Club 23 attempts to rebound after shooting

By MARY KATE MALONE
New Writer

Club 23, the popular South Bend bar where two Notre Dame students were shot and wounded Aug. 21, has been making a slow comeback after facing declining popularity in the shooting's aftermath.

The bar's longtime owner, Mahmoud Hussein, fears that Notre Dame students are "boycotting" the club, located at 744 N. Notre Dame Ave., because they no longer feel safe in the neighborhood.

"The last few Mondays have been bad," said Hussein, who was working at Club 23 the night that seniors Matthew Collins and Mitchell Depree were shot outside the front door while they were waiting for a ride.

Hussein had gone outside to speak with Collins and Depree five minutes before they were shot, he said, to make sure they weren't violating the open-container law. The boys told Hussein they were waiting for a ride, and Hussein, satisfied, went back inside.

Soon afterwards, Hussein heard the windows rattle.

"We went outside and both kids were on the ground," Hussein recalled. He moved Collins and Depree inside the entrance and called 911. Collins, who sustained life-threatening injuries, was shot in the abdomen and leg. Depree was shot in the leg. They have recovered and are attending class, but did not want to comment.

Now, nearly four weeks after the incident, South Bend police are still searching for the shooter, and many Notre Dame students are wary about returning to the former Monday night hotspot.

"Clearly the shootings have changed people's opinions," said off-campus senior Dan Ott, who has been trying to recruit students to join him at Club 23 on Mondays. "People don't feel comfortable going there."

According to NFL spokesman Stu Rennard, see QUINN/page 8

Vodafone chairman Sir John Bond speaks Thursday in the Mendoza College of Business.

Bond sees bright economic future for country he has lived, worked in; says growth won't threaten U.S.

Bond first traveled to China when he was 21 to take a job as an international manager at HSBC. Holdings, one of the largest banking and financial services organizations in the world. He said he fell in love with the people and the culture.

His interaction with the people and his time in the country, he said, support his view that the country's economic growth will continue.

"China is in the middle of a steady period of growth, much like the 40-year period seen by Japan after the end of World War II," he said.

Vodafone chairman gives China perspective

By JOSEPH McMATHON
New Writer

China, a country he has lived and worked in most of his adult life, will develop an economy the size of the United States, predicted Sir John Bond, chairman of the Vodafone Group, the world's largest mobile telecommunications company.

Bond spoke about China to a mixed group of undergraduates, MBAs, professors and entrepreneurs from the South Bend area Thursday in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

"It's been going on for eight or nine years," he said. "Even before Facebook, judgments would be made based on web pages or e-mails. In the old days it was phone calls."
INSIDE COLUMN
The love of the game

When I was a kid I hated football. There were seriously no words to describe how much I disliked it. I was never really a big sports fan, but football was just awful. I thought it was a stupid sport and that anyone who watched it was out of their mind.

My dad is a huge football fan, and when I was a kid I would always ask him how dumb I thought football was and laugh at him for liking such a stupid sport. He would always try to explain to my little sister and me that football was awesome. There were even times when he’d be able to convince us to watch a few games with him. Whenever that happened I would play Nintendo for a couple of little things to keep us amused.

The first was the “root-against-whoevers-daddy-is-dwering-for” game. It was fun because I annoyed my dad, but after a while we stopped because we didn’t know what was going on, and we got bored.

The second game was much more entertaining. My sister and I would pick out a player from each team and throughout the course of the game, we would count how many times our players got hurt. Whoever’s player got hurt the most won the game. This definitely made football more diverting, but I still didn’t like football. All that changed last year.

When I got here, I still didn’t like football. I didn’t like it as much as when I was younger but I still couldn’t stand it. I went to the first game watch of the year on North Quad because I didn’t really have anything else to do. I could feel a sense of excited anticipation building up in me if only to see what football at Notre Dame was all about. And fervently hoped that we would win because the only thing worse than watching a football game would have been if I had to watch a football game that we lost. As I was watching the team play, I fell in love. Georgia Tech, I came to a shocking realization... football was a beautiful sport. It wasn’t the disgusting display of testosterone and violence I once thought it was. There’s grace, strength and skill (and watching men running down the field in tight pants doesn’t hurt, either).

There’s determination, tenacity and strength of heart. Football is beautiful and amazing. Give me three words: I fell in love with the game, and I’ve been in love ever since.

And Saturdays or Sundays and — sometimes Monday and Thursday nights — are my favorite days to just sit somewhere in front of a TV watching a game. It doesn’t matter who’s playing. If the other team is winning, I’m happy.

My dad finds this hilarious considering my previous view on the sport. Now, if he called me a weekend isn’t even pay any attention to him because I’m too busy watching the game.

The point of this story is that I love football. I love our team. And however seasons this goes year, win or lose (although I hope we win), I’m behind our team 100 percent and as long as they’re winning it all on the field.

Because it’s not just the wins and losses that count. It’s the heart and determination. It’s the love of the game.

So go Irish! Beat Wolverines!

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOUR PREDICTIONS FOR THE ND-MICHIGAN GAME?

Jessica Shott, Freshman, Saint Mary’s

“I think it will be close, but ND will pull through.”

Vanessa Gempis, Photographer

Lauren Lassus, Junior, Holy Cross

“ND is going to win the turnaround of the season and the biggest upset in Michigan history.”

Laura Crommier, Junior, Holy Cross

“Hopefully one of them will win, and hopefully ND will have a beautiful sport.”

Chris Green, Sophomore, Sorin

“If we can get the offense clicking we can win, because Michigan has shown they have no defense.”

Jake Beaulieu, Grad student, Notre Dame

“I will be an ugly first half for ND, but the tide will change in the 3rd quarter, and we will come back in the 4th for an exciting game.”

OFFBEAT
Man steals car to turn self in
GEOXNA, N.Y. — A western New York man faces grand larceny charges after being pulled over in a car that he said he stole so he could turn himself in on another charge.

Ontario County sheriff’s deputies say they pulled over Vincent Estrada Junior, 29, and found that the car he was driving had recently been stolen from a parking lot.

Police said Estrada was wanted on a family court warrant, and that he told deputies he stole the car so he could drive to the Geneva City Police Department to turn himself in.

But he never made it there. Deputies say they arrested him and drove him back to Canandaigua to face the car-theft charges.

Boy shoots himself in leg at McDonald’s
PITTSBURGH. — A 17-year-old boy accidentally shot himself in the leg while standing in line at a McDonald’s restaurant and now he faces an illegal weapons charge.

The boy was fiddling with the 22-caliber pistol tucked in his waistband when it fired, wounding him in the upper thigh shortly before 9 p.m. Wednesday, city police Sgt. William German said.

“Some days you deal with a victim, some days you deal with an act,” German said. “But it’s a strange day when the actor is the victim.”

The boy was in good condition at Mercy Hospital. He was to be charged with illegal possession of a firearm, because he is not old enough to lawfully have a gun, police said.

Police were also trying to determine if the gun was stolen.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF
Thomas Malone will give a speech entitled “The Future of Work” today from 12 p.m. to 1:15 in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

Actors from the London Stage will present “Macbeth” at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Washington Hall. Tickets can be purchased by calling (574) 316-2900.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will show the movie “Sunshine” tonight at 7 and 10 p.m. Tickets are $3 for students.

The Notre Dame women’s soccer team will play Princeton in the ND Inn at Saint Mary’s Classic tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The Sante Museum of Art will host a reception for its fall exhibition Sunday from 2-4 p.m. Various talks about each exhibition will begin at 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Josh Kaplan in the political science department will give the Constitution Day lecture Monday at 4 p.m. in room 126 of DeBartolo.

Author Ann Cuddihy will read from her latest work, “Yellowcake,” Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room in Recreations.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will show the movie “The Great Factory” Wednesday at 7 p.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to onews@nd.edu.
Irish fans ready to take on Michigan

SUB sells tickets for Ann Arbor matchup

By KATIE PERALTA

Notre Dame and Michigan fans alike will be glued to their television sets Saturday to see which team comes away with a win and which team adds another game to its losing streak.

Some Notre Dame students will travel to Ann Arbor to watch the drama unfold in the Big House.

Sophomore Tom Robertson will drive to Michigan this weekend with three of his friends. He does not have a ticket to the game yet, but he hopes to purchase one once he arrives at the University of Michigan campus.

"I don't think they will be that expensive," Robertson said.

The Irish and the Wolverines both have 0-2 records this season, a figure quite different from the 7-0 record both schools had coming into the matchup last year. Last year, Michigan defeated Notre Dame 47-21 in Notre Dame Stadium.

Sophomore John Gallagher plans to travel to Ann Arbor for the game with a few of his friends.

"I'm not sure how we are getting there," Gallagher said. The Student Union Board (SUB) provided students like Gallagher the chance to purchase tickets through a lottery held Sept. 3 at Legends. Over 1,700 students entered the lottery and 98 winning tickets were randomly selected, SUB manager Phil Ross said.

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The Student Activities Office has been selling bus tickets to Ann Arbor for $30. Coach buses are scheduled to depart at 9 a.m. Saturday and will return around midnight Saturday. About 41 bus passes remain. Students may purchase the passes at the information desk in LaFortune.

"Sometimes, these thefts are just mistakes," Gariepy said. "Girls leave their backpacks and jackets outside the dining hall and someone grabs the wrong one. We get that sort of thing worked out pretty easily."

St. Mary’s crime rate stays low

Security presence, late-night transportation keeps students safe

By KATIE PERALTA

Crime is an infrequent occurrence on Saint Mary’s campus, according to an annual report released by the College that discloses last year’s crime statistics.

As in previous years, the crime rate at Saint Mary’s is very low, said David Gariepy, director of security at Saint Mary’s. For the 2006-2007 academic year, Saint Mary’s reported three burglaries on campus.

Students most frequently report stolen clothing, computers and other electronics, Gariepy said. "Sometimes, these thefts are just mistakes," Gariepy said. "Girls leave their backpacks and jackets outside the dining hall and someone grabs the wrong one. We get that sort of thing worked out pretty easily."

Saint Mary’s reported no aggravated assault, incest or forcible rape last year. It is required that Saint Mary’s Security reports incidents of sexual assault to South Bend Police, Gariepy said. In incidents of sexual assault, he said, the suspect is usually known to the victim, such as a boyfriend or other male acquaintance, and alcohol is usually a factor.

Saint Mary’s has taken measures to educate women about alcohol abuse and personal safety, Gariepy said. At freshman orientation students are informed about alcohol awareness and are encouraged to make smart decisions.

Gariepy said the effects of alcohol can lead to disputes among women, but those rarely reach the level of physical abuse.

"We would not want students walking home that late at night," Gariepy said.

Students may utilize the Sweep, a bus that runs between Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s weekdays until 2:30 a.m. and weekends until 4:30 a.m. They can also use the late night van known as "Blinkie," which runs from the Grotto back to Saint Mary’s for two hours after the Sweep stops its runs.

Saint Mary’s also has security officers on campus to ensure student safety.

The card access system within the dormitories promotes safety by making it more difficult to enter residence halls, especially on game weekends, Gariepy said.

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Spokeswoman leaves St. Mary's for ND job

McDonald will begin Law School position

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

Melanie McDonald, director of media relations at Saint Mary's, will leave her current post today to become director of external relations at the Notre Dame Law School. She will assume her new position Monday.

McDonald, who has been at Saint Mary's for eight years, said she is taking what she learned at Saint Mary's into her new position, which she describes as "a positive next step professionally.

"I have learned more than I have given at my time at Saint Mary's," she said. "The student body is growing, the faculty is fantastic and, with President Carol DeBartolo II at the helm of the diocese, the campus is increasingly known for its transparency, and the Solidarity Center is one of the leading service-learning centers, nationally.

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Melanie McDonald, director of Notre Dame Law School external relations

At the Law School, McDonald's duties will be threefold. She is responsible for alumni relations, media relations and publicity and publications.

While her responsibilities have grown from her job at Saint Mary's, McDonald is ready to take on the challenge, she said.

"With any new job, there is learning and skills I'll need to sharpen, but my time at Saint Mary's has given me an invaluable foundation."

McDonald is using the new position as "the next step in her professional career." Significantly, the opportunity presented itself, she now realized, when she was "in a bit of a lull in my personal life."

"I never planned to leave Saint Mary's, but when the opportunity presented itself, it was something that I needed to do," she said.

"And I am happy that I did."

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Bush defends Iraq war in address

Critics want deadline for withdrawal, Bush plans on reductions pending operational success

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, defending an unpopular war, is reporting gradual reductions in U.S. forces in Iraq on Thursday night and said if successful we are, the more American troops can return home.

Still, Bush firmly rejected calls to pull out, saying the insurgents who threaten Iraq's future are a danger to U.S. national security. American troops must stay in the battle, Bush said, and more than 130,000 will remain after the newly ordered withdrawals are completed in July.

"The principle guiding my decisions on troop levels is, in Iraq, not to rest on success," the president said.

Bush said 5,700 U.S. forces would be home by Christmas. The military is doing two brigades — at least 21,500 troops — at a time, he said, fully, along with an under­determined number of sup­port forces. Now, at its highest level of the war, the U.S. troop strength stands at 160,000.

While no dramatic change in course, Bush's action sets the stage for a fiery political debate in Congress and on the campaign trail. Democrats said Bush's modest approach was unacceptable.

Sen. Jack Reed of Rhode Island, a former Army Ranger who delivered the Democratic response, said that "once again, the president failed to provide a plan to successfully end the war or a convincing rationale to continue it." Reed said Democrats would work to "profundly change our military involvement in Iraq."

The home reductions announced by Bush represent the end run of the originally scheduled end of the troop increase that Bush announced in January. When the cutbacks are complete, about 132,000 U.S. forces will be in Iraq.

Bush's speech was the latest turning point in a 14-year-old war marred by miscalculations, surprises and setbacks. Almost since the fall of Baghdad, in April 2003, U.S. commanders and administration officials in Washington mistakenly believed they were on track to winding down U.S. involvement and handing off to the Iraqis. Instead, the insurgency intervened and the reality of a country in chaos conspired to deepen the U.S. commitment.

The U.S. engagement in Iraq will stretch beyond his presidency, requiring military, financial and political support from Washington. He said Iraqis "have asked for an enduring relationship with America."

"And we are ready to begin building that relationship in a way that protects our interests in the region and requires many fewer American troops."

Bush described the withdrawal, and the U.S. forces still fighting in Iraq, as a compromise on which war supporters and oppo­nents could agree.

The way forward I have described tonight makes it possible, for the first time in years, for people who have been on opposite sides of this difficult debate to come together," Bush said.

That appeared unlikely, however, based on the reaction of Democratic leaders who want dead­lines for withdrawals.

"The American people long ago lost faith in the president's leadership of the war in Iraq because his rhetoric has never matched the reality on the ground," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. "The choice is between a Democratic plan for responsible rede­ployment and the presi­dent's plan for an endless war in Iraq."

Majority Democrats in Congress are unable to muster enough votes to force an end to the war. So they are hoping to win Republican support with legislation to limit the mis­sion of U.S. forces to train­ing Iraq's military and police, protecting U.S. assets and fighting terror­ists.


Hurricane Humberto surprises U.S. coast

Associated Press

HIGH ISLAND, Texas — A trailer can handle a little rain, and when Jerry Green went to bed Wednesday, a little rain was better than the flooding that threatened. But "By 10 p.m. I had heard that it was expected to fizzle out and go away," he said.

The storm, initially expected to be mere drizzle, grew into a full­scale tropical depression from which it was whisked to the U.S. mainland, where it blew off roofs and destroyed the Port Aransas police station. A truck driver who ran into the storm was killed.

Hurricane Humberto surprised the Texas-Louisiana coast early Thursday with 85 mph winds and heavy rain that knocked out power to more than 100,000 customers, killed at least one person and scattered debris along the southeast Texas coast. In the town of High Island, which took the biggest punch, three small trailers in Green's RV park flipped over.

"Everybody was at the RV park left," the 60-year-old said. "I would have left also if I had known what was going to happen."

Jack Payton, 72, said he was asleep when the hurricane hit, knocking his High Island house seven feet off its foundation and tearing off the roof. A small tree from his front yard was blown in through his bedroom window.

"I don't say I'm lucky. I'm blessed. I feel like if it wasn't for the Lord, we might have gotten it worse than what we got," Payton said Thursday, as friends and family loaded up furniture and other belongings they were able to salvage from his home.

Streets in High Island, a town of about 500 known for its sanctuary where exotic migratory birds rest each spring and fall, were littered with uprooted trees and other debris.

Power lines and telephone poles blocked streets and roofs were torn off a convenience store and several homes. The K-12 school's football field was a wreck: The scoreboard and press box were blown over and all four stadium lights destroyed.

"We just assumed, as the weather service was saying, that there would only be rain," Principal Audie Tackett said. "We never dreamed we were going to wake up to this."
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said. Bond spent much of the seminar reviewing the history of China.
"For 18 of the last 20 centuries, China was the preeminent economy in the world," he said. Pointing out that China's economy is backwards society — they did invent steel and the alphabet — hundreds of years before Westerners, he said — he painted a portrait of a people who are finally recovering from 100 years of revolution and oppression.
But, Bond said the transition has been hard.
"It is a very difficult thing to move from a state-planned economy to a free-market one," he said. Unemployment is a pressing problem for the country, Bond said. Many people that work at state-run companies do not do anything at all, but are simply employed as a way to keep them off the streets.
"The government remembers what happened last time people were left sitting on the curb," he said. "It doesn't want to see another communist revolution."
Bond said people are migrating in droves from the rural inland to the coast, where they can see profits in much higher numbers.

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But Kachmarik cautioned against asking for a roommate change before meeting a person.
"You really can't judge a person by what's on Facebook," Kachmarik said. "People tend to boast more, try to be something they're not. It is by no means a complaint that a roommate is 'too much of a partyer,' and I tell them that. That may have been the student's high school graduation party. It may have been the only time he's had alcohol in his life. You really can't go by what's on there."
For this reason, Kachmarik said, Residence Life would not allow roommate changes based on perceptions formed by Facebook pages.
For some students, going on Facebook made their transition into college easier, since they could "meet" friends before arriving on campus.
"Making friends with my Facebook roommate over the summer helped me a lot," freshman Erin McNell said. "I was way less nervous."
She was not alone.
"You may not think it's a lot, but to a farmer that makes one hundred dollars a year, fifty cents an hour sounds very good," Bond said.
Despite China's problems, he said, the country has shown great progress since the days of Mao's cultural revolution. They have made trips into outer space, explored the South Pole, and planning to hold the World Fair in Shanghai in 2010 and are finishing up preparations for the Olympics next year — an event that Bond says "will be staged in an incredible way.
China has also become much more involved in world trade markets, something that is necessary for a country where 21 percent of the world's people and 7 percent of the world's arable land.
But China's economic boom is not only due to its people making cheap gadgets in crammed factories for extremely low wages. Rather, technological innovation is moving at an incredibly rapid pace in China.
Bond recounts one time when, as chairman of Vodafone, he went around the world to see who could produce headsets for only 20 dollars. The only factory that was able to manage the task was in China. Vodafone immediately placed an order for 600,000.
For a country that has 1.2 billion people and only manages to rake in 4 percent of the world's GDP, it's natural to see this kind of competitive growth, he said.
"Although the dispute of currency inflation continues to flare up, Bond assured the audience that China's growth will not diminish America's power.
"America will still be strong," he said.
Many wonder about what the future will hold for China. "But, if you believe China will overcome challenges and reach for the stars," he said, "Or you think China will find it impossible to hold it together and implode.
"Personally, I believe China wants peacefully to return to a state of stability and regain the place it occupied for eight centuries of the previous twenty centuries."
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able there," said. "Every time I try to tell someone, 'You know, you should go to Club 23,' they... say, 'There's no way I'm going there anymore.'"
Ott lives across the street from the bar and has known Hussein, who goes by "Mo," for a while.
"Mo" said Club 23 have been here for so long... I'd hate to see it go out of business because of an incident that couldn't have been stopped," Ott said.
Meanwhile, Hussein, who prides himself on owning a safe and friendly establishment, has lingering questions about what exactly happened the night of the shooting — and why Collins and Depree were targeted.
"It's not a violent place," said John Veit, a Club 23 bartender and Notre Dame alumnus.
"This is not a place where fights happen."
Hussein said he broke with investigators frequently in the days following the shooting, but have not returned
his phone calls recently.
"I want the police to find the (shooter)," Hussein said. "I want to know what's really causing this."
Veit said he has heard scores of rumors about the motives of the shooter.
"I've heard it was over a girl, a gang initiation, a ran-dom drive-by," he said.
According to Matt Collins' mother, Sherry, the shooter — described as a short-haired black male of average build — fired shots at Collins and Depree several minutes after they refused to give him a ride. The shooter yelled out.
"Thanks for the ride, you [expletive! Notre Dame stu-dents] " before shooting at the passenger seat of an SUV as it drove by, Karen Collins said her son told her.
South Bend Police have confirmed that a "barb" conversa­tion preceded the shooting and that it was not random, but they did not release phone calls Wednesday seeking comment on the investigation's progress.
Hussein does not have cam­eras outside Club 23, and, unlike CJ's Pub on Michigan Street, he does not pay South Bend Police officers to patrol it on busy weekends. But the bar does have bouncers, and Hussein said he spots non­randoms immediately.
"When someone is not a regular... I keep my eye on them," Hussein said. "If they're misbehaving, I make them leave. I'm very protect­ive of my clients.
"Contrary to campus rumor, the bar is not closing. Hussein said there had been talk of selling the bar to "a local," but the deal recently fell through.
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**Market Recap**

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**Exchange Rates**

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- EURO 0.720
- CANADIAN DOLLAR 1.035
- BRITISH POUND 0.493

**IN BRIEF**

**Chinese toy prices set to increase**

Adults enjoy a yoga retreat at the Feathered Pipe Center Sept. 6. More Americans are taking wellness vacations that include meditation, yoga and spa trips.

**Labor market steadily weakening**

WASHINGTON—The number of laid-off workers filing claims for unemployment benefits rose by 4,000 last week to 231,900. It marked the sixth increase in the past seven weeks and was a further sign that the economy is feeling the impact of a steep slump in housing and a pervasive credit crunch.

The government reported last week that employers cut 4,000 jobs from payrolls in August, the first monthly job decline in four years. The net decline in payrolls in August came as a surprise. Analysts had been expecting an increase of 110,000 jobs, in line with government reports for the year and other bad news, the number of jobs created in June and July was trimmed by 8,000, indicating the labor market was not performing as well as had been thought.

The surprisingly bad report increased worries that the current economic recovery, now in its sixth year, could be in danger of falling into a recession.

**Americans take wellness vacations**

As baby boomers age, lifestyle-changing resorts increasingly popular

**Small businesses struggle for credit**

NEW YORK—Don't just take a vacation. Change your life.

That's the concept resorts are selling to a growing number of people for whom an exotic getaway just isn't enough. The purveyors of yoga and wellness vacations promise more than mere relaxation; they promise transformation.

Ask why some people would choose a yoga vacation—leading them to abandon the couches and disciplines that go with it—and the answer repeats: People go for life-changing experiences.

Three years ago, Tiffanie Archie, a senior project manager at an online financial services firm in Washington, D.C., decided to take a vacation to the Miraval resort outside Tucson, Ariz., which AOL co-founder Steve Case bought a majority stake in 2005—aims to take the spa experience into something more spiritual and holistic. For $500 a night including lodging, meals and services, Archie said she found what she was looking for: "An opportunity to go somewhere and be quiet and focus on myself. I was so put to rest I was able to melt away for a bit."

Archie, 31, says she returned annually to Miraval for the horseback riding and other adventure activities but she didn't try a yoga class until later this summer. Hooked, she took a second, monthlong vacation.

Now Archie says her vacation has become about more than de-stressing from work and daily life. It's all about "finding inner peace."

From luxury hotel resorts to rustic retreats, yoga and wellness offerings and yoga-centric vacations have increasingly become a carrot to lure vacationers that want more than a fabulous place to stay and entertainment.

The past five years have seen growth in yoga vacations that is emblematic of a larger trend in the travel industry, said Allen Kay, spokesman for the Travel Industry Association.

"Wellness and fitness fit right into that pattern of an ever-broadening array of niches that the travel industry is catering to," Kay said.

And, like so much in marketing today, it's driven by reining Baby Boomers concerned about their wellness and with the income to do something about it, he said.

Marketing and research firm Ypartnership said its latest survey of affluent travelers— the top 7 percent of U.S. households, or those that bring in more than $150,000 a year showed 30 percent of respondents named yoga as their favorite spa program or service. Massage was the most popular with 65 percent.

Yoga vacations come in many incarnations. The high end can range from packages at luxury resorts to all-inclusive vacations to India, Chile, Bali or elsewhere. The spectrum of choices includes more austere retreats that offer the bare bones—more mediation than amenities—and cost much less.

**Small businesses struggle for credit**

NEW YORK—The signs can be subtle, like a change in reporting requirements or a tightening of credit, or they can be quite blatant—the denial of a loan application.

Some small business owners are finding that credit has become harder to get or that lenders have imposed more stringent requirements in recent months, likely resulting in an overall shrinking of credit, amid a continuum of mortgage failures.

Roy DiMarco, president of Harrison Leifer DiMarco Inc., a Rockville Centre, N.Y., public relations firm, said that since his company's line of credit came up for renewal recently, the bank is requiring monthly instead of quarterly financial updates.

"They don't want to extend themselves too far. They want to keep their finger on the pulse," DiMarco said.

"I guess I don't blame them. He's also noticed that banks are requiring another layer of scrutiny on applications. A bank employee "now needs to get another second approval from his or her supervisor. They are being much more strict internally ... for obvious reasons based on the last three or four months."

Getting credit can be hard for a small business, even more in secure times, and new enterprises often find it impossible to get financing from a bank. DiMarco has found smaller, community banks are more welcoming that he had to turn to a leasing company that was willing to finance the purchase of four of the furnaces.

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University mentioned in the
ad campaign.

Other players mentioned how playing football brought a significant mental and physical workload.

In the commercial, Seattle
Seahawks quarterback Matt
Hasselbeck tried reading his
encyclopedia-sized playbook
to his daughters and explain-
ing what sort of codes the
players had to learn. He
joked that it was a great way
to make his children fall asleep.

Quinn also mentioned how complicated his playbook was, particularly at the professional level.

The ad also focused on the
ing importance of family to the
players. Tennessee Titans
quarterback Vince Young
described tattoos as a way to
demonstrate his love for his
mother and grandmother.

Graham's grandson
describes faith struggle

Prodigal son story told in
Tchividjian's book

Associated Press

MARGATE, Fla. — The pas-
tor's hair is spiky, his beard is
scraggly, his skin is tan. He talks
of youthful forays into drugs and sex.

Meet the grandson of evan-
gelical Bill Graham.

Tullian Tchividjian cuts a
different profile than the man he
grew up calling Daddy Bill. At
34, luck in the fold, with a book
just out and a congregation to
lead, he says the spiritual path he's
forging is all his own.

"I'm not sure that carrying my
grandfather's torch is what I
or any other young evangelical
would want said about us," he
said in an interview at his
office. "There's a distinction of
what God has called me to do and
what God has called him to do."

That struggle — between who
he is and what his family repre-
sents — has been playing out
throughout Tchividjian's life.

The middle of seven children
born to Stephan Tchividjian and
Graham's eldest daughter, Gayle,
the young minister said he
couldn't figure out where he fit
in growing up. So he turned to
familiar distractions.

"I rebelled against everything
my family stood for," said
Tchividjian, using songs by
rebellious artists.

At 16, unable to obey his par-
ents' basic rules (like not bring-
ing drugs in the house), he was
excommunicated by police from
his home. He dropped out of
school and spent the next five
years partying on South Beach,
trying to pick up girls and getting
high.

"I was a wild man. I lived a
no-holds-barred lifestyle," Tchividjian
said. "If I believed it
would bring me maximum
pleasure in the moment, I did it, no
matter what it was."

Eventually, he said, he bot-
toned out. He arrived home late
one night, coming down from a
high, and literally fell to the
floor.

"God, I tried my best to
ignore you and to do things my
way," he remembers praying.

"I'm broken. I'm broken and in
need of fixing."

'A classic' prodigal son story
followed. Tchividjian recommit-
ted himself to Christ, entered
the seminary, became a minister.
He married and had three children.

He started the New City
Presbyterian Church, a 450-
member church in Coconut
Creek. He wrote a book, "Do I
Know God?" It was released last
month and asks readers to ponder
the title's question.

New City's music director
Brandon Wells, a college friend
of Tchividjian, said he sees
similarities between
grandfather and grandson. Wells
said Tchividjian is a traditionalist
who stays close to the podium
during a service, uses
notes and takes his message very
seriously.

New City is a con-
gregational Presbyterian Church, a
theologically traditionalist
denomination.

"Their gifts are different but
they both possess a unique gift
of communicating the Gospel
simply," Wells said of Graham
and his grandson. "Tullian has a
more scholarly approach to his
pastoral ministry than I think
my granddad did, but he takes
his learning and he's able to distill
it into language that I think
everyone can understand."

Friends from Tchividjian's
youth often stop by Sunday serv-
ces at New City and are amazed
at his turnaround. Sometimes he
is too.

Now he composes his own
voice among evangelicals, one
he hopes is known among his
congregants for voicing what he
is for as much as what he is
against. He sees it as an
apologetic message — and an
apologetic one.

"Evangelicals, by and large,
begin to believe that the way to
change the world we live in was
through the political process," he
said. "While we need to
remain culturally engaged,
the political process is not the
only way."

As for his grandfather,
Tchividjian calls him one of his
closest friends and one of the
most reliable counselors. As a
kid, he spent about six weeks at
Graham's North Carolina home
each summer, and a couple
more when his grandfather
visited Florida around Thanksgiving.
He didn't always recognize how
important Daddy Bill was.
Churches recruit Latin American clergy members

Growing Hispanic population in United States increases need for priests to minister to newly immigrated parishioners

Associated Press

PHOENIX — They're in a new country, working a new job and living a new life, but for the Latin American immigrants who come to the United States every year, going to church doesn't have to be any different from worshiping back home.

Churches across the nation are actively pursuing clergy from Honduras to Argentina to Mexico City, said a church official.

Some Roman Catholic dioceses send recruiters to Latin America to bring priests or seminarians to the United States.

The Episcopal Church, through its Central and South American Province, has a direct connection to Latin Americans who want to serve here.

And Southern Baptist churches rely on word of mouth to find Latin American ministers.

The reasons go beyond merely finding someone to conduct Spanish-language services. Churches also want to connect with congregants on a cultural level, and Latin American clergy can tailor services to immigrants from specific countries.

"I was an immigrant myself," said Pastor Hector Llanes, a native of El Salvador who leads a Baptist church in Phoenix. "I have a great deal of sympathy for immigrants, and even though there are cultural differences between Mexicans, Central Americans and South Americans, there is a way in which we feel part of the same community."

"We talk about the same things — the customs, the food, soccer," he added. "It's just a natural bond."

Making a connection is vital, said Edwin Hernandez, program director of the Forum on Religion, Culture and the Americas.

"It's about the nuances of cultural identity that immediately create a bonding that can never be replicated by anybody else," he said. "The cultural identification and bonding that occur when a person of the same background is leading them, serving them and overall providing spiritual leadership is huge."

The recruitment wasn't necessarily needed in the past. When waves of Polish, German, and Irish immigrants were coming to the United States in the 19th and 20th centuries, for example, their Catholic priests followed them.

That's not happening anymore. Churches now need to actively seek out clergy and seminarians, said Bill D'Antonio, a retired sociologist who has taught at the University of Connecticut and at The Catholic University of America.

"It makes you feel more like you're in a strange country and you cannot bring your own customs and worship like you're used to," she said.

Baya said she now feels more fulfilled at St. Gregory the Great on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, where the priest is from her home country.

"They're really reaching to your heart," she said. "It's more about spirituality and the American culture."

Some Latin American clergy leaders warn against over-reliance on foreign clergy at a time when Hispanics have a shrinking base.

"I don't think we're a solution," said Father Edwin Burns, executive director for vocations and priestly formation at the U.S. Catholic Bishops.

"You have to wonder why we would not want to support priestly vocations coming from our own countries?"

"Are we so wrapped up that we say, 'Let somebody else do it for us,' and think that would be OK?"

"Our brothers and sisters in South America have a real need for priests," he added. "The impact of fewer priests impacts them more than us."

The Rev. James Lobacz, vocations director at the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee, which recruits Latin American priests and seminarians, said the diocese only sends recruiters to Mexico, Colombia and Venezuela, which have a higher number of vocations than other Latin American countries.

"I do not feel that we are so-called raiding dioceses," Lobacz said. "There is an abundance of vocations in those countries. That's very different from going to a bishop and saying, 'Give me some priests.'"

Unlike some Catholic dioceses, the Episcopal Church doesn't send anyone to Latin America to recruit priests, said the Very Rev. James Lemler, director of mission at the church.

He said U.S. dioceses do partner with dioceses in Latin American countries to try to train clergy, and to provide a path for priests who want to come to the United States.

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Roger Oldham, a spokesman for the Southern Baptist Convention, said each church has its own method of finding Latin American ministers, but that in general, they rely on word of mouth.

"Someone from a local church may go to Mexico, Nicaragua or Honduras on a mission, and they may meet a local indigenous pastor and have that knowledge in the back of their mind when they need someone," he said.

Or, he said, it could be as simple as a church calling around to existing congregations and asking if they know someone who would fit their church.

Aidee Cardenas de Garcia, who came to the United States from Sinaloa five years ago, said going to her Baptist church in north Phoenix is like going home.

"The language, and coming from the same country and being able to share 100 percent with everyone, it's like a feeling of tenderness, a feeling of love," she said in Spanish. "I feel complete."
To the Editor:

The members of the South Bend Common Council should finally make a statement Monday night against a major black mark on the community by voting down the proposed party permit ordinance.

The ordinance, vigorously supported by Council Member Al "Bud" Kirsch, has two forms. The Council's proposal is the most liberal of all; people living in houses with two or more unrelated people would have to apply for a permit 10 days in advance to host 25 people and serve alcohol.

Mayor Stephen Lukecc's version is somewhat reasonable; those same people would have to notify the police of their intention to host such a gathering 24 hours before it would begin.

The two proposals are of differing mentalities but equal uselessness. Police have the ability to enforce on-the-books disorderly house and noise ordinances without either addition. And a spokesperson for the South Bend Police Department has questioned the enforceability of a new ordinance.

Kirsch argued, with dubious empirical evidence and unconvincing statistics, that the ordinance would help reduce the number of alcohol-related hospital visits by students. Kirsch's logic appears to be that the party application requirement would limit the number of student drinkers, ironically, all it would do is move them and their spending dollars to unincorporated St. Joseph County and Mishawaka. And if they did get sick, they would still end up in South Bend's two hospital.

Still, there are far more important reasons than that to vote down the ordinance.

Inf using resources from the most important task — fighting violent crime — of a unit stretched thin and reportedly low on morale is insane. Council members in support of the ordinance, like Kirsch, are using the non-voting, easy-target students as a way to deflect questions from residents about the biggest problems in South Bend.

The series of backwater police raids.

And the slew of shootings in recent weeks.

And the rampant drug use in multiple parts of the City.

The list goes on. All this ordinance would do is exacerbate any attacks on their failure to guide the city in the right direction.

Passing the ordinance will only widen the communication and cooperation gaps between students and South Bend — a gap that should not exist in the first place. City leaders should not think that their deliberate and politically motivated targeting of Notre Dame students will go unnoticed. Passing the ordinance would be tantamount to encouraging young men and women with disposable income and bright futures to spend less time and money in South Bend.

That is not the way to pave a fruitful future for the area.

As part of our family's humble effort to go a little green, we get most of our produce delivered to a small local farm. We know the owners from our parish and school, and we like the fact that our produce is reliably delivered on schedule and ready to go to customers.

But there's something missing, of course: the local flavor of the produce. Our eggs and vegetables are nice, but they lack the flavor of the season and the place. Instead of the national average of 1,500 miles for the food which makes up a family meal.

At this time of the year, the wooden basket Breit or his wife Kathy brings over each day is absolutely overflowing with their harvest. Just this past week we received beautiful tomatoes, zucchini, sunflower squash, several kinds of cucumbers, carrots, green beans and, in fact, purple-colored beans. Lettuce, radishes and rainbow Swiss chard. My initial reaction to their deliveries lately has been delight, mixed with mild panic. I imagine not being able to close the refrigerator door once I have unloaded it all sometimes I don't even have to imagine it as I watch the door insistently swing back open. I spent a good part of last Friday preparing and freezing zucchini for zucchini bread, carrots for carrot cake, and vegetables for soup, so that we can enjoy some of this September goodness in the gloom of January and February.

Maybe the door to the little fridge in your room won't stay closed after you've loaded it up with Diet Cokes or Mountain Dew or other beverages of choice, or maybe the extra granola bars or Pop-Tarts keep falling off the shelf, or maybe you brought too many clothes, or some bigger items to school with you, forgetting just how small 10' x 10' really is. On our way to a Mass in the Alumni Hall chapel the weekend before school started, my husband and I walked down the halls and found ourselves surprised all over again at just how well, challenging it would be to fit two guys and all their stuff into one of those rooms. When I lived in Furley, the rooms seemed bigger (sorry, Alumni guys), but maybe that's just because the standard sizes and quantities of what we were trying to squeeze into those rooms just shared those little box boxes that played cassette tapes. When my brother was a senior and moved off campus, he and his six roommates all went in together and bought a "house VCR, because no one had their own. I believe their one video was "This Is Spinal Tap," which they watched over and over.

Now, this is not meant to be one of those "I walked to school in the snow, three miles, uphill both ways." essayabout what we think about the world. It's a story of a "house VCR, because no one had their own. I believe their one video was "This Is Spinal Tap," which they watched over and over.

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Kate Barrett
FaithPoint

"I wish people who have trouble communicating would just shut up.”

Tom Lehrer
U.S. humorist
Greetings our wounded warriors on American soil

Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3:55 p.m. the Mississippi Air National Guard lands a massive C-17 Globemaster military cargo jet outside of our nation’s capital at Andrews Air Force Base. They return our injured military personnel who have shed blood in Iraq. A dozen highly skilled military medical staff unload the wounded into busses for Walter Reed, Bethesda Naval and Andrews hospital facilities. Twice now, I had the honor to be one of a select few civilians allowed to climb into the plane and first welcome our combat heroes back home. The task is both humbling and horrific.

My visits brought me face to face with men and women who have endured much. The first soldier I saw was an African-American who looked like a professional football tackle. The left side of his face was severely burned, and his left arm and leg were in casts. Scanning the shell of the plane, sat traumatized soldiers peering out of humvee windows just outside is commonly called “the stare.” In two rows along the middle of the fuselage others lay on gurneys stacked three high, with only a foot clearance. These cargo planes land on time with clockwork regularity like they have now for more than four years. The integrated health care delivery system begins on the ground in Iraq, transports the injured to Ramstein Hospital in Germany and returns to Andrews. On average, depending on the wounded arrive on American soil 36 hours after an injury. The operational efficiency and world-class care provided is always beyond reproach, even when conditions last Sunday warranted an additional aeromedical evacuation flight.

Returning the wounded quickly back to American soil is a two-part story — first, of those who care and transport the injured, and secondly, of the personal stories of the wounded. In August, I accompanied Deputy Surgeon General and Air Force Major General Charles “Bruce” Green to meet a medical transport plane. The process was choreographed with such precision that the injured had left the tarmac within 45 minutes. Upon arrival, customs officials cleared the plane. Dozens then boarded to check every patient’s status while senior officers personally greeted each of the troops. After removing the luggage, medical personnel used thumbs-up and crossed forearms signals to deplane the patients. Others stood along the side of the plane’s ramp to prevent a misstep off the plane.

I watched unconscious, intubated patients with medical life support equipment carried off on hospital litters (gurneys) by eight people. Six carried those with less severe injuries while the least injured required four personnel. Uncharacteristic of protocol, a full-bird colonel assisted the lowest ranking airman as they moved patients down the ramp to the busses.

Gary Caruso

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, September 14, 2007

Each Penn State student, we can contribute to an exciting change in the culture of our nation’s most prestigious university. Let’s make sure that Penn State is a great place for students to thrive and succeed. Let’s make sure that Penn State is a place where everyone feels welcome and supported. Let’s make sure that Penn State is a place where we can all be proud to call home.

To the Notre Dame administration, alumni and students:

Tomorrow is the last day for Notre Dame students to sign up for the Notre Dame Lunch Fast. By joining this program, you can really make a difference by giving up what would otherwise be “just another dining hall lunch.” Money from the Lunch Fast goes to local charities like St. Vincent de Paul and the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, as well as international organizations like Oxfam. Proceeds also go to fund the distribution of high-quality food to the hungry in the developing world.

We hope that you will join us in this effort. You can sign up at the Lunch Fast website.

Jessica Pillarella

senior class president

Sept. 13

Apologies for fan behavior

To the Notre Dame administration, alumni and students:

As a Penn State alumnus, it was painful to read all the accounts of current Penn State football behavior in the Notre Dame student newspaper. It is a shame that our athletic department can bring such negative attention to our university.

A late night fire at the student union, a student arrested for driving while impaired, and headline-grabbing incidents over the past few years have all done our university proud. The Penn State football team is a respected and admirable institution in the Big Ten and all of college football.

I apologize to the entire Notre Dame family for the actions represented by some distasteful students. They do not represent the entire scope of Penn State as a reputable, reputable university. We all know that our University is a leader in research, and a role model for the future generations. I hope we get to see each other on the football field again.

Thanks for your time.

Kyle Greenwood

Ex-PSU Sr.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wednesday Lunch Fast

$12.5 million gift ‘admirable’

I am writing in response to Kyle Casey’s article about the anonymous donor (“Unnamed donor pledges $15 million,” Sept. 13). While I do agree that it is great for the unnamed donor to do something so generous without the recognition, I find it unfair of Kyle to chastise Mr. Purcell’s gift. How do we know that Notre Dame did not make him go through the fanfare? Even if it was his idea why does it matter? The man just gave away $12.5 million to help our University’s basketball program and that is admirable no matter whose name is attached.

I believe that the conclusion that “it wasn’t just about getting a name on the building” is both unfair and startingly inappropriate. All donors at Notre Dame should be proud of what they have done and what they have given. We should respect the O’Neills, the Keoughs, the DelBarrios and numerous others for giving us the chance to attend this University with top-notch facilities. It’s important not to blame the hand that feeds your mouth. If it bothers you that much, then don’t use the facilities. See how hard it is to graduate then.

Matthew Frey

alumnus

Class of 2006

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Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series

Jeremy Piven, "Entourage"
Kevin Dillon, "Entourage"
Neil Patrick Harris, "How I Met Your Mother"
Jon Cryer, "Two and a Half Men"

Cassie’s Pick: Rainn Wilson and Neil Patrick Harris are equally deserving of the Emmy, but the win will go to Wilson. His character, Dwight Schrute, is one of the most popular characters on television today, and we can only hope that Wilson will take note of his character’s speech-making skills for his own acceptance speech. Anil’s Pick: While “Entourage” may be “so hit right now,” I’ll put my money on Wilson. After three seasons as the Assistant to the Regional Manager, Dwight Schrute deserves his due. My dark horse pick, though, is Jeremy Piven. I wouldn’t want to get on Art Gold’s bad side if he loses.

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series

Jaimie Pressly, "My Name Is Earl"
Jennifer Esposito, "Prodigal Son"
Gioconda Ferrell, "Two and a Half Men"
Holland Taylor, "Two and a Half Men"
Vanessa Williams, "Ugly Betty"
Elizabeth Perkins, "Weeds"

Cassie’s Pick: Sissy Jones Fischer, but Wilhelmina Slade is master and more glam than even Kayne Walkar. Vanessa Williams has brought us the most laugh and the best quips of any character on television this season. Anil’s Pick: After a weaker season of “Earl,” the non-formable Pressly is one of a threat, and “Weeds” may be too obscure to get Perkins a nod. This time around, I’ll go with Wilhelmina. “Went he just point at me when he said ‘Kwanztul’” Slade too.

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series

Kiefer Sutherland, "24"
Benson Legal, "Joelle" Hugh Laurie, "House"
Dennis Leary, "Rescue Me"
James Gandolfini, "The Sopranos"

Cassie’s Pick: There is really any question here? After being snubbed in the Emmy nominations last year and not winning since 2002, James Gandolfini will take home the win for playing Tony Soprano, the ruthless mobster that we all love. Anil’s Pick: Unless they want to sleep with the fishes, the suits upstairs had better pick the ever-impressive Gandolfini. This season was series creator David Chase’s swan song, and leaving Tony Soprano in the lurch just wouldn’t be right.

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series

Patricia Arquette, "Medium"
Minnie Driver, "The Riches"
Edie Falco, "The Sopranos"
Sally Field, "Brothers & Sisters"
Mariska Hargitay, "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit"
Kyra Sedgwick, "The Closer"

Cassie’s Pick: Everyone but Kyra Sedgwick and Minnie Driver has won in this category before. Sally Field is getting good buzz and is an acting powerhouse, but after nailing the Globe, Sedgwick will finally get recognized for her brilliant work on "The Closer." Anil’s Pick: If the voters side with that sentimental, drab-fest known as "Brothers and Sisters" and pick Sally Field (despite her being a superbly talented actress), I’m sending someone a Hooter. Tony and Carmella will stick it out for one final awards ceremony, and Edie Falco will win Emmy gold.

Outstanding Drama Series

Bonnie Langford, "Grey’s Anatomy"
"Heroes"
"House"
"The Sopranos"

Cassie’s Pick: Its series finale was one of the most controversial finales in television history, but when has "The Sopranos" ever been anti-controversy? The final episodes were as close to perfection as you can get, and David Chase solidified a win for his series as soon as the season started. Anil’s Pick: "Grey’s" got too depressed, “Boston Legal” is the dramatic equivalent of “According to Jim,” and "Heroes" is just too new to make it to the top. I’m going to side with Cassie and pick "The Sopranos" for this year’s top dramatic series.

Hire - Sight...Emmy Predictions from a Sports Writer

By Chris Hise
Sports Editor
Drama Series: Sopranos (should be “Friday Night Lights”)
Comedy Series: 30 Rock (should be “The Office”)
Drama Actor: Gandolfini (should be Kyle Chandler)
Drama Actress: Falco (should be Connie Britton)
Comedy Actor: Baldwin (should be Carrell)
Comedy Actress: Ferris (should be Griffith)
Comedy Supporting Actor: Piven
Comedy Supporting Actress: Fischer
Variety Series: The Daily Show
Variety Performer: Bennett (should be Colbert)

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Outstanding Comedy Series

"30 Rock" "Entourage" "The Office" "Two and a Half Men" "Ugly Betty"

Cassie’s Pick: By the time it worked out all its kinks, “30 Rock” became the funniest and best show of the year. Anil’s Pick: "The Office," it avoids all those soap opera moments and sticks strictly to the comedy. Throw in Alec Baldwin and Kenneth the Page and you’ve got comedy gold. Anil’s Pick: It’s refreshing to see that many of the comedy nominees have only been around for three years or less – despite my love for "Fraiser," seeing veneers step down and newbies step up is downright fantastic. In the spirit of the new, I’ll go out on a ridiculously long limb and pick Globe-winning "Betty" for the top spot.

Outstanding Reality-Competition Program

"American Idol" "Dancing with the Stars" "Project Runway" "The Amazing Race" "Top Chef"

Cassie’s Pick: My heart goes out to Tim Gunn and "Project Runway," but this category is and always will be dominated by "The Amazing Race." "American Idol" has no chance after its lackluster season filled with Sanjaya overkill. Anil’s Pick: Bravo has consistently shelled out high-quality reality shows in which the main object never evolves eating bugs or traversing the globe for cash. In other words, "Make it week, people!" With the class and style of "Project Runway," Bravo can’t go wrong.

Outstanding Individual Performance in a Variety or Music Program


Cassie’s Pick: First Manilow, now Bennett. Stephen Colbert will never escape those jazzy singers who try to one-up him in their classy concert specials, but I say this is his year! Anil’s Pick: Decisions, decisions. With Colbert and Stewart both vying for the top spot, Comedy Central fans are tuning into the Emmys for one that the first time. Score! I’ll also go with Colbert, because that’s the Werd.
By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

By now, if you haven't heard "Hey There Delilah" you either: a) hate listening to the radio or b) are deaf. "Delilah's" melancholy, twanging guitar chords underneath lead singer Tom Higgenson's lyrics made it the runaway song of the summer, strumming away on the radio air waves for the better parts of June, July and August. At the same time lovelorn and desperate, Higgenson's lyrics portray a picture of a young man persistently trying to convince the titular girl of his love. It's a song dedicated to overcoming the hardships of that most dreaded of all romantic connections, the long distance relationship.

Whatever its magic may be, "Hey There Delilah" struck on a chord on the heart strings of America: lead singer Tom Higgenson's soft, sad lyrics propelled the smash track to the #1 spot on the Billboard Top 100 charts on July 28 this past summer.

Interestingly enough, this story is already old news: the CD "All That We Needed" came out two years ago, in 2005. Studio executives of Records looked like old news: the Plain White T's have made it. Lead singer Tom Higgenson, guitarists Dave Tirio and Tim Lopez, bassist Mike Retondo, drummer De'Mar Hamilton have crafted great songs about teenage troubles, romantic highs and lows and the bright moments and blues of adolescence, the boys in the band from Villa Park, Illinois, wear their hearts on their simple sleeves.

With their clear vocals and resonating harmonies, the Plain White T's carry about a guy trying to keep his girlfriend after a presumed heated argument.

"Revenge" is a slightly darker jam featuring a militant, pounding drumbeat, scorned lyrics and a musical quest for vengeance, in addition to a guitar solo sequence near the midway point that's just begging for some air-guitar imitation.

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"Hey There Delilah" on a whim and ended up labeling themselves a #1 Billboard Top 100 hit for rolling the dice. It's a song dedicated to overcoming the hardships of that most dreaded of all romantic connections, the long distance relationship.

Interestingly enough, unlike the acoustic "Hey There Delilah," all of the other songs off "All That We Needed" have a little bit more spirit in them, although by no means would anyone characterize their music as hard rock.

The band carries a pleasant, feel-good rock vibe which is actually much different than their hit smash "Hey There Delilah." Singing songs about typical teenage troubles, romantic highs and lows and the bright moments and blues of adolescence, the boys in the band from Villa Park, Illinois, wear their hearts on their simple sleeves.

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With its cascading guitar chords, "Breakdown" is a hard-driving song about a young man packing up his things and putting his town in his rear view mirror for good. Sample lyrics: "I'm gonna drive and never ever slow down / I'm gonna drive until I break down.

"What More Do You Want"

This song rocks out with awesome guitar riffs and a spirited fever for cowbell. Enough said.

"Sing My Best"

This is a great song about the thrill of performing and the band's desire to tear up the stage and put on a show for the ages. "Faster"

With lyrics such as "This is what it looks like / this is what it feels like / this is just you beating faster," "Faster" actually starts off somewhat slow, then speeds up into a charged, conflicted song about an ex-boyfriend desperately trying to win back his woman.

With their Number One single, a nationwide tour kicking off in October, and a rapidly-blossoming fan base (not to mention a quick campus concert at our very own Legends tonight), it's clear that the Plain White T's have made it. Maybe that will make Delilah reconsider things.

Contact Tae Andrews at tanrew@nd.edu

Tom Higgenson, Dave Tirio, Mike Retondo, De'Mar Hamilton and Tim Lopez of the Plain White T's play at Notre Dame this weekend.

The Plain White T's attending mtvU's Woodie Awards last October, where they took home the prize in 2006.
MLB

Wells exacts former team in 6-3 win

Boomer wins his third start as a Dodger and pulls his club within 1.5 games of wild-card leading Padres

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — David Wells got just what he wanted — to face his former team, the San Diego Padres.

He made the most of it.

Wells burned his former team by throwing Greg Maddux in a matchup of 40-game-winning pitchers, and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat San Diego 6-3 on Thursday night to move within 1.5 games of the Padres in the NL West.

Released by the Padres last month, Wells (18-8) allowed four hits and three runs in six innings with one walk and three strikeouts. He also had two hits off Maddux for the first multi-hit game of his 21-year career.

"I threw poorly, I can't blame them," Wells said. "It's nice to go out there against them and pitch solid. I know what I'm doing out there. It's just a matter of going out there and doing it."

"I've never doubted my ability to pitch. I'll take the ball any given day — I enjoy it. I love pitching."

Wells was 5-8 with a 5.41 ERA against the Padres and 9-10 with a 3.75 ERA in four starts since joining the Dodgers on Aug. 1.

The Dodgers won the final two games of their three-game series against the Padres thanks mainly to the excellent pitching of Wells and Chad Billingsley and James Loney's timely hitting.

Wild-card contender Los Angeles also trails San Diego 1-0, 3-0, 4-0 and 4-6.

The Dodgers scored six runs in six innings against Wells, who earned his 238th career victory.

He pitched in the sixth, but the Dodgers had the game well in hand.

"Boomer has a lot of self-confidence," Maddux said. "There's nothing he can't do if he puts his mind to it. He's the kind of pitcher who can stop it as a starter."

Scott Proner, Jonathan Broxton and Takashi Saito each picked a perfect pitching, with Saito striking out two in the ninth to end the game with his 41st save.

The last player older than Wells to have his first career multihit game was Hall of Fame pitcher Sandy Koufax, who was 45 when he did it in 1952, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"I'll keep a little clippings," Wells said with a smile, referring to the box score.

Maddux (12-10) entered having allowed three runs or fewer in 11 straight starts, but that streak ended decisively as the Dodgers scored six runs on 10 hits in Maddux's 3-1-3 innings — his shortest stint of the season.

The 41-year-old right-han

The Dodgers took a 1-0 lead in the first on Loney's one-out RBI double.

Kent Jeff started with an infield hit that glanced off Maddux but put runners at first and third, but Maddux squared Luis Gonzalez's hot shot up the middle and started an inning-ending double play.

The Dodgers made it 4-0 in the fourth, scoring on a two-run single by Loney and an RBI single by Gonzalez before Ken Caminiti scored from third on Russell Martin's fly to center.

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Blazers lose Oden for entire season

Associated Press
PORTLAND, Ore. - Greg Oden's rookie season with the Portland Trail Blazers ended before it started when the 7-footer had knee surgery Thursday.

The top pick in the June draft went in for an exploratory procedure on his right knee and ended up having microfracture surgery, which means he will sit out the season.

"Greg looked at me as he was coming out of his surgery, and he and his mom, Zoe, probably said 'sorry 20 times," Blazers general manager Kevin Pritchard said.

"I could feel the weight of the world on his shoulders.

As and a leader and as leaders of this organization, my first thought was how lucky we were to have a guy that cares about the organization that much."

Dr. Don Roberts performed the surgery to repair the damage, which Pritchard described as the size of a fingernail. Oden is expected to be on crutches for up to eight weeks. Full recovery likely will take six to 12 months, the team said.

"At this point in time, we don't see him coming back this season," Pritchard said.

Oden averaged 15.7 points and 9.6 rebounds last season as a freshman at Ohio State.

The loss of Oden before the season was a blow to

the organization. There was much fanfare before the Blazers got the first pick in the draft, and even more when the team chose Oden. A huge, story-tall jersey with the name Oden and a No. 1 hangs on the Rose Garden Arena. Across the street, a building is plastered with huge billboards proclaiming "The Road Back to Rip City" with larger-than-life photos of Oden and teammates Brandon Roy and LaMarcus Aldridge.

"To know that Greg wouldn't be with us, it was disappointing," coach Nate McMillan said. "I was really looking forward to working with him, and developing this team. You know we will still get that opportunity, but it will just come a year from now."

It was Oden's second health problem since the Trail Blazers drafted him. He had a tonsillectomy in July after struggling in two Las Vegas summer league games.

Oden recovered and had been working out in the Portland area. The MBl was taken Thursday after he had some swelling in the knee.

Despite being hampered by a wrist injury at Ohio State, Oden led the Buckeyes to the national championship game. He had 25 points and 12 rebounds in the loss to Florida.

NBA

Trailblazers center Greg Oden looks on during a summer league game against Dallas on July 8. Oden underwent surgery on his right knee Thursday and will miss the entire regular season.

Goodell pays visit in hospital to injured Everett
BUFFALO, N.Y. - NFL commissioner Roger Goodell visited injured Bills tight end Kevin Everett on Thursday morning, spending 90 minutes with the tight end who sustained a severe spinal cord injury.

Goodell flew from New York City to Buffalo to meet with Everett and his mother, Patricia Dugas, in the player's room at Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital, hospital spokesman Mike Hughes said.

Bills general manager Marv Levy also was in the room.

Hughes said Goodell requested permission to make the visit Wednesday, hours after Everett's doctors expressed "cautious optimism" that the player might be able to walk again. Everett sustained a life-threatening spinal cord injury in Buffalo's season opener against Denver on Sunday.

"He just wanted to go up to see him," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said.

Patrick voted most popular in Indy Racing League
INDIANAPOLIS - Danica Patrick is the most popular driver in the IndyCar Series for the third year in a row.

The award was determined by fan voting at every IRL event throughout the season. Patrick and Sarah Fisher, who won in 2001-03, are the only three-time fan favorites in the series' 11-year history.

"I'm very flattered," said Patrick, whose 11 top-10 finishes in her first season with Andretti Green Racing included a pair of thirds and a career-best second-place finish behind teammate Tony Kanaan at Detroit.

"Every person has the ability to pick their favorite driver and it can change, so it's a real honor to receive an award from the fans," she said. "I hope I can keep giving the fans something to be excited about and they enjoy watching IndyCar Series races as much I enjoy being in them."

F1's McLaren fined $100 million for spying
PARIS — The McLaren team was fined $100 million and stripped of its points in the constructors' standings Thursday in the spying scandal that has rocked the sport.

McLaren, which leads the current drivers' and constructors' standings, was punished by the World Motor Sport Council for allegedly using leaked secret technical documents belonging to F1 rival Ferrari.

Team drivers Lewis Hamilton and Fernando Alonso, currently 1-2 in the championship standings, were not punished and can continue to compete for the season title.

"Ferrari is satisfied that the truth has now emerged," the Italian team said in a statement.

The $100 million penalty includes McLaren's expected loss of income, and McLaren still could be penalized for the 2008 championship. FIA said in a statement after a hearing.
NCAA FOOTBALL

Air Force deals TCU its second-straight loss

71-yard run on fourth down propels Falcons

Associated Press

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — TCU coach Gary Patterson knew the option was coming Thursday night, just not on fourth-and-1 from the Air Force 29.

Jim Ollis took Shaun Carney's pitch and rambled 71 yards down the Falcons' sideline to tie it in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter and Ryan Harrison's 33-yard field goal in overtime sent Air Force past the stunned Horned Frogs 20-17.

Harrison's game-winner on second down, which kept the Falcons unbeaten under new coach Troy Calhoun, followed a miss by TCU kicker Chris Manfredini, whose 36-yard attempt hit the left upright on the first possession of overtime.

The senior has missed just six times in his career and two of them were on this night. The Falcons (3-0, 2-0 Mountain West), who overcame a 14-point fourth-quarter deficit, were swarmed on the field by thousands of cadets who hadn't had this much to celebrate in a long, long time.

The Frogs' 11-2, 0-1, still smarting from their 34-13 loss at Texas on Saturday and their subsequent removal from the Top 25, 77-74 win within Manfredini's range with the wind at his back going toward the south end zone in the final minute of regulation.

Instead of playing the percentages, they went for the touchdown on first-and-10 from the 22 only to see corner back Carson Bird snare Andy Dalton's underthrown pass to Jimmy Young in the end zone with 49 seconds left.

"I was surprised he threw the ball," said Ollis. "I was surprised by the throws he made all game long and the decisions he made."

Although Calhoun said he liked the gutsy call and insisted "we would have done the exact same thing," Patterson blamed the curious call on his offensive coordinator, Mike Schultz.

"We shouldn't have went to the end zone," Patterson fumed after falling to 9-1 against the service academies. "We should have run the football. Why we threw the ball, I don't know. I don't call that side of the ball. We made a mistake.

"After saying all week he expected the Falcons to run the option as much as they did during Fisher Jeffelberry's '23 years at the academy, from the 22 only to see our interior on fourth-and-1, we never anticipating the option at that time."

Calhoun, the first Air Force coach to start 3-0 since Buck Bowman in 1956, figured the Horned Frogs wouldn't know what was coming because the Falcons had shown a tendency to run up the gut on third- or fourth-and-short, either with the tailback or fullback.

"Again, they're extraordinarily well-prepared and were packed down in there, so we had a chance to get the ball to the perimeter," Calhoun said.

"And once we did, we're in pretty decent shape. We had it sealed off, Chad Hall got enough of the safety and Ryan Williams got just enough of the corner."

"And Jimmy showed a little bit of speed there, too," Patterson said.

Ollis said he wouldn't allow any of his players to speak with reporters after the game, said simply, "They had a good play called. We were in a defense to stop fourth-and-1 and they got to the edge and we couldn't catch them.

Despite two turnovers in the red zone, two missed field goals, six penalties, including three false starts by lineman Nic Richmond, the Frogs led 17-3 in the fourth quarter after Andy Dalton hit Walter Bryant for an 11-yard score with 13 minutes remaining.

Carney responded by hitting Travis Beckler for 59 yards, setting up a 9-yard touchdown strike to Kent Madison and then came the 71-yard run by Ollis with 5:53 left.

Ollis finished with 138 yards on 16 carries, the second straight tailback to gain 100 yards on TC, which had gone 19 games without allowing a 100-yard rusher until their trip to Austin last weekend.

"We finally showed up," Carney said. "I thought the offense played terrible. TCU's defense is outstanding. There's no secret about that. There's a reason they were No. 3 in the country last year. They have amazing players. Coach talks about a bunch of them going to the NFL. But we just weren't playing well because we just said, hey, we've got about 13 minutes left in the fourth quarter, we've got to do something and we started throwing the ball a little bit and starting making plays."

WNBA

Pondexter keeps title hopes alive for Phoenix

All-Star tallies 27 to send series to game five

Associated Press

PHOENIX — With the poor-shooting Phoenix Mercury on the verge of elimination, coach Paul Westhead decided to run the offense through Cappie Pondexter.

It was wise move.

Pondexter scored a game-high 26 points, including a driving bank shot with 21 seconds to play, and the Phoenix Mercury defeated the Detroit Shock 77-76 on Thursday night to force a deciding fifth game in the WNBA finals.

The finale is Sunday afternoon in Auburn Hills.

I'm a winner," said Pondexter, an All-Star in each of her first two seasons. "When the game's on the line, I feel like I can win every time."

Now the Mercury will try to become the first team in WNBA history to win a title on the road.

Detroit, which won championships in 2003 and 2006, goes home to the Palace of Auburn Hills, where it is 5-1 this postseason. The only loss was a 25-point rout by the Mercury in Game 2.

"It was all going through Cappie's hands," said Westhead, whose team won despite shooting only 38 percent from the floor. "We made that decision because we have great faith in her ability to take the ball hard to the basket and make some things happen. She's just a tireless player going to the rim. She's just a tenacious player."

Pondexter turned in one big play after another as a tense, tight game moved into the final minutes.

With 1:55 to play and Phoenix trailing 74-70, Pondexter found Kelly Miller for an open 3-point er to put the Mercury within a point.

Detroit was still ahead 74-73 when Pierson turned the ball over with 31 seconds to go.

On the next possession, Pondexter hit a 5-footer from the left baseline to put the Mercury up 75-74.

After Detroit's Deanna Nolan answered with a 16-footer, Pondexter barreled into the lane and scored to give Phoenix a 77-76 lead.

"She's a closer," Taurasi said. "She's been doing it all year."

Pondexter said she welcomed the pressure.

"I know how I have the ball and making things happen," she said. "It's just that the Coach for just giving me the confidence to allow me to do that."

The Mercury still hadn't survived until Detroit's Shannon Johnson missed a 12-footer at the buzzer, sparking a wild celebration.

It almost looked as if Phoenix had won the title. It only won a chance to keep playing. But that was good enough on this night.

Phoenix guard Belinda Snell, left, battles Detroit guard Shannon Johnson for a loose ball in Phoenix's 77-76 win Thursday.
MLB

Cards lose seventh straight

Two-run homer puts Reds over St. Louis

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The season has brought one setback after another for the St. Louis Cardinals — manager Tony La Russa's drunk-en-driving arrest, reliever Josh Hancock's death, a series of injuries to everyday players.

The defending World Series champions may be running out of resilience.

Joey Votto hit a two-run double and David Ross followed with a three-run homer as the Cincinnati Reds defeated the St. Louis Cardinals 9-1 on Friday, September 14, 2007, to maintain their lead in the National League Central.

The Cardinals lost all seven games on their trip, capped by their first three-game sweep in Cincinnati since July 1998. It's their first five-game losing streak since May 1972, when they went 0-7 in Cincinnati and Pittsburgh.

It's a bad time to be making historical reference.

"We're a little flat, things aren't going our way, and we're not playing good baseball," outfielder Jim Edmonds said. "All those add up to losses. It's really no different than it was at the beginning of the year. It's just a bad time for it right now."

The Cardinals had surged from 10 1/2 games out at the end of June to within a game of first place in the NL Central before hitting the road and hitting the skids. They are five games behind the division-leading Milwaukee Brewers, who were idle Thursday. Their road trip to ruin.

"We are five games behind in seven games since May 1972, which is more than it was at the beginning of the year. It's just a bad time for it right now," said Kip Wells (6-17), who lost his fourth straight start. "It's just been tough. We haven't caught any breaks."

Votto doubled home a pair of runs in the fifth off Wells, and Ross followed with his first homer since July 23. The catcher had been 1-for-15 since returning from a concussion on Aug. 28.

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NFL

NFL fines Belichick, Pats for stealing signs

Team will also forfeit next year's first-round draft pick if they reach the playoffs

Associated Press

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The NFL said the camera used by a coach to steal signs was a violation of league policy.

The New England coach was fined the NFL maximum of $500,000 Thursday and the Patriots were ordered to pay $250,000 for stealing an opponent's defensive signals.

New England defensive coordinator Roger Goodell also ordered the team to give up next year's first-round draft choice if it reaches the playoffs and second- and third-round picks if it doesn't.

The videotaping came to light after a camera was confiscated from Patriots video assistant Matt Estrella while he was on the New York Jets' sideline during New England's 38-14 win last Sunday at Giants Stadium.

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Clark ties course record in Tour Championship

Softened greens from storm made course ideal for low scores

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Tim Clark tied the course record at East Lake with a 62 under par and hardly anyone was surprised Thursday at the Tour Championship, the final playoff event that felt more like presesonal with so easy competition.

The greens, already soft as officials tried to nurture them back to life from a heat wave, turned into sponges after a three-hour storm delayed the top 30 players in the FedEx Cup took aim at every flag.

No one did it better than Clark, at least among those who finished.

Only 10 players completed the first round, and there was no guarantee his 62 would hold up.

Tiger Woods, who can win the FedEx Cup with a victory at the Tour Championship, birdied his first three holes and was at 4 under with seven holes still remaining and conditions not expected to become any tougher Friday.

Clark wouldn't even be at East Lake if not for a 67-67 weekend at the BMW Championship, where he tied for fifth and barely cracked the top 30 to qualify for the Tour Championship. He kept right on rolling, or at least slopping, through rain-softened conditions.

"Having a good Sunday round last week, I had a bit of confidence," Clark said.

His 62 tied the record set by Bart Bryant in the first round of the 2005 Tour Championship.

Padraig Harrington, in the first group off when the greens were at their smoothest,birdied his last four holes for a 63, while John Rollins shot a 3-under 69 into 20 feet for eagle on the 15th hole for a 64.

Steve Stricker and Phil Mickelson, who are chasing Woods in the FedEx Cup, probably need to find another gear. Stricker was at 1 under through 11 holes, one of only five players over par, while Mickelson was 3 over through his first five holes until he birdied the last three holes of the front nine to get back to even, then picked up a birdie at No. 12 to reach 1 under when play was stopped by darkness.

The first round will resume at 8 a.m. Friday.

Woods managed to get off two shots — a 3-wood to the fairway and a wedge to 6 feet — when the sirens sounded to stop play, rain deluged East Lake and play was stopped at 5:00 p.m.

He returned to make the birdie putt, made another from about 12 feet on the par-3 second, then knocked it a third straight birdie from 30 feet on the third hole, after barely getting onto the green from the rough.

Woods held out both arms when it wobbled into the cup, unsure how it got there.

"That putt was bouncing all over the place," he said. "It bounced to the right. I thought it missed it. Then it bounced left. I thought I was going to miss it left. And then somehow, it wiggled back to the right up the hill and it went in."

He nearly picked up an ace on the sixth when his tee shot plugged behind the hole and grazed the cup rolling back.

The greens were almost dead three weeks ago because of record heat and no rain in the Atlanta area. Tour officials, with help from superintendents of neighboring golf clubs, died a noble job getting them ready for the FedEx Cup finale. They sodded some areas of the greens, tried to fill in barren patches with green sand and let the grass grow as much as possible.

They were running considerably slower than most PGA Tour events, and players were predicting low scores even before the rain.

It didn't take long for them to be proven right.

Clark was 3 under after four holes, made a 20-foot par save on the par-5 ninth, then allowed a 59 to enter his thinking when he holded a chip for eagle on the 15th that put him at 8 under with three holes remaining.

"Unfortunately, they're not birdie holes," Clark said. "I was certainly trying, but I hit a few loose shots coming in. Overall, I knew if I parred the last few holes I was going to be pretty happy with the round."

Usually, a few shots over par at East Lake is cause for celebration.

"With these conditions, the greens are like a dart board," Rollins said.

Harrington felt as if he was at home — Ireland in the spring, when the grass is just starting to grow and the greens are still hairy and slow, when a sledge hammer works as well as a putter.

"You've got soft greens, the greens are at a pace that you can really be aggressive on them and run the ball at the hole," he said. "So yeah, I would think it's a good week for scoring."

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MEN’S GOLF

Irish begin season with two tourneys

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By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sprint Writer

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SMC SOCCER
Sal Vaccaro awaits Belles
Saint Mary's plays twice more before opening conference play

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's heads to North Central College in Naperville, Ill., to play in the Sal Vaccaro tournament Saturday for its final tune-up before beginning its conference schedule.

The Belles, who have compiled a record of 3-1-1, will square off against Mount Mercy (2-2-0) at 11 a.m. and then against North Central (2-2-0) at 12 p.m. Sunday.

Mount Mercy, which competes in the NAIA Midwest Classic Conference, finished last season with a record of 6-8-4 and placed sixth in its conference standings. North Central finished 7-11 overall and finished last in the competitive College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin.

In the 2006 Sal Vaccaro tournament, Saint Mary's lost the tournament-deciding game to North Central in overtime 2-1. The Belles had defeated Mount Mercy 4-1 in their first tournament game.

Saint Mary's will look to average that overtime lost with a depleted roster, but if Wednesday's 0-0 tie with Calvin is any indication, there will be plenty of Belles with varying levels of experience ready to step up and fill those spots.

Senior defender Justine Higgins may be called on again to fill in for Saint Mary's missing forwards — one of whom is injured and another who is sick. She performed well with freshman Corissa Hart on Wednesday, so the two of them could cause trouble for opposing defenses this weekend.

These two contests are also the final non-conference games for the Belles. The MIAA season begins one week from Saturday against Kalamazoo, and these tournament games are the last chances for Saint Mary's to improve before starting play in the MIAA.

With only non-conference games left on the schedule in late October, the Sal Vaccaro Tournament marks the conclusion of a promising pre-season and may lead the Belles into a potentially successful MIAA season.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY
Irish host championships

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame's Burke Golf Course will host the 29th annual National Catholic Cross Country Championships today at 4 p.m.

The event, which was inaugurated by Irish coach Joe Plane and run at Notre Dame, has been dominated by the host squad in the past. The men's team has won 16 of the last 19 championships, while the women have 13 of the last 15, including the last four.

The Irish men's lineup features several runners who did not compete in the season-opening Crusader Invitational in Valparaiso, Ind., including seniors Brett Adams and Mike Poppy, sophomores Greg Kiley and junior Chris Rodriguez, who took the individual title at the Crusader Invite, will also run for Notre Dame.

The women's lineup features two freshmen — Marissa Treece and Theresa Cattana — in addition to upperclassmen like senior Ann Macar.

The National Catholic Championship is one of two home meets for the Irish this season. Notre Dame will also host the Notre Dame Invitational Sept. 28.

The women's race will begin at 4:15 p.m. The men's race will follow at 5 p.m.

SMC VOLLEYBALL
SMC needs just three games against Alma
Saint Mary's puts up 18 kills in first game

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Belles made quick work of Alma last night, sweeping the Scots in three games.

Saint Mary's took the first game 30-14. The Belles offensive effort was tough to beat — the team compiled 18 kills in the first game. The defense was equally impressive and unstoppable, posting five blocks in the first game.

In the second game, sophomore outside hitter Sara Scow fought hard for the Scots and put up a total of 14 kills and 12 digs in the match. It seemed that her efforts would pay off, but after tying it up at 20, the Belles pulled ahead and captured the game 20-28.

The Belles freshmen blocking squad of middle blocker Andrea Sauger and outside hitter Jacee Watson had a combined 10 blocks, five of them collective. The Belles total of 16, and the two freshmen aided in capturing the final game. The Belles led the entire game, but the Scots tried to mount a comeback, pulling the game to 23-18. It was not enough, however, and the Belles took the deciding game. It was all about the battle for the Belles, and they came out strong. Head coach Julie Schroeder-Bleck was impressed with her team.

"Tonight, I really liked our fight," Schroeder-Bleck said. "I felt that the team really bonded together with their drive to win."

The Belles were aggressive, and Schroeder-Bleck wants her team to keep it up. "The only thing that I saw that I disliked was that, sometimes, we played too safe and didn't hit as aggressively as I want them all to hit," she said.

The Belles had a standout match and played together as a team. Sophomore outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski posted her fourth straight double-double with 19 kills and 12 digs. Junior middle blocker Kaela Hellmann had a team-high 16 digs.

The Belles play again Wednesday in a conference match against Alma.

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tom of the conference with a
1-15-1 record.
Clark, however, believes Marquette will be a bigger player in the Big East this year. Golden Eagles head
coach Mark Bennett is settling into his second year at the helm with a slew of top
recruits.
The Golden Eagles have a young team this year — defender Mike
Carlson is the team’s only senior, and he
is joined by only a handful of juniors.
Notre Dame will have a clear advan-
tage in experience with sev-
eral seniors on the pitch and fifth-year sen-
or Chris Cabill in net.
"Experience only works if
experience plays well," Clark
said. "You have to be careful, you
can have a good young team."
Notre Dame will be hungry for a victory this weekend after a disap-
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get the offense
to click against the
Huskies.
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quite function
smoothly, and it’s hard to say
why,” Clark said. "It cer-
tainly wasn’t a
lack of effort, some days it
just doesn’t work for you.”
Bobby Clark
Irish coach

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Immediately following the
tournament opener between Washington State and Oklahoma State, the Irish will take on
Princeton. Despite the Tigers’ 0-
2-1 record, Notre Dame
knows they will still provide a
difficult challenge.
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three games, all
defensive play.
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No. 25
Victoria last
Friday.
"Princeton’s a very solid
team,” Waldrum said. "They’re
well-coached and they’re one of
the top teams in the league.
On Sunday, the Irish will
have to be ready in preparation
for an undefeated Oklahoma
State team that won its own
event, the OSU Invitational,
last weekend. The Cowgirls
defeated Xavier 1-0 Friday
then beat Louisiana-Monroe
7-0 Sunday.
"Oklahoma State looks very
good,” said Waldrum. "We’ve
seen them on video and
they’re very strong.
All the Irish expect to
see a strong offensive
team Sunday.
But the Irish have
defensive experience,
nonetheless.
"Even though
we may be
without some
defenders, defender Haley Ford,
who has
a suspended hamstring, Waldrum
said he would be ‘shocked’ if
her back line did not perform
better this weekend.

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going to run. Their strategy for the past week, though, followed that of the coach Charlie Weiss - everything tactical is kept under wraps. The picture the Eagles gave away is quite clear.

"We're not going to give any thing away," Gargula said. "We're just focused on beating Pasquerilla."

The Welsh Family captained in Taryn Pangborn, and while she was marked based on the pass. Anything more in depth than that was strictly unattainable, as a team said, we have tried to make the Defensive line the architect of the defense. Pangborn set the standard, and her strength was the run defense, something pertaining to the passing game.

"We're just going to do whatever it takes to win," Pangborn said. "We'll see what they give us and attack their weaknesses."

McGlinn vs. Howard

The Howard Ducks will face-off Sunday at 2 p.m. on Rifle Field in a matchup of two up-and-comers in the Blue League. Just a couple of years ago, the teams were the flip of a coin, and I don't think I could have made any predictions for the game.

"We're both strong teams," senior captain Katie Mclean said. "We can handle Howard. I think we can play them.

The Shamrocks have good reason to be confident, with strength, depth and talent. Senior linebacker from junior Sarah de Groot and veteran presence on the line in junior Katie Zeller are key. Mixing the veteran presence with their freshman additions has the Shamrocks excited to bounce back from a disappointing season last year, a year Lewis said she and her team were "out to prove to everyone that we can play."

"They are fast and go for the ball," Mclean said. "We need to unleash "an explosive offensive," and have that offense click into the postseason.

In a strange way of that Shamrock offense is a veteran Howard defense. Two years removed and still a strong team, Howard is looking to build on a much improved outing last season in the defense of senior Katie Zeller, Christina Sendeaugh and Maddy Zollo.

But the question mark on this team lie with the offense, in particular, with its untested quartet of running backs.

"We are hoping to bring in some strong and accurate throwers to replace our former quarterback of the past three years," Howard coach Tommy Callil said. "To be successful, the Ducks are going to need to play their role in how the 2007 team looks. No one knows if the new faces on the team to step up. No one knows how the team has been completely decided or set in stone. The Ducks hope this combination will help them out with a good finish in the yard.

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Pasquerilla West vs. Breez-Hepburn

Defending conference champion Pasquerilla West begins its quest toward another conference title Sunday against the Babes of Breez-Hepburn. Pasquerilla West was able to finish its season in the stadium for the second straight year, and according to senior captain Katie Martin, "We need to make sure that she feels confident, yet not over confident, when they return."

Martinek is also happy about the experience her team has.

"The seniors are providing off the bench leadership for the freshmen who haven’t played before," she said.

Martink and senior Anne Fournie as a defensive stopper, but Martin said any move of her secret weapon.

"You will have to wait for Sunday," Martinek said.

The Wolves face a stern test from the Babes, who return many offensive starters from a disappointing season last year. Despite the relative youth, however, Breez-Hepburn captain junior Melissa Meagher believes the defense "is ready to step up and lead the Babes to victory."

"We are young but every player is intense and aggressive," Meagher said. "They are fast and go for the ball."

Meagher said her team plays sound, fundamental football.

"[Our players] cover their assignments in the way the coaches taught them to, and our girls remember their assignments on offense and defense," Meagher said. "The team hopes to unleash "an explosive offensive," and have that offense click into the postseason.

In a strange way of that Shamrock offense is a veteran Howard defense. Two years removed and still a strong team, Howard is looking to build on a much improved outing last season in the defense of senior Katie Zeller, Christina Sendeaugh and Maddy Zollo.

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"We want the juniors and seniors to be leaders to this team and demonstrate how to play Walsh football," Brenner said.

Brenner noted that although last season’s tough loss to Pasquerilla West is in the back of their minds, they hope to use it as a confidence booster and a reason to be optimistic about the new season.

"This is a new and fresh outlook for a new season," Brenner said.

Pasquerilla East hopes that, after a few disappointing seasons, an influx of young talent will revitalize the Pyros.

"We want to get the Pyros back on track," senior captain Caroline Nally said. "Despite the relative inexperience of her team, Nally is optimistic about the upcoming season.

"We hope the younger players will draw from the wisdom of our upperclassmen," Nally said. The group of younger players includes the eventual starting quarterback for the Pyros. The team is still trying to decide between three freshman signal-callers for their opening game.

No matter who the starter is for Pasquerilla East, she will be aided by the return of sophomore receiver Tara Pillai, P.E.’s top receiver last year, and senior Laura Hansen, who anchors both the offensive and defensive lines.

These players are vital to the Pyros success this season, as the team’s main goal is to inject more life into an offense that struggled for the past few seasons.

"Our defense has always been pretty consistent," Nally said. "But this year we hope to get our offense going early. We want to become a threatening scoring force."

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ND Women's Soccer

Climbing the Ivy

Irish face Princeton and Oklahoma State

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is relieved to be on familiar soil after last weekend's trip to California, which resulted in two losses to Stanford and Santa Clara.

The Irish take on Princeton tonight and No. 16 Oklahoma at noon at San Francisco's St. Mary's Classic. Irish coach Randy Waldrum said he focused on helping his squad regain its composure this week after it dropped two straight games.

"We were really trying to make sure psychologically they're doing okay," Waldrum said.

The coach said he told players that, including two preseason games, they are 2-2-1 against teams ranked in the NCAA top 10 this season.

"We've played a really tough schedule, and when I tell the players our record, they start realizing we're doing okay," Waldrum said. "We've done well against a lot of good teams. It just shows there's some parity."

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Phoxes open season eager to return to finals

By GRIFFIN DASSATI
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SPORTS WRITERS

Last season's two regular season undefeated teams face off in the opening weekend of women's Interhall football as WSU Family battles Pangborn Sunday at 5 p.m.

Both the Whirlwinds and the Phoxes finished their 2006 seasons with perfect 4-0 records. Pangborn made in the first where it lost to Pasquerilla East - the team they defeated for the title in 2005.

Led by their co-captains, senior Kelly Bushelle and junior Jenny Gargula, the Whirlwinds are excited to begin the season with the majority of last year's team still intact.

The Phoxes, on the other hand, return only two players from last year's second-place team - sophomore captain Meghan Bescher and junior Ashley Hardy. These two are all that remains from a core group of juniors and seniors that led Pangborn to an impressive 2006 season.

Bescher said the team is comprised mostly of freshmen, something that she thinks will make the season, especially the first game, interesting. For one thing, the Phoxes' strategy will be one based on fundamentals.

"We're simply trying to implement a basic offense and just get that down," Bescher said. "(Our goal) is to just be efficient and try to win. Honestly, this first game we'll have to see where we are. We have a good group of athletic girls and a ton of great coaches helping us out. The freshmen are just really excited to play that first game.

The Irish captains, on the other hand, said they are very secure in the system they're familiar with. By ELLYN MICHALAK
SPORTS WRITER

The Irish finished last weekend's Shamrock Invitational with a sense of accomplishment, as senior captain Adrianna Stastak surpassed her 1,000th career hit. The Irish dominated against both the College of Charleston and Alabama, 3-1 (30-24, 24-30, 30-26, 30-19) and 3-2 (25-30, 28-30, 23-30) in a competitive match against No. 17 Ohio, the Irish matched the Crimson Tide with a 2-1 tournament record.

The Irish now hold a 3-4 overall record, with losses only to ranked teams or teams receiving votes in the CSTV/WCA Coaches Poll.

This weekend, the Irish head to Santa Clara, Calif., for three matches — two against ranked teams — in the Bronco Invitational, their final tournament before the conference season begins.

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Men's Soccer

Vets have advantage over younger Eagles

By DAN MURPHY
SPORTS WRITER

Some people get caught up in preseason polls, but not Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark.

"I don't really look at those polls," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "Where we end up at the end of the year is really all I am concerned with."

Clark's squad was picked second in this year's preseason Big East poll. Last season the Irish finished third and lost in the second round of the Big East tournament to Rutgers 2-1 in double overtime.

Two players, senior forward Joseph Lapira and junior defender Matt Besler, were named to the preseason all-conference team. Lapira was also selected as the preseason offensive player of the year. He has racked up a goal and one assist so far in Notre Dame's first four regular season games.

Last year, Lapira scored two early goals against Marquette to lead the Irish to an easy 4-0 win. The Golden Eagles (1-2)
ND and Michigan are 0-2. Fans are bewildered, coaches are frustrated and the future of both programs remains unclear.
**Commentary**

**Time for Weis to raise the curtain**

Something needs to change. Michigan and Notre Dame are in the dumps, and it's not good for either. One of those teams will win Saturday, and everyone will know its first victory was over an underperforming giant. Lloyd Carr may be on his way out at Michigan, but to think Notre Dame's problems aren't serious is simply false. The truth is, both schools' coaches need to do some soul searching.

We've heard Charlie Weis say he wanted to keep it close against Georgia Tech and go into halftime with "a chance to win" against Penn State. But Weis wasn't hired to give Notre Dame a chance to win. He wasn't hired to keep it close. And he wasn't hired to run a mediocrre program.

Mediocre programs go for tough schedules. "Six and six" isn't good enough, and mediocrre coaches at the most tradition-rich football school get fired.

Luckily, Weis isn't a mediocrre coach; he's just harnessing his lineup's side and playing one. He's convinced himself that he's a director of a long-term play with a short-skilled cast. He figures his actors will develop, but he's resigning himself to draw rehearsals instead of debuts because he's unsure when the players will be ready.

This week, it's time to raise the curtain.

Weis has no excuse for handling the offense again. He's been trying to avoid blowouts, and he has failed twice.

Weis' star, Jimmy Clausen, is ready, and so are most of the supporting players. Weis should view the game like this: flight now, trying to beat Michigan is like trying to please the parents of third graders in a school play. Most scenes can be fumbled, but one or two crisp acts will overcome everything. Michigan seemingly wants to be beat, so long as you show a little effort — at least, the Wolverines' loss to Oregon made it feel that way. But, with Weis trying to minimize turnovers, Notre Dame hasn't shown any true effort to win. With the lone exception of a no-huddle drive in the fourth quarter against Penn State, Notre Dame has played eight quarters of the most boring and conservative, frustrating and painful football you'll ever see. Strong defense finally crumbled because of the ineffectual offense against Georgia Tech, and the same fate befell the squad in Happy Valley. It must change.

There are compelling facts about Weis' flaws this season. He seems to think either his game planning or his play calling has been terrible. To those who subscribe to this view, Weis has an uninitiated up-side as a coach.

The other says Weis' offense requires too perfect execution for uninterrupted offensive productivity. To this camp, Weis' problem is systemic: His offenses will always struggle badly in rebuilding years.

In truth, the two arguments are not mutually exclusive. Weis probably has a little of both flaws.

Sure, his offense is complex, but he's also admitted to dumbing down the schemes and play calling against Georgia Tech and Penn State. Unless his complex offense consists of a dizzying array of swing passes to Armando Allen, we haven't seen how these young and inexperienced players can execute an offense some claim is the problem.

Of course, the logical counter-argument is that he's had to dumb down the offense precisely because it is too complex. But that argument fails insofar as Weis needed only a spring and summer to implement his offense with new players when he first arrived. Demetrius Jones, Evan Sharpley and all but a few freshmen have had at least one full season in Weis' offense.

Weis simply hasn't given his offense a chance to show if it can execute his plays. On Saturday, that must end. On Saturday, Weis must tell his players he trusts them. On Saturday, Weis has to coach to win — not coach to try (futilely) to avoid a blowout.

Notre Dame doesn't have to win. But Weis needs to let the Irish try. Good things only happen when you're willing to take a chance.

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Avoiding futility

Winless rivals face long road back to the top of the college football world

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

This was hardly the way they planned it.

Notre Dame and Michigan are 0-2 and have fallen, at least for now, from the elite. Irish fans and coaches scratched their heads trying to find ways to explain Notre Dame's ineffectiveness on the offensive side of the ball. Michigan fans wanted to bury their heads following the Wolverines' 34-32 loss to would-be-patriarch Appalachian State.

"Our players are cognizant of the fact that their players are going through the same thing we're going through," Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said. "And I think that the team that stays together the best and handles accountability and handles adversity will in all likelihood, be one that plays the best on Saturday." For Michigan, the slow start came as no shock. The Wolverines opened up at home against Appalachian State — a Football Championship Subdivision team (formerly known as Division I-AA), and a seemingly easy win for the Big Ten champs.

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Michigan also has two experienced receivers in Mario Manningham and Adrian Arrington. Manningham torched Notre Dame's secondary last September for three touchdowns and 137 yards, and has 143 yards so far this season. But Carr expects more from his junior wideout.

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Michigan has that added motivation for Saturday: Someone is finally able to keep in its games so far. Cornerback Darrin Walls scored one of his team's four touchdowns on a 73-yard interception return against Penn State. The Irish have allowed fewer yards through the air (252) than they have thrown for this season (274), but have allowed 423 yards on the ground — though most of those yards came late in the games.

Searching for answers

While the present at Notre Dame looks not as bleak as Michigan, the future is just as unpredictable.

The Irish returned just four starters on offense and have not scored a touchdown in two games. Weis has come under fire for his offense's lackluster performance — most specifically the performance of the offensive line. So far, the line has allowed 15 sacks, which have contributed greatly to the negative rushing total. Weis said the problems with his line are not that easy to solve.

"There are some questions that are easier to fix, and some questions that are harder to fix. There are some things I don't understand either," Weis said. "But once again, it's not all just the offensive line. What you end up doing, by qualifying that too much there, is you put the ones all on them. Have they played great? No, they haven't played great. As a unit, they haven't played great. So what I'm going to do is to keep on working to find a way to fix it." — Lloyd Carr, Wolverines coach

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Nittany Lions running back Austin Scott scores a touchdown in Penn State's 31-10 victory over Notre Dame last night in Happy Valley.

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Irish tailback Armando Allen runs in Notre Dame's 32-10 loss to Penn State. Notre Dame has negative-eight yards rushing in two games.
Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 0-2
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Charlie Weis
Third season at Notre Dame career record: 19-8 against
Michigan: 1-1

Charlie Weis
head coach

Notre Dame 2007 Schedule

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Sept. 15 at Michigan
Sept. 22 MICHIGAN ST.
Sept. 29 at Purdue
Oct. 6 at UCLA
Oct. 13 at BC
Oct. 20 at USC
Nov. 3 at NAVY
Nov. 11 AIR FORCE
Nov. 18 DUKE
Nov. 25 at Stanford

Coaching

Charlie Weis went 19-4 in his first 23 games at Notre Dame, but he has lost his last four by an average of 24.5 points per game. He needed to find the old magic, especially offensively, before the wheels completely come off this season.

QUARTERBACKS

Jimmy Clausen did a good job of finding receivers last week when they were open, and when he wasn’t getting sandwiched by Penn State linebackers. He is still a freshman though, and a game-changing mistake could come at any time.

Irish Rushing

The Irish have a big offensive line and five talented running backs, so the running game should be effective on paper. But it hasn’t been. In fact, Notre Dame is last in the nation in rushing, averaging -4 yards per game.

Irish Passing

When Clausen had time last year, he usually found receivers, although they weren’t often very far downfield. He has the ability to throw intermediate to deep routes, but only if the line gives him time and the coaching staff is willing to be aggressive with its playcalling.

ANAlysis

Lloyd Carr has a national championship under his belt, but it was 10 years ago. A 7-5 record in 2005 put him under fire in Ann Arbor, and, like Weis, he’s lost his last four games — and he may have lost the confidence of his team in the process.

With Chad Henne injured, the Michigan starting job falls on freshman Ryan Mallett, a 6-foot-7, 252 pound freshman who played most of the second half against Oregon. Mallett completed 7-of-16 passes last week.

Michigan’s secondary has given up several big plays already this year, including a 64-yard touchdown pass to Appalachian State and scoring passes of 85, 61 and 46 yards by Oregon all of this with three senior starters.

Michigan State has really struggled in its last two games this year. The Spartans are very young and struggle all squarely on Carr.

This game will probably come down to which quarterback makes the fewest mistakes — and how much they will be accountable for the inaptitude of the other. Luckily for the Irish, they’ll have the benefit of facing the most heartless program in football.

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Michigan’s secondary is weak, but it remains to be seen whether the Irish offensive line can give Clausen the time to exploit it. And while the Wolverines have given up long touchdowns right and left, the Notre Dame receivers have the speed to take advantage?

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Notre Dame's run defense improved last week, allowing less than 60 yards in the first three quarters. But the Irish wore down late in the game, allowing 111 fourth-quarter rushing yards and a touchdown consisting of all running plays.

Mike Hart has been the lone bright spot for the Wolverines this season, running for over 100 yards in both losses. His determination to keep his teammates focused and his willingness to play through injuries make him crucial to Michigan's success.

Mike Harbaugh has been out between games against Oregon. Harbaugh and Arrington are still generous wide receivers.

The Irish pass defense has been solid this season, and Harbaugh and Arrington are still generous wide receivers.

Both groups have looked great at times and had complete breakdowns at others. Like the Irish defense, Michigan's secondary has struggled to prevent big plays against Oregon.

Michigan game comes down to heart. If every player on Notre Dame isn't ready to humiliate the Wolverines after last year's debacle, something is terribly wrong. And what could be more embarrassing for Michigan than losing in the Big House again? Weis and Clausen are out of the play this week, and Michigan's win last week against Oregon is all that's left.

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Crunching the numbers

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Confidence breeds improvements for DBs

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associated Press Editor

Notre Dame's defense has given up 32 points per game this season, but Irish coach Charlie Weis said his secondary still has the most important component for a solid defense — confidence.

"There are scheme changes, we're playing a whole bunch of combination coverages, but I think that the one thing that [Irish defensive back coach [Bill] Lewis and [defensive coordinator Corwin] Brown have done is instill confidence in that group," Weis said.

The new confidence has come with the new 3-4 personnel scheme this season, spearheaded by Brown.

"We've been able to play multiple personnel groups that we haven't been able to play with such confidence before," Weis said. "We've got a lot of confidence just working with each other, getting used to each other on the field, and being consistent," Walls said. "The confidence level has been building in practice and in games so it's been great for the level of play." Even though the touchdown added to the unit's confidence, it was also a result of the teamwork and bonding the secondary has worked on all season.

"Attitude [has changed] — we've been more aggressive and more physical," Weis said. "We hang together on the weekends. The camaraderie between us brings us a lot closer on the field. Every day, the team's closeness is obvious in practice. The defensive backs, Brown said, work hard to improve their teammates.

"They really support each other," Brown said. "They really support each other and great bond. It's pretty cool." The secondary will face a tough test Saturday when Michigan solvers Mario Manningham and Adrian Arrington. The Wolverines wide outs have not been as dominant as in recent years, but they have combined for 21 catches and 304 yards. Moreover, Manningham had four catches for 137 yards and three touchdowns last season against Notre Dame.

But this season, Michigan will be without four-year starting quarterback Chad Henne. Instead, the Wolverines will start freshman quarterback Ryan Mallett. Weis doesn't think that will affect Notre Dame's concentration.

"Our mindset is as if Henne was going to play," Walls said. "Their freshman quarterback has a great arm, we watched a lot of tape on him. He can really throw the field. We just go in there and prepare." Contact Jay Fitzpatrick at jfitpatrick@nd.edu

Mallett gets first start for injured Henne

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

When Ryan Mallett came to Michigan, he had visions of one day becoming the Wolverines' starting quarterback.

He had no idea that day would come so soon.

Mallett, a freshman who arrived in Ann Arbor a semester early to get a jump on classes and spring practice, was thrust into the lineup when senior Chad Henne suffered a leg injury in the second half of last week's 39-7 loss to Ohio State.

Henne did not return to the game, and Weis will not be available Saturday when Michigan hosts Michigan State on 6-2 Notre Dame at Michigan Stadium.

Instead, the 6-foot-7, 252-pound freshman from Texarkana, Ark., will be under center against the Irish.

"I think he's a big guy," Weis said. "He's a true freshman, but he's not a true freshman. He's a young man with a young man's mind.

"He's a really big guy... with a cannon arm. He can make all the throws. He's that way in high school.

And I'm sure that this week, now that he's the starter, they'll have an opportunity to build the offense around what he does the best." Charlie Weis
Irish coach

"The reality is that it's a fine line," he said. "You can do too little and not give us a chance, or you can do too much and make it impossible. So our job as coaches is to give him a plan that he feels good with and that gives us a chance to put points on the board.

In his freshman year, Henne completed more than 60 percent of his passes for over 2,700 yards, including a 25-of-40, 340-yard performance in a 28-20 loss to the Irish in his second start.

Last week, Mallett completed seven of his 16 pass attempts for 49 yards with an interception. Senior wide receiver Aaron Barrington said he and junior wide out Mario Manningham will need to use their experience to help the younger under center.

"As receivers, we just have to be in the right place at the right time," Arrington said. "He hasn't had enough experience to fake on the move like he can. So we just have to be in the right place at the right time.

Senior offensive tackle Jake Long said that Mallett took control of the huddle immediately, and that his completion percentage will improve with experience.

"Ryan stepped out there; he didn't hesitate and take charge," he said. "I think in practice he is going to get better, too." Coming out of high school, Mallett was known for a strong arm and was ranked second in the nation among quarter-backs by several recruiting services — with only Notre Dame's quarterback quaterback Jimmy Clausen ahead of him.

"We did a lot of work on Michigan as a team of Texarkana," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "He's a real big guy... with a cannon arm. He can make all the throws. He was that way in high school. And I'm sure that this week, now that he's a starter, they'll have an opportunity to build the defense around what he does the best." Contact Chris Khorey at ckhorey@nd.edu
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