Pre-National Meet, Notre Dame's chances are one of the

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The Irish will also face two other teams against the best its conference has to offer.

Even so, the Hoyas ran a strong race their last time out, finishing fifth but dropping in the polls.

The top two striders for Notre Dame will be Benninger and senior Patrick Smyth, who has led the Irish climb in the polls in the last month with great finishes in each of their two races on the season. Benninger has continued success against Big East competition, finishing in the top 10 in his other two Big East meets.

"There's a lot of good guys that are going to be up there so we're going to just go up there and see what happens," he said.

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Georgetown also competed in the Pre-National Meet Oct. 14, but ran in the Blue Division while the Irish were in the White.

The top two striders for Georgetown will be future All-American Kurt Benninger. There are three other teams that have a good chance as well. It's going to come down to just a couple of points." One team with a grudge against Notre Dame is Georgetown, who was a close runner-up for last year's conference title.

"That history is compounded against the best its conference has to offer. That's why we're going to just go up there so we're going to just go up there and see what happens," he said.

Despite Notre Dame's history with Holy Cross, a year ago, at least, and Providence, there are one of the favorites to win again this year.

Kurt Benninger, Notre Dame senior

One of the favorites to win again this year. Notre Dame has won the conference tournament the last two years and six of the last 12 Big East titles since joining the conference in 1994.

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

**Irish to play rival Louisville**

By KYLE CASSILY  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame and Louisville square off Sunday in Kentucky in a rematch of last year's Big East Championship and for sole possession of second place in the league.

The Irish (13-8, 7-1 Big East) fell out of first place in the league Sunday with a 3-0 loss to St. John's and are currently tied with the Cardinals (14-6, 7-1 Big East). Louisville must face DePaul a day before the match, and the Irish play Saturday at Cincinnati (15-5, 5-3 Big East).

The Louisville match will be televised nationally at 1 p.m. on Sunday on ESPN amidst an already sold-out Cardinal arena.

"We expect it to be a very loud crowd and a fun environment to play in," Irish coach Debbie Brown said.

The Irish and Cardinals last met Nov. 20, 2005 when No. 8 Notre Dame defeated No. 7 Louisville 3-2 for the Big East title. The Cardinals had won the regular season match.

Brown said that Louisville is adept with net play, attacking and blocking due to their height.

"We will have to serve very tough (with and without) our setter system," Brown said. "They're very physical and very big.

Freshman Tatiana Kolesnikova (Tashkent, Uzbekistan) leads the Cardinals with 218 kills, while Svetlana Dukhove (Riga, Latvia) is second with 174. There are six international players on Louisville's 11-woman roster.

As important as Sunday's match will be, the team refines to look past middle-of-the-pack Cincinnati. The Bearcats are in their second Big East season, along with the Cardinals, after moving from Conference USA.

"I honestly don't think that it would be possible to look past Cincinnati," Brown said. "We've done special drills to get ready for them. Coming off a loss, we're not going into any match thinking we got this one.

Serving is the key to an Irish win Saturday against Cincinnati. Brown said. The Irish served no aces in their last match.

"Cincinnati is a good blocking team," Brown said. "It's important for us to be really smart with our shots. We need to make sure we're not going up and just powering it through their block. We have to hit smart.

The Irish have rebounded well from Sunday's loss to St. John's. Brown said. Players have come early to practice to spend extra time on their blocking and passing in preparation for this weekend's key conference showdowns.

"We just continue to work on the fundamental skills," Brown said. "Our group is so motivated and so resilient it's not like we have to come back in and muster up motivation or feel sorry for ourselves."

And with only four matches left in the regular season after this weekend, the Big East regular season title is still up for grabs.

"It's going to be a battle to the end," Brown said. "We have to play well every night we go out."

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**SMC SOCCER**

**Belles ready to start conference postseason**

By DAN MURPHY  
Sports Writer

The first MIAA postseason tournament kicks off this Saturday with four first-round matchups, one of which includes Saint Mary's.

The Belles finished in fourth place and drew a home game against Kalamazoo that will be played at noon. The fifth-seeded Hornets finished the year at 3-3-2 in conference play — two points behind the Belles.

The two teams met Sept. 30 on a rainy afternoon. Saint Mary's managed to scratch out a 2-1 win, despite not scoring an offensive goal. The Hornets put two balls into their own net, one in each half, allowing the Belles to squeak by and collect their second conference win of the year.

"We have a really good chance to win," senior Colleen Courtney said. "They are a good team and it is going to be an evenly fought game."

Freshman Paige Howell scored Kalamazoo's goal less than eight minutes into the game to even the score at 1-1, but the Hornets offense was unable to get anything else going for the remainder of the game.

Seven different Kalamazoo players contributed to the team's nine conference goals for a very balanced offensive attack.

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tougher this season. If the Scarlet Knights played in the Blue Division, they would have finished in sixth place out of eight teams. But Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark knows that Rutgers is a formidable opponent.

"It's difficult to judge teams unless you play them, but there's no question they're going to be a good team," Clark said.

"They have a strong group of seniors who have been there for so many years," he added. "They have a lot of experience and are very consistent." If Rutgers can come out of this weekend with a victory over Notre Dame, they will have tied for first in the National Hockey East Conference. Clark said that Rutgers is a team to be reckoned with in the future.

But for now, the focus is on the current season. Clark said that the Scarlet Knights have not been consistent this season and have struggled to find their groove. "We need to concentrate on our game plan and execute it," he said.

Air Force's first-round opponents are
tough. Miami and Bowling Green are both top 10 teams. Air Force lost to Michigan State earlier in the season, so it will be looking to avenge that defeat.

Notre Dame has been a force in the National Hockey East Conference, and it will be looking to continue its success this weekend. If the Irish can come out of the weekend with a victory over the Scarlet Knights, they will be in good position to make a run for the conference championship. Clark said that his team is ready for the challenge.

"We're excited to play Rutgers," he said. "It's a great opportunity to continue our winning streak and get closer to our ultimate goal."
Knights of the pitch

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

After an efficient 2-0 victory over DePaul Wednesday night in the first round of the Big East tournament, Notre Dame travels to Piscataway, N.J. to take on Rutgers in the quarterfinals this Saturday.

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HOCKEY

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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Top-ranked Notre Dame cruises into postseason

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

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The Irish welcome fourth-seeded St. John’s(10-4-4, 3-3-1) for a battle of the season’s most blemish on the season came against top-ranked Penn State. On the other hand, after a slow start Walsh was able to finish 4-2 and secure a spot in the post season.

Both teams will not be satisfied this season unless they leave West Quad with a playoff victory. PW is still hungry after losing the nail biter to Penn State in the early rounds, while Walsh captain Mary Claire Sullivan knows that the Wild Women still have a shot at their goals.

“We went 4-2 this season, but we decided to have a slow start and haven’t met our full expectations,” Sullivan said. “We have room to improve.”

PW captain Mo Sproul, though disappointed her team couldn’t pull off a perfect run, is confident going into the playoffs based on the Purple Weasel’s performance in October and November of last season.

“We’re a pretty strong returning team, so we’re not going to change anything drastic in the playoffs,” Spring said. “We just want to work hard and win a title.”

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FEARED AND REVERED

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Notre Dame can handle the option

All of you fretting and sweating over Notre Dame's pitiful running game against UCLA, calm down. All of you obsessing about whether Brady Quinn can steal the Heisman Trophy away from Troy Smith, lighten up.

And those of you — you know who you are — worried that Notre Dame won't escape the service academy stretch of its schedule without a loss, chill out.

They won't lose to Air Force in a few weeks. They certainly won't drop one at home to Army. And the Irish won't lose to Navy.

Next year? Maybe. But Saturday, with seniority and size to spare, the famed winning streak over the Midshipmen won't end. It won't be without a few bruises. The academies — especially Navy — love to outhit, outhustle and outsmart opponents.

This philosophy has worked for Navy coach Paul Johnson, who has turned some of the most successful students and leaders in this nation into winners on the football field.

It just won't happen this weekend in Baltimore. Notre Dame has superior speed and superior size and plays with its fair share of intelligence as well. And that's what makes this one—a game that should be in Irish hands well before the final 27 seconds — so much fun to watch.

Why? Because of two words and one offense — the option. Remember? It's the same system Tony Rice ran in the mid-90s; the same system with its same system that gives the service academies the ability to play major college football.

Without the option, Navy would be stuck in I-AA, one offense near the bowl game they're almost assured this year. With the option, Navy makes life interesting.

With the option, Navy makes life interesting. Former Notre Dame and current New York Giants defensive end Justin Tuck said it's the toughest offense he's ever prepared for. It's also the most beautiful.

The idea is simple — force an intentionally unblocked defensive end to choose between tackling a quarterback with the ball veering toward him or a trailing running back. If the end chooses the quarterback, ideally he will pitch to the running back right before he's hit. If the end goes after the running back, the quarterback keeps the ball and heads upfield.

It's not supposed to matter that the defensive end is a quick 270-pounder named Victor Ahiamiri. It's not supposed to matter that the quarterback is a second-stringer with average weight, average height and a not-so-average name — Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada.

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Man of promise

Defensive end Victor Abiamiri was a prep standout in Baltimore. Four years later, he's back to show how far he's come with the Irish.

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Victor Abiamiri has made a name for himself. He's a towering force and, his intelligence sharp and his football knowledge top notch. He draws double teams because a man simply isn't enough.

No one who saw him when he was a 6-foot-4, 270-pound defensive end with the Irish senior defensive end's foot speed and power. His body size and weight are perfect for the position, and what NFL teams see is upside — something people have always seen in him.

A native of Randallstown, Md., a Baltimore suburb, Abiamiri returns to a home crowd for the contest Saturday following two games of starting at quarterback. His former teammates often found themselves looking at dirt, then turning up to see Abiamiri soaring through the deep blue jerseys.

But Abiamiri didn’t pick up any of his coveted traits from a whistle-blowing drill sergeant or a witty portal to football heaven. Abiamiri’s path to football stardom — as a hard head coach and defensive coordinator who had a simple mantra: “Fifty men working together, loving each other, cannot be beaten.”

Growing up Gilman

Abiamiri and Ambrose Wooden never met until their first year at Gilman. They’ve gone to school together ever since.

Wooden, now an Irish corner, remembers when he first encountered the hulky Abiamiri in football practice at the beginning of his freshman year at Gilman, which is located on Baltimore’s northern edge.

“His body size and weight are probably the same size I was as a j," says Wooden, who also made the tackleage of the year.

The two didn’t speak the next four years, and Abiamiri has always had a lot of promise.

The position switch

Poggi and Ehrmann moved Abiamiri to the defensive line after his freshman season, a move that Baltimore high school football would never forget. As a junior, he had 37 sacks as a senior, he recorded 12 more and three in an interception, for old time’s sake.

For colleges across the country, he was the defensive line stud of his graduating class.

“Everywhere in the country, he was the defensive line stud of his graduating class,” says Tuck said. “He’s going to be a pro, and I’ll bet on him.”

Wooden remembers his teammate’s father figure to him. “They’re probably some of the best people I know,” says Wooden, who once lived in the same apartment building with Abiamiri.

Wooden remembers his teammate’s advice to him. “He used to tell me, ‘The only way you’re going to be successful is to work hard, to get your work in,’” says Wooden. “He told me he would work hard to get his work in, and he would give 100% every time.”

Eye on the motor man

More than 40 games after Abiamiri left the College of Notre Dame, pro teams from across the country are once again looking at his promise and potential.

Projected by some to be a first-round pick, Abiamiri is playing under the careful eyes of scouts. Like he did during his senior year of high school by announcing his commitment after the season finished, Abiamiri is pushing any NFL Draft talk aside.

Like every other Irish player — and most in college football — he said it would be too much of a distraction. Thinking about the weekly jumps and bumps from analysts like ESPN’s Mel Kiper would make him lose focus.

It would keep him from his mental preparation, he says. Keep him from doing what he needs to do to help his team win.

And one of the best ways Abiamiri can help his team now is by freeing up other Irish defenders when he faces double teams.

Abiamiri thinks he has that. He thinks he’ll be able to stick to his man on every play and be patient. For someone who’s used to being as calm off the field as he is fearsome between the sidelines — maybe not.

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish

COACHING

Quarles Weis admitted making some questionable calls and decisions to go for it on fourth down against UCLA. Against a well-coached Navy team, bad decisions could lead to another turner for the Irish. But then again, Weis still is the premier playcaller in college football.

NAVY

Paul Johnson has gotten Navy closer to beating the Irish on more occasions than any other coach of the Midshipmen since Kennedy was president. Johnson manages the offense as a hybrid between the run-and-shoot and the wishbone, maximizing the potential of Navy's smaller players.

NOTRE DAME OFFENSE

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COACHING ANALYSIS

Weis said he was impressed with Kaluoke-Enhada's play in Navy's spring game, but few first-team quarterbacks in the country compare favorably to Brady Quinn, let alone backs-ups. Quinn runs a much different offense than Kaluoke-Enhada, but he runs it well, especially late in games.

After tough losses, both Johnson and Weis have said they don't accept the notion of "gaping yardage." Weis has the best record of any Navy coach, and Johnson managed the offense as a hybrid between the run-and-shoot and the wishbone, maximizing the potential of Navy's smaller players.

NOTRE DAME 2006 Schedule

Sept. 2 at GT — W
Sept. 9 PSU — W
Sept. 16 MICHIGAN — L
Sept. 23 at MSU — W
Sept. 30 PURDUE — W
Oct. 7 STANFORD — W
Oct. 21 UCLA — W
Oct. 28 at Navy — FR
Nov. 4 UNC
Nov. 11 at Air Force
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IRISH PASSING

The biggest problem in the Irish passing game right now is the offensive line. But if Notre Dame wins the battles in the trenches, Quinn has five legitimate targets Navy must cover — Samardzija, McKnight, Carlson, Walker and Grimes, who had a career-high eight catches against UCLA.

IRISH RUSHING

Notre Dame had some serious problems in its ground game against UCLA. The offensive line didn't open holes for Darius Walker, and Walker wasn't able to make anything happen. The Irish finished with 41 net rushing yards and just 76 yards gained, discounting the Bruins' five sacks.

With the return of Brian Johnson from a knee injury, Weis has several options at quarterback and running back who can make a difference.
Navy Midshipmen

Navy 2006 Schedule

Sept. 2
ECU - W

Sept. 9
U. MASS. - W

Sept. 16
at Stanford - W

Sept. 23
TULSA - L

Sept. 30
at UConn - W

Oct. 7
at Air Force - W

Oct. 14
RUTGERS - L

Oct. 28
NOTRE DAME

Nov. 4
at Duke

Nov. 11
at Eastern Michigan

Nov. 18
TEMPLE

Dec. 2
ARMY

MIDSHIPMEN PASSING

Navy doesn’t pretend to have a lethal passing attack, but it can catch teams off-guard. Slot back Reggie Campbell leads the team in receptions (eight) and yards (124). The Midshipmen’s best way to throw the ball against the Irish will be roll out option passes that draw the safeties towards the line of scrimmage.

Terrill Lambert overtook Ambrose Wooden for the No. 1 spot at field corner, even though Wooden is healthy and cleared to play. That helped the Irish, as Lambert’s second-quarter interception kept UCLA from building momentum. Against a run-heavy team, the Irish secondary will seldom be tested.

Notre Dame has the clear advantage when Navy chooses to pass, but Johnson knows enough not to rely on a passing game with his team.

If the Irish stay aware of the seldom throw, they should keep the Navy offense in check all Saturday afternoon.

MIDSHIPMEN RUSHING

After the loss of Brian Hampton, the Midshipmen ground game suffered, but Navy still enters the contest averaging 5.4 yards a carry. After Hampton, fullback Adam Ballard is the leading rusher for Navy, with 600 yards on just 104 carries. Slot back Reggie Campbell is the most explosive back with a 9.1-yard average.

Notre Dame’s front seven had its best game of the year against UCLA.

Inside linebacker Maurice Tree, each had seven. The Irish defensive line also combined for four tackles for loss.

No matter how well a defense is playing, Navy’s offense has the Screens on their schedule every year. Navy should have a good day but they need to make up for its air attack.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Geoff Price has had some woefully punts lately, but he still averages over 45 yards a boot. The Irish punt return and kickoff return games have been less than mediocre this year. Ryan Burkart still has work to do on kickoffs, and any time Carl Golia comes out for a field goal, it’s a question mark.

Navy place kicker Matt Harmion has eight touchbacks and five field goals — all shorter than 40 yards — this season. Reggie Campbell is averaging a solid 26.5 yards per kickoff return for good field position, and Jason Tomlinson has a 7.5-yard punt return average.

Notre Dame’s only big spot on special teams is Price the Punter. While his boos can clang like hitting tin, they’ll be the least of the Irish’s worries.

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All tradition aside — and it’s great tradition — Navy is a solid and well-coached football team, particularly compared to the Division I-AA schools and minor conference schools other Top-25 teams have faced. Granted, the loss of Brandon Hampton hurt the Midshipmen, and this should be an easy win for the Irish. But the triple option isn’t an easy offense to defend, and Navy runs its with the best. The Irish will need to play hard for 60 minutes to post a respectable win.

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Sizing up the Irish and Midshipmen

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In the first quarter of Navy's last game against Rutgers, the Midshipmen lost quarterback Brandon Hampton, throwing the offense into a state of disarray. After the 34-0 loss the Midshipmen had a bye week to adjust to quarterbacks Jarod Bryant and Kaipo-Noa Kahakuleni (above), who have both seen time calling signals. Hampton had been leading the team in rushing, but both players have the chance to excel in the triple option. Navy's best defense is a clock-controlling offense.

Joe Brockington (above) had a career-high seven tackles against UCLA, and the linebacking corps will need to step up against Navy to keep the offense off the field. The linebackers need to force the Midshipmen out of their comfort zone and into an offense that depends more on the pass. The defensive line has been playing well lately, and if its strong play is backed up by run-stuffing linebackers the Navy offense won't have a chance. Hard tackling will ensure that Navy doesn't pound the ball for 60 minutes and will give the Irish offense chances to score.

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Linebackers link together through adversity

After Thomas’ injury, Brockington emerges as a force with Crum

By BOB GRIFFIN Staff Writer

Predicting that a rib injury to linebacker Travis Thomas, which came in the final moments against Michigan State, would eventually yield some positives for Notre Dame’s season might have been difficult to imagine four weeks ago.

Of course, the pluses stemming from the injury had nothing to do with the late game hit itself — they had to do with what resulted from the hit.

Notre Dame found its line-backing corps. Because with Thomas injured, Brockington was thrown into the mix. And when Brockington played well enough to remain in the lineup, the Irish coincidentally found the unit that will likely otherwise them through the end of the season.

Thomas returned from suspension against UCLA along side Brockington — his backup heading into the season — and starter Maurice Crum, a second-year Irish linebacker.

led the team with eight tackles, while Brockington and Crum each tallied seven. “This year, with Travis being a fairly inexperienced guy, just very athletic, (Brockington) sits in the opportunity to play and played well — gave us the opportunity to win them games,” Thomas said after practice Wednesday.

Irish coach Charlie Weis, who is Crum’s roommates, said that the unseasoned leader of the group simply because he has the most experience, said Wednesday, “It’s up to the coaches to decide who plays. He has confidence in whoever plays, so he’s going to prepare all his teammates for being prepared. But he’s also pretty excited with the current situation — especially with the suspension. I think he’s considering the time remaining for the group to gel. Crum has been two years, but I think Thomas has the same. We’re going to go out there and do everything we can to help him.”

“I’m sure that would be a big positive for us as a unit, just have a core of guys just play together for a whole year and guys who’ve been around each other for a while,” said Weis Wednesday afternoon. “I really think that can be, you know, very, very positive for us.”

But this isn’t the first time Crum has played alongside Brockington, either. The two have history together in high school. They both were on the scout team in 2004.

“After Thomas’ injury, Brockington was thrown into the lineup, the Irish are 1-1 when losing a linebacker alongside of him, and credits it to linebacker at the beginning of the season, was again asked to move to the strong side, and returned from him.”

“Brockington got the opportunity to play and played well — it gave us the opportunity to get them both on the field,” said Joe Brockington Irish linebacker.

Irish linebacker Maurice Crum, left, wraps up UCLA tailback Chris Markey in Notre Dame’s 20-17 win Oct. 21.

Notre Dame, Navy vying to dominate time of possession

Time management will be crucial factor in contest’s outcome

By KATE GALES Associated Sports Editor

Time has been on both Notre Dame and Navy’s sides this season.

The Irish and the Midshipmen hold a significant advantage over their opponents in time of possession, contributing to 6-1 and 5-2 records, respectively.

Navy’s clock-chopping triple-option offense holds onto the ball for 32:56 each game, 32:17-seconds per possession. The Irish come in at 32:17 per possession.

Although wins and losses aren’t directly correlated to this statistic, it does indicate how effectively a team uses its possessions. Navy is 5-1 in games where it lost the time of possession battle, 4-1 in games it held the edge.

The Irish are 1-1 when losing time of possession and 5-0 otherwise.

With new rule changes stopping time less, using time wisely is a crucial element addressed by Irish coach Charlie Weis and Navy coach Paul Johnson.

“Clock management to me is very, very important,” Weis said. “Getting a play in on the clock, being able to control the game, being able to control the clock, that’s extremely important, I think.”

Weis added that it comes down to limiting a team’s opportunities on offense and making sure their decision making doesn’t put you to sleep and hits you in the face. It’s not like we can say, ‘we are going to take 22 plays and run out in quarter to do it.’

“Irish safety Tom Zbikowski, who had experience running the option as a quarterback in high school, said that it’s hard to stay focused on teams that rely heavily on the run, because it can exploit passes more effectively.

“It’s a little more one-dimensional when they keep running for quarter and a half, two quarters straight and hit you with a pass that comes out of nowhere,” he said. “That’s the thing that puts you to sleep and hits you over the top and eventually clinches the game. Like I said before it’s all in the execution of the plan, how well the players react to the key guys on the field. You’ve got to go out there and be extremely focused and make every drive count.”

Every drive — not just dra- ma-filled TD pass attempts — last week’s three-play, 80-yard touchdown against UCLA — counts to Weis, who said the time of the game is absolutely crucial.

“They have really shorted the game and the offense they play and the way the rules are set up this year, he said. “I think you know, you’ve got to go out there and be extremely focused and make every drive count.”

Paul Johnson Navy coach

“We try to do the best we can when you can do it. It’s not like we can say, we are going to score, but we are going to take 22 plays and run out the quarter to do it.”

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